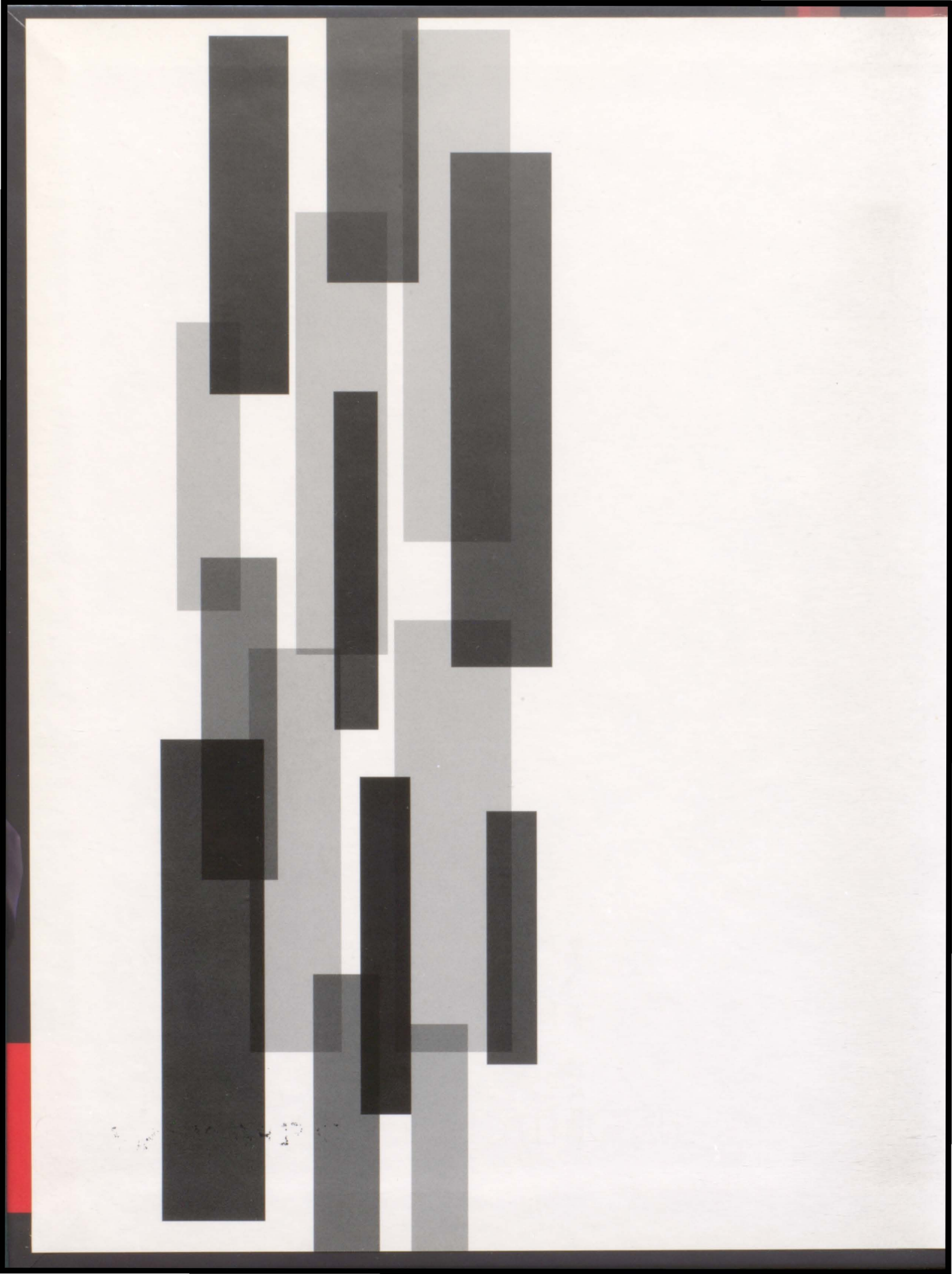




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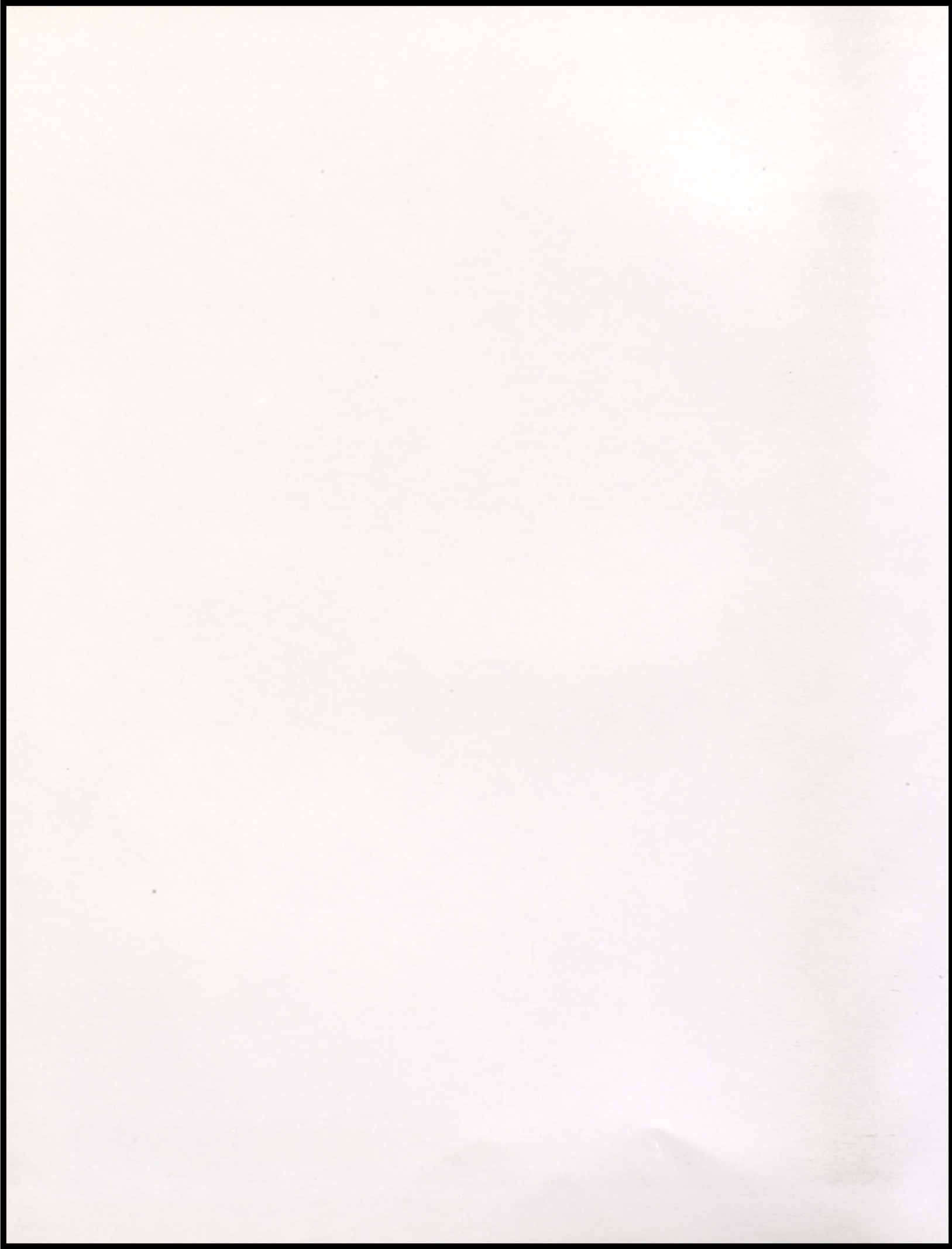
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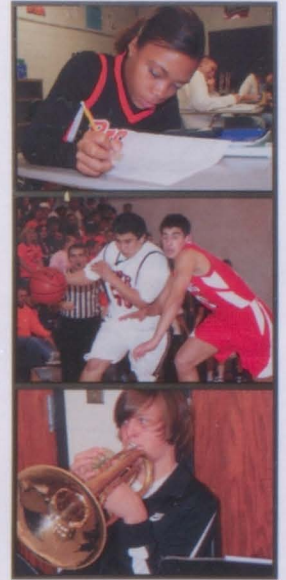
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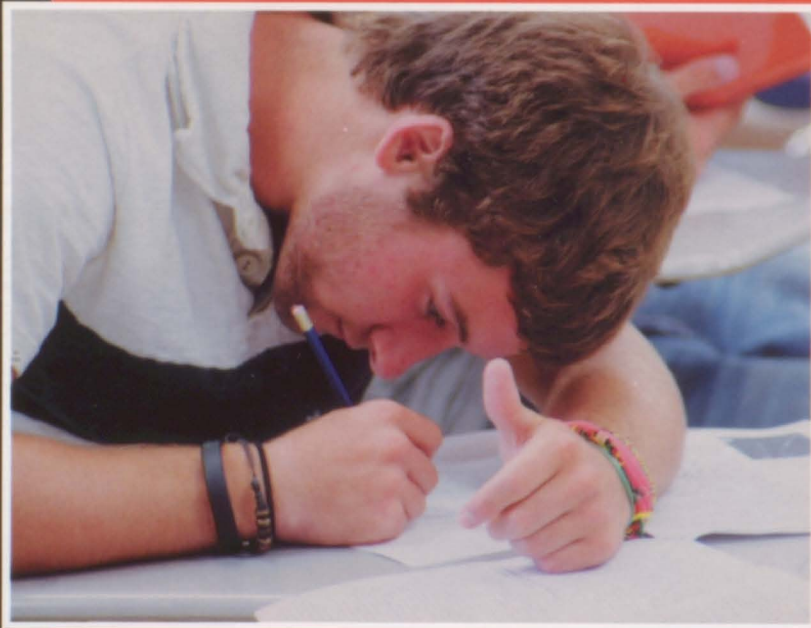
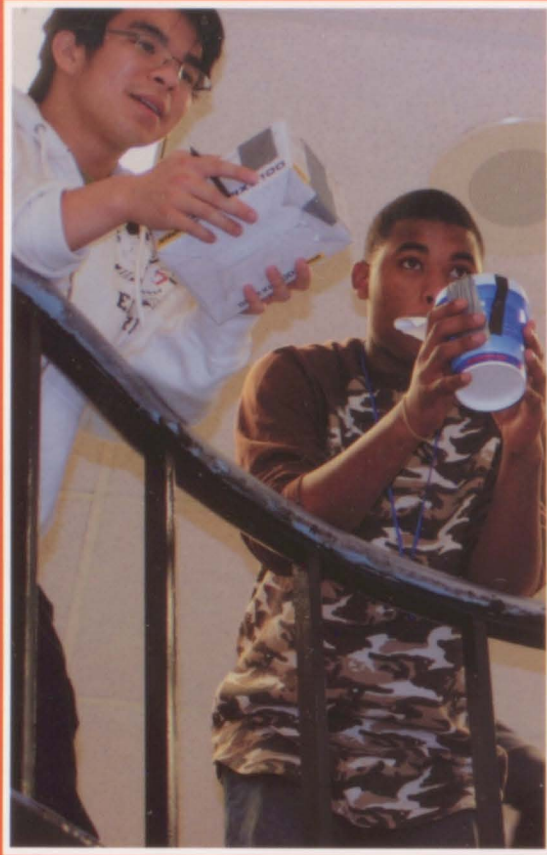


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**PREPARING** to release their egg drop projects, junior Xavier Capalla and senior Julius Ellis wait for the command from the timer in Carolyn Pearson's 5th hour Physics class. **FOCUSING** intently, junior Ryan Holcomb completes his first quarter psychology exam. "The sleep and dream pattern unit was my favorite," Holcomb said. **CENTER**, junior Harley Ruszala paints a personalized parking spot for a lucky Orange or Black Card winner. The new Renaissance reward program offered students numerous prizes such as parking in the teacher's parking lot for a week.







In a small town, you can hardly go out without seeing someone you recognize. At school, it's the same way. Everyone is somehow linked to someone else, whether it's through friendship, church, school, sports, or other outside interests.

Word here travels faster than our 4x100 team, so don't think there are any secrets.

With just over 700 students, familiarity may seem hard to come by, but you'll rarely meet someone new here. The friendly atmosphere encourages interactions throughout the student body.

Through sports or activities, Facebook or Myspace, cell phones or personal relations, we are all, somehow, linked, joined, united, and

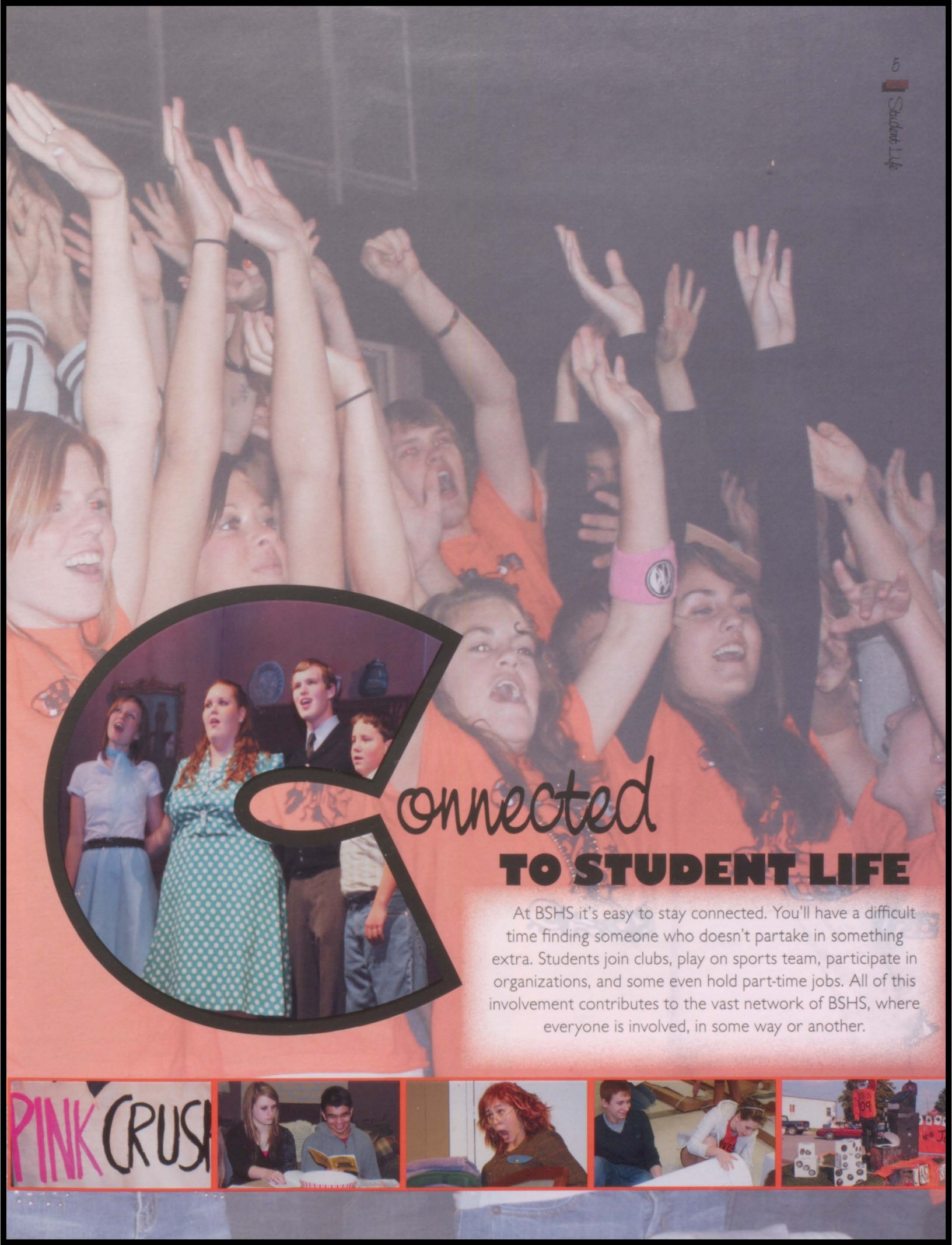
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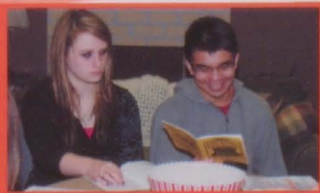






# connected **TO STUDENT LIFE**

At BSHS it's easy to stay connected. You'll have a difficult time finding someone who doesn't partake in something extra. Students join clubs, play on sports team, participate in organizations, and some even hold part-time jobs. All of this involvement contributes to the vast network of BSHS, where everyone is involved, in some way or another.





Orange Crush mixed it up by sponsoring two special events to increase participation:

# BLACK OUT



First came the "Black Out" game Oct. 3 at Piper. Orange Crush members dressed in black instead of the traditional orange. The purpose of the game was to increase spirit through change. "We wanted to change up our normalcy a bit," said junior Tessa Seaton, pictured above. "It was an unexpected success."

# PINK CRUSH



Next came "Pink Crush," a way to recognize and support Breast Cancer Awareness. As part of "Coming Together for a Cure" on Dec. 19, BSHS and Turner High School teamed up for a worthy cause and the gym was filled with pink. In the days leading up to the game, there were numerous fund-raisers, including everything from the sales of pink frozen custard to pink T-Shirts. In the end, approximately \$2,600 for the KU Breast Cancer Research Center was raised.



## CRUSH CAPTAINS BREAK IT DOWN:



"I really loved being able to lead all the cheers. The best part was the energy that we gave off during games, especially basketball games."

—Matthew Bille, 12



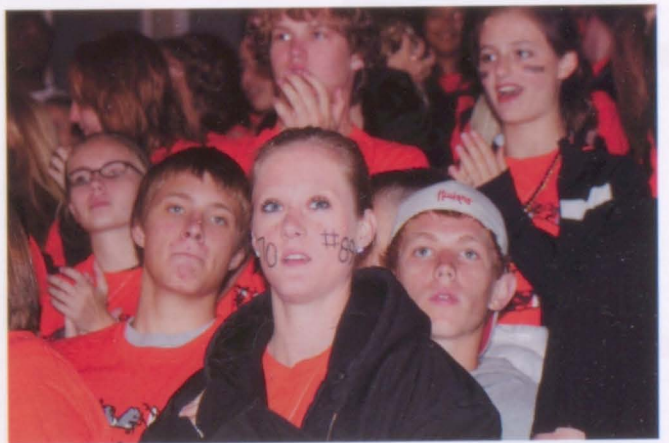
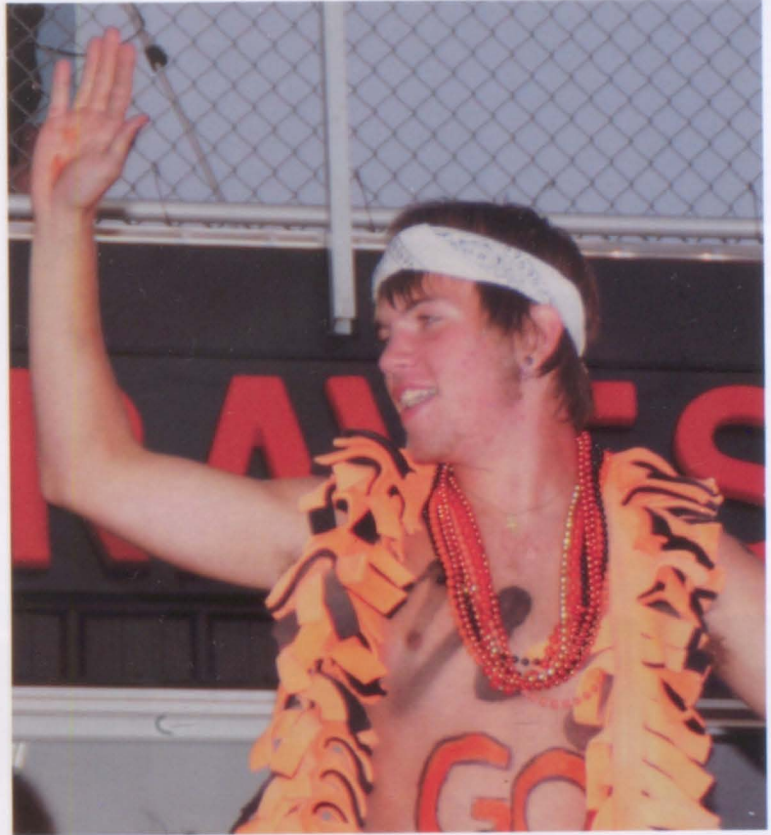
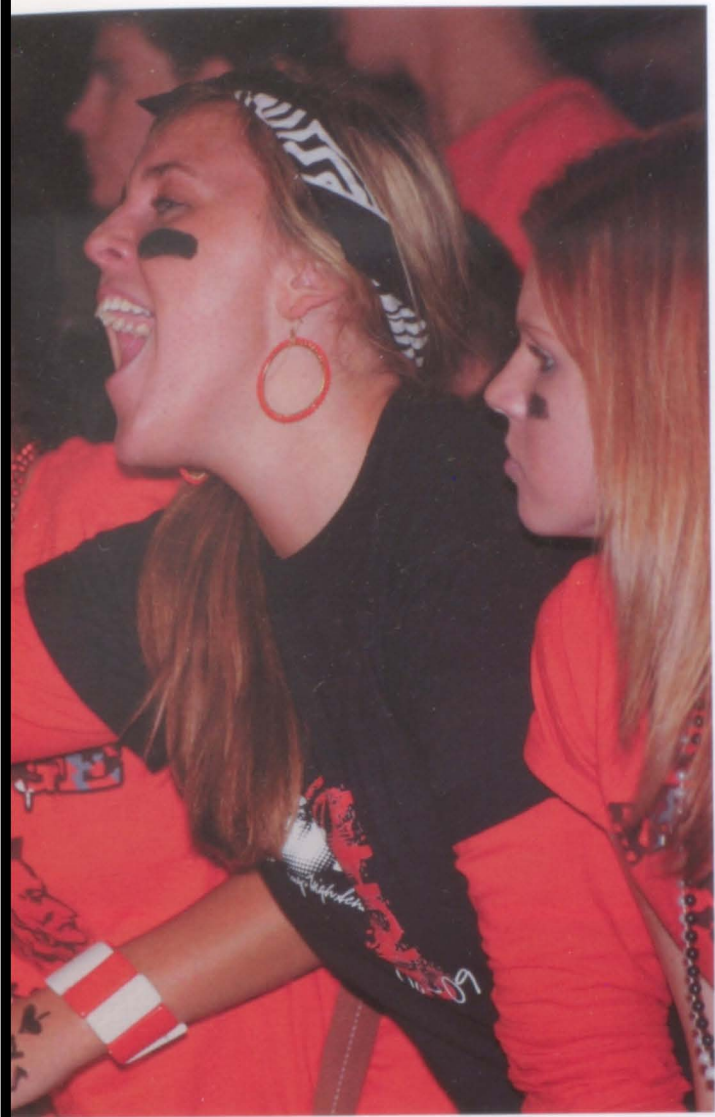
"The influence we had as captains was awesome; we could start chanting nonsense and the crowd would join in. I really enjoyed cheering against other schools; we put their clubs to shame."

—Jacob Barren, 11





**CHEERING** with the crowd, juniors Malia Williams and Alex Argudo participate in a traditional Crush cheer. "I love the feeling of being at games and all the energy and excitement that Orange Crush represents," Williams said. **SHOWING** exceptional spirit, Tyler Kelly, a junior, waves at someone in the crowd. "Orange Crush has a good spirit about it," Kelly said. "It seems like we boost the morale of the team, no matter what the outcome is."



**COMPLETING** the "notorious Braves' coaster," members Ryan Holcomb, Erica Smith, Teran Holter and Nicole Rittinghouse participate enthusiastically. **WATCHING** with intensity, junior Joey Robertson, senior Cara Poe, and sophomore Caleb Seaton await the next play. "Orange Crush has made me get more involved in the school," Poe said. "Buying a shirt my freshman year was one of the best decisions I made in high school."





# We've got spirit

## Monday

### FAKE AN INJURY DAY:

"I had four surgeries, so I used what I had lying around from when I was away from school. I think the kids who participated got into it, but more should be daring and do it."

—Sharon Sandin, staff



## Tuesday

### TRIPLET DAY:

"I race cars, and I had a bunch of shirts that matched, so we decided to use them."

—Lucas Isaacs, 10 (top right)

"I think more kids would participate in Spirit Week if teachers gave extra credit."

—Zach Laver, 10 (top middle)



## Wednesday

### HIPPIE DAY:

"I had just bought the shirt, and it really worked. I threw the rest together, and it was very comfy. I think if you added more variety to Spirit Week activities, more people would participate."

—Brandy Hoover, 12



## Thursday

### FICTIONAL CHARACTER DAY:

"I brainstormed a bit and ended up using my Transformers helmet. I also made an Autobots shirt; I'm a big fan."

—D.J. Brooks, 11

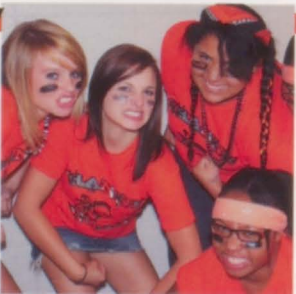


## Friday

### WAR PARTY DAY:

"My outfit was basically the same thing I wear every game day. I just added face paint."

—Elizabeth Grinter, 11 (top left)



**WORKING** with wire, Santiago Garcia helps mold a part of the sophomore class float. Unfortunately, the sophomores placed last in the competition. **USING** white paint, senior Julia Glenn finishes a dice piece. "Float Construction was a ton of fun. We made use of what we had and took first place. I just wish more seniors would have been involved," Glenn said.



**STENCILING** a face, Meg Fowler contributes to the junior float. "I really enjoyed all the paint fights we had; we laughed a lot throughout the week. We might have won if more people would have shown up," Fowler said.

**PAINTING** a mock card, Jason Cornett finishes one of the last touches on the second-place junior float. "This was my first year helping with float construction," Cornett said. "I think it was really fun, but it could be improved."



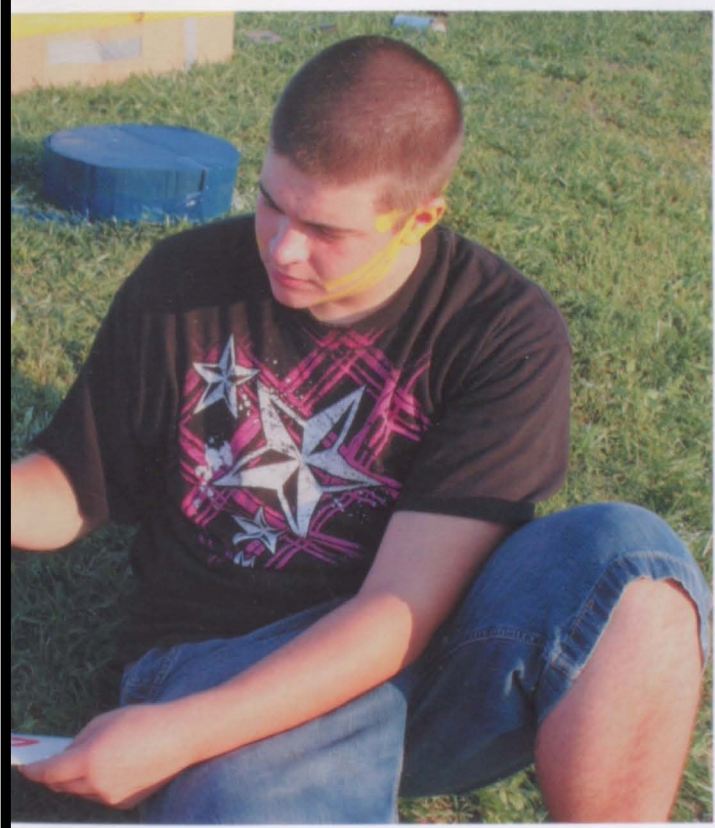




*By the Numbers*

- Number of Spirit Days: **5**
- Amount allowed for supplies: **\$75**
- Hours allowed to create the perfect float: **8**
- Number of winners: **1**

**TAPING** streamers, freshman Morgan Simpson contributes to her float. "I went because I didn't have anything else to do, and I ended up having a lot more fun than I thought I would decorating and hanging out with my classmates," Simpson said.



# Homecoming Week

## Float competition gears competitive spirit

The dim environment of the district bus barn is a familiar feeling for returning Student Council members and a new tradition for the freshmen. Inside the bus barn, students wrestle with wire cutters and chicken wire while others struggle with ideas. Move outside to the bright parking lot and you'll see various students spray-painting, cutting cardboard, and engaged in an occasional paint war. Welcome to float construction.

A long-time tradition, float construction consists of intense class competition during a short eight-hour span to make the best float possible

to match the Stuco-selected theme.

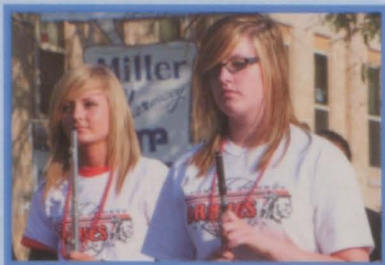
"I loved float construction this year; all the floats were really good, and 'Casino Royale' was an awesome theme to decorate for," said Stuco President Monica Sorensen. "Float construction is a do-it-yourself, scrap-things-together, class-bonding type of thing. I'm going to miss it next year."

The week concluded with War Party Day where students donned a little bit more than their usual Braves' game day attire as the team was sent off with a thunderous fanfare provided by the band in the commons.

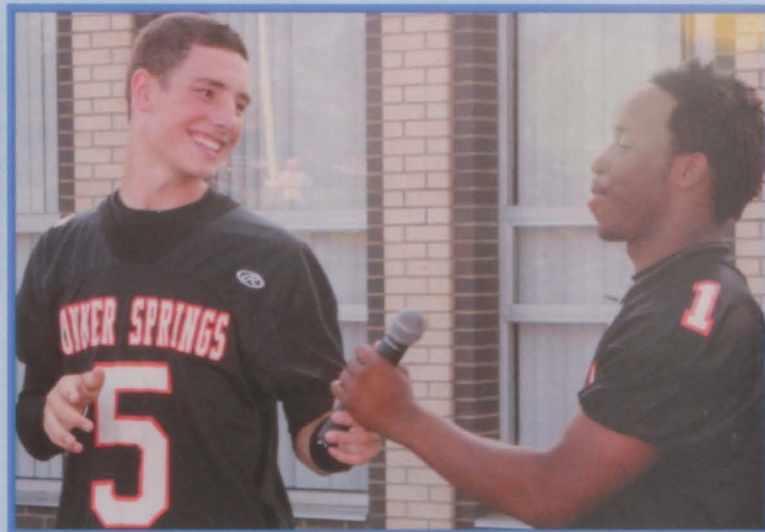
—Bailey Nairn







**LEADING** the way, freshmen Madison Scott and Miranda Hackney march in the parade. **SPEAKING** before the pep rally, football team co-captains junior Brandon Eastland and senior Jonathan Walker get the crowd pumped up. "I think the team overall was a close group. When we lost, we didn't give up. We just knew we had to work harder to get a win the next week," Eastland said.



“I actually thought Luke Terrell would have won. I was not paying attention; in fact, I was thinking of how to win the football game and then they said my name and I heard cheering. Overall, I think it was a good week and a very surprising one at that.”

-James Canada

“Winning homecoming queen was something I always fantasized about since I was really little, but I never believed that I would ever become the homecoming queen. It was an honor to be nominated, but to win was an amazing feeling and something I didn't expect.”

-Stefanie Sprengle

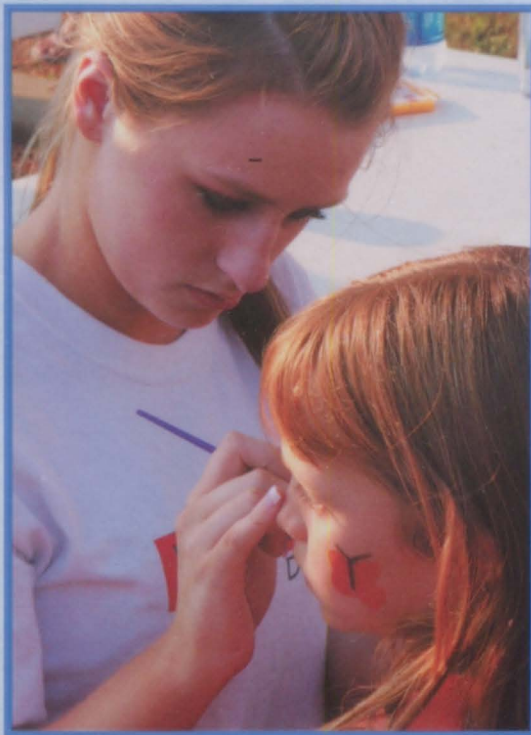
Royal **BREAK**down  
Homecoming 2008

**Date of Game:** Sept. 26  
**Score:** Bonner 7, Mill Valley 12  
**King:** James Canada  
**Queen:** Stefanie Sprengle  
**Date of Dance:** Sept. 27  
**Cost to enter:** \$7 per person or \$10 per couple  
**Theme:** Casino Royale, with silver, red, and black as the decoration colors.  
**Dance Attendance:** Around 450 students, the biggest attendance so far.





# CASINO Royale



**ADDING** a decorative touch, sophomore Brenna Hoch paints the face of a young fan at the pep rally. "I enjoyed painting the kids' faces because I enjoyed seeing the excitement in their eyes," Hoch said.

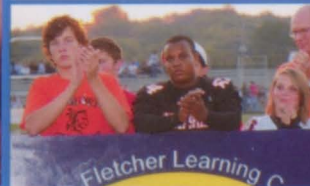
**ENJOYING** the pep rally, juniors Kourtney Kraft, Ariel Williams, and Kayla Loftiss take part in the pre-game activities. The pep rally is usually held directly after the parade.



**MARCHING** in the parade, sophomore Brandon Clark plays the Braves' fight song. The band traditionally leads the high school portion of the parade. **TAKING aim**, junior Justin Buehler, center, gives it his best shot as he bashes the SADD car at the pep rally. "The SADD car helps raise money for the different activities we participate in throughout the year," sponsor Tim Ney said.



**ROYAL COURT.** Front Row: Renee Drury, Julia Glenn, Cindi Price, Monica Sorensen, Stefanie Sprengle. Second Row: Matthew Bille, James Canada, Brandon Mills, Alex Sullivan, Luke Terrell.





# Bye, Bye... Birdie

As the auditorium became dark and the curtain was closed, the melody of the chorus filled the room with "We love you, Conrad, oh yes, we do," taking the audience back in time.

"Bye Bye Birdie" is the story of Conrad Birdie (T.J. Walker), an Elvis-type figure who gets drafted to the war, much to the dismay of his adoring female fans. However, Kim MacAphee (Olivia Waltermann), wins a much-anticipated goodbye kiss with Conrad that gets interrupted by MacAphee's boyfriend, Hugo Peabody (Clayton Rhodes.) Ultimately, the plot twists and turns with lots of upbeat, feel-good music.

Beginning in late August, the cast and crew practiced long and hard after school to make this show happen, so they could showcase their dedication in performances that ran Nov. 13-15.

"I picked this musical because the students and I could enjoy it, and it was for the whole family," director Brian J. White said.

There was a great turnout for the fall musical, and many people enjoyed the great comedy and the blast back to the 1950s.

—Andrea Marx and Jessica Mitchell



**FALL MUSICAL.** Front Row: R. Mortensen, L. Albee, M. Mefferd, L. Johnson, T. Hunt, Row 2: Si. Sprenkle, Sa. Sprenkle, St. Sprenkle, C. Peters, X. Capalla, T. Walker, O. Waltermann, C. Rhodes, M. Lee, A. Nachbar, T. Pauley, A. Williams, A. Smith, J. Brown, Row 3: V. Lugo, K. Zimmerly, B. Bennett, M. Hicks, K. Tisch, D. Harvey, K. Clark, B. Hoover, C. Braswell, A. Shirley, J. Jenkins, M. Tinsley, B. Littlejohn, S. Crosby, B. Roush, K. Beashore, C. Cote, W. Rhodes, I. Hernandez, **Not Pictured:** K. Burton, F. McKinney, K. Patterson, K. Stanton.







**SINGING** her heart out, junior Chelsee Peters plays the part of Rose Alvarez in the bar scene with senior Chris Braswell as the bartender, Maude. "My favorite part of this scene was seeing Mr. White at the table stacking up bottles and pretending to appear drunk," Peters said.



**ABOVE:** Just as Conrad Birdie (T.J. Walker) arrives in town, Ursula Merkle (Mackenzie Lee) attempts to take his attention away from the rest of his adoring fans. **LEFT:** When Albert Peterson (Xavier Capalla) tells his mother Mae Peterson (Brandy Hoover) that he loves Rose, it breaks her heart. "It was so hot in that brown coat," Hoover said. **CENTER:** Birdie confronts the mayor (John Jenkins).



## What was your favorite scene?



"I really enjoyed the scene when I was in my bedroom, and I had to figure out how to change my clothes appropriately while I was singing."

—Olivia Waltermann, 12



"I enjoyed the scene when I got to bring the pea shooter to my dad; his reaction was funny."

—Shane Crosby, 9



"My favorite scene came in Act I when I got to hit Conrad Birdie in his face right before he kissed my girlfriend, Kim."

—Clayton Rhodes, 11





# Express Yourself

*From tattoos to piercings, students seek a unique look*

The art, the pain, the symbolism, the memories. There are many reasons why teenagers might decide to mark their bodies. However, not all high school students have the opportunity to get tattoos and piercings even though they might want them. But why? Kansas law requires anyone under 18 to have parental consent and notarized permission before any tattoo or piercing can be professionally done.

Senior Alexis Crumrine waited until she was 18 to get her first tattoo. Although she wasn't required to be there, Crumrine's mother accompanied her for moral support.

Crumrine's first tattoo featured the name 'Alexander' and a little heart under it. Crumrine decided to get her tattoo on her foot so it's easy to show off, but she could still cover it up. Like other teens, Crumrine wasn't done there. A little over a month later she returned to Freaks in Westport for her second tattoo, which featured the phrase "Live, Laugh, Love" on her side.

When she was 17, senior Tera Isenhour and her father got matching tattoos at Dragonfly in Kansas City, Kan. That tattoo is pictured below and was selected to represent love, life, and loyalty.

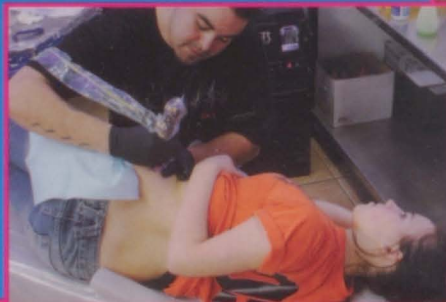
"I can't wait until I turn 18, so I can get my next one," Isenhour said.

Also pictured is Tera's nose piercing, which she did herself because she felt paying someone anywhere from \$40 to \$60 was uncalled for. To save time and money, she bravely pierced it herself.

—Erika Busch

**"Even though it's painful, it's well worth it."**

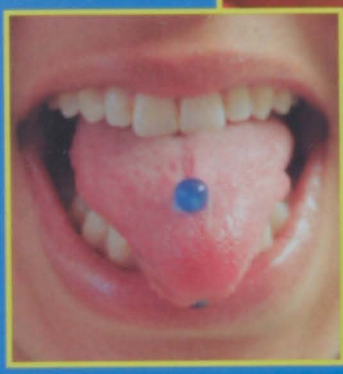
—Alexis Crumrine, 12





**“If you get one, you can’t stop.  
They’re addicting.”**

-Brittany Winfield, 12



### Cherelle Henderson

Senior Cherelle Henderson started getting tattoos the summer of her junior year. Even though she thought her first one was painful (a rose on her foot), she got a second one on her back (her nickname "Relish" with stars).

Henderson went to Dragonfly in Kansas City, Kan., for both of her tattoos. The new tattoo artist at that time, Donnie, got the pleasure of doing both of them. Henderson also has her tongue pierced.



### Mike Harman

Junior Mike Harman got his first tattoo at age 16. He decided to rep his last name 'Harman' on his back. Harman said he had no regrets, and out of a scale of 1 to 10, his pain level was a six. Harman's advice for anyone thinking about getting a tattoo was, "Don't be a sissy about it!"



From left: Tera Isenhour, Zachary Dean, Alisa Sutler, and Brittany Winfield



# Mr. Bonner Springs

**Date:** Dec. 5

**The Scoop:** Sponsored by Student Council, Mr. Bonner Springs has taken place for the past five years and gives six brave senior guys the chance to entertain their peers by dressing up like women and strutting their stuff. "The assembly went great," Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law said. "The contestants got an amazing response from the crowd, and of course our judges always help to bring an element of fun."

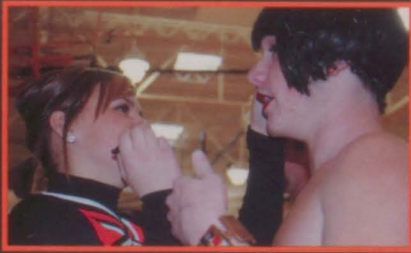
**Winner:** John "Jasmine" Jenkins

**Runner-Up:** Seth "Shanequa" Clements

**Feedback:** "I think it went very well," junior Kayla Loftiss said. "It was entertaining and funny at the same time."



**MAKING** the crowd laugh, senior John Jenkins enters the gym with style. "I was surprised when I looked in the mirror, but I had a lot of fun," Jenkins said.



Seth  
"Shanequa"  
Clements



Chance  
"Kitty"  
Crawford



James  
"Penelope"  
Canada



Matt  
"Bubbles"  
Bille



Brandon  
"Batilda"  
Mills





**PUTTING** up decorations, junior Stuco member David Katosh helps give the commons a 1950s look.



# Taking it back

TO THE

## Nifty Fifties

Going back in time, those who attended the Nov. 15 Women Pay All (WPA) dance got to experience the feel of the 1950s. Though the attendance was low, with about 150 students, the level of enjoyment was still high.

The outfits varied from poodle skirts and greaser jackets to a more modern jean and matching T-shirt attire, while the music more appropriately matched the current era.

With the help of classic cars, balloons, streamers, and jukeboxes, Stuco worked late Saturday afternoon to transform the commons area into a 1950s-style theme.

"I thought the students that did come made their own fun," Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law said. "They ended up having a great time."

-Kaylie Holloway

## A Hip-Hoppin' Night



**Emily Hunt & Brett Stuart**

**Dinner:** Applebee's

**Attire:** Cheerios T-shirts

**Time at dance:** Three hours

**Money Spent:** \$87.35



**Brenna Hoch & Shane Radford**

**Dinner:** Winstead's

**Attire:** Devil Wears Prada T-shirts

**Time at dance:** Two hours

**Money Spent:** About \$30



**Tanner McCleary & Bailey Nairn**

**Dinner:** T.G.I. Fridays

**Attire:** Iron Man T-shirts

**Time at dance:** 20 minutes

**Money Spent:** About \$60



**GETTING** their groove on, sophomores Caitlin Hilliard and Santiago Garcia enjoy the dance. "We ate at Don Chilito's before the dance and went cosmic bowling afterwards," Garcia said. "I had tons of fun."

**DANCING** the night away, sophomore Cordell Duncan and senior Teran Holter show off their moves. They wore gray Sesame Street T-shirts with a picture of Oscar the Grouch on the front.





**WITH** his arms outspread, Steve Sprenkle begs his daughter, Stefanie, to dance with him. "My dad and I both liked the music they played; it was much better than normal," Sprenkle said. **IN** the middle of the crowd, junior Emily Herre and her father, Chris, dance to "La Bamba." "My sister had a father-daughter dance at her high school, so I thought it'd be a blast, and I was right," Herre said.



# Changin' it **Up**

## Students and parents kick back at new event

There's many things that parents of upperclassmen wish for their children: acceptance to a good college, good fortune in their studies, and of course, graduation. But one thing that all parents often long for is that one special memory of high school with their students. This year, the Mother-Son/Father-Daughter dance allowed parents this memory.

