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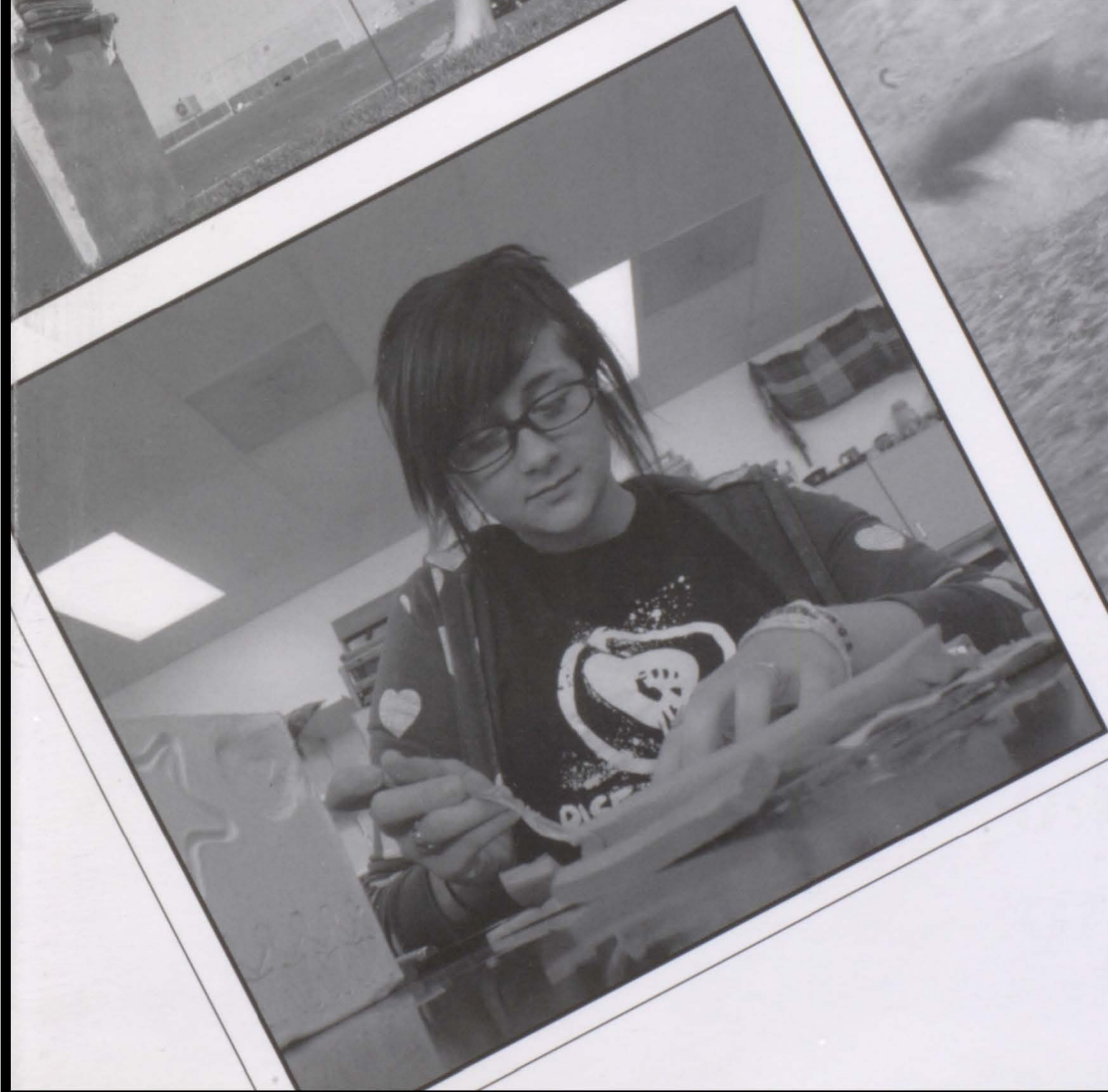
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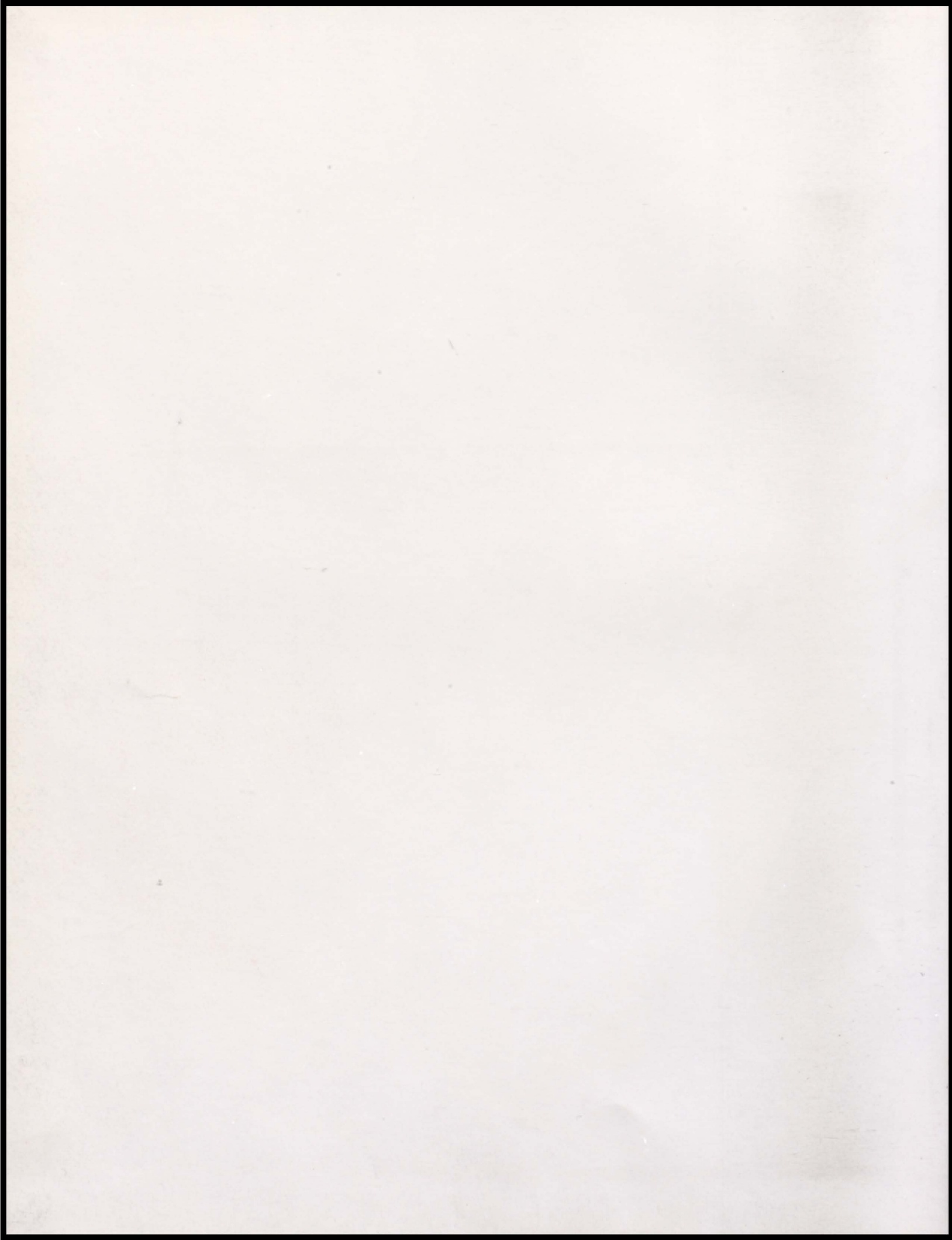
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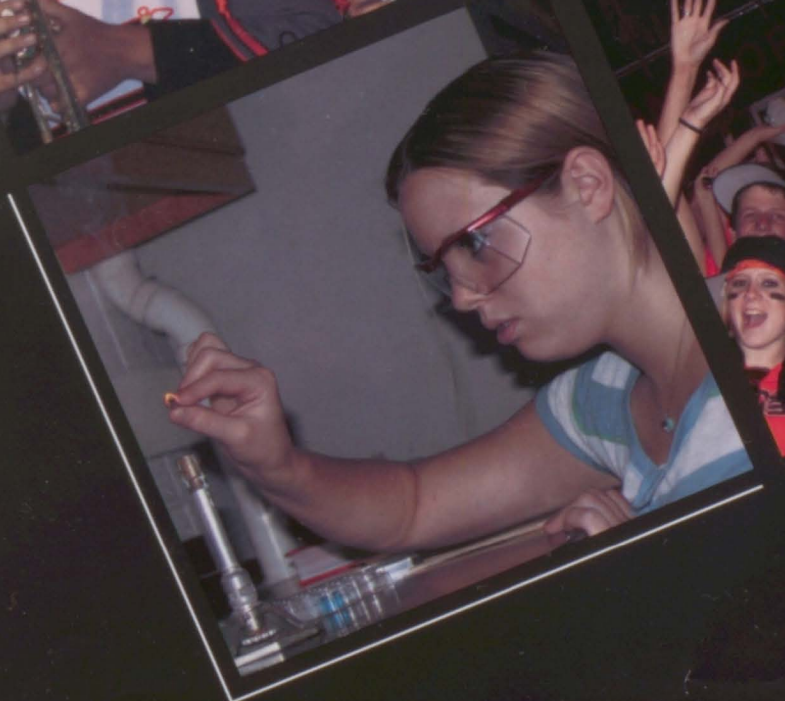
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Juniors: 162

Seniors: 173

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We drove up to school, found our new parking spots, and began our trek to the front doors. Everything was the same: the flagpole, the sidewalks, even the commons seemed the same.

Yet from the first bell, we learned that things had changed.

Gone were spaghetti straps and sleeveless shirts, the **result** of a **revamped** dress code.

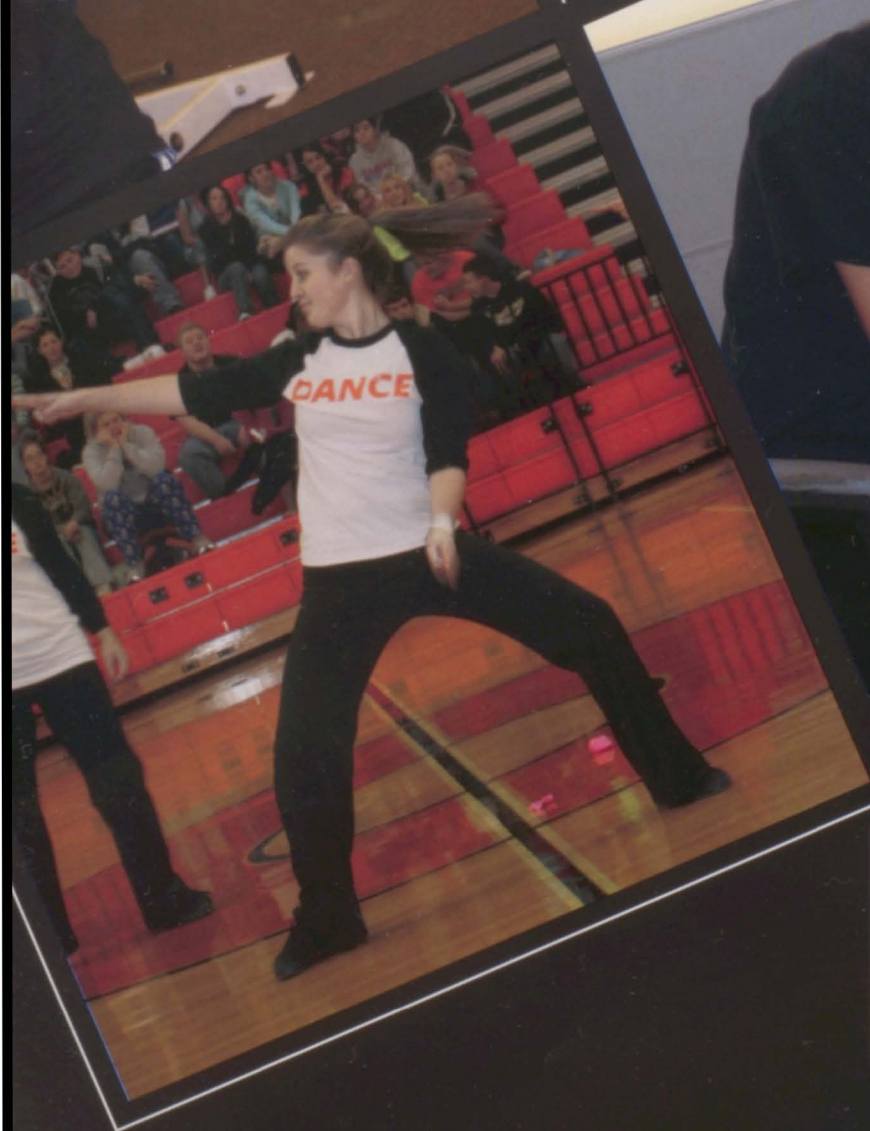
Gone were our traditional Seminar and Activity Periods, **reconfigured** as part of a 21st Century Schedule.

Gone were the iPods and cell phones during free moments at the end of class, **replaced** by a **renewed** policy on electronic devices.

Yet we're not defined by change, but how we respond to it...(continued on page 5)



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Clockwise from top: Grimacing through the pain, freshman Gabe Leal practices the Power Clean lift during Powerlifting practice. **Standing high above the basement floor,** juniors Ethan Isaacs and Kaleb Black conduct the egg drop experiment in Carolyn Pearson's Physics class. **A senior member of the Dance Team,** Shayla Meseke leads the troupe during the winter pep assembly. **Spelling out the word HOMECOMING,** junior Zach Dean helps to decorate the football stadium before the night's festivities. **During her first presentation in Nancy Baker's World Literature class,** senior Lisa Rogers explains her Life Map, a visual representation of important milestones.



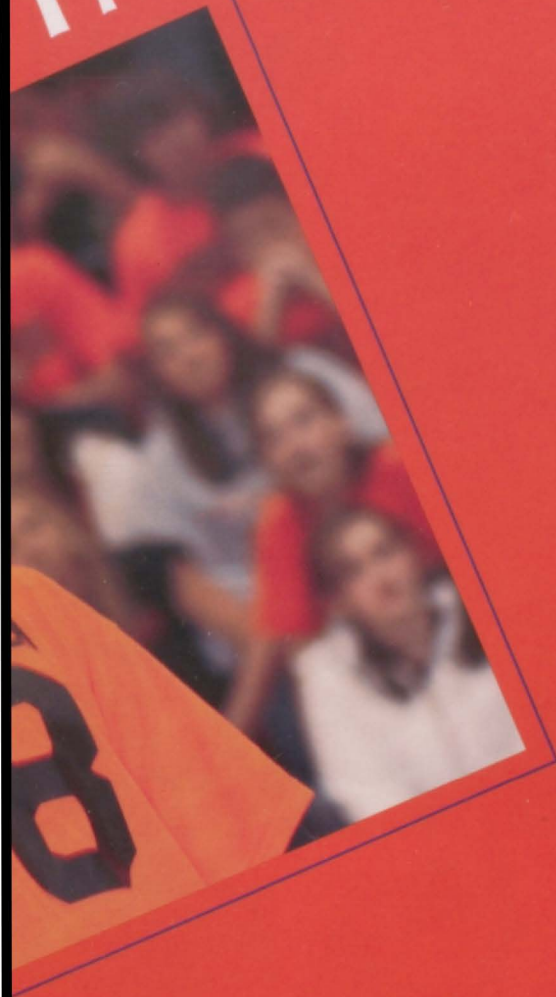
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Helping complete the junior class banner, Sandy Gomez colors in the bubble letters. The banner came in second in the contest. **Getting the crowd excited,** senior Andrew Foster emceed this year's pep assemblies.

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...and the students at Bonner Springs High School **responded** in an astounding manner.

Kickstarting the year, we quickly adjusted to our new and unfamiliar schedule. Soon, we understood the value of the Success and Connection Times.

As the momentum of the year built, carrying us through the end of the first quarter, we **realized** that greatness was at hand.

Rebounding from a disappointing season the previous year, the football team finished the regular season with only one loss, making their way to sub-state.

Rounding out an amazing fall season, four out of five sports made it to post-season play.

Renewing the spirit of the halftime shows, the Marching Braves presented brand new uniforms to the crowd at the last game of the season.

Throughout all the change at the beginning of this historic year, the Braves continued to show one thing. We are not your cookie-cutter students. We continue to be...

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... the moments, the laughs, the good times.

Reflect on the times we've spent together.

Reminisce on the memories we've created.

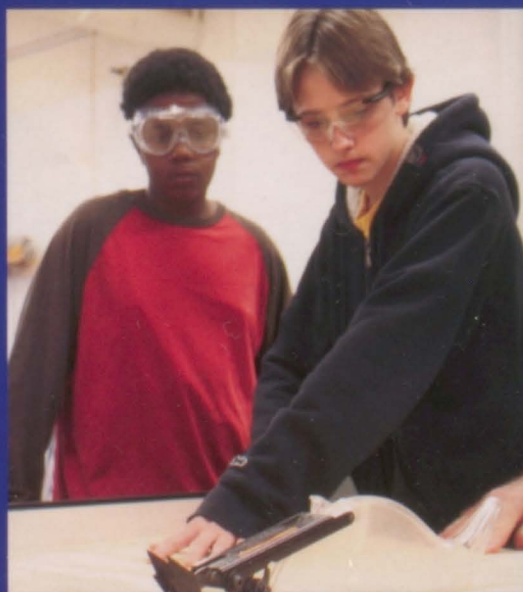
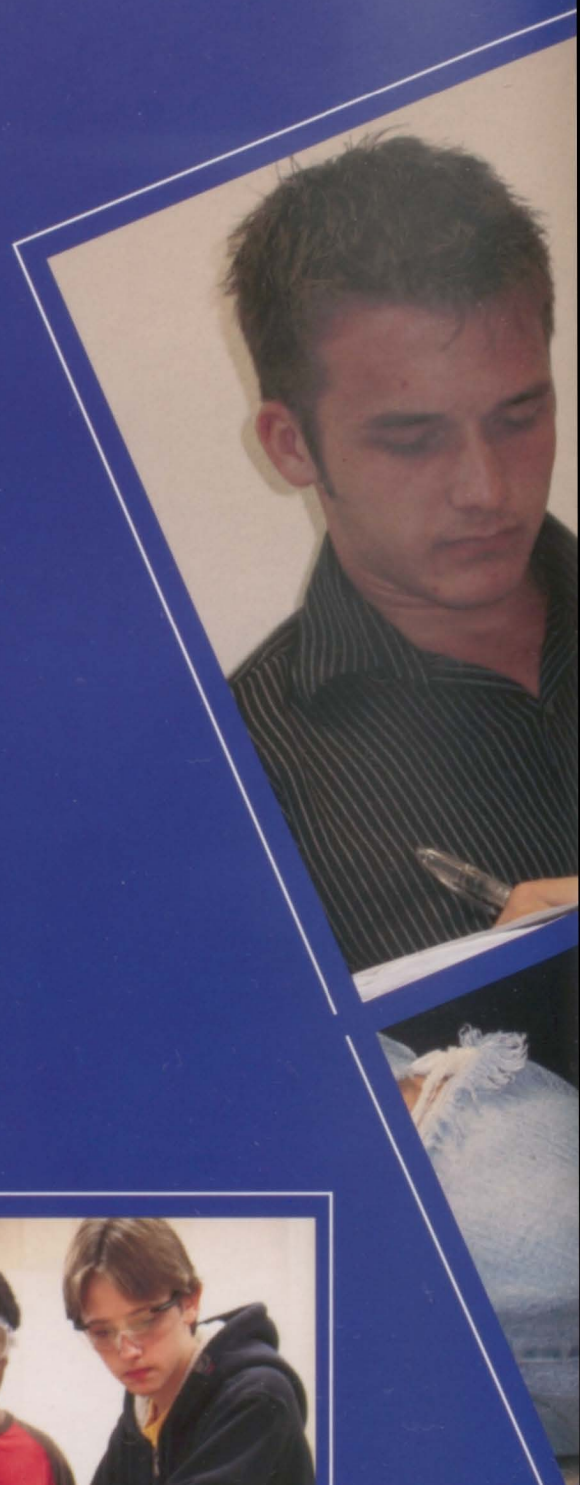
Whether we spent our Friday nights tailgating before the big game or working long hours at a part time job, we all **realized** that these were the defining moments that would stay with us forever.

Whether we were spending our last days here or just beginning our high school education, we **recognized** that this was our time.

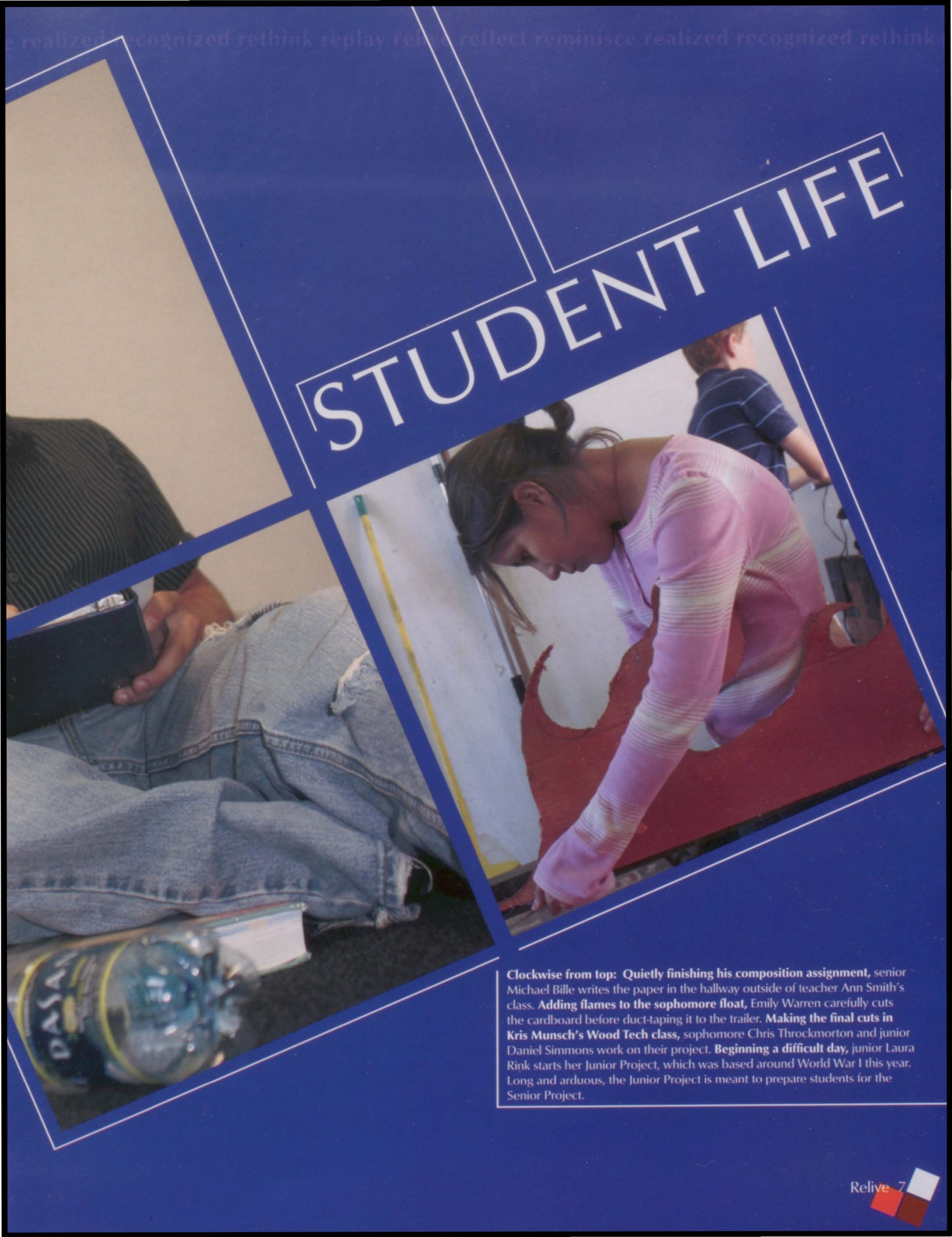
The great musician Bob Dylan once said, "Take care of all your memories. For you cannot relive them."

Take care of these memories.

These are the lives we lived. This is the time we spent. Here is where we get to **relive**.

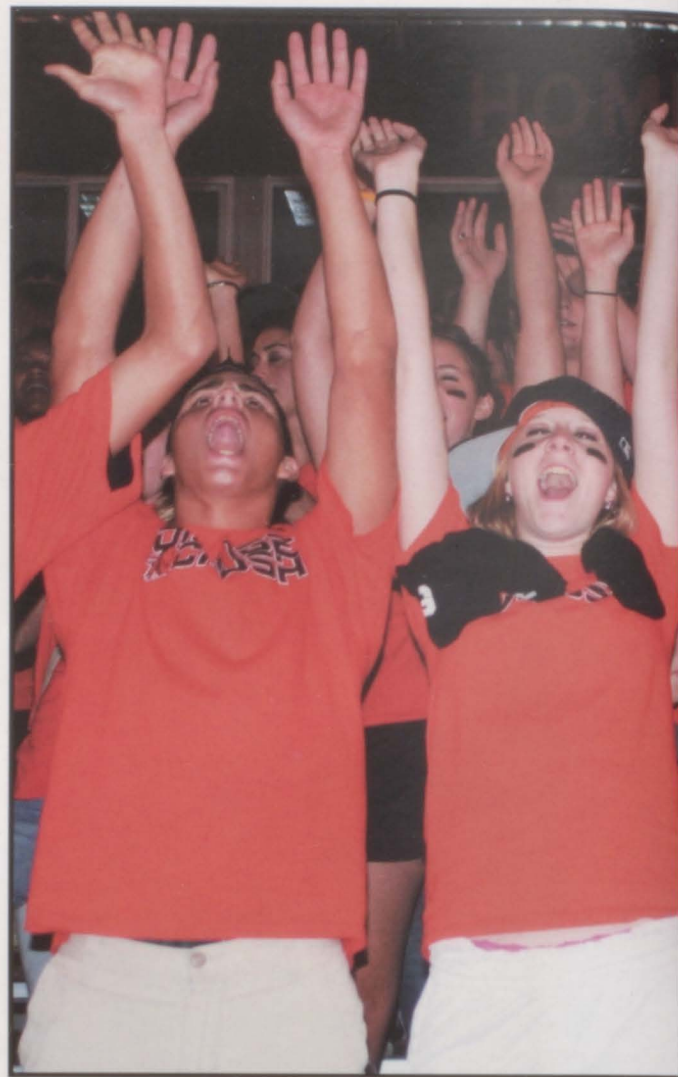


STUDENT LIFE



Clockwise from top: Quietly finishing his composition assignment, senior Michael Bille writes the paper in the hallway outside of teacher Ann Smith's class. Adding flames to the sophomore float, Emily Warren carefully cuts the cardboard before duct-taping it to the trailer. Making the final cuts in Kris Munsch's Wood Tech class, sophomore Chris Throckmorton and junior Daniel Simmons work on their project. Beginning a difficult day, junior Laura Rink starts her Junior Project, which was based around World War I this year. Long and arduous, the Junior Project is meant to prepare students for the Senior Project.

Loud and proud



Spirited students create positive atmosphere

Walking through the halls on a Friday, you may be swept away in an overwhelming sea of orange and black.

There's only one possible explanation for the majority of the school to be wearing matching shirts on one day: Orange Crush.

With more than 400 students in Orange Crush, it is the organization that involves the *most* students.

Sponsor Jennifer Schlicht said the organization projects a positive image to other schools and has been a model for others to follow.

"The sincerest form of flattery is imitation, but they can't really have what we do. It's unique to our school," Schlicht said.

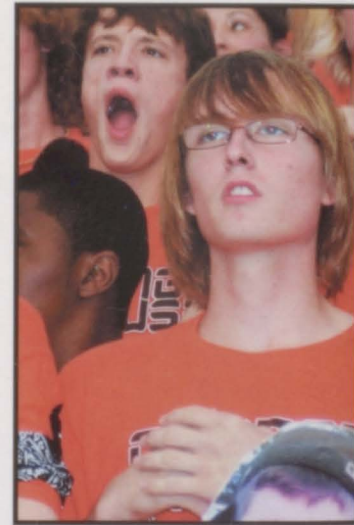
Giving Crushers motivation to be even louder, they competed for the Hy-Vee Spirit Award at the Sept. 21 football game against Lansing.

Many preparations were made that day for the game such as signs, banners, and even player's faces on popsicle sticks.

At the game, members cheered their loudest, and even stuck it out in the pouring rain to support their team.

"When I saw we won the spirit award, my first reaction was that I wanted to jump up and down with joy. I was wet, cold, and sad until then," captain Zach Holder said.

■ Mandi Ontis



■ Passing out Crush shirts, captain Michaela Mortensen helps out first-year members Cody Duncan and Kaleb Seaton. "My first year of Orange Crush was beyond words; it was so amazing," Duncan said. ■ Showing her support, senior Jessica Hoglund holds the face of football player Jake Barren at a home game.



Q&A with mascot Joe Sullivan



■ **Cheering after a touchdown**, seniors Clayton McCully and Kasie Cook, along with juniors Alex Sullivan and Matt Bille, ride the "Notorious Braves Coaster." The roller coaster was the traditional celebration after scoring during football season. "I think Orange Crush is a great thing. It's a way for kids to watch a game with their friends and yell and have fun," Sullivan said.

Q: What made you decide to dress up for the games?

I always thought that it would be cool for the school to have a mascot. I decided it would be a good chance to show my school spirit along with my Native American background. After the first game, I decided to dress up for the rest of the games and become the self-appointed mascot.

Q: Approximately how much money have you put into making your costume?

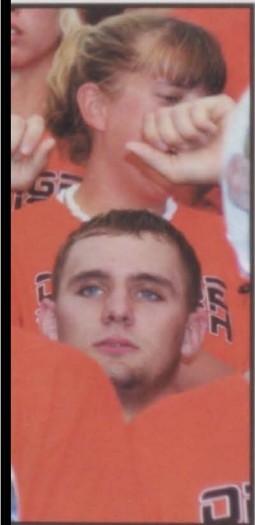
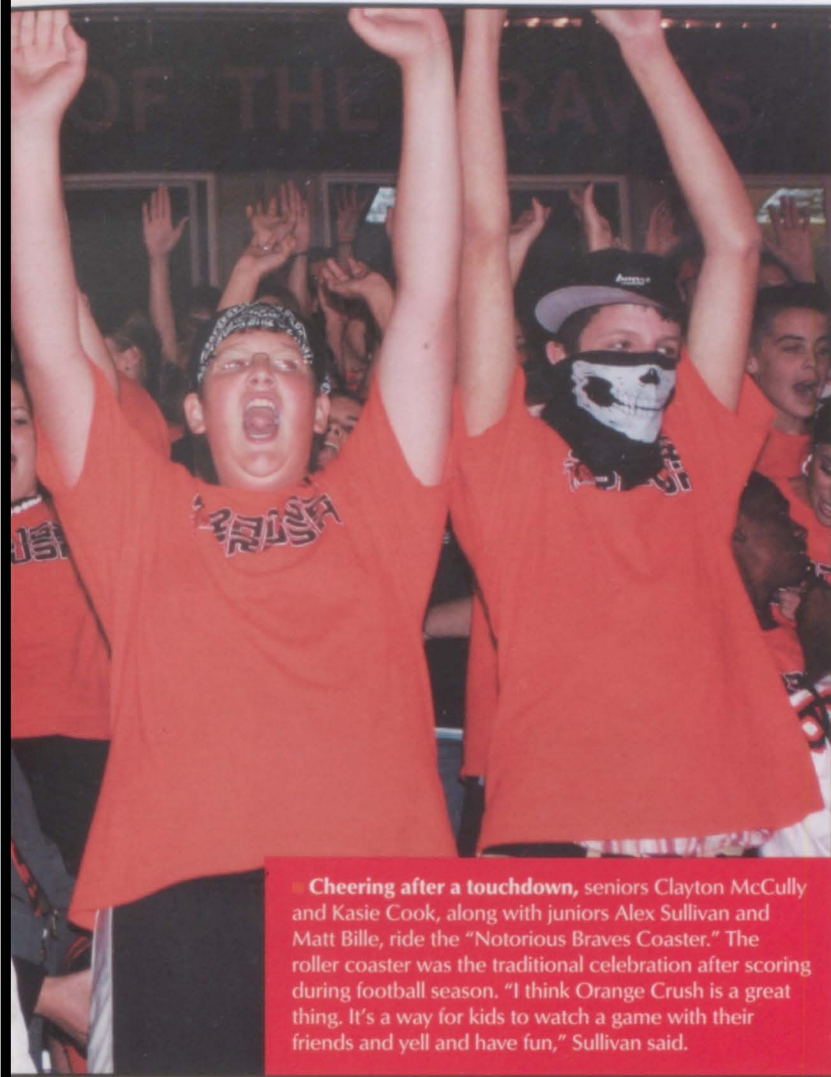
So far, the money I have spent on the outfit I wear now has been about \$400 to \$450.

Q: How did you keep warm during the colder football games?

Keeping warm during the games was easy because I taped something called "Hot Hands" to my body, that way I would keep nice and toasty.

Q: Did you like cheering at football or basketball games more?

I don't think I liked one more than the other: they were both so much fun to cheer at. They both made it one of my favorite things I did my senior year.



■ **Cheering with enthusiasm**, seniors Zach Holder, Josh Cook, and Michael Bille hold a sign for first-year player Ryan Bush.

■ **Watching the game intently**, senior Jon Robertson demonstrates his active membership. "Orange Crush boosts school spirit because it unifies the student body as one cheering source," Robertson said.



Splendid spirit



■ **Concentrating hard,** sophomore Bailey Nairn colors the sign for the back of the class float. The sophomores placed third in the float competition. "The banner on the back of our float kind of explained our theme," Nairn said.

Festive floats highlight fun-filled week

Homecoming week: a week filled with constructing floats, showing your school spirit, and preparing for the dance.

At a Stuco meeting to determine the theme of the dance, the spirit days were originally decided as being Moustache Monday, Twin Day Tuesday, Class Color Wednesday, Poncho Thursday, and War Party Friday.

Stuco was forced to improvise, though, after Poncho Day and Class Color Day failed to make it through the administration. The council then came up with Wacky Tacky Wednesday and Costume Thursday.

"Wacky Tacky Wednesday to me was just a fun day that I was able to express myself in a funny and goofy way," junior Olivia Walterman said.

Despite the changes to Spirit Week, students had something else to focus on.

With only two days to create a first-place float and banner, each class had four hours on their designated days at the bus barn to finish their float for the parade where it would be judged.

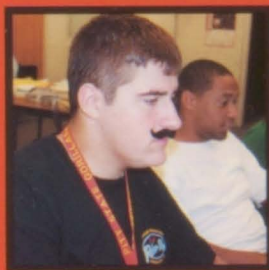
The juniors took first place in the float competition with their theme of "Blinded by the Light." On their float, they had an Immaculata football player bowing down to a Braves' football player while covering his eyes due to being blinded by the light.

In second place, came the freshmen. Third place went to the sophomores, and fourth place was awarded to the seniors.

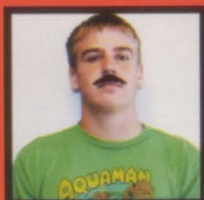
■ *Mandi Ontis*



Moustache Monday



Senior Blake Tuttle



Senior Zach Holder

Twin Day Tuesday

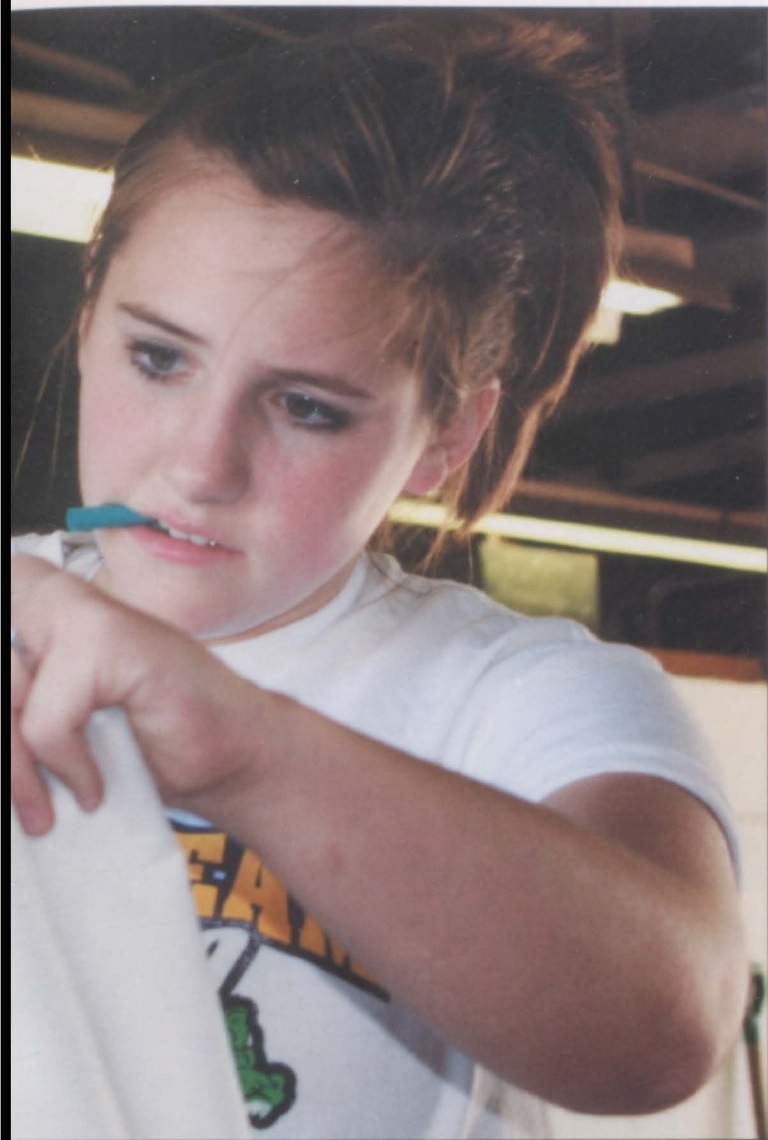


Sophomore Brandon Eastland and senior Ariel Adger

Wacky Tacky Wednesday



Junior Olivia Walterman



■ **Decorating the football field**, seniors Alyssa Kelly and Janelle Lira fill the fence with cups to spell out "Homecoming." "I thought that it was a very creative way to decorate. It turned out looking really good even though it took a long time," Kelly said.



■ **Working on the junior float**, Cali Hackney sets up the goal posts. ■ **Creating a replica of football coach Lew Kasselman**, sophomore Tyler Kelly works with chicken wire. ■ **Working on their class banner**, sophomores Meg Fowler and Kayla Zimmerly add the finishing touches by painting in the empty spaces.



Costume Thursday



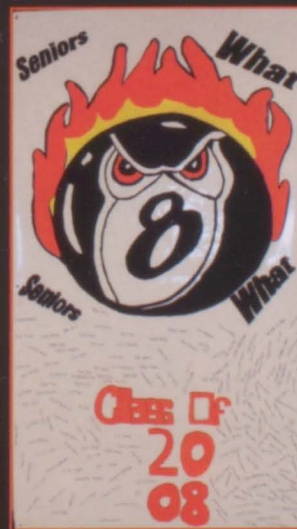
Freshman Kelsey Leatherbury

War Party Friday



Senior Kyle Toland

Banner Blitz



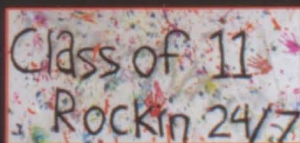
First Place



Second Place



Third Place



Fourth Place

Burn, Baby, burn



■ Talking to the crowd, senior football captain L.T. Lee invites all of the fans to come support the Braves at the game. "It was exciting having everyone listen to me. I was trying to get everyone pumped up to come out and support us," Lee said.



Disco-themed dance draws in large crowd

Homecoming weekend: a weekend filled with gathering for the parade, supporting the football team, and decorating and preparing for the dance.

Finally, the weekend that students have looked forward to since school started has arrived.

With royalty announced the week before, anticipation runs high for the candidates.

"I was extremely excited to find out who was going to win Homecoming queen, but it didn't really matter to me because all of the girls were great," queen candidate Janelle Lira said.

However, something new this year was the elimination of royalty nominees for underclassmen.

"With no underclassmen

royalty, it makes the experience more meaningful for seniors. It also prevents the same students from being nominated," Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law said.

During half of the game against Immaculata, Leo Sanchez and Kieara Williams were crowned the king and queen. Taking the cake, the Braves won 57-12, adding a euphoric end to the day.

On Saturday morning, Stuco decorated the commons according to the "Disco Inferno" theme with the colors green, purple, and blue.

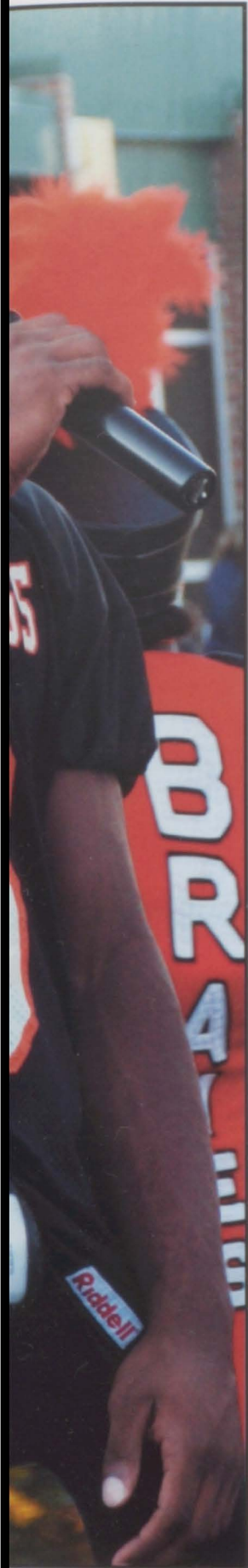
Other decorations included balloons, streamers, and old records donated by Vaughn-Trent.

About 400 students attended the dance, proving the dance was a hit.

■ Mandi Ontis



Homecoming Royalty. Front Row: Katie Kobialka, Janelle Lira, Michaela Mortensen, Mandi Ontis, and Kieara Williams. Back Row: Josh Cook, Jon Robertson, L.T. Lee, Leo Sanchez, and Blake Tuttle.



■ **All smiles**, Homecoming queen Kieara Williams and Homecoming king Leo Sanchez take a break after their coronation at halftime. "When I won, the first thing I thought was, 'I hope my mama's not crying.' But I looked back at her, and of course she was, but she just smiled at me and said, 'Go get your crown, girl,'" Williams said.



■ **Keeping the beat**, freshman Austin Epp plays along with the band during seventh hour to heighten the level of excitement for the Homecoming game. "Playing for the whole school was very different. I didn't get to do anything like that in middle school, and I liked getting the school pumped up for the big game," Epp said.



■ **Marching in step**, the band performs in the Homecoming parade. The band also performed after the game to select Beatles' songs such as "Magical Mystery Tour/A Hard Day's Night" and "Hey Jude."

■ **Along with the rest of A Cappella choir**, junior Seth Clements and Senior Drew Foster sing the national anthem at the Homecoming game. "Singing at the game was really fun, and it was even better that we won the game, too," Foster said.



■ **Working for Stuco**, freshman Dalton Vitt hangs streamers in the commons to reflect the "Disco Inferno" theme.

Muggles with wands



Witchcraft + wizardry = wonderful WPA

Playing off the enormous hype of the July release of the final Harry Potter book, Hogwarts School of Magic invaded the commons area on Nov. 17 for the Women-Pay-All (WPA) dance.

Deciding on a dance theme isn't easy for Student Council, but they all seemed to agree on one thing: Harry Potter.

Although some students were disappointed with the unusual theme, most were able to make the best of the situation.

"The theme wasn't so bad after all, and I thought the dance was absolutely magical. My date and I wore Hollister shirts and ate at Saddle Ranch Chop House," junior Julia Glenn said.

Attendance has never been very

high at WPA, but the approximately 250 students who did attend seemed to have fun.

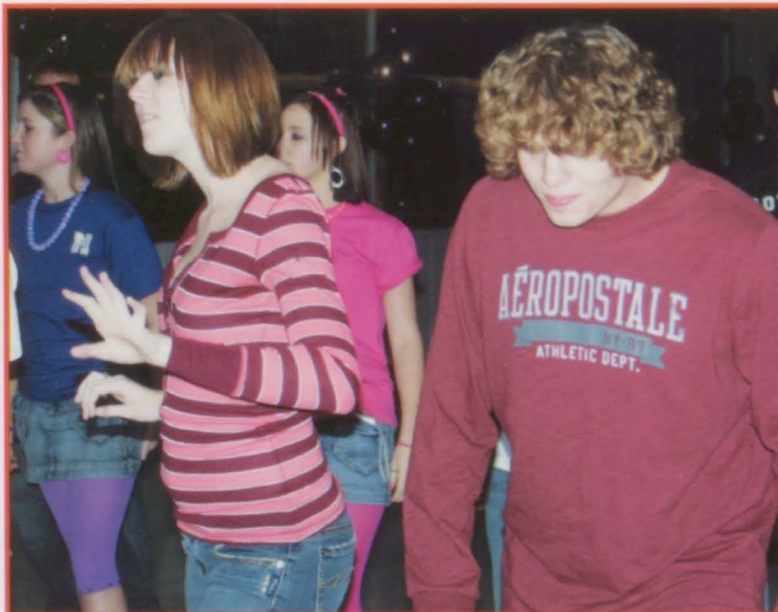
Decorating the commons with witch hats and crimson-and-gold balloons, Stuco worked for over an hour to get everything ready for the dance.

With such a unique theme, the decorations were a challenge.

"We had to make more of our own decorations versus buying them from a store," Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law said.

Providing the music, the DJ from Complete Music played a variety of songs to which students danced the night away. A magical theme and magical music made this a truly magical night.

■ Shayla Meseke



■ **Enjoying the night**, sophomore Jake Barren dances with his date, Kasie Cook. "I had a lot of fun. It was really nice making Kasie pay for everything, and we ate at Longhorn Steakhouse," Barren said.

■ **Matching with stripes**, junior Erika Busch and freshman Austin Laing dance to a slow song.

■ **Supporting the Kansas Jayhawks**, juniors Teran Holter and Michael Walker enjoy WPA.

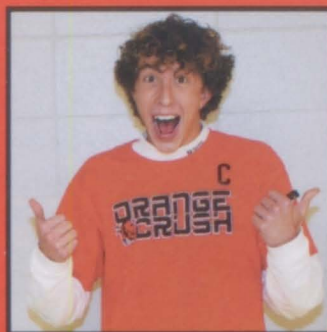
■ Decorating with a witch hat, senior Kelsey Stanbrough and junior Anna Nelson help to transform the commons into Hogwarts Castle.



■ Working with the crimson and gold colors, senior Lisa Rogers helps make decorations for the dance.

Q&A:

Harry Potter: Magic or mishap?



