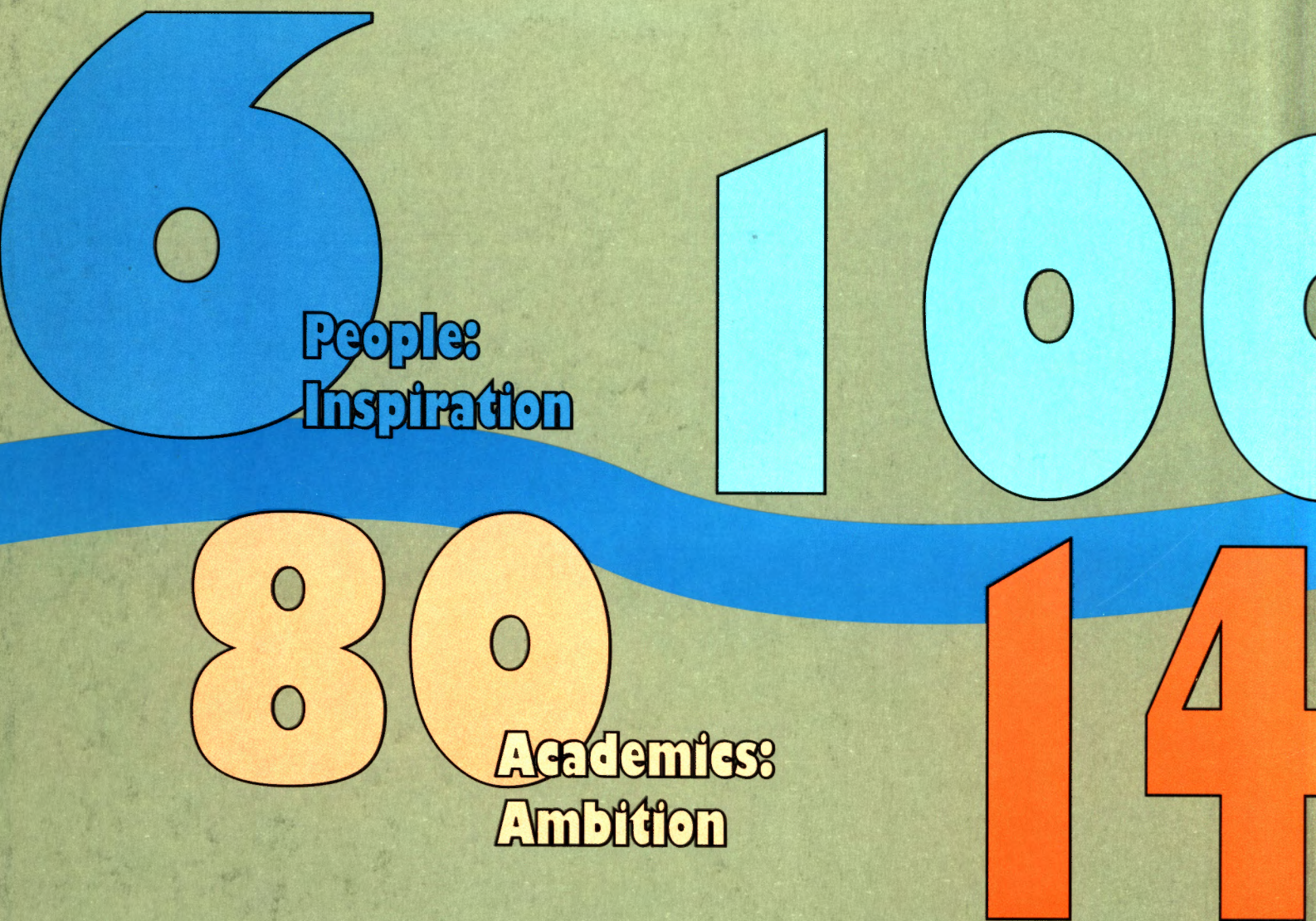
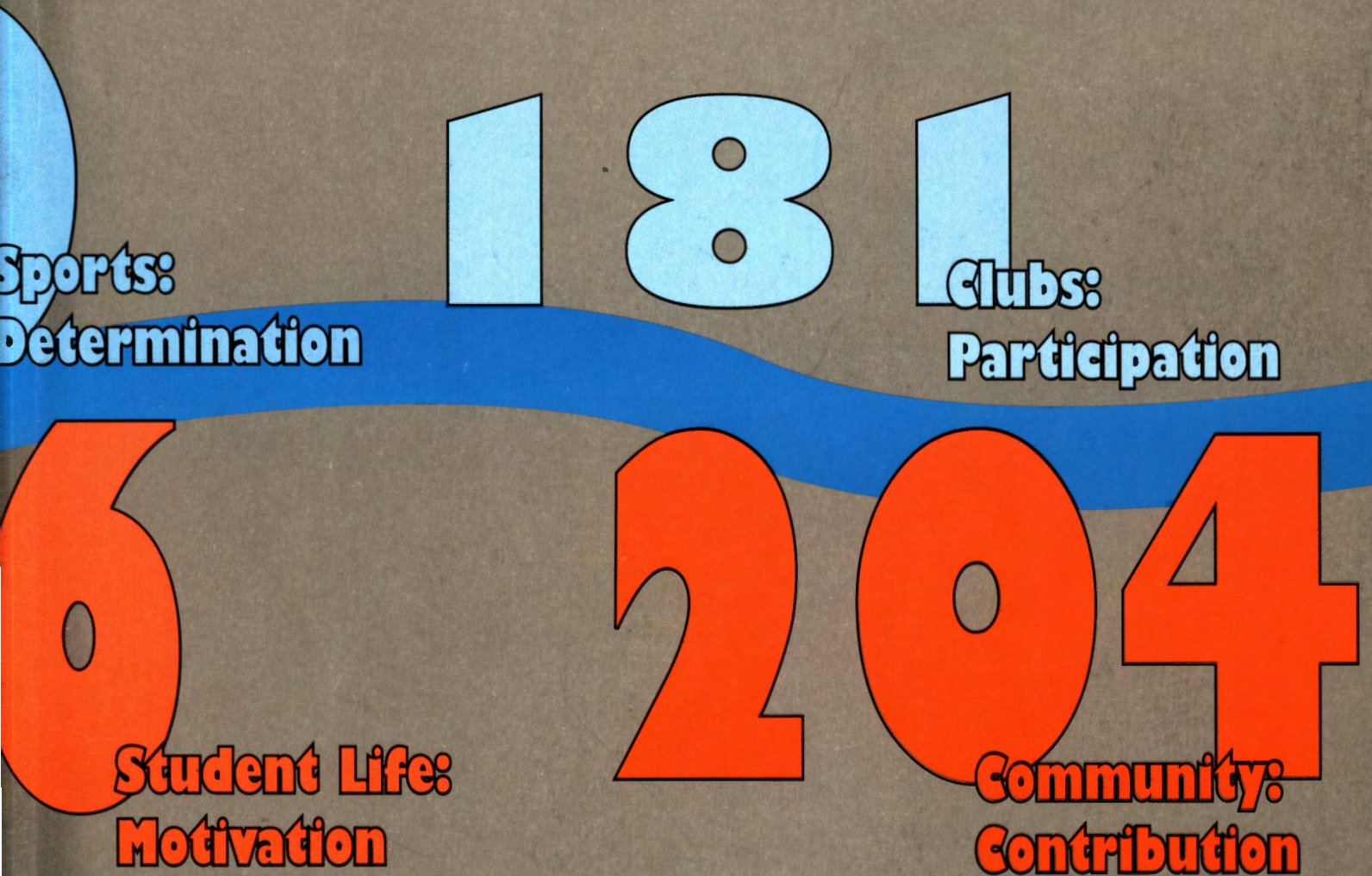


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Cross country is one of the sports that best portrays high school unity mixed with your own personal drive to accomplish your goals," said senior Frankie Quasarano. Sophomores Caleb Shaw, Eric Spitz, senior Frankie Quasarano, freshman Phil Batterton, junior Chase Everett, and sophomore Kyle Hanton compete at the Greater Lansing Invitational in Grand Ledge. For many of these runners, the experience of Cross country represented a new path in their high school experience. *Photo by Erin Fox*

"Down with Grand Ledge!" is the inspiration for the student section as they cheer on the Holt Rams for senior night. "We have the best student section in the world!" said **senior Noah Steere**. "We have a bunch of new cheers this year, like Mortal Kombat. We didn't know how well it would go over with the student section, but it ended up being a huge success," said Steere. The Rams beat Grand Ledge 27-19. *Photo by Jessica Whitford*





Same Path, Different Directions

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

Maneuvering your way through the two double doors and walking briskly across the Holt High School emblem, you are thrown into a sea of students working to advance their self purpose in life.

From sports to choral, cooking to cafeteria food, and studying to Spring Break, high school was a life altering experience. All through our school years familiar faces were seen, events were experienced, and in turn the school, wanted or not, became a unified family.

The only difference here was that, along with family ties, each individual broke out into their own ambitions, accomplishments, and goals. All of life's experiences and opportunities; from extracurricular activities and clubs, to exams and jobs, shaped each person into a pioneer of the direction their life would lead them.

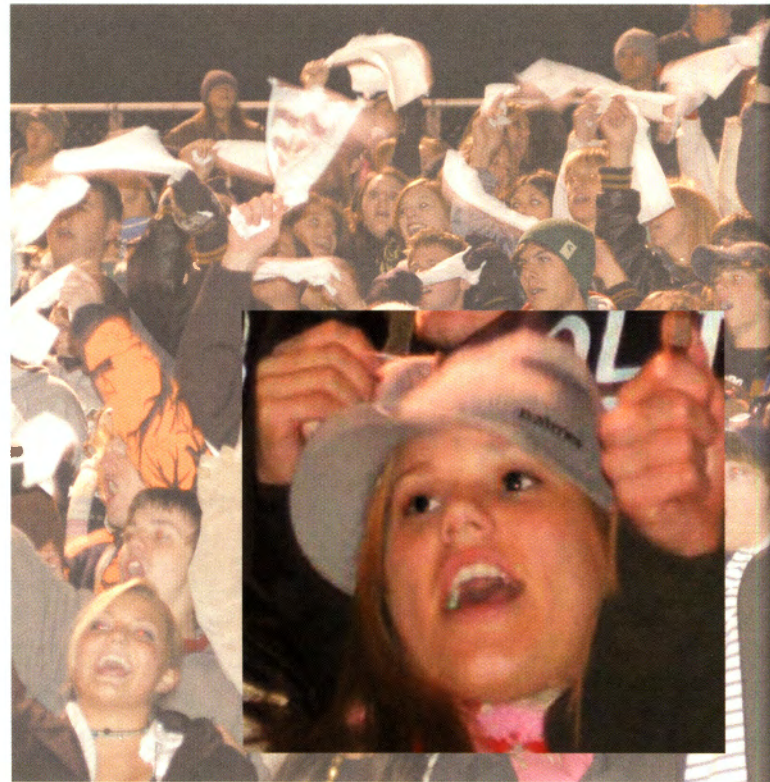
"Experiencing things in high school has made my decision of pursuing a career in nursing more definite in my mind," said senior Ashley Killips. "I find great importance in helping others and not many people recognize what a meaningful occupation nursing is."

All of our individual choices and goals ultimately united the whole school in an overall goal of finding the directions our futures would take. Without this family aspect of school and interactions, many students would never have learned who they truly were and the definite directions that they wanted their lives to take.

the game. This enthusiasm makes events tons of fun and the school more unified."

Rooty the Ram

Your direction

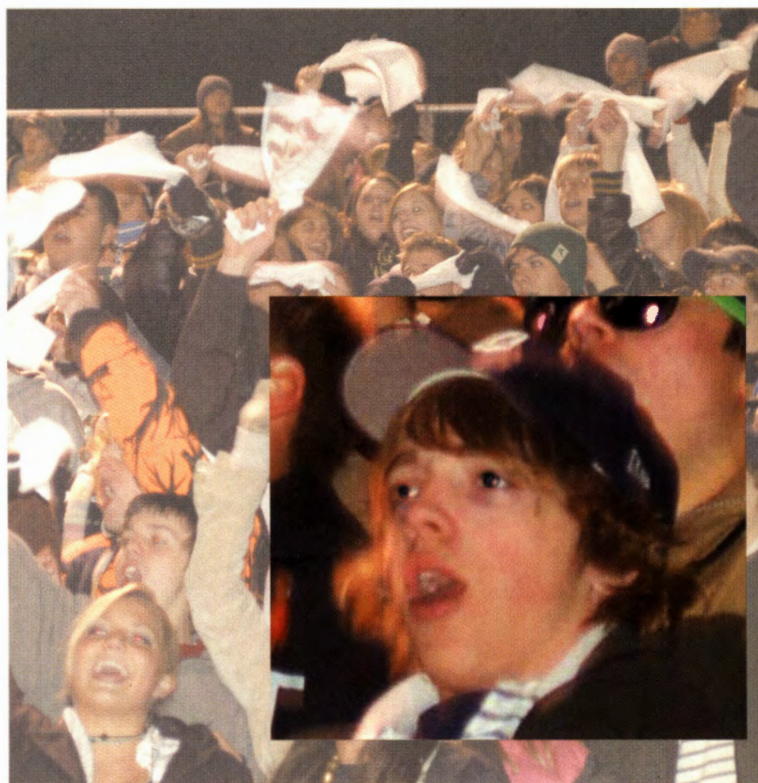


"I wish that everyone had as much school spirit as me," explained senior Justin Ziegler. Being a part of the school spirit and student section was Ziegler's favorite part of high school. Although many people were a part of these student sections, Ziegler liked to be in the "cool" parts, where everyone was hyped and cheered constantly. This helped add some excitement to his sometimes dull high school experience. "Mostly I just took the classes that I had to and got good grades so that I could graduate, but I never really enjoyed school. The purpose of classes was to be bored and occasionally learn some stuff," explained Ziegler. Besides being a part of different sport's student sections, Ziegler's high school highlights included spending time with his friends, and being a part of the lacrosse team. "I looked forward to the Lacrosse season every year because I always have a sweet time bonding with my friends, who all play, and hitting some people," said Ziegler. Outside of school activities definitely shaped Ziegler's high school experience into a very entertaining part of his life.