The inclusion of the dance in the 2008-09 school year stemmed from the hard work of sponsors Adrienne Law and Lisa Terrell.

"We saw how much other schools liked this type of dance and thought it would just be a great tradition to start here at Bonner," Terrell said.

Juniors and seniors were encouraged to ask their parents, and it was strictly an upperclassmen event.

"What we wanted was for parents and students to be able to have one solid memory from high school with each other, and this gave them that opportunity," Law said. "It was a great start."

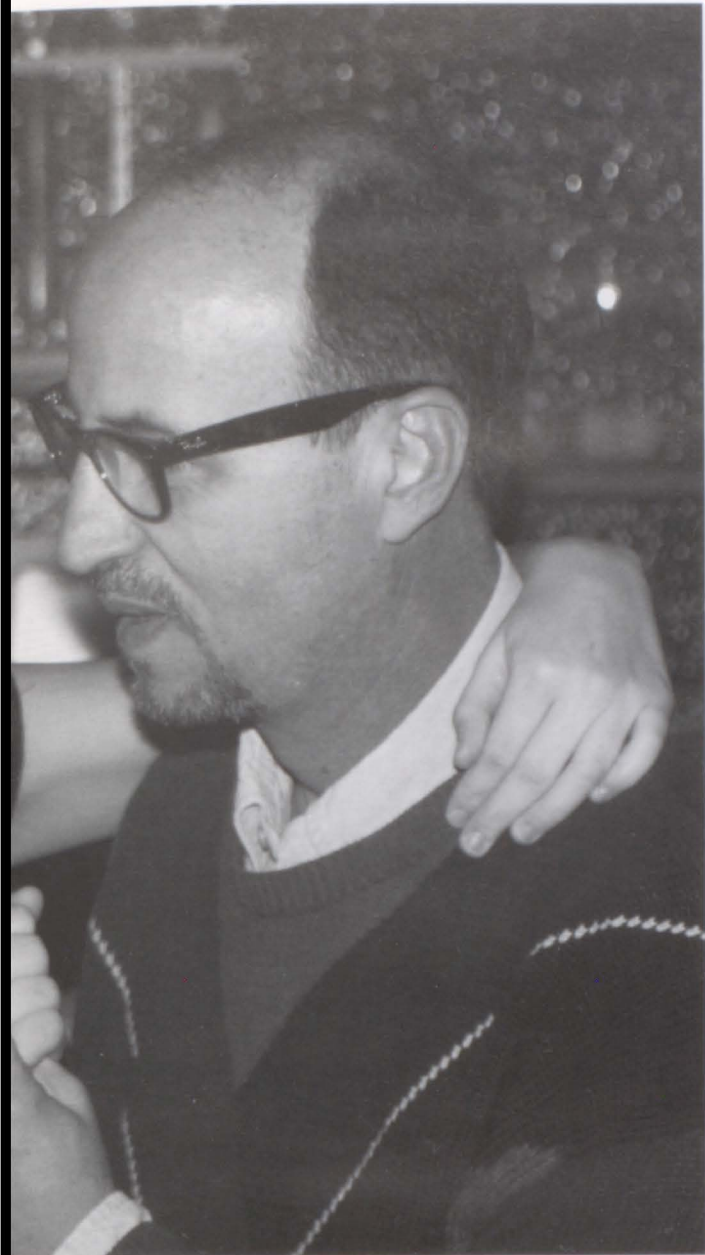
—Jake Barren



**DANCING** together, junior Meg Fowler and her father, Ray, share a personal moment at the Father-Daughter Dance. "I really enjoyed being able to do something that made my dad happy," Fowler said. "It made me feel good." **SINGING** along to the music, senior Anthony Ellingsworth leads his mother, Samantha, in a slow dance. **WHILE** twirling with her stepdad, Doug Rohr, junior Lynsey Ostman (right) enjoys dancing with an old pro. "Doug was a great dancer/date; he really knew what he was doing," Ostman said.







**ENJOYING** the evening, senior Isaac Mills and mother, Julie, are the last couple to start dancing. "When Mrs. Terrell told me she was e-mailing our parents about the dance, I was a little worried, but now I'm really surprised about how fun it was," Mills said.

## Q&A

*With Aubree and Dan Miller*



**Q: Who was the cutest couple at the dance in your opinion?**

**A:** "Well, my dad thought Ray and Meg Fowler were the most fun, but I disagree, we were the cutest!" — Aubree

**Q: What was the best part about your father/daughter date?**

**A:** "He was such a gentleman!" — Aubree

**A:** "She actually brought me and wasn't embarrassed." — Dan

**Q: What was your favorite song?**

**A:** "Black Betty!" — Dan

**A:** "I requested that for him! Mine would have been 'Thriller' by Michael Jackson." — Aubree

**Q: What would you tell other parents and students who are still skeptical about this dance?**

**A:** "Don't be embarrassed to just have fun. It was honestly one of the best dances I've been to, and I didn't even need to buy a dress." — Aubree

**A:** If you don't try it, you'll never know." — Dan

**Q: What did you do afterwards?**

**A:** "I went to the movies!" — Aubree

**A:** "I went off and did grown-up things." — Dan





# Hickory Dickory Dead

## Murder mystery a big hit for winter play

Distant sisters Connie Girard and Regan Tasker plan their reunion at the beautiful Hickory Dickory Inn. However, their weekend takes a turn for the worse when they find the host of the Inn murdered! With a snowstorm outside, the phone lines cut, and no way to get in or out, the killer is among those inside the Inn.

Who could it be? Is it the host's unemotional sister Essie, played by Amanda Trent? Or how about lovebirds Clark (Xavier Capalla) and Keeky Curtis (Samee Sprengle)? No one knows, and everyone is a suspect. The sisters can't even trust each other, and Regan even holds a seance to see if the victim himself will point a ghostly finger at the murderer.

The high drama of the Hickory Dickory Inn was the perfect setting for the winter play, which was performed Feb. 5-7. According to director Dan Streit, this particular mystery was selected because it represented "something different" for the smaller-than-usual, but cohesive cast.

"For the most part, all the students did a great job of developing their characters. I was very pleased with what they came up with," Streit said.

Although the turnout wasn't as big as expected, many people enjoyed the mystery and comedy of a play that kept the audience guessing.

—Andrea Marx and Jessica Mitchell



**WINTER PLAY.** Front Row: Kayla Zimmerly, Olivia Walterman, Samee Sprengle. Row 2: Mackenzie Lee, Brandy Hoover, Brenna Hoch. Row 3: Amanda Trent, William Rhodes. Row 4: Michelle Hicks, Ariel Williams, Morgan Tinsley, Xavier Capalla.





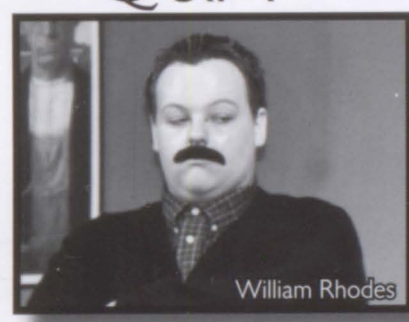


**TOP:** After Sarah Dane (Mackenzie Lee) says something Essie (Amanda Trent) doesn't like, Essie speaks her mind. **LEFT:** Trying to make up with her sister, Connie Girard (Brenna Hoch) works on her relationship with Regan Tasker (Brandy Hoover). "I liked how the cast really blended together and became a family," Hoch said. "We couldn't have done it without everyone's contribution."



**BOTTOM:** Knowing that the people of the Inn are figuring out her secret, Kecky Curtis (Samee Sprenkle) stands aside worried and waiting. **LEFT:** After finding a note hidden under the table, Kayla Grimm (Kayla Zimmerly) does her best to unlock the mystery behind a list of phone numbers while Clark Curtis (Xavier Capalla) and Regan Tasker (Brandy Hoover) look on. "I liked that every character had suspicion pointed on them at one point or another. It really built suspense and added to the mystery," Zimmerly said.

## Q&A



**Q: How many performances have you been in at BSHS?**

**A:** "I have been in six in my high school career."

**Q: Was it easier to prepare for musicals or the plays?**

**A:** "Musicals, because it was easier to get into character. You don't need to make up your character."

**Q: Who were your characters in the play?**

**A:** "Edgar Hill, Tom Bailey, and Hank Mason's ghost."

**Q: What were their main roles?**

**A:** "Edgar: A 60-year-old man suspected of the murder. Tom: A young actor who disguises himself to get away from the good life. Hank: Returns from the dead to reveal the truth about his murder."

**Q: Are you anything like your character in your everyday life?**

**A:** "Yes, in some ways. I am loud, outspoken, mean, and hateful like Essie."

**Q: Was it hard to act out so many different emotions in the play?**

**A:** "For me it wasn't. It was almost natural; I think it's because I am so much like Essie."





# A Night in Olympus

## Courtwarming reflects Ancient Grece

In mid-January, Stuco members voted "A Night in Olympus" as the Courtwarming theme to offer a change of pace to those previously selected. The chosen Spirit Days were Business Apparel Day, Western Day, Kindergarten Day, and War Party Day.

However, with a short week due to Presidents' Day, the turnout for some days was not as high as expected, but there were many participants on certain days.

As the dance approached, the sun broke out, and Stuco members transformed the commons area into a glimpse of Olympus. Decorations ranged from balloons and columns to a picture of the Roman Coliseum.

About 250 students attended the dance and danced the night away to music provided by a disc jockey from Complete Music.

"The students who did attend the dance had a great time and danced until ten," Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law said.

—Nancy DeLeon



# Spirit Week

**Business Apparel Day**



Patrick Colgan, 9

**Western Day**



Lucas Tuckel, 12

**Kindergarten Day**

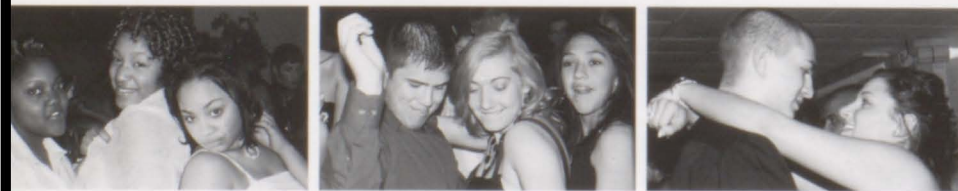
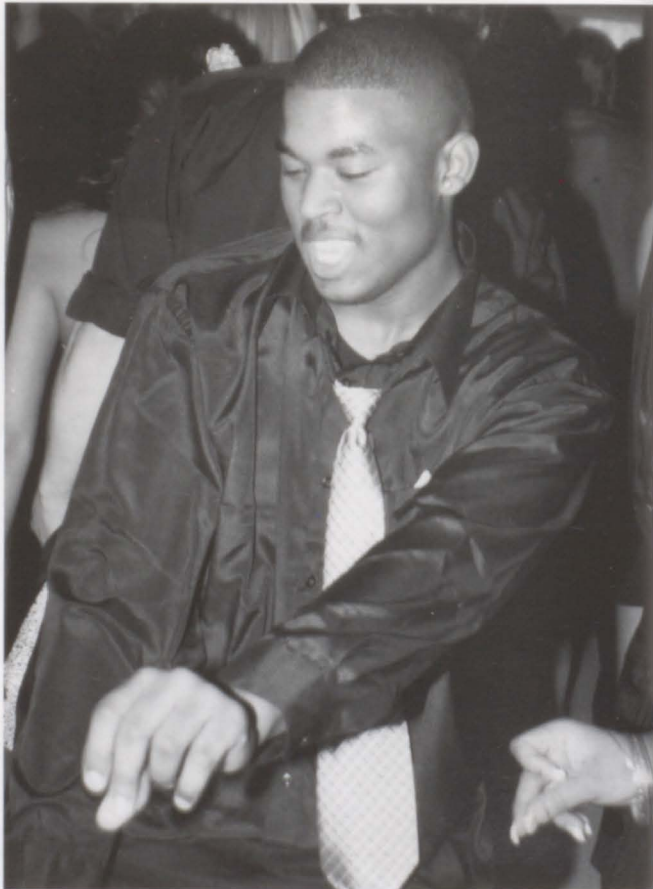


Persephone Hart, 10

**War Party Day**



Olivia Walterman, 12





**CREATING** columns for the dance, senior Cali Hackney and sophomore Chelsea Crawford attach tape to keep it together. "Although I didn't go to the dance, the decorations looked pretty amazing," Hackney said. "I was surprised by my column-building skills." **SAVORING** the moment, seniors Aubree Miller and Seth Clements pose for a quick shot after being crowned Courtwarding king and queen during the half-time of the Mill Valley game.



**SLOWING** it down, senior Seria Holmes and junior Brooks Ballou dance the night away. "The dance was a blast, and the decorations looked really nice," Holmes said. "I was happy on how it turned out." **MOVING** to the beat, senior Julius Ellis, left, enjoys his evening. "I thought the music could have been better and more up-to-date," Ellis said. "I still had fun because I was already looking fly."



**COURTWARDING ROYALTY.** Front Row: Brittany Bennett, Alexis Crumrine, Nancy DeLeon, Ashlee Harding, Aubree Miller. Row 2: Seth Clements, Chance Crawford, John Jenkins, Isaac Mills, Adam Shirley.





## Speaking Out

On April 14, we asked 190 students about the influence of peer pressure in their lives. Here are their answers:

In the past 30 days,  
has peer pressure caused you to

**20%**...consume alcohol?  
said yes



**80%**  
said no

**16%**...engage in sexual activity?  
said yes

**84%**  
said no

**42%**...lie to a parent?  
said yes

**58%**  
said no

**49%**...be influenced in  
a positive way?  
said yes

**51%**  
said no

**43%**...improve your  
performance athletically?  
said yes

**57%**  
said no





# The Towering LOAD

## Students feel mounting presence of peer pressure

Upon entering high school, students begin the four-year long struggle to make friendships and to fit in. During this journey, outside influences can vastly affect actions taken by students.

Peer pressure is a driving force that might not always be noticeable, but is a constant factor in all types of behavior. These impacts can be seen in all age groups, from elementary school to the work place. However, the biggest increase in peer pressure often occurs when students enter high school.

"Once I entered high school, I noticed that peer pressure was all around me. It got worse my junior and senior year; people were pressured to do a wide variety of things," senior Brittany Logan said.

With increased mobility, freedom, and responsibility—and in some cases decreased parental supervision—the door is left open for students to make many independent decisions. While attending high school, students are also often exposed to a wider age gap, thus a broader range of lifestyles and the pressure to fit in with older groups.

"It's just different things. When

you're little, it's small things like eating worms or something. But now, it's generally illegal things," senior Aubree Miller said.

Some students find entertainment in the same ways they always have: going to the mall, hanging out with friends, and playing sports and video games. However, other students may find themselves straying from the norms and looking towards rebellion. As a part of this, they may feel pressured to try alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other illicit drugs or to become sexually active as they attempt to fit in with a new social scene. The statistics are fairly alarming.

According to a 2008 "Communities That Care Data" compiled by the Regional Prevention Center of Wyandotte County, students surveyed said they began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly at the approximate age of 13.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that approximately 74.3 percent of high school students nationwide had consumed one or more drinks of alcohol in their lifetime.

So how do students cope?

"Peer pressure used to be a big deal to me, but I have grown out of its grip," junior Robert Plumb said. "I've seen people pushed to smoke or drink; it's tough for some people because they are so desperate for acceptance."

For other students, the solution is simply to remain true to themselves.

"I try to not let my thoughts and opinions be affected by the thoughts and actions of others. If you're happy with yourself and the decisions you make, then the judgement of others really does not matter," sophomore Victoria Porter said.

However, peer pressure doesn't always have to be a negative influence. In fact, most students believe that peer pressure can be used in a positive manner, both in the classroom and in athletics.

"I notice the older athletes trying to push us to do better and do our best," freshman Joey Mills said.

With so many different types of pressure today, peer pressure can be considered a friend or an enemy.

—Jake Barren and Bailey Nairn





# Parts to a Perfect Prom:



## Prom Committee

**Front Row:** Emily Herre, Lynsey Ostman, Shelby Ney.  
**Row 2:** Taylor Reed, Flora Nyakatura, Brittani Littlejohn, Meg Fowler, Elizabeth Grinter, Bailey Nairn.



## Decorations



## King & Queen

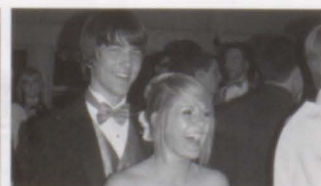
Brittany Bennett and Lucas Tuckel

**CLAPPING** to the beat, junior Ryan Morris dances the night away. "I definitely got my money out of the night; I enjoyed dancing," Morris said. **ENJOYING** the night, junior Christeen Coon dances with her date, junior Garrett Kruger.



**PROM ROYALTY. Front Row:** Brittany Bennett, Erika Busch, Renee Drury, Monica Sorensen, Krystal Stanton.  
**Row 2:** Julius Ellis, Zach Gharst, Ethan Isaacs, Lucas Tuckel, Adam Shirley.

**GETTING** their groove on, junior Brad Roush and sophomore Riley Mortensen enjoy the dance. "This was my second prom, but I have to say fondue at Taelor Falconer's house was the best part," Mortensen said.







**STARING** into each other's eyes, seniors Krystal Stanton and Adam Shirley enjoy a slow dance. "My favorite part of prom would actually be the music, and of course my date," Shirley said.

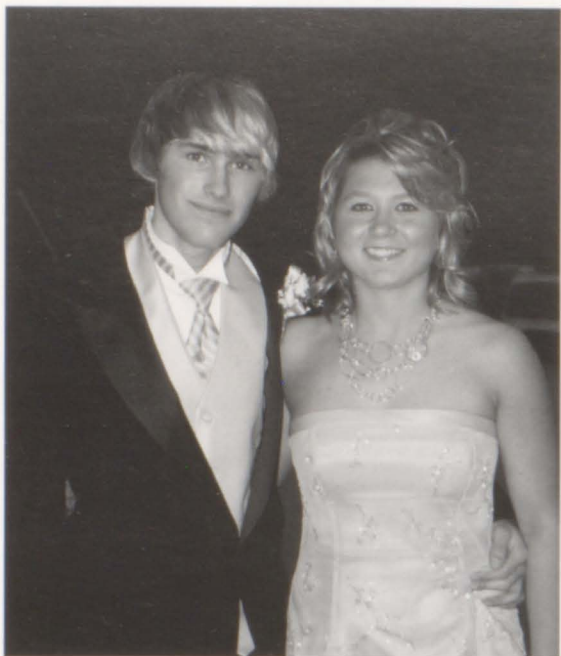


*An Evening of Enjoyment*  
**Date of Prom:** April 18  
**Location:** Lake of the Forest Clubhouse  
**Cost to Enter:** \$45 per couple for the early bird price, \$50 per couple for the regular price  
**Theme:** "An Elegant Affair"  
**Colors:** Black, white, silver, and maroon.  
**King:** Lucas Tuckel  
**Queen:** Brittany Bennett  
**Attendance:** 240 students





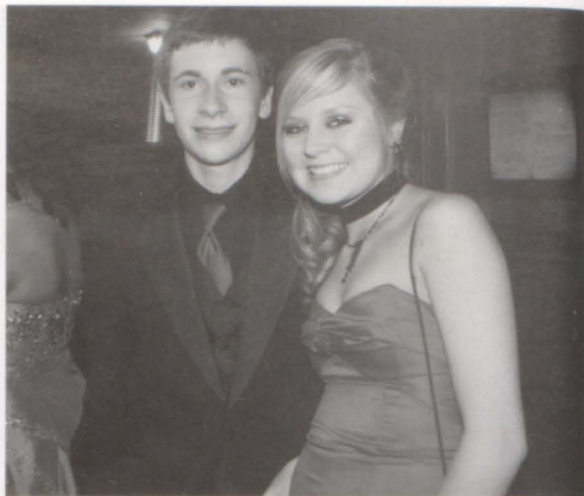
# An Elegant Affair



Senior Amber Barnes and her date Hunter Fox



Seniors Isaac Mills and Brittany Bennett



Juniors David Katosh and Amber Priddy



Junior Korey Sanborn and freshman Ashley Muldoon



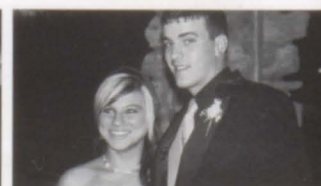
Freshman Miranda Hackney and junior Zach Hunt



Senior Oscar Sanchez, juniors Cara Brown and Candice Standridge, and senior Jared Brailsford



Junior Emily Herre and senior Alex Soto







Junior Ryan Morris and his date Kelsey Denim



Sophomore William Storms and junior Jessica Mitchell



Seniors Zach Dean and Jaclyn Lira



Sophomore Lucas Isaacs and senior Anna Nelson



Seniors Erika Busch and Garrett Parker



Senior Tiara Jones and her date Elijah Ming



Juniors Kourtney Kraft, Kayla Loftiss and Ariel Williams



Seniors James Canada and Alexis Crumrine



Junior Cameron Summers and sophomore Lauren Callahan



Seniors Matthew Bille and Kaley Withers





# Final Days for the Class of 2009

## May 6 Meet E-mentor...



**E-Mentoring:** Ethan Isaacs (top) meets with his E-mentor while Lucas Tuckel (bottom) listens to his E-mentor tell a story as they wait in line for dessert.

## May 8 Present Senior Boards...



**Senior Boards (clockwise):** J.P. Holley shows his restored car to his Senior Board panel; Amanda Couch explains her cake-decorating project while Joyce Hilario shows off the dress she made for her project.



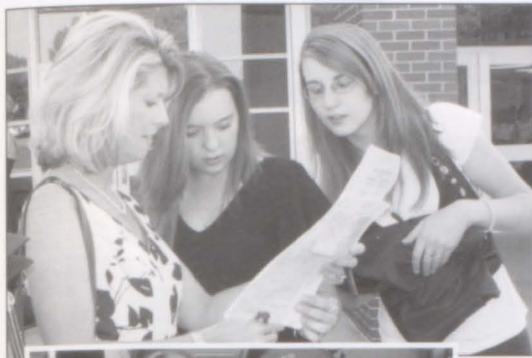
## May 12 Locker clean-out, Pick up cap and gown...

**Locker Clean-Out:** Cherelle Henderson (far left) fights back the emotions as she cleans out her locker. Sykness Fields (left) digs deep into her locker. **Pick up caps and gown:** Aubree Miller (top) and Jordan Fehd (bottom) receive their cap and gown on their last day of school.





# May 14 Arriving...



**Arriving:** Samantha Zook and Shanna James (top) receive final instructions from senior sponsor Lisa Terrell. Jaclyn Lira and Joyce Hilario (bottom) arrive at school.

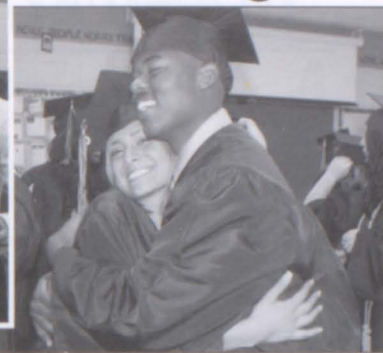
# Graduating...



**Front Row:** Valedictorians: Krystal Stanton, Kristina Tilden, Salutatorian: Starian Porchia  
**Back Row:** Valedictorians: Laura Rink, Stefanie Sprenkle, Olivia Waltermann, Monica Sorensen.

**Graduating:** Ashlee Harding (far left) walks off the stage, diploma in hand. Jacob Morris (left) receives his diploma. **Celebrating:** Nate Lloyd (top) enjoys riding the pedal car at the Project Grad party which was held at Paradise Park in Lee's Summit. Cindi Price (bottom) has fun on the bumper cars also at Paradise Park.

# Awaiting...



# Anticipating...



**Awaiting (clockwise):** Danny Nicholson and Bryce Peterson wait in their holding room. Nancy Garcia and Julius Ellis embrace before the ceremony begins.  
**Anticipating (clockwise):** Kaley Withers and Lacie Wood wait anxiously for their turn to walk across the stage. Hannah Burgess and Nancy Correa walk into the P.E. Center to their seats.



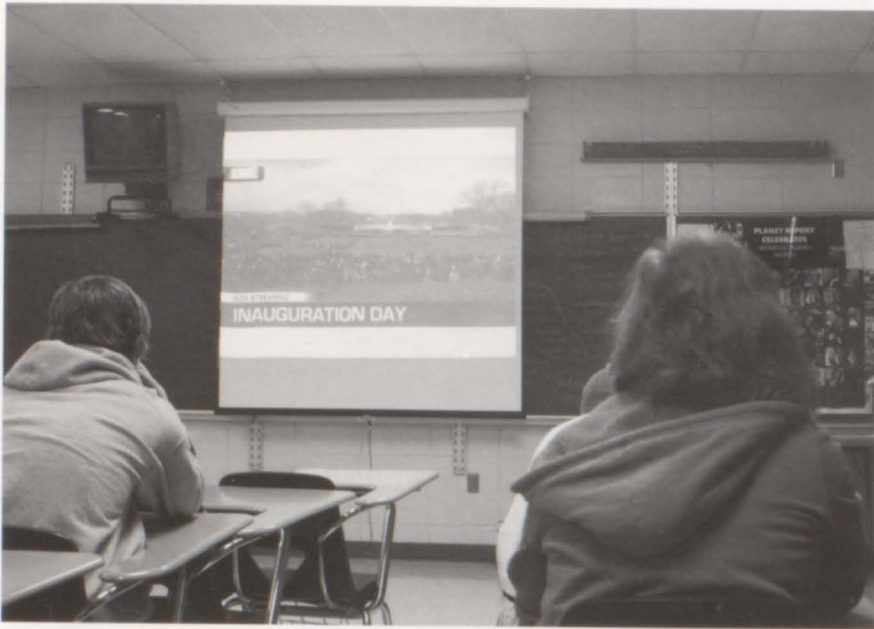
# Celebrating.





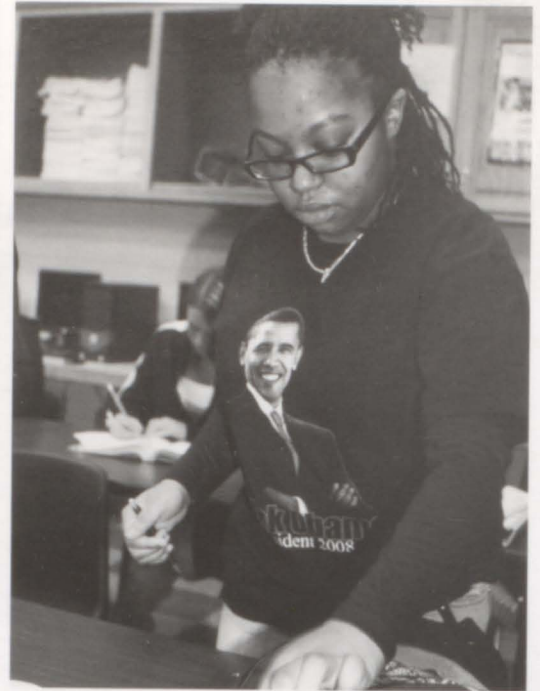
# Moment in the Making

Obama mania reaches peak on Inauguration Day



**WATCHING** intently, students in John Makona's class view the Inauguration. "They were watching history that is probably going to take years to be repeated," Makona said.

**SHOWING** support for President Obama, senior Yeaulonne Waters packs her bag after class. "The Inauguration meant so much to my family because we got to watch history in the making," Waters said.



## What did the Inauguration mean to you?

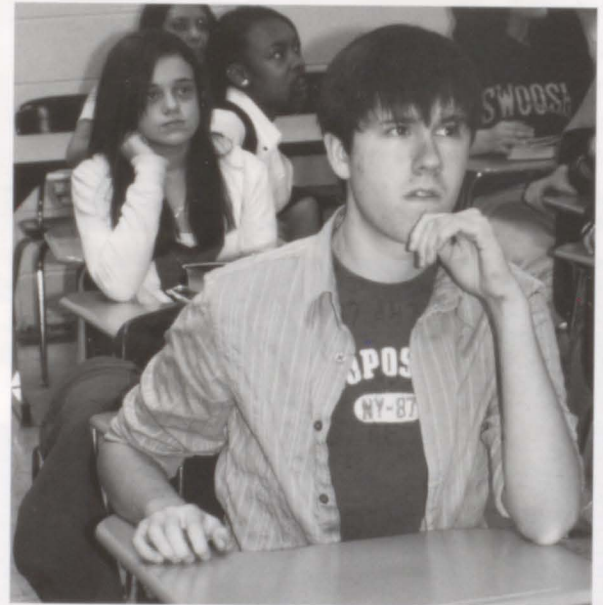


"Honestly, on one hand, it gave me a good sense of pride that an African-American was president. On the other hand, I would like to see what he does before I'm proud of him."

-Alan Smith, 11

"The Inauguration of Barack Obama meant a lot to me because I had family that went through slavery. It makes me happy to know things are still changing; having our first black president gives a lot of people hope."

-Lauren Groves, 10

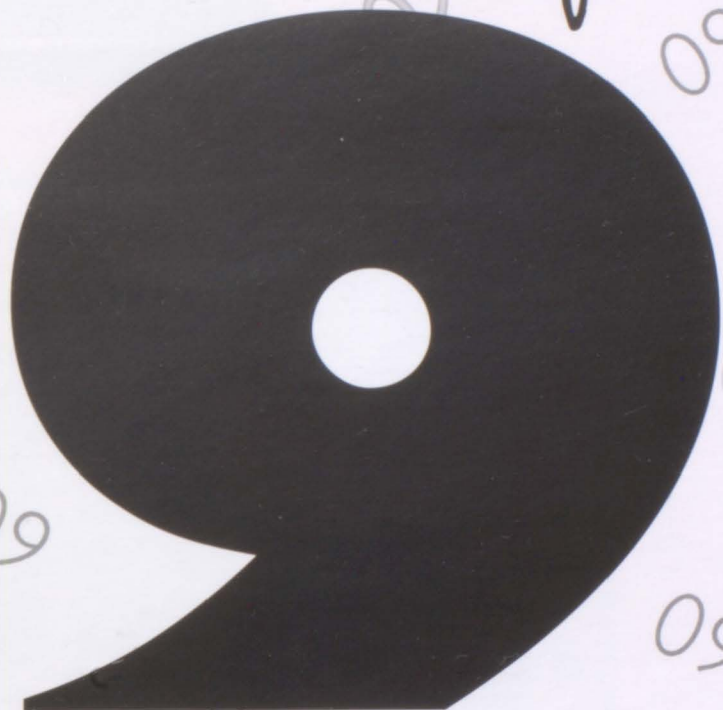
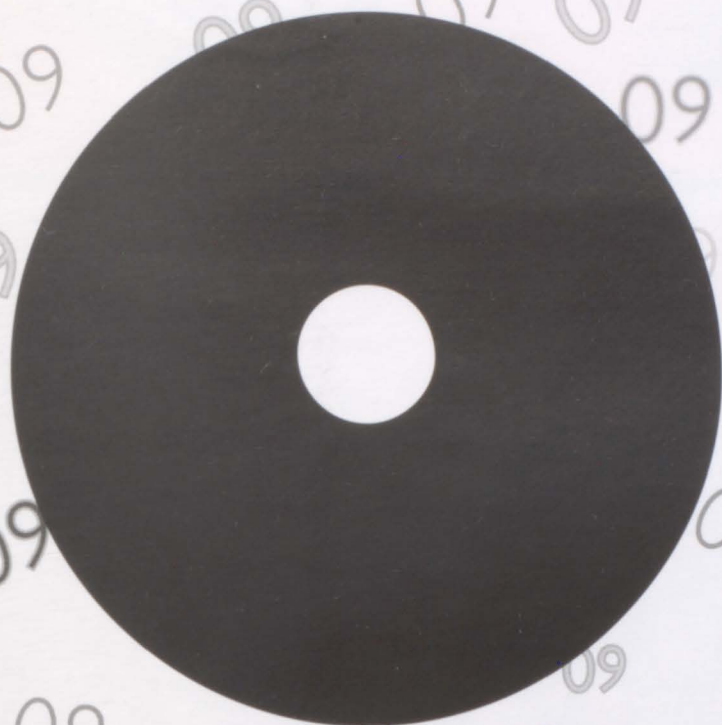


**LISTENING** to the Inaugural address, freshman Jake Carter leans in to contemplate the details. "The Inauguration was a reassurance of moving on. Given our past, who would've thought that an African-American man would be president of the United States?" Carter said. "For the most part, this reassures me that everything America has gone through was worth it."





# Class of



From top: Sandy Gomez, Anna Nelson, Nancy DeLeon and Krystal Stanton



Clockwise: Renee Drury, Joyce Hilario, Erika Busch, Julia Glenn, Kaley Withers, Alexis Crumrine

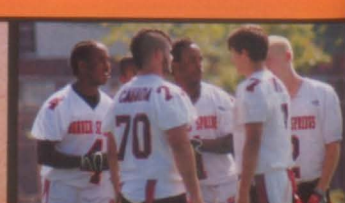
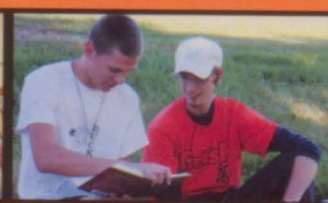


Lucas Tuckel and Nikkilas Burks





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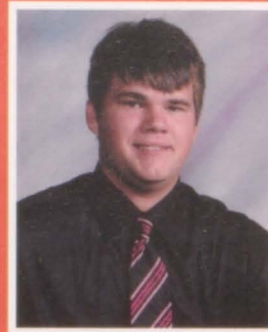




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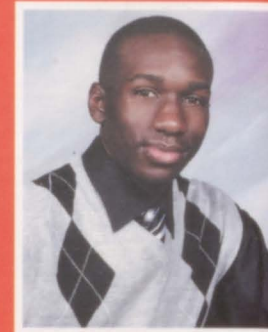
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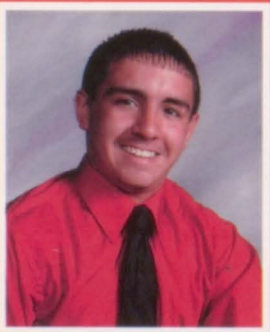
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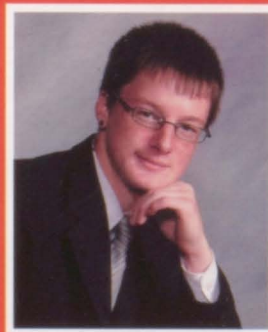
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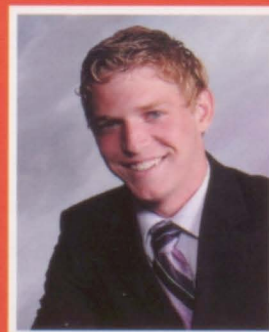
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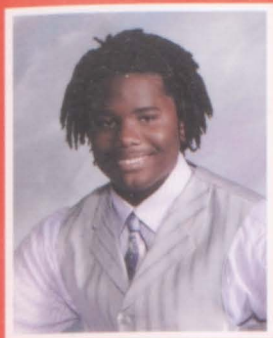


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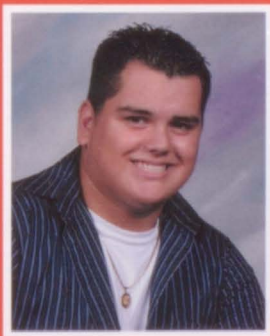
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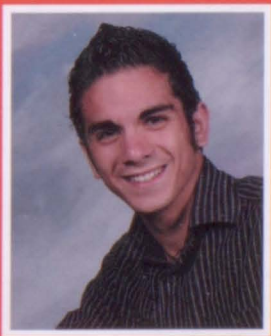
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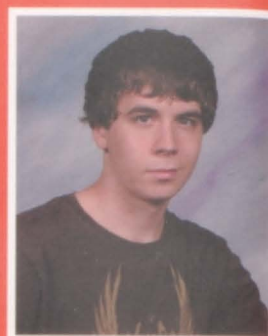
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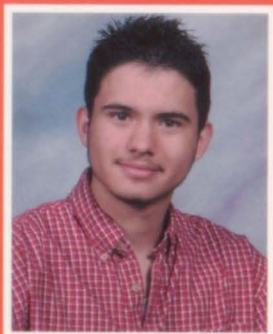
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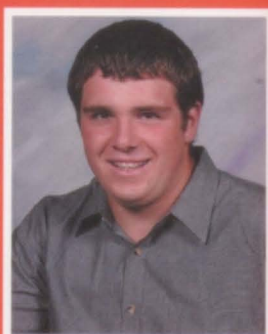
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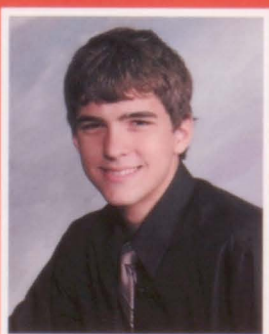
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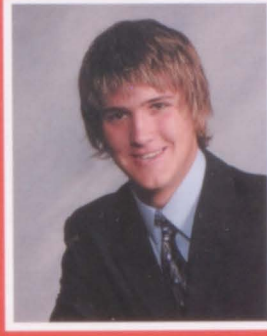
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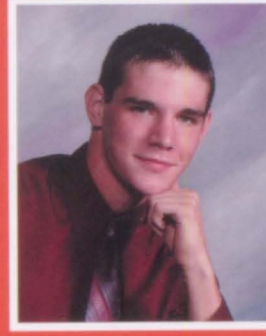
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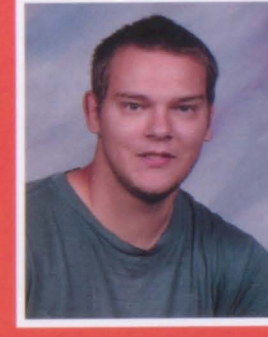
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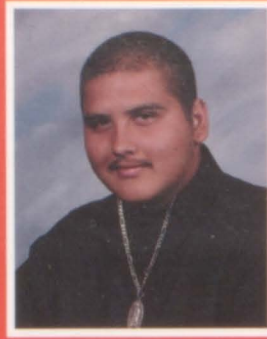




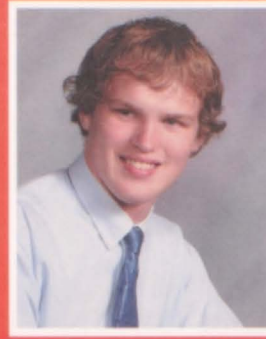
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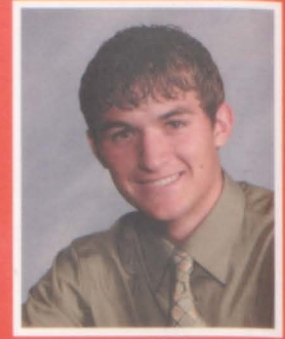
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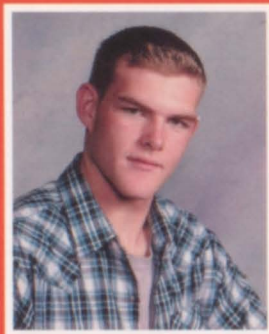
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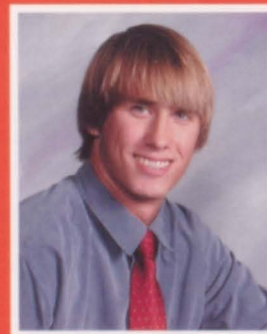
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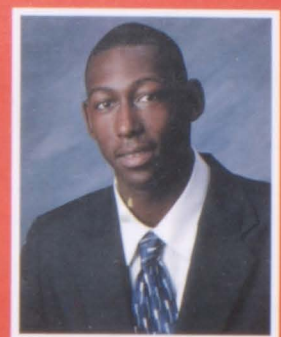
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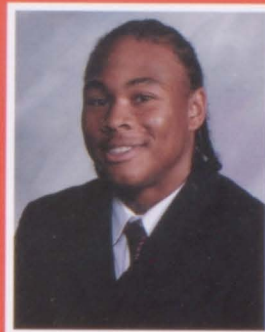
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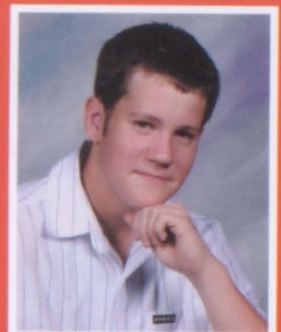
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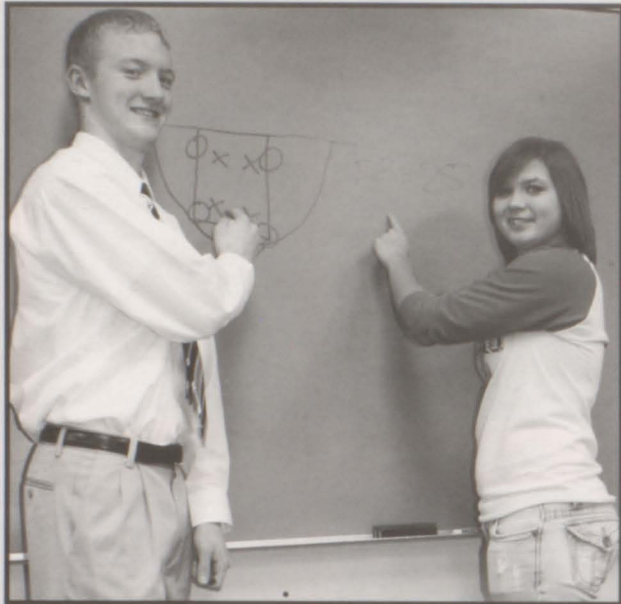
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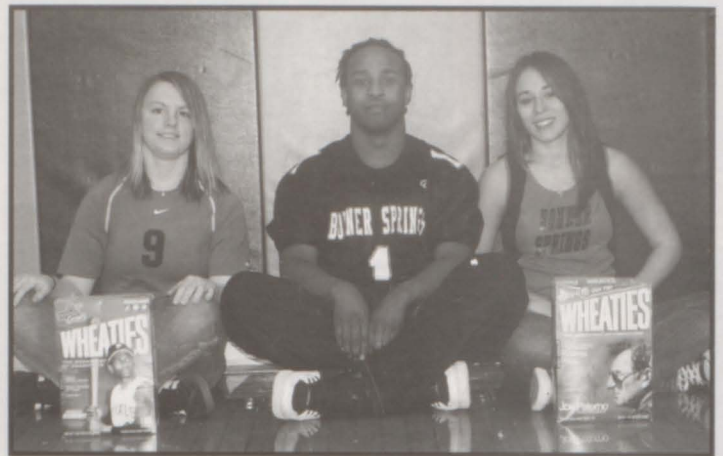
**Most likely to return to BSHS to coach or teach:**

Luke Terrell and Amber Barnes



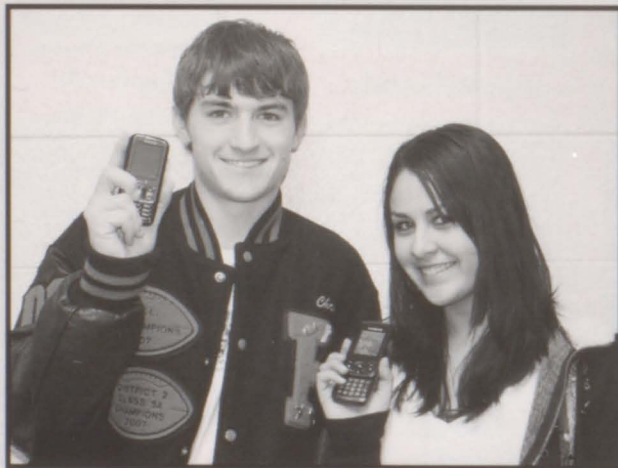
**Most likely to appear on a Wheaties box:**