"The Harry Potter dance was the greatest dance I have ever been to, but it's too bad many kids didn't show up. I hope dances in the future can live up to the high standard that WPA set for school events."

—Josh Cook, 12



"I didn't like the Harry Potter idea, and not many people came because of the theme. The background didn't turn out too bad, and the actual dance itself was really fun."

—Alexis Crumrine, 11

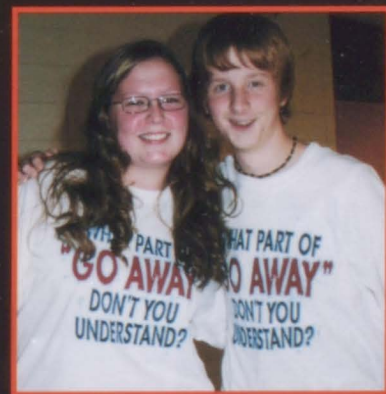
Q&A:

How much money did you spend?



"All I spent was the \$10 for my date and I to get in, but I can't put a price on how wonderful of a time I had. The night was priceless," junior Stefanie Sprengle said, shown with her date, Daniel Moore.

"Since we just went as friends, we didn't go out to dinner. I only ended up spending about \$50 or \$60," said junior Breanna Putnam, shown with her date, junior Tony Camp.





■ **Walking away victorious**, Blake Tuttle celebrates his win. "It was a good experience, I recommend it to the juniors next year," Tuttle said.

Dudes in drag



Mr. Bonner Springs kicks off winter pep

To escape the regularity of a traditional pep assembly, Mr. Bonner Springs is a refreshing change for students and faculty each winter.

Stuco sponsors the assembly, which features some of the bravest and most spontaneous male members of the senior class with a twist on a classic beauty pageant.

Participants selected their own attire and scrounged the closets of siblings, friends and girlfriends to find the right look.

"I had a buzzing good time; it was a fun experience," said L.T.

Lee, who entertained the crowd in a bumble bee costume, complete with wings.

With the music blaring, the contestants each made a grand entrance into the gymnasium to the cheers of the student body.

The panel of judges included teachers and also the Student Council presidents from each grade.

"It was fun to be able to watch one of the last good events of the year," said senior Andrew Foster, who emceed the event.

■ Bailey Nairn



■ **Flirting with the camera**, the contestants for Mr. Bonner Springs strike a seductive pose before the start of the assembly. The "ladies" included Ariel "Aurdrina" Adger, Cody "Courtney" Wallace, Blake "Big Bertha" Tuttle, Clayton "Candy" McCully, Jon "Juliana" Robertson, Joe "Josefina" Sullivan, and L.T. "Little Tina" Lee. ■ **Trying to entice the judges**, Blake Tuttle does his best to win judge Jim Mitchell's vote with a scene-stealing move.



■ **Preparing for competition**, Joe Sullivan waits eagerly as his make-up is applied by senior Sadie Kelly while senior Alyssa Kelly looks on. The pageant took place on Nov. 30.



Dodging for



dollars

Fun activities help the United Way

Helping the community, a week full of dodgeball gives back to the Bonner Springs area. Stuco hosted the annual tournament during Dead Week and had a great turnout.

Nine teams competed throughout the week after signing up before school. In the end, there were three remaining teams still standing: The Oil Riggers, The Red Shirts, and Team All Day.

"It was fun seeing the goofy outfits the teams wore," senior Holly Luke said.

Students who did not participate were allowed to get out of their seventh hour on Nov. 9 to watch the tournament, but had to donate \$1 to the United Way as their admission.

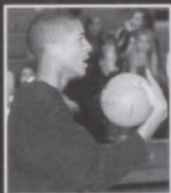
"It is a great way to raise money, and everyone had a lot of fun," junior Isaac Mills said.

All of the money raised went towards the United Way, which helps the homeless and hungry in the local area. It was a fun way to give back to the community.

■ Shayla Meseke



■ Taking the dodgeball championship title, the Oil Riggers celebrate their victory. Front row: Jason Hoskins and Ryan Bush. Back Row: Connor Harrington, Michael Bille, Seth Clements, and Clayton McCully.



"I was kind of disappointed with the tournament overall. It was still fun, and it was for a good cause. It was fun while it lasted."

■ Drew Foster, 12



"It was very competitive. We had a missing teammate, but we still came through with a few wins."

■ Stephen Edwards, 12



"I was on a team with some of my best friends, and we had a lot of fun at the dodgeball tournament."

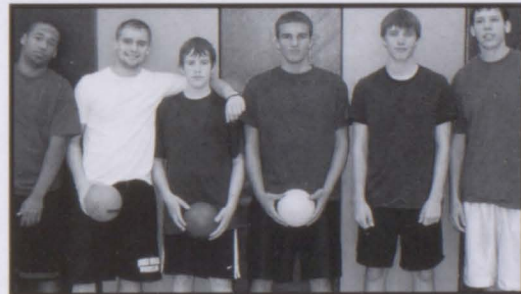
■ Max Barren, 10



■ Ready to go, Team All Day awaits the next round. Front Row: Chris Smith. Back Row: Cole Tadlock, Isaac Mills, Michael Walker, Dalton Vitt, and Stephen Call.



■ Competing against another team, freshman Chelsea Crawford enjoys playing dodgeball to help out the homeless and hungry in the area.



■ The Red Shirts take a break before the game. From left: Byron Williams, Matt Ingenthron, Seth Gallagher, Corey Sanborn, Joey Robertson, and Kevin DeVore.



■ Waiting to play, the Superheroes, from left: Holly Luke, Anna Nelson, Kelsey Stanbrough, Carli Turner, Erica Smith, and Ashlee Espinoza.



■ Sprinting towards the dodgeball line, the Oil Riggers kick off the opening round. Strong and aggressive, the Oil Riggers dominated the competition.

Can't Live With

A look at pet peeves



Matt Ingenthron, 12



Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: When people do stupid or idiotic things.

Q: Why does it bug you so much?

A: Because they could avoid it by taking a minute and completing their thought process.

Q: What do you do when somebody does this?

A: Yell at them so they won't do it again.

Q: Would the world be better off if people would never do this action again? Why?

A: No, it gives me a chance to relieve some anxiety.



Pen Clickers

as depicted by senior Colby Carson

Sandy Gomez, 11



Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: People who burp in public.

Q: Why does it bug you so much?

A: Because it sounds disgusting.

Q: What do you do to control yourself when somebody does it?

A: Say ewww or yuck.

Q: Would the world be better off if people would never do this action again? Why?

A: Yes, because it doesn't show any manners.



Nail Biters

as depicted by Tanner Stark

Chelsea Parr, 10



Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: When people drive slow, in the fast lane.

Q: Why does it bug you so much?

A: When I am trying to get somewhere they get in my way and slow me down.

Q: What do you do when somebody does this?

A: Follow really closely so they will get the hint and move.

Q: Would the world be better off if people would never do this action again? Why?

A: For me, yes. But it could cause an accident so it might be bad.



Neck Poppers

as depicted by senior Alex Perica

Caleb Seaton, 9



Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: People yelling.

Q: Why does it bug you so much?

A: Because I don't like it.

Q: What do you do to control yourself when somebody does it?

A: Yell back.

Q: Would the world be better off if people would never do this action again? Why?

A: Yes, because there wouldn't be any more yelling and everything would be more peaceful.



Yellers

as depicted by junior Katrina Rollins



"When people text while I am standing right there having a conversation with them and getting hung up on."

—Michael Bille, 12



"Blowing your nose at the eating table or picking it. It's really disgusting and repulsive. I hate the sound of it."

—Katie Kobialka, 12



"People not washing their hands after they do their business."

—Brenna Hoch, 9



"People who complain all the time."

—Michael Brown, 10



Can't Live Without

A look at legal addictions

Kaley Stoddard, 12



Q: What is something you can't live without?

A: Drinking coffee.

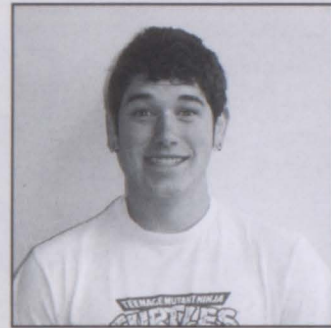
Q: Why can't you live without this?

A: It's good, and it makes me focus.

Q: If you didn't have this, what would you do?

A: I would flip out.

Seth Clements, 11



Q: What is something you can't live without?

A: My band.

Q: Why can't you live without this?

A: Because I love them.

Q: If you didn't have this, what would you do?

A: I would probably cry.

Mackenzie Lee, 10



Q: What is something you can't live without?

A: Chocolate sundae bars.

Q: Why can't you live without this?

A: Because they're chocolate and yummy.

Q: If you didn't have this, what would you do?

A: I'd be sad.

Austin Lucas, 9



Q: What is something you can't live without?

A: Football.

Q: Why can't you live without this?

A: Because it is my favorite sport.

Q: If you didn't have this, what would you do?

A: I'd cry.



"Texting, it's fast and handy. You can do it at any time, except when you drive."

—Brandon Eastland, 10



"Taco John's, because their food is just so delectable."

—Nikki Rittinghouse, 11



"Piano and computer, because music is my life and my career. Without it, I would be working at McDonald's for the rest of my life."

—Leo Sanchez, 12



"My cell phone. It is like a mini-computer and camera. It's amazing."

—Cara Poe, 11

A Dark & Stormy

Night



Wacky troupe of tenants treasure-hunt

Featuring a relatively young cast of performers, Vern Harden's *The Boardinghouse* was a tall order for the drama department.

This is the story of a brother/sister pair in search of buried treasure. On their hunt, they come across a boardinghouse that was chock full of cooky characters.

"I think the audience really liked the dry humor of the play. It really moved the plot along," senior Adam Smith said.

Though the cast was young, they worked very hard and managed to keep things light and fun.

"During rehearsal, we were only serious when it was absolutely necessary. The rest of the time we just goofed around," sophomore Mackenzie Lee said.

The rewards of all of their hard work were apparent when they presented the play to the public on Feb. 7, 8 and 9, beginning each night at 7.

"It was a good play, and according to the people who were there, it must have been one of our best. Even past cast members wished they could have done it," said Dan Streit, the play's director.

The play was made a success by Streit's simple one-set stage design and by the ability of the actors to fully let loose.

"It was kind of strange because I had to basically yell all of my lines, but I got used to it after a while, and we put on a good show," freshman Brenna Hoch said.

■ Kyle Toland



Winter Play. Front Row: Brenna Hoch, Samantha Sprenkle, Mackenzie Lee, Brandy Hoover. **Row 2:** Joe Sullivan, Kimberly Flick, Amber Schaber, Adam Smith, Amber Barnes. **Row 3:** Caitlin Tinsley, Morgan Tinsley, Olivia Waltermann, Xavier Capalla, William Rhodes.





■ **In a fight for affection**, Veronica Shadow (MacKenzie Lee) and Martha Willis (Amber Schaber) push and pull Dirk Shadow (Joe Sullivan) in an attempt to win his heart. "In the past I have had choir competitions, but this year we didn't so I decided to try out. I had a really good time," Sullivan said. ■ **Finishing her book**, Harriet (Olivia Waltermann) tells the rest of the story to the tenants at the end of the play. "Being in the play was time-consuming, but so worth it," Waltermann said. ■ **Using his acting abilities**, Dan Streit helps the cast with their lines. "I wanted to make this play the best it could be. It is my job, as the director, to teach them, not just have them memorize their lines. I think that I accomplished this fairly well," Streit said.



■ **Hypnotized by a swinging watch**, Dr. Sni-Fell (Xavier Capalla) and Gladys Klotz (Brandi Hoover) are being put to sleep by Dirk (Joe Sullivan), so he can find the treasure. "It was great having a part in the play that didn't put a whole lot of pressure on me," Capalla said. ■ **Fearing for his life**, Mr. Richards (Adam Smith) tries to protect himself as Ivy (Amber Barnes) and Tweenie (Samee Sprenkle) yank on his ears, nagging him the whole time. "I wish that I had performed in other plays previously. It was so much fun, and I am very glad that I had the opportunity to do this," Smith said.



Superior spirit

Stripes Day



Sporting their stripes, freshmen Lindsay Hunt and Brenna Hoch kick off Spirit Week with an abundance of pride. "Spirit Week was fun, but not a lot of people participated," Hunt said.

Dress Down Day



Relaxing in comfortable clothes, junior Meghan Miller participates in Dress Down Day with sweats and a hoodie.

Striking a pose, senior Rosa Pichardo also shows her school spirit by dressing down. "I think it's an opportunity to be different and stand out," Pichardo said.

Clan Color Day



Working on an assignment, freshman Kaylie Holloway sports her class color of green. Sophomores were assigned yellow, the juniors had purple, and the seniors were given pink.

Eskimo Day



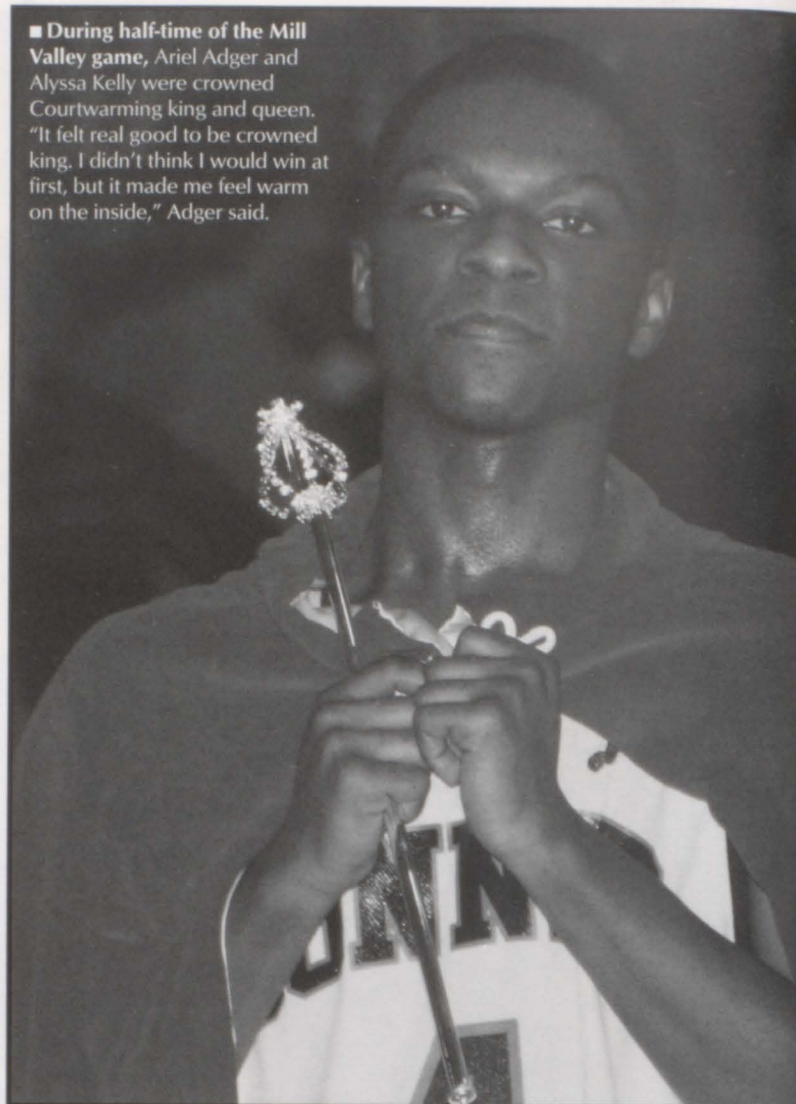
Braving the cold, junior Nancy DeLeon dresses up like an eskimo to show her school spirit. "This winter has been really rough on me, and a day where I got to bundle up in toasty clothes just made my week," DeLeon said. The turnout for this spirit day was not as high as expected.

War Party Day



Enjoying his lunch, junior Tyler Kelly participates in War Party Day. A traditional spirit day, War Party Day always brings a large turnout as students don their orange and black pride. "I have a lot of school pride, and I'm very high-spirited," Kelly said.

■ **During half-time of the Mill Valley game**, Ariel Adger and Alyssa Kelly were crowned Courtwarming king and queen. "It felt real good to be crowned king. I didn't think I would win at first, but it made me feel warm on the inside," Adger said.



Clockwise from top left: ■ **Dancing the night away**, seniors Adam Smith and Amber Schaber enjoy each other's company. ■ **Strutting their stuff**, freshmen Lindsey Baska and Laura Allbee's their first Courtwarming. ■ **Showing off their moves**, sophomore Morgan Storey and senior Jessica Hoglund dance while freshman Cody Duncan looks on. ■ **All smiles**, queen Alyssa Kelly and king Ariel Adger share the traditional king and queen dance. ■ **Forming a dance train**, senior girls enjoy their last Courtwarming.



Shanghai



nights



Warmer weather sets up for Courtwarming

After all of the January snow the week before, students were beginning to think Courtwarming would be pretty chilly in their dresses and their slacks.

But after waking up Saturday morning, they found the weather to be somewhat warm for the month of February.

With the weather on their side, they knew the day and night would be rather enjoyable.

"It [the weather] actually worked out pretty well. We still had to wear jackets to take pictures out on the deck, though," sophomore Dani Green said.

As most students were getting ready, Stuco had to transform the commons into an Asian paradise.

"The decorations were a little difficult [to find] due to the unique theme, but we found them out of a decorations catalogue," said Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law.

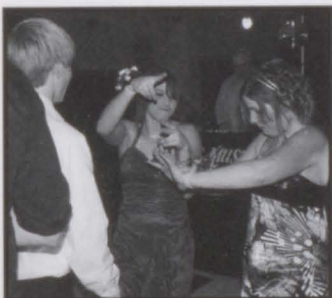
To carry out this theme, the selected colors were red, black, and white.

"It was pretty easy to match the theme because there were a lot of choices involving the colors," said senior Shayla Meseke, who wore a red dress.

Approximately 350 students packed the commons for the dance.

"I had a lot of fun," freshman Kaylie Holloway said. "The decorations had me craving Chinese food all night."

■ Mandi Ontis

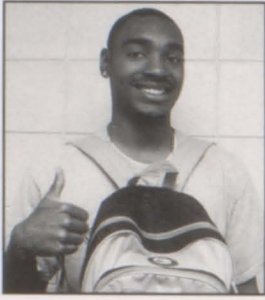


Courtwarming Royalty. Front Row: Jessica Hoglund, Alyssa Kelly, Shayla Meseke, Taryn Sullivan, and Brandi Ventura. **Back Row:** Ariel Adger, Michael Bille, Ryan Bush, Michael Cooper, and Joe Sullivan.



Did the Taj-Mahal theme live up to your dreams?

Aaron Hill



"I thought the theme was pretty cool and better than last year's prom. It was fun and more people came."

Britney Shipman



"I thought the background for pictures wasn't very good. It wasn't very straight."

Monica Simpson



"At first, I didn't think I would like it, but when I got there, everything looked really nice; the decorations really flowed together."



■ **Holding it steady**, junior Kaley Withers creates one of the several minarets to fit the Taj-Mahal theme.

■ **Ironing out the wrinkles**, junior Ethan Isaacs makes sure the tablecloth looks just right. "My favorite part of decorating for prom was making fun of Ms. Law, Mrs. Schlicht and Matt [Bille]," Isaacs said.



■ **Tracing with precision**, juniors Renee Drury and Alexis Crumrine prepare the circles for the columns that would build the towers.



■ **Concentrating on the task at hand**, junior Nancy DeLeon strings the lights from the balcony. "Hanging up the lights was difficult, but I just toughed it out and made it look pretty," DeLeon said.



■ **Pinning carefully,** junior Matt Bille hangs up makeshift curtains on the balcony that overlooks the dance floor.



Prom Committee. Front Row: Starian Porchia, Nancy DeLeon, Kaley Withers. **Row 2:** Cali Hackney, Meghan Miller, Aubree Miller, Renee Drury, Alexis Crumrine. **Back Row:** Ethan Isaacs, Matt Bille, Alex Sullivan.



Creating



prom

Behind the scenes of making a theme work

It's finally here. The much-anticipated "prom weekend," the dance that most juniors and seniors have been waiting for all year.

Before the actual event kicks off, there are many things the junior prom committee must consider, including everything from choosing a theme to selecting the perfect decorations.

After much debate, purple, gold and black were chosen to carry out the theme of "Taj-Mahal Dreams."

Starting with a bare Lake of the Forest Clubhouse and turning it into an elegant dance setting isn't exactly the easiest and quickest thing to do.

"It was a little hard to carry out the theme because we didn't have

much to work with, and we only had a certain amount of time," junior Matt Bille said.

After working as a team, though, the committee was able to tie everything in with a few key decorations.

"The juniors wanted to put on a great prom, and I think they worked hard and pulled together as a group to produce a well-decorated event," sponsor Adrienne Law said.

Well-decorated is exactly how the dance turned out to be. With pillars complete with minarets set up around the dance floor and lamps donning the tables, the place just carried an aura of the Taj-Mahal.

"The decorations got kind of torn down from everybody at the dance, but they were good before then.

I thought they fit the theme quite nicely," freshman Erica Smith said.

■ *Mandi Ontis*

■ **Working with the gauze,** junior Aubree Miller wraps the lights to give the room a more mystical effect. "I loved decorating for prom. I wanted to make it look nice for the seniors and didn't want them to think it was tacky or ugly," Miller said.

Night of Your

dreams



Taj-Mahal proves to be a dream come true

After having spent numerous hours planning and creating prom, all of the anxiety has finally worn off and it's strictly time for fun.

Getting all primped and primed is just the first step in preparing for this exciting event. Whether it's picking up the boutonniere or corsage, double-checking reservations, or putting on a tux or a special dress, the excitement level for students is through the roof.

"I was really excited for prom because it was the last dance, and I just wanted it to be the best time ever," senior Audrey Folk said.

After taking pictures at home or with a group, once everyone has enjoyed a satisfying dinner the time has finally come to head to the dance.

Held at the Lake of the Forest Clubhouse on April 19, about 150

couples showed up ready to dance until the doors closed at 11 pm.

Whether it was dancing, taking pictures, or getting refreshments, students were on their feet all night.

"I don't think I sat out on any songs. It was very memorable, and it's something I'll never forget," senior Amber Schaber said.

With seniors graduating earlier this year than any other class, prom was one of the few last opportunities to make memories with fellow classmates.

"Prom was very memorable because I went with someone special and I had a blast," senior Byron Williams said.

A night full of friends, dancing, and pictures just so happened to be the perfect recipe for that incredibly memorable night.

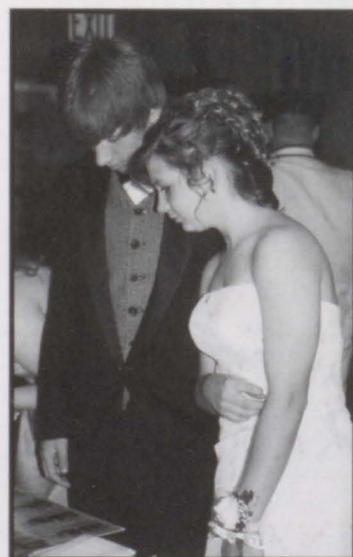
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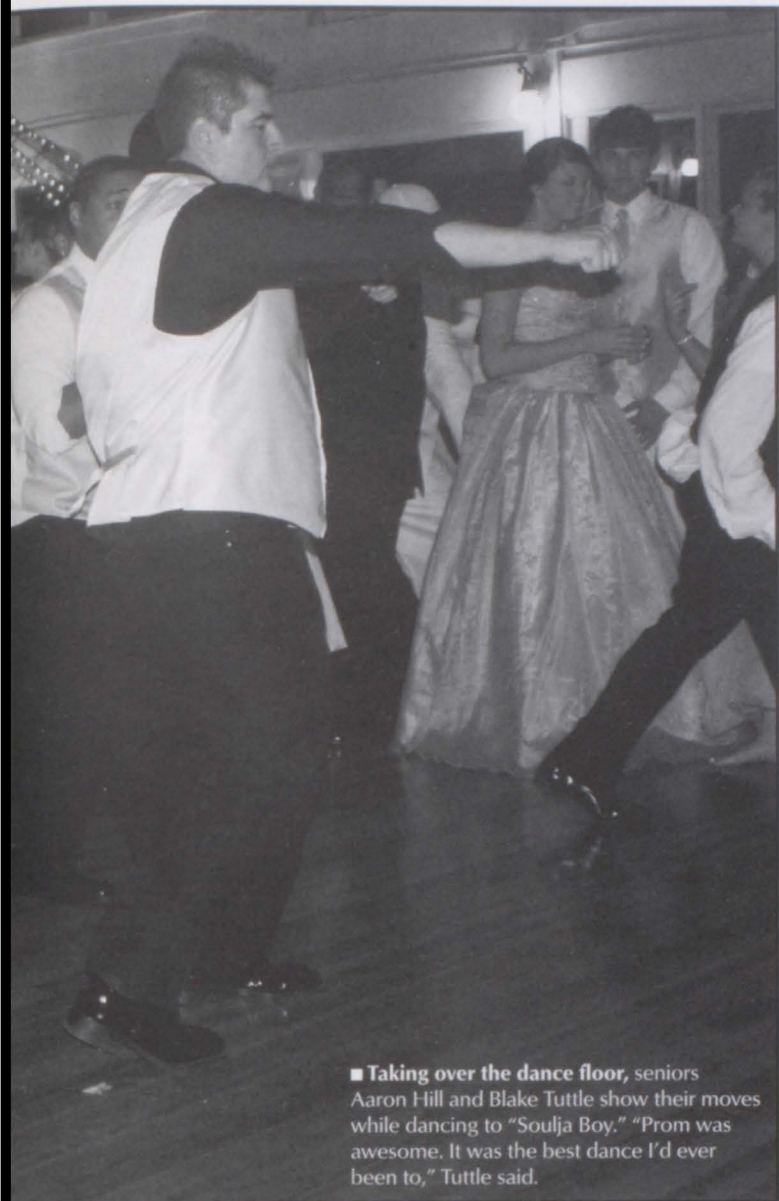


■ **Getting arranged for pictures**, junior Anna Nelson follows the instructions of the photographer while senior Nathan Lynch waits patiently. "I picked that pose for prom pictures because I liked how it looked," Nelson said.



■ **Waiting for the doors to open**, senior Zach Cohorst and his date, Ciara McDonnell, pose for a quick picture outside of the Lake of the Forest Clubhouse. ■ **While waiting in line for pictures**, junior Amber Barnes and her date, Alec Andrews, debate on which pose they like best.





■ **Taking over the dance floor**, seniors Aaron Hill and Blake Tuttle show their moves while dancing to "Soulja Boy." "Prom was awesome. It was the best dance I'd ever been to," Tuttle said.



■ **Nothing but smiles**, senior Adam Smith and his date, Heather Rose, dance the night away. "Prom was an awesome night. We ate at The Melting Pot, and it was beyond amazing. After dinner we walked around the Plaza and took pictures. We even went to a playground and took pictures and played on the swings. Then we went to the dance," Smith said. ■ **After being crowned**, Blake Tuttle and Katie Kobialka show off their crowns as the new prom king and queen. "I was very enthused when I won prom queen. It was awesome. I wish I could do it all over again," Kobialka said.



■ **Dancing to the beat with camera in hand**, junior Tiara Jones dances while junior Teran Holter looks on. "Prom was fun; I just wish I didn't have to wear an uncomfortable dress," Holter said. ■ **Taking a break**, juniors Julia Glenn and Erika Busch refresh themselves with a quick drink. ■ **Far left: Enjoying one another's company**, seniors Branden Phoenix and Courtney Golden dance like there's no tomorrow.

Taj-Mahal Dreams



Senior Kyle Toland
and freshman Chelsea Crawford



Senior Ethan Brotherton
and his date Megan McCall



Freshman Kaylie Holloway
and senior Kevin DeVore



Junior Erika Busch and
sophomore Trai Forshey



Junior Cali Hackney and
her date Dylan Alexander



Seniors Allen Mellott
and Corey Carr



Senior Sheryl Dubin
and her date Ben Dobbins



Senior James Avant
and junior SyKnese Fields

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Senior Lindsey Johnson
and junior Kaleb Black



Senior Samantha Tadlock
and her date John Ratcliff



Seniors Casey Weir
and Tiffany Ellis



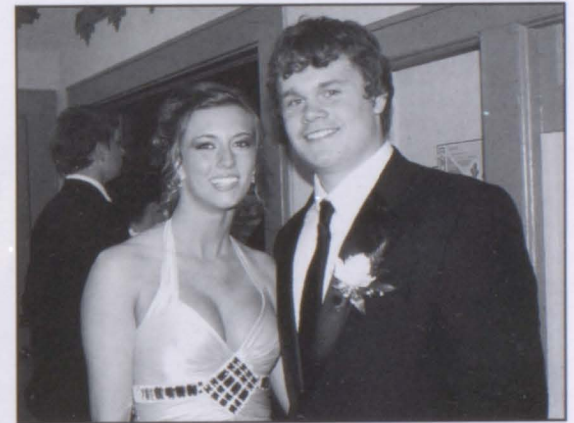
Junior Michael Walker
and freshman Emily Pyles



Senior Eric Sawyer
and junior Katrina Stogner



Senior Ian Briggs
and freshman Erin Mills



Senior Tanner Stark
and his date Amber Schmidt



Freshman Chandler Clark
and junior James Canada

■ **Column 1, Below left:** Anthony Ward and Chase McGhee. **Below right:** Megan Laver and Brittney Hernandez. **Column 2, starting at the top:** Alishia Grindel, Sean Peak, Audrey Folk, Amber Vochatzer and Brandi Ventura. **Column 3: Top Picture,** Colby Carson and Sarah Bernard. **Second Picture:** Kyle Toland and Joe Sullivan.



Graduation
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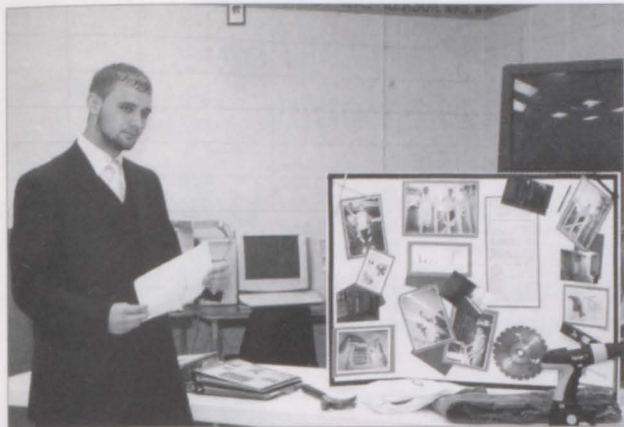


Above: Junior Julia Glenn, left, and Monica Sorensen lead graduates Ariel Adger, Kasie Cook and Josh Cook into the gymnasium. **Column 2, starting fourth from the bottom:** Dynikah Brown, Tiffany Ellis, Ashley Adkins and Ariel Adger, Lisa Rogers. **Column 3, Third Picture:** Jerritt Barbarich, James Avant, Jared Anderson, and Katrina Allen show their support for their class.

■ **Class of 2008 Valedictorians:** Adam Smith, Michael Cooper, Lisa Rogers. **Salutatorian:** Mandi Ontis.

Senior Project Boards, May 2 Project Grad, May 8, at Power Play

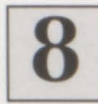
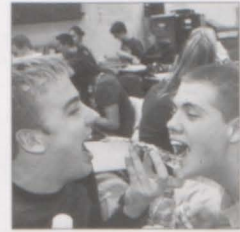
■ Senior Project Board Presentations: Column 1, Below: Matt Ingenthron awaits a question from his panel. Column 2, starting at the top: Kimberly Flick, Kieara Williams, Rosa Pichardo. Column 3: Sadie Kelly.



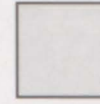
■ Column 1, above: Stephen Edwards and Michael Bille enjoy Dance Revolution at Power Play. Column 2, starting fourth from the top: Nathan Wright, Vernon Samek, Casey Hinson enjoy the arcade. Column 3, middle row: Steven Sanders. Column 2, starting third from the bottom: Ethan Brotherton and Tyler Martin, Jayna Martin, Samantha Chavez and Alisha Day. Column 3, bottom picture: Colby Carson, Erin Kruger, and Ashley Adkins sign scrapbook autograph pages before leaving for Power Play.



A Class



United



From bringing in our own benches to wearing red and blue, the Class of 2008 is a prime example of class unity



The final push is here. Two semesters away from becoming adults, you would think the time for maturity has finally arrived. Enter the Class of 2008.

Not all of the seniors are exactly immature. In fact, we have quite a few students who will embrace the world the moment we graduate.

But for those who won't, our sense of humor may just be a tad bit... different.

No matter what the level of maturity may be, we all happen to agree on one thing: our class is one of being united and having fun.

"Our class is one of the only ones that seems to be together on a lot of things and not have cliques," Ethan Brotherton said.

The administration knew they had their hands full from the moment the Class of '08 began considering themselves seniors.

After the senior benches had been put away from the "juniors" at the time, Blake Tuttle and Clayton McCully decided to take action by bringing in their own benches.

"We waited four years to get the benches and when they put them away, we had to improvise," McCully said.

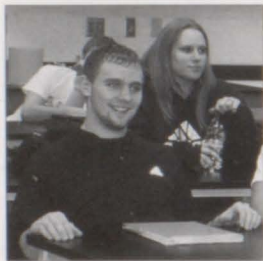
Of course, the administration wasn't too supportive of that idea. McCully and Tuttle were advised to remove the make-shift benches from campus.

But now that we are officially seniors, we get to enjoy the privilege of the benches as a class, which is something we do every morning, with some even sitting on the floor.

Not having enough benches doesn't stop us.

The Class of 2008 truly is one-of-a-kind.

■Mandi Ontis



Class of '08

08 from A-Z



A **ACT:** Seniors stress about the college-level exam, and some even take the Preparing for College course to help get ready.

B **Benches:** "I usually go to the benches every hall passing. It's a great place to meet up with friends and relax," —Colby Carson

C **Colleges:** With many colleges to choose from, we consider our options before making a decision on the path of life we choose.

D **Diploma:** All the hard work for the past 12 years has paid off: it's finally time to receive the certification of your education.

E **Eight semesters:** "Each semester has been something to remember, but all of a sudden the time's run short." —Ian Briggs

F **Football Fever:** With a stunning 8-2 record, the Braves made the fall sports season phenomenal and one for us all to remember.

G **Graduation:** Wait! Since when is graduation on a Thursday? Held on May 8, this graduation is expected to be more formal.

H **Homework:** "I do feel like the homework load has increased a lot this year." —Maisie Crayton

I **Internship:** With senior year comes the opportunity for senior internship. As long as hours are met, we can leave school early.

J **Jobs:** Most seniors have after-school jobs to begin financial independence and to prepare themselves for college life.

K **King:** "It was such an awesome feeling being crowned king. I didn't expect to win, but it was a great feeling." —Leo Sanchez

L **Lockers:** Our turn to use the big lockers has finally arrived. No need for cramming any more!

M **Mr. Bonner Springs:** In the winter pep rally, the boys compete for the title. This year's winner was Blake "Big Bertha" Tuttle.

N **New Schedule:** "I love being able to leave early on Wednesday. Thursday is better, because we start later." —Wendy DeLeon

O **Oh eight:** Arguably one of the best classes to roam the halls of BSHS; it's our time to shine.

P **Project Grad:** Helping out the parents, students are more involved this year than in the past to give ourselves one last party.

Q **Queen:** "My first thought as Courtwarming Queen was 'I hope I don't fall on the way to getting crowned!'" —Alyssa Kelly

R **Reward:** As an incentive for testing last year, the seniors in Mrs. Wood's class enjoyed the reward of no homework in December.

S **Senior Project:** The final test of our high school years, we have to complete the senior project to graduate. 'Nuff said.

T **Transcripts:** "My transcript is super important to me because it is what helps me get into college and for scholarships." —Alex Perica

U **Unity:** What is a senior class without unity? As our last year together, we have to enjoy it while we can.

V **Valedictorians:** Earning nothing but A's throughout high school, the Class of 2008 is very proud of its Valedictorians: Michael Cooper, Lisa Rogers, Adam Smith and Salutatorian Mandi Ontis.

W **Worship:** "The underclassmen should worship us. We have earned the respect that they should give us." —Kyle Toland

X **Xerox:** Ah, the copies that we make when it comes to the Senior Project! Good thing the Xerox machine was invented.

Y **Youth:** In the prime of our youth, we are ready to get out into the world as fresh new faces.

Z **Zero tolerance:** "I dislike the new policy because I always listened to my iPod during art, which isn't that big of a deal." —Sadie Kelly



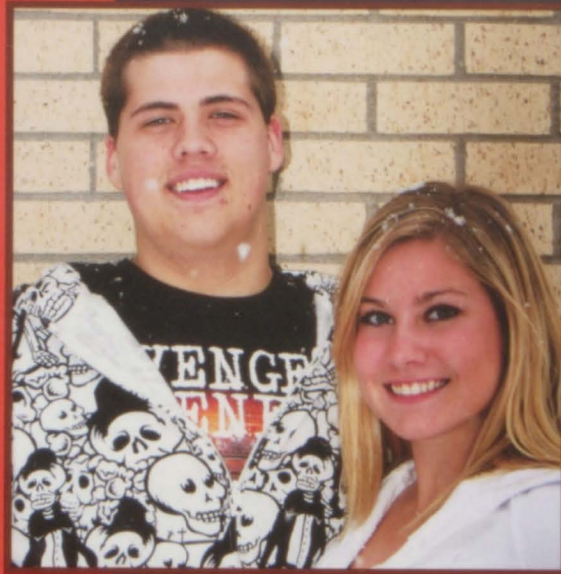




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Best Smile:
*Cody Wallace
& Taryn Sullivan*



Senior

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Best Dressed:
Tanairi Rios & Matt Ingenthron



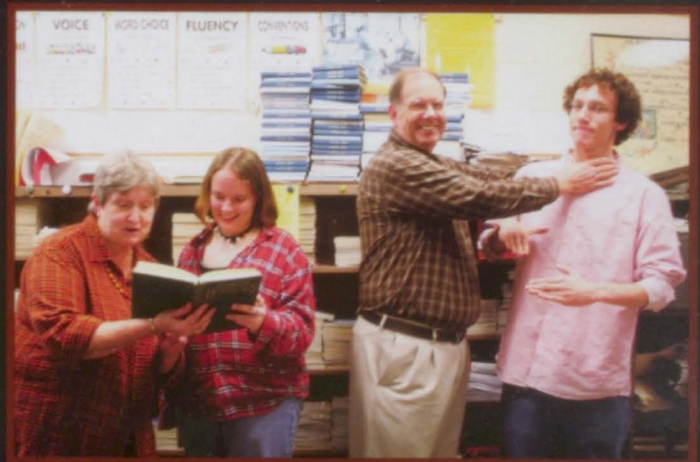
Most Likely to be a Kid Forever:
Tanner Stark & Michaela Mortensen



Most Friendly:
Alyssa Kelly & Blake Tuttle



The Next Mrs. Wood & Mr. Caldwell:
Chelsea Simmons & Nathan Lynch



Favorites

08



Best Hair:
*Jon Robertson
& Erin Kruger*

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First to Make a Million:
Adam Smith & Lisa Rogers



Best Friends Forever:
*Jessica Hoglund & Mandi Ontis
Clayton McCully & Michael Bille*



Most Fun to Get Stuck in an Elevator With:
Jason Hoskins & Lindsay Sickman



Most Likely to Bleed Orange & Black:
Kasie Cook & Joe Sullivan





Ariel Adger



Ashley Adkins



Katrina Allen



Jared Anderson



James Avant



Jerritt Barbarich



Rachael Beckett



Sarah Bernard



Michael Bille



Joseph Bland



Chris Braswell



Ian Briggs



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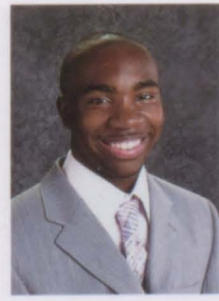
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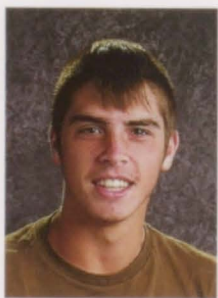
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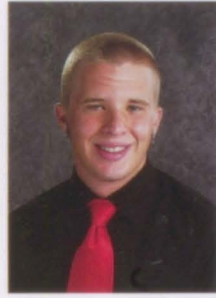
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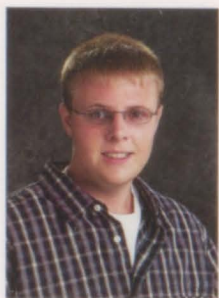
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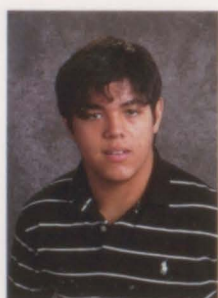
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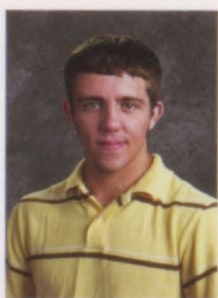
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Cody Wallace



Anthony Ward



Cassi Ward



Chad Way



Casey Weir



Aerial Wells



Montell White



Byron Williams



Kieara Williams



Nicole Woods



Nathan Wright

Not Pictured:
Ashley Collier
Rene Luffman
Carlos Montgomery
Jerrold Pitts
Chloe Williams



Class of 2008



Clockwise from top: Completing the human pyramid, the Powder Puff cheerleaders entertain the crowd. Portraying Dr. Jerry Abbott, principal, Michaela Mortensen adds to a presentation based on *The Canterbury Tales* in Nancy Baker's World Literature Class. Enjoying their time before class, a group of seniors utilize the benches.

SENIOR REWIND

To most people, high school is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Although many enjoy their underclassmen years, senior year is the one that is looked forward to the most. Memories made in this magical year are sure to stick with one forever.

From expenses to time management, senior year often hits students with unexpected surprises. A note to underclassmen: Be prepared for an exciting yet challenging roller-coaster ride.

The Costs of Being a Senior:

Cap, Gown, Tassel, &
Bling Bling Tassel : \$40



ACT testing fee:
\$30

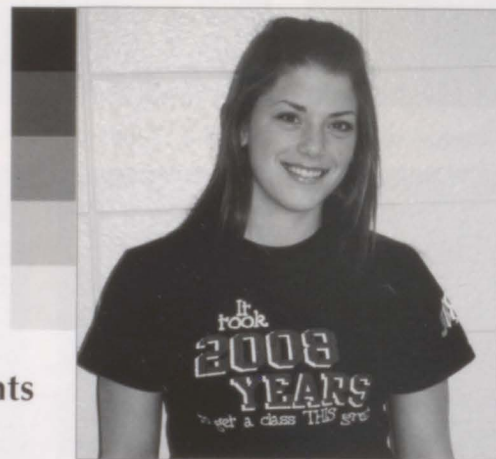
Senior Tankard: \$25

2008 Hoodie: \$29

Senior Pictures:
\$300 (Average)

25 Graduation Announcements
with Name Cards: \$50.25

Senior Class T-Shirts: \$18



"The most money was spent on my car."
—Ebony Ford

"I have spent the most money on my Jeep."
—Jared Anderson

"My graduation expenses were the most expensive."
—Tanner Stark

"To be honest with you, I have spent the most money on tanning."
—Rebecca Ova

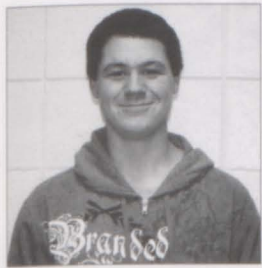
"I think I spent the most money on all the cap, gown, and announcement stuff."
—Britney Shipman

"My squirrel necklace; it was \$10,000."
—Ariel Adger

"I had to pay for my cap, gown, and tassels, so I think that was the most expensive."
—Ethan Jenkins

"Gas is expensive for me because I have to drive to school from Shawnee."
—Lindsey Johnson

Favorite Senior Memories...



"Going to sub-state for soccer."
—Kyle Toland



"Just being a senior in general and having authority."
—Audrey Folk



"Dating the love of my life."
—James Carter



"Going to KMEA for choir. It was a great experience."
—Sara Trent



"Going to state for tennis doubles."
—Felisha Leipard & Chelsea Crouch



"Making playoffs in football."
—Byron Williams



"Having Success Time because I got to leave early from school on Wednesdays."
—Corey Carr



"The time when this interview was interrupted by Mrs. Wood."
—James Prather

What did you spend the most time on this year?

39% Procrastinating

20% Working

18% Other

13% Senior Project

9% Homework

"School work. I have finished my Senior Project, so that leaves mostly school work."
—Montell White

"Mostly just work!"
—Rosa Pichardo

"I've definitely spent the most time on Mrs. Wood's homework along with my Senior Project."
—Vernon Samek

"Working and playing softball."
—Sadie Kelly

"I spent the most time on my Senior Project. I was a personal trainer to my brother."
—Angel Solano

"There was just too much stuff that you had to do and get done."
—Tiffany Ellis

"My job at Dairy Queen. I get to make all the ice cream."
—Cord McGill

"I have to work 4-5 days a week and still find time to do my homework."
—Wendy DeLeon

SERIOUS SENIOR STRESS

From the ACT to juggling a job, seniors often feel added pressure

From the beginning of your high school career, the goal of becoming a senior is an exciting and overwhelming dream. Now that we have finally reached this dream, most seniors are eager to finish it, but scared at the same time.

To get there, however, most seniors must face many challenging and unexpected obstacles. Taking the ACTs or completing college applications are just the beginning of many stresses that a senior has to face. Sometimes there seems to be more stress than there is fun.

At least that's how Lisa Rogers feels.

"Senior year is very stressful because it feels like there's so much to do within so little time," Rogers said.

As the year goes by, seniors wake up and get closer to reality. All of the expenses of being a senior pile up as well as stress. From juggling a job to completing the Senior Project, seniors are pulled in many different directions,

resulting in added pressure.

Most students feel the senior research paper is the biggest stress on their list, which ties in with the Senior Project.

"Having to do the Senior Project outside of school and dealing with the work inside of school is overwhelming," Samantha Chavez said.

In addition, knowing that this is your last chance to make a difference, to pull your grades up, to go to State in football, or to achieve that one last dream you've been dreaming since your freshman year only adds to the anxiety.

It all comes down to this: it's your last year to be a kid before you enter the world and face much bigger obstacles.

"I'm not ready to grow up and face the world," Rachel Trent said. "It's scary and exciting all at the same time."

■ Alyssa Kelly



Ashley Eckstein

Senior Ashley Eckstein said her senior stress came mostly from balancing her outside-of-school responsibilities in the National Guard with school.

"I joined the Guard two years ago, which means I spend every other weekend there training to be in the Army," Eckstein said.

Like every senior, Eckstein felt added stress from her senior project.

"I was more stressed about my senior research paper more than anything," she said. "I knew if I didn't finish my Senior Project, then I wouldn't graduate."

■ Alyssa Kelly



Katie Kobialka

For many seniors, the Senior Project seems to be the greatest cause of stress, and this was definitely the case for Katie Kobialka.