"I love the whole effect of cheering and being crazy. High school is your time to enjoy life to its fullest," said sophomore Emilee Krish. Her main focus for being at the high school this year was to be one of Holt's loudest fans. To accomplish this goal, Krish lived under the philosophy of getting into the many aspects of school spirit, no matter how obscure they seemed at the time. This included going to games, cheering loudly, and dressing up for spirit weeks or with apparel for the appropriate game. "This year I got really into theme day for the homecoming spirit week. My advice to people would be to not just cheer or be in the student section, but to get really into it," explained Krish. She believed there would be a lot more school spirit from people if everyone went along with it and got really into cheering. Krish talked about the school's student sections and said, "I like to be with everyone in the student section, but hate being in the back of it, where the underclassmen are. When people don't cheer it is lame, so I like to be in the front with the 'cheerers' and am able to meet new people because I won't always be around people my own age." Overall Krish was on her way to being a great fan and having awesome years of high school to follow.



Being at Holt High School helped senior foreign exchange student, Reinaldo Salva learn about different cultures. "High school was good, I really liked all the people, the nice teachers, and all the friends that I met and had experiences with," explained Salva. Compared to his experiences in Brazil, Salva explained the many differences, "There is a lot different from here and Brazil. In Brazil we never move classes, the teachers move. We also have no lockers and only forty five minute classes for five days a week." The student section provided the most fun in the overall high school experience. "I have a lot of fun cheering and haven't really ever been apart of something like the student section at Holt High School," said Salva. But the high school experience wouldn't have been complete without athletics. Salva experienced this by being apart of the soccer program, which helped him learn English, make new friends, and get the 'American' experience.



For senior Joe Verhougstraete, high school, had ups and downs. "The first two years, as a freshman and sophomore, went by really slow and weren't that great. Even though my junior year was better and of course senior year has been the best year of my life," said Verhougstraete. Even though others related to these experiences, Verhougstraete took a varied path in relation to his classes. "I took harder classes this year and did not slack off like many others do their senior year. I like the challenge and the preparation for college," said Verhougstraete. Along with classes, Verhougstraete was involved in the student section for football and basketball games, played baseball, and was a part of the chess club. He also participated in after school things like the school dances. To make high school even better, Verhougstraete got together over the weekend with his friends and played everything from video games to intense football. "I have met a lot of people and learned from many cool teachers. Those people helped the days go by quicker, and made high school a lot more fun," described Verhougstraete.

clothes that represent what I'm feeling and my unique personality."

Junior Charlotte Emmons

"Playing a character that is nothing like you teaches you about yourself," said **senior Amanda Bergman**. "It has really helped me step out of my comfort zone and experience new things." In *42nd Street* Bergman played choreographer Andy Lee, however last year Bergman starred as Anne Frank in *The Diary of Anne Frank*. "When I got the role I was really intimidated, but the play went on without any hitches. It was great!" explained Bergman.
Photo by Christina McPike



Finding your Inspiration

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

Intense fighting, late night parties, cram sessions the day before an exam, Battle of the Bands, rivalry games, opening night of the plays, and the light show. High school helped individuals experience every type of situation life could throw at them, and none of these would have been the same without peers.

Commonly written off in high school as merely 'cliques', groups were made up of individuals that knew what they wanted from school, and spent time with people who shared in the same goals.

Being with the people who shared your goals could help you to be more successful by lending help and giving you inspiration to accomplish more. These same groups added security to situations, which helped you to get more out of them or learn from them later on in life.

With sporting events you grew together in order to be successful. Your teammates brought out determination to win but also brought out respect and confidence in yourself that you could make the winning shot. "In lacrosse practice, my buddy Kevin Cooper, pushes me to play better in this really competitive sport," said junior Nate Purdue. The art and band members had many of the same occurrences. Their peers helped them strive to be better performers, perform for their desires, and entertain others through these performance.

In addition to sports were academics. Without other students you wouldn't have strived to be your best or had inspiration from others to do your best.

The best aspect of high school was the interaction and guidance of peers that shared in your same motivation for the direction your lives would take. Without these interactions no one would have been able to advance as far or experience as many things as life had in store for us.

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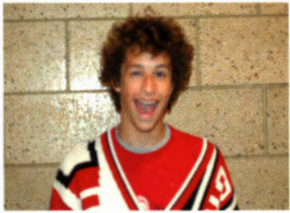
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• Juniors - **32**

• Staff - **74**

You said it: Advice from seniors

by Rachel Gladstone



"Enjoy high school, even if it feels like torture now. Appreciate the people you see everyday and don't take calculus unless you're up for a challenge."

Senior Bobby Becsey



"Stay on top of homework because it's hard to catch back up and you won't want to. Stay with the speed of the traffic in the halls; walking slow or stopping is not cool."

Senior Kiersten Danford



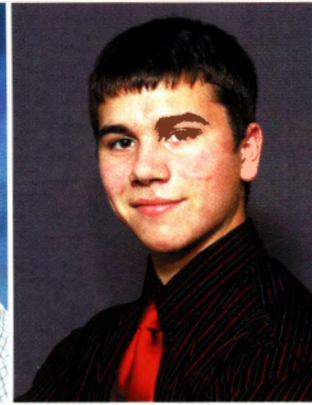
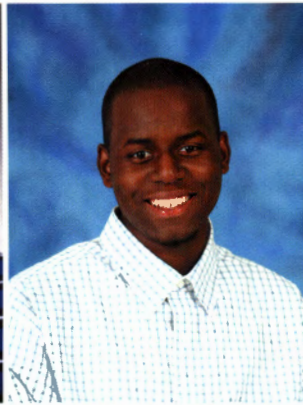
"Get your work done even if you don't want to do it. Slacking off just makes things harder. Get involved in clubs and go to the school events; just have fun."

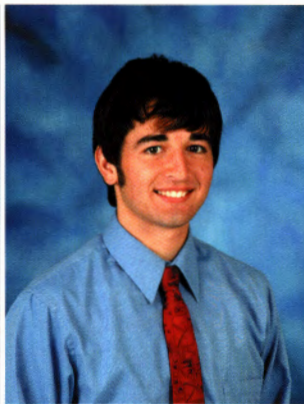
Senior Liz Woods



"Apply for college as soon as possible and get it out of the way; that makes one less thing to stress about and senior year's more fun"

Senior Chad Fox





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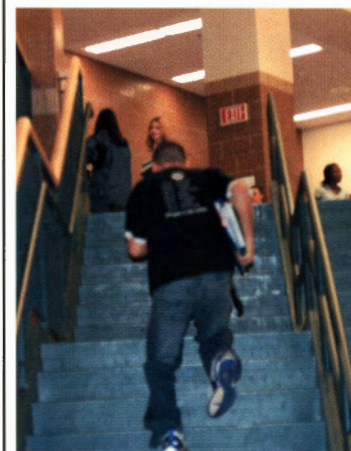
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Now you do it:

by Rachel Gladstone

How to get through your senior year:

1. Don't stress out about grades. If you get your work done in class and do your homework your grades should be fine.
2. Make the best of your senior year. Be a member of the student section, go to dances, see a drama performance. It's the last time you'll get the chance.
3. Try not to accumulate too many tardies. They pile-up and put you in detention or require you to take final exams second semester.
4. Have an equal balance of classes. Don't cram your schedule with a lot of hard classes but your schedule shouldn't be a breeze either. Colleges like to see some effort your senior year.
5. Have fun, enjoy the time with your friends and make memories to last a lifetime.



Hurrying up the stairs, senior Jeff Lippert tries to avoid being late for class. "If you really want to get to class on time you can. I can get from the east side to the west side in a minute if I run," explained Lippert. If a senior got too many tardies, they had to take exams at the end of the year. Lippert added, "have fun and live it up senior year."

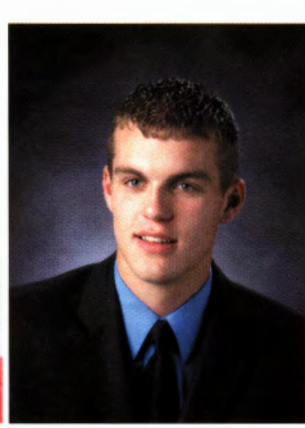
Photo by Rachel Gladstone



What inspired you? *Phil Vigés*

by Victoria Shearer

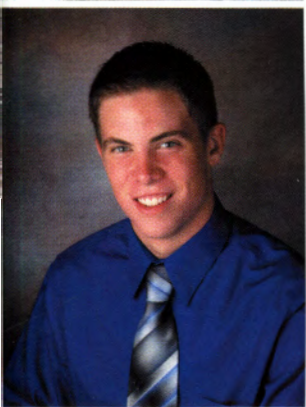
You might have seen him speed walking through the hall, trying to get to class on time, his A.P. books in his arms. You could have seen him in the school musical or heard him perform with M.O.H or Chorale, but what could you say about Phil Vigés? To some, he's over looked, but to his friends he's one of a kind. Phil is called a robot because of his perfectionist ways. "I'm primarily concerned with getting my school work done and keeping my grades up. Then there's choir, NHS, etc... There's no time to fall off of the wagon." On top of his busy schedule Phil found the time to get into the All-State Choir. "Being in Regional, State, and All-State Choir has been an exceptional experience, meeting new friends, working with premier directors and singing outstanding music. I haven't really had any music training outside of choir class." Phil's been acting long before he came to Holt. He's participated in All of us Express and plays at OTL. "I wanted to get used to Holt the first year, so I didn't do the musical. I'm still kicking myself. It's been an absolute blast since I've started. The memories and the people are the soul of the shows." As for college "I hope to go to U of M, if they'll take me, to study mathematics. Right now I'm taking A.P. Calculus, A.P. College Lit. and Physics. I took A.P. Statistics last year to get into a 'college class' flow."



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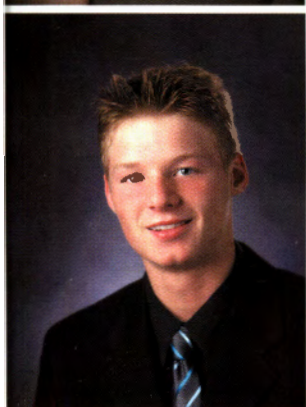
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Rack your Brain

by Victoria Shearer

These musical terms will help you follow in the footsteps of senior Phil Vigés.

Dolce: ('dOI - chA) Soft, smooth- used in direction of music.

Fortissimo: (for tis' i mo) Very loud- used as a direction.

Metso Piano: (Mez-zo pE 'ä nO) Moderately soft.

SATB: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass.

Diminish: (d - 'mi - nish) To become gradually less (as in size or importance).

Treble Clef: A symbol located at the beginning of the staff to indicate the pitches.

Ritardando: (ri - tä - 'dan - dO) Italian: with gradual slackening in tempo.

Crescendo: (kr - 'shen - dO) A gradual increase in volume of a musical passage: the peak of gradual increase.

Decrescendo: (dA - kr - 'shen - dO) Italian: a gradual decrease in the volume of a musical passage.

Accent: (Ak - sent) To make more prominent, emphasis on a given note.

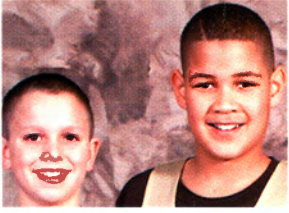
A Tempo: (ä - 'tem - pO) In time- used as a direction in music to return to the original tempo.

Staccato: (st - 'kä - tO) Marked by short clear-cut playing or singing of tones or chords.

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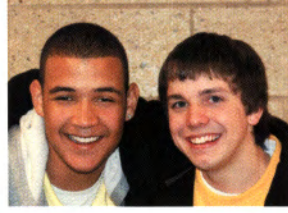
You said it: About your best friend

by Laura Secord



"Matt is a G and really good at posting. It's been good being friends with him since elementary school and I hope it can continue after high school."

Senior Dustin Liles



"Playing on the girls soccer team at recess in elementary school was the best time of my life with Dustin."

Senior Matt Naeyaert



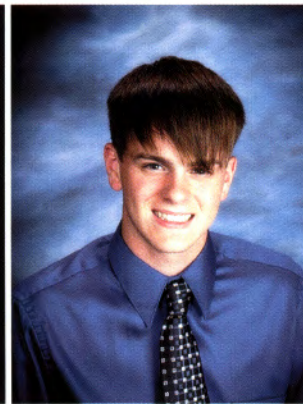
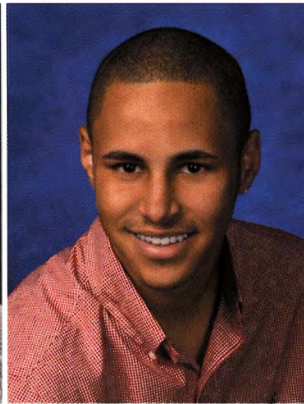
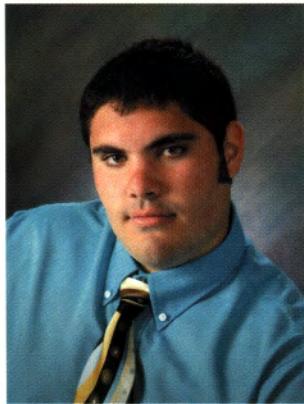
"Jessica is very quiet and you have to get to know her to know she's not mean, but once you get to know her she's the best person ever."

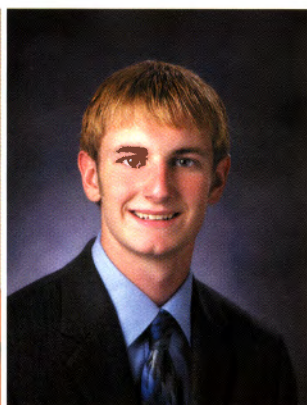
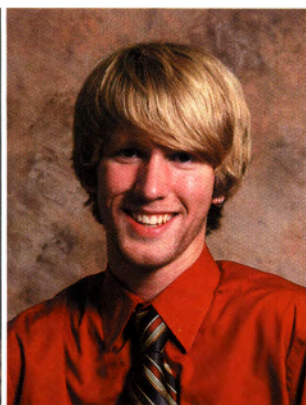
Senior Whitney Borton



"Whitney is the most mom-ish person I know because if there's anything wrong with anyone she's the first to notice and first to ask what's wrong."