Cali Hackney, Jonathan Walker, and Amanda Trent



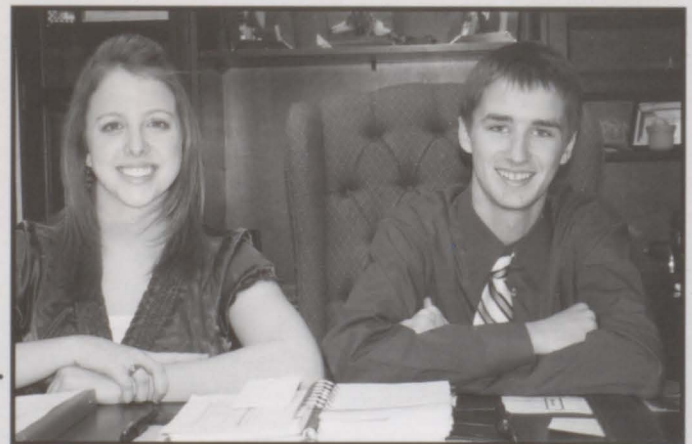
**Most likely to star on Broadway:**

Adam Shirley and Stefanie Sprengle



**Most likely to get caught trying to text in class:**

Chris Smith and Sandy Gomez



**Most likely to become President:**

Monica Sorensen and Isaac Mills



# Senior

# Favorites



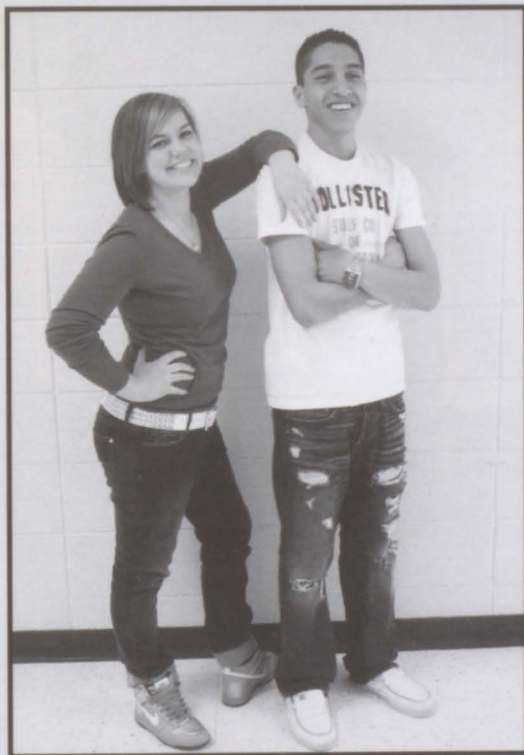
**Most likely to remain  
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Nancy DeLeon and Anna Nelson



**Most likely to remain  
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**Most likely to start  
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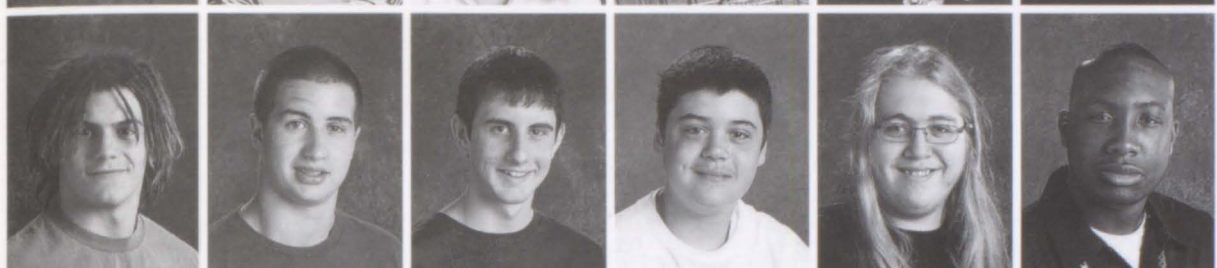




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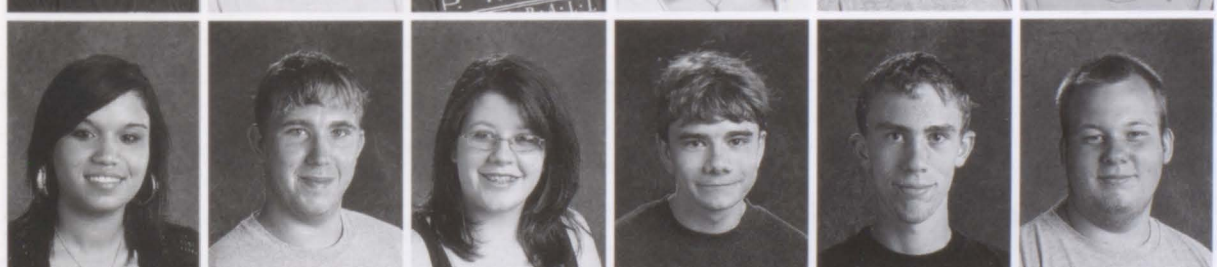
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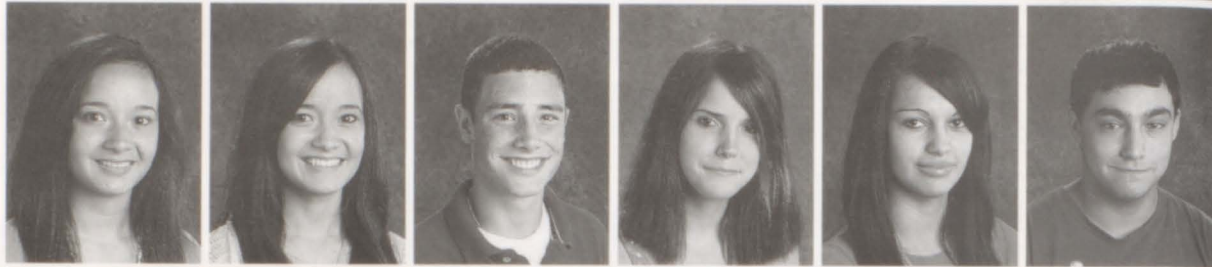
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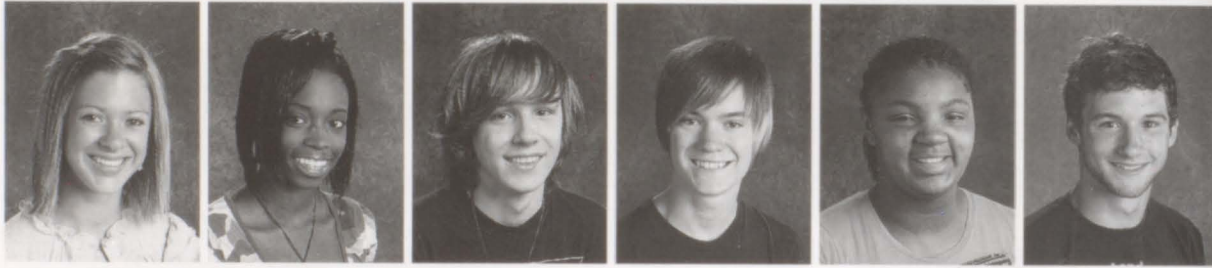
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## Q&A



**Q:** What was your favorite TV show as a kid and what is it now?

**A:** "When I was younger my favorite show was Barney, now it is One Tree Hill."

—Emily Randolph



**Q:** What was your most memorable moment of your junior year?

**A:** "Mr. Caldwell's class because of all the fun things we got to do and the crazy things we talked about."

—Chris Stites



**Q:** If you were famous, who would you be and why?

**A:** I would want to be Ellen DeGeneres, because she is hilarious, and I am hilarious. She also has her own talk show and that's what I want."

—Mandi Adams



# Profiles



**Name:** Melissa Garcia  
**Birthdate:** Oct. 16, 1991  
**Birth Place:** Dallas, Texas  
**Last good movie I saw:** "Step Brothers"  
**Pig-out food:** Veggie Lasagna  
**Can't stand:** Ignorance  
**I stay at home to watch:** "One Tree Hill"  
**Three words that describe me:** Super, awesome, cool



**Name:** Justin Buehler  
**Birthdate:** Jan. 26, 1992  
**Birthplace:** Kansas  
**Can't Stand:** Loud noises in the morning  
**Dream Car:** Bugatti Veyron  
**Three words that describe me:** Crazy, funny, beautiful  
**Favorite subject in school:** None of the above.  
**Favorite thing to do outside of school:** Unnecessary stuff



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 Emily Kissinger  
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 Jordan Kraus  
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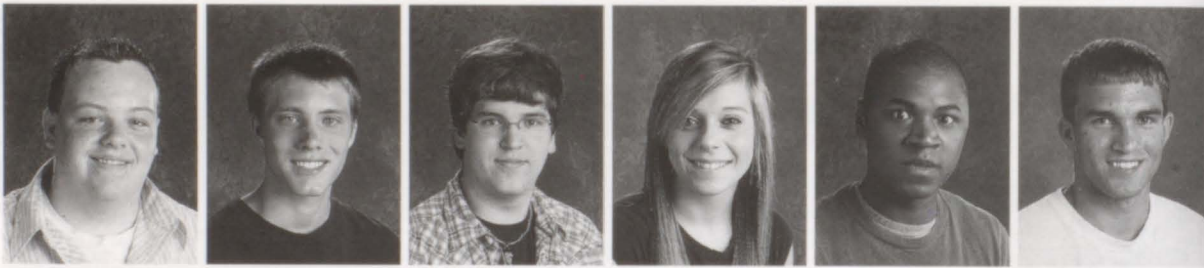
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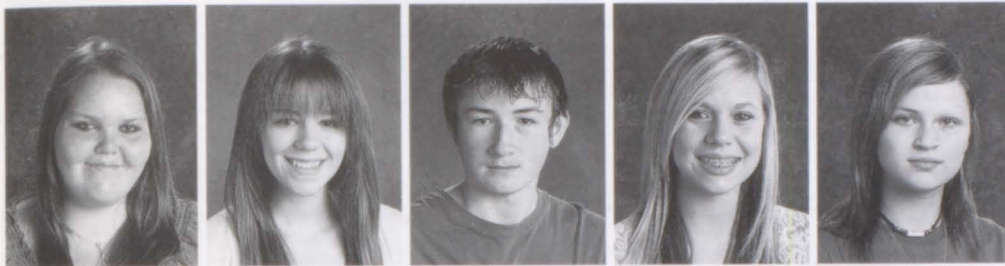




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Andre Venerable  
Steven Walker  
McKenzie Walters  
Sam Walton



Michael Wells  
Ariel Williams  
Heather Zamora  
Kayla Zimmerly



**Name:** Zach Hunt  
**Birthdate:** March 15, 1992  
**Birthplace:** Kansas  
**Favorite Sport:** None  
**Stay at home to watch:** Avatar  
**Three words that describe me:** Lazy, quiet, ninja  
**Hero:** Dr. House  
**Favorite Food:** Ice cream



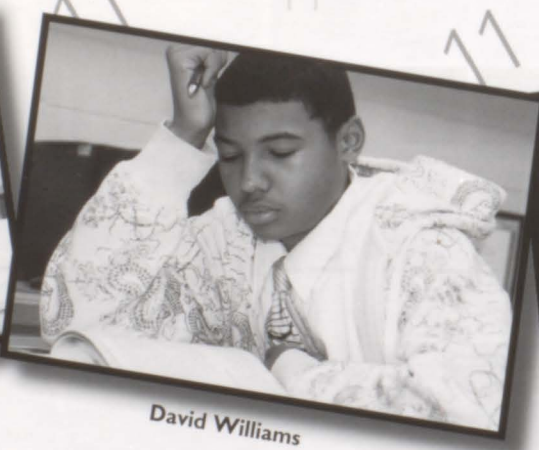
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**Birthdate:** Feb. 5, 1992  
**Birthplace:** Kansas  
**Pig-out food:** Candy  
**Hero:** My dad  
**Three words that describe me:** Nice, funny, respectful  
**Best movie of all time:** "Superbad"  
**Favorite Color:** Blue



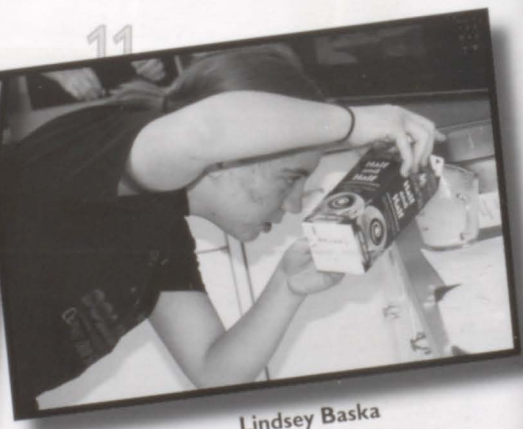
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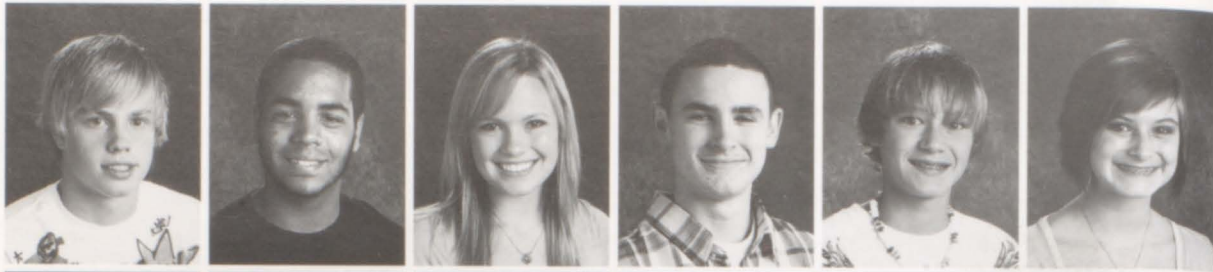
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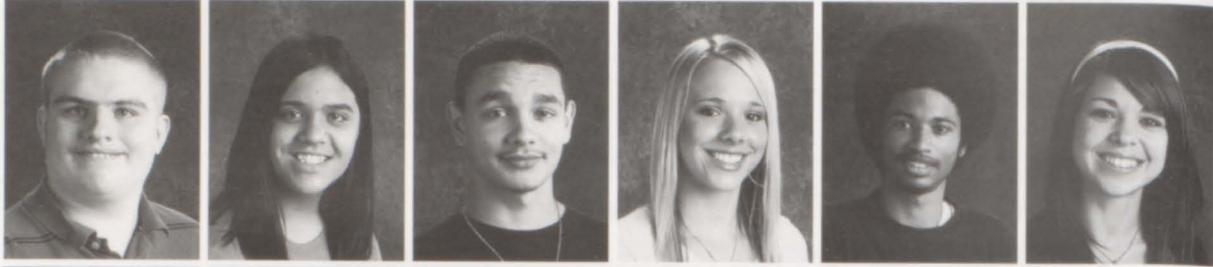
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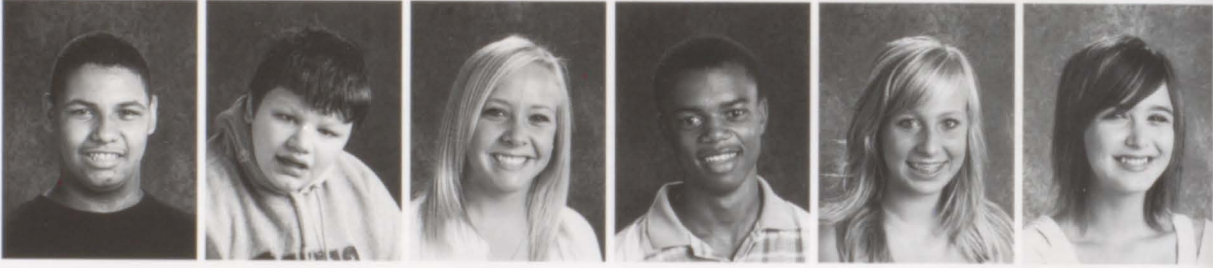
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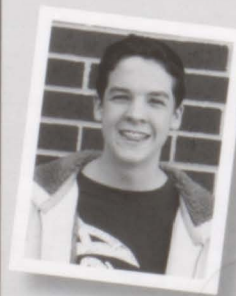
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Taylor Hunt



## Profiles



**Name:** Persephone Hart  
**Birthdate:** Oct. 4, 1993  
**Pet peeve:** When people dislike reading  
**Favorite subject in school:** Chemistry  
**I don't leave home without:** My cell phone.  
**Favorite movie:** "Rent"  
**Three words that describe me:** Intelligent, nosy, creative.



**Name:** Tyler McMahan  
**Favorite food:** Steak, potatoes, and salad  
**I stay home to watch:** "American Idol" and "The Biggest Loser."  
**Favorite hobby:** I have no idea.  
**I have always wanted to:** Go out of the country.  
**Worst fear:** Bugs  
**People don't know that I'm:** A teacher at my church.



# Profiles



**Name:** Jessica Brown  
**Birthdate:** Sept. 8, 1992  
**Pet peeve:** People with negative attitudes for no reason.  
**Favorite subject in school:** Advanced 2-D Art.  
**I don't leave home without:** My head.  
**Favorite movie:** "Coraline"  
**Three words that describe me:** Silly, sweet, organized.



**Name:** Luke Porras  
**Favorite food:** Enchiladas  
**I stay home to watch:** "George Lopez"  
**Favorite hobby:** Football  
**I have always wanted to:** Sky dive.  
**Worst fear:** Snakes  
**People don't know that I'm:** Larry Fitzgerald's No. 1 fan.



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Hayleah McIntosh  
 Tyler McMahan  
 Karen Medina  
 Makayla Mefferd  
 Jordan Merino  
 Erin Mills



# Profiles



**Name:** Katie Wecker  
**Birthdate:** Sept. 4, 1992  
**Pet peeve:** When people use "text lingo" when speaking in person.  
**Favorite subject in school:** Spanish  
**I don't leave home without:** My cell phone.  
**Favorite movie:** "She's the Man"  
**Three words that describe me:** Outgoing, crazy, unique.



**Name:** Joe Hilario  
**Favorite food:** Fried chicken  
**I stay home to watch:** NCAA football.  
**Favorite hobby:** Sports and video games  
**I have always wanted to:** Go to the Super Bowl.  
**Worst fear:** The girl from "The Ring"  
**People don't know that I:** Workout.

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Christina Ward  
Kathryn Wecker  
David Williams

## Q&A



**Q:** If you could have any superpower, what would it be? Why?

**A:** I would chose to fly. I think it would be really fun. Plus, you could see everything and you wouldn't have to worry about traffic or gas.

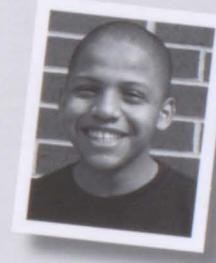
—Megan Ussery



**Q:** What is your most memorable moment from sophomore year?

**A:** "I have way too many memories to even try to narrow it down. I strive to make every day memorable and with great friends they make it easy!"

—Kathryn Clark



**Q:** If you had to lose one of your five senses, which would you chose? Why?

**A:** "Smell. Because sometimes it's better not to smell."

—Nico Lugo

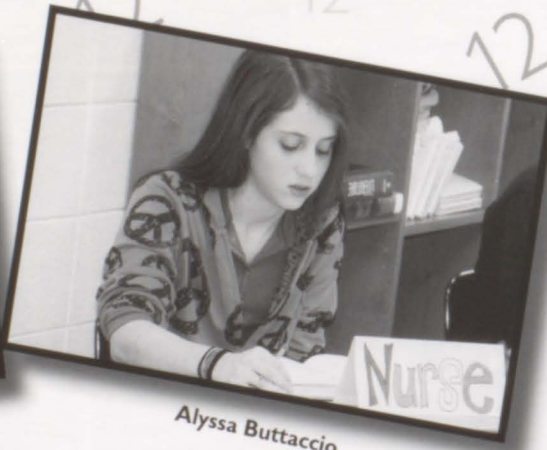


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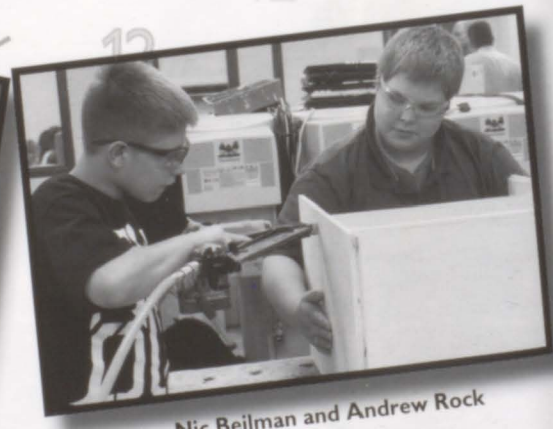
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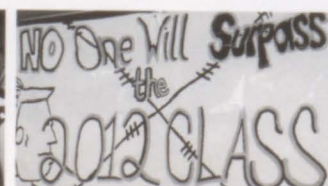
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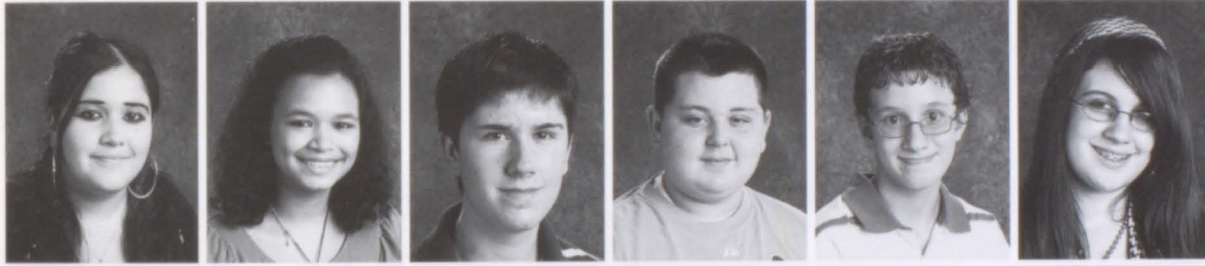
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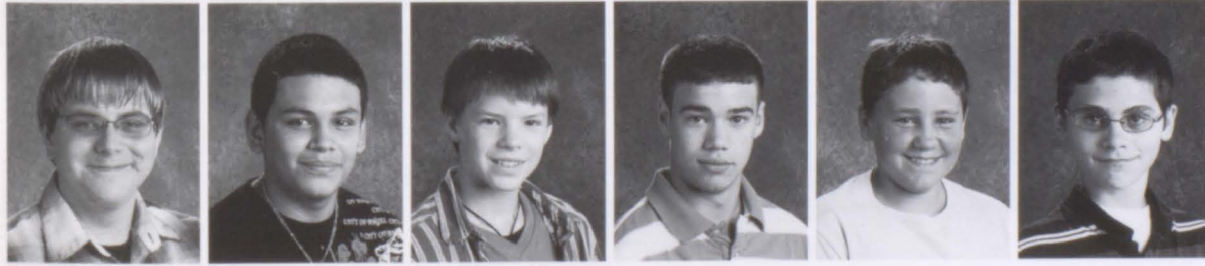
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## Q&A



**Q:** If you could spend a year in any place in the world, where would you go?

**A:** "I would spend a year in Europe and travel everywhere."

—Cinthia Ebertz



**Q:** What have you enjoyed most about coming to the high school?

**A:** "I've really enjoyed everything because you have more freedom here, and they listen to your opinions more."

—Katrina Houston



**Q:** If you could have dinner with anyone famous, whom would you choose? Why?

**A:** "Sully Erna (lead singer of Godsmack), because he is a really good singer."

—John Rushing



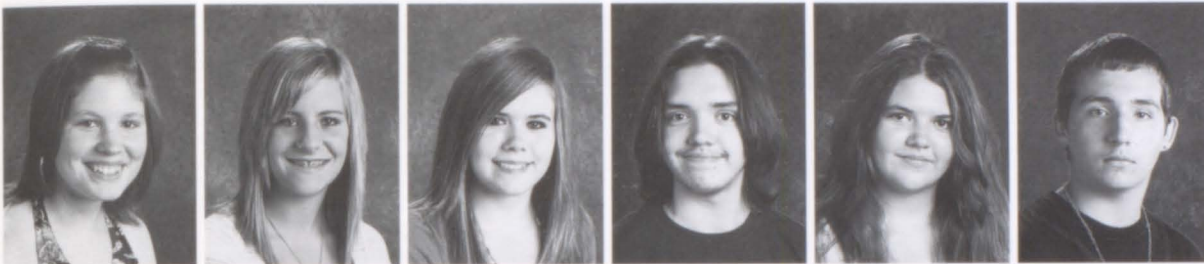
# Profiles



**Name:** Parker Miller  
**Birthdate:** April 15, 1994  
**Pet Peeve:** The sound of people scratching a chalkboard.  
**Favorite subject in school:** World Geography  
**Favorite movie:** "Step Brothers"  
**Three words that describe me:** Fun, hard-working, silly.  
**I don't leave home without:** My cell phone.



**Name:** Jessica Carroll  
**Favorite food:** Cheetos  
**Worst fear:** Clowns  
**Favorite hobby:** Photography  
**I have always wanted to:** Travel to Italy.  
**People don't know that I:** Used to have a ferret.  
**I don't leave home without:** A pen.



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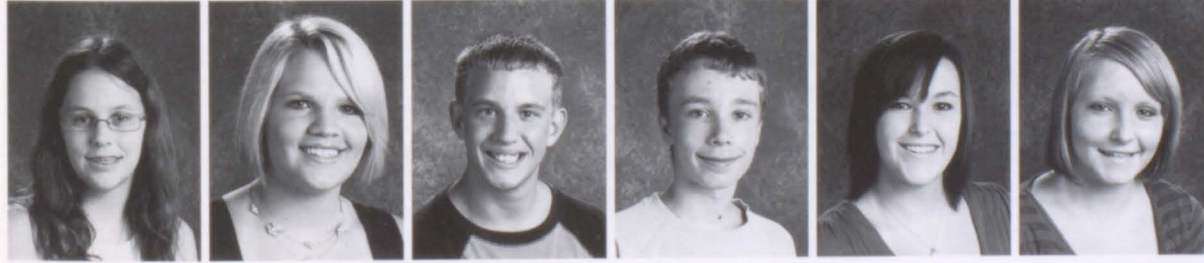
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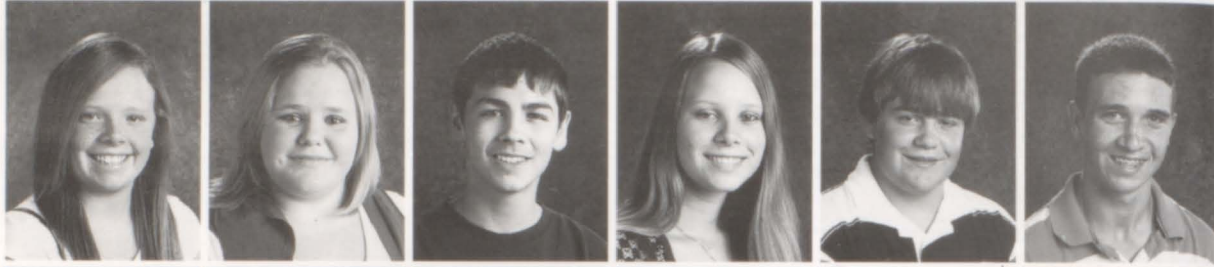
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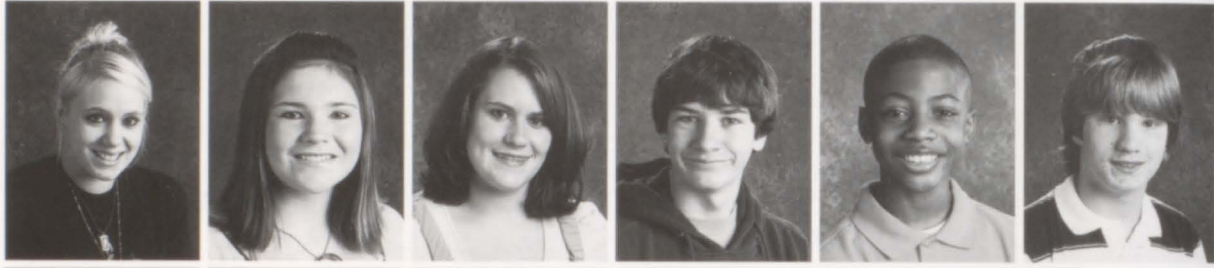
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Samantha Pearson  
Rebecca Pena



## Q&A



**Q:** What was the most memorable moment of your freshman year?

**A:** "Being a part of Orange Crush at all the football games."

—Katelyn Smith



**Q:** What have you enjoyed most about high school?

**A:** "The freedom—you're allowed to make your own choices and decisions. I love it."

—Michael Yunker




**Q:** What are you most thankful for?

**A:** "A roof over my head and my wonderful sisters."


—Salina Duarte



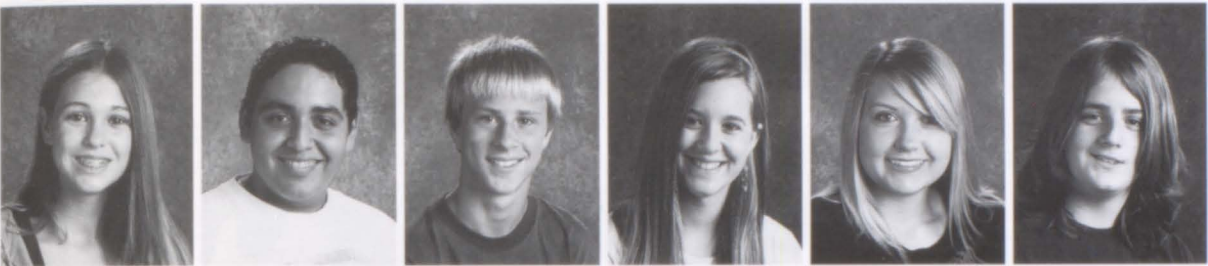
# Profiles



**Name:** Toni Stock  
**Birthdate:** May 1, 1994  
**Pet Peeve:** When someone walks by and says 'Excuse me' so you'll move, but there's really plenty of room.  
**Favorite subject in school:** P.E.  
**Favorite movie:** "The Notebook"  
**Three words that describe me:** Funny, unique, loved.  
**I don't leave home without:** My cell phone.



**Name:** Jose Contreras  
**Birthday:** Jan. 14, 1994  
**Favorite Food:** Chinese  
**Worst Fear:** Being in the dark  
**Favorite hobby:** Playing football  
**People don't know that I:** Talk a lot.  
**I stay home to watch:** "South Park"  
**I have always wanted to:** Be like Superman and possess his superpowers.



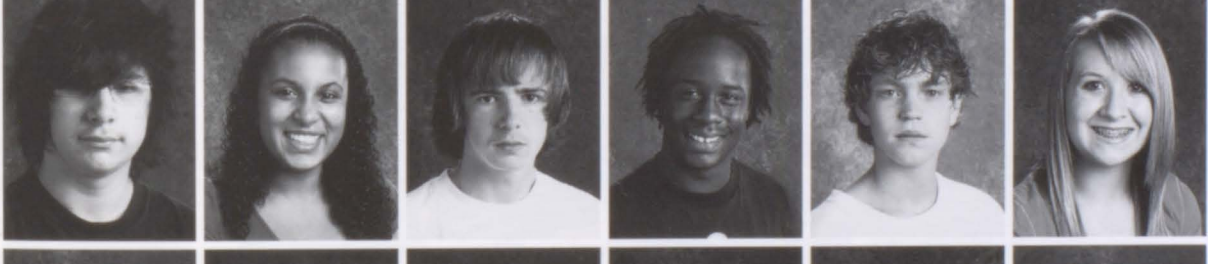
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## Q&amp;A



**Q:** Whom do you admire the most in life? Why?

**A:** "My parents because they're successful and they've put up with me all these years."

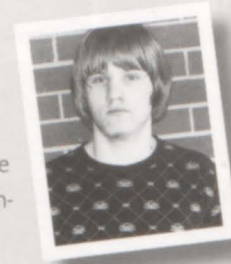
—Jake Carter



**Q:** What was your most memorable moment from your freshman year?

**A:** "I liked being on the swim team and the tennis team."

—Jesse Anderson



**Q:** If you could have dinner with someone famous, whom would you choose?

**A:** "I would have dinner with Barack Obama because I've always wanted to meet him."

—Andrew Ors

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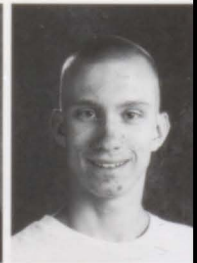
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**Clockwise:** Joshua Oden competes at the WyCo Invitational; Katelyn Smith, left, and Lauren Callahan take part in the cookout at Freshmen Orientation; Shawn Ellis writes a goal statement his first day of high school.





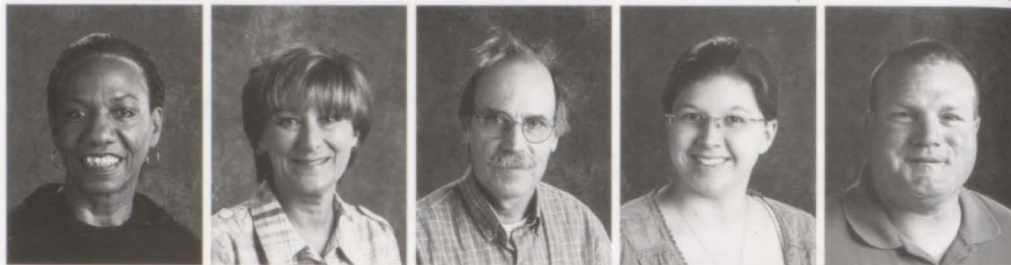
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Twila Bolton, Food Services  
Diane Bonner, Success Center  
Tom Borengasser, Paraprofessional  
Sarah Brower, Attendance Secretary  
Dan Burns, Industrial Technology



Bob Caldwell, Mathematics  
Heather Campbell, Mathematics  
Marsha Canaday, Vocal Music Accompanist  
Lisa Comer, Foreign Language  
Bill Downing, Language Arts



## Profiles: Jennifer Schlicht



**WHILE** at the Great Wall of China, Jennifer Schlicht poses for a quick shot. **READY** to go, the students who were a part of Mrs. Schlicht's Spring Break trip to China (from left): Brian Callahan, Melissa Garcia, Lucas Tuckel, Cindi Price, and Jared Brailsford.

**Q:** You've traveled extensively with student groups since the summer of 2004. What makes these experiences so worthwhile? Why have you sponsored so many trips?

**A:** "Above all things, I love to travel, and I enjoy experiencing new foods, cultures, learning new languages, and navigating through new cities. When I was in high school, I would have loved the opportunity to travel abroad, but that wasn't available at my school. When you love something, you want to share it, and that's how I feel about traveling. I believe that we are all citizens of the world and the more we experience the better we are able to understand the world."

**Q:** What was the best part of your Spring Break trip to China? What surprised you about China?

**A:** "I enjoyed seeing the pandas at the Beijing Zoo and riding bikes around the ancient city wall in Xi'an. The thing that surprised me the most was all the Chinese people being so excited to see us."





Melissa Flint, Foreign Language  
Debbie Foley, Student Services  
Jeff Fouquet, Language Arts  
Martha Gamble, Food Services  
Carol Hahner, Paraprofessional



Jennie Hale, Food Services  
Lesley Hancock, Special Education  
Jim Hanson, Assistant Principal  
Kathy Harding, Food Services  
Cindy Hayes, Science



John Hilton, Athletic Director  
Jill Holder, Language Arts  
Linda Horvath, Art  
Ryan Hull, Social Sciences  
Lew Kasselmann, Physical Education



Linda Kasselmann, Secretary  
Sarah Kolle, Mathematics  
Cheryl Lacer, Mathematics  
Joe LaCicero, Business  
Lynn LaNoue, Technology Education

Profiles:

Jim Hanson



**Q: When did you begin your career at BSHS? What were your previous teaching experiences?**

**A:** "I began eight years ago in the 2001-02 school year as a social studies teacher. I taught in the Shawnee Mission district for 32 years where I was the head baseball coach for 24 years; I was also an assistant coach for football and wrestling."

**Q: What have you enjoyed most about BSHS? What are some of your memorable moments?**

**A:** "The student body; they are friendly and easy to work with. The school is just the right size; it's easy to get to know everybody better than in a big school. My first year at BSHS was the most memorable; it was much different than Shawnee Mission."

**Q: What are your plans after you retire?**

**A:** "To be totally honest, I have no plans. I want to be able to do whatever I want. This is my 40th year in education, and now it's time for something different."



Mary Lauber, Library Media Aide  
 Adrienne Law, Business  
 Jacci Leib, Science  
 Staci Lowe, Physical Education  
 Lisa Lugar, Language Arts



Debbie Maddy, Library Media Specialist  
 John Makona, Social Sciences  
 Bryce McFarland, Business  
 Jim Mitchell, Special Education  
 Kristin Moulin, Guidance Counselor



Kris Munsch, Industrial Technology  
 Jenny Myers, Social Sciences  
 Marsha Nelson, Foreign Language  
 Tim Ney, Full-Time Substitute  
 Clay Oakes, Science



Linda Orangkhadivi, Special Education  
 Cindy Parsons, Full-Time Substitute  
 Karen Parsons, Paraprofessional  
 Carolyn Pearson, Science  
 Cindy Ready, Mathematics



## Profiles:

# Susan Swabb

**Q: What have you enjoyed most about your first year at BSHS teaching Spanish?**

**A:** "The kids; they are really great."

**Q: Last year, you lived in New York. What made this experience so interesting?**

**A:** "New York is unique. My two youngest boys, my husband, and I lived on a boat. I hated it. There were way too many people in New York, and I missed the people back home. My husband still lives and works out there."

**Q: Why is important for students to know a foreign language?**

**A:** "The main importance is that it opens students' minds to other cultures. It also makes you realize that there are other ways of doing things other than the midwest Kansas type of way."



**Birthday:** Jan. 20, 1964

**Birthplace:** Amarillo, Texas

**Subject area:** Spanish

**Family:** Five children and her husband

**Favorite movie:** "Life Is Beautiful"

**Favorite Spanish word:** "Cacahuete"

**Hobbies:** Cooking, gardening, and scrapbooking.





Linda Reed, Food Services  
Barry Richards, Mathematics  
Jason Romanishin, Art  
Sarabeth Sack, Special Education  
Sharon Sandin, Special Education



Jennifer Schlicht, Social Sciences  
Katie Schumm, Special Education  
Ann Smith, Language Arts/ESL  
Kay Smith, Registrar  
Dan Streit, Language Arts



Jennifer Stricherz, Language Arts  
Lisa Terrell, Guidance Counselor  
Bill Turley, Instrumental Music  
Chris Wood, Language Arts

**Not pictured:** Marilyn Allen, Success Center; Tracy Backes, Nurse; Monty Bechard, Physical Education; Joe Hornback, Assistant Principal; Kerri Jennings, Physical Education; Rob Marriott, Science; Karen Morerod, Paraprofessional; Rick Moulin, Guidance Counselor; Shannon Pierce, Nurse; Donna Sharpnack, Mathematics; Maudie Starcher, FACS; Susan Swabb, Foreign Language; Laurie Torrez, Paraprofessional; Carollynn Welliver, Special Education; Brian White, Vocal Music; Jo Wiseman, Social Sciences.

## Profiles:

# Barry Richards

**Q: What have you enjoyed most about your first year at BSHS?**

**A:** "The students and the freedom to teach."

**Q: What sport do you enjoy coaching the most?**

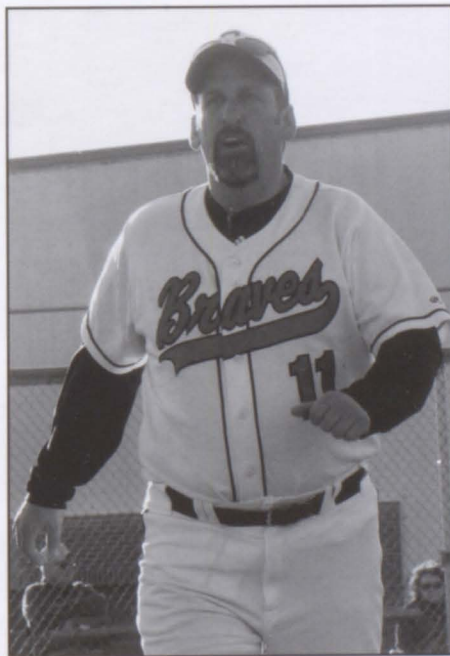
**A:** "Baseball, baseball is my life passion."

**Q: How have your experiences here compared to coaching at other schools?**

**A:** "Similar, basically athletes are the same everywhere."

**Q: Why are you so passionate about sports? Why are sports so important for high school students?**

**A:** "Sports teach life long-skills important for survival in the real world. Sports are something that I shared with my father, and now I am sharing them with my kids."



**Birthday:** June 15, 1961

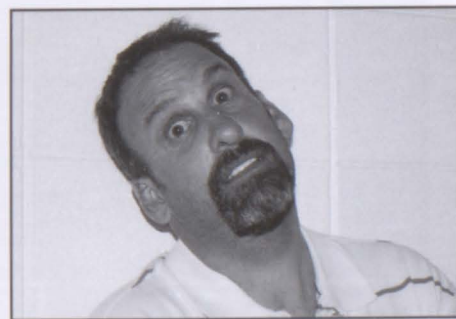
**Birthplace:** Altoona, Penn.

**Subject area:** Math

**Favorite sports team:** Penn State

**Favorite sports movie:** "Field of Dreams"

**Hobbies:** Golfing, camping, and kids.





# Prizes

iPod Touch



**Toni Stock**

"I was really surprised to win an iPod. I was happy because I had just broken mine a week before."

Digital Camera



**Chance Crawford**

"I was excited to win a camera. It was good to be rewarded for doing the right thing."

KU Basketball Tickets



**Zach Povlitzki**

"I was really surprised that I won, but I was also nervous to go out in front of everyone. I didn't go to the game because I like K-State."

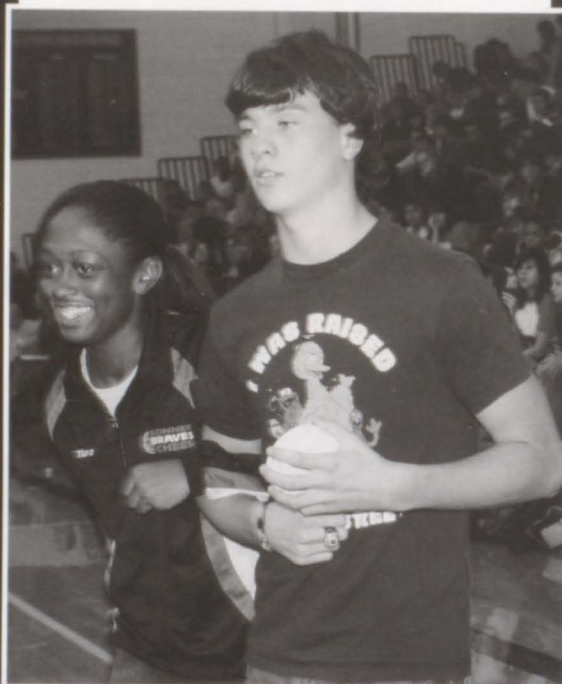
Flat Screen TV



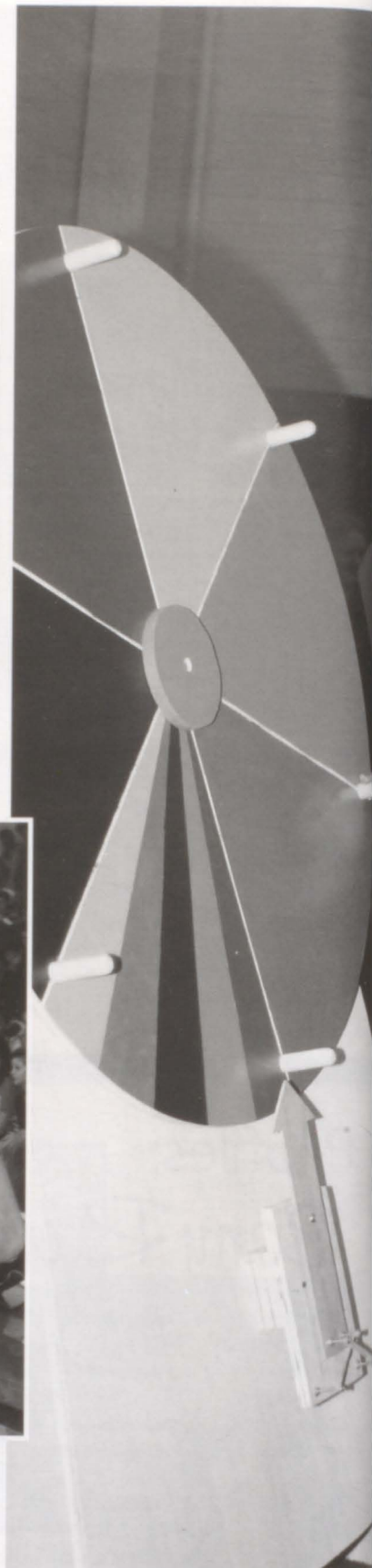
**Morgan Simpson**

"It was a pretty cool thing to win. The flat screen has a much better picture."