For her project, Kobialka decided to write a memoir of her grandmother's time in German concentration camps.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Kobialka became very ill, and Katie was forced to make major adjustments.

"I was really freaked out over the project and felt even more overwhelmed when things didn't work out," Kobialka said.



Kobialka also felt pressured by taking the ACT, her school life, and not to mention, having a job.

■ Alyssa Kelly



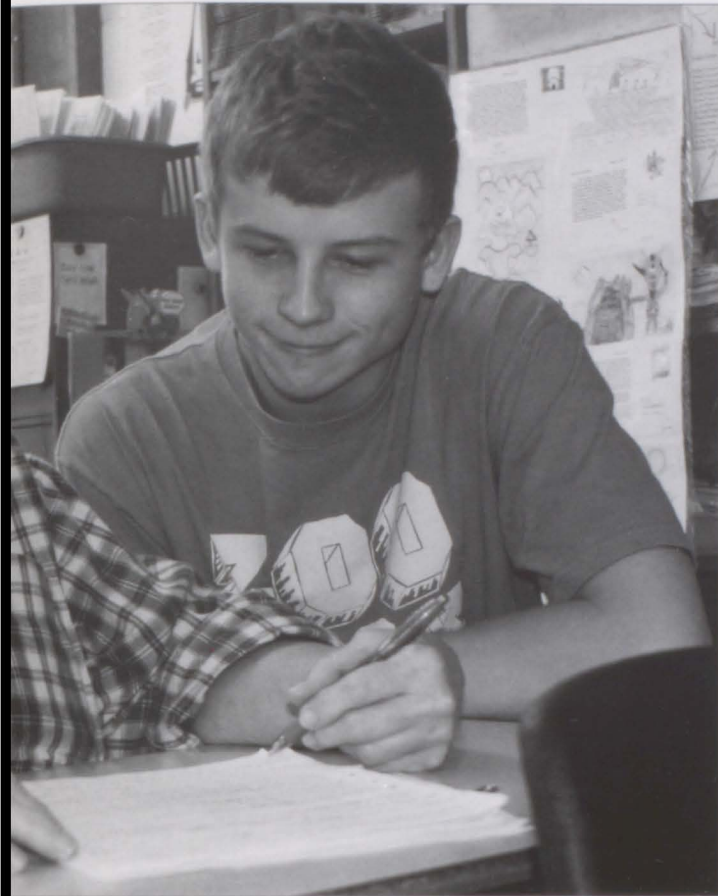
"I've been really stressed out this year because I procrastinated. I always waited until the last minute to do things. I worked 30 hours a week at Nebraska Furniture Mart, so I was always really tired when I got home and had to force myself to do my homework."

— Kate Cheatham



"My senior year was a lot more stressful than I imagined it would be because I took three college classes. With that, and other stresses added on, trying to maintain a 4.0 was quite a challenge."

— Ryan Bush



Reciting one of many presentations in her World Literature class, Megan Laver retells the story of Beowulf and Grendel. "At first I was a little nervous about giving presentations, but with all the practice I soon felt comfortable," Laver said. **Getting assistance on his senior paper**, Chad Way works with English teacher Chris Wood. "Mrs. Wood's class was a real challenge with all the homework," Way said.



"Senior Project was definitely the most stressful task. I volunteered at Mother-to-Mother, a group that helps moms who are currently suffering from poverty. I think being new to the school made the Senior Project more difficult for me because I wasn't expecting it."

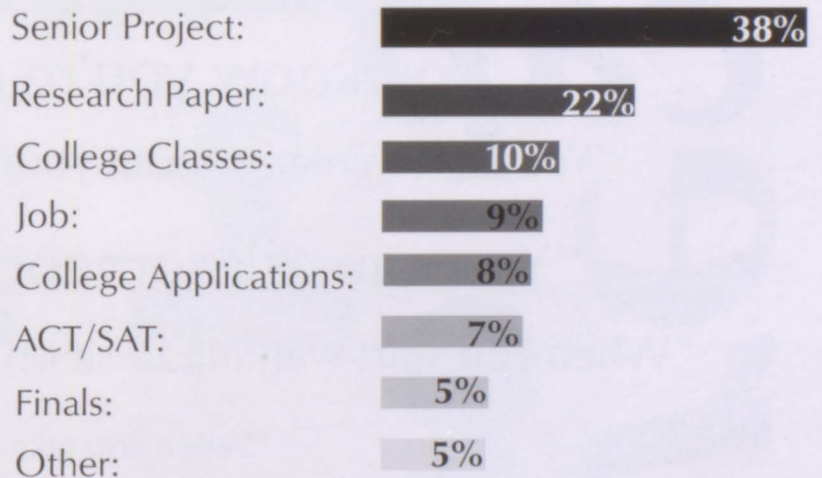
—Sam Tadlock

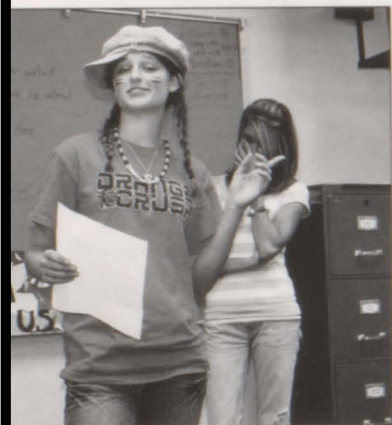
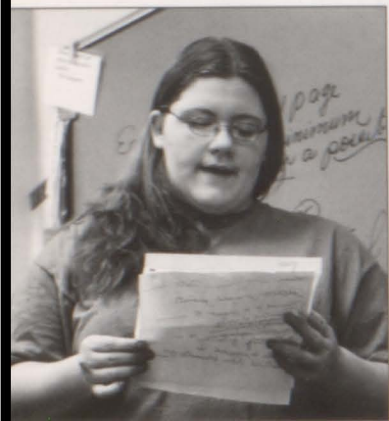
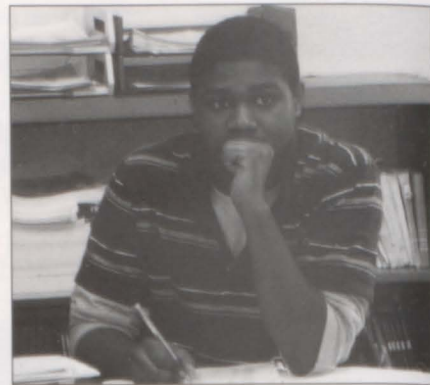
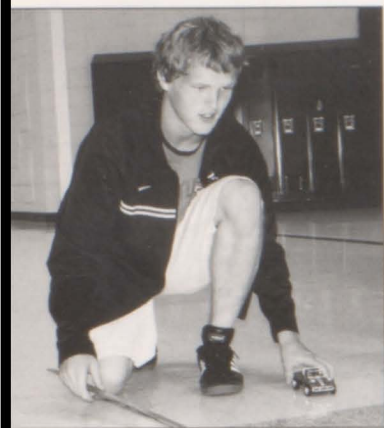


"The most stressful thing for me was my Senior Project, which was a charity golf tournament. The main problem came when it rained that day, and we had to put everything on hold for awhile. Eventually, we did get to have it and all profits were donated to Harvesters."

—Justin Padelli

What is the most stressful thing about your senior year?





Clockwise from left: Adam Shirley, Brittany Bennett, J.P. Holley, DeAundre Rudolph, a group of juniors enjoying the fall pep assembly, Stefanie Sprenkle, and Kasey Stirling.

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You know you're a junior when...

"You start thinking about your senior project."

"You can ask someone to prom."

"When you start wanting to sit on the senior benches."

"When you take the ACT."



Sherri Abernathy
Chelsea Allen
Austin Anderson
Jeffrey Antill
Brooke Babbitt
Kim Bailey



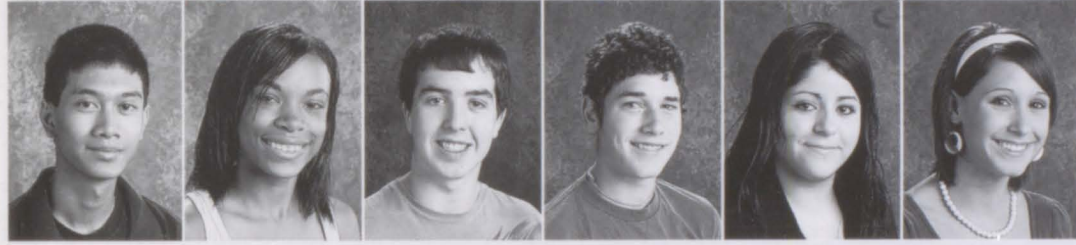
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Mariah Burris
Erika Busch



Stephen Call
Anthony Camp
James Canada
Ryan Cartwright
Casey Castaneda
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Perry Chareunsavanh
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Amanda Couch

What is your worst fear?

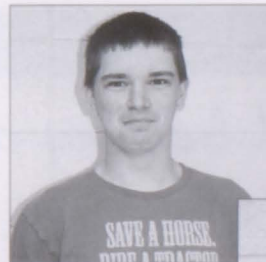
"Spiders."

■ Brooke Babbitt, 11



"Getting hit by a car."

■ Kaleb Black, 11



Chance Crawford
Stephon Crump
Alexis Crumrine
Zachary Dean
Nancy DeLeon
Emily Denton



Ernesto Diaz
Renee Drury
Valencia Duarte
Wes Dugan
Anthony Ellingsworth
Julius Ellis



Ricky Englehart
Chris Faucette
SyKnese Fields
Michael Fossett
Nick Francis
Nancy Garcia



Zach Gharst
Julia Glenn
Sandy Gomez
Daniel Gonzalez
Beau Green
Caitlin Grimes



Ashley Guggenheim
Cali Hackney
Ashlee Harding
Tanya Harter
Cherelle Henderson
Irene Hernandez



Iris Hernandez
Armando Herrera
Isabel Herrera
Michelle Hicks
Joyce Hilario
Courtney Hill



If you could be any candy, what would you be?

"Hot Tamales, because they are spicy and sweet."

■ Oscar Sanchez, 11



"Three Musketeers"

■ Katrina Stogner, 11



Joshua Hoglund
J.P. Holley
Teran Holter
Seria Homes
Brandy Hoover
Anna Hutchison



Ethan Isaacs
Tera Isenhour
John Jenkins
Ashlee Johnson
Lindsay Johnson
Raquel Johnson



Tiara Jones
Joey Karl
Adam Knight
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Kyle Leitner
Jaclyn Lira
Nate Lloyd
Brittany Logan
Cortney Mamie
Nick Mance



Tanner McCleary
Janel Mejia
Aubree Miller
Mary Miller
Meghan Miller
Brandon Mills



Isaac Mills
Jacob Morris
Joshua Mulich
Ashley Nachbar
Anna Nelson
Brien Newton

Who is your favorite artist or band?

"Ludacris"

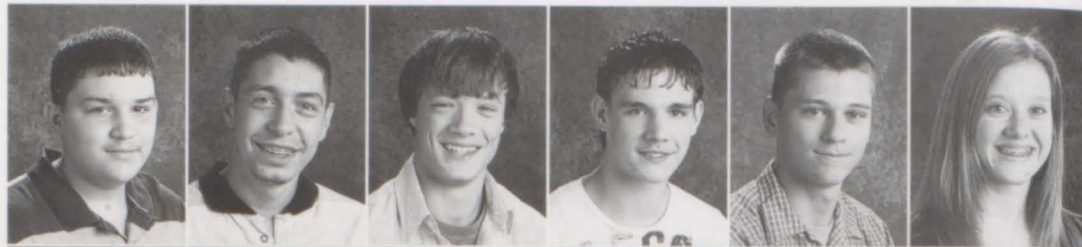
■ Garron Wayne, 11



"Alacranes"

■ Anna Hutchison, 11

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 Michael Palcher
 Garrett Parker
 Anthony Pascazi
 Bryce Peterson
 Cara Poe



Starian Porchia
 Cindi Price
 Breanna Putnam
 Adrianna Radford
 Layna Ragland
 Amanda Rhodes



James Richardson
 Chris Rick
 Laura Rink
 Nicole Rittinghouse
 John Roden
 Nick Roland



Katrina Rollins
 DeAundre Rudolph
 Oscar Sanchez
 Miesha Saxton
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Chris Smith
 Cristhian Soliz
 Monica Sorensen
 Alex Soto
 Stefanie Sprenkle
 Krystal Stanton



Who would play you in a movie about your life?

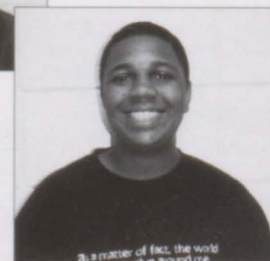
"Gabrielle Union. She always plays a strong character."

■ **Cherelle Henderson, 11**



"Will Smith because he's a good actor and he could portray me well."

■ **Daniel Simmons, 11**





Cori Stapleton
Kasey Stirling
Katrina Stogner
Zandra Storms
Alex Sullivan
Cody Sullivan



Cole Tadlock
Luke Terrell
Kristina Tilden
Brent Tiner
Ashley Tinsley
Amanda Trent



Lucas Tuckel
Silvia Villaneda
Jeremy Walker
Jonathan Walker
Michael Walker
LeDrue Wall



Olivia Walterman
Jhavonne Waters
Yeaulonne Waters
Garron Wayne
Cole Wiedenmann
Brittany Winfield



Kaley Withers
Lacie Wood
Samantha Zook

Who is your hero and why?

"My daddy, because he is always there for me."

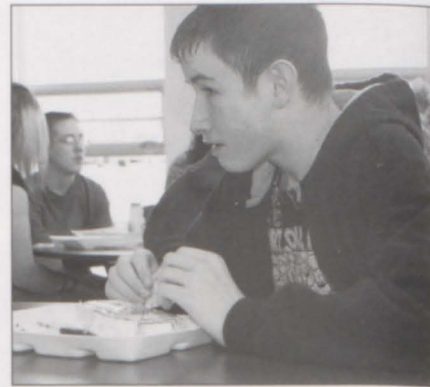
■ *Brien Newton, 11*



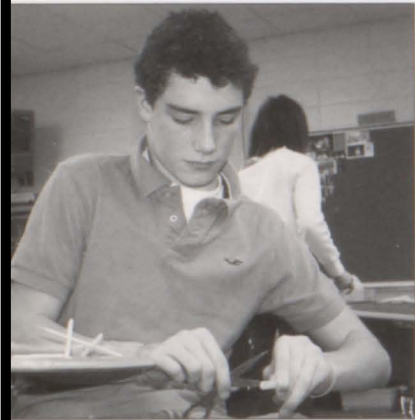
"Captain Underpants. He has high self-esteem and wears underpants."

■ *Nikki Rittinghouse, 11*





Clockwise from left: Kelly Chastain, Chris Jenkins, Alex Argudo, Joseph Trinkle, David Katosh, Lynsey Ostman, Chelsee Peters, Candace Hightower, and Brandon Eastland.



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You know you're a sophomore when...

"You can drive yourself to school."

"You get to order a class ring."

"When you don't have to take a social studies class."

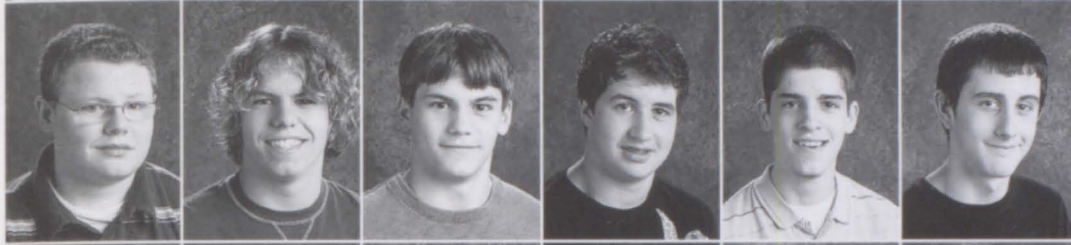
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Mandi Adams
Sabrina Adkins
Hugo Aguirre
Oscar Aguirre
Jordan Alden



Amy Anderson
Alex Argudo
Kerriann Arnold
Anahy Arzabala
William Baker
Brooks Ballou



Austin Barnes
Jake Barren
Max Barren
Ryan Bartels
Jacob Barton
Kevin Beashore



Chris Bickley
Martin Birch
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Bradley Brewer
Dominic Brison



D.J. Brooks
Major Brooks
Cara Brown
Jonathon Brown
Michael Brown
Justin Buehler

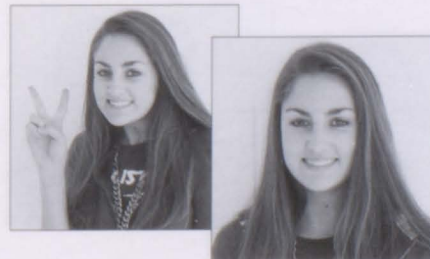
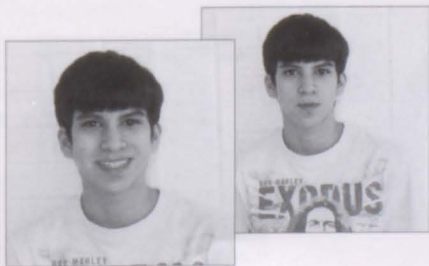


Brady Burton
Katie Burton
Ryan Butner
Xavier Capalla
Jenna Caquelin
Anthony Catron

What do you do in your spare time?

"I eat, watch TV and hang with friends."

■ Michael Marquez, 10



"I show dogs."

■ Shelby Ney, 10

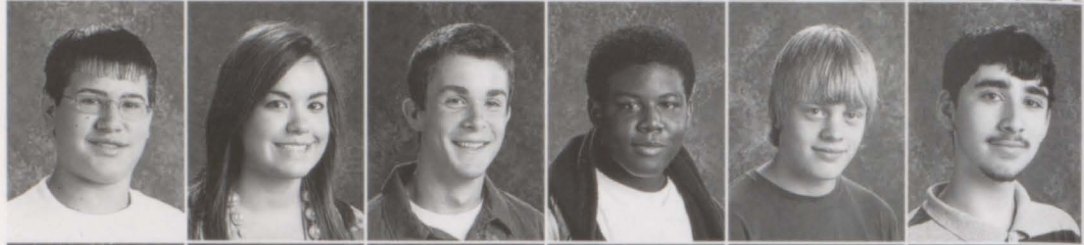
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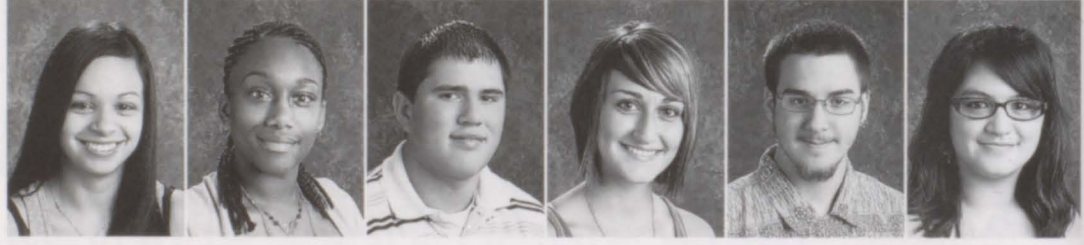
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Taelor Falconer



Yvette Flores
LaTrena Floyd
Clarence Forshey
Meg Fowler
Robert Fraunderter
Sarah Freeby



What is your "true" color?

"Silver."

■ Ariel Williams, 10



"Green."

■ Morgan Storey, 10





Justin Friend
Andrew Galvin
Melissa Garcia
Nancy Garcia
Jeremy Gaskin
Dani Green



Elizabeth Grinter
Jerry Groves
Samantha Haas
Brianna Hand
Gabriela Hardin
Mike Harman



Emily Herre
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Lyndie Kill
Joshua King
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We say orange, you say...

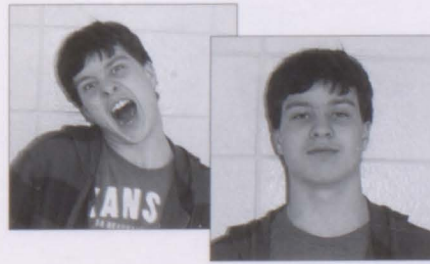
"Braves."

■ Teresa Dornberger, 10

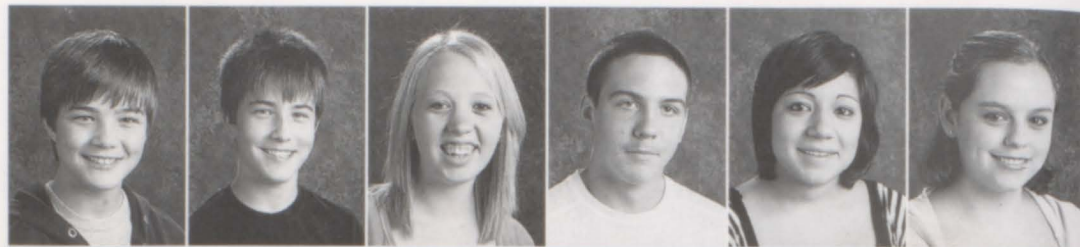


"Juice."

■ Michael Harman, 10



Nick Leipard
Blaine Lewis
Brittani Littlejohn
Jake Loehr
Sara Loeza
Kayla Loftiss



Vanessa Lugo
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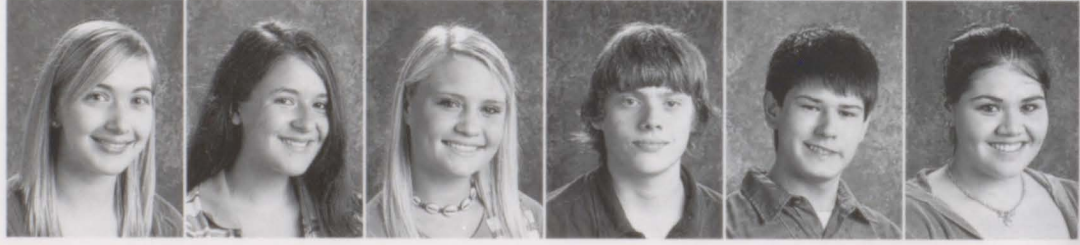
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Ebony Newton
Shelby Ney
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Flora Nyakatura



Lynsey Ostman
Karleigh Paine
Chelsea Parr
Nick Patton
Ted Pauley
Sabra Penix



If you could be any age forever, what age and why?

"In my 20's, because I like to stay young."

■ Major Brooks, 10



"21, because you have the right to do anything, but you are not too old."

■ Emily Herre, 10

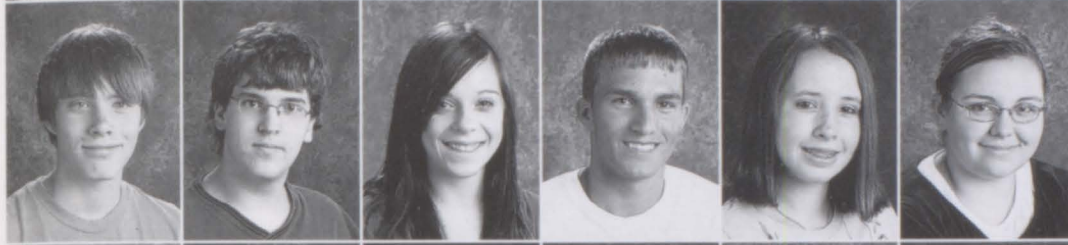




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Jesus Polanco
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Amanda Puckett



Emily Randolph
Tiffany Randolph
Taylor Reed
Darrel Renne
Clayton Rhodes
William Rhodes



Joseph Robertson
Bradley Roush
Harley Ruzsala
Korey Sanborn
Katharine Sanders
Stephanie Sanders



Eric Scarborough
Mark Schmidt
Kati Scholler
Alyssa Scott
Stevi Scott
Tessa Seaton



Curtis Serna
Natasha Serna
Trever Shuler
Alan Smith
Nicki Smith
Roger Smith



Emy Soliz
Candice Standridge
Lisa Stevenson
Chris Stites
Candy Stoldt
Morgan Storey

If you could be any animal, what would it be and why?

"A lion. He rules and he is the king."

■ D.J. Brooks, 10



"A unicorn, because I want to be beautiful."

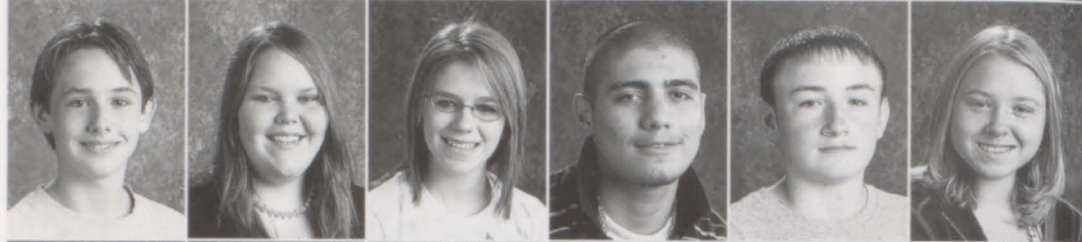
■ Heiddy Ussery, 10



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 Ricardo Torres
 Joseph Trinkle
 Amanda Tune



Carli Turner
 April Umbenhower
 Andre Venerable
 Steven Walker
 McKenzie Walters
 Sam Walton



Emily Warren
 Michael Wells
 Leticia Whitmill
 Ariel Williams
 Malia Williams
 Kaleb Wright



Landon Yeager
 Heather Zamora
 Kayla Zimmerly



Where is your favorite place to be?

"Connecticut."

■ Zach Prentiss, 10



"Colorado. Snowboarding.
 Skiing. Awesome."

■ Chris Stites, 10





Clockwise from top: Jonathan Price, Lucas Isaacs, Lindsay Hunt and MacKenzie Anderson, Austin Epp, Erin Mills, and part of the freshman ensemble choir.



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You know you're a freshmen when...

"You don't know where your classes are."

"You can go to homecoming."

"You wish you had a 'big' locker."

"You are intimidated by upperclassmen."



Kaitlyn Addie
 Oscar Aguilera
 Laura Allbee
 Haley Allen
 Iesha Anderson
 MacKenzie Anderson



Shirelle Anderson
 Taylor Anderson
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 Angelina Barajas
 Lindsey Baska



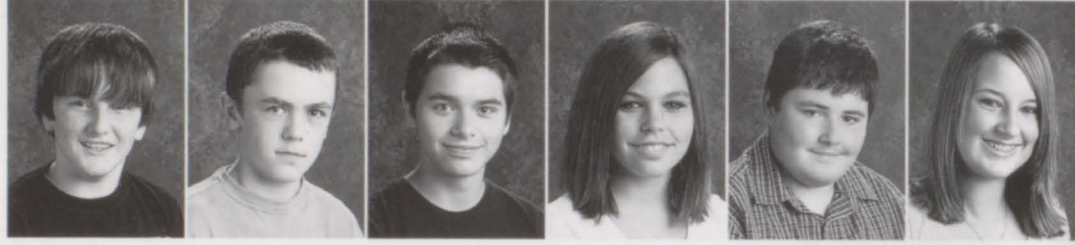
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 Jodi Caldwell
 Brian Callahan
 Camron Callahan
 Matthew Cantrell



Josh Carlson
 Dustin Catron
 Kenner Claiborn
 Alexis Clark
 Brandon Clark
 Chandler Clark



What do you want to be when you grow up?

"I want to be an astronaut."

■ Connor Harrington, 9



"I want to be an actress."

■ Samee Sprengle, 9

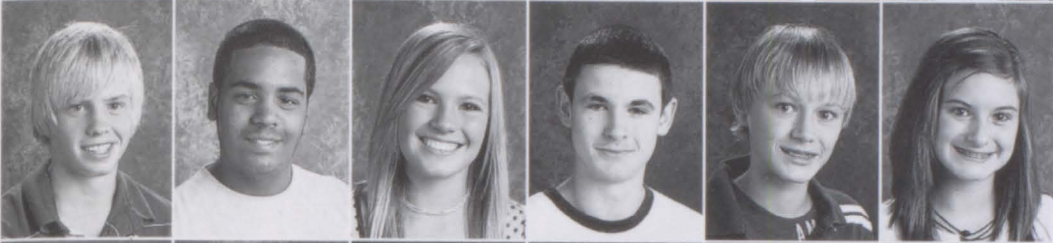




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Kaylyn Colston
Shelly Correa
Chelsea Crawford
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Kyle Day
Tony Dittimore
Randy Doty
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Tyler Dubin
Sarah Duckworth



Cody Duncan
Cordell Duncan
Katie Ellingsworth
Dustin Englehart
Austin Epp
Alyson Espy



Ryan Finley
Josie Freeby
Christian Garcia
Santiago Garcia
Stormi Gaunce
Arthur Gee



Savannah Glammeier
Junius Groves
Lauren Groves
Ashley Hale
Tori Hall
Brett Hammons

If you could go anywhere, where would you go?

"China, so I could blend in and eat lots of rice."

■ Santiago Garcia, 9



"Long Island, Australia, because it is so beautiful there."

■ Alexis Clark, 9



Connor Harrington
 Angelica Harris
 Persephone Hart
 Darin Harvey
 Jessica Hatcliff
 Richard Hawthorne



Collin Henry
 Liz Hernandez
 Jacob Hernandez
 Joe Hilario
 Caitlin Hilliard
 Brenna Hoch



Bobby Hodge
 Sean Holley
 Kaylie Holloway
 Lindsay Hunt
 Taylor Hunt
 Shane Hutzel



Lucas Isaacs
 Chelsey Jeffrey
 Marina Johnson
 Tyler Johnson
 Kylie Jones
 Ashley Jordan



Jacob Karl
 Jessie Kelly
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What is the best thing about being a freshman?

"I like how the sports are more competitive."

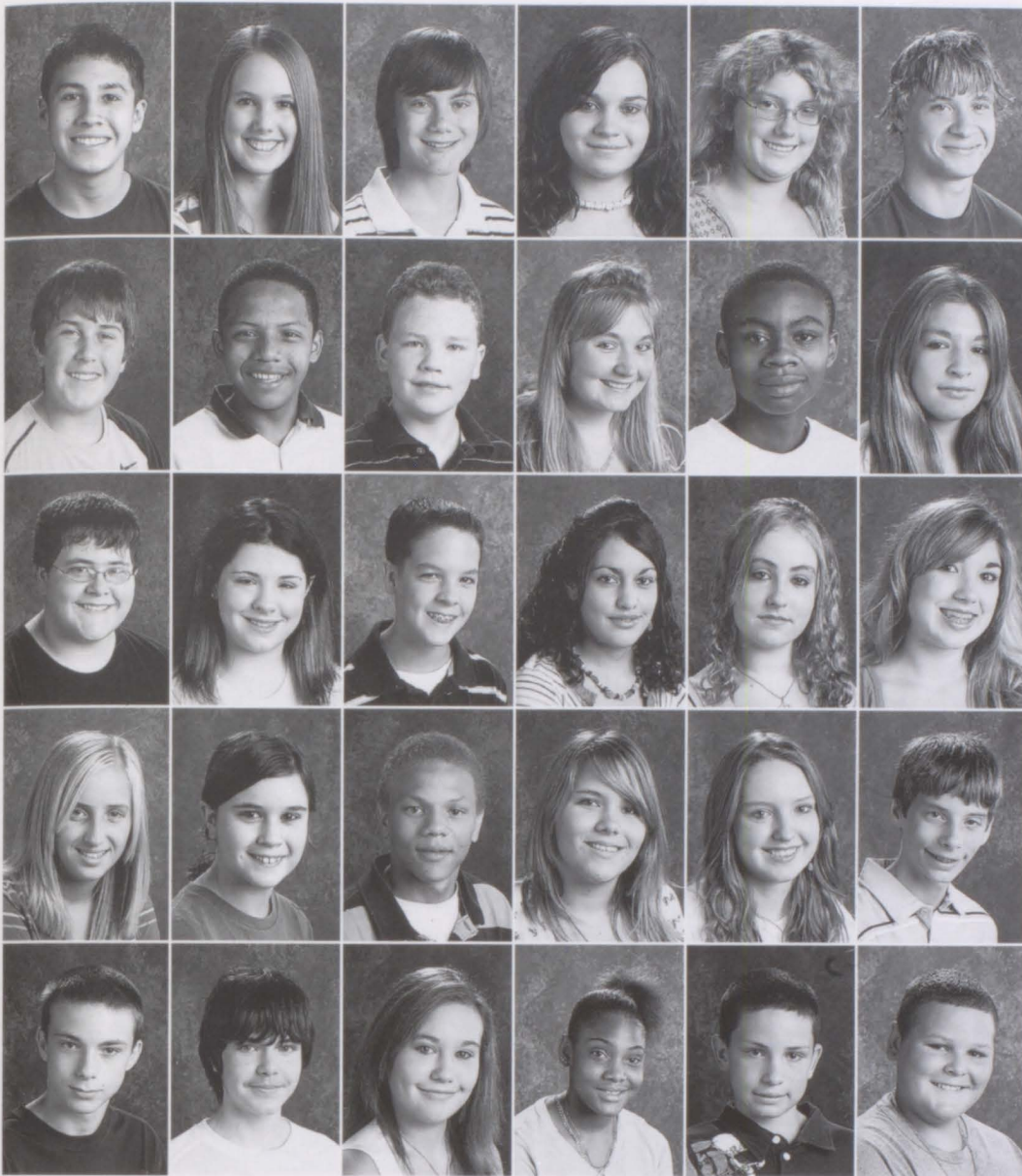
■ Erica Smith, 9



"Having a lot more variety in good-looking girls."

■ Dalton Vitt, 9





Gabriel Leal
Kelsey Leatherbury
David Lewis
Breanna Logan
Danielle Long
Cody Lowe

Austin Lucas
Nicolas Lugo
Jeffrey Lynch
Jocelyn Magaha
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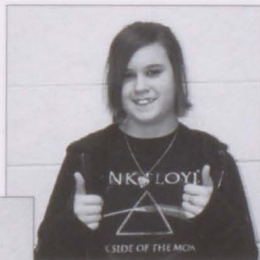
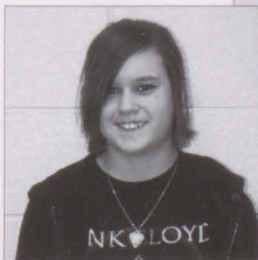
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Robert Moore
Magen Morris
Riley Mortensen
Jacob Moulin

Derrick Nangle
Jake Nay
Joslyn Nelson
Erica Newton
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Logan Opat

Most people don't know that...

"I'm scared of deep holes."

■ Alexis Moore, 9



"I'm completely obsessed with dresses."

■ Angelica Harris, 9



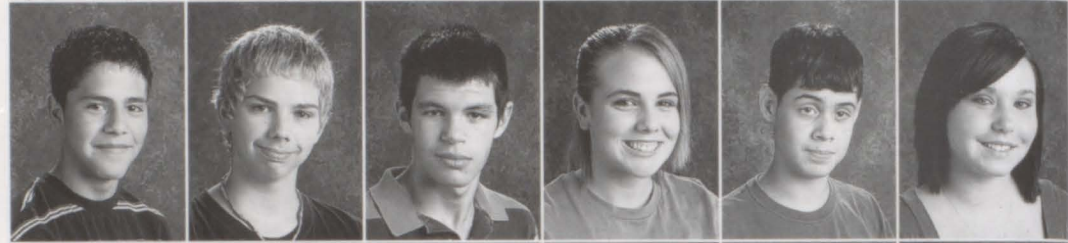
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Ryan Robinson



Joel Rosales
Dustin Ross
Chris Russell
Katie Ryun
Michael Saldivar
Devene Salvino



Maria Sanchez
Chantell Scevers
Caleb Seaton
Amelia Sheldon
Erica Smith
Tomas Solano



Samantha Sprenkle
Karlie Spurgeon
Dalton Standridge
Frank Stoldt
William Storms
Angel Stortz



If you had one super power, what would it be?

"Super speed so I could go really fast."

■ Caleb Seaton, 9



"Reading minds, so I can hear what people think of me."

■ Alicia Palcher, 9





Nicole Strauss
Lesly Sullivan
Charles Taylor
Jacki Taylor
Jessica Throckmorton
Cecilia Trujillo-Villaneda



Allie Twombly
Tyrone Tyner
Megan Ussery
Vince Vaca
Alexandria Vanderpool
Rafael Vazquez



Dalton Vitt
Charles Wagner
Tyler Walker
Joy Wallace
Christa Ward
Kathryn Wecker



Kathleen Wendleton
Dallas Whisler
Destiny White
Christopher Williams
Nick Wood

What is your favorite thing to do?

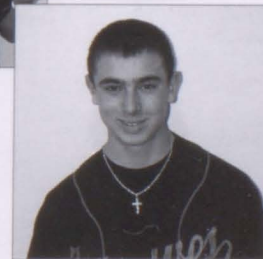
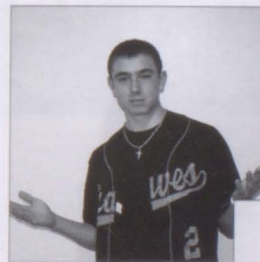
"I love to go camping."

■ Riley Mortensen, 9



"My favorite thing to do is to hang out with friends at parties."

■ Luke Porras, 9



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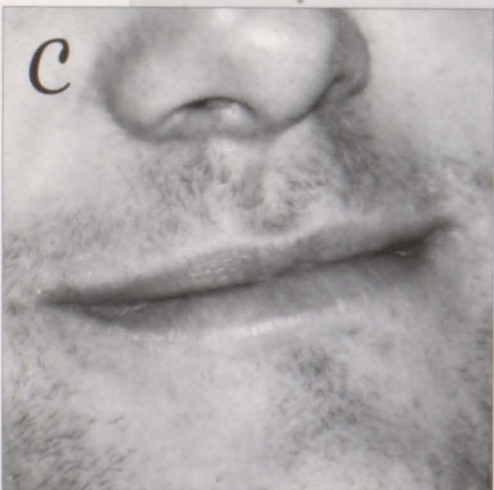
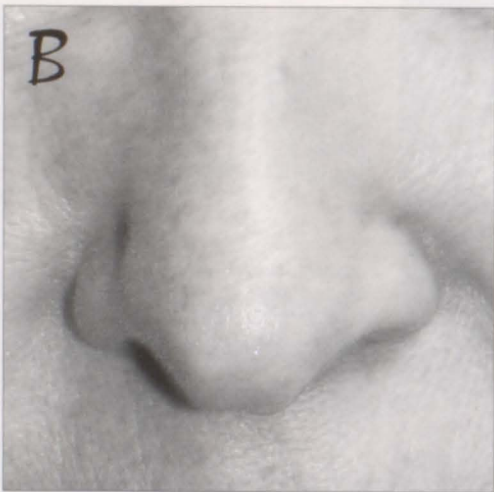


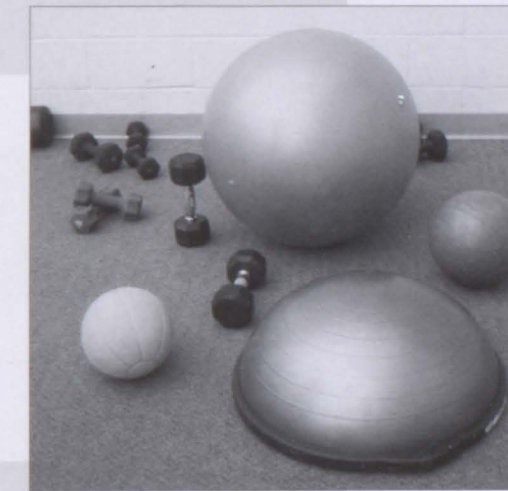
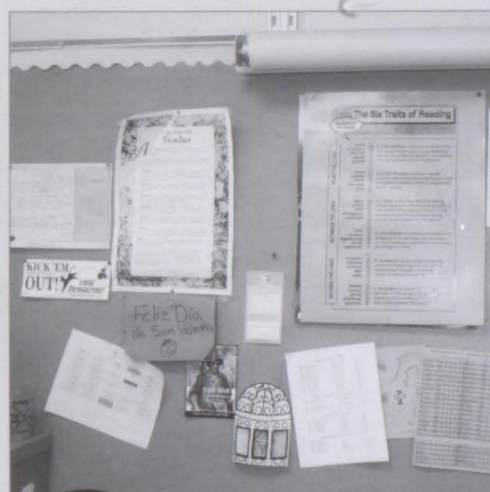
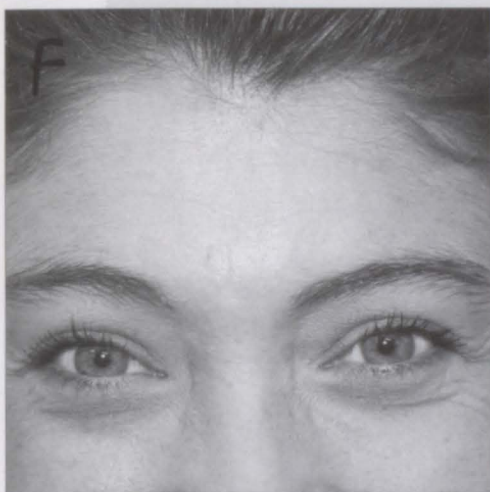
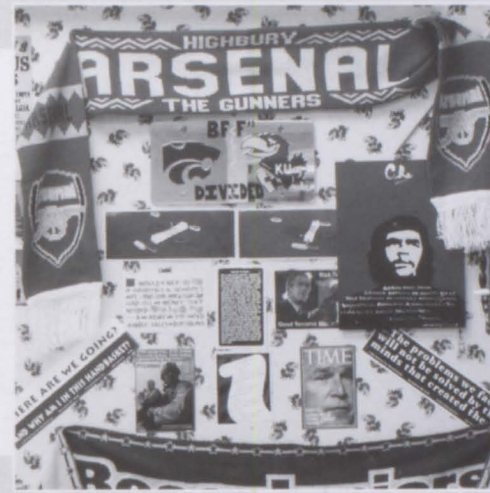
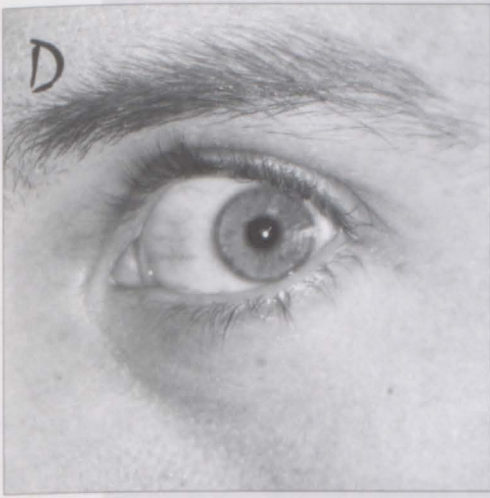
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 Jo Wiseman, Social Science
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Guess Who!

How well do you know your teachers? In each lettered row, you will find a mystery picture of the teacher, a picture in that teacher's room, and a picture of something they enjoy. Will you be able to pass this test?





Answers:

A. Dr. Makona

B. Mrs. Wood

C. Mr. Beck

D. Mr. Fouquet

E. Mrs. Myers

E. Mrs. Schlicht

Rethink Relive

REPLAY

...the final seconds, the buzzer-beater shot, the last agonizing moment before the clock shows zeros.

Do not **regret** your time here, wishing you had been there or done that.

Recall the memories and **reminisce** on the good times.

From the **record**-breaking football season, the always entertaining basketball season, and the energetic swimming, tennis, wrestling seasons, always will we **remember** those moments.

The great musician Bob Dylan once said, "I replay the past. I know every scene by heart, they all went by so fast."

True that they do go by so fast. Slow down, watch them as they **replay**.



SPORTS



Clockwise from top: **Lifting the district trophy at the football pep assembly**, senior Byron Williams smiles at the crowd. **Preparing to flip his opponent**, sophomore Brooks Ballou competes at his second Dick Burns Mat Classic. **Blocking the ball from the defender**, senior Jessica Hoglund stops a steal. **Passing the ball**, senior Chelsea Crouch jukes to the right of her opponent. **Basking in the glow of success**, the varsity cross country runners hold up their regional championship runner-up trophy.



Sophomore Max Barren, #47
Key Stat: Four sacks, 29 tackles
Season highlight: "One of my favorite things about football is listening to Coach Bechard tell jokes."



Senior Byron Williams, #25
Key Stat: Three touchdowns, two fumble recoveries
Season highlight: "I'll never forget how Zach Cohorst always played jokes on Coach Kasselmann."



Junior Jeremy Walker, #3
Key Stat: Led the team in receiving with 10 catches for 319 yards
Season highlight: "My highlight was when I had my big hit against Imac."

Record breaking

■ Talented team shows full potential

Surpassing all expectations, the Braves' football team capped off one of the most memorable seasons in decades with an 8-2 record.

The Braves kicked off the season with three straight wins and then lost a heart-breaker to Lansing, 27-24, in overtime.

"The Lansing game was a real eye-opener," senior Tyler Jock said. "It showed that we could be stopped and something had to change."

Bouncing back, the Braves reeled off a five-game winning streak, clinching a district championship and earning the right to host St. Thomas Aquinas on Nov. 1.

Unfortunately, the Saints were a tough first-round draw, and they upended the Braves, 44-14.

"This was one of my most memorable years in my coaching career," head coach Lew Kasselmann said.

"They need to keep their heads up because there is nothing wrong with an 8-2 season."

Statistically, the Braves put up some amazing numbers, outscoring their opponents 371-175.

Jock led the team in scoring with 12 touchdowns and a total of 76 points. Defensively, senior Zach Cohorst led the team with six sacks and 34 tackles.

■ Chelsea Crouch

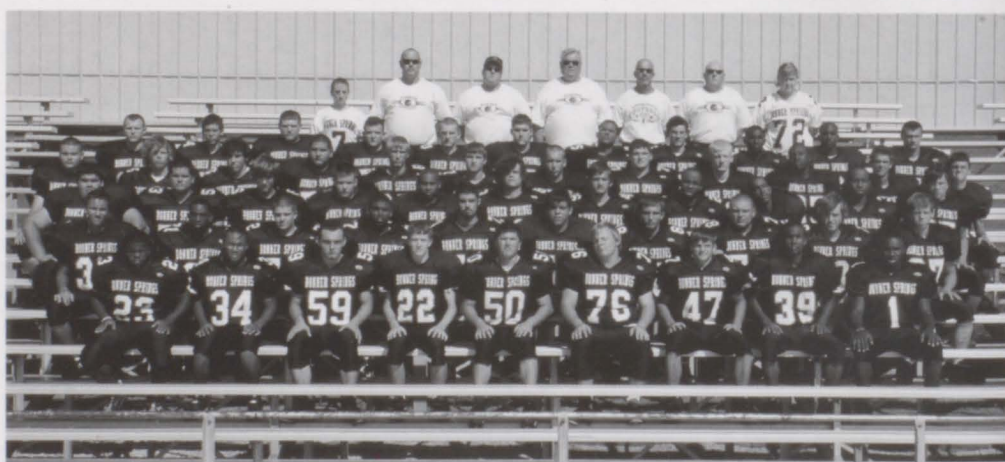


By the numbers

RECAP

	us	them
Basehor	26	06
Piper	25	16
Tonganoxie	30	08
Lansing	24	27
Mill Valley	27	10
Immaculata	57	12
Sumner	49	17
Wyandotte	65	00
Turner	54	35
Aquinas	14	44
Overall Record	8	2

FOOTBALL



Football. Front Row: A. Ward, G. Wayne, B. Burton, I. Briggs, C. Forshey, J. Cook, M. Barren, W. Nichols, C. Hinson. **Row 2:** G. Kruger, B. Newton, J. Cornett, J. Ellis, J. Brownback, A. Solano, K. Sanborn, S. Sanders, J. MacDonald, J. Storms. **Row 3:** L. Sanchez, D. Gonzalez, B. Mills, E. Brotherton, B. Williams, T. Stark, C. Stirling, Jonathon Walker, A. Venerable, Jeremy Walker, M. Harris. **Row 4:** E. Diaz, J. Barren, S. Walker, O. Sanchez, L. Tuckel, C. Smith, J. Anderson, J. Canada, L. Terrell, D. Brooks, R. DeMato, P. Collins. **Row 5:** Z. Cohorst, K. DeVore, C. Weir, T. McCleary, B. Miles, B. Tuttle, D. Hylton, B. Eastland, M. White, L. Lee, T. Jock. **Row 6:** K. Bailey, T. Cottrell, D. Burns, L. Kasselmann, M. Bechard, J. Mitchell, D. Meier.