Senior Jessica White





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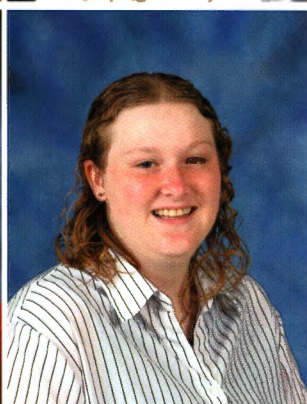
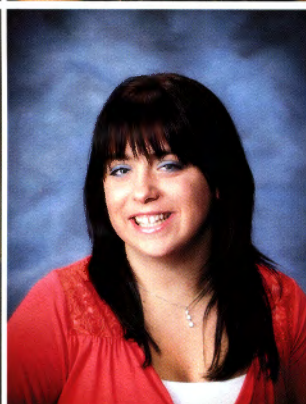
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Their **own** direction: **Best** **Friends**

by Laura Secord

It could have started with "I like your shirt today" or "did you understand the homework last night?" but seniors Kelsey Thomas and Sarah Schneider met in one of their seventh grade classes. Since that day they have been best friends. "We both support each other with family issues, boys, and school. I know she's always there for me no matter what," said Thomas. Out of the five years they have known each other Thomas and Schneider both agreed "we have so many memories but I think some of the greatest are when we went to camp together."

5 favorites:

Food:

Pizza

Song:

Salt Shaker

Movie:

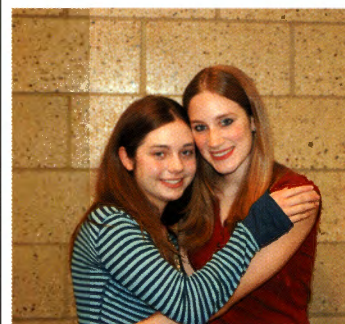
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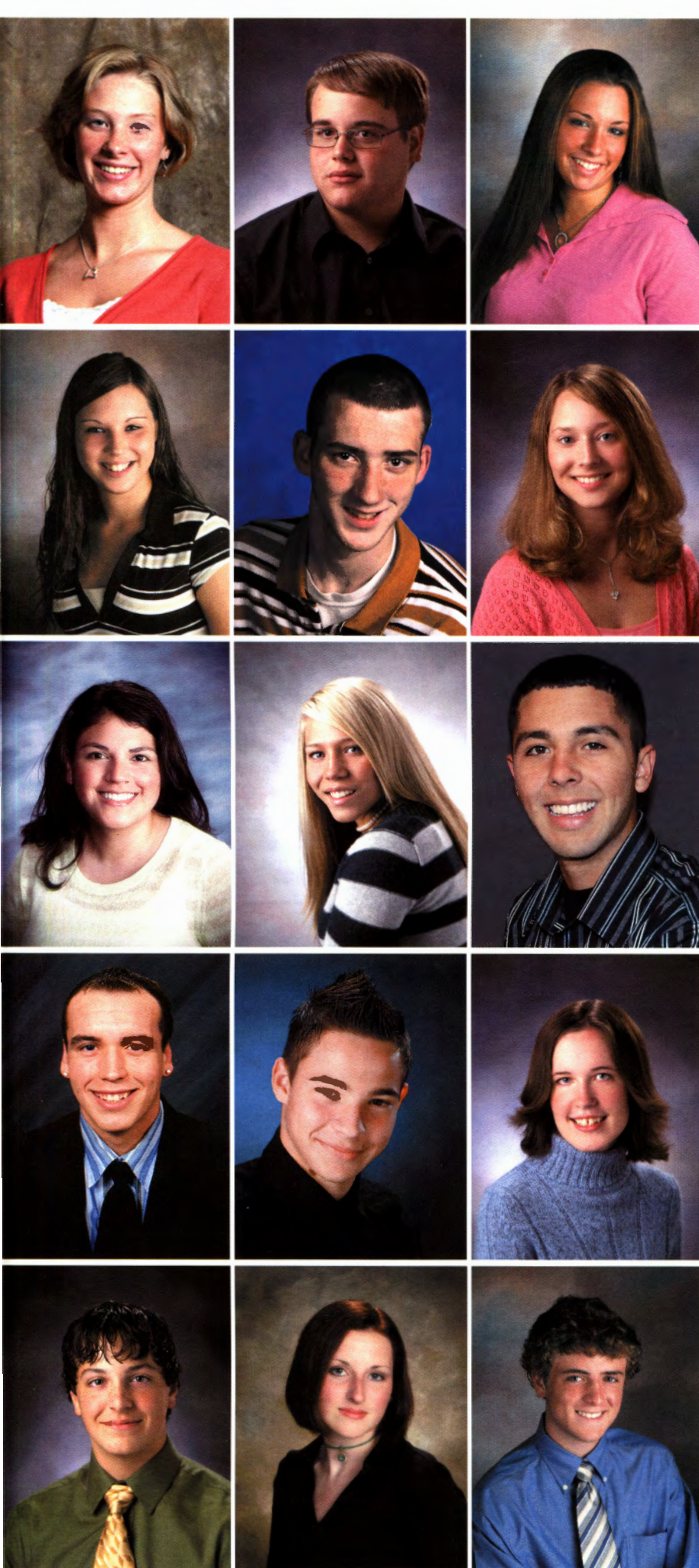
Each other



Though best friends since seventh grade, a moment like this is always cherished between seniors **Kelsey Thomas** and **Sarah Schneider**. They were always there for each other for support and to lend a helping hand. *Photo by Laura Secord*

who will be there for you when your going through tough times." **Senior Erik Antekeier**





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Her own direction: Brittany Tovar

by Kelly Young

Bright shades of blue, red, and yellow plaid adorned with jewels, patches, and buttons; senior Brittany Tovar's style is truly unique. Since the beginning of her junior year, Tovar designed her own bags and purses. Collecting ideas from fabric around the house, Tovar didn't have to spend an arm and a leg to create her own look. "I had a T-shirt that I wanted to use the front of but I'd never wear it, so I decided to put it on a bag," said Tovar about how she got started. "I just like having something no one else could have exactly the way I want it."

5 Favorites:

Design:

Messenger bag

Color:

All colors

Fabric:

Knits, cotton, and canvas

Store to shop at:

Charlotte Rousse

Gift given:

Blanket for boyfriend



Holding one of her most recent designs senior Brittany Tovar makes her way to class. Tovar used fabrics and designs from around the house to create her own accessories.

Photo by Kelly Young

the same one. No one else can ever say we have the same thing. " *Brittany Tovar* Senior Brittany Tovar



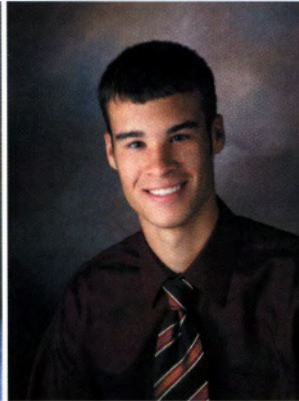
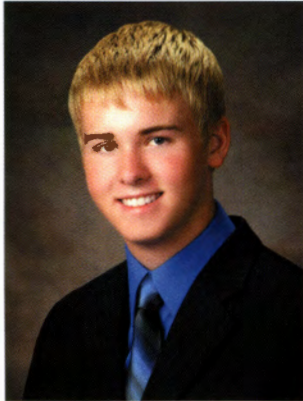
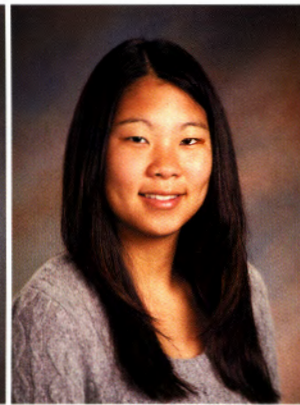
Family in the military

Sean Smith

by Josh Zimmerman

Over 130,000 people served in the Armed Forces in Iraq this year. One of those soldiers was Corey Weiler, brother of senior Sean Smith. Weiler served in the United States Army for three years, two of which were in Tikrit, Iraq, and he was due to return home in January 2008. Having a brother in the Army was far from easy. "I never get to talk to him," said Smith. "You're worrying about him all the time." Smith only got to talk to his brother "once a month or so" - usually on

the phone - although they went 6 months without communicating before because of Weiler being in the middle of basic training. On the occasions that they did get to speak to each other, however far apart those times were, they talked about, "how I'm doing, how the family is...when he's coming home next," said Smith. Although Smith spoke out against the war in Iraq, he said that he was still very proud of his brother for joining the Army. However proud Smith was of Weiler, he still looked forward to the day when his brother would come home for good. "It's been too long. We're all ready for him to come home," said Smith.





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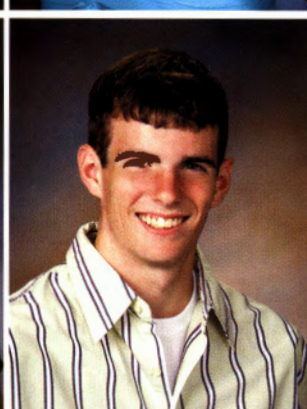
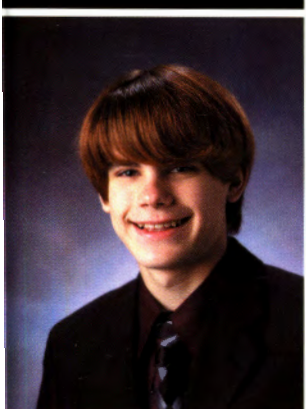
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Rack your Brain

by Josh Zimmerman

D-Day: Not just the infamous day during WWII when U.S. troops stormed the beaches of Normandy, but any day when a military operation is to occur.

Insurgents: People set out to overthrow the established government in their country, using either political or military means.

Outpost: A group of soldiers posted ahead of the main group while it's at rest, protecting the main group of soldiers from being attacked or spotted.

Underground: A civil-ian organization that undermines their enemy with secret tactics such as collecting intelligence, terrorism, and sabotage.

Beachhead: An area of enemy territory on a body of water that is taken over and used to move troops and materials onto the shore.

Flash-to-bang time: In a nuclear explosion, the time between when the light is seen and the sound is heard.

Reconnaissance: A mission designed to gain information about enemy forces, geography, and activity. Called "recon" for short.

Squib: A small electric, pyrotechnic device used to light the igniter in a rocket engine or something similar, without actually igniting itself.

Espionage: The act of obtaining and delivering information to enemies that could be harmful to the country.

Source: http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp1_02.pdf



You said it:

Top college picks

by James Bryde



"I think I'm going to go to LCC. It seems like a good place to start. You can save a lot of money and it gives you a second chance, if you didn't do too well before that's alright."

Senior Dane McCafferty



"I'm going to LCC first to get the basics out the way, and then art school. I'm not sure what art school, but I like art, it's cool."

Senior Amber Ignatowski



"I really would like to go to the University of Florida or Michigan State. I've got family by both and they have great fine arts programs, and that's what I'm really interested in."

Senior Brandi Dittenber

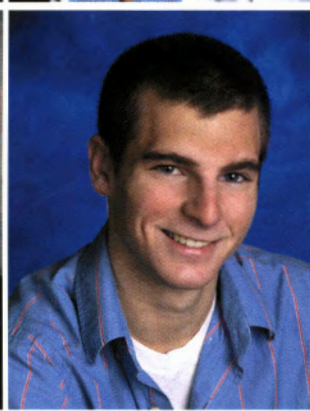


"I'm going to Oakland University. I chose Oakland because it's close to my family and it has a really nice campus. It also has a lot to offer me."

Senior Hanna Mccauley



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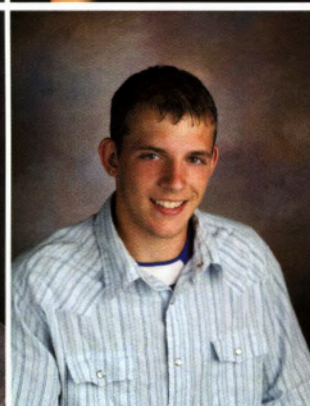
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His own direction: Marshall Perkins

by James Bryde

"If you're passionate, then you'll never work a day in your life," said assistant principal Marshall Perkins. "If you take time to find what you're passionate about, then you'll love what you do forever." Mr. Perkins attended Michigan State University and was a political science major. "I chose MSU because it was close to the capitol. I worked as a political intern a couple days a week. It gave me a chance to see what political science was like in the real world. If I could give kids advice, I would say to volunteer in the field that they are interested in, that gives you a chance to see if you really like it," said Perkins.

Advice:

- 1) Think about what you want to study.
- 2) Make sure the school you're looking at has what you want.
- 3) Visit the school to see if you're comfortable.
- 4) Don't go to a college just because your friends are.



Patrolling the lunch room, assistant principal Marshall Perkins checks the lunch line making sure that those crafty burger burglars don't run off with a hefty pay load. It was Perkins' job to keep the school safe at all times so that students could have the best environment for learning.

Photo by James Bryde

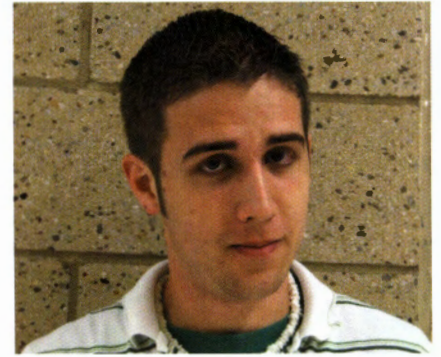
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Assistant Principal Mr. Perkins

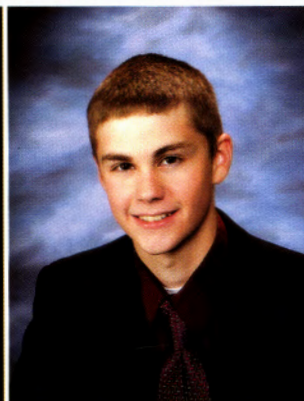
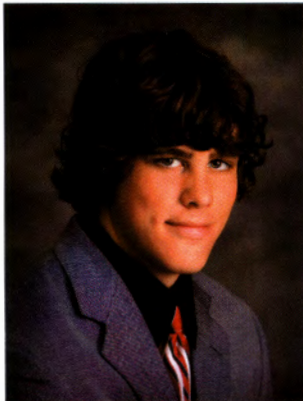
Things you need to know about getting out of trouble

by Corrin Ongstad

1. Lying isn't easy, unless you have planned it out. Stay away from this unless you know that you can get away with it.
2. Agree with your parents about you being wrong. Anything to make them feel like they are doing something right.
3. Offer to help around the house, try to make your parents forget about what you did.
4. If you think that it will work, pull out the tears and puppy dog eyes. Make sure that you do this when only one parent is around.
5. "Uhh... I'm sorry?" is always worth a try.