**RECEIVING** her prize from counselor Lisa Terrell, senior Renee Drury is rewarded with an iPod Nano at the first Renaissance assembly. "I was crossing my fingers when they were drawing names," Drury said. "When they called my name, I jumped up from the bleachers and almost fell. I was so happy."



**ESCORTED** by junior Mike Harmon, senior Tiara Jones walks down the court to play Plinko, in hopes of winning a prize at the second-quarter rewards assembly. "I was nervous to go down there," Jones said. "But I was glad to get something for free."





**SPINNING** "Munsch's Magic Wheel," senior Joseph Reynolds hopes to win one of the many fabulous prizes while Wood Tech instructor Kris Munsch looks on. The wheel game was featured in the first assembly of the year.

# Renaissance Assemblies

The goal of the new Renaissance program was to recognize students for good attendance, grades, and behavior by rewarding them with a wide variety of prizes during all-school assemblies.

"Some students are at the top and always excel while others are at the bottom and don't perform to their highest potential," assistant principal Joe Hornback said. "The Renaissance Program was targeted at the students who fall in the middle. Sometimes students just need a little motivation."

Four prize-packed assemblies were held throughout the year, with each event featuring some type of game.

The first assembly was highlighted by "Munsch's Wheel of Magic" while Plinko, "Deal or No Deal" and March Madness provided the inspiration for remaining assemblies.

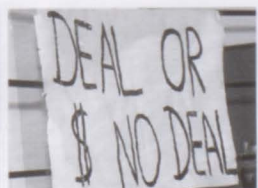
Every prize was either donated or purchased from monetary donations. Sandwich sales on "Mr. Goodcents Fridays" were a major sponsor to the program, and all profits raised went towards the prizes.

At the end of the year, students and teachers were surveyed to evaluate the program as a whole and to explore what changes might be made in the future.

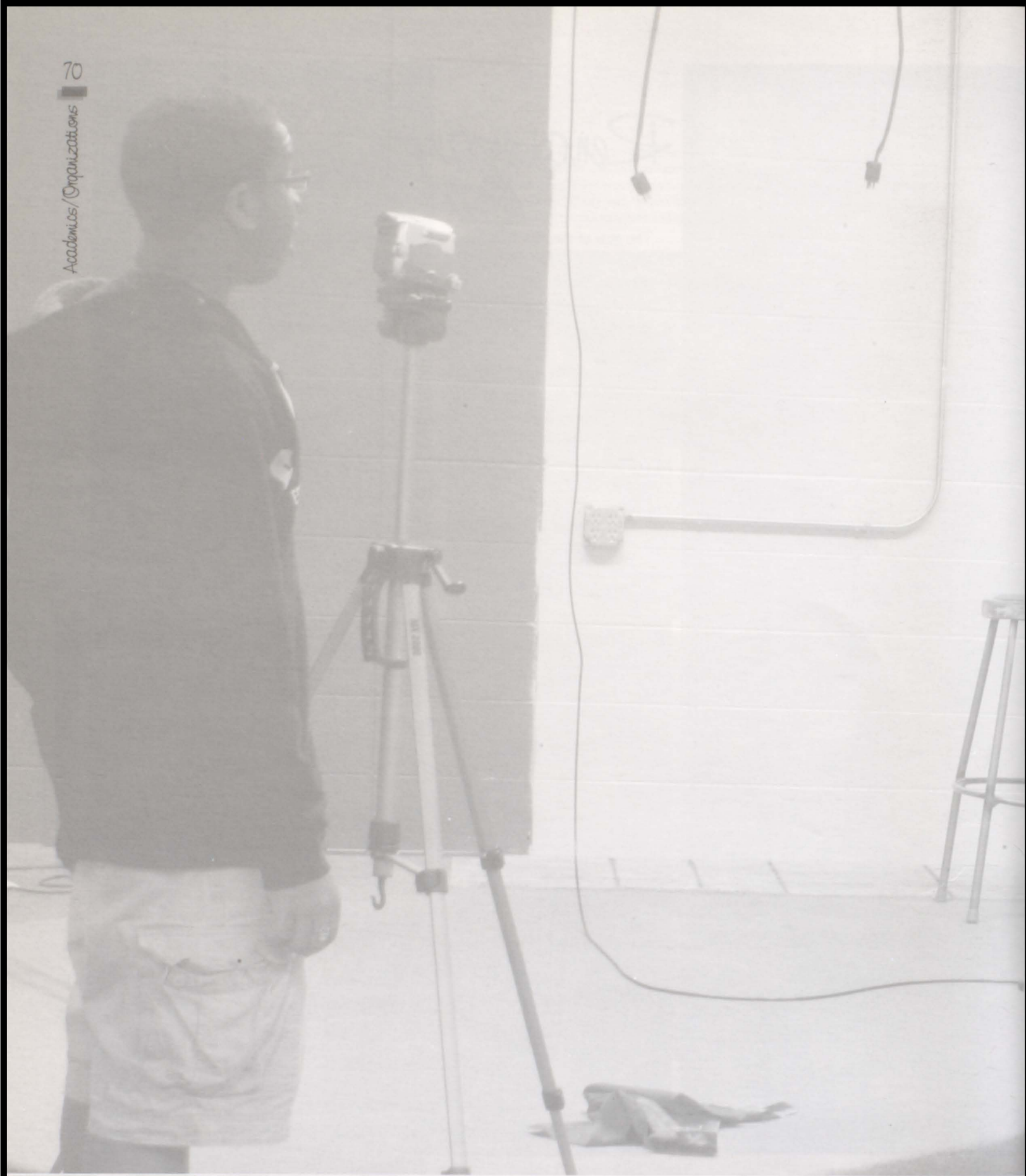
—Kaylie Holloway and Anna Nelson



**USING** teamwork, junior Taelor Falconer and senior Michael Walker try to complete a floor puzzle as quickly as possible. "It was a lot harder than it seemed, but it was entertaining," Falconer said. **RUNNING** through an obstacle course while blindfolded, sophomore Joe Hilario does his best to win the final round of the competition. The obstacle course consisted of running through cones, jumping over hurdles, and sprinting back to the finish line.











# connected TO ACADEMICS & ORGANIZATIONS

Being involved in school can mean different things for different people. For some it may be meeting new people through organizations; for others it may simply be interacting with their teachers and peers in class. Whether you're trying to graduate as valedictorian or benefiting the community through an organization, the student body stays connected through clubs and classes.





# What's Cooking?

## Students learn skills for life after high school

School isn't just all about math and English. It's safe to say our elective classes help to make our long days at school go a little bit smoother. Students are given the opportunity to take classes that will help them with their life skills and expose them to new challenges.

Junior Mark Schmidt, shown right, is careful to make sure he doesn't burn anything while cooking in his fourth-hour foods class.

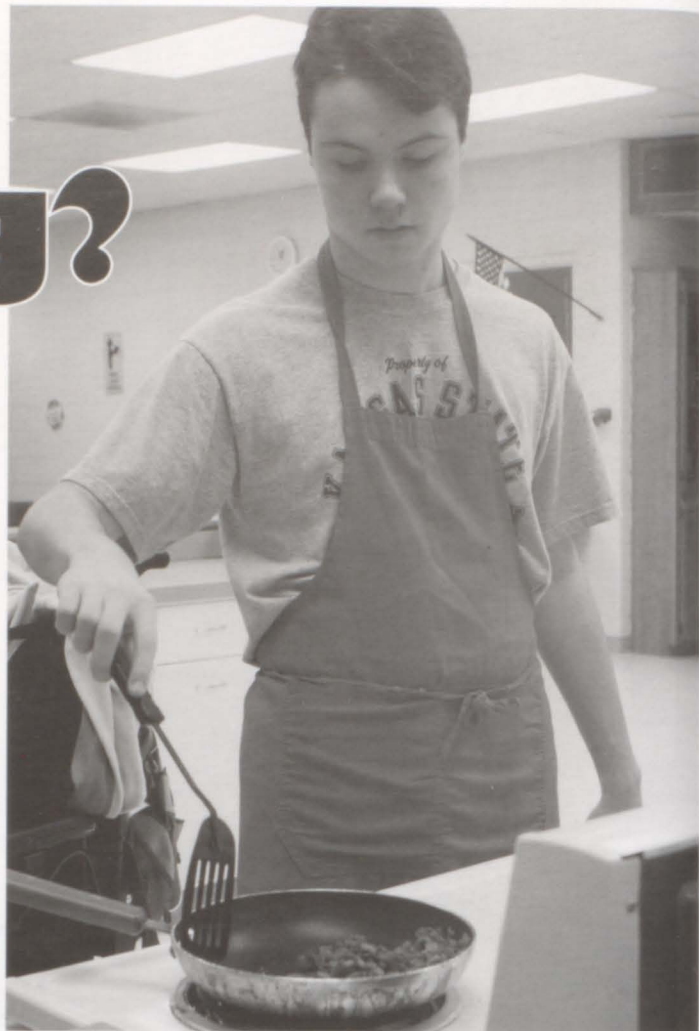
"I really liked the class; I enjoyed being able to cook," Schmidt said.

Senior Kathryn Christwell felt the same way about her cooking class.

"I liked taking the class because it taught me plenty of things I didn't know. Plus the different cultures helped to broaden my choice of foods instead of just eating American all the time," Christwell said.

All students enrolled in a cooking class learn how to make a variety of foods and desserts. Another important skill taught is how to work in a kitchen, along with the proper cleaning.

—Erika Busch



**ABOVE:** Junior Garrett Kruger and senior Chelle Henderson fill their plates with pasta after preparing a meal in their fourth-hour class. "I didn't know anything about cooking," Kruger said. "I thought it would help me understand it a little bit better, and I learned that cleaning is a big issue in cooking." **LEFT:** Senior Kathryn Christwell mixes all of her ingredients together in a foods lab.





# What's Droppin'?



**CHECKING** on the status of his egg, junior Brandon Eastland unwraps the box that he used in the experiment. "My egg broke, but I didn't put much time into my project," Eastland said. **BELOW:** Physics instructor Carolyn Pearson explains the process that students will use for the egg drop experiment.

## Was your egg drop project successful?



"Yes, I used a lot of padding to keep the egg safe."

-DeAndre Rudolph, 12

"Yes, I used foam and bubble wrap to help with the shock from the impact."

-Alex Arqudo, 11



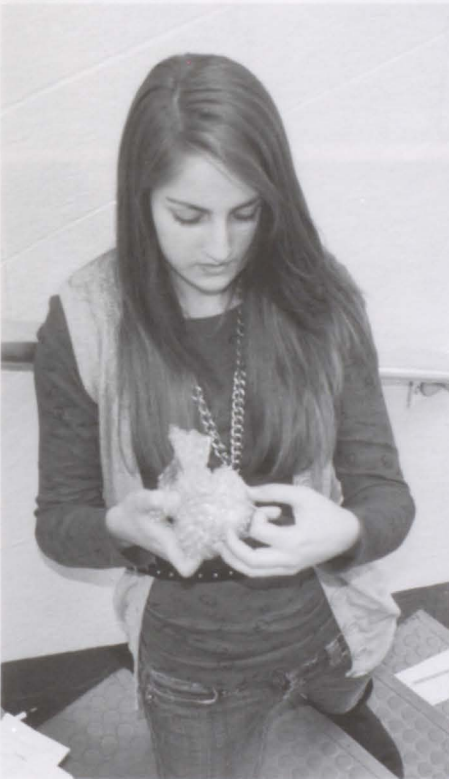
"Yes, my egg made it. I used a plastic tomato container and suspended it in panty hose."

-Robert Plumb, 11



"Yes, my egg made it the first round, but broke when I tried for extra credit."

-Bailey Naim, 11



## Real World Physics

For a third-quarter physics project, students were asked to create something that would protect an egg that was dropped off the top of the stairwell from cracking. "I love seeing how creative my students can be. This teaches them force and acceleration in a hands-on way," instructor Carolyn Pearson said. **LEFT:** Junior Shelby Ney checks for cracks on her egg after dropping it. "I believe it was rigged. I tested my project a lot at home, but after the second drop at school my egg broke," Ney said.





# Student Council

## Student government takes it to a new level

From planning dances to showing freshmen where to find their classes, Stuco members were committed to making a difference all year long.

After answering questions during a presentation at Freshman Orientation, Stuco members kicked off their regular activities by attending a regional leadership conference in Lawrence to get fresh ideas and new perspectives.

"I enjoyed meeting new people at the conference, and we got a lot of new ideas for the school," senior arbitrator Cali Hackney said.

After that, it was on to Homecoming where members designed the floats and banners for their respective classes.

A new activity came in December when Stuco members joined together with student leaders from Turner High School to promote breast cancer awareness with a variety of activities and fund-raisers.

"Coming Together for a Cure was a huge success. It exceeded all expectations, and we are planning on having the event again next year as a new tradition to BSHS," sponsor Adrienne Law said.

The year concluded with a pizza party to say goodbye to the graduating seniors and a discussion of major changes ahead in the election process.

—Shelby Ney



**HELPING** to prepare for "Coming Together For A Cure," junior class vice president Bailey Nairn paints the Pink Crush banner. "I thought that the fund-raiser was a great success. It really proved the potential of Student Council and other clubs to raise money for a good cause," Nairn said.



**LISTENING** intently, Student Council members pay attention to the day's agenda during a Connection Time meeting.





**STUCO** executive president Monica Sorensen speaks at the Black History Month Assembly. "Being Stuco president is by far my favorite accomplishment of high school. I got to do a lot of fun things that most people don't get to do, like hosting pep assemblies and picking out dance decorations," Sorensen said.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Helping to decorate for the Homecoming dance, freshman Emily Hunt tapes up decorations.

## The Presidents' Point of View



### What are your responsibilities as the senior class president?

"I help to lead my class and make Stuco run smoothly. Monica, the executive president, and I also work together to come up with new ideas for Stuco."

- Julia Glenn, 12

### Do you feel that you had more responsibility as Junior Class President than in previous years?

"Not so much responsibility, but definitely more authority."

- Jacob Barren, 11



### What is your favorite part of Student Council?

"My favorite part of Student Council is the Regional Conference that the class officers and seniors get to attend at the beginning of the school year."

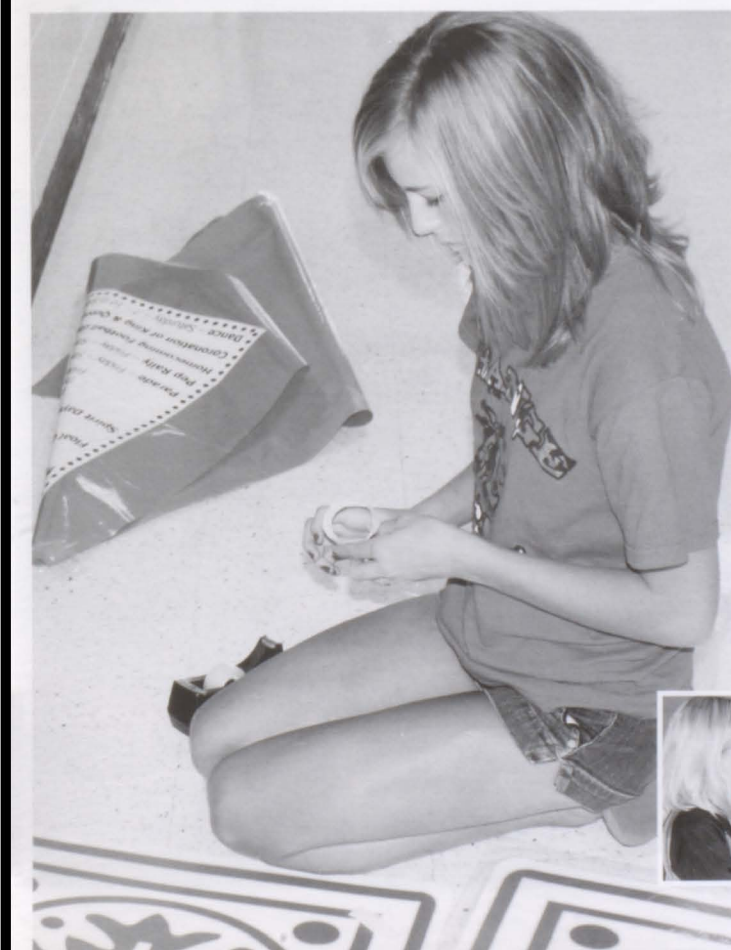
- Chelsea Crawford, 10



### Why did you decide to apply for the freshman class president position?

"I applied to be freshman president because I wanted to get involved in Stuco and felt like it would be a fun and enjoyable experience."

- Ashton Istas, 9





# Are you **TOUGH** enough for Powder Puff?



"I had four great years of the game, and this year was the best of all."

—Erika Busch, 12



"My favorite cheer was the one that we made up because we used creativity."

—Austin Anderson, 12



"I didn't like the make-up. It was a pain to get off, but the skirts were very breezy."

—Alex Sullivan, 12



**PUMPED** up, senior Nikki Rittinghouse strikes the Heisman pose before the game. "Since we did shutout the underclassmen, it was more competitive than in other years. I'll remember this game in years to come," Rittinghouse said.



**THE** night's step-in cheerleaders make the infamous star formation (clockwise from top right): Austin Anderson, Brandon Mills, Alex Sullivan, Chance Crawford, Anthony Ellingsworth, J.P. Holley, Zach Dean, and Matt Bille.



**LINING** up, the Junior-Sophomore team gets ready. The Senior-Freshman team won 18-0 with touchdowns coming from Erika Busch and Julia Glenn. "It was pretty intense because the seniors were all so into it," said Alyson Espy, second from left.



Senior-Freshmen Team



Junior-Sophomore Team





Connecting With  
**Kayettes**



**OPENING** a card, junior Emily Randolph thinks of what to write to a soldier at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. "I was writing the soldiers to thank them for everything they do for us," Randolph said.

**FOLLOWING** the lines during an October service project, senior Stefanie Sprenkle cuts the fabric while making baby blankets for Project Warmth. "It was fun to make them with my friends especially since it was for a good cause," Sprenkle said.



**Number of members:** 42  
**Sponsors:** Jennifer Schlicht and Linda Orangkhadivi  
**President:** Dani Green  
**Vice President:** Celia DeLeon  
**Major Activity:** Powder Puff football game  
**Unique Fact:** Kayettes is only known to Kansas  
**New Activities:** Writing cards to soldiers at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and making blankets for Project Warmth.



“What I like about Kayettes is that there aren't any boys and we're all close, so we can talk about anything with Mrs. O and Mrs. Schlicht.”

-Dani Green, 11



“My duties as Vice-President were to plan meetings and upcoming events. My favorite part was our community service cause.”

-Celia DeLeon, 11





# Science Olympiad

**Sponsors:** Carolyn Pearson and Tim Ney  
**Number of Members:** 30  
**Where they practiced:** Science Olympiad met every Wednesday during Success Time in sponsor Carolyn Pearson's room.  
**What they competed in:** There were 23 events, including Forensics, Egg-O-Naut, Junkyard Challenge, Picture This, and Write-It-Do-It.  
**State Qualifiers:** Juniors Kayla Zimmerly and William Rhodes qualified for state by winning first place in Write-It-Do-It at the regional competition. Unfortunately, they were not able to attend state due to a conflict with the ACT.



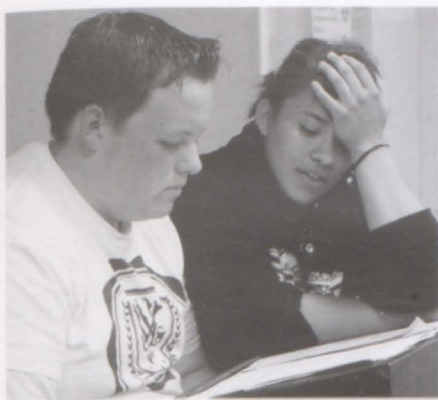
**PARTICIPATING** in the Forensics category, junior Kayla Zimmerly records data pertaining to her experiment.



**COMPETING** in the Electric Vehicle event, junior Lynsey Ostman powers up her car. "Compared to the entries of the other competitors, our car didn't do so well," Ostman said. **PREPARING** for launch, juniors Tessa Seaton and Alex Argudo set up their rocket while competing in the Egg-O-Naut challenge at Shawnee Mission West. "Our launch went pretty good since our egg didn't break, but we didn't get first place," Seaton said.







# Quiz Bowl

**Number of members:** 24

**Sponsor:** Chris Wood

**When do they meet?** The Quiz Bowl team meets every Thursday during Connection Time in Mrs. Wood's room.

**Events Attended:** This year Quiz Bowl attended 17 meets, two of which were hosted by the BSHS team.

**No one knows that...** Mrs. Wood originated the Quiz Bowl team at BSHS in 1984, when two students came to her and expressed their interest in the competition.

**FRESHMEN** Devyn Hayes and Jacob Palmer prepare for a Quiz Bowl meet. **TOP LEFT:** Junior William Rhodes and senior Starian Porchia toil over the wording of a question while working at a meet. Quiz Bowlers and NHS students combined efforts to help out at home meets. "I enjoyed being in Quiz Bowl because it gave me an opportunity to expand my knowledge and learn new things," Rhodes said. **LEFT:** Senior NHS member Kristina Tilden works as a timer at home Quiz Bowl meet.



# Academic Decathlon

**Sponsor:** Sarabeth Sack

**Number of Members:** Eight

**Major activities:** Two small meets and one large meet. They also attended two practice meets with the Bishop Ward team.

**No one knows that...** There is a different theme for the competition every year. This year's was Latin America.

**Achievements:** The team won eight out of 24 medals at state and a third-place prize for Division Two schools.



**LEFT:** Mulling over a problem, junior David Katosh participates in a practice home meet against Bishop Ward. "I enjoyed Academic Decathlon because it helped me to improve my public speaking skills, and I placed second at state for the essay competition," Katosh said.

**BELOW:** Junior Xavier Capalla listens as sponsor Sarabeth Sack prepares the team for their upcoming meet.





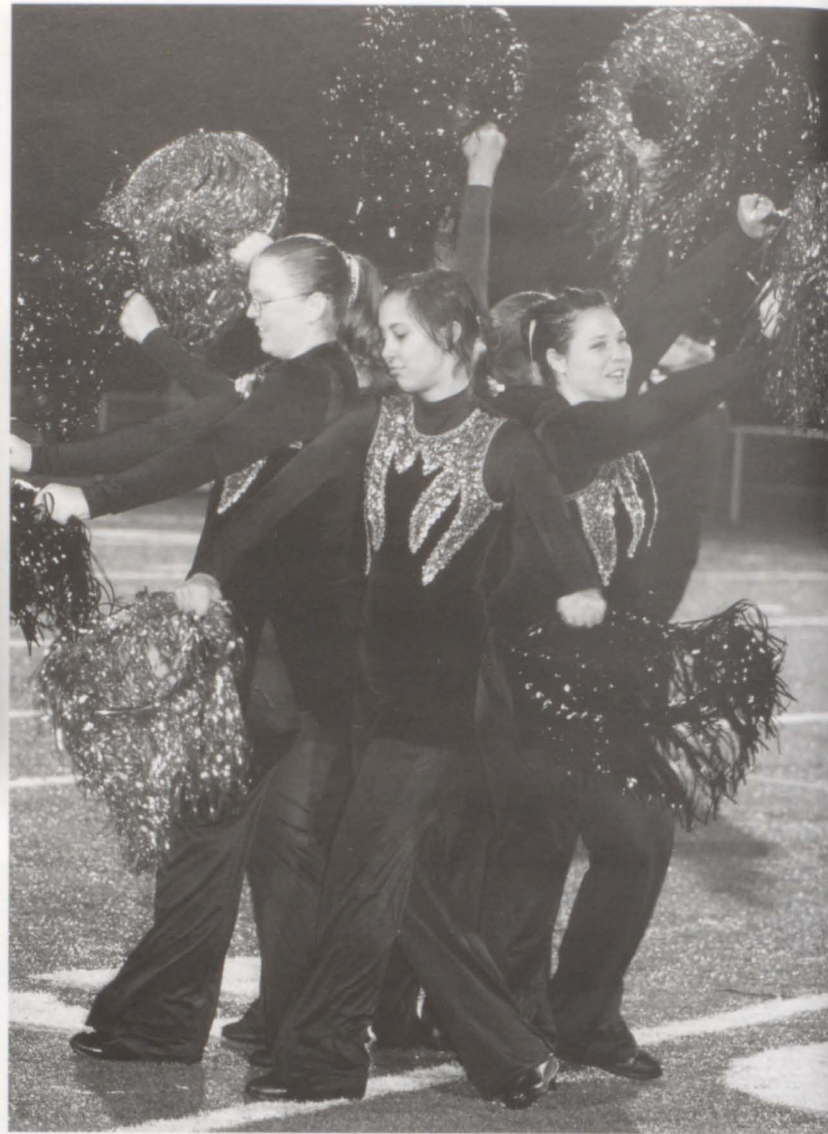
Connecting With

# Color Guard

**Number of team members:** Five  
**Sponsor:** Cindy Hayes  
**Captain:** Breanna Putnam  
**Major activities:** Performing at all home football games and marching alongside the band at parade and festivals.  
**Nobody knows that they...** do all sorts of team-building events like flag "jump-roping."  
**Also referred to as:** An auxiliary unit  
**New Activities:** The Neowallah Marching Band Competition at Ottawa on Nov. 25.

"I thought our best show was the last home football game when we performed in the "Tainted Love" halftime show. It was my last performance as a BSHS color guard member, so that gave it added meaning."

-Breanna Putnam, 12



WITH smiling faces, the flag team waves their rings at a home game. "It's a great feeling to perform at half-time, especially when you don't mess up. But when you do make a mistake, it makes everyone smile anyway because those mistakes actually bring us together," junior Taelor Falconer said.

## Talkin' Color Guard



Helicopter

**Definition:** A horizontal spin that goes over your head.  
**Trickiest aspect:** "It's tricky to get your fingers right when you spin the flag in the air."

-Megan Crane, 11



Drop Spin

**Definition:** Two-handed spin in front of your body.  
**Trickiest aspect:** "Hand placement would be the trickiest aspect of the Drop Spin."  
 -Brittany McFaul, 10



Flourish

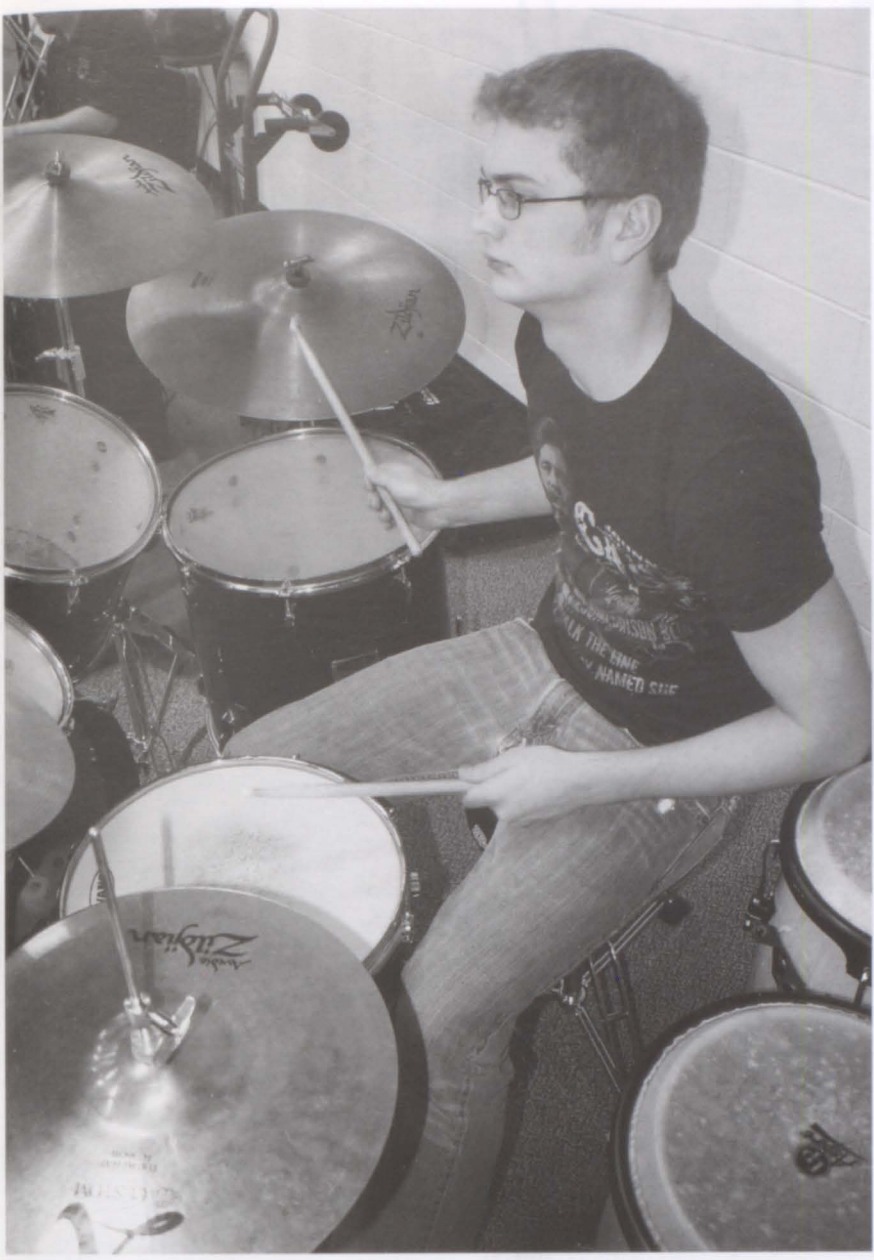
**Definition:** One-handed spin on your body and then behind your head.  
**Trickiest aspect:** "The trickiest aspect of the Flourish would be learning how to use your wrist."  
 -Janie Locher, 9





Connecting With

# Jazz Band



**Number of musicians:** Six  
**What's new?** Director William Turley  
**Instruments Used:** Typically trumpets, trombones, saxophones, percussion, bass, and guitar.  
**Major activities:** Performing at the Black History Month Assembly and many local functions, such as the Candy Cane Promenade, Kiwanis Christmas Dinner, and the Delaware Ridge Assisted Living Veteran's Day Celebration.  
**Something no one knows about Jazz Band:** When students play a solo, it is music that they have composed themselves.



**BRUSHING** up, sophomore Collin Henry rehearses with the Jazz Band. "I really like the smaller numbers in the class and the music we're exposed to," Henry said. **DURING** a sixth hour practice session, sophomore percussionist Clinton Beck rehearses for the Black History Month assembly.

## Who's your musical influence?



*Victoria Porter, 10*  
**Musical Influence:** Red Hot Chili Peppers  
**Why?** "I consider them to be musical geniuses; they have been making amazing music for many years and continue to blow my mind with everything they create."



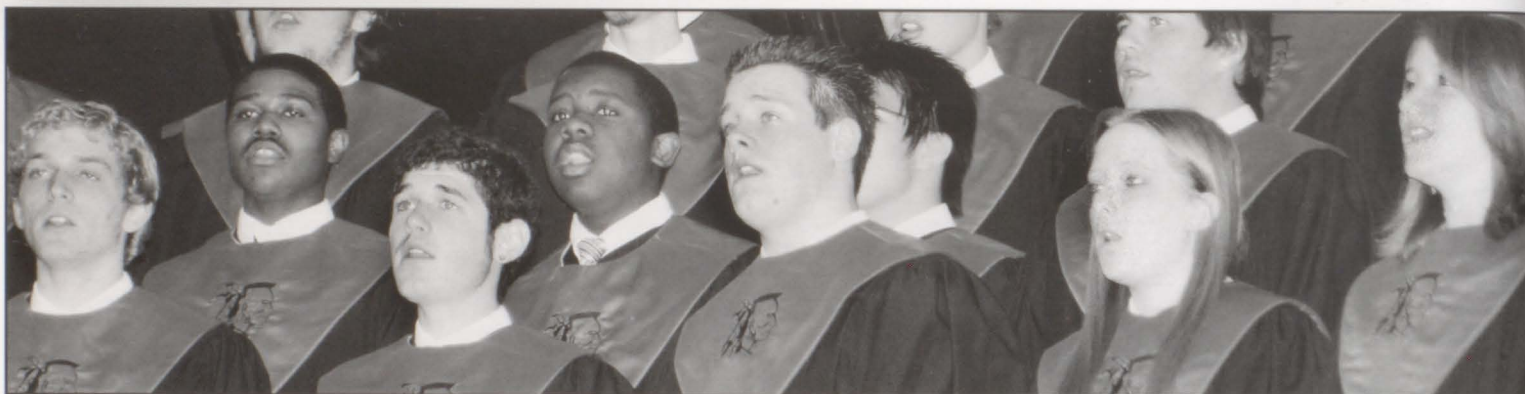
*Jonathan Price, 10*  
**Musical Influence:** Michael Cooper, Class of 2008  
**Why?** "He is a great player, and he inspired me to go further in band."





# When Vocals the connect

**Director:** Brian J. White  
**Choir President:** Brandy Hoover  
**Number of Choirs:** Five  
**A Cappella Members:** 72  
**Women's Ensemble Members:** 40  
**Concert Choir Members:** 20  
**Chorale Members:** 60  
**Project X Members:** 16  
**All-State Choir Members:** Olivia Waltermann  
**District Choir Members:** Chelsee Peters, Starian Porchia, Laura Rink, Adam Shirley, Morgan Tinsley, T.J. Walker, Olivia Waltermann  
**Received "I" Ratings at Regionals:** A Cappella Choir, Women's Ensemble, Brandy Hoover, Mackenzie Lee, Brittani Littlejohn, Vanessa Lugo, Clayton Rhodes, Laura Rink, Adam Shirley, T.J. Walker, Olivia Waltermann  
**Received "I" Ratings at State Large Group:** A Cappella Choir and Women's A Cappella  
**Received "I" Ratings at State:** A Cappella Small Group, Brandy Hoover, T.J. Walker



**THROUGHOUT** the last few years, the BSHS choirs have made a comeback. Not only have class sizes increased, but concerts have become bigger, and contest results have jumped to the top. The choir program is thought of as a big family, with director Brian J. White as the father figure. **TOP:** Sophomore Kathryn Clark sings with A Cappella at the February choir concert. **MIDDLE:** Members of the A Cappella choir sing at the first concert of the school year. **LEFT:** Juniors Morgan Storey, left, and Vanessa Lugo sing the national anthem before the Homecoming game.







# Project

# X



**FRONT ROW:** Cori Stapleton, Chelsea Peters, Brandy Hoover, Olivia Waltermann, Starian Porchia, Stefanie Sprengle, Morgan Tinsley, Mackenzie Lee, Director Brian J. White. **Row 2:** Bradley Brewer, William Rhodes, Alan Smith, Tyler Walker, Cordell Duncan, Adam Shirley, Xavier Capalla, Darin Harvey.

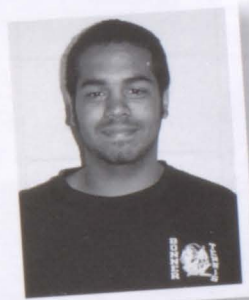
On Dec. 14, 2006, director Brian J. White decided that since his choirs had been doing so well he would add something new. This new venture was called Project X, a select group of singers.

Even though the group features an abundance of talent, they still practice at 7 a.m. every morning and on Wednesdays during Success Time. All their hard work and time pays off, though, as Project X has been asked to sing for many different events. Project X even assisted in Mr. White's proposal to Donna Davis by singing a jazz standard "My One and Only Love" at the English Landing Park in Parkville, Mo., on March 3.



**HOLDING** nothing back, seniors Brandy Hoover and Olivia Waltermann perform with Project X at the spring concert. "Project X is like a baby, and the members are like the parents. You have to give up a lot for it," Hoover said.

## What was your favorite thing about Project X?



"I like singing and knowing that my voice sounds good in the morning."

—Cordell Duncan, 10

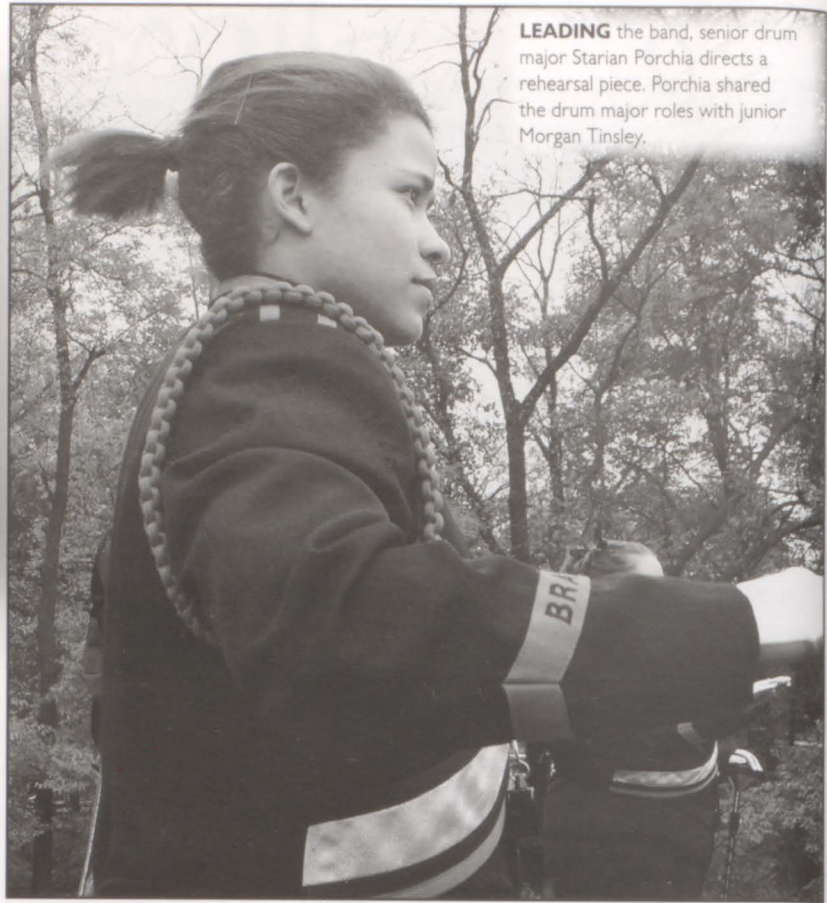
"My favorite part is getting to start my day out by singing."

—Mackenzie Lee, 11





**What was new?** Director William Turley  
**Number of musicians:** 36  
**Drum majors:** Starian Porchia, Morgan Tinsley  
**Turley's Take:** "I have really enjoyed watching the improvement of the band this year. We are constantly getting better."  
**District Solo/Small Ensemble:** Melissa Cisneros, clarinet; Morgan Tinsley, clarinet; Katie Tisch, flute; Zach Hunt, William Rhodes, Morgan Tinsley, clarinet trio.  
**Ratings:** Baker, II; Newouah, II; Large Group Festival, III.  
**Director's Goals:** "We had two main goals: Having perfect rehearsals that led to perfect performances and restoring the pride and traditions of the band. We have been achieving both goals on a regular basis."



**LEADING** the band, senior drum major Starian Porchia directs a rehearsal piece. Porchia shared the drum major roles with junior Morgan Tinsley.



**PRACTICING** for the upcoming winter concert, sophomore Jonathan Price and freshman Cullen Sager play their French horns with great precision and skill. **RIGHT:** Freshmen Allen Maness and Cody Mance perform seasonal music at the winter concert. **BOTTOM:** Playing up a storm, senior John Jenkins and junior Ryan Morris prepare for the heated Baker University festival.



**RIGHT:** Preparing mentally for the upcoming competition, junior D.J. Brooks, left, freshmen Drew Hern and Devon Schubert, and junior Clinton Beck gather up to go over their beats before performing in the Baker University competition.





# Connecting the **Notes**



**LOOKING** off into the distance with intensity, freshman Madison Scott plays the national anthem before the football home opener against Basehor. "What I liked the most about band is the trips, the bus rides and the freedom," Scott said.

As a senior what has been your favorite band memory?



"My favorite moment from senior year had to be Senior Night. Being the last ones off the field and finally getting recognized for our hard work over the last four years felt amazing."  
—Katrina Rollins, 12



"My favorite memory from senior year would have to be going to Baker University and getting a rating of II. It just really shocked me that we were able to get a II."  
—Katrina Stogner, 12

While in band what has been your most embarrassing moment?



"When I was a freshman, I was getting ready for a performance and I was putting on my marching pants when a boy walked in. I was so caught off guard that I dropped my pants; I was so embarrassed."  
—Morgan Tinsley, 11



"I never get embarrassed. Band rules!"  
—Ryan Morris, 11





# Peer Helpers



**ENJOYING** one of the activities during the September Peer Retreat, junior Carli Turner learns more about herself as well as other Peer members. "The retreat was a lot of fun, but I was disappointed that we didn't get to stay all night or do the challenge course that we were promised," Turner said.

**PRACTICING** a counseling situation at the PEER retreat, junior Jake Barren and sophomore Brian Callahan learn new ways to help their peers. "Putting on situations like that really put me on the spot and made me think. It always felt like a real situation. I'm more prepared now, but I haven't had to use my skills yet," Callahan said.

**GIVING** senior Ethan Isaacs a red AIDS awareness ribbon, senior Alex Sullivan greets fellow students at the door to announce the occasion. "AIDS Day was a good experience to teach the reality of AIDS to others around us," Sullivan said.

**EXPLAINING** events for AIDS Awareness Day on April 9, senior Meghan Miller, right, steps up as the school's BASE representative. The Peer Helpers were part of a group of area schools that came together to educate students on HIV/AIDS awareness. "I feel honored to have been chosen to represent our school. I had to give up a lot of Sundays with Steve, the leader of BASE, to plan the conference," Miller said. The PEER Helpers also sent seniors Erika Busch, Julia Glenn, Laura Rink, and Kaley Withers, junior Steven Walker, and sophomore Erin Mills to assist in writing a grant for money to put on their own AIDS Day. "I think our work was important because sex education is usually ignored in schools," Miller said.





# Students Against SADD Destructive Decisions



**RIDING** on the SADD float made for the Homecoming parade, sophomore Stevi Scott helps to represent one of the club's main themes: using seatbelts. "I liked the float this year. We were all a part of putting it together, and no one was left out. Our whole club became really close-knit," Scott said.

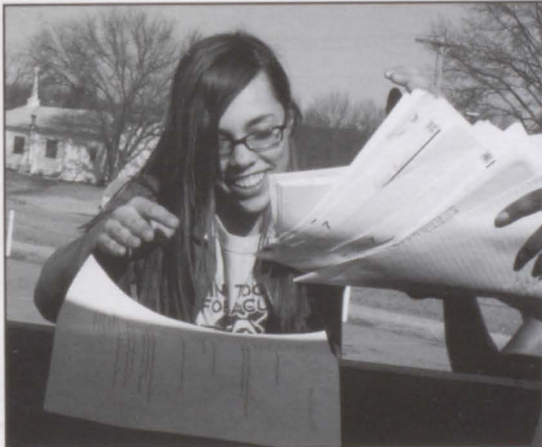
**PUTTING** on a Drug-Free ribbon, junior Flora Nyakatura plays her part in SADD's Red Ribbon Week. "I really enjoyed being a part of SADD. We had a lot of student involvement in support of us," Nyakatura said.