236

Career receiving yards for Byron Williams

119

Career tackles for L.T. Lee

3,134

Career rushing yards for Tyler Jock

7

Career sacks for Zach Cohorst

Senior Ryan Bush, #15
Key Stat: Made 24 out of 26 extra-point attempts
Season highlight: "My season highlight was when I got my first tackle in our win against Mill Valley."



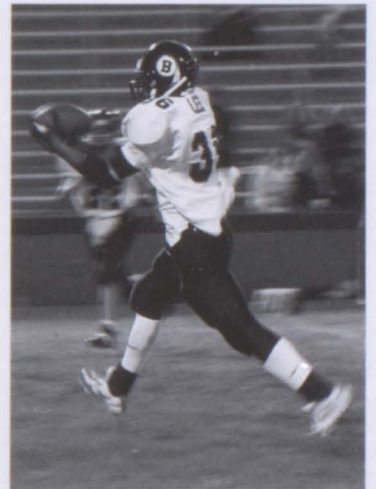
Senior Angel Solano, #54
Season highlight: "Just the thought of us having an 8-2 record was the best part about my season. Also, when we made it to the state playoffs."



Junior Luke Terrell, #89
Season highlight: "I enjoyed the whole season. We were a close team, and we knew how to mesh well together. It worked for us."



■ **Busting through Piper's defensive line**, senior Tyler Jock gains yards for the Braves' offense. As the team's starting quarterback, Jock earned first-team All-KVL honors and was the team MVP. "I was expected to step up and play a role, and I did that to the best of my ability," Jock said. ■ **Focusing hard**, junior Jonathan Walker prepares to face the tough Aquinas defense in the state playoff game. Walker also earned a spot on first-team All-KVL. ■ **Senior wide receiver L.T. Lee** makes an outstanding catch against Sumner. "I was asked to step up and move around positions. I was willing to do whatever to help out the team," Lee said.



■ **Senior Zach Cohorst**, along with the Braves' defensive line, prepares to battle the Basehor Bobcats in the season opener. "Going into the season I felt pretty confident in our team," Cohorst said. ■ **Preparing to make a tackle**, senior Blake Tuttle sets himself up on the line. As a captain, Tuttle had 16 tackles, 13 assists and second-team All-KVL honors.



"Throughout the season we played well, but we started to play great when the time came."
Ethan Isaacs, 11



"I was very happy I got to play with a good group of seniors; I will miss playing with them."
Garrett Parker, 11

Kicking through

Braves come alive in post-season play

Throughout the regular season, the Braves' soccer team battled just to stay at .500; however, as they went into post-season play, the Braves made some changes and kicked their way to a regional championship.

With goals coming from seniors Kyle Toland and Clayton McCully, along with freshman Connor Harrington, the Braves upset Gardner-Edgerton 3-0 in the Northeast Regional championship game on Oct. 24 to clinch the title.

"The actual season wasn't as good as we were used to, but winning regionals was a big

highlight," said senior Michael Bille, one of six senior team captains.

The Braves were directed by new coach Mike Moulin, who enjoyed his first season. "As a first-time head coach, it was an honor to coach players that worked hard and won regionals," Moulin said.

Statistically, senior Alex Perica led the Braves with 17 goals, while junior Garrett Parker contributed eight assists.

"Winning regionals was a great way to end my high school career," Perica said. "I will always remember this season."

■ Nancy DeLeon



Boys Soccer. Front Row: Seth Clements, Kyle Toland, Ethan Isaacs, Damian Duran, Jason Hoskins. **Row 2:** Alex Perica, Garrett Parker, Michael Bille, Ryan Bush, Connor Harrington, Alex Soto. **Row 3:** Head Coach Mike Moulin, Clayton McCully, Chance Crawford, Austin Anderson, Josh Cook, Michael Ducey, Coach Shannon Frank.





■ **Going after the ball**, senior Alex Perica beats a Tonganoxie defender with his great speed in a 9-1 victory on the road. Perica was named to the offensive second-team All-KVL.



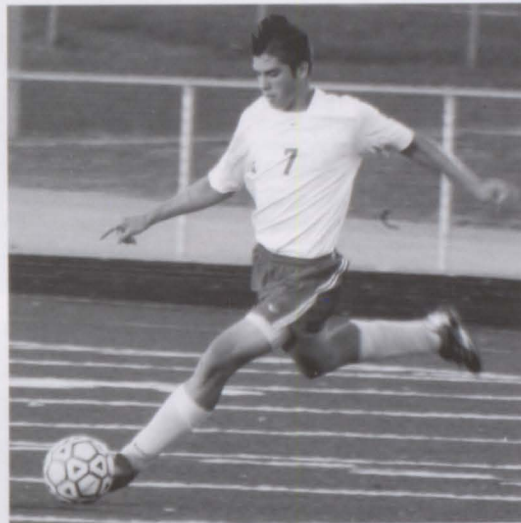
■ **Escaping from a defender**, freshman Connor Harrington looks for an open teammate against Tonganoxie. "Playing with a strong group of seniors helped me improve my skills," Harrington said.
 ■ **Moving the ball down field**, senior Michael Bille makes a pass to an open teammate. Bille received All-KVL honorable mention for his defensive work.

RECAP

	us	them
Lansing	00	04
Tonganoxie	09	01
Free State	00	08
SM North	01	00
Blue Valley	00	05
Mill Valley	03	04
Bishop Ward	05	00
Lansing	02	00
Tonganoxie	08	00
DeSoto	00	01
Basehor	01	04
Mill Valley	02	04
Piper	02	03
Perry	03	00
Immaculata	10	00
Basehor	02	04
Gardner	03	00
Wyandotte	06	02
Shawnee Heights	01	03
Overall Record:	09	10

BOYS SOCCER

■ **With full concentration**, senior Ryan Bush tries to pass the ball between two Blue Valley defenders in a home game. "The biggest highlight of the season was when we beat Lansing for the first time since I was a freshman," Bush said.



■ **Skillfully making a move**, senior Josh Cook tries to get past a Blue Valley defender. "Each day we came out and gave it everything in practice and in the end it paid off with a regional championship," Cook said.
 ■ **Clearing the ball**, senior Clayton McCully prevents an attempt on a goal against Perry-Lecompton. McCully was the only offensive player to receive first-team All-KVL honors.



■ **Pushing the ball**, senior Michael Ducey helps the Braves attack the goal against the Piper Pirates. "Playing tough goals helped us improve later in the season," Ducey said.
 ■ **Fighting off a defender**, junior Alex Soto dribbles down the field at a home game against Tonganoxie. "When we clicked during the games, we always came out with a win," Soto said.

Pulling Together

Bravettes show late-season spark

After losing their top three hitters, the Bravettes relied on leadership from their three returning seniors to help the underclassmen adjust to the varsity level.

"Having so many underclassmen move up was tough in the beginning, but in the end we started to play and communicate like a team," senior Wendy DeLeon said.

After battling most of the season, the Bravettes improved steadily and really pulled together at their own invitational tournament on Oct. 6.

In the opening round of play against Sumner, the team showed that play wasn't over until the final point. After losing the first game to the Sabres, the Bravettes did the

impossible and came back from an 0-15 deficit to win the second and third games and take the match.

"Coming back against Sumner was the highlight of the season.

The girls just put everything together and showed what they can do," head coach Jo Wiseman said.

The Bravettes ended the tournament with a strong fifth-place finish.

Taking Baldwin to three games early in the season was another high point for the Bravettes.

Senior Holly Luke led the team with 43 kills while Wendy DeLeon had the most blocks with 19.

In their final match of the year, the Bravettes fell to Topeka-Seaman 13-25, 8-25, at regionals.

■ Nancy DeLeon



■ **Blocking a tip**, senior Holly Luke keeps an Immaculata player from scoring. "We played as a team and really picked each other up when we needed to, and that wasn't always the case in the past," Luke said. ■ **Keeping an eye on her serve**, junior Nancy DeLeon puts the ball over the net. DeLeon led the team with 138 successful serves. "During practices and matches, we all worked our hardest and still had fun at the same time, which made the season memorable," DeLeon said. ■ **Putting up a set**, sophomore Emily Herre helps the team try to score a point. Herre led the team with 42 aces. "This season the team really improved, and we had fun while we played," Herre said. ■ **Jumping as high as she can**, senior Wendy DeLeon blocks the middle hitter against Sumner. DeLeon was the team's top blocker.

RECAP

	them
Eudora	00 02
Basehor	00 02
Baldwin	01 02
Wyandotte	02 00
Immaculata	00 02
Spring Hill	00 02
Gardner	00 02
Lansing	00 02
Bishop Ward	00 02
Tonganoxie	00 02
Perry	00 02
Piper	00 02
Mill Valley	00 02
Basehor	00 02
Lansing	00 02
Santa Fe Trail	00 02
Turner	00 02
Bishop Ward	00 02
Wyandotte	00 02
Basehor	00 02
Harmon	00 02
Topeka-Seaman	00 02
Baldwin Inv.	8th
Tonganoxie Inv.	12th
Bonner Inv.	5th
Overall Record:	07 30



■ **Spiking the ball**, freshman Chelsea Crawford attempts to put the ball over Eudora defenders. Crawford led the team with a hitting percentage of 89. "Being a freshman it was hard to adjust, but all of the upperclassmen helped me out, which made the season a lot of fun," Crawford said.

■ **Perfecting a set**, junior Starian Porchia sets up a front row hitter. "I really wish we could have had a winning season, but next year will be great because we will be a closer team, and we will have five returning lettermen," Porchia said.



Volleyball. Front Row: Jaclyn Lira, Starian Porchia. **Row 2:** Emily Herre, Chelsea Crawford, Wendy DeLeon, Anna Nelson. **Row 3:** Head Coach Jo Wiseman, Janelle Lira, Holly Luke, Nancy DeLeon.



"I think we had a great group of girls who tried their hardest in every game and all of the practices, which gave us great opportunities to bond."
Janelle Lira, 12

■ **Sprinting to the finish**, junior Isaac Mills does his best to push past his Paola opponent at the season-opening meet at Topeka-Hayden. Mills finished 12th with a time of 18:28. ■ **Running side by side**, freshman Connor Harrington and junior Chance Crawford battle the extreme course at the Ottawa Invitational where the varsity team placed first for the first time ever.



■ **Pumping her arms**, sophomore Tessa Seaton fights her way up the hill at the Ottawa meet. "The Ottawa hills were intense but in the end I had a medal," said Seaton, who finished the race with a time of 18:31 and placed 12th.



■ **The second-highest state finisher**, junior Amanda Trent competes with fire. ■ **Building unity**, senior Sadie Kelly encourages her teammates at Paola. Kelly missed most of the season with a foot injury.



RECAP

	boys	girls
Topeka-Hayden	2nd	5th
Paola Inv.	4th	9th
Bonner Inv.	3rd	NP
Ottawa Inv.	1st	NP
SM West	Grade races	
KVL	1st	8th
Regionals	2nd	NP
State	6th	NP

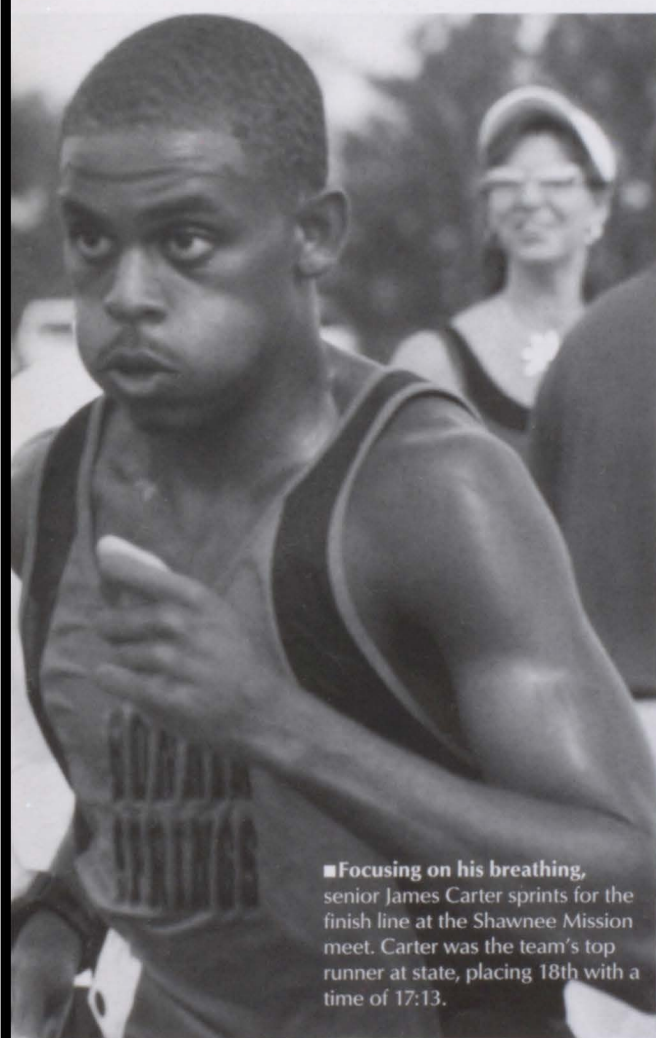
CROSS COUNTRY



Cross Country. Front Row: Nicole Woods, Lauren Burgess, Tyler Kelly, Brooks Ballou, Alex Perica, Ethan Jenkins, Carli Turner, Blaine Lewis, Amanda Trent. **Row 2:** Erin Mills, Austin Epp, Zach Povlitzki, Michelle Hicks, Sadie Kelly, Xavier Capalla, Julia Glenn, Caleb Seaton, Tessa Seaton. **Row 3:** Coach Bill Downing, Chris Faucette, Garrett Parker, J.P. Holley, Isaac Mills, Elizabeth Grinter, Alex Sullivan, James Carter, Meg Fowler, Tyler Johnson, Connor Harrington, Coach Rob Marriott. **Row 4:** Zach Holder, Aaron Hill, Chance Crawford, John Jenkins, Matthew Bille, Nathan Lynch, Bryce Peterson, Anthony Ellingsworth, Kaleb Black.



■ **Leading the Braves**, sophomore Brooks Ballou concentrates on keeping his pace at the regional meet at Wyandotte County Park. Ballou worked hard to help the Braves by placing eighth with a time of 17:30. ■ **Senior Alex Perica and junior Garrett Parker** cross the famous bridge at Lawrence's Rim Rock Farm. This was second year in a row that Perica and Parker qualified to run at state. "There's a lot of excitement at state because there are people everywhere cheering for you," Perica said.



■ **Focusing on his breathing**, senior James Carter sprints for the finish line at the Shawnee Mission meet. Carter was the team's top runner at state, placing 18th with a time of 17:13.

Reaching Goals

Braves fight to become a part of history

With a return trip to state, the boys sliced their twelfth-place finish from the previous year in half with a sixth-place finish this year at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence. This was their highest finish at state since 1978.

"It was nice to go to state and compete at a higher level. In the past, the team was happy to be there, but now they believe they can compete," said head coach Bill Downing.

The boys' cross country team also excelled in the league meet at Perry-Lecompton where the Braves captured the KVL Championship for the second consecutive year.

At league, sophomore Brooks

Ballou (16:50), senior James Carter (17:30), and junior Isaac Mills (17:32) earned first-team, all-KVL honors. Second-team all-league selections included senior Alex Perica (17:59) and junior Garrett Parker (18:01).

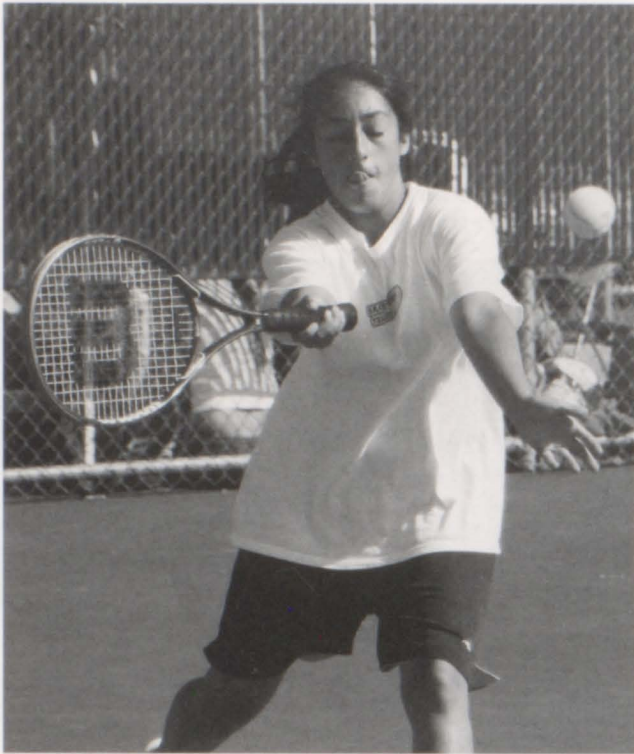


The girls' team also achieved a milestone by sending three runners, sophomore Tessa Seaton (18:39), freshman Erin Mills

(19:39), and junior Amanda Trent (19:49), to the state meet—the most in school history.

"Going to state and sending more than one girl was a big accomplishment," Seaton said.

■ *Cali Hackney*



■ **Up against some stiff competition**, senior Ashlee Espinoza prepares for the return at the Bonner Invitational. Espinoza was new to the team this year and did well enough to play on the varsity squad.



■ **Serving the opening volley**, junior Teran Holter reaches for the ball. This year, Holter played doubles with senior Kelsey Stanbrough, and they placed third at the Bonner Invitational. This was Holter's second year on the squad. ■ **Receiving the ball at the baseline**, senior Felisha Leipard returns the ball to her opponent at the Olathe North dual. "Going to state this year was incredible. I had so much fun this season," said Leipard, a three-year letterman.



RECAP

	us	them
Bishop Miege	05	04
Olathe North	09	00
Baldwin	01	08
Sumner	09	00
Lansing	01	08
Maranatha	06	03
Olathe NW	01	08
Lawrence	06	03
Leaven. Quad	07	05
Mill Valley	05	03
Baldwin Inv.	6th	
DeSoto Inv.	3rd	
Bonner Inv.	3rd	
Regionals	3rd	
State	11th	

GIRLS TENNIS



Girls Tennis. Front Row: Ashlee Espinoza, Chelsea Crouch, Felisha Leipard, Kelsey Stanbrough, Raechel Monn. **Row 2:** Caitlin Hilliard, Samantha Haas, Persephone Hart, Renee Drury, Vanessa Lugo, Jessica Mitchell, Meghan Miller. **Row 3:** Head Coach Bill Scott, Riley Mortensen, Teran Holter, Brittany Bennett, Emily Randolph, Coach Deb Loker

Smashing season

Bravettes prove strength through adversity

The Bravettes' tennis team started the season well with a huge win against Bishop Miege on Aug. 28. It would only be fitting that they finish well with the doubles team of Felisha Leipard and Chelsea Crouch making their first trip to the state competition.

The dual, which was held on the Country Club Plaza, was the first time the Bravettes had beaten Miege in the 29 years that head coach Bill Scott has been with Bonner.

"This came as a complete surprise because we lost so many seniors last year. I guess this is why I keep coaching," Scott said.

Making their finish even more spectacular, the Crouch-Leipard duo only started playing together at the Olathe North dual. "I was really

surprised to be playing doubles, but it was fun playing with Chelsea," Leipard said.

The duo more than exceeded expectations.

After losing to Arkansas City in their first match at state, the girls rebounded to beat Bishop Miege in straight sets, 6-4 6-2, closing out the day with a loss to Hutchinson.

The next morning the girls had to wait out a rain delay, which seemed to take a toll on them, losing to McPherson in their final match.

"This was the best part for me, playing good in time for a special senior season and a trip to state just capped it all off," said Crouch.

The girls finished eleventh, just missing a state medal.

■ Kyle Toland

■ **Keeping her eye on the ball**, senior Chelsea Crouch takes a forehand to send the ball over the net. "This was my best season by far. It definitely exceeded my expectations," said Crouch, a returning letterman. ■ **Waiting for the smash**, sophomore Emily Randolph stares through the glaring sun. This was Randolph's second year on the squad. ■ **Taking the groundstroke**, senior Kelsey Stanbrough focuses intently on the ball. "Coach Loker made tennis a lot of fun for me and made me stay positive throughout the season," Stanbrough said.



■ **Demonstrating her famous "Birthday Dance,"** junior Renee Drury celebrates a teammate's birthday. "I do this for all of my friends," Drury said. "I wanted to help my doubles partner, Jessica Mitchell, relax for her upcoming match."

RePLAY



■ **Splitting the defenders**, senior Tyler Jock makes his move towards the basket. "It was my first year playing, and I believe we meshed well and I fit right in," Jock said.



■ **Taking it left**, senior Chase McGhee dribbles past a Mill Valley defender. "Our season was inconsistent, and we had some struggles, but we overcame all that we could," McGhee said.



■ **Taking it to the hole**, junior Brien Newton rushes down the court for a layup. "This season started out a little slow, but we hung in there," Newton said.

■ **Calling out the play**, sophomore Martin Birch leads the team as a starting point guard. "We all had different roles on the team and we all had to step up," said Birch. "It was a new experience that we had to get used to."



RECAP

	us	them
Lansing	45	52
Atchison	54	59
Free State	50	72
KC Christian	59	28
St. James	50	54
Tonganoxie	50	37
Piper	42	54
Basehor	31	60
Holton	49	60
Pembroke Hill	67	65
St. Joe Central	55	67
Mill Valley	39	37
Lansing	40	57
Bishop Ward	30	59
Mill Valley	59	60
Louisburg	49	65
Tonganoxie	40	32
Perry	41	53
Santa Fe Trail	64	45
Basehor	41	55
Lansing	49	51
Overall Record:	06	15

BOYS BASKETBALL



Buzzer beating

Braves stay positive through adversity

Knowing that they would have to fight their way through the season, the Braves stayed focused and worked hard.

"Even though this season was not successful in the record book, we all learned a lot and gained a lot of experience," senior L.T. Lee said.

One of the main highlights of the season came when senior co-captain Ariel Adger hit a buzzer-beater to beat Mill Valley in an away game on Jan. 22.

After a Mill Valley player missed a three-pointer to seal the win, Adger picked up the ball in front of the Braves' bench and hit the last-second shot.

"Not to be cocky but when I made my buzzer-beater it was a good time for us," Adger said.

In the final game of the season, the Braves battled hard throughout the game, but fell short of beating the Lansing Lions.

"They need to play like they play when they are down 10 points all the time," head coach Ryan Hull said. "I guess that is just how we roll. We do not do things the easy way."

Even though the season was a difficult one, the Braves were able to pull through with some great experiences and wins.

— **Chelsea Crouch**



■ Senior L.T. Lee pushes the ball down the court during a fast break against Lansing. Lee earned first team All-KVL honors and was also selected to the all-tournament teams at the Basehor Bobcat Classic and the Metro Prep Classic held at BSHS.



Boys Basketball. Front Row: April Umbenhower, Martin Birch, Joseph Robertson, Chase McGhee. **Row 2:** Korey Sanborn, Jonathan Walker, Luke Terrell, Jeremy Walker, Steven Walker, Tyler Jock. **Row 3:** Jordan MacDonald, Coach BJ Congleton, Head Coach Ryan Hull, Coach Tyler Lare, Ariel Adger. **Row 4:** Chris Smith, Aaron Hill, L. T. Lee, Ryan Morris, Jared Brailsford, Chance Crawford.

■ **Posting up,** senior Aaron Hill gets ready to make a move. "We put a lot of hard work into this year," Hill said. "It may not have shown, but we tried our best."

RECAP

	W	L
Lansing	42	52
Topeka-Seaman	48	36
Shawnee Heights	40	57
Lansing	35	37
Mill Valley	36	50
St. James	40	36
Tonganoxie	46	53
Piper	50	54
Basehor	24	46
Platte County	40	71
St. Joe/Benton	17	47
Park Hill	64	45
Lansing	43	52
Bishop Ward	43	44
Mill Valley	36	39
Perry	59	22
Louisburg	42	70
Tonganoxie	31	45
Santa Fe Trail	53	45
Basehor	52	62
Washington	39	66
Overall Record:	05	16

GIRLS BASKETBALL

■ **Setting a pick against a Basehor defender,** senior Holly Luke clears a path for teammate Kelsey Stanbrough. "This year was a struggle, but it was a lot of fun. I have been playing with a lot of these girls for a long time, so we had a really strong bond," Luke said. ■ **Making the lay-up,** junior Starian Porchia scores two points. "The highlight for me was playing four quarters on varsity. This season prepared me for what is to come next year as a senior leader," Porchia said.



■ **Taking the mid-range jumper,** sophomore Lynsey Ostman pulls up on a Basehor defender. "There were some bumps in the road, but we pushed through and made the best of it," Ostman said. ■ **Working her way between two Piper defenders,** senior Chelsea Crouch breaks toward the basket. "The season was rough, but we worked through it as a team," said Crouch, a three-year letterman. ■ **Controlling the ball,** senior Ashlee Espinoza breaks past a Bishop Ward defender. "We all worked hard and gave everything we had on the court," said Espinoza, a new varsity squad member.





Girls Basketball. Front Row: Ashlee Espinoza, Felisha Leopard, Holly Luke, Chelsea Crouch, manager Maya Banks. **Row 2:** Starian Porchia, Lynsey Ostman, Nicole Rittinghouse, Chelsea Crawford, Erica Smith. **Row 3:** Meg Fowler, Coach Kyle Razak, Head Coach Clay Oakes, Coach Monty Bechard, Rebecca Ova.

Silver Lining

Bravettes battle through a tough season

With a lack of height, the Bravettes had to work harder than ever to achieve their goals.

"We were undersized athletically, but not at heart or spirit," head coach Clay Oakes said. "As a whole, the season was disappointing in aspects of our record, but was enjoyable in the aspect of having the opportunity to work with this team. They came to practice every day with a great attitude and a positive outlook."

The team had strong chemistry, which resulted in their positive attitudes.

"We had team dinners the night before games. They were always a lot of fun. This definitely added to our friendship," senior Chelsea Crouch said.

This friendship was apparent when the Bravettes played Perry-Lecompton on Feb. 17.

The Bravettes had a commanding lead going into the fourth quarter. Senior Kelsey Stanbrough had six three-pointers under her belt and was looking to tie the record for most three-point shots in a game, which she shared with 2006 Bonner grad Hilary Johnson.

With just over three minutes left, Stanbrough hit her seventh three-pointer and the chase was on for the record.

Stanbrough finally got open just enough to put the shot up, and the crowd and her teammates went wild. She had finally broken the record that had eluded her.

"Breaking the record was very special to me. Everyone was looking to pass me the ball, and plays were even drawn up for me in the huddle. That just shows I have some great teammates," said Stanbrough, a four-year letterman.

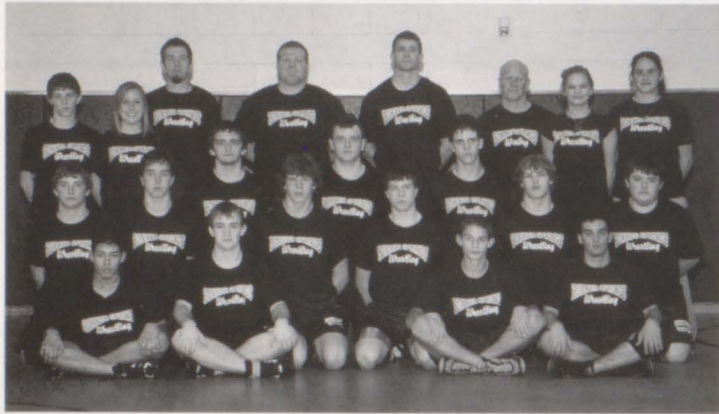
■ Kyle Toland



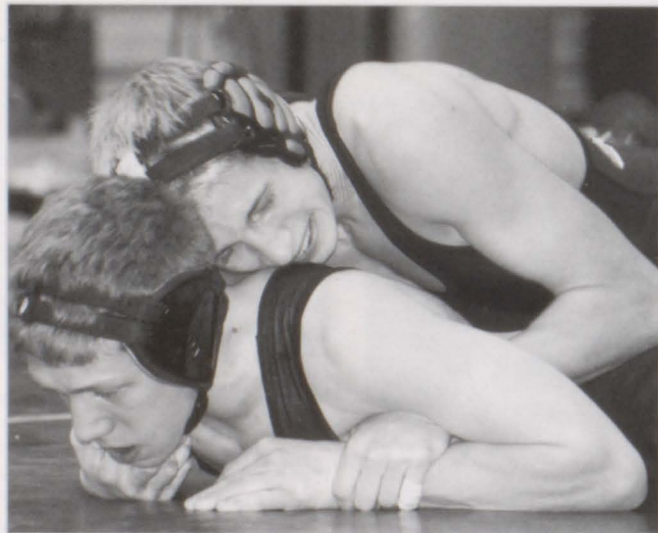
■ **To start the game**, senior Felisha Leopard takes the jump ball against Topeka-Seaman. "Winning Senior Night in overtime against Santa Fe Trail was the highlight of the season for me. It was nice to finish out our home season with a victory," Leopard said. ■ **Breaking past a Mill Valley defender**, freshman Chelsea Crawford works the ball toward the basket. "This season was disappointing, but we worked hard and did our best to make the season a success," Crawford said.



■ **Trying to hold on**, freshman Brian Callahan fights to gain points for the team. Callahan ended the year with a 6-21 record and competed in the 140-pound division. ■ **Putting his opponent in a headlock**, freshman Caleb Seaton earns a first-place finish at Blue Valley Northwest. Seaton led the teams in pins with 24 and in three-point nearfalls with 26.



Wrestling. Front Row: Devlin Caldwell, Zachary Dean, Brooks Ballou, Sean Gippner. **Row 2:** Chris Stites, Patrick Clair, Anthony Ellingsworth, Mike Harman, Collin Stirling, Tanner McCleary, Brian Callahan. **Row 3:** Caleb Seaton, Collin Stirling, Tanner McCleary, Brian Callahan. **Row 4:** Coach Jeff Fouquet, Head Coach Dan Burns, Coach Jacob Beck, Coach Jerry Seaton, Manager Sabrina Adkins, Manager Alyssa Leihnsing.



■ **Struggling to pin his opponent**, sophomore Brooks Ballou wrestles at Blue Valley Northwest. Finishing with a 17-19 record, Ballou competed at the state meet for the second straight year. ■ **Looking up to find his coach**, junior Tanner McCleary works to pin his opponent at an away meet. As one of the Braves' steadiest competitors, McCleary placed third at Wyco and fourth at the Kaw Valley League meet.





Fighting back

Wrestlers find a way to finish strong

Qualifying four wrestlers for the 5A state tournament in Hutchinson, the Braves fought their way through the season.

"The team just kept improving each week by growing and becoming stronger together. Our best performances came in our last matches," head coach Dan Burns said.

The Braves were led by freshman Caleb Seaton, who placed fourth at state in the 103-pound division. Seaton made school history by recording 38 wins, the most by a freshman.

Seaton placed in the top four in every tournament and also captured five championships,

including league and regionals.

"Seaton was a great wrestler who led the team inside and outside of the practice room," Burns said.

Other state qualifiers included sophomores Brooks Ballou and Collin Stirling and junior Adam Shirley.



Stirling spent most of the year on the junior varsity level and then placed fourth at league and regionals.

"Competing at state was the highlight of my season and something I will always remember," Stirling said.

With youth on their side, the future is bright for the Braves.

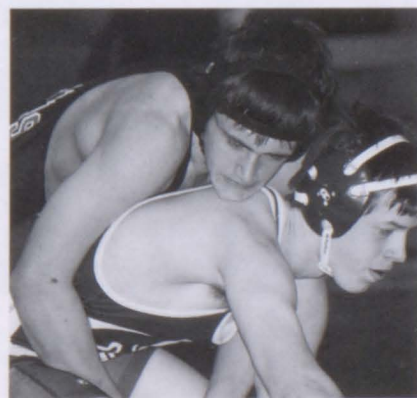
■ Cali Hackney



■ **Finding a good position to flip his opponent**, junior Adam Shirley fights at the state meet in Hutchinson. "It was an unexpected honor to get to go to state," Shirley said. "Although it seemed like just another tournament, everyone clearly wanted to push their limits." ■ **Listening to his coach**, sophomore Collin Stirling grabs his opponent's wrist at the league meet at Lansing. Stirling placed fourth at KVL, which pushed him to excel in the 5A regional meet and qualify for state.

RECAP		them	us
Piper	40		
Basehor	24	52	
Piper	21	54	
Perry-Lecompton	18	63	
Santa Fe Trail	09	65	
Tonganoxie	04	61	
Lansing	09	61	
Osawatomie	12	53	
Mill Valley	18	42	
Overall Record	1	8	

WRESTLING



■ **Going down the final stretch**, junior Matt Bille swims the 100-yard butterfly at the Wyco Championships where he captured a gold medal with a time of 1:20.38. "One of the highlights of the season was winning the team championship at the Wyco meet and taking second at the ICSC meet," Bille said. ■ **Swimming with intensity**, sophomore Ryan Holcomb swims the 50-yard freestyle with his best time of 24.76 at a home meet. Holcomb finished the season second in points with 189.



Chasing Dreams

■ *Braves show talent at Wyco Meet*

With only nine swimmers and a new head coach, the Braves' swim team looked to their senior co-captains Josh Cook and Zach Holder to lead the way.

"We didn't really know what to expect, but we stuck it out and Coach LaNoue turned out to be a great fit," Holder said.

The Braves also added two new meets to their schedule.

"Adding the Wyco Championship meet and the Inter-Conference Swim Championships (ICSC) helped our boys compete against swimmers in our area," said head coach Lynn LaNoue.



Both meets also gave the Braves a chance to chase their dreams.

At the Wyco meet held at Washington, the Braves dominated the competition and captured their first league championship with 90 points.

At the ICSC meet at Turner, the Braves brought home a second place and ended the season on a good note.

"Over the course of the season, every swimmer on the team stepped up to fill their role, and I'm proud of each swimmer who stayed through the whole season and improved in each meet," Cook said.

■ Nancy DeLeon





■**Taking a big breath**, junior Alex Sullivan swims the 200-yard individual medley at Lawrence Free State. "I think the season was awesome, and we finished strong with great leaders," Sullivan said.
 ■**Dominating the competition**, senior co-captain Josh Cook swims the 100-yard butterfly at the Blue Valley West meet. Cook led the team in points with 232.

RECAP

Bonner Springs	3rd
Blue Valley West	5th
Bonner Springs	4th
Lawrence	3rd
Leavenworth	3rd
Shawnee Mission	4th
Wyco	1st
Bonner Springs	6th
Manhattan Inv.	DNP
ISCS	2nd

BOYS SWIMMING



■**Swimming his best**, sophomore Jordan Kraus competes in the 100-yard backstroke at the Lawrence Free State Invitational where he finished tenth, with his season-best time of 1:37.12. ■**Going strong**, freshman Tyler Johnson swims his leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay. "The season was fun and there were many highlights at every meet," Johnson said. ■**Coming up for a breath**, senior co-captain Zach Holder swims the 100-yard breaststroke at a home meet with a time of 1:28.15. "My highlight of the season was our second-place finish at ICSC because everyone put in the work to make it happen," Holder said.



Boys Swimming. Front Row: Manager Vanessa Lugo, Sean Holley, Jacob Moulin, Tyler Kelly, Joe Sullivan, Mike Brown, Head Coach Lynn LaNoue. **Row 2:** Tyler Johnson, Zach Holder, Josh Cook, Matt Bille, Alex Sullivan, Jordan Kraus.

Crowd pleasing

■ Dance team dazzles during halftime

Attending the UDA summer dance camp at BSHS helped to prepare the Orange Dazzlers for many half-time performances and stressful practices ahead.

The Orange Dazzlers started the year marching in the Tiblow Days parade and then danced afterwards to a hip-hop routine, choreographed by captain Shayla Meseke.

Starting off the season with ten girls, five more joined at mid-season tryouts to bring the season-ending total to ten different dancers.

Second-year coaches Whitney Mitchell and Krista Redlin gave the girls the choice of doing only one

season at the end of October or staying on for a second one.

Some practices were fun, and some were extremely stressful, but the girls pushed through them and made every performance worth the effort.

"Dance team was a great experience, and it was fun bonding with the girls," freshman Brenna Hoch said.

With the coaches becoming more familiar with the squad, they cracked down and pushed the girls to their fullest potential, leading them to another great season.

■ Shayla Meseke



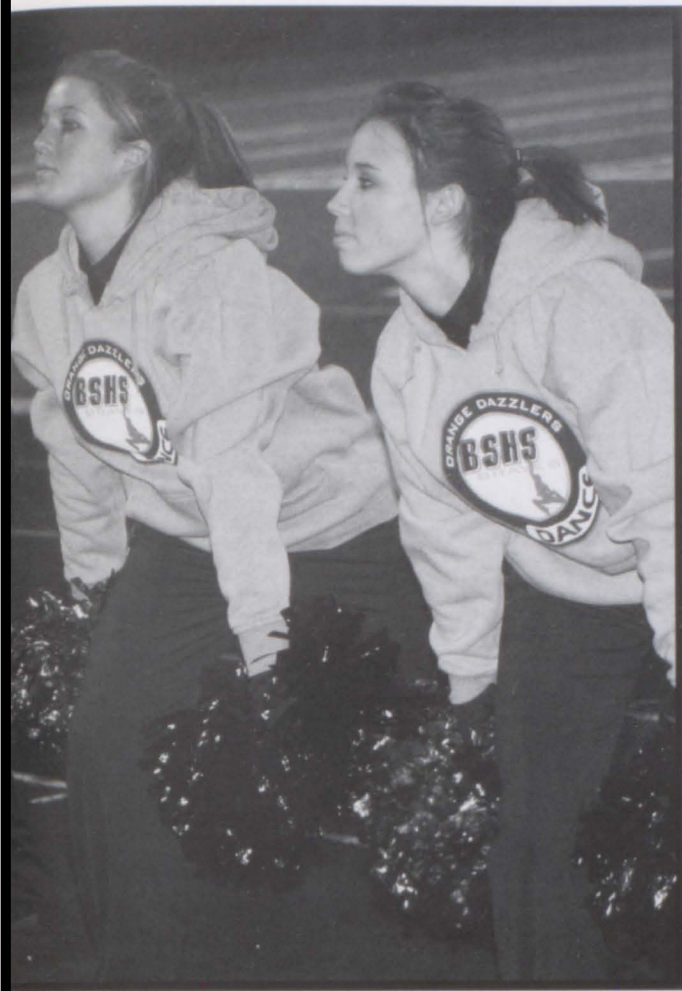
Bundled up in their hoodies, freshman Brenna Hoch, sophomore Elizabeth Grinter, senior Shayla Meseke, and junior Alexis Crumrine cheer on the football team.



■ Front Row: Kasie Cook, Audrey Folk, Julia Glenn, Shayla Meseke, Chloe Williams. Row 2: Amanda Couch, Alexis Crumrine. Row 3: Brittany Logan, Brenna Hoch, Samantha Zook.

■ Performing to the school fight song, junior Amanda Couch, senior Chloe Williams, and freshman Brenna Hoch show their school spirit by cheering on the sidelines during a home basketball game against Tonganoxie.





Senior Dazzlers



"Helping lead the team, I had a lot of responsibility. Sometimes it was stressful, but overall we had a great team and a great year."

—Shayla Meseke, Captain



"This year was definitely the best one. I was able to be a leader along with Shayla, and we were all good friends."

—Audrey Folk, Co-Captain



"Coming to a new school, it was really exciting to be a part of a team full of great girls."

—Chloe Williams, 12



"I enjoyed being on dance team my senior year. It was a great experience, and it seems like we are all one big family."

—Kasie Cook, 12



■ **Starting the basketball season right**, the Oranze Dazzlers perform at the first home basketball game. "We were told this year that we looked the best we ever have. Any good team will tell you that it takes learning and messing up to get anywhere," junior Samantha Zook said.



■ **With a small group performing**, the Oranze Dazzlers didn't let formation changes affect their performance to "Ghostbusters."



■ **Strutting her stuff**, junior Brittany Logan performs for her classmates at the fall pep assembly.

All Star Awards



Recognized for excellence, freshman Brenna Hoch and senior Shayla Meseke were chosen for the All Star award at the UDA dance camp. Although freshmen are not eligible to participate, this award gave the girls an opportunity to perform at the New Year's Day parade in Paris.



Cheerleading. Front Row: Alyson Espy, Aubree Miller, Joyce Hilario, Kathryn Christwell. Row 2: Mackenzie Lee, Kelsey Leatherbury, Brittani Littlejohn, Kelly Chastain, Chandler Clark. Row 3: Harley Ruszala, Laura Herrera, Lindsay Hunt, Head Coach Jennifer Schlicht, Katie Kobialka, Tiara Jones, Brandi Ventura.

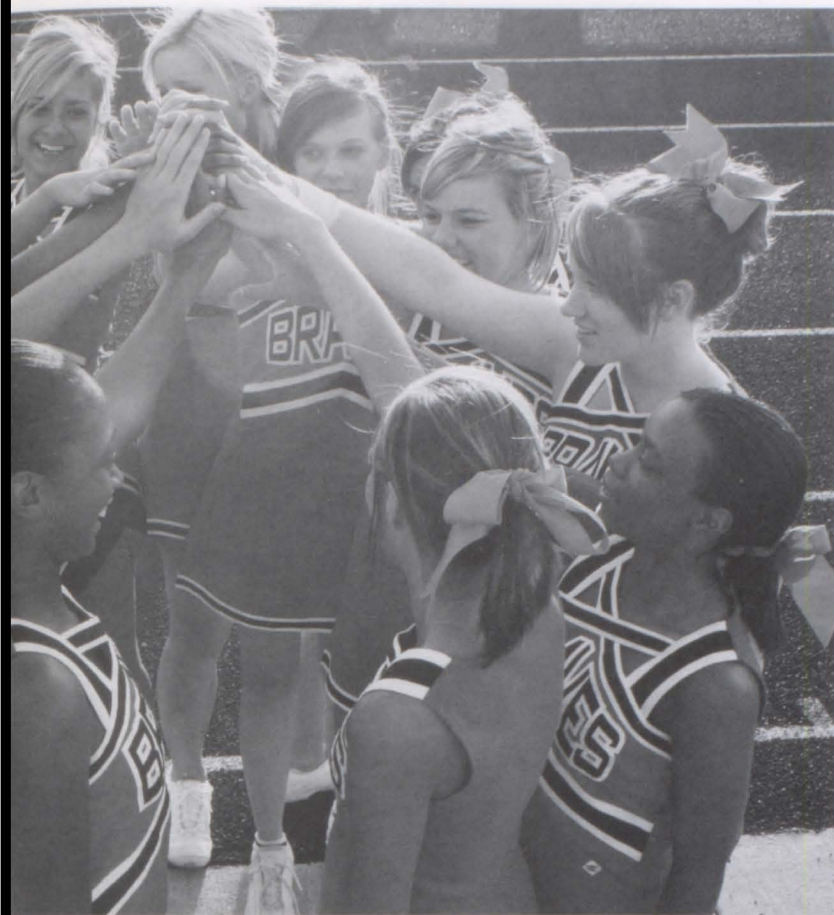


■ **Boosting the boys basketball team**, senior Brandi Ventura chants the cheer as loud as she can. "This year the squad really got along, and that was a nice change. We all hung out and talked together before and after games," Ventura said. ■ **Marching in the Tiblow Days parade**, freshman Alyson Espy stays on beat with the rest of her squad. "Being a freshman on varsity was a great experience," Espy said.



■ **Performing in an assembly**, junior Aubree Miller dances. "It's not a fond memory, but a memorable moment was at a pep assembly when Brandi hurt her knee, and I carried her off the court," Miller said.





■ **Huddling up**, the Braves cheerleading squad gets ready to cheer the soccer team on. "All the girls got along really well, and it was a real fun season," freshman Lindsay Hunt said. ■ **Preparing for lift-off**, sophomore Harley Ruzsala trusts her stunt team to keep her up in the air. "Being the flyer was scary at times, but I always depended on my stunt team to catch me," Ruzsala said.



Flying Braves

■ *Cheer squad defined by unity*

To build a stronger bond between the squad, the Braves cheerleaders traveled to Stillwater, Okla., for an NCA camp during the summer and brought home a couple of technique awards and a Spirit Stick.

"At camp we did some team-building that I think brought us together more," junior Aubree Miller said.

The year started off a little rocky when senior Brandi Ventura went up for a jump at the first pep assembly and landed wrong, tearing her ACL.

"Brandi was a base for the stunts, but when she was out the girls did a great job stepping up and taking

her position," head coach Jennifer Schlicht said.

Ventura was told that she wouldn't come back this year, but she proved everyone wrong when she was able to cheer during basketball season.



An exciting addition to the cheer squad was new uniforms, which were made possible after the squad worked numerous concession stands.

With stronger team unity, there were many memories made along the way.

"Most of the memorable moments came from the bus rides home," senior Katie Kobialka said.

■ *Nancy DeLeon & Cali Hackney*

■ **After fielding the ball**, senior Chelsea Crouch looks to throw to first base for an out against Bishop Ward.
 ■ **Hitting away**, senior Wendy DeLeon watches the ball to find a good pitch. "This season was my favorite out of the four years because we came together and played very well at the end," DeLeon said.

RECAP

	us	them	us	them
Sumner Acad.	08	18		
Santa Fe Trail	05	09	00	10
Bishop Ward	02	05	00	12
Perry Lecompton	04	08	03	13
Piper	03	01	13	03
Mill Valley	01	02	02	01
Tongonoxie	01	14	01	09
Lansing	00	11	00	10
St. James*	02	00		
Ottawa*	00	01		
Sumner*	13	01		
Turner Inv.	3rd			
Basehor-Linwood	02	07	00	09
Topeka West	02	05		
Overall Record	5	16		

SOFTBALL



Softball. Front Row: Ashlee Espinoza, Anna Nelson, Chelsea Parr, Kaylie Hallaway. **Row 2:** Manager Matthew Johnson, Starian Porchia, Sadie Kelly, Paige Hinson, Nancy DeLeon. **Back Row:** Head Coach Roger Davidson, Coach Richard Kiblinger, Chelsea Crouch, Carli Turner, Wendy DeLeon, Coach Kara Wardlow.