With the look of innocence on his face senior Mike Casteel proves that it's not hard to keep a straight face. "When you see da police, warn a brother," said Casteel.
Photo by Kayla Drake



"To some degree I think parents should be strict and try to help their kids through high school by rewarding good grades, setting

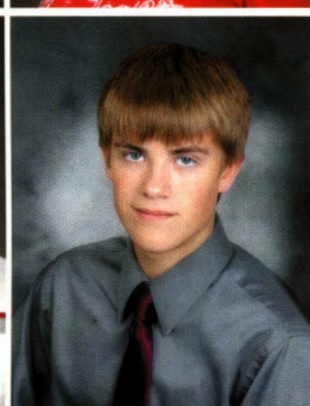
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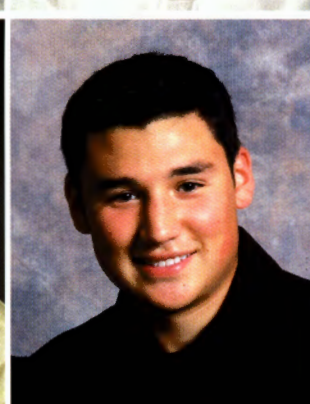
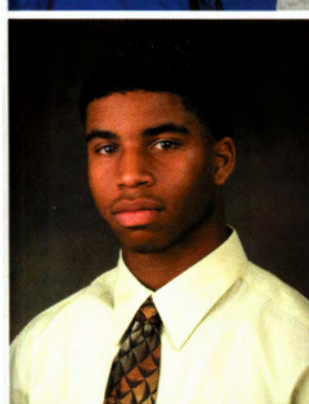
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How good is **your** relationship with your parents?

by Corrin Ongstad

1.) When you come home late what happens?

- a.)** You get yelled at
- b.)** You say "I'm Sorry" and it's over with
- c.)** Your parents aren't home and they don't care

2.) When you are failing a class:

- a.)** You get grounded
- b.)** Your parents talk to you about it and try to help
- c.)** Your parents say "It's your life do what you want "

3.) When you have had a bad day:

- a.)** You avoid your parents - you don't want to snap on them and get in more trouble
- b.)** You sit down and talk to them about it
- c.)** You don't bring it up; your parents wouldn't do any good

4.) When you have a new boyfriend/girlfriend:

- a.)** You don't tell your parents
- b.)** You bring them home and introduce them to your parents
- c.)** You don't even think to tell them

If you answered mostly **a's**, you and your parents don't talk much. They tell you what to do and you do it.

If you answered mostly **b's**, you and your parents see eye to eye. You get along well with them with few fights. You do what you want but you don't push your limits.

If you answered mostly **c's**, you and your parents don't talk much. You don't see them and when you do it's a quick "hi and good bye."



You said it: Unforgettable moments

by Rachel Kramer



"At the 2005 Homecoming dance, my junior year, my friends and I were doing the Chicago Hustle. Everyone saw us dancing and started to crowd around while we taught them how to do our moves."

Senior Jamie Jones



"During my junior year I got nominated for Homecoming court and was rather shocked, but very excited. I got to wear a black bow tie and I must say, it was really spiffy."

Senior Harold Karrar



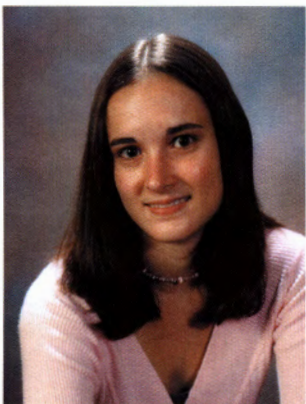
"My sophomore year my friends and I painted our stomachs for the first home football game to spell out: Holt. It was a fun memory because we stood out and were so pumped up."

Senior Amie Caesar

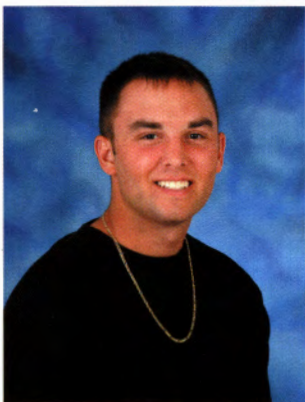


"My sophomore year, during Homecoming Spirit Week, I dominated in the Krispy Kreme doughnut eating contest by eating eight doughnuts in only two minutes for the title."

Senior Michael Boggus



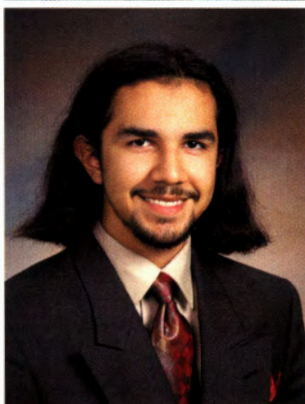
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Remember your senior year

by Rachel Kramer

- The **most unforgettable moment** of my senior year was _____.
- The **most missed memory** of my senior year will be _____.
- The **friends** that **never let me down** were _____.
- A **class** I will **never forget** was _____.
- A **teacher** that had a **great impact** on me was _____.
- Our **class song** was THE FINAL COUNTDOWN.
- Our **class colors** were GREEN AND SILVER.
- Our **class flower** was a LILY.
- Our **class quote** was "WHAT WE HOLD OF YESTERDAY IS ONLY A MEMORY, BUT TOMORROW IS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT IS YET TO BE MADE."
-Marianne William
- We **graduated** on JUNE 3RD, 2007.
- **After graduation** I went _____.
- My senior **open house** was on _____ at _____.
- The **gifts** that I **valued most** were _____.

like how we loved to dance through the hallways singing 80's music."

Senior Ashleigh Stewart

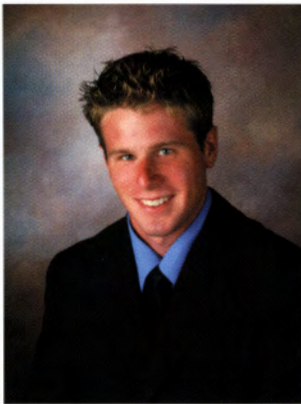
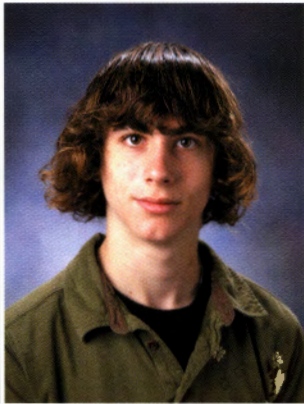
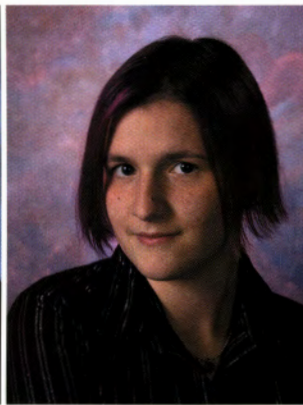


What inspired you? *Daniel Pinkerton*

by Laura Secord

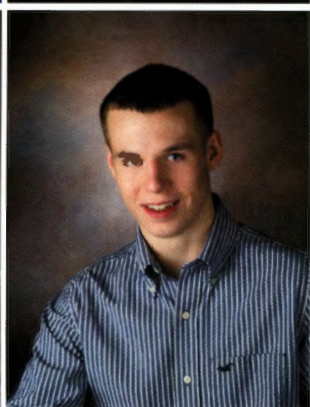
"You finally get settled in a place and make friends and then you have to move again," said senior Daniel Pinkerton about his parents being missionaries. Pinkerton lived in Botswana, by South Africa, for thirteen years. As you can imagine, there were many differences between Holt and Botswana. In Botswana, the children from all the settlements went to a boarding school or were home schooled. In Pinkerton's case he was home schooled in the bush. A big difference Pinkerton

noticed was in biology classes. "Here we dissect frogs but, there I hunted, skinned and dissected a cobra." When asked what he did for fun he replied, "riding horse's or donkeys, catching wild animals, hunting and hanging out with my friends." Pinkerton might go back to Botswana after college. "I like Africa better because it's wilder and more adventurous, but the technology is much better here," said Pinkerton. Since this was his senior year, and he was in a public school Pinkerton said he would rather have been be Africa. Still, Pinkerton saw benefits to Holt, "I really enjoy the people here because they're friendly and I'm excited for the winter."





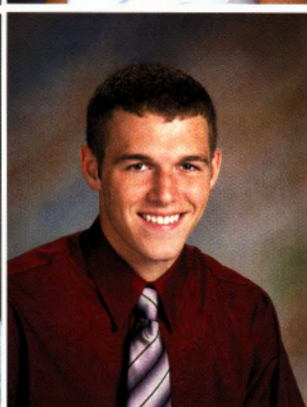
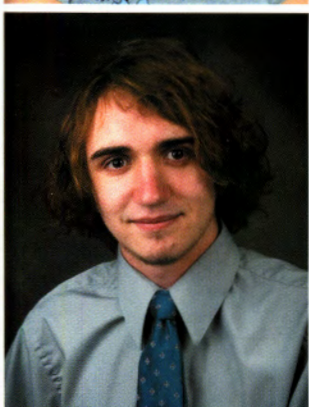
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Would **you** rather... live in the United States or live somewhere else?

by Laura Secord



"I would rather **live in the United States** than anywhere else. We have a lot of freedoms. My favorite is the freedom of speech since we can voice our opinion, there's so many countries you can't voice what you think or you'll get punished. I like how many rights we have so I wouldn't ever want to leave."

Senior Josh Wilkinson



"When I'm older I **want to move** to Ireland because I'm Irish and it's a really pretty place. Also I want to experience something new instead of living in the same country my whole life. I'm really into the whole Irish thing and want to learn more about it. Plus I love how they talk and it would be sweet if I could hear that everyday."

Senior Aleasha Wright

From the architecture, to the sea side. The men are also gorgeous."

Senior Katherine Keeler

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Room raiders with...

Marcus Cervantes

by Rachel Kramer

What can you conclude about a person from simply searching through the articles in their room? Does the cluttered chaos or organized cleanliness truly represent the personality of the individual? Senior Marcus Cervantes put these questions to the test by invading three mystery girls' rooms and basing his decision for a date solely on his findings in each person's room. In the first room, senior Amy Berwald's room, Cervantes was very impressed by the optimistic aura he felt when entering the room. He really liked how fashionable and trendy Berwald's clothes were, but found it unusual that there was a live rat in her closet. Upon entering the second room, senior Amanda Prange's room, Cervantes was instantaneously infatuated. He did not have a single negative remark to make about the room and loved how athletic she seemed. After finding a pair of white hoop earrings in the third room, which was senior Brooke Rueckert's, Cervantes commented, "Dude, if I was a chick, I would totally wear these." In comparison with the two previous rooms, Cervantes felt that Rueckert's room was too simple for his tastes. Without much deliberation, Cervantes chose room two, Prange's room, as the winner of this edition of Room Raiders.

"Marcus is a Ford truck kind of guy in every possible aspect. That is all he drives, talks about, cares about, thinks
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Stanley, Ashley

What makes **your** room unique?

by Rachel Kramer



"I have **two bedrooms**; one for dressing and one for sleeping. When I walk into my room I feel like I am on a cruise in the Caribbean, sailing away to paradise."

Senior Amy Berwald
Room #1



"Having my own room lets me express my individuality without having to compromise with my family. My sister would never let me hang my **pink boa blinds**."

Senior Amanda Prange
Room #2



"My room is great because it's in the basement, I have a sweet **floral couch** and the comfiest bed ever! If I didn't have so much junk in it, it would be very spacious."

Senior Brooke Rueckert
Room #3

The winner...



1. Displaying her dedication, Prange hangs her ribbons and medals from countless years of skating competitions. **2.** "My philosophy is that a person can never have too many popped-collar polo shirts. My closet would not be complete without my color coordinated section of polos," said Prange on her orderly closet. **3.** As a spirited Red Wings fan, Prange finds it hard to fall asleep at night without the oversized pillow at her side. **4.** Despite the room's initial cleanliness, Cervantes finds an area of disarray without much effort. **5.** To relieve some of the stress in Prange's life, she often turns to knitting, which she finds very therapeutic. **6.** After discovering who the mystery girl was Cervantes said, "I am happy with the decision I made because she is just as interesting as her room is."

about, obsesses about, loves, wants, and needs for complete nirvana."

Senior Mischa Veenhuysen

You said it:

About Emily Sherman

by Jessica Whitford



"I remember her laugh. It was obnoxious, but it was the best thing that you could hear. And her ability to always make me smile, no matter what kind of day I was having."

Senior Stephanie Williams



"I miss her being here, seeing her around. She always made you smile. Even though she isn't here, when I think about her I still smile."

Sophomore Madolin Welch



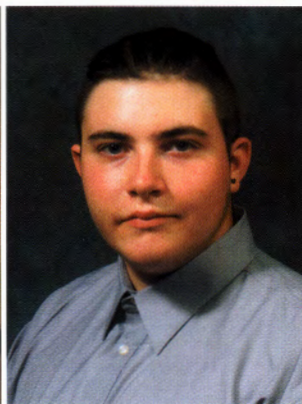
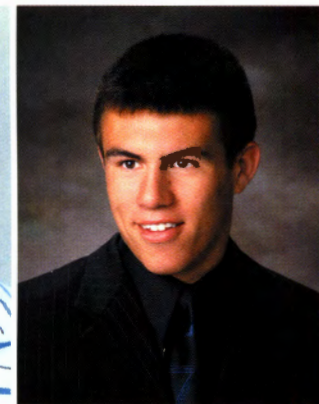
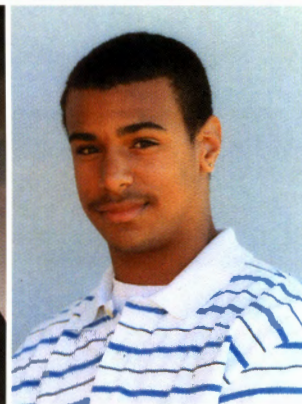
"Emily had a heart of gold. She was the most forgiving person. When she'd walk into the room the focus was always on her. She was a wild little thing."