**LISTENING** to a speaker, sophomores Christina Ward, left, and Katie Ellingsworth participate in a Connection Time meeting in the cafeteria. "We mostly talked about good decisions and made promises to always do the right things," Ellingsworth said.

# Ecology Club

**LIFTING** the recycle bin used to collect paper inside the school and then preparing to dump it into the Deffenbaugh pick-up container, seniors Chance Crawford and SyKnese Fields participate in the main activity of Ecology Club. "It felt good to help the school do its part in the Going Green movement," Crawford said.



**MOVING** paper between containers, sophomore Erica Smith smiles throughout the job. "We picked up paper to recycle from the teachers' rooms during Success Time," Smith said. "Who knew recycling could be so fun?"

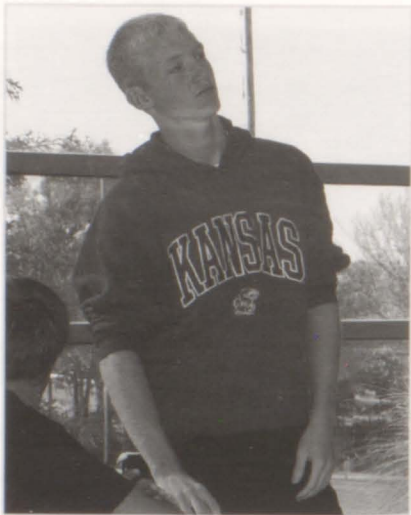


**LISTENING** to sponsor Jaci Leib, juniors Karleigh Paine, and Daniel Hilliard, sophomore Santiago Garcia and senior SyKnese Fields attend one of the many meetings during Connection Time for Ecology Club. "Being part of the club was a great experience," Garcia said. "There are a lot of ignorant people around, and we need to stick together in helping the planet or it will end up looking like mud."





# Changing Standards: National Honor Society



**WHILE** in front of his fellow NHS members, senior president Luke Terrell waits for updates from sponsors Marsha Nelson and Heather Campbell at an Oct. 16 meeting. "Standing in front of everyone was interesting because I've never done anything like this before, but it got easier," Terrell said.

Adapting to many changes, the BSNS chapter of National Honor Society has evolved into an even more elite group of students.

Unlike other years, the junior class was inducted on Nov. 19, and the senior class was inducted last spring. However, maintaining the status of a member in good standing was no easy task due to new requirements. Members were asked to attain seven individual points without sports and other clubs counting, one small group project (with four to ten people involved), and two large group projects that were organized by sponsors Marsha Nelson and Heather Campbell involving the entire chapter.

"We set the bar higher. For those on top of getting their points in, it wasn't a problem. But the people that put it off were in a race on the last week. Not just anyone can be in NHS," Campbell said.

Meetings were held during Connection Time on Thursdays. President Luke Terrell opened and led all meetings while Aubree Miller, secretary/treasurer, read minutes from past meetings and recorded current meetings.

In the fall, David Katosh was elected President-elect while Monica Sorensen was elected parliamentarian. Senior representatives were Laura Rink and Isaac Mills. Junior representatives were Tessa Seaton and Elizabeth Grinter.

—Kaley Withers



**Front Row:** Erika Busch, Nancy DeLeon, Kaley Withers, Kristina Tilden, Krystal Stanton, Anna Nelson, Amanda Rhodes, Starian Porchia, Aubree Miller. **Row 2:** Katrina Rollins, Stefanie Sprengle, Tiara Jones, Brandy Hoover, Monica Sorensen, SyKnese Fields, Laura Rink, Cali Hackney, Sandy Gomez, Julia Glenn. **Row 3:** Anna Hutchison, Chris Smith, Michael Walker, Chance Crawford, Luke Terrell, Isaac Mills, Adam Shirley, DeAundre Rudolph, Olivia Walterman.



**Front Row:** Kayla Zimmerly, Kaleb Black, J.P. Holley, Stephen Call, Courtney Hill, Teran Holter, Tera Isenhour. **Row 2:** Ariel Williams, Jordan MacDonald, Jason Cornett, Joey Robertson, David Katosh, Katie Tisch, William Rhodes. **Row 3:** Bailey Nairn, Alex Argudo, Elizabeth Grinter, Lynsey Ostman, Tessa Seaton, Emily Herre, Ryan Holcomb. **Row 4:** Emily Randolph, Kelly Chastain, Samantha Haas, Shelby Ney.





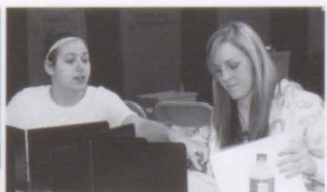
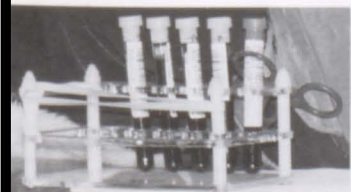
**PASSING** the flame, juniors Samantha Haas and Elizabeth Grinter participate actively in the induction ceremony on Nov. 19. "The induction ceremony was exciting and really felt like an honor, but I almost lit someone on fire," Grinter said.

**FILLING** a latex glove with flour, senior Kristina Tilden volunteers her time for the Head Start Harvest Fair on Oct. 14. "We used them to help kids recognize the sense of touch. It was really messy; they had flour all over the table," Tilden said.



**PAYING** close attention, seniors Adam Shirley and Krystal Stanton attend a required NHS meeting during Connection Time. "I appreciated being notified of opportunities to volunteer in the community, and it [NHS membership] looked good on my resume," Stanton said.

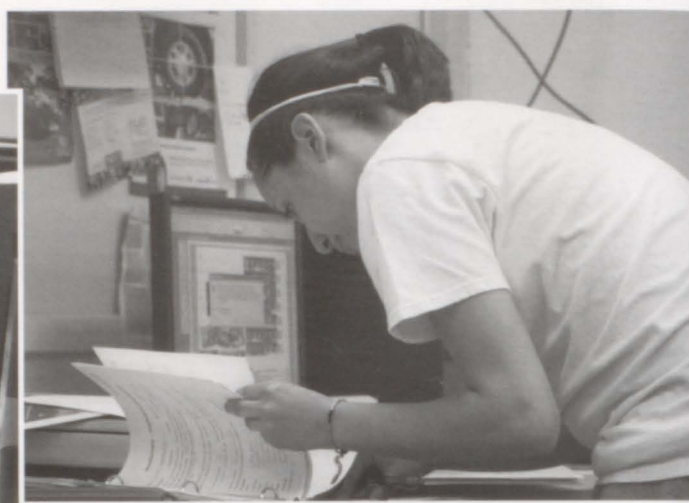
**HELPING** with childcare during Parent-Teacher Conferences, senior Brittany Bennett earns an individual point while working with Mary and Logan Sharpnack. "It was great to work with little kids. We had a fun time together," Bennett said.





# Spreading the News

*From the Tee Pee Talk to newspaper and yearbook, student journalists do their best to cover the news effectively and efficiently. In varying formats, each media source strives to record history and long-lasting memories.*



**WORKING** together, juniors Alyssa Scott and David Katosh adjust a newspaper layout before the Pow Wow goes to press. "Being on the newspaper staff has helped my development as a writer and my understanding of writing for a larger, more substantial audience," Katosh said. **TOP:** At a work night, senior editor-in-chief Nancy DeLeon reviews pages for the March yearbook deadline. "Work nights really helped me meet deadlines and get ahead of the game plan," DeLeon said. **RIGHT:** Sophomore Zachary Reed and senior Brittany Logan edit a Tee Pee Talk episode during their fifth-hour class. "While on Tee Pee Talk, I have had the chance to make good quality shows and put on acts for the students to watch," Logan said.





# Newspaper

Changing the layout of the newspaper in several sections, the Pow Wow staff's goal was to create a newspaper that was both entertaining and informational. The staff also wanted to create and stir conversation—even a few debates—by choosing stories with high reader interest. In order to attain their goal, the newspaper added a popular back page photo feature and more opinion columns. Another thing the newspaper staff did in order to achieve their target was to make their layouts more catchy and eye-appealing and not bland and boring. All in all, the newspaper staff came together to create a quality publication. "It seems like people are starting to appreciate the paper more and the information that it provides," senior editor-in-chief Kasey Stirling said.

—J.P. Holley



**SENIOR** Kasey Stirling reviews a proof before the newspaper's final deadline.



**RUNNING** through the script, seniors Aubree Miller and Lucas Tuckel prepare for an upcoming Tee Pee Talk episode.

# Tee Pee Talk

Making the transition to new teacher Lynn LaNoue, the Tee Pee Talk staff experienced change and growth. "My goal was to get organized and to do one broadcast per month," LaNoue said. "I thought the Halloween broadcast was our best effort." Along with a new sponsor, the Tee Pee Talk staff welcomed many first-year students. "My goal was to make Tee Pee Talk something people wanted to watch. I wanted people to be excited when Tee Pee Talk came on," sophomore Victoria Porter said. "As the year wore on, each episode got better, and we came together as a team."

—J.P. Holley



**TRYING** to boost sales, junior Andrea Marx makes a promotional yearbook T-shirt.

# Yearbook

The memory book, the record book and above all the book that holds within its pages all the faces of the school. This is the job of the seventh-hour yearbook staff. With 19 hard-working students and 176 blank pages, the yearbook staff is responsible for covering all phases of student life. Few students realize how much work goes into the production of each year's book and the many hours required of the staff—whether it meant standing on the sidelines covering all the games or checking and rechecking every name. Other than working hard during class, staff members also attended regular work nights after school. "I really enjoyed it," said senior Erika Busch, a new staff member. "However, I didn't realize I would turn into a photographer."

—J.P. Holley





# Artistic Expressions

## Brandy Hoover

**Grade:** 12

**Artistic influences:** I don't really have influences; I just kind of fell into photography.

**Preferred medium:** Black-and-white photography

**Why art is a passion:** I think that the arts have helped people evolve into better, more responsible human beings. It helps them express how they see things or how they feel.

**Most memorable work this year:** The photos of my cousin (the ballerina) and those taken at a slave gravesite in Edwardsville.



## Armando Herrera

**Grade:** 12

**Artistic influences:** One of my biggest artistic influences was my grandmother; she was a very artistic person, and I lived with her for some years. She was always doing something related to art. Also, I really like the paintings from Caspar David Friedrich, a German



Romantic landscape painter. In some of my work, I like to do things related to his artwork.

**Preferred medium:** I like to work with every kind of medium, but what I enjoy and work with the most is charcoal.

**Why art is a passion:** I think art is a passion for the simple reason that it is everywhere, and because I am addicted to it, art is one of my favorite ways to escape from my routine.

**Most memorable work this year:** I haven't done a lot of artwork this year, but I like what I have done.





# Isabel Herrera



**Grade: 12**

**Artistic influences:** My grandmother was a very creative person. When I would visit her, I would see her draw, and I liked it a lot. When I came to CMS, I took art classes with Miss Finger, and she helped me a lot, so I could enjoy art more.

**Preferred medium:** Although I enjoy working with many different mediums, I prefer to work with charcoal.

**Why is art a passion:** I like art because when I am working on a picture, I like to see how it looks when I am finished, especially when other people like it. I like to enjoy the work and the ideas of other people.

**Most memorable work this year:** My violin, because I am learning to play it, and it gave me more inspiration to draw it.

# Erika Busch



**Grade: 12**

**Artistic influences?** I really don't have one, I can appreciate a good artist; however, I don't idolize anyone.

**Preferred medium?** I really enjoy working with oil paint, although it takes forever to dry.

**Why is art a passion?** Art is what you make out of it. The thing that I like most is that I get to do what I want and show a lot of people a side of me they didn't know!

**Most memorable work:** In my Advanced 2-D class, all of my projects were due, and I was two projects short, so I took a canvas that I had painted with lines and just put some white circles on it. Everyone started telling me how much they liked it, and the funny thing is, it was just something I just threw together.





# Club 121

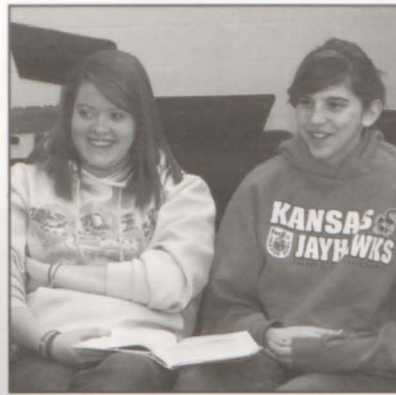
**Number of participants:** Anywhere from eight to ten students.

**Volunteer adviser:** Shaun Jones, the youth pastor at Haven Baptist Church

**Purpose:** To give students a place to gather for fellowship before the start of school on selected Tuesday mornings.

**Why was it formed?** BSHS had a club like this previously, but it fell apart because no one could commit to it. Seniors Laura Rink and Katrina Rollins decided to get it going again at the start of the second semester.

**Something no one knows about Club 121:** "We have an amazing time every time we meet. It is nice to be able to get together and just relax and to learn something new about the Bible," senior Katrina Rollins said.



**LEFT:** senior Katrina Rollins and sophomore Megan Ussey share a Bible at a meeting before school. "I liked the fellowship and learning about God. I'm really happy Club 121 came back. It gives us a chance to show our faith," Ussey said. **BELOW:** Monica Sorensen and Nikki Rittinghouse, seniors, enjoy a Club 121 meeting. "I liked the fact that we could express our faith before school with others as a whole," Rittinghouse said.



# Forensics

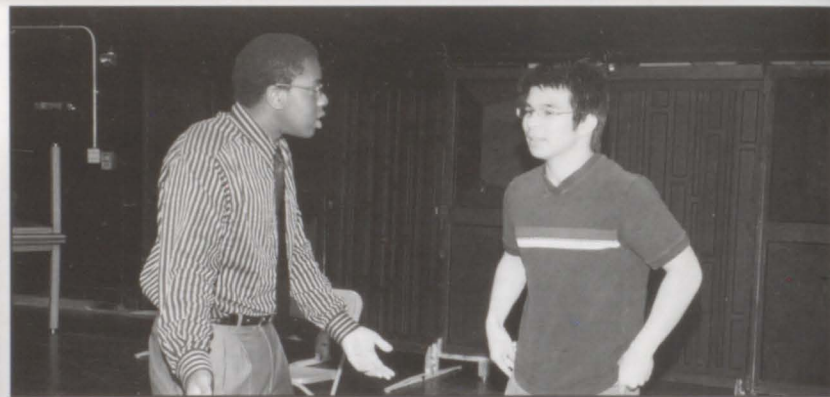
**Coach:** Dan Streit

**What is Forensics?** Forensics is competitive acting.

**Why it is called Forensics:** According to coach Dan Streit, forensics is associated with medical science because "we break down pieces of poetry and acting to try to build it back up to get the true concept of it."

**State Qualifiers:** Xavier Capalla/Alan Smith, Brandy Hoover/Olivia Waltermann, impromptu duet acting; SyKnese Fields, Mackenzie Lee, Kasey Stirling, prose; Brandy Hoover, Olivia Waltermann, humorous solo acting; Ariel Williams, poetry.

**Earned a "1" at state:** Ariel Williams, poetry; Brandy Hoover/Olivia Waltermann, impromptu duet acting; Brandy Hoover, humorous solo act.



**PRACTICING** for regionals, juniors Alan Smith and Xavier Capalla review an impromptu duet acting performance, "We were acting out a skit that took place in Alaska. Xavier was a cowboy who was on his way to a formal ball with Santa Clause. He wasn't well dressed and didn't know how to dance, so me (being the very well-dressed babysitter) taught him how to do the waltz," Smith said. **SENIOR** SyKnese Fields reads an excerpt from "Annie's Baby" by Barbara Sparks, a story about a girl who gets raped by her boyfriend and ends up pregnant. "I chose this story because I play more serious roles better," Fields said.







**REVIEWING** a case, junior Jordan Kraus studies the information at an after-school practice. "Mock Trial was very interesting this year. I was a witness for the case. We were short on members, but we did well for what we had. The judge was very nice and gave us good pointers," Kraus said. **PLAYING** the part of the lawyer, senior Olivia Walterman, left, asks a question to junior Kayla Zimmerly, who played the part of a witness during a practice session. "I enjoyed becoming a different person and defending myself in an interesting case," Zimmerly said.



# Mock Trial

**Number of participants:** Seven

**Coach:** Jenny Myers

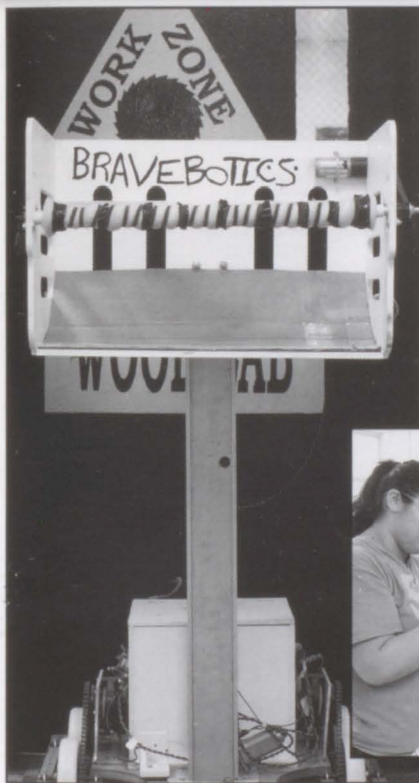
**Coach's comment:** "We didn't make it to state, but we did well for a young team."

**What was the case about?** The mother of a deceased high school student sues the school and coach for negligence of her child's steroid abuse.

**When did they practice?** After-school practices started in January and continued up until the competition on March 7 at the Johnson County Courthouse.

**Something no one knows about Mock Trial:** You can get a scholarship to go to college for Mock Trial.

# Robotics



**LEFT:** A shot of the robot which the Robotics team took to the 2009 competition. It earned 25th place out of 61 robots. "It took six weeks to build and shoots balls into opposite trailers. It took a lot of brainstorming and drawing to come up with this design," senior Ashley Nachbar said. **JUNIOR** Chris Jenkins, senior Iris Hernandez and sponsor Kris Munsch work together to assemble the battery holster for the robot during a Saturday morning work session.



**Number of participants:** 30

**Name of robot?** The team didn't have time to consider any name choices this year. Time was crunched at the end, and they had to send the robot off before they came up with a name.

**Materials Used:** Aluminum, steel, and PVC pipe.

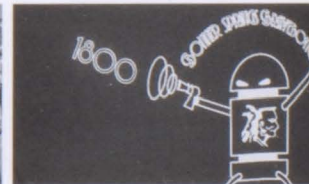
**When was the competition?** The team competed at Hale Arena in Kansas City, Mo., on Feb. 22-23

**Something no one knows about Robotics:** You don't have to know all of the mechanics of robotics. You just have to be willing to learn and ready to work.

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# Playing THE Part

## Speaking out can give you butterflies

For many students, speaking in front of a class full of their peers is dreadful. We've all been through it, though. Everything is perfect; you know exactly what you want to say. Then it's your turn, and right as you get in front of the class, you no longer remember what you wanted to say. Brain dead!

However, that's not everybody. Some students love to be in the spotlight. Senior Seth Clements, for example, has no problem getting in front of a crowd and giving a speech.

"Presenting doesn't really bother me. I kind of like speaking in front of the class since I'm a pretty outgoing person," Clements said.

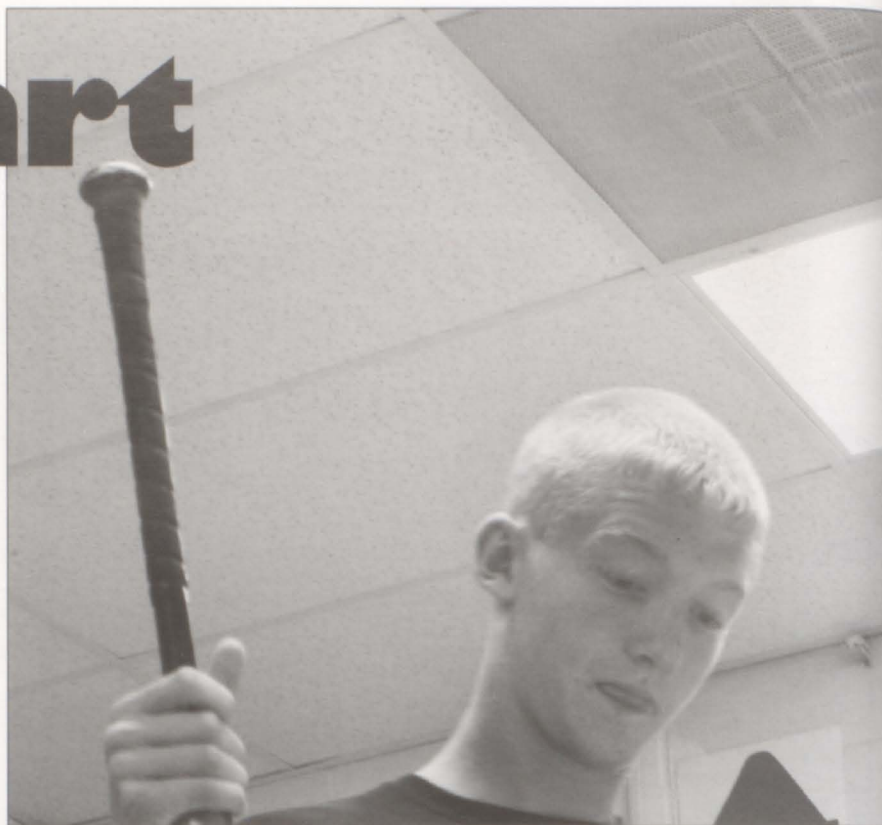
As a speech and English teacher, Dan Streit spends a lot of time listening to student presentations.

"I think that the hardest thing for anyone to do, rather it be a student or an adult, is just the fact that they are standing before their peers, and it's nerve-racking enough," Streit said.

Streit doesn't force his students to talk about anything they don't want to.

"People are people. I know that sounds strange, but we can all sense things about each other that provide us comfort. There is an invisible trust that exists in small groups. I, personally, don't make them or even suggest to them about some of these emotional things. But when you are the 'show,' and eyes are on you, sometimes the emotion kicks in," Streit said.

—Erika Busch



**WITH** Spanish teacher Melissa Flint, junior Max Barren participates in a "mock job interview" for his Preparing for College class. "I was told I was a good listener and had good body language. It was great practice," Barren said.

**DURING** his World Literature class, senior Luke Terrell presents what he did for his senior project, working with a kids' baseball team. Even though it's easy for Terrell to speak in front of others, he still admits to having bad habits. "The hardest thing for me is keeping my hands still and maintaining a steady posture. I always sway back and forth and feel awkward with my hands when speaking," Terrell said.





# Q&A

What is your first thought when you find out you have to present something in front of your peers?



**SPEAKING** about his life experiences in his second hour Public Speaking class, junior Max Hilleary tells his classmates some interesting facts. Hilleary opened his speech with, "I'm a vegetarian, I didn't watch TV until I was 13, and my mom drives a car that runs off vegetable oil." With that, Hilleary had capture his classmates' attention fully. Students in Dan Streit's class had to have at least one prop to help as part of their first speech, which was an introduction to the class.



"At first, I was nervous and a bit shaky. After I got the hang of it, it was no big deal... just another day in Mrs. Wood's class."

-Stanara Porchia, 12



**ABOVE:** Senior SyKnese Fields talks to her speech class about the relationship she has with her father. **LEFT:** Freshman Nic Beilman reads the part of Juliet in Jennifer Stricherz's freshmen English class. "I find my students get more out of the play when we read aloud instead of reading silently at our desks," Stricherz said.

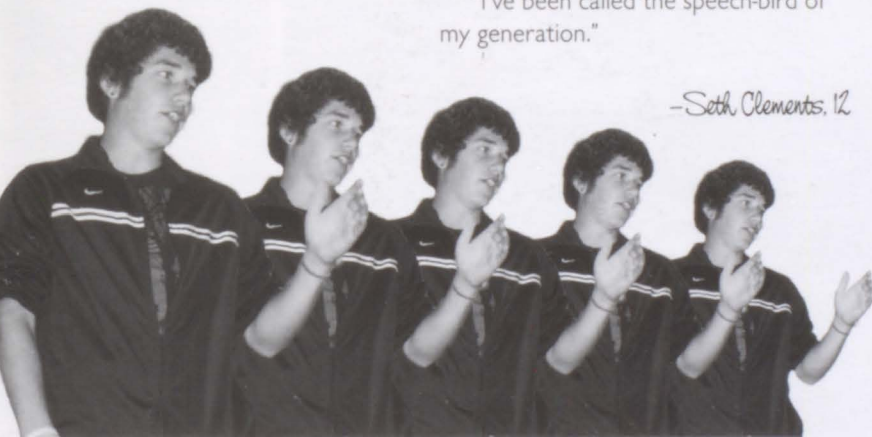


"I get really scared; I don't like being in front of people."

-Salina Duarte, 9

"I've been called the speech-bird of my generation."

-Seth Clements, 12



"I'm never really that nervous until I get in front of my class. I also try to put more work into presentations."

-Brittany Bennett, 12





## WHAT provided you with the greatest challenge?



"Bench press had to be the toughest because I didn't really have a lot of upper body strength at the beginning of the year."

—Devin Dernovich, 11



"The yoga and the kickboxing had to be the toughest part for me. But it was also relaxing and got all of my anger out."

—Janel Mejia, 12



"Focusing hard enough to actually work out and not goofing around with my friends during class."

—Justin Buehler, 11

**JABBING** with precision, sophomore Laura Allbee practices her rhythm for a kickboxing unit in her seventh-hour class. "I liked kickboxing the best because it was really fun, but it was also hard to keep up with the fast-paced rhythm," Allbee said. **BELOW:** While in Aerobics class, senior Zandra Storms works her core during an abdominal workout. "I liked this class because I can lose a lot of weight with all of the hard workouts that we do. It was really a challenging class, but I am very happy that I took it," Storms said.





# Getting Physical

*P.E. classes offer fitness with fun*

Many students turn to Physical Education courses to stay fit, lose weight, and earn needed credits. With an increase in junk food and a decrease in exercise, it's obvious to see how hard it is to stay healthy.

"I like to work out and stay in shape during the school day because I don't do any sports," senior Hannah Burgess said.

Another senior, Christian Solis, sees similar benefits.

"For me, it helps to build muscle, and I feel more self-confident," Solis added.

Still others see P.E. classes as a way to build for their future.

"I took weight training to better acquire the skills to assist me physically, mentally, and emotionally in the Marine Corps," senior Zach Gharst said.

In addition to required courses for freshmen, the P.E. department offers elective courses such as Aerobics, Advanced P.E. and Weight Training. According to department chair Kerri Jennings, teachers do all they can to make the instruction fun yet meaningful by making sports-related and fitness-related equipment readily available and by inviting guest instructors to classes in specialty areas such as Zumba, kickboxing, and yoga.

—Matt Bille



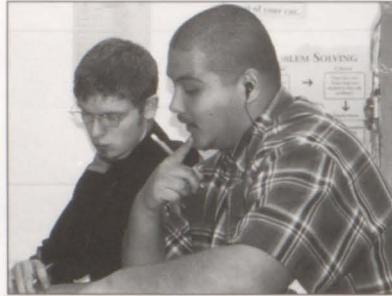
**WORKING** her obliques, senior Ashley Guggenheim uses an exercise ball to get in shape. "I loved the yoga portion of the class because it was really fun, and Mrs. Jennings is the bomb. This class was a really good way for me to stay healthy," Guggenheim said. **LIFTING** with concentration, senior James Canada does a power-clean in Weight Training. "I loved the days that we did bench press because when I am on the bench, I really just relax and forget about all of the things that have been angering me lately," Canada said.





# What did you do TODAY?

## First Hour:



**DURING** first hour, students show their creative sides. From left: Junior Carli Turner makes a ring in her jewelry class; seniors John Jenkins, left, and Oscar Sanchez write a one-sided phone conversation for their third-quarter final; junior Harley Ruszala plays Monopoly in her Accounting I class.

## Third Hour



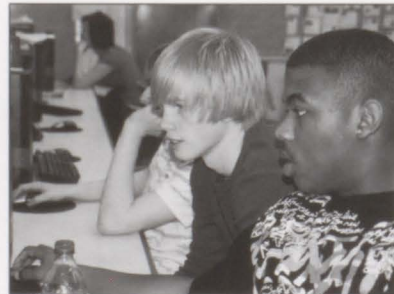
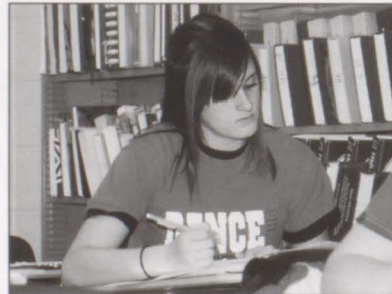
**STUDENTS** work hard while in third hour. From left: Senior Teran Holter does research for a project in Jennifer Schlicht's class; junior Melissa Garcia struggles to get the top screwed off her paint jar in her Printmaking class; junior Christian Carter carefully cuts a straight line into the wood in Wood Technology.

## Fifth Hour



**STUDENTS** step out of the box and try something new in fifth hour. From left: Senior Brittany Bennett jumps into dissecting her cat in Anatomy and Physiology; sophomore Kyle Day tries to be careful while using the saw in Wood Technology; senior Seth Clements is amazed with his first print in photography.

## Seventh Hour



**STUDENTS** finish up a busy day. From left: Junior David Katosh puts the final touches on his Rube Goldberg Physics project before presenting it to the class; freshman Miriah Bailey takes a test in John Makona's class; sophomores Cody Duncan and senior Julius Ellis search the web in Advanced Computer Applications.





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# While you were at school...

**6:46** time of sunrise

time of sunset **6:14**

**513** number of students who ate lunch

number of students who ate breakfast **101**

**79** day's high temperature

day's low temperature **59**

**12** number of students tardy to first hour

**youtube**

Lil Wayne—Prom Queen, most viewed video

**lunch**

Spaghetti with meat sauce, nachos, potato soup, hamburger on bun, chicken patty, chef salad, cold sandwiches, and yogurt.

**gas prices**

Increased to \$1.79

**daily cosmic**

If your intuition is sharp and you are sensing a change in the psychic atmosphere regarding love, the arts social and cultural ties and money-making potential, then chalk this up to your turning into motion of Venus. Meanwhile, this should be a day for brainstorming.

—Source: Yahoo



**WAKING** up on Wednesday is always easier knowing that the bell will ring at 1:48 p.m. and the school day will be over for those not assigned to Success Time. Top: Senior Valencia Duarte works on bending metal for a ring in Linda Horvath's first hour. "The best part about the class would be that I don't actually feel like I'm doing schoolwork," Duarte said. Above: Freshman Nate Mitchell poses for portrait lighting project during his Beginning Journalism class. Right: Junior Ryan Bartels carefully cuts shapes out of a thick slice of wood; sophomore Chelsea Crawford practices for dance team tryouts, which were held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

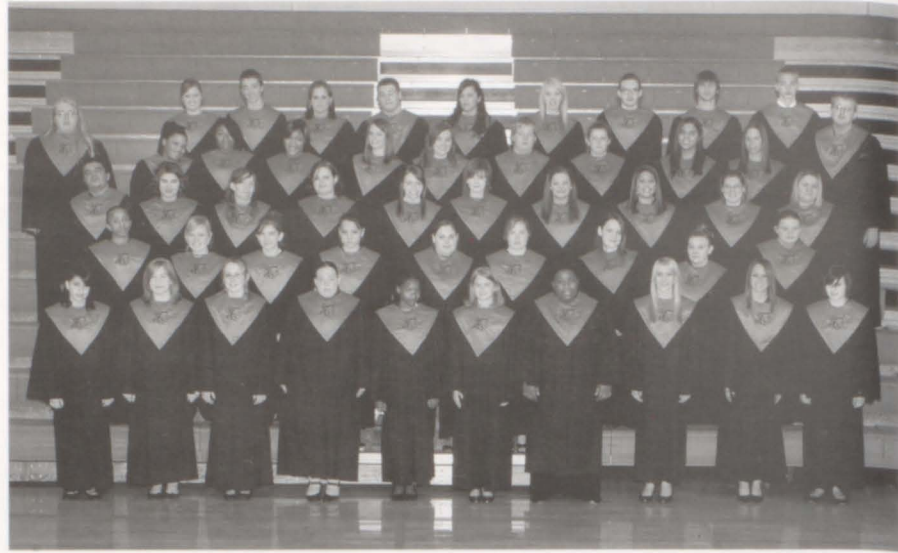
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# Chorale Choir

**Front Row:** Alexandria Vanderpool, Lindsey Baska, Jessica Throckmorton, Jessica Rogoza, Irene Crump, Melody Coones, Ilesha Anderson, Christina Ward, Teresa Dornberger, Alexis Moore.  
**Row 2:** Kelin Woolridge, Stormi Gaunce, Jordan Wiser, Kaylyn Colston, Kylie Jones, Allie Twombly, Stephanie King, Joslyn Nelson, Christina Gee.  
**Row 3:** Mohammad RazaKhan, Laura Allbee, Katie Arzabala, Lyndie Kill, Kerriann Arnold.  
**Row 4:** Bradley Brewer, Krystina Floyd, Joy Wallace, Bridgett Bradley, Stefanie Sprenkle, Jocelyn Magaha, Jeremy Cook, Danielle Long, Josephine Freeby, Ashley Jordan, Chris Braswell.  
**Row 5:** Emily Kissinger, Joseph Bobbett, Maegan Deierl, Tyler Walker, Karen Medina, Brittani Littlejohn, Jason Hutzel, Michael Sullivan, Clayton Rhodes.



Ecology Club

**Front Row:** SyKnese Fields, Kaley Withers, Santiago Garcia, Melissa Garcia, Krystal Stanton, Karleigh Paine.  
**Row 2:** Adam Shirley, DeAundre Rudolph, Stefanie Sprenkle, Max Hilleary, Tera Isenhour, Vanessa Lugo, Sponsor Jacci Leib.



Robotics

**Front Row:** Michelle Hicks, Ashley Nachbar, Kayla Zimmerly, Krystal Stanton, Lindsay Johnson, Santiago Garcia, Logan Opat.  
**Row 2:** Chris Jenkins, Adam Shirley, Stefanie Sprenkle, Stephon Crump, Kaleigh Crider, Cullen Sager, Josephine Freeby, Jordan Kraus.



Tee-Dee Talk

**Front Row:** Alan Smith, J.P. Holley, Brittany Logan, Victoria Porter, Kevin Beashore.  
**Row 2:** Zachary Reed, Lucas Tuckel, Aubree Miller, Rocklan Waggoner, Justin Salmons.



Quiz Bowl

**Front Row:** Melissa Cisneros, Marissa Eastwood, Kayla Zimmerly, Melody Coones, Bonnie Brown, Kaley Withers, Lyndie Kill.  
**Row 2:** Justin Salmons, Jacob Palmer, Persephone Hart, Zach Gharst, Brittany Logan, Haley Mostar, David Katosh, Robert Plumb.  
**Row 3:** Devyn Hayes, Allen Maness, Breanna Putnam, William Rhodes, Jonathan Price, Jacob Nay.



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**Front Row:** Ariel Williams, Christina Ward, Lindsay Johns, Krystal Stanton, Allie Twombly, Amanda Rhodes. **Row 2:** Sponsor Tim Ney, Michelle Hicks, Ashley Nachbar, Vanessa Lugo, Flora Nyakatura, Taylor Reed, Bailey Nairn, Leticia Whitmill. **Row 3:** Jocelyn Magaha, Stefanie Sprengle, Caitlin Hilliard, Kelsey Leatherbury, Elizabeth Grinter, MacKenzie Anderson, Kathryn Clark, Ana Martinez. **Row 4:** Robert Plumb, Iris Hernandez, Olivia Waltermann, Adam Shirley, Tanner Cushman, Breanna Putnam, Anna Hutchison, Chris Braswell, Katlynn Russell.

Band



**Front Row:** Director Bill Turley, Katrina Stogner, John Jenkins, Joseph Dooley, Nic sHill, Drew Hern, Katrina Rollins, Starian Porchia. **Row 2:** Cody Butner, Haley Mostar, Katie Tisch, Madison Scott, Miranda Hackney, Shantia Rudolph. **Row 3:** Jeffrey Lynch, Melissa Cisneros, Zach Hunt, Dyan Mackey, William Rhodes, Jesse Anderson, Devyn Hayes, Shiloh Anderson. **Row 4:** Allen Maness, Cullen Sager, Jonathan Price, Tyler Johnson, Ryan Morris, Chase McCleary, Brandon Clark, Jordan Clark, Cody Mance.

Jazz Band



**Front Row:** Victoria Porter, Olin Coones, Collin Henry, Nic Hill, Ashley Guggenheim. **Row 2:** Benjamin Grimm, Tyler Johnson, Jonathan Price, Clinton Beck, Garrett Parker.

Concert Choir



**Front Row:** Kristan Arnold, Kimber Patterson, Rebecca Pena, Sidni Sprengle, Jessica Bown. **Row 2:** Ashley Muldoon, Mekyla Morrison, Samantha Pearson, Taylor Thoele, Shane Crosby, Tanner Matthews. **Row 3:** Jacob Palmer, Amber Stephens, Ariel Mellies, Adriana Rodriguez, Kayla Sullivan.

Science Olympiad



**Front Row:** Vanessa Lugo, Angelica Harris, Tessa Seaton, Kayla Zimmerly, Katie Tisch, Robert Plumb. **Row 2:** Josephine Freeby, Shelby Ney, Emily Herre, Lynsey Ostman, David Katosh, Persephone Hart, Bailey Nairn. **Row 3:** Alan Smith, Roger Smith, Jake Barren, Max Barren, Brandon Eastland, Garrett Parker. **Row 4:** William Rhodes, Sponsor Maria Betzen, Sponsor Carolyn Pearson, Sponsor Tom Borengasser, Santiago Garcia, Sponsor Tim Ney.

Academic Decathlon



**Front Row:** Sponsor Sarabeth Sack, David Katosh, Katie Tisch, Scintila Capalla, Caitlin Hilliard. **Row 2:** Zachary Reed, Alan Smith, Xavier Capalla, Blaine Lewis, Jeffrey Lynch.





Student Council

**Front Row:** Alexis Crumrine, Lauren Groves, Aubree Miller, Angelica Harris, Alexandria Lies, Tessa Seaton, Anna Nelson, Nancy DeLeon, Julia Glenn, Breanna Tendick. **Row 2:** Mackenzie Lofton, Emily Hunt, Kylee Timberlake, Cali Hackney, Austin Epp, Katie Tisch, Toni Stock, Ashton Istas, Bailey Nairn, Katelyn Smith, Nate Mitchell. **Row 3:** Brian Callahan, Tyler Kelly, Monica Sorensen, Tiara Jones, Riley Mortensen, David Katosh, Chelsea Crawford, Lindsay Hunt, Emily Herre, Lynsey Ostman, Erica Smith, Chance Crawford. **Row 4:** Shelby Ney, Parker Miller, Meg Fowler, Elizabeth Grinter, Alex Argudo, Ethan Isaacs, Stephen Call, Luke Terrell, Dalton Vitt, Isaac Mills, J.P. Holley, Jacob Barren, Victoria Porter.



Newspaper

**Front Row:** Angelica Harris, Taelor Falconer, Alyssa Scott, Kayla Zimmerly. **Row 2:** Renee Drury, Starian Porchia, Breanna Putnam, Kasey Stirling, Katrina Rollins. **Row 3:** Luke Terrell, Brooks Ballou, David Katosh, Celia DeLeon, Max Hilleary, Isaac Mills, Riley Mortensen, Steven Walker.



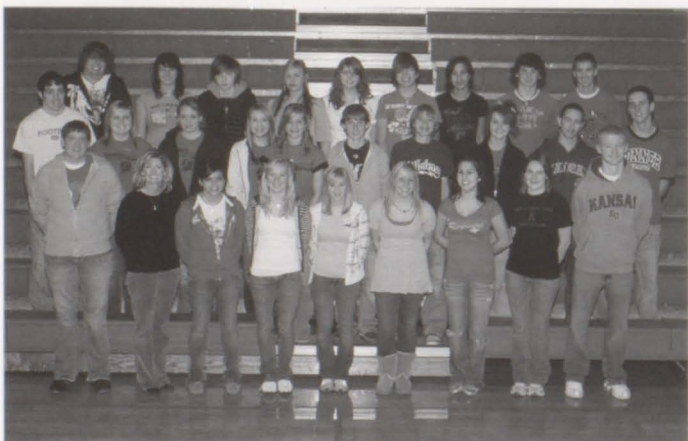
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**Front Row:** Kaitlyn Addie, Teresa Dornberger, Makayla Mefferd, Irene Crump, Lindsay Johnson, Alyson Espy, Mackenzie Lee. **Row 2:** Ashlee Harding, Erika Busch, Vanessa Lugo, Jessica Brown, Emy Soliz, Amelia Sheldon, Maya Banks, Haley Allen. **Row 3:** Stormi Gaunce, Tiffany Randolph, Samee Sprengle, Kerriann Arnold, Amanda Trent, Brittany Winfield, Candace Hightower, Brianna Hand, Ashley Nachbar. **Row 4:** Katlin Scholler, Dani Green, Kathryn Clark, Jessie Kelly, Riley Mortensen, Karen Medina, Bridgett Bradley.



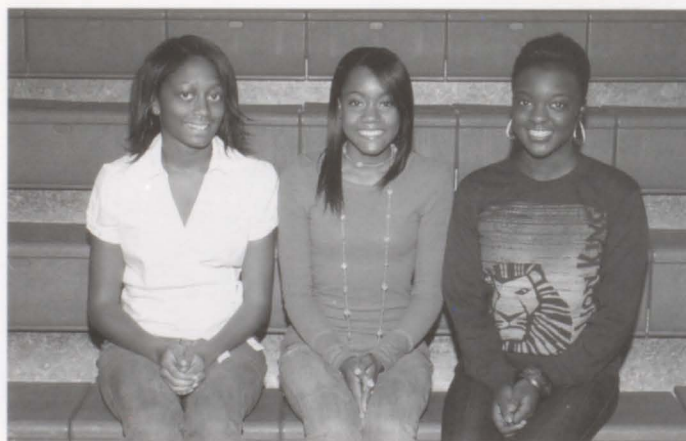
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**Front Row:** Michelle Hicks, Amelia Sheldon, Ariel Williams, Krystal Stanton, Flora Nyakatura, Stevi Scott. **Row 2:** Iris Hernandez, DeAundre Rudolph, Robert Plumb, Kathryn Clark, Stefanie Sprengle, Haley Mostar, Max Hilleary. **Row 3:** Sponsor Cindy Hayes, Breanna Putnam, Bobby Hodge, Adam Shirley, Olivia Waltermann, Anthony Ellingsworth.



Peer Helpers

**Front Row:** Alex Sullivan, Sponsor Lisa Terrell, Erika Busch, Kaley Withers, Erin Mills, Kaylie Holloway, Julia Glenn, Laura Rink, Luke Terrell. **Row 2:** Steven Walker, Ashton Istas, Kylee Timberlake, Katelyn Smith, Emily Hunt, Nate Mitchell, Austin Epp, Lauren Callahan, Tony Sanchez, Brian Callahan. **Row 3:** Jacob Barren, Meghan Miller, Max Hilleary, Carli Turner, Kathryn Clark, Wesley Plumb, Taelor Falconer, Dalton Vitt, Isaac Mills.