■ **Making the tag**, sophomore Carli Turner attempts to get a Lansing runner out. "Senior Night was one of my favorite games this year because we actually played like a real team," Turner said. ■ **Hitting away**, senior Ashlee Espinoza makes contact at a home game. "My favorite memory of the season is when we played on the playground before the Sante Fe Trail game," Espinoza said.



Working hard

Bravettes build foundation for future

Adjusting to their fourth head coach in four years, the Bravettes softball team met the challenge with determination and positive attitudes.

"While we did not win as many games as we would have liked, we competed hard at times, and we played some very good softball," new head coach Roger Davidson said.

Inspired by four seniors, the Bravettes showed steady improvement and growth.

"Our record didn't reflect our hard work and dedication," senior Wendy DeLeon said.

Statistically, senior Chelsea Crouch led the team in doubles (5),

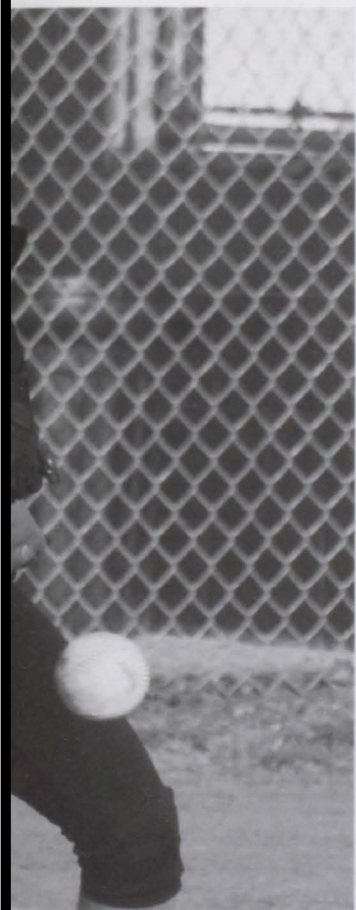
RBI's (9), batting average (.324), and on-base percentage (.426).

The Bravettes' top pitcher was senior Sadie Kelly, who had four wins and 55 strikeouts. Kelly also scored eight runs and had a .263 batting average.

Season highlights included a 2-1 victory over Mill Valley and an impressive third-place finish at the Turner Invitational.

"This team has established a foundation for future teams to build on, and the girls should be proud of their accomplishments," Davidson added.

■ Cali Hackney



■ **Winding up**, senior Sadie Kelly pitches to the Bravettes' varsity catcher, junior Starian Porchia. "One of my favorite memories is playing Basehor because it was a well-played and very hard-fought game," Kelly said. ■ **Scooping up the ball**, sophomore Chelsea Parr prepares to make a play at third base. In addition to playing the infield for the Bravettes, Parr pitched 48 innings with 20 strikeouts and one win.

RECAP

	us	them
Tonganoxie	01	02
Santa Fe Trail	06	05
Santa Fe Trail	08	07
Perry-Lecompton	04	03
Bishop Ward	04	08
Bishop Ward	00	15
Piper	02	13
Piper	03	09
Holton	08	01
St. James	00	06
Basehor	00	08
Wyandotte	11	01
Wyandotte	15	00
Basehor	03	05
Lansing	10	08
Lansing	07	08
Mill Valley	03	04
Mill Valley	02	04
Eudora	00	11
Eudora	02	07
Washington	19	08
Shawnee Heights	00	12
Overall Record:	08	14

BASEBALL

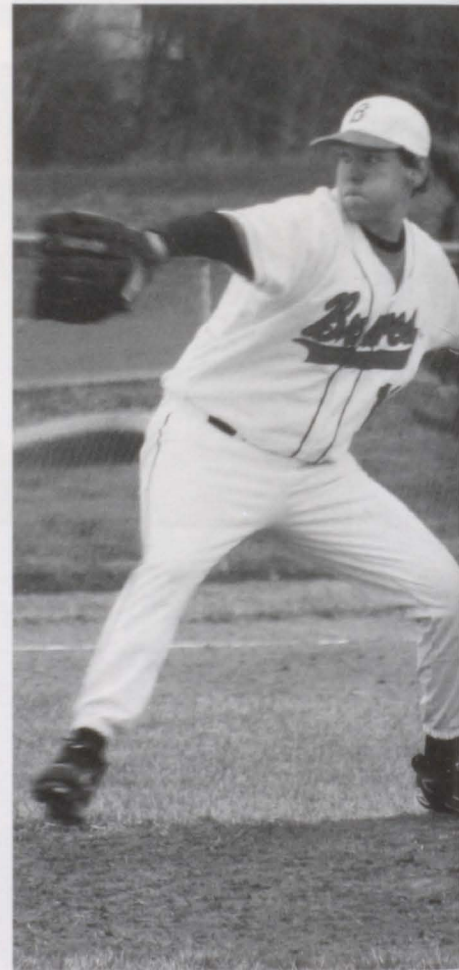
■ **With a full stride**, freshman Dalton Vitt pushes off the mound in a home victory while second baseman Chance Crawford, a junior, looks on. "Dalton had a great freshman year," Coach Rick Moulin said. "He pitched a complete game one-hitter in his first varsity outing against Wyandotte." Despite injuries, Crawford had 18 hits with a .333 batting average and a team-leading eight stolen bases.

■ **Reading the pitch**, junior Luke Terrell gets ready to make contact in a home game. Terrell had 16 hits and was second in RBIs with 11.



■ **Huddling up**, the squad listens to last-minute instructions from assistant coach Butch Foster before taking the field against Holton in the opening round of the Butch Foster Memorial Baseball Classic.

■ **Taking a rip**, junior Austin Anderson puts the ball in play against Tonganoxie. Anderson was the team's top offensive player and the team's top pitcher with a 4-5 record. "Austin was our MVP," head coach Rick Moulin said. "Any time he was on the mound he gave us a chance to win."





Baseball. Front Row: Kyle Day, Michael Walker, Dalton Vitt, Stephen Call. Row 2: Isaac Mills, Chance Crawford, Chris Smith, Kevin DeVore, Luke Terrell, Ryan Bush. Row 3: Coach Butch Foster, Brandon Eastland, Austin Anderson, Ryan Morris, Head Coach Rick Moulin.

Youthful *line-up*

Squad competes for regional championship

With just one senior, the Braves baseball team made great strides and gained valuable experience.

After dropping a 2-1 season opener to Tonganoxie, the Braves reeled off three consecutive wins, including a double-header sweep over Santa Fe Trail, a team they had never defeated.

Other highlights for the young team included hosting the inaugural Butch Foster Memorial Classic Tournament at the Kansas City T-Bones minor league stadium at the end of April.

"It was a great experience for our kids to play on a professional field," head coach Rick Moulin said. "It's something those players will never forget."

Moulin said the tournament was established to honor Butch Foster, a long-time youth baseball coach and

the father of current assistant coach Butch Foster.

The Braves opened tournament play with a 8-1 victory over Holton and went on to finish fourth. Juniors Austin Anderson, Stephen Call and Luke Terrell were named to the all-tournament team.

However, the Braves saved their best play for the end of the year when they kicked off regional action with an impressive 19-8 victory over Washington.

"It was a real thrill to upset the No. 2 seed and to earn the right to compete in

the regional championship game," Moulin said.

Offensively, the Braves were led by Austin Anderson, who had a 21 hits and a .421 batting average. Anderson was also the team's top pitcher with four wins, a 2.55 ERA and a league-leading 62 strikeouts.



■ **Making the play**, junior Isaac Mills fields the ball during play at the Butch Foster Memorial Classic Tournament. In addition to playing the infield, Mills was the team's closer and also established a school record for the most sacrifice bunts in a career with nine. ■ **Bringing the heat**, senior Kevin DeVore aims for a strike in the home opener against Santa Fe Trail. "When Kevin was on, he was a tough pitcher to face," head coach Rick Moulin said. DeVore led the team in home runs with five and RBIs with 17.

Super squad

Braves fare well in tournament play

To cap off their high school careers, the doubles team of seniors Kyle Toland and Zach Holder earned the right to compete in the state meet at Wichita, becoming the third team in four years to do so.

"We always believed we could reach our goal of going to state," Holder said. "We would chip away at our opponents until they made mistakes."

The duo opened play against No. 1-seed Wichita Bishop Carroll and lost 6-2, 6-2. In the second round, they lost to Emporia 6-3, 6-1.

"The score didn't reflect how close some of the games were," Toland said. "Everyone there is so good that it makes it difficult to do well. We could have played better, but we worked hard to get there."

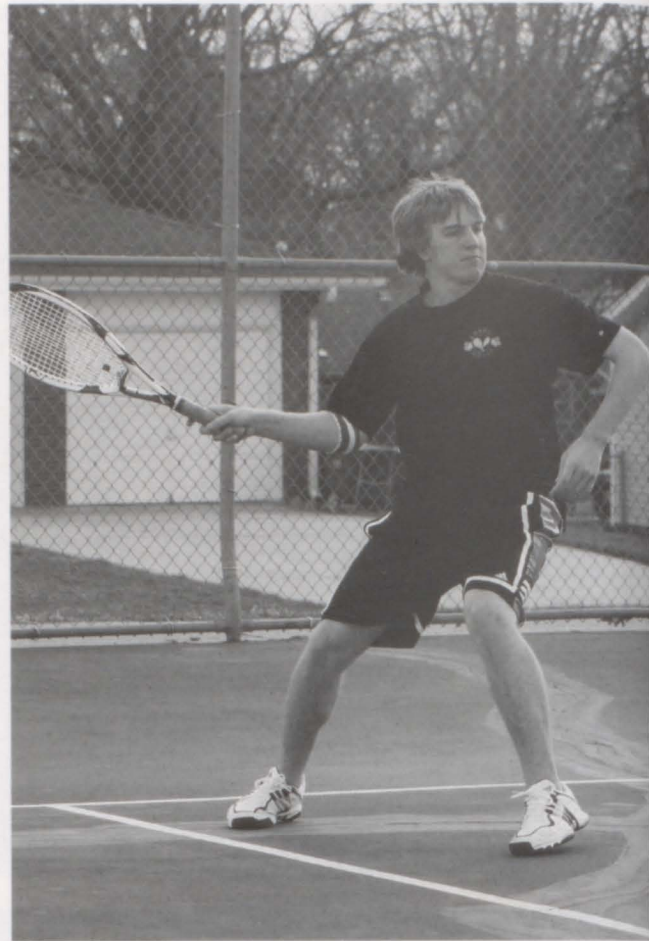


Another highlight came at the home invitational where Toland and Holder battled unseasonably cold weather to win the championship. The No. 2 doubles team of senior Josh Cook and junior Ethan Isaacs also won their bracket.

The good fortune continued the next week at the Leavenworth Invitational where Toland and Holder stormed their way to another championship, marking the eighth consecutive year that a BSHS team has won the event.

"Kyle and Zach were great representatives for BSHS all four years. They worked so hard to qualify for state, and it was so rewarding to see them achieve their goal," head coach Bill Scott.

■ Adam Smith



Boys Tennis. Front Row: Santiago Garcia, Jordan MacDonald, Ted Pauley, Rafael Vazquez, Alex Perica, Tyler Johnson, Lucas Isaacs, Blaine Lewis. **Row 2:** Ethan Jenkins, Zach Holder, Kyle Toland, Josh Cook, Ethan Isaacs, Kaleb Black, Jacob Moulin, Michael Brown. **Row 3:** Daniel Hilliard, John Jenkins, Chris Jenkins, Matthew Bille, Adam Smith, William Rhodes, Cordell Duncan, Kevin Beashore.

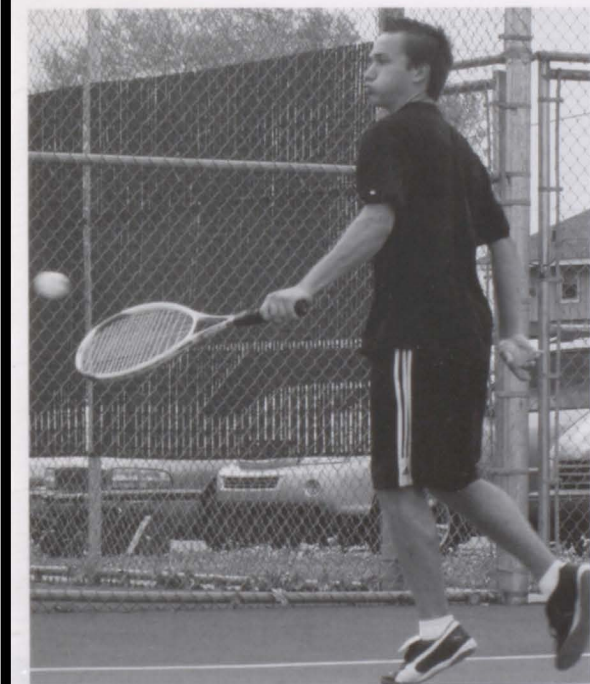
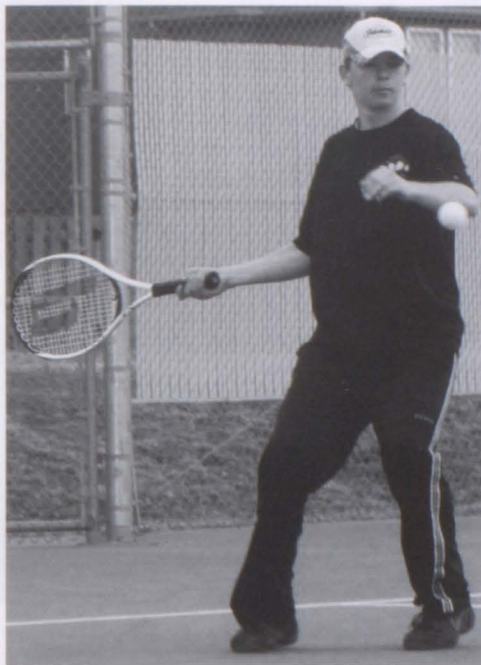




■ **Preparing for a powering forehand**, senior Zach Holder watches the ball intently. "We had a lot to live up to being the No. 1 doubles team, but I think we represented ourselves and our team well," said Holder, an influential senior on the squad.



■ **Taking a second serve**, senior Adam Smith puts the ball in play. "Going to the Mill Valley Invitational was the season highlight for me. Matt Bille and I took second place in the tournament for doubles," said Smith, a four-year member of the team. ■ **Preparing to run up to the net**, Kaleb Black sends a forehand to his opponent. Black, a junior, played varsity singles and doubles. This year's squad had 26 players, the most in school history.



■ **With a slicing serve**, senior Kyle Toland hits the ball over the net at the regional tournament which was held on the BSHS courts. "My goal for the season was to go to state. Zach and I accomplished that, so it was a pretty successful season," said Toland, a returning letterman. ■ **Using finesse on a backhand shot**, junior Ethan Isaacs places the ball on his opponent's side of the net. Isaacs ended the season with a regionals berth, playing doubles with senior Josh Cook.



RECAP		
	us	them
Maranatha	02	07
Lawrence	04	05
Mill Valley	03	06
Sumner	02	01
Olathe North	08	01
Lincoln Academy	00	09
S.M. West	00	09
Mill Valley Tour.	DNP	
BSHS Inv.	2nd	
Leavenworth Inv.	3rd	
Regionals	4th	
State	DNP	
Overall Record	19	38

BOYS TENNIS

■ **With a strong overhead smash**, senior Josh Cook puts the ball away at the Bonner Springs Invitational. "This was my first year playing tennis, but I caught on pretty quickly. I had a lot of fun this season. I wish I would have gone out for tennis sooner," said Cook, one of 14 newcomers to the team.

Boys' track team races to second-place finish, new state record in 400-meter relay

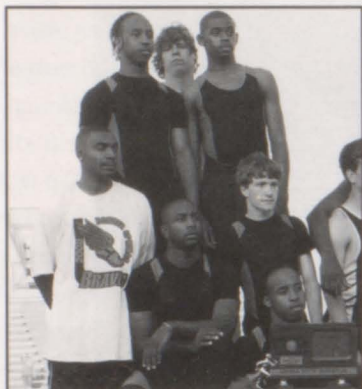
The boys' track team had an exhilarating weekend at the state track meet in Wichita on May 23-24. In one of the most amazing performances in school history, five athletes—Ian Briggs, James Carter, L.T. Lee, Jonathan Walker, and Jeremy Walker—turned in exceptional efforts to finish second as a team. The 400-meter relay team of Ian Briggs, L.T. Lee, Jonathan and Jeremy Walker captured a gold medal and established a new state record at 41.64. This was the third fastest time in Kansas history and the fastest time in Class 5A history. Others earning medal were: James Carter, third, 800 meters; Jeremy Walker, first, 100 meters; second, 110 hurdles; first, long jump, Jonathan Walker, fourth, triple-jump, first, 110 hurdles, first, 200 meters.



Junior Jonathan Walker, left, finished first in the 110 hurdles while his brother, Jeremy, finished second.



Junior Jeremy Walker, left, awaits the hand-off from senior Ian Briggs in the preliminaries of the 400-meter relay.



The team stands proudly on the podium at the awards ceremony.



Jonathan Walker competes in the triple jump, where he placed fourth with a leap 44 feet, 10-1/4 inches.



Boys' state competitors with their second-place team trophy. Front Row: Jake Barren, Jonathan Walker, James Carter, Jeremy Walker. Row 2: Ian Briggs, Aaron Hill, L.T. Lee, Head Coach Jim Mitchell. Row 3: Coach Kyle Razak, Coach Bill Downing, Coach Lew Kasselmann, Coach Rob Marriott.



Senior L.T. Lee competes in the preliminaries of the 200-meters.

Photos/layout by Meg Fowler



Senior James Carter competes in the 800 meters where he finished with third-place medal at 1:58.08.

By the Numbers

68
number of team points scored by the Braves at the state meet

62
number of points Jonathan and Jeremy Walker were a part of at the state meet

2
number of points separating the Braves and first-place Emporia

"State was just like a regular track meet; you only have one goal—to win, and it is very exciting."

—Jonathan Walker, 11

"There is no better way to go out your senior year than with a state title; this is my favorite memory of high school."

—L.T. Lee, 12

"State was really exciting. I don't ever get nervous, but there is a first time for everything."

—Jake Barren, 10

"Competing at state was fun. My nerves really got to me, but I learned that nerves are a good thing, because it gets your blood pumping."

—Bridgett Bradley, 9

Golden season

Braves show total domination

When the track season rolled around, the boys' team had high expectations for a strong season, but no one expected them to return with a second-place state trophy.

"It was amazing for such a small squad to achieve such a high finish," head coach Jim Mitchell. "These athletes gave us everything they had, and they really made the climax of the season their best effort. This was the most fun I've ever had at a state meet."

On the girls' side, freshman Bridgett Bradley and junior Nikki Rittinghouse, also qualified for state in the discus and the shot put.

"It was a real achievement for

Bridgett to qualify as a freshman, and we're really proud of Nikki for coming on so strong at the end," Mitchell said.

Other highlights included the KU Relays, where the boys' team turned in their best performance ever and scored in all events they competed in.

In addition to a new school and state record in the 4x100 relay, junior Jonathan Walker established a new mark in the 110 hurdles at 14.22 and in the 200-meter dash at 21.97. Junior Jeremy Walker set a meet and a school record in the 100-meter dash at 10.3 at the Basehor Relays.

■ Meg Fowler



RECAP

	boys	girls
Baldwin Inv.	2nd	10th
Basehor Relays	2nd	6th
SM West	6th	8th
Bonner Inv.	1st	5th
Gardner	3rd	7th
SM North	5th	DNP
Wellsville Inv.	12th	14th
League	2nd	8th
Regionals	3rd	8th
State	2nd	

TRACK

■ With a smooth hand-off, senior Ian Briggs passes the baton to junior Jeremy Walker at regionals which were held at Mill Valley. The 4x100 relay team captured the gold medal with a time of 42.87.



TRACK. Front Row: Kathryn Christwell, Candace Hightower, Devlin Caldwell, Michelle Hicks, Persephone Hart, Caleb Seaton, Erin Mills, Irene Crump, Joe Hilario. **Row 2:** Garron Wayne, Iesha Anderson, Erica Smith, Meg Fowler, Ian Briggs, Brooks Ballou, Joe Sullivan, Felisa Leopard, Bridgett Bradley, Nikki Rittinghouse. **Row 3:** Major Brooks, Joey Karl, Andrew Foster, J.P. Holley, Jayna Martin, Zachary Povlitzki, Matt Ingenthron, James Carter. **Row 4:** L.T. Lee, Jonathan Walker, Jeremy Walker, Aaron Hill, Jared Brailsford, Oscar Sanchez, Michael Sullivan, Jake Barren, Nathan, Camron Callahan. **Row 4:** Coach Bill Downing, Coach Kyle Razak, Coach Rob Marriott, Coach Lew Kasselmann, Head Coach Jim Mitchell.



■ Clockwise: Sophomore Meg Fowler clears the bar at 4-10 at the Bonner Invitational to place fourth. State qualifiers freshman Bridgett Bradley, above, and junior Nikki Rittinghouse compete with intensity.

Repeat performance

Senior Cody Wallace returns to state meet

Under the leadership of first-year coach Jacob Beck, the golf team improved steadily and achieved many team and personal goals.

Beck said the team played its best golf of the season at the league meet, where the top four golfers achieved their goal of all scoring under 100.

"It was definitely a new experience," Beck said. "It was huge to get to know these athletes outside of a school setting. We were a young team, and it was great to see some of these kids take hold of a new sport and learn the game."

The season kicked off on a bitterly cold March afternoon at Sunflower Hills with the Bonner Invitational. Senior Jerritt Barbarich

had an outstanding performance, firing a 42 to win the tournament.

"It felt good winning the tournament, especially since it was my senior year," Barbarich said

Senior Cody Wallace also had a strong season, placing second at the KVL meet and qualifying for state for the second year in a row.

At state, Wallace battled the wind on a tricky Turkey Creek Golf Course in McPherson to fire an 83.

"Cody didn't play to his expectations, but he really played a quality round of golf," Beck said. "He had a couple of bad holes, but I'm really proud of the way he overcame that and played out of it."

■ Nancy DeLeon



■ **Following through all the way**, freshman Logan Opat watches his ball sail through the air while practicing his shot. "This season was an awesome experience," said Opat, who fired his best round of golf at the league meet with a 101.



■ **To improve his game**, sophomore Steven Walker practices at the driving range before the home opener at Sunflower Hills. Walker's best performance came at the Ottawa Invitational, where he fired a 90. "I did better there because I came ready to go, and I was really in a groove," said Walker.





■ **Reading his putt**, senior Jerritt Barbarich prepares to complete Hole 6 at the Sunflower Classic on March 29. Barbarich shot a 96, which was below his season average of 99. ■ **Putting with concentration**, senior Cody Wallace aims carefully while competing at regionals at Sunflower Hills. Wallace shot an 88 to qualify for state for the second year in a row. In his final season of competition, Wallace placed eighth at the Sunflower Classic, the Blazer Invitational and the Lansing Invitational. "Overall, it was a good season, but we could have done better," Wallace said. (Photo by Kevin Anderson, Bonner Springs Chieftain)



■ **Watching the ball carefully**, freshman Jonathan Price tees off at the Kaw Valley Junior Varsity Invitational at Sunflower Hills on April 14. Price finished the day with a 136.



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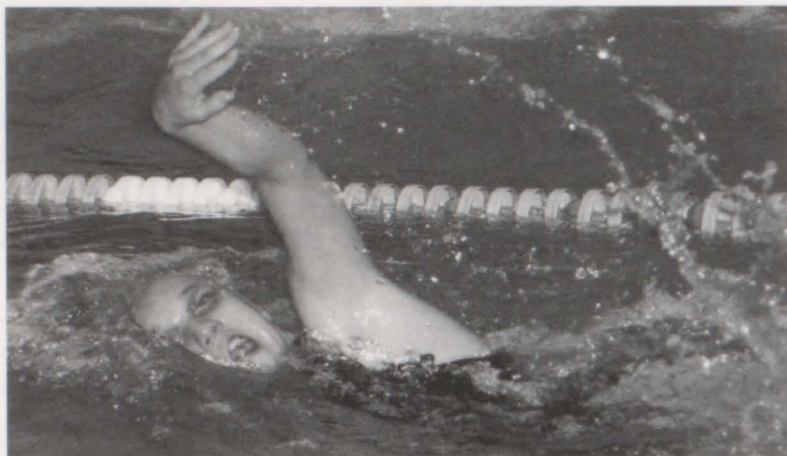
Bonner	8th
Sunflower Classic	8th
Gardner	14th
Lansing	9th
Atchison	10th
Mill Valley	DNP
Ottawa	7th
League	6th
Regionals	5th

GOLF



Golf. Front Row: Logan Opat, Clarence Forshey, Collin Henry, Seth Gallagher. **Row 2:** Jonathan Price, Steven Walker, Cody Wallace, Byron Williams, Derrick Nangle. **Row 3:** Jerritt Barbarich, Blake Tuttle, James Canada, Head Coach Jacob Beck.

■ **Pushing her hardest**, junior Laura Rink competes in the breaststroke. "We really kicked it up a notch for the last meet, especially since it was at home. There were a lot of good teams there, and it was intense," Rink said. ■ **Holding her position**, junior Kaley Withers competes in the 200-yard freestyle relay at the ICSC championships. The relay team of Withers, juniors Aubree Miller and Joyce Hilario, and sophomore Emily Herre established a new school record with a time of 1:57.18.



Switching roles

■ *Bravettes compete in all events*

Under the direction of new head coach Tierney Thompson, the girls swim team exceeded their expectations and showed growth in all events.

"I enjoyed getting to know the girls," Thompson said. "Many of the girls had a good core of basic swimming skills and background of swimming, so we didn't have to start from scratch. It was great to see them grow emotionally as swimmers as well as skill-wise."

Thompson also challenged the team to "stretch out of their comfort zones" and to swim different events so they could see what they were best at. As a result, she enjoyed seeing how the squad "bonded and

encouraged each other to swim these tougher events."

All of the hard work paid off when the team won the WYCO Invitational behind numerous first-place finishes.

"It was our goal to do well at WYCO, and we definitely did that," Thompson said.

Sophomore Emily Herre was the team's top performer, breaking records in all individual events and all relay events.

"Emily was a strong swimmer who started the season strong and in good shape. When you have that type of aerobic and skill base, your goals are easier to reach," Thompson said.

■ *Nancy DeLeon*



■ **Pulling through the water**, junior co-captain Aubree Miller swims the backstroke with precision. At the WYCO Invitational, Miller took first in the event with a time of 1:17.48.



■ **Competing in the butterfly**, sophomore Emily Herre swims with intensity at a home meet. "We were way better than last year," Herre said. "I think we worked harder as a team, and Coach Thompson did a lot to encourage that growth." ■ **Moving through the water**, junior Jaelyn Lira competes in the home opener on April 15 where the Bravettes finished third. Lira was also a member of the 400-freestyle relay team that established a new school record at 4:26.95. Other team members were juniors Teran Holter and Kaley Withers and sophomore Emily Herre.



Girls Swimming. Front row: Joyce Hilario. **Row 2:** Nancy Garcia, Aubree Miller. **Row 3:** Kaley Withers, Lyndie Kill, Jaelyn Lira. **Row 4:** Head Coach Tierney Thompson, Courtney Golden, Emily Herre, Monica Sorensen, Teran Holter, Holly Luke, Laura Rink, Coach Jaye Shaer.

■ **Swimming the breaststroke**, junior Monica Sorensen competes in the Inter-Conference Swim Championships (ICSC) which were held at the Bonner Springs YMCA pool. "It was fun to be able to host the championships and to end the season in our own pool. Everyone did really well, and it was a good meet to earn medals. Individually, I stepped out of my box this season and competed in events I've never done before and did better than I expected," said Sorensen, a team co-captain.

RECAP

Blue Valley	4th
Topeka	11th
Shawnee Mission	2nd
Bonner Springs	3rd
Bonner Springs	3rd
Leavenworth	1st
Turner	2nd
Blue Valley	3rd
WYCO	1st
ICSC	2nd

GIRLS SWIMMING

RECAP

	W	L	T
Tonganoxie	00	04	
Gardner	00	07	
Ottawa	01	03	
KC Christian	00	02	
Lansing	00	09	
Maranatha	01	00	
Tonganoxie	00	03	
Basehor-Linwood	02	05	
Piper	00	05	
Immaculata	03	02	
Spring Hill	00	01	
DeSoto	01	10	
Mill Valley	00	10	
Basehor-Linwood	00	03	
Overall Record:	02	12	

GIRLS SOCCER

■ **Dribbling past a Tonganoxie defender**, senior Alyssa Kelly takes the ball down the middle of the field. "We improved a lot this year and got some young talent on the team. I was glad to be a part of the first two years of the program," said Kelly, one of the team leaders. ■ **Stepping in on a Piper forward**, senior Jessica Hoglund prepares to clear the ball up the field. "We played well every game this year, and kept up with some pretty tough teams," said Hoglund, a two-year letterman.



■ **Outrunning a Tonganoxie defender**, junior Julia Glenn breaks down the field towards the goal. "There was a noticeable improvement with each game, and we came together better as a team," said Glenn, a returning letterman.

■ **Shielding the ball from a Gardner-Edgerton defender**, sophomore Alex Argudo attempts to clear the ball up the field. "A good player works at it until he or she gets it right, but a great player works at it until he or she never gets it wrong," said Argudo, who was primarily a forward.



Moving forward

■ Young program finishes season strong

Doubling their win total from last year's inaugural season, the girls soccer team improved considerably and took important strides towards the future.

"Last year was really just a test run because we were a new program," junior midfielder Olivia Waltermann said. "This year we had a much better knowledge of the game, and our play really improved."

The team's first victory came at home on April 10 against Maranatha, 1-0.

The team's second victory came on April 28 when senior Alyssa Kelly buried a game-winner in overtime against Immaculata to give the Bravettes a 3-2 road win.

"I think the victory against Immaculata was definitely one of

the season highlights because we never gave up, and we really gelled together as a unit in the second half," head coach Mike Moulin said.

Another highlight came at the end of the season in a regional re-match against Basehor.

"I felt like we dominated that game, but we just couldn't put it away," Moulin said.

"Even though we lost, the game really showed how much we had improved as a unit from the first time we played Basehor."

Losing just two seniors, the outlook for the future is a promising one.

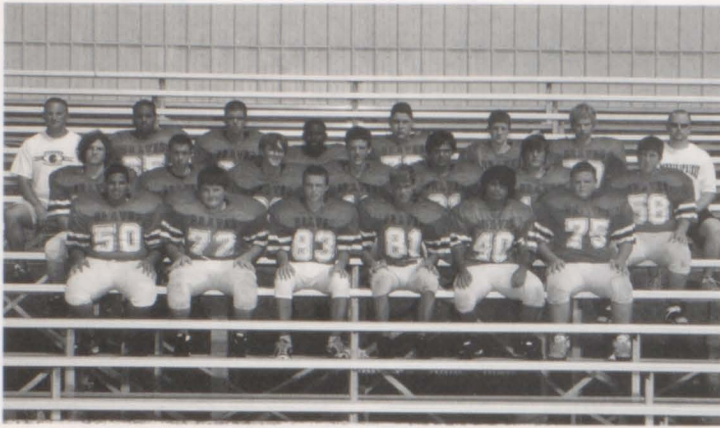
"If the girls continue to stick with soccer and to devote their time to it, we'll have the experience to be successful," Moulin said.

■ Kyle Toland



Girls Soccer. Front Row: Melissa Garcia, Alyssa Kelly, Jessica Hoglund. **Row 2:** Tessa Seaton, Krystal Stanton, Amber Barnes, Alexis Clark, Devene Salvino, Laura Herrera. **Row 3:** Coach Shannon Frank, manager Cali Hackney, Alex Argudo, Olivia Waltermann, Chelsea Crawford, Julia Glenn, Head Coach Mike Moulin.

■ **Turning the ball toward the goal**, junior Tessa Seaton goes around a Tonganoxie defender. "I think the highlight of the season was when we beat our last year's record," Seaton said.



Freshman Football. Front Row: Jonathan Bonnett, Brandon Clark, Derrick Nangle, William Storms, Joe Hilario, Logan Opat. Row 2: Josh Smith, Luke Porras, Jakob Bailey, Brian Callahan, Alex Russell, Charles Price, Austin Lucas. Row 3: Coach Justin Howe, Cordell Duncan, Chris Russell, Charles Taylor, Sergio Ahumada, Tyler Dubin, Dustin Ross, Coach Beau Bragg.



Junior Varsity Boys Soccer. Front Row: Austin Epp, Cody Duncan, Jacob Moulin, Caleb Seaton. Row 2: Tyler Kelly, Cristhian Soliz, Austin Laing, Dalton Vitt, Lucas Isaacs. Row 3: Coach Mike Moulin, Tyler Johnson, Juan Pichardo, Kyle Leitner, Adam Shirley, Coach Shannon Frank.



Junior Varsity Volleyball. Front Row: Sabrina Adkins, Katie Tisch. Row 2: Jessie Kelly, Olivia Waltermann, Taelor Falconer, Kelsey Bennett. Row 3: Coach Heather Campbell, Alyssa Scott, Amber Barnes, Kaylie Holloway.



Freshman Volleyball. Front Row: Kaitlyn Addie, Sarah Duckworth, Ana Martinez. Row 2: MacKenzie Anderson, Karen Medina, Alicia Palcher, Jocelyn Magaha. Row 3: Ashley Hale, Jodie Caldwell, Joslyn Nelson, Coach Aimee Orel.



Freshman Boys Basketball. Front Row: Joe Hilario, Austin Laing, Coach Tyler Lare, Zachary Povlitzki, Austin Epp. Row 2: Camron Callahan, Zach Laver, Taylor Anderson, Tyler Dubin, Cordell Duncan, Juan Pichardo.



Junior Varsity Girls Basketball. Front Row: Kaylie Holloway, Amanda Puckett, Maya Banks, Starian Porchia, Alexis Clark. Row 2: Josie Freeby, Alex Argudo, Anna Hutchison, Meg Fowler. Row 3: Kaleigh Crider, Chelsea Crawford, Coach Kyle Razak, Erica Smith, Nicole Rittinghouse.



Freshman Girls Basketball. Front Row: Irene Crump, Kaylie Holloway, Sarah Duckworth, Maya Banks. Row 2: Alexis Clark, Jessie Kelly, Katie Ellingsworth, Coach Monty Bechard, Josie Freeby, Jordan Merino.



Junior Varsity Girls Soccer. Front Row: Lauren Groves. Row 2: Emily Warren, Ariel Williams, Stephanie Sprengle, Amelia Sheldon, Vanessa Lugo, Harley Ruzsala. Row 3: Coach Shannon Frank, Riley Mortensen, Lindsay Hunt, Anna Hutchison, Brenna Hoch, Tiffanie Burgoon, Head Coach Mike Moulin.



Junior Varsity Baseball. Front Row: Sam Walton, Luke Porras, Brooks Ballou, Austin Epp. Row 2: Ryan DeMato, Joseph Robertson, Chris Stites, Brett Hammons, Cameron Summers. Row 3: Brian Callahan, Clayton Rhodes, Taylor Anderson, Tyler Dubin, Korey Sanborn, Coach Justin Howe.



Junior Varsity Softball. Front Row: Jessica Mitchell, Sabrina Adkins, Amanda Puckett, Marissa Duarte, Alyson Espy. Row 2: Angelica Harris, Emily Pyles, Alyssa Leihnsing, Kaleigh Crider, Kelly Chastain, Christeen Coon. Row 3: Coach Kara Wardlow, Emily Randolph, Jessie Kelly, Coach Richard Kiblinger, Head Coach Roger Davidson.

Fall Honors:

FOOTBALL. Tyler Jock: Team MVP, First-Team All-KVL, WYCO City Top Player, WYCO City First-Team. Jeremy Walker: Big Hit Team Award, WYCO City First-Team. Jonathan Walker: Offensive Player of the Year Team Award, First-Team All-KVL, WYCO City First-Team. Zach Cohorst: Defensive Player of the Year Team Award, Second-Team Offense and Defense All-KVL. Blake Tuttle: Second-Team All-KVL, WYCO City First-Team. L.T. Lee: Honorable Mention All-KVL, WYCO City First-Team. Jake Barren: WYCO City First-Team. Coach Lew Kasslemen: WYCO Coach of the Year. Team: WYCO Team of the Year. **BOYS SOCCER.** Clayton McCully: First-Team Offense All-KVL. Michael Bille: Honorable Mention All-KVL. Alex Perica: Second-Team Offense All-KVL. Garrett Parker: First-Team Utility Player All-KVL. Chance Crawford: Honorable Mention All-KVL. **CROSS COUNTRY:** Brooks Ballou, First-Team All-KVL. James Carter, First-Team All-KVL. Isaac Mills, First-Team All-KVL. Alex Perica: Second-Team All-KVL. Garrett Parker, Second-Team All-KVL. Connor Harrington, Second-Team All-KVL.

Winter Honors:

BOYS BASKETBALL. L.T. Lee: First-Team All-KVL, Bobcat Classic All-Tournament Team, Metro Prep Classic All-Tournament Team. **GIRLS BASKETBALL.** Kelsey Stanbrough: First-Team All-KVL, Wyandotte County Cream of the Crop, All-State Honorable Mention, Bobcat Classic All-Tournament Team. Felisha Leopard: Wyandotte County Cream of the Crop. **WRESTLING.** Caleb Seaton: First-Team All-KVL (103), All-Kansan, Honorable Mention All-Metro. **BOYS SWIMMING.** Tyler Johnson: Teammate Award. Zach Holder: ICSC Honorable Mention 200-Yard Medley Relay, ICSC Honorable Mention 100-Yard Backstroke, Chief Award. Josh Cook: ICSC Honorable Mention 200-Yard Medley Relay, ICSC First-Team 100-Yard Breastroke, Shark Award. Matt Bille: ICSC First-Team 500-Yard Freestyle, ICSC Second-Team 100-Yard Freestyle, Brave Warrior Award. Ryan Holcomb: ICSC Honorable Mention 200-Yard Medley, ICSC Honorable Mention 50-Yard Freestyle, Epiphany Award. Jordan Kraus: ICSC Honorable Mention 200-Yard Individual Medley, Integrity Award. Alex Sullivan: Nemo Award. Jacob Moulin: Most Improved Award. Sean Holley: Inspiration Award.

Spring Honors:

BOYS BASEBALL. Austin Anderson: First-Team All-KVL, Butch Foster Memorial Baseball Classic All-Tournament Team. Chance Crawford: Honorable Mention All-KVL. Stephen Call: Butch Foster Memorial Baseball Classic All-Tournament Team. Luke Terrell: Butch Foster Memorial Baseball Classic All-Tournament Team. **SOFTBALL.** Sadie Kelly: Honorable Mention All-KVL. Starian Porchia: Honorable Mention All-KVL. **SOCCER.** Alyssa Kelly: Second-Team All-KVL. Amber Barnes: Second-Team All-KVL. Krystal Stanton: Honorable Mention All-KVL. **TRACK:** KSHSAA Class 5A State Record, 400-Meter Relay, 41.64, Ian Briggs, L.T. Lee, Jeremy Walker, and Jonathan Walker.

Relive Replay

RETHINK

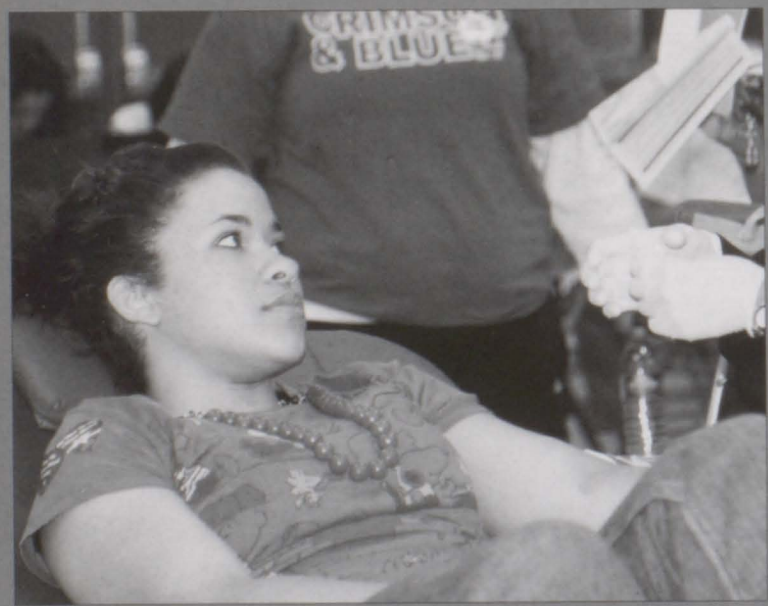
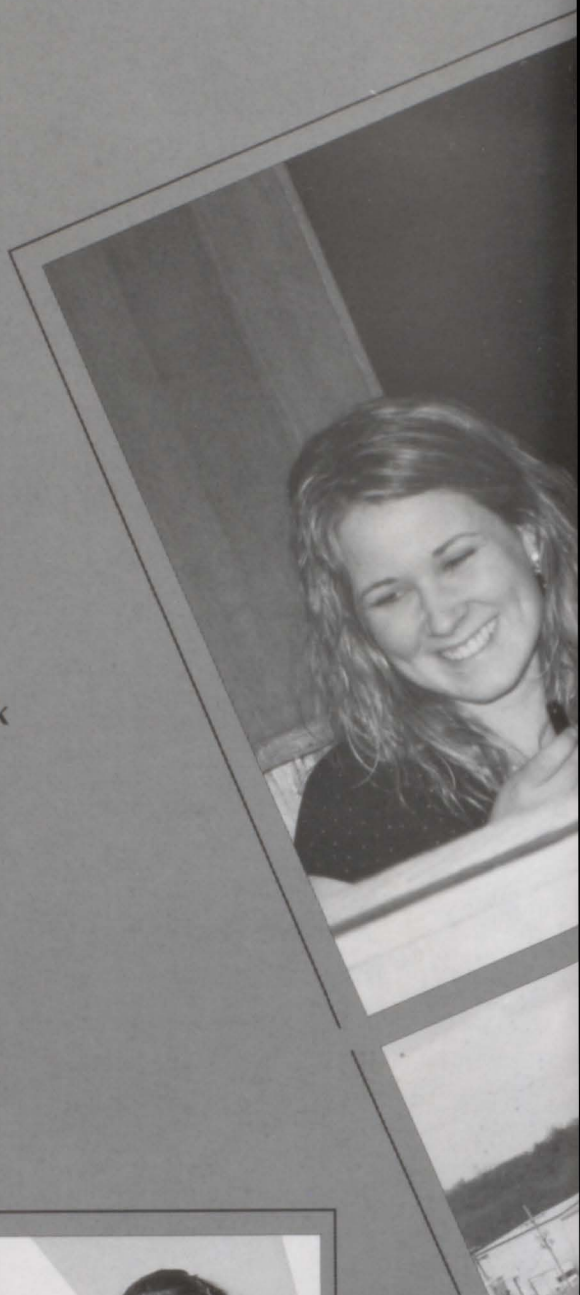
...what you learned, where you went, and who you met. This was not just another year of school, this was an experience that **recreated** us and made us **realize** our potential.

From here on, we can look back and **remember** the great times we had with a pride that only this school could bring.

Ruth Davidson Bell once said, "Each time we **rethink** our values we **reaffirm** them or begin to change them."

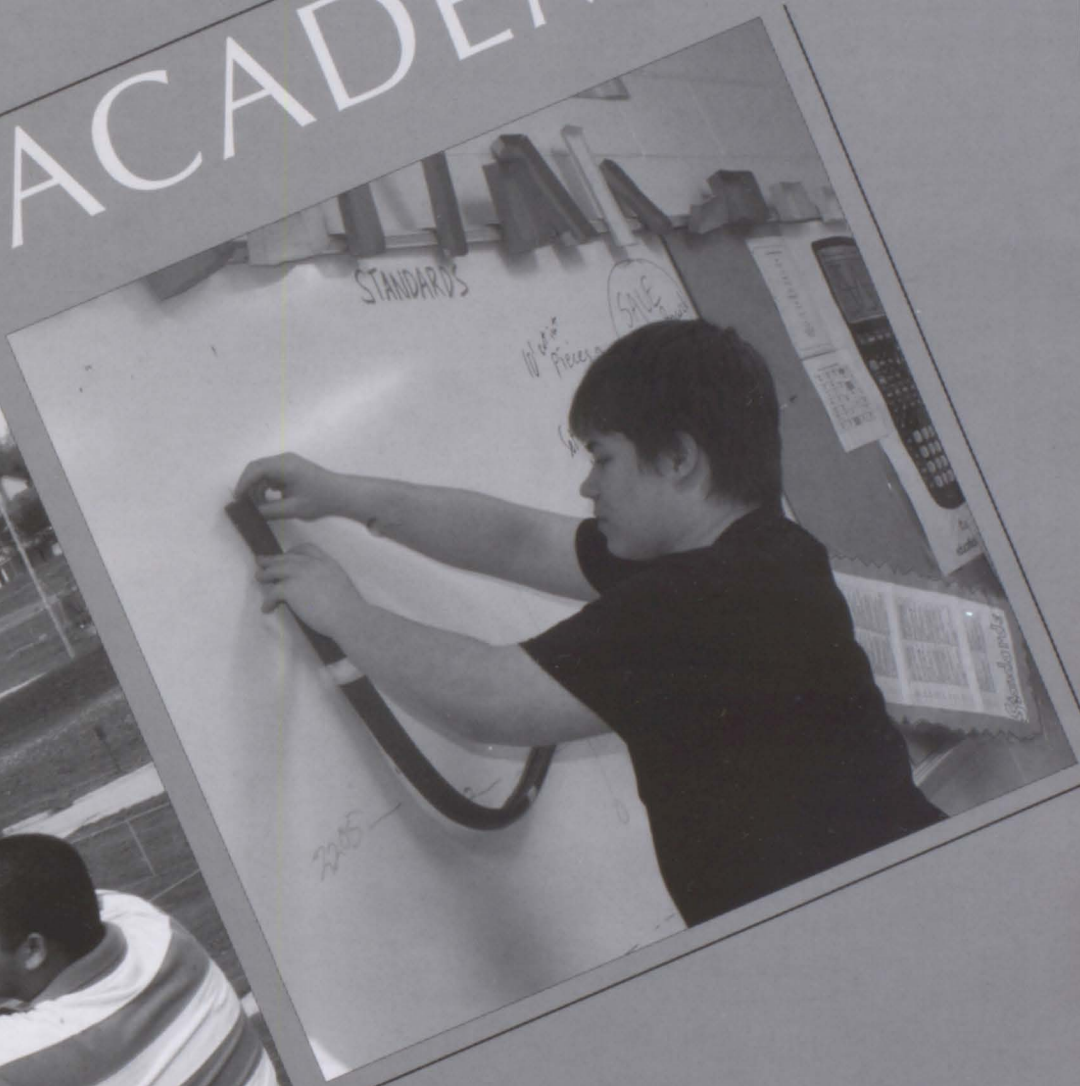
We all have that one teacher, that one experience, that one class that truly changed us and helped us grow.