Senior Courtney Noack



"I remember her smile and her ability to make me laugh when I was having a bad day. She was spirited, fun, forgiving, honest, compassionate and always rooting for the underdog."

Advocacy Teacher Joann Weil



Remembering Emily Sherman

by Jessica Whitford

On May 21, 2006 Holt High School lost a very beautiful, very spirited, loving young lady, Emily Sherman. In her own words, Advocacy Teacher Joann Weil remembers Emily.

"As I think of Emily I don't think I can pin point one favorite memory. There are so many that I can not narrow it down to one, what I can say is this:

Emily was the type of student that gave **validity** to the career I chose. Her attitude good or bad challenged me as a teacher. Her **infectious** personality allowed me to make personal connections, her willingness **inspired** me, and her tenacity made it all worth while because when that light bulb went on for her and it clicked everything seemed to make sense and it was **wonderful** to watch.

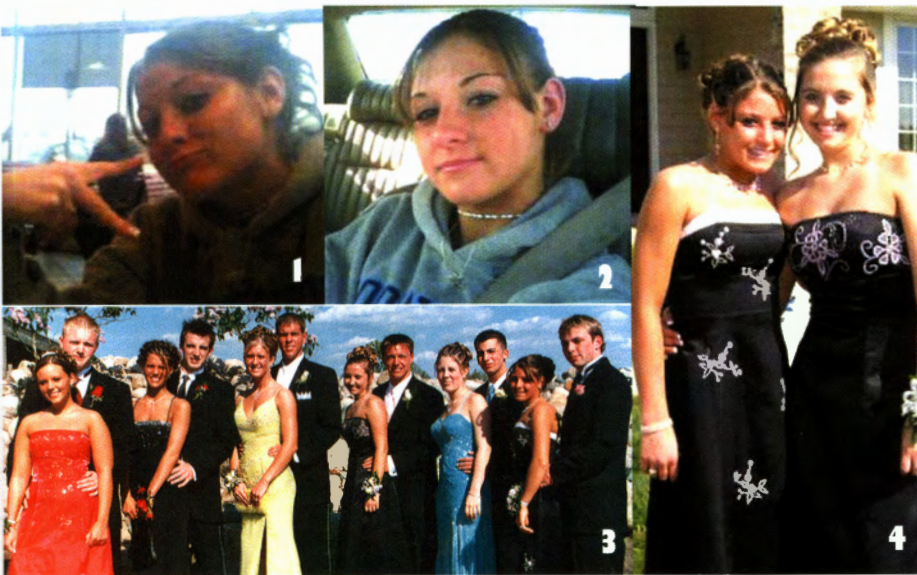
Over the past four years, I was **fortunate** enough to have watched Emily grow intellectually, socially, emotionally, psychologically and physically. I was **amazed** to see the young lady she had grown to be with a **smile** that won your heart.

I was proud of how far she had come and how many lives she had **affected** along the way and continue to affect since she has passed.

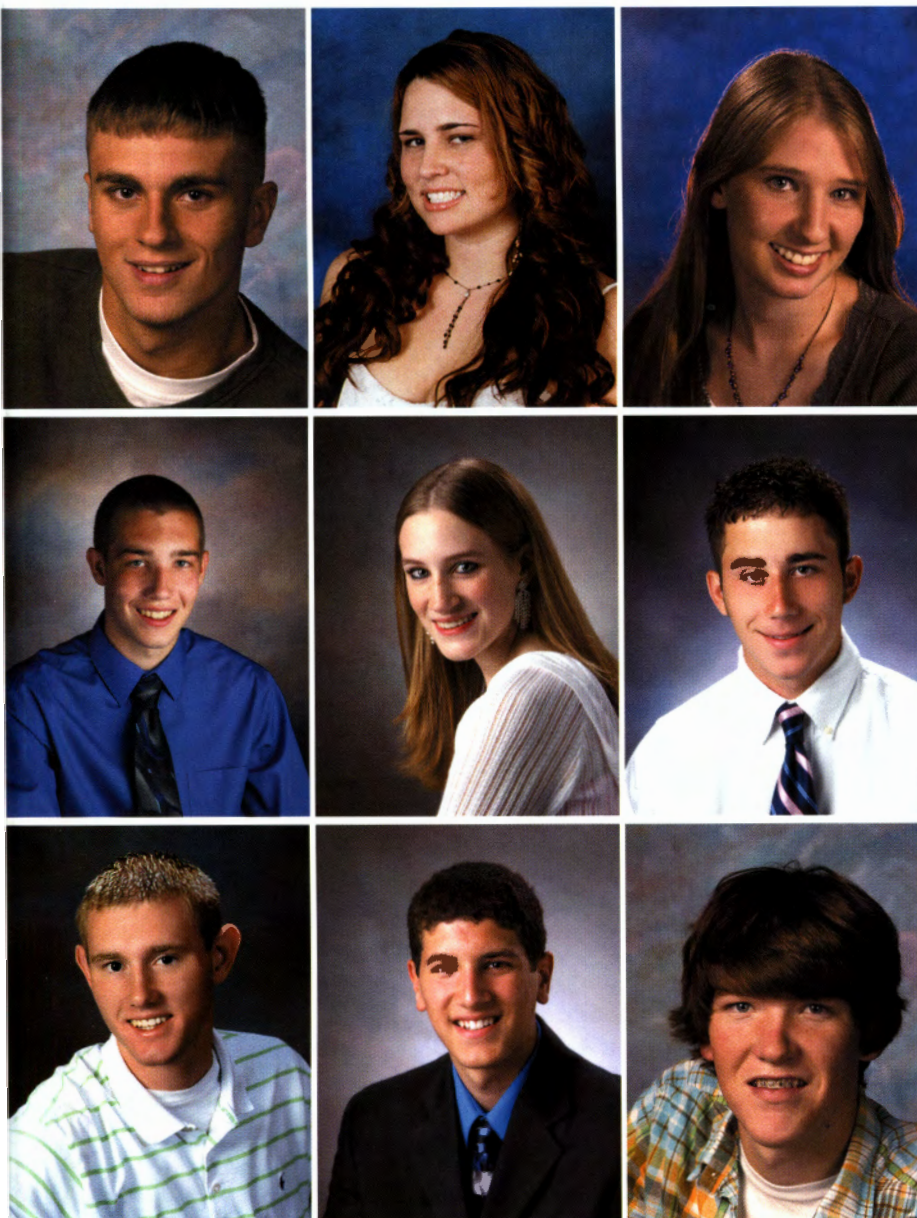
Although she is gone she is not forgotten. Her spirit will remain in my heart **forever**."



Emily Sherman and date Brandon Boatman along with friends senior **Stephanie Williams** and Ben Berry smile for their prom pictures. *Courtesy Photo*



1. Emily Sherman hanging out at Pancheros, one of her favorite places to eat. **2.** Emily taking a picture of herself in senior Stephanie Williams' car. **3.** Emily and date Brandon Boatman (right) and friends take pictures for all of the parents before going to Prom 2005. **4.** Sherman and best friend Williams strike a pose before heading out to dinner for Prom 2005. *Courtesy Photos*



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outgoing. She always had a smile on her face. She'll be remembered forever."

Senior Anthony Scott



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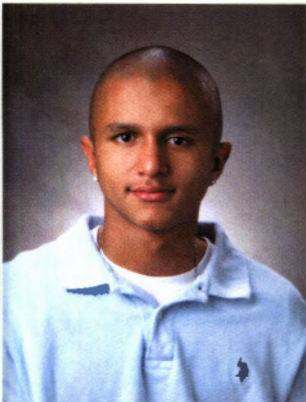
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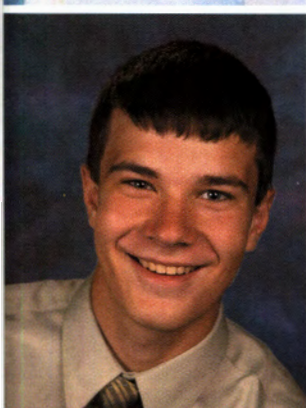
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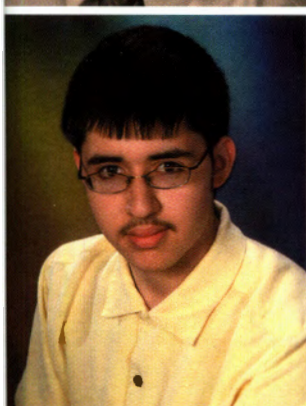
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Her own direction: Hana Hall

by Victoria Shearer

"When I was in 10th grade I wanted to be different than everyone else. I cut off all of my hair and I started to dress differently." You'll often find Hana wearing the latest fad- the skinny jeans, with bright make-up and over-the-top jewelry. "I like to wear bright colors because it puts me in a good mood and brings out my character. My favorite accessories are my 25 cent mood ring and my rainbow beaded necklace." Hana's favorite stores include Delia's, WetSeal, Forever 21, Hollister and Goodwill. "I love to find separate pieces and put them together and make a really original outfit out of it. It's something that no-one else will have."

5 Favorites:

Color:

Green

Band:

The Scene Aesthetic

Song:

**"Stevie Wonder" by
Bring to the Horizon**

Movie:

Labyrinth

Food:

Subway



Posing like a super model senior Hana Hall shows her inner fashionista. "I love to get dressed up for no reason at all and take pictures. East Lansing is my favorite place to go to take pictures," said Hall. *Courtesy Photo*

Test Yourself...

by Erin Fox

which reality show is your life like?

1.) You're assigned a group project, you:

- a.)** Appoint yourself project leader.
- b.)** Contribute as little as possible.
- c.)** Do your fair share.

2.) On a Saturday night you usually go out with:

- a.)** Your closest friends.
- b.)** An entourage.
- c.)** A small group of friends and friends-of-friends.

3.) Ten years from now you picture yourself:

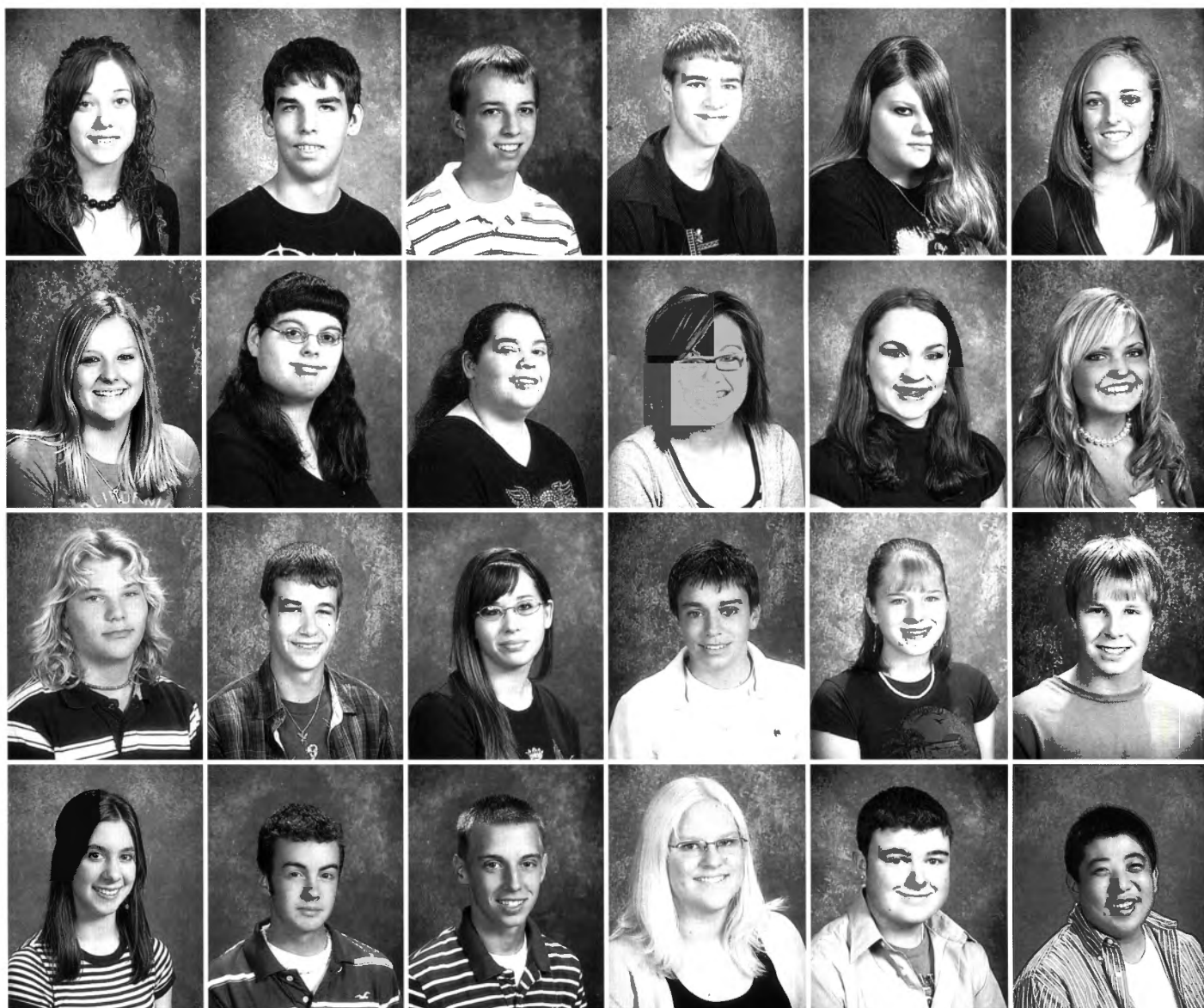
- a.)** Rich.
- b.)** Famous.
- c.)** Rich and famous.

Mostly **a's** means your life is most like Donald Trump's, ***The Apprentice***. You've got instincts, skills, and thrive on competition. If someone crosses you, you cut them out of your life - for good!