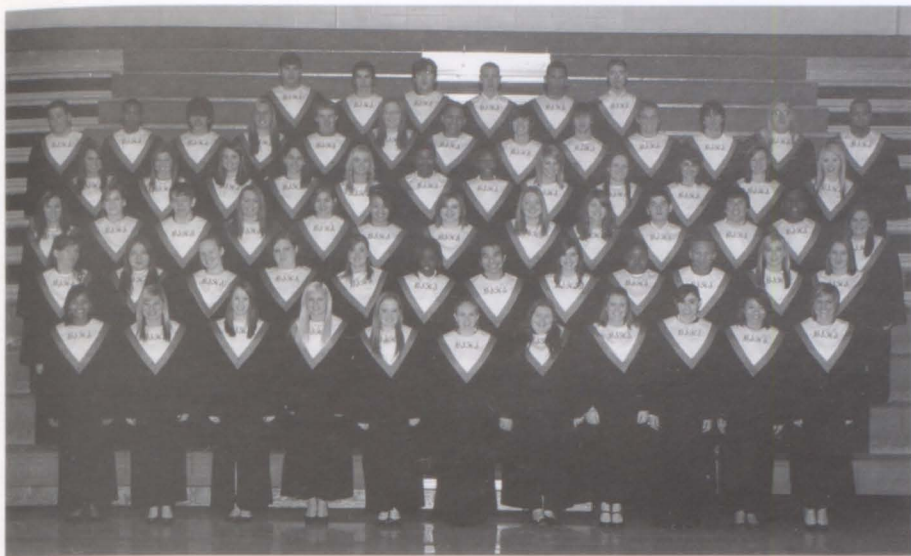
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From left: Tiara Jones, SyKnese Fields, Flora Nyakatura.



## A Cappella

**Front Row:** Vanessa Lugo, Mackenzie Lee, Ashlee Harding, Haley Allen, Kayla Zimmerly, Krystal Stanton, Lindsay Johnson, Samantha Haas, Emy Soliz, Starian Porchia, Aubree Miller. **Row 2:** Katie Burton, Kourtney Kraft, Ariel Williams, Michelle Hicks, Tiffanie Burgoon, Candace Hightower, Xavier Capalla, Samee Sprengle, Maya Banks, Robert Moore, Cori Stapleton, Laura Rink. **Row 3:** Ashley Nachbar, Caitlin Hilliard, Darin Harvey, Chelsea Crawford, Brittany Winfield, Cherelle Henderson, Brandy Hoover, Riley Mortensen, Kathryn Clark, Seth Clements, Clarence Forshey, Alan Smith, Sabrina Adkins. **Row 4:** Chandler Clark, Hannah Burgess, Stefanie Sprengle, Christeen Coon, Emily Randolph, DeAndre Rudolph, Tiara Jones, Elizabeth Grinter, Brooke Babbitt, Meg Fowler, Olivia Waltherman, Brittani Littlejohn. **Row 5:** Tyler Walker, AJ Howell, Ted Pauley, Malia Williams, Adam Shirley, Breanna Putnam, Nico Lugo, Daniel Hilliard, Michael Sullivan, Chance Crawford, Kevin Beashore, Bradley Brewer, Jerome Duncan. **Row 6:** Austin Anderson, Dustin Ross, Bradley Roush, Clayton Rhodes, Devin Hylton, John Jenkins.



Kayettes

**Front Row:** Taylor Reed, Katie Tisch, Alyson Espy, Krystal Stanton, Tessa Seaton, Erin Mills, Mackenzie Lee, Flora Nyakatura. **Row 2:** Brianna Hand, Julia Glenn, Dani Green, Erika Busch, Samantha Haas, Allie Twombly, Kaley Withers, Lauren Groves, Renee Drury. **Row 3:** Breanna Putnam, Tiffanie Burgoon, Kelsey Leatherbury, Megan Crane, Katlin Scholler, Hannah Messer, Maya Banks, Michelle Hicks, Ashley Nachbar, Sponsor Linda Orangkhadivi. **Row 4:** Caitlin Hilliard, Lindsay Hunt, Tiara Jones, Teran Holter, Stefanie Sprengle, Celicia DeLeon, Chandler Clark, Emily Pyles, Emily Randolph.



Mock Trial

**Front Row:** Kayla Zimmerly, Lesly Sullivan, Xavier Capalla. **Row 2:** William Rhodes, Olivia Waltherman, Jordan Kraus, Alan Smith.



Color Guard

**Front Row:** Brittany McFaul, Taelor Falconer. **Row 2:** Jaime Loehr, Breanna Putnam, Megan Crane.



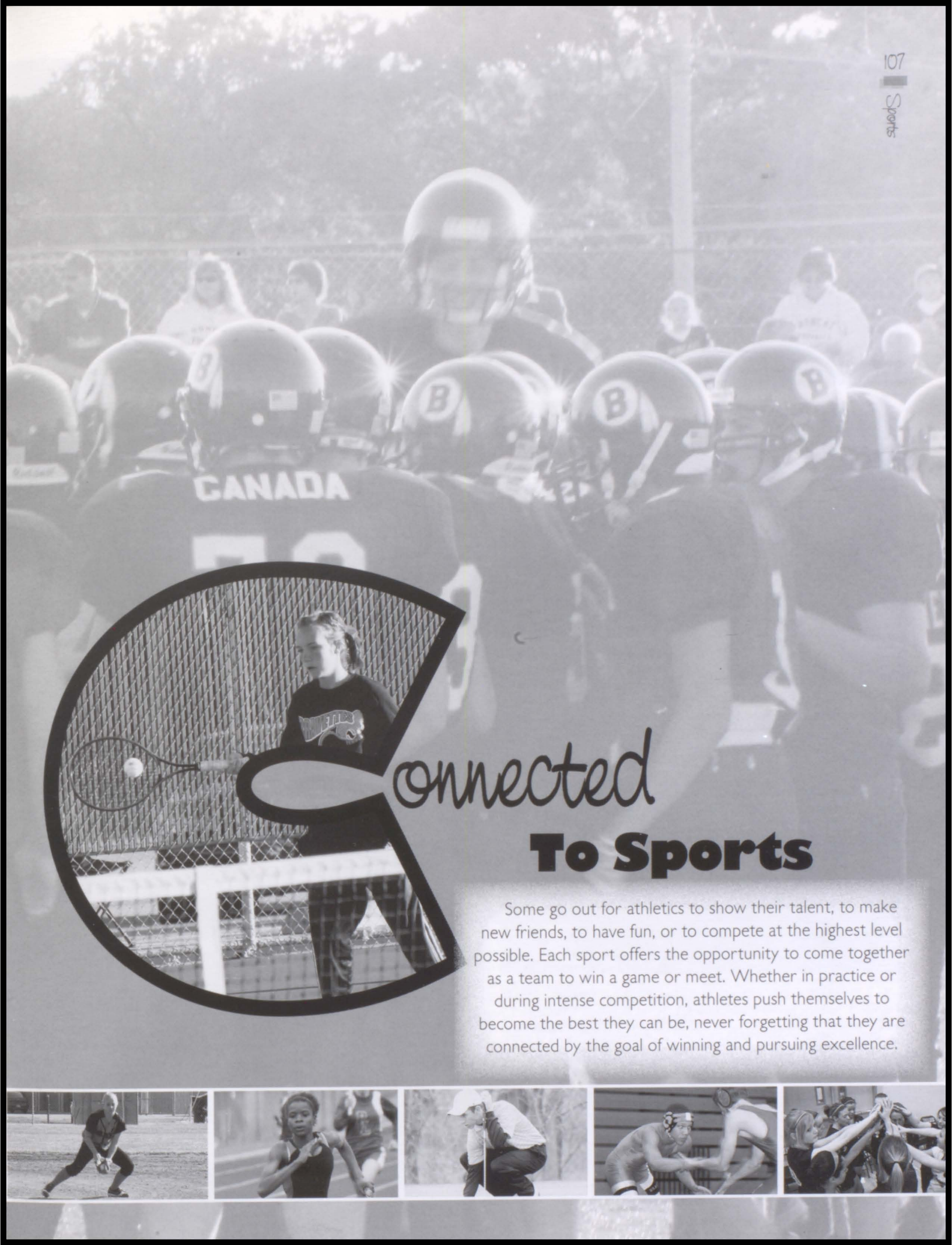
Forensics

**Front Row:** Brandy Hoover, SyKnese Fields, Olivia Waltherman, Ariel Williams, Mackenzie Lee, Alan Smith. **Row 2:** Amelia Sheldon, Jessica Brown, Kasey Stirling, Chantell Scevers, Lesly Sullivan, Xavier Capalla. **Row 3:** Sponsor Dan Striet.









# connected **To Sports**

Some go out for athletics to show their talent, to make new friends, to have fun, or to compete at the highest level possible. Each sport offers the opportunity to come together as a team to win a game or meet. Whether in practice or during intense competition, athletes push themselves to become the best they can be, never forgetting that they are connected by the goal of winning and pursuing excellence.





**TRYING** to knock the ball loose, junior Jake Barren tackles a Highland Park runner with assistance from senior Brandon Mills and freshman Johnathan Jackson. Barren led the team with 97 tackles while Mills added 66 tackles. **RUNNING** an out route, senior Jeremy Walker works to break free in a 35-14 victory over Basehor.



### Scoreboard

Bishop Ward	29	28
Basehor	35	14
Lansing	13	19
Mill Valley	7	12
Piper	35	13
Turner	35	14
Highland Park	8	20
Shawnee Heights	16	27
Topeka Seaman	17	43

Overall Record 4-5



**DROPPING** back, junior Brandon Eastland eyes his target against Lansing. In his first season as the Braves' quarter back, Eastland completed 68 of 158 passes for 951 yards.



**PUSHING** ahead, senior Jonathan Walker works his way through traffic against Lansing. Walker finished the night with 181 yards on 27 carries.



**VARSITY FOOTBALL.** Front Row: J. Bonnett, B. Petersen, L. Opat, O. Aguilera, R. Moore, C. Forshey, G. Wayne, J. Hilario, L. Macon. Row 2: W. Storms, M. Brooks, L. Porras, J. Slattery, M. Barren, J. Storms, D. Davis, J. Bailey, A. Lucas, B. Clark. Row 3: G. Kruger, J. Price, J. Barren, D. Gonzalez, B. Mills, Jonathan Walker, J. Jackson, E. Diaz, N. Burks, A. Russell, J. Cornett. Row 4: J. Picardo, R. DeMato, S. Walker, J. Chaney, O. Sanchez, B. Callahan, J. Canada, L. Tuckel, C. Smith, M. Harman, K. Sanborn, Jeremy Walker. Row 5: L. Terrell, D. Hylton, T. McCleary, T. Anderson, B. Miles, S. Ahumada, B. Eastland, R. Morris, T. Dubin, C. Stirling, C. Duncan. Back Row: Manager C. Coon, Manager J. Mitchell, Coach M. Bechard, Coach A. Weathers, Head Coach L. Kasselman, Coach T. Cottrell, Coach B. McFarland, Coach J. Howe, Manager T. Burgoon, Manager A. Umbenhower.





# Making the Push

After a strong start, Braves finish 4-5

With 15 seniors, the Braves started their season strong with back-to-back victories over Bishop Ward and Basehor. The win against Ward was the most dramatic, due to a successful last-second field goal made by senior Chance Crawford.



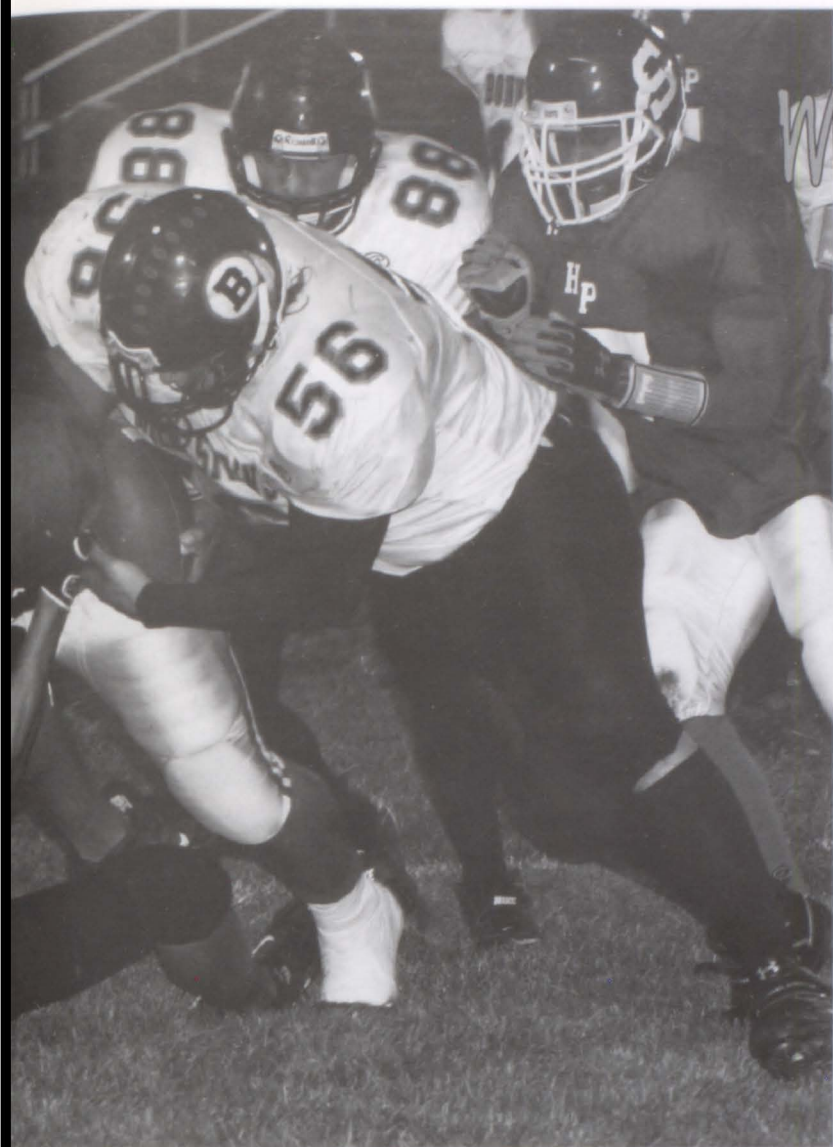
"The first couple of kicks I was a little shaky," said Crawford, who hadn't kicked since middle school. "After that, I decided that I was going to kick the ball just like I did in practice and that's what I did. I knew I made the winning kick right when I hit it."

It appeared the Braves were well on their way to duplicating last year's magical season. However, their third game took them to Lansing, where they lost a frustrating, 13-19 heartbreaker.

"I let the kids decide the game, not the officials," head coach Lew Kasselmann said. "But I have never in all my years of coaching had three touchdowns called back in a game."

The Braves notched two more victories to finish at 4-5. On the offensive side, senior Jonathan Walker led the team in scoring with eight touchdowns and 1,192 rushing yards while senior Jeremy Walker was the leading receiver with 24 catches for 452 yards.

—Emily Herre



**WHILE** blitzing, junior Max Barren sacks the Shawnee Heights quarterback in the final home game of the season. One of the Braves' key defenders, Barren finished the season with five sacks and 65 tackles. Barren and his brother, Jake, were both named to the all-KVL honorable mention team. **PUSHING** the ball up the field, senior Garron Wayne returns a kick-off in a 35-13 victory over Piper. Usually a defensive back, Wayne finished his career with 28 tackles.





# Keeping it in Sync

## Braves work hard, but fall short

The boys' soccer team kicked off the season with impressive victories over KVL rivals Lansing and Tonganoxie.

These wins helped prepare them for one of the year's biggest comebacks against a 6A opponent, Shawnee Mission North.

Down 3-0 in the first half, the Braves found themselves trying to force opportunities to score. Finally, they got on the scoreboard with a header from freshman Shawn Jones and eventually seized control to capture the win, 4-3.

"Beating Shawnee Mission North was definitely the highlight of the year," head coach Mike Moulin said. "I was really proud of the way we came out in the second half after getting behind."

Although they struggled throughout the regular season, the Braves still had a chance to win the KVL title in their final game against Turner.

"I think we came in too big-headed, expecting to win this game with little effort. It would have helped if we would have known we were playing for the title. We had no idea," senior Garrett Parker said.

Offensively, the Braves were led by Shawn Jones with 10 goals and senior Alex Soto with 9.



**EXPLODING** for the ball, senior Seth Clements hustles to beat his Basehor opponent. Clements was a three-year varsity letterman.



—Erica Smith



**BOYS SOCCER. Front Row:** Ethan Isaacs. **Row 2:** Spencer Bush, Jose Lopez, Tyler Kelly, Nate Mitchell, Seth Clements. **Row 3:** Jacob Moulin, Dalton Vitt, Alex Soto, Shawn Jones, Ryan Holcomb. **Row 4:** Head Coach Mike Moulin, Garrett Parker, Justin Buehler, Austin Anderson, Chance Crawford, Connor Harrington, Coach Russell Swisher.





“Champions are made when the stands are empty.”

—From the Booster Club sign of Chance Crawford

**CROSSING** the ball, senior Garrett Parker attempts to give a teammate a chance to score while sophomore Connor Harrington looks on. Parker earned All-KVL second team midfield honors for his work this season. **DOING** what he does best, junior Ricardo Diaz shoots the ball around the Lansing goalie. Diaz finished the season with 12 goals for the JV team.



**PASSING** the ball, senior Alex Soto makes a move against his Tonganoxie opponent. Soto was named to the All-KVL first team as a utility player to cap off his final season.



## Scoreboard

Lansing	4	2
Tonganoxie	5	0
Lawrence Free St.	2	3
SM North	4	3
Blue Valley	1	8
Mill Valley	0	0
Bishop Ward	3	2
Lansing	2	3
Tonganoxie	2	0
Topeka Seaman	2	3
Basehor	5	0
Mill Valley	0	1
Piper	1	6
Perry	2	3
Turner	2	3
Basehor	2	3
Wyandotte	3	0
St. Thomas Aquinas	0	9

Overall Record 8-9

Boys Soccer

## Q&A

Ethan Isaacs

**Q:** How many years have you been goalkeeper?

**A:** I played it all four years and started every game.

**Q:** What drove you to keep playing?

**A:** I drove myself to keep playing this position, although my coaches tried to get me to switch to other positions. I stuck to what I knew best and that was keeping the ball out of the goal.

**Q:** What are your thoughts on this season?

**A:** I'm sad because it was my senior year, and I won't get to play with my friends ever again. But this was a very frustrating season, and once we hit rock bottom, we never seemed to recover. Starting the season so strong and ending so weak was not how I wanted to end my soccer career.

**Q:** What was your ultimate career highlight?

**A:** It would be stopping Basehor's Austin Knipp from scoring the state record-setting goal my sophomore year. He scored the state record-tying goal, and they stopped the game and asked him if he wanted that ball, and he said, 'No, I'll get the next one in a few minutes.' So not letting him score that goal was the best feeling ever.

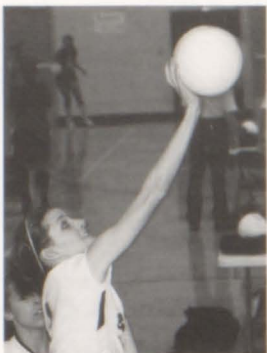
**SURVEYING** the field, freshman Shawn Jones looks for an opportunity to pass against Lansing.





**HOPING** for an ace, junior Emily Herre prepares to serve the ball against Santa Fe Trail at home. Herre was one of the team's outside hitters, a position that she felt catered to her abilities.

**RESTING** on the sidelines, senior Amber Barnes looks out over the court awaiting the next substitution. "I will really miss all the little things we did to build a family atmosphere that was about more than playing volleyball," Barnes said.



**GOING** up for the return, sophomore Jessie Kelly tips the ball over the net against Turner. "Before all the games when we would warm up, I would try and just hit the ball as hard as I could and that would put me in a good mood for the game," Kelly said.



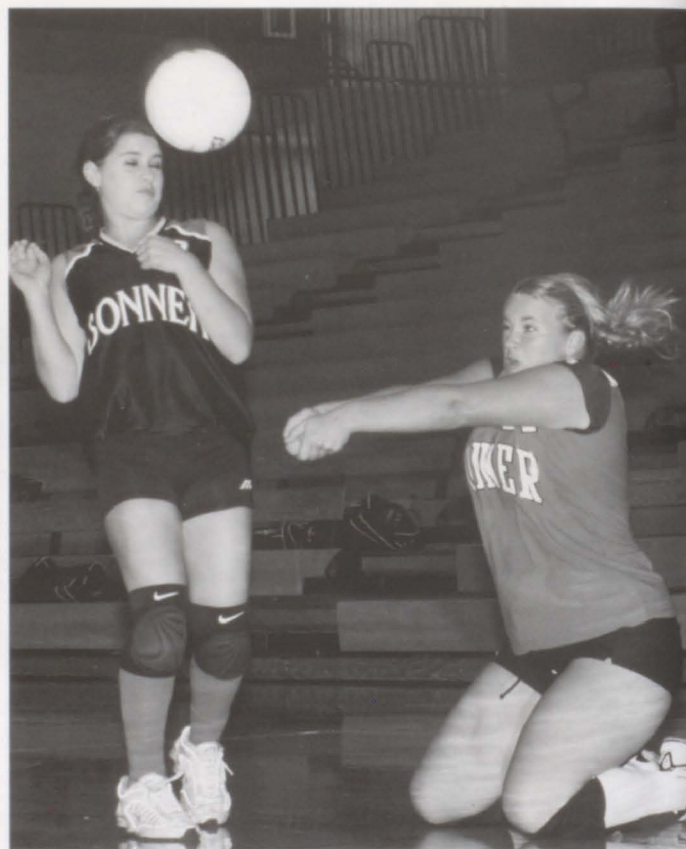
### Scoreboard

Baldwin	2	1
Basehor	0	2
Eudora	0	2
Immaculata	3	1
Spring Hill	0	2
Gardner	0	2
Lansing	0	2
Basehor	0	3
Santa Fe Trail	1	3
Turner	0	2
Bishop Ward	0	2
Basehor	1	2
Wyandotte	2	0
Harmon	2	0
S. Heights (Reg.)	0	2
Baldwin Tourney	5th	
Louisburg Tourney	8th	
KVL Tourney	5th	
WyCo Tourney	7th	

*Overall Record 8-27*



**MAKING** a save, senior Starian Porchia keeps the ball in play against Basehor. "My most memorable moment was at sub-state. Everyone left it all on the court," Porchia said. **DIGGING** up the serve, freshman Kylee Timberlake stops her Basehor opponent from getting an ace while fellow freshman Bobbi Allred backs away.



Volleyball





# Settled at the Net

## Behind its seniors, young team rebuilds

The Bravettes opened the season with a new head coach, Kerri Jennings, who was a member of the 1985 BSHS state championship team. With her help, the Bravettes improved their skills, drive, and team unity.



"I feel the girls responded well to my style of coaching and philosophy," Jennings said. "We focused on the fundamentals, improving every day, and becoming good teammates."

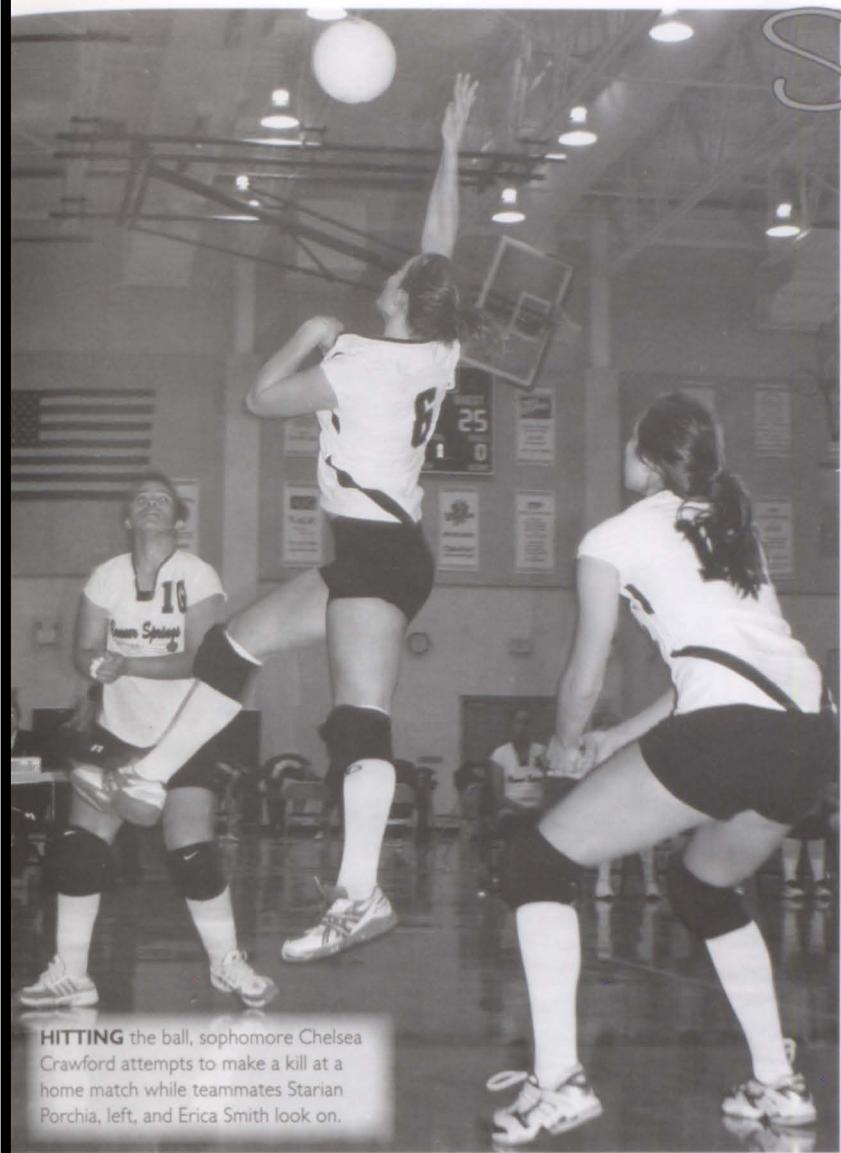
The season meant the team had to say goodbye to their long-time core of seniors: Amber Barnes, Nancy DeLeon, Cali Hackney, Anna Nelson, and Starian Porchia. These five left behind a lot of heart, leadership, and love for the game.

At the end of the season, Barnes received all-KVL Honorable Mention, a major achievement since this was her first year to play on the varsity squad.

"I was very surprised considering I was the libero," Barnes said. "But I was very excited to know that my effort on the court was noticed and that my last year in volleyball ended well."

Barnes also led the team in passing and digs. Other statistical leaders were Starian Porchia in sets and assists and sophomore Chelsea Crawford in kills and blocks.

—Lynsey Ostman



**HITTING** the ball, sophomore Chelsea Crawford attempts to make a kill at a home match while teammates Starian Porchia, left, and Erica Smith look on.



**CELEBRATING** Senior Night, the squad shows its unity. "I will miss being able to hang out with my teammates and having all the team dinners," senior Cali Hackney said.



**VOLLEYBALL. Front Row:** Nancy DeLeon, Starian Porchia, Erica Smith, Cali Hackney, Amber Barnes, Anna Nelson. **Row 2:** Chelsea Crawford, Madison Scott, Head Coach Kerri Jennings, Jessie Kelly, Emily Herre.







Ottawa Inv.  
6th  
18:15



Regionals  
4th  
17:34



Shawnee Mission  
West Invitational  
4th  
17:00



**WITH** determination, junior Tessa Seaton competes at the KVL meet. "My favorite race was league because the scenery was so different, and you couldn't see anybody watching you run," Seaton said.

## Scoreboard

	Boys	Girls
Hayden Inv.	4th	6th
Bonner Inv.	7th	13th
Ottawa Inv.	4th	6th
Wyco Ch.	1st	NA
Sh. Mission West	NA	NA
KVL	3rd	DNP
Regionals	2nd	DNP
State	11th	DNP

Boys Team: 11th Place at State

## Q&A Brooks Ballou

**Q: What do you do to prepare for your races?**

**A:** I prepare for a race by listening to music and doing a two-mile warm-up run around the course.

**Q: How did you get your start in cross country?**

**A:** I got into cross country after eighth grade track. I was decent at that, finishing in the top four of every race, and I broke the two-mile record. After playing football freshman year, Isaac (Mills) talked me into running with the prospect of a KVL Championship.

**Q: Have you thought about running in college?**

**A:** I plan to run in college, hopefully for Baker University or Kansas State University. It would be a stretch, but I would also like to run for Arkansas. The Razorbacks have one of the most winning coaches in NCAA history and produce many Olympic runners.

**Q: What is the best pre-race meal?**

**A:** An apple and a banana. Any more and my stomach feels heavy and it's easy to bog down.



**NEARING** the finish line, senior Kaleb Black speeds up at the WYCO Championships. He finished the race in 12th place with a time of 20:16.



**SETTING** the pace, sophomore Erin Mills stays slightly ahead of a Mill Valley runner at the KVL Championships. "Our girls came out strong this season," Mills said. "We surprised people." **POISED** for the gunshot, members of the boys' team set their watches before competing at state. The Braves finished 11th overall at the meet, which was held at Rim Rock Farm.





# Going the Distance

The expectations were high for the 2008 Braves cross country season. The Braves had qualified for the state meet the past three seasons and were looking forward to their fourth trip in four years. With many returning lettermen, and an eager freshman class, they seemed to be well on their way.



Kicking off the season in wondrous fashion at the Hayden Invitational, junior Brooks Ballou took first place with a time of 17:05, closely followed by senior Isaac Mills, in sixth place at 18:05. The pair led the boys' team to a fourth-place finish overall.

When asked about the team's achievements this year, Mills attributed the success to hard work in the off-season. "We worked real hard over the summer and at practices. That hard work carried over to the races, and we ran good times," Mills said.

Led by Ballou, Mills, and fellow senior Bryce Peterson, the boys performed solidly throughout the season, placing third at the Kaw Valley League race and were runners-up in the regional race, which qualified them for state.

At state, Ballou ran "the race of his life," finishing 10th overall with a time of 16:54. Mills followed Ballou's example, finishing 37th and Peterson was close behind at 61st.

On the girls' side, junior Tessa Seaton, sophomore Erin Mills, and freshman Scintila Capalla led the team with a consistent string of impressive times throughout the season. Seaton qualified for state, her second trip in two years.

"I loved running at state," Seaton said. "It really seemed to make my hard work pay off." Due to injuries, the girls could not field a full team for the league or regional championships.

—Jake Barren

**RUNNING** uphill, senior Isaac Mills competes at the Ottawa Invitational. A team leader, Mills recorded his best time at the KVL Championships with a 16:54. **BELOW**, senior Anthony Ellingsworth gives it all he's got as he chases Mills at Ottawa.



**CROSS COUNTRY.** Front Row: Tessa Seaton, Erin Mills, Cali Hackney, Josh Oden, Matt Coffman. Row 2: Tyler Johnson, Steven Caswell, DeDric Johnson, Isaac Mills, Maryssa Peterson, Brooks Ballou, Ryan Cook, Zachary Povlitzki. Row 3: Head Coach Bill Downing, Alex Sullivan, Anthony Ellingsworth, Matt Bille, Bryce Peterson, Kaleb Black, Coach Rob Marriott.







**Q&A**

*Breanna Tendick*

**Q: What did it feel like to play on the varsity team your freshman year?**

**A:** "The experience was great and really unexpected. I was the first freshman to letter since 1995, so I was very happy to be on varsity."

**Q: What made you decide to play tennis?**

**A:** "I was just doing a fall sport to have fun with my friend, Toni."

**Q: What was your most memorable moment of the season?**

**A:** "The first match I played on the varsity team, the other varsity girls said I had to run around the courts like a chicken and buy everyone dinner, but they were just kidding."

**Q: Did you have any special warm-up techniques?**

**A:** "Nope, just hitting the ball back and forth."

**Q: What was the best match of the season for you?**

**A:** "At regionals, I was the only person on our team to win a match, and it is a moment I will remember forever."

**LOOKING** for the win, senior Teran Holter hits the ball while staring her opponent down. "It was different to be the only returning varsity letterman, but we had a lot of fun playing together as a team while teaching each other different techniques," Holter said.



**Scoreboard**

Bishop Miega	0	9
Olathe North	5	4
Sumner	7	2
Maranatha Acad.	1	8
Olathe NW	2	10
Lawrence	9	15
Leavenworth	0	4
Baldwin Tourney	7th	
Bonner Tourney	5th	

*Overall Record 2-5*



**GIRLS TENNIS.** Front Row: Joyce Hilario, Crystal Stude, Samantha Haas, Renee Drury, Danielle Duarte. Row 2: Melissa Cisneros, Toni Stock, Caitlin Hilliard, Persephone Hart, Amelia Sheldon, Breanna Tendick. Row 3: Riley Mortensen, Teran Holter, Coach Deb Loker, Athletic Director John Hilton, Head Coach Bill Scott, Emily Randolph, Meghan Miller.





# Hitting with Power

## Behind its seniors, young team rebuilds

With just one returning letterwinner and a team full of players who had never picked up a racquet, seniors Renee Drury, Joyce Hilario, Teran Holter and Meghan Miller knew they had to step up.



"We realized that we might not have the best record because of our limited experience, so we [the seniors] decided to focus our energy on activities to build team spirit and unity, something we had lacked in the past," Drury said.

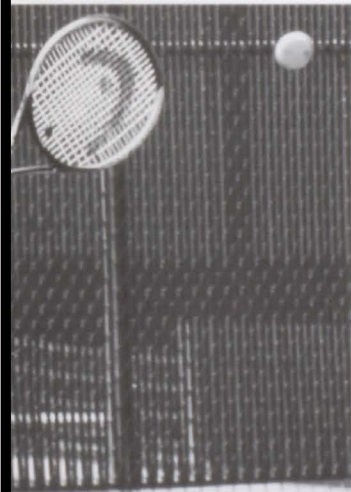
Improving consistently, the young team took some big steps forward at their own invitational where the doubles team of senior Teran Holter and junior Emily Randolph captured a second-place medal and freshman Breanna Tendick placed third in singles.

"Breanna was our most improved player," head coach Bill Scott said. "She went from being a beginner to one of the top varsity competitors."

Another younger player, junior Samantha Haas, won the team's "Hustle Award" for her all-out play in every match. Despite their youth, the team had fun growing and learning together.

"The four seniors really served as good leaders for our young squad. We'll really miss them," Scott said.

-Cali Hackney



**SLICING** the ball, senior Renee Drury competes at the Bonner Springs Invitational. "This season wasn't the best for our record, but we all bonded as a team. It was my favorite season by far," Drury said.



**WAITING** for the serve, freshman Toni Stock puts a death-grip on her racquet. "I played tennis because I thought it would be fun. Everyone was nice, and the team got along really well," Stock said. **FOCUSING** intently, sophomores Persephone Hart, left, and Riley Mortensen battle it out at a home junior varsity meet.





**AFTER** a talented crossover, freshman Yessenia Hernandez beats her defender down the lane. "My biggest challenge was being responsible with the ball," Hernandez said.



### By The Numbers

- 46** Team free throw percentage
- 35** Number of Lynsey Ostman steals
- 40** Assists by Erica Smith
- 712** Total team points
- 18** Number of blocked shots by Anna Hutchison

**IN** mid-leap, sophomore Erica Smith goes up for a lay-up during a home game against Lansing. "I'm proud of my dedication to the team this season," Smith said. "I always pushed myself and my teammates." **PULLING** down a rebound, junior Malia Williams dominates in the paint against Savannah.



**Girls Basketball. Front Row:** Yessenia Hernandez, Lynsey Ostman, Erin Marx, Erica Smith, Alexis Clark, Starian Porchia. **Back Row:** Erica Wilson, Anna Hutchison, Head Coach Clay Oakes, Malia Williams, Emily Wilson.



**DRIVING** to the basket, junior Lynsey Ostman breaks past a Lansing defender. "I'm proud of the hard work and effort I put into this season, even though it wasn't a winning one," Ostman said.





# Just Another Year

## Illness-strewn season frustrates young team

The Bravettes can describe their season as one plagued by illness and injury. In a year with only four wins, and half as many seniors, a team dominated by underclassmen struggled to perform to past standards.

There was rarely a day after winter break where every Bravette was in good health for practice, and the health status was so serious that multiple starters missed entire games.

"It's hard to get a good rhythm going when the whole team is out sick. We really struggled with consistency this year," head coach Clay Oakes said.

However, despite a lopsided 4-17 record, the team did improve steadily, coming within 10 points of victory in four of their last five losses. The growth was most noticeable with the underclassmen, who gained confidence and experience in their new roles.

The standout performers for the team included sophomore Erica Smith, a second-year player who led in assists; junior Malia Williams, who battled injuries for the majority of the season, but still led in points per game; and junior Lynsey Ostman, the leading scorer.

Ostman was rewarded for her efforts with an honorable selection all-KVL nomination. "When Coach Oakes called me after the league meeting, I was surprised, yet pleased," Ostman said.

—Jake Barren

**RACING** against her opponent, senior Anna Hutchison gets her fingers around the ball against Mill Valley. "I feel like we played together as a team, even though we didn't bring home a lot of wins," Hutchison said. "So far it was the best year I've played."



### Scoreboard

Lansing	34	66
Metro Prep	6th	
Piper	29	47
Turner	58	30
Mill Valley	44	58
Perry	23	30
Basehor	20	37
Wellsville Tourney	6th	
Lansing	29	49
Bishop Ward	53	43
Tonganoxie	39	55
Turner	50	18
Louisburg	47	56
Mill Valley	45	52
Santa Fe	45	37
Basehor	46	51
Shawnee Heights	22	56

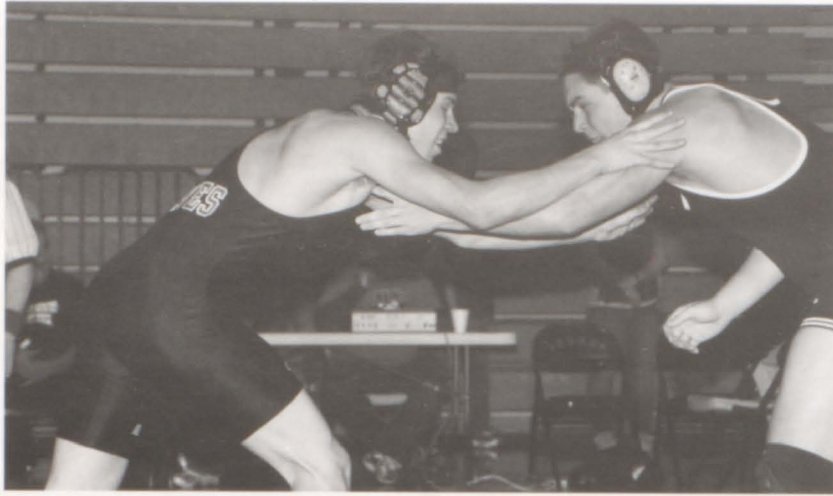
Girls Basketball

Overall Record 4-17





**HOLDING** off his opponent, senior Anthony Ellingsworth competes at the KVL tournament which was hosted by the Braves. "I was excited and ready for state," Ellingsworth said. "But I am going to miss Coach Burns next year." **WITH** concentration, sophomore Brian Callahan flips his opponent during Senior Night. Callahan finished with an 18-20 record.



### Scoreboard

Piper	39	33
Basehor	24	60
Perry-Lecompton	21	47
Santa Fe Trail	19	57
Ward	66	6
Tonganoxie	16	54
Basehor	30	46
Sumner	60	12
Harmon	48	30
Santa Fe Trail	21	45
Osawatomie	18	61
Tonganoxie	24	46
Lansing	9	61
Lee's Summit Tourney	19th	
KVL Tournament	9th	
Dick Burns Mat Classic	5th	
Basehor Tourney	22nd	
BVNW Tourney	14th	
WyCo	3rd	
Regionals	4th	

Overall Record 4-9

Wrestling



**STRUGGLING** to take down his opponent, junior Brooks Ballou locks arms while looking for an opening at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. "The highlight of my season was taking third at our own invitational," Ballou said.



**WRESTLING.** Front Row: Manager Tessa Seaton, Jose Contreras, Dustin Catron, Bryan Williams. Row 2: Brooks Ballou, Brent Tiner, Ryan Bartels, Riley Pascazi, Brandon Clark, Clarence Forshey. Row 3: Coach Jerry Seaton, Austin Travis, Caleb Seaton, Devlin Caldwell, Dallas Keller, Robert Moore, Corey Butner. Row 4: Coach Jacob Beck, Ryan DeMato, Brian Callahan, Tanner McCleary, Collin Stirling, Adam Shirley, Head Coach Dan Burns.





# And then there were 7

## Experienced team enjoys state success

Sending seven wrestlers to the state meet in Wichita this season was one for the books for the Braves' wrestling team.

"Early on in the season, I didn't expect that many to make it. But later on, they improved," head coach Dan Burns said.

"They were more focused in the end."

Sophomore Caleb Seaton earned a fourth-place medal and senior Tanner McCleary captured a third-place finish at state.

"It was my senior year," McCleary said. "I figured that I had nothing to lose, so why not go all out?"

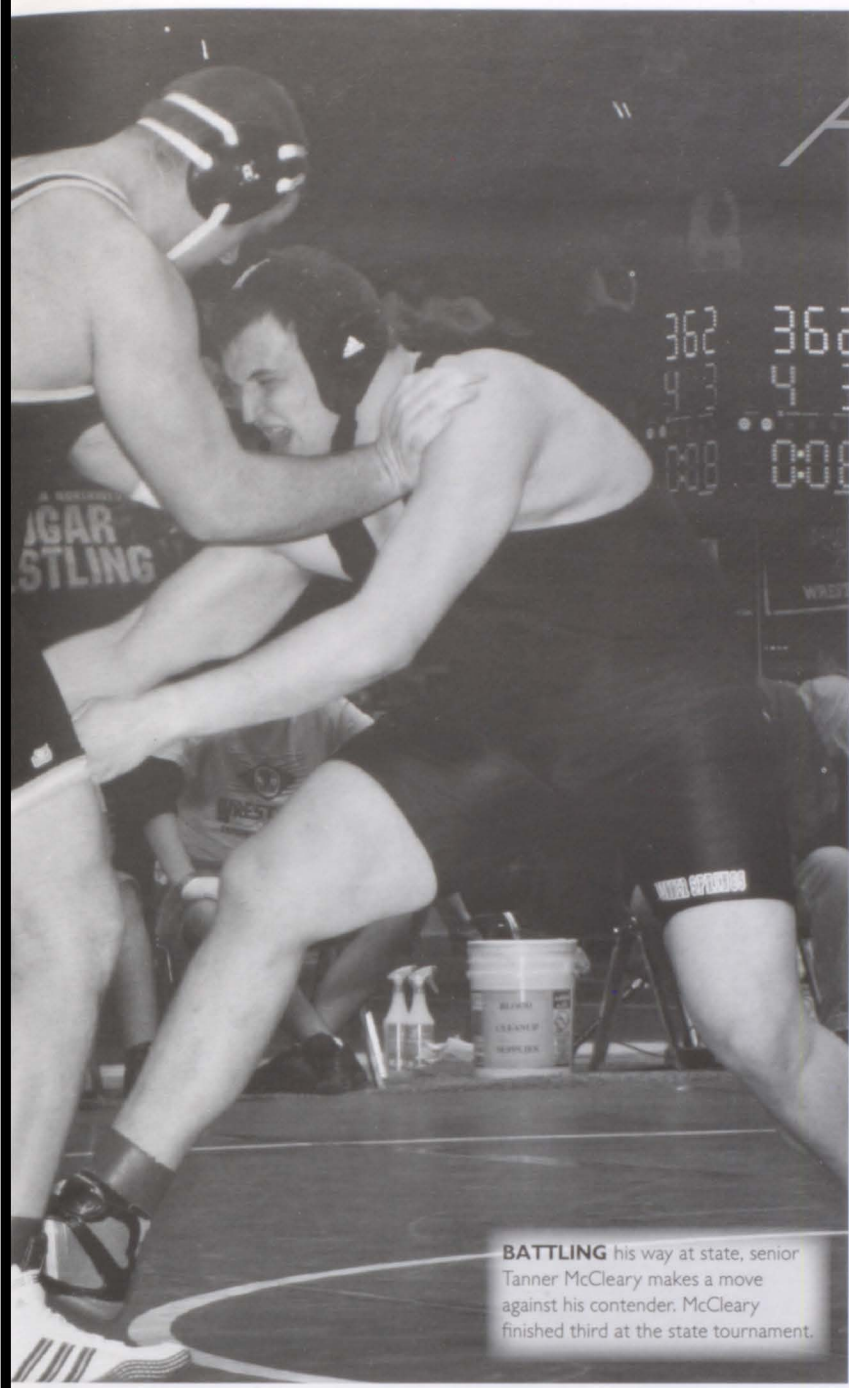
Burns believes McCleary created his own success, but part of it was due to the special significance of this particular season, which was dedicated to the late Dick Burns, father of Dan Burns and the program's founder.