What we learned, where we went, and who we met; this is the time stop the misconceptions and **rethink**.





ACADEMICS



Clockwise from top: ■ **As her beaming mother looks on**, senior Rachael Beckett signs her name at the NHS induction ceremony on April 2. ■ **As part of a "Polynomial Pandemonium" project**, junior Zach Gharst recreates his equation out of insulation tubing in Ann Decker's geometry class. ■ **After studying measurements and volume**, junior Oscar Sanchez prepares to throw his kite into the wind in Cindy Ready's Math Review class. ■ **As the rest of the team prepares foods**, junior Janel Mejia peels potatoes. ■ **After listening to the procedure**, junior Starian Porchia prepares to give blood at the SADD-sponsored blood drive.

LEADING THE WAY

Stuco members go above and beyond



Whether it was making freshmen feel at home or transforming the commons into Hogwarts Castle, Stuco members were always busy.

To start off their extremely packed year, three of Stuco's leading members, seniors Adam Smith and Holly Luke and junior Monica Sorensen, attended the National Association of Student Councils conference at Blue Valley Northwest High School in July.

"I loved the excitement that everyone showed, and I also loved hanging out at KU and learning the 'Cup Game,'" Sorensen said.

The Stuco group soon had to transition back into school. Kicking off the year in style, Stuco members helped with Freshman Orientation by putting on skits and helping freshmen find their way.

"I really enjoyed introducing

myself to the freshmen by putting my name out there so they knew they could come to me if they needed anything at all," senior Michaela Mortensen said.

Soon, it was time for the school's dances. Every year, Stuco decides the themes, decorates and hosts every dance except for prom.

"I really liked this year's themes. They were very original and made the dances a lot of fun," freshman Riley Mortensen said.

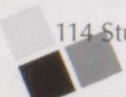
However, with this year's switch to 21st Century Scheduling, the group's meeting time was cut to only 20 minutes each week.

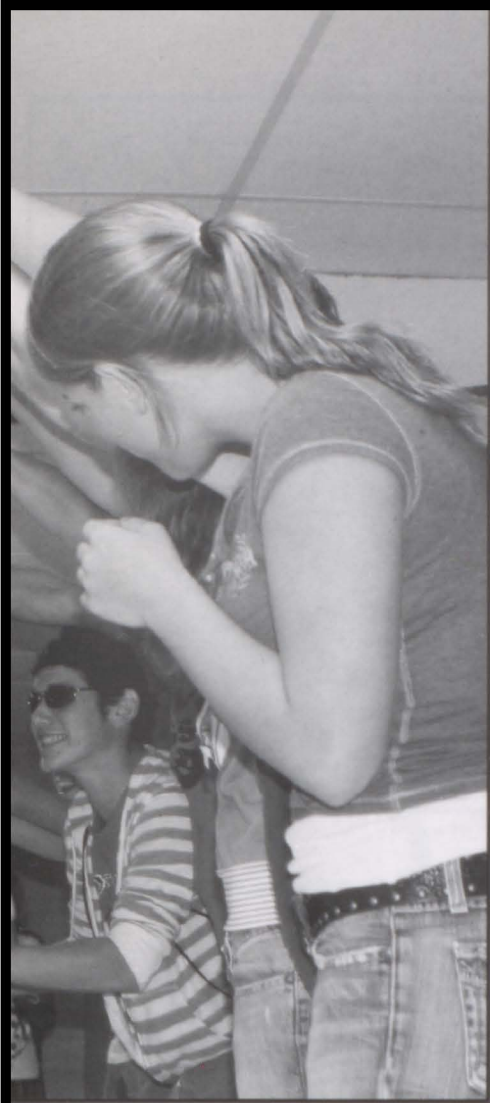
"I liked being able to meet every week for the 20 minutes regardless, but I think extra time would have been beneficial," sponsor Adrienne Law said.

■ Katrina Rollins



■ **Putting together decorations**, sophomores David Katosh and Tyler Kelly help get ready for the WPA dance. Student Council is responsible for every dance except prom. "I enjoyed being one of the deciding factors for how the dances actually looked," Katosh said.





■ **Showing enthusiasm**, freshman Jake Nay walks through a tunnel made by Stuco members at the conclusion of Freshman Orientation. "I had a ton of fun at Freshman Orientation. It was great to be able to talk to the freshmen and to make them feel less anxiety about high school," said junior Seth Clements, who is shown greeting Nay. ■ **Helping to decorate for WPA**, senior Alyssa Kelly makes balloon bouquets in the commons.



Senior Brandi Ventura and sophomores Max Hilleary and Taelor Falconer show what not to do in class during Freshman Orientation.



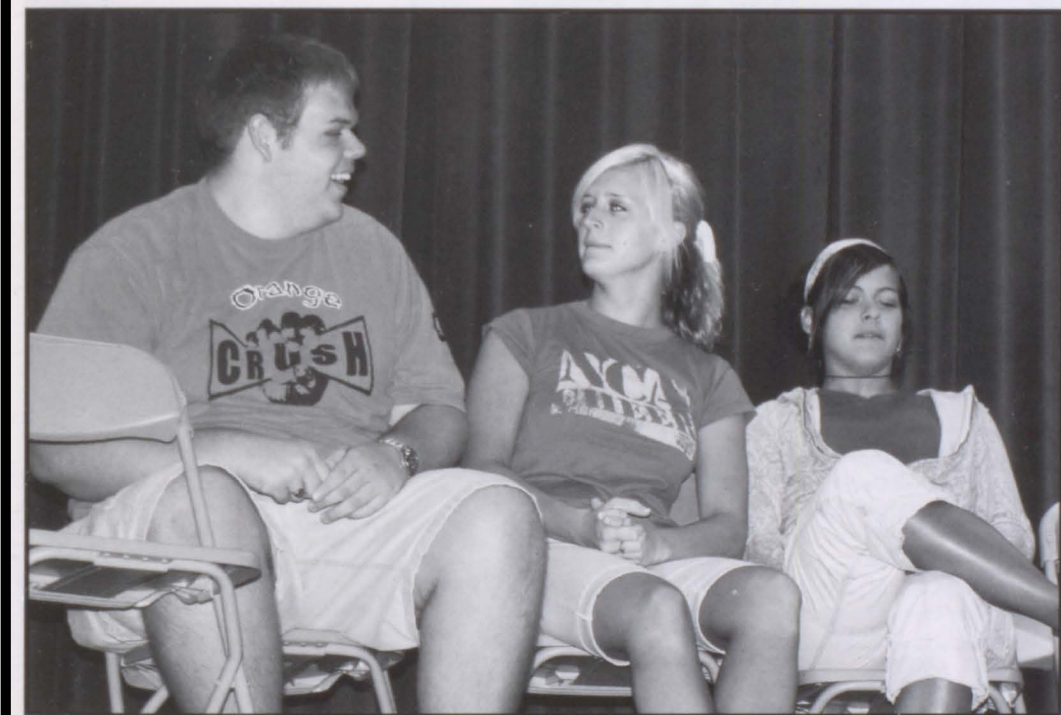
During a Stuco meeting during Connection Time, freshmen Angelica Harris and Riley Mortensen discuss homecoming Spirit Week themes.



Junior Chance Crawford and senior Ryan Bush perform their rap about high school life to the Freshman Orientation crowd.



A group of Stuco members vote on their favorite dance themes at a Thursday morning meeting during Connection Time.



■ **Racing to find his shoe**, sophomore Jake Barren participates in a team-building activity. Each week members met in the auditorium and participated in various activities to help build unity. ■ **During Freshman Orientation**, seniors Adam Smith, Katie Kobialka and Michaela Mortensen participate in a skit. Upperclassmen created and performed the skits to help dispel misconceptions that freshmen might have about high school life.



"Going to the nursing home was a good experience because I enjoyed brightening their day."
 —Sandy Gomez, 11



"I enjoy being a part of Kayettes because we do things to help the community."
 —Samantha Haas, 10



"I felt so good when I left the nursing home because I felt as if I actually helped someone."
 —Stefanie Sprenkle, 11



"My first Powder Puff was really fun, and it was cool to win."
 —Chandler Clark, 9



■ **Top:** The freshman-senior team gets ready for action. **Above:** The sophomore-junior team shows their enthusiasm. ■ **During a November meeting,** seniors Dynikah Brown and Aerial Wells, along with junior Breanna Putnam, present an upcoming project idea with sponsor Linda Orangkadivi.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Kayettes work hard to improve our society

The Kayettes are an all-girls group doing their best to make a difference. Whether it's collecting food for the needy or making crafts with residents at local nursing homes, it's always all about the community.

"I like being able to do projects that help people," sponsor Jennifer Schlicht said.

Because of the new bell schedule, meeting time was decreased, so the Kayettes didn't get to do as many projects as they hoped.

But even with the new changes, old traditions were kept intact. The annual Powder Puff game kicked off the year on Sept. 18, and the senior-freshman team won

for the second year in a row.

"Playing in Powder Puff was really fun and a good experience even though we lost," junior Ashley Nachbar said.

A few of the other activities included a trip to Crown Center with FCCLA, a holiday craft project which included caroling for residents at a local nursing home, and passing out pumpkins to local businesses.

To get the whole school involved, Kayettes sponsored the annual food drive in December. More than 3,000 cans were collected, which were all donated to the local Vaughn-Trent food pantry.

"The food drive is my

favorite project because it helps a lot of needy families get food for the holidays, and I think that's very important. All families deserve a nice meal on Christmas and Thanksgiving," junior Olivia Waltherman said.

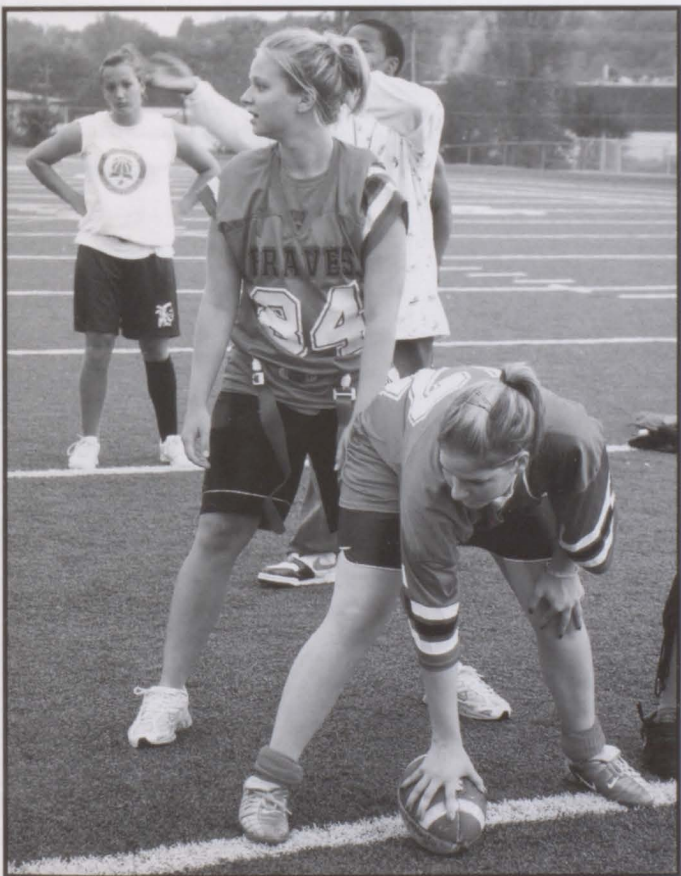
Kayettes also worked with an organization called Heifer International, which works with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

"We thought we could have a larger impact by participating in Heifer International, which is a global organization," Schlicht said.

To conclude the year, Kayettes made flower pens for teachers.

■ Raelchel Monn

■ While on the sidelines, freshman Alyson Espy waits to go in as she watches her teammates. "Powder Puff was fun. It was great to just relax and have fun," Espy said.



■ Warming up before the game, senior Jessica Hoglund waits for the call to hike the ball to hike Kelsey Stanbrough. "Powder Puff was a lot of fun, and it made it better to win two years in a row," Stanbrough said.

■ Helping out, seniors Amy DeMato and Aeriell Wells pass out pumpkins that were made in Ann Decker's math classes. "It was rewarding because I got to see faces light up after we made the deliveries," DeMato said.



"Wood Tech is my favorite class and being able to teach the kids about it was fun but definitely challenging."
—Ariel Williams, 10



"I loved working with the kids and teaching them about what I hope will be my future career."
—Corey Hall, 12



"I like to teach about my hobbies so it was cool working with the kids."
—Adrian Botello, 10



"Seeing the birdhouse after it was done was my favorite part because all the kids were really excited."
—Justin Friend, 10



■While working on the storage shed, sophomore Willie Nichols helps put together the structure's side panels. The shed was constructed outside of the Wood Tech classroom. ■Sophomore Katharine Sanders works with a student from Delaware Ridge Elementary on her birdhouse project.



THE CUTTING EDGE

New teacher brings enthusiasm to Wood Tech area

With the energy of new instructor Kris Munsch, the Wood Technology department continued to move forward. Between new projects and goals, the year was busy.

As a first-year teacher, Munsch said his main goal was to operate an efficient shop, and he feels that was accomplished.

"Mr. Munsch knows almost everything about wood, and he's always there for me when I'm lost and I really appreciated that," sophomore Chris Jenkins said.

The year consisted of new ways methods and

challenging projects. Munsch said his students built everything from bookcases to nightstands in varying sizes and designs.

A major new project for the Home Maintenance class included construction of an 8-by-10 storage shed.

Students created the plans, made a material list, estimated prices, and then built the structure outside of the Wood Tech lab.

"I liked seeing the final product when we were completely finished," junior Alex Sullivan said.

The shed, which cost approximately \$900, will be moved to the football field

for extra storage.

"I think the students really liked working on something that was so big," Munsch said.

Another major project consisted of constructing birdhouses with students from Delaware Ridge Elementary School.

"The main purpose of this project was to show my students a sample of mass production as well as give them a chance to interact with kids," Munsch said.

After the project was finished, the elementary students were able to take their birdhouses home.

■Raechel Monn



■Preparing to hammer a nail, freshman Dustin Englehart helps to construct the storage shed in his seventh-hour Home Maintenance class. "Putting together the shed was cool, especially when it was all finished," Englehart said. ■Getting ready for an upcoming project, Wood Tech instructor Kris Munsch helps freshman Charles Wagner plan accordingly before cutting his project materials.



■After constructing his nightstand, junior Cody Sullivan sands his project before making final adjustments. "I enjoyed making the nightstand and putting my own touches on it," Sullivan said.

LIVING LIFE INTELLIGENTLY

SADD works hard to promote positive choices

Striving to make the world a safer place, SADD encourages wise decisions against drugs and alcohol.

"I love SADD because it shows people the many consequences of drugs and alcohol, and it proves a safer and more enjoyable life without these influences," junior Sandy Gomez said.

In an effort to emphasize the importance of seatbelt awareness, SADD organized a safety seatbelt check during homecoming week. Students who passed the seatbelt check received free food

prizes donated by different local businesses, making the event a huge success.

SADD also made its presence known by sponsoring the annual blood drive in February. With almost 100 donations, the chapter really took the lead in saving lives.

"At first I was a little nervous about donating, but it actually went quite smoothly, and I felt really good about saving lives when it was all said and done," junior Lindsay Johnson said.

■ Olivia Waltermann



■ **Donating for the first time**, junior Anna Hutchison sits and waits calmly to have her blood taken at the blood drive. "Donating blood is an awesome experience, and I would definitely recommend doing it," Hutchison said. ■ **Dressed as crash dummies**, juniors Silvia Villaneda and Anna Hutchison ride through Bonner Springs on the SADD homecoming float while junior Irene Hernandez looks on. The girls wore the costumes in order to promote seatbelt awareness.



"In my opinion, the blood drive is an awesome way to get people involved in helping others by giving students the opportunity to save lives."

—Krystal Stanton, 11



"The biggest obstacle we faced was a decrease in meeting time due to the new schedule, but SADD continues to be a student-driven organization that encourages students to make positive choices."

—Sponsor Tim Ney



"I really enjoy being in SADD because I love helping in whatever ways I can, and SADD is a good, fun way to help others."

—Stefanie Sprengle, 11





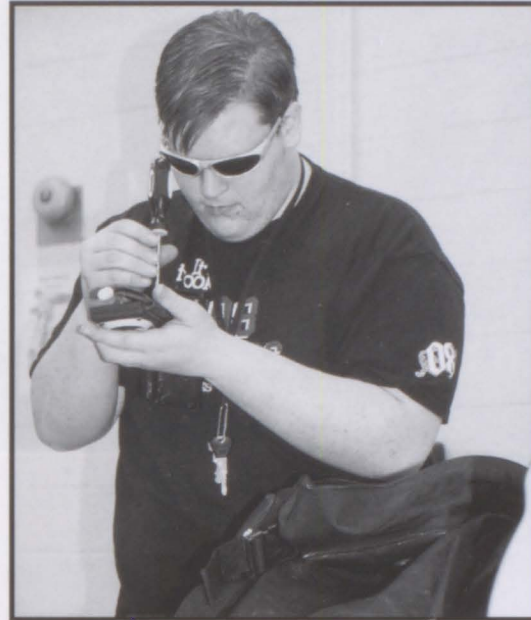
"The most stressful part of being on the robotics team is all of the chaos throughout the building season."

—Lindsey Johnson, 12



"I think my favorite thing about being in robotics is being able to work with others towards the same goal."

—Tony Camp, 11



■ **During a work night**, junior Krystal Stanton and senior Matt Johnson piece together the pit which was used to store the robot when it was not in use during competition. "Even though we didn't place, we never gave up," Johnson said. ■ **Making precise adjustments**, senior Joe Bland extracts the cable from a nine-volt battery, so the power can be transferred to the robot. "We were a lot more organized this year, so that helped a lot," Bland said.



DESIGNING FOR SUCCESS

Robotics team sets high standards for season

Under the direction of new sponsors Kris Munsch and Melissa Smith, the Robotics team moved forward in a positive direction.

The six-week building season kicked off on Jan. 5 and concluded with regional competition at Hale Arena in Kansas City, Mo., on March 6-8. This was the first year that the team had not traveled to Denver, Colo., for regionals.

"Staying closer to home this year was a plus and a negative. Going to Denver was so much fun, and I felt that we bonded together as a team more so than when we stayed here. On the flip side, though, if we forgot anything then we could run and go

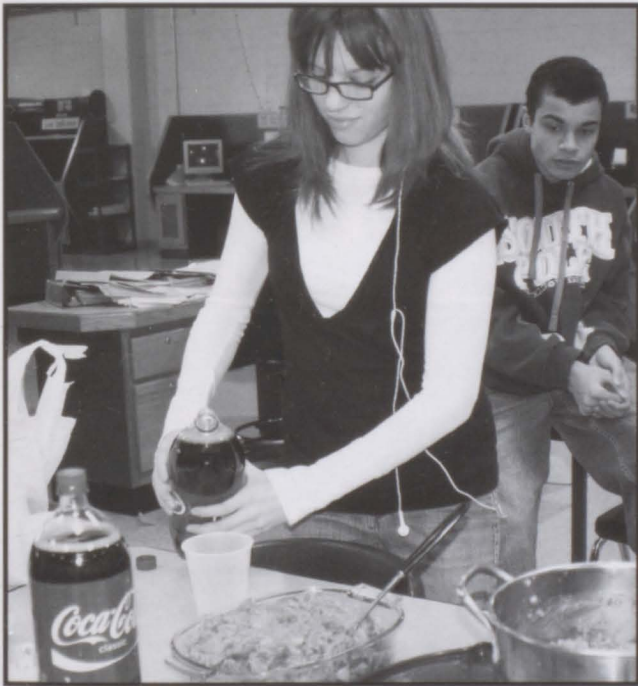
get it," senior Lindsey Johnson said.

This year's robot was affectionately named "Alfred" and was built to pick up a ten-pound ball off a six-foot rack and to then push that ball around a track.

Although the team finished 30th out of 55 teams, they won their last three matches by working together.

"The whole process was so out-of-the-box for me, but I think we exceeded our expectations because the kids learned so much. We should be very proud of these students because they took the time to participate and to be challenged," Munsch said.

■ Olivia Waltermann



■ **Enjoying a refreshment**, junior Ashley Nachbar takes a short break after working on the team robot. The team often had work nights where they stayed late to get things accomplished, with the food provided by the parents of team members.

Inspiring Educators



"Mrs. Nelson inspires me because I can tell that she really cares about her students. She's always willing to talk to us about anything and she gives great advice. I haven't always been the best in school, but she motivates me to do better and pass all my classes so I can get into a good college. What I like most is that she never gives up on her students."

-Lyndie Kill, 10

"Mrs. Ramsey inspires me because she actually seems interested in how well I do in school and goes out of her way to make sure that I am successful in her class. She also taught me that what other people think doesn't matter."

-DeAndre Rudolph, 11



"Mrs. Jennings has inspired me because she made working out fun. I took her class all four years because it was a fun way to get in shape and become more healthy. We've also become really close over the years, and I can talk to her about anything and ask her for help if I need it. After high school, I hope to stay just as close with her as I am now."

-Shayla Meseke, 12



If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. -John Quincy Adams

"Mrs. Schlicht inspires me to be myself and to be real. She shows empathy and understanding to all her students and to the world around her. Not only does she have all the traits of a great teacher, but she's also a fabulous friend. She has great hair too."

-Robert Plumb, 10



"Ms. Berman inspires me because her enthusiasm and ability to keep her students interested makes me excited to come to class every day. She also inspires me to do better in my vocabulary and writing to better myself in the future. Not only does she have a great sense of humor, but her creativity is beyond amazing and she makes school a lot more fun."

-Amber Barnes, 11

"Mr. Fouquet taught us that it's okay to have fun but still work hard. Even when he wanted us to work hard, he made it enjoyable and I actually looked forward to going to his class. He also told us to never give up and if we weren't going to give 100 percent, you might as well give zero percent."

-Justin Padelli, 12

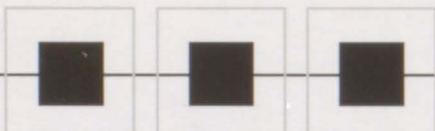
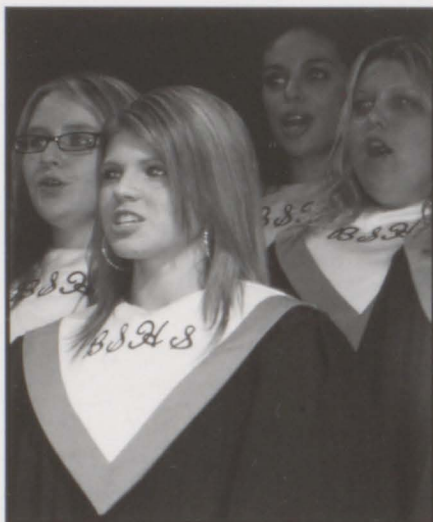


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"It's all about the journey."



■ **Expressing holiday cheer**, members of the Project X Choir perform at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Dec. 6. "I love Christmas music so it was nice to perform at the luncheon and spread my holiday joy to others through our music," junior Stefanie Sprengle said. ■ **During the fall concert**, junior Hannah Burgess performs with senior Women's Ensemble ensemble members Amy Pino, Tanairi Rios and Melissa Ruzala. The group closed the concert with an upbeat song titled "Witness."



"It [choir] was a fun experience, and I enjoyed all of it."
—Katrina Crisp, 10



"Choir was fun and relaxing, but we knew when to work hard and get things done."
—Kim Bailey, 11



■ **Focused and serious**, the A Cappella choir performs their holiday music at Crown Center on Dec. 3. "Performing at Crown Center is always fun because it sounds really cool in there and I like when all the shoppers watch us," sophomore Morgan Tinsley said.

■ **Standing with pride**, junior Tony Camp performs the national anthem with all the choirs at an Oct. 3 football game. "In choir we were able to be ourselves and have fun while performing at a high level," Camp said.



CHORAL DOMINATION

Choirs work hard to sing their way to the top



The vocal music department worked hard to continue their tradition of excellence and choral domination this year.

In addition to numerous local performances, the groups were also in high demand outside of BSHS.

"Even though we were really busy, we rose up to the challenge that was presented to us," sophomore Ariel Williams said.

For A Cappella, the highlight of the year came on Feb. 29 when they were a featured choir at the Kansas Music Educator's Association workshop in Wichita.

"It's the pinnacle to be recognized as the best. The journey we took to get there wasn't easy but was very

rewarding in the end," director Brian J. White said.

The group sent in an audition tape at the end of the last school year and was selected in the fall. Out of the entire state, only three high school choirs were featured.

Not only did the group work hard in class, they came in at 7 a.m. twice a week for a month and had various workshops to prepare them for the concert.

"The 7 a.m. practices were a challenge for most people but I think it paid off in the end," senior Amber Vochatzer said.

The concert ended with a standing ovation and an invitation to perform at New York's Carnegie Hall, which is something White hopes can

become a reality.

On April 16, three of the choirs traveled to the state large ensemble festival.

Both A Cappella and Women's Ensemble earned a "I" rating of superior and Concert Choir earned a "II" rating of excellence.

The choirs also excelled in state solo and small ensemble contest, bringing home 199 "I" ratings, which beat all school records.

Seniors Amber Vochatzer and Michael Cooper and junior Starian Porchia all received "I" solo ratings.

A Cappella, Women's Ensemble and Project X all sent ensembles to the contest, where all three received "I" ratings.

■ *Raechel Monn*



■ **Performing at their first high school concert**, the Concert Choir sings through their set with shaky hands. "We were all really nervous, especially me. I was worried that I would mess up or my voice would stick out," said freshman Persephone Hart, shown left.



"I love the fact that we're pretty much awesome and I love that we got a standing ovation at KMEA."
—Xavier Capalla, 10



"I've made a lot of new friends through choir and I also learned how to sing better and use my voice correctly."
—Brenna Hoch, 9





"I believe that the best part of concert season was going to the large ensemble festival; it is always really fun."

—Katie Tisch, 10



"I liked concert band this year. The music was more challenging and more fun to play."

—Jeffrey Lynch, 9



"I enjoyed concert band because we played songs that I liked and we always had fun."

—Starian Porchia, 11



"The highlight of the concert season for me was getting to play *Prairie Dances*. I love that song and getting to play it was great."

—Adam Smith, 12

■ **Keeping the beat**, sophomore Ryan Holcomb [far right] marches in the Tiblow Days Parade. "Marching band was fun for me because I got to lead my section. It was also cool to see the students from our school out to support us," Holcomb said. ■ **Standing at attention**, junior Anthony Pascazi awaits the downbeat of the second song. "I liked the halftime shows this year because the formations were unique and were more complicated," Pascazi said. "They gave the band a new challenge." ■ **Playing with the pep band**, senior Ian Briggs entertains the crowd at a home basketball game. "Pep band is always a fun time for the band because we get to show a side that people don't usually see. The songs we play are always fun and exciting and get the crowd pumped," Briggs said.



KEEPING THE BEAT

New uniforms highlight busy year for band



Although the Marching Braves had to wait longer than expected, their new uniforms were well worth it.

The band showed off their new style on Nov. 2, just in time for the regional football game.

After many years of the same look, the new black uniforms offered a more contemporary style and featured bib-style pants, a two-sided silver or orange cape, black gloves and embroidered sleeves.

According to director John Lefler, the district spent \$41,795 for 100 new

uniforms.

"I thought it was really great that the district helped the band with new uniforms," senior drum major Adam Smith said.

In addition to much stronger visual appeal, the new uniforms are much easier for student use.

"The new uniforms were a lot easier to use and it didn't take as long to get ready," senior Amber Schaber said.

Other highlights for the band included their performance at the Baker University Marching

Festival in October and the American Royal Parade.

The band also competed at the state large ensemble festival on April 17 at Gardner High School, earning an "II" rating.

The year ended with changes in the future as director John Lefler announced his retirement.

"I have enjoyed working with the staff and students at Bonner. My plans in the future consist of working for a music store and teaching private music lessons," Lefler said.

■ Katrina Rollins



■ **Preparing to perform**, freshman Collin Henry awaits the beginning of the half-time show. The Braves performed a Beatles-themed show with selections that included "Hey Jude" and "Eleanor Rigby." ■ **Performing the half-time show**, sophomore Natasha Serna plays her mellophone. ■ **Leading the Braves**, seniors Kyle Toland and Michael Cooper, center, prepare to march on to the field at the second home game against Lansing.

MUSICALLY ENHANCED

Groups bring music to a whole new level

Both successful and talented, the Flag Team and Jazz Band are working their way to the top.

Although neither one of them is very big in size, they show that it isn't the size of the group that matters, it's the people and the determination that counts. Either way you look at it, both of these outstanding groups truly bring out the meaning of music.

The BSHS Flag Team worked hard throughout the marching season to perform their best at home football games.

Aside from playing at the halftime shows, the Flag Team also performed in various parades throughout the area.

The Jazz Band also participates during the marching season, but they work hard through the rest of the school year as well.

This group meets daily during fifth hour and performs in concerts throughout the year.

"I really like Jazz Band because it's laid back compared to the other classes," junior Garrett Parker said.

■ *Olivia Waltermann*



"The one thing I will miss the most about the Flag Team is all of our inside jokes. Kind of like the Hippo Song; it's a joke from my sophomore year."

—Kim Flick, 12



"Jazz Band has taught me to not give up on something because it is difficult—just give it time and it will come."

—Garrett Parker, 11



"What I will miss the most about Jazz Band is the time we had between songs when a few of us would jam out to the song 'Clocks' over and over again. It was really fun."

—Leo Sanchez, 12



"The flag team did an amazing job this year, and it was rewarding to be captain. I couldn't have been prouder."

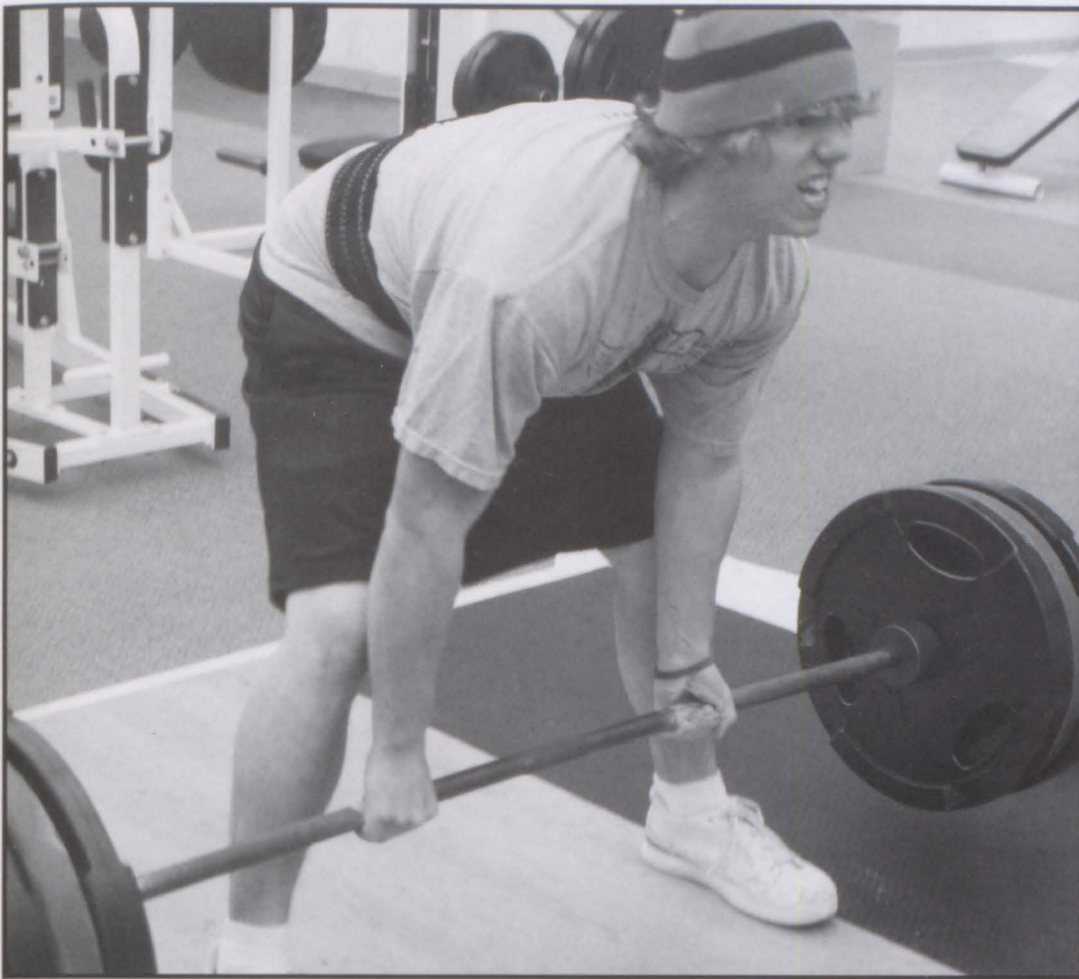
—Breanna Putnam, 11



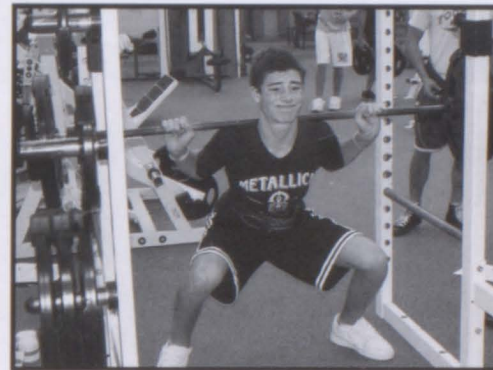
■ **Concentrating on their music**, seniors Kyle Toland, Vernon Samek, and Ethan Jenkins practice their song "Hot Chocolate" for the winter concert. "I like the unity we all have from being such a small class," Samek said. ■ **Showing their spirit**, sophomore Destiny Moore, senior Hannah Reynolds and junior Michelle Hicks cheer after a touchdown. "My favorite memory was seeing my senior project [choreographing a routine] actually performed, and performed well," Reynolds said.



■ **During the Tiblow Days parade**, Flag Team member Melissa Ruzsala marches alongside the band. "Being a part of the Flag Team this year has been great. I have a lot of really good memories from the football games that I will definitely take with me when I leave," Ruzsala said.



■ **Working hard before school**, sophomore Jake Barren practices his power clean. Barren was a leading member of the team and also competed at the national level. ■ **Celebrating their achievements**, the team comes together for a victory picture at the Hoisington Heavy Metal Open on March 8. ■ **Working on his squats**, sophomore Brandon Eastland tries to increase his max. "Coach Howe is the best coach ever. He really made things fun," Eastland said.



"It was weird being one of the only girls in powerlifting, but it was nice knowing that I was able to lift and compete with the guys."
—Alyson Espy, 9



"The team has greatly improved since last year, and I'm looking forward to the future of the program."
—Max Barren, 10



"This season was great. I was especially happy that I exceeded my goal of 320 pounds, reaching a total of 345 pounds."
—Lucas Tuckel, 11



"The best thing about powerlifting was the atmosphere of the competition. Everyone was cheering for you and there were no bad vibes."
—Clarence Forshey, 10

RAISING THE BAR

Team competes locally and nationally

While most students are tucked in bed at 6 a.m., members of the powerlifting team were hard at work, lifting in the football locker room.

The Braves traveled to Henderson, Ky., for the first meet of the year and returned with 11 first-place finishes, as well as first place as a team.

Four members also qualified for the 2008

USA Powerlifting High School National Championships, April 4-6 in Kalamazoo, Mich.

"Powerlifting is a great sport because it allows student-athletes to compete against other lifters their age, weight and ability level," Coach Justin Howe said.

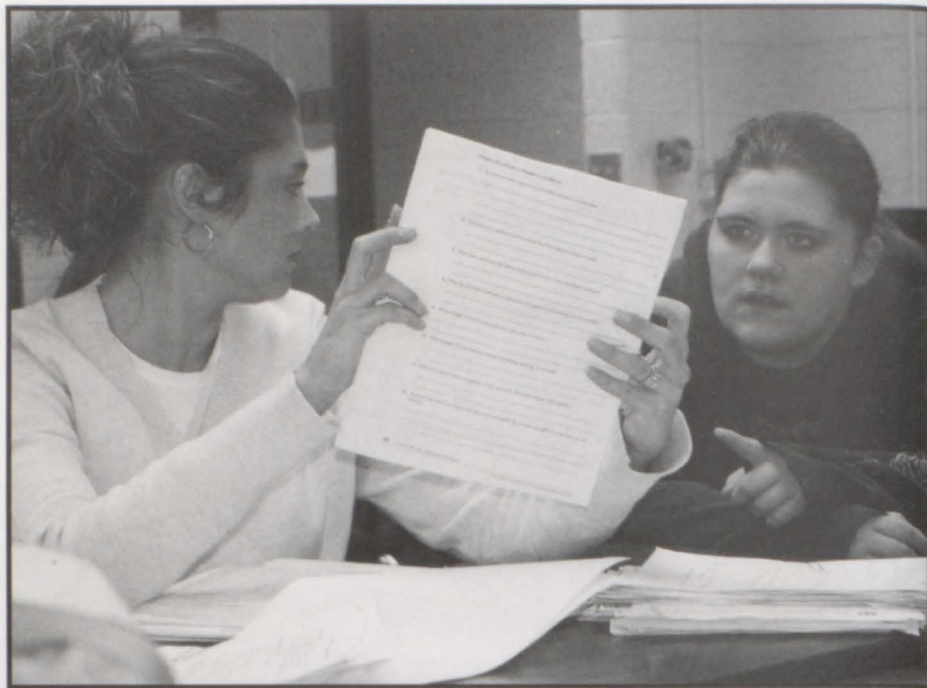
The team also participated in the Heavy Metal Open in Hois-

ington, Kan. Ten lifters took home trophies and the team came home with yet another first-place finish.

Overall, this season marked a crucial benchmark in the program.

"I was really proud of all the hard work and dedication that the team put forth this season," sophomore Jake Barren said.

■ *Olivia Waltermann*



COLLABORATING MINDS

Classes combine for increased knowledge

Along with all the policy changes, collaboration between teachers received increased attention this year. In and out of their departments, teachers put their heads together to extend learning opportunities.

For example, math teacher Ann Decker, art teachers Linda Horvath and Jason Romanishin, and technology teacher Kris Munsch worked together in a unique turkey pumpkin project.

Decker coordinated the project, which was designed to teach linear equations, the value of pi, and circumference in her Algebra classes.

After purchasing 50 pumpkins, Decker's students measured them and calculated data. Munsch's students cut the wooden

feathers and heads while art students designed templates and painted them.

The Kayettes became involved by delivering the pumpkins to local nursing homes.

"I enjoyed delivering the turkeys because it gave me an opportunity to serve the community," junior Sandy Gomez said.

In another effort, English teacher Jennifer Stricherz and social studies teacher Justin Howe worked with the Any Soldier Foundation and had their students write letters to unknown soldiers in Iraq.

The Any Soldier Foundation is a program that enables soldiers serving overseas to sign up and receive letters from home.

"Mrs. Stricherz and I

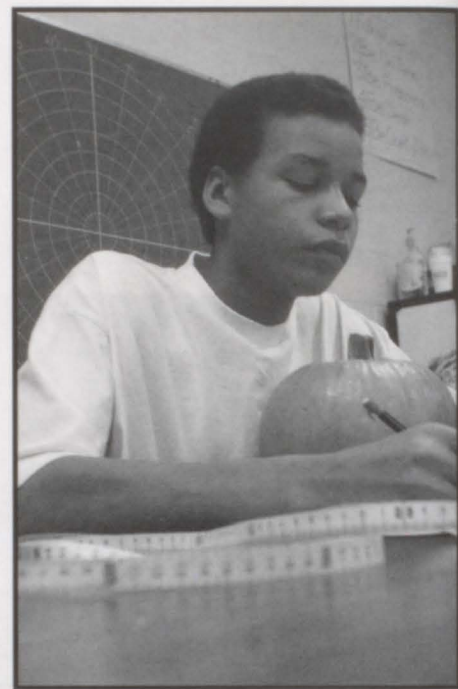
decided to start a joint letter writing project with our classes in order to lend support to soldiers and give our students an opportunity to practice their writing skills," Howe said.

In yet another effort, math teachers Donna Sharpnack and Ann Decker combined Trig classes in a complex yet rewarding "bottle project."

According to Decker, students were paired with those in another class to complete the project, which gave them the chance to use technology and a pop bottle to "actually witness the sine function happen."

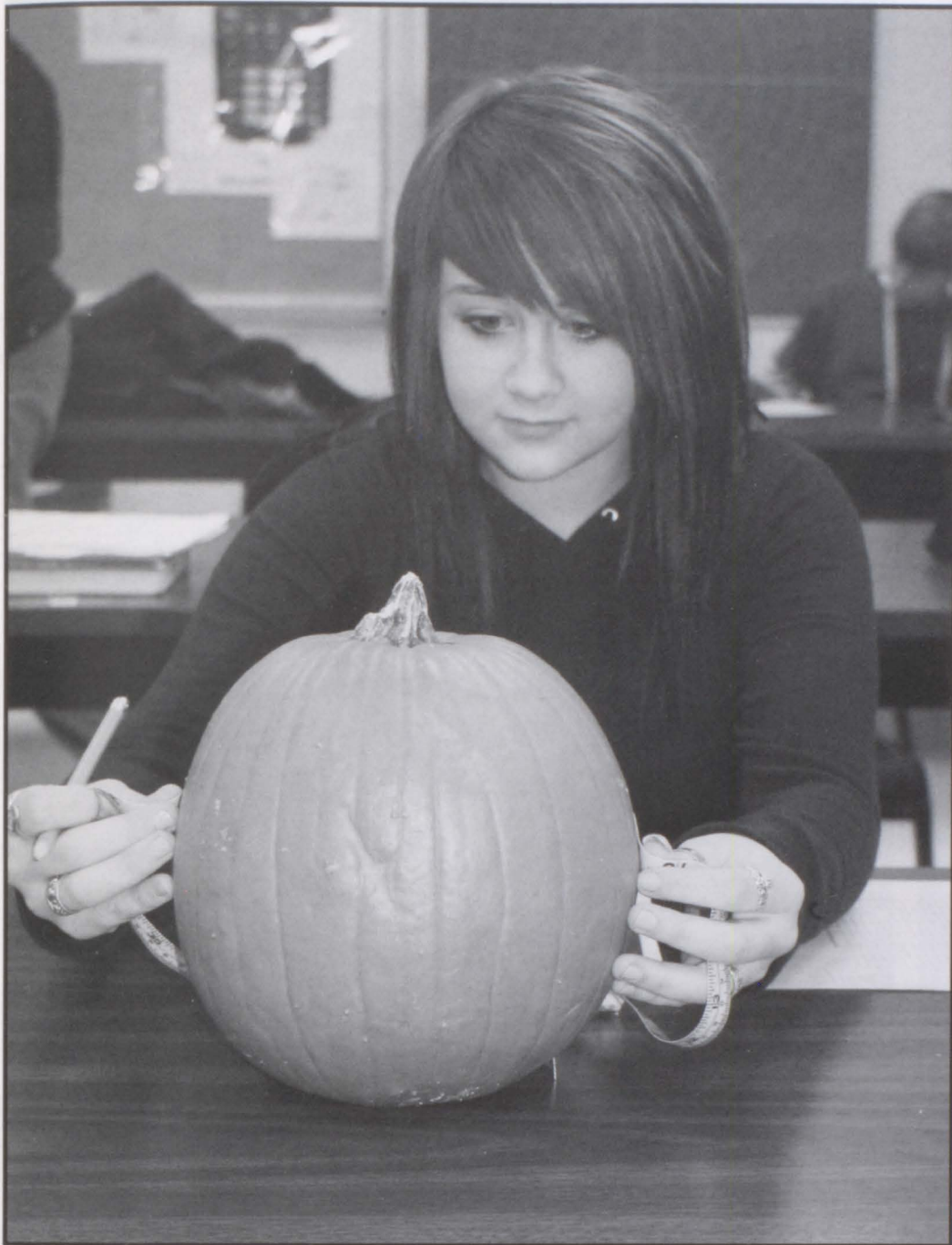
"I enjoyed the project because it showed how sound can be related to trig," junior Michelle Hicks said.

■ Katrina Rollins



■ **Top right:** Freshman Alyssa Prince gets ready to calculate measurements for the pumpkin project she did in Ann Decker's Algebra class.

■ **Top center:** Social studies teacher Jenny Myers works with junior Kasey Stirling on her junior project. "It was a lot easier having a second teacher help out. It made me feel a lot more confident in my paper and what I was turning in," Stirling said. This year's project focused on World War I and also featured collaboration with junior English teachers. ■ **Above:** Freshman Michael Hickmon writes down the equations for pi while working on the pumpkin project which featured collaboration among math, technology, and art classes.



"This project was enjoyable for me because it was something hands-on, and we weren't reading out of the book."

—Tyler Walker, 9



"It was strange writing a letter to someone that I didn't know, but when we started to get letters back we got to know the people who we were writing to."

—Chelsea Parr, 10



"I really liked this project because it gave me the opportunity to work with someone from a different class. It also let me see what I was learning."

—Ethan Isaacs, 11



In November, students in Jennifer Stricherz's English classes and Justin Howe's World Geography classes traveled to the Fort Leavenworth VFW to listen to a veteran speak about his experiences in Iraq.

"I enjoyed seeing the cemetery where the soldiers were buried. It made me think about their death and their sacrifice."