Mostly **b's** means your life is most like an episode of MTV's ***The Real World***. You're laid-back and you like to have fun. You're outgoing and open to trying new things. Sometimes you can be a little dramatic, but that's part of what makes you so interesting.

Mostly **c's** means your life is most like ***Laguna Beach***. Outsiders may think your life is perfect, but you've got all the normal stresses of school, friends, and the future. It doesn't get more real than that!

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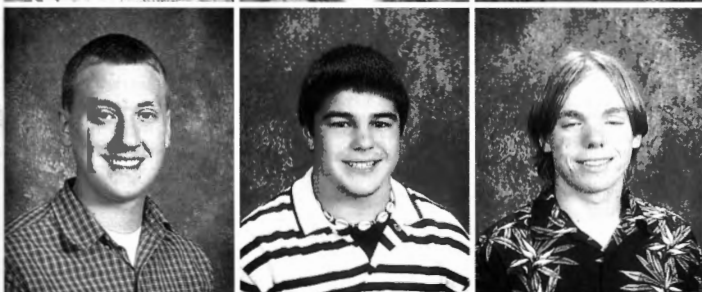




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Would **you** rather... watch **normal** television or watch **reality** **TV?**

by Erin Fox



"I'd rather watch **normal TV** because reality TV's just fake. They say reality but they act it out anyway. It's not any particular show, just in general.

Junior Kendra Denyes



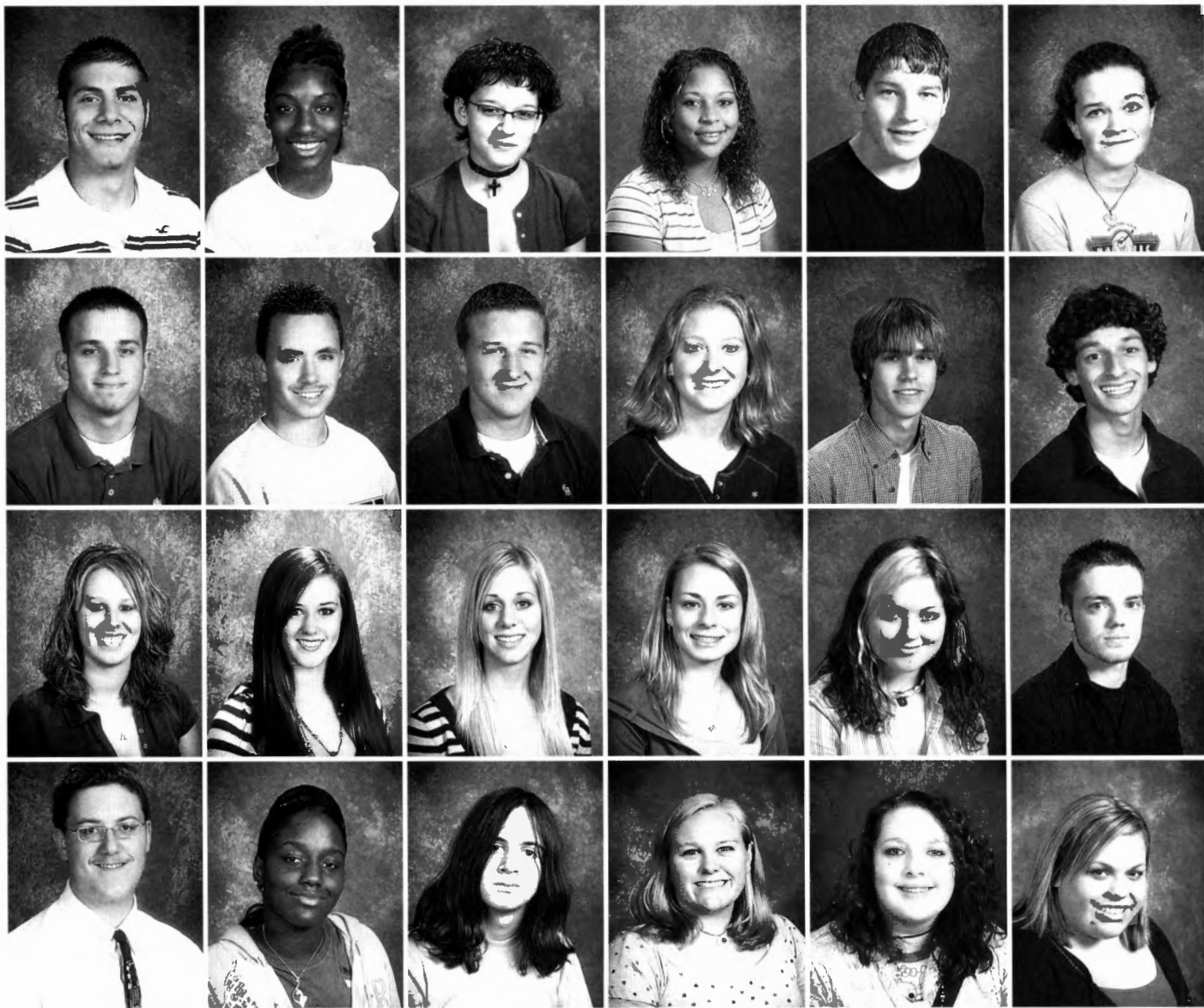
"I'd rather watch **reality TV** because I find it really entertaining, even if it is fake. Laguana Beach is my favorite, or anything on MTV.

Junior Michelle Tischler

you'll know. You'll notice. There's so many on that station, MTV too."

Junior Zach Carter





Things you need to know about... taking the ACT

by Kayla Drake

1. Colleges use ACT or SAT results for admissions. Visit Collegeview.com to search colleges.
2. Research colleges to make sure the ACT is the entrance exam needed.
3. Retake the ACT test at international test centers if you want to do better.
4. To prepare for taking the ACT, take ACT practice tests given online at ACTstudents.org.
5. Beside taking the ACT, colleges look for GPA and classes taken in high school.



Counselor Stephanie Kingsley provides junior students information about preparing for the ACT. "Be aware that taking the ACT is the new MEAP test and will be given in March," said Kingsley. Although students did not get a chance to earn the MEAP scholarship, they were able to take the ACT test for free. *Photo by Kayla Drake*

Would you rather... take the MEAP or the ACT?

by Kayla Drake



"I'd rather **take the MEAP** than take the ACT because comparatively if you get a scholarship from taking the MEAP, you can get more money than it costs to even take the ACT. So really by taking the MEAP you could earn more money than by taking the ACT for free."

Junior Annette Gianino



"I'd rather **take the ACT** because you get to take it during school. The ACT is used to apply for colleges and so when we take it we are still saving money. We don't have to pay for it and our junior year is so crazy that it's good not to think about having to sign up to take it and to just take it during school."

Junior Emily Trout

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Burgess, Zachary
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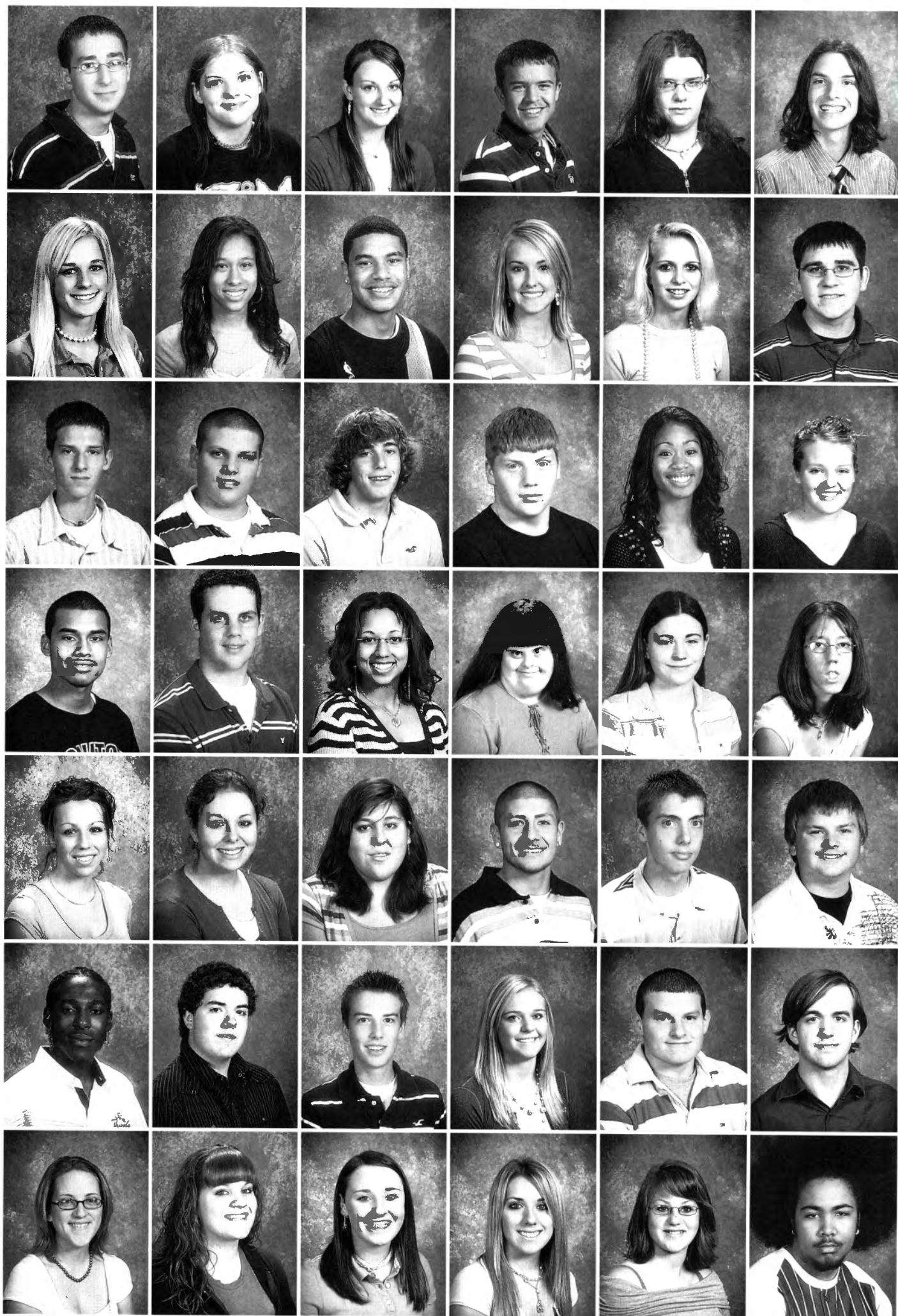
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more convenient and I think it will motivate people to take it."

Junior Rachel Pademacher





"I think that people who play acoustic guitar are thought of as like long haired hippies, but it's not like

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Now you do it:

by Josh Zietlow

How to put both of your feet behind your head.

- 1.** First you need to lay down on the floor making sure that your back is on the ground.
- 2.** Next, put both of your legs into the air. (Do NOT proceed to the next step unless you are very flexible!)
- 3.** Now you grasp both of your feet and put the heels of your feet on top of your head.
- 4.** Once your heels are touching the top of your head pull them down behind your head to secure them there.
- 5.** Now roll back into an upright position and you have successfully put both of your feet behind your head!



Refusing to demonstrate her hidden talent, **junior Amanda Sweet** explains how to put both of her feet behind her head. "I guess putting your feet behind your head is a talent," said Sweet when asked. Sweet gave in-depth instructions on how to preform the feat but was not willing to be photographed doing it.
Photo by Josh Zietlow

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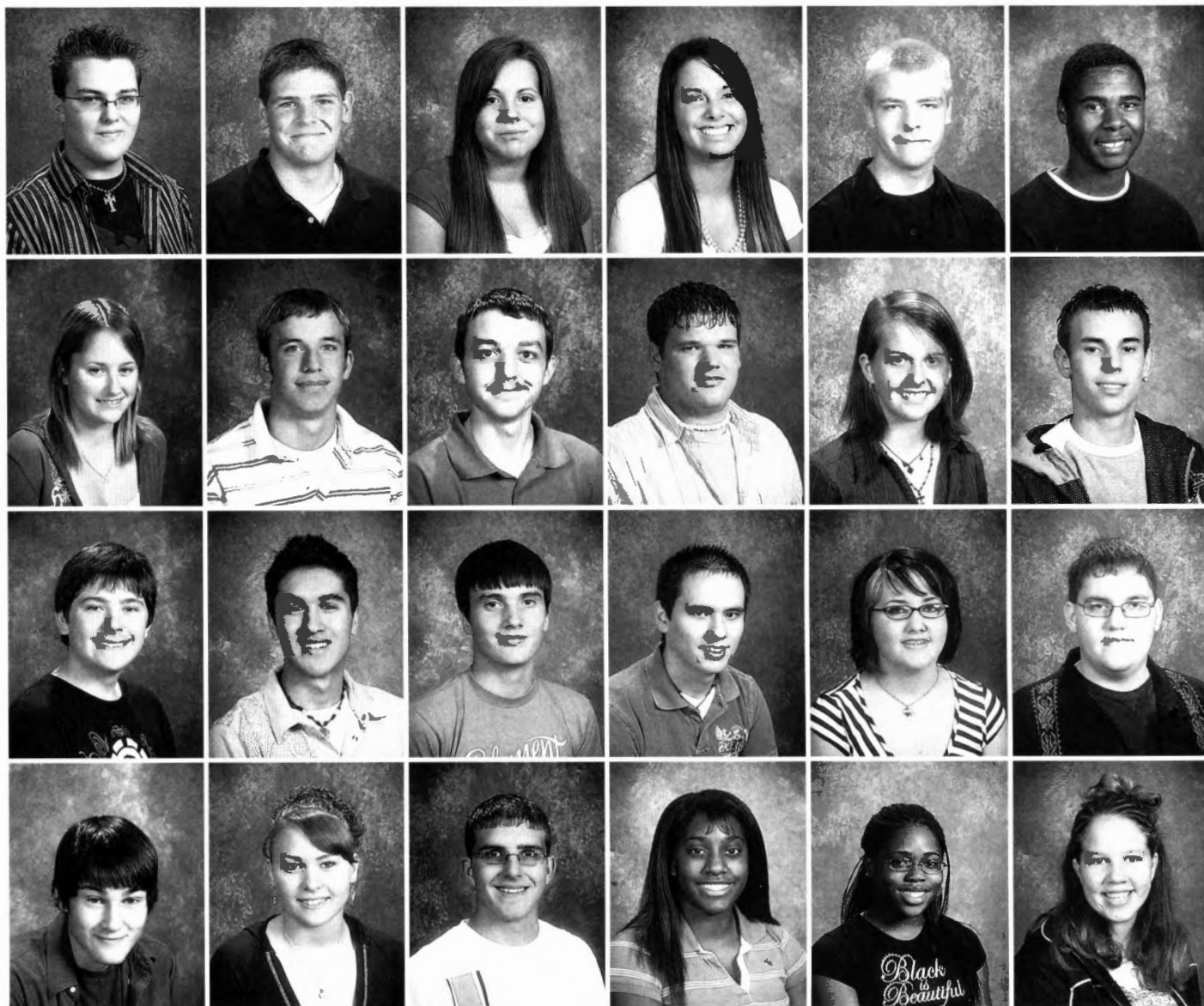
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Test Yourself...

by Kristi Shearer

What kind of movies do you like best?