"We did things the way he would have done them," Burns said. "The things we did were different every day, and we had more old-fashioned training."

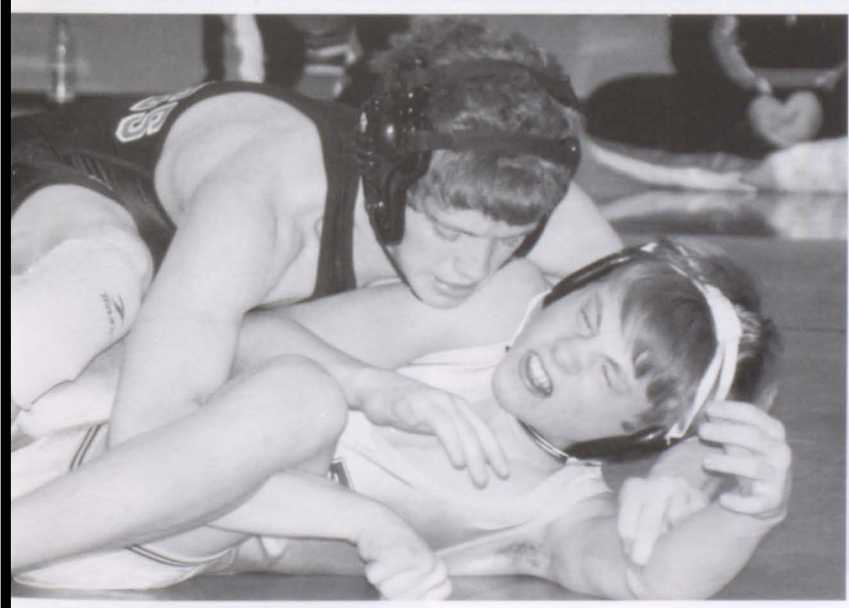
According to Burns, practices were not always enjoyable. Looking at the statistics, it's easy to see the wrestlers worked their hardest to make the season memorable as the team had at least two wrestlers medal at each tournament.

"I'm really happy with how my season went. It ended strong," said McCleary, who finished 38-6 in the 285-pound weight class.

—Lynsey Ostman



**BATTLING** his way at state, senior Tanner McCleary makes a move against his contender. McCleary finished third at the state tournament.



**USING** a cross face on his Piper opponent, junior Ryan DeMato fights for the win. DeMato placed fourth at WyCo and fourth at regionals. **SOPHOMORE** Caleb Seaton maneuvers to put his Blue Valley opponent into a cradle. Seaton completed the season with 60 takedowns and a 34-7 record.

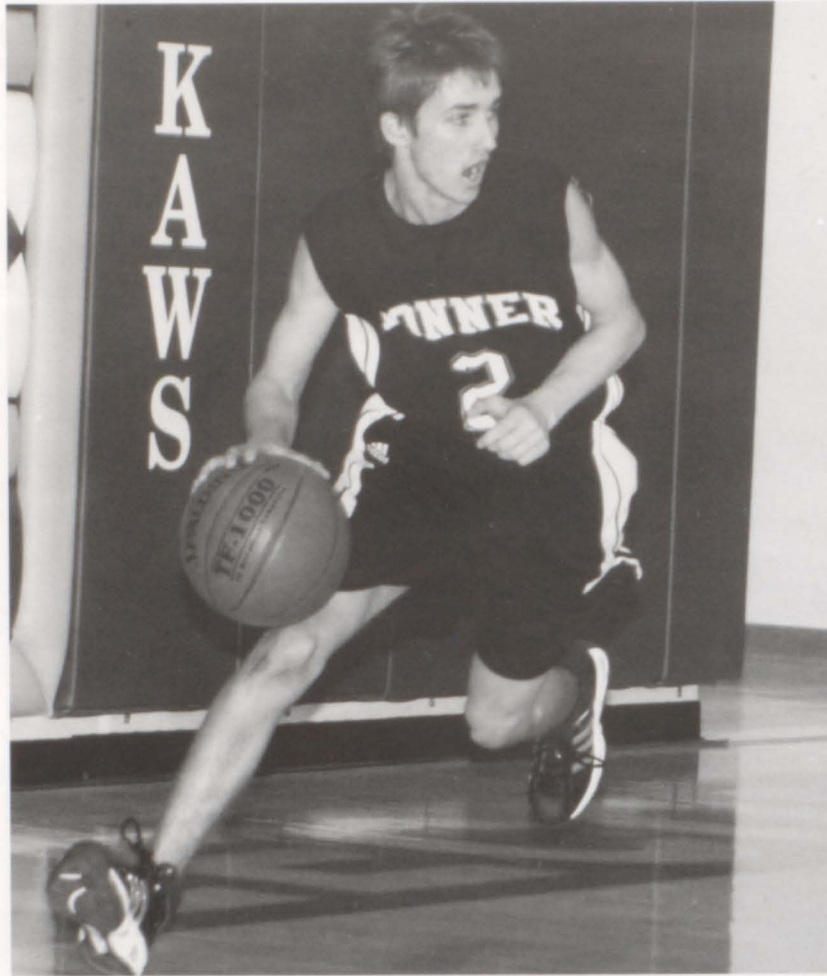




**SPRINTING** alongside a Louisburg opponent, freshman Johnathan Jackson recovers on defense. "Being put as point guard in mid-season as a freshman is tough," coach Ryan Hull said. "To be honest, we were very happy with how he did."



**PUSHING** the ball up the court on a fast break against Anderson County, senior Chance Crawford looks to get a quick lay-up while sophomore Austin Laing fills the outside lane. Crawford was the only returning letterman for the Braves. **LOOKING** up the floor, senior Isaac Mills gets an outlet pass and starts to advance the ball past Perry Lecompton. "For Isaac to come into the first game against Lansing as a first-year letterman and have a lights-out, 24-point game was awesome," coach Ryan Hull said.



### Scoreboard

Lansing	77	86
Metro Prep Tourn.	6th	
Turner	82	54
Mill Valley	59	72
Piper	63	66
Perry	43	61
Basehor	30	71
Baldwin Tourn.	5th	
Lansing	34	58
Bishop Ward	55	66
Tonganoxie	62	83
Turner	80	69
Louisburg	82	73
Mill Valley	66	77
Santa Fe Trail	72	87
Basehor	57	82
Washington	73	89



**BOYS BASKETBALL.** Front Row: Mario Lazareno, Isaac Mills, Kyle Day, Jordan MacDonald, Kelin Woolridge. Row 2: Manager April Umbenhower, Austin Laing, Johnathan Jackson, Zach Walker, Juan Pichardo, Zach Povlitzki, Manager Kaleb Kivett. Row 3: Chance Crawford, Camron Callahan, Ryan Morris, Jared Brailsford, Chris Smith, Luke Terrell, Brett Stuart.

Overall Record 6-15





# Feel Leather, Shoot!

## Team unleashes new Grinnell offense

Threes, threes, threes! Going into the season knowing that his team wouldn't have much height, head coach Ryan Hull decided that he needed a new game plan.

That's where the Grinnell system came into play. The Braves turned to this fast-paced, run-and-gun style to help equalize their size disadvantage.

"I recognized that this system was a great option based on this year's personnel. If we were going to struggle, then we might as well put up points instead of just taking it on the chin," Hull said.

The Braves even took a trip to Iowa early in the season to see the Grinnell offense at work.

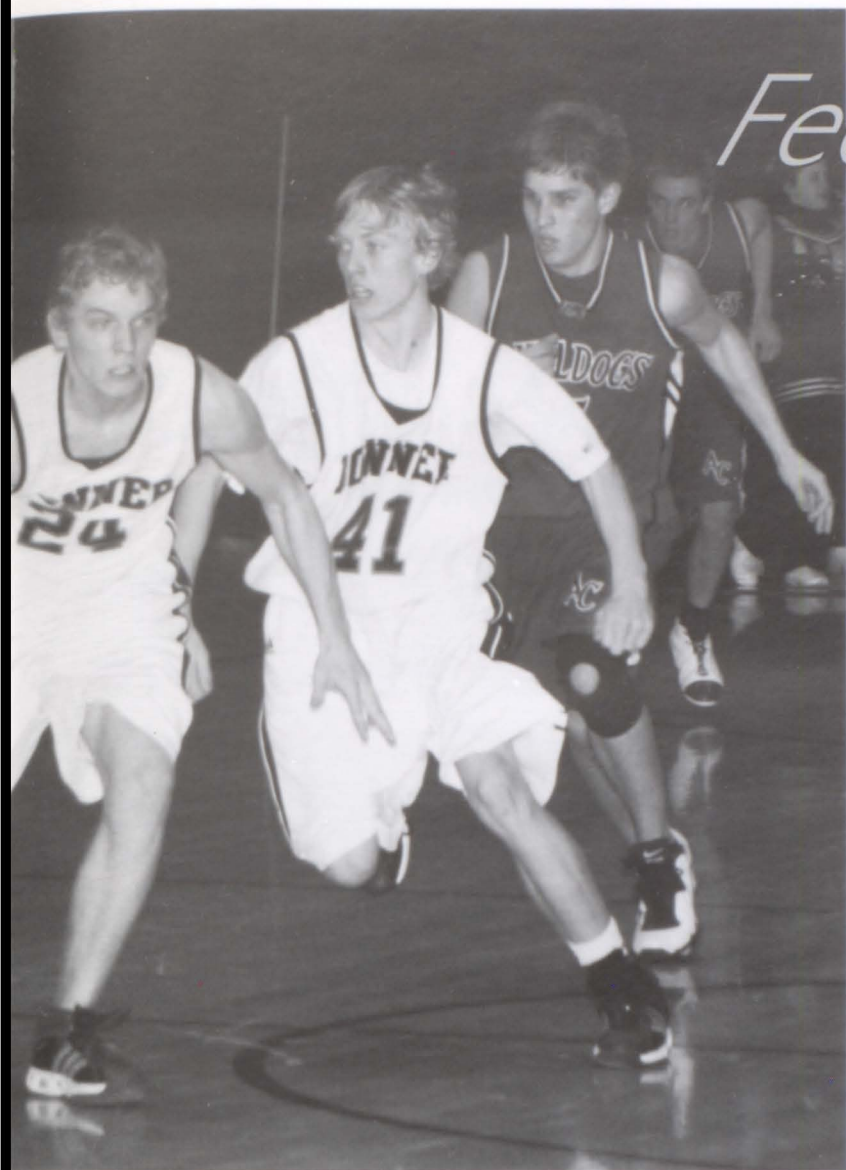
"It was definitely unlike any other style I had played before," senior Isaac Mills said. "It gave us a lot of freedom and brought a lot of excitement to the program."

The Braves soared to new heights in three-point shooting, breaking two school records with 18 threes in a game, as well as nine different players hitting at least one three-pointer in one game.

Because of the quickness and intensity in this system, the Braves rotated fresh players in every minute.

"It was cool to see 15 guys letter," Hull said. "This system gave more kids the opportunity to play at a higher level."

—Erica Smith



**LOOKING** to score quickly, sophomore Kyle Day pulls up for a jumper. "The season was better than expected, but there were games that we should have won," Day said.

**CENTER:** Sophomore guard Juan Pichardo takes the ball up strong in the paint. "Juan's role on the team shifted between primary shooter and point guard depending on the situation," coach Ryan Hull said. "He did a great job." **LEFT:** Judging the defense, senior Chris Smith looks to shoot a three-pointer in a home loss to Lansing. **TOP:** Driving to the basket, senior Jared Brailsford lays it in for two. Brailsford averaged over 10 points and six rebounds per game.







# Q&A

## Matt Bille

**Q: What responsibilities did you face as a senior that you didn't face in the past?**

**A:** "I had to lead the team and be responsible for their actions, and I was an unofficial team leader."

**Q: What is your favorite stroke?**

**A:** "Freestyle, because I seem to excel in it the most."

**Q: Do you have any pre warm-up rituals?**

**A:** "Our team cheer because it's the loudest and most obnoxious of all the other teams."

**Q: Where did you swim the best this season?**

**A:** At Lawrence Free State where I had a 54.84 in the 100-yard freestyle.

**Q: How long have you been swimming?**

**A:** "Since I was a freshman because my mom made me participate in a winter sport."

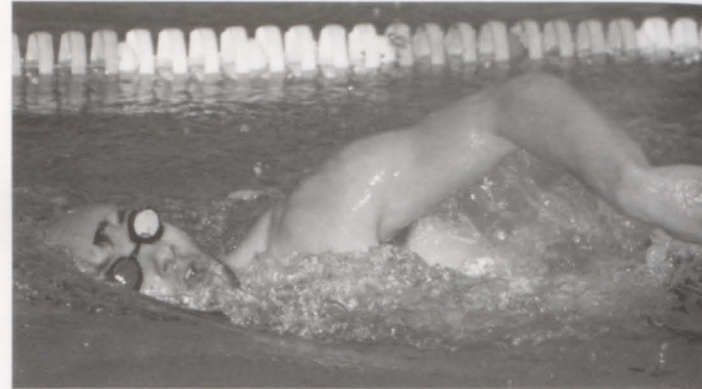
**Q: What was your most memorable moment during all of your four years of swimming?**

**A:** "Probably screaming down the hallways during the basketball practice, lane wars, and playing freeze tag in the K-State locker rooms."

**Q: What are you going to miss the most?**

**A:** "All the fun times with the team members and all of the goofing around during practices and meets."

**BREAKING** the water, freshman Nate Mitchell competes at Shawnee Mission West in the 100-yard breaststroke. Mitchell's best time was a 1:19.18. "As one of our new swimmers, Nate was a real asset," coach Lynn LaNoue said. "He really gave us a strong presence in the breaststroke and the backstroke." **FINISHING** strong, junior Ryan Holcomb strides through the water for a top finish. Holcomb's best time in the 50 free was a 25.56 and a 2:22.21 in the 200 free.



**GOING** strong, freshman Blaine Edmondson pushes through the water to the finish in a home meet Feb. 4. Edmondson finished eighth in the butterfly with a time of 1:18.16. "The season was way more than I expected it to be. I had so much fun on the team, and coach LaNoue was really fair and allowed everyone to participate no matter how well they did," Edmondson said.



## Scoreboard

Bonner Springs	4th
Osawatomie	4th
Turner	3rd
Lawrence Free State	3rd
Leavenworth	3rd
Shawnee Mission West	2nd
WyCo @ BSHS	1st
Bonner Springs	3rd
Osawatomie	3rd

Boys Swimming





# Fight to the Finish

## Braves finish first at WyCo meet

The Braves' swim team started the season off with many new swimmers. Even though they didn't break any records, you could tell they had great chemistry.

"They were a lot more faithful about being sportsmen," head coach Lynn LaNoue said. "This was demonstrated by greeting and congratulating competitors and by being more visible in their support of each other."

In terms of individual accomplishments, senior Alex Sullivan became the first swimmer in school history to compete in the "Ironman" with a time of 23:39.31 for all 12 individual events. When swimmers do the Ironman, they don't receive any points or medals for their team, just the opportunity to compete.

"It was fun being the first to do the Ironman because no one can take that away from me," Sullivan said.

Another senior leader was Matt Bille, who led the team with 171 points in a variety of events and relays.

As a team, the Braves' best finish came at the WyCo meet, where Blaine Edmondson (100 free), Ryan Holcomb (50 free) and Nate Mitchell (100 backstroke and breaststroke) all finished first. The 200-yard medley and 200-yard freestyle teams of Matt Bille, Edmondson, Mitchell, and Holcomb also captured gold medals.

"I was really excited about how we performed," LaNoue said.

—Emily Herre



**TAKING** a breath, sophomore Jonathan Price competes in the 100-yard butterfly at the WyCo meet. Price placed second with a time of 1:13.66.



**SHOWING** unity, the Braves get ready for a meet at Turner with their traditional team cheer. The team finished the day in third place. "I think the team improved a lot throughout the season," sophomore Tyler Dubin said. "We all became friends and helped each other get better." **PUSHING** hard, senior Alex Sullivan swims the freestyle at the Leavenworth Invitational. Sullivan was a team captain along with sophomore Jacob Moulin. "The best part about being a captain was that I liked making up the covenants and leading the team to a first-place finish at WyCo," Sullivan said. "I also loved having the captain's jacket."



**BOYS SWIMMING.** Front Row: Nate Mitchell, Trey May, Ethan Hook, Nicholas Trischler. Row 2: Alan Smith, Jesse Anderson, Ryan Cook, Drew Hern, Jonathan Price, Nic Beilman, Tyler Johnson, Philip Holcomb, Blaine Edmondson. Row 3: Jacob Moulin, Matt Bille, Alex Sullivan, Jordan Kraus, Ryan Holcomb, James Canada, Tyler Dubin, Cordell Duncan, Seth Clements.







**KEEPING** time, freshman Ashley Muldoon dances to the sound of the band at the homecoming game. "My first football season of dancing was fun, and it was an exciting experience," Muldoon said. **FINDING** a way to please the crowd, senior Janel Mejia, left, and freshman Miriah Bailey lead the team in a dance at the fall pep assembly. "The experience on the dance team was exciting; I got to hang out with new people while getting to perform," Bailey said.



**DANCE.** Front Row: Alexis Crumrine, Julia Glenn. Row 2: Brenna Hoch, Cindi Price, Janel Mejia. Row 3: Miriah Bailey, Kayla Sullivan, Ashley Muldoon, Cinthia Ebertz.





# Keep the Beat

## Small squad enjoys strong relationships

The Orange Dazzlers finished out their two astonishing seasons (football and basketball) as a small team consisting of only nine members.



"I feel that the team worked better together when it was smaller because it seemed that everybody was able to put forth their ideas, and they received the dances better," head coach Whitney Mitchell said.

To get ready for the season, the dance team attended a camp at McPherson College. The team responded strongly at camp and created a close bond intertwining everyone together.

"Our girls had a great time and were able to learn so much while they were at camp. It definitely made our team stronger and more prepared for the season," Mitchell said.

Although the team was small, they had four strong senior leaders (Alexis Crumrine, Julia Glenn, Janel Mejia, and Cindi Price), who helped build the program into a positive direction. They led the team in learning the dance moves and bringing new dancers on board.

"I always tried to keep the team working hard and focused during practice, so we could perform well," Captain Alexis Crumrine said.



—Cali Hackney

## Senior Spotlight



**YELLING** for the Braves' football team, senior dancers Erika Busch, left, and Julia Glenn enjoy themselves in the stands. **SWAYING** to the music, sophomore Brenna Hoch, performs at the annual Tiblow Days celebration in downtown Bonner Springs. "Tiblow Days was a lot of fun, and I think it was a great way to start off the season," Hoch said.



"My favorite part of the season was the time we spent at camp. We all got a lot closer."

—Alexis Crumrine



"I loved most of the dances, but my two favorites were the hand clap and the senior dance."

—Janel Mejia

"The easiest dance we had was 'Can't Touch This' because everyone came together to learn it."

—Cindi Price



"We started out with a big team and by the end of the year it was small, so we all became a lot closer."

—Julia Glenn





# All-American Effort

## Squad wins "Top Team" at camp

Working hard to learn and perfect more complicated stunts than ever before, the cheerleading season was very successful.

"The season was great because these girls were much more productive than past squads," Head Coach Jennifer Schlicht said.



To better prepare for the year ahead, the squad attended a summer team camp at Emporia State where they won the "Top Team Award."

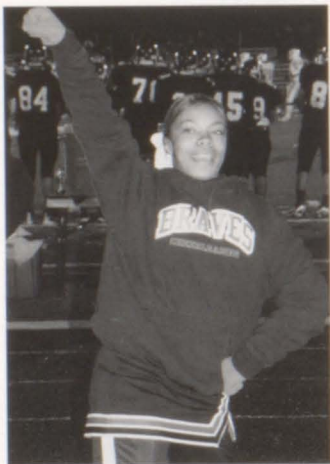
"It was awesome because we did stunts that no one had ever seen before, and the judges were really impressed," Schlicht said. "Seeing the girls attempt and perfect a stunt they had never achieved was a real highlight."

Individually, seniors Kathryn Christwell and Aubree Miller won All-American honors along with junior Harley Ruzsala and freshman Emily Hunt.

Building on their summer skills, the squad worked hard to encourage the crowd to show the most spirit possible.

"Homecoming was my favorite game because there were tons of people, the weather was nice, and everyone was really excited," sophomore Lindsay Hunt said.

—Erica Smith



**SHOWING** lots of spirit, senior Kathryn Christwell cheers at a home football game. "My favorite game to cheer at was the last football game because watching them lose and seeing the seniors on the bench in the last two minutes was a very emotional time," Christwell said. **PERFORMING** "The Dog" as a halftime show at Mill Valley, the varsity cheerleaders get the crowd pumped. This pyramid was reintroduced over the summer at cheer camp when the squad needed something to jazz up their routine.



**PULLING** off an Arabesque, junior stunter Harley Ruzsala overlooks the crowd at a home football game. Ruzsala was the squad's main flyer.





# The PERFECT Stunt!

Starring Emily Hunt



**VARSITY. Front Row:** Brittani Littlejohn, Tiara Jones. **Row 2:** Lindsay Hunt, Kelly Chastain, Lauren Callahan. **Row 3:** Alyson Espy, Emily Hunt, Aubree Miller, Harley Ruszala, Ashton Istas, Kathryn Christwell.



**JUNIOR VARSITY. Front Row:** Rebekah Cannella, Mackenzie Lofton. **Row 2:** Kelsey Leatherbury, Eliza Scott. **Row 3:** Haley Meier, Paige Andrade, Symone Warren, Rebecca Tilden.

## Step 1: Preparing



"I try not to think about falling because that will mess you up more."

## Step 3: Being Caught



"You really have to trust the people catching you, and I trust them completely. They haven't dropped me yet!"

## Step 2: Back Handspring



"The key to a perfect back handspring is to lock your arms."

## Step 4: The Prep



"With a prep, you have to lock your knees, focus on the audience, and smile."



**DANCING** to their famous chant "The Way We Get Down," the cheerleaders get the Orange Crush section involved at a home football game. This cheer is known to get the crowd dancing. **CELEBRATING** a made free throw, senior Aubree Miller intently watches the next shot. Miller was the only four-year letterman on the squad.





# Establishing New Limits

## Bravettes shatter previous records

The swimming season was anything but unproductive as the Bravettes brought a whole new meaning to the program.

"It was a very successful season," Head Coach Tierney Thompson said. "The girls were more of a team this year. We had four leaders, and they all shared the responsibility."



Not only did great leadership play a strong role in the Bravettes' accomplishments, but hard work and dedication led to numerous new school records.

Seven records were broken to be exact, with the 100-yard butterfly demolished twice. Junior Emily Herre captivated by breaking six of her own individual records and also received state consideration for the first time in the program's history.

"I think it will help me set better goals for next year," Herre said. "I will work hard in the off-season and hope it pays off."

Freshman Toni Stock also enjoyed the limelight by breaking Herre's 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:10.41. The Bravettes' 400-yard freestyle medley relay team consisting of Herre, Stock, and seniors Kaley Withers and Jaclyn Lira also put a new record on the board at the ILC championships.

"The girls were all hard workers and put forth their best efforts," Thompson said. "They never got down on themselves; they just got more determined."

—Erica Smith & Lynsey Ostman



**GIRLS SWIMMING.** Front Row: Kaley Withers, Aubree Miller. Row 2: Laura Rink, Teran Holter, Monica Sorensen, Jaclyn Lira. Row 3: Assistant Coach Jaye Shaer, Emily Herre, Megan Scott, Toni Stock, Ashton Istas, Jordan Merino, Chandler Clark, Head Coach Tierney Thompson.



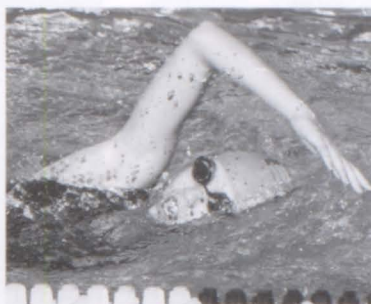
**STRETCHING** out, senior co-captain Monica Sorensen swims the backstroke. "The highlight of my season was at the last meet, looking back on the past four years and seeing how far we've all come," Sorensen said.







**TAKING** a breath, senior co-captain Aubree Miller competes in the breaststroke at a home meet. A four-year letterman, Miller's best time in the breaststroke was 1:23.45.



**FIGHTING** for her team, freshman Toni Stock swims a leg in the 400 freestyle relay at a home meet. "The relays were really fun. We had a lot of dumb, yet memorable moments," Stock said. **RECEIVING** their gifts from the team, seniors Laura Rink, Monica Sorensen, Aubree Miller, Kaley Withers, Teran Holter, and Jacyln Lira celebrate their senior season at the very last home meet.



### Scoreboard

Topeka Inv.	9th
Bonner Triangular	1st
Bonner Inv.	3rd
Bonner Inv.	4th
Leavenworth Inv.	1st
Turner Inv.	1st
Topeka Inv.	5th
WyCo Inv.	1st
ILC	2nd

Girls Swimming



**PULLING** to the finish, senior Jacyln Lira swims the breaststroke as part of the 200-yard individual medley. Lira recorded her best time in the individual medley at Leavenworth with a 3:11.42. **FINISHING** strong, junior Emily Herre swims the 100-yard freestyle at the WyCo Invitational with a time of 1:01.92 to establish yet another school record. "I think it really helped that I was dedicated to swimming during the winter months," Herre said.



### Q&A

Kaley Withers

**Q:** How do you think, as a whole, your senior year ended?

**A:** "It ended and went well. We were all more dedicated to the team than previous years."

**Q:** What would you have changed?

**A:** "I wouldn't have changed a thing; it went perfectly."

**Q:** What was your favorite moment/memory?

**A:** "At our last meet when we pushed Coach Thompson into the water."

**Q:** What will you miss the most?

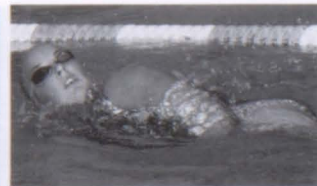
**A:** "The family-like environment we had on the team."

**Q:** Did you have any personal goals this season?

**A:** "I wanted to break the school record for the 500-yard freestyle."

**Q:** What did you do to try to reach this goal?

**A:** "I worked really hard and had a lot of discipline in practice."





**LOOKING** behind him, sophomore Camron Callahan receives the baton from freshman Johnathan Jackson while competing in the 4x400 relay at the league meet. The team placed third with a time of 3:31.80. **PREPARING** to throw, sophomore Bridgett Bradley weighs her disc at the league meet at Piper where she placed third. Bradley qualified for the state meet for the second year in a row, placing sixth with a toss of 120 feet, six inches and establishing a new school record.



# Running for Glory

## Boys' team finishes 12th at state

After placing second at state last year, the boys' track team had high expectations coming into the 2009 season. The returning lettermen and state qualifiers fulfilled these high expectations throughout the season, but the real surprise came from new runners in the distance events.

"It was a good season," Head Coach Jim Mitchell said. "We found some young talent that will help us in the future."

After placing second at league and fourth at regionals, the boys' team set their eyes on a first-place finish at state. Unfortunately, the realities of the meet brought individual success but heartbreak for the 4x100 relay team in the preliminaries.

"It was somewhat disappointing," Mitchell said. "We missed the exchange, and we had the fastest time in the state going in."

Medalists included sophomore Bridgett Bradley, sixth in the shot put; senior Jeremy Walker, second in the 110 hurdles, third in the 100 meters, and fifth in the long jump; and senior Jonathan Walker, first in the 110 hurdles and fourth in the 100-meter dash.

Other state competitors included junior Jake Barren, shot put and discus; junior Brooks Ballou, 3,200 meters; sophomore Josie Freeby, shot put; and freshman Emily Wilson, 200 meters. The 4x100 relay team consisted of Jeremy and Jonathan Walker, senior Garron Wayne, and sophomore Camron Callahan.

Although the season's end wasn't the expected outcome, it was still a year of great competition for all athletes involved.







**PACING** himself, freshman Michael Waite runs his leg of the 4x400 relay at the league meet. **TAKING** a deep breath, senior Garron Wayne eyes the finish line while competing in the 100-meter dash at the Bonner Invitational. Wayne placed third with a time of 11:06.

## Scoreboard

	Boys	Girls
Baldwin	4th	10th
Basehor	2nd	8th
Bonner Springs Inv.	1st	6th
SM West	6th	6th
Gardner	5th	9th
Wellsville	20th	20th
SM North	4th	NP
League	2nd	8th
Regionals	4th	8th
State		T12th NP

Track



**WITH** all her strength, sophomore Josie Freeby competes in the shot put at the Bonner Invitational. Freeby earned the right to compete at state after a fourth-place finish at regionals.



**LEFT:** Senior Jeremy Walker competes in the long jump at the Bonner Invitational. In addition to being the league champion, Walker placed fifth in the long jump at the state meet with a leap of 21 feet, 8-1/2 inches. **ABOVE:** Senior Jonathan Walker clears a hurdle on his way to first place at the Bobcat Invitational. Walker finished his career with an amazing three state championships in the 110 hurdles. "They're terrific athletes," Head Coach Jim Mitchell said. "It will be tough to replace them."



**TRACK. Front Row:** Maya Banks, Candace Hightower, Danielle Duarte, Kayla Sullivan, Steven Caswell, Amanda Trent, Nate Mitchell, Erin Mills, Kathryn Christwell. **Row 2:** Brooks Ballou, Matt Coffman, Garron Wayne, Philip Holcomb, Persephone Hart, Jourdain Smallwood, Taylor Thoele, Joshua Oden, Nicole Ritthouse, Jose Contreras. **Row 3:** Steve Williams, Maryssa Peterson, Tyreka Johnson, Bridgett Bradley, DeDric Johnson, JaVante Young, Dion Washington, Joey Karl, Josie Freeby, Kenneth Tyson. **Row 4:** Kris Scott, Dominique Davis, Jake Barren, Monte Cox, J.P. Holley, Drew Hern, Johnathan Jackson, Julius Ellis, Zachary Povlitzki, Michael Sullivan. **Row 5:** Chase McCleary, James Canada, Michael Waite, Jeremy Walker, Erica Wilson, Anthony Ellingsworth, Camron Callahan, Emily Wilson, Jonathan Walker, Clayton Rhodes, Jared Brailsford, Blaine Edmondson. **Row 6:** Coach Kyle Razak, Coach Rob Marriott, Coach Lew Kasselmann, Head Coach Jim Mitchell.





# Hit, Run, Score!

## Team adjusts to numerous obstacles

It was an up-and-down season for the Bravettes' softball team. For starters, the team had to adjust to an unexpected coaching change and then battled inclement weather almost every week. Despite this, they evolved into a tight-knit family.

"This year's team was awesome," new Head Coach Kara Wardlow said. "Not only were they good athletes, but they were so coachable and an absolute pleasure to work with. They were a great bunch of girls."

All agreed that the team played its best softball at the Turner Invitational on May 9 where they placed third with a 2-1 record.

"We didn't leave as many runners on base, and we got some great, timely hitting," Wardlow said.

This year's team was led mainly by senior Starian Porchia and freshman Breanna Tendick.

"Starian was the physical leader of the team; her athletic ability speaks for itself," Wardlow said. "She led in on base percentage, fielding percentage, and also had the fewest errors on the team."

Tendick had the team's best batting average at .350 and was rock solid defensively as a shortstop.

"Bre only committed four errors with 82 putouts and that is basically unheard of in our conference," Wardlow said. Both Porchia and Tendick were rewarded with all-KVL honors at the end of the season.

"Out of all four years, I think that this team was the closest," Porchia said.



—Erica Smith



**SOFTBALL.** Front Row: Anna Nelson, Nancy DeLeon, Stevi Scott, Kylee Timberlake, Breanna Tendick, Starian Porchia, Kaylie Holloway. Row 2: Kelly Chastain, McKenzie Walters, Paige Hinson, Anna Hutchison, Meghan Miller, Taylor Swan. Row 3: Coach Kara Wardlow, Coach Roger Davidson, Manager Christeen Coon.

**TAKING** aim, junior Kelly Chastain tries to strike out a Piper opponent. "The best part about being the pitcher is helping my team out in more than one way," Chastain said.





**FOCUSING** hard, sophomore Kaylie Holloway gets a hit in a home game against Turner. "The hardest thing about the season was losing a coach in the middle of it and having to work through that as a team," Holloway said.



## Scoreboard

Santa Fe Trail	1-5	2-12
Lansing	0-11	1-6
Bishop Ward	1-10	3-4
Tonganoxie	0-11	2-3
Perry-Lecompton	0-11	6-11
Piper	2-4	3-6
Turner Invitational	3rd	
Basehor	2-10	2-10
Mill Valley	3-17	0-5
Turner	2-11	
Regionals	5-8	

**Softball**

Overall Record 2-19

**HELPING** her team, freshman Kylee Timberlake takes a swing against Basehor at the Field of Dreams. Timberlake drove in two runs with a single to right field in the second inning. "We had to battle through bad weather and injuries, but we kept fighting," said Timberlake, who played third base.



## Senior Spotlight



"I liked the way we came together and played as a team in our last game against Lansing."

—Nancy DeLeon

"I enjoyed team bonding, like the dinners at Jose Peppers."

—Anna Nelson



"My most memorable moment was when the bus left me at the Lansing regional game."

—Starlan Porchia

"My favorite part was playing at the Turner Invitational and taking third."

—Anna Hutchison





## Scoreboard

Mill Valley Tour.	3rd
Maranatha Acad.	5 9
Lawrence	1 11
Mill Valley	1 11
Olathe North	3 9
Bishop Miege	2 7
Lincoln	10 3
Leavenworth Tour.	3rd
SM West	3 6
Regionals	DNP

**Boys Tennis**

*Overall Dual Record 1-6*

**RETURNING** a serve, junior Daniel Hilliard forces a tie-breaker which he won 8-0 at a home junior varsity meet. "My season highlight was when we went to King Buffet after a meet in Lawrence," Hilliard said.



## Q&A

*Cordell Duncan*

**Q: How long have you been playing tennis?**

**A:** "I have been playing tennis since I was a freshman."

**Q: What was the highlight of the season?**

**A:** "The highlight of my season was playing for spots on the ladder."

**Q: Do you have any pre warm-up rituals?**

**A:** "I chug a bottle of water to get me ready to play."

**Q: What did you do to improve your game this year?**

**A:** "I played every weekend with Lucas Isaacs and Santiago Garcia."

**Q: What was your number one goal to accomplish during the season?**

**A:** "My number one goal was to make varsity."

**Q: What do you think was your greatest accomplishment this year?**

**A:** "Getting first place in No. 2 doubles at Leavenworth with Jacob Moulin."

**Q: If you could, what would you change about the season?**

**A:** "I would change it so Moulin and I got to go to regionals."



**HITTING** with force, senior Kaleb Black eyes the ball to return a serve. "My most memorable moment was when we were rocking the van on two wheels my sophomore year," said Black, who finished with a 14-12 record.





# Building for the Future

*Alex Sullivan*

How would you compare this year to past seasons?

"We didn't have a team that was as strong, but we came together and became tighter."

What did you enjoy the most during your senior season?

"Having fun with the guys at practice and yelling at the freshmen."

*Ethan Isaacs*



Young team gets the chance to grow

Although wins were difficult to come by, the boys tennis team stepped up and played to their highest potential.

The team turned in its best performance at the Leavenworth Invitational on April 22, where they placed third out of eight teams. Senior Kaleb Black led the team with a third-place finish in No. 1 singles while sophomores Jacob Moulin and Cordell Duncan captured a championship in No. 2 doubles.

"We really played smart and had a much better net game that day," Duncan said.

The season marked Bill Scott's 30th year as the team's Head Coach. Although there were no state qualifiers for the first time in many years, Scott said the season was a success and provided younger players with the opportunity to develop their game.

In fact, Scott said the play of his junior varsity squad was one of the year's highlights.

"The JV team had a 5-4-1 record and did really well, especially Kevin Beashore, Spencer Bush, and Lucas Isaacs. Overall, it was a great year in spite of the few victories. They were a great bunch of guys to work with," Scott said.

—Emily Herre



**LEFT:** Sophomore Jacob Moulin hits the ball at home against Sumner Academy.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Freshman Spencer Bush returns a serve in the final home meet against Shawnee Mission West. "Getting to play No. 2 doubles at regionals was the highlight of my year," said Bush, a newcomer to tennis.



**BOYS TENNIS. Front Row:** Lucas Isaacs, Alex Sullivan, John Jenkins, Matt Bille, Cordell Duncan, Kaleb Black, Ethan Isaacs, Jacob Moulin. **Row 2:** Jesse Anderson, Santiago Garcia, A.J. Howell, Ryan Cook, Jacob Slattery, Shiloh Anderson, Spencer Bush. **Row 3:** Head Coach Bill Scott, Chris Jenkins, Ted Pauley, Trey May, Tyler Johnson, William Rhodes, Kevin Beashore, Dustin Ross, Daniel Hilliard, Coach Deb Loker.





# Scoreboard

Schlagle	11	1
Turner	0	5
Santa Fe Trail	3	4
Santa Fe Trail	2	3
Lansing	10	11
Lansing	3	11
Perry-Lecompton	16	2
Perry-Lecompton	10	0
Bishop Ward	3	8
Eudora	4	7
Eudora	3	5
Holton	0	1
Tonganoxie	1	11
Basehor	0	10
Piper	10	11
Piper	8	2
Mill Valley	0	10
Mill Valley	5	8
Regionals	1	10

Overall Record 5-16

Baseball



## Q&A

Stephen Call

- Q:** How long have you been playing the game?  
**A:** "I have been playing since I was four, so 14 years altogether."  
**Q:** What is your favorite part about being a catcher?  
**A:** "Being the leader on the field and talking to the umpires."  
**Q:** What do you consider to be the hardest thing about being a catcher?  
**A:** "During batting practice because I don't get to hit as much, I have to catch."  
**Q:** What was your ultimate career highlight?  
**A:** "When I made first all-tournament team at the Butch Foster Classic."  
**Q:** What are your thoughts on this season?  
**A:** "It didn't turn out the way I expected it to, but I had fun. I wish it could have ended a bit better for my final year, but overall it was good for me."  
**Q:** What will you miss most about playing on the high school team?  
**A:** "All of the bus rides to the away games and of course Coach Foster."

**AFTER** a successful home run by senior Chris Smith, the Braves huddle up to celebrate. Smith finished his senior year with a .268 batting average. **FAR RIGHT:** Laying down a bunt, senior Luke Terrell does his best to advance a runner. A four-year competitor, Terrell finished his final season with 12 singles and two doubles.

**READY** to apply the tag, senior first baseman Austin Anderson and sophomore Dalton Vitt protect the bases in an away game at Bishop Ward. **REARING** back, senior Chance Crawford aims for the strike zone in a home game. Crawford finished his senior year with a 2-3 record and 29 strikeouts.



**SWINGING** away, sophomore Dalton Vitt gets a piece of the ball. "I think about my last at bat and the pitches I was given and concentrate on the situation that we are in when I am up to bat," Vitt said.





# For the love of the game

## Strong group of seniors lead the way

If you wanted to sum up the 2009 season for the Braves' baseball team in just one word, it would be "tough."

Even though they had a strong group of six experienced seniors leading the way, the Braves found themselves battling game after game in a five-win season.

"We played a lot better than our record showed," Head Coach Rick Moulin said. "We lost several games by one run."

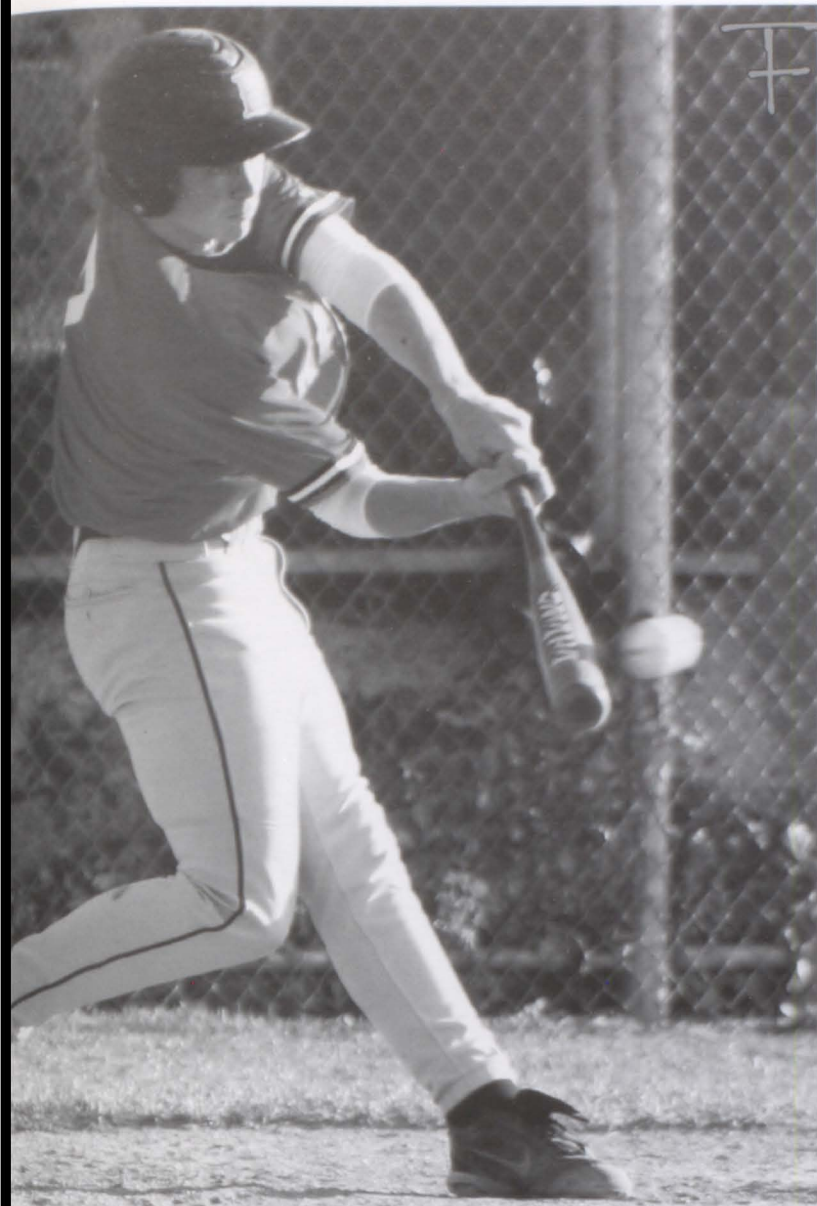
Moulin said the team played its best baseball at the Butch Foster Memorial Classic held at the Community America ballpark. The Braves opened the tournament with a tough, one-run loss to Holton and then lost to Tonganoxie in the second round. Hungry for a win, the Braves faced Perry-Lecompton and came away with an impressive 10-0 win behind a no-hitter from senior Chance Crawford. Crawford and fellow senior Luke Terrell were both named to the all-tournament team for their strong play.

In terms of highlights, Moulin said it was a thrill to see Chance Crawford break the school record for stolen bases with 36.

The season had a bittersweet ending as it represented the end of Moulin's career as the Braves' head coach.

"I will miss the relationships that I built with this great group of guys. They were fun to coach, and I know they will be successful in life and not just in baseball," Moulin said.

—Lynsey Ostman



**BASEBALL. Front Row:** Stephen Call, Kyle Day, Isaac Mills, Brian Callahan, Corey Sanborn, Joey Robertson, Dalton Vitt, Manager Michael Walker. **Row 2:** Luke Terrell, Austin Anderson, Ryan Morris, Head Coach Rick Moulin, Brandon Eastland, Chris Smith, Chance Crawford.