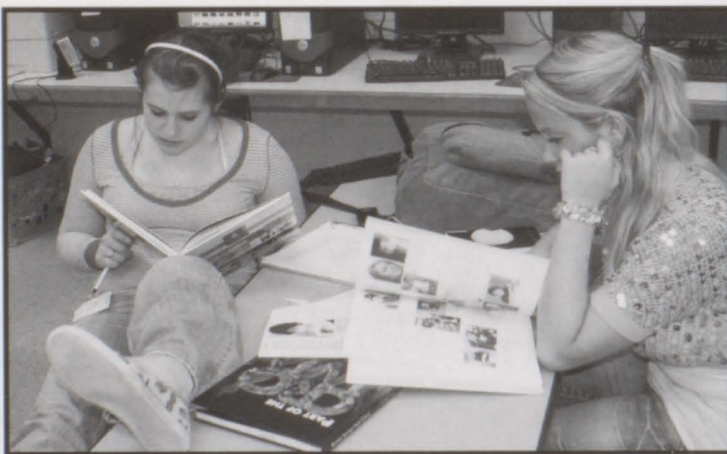
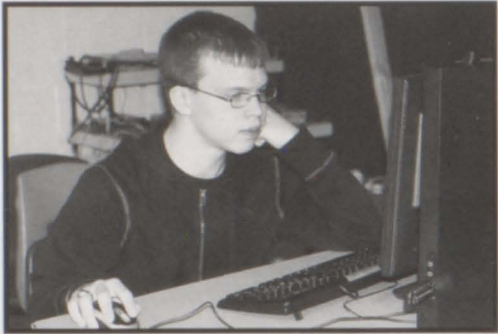
—Liz Hernandez, 9



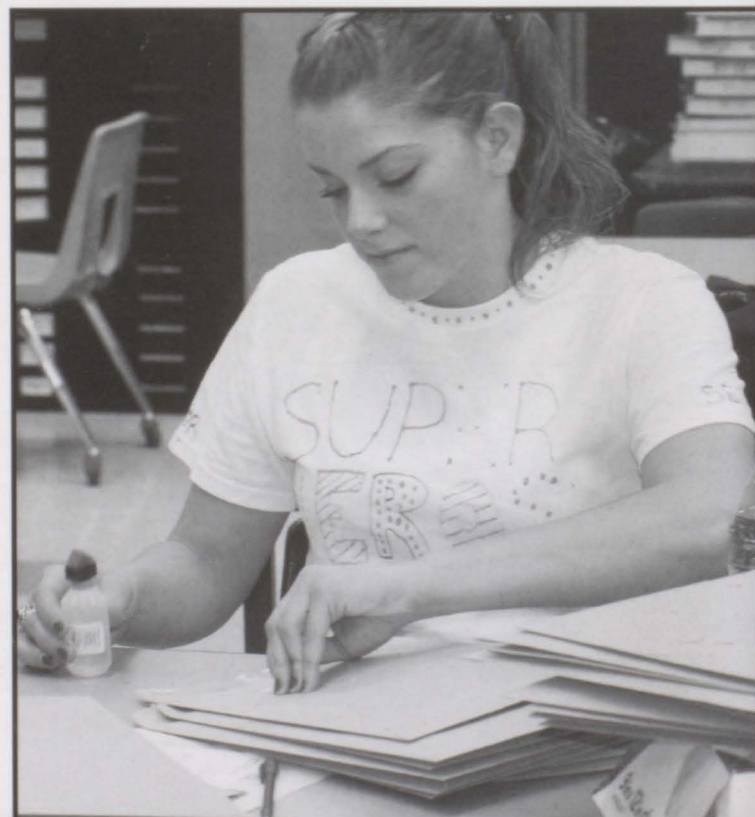
■ Pulling out the measuring tape, sophomore Stevi Scott takes a look at her pumpkin before tackling the circumference. "My favorite part of the project was doing something hands-on in math," Scott said. Students in Ann Decker's Algebra I class worked with three other classes to combine efforts for one project. ■ Working on their trigonometry project, juniors Sandy Gomez and Anthony Camp carefully make a sound into the bottle. "The project was fun because I actually got to see what I was learning," Camp said.



■ **Designing a creative costume**, junior Brittany Logan helps senior Joe Sullivan with his leprechaun attire for the St. Patrick's Day premiere of Tee Pee Talk. "Having Joe dress up added a lot of comedy to the segment," Logan said. ■ **Checking for errors**, senior Matt Johnson makes all necessary corrections for a Tee Pee Talk clip. "Making sure that everything is accurate is a lot of hard work, but it is essential in producing the best," Johnson said. ■ **Getting ready for a new issue**, senior Britney Shipman sets up pages for the upcoming Pow Wow. In addition to technical work, Shipman was the opinions page editor and also wrote a column.



■ **Deep in thought**, sophomore Bailey Nairn and senior Alyssa Kelly scope out some ideas for the 2008 Totem Pole. "It's always fun looking through old yearbooks and making comparisons from previous years," Kelly said. ■ **Sealing envelopes**, senior business manager Holly Luke prepares to send bills to newspaper advertisers. "The hardest part of newspaper is getting something done with all the different opinions people have," Luke said.



MEETING A DEADLINE

Media staffs work hard to produce the best



Newspaper

Producing eight issues, the Pow Wow staff worked rigorously to finish every issue by each deadline date.

"Deadlines were crazy, but everyone always pulled through and even managed to have a little fun along the way," senior features editor Nicole Woods said.

With 12 pages per issue, the staff did its best to cover topics with strong appeal and focused on everything from tips for helping the environment to battling the holiday overeating bulge.

"I felt that story variety was a real strength, and I hope that we had at least one thing that appealed to everyone in each issue," senior editor-in-chief Chelsea Simmons said.

Yearbook

Recording the highlights of the year was a stressful yet rewarding challenge for the yearbook staff. Staff members spent time inside and outside of class to produce the best publication possible.

"It seemed like there was always a deadline to deal with, but we worked really hard and I had a lot of fun," senior Mandi Ontis said.

Often times, in order to meet major deadlines, students came in after school if they needed more time.

"We were able to get lots of stuff done on work nights without the distraction of school," senior editor-in-chief Adam Smith said. "We also had lots of fun and crazy moments."

Tee Pee Talk

Under the direction of new sponsor Melissa Smith, the Tee Pee Talk staff did its best to move forward.

The staff kicked off the year adapting to change and new equipment.

Senior Shawn Jones said he felt the strength of the staff was the teamwork and the story selection.

"I liked the fact that we did more school-related segments instead of random ones," Jones said.

Senior Andrew Foster said he felt that the staff's coverage of the football team's championship season represented its best work.

"We worked really hard on those segments," Foster said.

■ *Olivia Walterman*

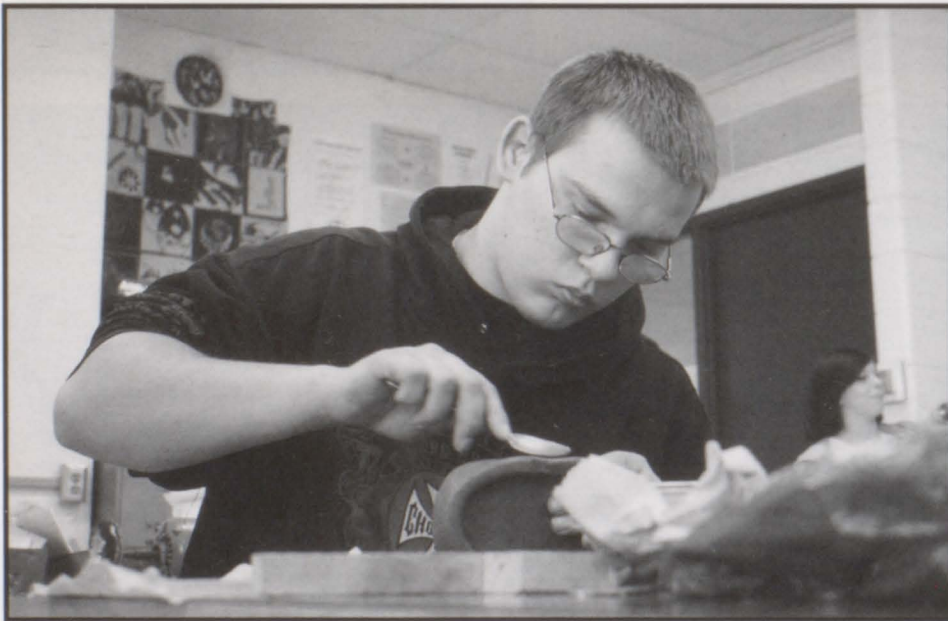
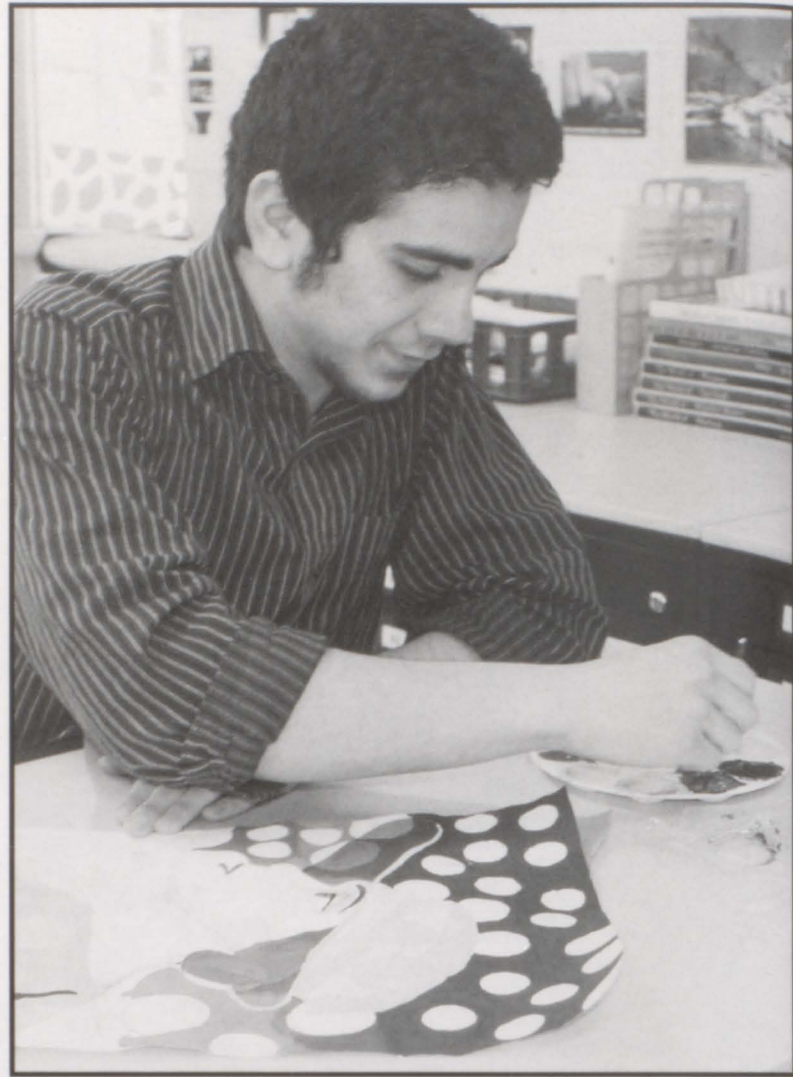
■ **Looking over a video**, senior Shawn Jones reviews a clip for the St. Patrick's Day episode of Tee Pee Talk. ■ **Running a final proof**, senior Chelsea Simmons prepares newspaper pages before they are sent electronically to the printer. "Even though the deadlines are stressful, being in newspaper is a great experience," Simmons said.



■ **Taking time to relax**, junior Isaac Mills and senior Nathan Lynch chat at the newspaper holiday party. After a Secret Santa gift exchange, the staff played Taboo and enjoyed a little snack. ■ **Hard at work**, seniors Adam Smith and Raechel Monn brainstorm for a yearbook theme with instructor Laura Widmer at the Herff Jones Summer Workshop. "The workshop taught me a lot of useful things which helped me throughout the year," Monn said.



■ While working on his project in painting class, junior Armando Herrera adds finishing touches. "I like art because it's a way to stop a special moment in time," Herrera said. ■ Freshman Sarah Duckworth works on her scarf in her seventh hour Fibers class. Her scarf featured a multitude of floral prints and her sister's name. "Art is fun compared to other classes in school," Duckworth said.



■ During his fourth hour Ceramics class, junior Joseph Reynolds works on his bowl. "I like sculpting because I'm used to working with my hands," Reynolds said. ■ Adding minor detail, senior Joey O'Hare concentrates on his project. "I love art because it relaxes me," O'Hare said.





■ Junior Chelsea Allen works with teacher Linda Horvath on a ceramics project. "Sculpting is fun because it shows my character," Allen said.

CREATIVELY THINKING

Students express themselves through art

Art is the quality, production, expression, or realm, according to aesthetic principles, of what is beautiful, appealing, or of more than ordinary significance.

Many students use art as a time to escape the pressure of school and other things going on in their lives. Art can be fun and interesting, but frustrating at the same time.

"I like art because I get to express myself in many ways. I'm currently taking ceramics and painting. Painting is my favorite because I like to be able to use a lot of colors," senior Allen Mellott said.

After taking courses in 2-D or 3-D concepts, many students continue their art through independent studies.

"I like independent studies because I can do whatever I want on my own time," junior Tanner McCleary said.

This year the art department continued to improve the appeal of the outdoor lab adjacent to the classrooms

Students in Linda Horvath's art classes began working on a sculpture garden to enhance the area last year, and Horvath added a cascading fountain, complete with goldfish and accented with flowers, over the summer. Her students then maintained the area as a lab project throughout the year.

"The students in my art classes learned how to maintain the ecosystems for the fountain and to complete preparations to place student

sculptures in the area," Horvath said. "In the future, we plan to add a rain garden and artwork to the pond, a mosaic gravel path, and ceramic sculptures and paintings on the concrete walls," Horvath said.

The department was also energized by new teacher Jason Romanishin, who came to BSHS from California.

Romanishin's students will do their part to improve the school by creating a mural on the outdoor lab.

Romanishin also worked hard to give his students chances to earn scholarships for their artwork.

"I like my students to get recognized for their art," Romanishin said.

■ Matt Bille

Profile Sadie Kelly



- **Number of years in art:** "I've been in art since freshmen year."
- **Favorite class:** "I really like independent studies because I like to be able to do whatever I want. I also like to work at my own pace."
- **Favorite type of art:** "Painting is the most interesting to me."
- **Future plans:** "I plan on going to the University of Kansas or St. Mary's University and majoring in art."
- **What do you like about art:** "I like everything about art; it's fun and it's what I like to do."



MOCK TRIAL ■■■

With only a few members this season, the Mock Trial team was stronger than ever.

The team started off the season in January by practicing each week after school and during Connection Time on Thursdays.

After hours of work, they were then ready to compete at the Johnson County Courthouse on March 1.

"I had a great time competing at the courthouse," junior Anthony Camp said. "It was an awesome experience, and I would do it again in a heartbeat."

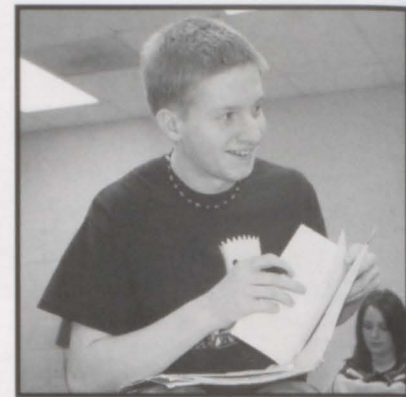
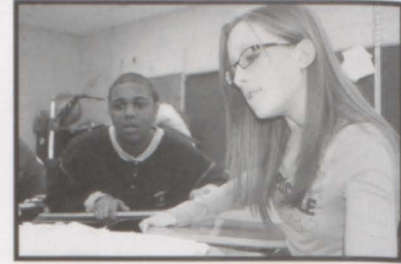
Tony Camp, Kayla Zimmerly and Daniel Simmons were this year's returning members.

"These three students were very helpful to the new members on the team, and we relied heavily on their experience and knowledge," sponsor Jenny Myers said.



■ **Examining the details**, junior Olivia Waltermann and senior Cassi Ward discuss the issues from both sides while sponsor Jenny Myers looks on. "I really liked being a part of Mock Trial; it was interesting to get to act out a real trial," Ward said.

■ **Seeing the trial for the first time**, sophomore Kayla Zimmerly and junior Daniel Simmons look over the case affidavits. ■ **Getting ready for competition**, junior Tony Camp checks his notes one last time before he presents to the practice jury of his teammates.



ACADEMIC DECATHLON ■■■

Kicking off the season in October, the Academic Decathlon team spent most of its time preparing for the state meet at Kansas State University at the end of January.

"The best part of the state meet was when Blaine Lewis

took second place with his essay because he had a very little time for preparation," freshman Jeffrey Lynch said.

The team was led by seniors Chelsea Simmons, Cassi Ward and Michael Cooper.

Xavier Capalla was the

team's top scorer at the state meet, with first place on his essay and second in Language and Literature.

Michael Cooper placed second on his essay and first on his speech. Others who placed were Blaine Lewis and Chelsea Simmons.



■ **Taking a break**, sophomore Xavier Capalla and David Katosh wait for the next category of competition. At each meet, students competed in ten different areas ranging from Super Quiz to Speech.

■ **Awaiting the action**, senior Cassi Ward and sophomore Blaine Lewis take a break. "I really liked being a part of Academic Decathlon," Lewis said. "It gave me a chance to show what I know and that I always have room to learn more."



ECOLOGY CLUB



Even though the profits of recycling are relatively small, the rewards are priceless.

With only a few members, the Ecology Club worked hard to recycle every chance they could get.

"I like Ecology Club

because it helps the environment, even if it's just a little. We don't get a lot of time to recycle, but we make the best of all the time we get," said junior Kaley Withers.

Ecology Club members took turns recycling papers throughout the

school each week, usually during Success Time on Wednesday afternoons.

"Ecology Club is a great thing for students because they get the opportunity to do something good for the school," sponsor Jacquelyn Leib said.



■ **Helping out**, senior James Prather dumps papers into the recycle bin. ■ **Dumping out paper from teachers' boxes**, junior Ethan Isaacs, left, does his part. "One of the benefits of Ecology Club is working to clean up the school and take care of the environment," Isaacs said. ■ **Far left**, junior Kaley Withers takes care of recycling in the basement area. "Recycling is a great thing to be involved in," Withers said. "It doesn't take much time, and it's good for the school."



■ **Ready to answer the question**, senior Michael Cooper taps the buzzer before his opponents do. Cooper was a four-year Quiz Bowl participant. ■ **Reading the questions**, senior Raechel Monn works the Bonner Springs Varsity Invitational Quiz Bowl meet in November.

■ **Waiting for the correct answer**, sophomore Robert Plumb keeps score at a home meet. "I really enjoyed working at the home meet; it was cool to get to see what other students do while we compete," Plumb said.



QUIZ BOWL



Led by seniors Adam Smith, Michael Cooper and Ian Briggs, the Quiz Bowl team earned thousands of points and competed at several different schools.

The Quiz Bowl team practiced weekly in sponsor Chris Wood's room during Connection Time on Thursdays.

"I love Quiz Bowl because we all work really well together. Even when we don't win, we have fun and are almost like a family," senior Chelsea Simmons said.

"Quiz Bowl exists solely for the purpose of encouraging arcane knowledge, broadening cultural literacy and traveling to strange places to learn more. Winning competitions is simply icing on the cake," Wood said.

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INVESTIGATING MINDS

Thirty-member squad makes strong showing



With 30 members, the Science Olympiad team was the biggest and perhaps one of the strongest in school history.

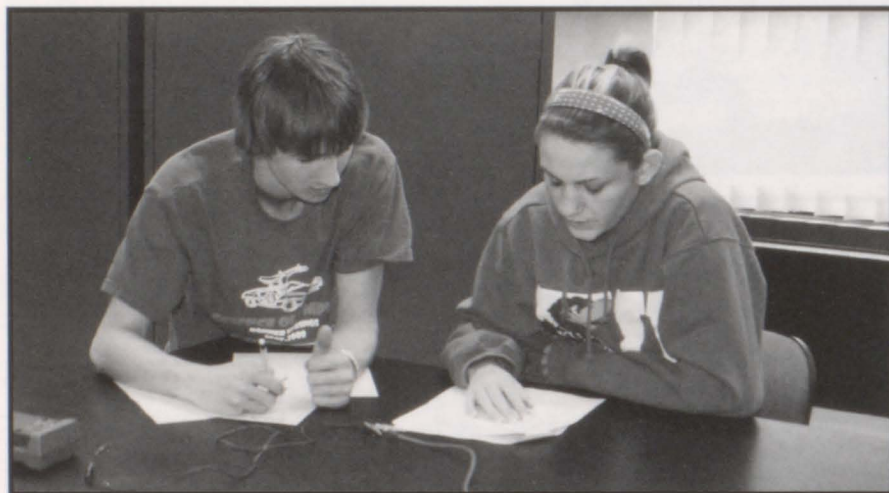
Under the direction of returning coach Tim Ney and new coach Carolyn Pearson, the squad worked hard at two practice meets to prepare for the highlight of the season—the regional tournament at JCCC.

Competing against 24 schools in 23 science-related events, seven squad members earned regional medals.

The highest finish came in Disease Detectives, where juniors Laura Rink and Monica Sorensen placed second. Sorensen and junior SyKnese Fields also placed third in Forensics. Other medal winners were seniors Ian Briggs, Ashlee Espinoza, and Chelsea Crouch and junior Issac Mills.

"It's been thrilling to co-coach Science Olympiad. I've watched students put extraordinary effort into solving problems and preparing for events," Pearson said.

■ Katrina Rollins



■ **Reading over the directions**, senior Chelsea Crouch and junior Isaac Mills decide what the next step is in the Circuit Lab competition. "I enjoyed working on Science Olympiad. I got to participate in the events that I was interested in, and it was challenging and a great experience," Mills said. ■ **Working on her model airplane for the Wright Stuff competition**, junior SyKnese Fields considers possible adjustments to improve the flight. "I really liked working on the plane. It was interesting and fun to build," Fields said.



"I really enjoyed Science Olympiad because it was something different that not everyone is involved in."

—Monica Sorensen, 11



"Science Olympiad was great to be involved in; it gave me a chance to do different things with science that we don't do in class every day."

—William Rhodes, 10



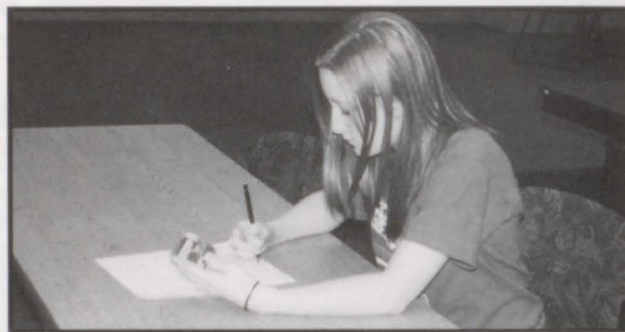
"The best part about Science Olympiad was being able to do what we enjoyed; we got to chose the events we participated in."

—Cassi Ward, 12



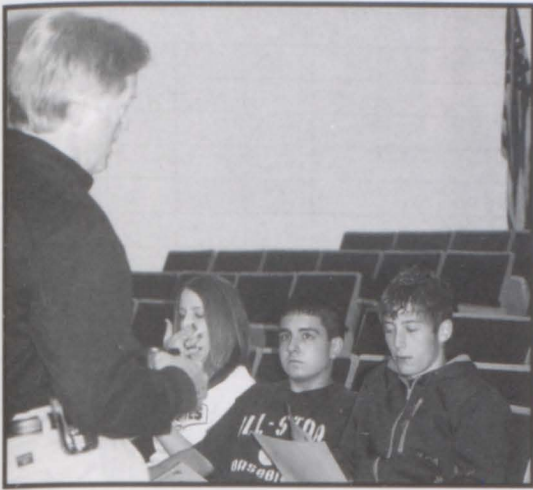
"It's great to be a part of the team; it gives me a chance to get out and do something that I enjoy."

—Laura Rink, 11



■ **Finishing a problem during the Physics Lab competition**, seniors Ian Briggs and Ashlee Espinoza work to complete the test at a practice meet. ■ **Deciding how to best describe the object**, sophomore Kayla Zimmerly tries to explain how to build the puzzle in the Write It Do It event.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



Leadership Council is dedicated to helping students develop and expand their leadership abilities while assisting freshmen during their adjustment to life at BSHS.

Under the guidance of Principal Dr. Jerry Abbott, the group met on Friday mornings before school

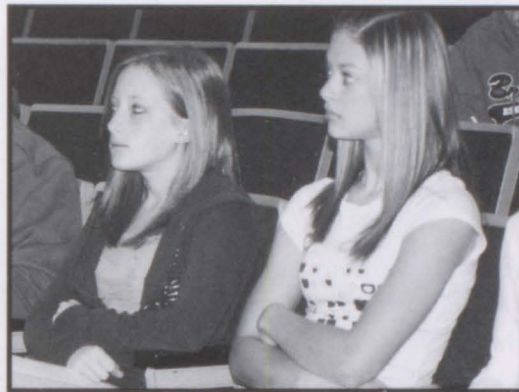
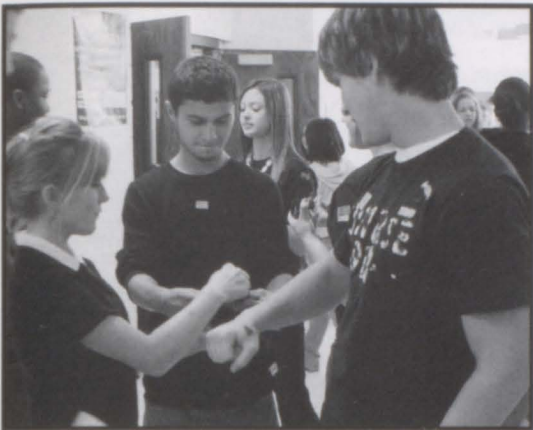
to discuss leadership strategies.

The group also went to freshmen classes to work with smaller groups and to pass on the traits of responsible upperclassmen.

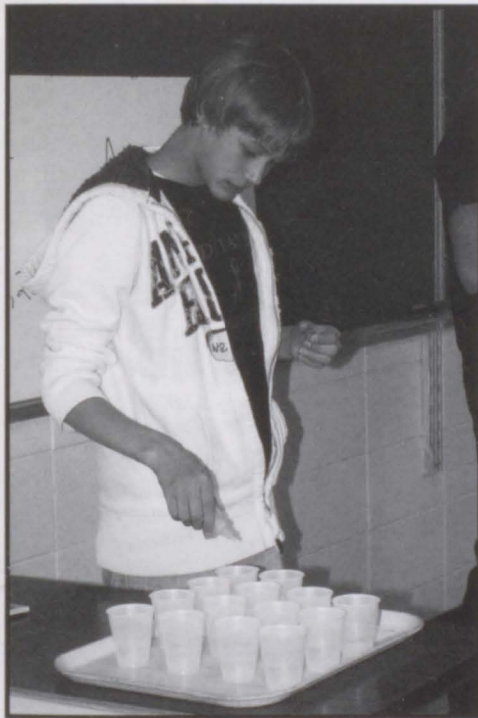
"Leadership Council was a great thing to be involved in; it gave

me the chance to get to know some of the underclassmen and to help out," sophomore Emily Herre said.

Students active in Leadership Council are recommended by teachers on qualities such as responsibility, character and overall leadership.



■ **Focusing on the lesson**, juniors Monica Sorensen and Stephen Call and senior Ryan Bush, top left, prepare to discuss school leadership issues. ■ **Putting a stamp on fellow students**, sophomore Tessa Seaton, far left, helps with Mix-It-Up Day in November. ■ **Listening closely at a meeting**, sophomores Kayla Zimmerly and Emily Herre, left, take in the topic under discussion.



■ **Before their Chemical Cup Experiment**, junior Alex Sullivan and freshman Brian Callahan read some statistics about AIDS. The Peer Helpers sponsored AIDS Day to heighten awareness of AIDS to prevent the spread of infection in young people.



■ **Explaining the Chemical Cup Experiment**, freshman Austin Epp works with a sophomore class during AIDS Day. ■ **Passing the ball**, senior Andrew Foster partakes in a free-time game of four-square at the Peer Helpers retreat in September.

PEER HELPERS

Beginning their activities in September, the Peer Helpers organization took part in an extensive training session and retreat at Tall Oaks Conference Center in Linwood, Kan.

Peer Helpers is an organization that gives students the opportunity to learn conflict resolution and other strategies to help a struggling peer.

"The best part about Peer Helpers is that students get to help other students. Teenagers most often feel comfortable confiding in other teens," sponsor Lisa Terrell said.

In addition to helping their peers as needed, a major focus for the group comes in April when they sponsor the BSHS AIDS Awareness Day.

"Peer Helpers is a great thing to be involved in because you get to help the people around you," junior Erika Busch said.

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TIME CRUNCHING

Students pressed to juggle busy schedules

Time, a noun, is defined as "a system of measuring the passing of hours in the past, present, and future."

Out of the 24 hours there are in a day, you would think that time wouldn't be a huge issue. So why do so many students find themselves pressed for time and always looking for more?

"It gets a little stressful every once in awhile, having to come home after a tiring game and still having to finish my homework," said junior Starian Porchia, "but I stay so involved because I feel

like I have the ability to handle it all."

Making time for school work, sports, church, a job, and still setting aside time for friends can be a very difficult task.

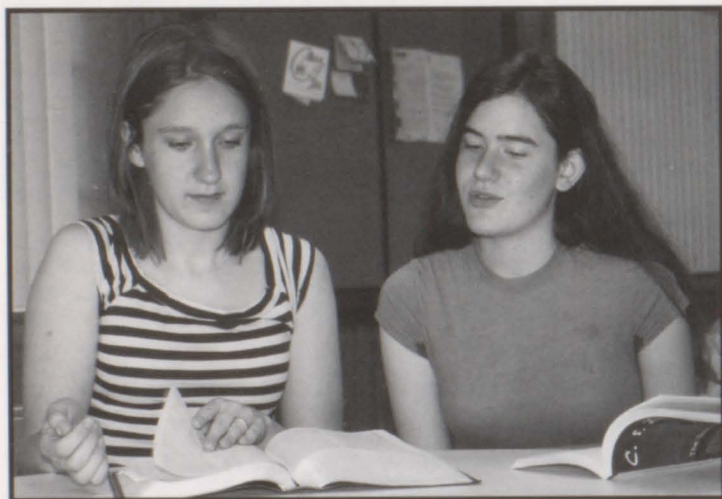
Students stack their plates so full with extra-curricular activities that they often don't get much time to sleep.

"There are days that I don't get home until after 10 p.m. due to sports and work, and I wake up so tired the next morning," said junior Amanda Trent, who works at Dairy Queen and also runs track and cross country.

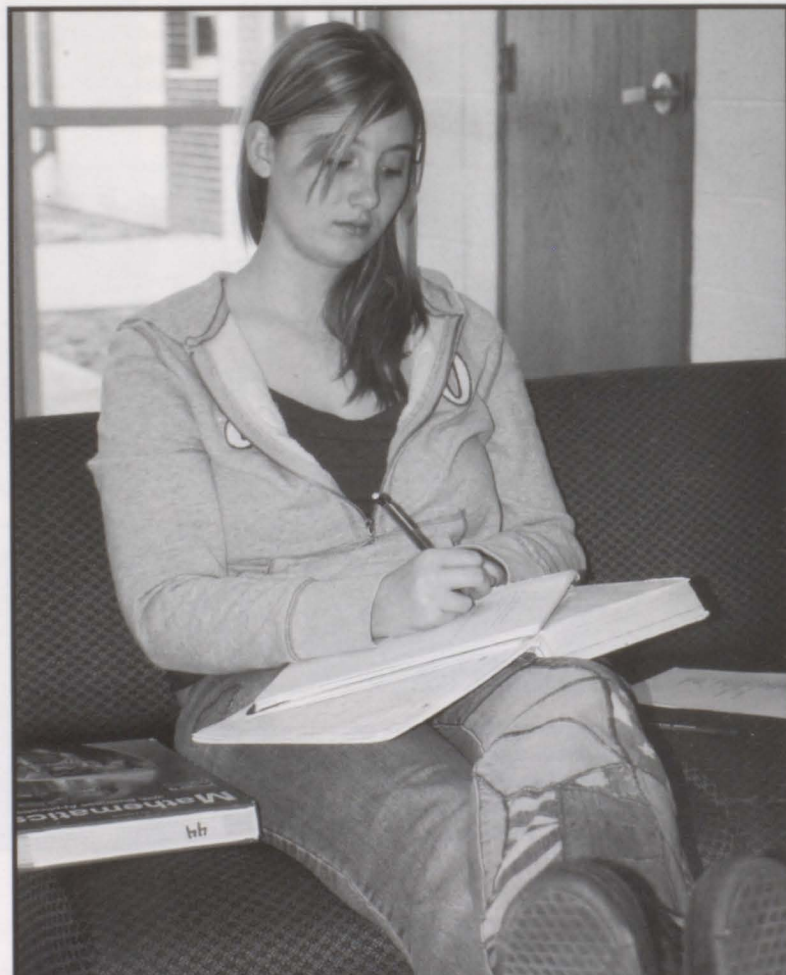
Although she didn't have to juggle sports practices and late games, junior Brandy Hoover had to find time for after-school play practice, choir, weekend forensics tournaments, and a demanding job.

"When I first started working at a retail store at The Legends, I was pretty overwhelmed because I would get home so late. I just didn't have time to do everything I needed to do, so I eventually found a job that would work with my busy school schedule," Hoover said.

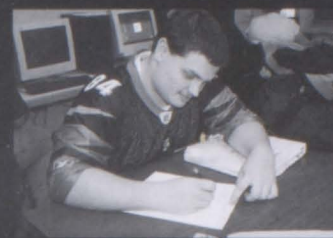
■ Olivia Walterman



■ **Studying the Bible**, junior Laura Rink and her friend Malissa Taber work on their lesson at their church youth group. In addition to a full load of classes, Rink was very involved in her church during the school year and participated in a summer mission trip to Brazil. ■ **Finishing her homework**, junior Tiffanie Burgoon stays after school to catch-up. "With school, sports and choir, it is really difficult to fit it all into my daily schedule, but it is definitely worth it in the end," Burgoon said. ■ **Patiently taking an order**, junior John Jenkins, top center, works hard at the Bonner Springs Mr. Goodcents. Jenkins had to juggle his work schedule with tennis, cross country and school work.

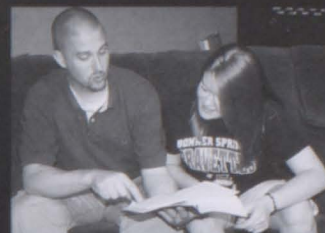


■ **Doing her studies**, sophomore Jessica Brown tries to get her work done in class. "I always try to finish my work ahead of time, so I don't have to take it home," Brown said. ■ **Running down the field**, seniors Clayton McCully and Josh Cook sprint to pick up the loose ball before the other team. McCully had to divide his time between soccer, a job, and his senior project.



"Managing my time was a little difficult especially towards the end of the year, but I was able to pull it all off somehow."

—David Link, 12



"I was really involved in my church, but I was able to manage my time between that and school by trying to schedule around the two."

—Katrina Rollins, 11



"It was a hassle to have to call my manager to reschedule due to extra-curricular activities, but it always seemed to come together."

—Kourtney Kraft, 10



"This year was definitely my toughest so far. I lost some sleep and I had to work my hardest, but it all fell into place on its own."

—Cindy Price, 11



■ **Enjoying a light-hearted, stress-free moment**, juniors Amanda Trent, Zandra Storms, and Ashlee Harding talk among themselves in the cafeteria. "Between school, sports, and work, I did get a little stressed out, but it all worked out to my advantage," Trent said.

UPDATED AND EXPANDED

NHS makes significant adjustments

Major changes were made to the BSHS chapter of National Honor Society this year.

The change process began in November after sponsors Marsha Nelson and Heather Campbell attended a national NHS conference in Wichita along with two officers.

Among other things, the group learned that the local chapter needed to make revisions to comply with national guidelines.

The process to be selected as an NHS member became more difficult, and students were asked to fill out an information form which would then be evaluated by a faculty council. In making their selections, the council reviewed

the applications and the student's leadership and character ratings from other faculty members.

Juniors and seniors were then selected for membership, marking the first time juniors were accepted into the BSHS chapter. In the end, 32 juniors and 32 seniors were officially inducted into NHS on April 2, the most in school history.

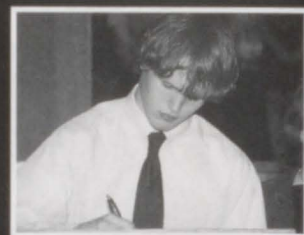
"I think the new acceptance procedure was a good idea. It made it harder for students to get into NHS," senior Janelle Lira said.

There were also set requirements for being in NHS, such as a 3.2 GPA and participation in a certain amount of school and community service projects.

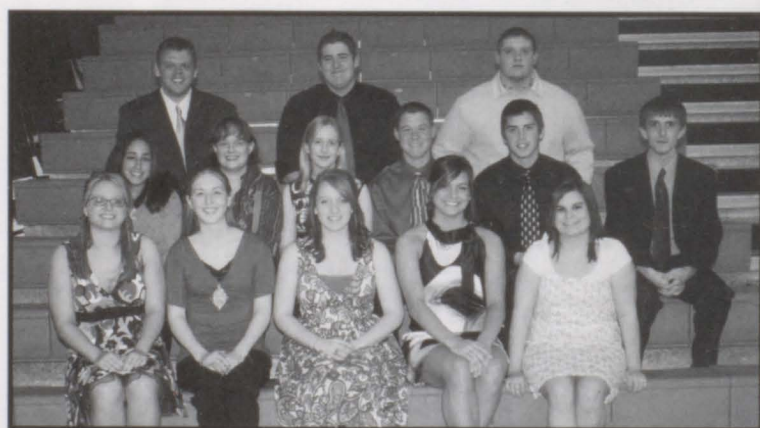
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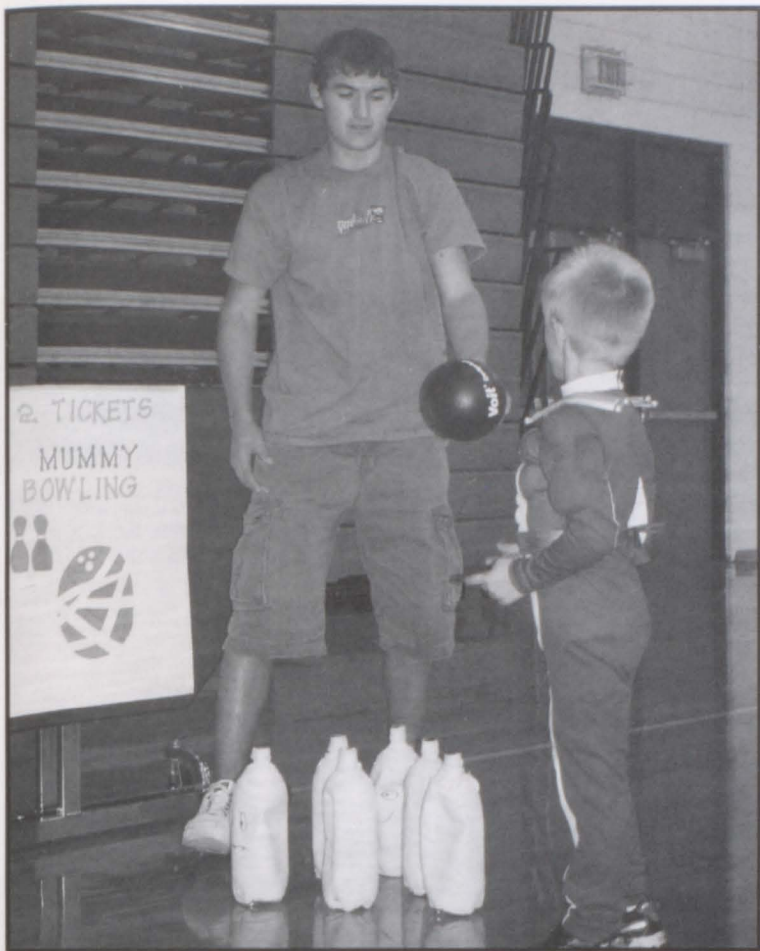
■During the recessional, junior Erika Busch walks out of the candlelighting ceremony. ■During their induction, seniors Michael Cooper, Wendy DeLeon, and Tiffany Ellis recite the NHS pledge. ■In anticipation, seniors Ian Briggs, Lauren Burgess and Ryan Bush await the conclusion of the ceremony.



NHS Seniors. Front Row: Tiffany Ellis, Rachael Beckett, Jessica Hoglund, Lauren Burgess, Alyssa Kelly, Holly Luke. **Row 2:** Janelle Lira, Matt Ingenthron, Michael Cooper, Wendy DeLeon, Lindsey Johnson. **Row 3:** Ethan Jenkins, Michael Bille, Josh Cook, Zach Holder, Ryan Bush.



NHS Seniors. Front Row: Kelsey Stanbrough, Lisa Rogers, Brandi Ventura, Michaela Mortensen, Mandi Ontis. **Row 2:** Ashlee Espinoza, Chelsea Simmons, Cassi Ward, Kyle Toland, Clayton McCully, James Prather. **Row 3:** Adam Smith, Blake Tuttle, Casey Weir.



■ **Filling out paperwork**, senior Kyle Toland gets ready to donate blood at the SADD-sponsored community blood drive in February. Students were able to donate blood to gain points for NHS. ■ **Working the Booster Club Boo Bash**, junior Chris Smith gets ready to assist a youngster at the Mummy Bowling booth. ■ **Helping with childcare at Parent-Teacher conferences**, junior Monica Sorensen watches Brynn Lowe, daughter of P.E. teacher Staci Lowe.



NHS Juniors. Front Row: Tiara Jones, SyKnese Fields, Sandy Gomez, Cali Hackney, Nancy DeLeon, Brittany Bennett. **Row 2:** Jaelyn Lira, Brandy Hoover, Alex Argudo, Erika Busch, Julia Glenn, Chance Crawford.



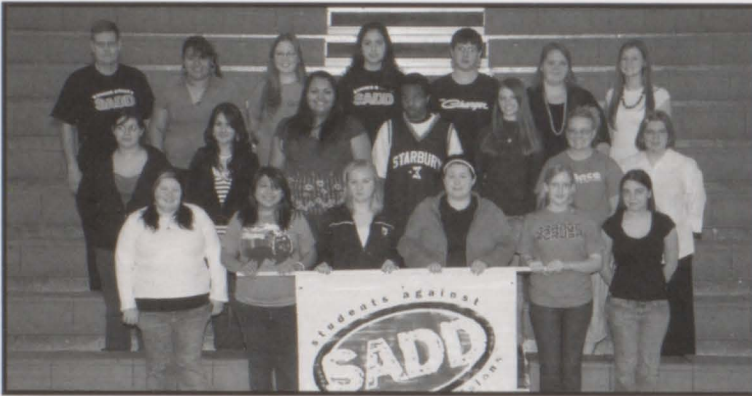
NHS Juniors. Front Row: Laura Rink, Monica Sorensen, Starian Porchia, Adam Shirley, Krystal Stanton, Stefanie Sprengle. **Row 2:** Meghan Miller, Aubree Miller, Cori Stapleton, Olivia Waltermann, Katrina Rollins, Anna Nelson, Michael Walker. **Row 3:** DeAndre Rudolph, Isaac Mills, Kaley Withers, Kristina Tilden, Amanda Rhodes, Chris Smith, Luke Terrell.

Student Council



Front Row: Tessa Seaton, Kayla Zimmerly, Kaylie Holloway, Lauren Groves, Anna Nelson, Katie Tisch, Cassi Ward, Brandi Ventura, Angelica Harris, Alyson Espy. **Row 2:** Aubree Miller, Julia Glenn, Alyssa Kelly, Janelle Lira, Victoria Porter, Brenna Hoch, Max Hilleary, Tyler Kelly, Riley Mortensen, Jaclyn Lira, Austin Epp. **Row 3:** Michaela Mortensen, Max Barren, Cali Hackney, Jessie Kelly, David Katosh, Emily Herre, Lynsey Ostman, Bailey Nairn, Monica Sorensen, Laura Herrera. **Row 4:** Nancy DeLeon, Taelor Falconer, Holly Luke, Wendy DeLeon, Kelsey Stanbrough, Brooke Babbitt, Kasie Cook, Shelby Ney, Lauren Burgess, Erica Smith, Seth Clements. **Row 5:** Dalton Vitt, Isaac Mills, Chelsea Crawford, Elizabeth Grinter, Lindsay Hunt, Katie Ellingsworth, Carli Turner, Meg Fowler, Lisa Rogers, Kyle Day. **Row 6:** MacKenzie Anderson, Olivia Waltherman, Connor Harrington, Jake Barren, Michael Cooper, Collin Stirling, Zach Holder, Clayton McCully, Michael Bille, Andrew Foster, Katie Kobialka. **Row 7:** Luke Terrell, Tyler Dubin, Adam Smith, Josh Cook, Brian Callahan.

SADD



Front Row: Lindsay Johnson, Janel Mejia, Amanda Rhodes, Raquel Johnson, Cassi Ward, Kristina Tilden. **Row 2:** Heather Zamora, Sandy Gomez, Irene Hernandez, Stephon Crump, Stefanie Sprenkle, Brittany Logan, Lyndie Kill. **Row 3:** Tim Ney, Iris Hernandez, Breanna Putnam, Anna Hutchison, Tanner Cushman, Morgan Tinsley, Olivia Waltherman.

Quiz Bowl



Front Row: Kayla Zimmerly, Chelsea Simmons, Jerrold Pitts, Raechel Monn, Caitlin Tinsley, Cassi Ward. **Row 2:** Ian Briggs, Daniel Simmons, Leo Sanchez, Morgan Tinsley, Chelsee Peters. **Row 3:** Michael Cooper, Vernon Samek, Joey O'Hare, Chris Braswell, Adam Smith, William Rhodes.

FCCLA



Front Row: Krystal Stanton, Krystal McCorkendale, Cherelle Henderson, Cara Poe, Silvia Villaneda, Kristina Tilden, Seria Homes. **Row 2:** Martha Chandley, Sandy Gomez, Ashley Nachbar, Brittany Winfield, Stefanie Sprenkle, SyKnese Fields, Samantha Chavez. **Row 3:** Dynikah Brown, Monica Simpson, Stephen Edwards, Anthony Camp, Olivia Waltherman, Tiara Jones, Amanda Trent.

Kayettes



Front Row: Miesha Saxton, Krystal Stanton, Christa Ward, Samee Sprenkle, Breanna Logan, Kylie Jones, Allie Twombly, Erin Mills, Alyson Espy. **Row 2:** Jessica Hoglund, Alexis Clark, Dani Green, Chelsea Crouch, Chandler Clark, Rachel Trent, Kelsey Leatherbury, Ashley Nachbar, Erika Busch, Julia Glenn. **Row 3:** Carli Turner, Brittany Bennett, Sandy Gomez, Stefanie Sprenkle, Katie Ellingsworth, Aerial Wells, Anna Gallagher, Riley Mortensen, LaTrena Floyd. **Row 4:** Linda Orangkhadivi, Dynikah Brown, Celicia DeLeon, Raechel Monn, Megan Crane, Breanna Putnam, Monica Simpson, Olivia Waltherman, Teran Holter, Tiara Jones, Alisha Day.

Tee Pee Talk



Front Row: Jason Hoskins, Brittany Logan, Rocklan Waggoner, Meghan Miller, Aubree Miller.
Row 2: Matt Johnson, Brittney Hernandez, Andrew Foster, Ariel Adger, Megan Laver, Joe Sullivan.
Row 3: Tanner Stark, Chris Smith, Cody Wallace, Michael Walker, Melissa Smith.

Leadership Council



Front Row: Kayla Zimmerly, Julia Glenn, Nancy DeLeon, Bailey Nairn, Alyssa Kelly, Anna Nelson, Tessa Seaton.
Row 2: Sadie Kelly, Chelsea Crouch, Max Barren, Holly Luke, Seth Clements, Stephen Call, Emily Herre, Monica Sorensen.
Row 3: Dr. Jerry Abbot, Lauren Burgess, Brittany Bennett, Isaac Mills, Jake Barren, Andrew Foster, Michaela Mortensen, Kelsey Stanbrough, Jim Hanson.
Row 4: Ryan Bush, Alex Sullivan, Josh Cook, L.T. Lee, Austin Anderson, Chris Smith, Luke Terrell, Kevin DeVore.