1.) You are alone on a Saturday night. What do you watch?

- a.)** *The Notebook*- you're in the mood for something sad and lovely.
- b.)** *The Break-Up*- you've had a bad week and you need a pick-me-up.
- c.)** *The Grudge*- you need a good scare.

2.) You and your friends are going to the movies, what one do you watch?

- a.)** The latest chick-flick, it doesn't matter which one, they are all the same.
- b.)** *Employee of the Month*
- c.)** *Texas Chain saw Masacre 2*

3.) Your favorite actor of all time is:

- a.)** Ryan Gosling- he is charming and macho at the same time.
- b.)** Owen Wilson - he can make a joke out of every situation.
- c.)** David Arquette- the way he looks being scared sometimes even make you scared.

Mostly **a's** means you like chick-flicks. You like to get on your couch with a bag of popcorn and your favorite blanket and watch love movies all night long. Recommended movie: *The Last Kiss*

Mostly **b's** means you like comedy's the most. You are a generally funny person and you like to share a good laugh with friends. Recommended movie: *Jackass II*

Mostly **c's** means you like scary movies or horror films the best. You love the feeling of adrenaline pumping in you veins. Recommended movie: *Saw III*

Should **you** be an actress?

by Kristi Shearer

1) You haven't picked the piece you are going to sing for auditions, what do you do?

- a.)** Pick the song that shows the most range.
- b.)** Pick the song that you and your friends sing in his/her car all the time.
- c.)** Don't sing at all; it wasn't worth it anyway.

2) It is the opening night of the musical, you get on stage and forget all of your lines. You:

- a.)** Ad lib, say what you know from all of those hours of studying.
- b.)** Look at the person next to you: maybe he knows the words.
- c.)** Run off stage, all of that hard work for nothing.

3) You can't seem to grasp the dance you were taught at auditions. What is your first thought?

- a.)** Call a friend for help. She is more experienced than you.
- b.)** Practice makes perfect.
- c.)** Whatever - plays are dumb.

4) You can sing dance and act, but when there is competition, what do you do?

- a.)** Work twice as hard on every thing. You are determined to beat him/her.
- b.)** Practice, practice, practice.
- c.)** Winners never quit, but who cares?

If you answered mostly **a's** then you are a triple-threat, you can conquer anything.

If you answered mostly **b's** then you try hard, but you don't succeed as much.

If you answered mostly **c's** then you try, but you always give up.

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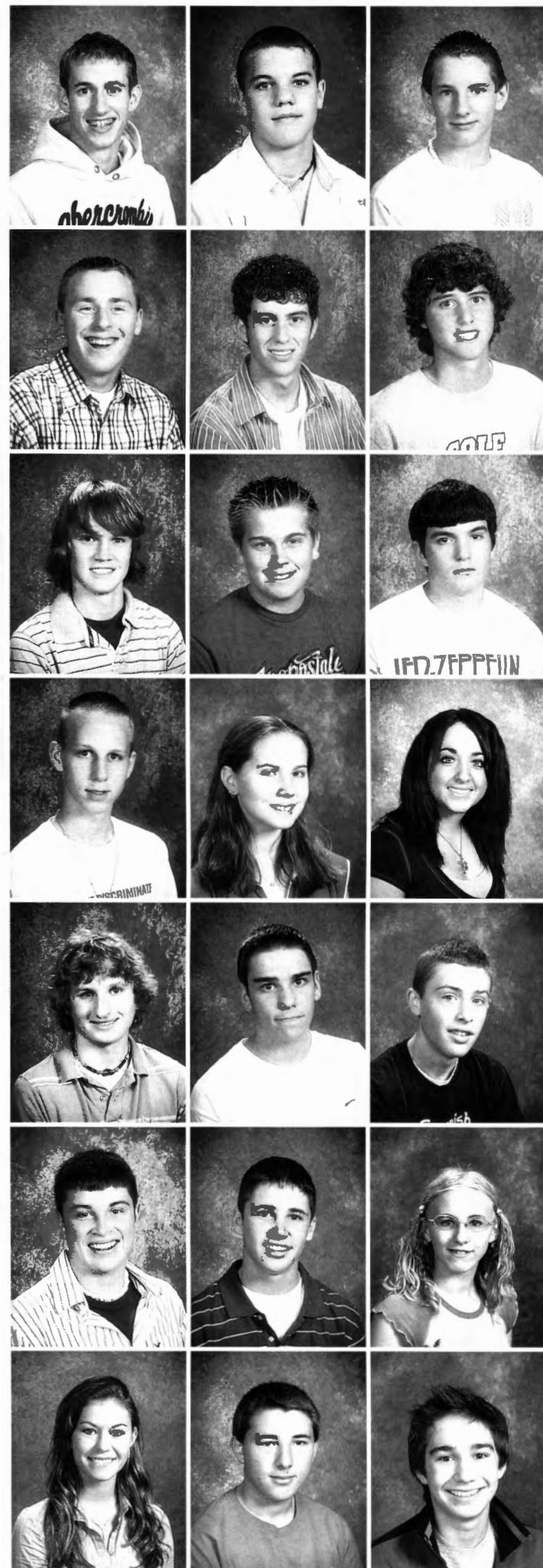
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better than the first two because it has way more blood and gore than the others." **Junior Nate Long**

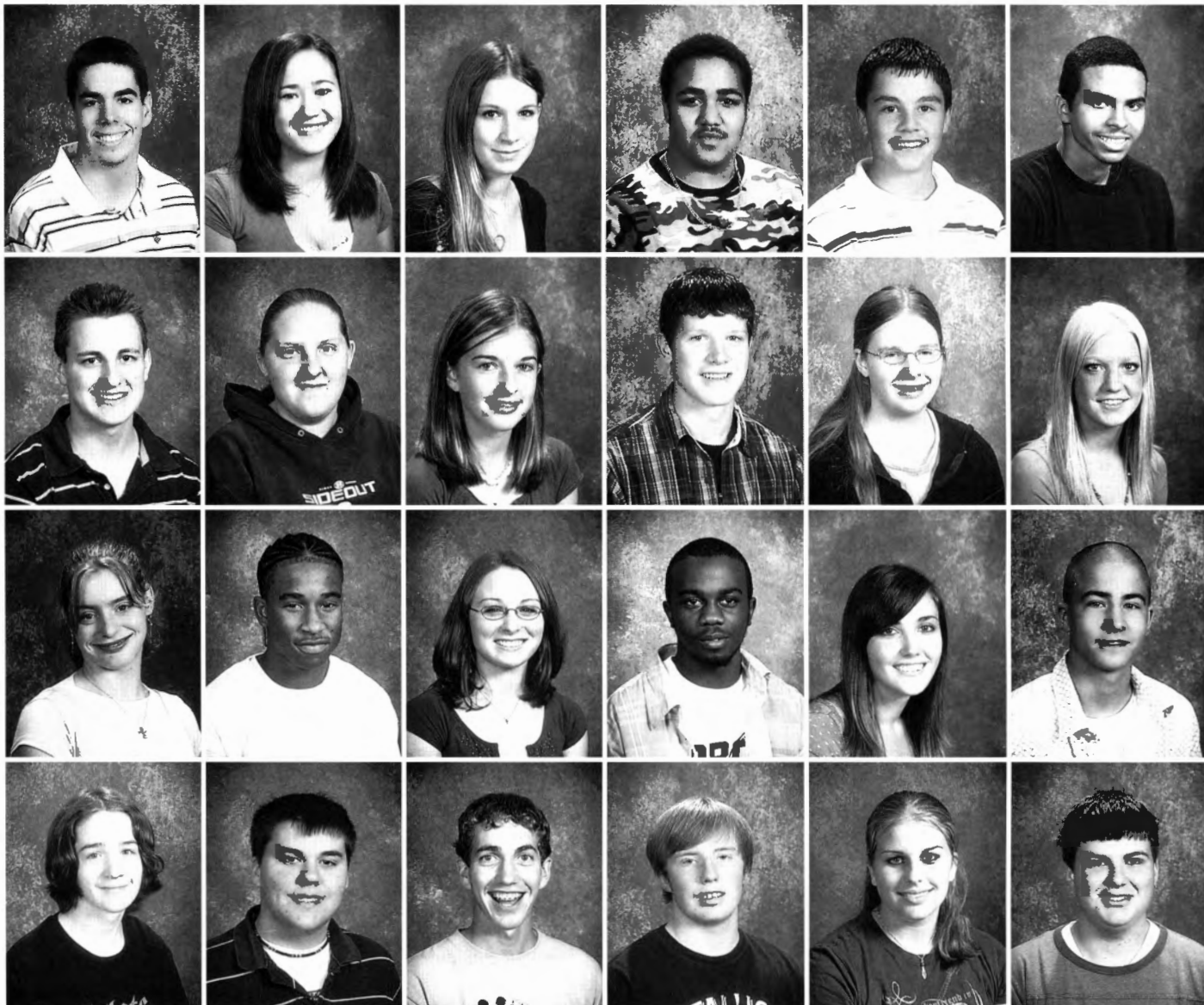




What inspired you? *Anna Megdell*

by James Bryde

"I'd like to say that I just want to be a good person, but that's really cliché, so I guess I'll just say that I want to be happy, and I want to make a difference even if I only make a difference with one person," said junior Anna Megdell. "When I'm older, I just want to be able to travel. Travelling is great because you get to experience the history and the culture that other people live with everyday. Last year I went to Spain with the Spanish class and it was amazing." She was in the Spanish 3 class when she went on the Spain trip. "Spain is very similar to America, except the whole language thing. The cities are a lot like the cities here, Madrid is very similar to New York, the only difference is that in Madrid there is hundreds of years of history that you can see in the buildings and even in the way people act, they are proud of their heritage," said Megdell. "Some day America will have history like that, who knows what it will be like, but hopefully we can be proud of it." After her senior year Megdell planned to further her education at the University of Michigan and hoped to be able to travel.



Rack your Brain

by James Bryde

Te Invito: In Spanish speaking countries people invite their friends to a restaurant for birthdays, *Te invito* means I'm inviting you and I'll pay for you.

May I use the ...

Me permite ir al baño, por favor is how you say may I use the bathroom in Spanish.

Late nights: In most Spanish speaking countries, people don't go out with their friends until ten or eleven at night.

Any questions: Do you have a question, *Tengo una pregunta* means I have a question.

Lunch: There are not very many cafeterias in Spain because students go home for lunch. They're often given an hour and a half break for lunch.

Hungry? Dinner in Spain is usually served at nine at night or later, and eating meals with family is a very important thing.

Confusion: *No entiendo* means I don't understand and *No comprendo* means I don't get it.

Crowd control: It's not uncommon in Latino countries for three or more generations to live together in a single house.

Chillin': Group activities are popular among teens in Spain. They like to get together in cafes, parks and private homes.

Snack time: In many Spanish speaking countries, the distribution of candy and soda through vending machines is prohibited.