# Changing the Pace

*Big surprise from hard-working team*

Expectations were shattered this season when the Bravettes' soccer team tripled their number of wins since the program's creation three years ago.

This success can be attributed to the team's experience, but also to the contribution of new players. Seven lettermen from this season had never played high school soccer before.

"We had more athletic talent this season, and it really helped our team that so many girls chose to play soccer," team co-captain Cali Hackney said.

The main highlight of the season came after a 3-0 defeat of Tonganoxie, which sparked a five-game winning streak.

"I think the win against Tongie was a turning point. We showed ourselves that we could win," Head Coach Mike Moulin said.

With such a significant jump in performance, the future of the program looks very bright; several freshman lettered this season and their experience should contribute next year.

"I think this team worked very well together and that was largely due to everyone's unselfishness. Whether it was offense or defense, everyone was willing to play the position they were best at. This is a team sport, and we played as a team," Moulin said.

—Jake Barren



**LAUNCHING** a corner kick, senior Cali Hackney puts the ball into play. "As the season went on, we realized what to do in game situations, and we started performing better," Hackney said. **CHANGING** direction, freshman Yessenia Hernandez takes the ball across the field. Hernandez contributed greatly to the team in her first season on the soccer team.



**FIGHTING** for ball control, junior Tessa Seaton bodies up to her DeSoto opponent. Seaton was the team's leading scorer this season with eight goals.



**Girls Soccer. Front Row:** Krystal Stanton, Tessa Seaton, Madison Morris, Vanessa Lugo, Jessica Duckworth, Amber Barnes, Harley Ruzsala. **Row 2:** Lauren Callahan, Tera Isenhour, Morgan Storey, Tiffanie Burgoon, Julia Glenn, Cali Hackney, Alexis Clark, Mikayla Burgoon. **Row 3:** Coach Russell Swisher, Kelsey Bennett Lynsey Ostman, Meg Fowler, Alex Argudo, Olivia Waltermann, Lindsay Hunt, Chelsea Crawford, Head Coach Mike Moulin.





# Scoreboard

Tonganoxie	0	3
Gardner	0	8
Ottawa	3	2
K.C. Christian	0	1
Schlagle	10	0
Lansing	0	5
Maranatha	1	0
Tonganoxie	3	0
Basehor	4	0
Wyandotte	11	1
Piper	4	3
Bishop Ward	6	1
Immaculata	0	6
Spring Hill	2	3
DeSoto	5	0
Mill Valley	3	0
Tonganoxie	2	0
St. Thomas Aquinas	0	10

Overall Record 9-9

**Girl's Soccer**



**WORKING** around her opponent, senior Amber Barnes (above) helps lead her team to a victory against Tonganoxie. Barnes was one of six seniors on the team.



**WEAVING** her way through two defenders, junior Alex Argudo pushes the ball up the field. Argudo earned first team All-KVL honors for her strong play at the end of the season. **PLAYING** solid defense, senior Krystal Stanton stops her Immaculata opponent from advancing down the field. "Krystal was an exceptional example of a senior leader," Head Coach Mike Moulin said. **WITH** her eyes on the ball, sophomore Chelsea Crawford (top right) prepares to kick it to safety at a home game.





# Swinging for Par

## Team steps up to qualify for state

Led by freshman Parker Miller, the boys golf team did something they hadn't done for a very long time: they qualified for the state meet in Emporia.



"We started doing better as a team late in the season and we had the opportunity to go to state, so they all stepped it up and played their best to make it there," Head Coach Jacob Beck said.

Miller led the Braves at state with a 77, good for 30th place, while senior Steven Shores fired an 80.

"It was an awesome experience," Miller said. "All of the regional champions got to lead the pack in the last group, so it was amazing to be with them. For my first time at state, I was pleased with my performance."

The Braves' journey to state came after a stellar performance at the regional tournament, which was held on their own home course at Sunflower Hills. Miller shot a 76 to capture his first championship of the season, and the rest of the rest of team (Shores, Blake McMahon, Logan Opat, Jonathan Price, and Steven Walker) stepped up to place third and earn a coveted trip to state.

"Parker is mature beyond his age," Beck said. "He is very coachable and sets a wonderful example for his teammates. His demeanor kept the rest of the team calm in tournaments."

—Cali Hackney



Ready,  
aim,  
fire!



**LINING** his body up with the ball, freshman Logan Opat gets ready to putt at Sunflower Hills. Opat's best round of golf came at the Atchison Invitational where he shot an 86.

**AFTER** placing his ball at the marker, freshman Ethan Hook grips his putter with both hands. "It was a new sport to me, and I enjoyed it very much," Hook said. "I really liked the team aspect of golf."



**RETRIEVING** the ball, junior Steven Walker secures himself with his putter.

**CROUCHING** down a little bit, freshman Shane Crosby gets ready to tap the ball at a home junior varsity meet. "One of the things I learned this season is that putting is all about relaxing and concentration," Crosby said.







**SETTING** the ball back in place, freshman Parker Miller studies the green before putting. "Sycamore Ridge in Spring Hill was my favorite course because it is difficult and is very appealing to the eye," Miller said.



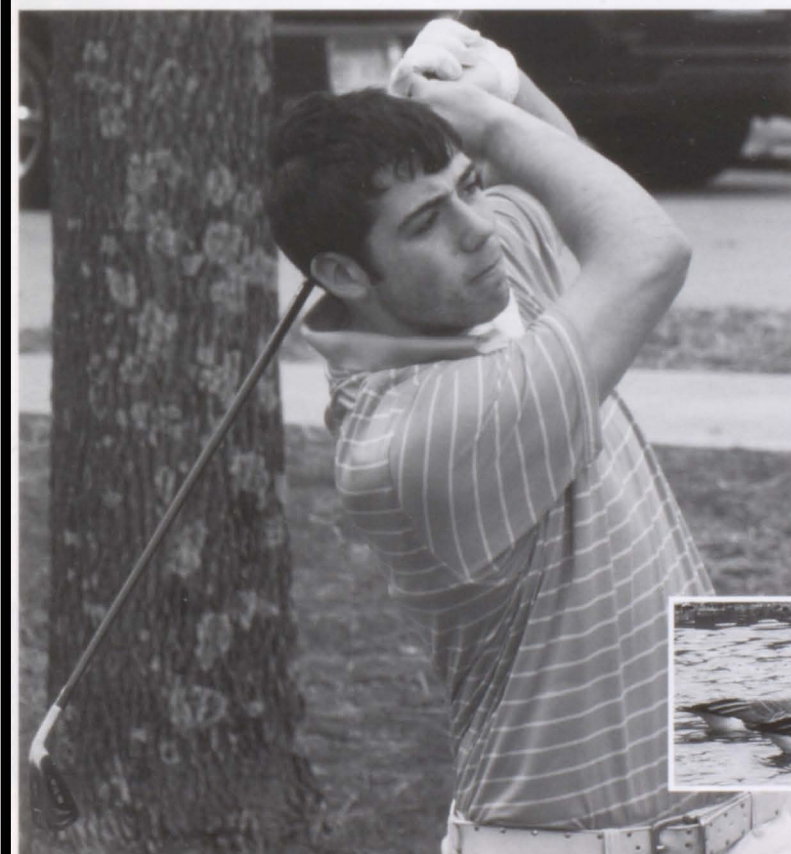
**TAKING** aim, senior Stephen Shores prepares to take a shot at the Sunflower Classic. Shores finished the season with an 84.6 stroke average and a trip to state. "It was fun to get to go to state with the whole team," Shores said. "I really enjoyed the course and the competitive atmosphere there."



### Scoreboard

Sunflower Classic	3rd
Mill Valley Inv.	3rd
Wyco Tourney	3rd
Lansing Inv.	10th
Atchison Inv.	4th
Piper Inv.	3rd
KVL	4th
Regionals	3rd
State	12th

**Golf**



**GOLF.** Front Row: Collin Henry, Stephen Shores, Parker Miller, Ethan Hook, Blake McMahon. Row 2: Shane Crosby, Jonathan Price, Logan Opat, Alan Smith, Steven Walker, Head Coach Jacob Beck.

**PERFECTING** his stroke, junior Steven Walker practices before the Sunflower Invitational on April 4. Walker fired a 92 to place 10th.





# Powerlifting Team

Braves return from state well-decorated, send two to Nationals

In the program's third year, the Braves' powerlifting team mirrored the success of previous seasons.

As an alternative to other winter sports, powerlifting, or competitive weight lifting, offers students a chance to increase their overall athletic performance by growing bigger, stronger and faster.

The powerlifting team travels across the country annually to compete in sanctioned USA Powerlifting meets in order to qualify for the high school national competition.

After sending eight lifters to the Ozark Open in St. Louis, the Braves returned five individuals with first-place finishes and took first place as a team.

Junior Clarence Forshey and senior Julia Glenn qualified for national competition at the Ozark Open. They then traveled to Killeen, Texas, to compete against some of the best lifters in the country.

"This achievement required incredible dedication," said sponsor Justin Howe.

- Jake Barren



Squat

Bench Press

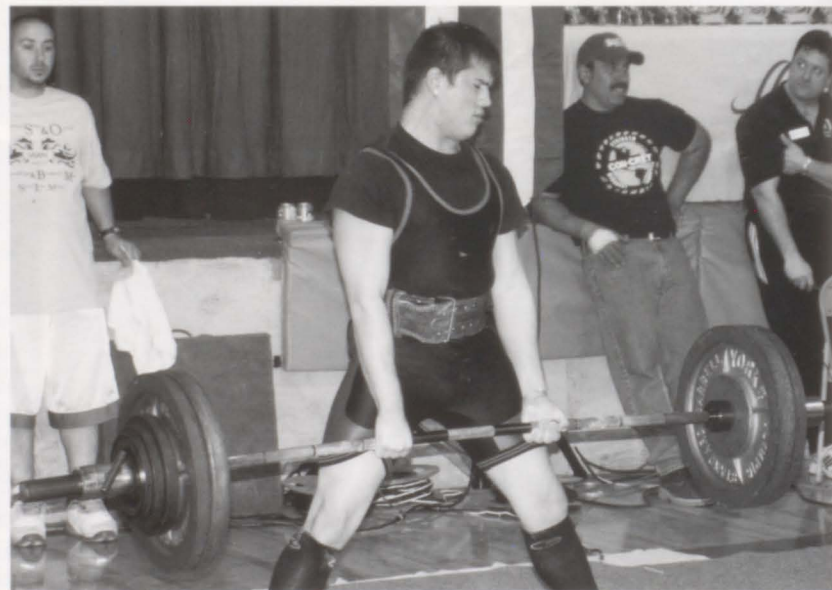
Deadlift

## How It Works

Most powerlifting meets run in the same fashion; competition starts with the squat, followed by the bench press, and concludes with deadlift. Competitors are allowed three attempts at each lift, but if they fail at one attempt, they cannot try a lighter weight. The category in which you lift is determined by body weight, and the lighter weight classes lift first.

Each lift is completed by flights, much like in track. Twelve or 15 lifters will complete all three attempts of one lift in the same flight, making it easier on competitors when warm up.

When lifting is complete, the maximum completed attempt from each lift is added together, giving each lifter a total, which is used to rank the competitors.



**FLEXED** in a locked-out position, junior Clarence Forshey deadlifts 200 kilograms or 440 pounds. "I'm proud of the way I came in from wrestling season and still qualified for nationals," Forshey said. "I hadn't lifted for months before the meet." **AWAITING** the judge's signal, senior Julia Glenn prepares for her first squat attempt. Glenn was the first Bravette to qualify for Nationals.





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## Starlan Porchia SENIOR



**Sports:** Volleyball, basketball, and softball.  
**Most memorable moment:** "The game against Tonganoxie when I had two diving catches, and we got a double play because the girl thought I dropped it."  
**Favorite famous athlete:** Candice Parker  
**Favorite college team:** University of Oklahoma women's softball team  
**Favorite Quote:** "Basketball is like ballet going full speed with a ball."

## James Canada SENIOR



**Sports:** Football, swimming, powerlifting, and track.  
**Most memorable moment:** "Every football game, playing with my fellow senior teammates since I have been here at Bonner."  
**Favorite famous athlete:** James Laurinaitis  
**Favorite college team:** University of Oklahoma  
**Favorite Quote:** "May God have mercy on all my enemies because I won't."

## Ryan Morris JUNIOR



**Sports:** Football, basketball, and baseball.  
**Most memorable moment:** "Getting lit up by tackles in every football practice this season."  
**Favorite famous athlete:** Alexander Rodriguez (A-Rod)  
**Favorite team:** Kansas City Royals (MLB)  
**Favorite Quote:** "Good guys are a dime a dozen, but an aggressive leader is priceless."

## Josephine Freeby SOPHOMORE



**Sports:** Volleyball, basketball, and track.  
**Most memorable moment:** "When I broke my wrist in basketball and the first game I played after the injury I scored the first 7 points of the game."  
**Favorite famous athlete:** Cole Aldrich  
**Favorite college team:** KU men's basketball team  
**Favorite Quote:** "Never look down on anyone unless your helping them up."

## Yessenia Hernandez FRESHMAN



**Sports:** Basketball and soccer.  
**Most memorable moment:** "During the soccer season when we were playing Basehor, and I scored my first goal."  
**Favorite famous athlete:** Kevin Garnett  
**Favorite team:** Denver Nuggets (NBA)  
**Favorite Quote:** "The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender."

## Drew Hern FRESHMAN



**Sports:** Football, swimming, and track.  
**Most memorable moment:** "When the freshman football team came back won the Mill Valley game."  
**Favorite famous athlete:** Michael Jordan  
**Favorite team:** St. Louis Cardinals (MLB)  
**Favorite Quote:** "Don't be afraid to stick it to the man."





## Freshman Football 6-1



**Front Row:** Austin Travis, Jourdain Smallwood, Trey May, Jordan Carter, Hector Flores, Chase Galvan. **Row 2:** Nicholas Franchett, Jose Contreras, JaVante Young, Gary Knight, Chris Appel, Steve Williams, Dallas Keller. **Row 3:** Kenneth Tyson, Kristopher Scott, Jake Nairn, Aaron Rudolph, Chase McCleary, Monte Cox, Joseph Mills, Ethan Hook. **Row 4:** Coach Beau Bragg, Ricardo Urriola, Michael Waite, Devon Schubert, Drew Hern, Coach Ken Nelson.

## JV Soccer 10-4-1



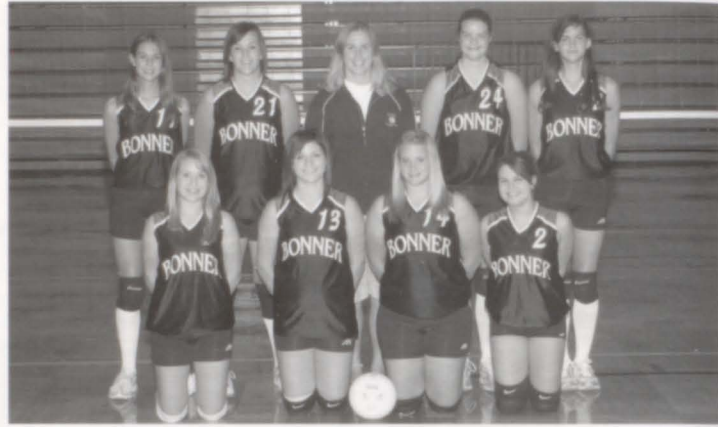
**Front Row:** Caleb Seaton, Tharavin Khiev, Cristhian Solis, Ricardo Diaz, Santiago Garcia. **Row 2:** Austin Epp, Parker Miller, Blaine Lewis, Noah Monroy, Blake McMahon, Cody Miller. **Row 3:** Head Coach Mike Moulin, Brett Steuart, Blaine Edmondson, Michael Saldivar, Assistant Coach Russell Swisher.

## JV Volleyball 5-21



**Front Row:** Kaylie Holloway, Taylor Swan, Carli Turner, Miranda Hackney, Kaleigh Crider, Alyssa Scott. **Row 2:** Taelor Falconer, Madison Scott, Coach Mendy Brents, MacKenzie Anderson, Josephine Freeby.

## Freshman Volleyball 15-12-3



**Front Row:** Katelyn Smith, Megan Scott, Kylee Timberlake, Bobbi Allred. **Row 2:** Maryssa Peterson, Erin Marx, Coach Heather Campbell, Erica Wilson, Emily Wilson.

## JV Basketball 9-7



**Front Row:** Irene Crump. **Row 2:** Kaleigh Crider, Josie Freeby, Megan Scott, Alexis Clark. **Row 3:** Erin Marx, Erica Wilson, Coach Nick Shooster, Emily Wilson, Katie Ellingsworth.

## Freshman Basketball 13-4



**Front Row:** Manager April Umbenhower, Kelin Woolridge, RaShod McGee, Austin Powers, Parker Miller, Camden Barker, Jourdain Smallwood, Manager Kaleb Kivett. **Row 2:** DeDric Johnson, Sergio Valenzuela, Johnathan Jackson, Brett Steuart, Monte Cox, Joseph Dooley, Steve Williams.



## Freshman Basketball 6-12



**Front Row:** Bobbi Allred, Tee'a McGee, Stephanie Sutton, Alexandria Lies. **Row 2:** Tyreka Johnson, Megan Scott, Erica Wilson, Maryssa Peterson, Jessica Duckworth.

## JV Soccer 5-2-4



**Front Row:** Haley Mostar, Courtney Brouhard, Mikayla Burgoon, Makayla Mefferd, Allie Twombly, Miriah Bailey. **Row 2:** Madison Morris, Jessica Duckworth, April Umbenhowe, Alyssa Scott, Cinthia Ebertz, Yessenia Hernandez. **Row 3:** Coach Russell Swisher, Samee Sprenkle, Lauren Callahan, Jessie Kelly, Emily Hunt, Lauren Groves, Head Coach Mike Moulin.

## JV Baseball 7-9



**Front Row:** Tony Sanchez, Dallas Keller, Jordan MacDonald, Austin Epp, Jairo Diaz, Austin Clouse. **Row 2:** Brett Hammons, Luke Porras, Shawn Jones, Gonzalo Pichardo, Tyson Maples, Joseph Dooley. **Row 3:** Jordan Kelly, Tyler Dubin, Coach Barry Richards, Sergio Valenzuela, Christopher Stites.

## JV Softball 1-18



**Front Row:** Jessica Mitchell, Melissa Cisneros, Renee Dumler, Hannah Messer, Amber Stephens, Donna Billington. **Row 2:** Amanda Puckett, Kaleigh Crider, Emily Randolph, Emily Pyles, Sabrina Adkins. **Row 3:** Coach Roger Davidson, Coach Kara Wardlow, Coach Amy Trig, Manager Ashley Muldoon.

## Fall Honors:

**FOOTBALL. Jonathan Walker:** Team MVP Award, Team Offensive Award, First-Team Defensive All-KVL, Second-Team Defense All-KVL, Wichita Eagle, Topeka Capital Journal, All-State, Defensive Back. **Jake Barren:** Second-Team Offense All-KVL, Honorable Mention Defense All-KVL. **Jeremy Walker:** Team Big Hit Award, Second-Team Offense All-KVL, Honorable Mention Defense All-KVL. **Max Barren:** Team Defensive Player Award, Honorable Mention Defense All-KVL. **BOYS SOCCER. Alex Soto:** First-Team All-KVL. **Garrett Parker:** Second-Team All-KVL. **VOLLEYBALL. Amber Barnes:** Team Defensive Player of the Year, Team Newcomer of the Year, Honorable Mention All-KVL. **Starian Porchia:** Team MVP, Team Offensive Player of the Year. **Chelsea Crawford:** Team Offensive Player of the Year, Team Most Inspirational. **Cali Hackney:** Team Most Improved. **CROSS COUNTRY. Brooks Ballou:** Honorable Mention All-Metro, First-Team All-State, First-Team All-KVL, First-Team Regional. **Isaac Mills:** First-Team All-KVL, First-Team Regional. **Bryce Peterson:** Second-Team All-KVL.

## Winter Honors:

**BOYS BASKETBALL. Jared Brailsford:** All-Tournament Team Baldwin Invitational. **GIRLS BASKETBALL. Lynsey Ostman:** Honorable Mention All-KVL. **WRESTLING. Brooks Ballou:** Honorable Mention All-Wyco. **Brian Callahan:** First-Team All-Wyco. **Anthony Ellingsworth:** Second-Team All-Wyco. **Tanner McCleary:** Second-Team Academic All-State, First-Team All-Wyco, First-Team All-KVL, Third All-State. **Caleb Seaton:** First-Team All-Wyco, Second Team All-KVL, Fourth All-State. **Adam Shirley:** First-Team Academic All-State, Second-Team All-Wyco. **BOYS SWIMMING. Matthew Bille:** Leadership and Integrity Award, Honorable Mention ICSC 400-Yard Freestyle Relay. **Tyler Dubin:** Honorable Mention ICSC 200-Yard Freestyle; Honorable Mention ICSC 400-Yard Freestyle Relay. **Ryan Holcomb:** Honorable Mention ICSC 400-Yard Freestyle Relay. **Blaine Edmondson:** Second-Team ICSC 500-Yard Freestyle, Honorable Mention ICSC 400-Yard Freestyle Relay. **Alex Sullivan:** NAI A Champion of Character Award, Honored as first swimmer in school history to swim "Iron Man."

## Spring Honors:

**BASEBALL. Brian Callahan:** First-Team All-KVL, outfield. **Chance Crawford:** First-Team All-KVL, infield; Butch Foster Memorial Baseball Classic All-Tournament Team. **Luke Terrell:** Butch Foster Memorial Baseball Classic All-Tournament Team. **SOFTBALL. Starian Porchia:** First-Team All-KVL, Team Most Valuable Player, Team Braves Award. **Breanna Tendick:** Honorable Mention All-KVL, Team Offensive Player Award Team Defensive Player. **Kylee Timberlake:** Team Best Newcomer. **Kelly Chastain:** Team Most Improved. **GIRLS SOCCER. Alex Argudo:** First-Team All-KVL, forward. **Cali Hackney:** First-Team All-KVL, mid-field. **Krystal Stanton:** First-Team All-KVL, defense. **Amber Barnes:** Second-Team All-KVL, utility. **Tiffanie Burgoon:** Second-Team All-KVL, goalkeeper.



**WATCHING** the crowd, senior Amber Barnes thinks back on all her memories since freshman year. "I always loved the team dinners because we would come together and enjoy ourselves as a team," Barnes said. **LOOKING** at the next senior coming towards them, seniors Kathryn Christwell, left, and Tiara Jones reflect on their time cheering in the District PE Center.



# Senior Night Memories...

*The last home game we will ever play*

The last home game for every sport is considered a Senior Night—a special night where the team shows their appreciation to the seniors by playing their best.

"You want your seniors to go out with a bang, so you want to play hard for them and you would want someone to do the same for you," junior Lynsey Ostman said.



Senior Night traditions vary from sport to sport. For example, the girls basketball and volleyball teams usually get together the night before and make little gift bags for all the seniors on the team.

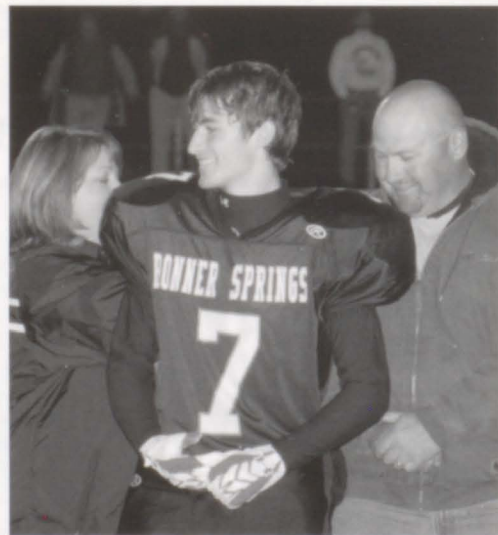
"I liked making gifts for the seniors because it showed our appreciation for them and how much we are going to miss them next year," junior Meg Fowler said.

The Booster Club started a new tradition this year which included the purchase and presentation of senior banners. The banners hung in front of all the fans at every home game and when the season was over they were displayed at the District PE Center and presented to the seniors at the first annual Varsity Awards Banquet.

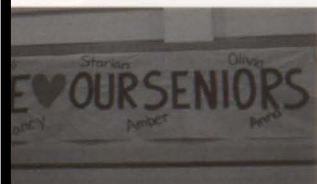
"I liked the senior banners because they recognized all senior athletes no matter if they were on varsity or not," senior Alex Sullivan said.

—Cali Hackney

**STANDING** in front of his parents, Kristy and Jeff, senior Chris Smith enjoys his last home football game against Shawnee Heights. "Senior Night was awesome. It was our night, and no one could take it away from us," Smith said.



**SEEKING** her mother's eyes, senior Anna Hutchison smiles with joy in the last few moments of Senior Night recognition. Seniors who had participated in basketball, band, dance and cheerleading were honored during halftime of the Courtwarming game against Mill Valley. **PROUDLY** standing with his parents, David and Lisa, senior Luke Terrell enjoys his final home basketball game. "I thought it was a great atmosphere for the seniors to go out with, but I was sad to play my last game with my senior teammates," Terrell said.





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Starian Porchia & Katrina Rollins

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Coming in during the summer to finish pages isn't the easiest thing to do for normal high school students, but for this yearbook staff it wasn't a problem at all. I couldn't have asked for better dedication this year, especially from the sports section (**Cali, Jake, Emily, Lynsey, and Erica**) who were willing to come in, with a little bribery of food from Mrs. Holder, of course! In the beginning of the year, when the theme was decided and the strip of pictures was agreed upon, the whole staff knew we would need dedication from everyone to get enough pictures. A big thanks goes to **Meg Fowler** for organizing the weekly photo schedule and to **Jake Barren** for organizing all of our many photos so efficiently. A big thank you to all staff members who gave up their free time to cover sporting events and other activities. Another huge thanks goes to **Sandra Gomez** and **Alyssa Leihnsing** for an incredible job on all the ads. Thanks to **Anna** and **Kaylie** for doing all the "sweatshop" work like the names book and all of the panels. Thank you **Erika Busch** for all the times you took pictures when no one else could; we couldn't have made it without you! **J.P.** and **Matt:** Thanks for actually finishing your pages and for taking pictures when needed. **Bailey, Andrea, and Jessica:** You brought a new look to your section and always led the way by always finishing your pages early. Another thanks goes out to **Kaley** and **Shelby** for your commitment to creating a more reader-friendly section. (Kaley, thanks so very much for volunteering to do the index; it's a time-consuming and thankless job.) **Cali**, we've been in yearbook together for the past two years together and even though we couldn't escape the end of this year with a trip to Europe, it actually wasn't too bad. You have always provided me with a joke during the stressful deadlines; thank you so much. Lastly, a huge thanks to the one and only **Mama Holder** for providing the food and a random funny moment at the weirdest times as well as for never pulling out all of your hair with all of our great stories we made about you. Honestly, I think that other yearbook staffs are jealous that they don't have a look alike of **Ellen DeGeneres** as their yearbook adviser, but seriously thanks for everything you do. Finally, a great big giant thanks to the whole yearbook staff for your dedication and hard work this year; I couldn't have asked for a better staff.

—Your best friend and editor, Nancy DeLeon





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# Cali Hackney



Cali:

We are so proud of you. Your determination and willpower will take you anywhere you choose. Keep your faith and high standards. You are a girl with goals.

We love you,  
Mom, Maggie & Miranda



# Luke Terrell



Luke,

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments! You are an amazing young man. You are such a joy in our life. Keep up the hard work, and you can accomplish anything you set your mind too!

We love you.  
Congratulations!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Logan & Chase

# Alex Sullivan



Alex,

You truly possess all the traits that make a fine young man. Thank you for sharing your love of life and your gift of humor. We love you so much and are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad & Taryn

# Katrina Rollins



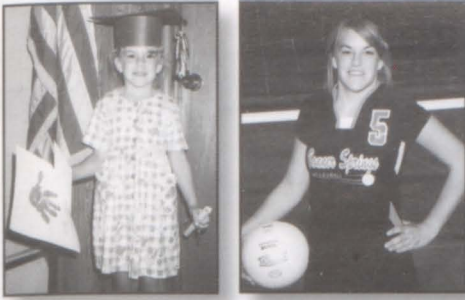
Katrina,

From the day you were born, you have brought so much joy to our lives. You have grown into such a lovely lady and we are so proud of you. Keep your faith in the Lord and continue making the right choices.

We love you  
Mom, Dad & Bubba



# Anna Nelson



Anna,  
 You are one amazing young lady! You have accomplished great things and we expect to see many more! We are so proud of you!  
 We love you!  
 Mom, Dad, Jacob and Emily

# Jaclyn Lira

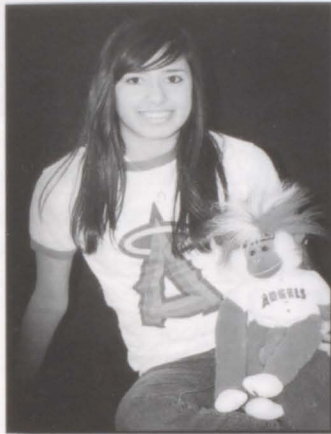
Jaclyn,  
 You will always be "my brown-eyed girl."

"In my daughter's eyes  
 Everyone is equal  
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 And the world is at peace  
 This miracle God gave to me  
 Gives me strength when I'm weak  
 I find reason to believe  
 In my daughter's eyes."

Love,  
 Mom



# Nancy DeLeon



Nancy,  
 Que dios te ilumine y te de vida y salud y la fuerza para seguir adelante en la vida. Tus padres siempre van a estar para ayudarte, estamos muy orgullosos de ti. Siempre vas a ser nuestra vida niña chiquita.

Tus padres,  
 Gustavo y Tomasa



# Layna Ragland



"You have brains in your head,  
 you have feet in your shoes,  
 you can steer yourself  
 any direction you choose."

—Dr. Seuss

We love you,  
 Mom & Bink

# Seria Homes

Seria,  
 We are very proud of you and love you very much. We wish you the best of luck in whatever you do.

We will always be here for you.

Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Bryant





# Starian Porchia



Starian,  
I'm so proud of your many achievements and the strong, compassionate, and loving young woman you've become. Keep focused on your goals for the future and continue to believe in yourself. Thank you for the many, many joys you've brought to my life.



I love you,  
Mom

# Isaac Mills



Isaac,

You can never reach your potential by making excuses and taking shortcuts; the best path towards success is through hard work. You've always worked hard, so don't stop reaching for your goals.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Erin

# Nicole Pittinghouse



Nikki,  
From the day you were born you have been a beautiful part of our family. As you have grown you have become a beautiful addition to the world. We are so proud of the person you are. Always follow your heart. We love you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Brad and  
Bridget

# James Paul Holley III



J.P.  
Our hearts are soaring with pride as we watch you grow into an amazing young man. You have overcome so many obstacles and surpassed every milestone set by others. Keep believing in yourself knowing we believe in you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad & Sean

You have and always will be one of my greatest teachers. Thank you for being my son!

Love,  
Mom



# Monica E. Sorensen



Monica,  
 Congratulations!  
 You are simply a joy!  
 There are so many words to describe you: amazing, bright, caring, wise, fun, powerful, special, a true blessing. Keep being you!  
 We wish you only the best! "GO BIG RED"



Love,  
 Mom & Dad, Bret & Sara

# Nathaniel Lloyd



Nate,  
 I am so very proud of you and your adult decision to join the Army to serve our country. This will be a great adventure! Remember – take advantage of all your opportunities.

Love,  
 Mom

# Cara Jean Doe

Cara,  
 You have grown into a wonderful young woman. We are very proud of everything you do. Follow your heart and do great things. You are our life, our everything...



Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Ryan & Abbi

# Sandy Gomez



Sandy,  
 Felicidades por siempre ser muy estudiosa, con esfuerzo as podido sacar tus estudios adelante y ojala que así sigas siempre. Que Dios te bendiga, te deseamos lo mejor y te queremos mucho,  
 Tus Padres, Edgar & Bryant



# JAMES EDWARD CANADA

*We are all so proud of you and the man you have become. You have given us many memories that we will always be able to look back on and smile. Good luck with whatever road you decide to take. We're sure you'll be successful.*

*Dad and Aimee*                      **WE LOVE YOU!!!**                      *Mom and Rob*



# Meghan Miller



Meghan,

You came into our world as a bubbly blue-eyed brunette, and filled our world with laughter and love. You light up a room when you enter it and have always been our jewel. Our wish for you is a future that holds much health, happiness and joy.

Love, Mom, Dad and Sara

# Zach Dean



Zach —  
You have been a complete joy and we want you to know how proud we are of you. You have an amazing personality, so let it always shine. Listen to your heart as God speaks to you and you will accomplish your dreams.

We love you very much,  
Mom and Grams



# Erika Busch

Erika:

You are the inspiration in our lives. Always being yourself: Strong, bold and outspoken. The smile you give: Mischievous but beautiful. Your love for challenges: Settle for only the best.

Life has a lot to offer you!

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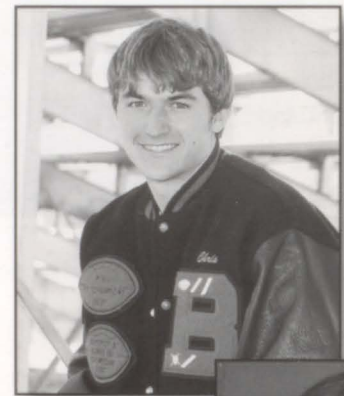
Love you: WE ALL DO

"Live the moment."

Dad, Mom, Nikki



# Christopher Smith



Chris,

We have cherished every moment of your life so far and are excited to see what the future brings as you start the next step in your journey. We wish you happiness, success and much love in your life. We love you!

Dad, Mom, Katelyn and  
Grandma and Grandpa Adkins

# Cori Stapleton



Cori,

Childhood passed too quickly but the memories last forever. You're a beautiful young woman inside and out and we are so proud of you. Be true to yourself. Keep your beautiful smile and your eyes always on God, and He will bless your future.



Love,

Mom, Dad and Cody



# Adam Knight



Adam,

I used to call you my little man, and now you are all grown up. I am so honored and blessed to be your mom. I could not ask for a more honest, considerate, kind, and loving son. I see a lot of Grandpa in you. You bring joy to your family. May the force be with you.

Love,  
Mom



# Ashlee Harding



Ashlee,

You are a strong and beautiful young lady that I am proud to call my daughter. I hope you find much happiness in life and may all your dreams come true.

We love you always,  
Mom & Dad



# Kaley Withers

"Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than one with all the facts."

Kaley, Congratulations!!  
You did it! I'm so proud of you!

Love,  
Mom



# Hannah Burgess

We have enjoyed watching you grow into the beautiful and strong Christian woman you have become. Continue to be strong in your faith and let it lead you. Our prayer is that you will find much love and happiness as you begin following your dreams. You mean the world to us. We are very proud of you.

All our love,  
Dad, Mom and Lee





# Matthew Bille



Matthew,

Your kind heart, free spirit, and great sense of humor have made you a true "Gift from God." You are destined for greatness. Always remember we are here for you.

All our love,  
Mom, Dad, and Michael

# Chance Crawford



On the day you were born, we couldn't even imagine the experiences we'd share with you.

You've exceeded our hopes and our dreams, and we know that you will continue to shine in the years to come.

We're very proud of you.  
Love, Mom and Dad



# Tanner McCleary



Tanner,

Wow! What a wonderful journey it has been to watch you grow from an adorable little boy into the delightful young man you are today. As your journey through life continues, set your goals high and follow your dreams. I wish you much love, happiness and success.

Love,  
Mamma



# Alexis Christine Crumrine



"I did not plant you, true, but when the season is done, when the alternate prayers for sun and for rain are counted, when the pain of weeding and the pride of watching are through, then I will hold you high, a shining sheaf above the thousand seeds grown wild. Not my planting but, by heaven, my harvest, my child."

—Judge John Steketee

Alexis, today as you graduate, I celebrate you for the beautiful young woman you have become. I am so proud of how you have handled the challenges in your life. Stay focused on your goals in life, give it your best effort and enjoy the journey.

Love, Mom





# Congratulations Class of 2009!



## Kasey Stirling



Kasey:

Your passion for life is so exciting for us to watch. Your creativity knows no bounds. We are so proud of the young woman you have become. We know that with your drive and determination all your dreams will come true.

We love you!  
Love,

Dad, Mom, Bobby, Collin, Shawn, and Dalton



## Kathryn Christwell



Kathryn,

We are so proud of you, you have worked hard to accomplish all of your goals. Keep God 1st in your life, and everything will be added to you.

Congratulations,

Mom, Dad, Regina, Mark, Sedric Sr., Rosie, Davion, Jalen, Sedric Jr., Cecil III, Kenya, Cecil IV

**Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)**

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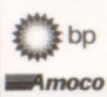
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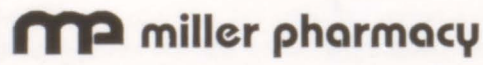


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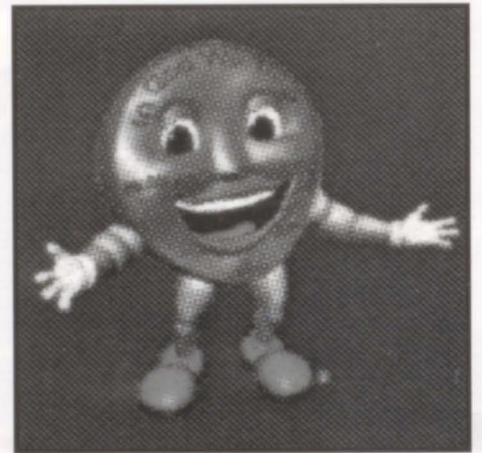
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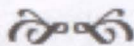
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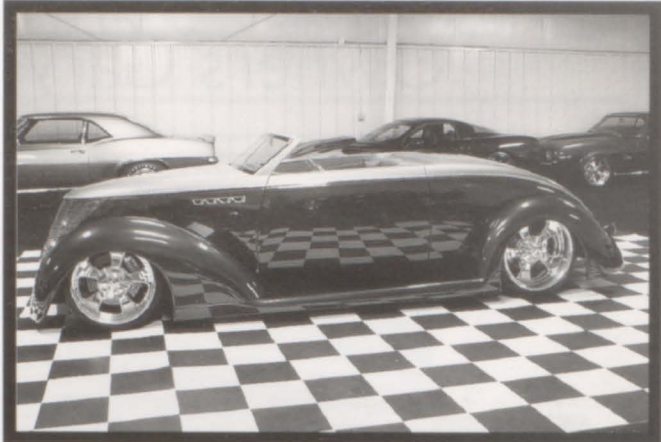
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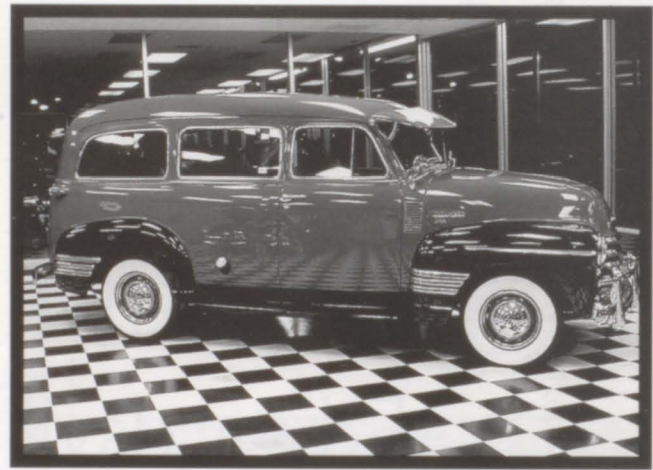
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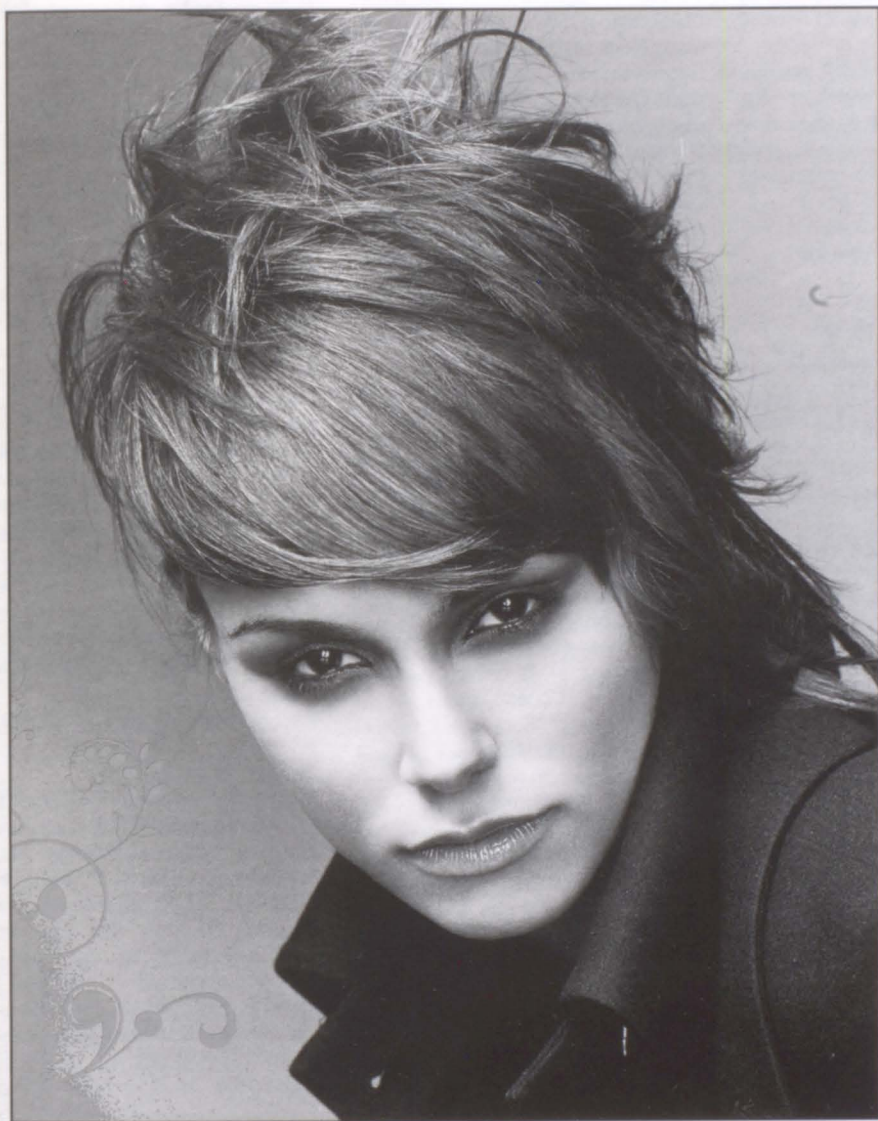
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Maybe the connection  
came during  
Powder Puff...



**SENIORS** Nikki Rittinghouse and Meghan Miller (top) await the start of their final Powder Puff game while senior cheerleaders Alex Sullivan, Austin Anderson, Chance Crawford, Brandon Mills, and Zach Dean (left) get ready to dazzle the crowd.

Or maybe it came  
when you shared a class...



**WHILE** studying the sine function in Pre-Calculus, junior David Katosh and Jaclyn Lira extend their knowledge in the "Bottle Project." **TEAMING** up, juniors Katie Lansdown, left, and Amanda Puckett participate in a dissection lab in Biology II.





Or possibly you felt a bond when you teamed up with others to meet a common goal...



**ALONG** with other selected art students, senior Katrina Stogner paints an Oak Street storefront in preparation for Marble Days. **PICKING** up trash, juniors Tessa Seaton and Bailey Nairn work together during a large group project for NHS.



Or perhaps you banded together while competing...

Or maybe you didn't even make the connection until it was almost too late...





But no matter what, there is no denying that we are all—in some way or another—united, linked, unified, enjoined, bonded, **CONNECTED.**

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