Ecology Club



Front Row: Justin Padelli, Kaley Withers.
Row 2: James Prather, Ethan Isaacs, Aerial Wells.

Newspaper



Front Row: Britney Shipman, Holly Luke, Nicole Woods, Chelsea Simmons, Alex Perica, Josh Cook, Zach Holder, Nathan Lynch.
Row 2: Jill Holder, Alyssa Scott, Kasey Stirling, Taelor Falconer, Breanna Putnam, Luke Terrell, SyKnese Fields, Max Hilleary, Issac Mills.

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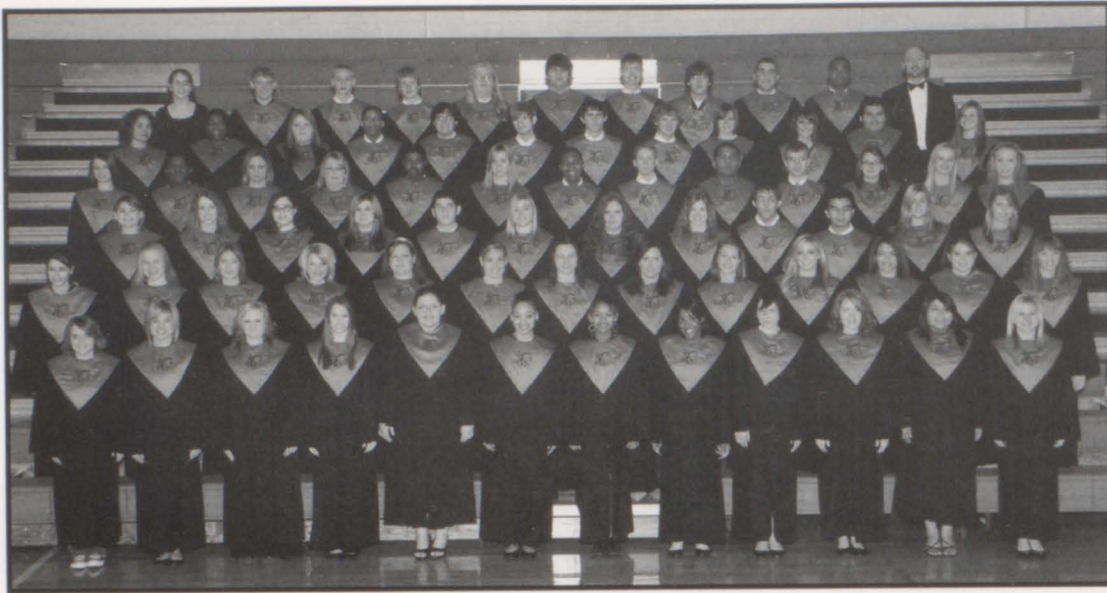
Front Row: Vanessa Lugo, Gabriel Leal, Clarence Forshey, Cody Duncan, Anthony Ward.
Row 2: Luke Porras, Ian Briggs, Max Barren, Ryan Holcomb, Angel Solano, Nick Wood, Justin Howe.
Row 3: Jake Barren, Matt Ingenthron, Lucas Tuckel, Brandon Eastland, Brian Callahan, Mike Harman, Katie Kobialka.

Peer Helpers



Front Row: Kaylie Holloway, Kaley Withers, Carli Turner, Erika Busch, Austin Epp, Janelle Lira, Erin Mills.
Row 2: Laura Rink, Kathryn Clark, Taelor Falconer, Kasie Cook, Meghan Miller, Nate Lloyd, Max Hilleary, Julia Glenn.
Row 3: Dalton Vitt, Andrew Foster, Matt Ingenthron, Michael Cooper, Jake Barren, Isaac Mills, Alex Perica.
Row 4: Lisa Terrell, Alex Sullivan, Luke Terrell, Adam Smith, Brian Callahan, Steven Walker, Rick Moulin.

A Cappella Choir



Front Row: Maisie Crayton, Aubree Miller, Sarah Bernard, Ashlee Harding, Kasey Stirling, Cherelle Henderson, Vanessa Lugo, Kieara Williams, Sara Trent, Brandi Ventura, Janel Mejia, Mackenzie Lee.
Row 2: Amber Vochatzer, Ariel Williams, Laura Rink, Rachel Trent, Michelle Hicks, Taryn Sullivan, Meghan Miller, Lindsay Sickman, Kelcie Paine, Cori Stapleton, Starian Porchia, Kourtney Kraft, Ashley Nachbar.
Row 3: Nicole Woods, Monica Sorensen, Natasha Serna, Brandy Hoover, Seth Clements, Kati Scholler, Caitlin Tinsley, Hannah Burgess, Joe Sullivan, Xavier Capalla, Tiffanie Burgoon, Brittany Bennett.
Row 4: Stefanie Sprengle, Alan Smith, Brittany Lander, Raechel Monn, DeAndre Rudolph, Chelsey Peters, Daniel Simmons, Ethan Jenkins, Aaron Lugo, Matt Johnson, Amy Pino, Emily Randolph, Brittani Littlejohn.
Row 5: Lauren Burgess, Dynikah Brown, Morgann Tinsley, Andrew Foster, Michael Cooper, Daniel Hilliard, Kevin Beashore, Adam Shirley, Kasie Cook, Meg Fowler, Leo Sanchez, Olivia Waltermann.
Row 6: Accompanist Lauren Wilson, Chance Crawford, Clayton Rhodes, Anthony Camp, Bradley Brewer, Austin Anderson, John Jenkins, Bradley Roush, Vernon Samek, Aaron Hill, Director Brian J. White.

Project X Choir



Front Row: Mackenzie Lee, Ashley Nachbar, Xavier Capalla, Starian Porchia, Amber Vochatzer.
Row 2: Darin Harvey, Brandy Hoover, Tyler Walker, Kasie Cook, Olivia Waltermann, Stefanie Sprengle.
Row 3: Andrew Foster, Dylan McCleary, Chance Crawford, Michael Cooper, Adam Shirley.

Concert Choir



Row 1: Irene Crump, Makayla Mefferd, Samee Sprengle, Victoria Porter, Persephone Hart, Alyson Espy.
Row 2: Amelia Sheldon, Darin Harvey, Riley Mortensen, Karen Medina, Chelsea Crawford, Jessie Kelly, Brenna Hoch, Ashley Hale.
Row 3: Caitlin Hilliard, Kathryn Clark, Bridgett Bradley, Tyler Walker, Dustin Ross, Chandler Clark, Ashley Jordan.
Row 4: Accompanist Lauren Wilson, Dylan McCleary, Cordell Duncan, Director Brian J. White.

Chorale Choir



Front Row: Alyssa Langford, Teresa Dornberger, Makayla Mefferd, Marcela Duarte, Allie Twombly, Jessica Throckmorton, Chelsey Jeffrey, Brittany Foster.
Row 2: Stormi Gaunce, Candy Stoldt, Emily Warren, Lyndie Kill, Amy Anderson, Alexei Moore, Amber Vochatzer, Sarah Bernard, Melissa Ruzsala.
Row 3: Amy DeMato, Ashley Eckstein, Joy Wallace, LaTrena Floyd, Jocelyn Magaha, Liz Hernandez, Kerriann Arnold, Jeremy Cook.
Row 4: Accompanist Lauren Wilson, Kati Scholler, Brittani Littlejohn, Clint Herdman, Ted Pauley, Ethan Jenkins, Cordarro McGill, Joe Sullivan, Matt Johnson, Christeen Coon, Director Brian J. White.
Row 5: Michael Sullivan, Leo Sanchez, Kasie Cook, Kevin Beashore, Clayton Rhodes, Joey O'Hare, Cordell Duncan, Bradley Brewer, Andrew Foster, Emily Kissinger.

Women's Ensemble Choir



Front Row: Krystal Stanton, Amber Barnes, Ebony Ford, Ashley Guggenheim, Erika Busch, Kaley Witos, Dani Green, Kim Bailey, Amy Samantha Haas, Amanda Tune, Candace Hightower, Tanairi Rios.
Row 2: Kayla Zimmerman, Amy DeMato, Lindsay Johnson, Emy Soliz, Sabrina Adkins, Morgan Storey, Kasey Stirling, Ashlee Harding, Cassi Ward, Mackenzie Lee, Courtney Hill.
Row 3: Melissa Ruzsala, Ashley Nachbar, Kim Flick, Amber Vochatzer, Sara Trent, Natasha Serna, Hannah Burgess, Kati Scholler, Ariel Williams, Kourtney Kraft, Katie Burton, Vanessa Lugo.
Row 4: Katrina Stogner, Kerriann Arnold, Tiara Jones, Raechel Monn, Brittani Littlejohn, Amy Pino, Elizabeth Grinter, Emily Randolph, Megan Crane, Michelle Hicks, Ashley Eckstein.
Row 5: Accompanist Lauren Wilson, Dani Meier, Katie Kobialka, Morgann Tinsley, Anna Hutchison, Chelsey Peters, Brooke Babbitt, Director Brian J. White.

Band



Front Row: Austin Epp, Ryan Holcomb, D.J. Brooks, Brian Callahan, Seth Gallagher, Jake Bailey. **Row 2:** Zach Hunt, Caitlin Tinsley, Katrina Stogner, William Rhodes, Morgan Tinsley, Ebony Newton, Starian Porchia, Katie Tisch. **Row 3:** Adam Smith, Erica Newton, Katrina Rollins, Tyler Johnson, Cameron Summers, Anthony Pascazi, Luke Porras, Jacob Moulin, Brittany Foster. **Row 4:** Kyle Toland, Ethan Jenkins, Vernon Samek, John Jenkins, Ryan Morris, Joey Carl, Collin Henry, Jeffrey Lynch. **Row 5:** Ian Briggs, Brandon Clark, Michael Cooper, Jonathan Price, Natasha Serna.

Jazz Band



Front Row: Leo Sanchez, Garrett Parker, Ashley Guggenheim, Brittany Foster, Collin Henry. **Row 2:** Ian Briggs, Ethan Jenkins, Vernon Samek, Kyle Toland.

Flag Team



Front Row: Michelle Hicks, Breanna Putnam, Destiny Moore. **Row 2:** Melissa Ruzsala, Kimberly Flick, Hannah Reynolds.

Forensics



Front Row: Amber Schaber, Mackenzie Lee, Lesly Sullivan, SyKnese Fields. **Row 2:** Xavier Capalla, Olivia Waltherman, Brandy Hoover, Chantell Scevrs.

Robotics



Front Row: Krystal Stanton, Lindsey Johnson, Michelle Hicks, Ashley Nachbar, Kayla Zimmerly, Logan Opat. **Row 2:** Stefanie Sprenkle, Adam Shirley, Brittany Winfield, Jesse Swan, Tony Camp, Chris Braswell, Chris Jenkins, Joe Bland, Matt Johnson, Stephon Crump.

Mock Trial



Front Row: Cassi Ward, Xavier Capalla, Kayla Zimmerly. **Row 2:** Sponsor Jenny Myers, Olivia Waltherman, Tony Camp, Daniel Simmons.



PEOPLE/STUDENT LIFE • Mandi Ontis • Alyssa Kelly • Shayla Meseke • Janelle Lira



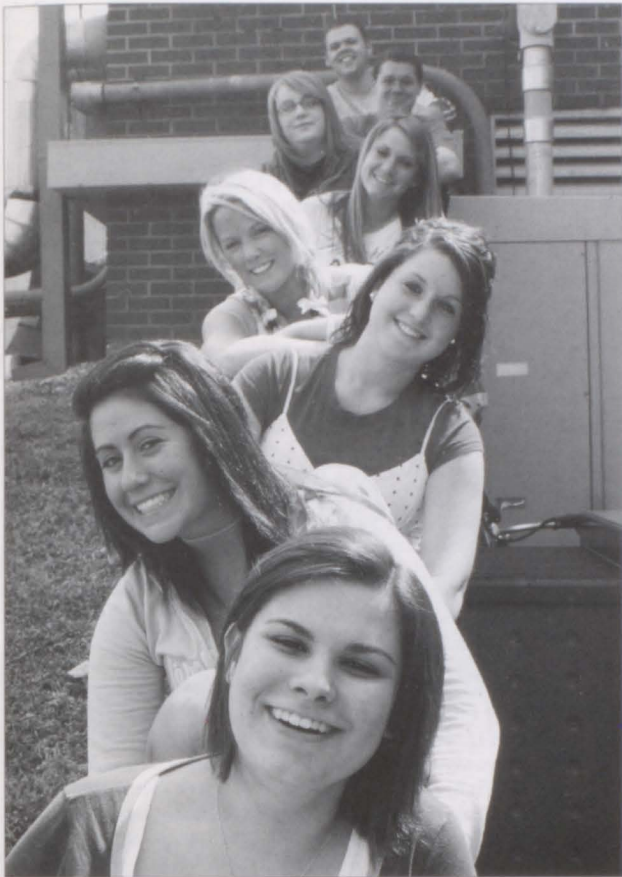
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• "It's...it's almost...magical!" -Mrs. Holder • "Oh, my word salad is rubbing off on you, Mateo!" -Mrs. Holder • "Well, on Mailey and Beg's page..." -Mrs. Holder • "Peace and Love 24/7!" -Mrs. Holder • "Ooh! Look at me and my leather biker jacket!" -Mrs. Holder • "Yeah, my Escape has hydraulics..." -Mrs. Holder • "Ask Adam!" -Mrs. Holder • "Do they make Doras like that?" -Mrs. Holder • "I have feathers in my pants!" -Chelsea Crouch • "They weren't too whippy." -Mrs. Holder • "There's crab in Crab Rangoon?!?!!" -Olivia Waltermann •

Hours upon hours of hard work go into creating a yearbook, and this staff was always ready to do what it takes to meet their deadlines. It was a privilege to work with such a talented group of students. Even though this was a very young staff, you all adapted very well and worked to make this the best yearbook this school has seen. This was the first year the staff had a designated Photography staff. Bailey, Meg (or Beg and Mailey, or Beg) and Matt all brought an amazing amount of talent this year and helped take some of the incredible shots you'll see in this book. Our Sports staff was always ready to adapt and cover wherever they were needed, even when one staff member (Cali) was out with back surgery. Nancy, Kyle and Chelsea were all willing to sub in and made their section a huge success. Our People/Student Life section was a very dedicated group who spent hours upon hours checking

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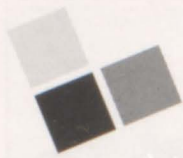
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and rechecking names on the panels. They couldn't have been done without Mandi, Shayla, Janelle and Alyssa! Our Academics/Groups section worked very hard, even through adversity. The countless hours you all spent working on those groups pages didn't go unnoticed. This book wouldn't be anywhere near the level it would be without Raechel, Katrina and Olivia. Last but not least is our amazing Business Manager, Sandy. You embraced those ads and got them done faster and better than any of us could have imagined! Thank you for coming in on your Saturdays and getting so much done! I can't find enough ways to thank all of you guys! I hope all of the Chinese food and pizza somehow made it all worth it! Oh, and before you start asking questions... "NO!" Thanks for everything, guys! It's been... "magical!"

■Peace and Love 24/7! -Adam, AKA Adambot!



Awards Night 2008

April 23, 2008 7:00 p.m. Bonner Springs High School Auditorium

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Lisa Rogers

Megan Laver



Megan,
 Congratulations! We are so proud of you. You are a strong, smart, and beautiful person who can do anything you put your mind to. Always remember we love you, believe in you, and will always be there for you.

Love,
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Damian,
 You have had some obstacles this year, but we are proud that you have worked through them. With your exceptional capacities, kind heart and a little hard work you can accomplish whatever you desire. We love you!
 Dad, Mom, Aña, Matt and Ruby



Alex Perica

Alex,
 Believe in your dreams. Face your challenges and above all, never stop smiling. Our wish to you is that your life becomes all that you want it to. You made us proud.

We love you.
 Mom and Dad



Katie Cheatham



Kate:
 The day you were born was the best day of my life. You are fantastic—go let the world know. I love you
 —Mom

Dear Katie:
 I'm proud of you. You've always done well and I know you'll have a successful and happy future. I wish you the best and love you very much.
 —Dad



Kevin DeVore



To our sweet little boy who has grown up to be a fine young man. May you always strive to be the best person you can be. We are very proud of you!

We love you!
Mom, Dad & Emily



Amanda M. Ontis



Mandi,

We are so very proud of you. You have brought so much joy to our lives and we adore the young lady you've become. The sky is your limit. Congrats, you did it!

Love always,
Mom and Dave

Lindsey Johnson



Lindsey,

You are such a caring and loving person. You work very hard and you are determined to achieve your goals and dreams. We are so proud of you and know you will succeed in anything you do.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Christopher & Hilary

Michaela Mortensen



From the first day your dad yelled "It's a girl!" you have brought laughter to our lives. Treasure the education and lifelong friendships made at BSHS and Nallia School of Dance – you get to take them with you – just leave a legacy.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Matt & Josh



John Blake Tuttle



Congratulations, Blake!

Thank you for giving us some of our very best memories. You amaze us with your kindness, talent, and wit. You are our star, our pride and joy. Keep reaching!

We love you.
Dad and Mom



Alishia M. Grindel



My "Boo Boo" is now a beautiful and intelligent woman! You will have a great life I know! I am so proud of you! Remember, life is what you make it! Congratulations! Love forever!
Mom

Adam Smith



Adam,
From day one, you have been a constant source of joy. You were an adorable baby and have grown into a handsome, intelligent young man! You have accomplished so much already. We know your future holds only great things! Congratulations on your graduation!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Tara



Kimberly Kristina Flick



Kimberly,
We are very proud of you! Your uniqueness has always kept us on our toes. You work so hard to accomplish your goals. You bring great joy to our life. We love you very much!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Danielle Meier



Dani,
You are our shining star, a gift from God. May you always set your goals high and be true to yourself. We are so very proud of you.

Love you more, Mom and Dad

Matthew Ingenthron



Congratulations, Matt!

Life is such an adventure—seize each moment and make it your own. The future has good things in store for you. We are sure proud of you.

Our love,
John and Heather



Jaime Jaskinia



Jaime:

We are so proud of you! We know you will make the right decisions in life. Set your goals high and follow your dreams.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Melissa & Billy

Brandi Jo Ventura



It is hard to believe that our little "Ninnie" is all grown up! You have become a beautiful young woman and we are so proud of you! We can't wait to see what is next—the sky is the limit!

We love you!
Daddy, Momma,
Jessica & Sami Sue



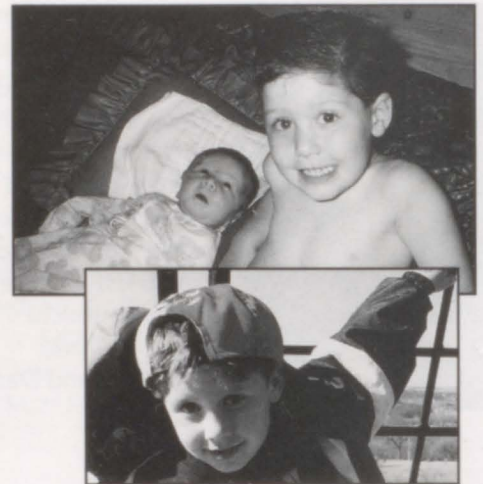
Ryan Christian Bush



Ryan—

From the day you were born we have been amazed by your abilities. Remember to never let the odds keep you from pursuing what you know in your heart you were meant to do. Your whole life is ahead of you; go out and "tackle it!"

We love you,
Mom, Dad & Spencer



Jessica Hoglund



Kjessica,

We're so proud of you and all you've accomplished. The past couple of years have had their ups and downs, but sunnier days are ahead. You're a wonderful girl and will go far if you put your mind to it.

We love you,
Dad, Ashlee, Miranda, Candace,
Jenni and Josh

Ashlee Espinoza



You're at the starting line of the rest of your life. The prize IS yours to win. Remember, the Lord will always guide you through. We're proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Andy

Michael Bille



Michael,

Only yesterday you were just our little boy. Now you have grown into a fine young man. We are very proud of you and will always be here when you need us. Follow your heart and nothing else. You will find success... just be yourself.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Matt



Shayla Meseke



Shayla,

You are a beautiful and loving, young lady that deserves only the best. You have worked so hard and we are very proud of you. Have faith and great things will come your way.

Love, Mom and Shane

Lauren Burgess



Dear Lauren,

We are very proud of you—what you stand for as a young Christian woman, your belief in God and how He has molded you into the beautiful person that you are: kind, caring and a wonderful daughter who means the world to us!

We wish you much love, happiness and success as you explore the world and search for your place in this life.

With love and support,
Mom, Dad and Broddy

Jason Evans Hoskins



Thanks for all the great memories from your first day at Kindergarten to your last Senior soccer game. You're my sunshine with a million dollar smile, I'm so proud of you. Congratulations, love you so much.

Love, Mom, James & Janet

Cassandra Ward



Our prayer for your future is that you will always place your kind and loving heart and your incredible dreams in God's hands for he will take care of you forever. Keep singing, dancing and above all else cherish your powerful thirst for knowledge.

We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Christa & Abigail



Zach Holder



Zach:

You have given us so many reasons to be proud, and we have been so blessed by the joy and laughter you have brought into our lives. Congratulations on your many accomplishments. We can't wait to see what you will accomplish in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Andrew



Raechel Monn



Raechel,

It seems like just yesterday you were our little baby, but you will always be our little baby. We are very proud of you and know you have a bright future ahead. Good luck with everything in the future.

Love Dad, Mom, Justin, Blair,
Chayce, and Grandma

Kaley Stoddard



Bumble bee stings and bruised knees and everything in between, thank you God for letting Kaley turn 18! We are blessed with such a precious, beautiful girl. Congratulations! We love you Kay, Kay!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Sheryl Dubin



Dollar—

I am so proud of you! You bring so many joys to my life. Thank you for being who you are, stay true to yourself and continue to make your dreams come true.

Love Always,
Mom



Chelsea Erin Simmons



I am SO proud of you! You have made great accomplishments in your short 18 years and now a new door is opening. Keep your open mind, follow your dreams, and BELIEVE!

Love ya, Mom

DREAM-BELIEVE-ACHIEVE
You Have and You Will, Chelsea!

Love and hugs,
Granddaddy and Grandmama

*It has been said, "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan but also believe."
We believe in you, Chelsea.
Uncle Terry, Aunt Kathy, Taylor, Brianna, Jordyn, and Jaidyn*

Holly Luke



We are so proud of you. Always remember to believe in yourself and you can accomplish whatever you set your heart on.

Love,
Dad, Mom,
& Kristina



Amanda McClain



We are very proud of you.
Good luck with everything you do.
We love you. AFFA
Mom, Duane, Jason, Terri, Cierra,
Haden, Grandma & Papa, and Garrett

Chelsea Crouch



Chelsea,

You are a beautiful young woman that makes us proud everyday. Keep smiling and great things are bound to come your way.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Cody Wallace



Bub:
I love you a lot and am very proud of you!
Congratulations and good luck.

Love, CoCo

Code-man:
We had no idea that our quiet little boy would turn into such a big "swinger." Golf that is!
Love you more than the whole wide world,
Mom & Dad



Taryn Sullivan



We have watched you embrace life with the same determination and grace you exude in your dance. You are truly a beautiful and talented young lady. We are so proud of you!

Love you,
Dad, Mom & Alex



Alyssa Kelly



Baby girl! God's gift to us! Beautiful you!
You color this world with your shining spirit!
We cannot express our pride and love for
you. Always appreciate life's obstacles and
never forget your childhood dreams, for they
are yours to keep and be!

Love you always,
Mom and Dad



Caitlin Tinsley



Caitlin,

One of the first words anyone
used to describe you is "fun." You
are that and so much more. We love
the kind, thoughtful and beautiful
young lady you have become. You
are a true blessing in our lives and we
hope all your dreams come true.

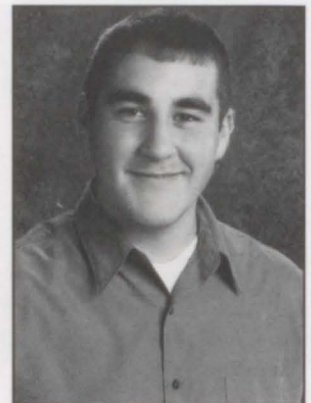
Love, Mom & Dad

Vernon Samek



Vernon,
Congratulations!
We are very proud
of you. Good luck
in whatever you do.
Your family loves
you very much.

Love,
Mom and Ed
"Firebird Forever"



Anthony (L.T.) Lee



All our abilities
come from God.
God has given each
of us the ability to do
certain things well.
Son, remember to use
them wisely and to
help others along the
way. We are so proud
of you and we love
you.

Dad, Mom,
Grandpa & Grandma
Boswell & Lee,
Alisha, PJ



Katie Kobialka



Katie,

We are so proud of you! It doesn't seem possible for you to be a Senior already. We have so many fond memories, I can't even begin to tell you how much happiness you have brought into our lives. I really like your will power and determination. When you make your mind up to go for something, you give it your all and go for it. I know you will go far in life with these qualities. Hard work always pays off. Keep up the good work and remember we will always love you.

Mom, Dad, and Matt



Kelsey Stanbrough



Kels,

We can't believe how fast you've grown up! You have been such a joy! You have made us proud in many ways. Keep up the good work!

We love you, Mom, Dad & Lindsey

Corey Hall

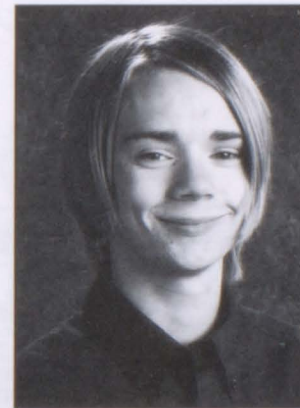


Corey,

Since the day we first met, I knew there was something about you. You are my miracle sent in disguise. Thank you for being you.

We are so proud of you.

Love,
Dad & Mom



Janelle Lira



Janelle,

The miles have separated us, but you are always in my heart.

"i carry your heart with me (i carry it in my head) i am never without it... here is the deepest secret nobody knows (here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud and the sky of the sky of a tree called life which grows higher than the soul can hope or mind can hide) and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart. I carry your heart (i carry it in my heart.)

Love, Mom

—ee cummings





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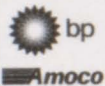
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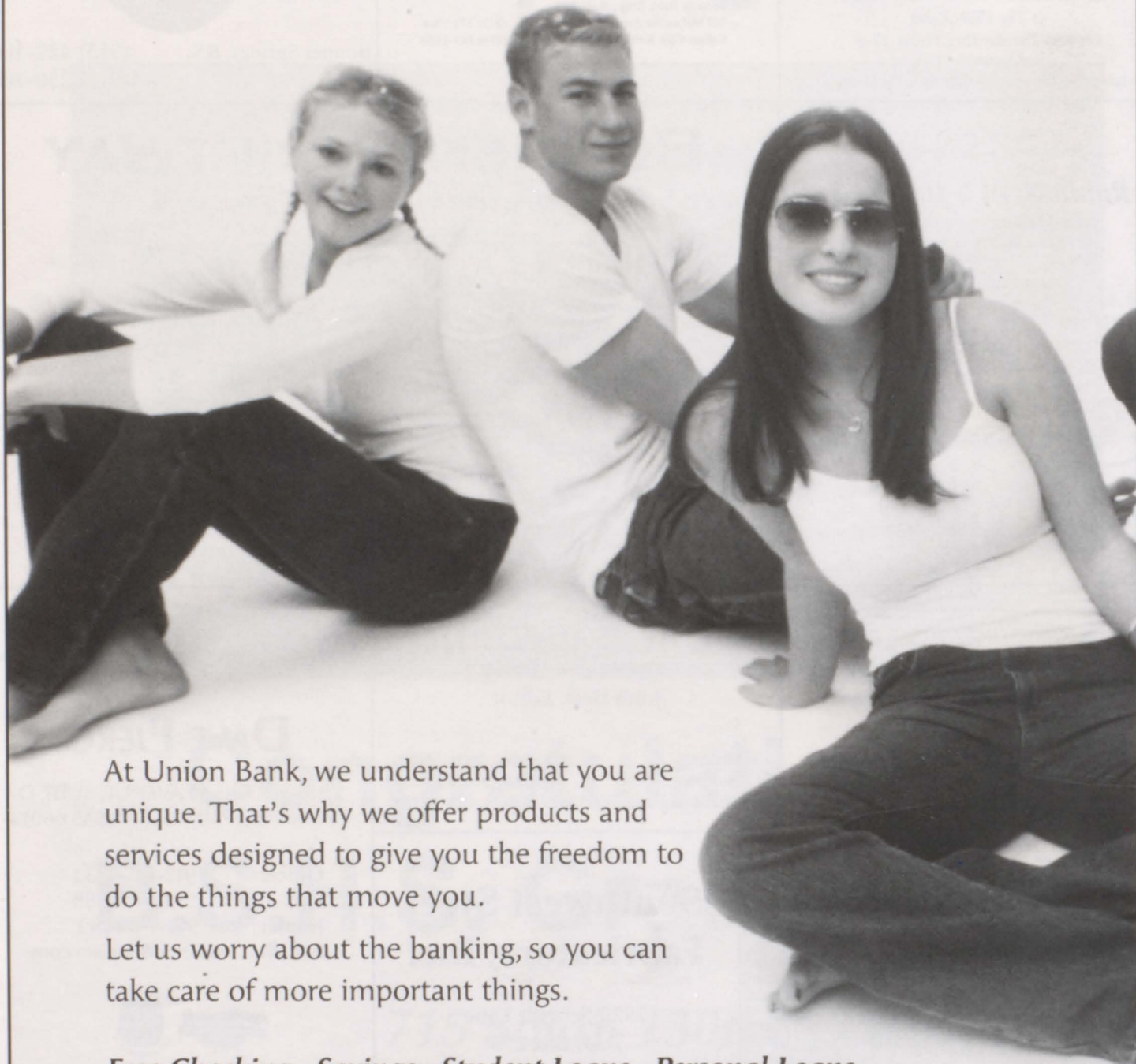
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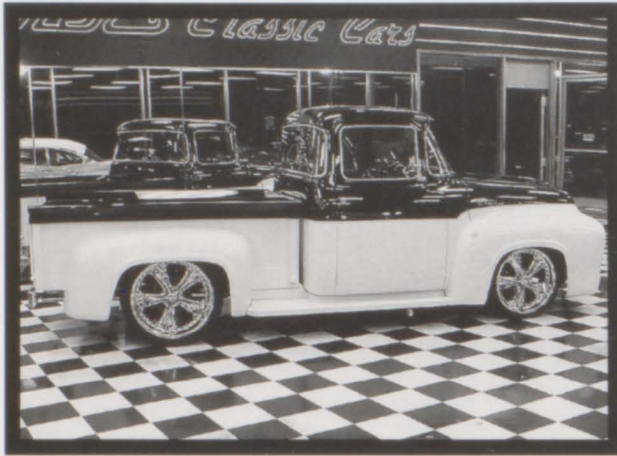
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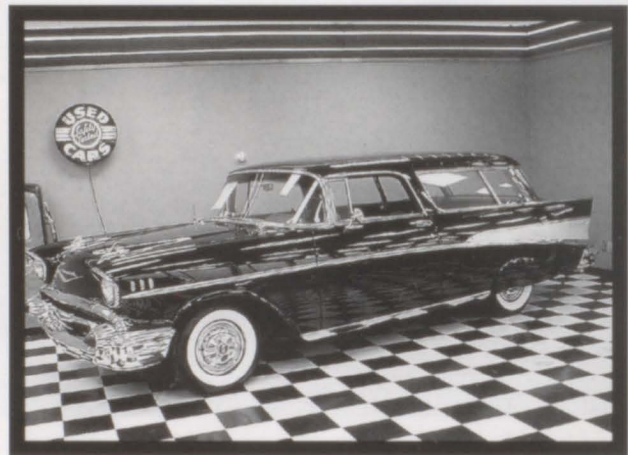
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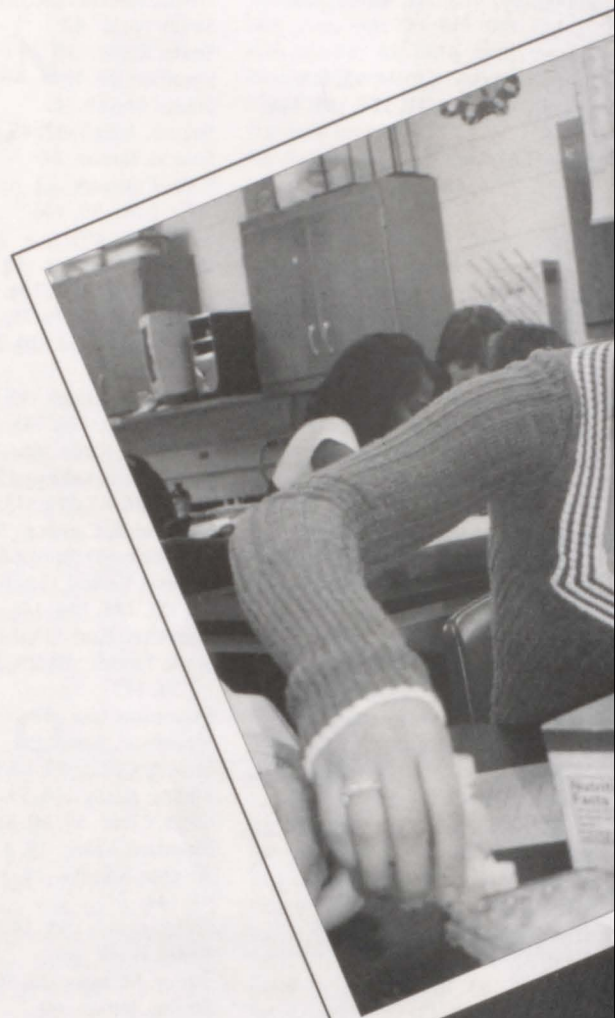
It's what makes us who we are, and it's what makes us who we will be. It's that something that we cannot quite put our finger on, but it's all around us.

It's where we have been and it's where we are going. It's that place that we cannot quite see, but we know that we want to be there.

It's that something inside of us that has pushed us to this point and will carry us through the rest of our lives. It has taken what we were and made us new.

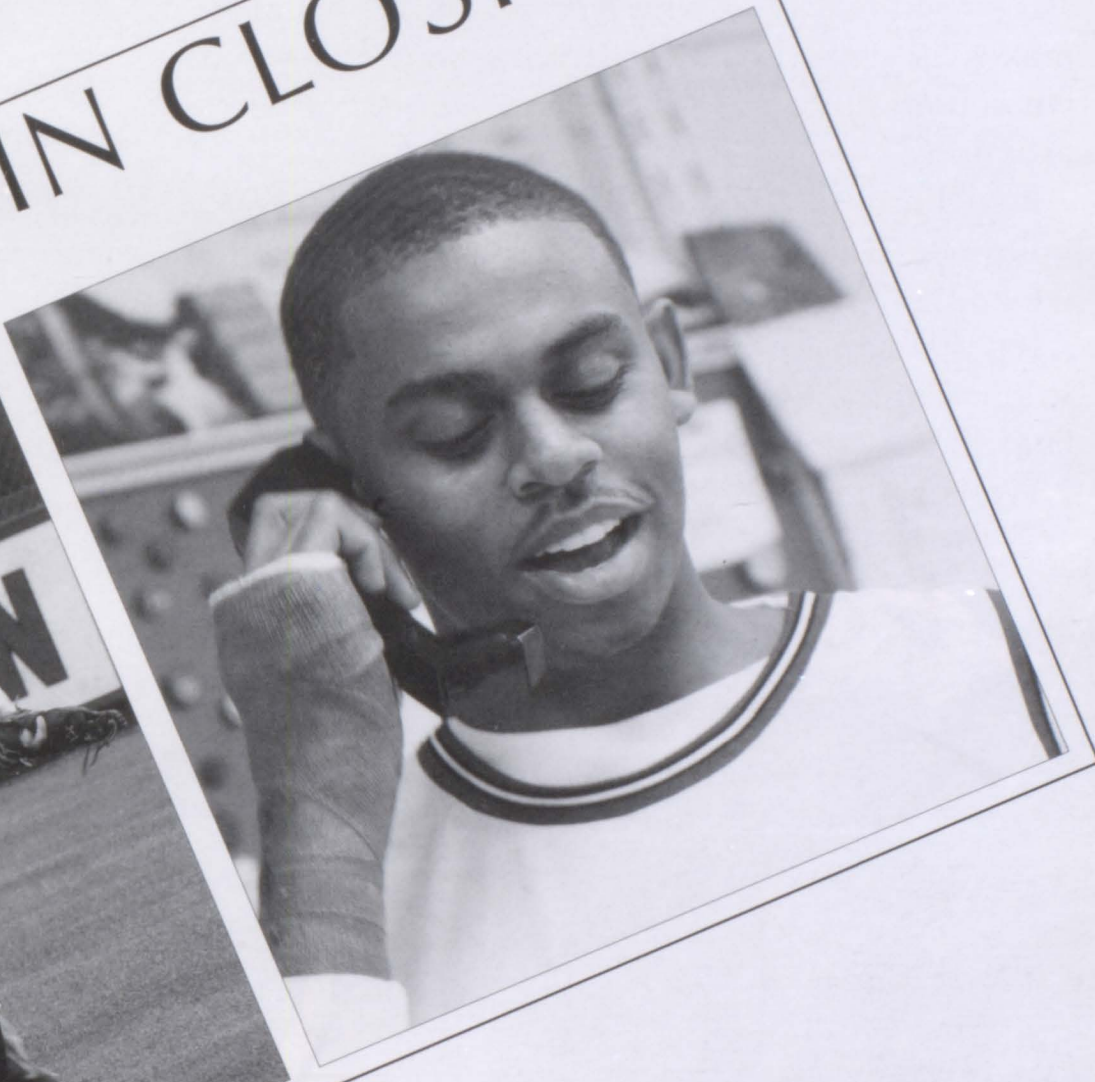
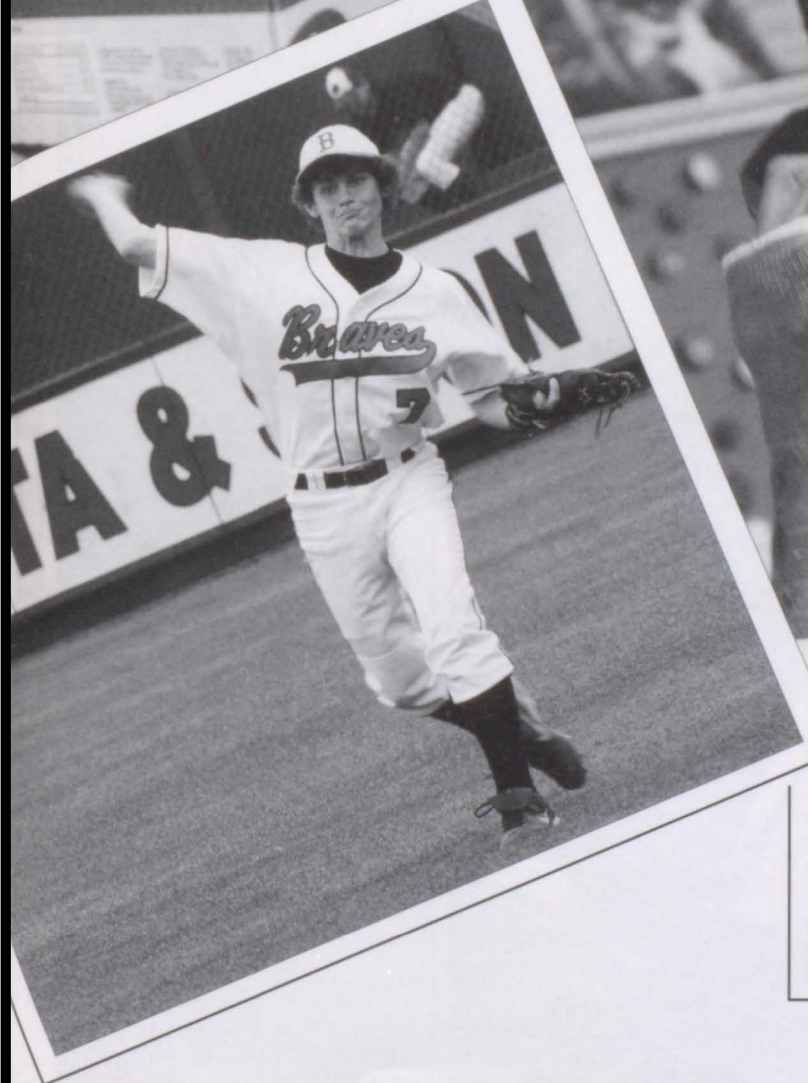
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Clockwise from top: **Adding chemicals to the tray**, junior Joyce Hilario completes an experiment in Jacquelyn Leib's chemistry class. **While nursing a broken hand**, senior James Carter does a phone monologue for Chris Wood's World Literature class. **Making the throw**, freshman Dalton Vitt hopes for the out at the Butch Foster Memorial Baseball Classic at T-Bones Stadium. **Cutting and pasting**, sophomore Kelly Chastain works on a project in Heather Campbell's Geometry class. **In the middle of her leap**, freshman Erica Smith prepares for her landing and the inevitable next hurdle at the Bonner Springs Invitational.

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THE 2008 TOTEM POLE tells the story of a community and school evolving into a new era. After years of being just another small town school, Bonner Springs High School has risen to the top of this state in more ways than one. The stories, profiles and designs connect to explain how we have been **REDEFINED**.

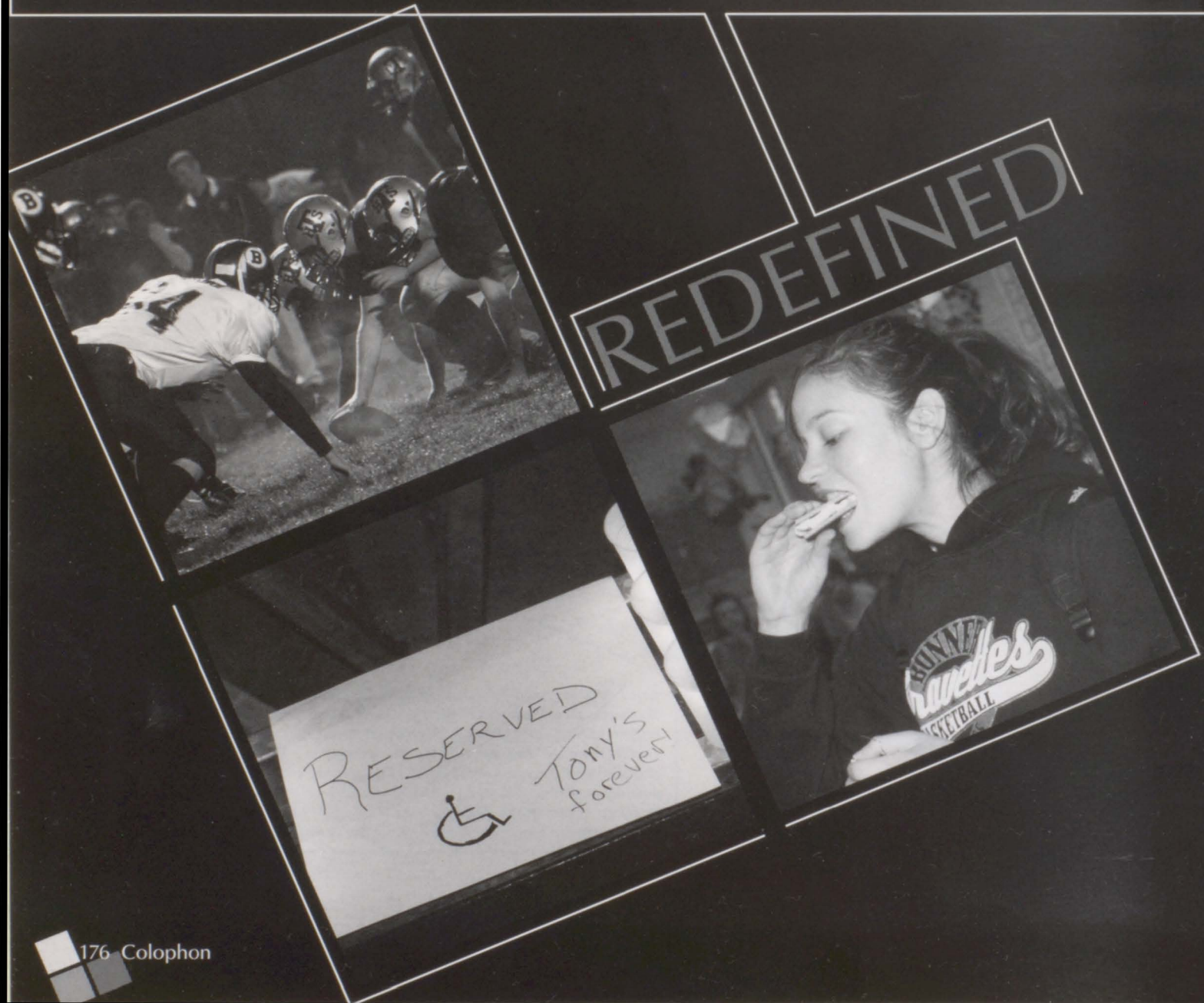
The staff first explored the concept of Redefined at the July 2008 Herff Jones Yearbook Workshop. We discovered that the theme perfectly defined what we had been trying to explain for years. The book was divided into three sections to help separate this book from past years by helping to change the design. It also helped save pages so we could have more content. The division pages showcase how this school has grown and developed.

This yearbook has strong graphic elements including the use of clustered squares, rules and a tilted group of three squares. The colors, including the orange, brown and blue, allowed us to redefine the color use of our book from a traditional orange-and-black to a new, contemporary feel. We elected to use AHJ Opus for body and caption copy, as well as some headlines and sub-heads. AHJ Mistral came into use as a specialty font.

We used 21 Dell Personal Computers equipped with Adobe InDesign CS2 and Adobe Photoshop 7.0. The use of this powerful technology allowed us to create a professional-looking book. Using three Rebel XT digital cameras and two Canon 30-D digital cameras with a multitude of memory cards, we were able to capture those moments in time. We worked three 55-minute periods on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, in addition to a 93-minute period every Thursday, not to mention countless after school, weekend and summer work days to complete the book.

The guidance of our Herff Jones account representative Nancy Hall, our customer service advisor Julie Bogart and our technology service advisor Debbie King and countless other Herff Jones employees was invaluable, and we owe them an incredible amount of thanks. They were always there when we made those frantic phone calls near a deadline.

The Herff Jones plant in Edwardsville, Kansas printed 475 copies of the 176-page book on 8.5x11 inch 80# Gloss paper. The cover is a four-color Vista Litho, designed by Herff Jones artist Brett Gonterman with input by the entire staff. The endsheets are black and white and printed on White Vibracolor paper and were custom designed by Adam Smith. The binding specifications were Smyth Sewn and Squarebacked. The book included three flats of color, the most this book had ever seen. Students purchased the book for either \$41 or \$46.



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