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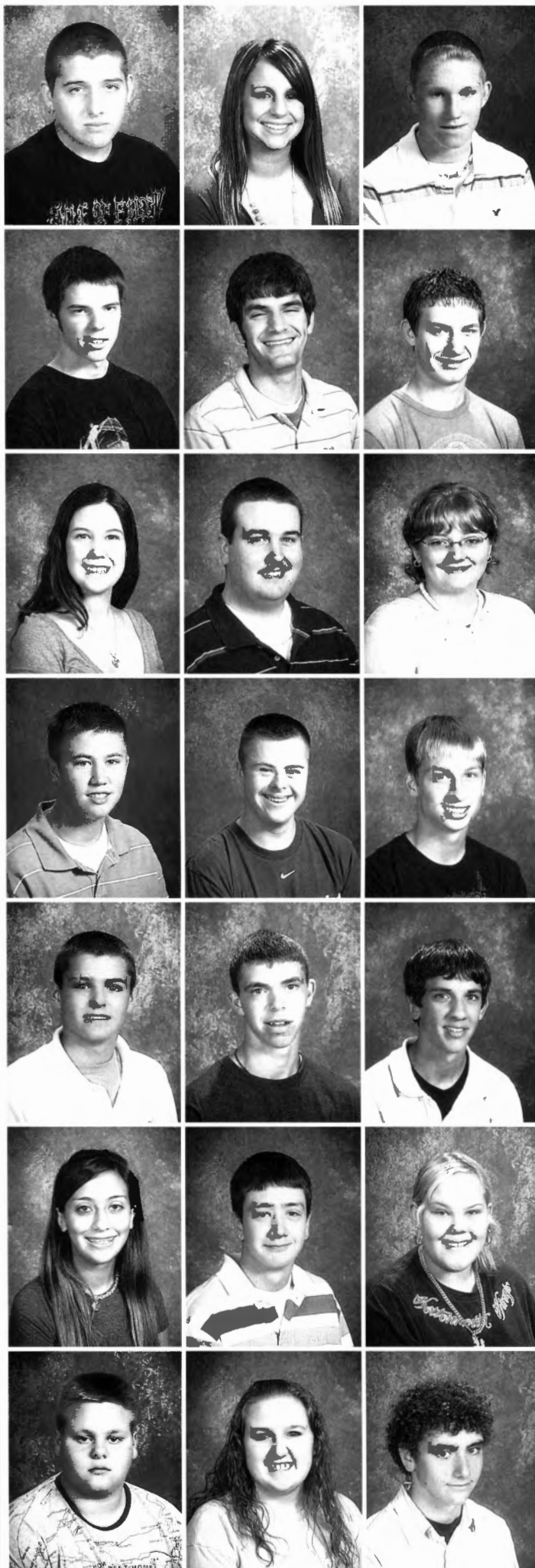
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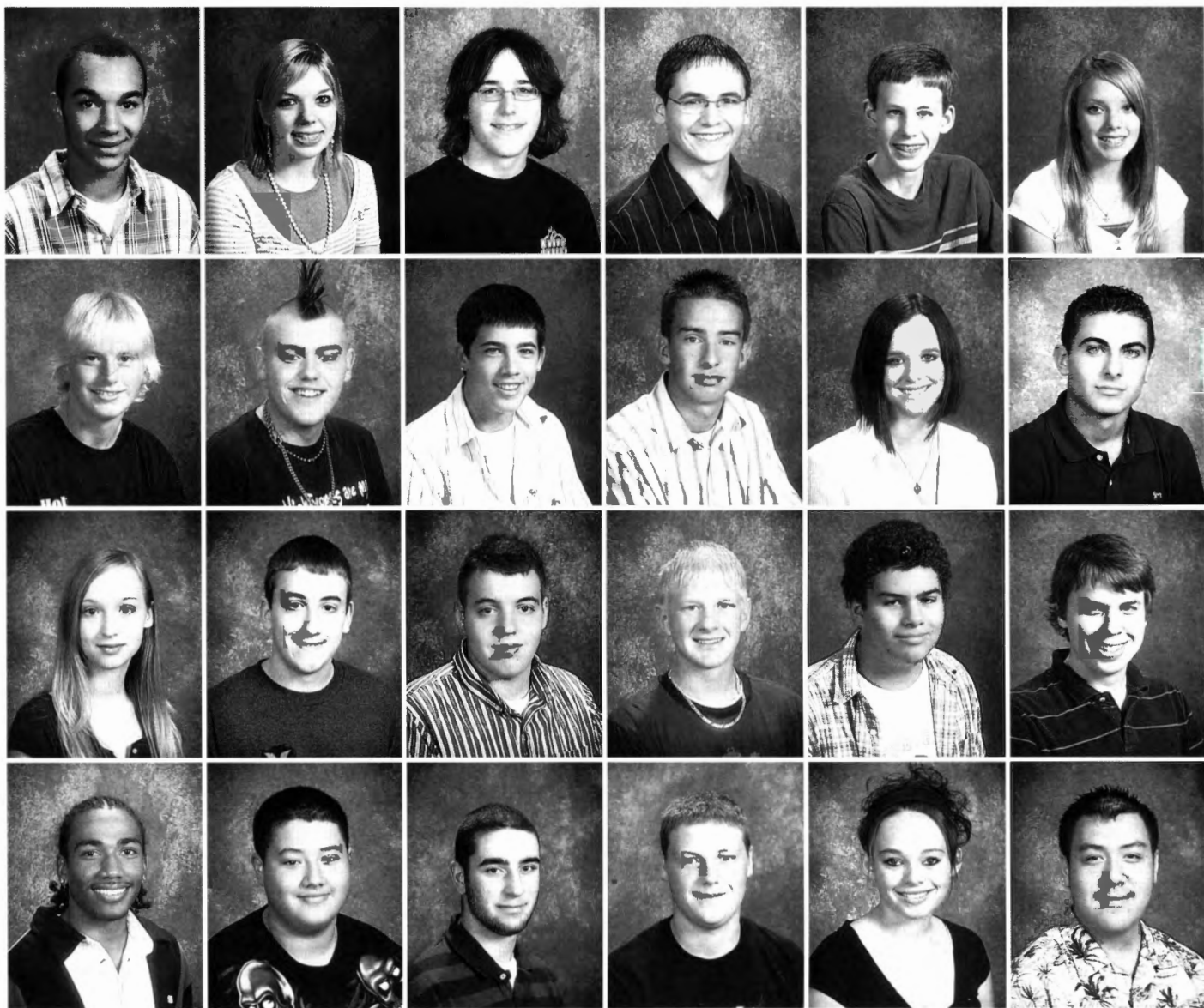
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love life when you allow yourself to do the things you want, regardless."

Junior Mary Anderson





You said it: Goals for next year

by Cayden Bunnell



"I just want to graduate, I want to do my best, but for now graduating is all I'm worried about. I'll probably take lots of art and science classes, in college I'd like to major in biology or zoology."

Junior Chris Trubac



"I'd like to put together a blues band, and hopefully get certification in electronics and computers. I plan on getting some grants to 'high rollin' colleges."

Junior Cameron Crump



"Next year is gonna be rough, I don't want to leave. I'm planning on making the most of it, I've gotta live it up and chill in the crib as much as possible before I've actually got responsibilities."

Junior Nate Zimmer



"Next year I want to take easy classes like gym. I would take art classes but I'm not good at drawing. I kinda want to take classes I've already taken, I don't feel I've learned enough."

Junior Lacy Lund

Would you rather... set goals or go with the flow?

by Cayden Bunnell



"I **set goals** because it makes it feel like I've got something to work for. I'd like to be a positive influence. People seem to be so careless when it comes to others, they get so wrapped up in their lives that they don't acknowledge the feelings of anyone else. It would be great if I could change that."

Junior Andrea Fleming



"I **go with the flow** because I try to live my life day by day. If I were to set goals, I'd have that commitment. To me, a goal is like a promise to yourself, and that's important. I would try my best to keep that promise, and if I didn't, that would be really hard. I guess I don't set goals because I don't want to deal with the disappointment."

Junior Taela Mattson

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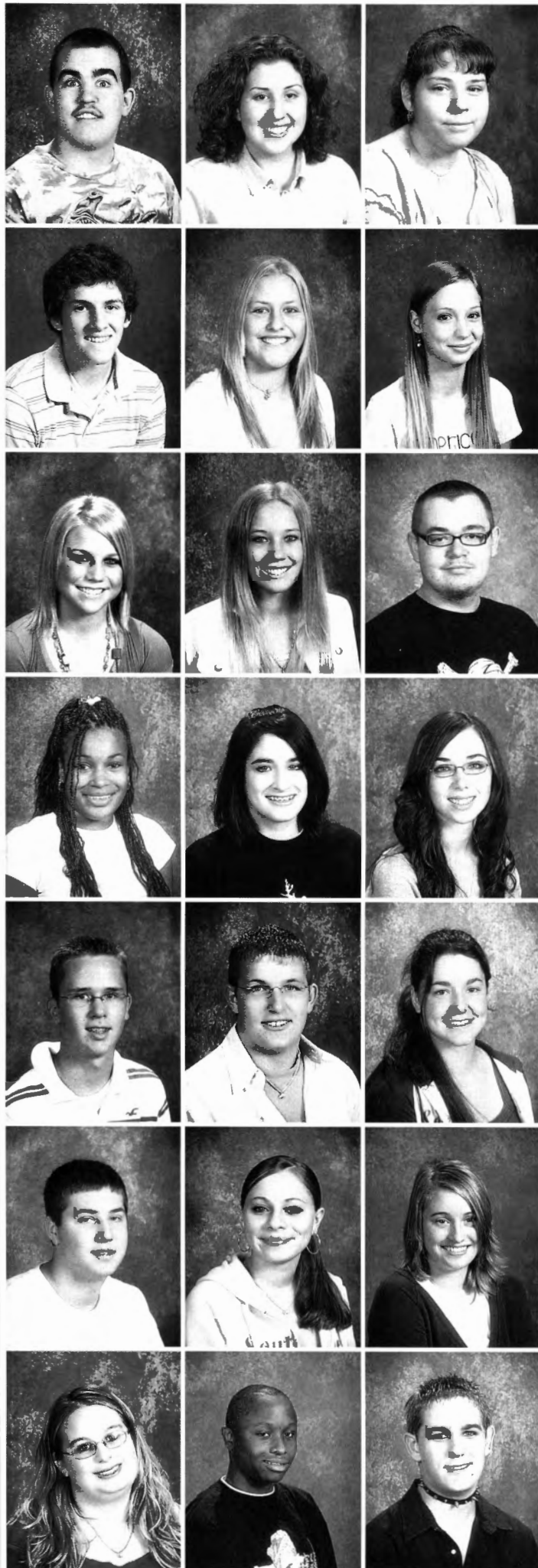
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this year into the next will be a good change, something refreshing."

Junior Jonathan Graham

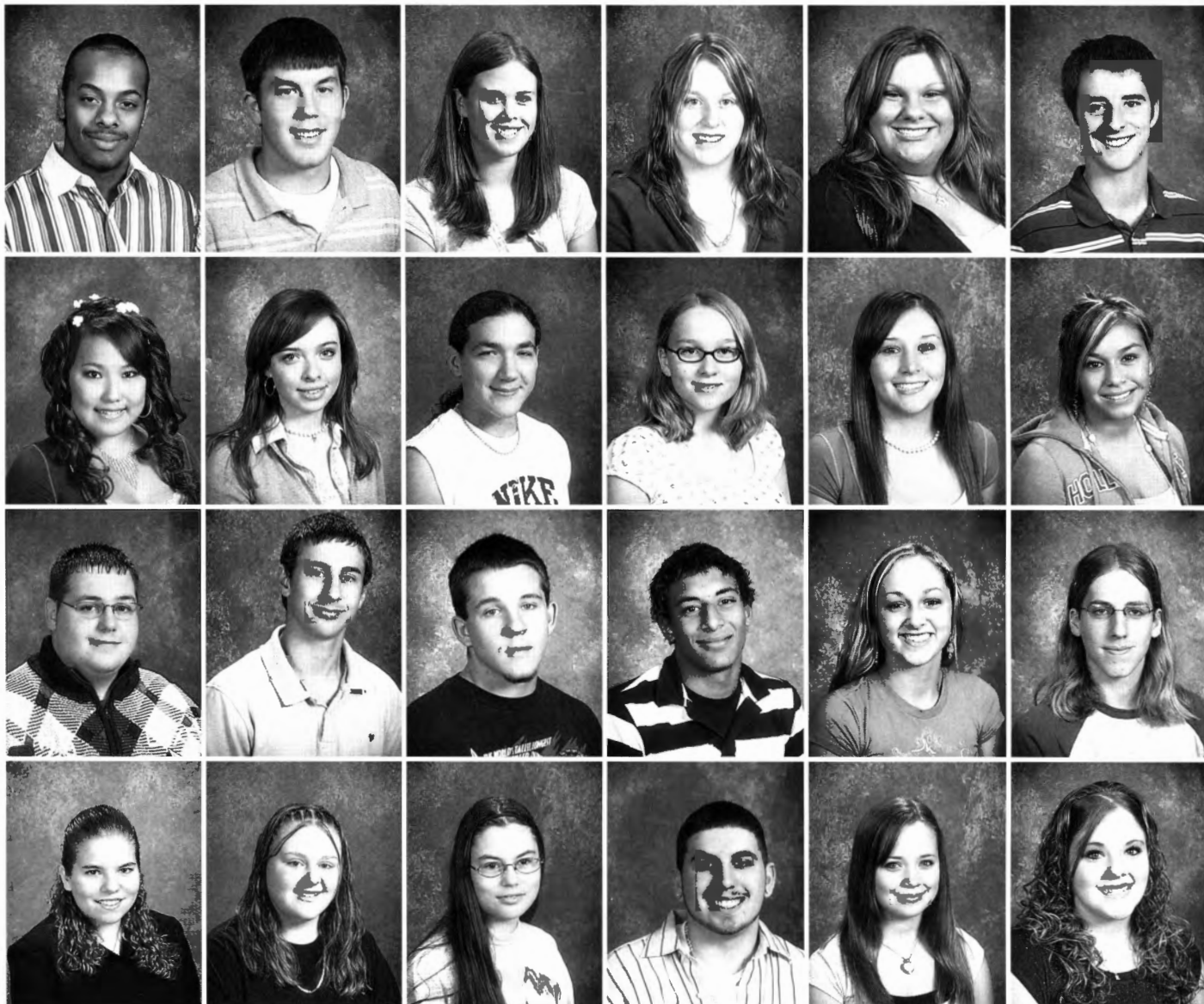




What inspired you? *Nick Strong*

by Ashleh Worden

"I've played saxophone in the school band since I was in sixth grade," said junior Nick Strong. In addition to the saxophone, Strong played the bass guitar, some piano and guitar in a band called Open-Late Thursdays. The band was made up of senior Alex Alegretto, and juniors Whitney Orth, Scott Hulteen, Chris Carrier and Mike Greene. They formed during the beginning of Strong's sophomore year. "I'm inspired by the ska bands Reel Big Fish and Streetlight Manifesto. I just have a lot of respect for them and what they do," said Strong. "My ultimate dream for the future would be to get signed by a record label, but as of now, we're just recording." The Open-Late Thursdays played various shows at local churches, friends' houses and at the recently shut down Temple Club in downtown Lansing. "The Temple was definitely my favorite place to play shows. The atmosphere was professional and always attracted a crowd," said Strong. "It's going to be hard getting shows since they're closing down. I'm just really going to miss it. I don't know what I want to do when I get older, I just hope I'm still playing music."



"My favorite song lyrics are 'Painted skies, I've seen so many that cannot compare to your ocean eyes' in the Forest Parke Library and Archives - Capital Area District Libraries

Do you know your song lyrics?

by Ashleh Worden

1.) "I've sunken in the quicksand of love."

- a.)** The Spill Canvas
- b.)** Death Cab for Cutie
- c.)** Eminem

2.) "She ain't got a lot to say, but there's somethin' about her."

- a.)** Backstreet Boys
- b.)** The Little Mermaid
- c.)** Panic! At the Disco

3.) "I hope you come down with something they can't diagnose, don't have a cure for."

- a.)** Brand New
- b.)** Something Corporate
- c.)** The All American Rejects

4.) "She smiled in a big way, the way a girl like that smiles."

- a.)** The Format
- b.)** P. Diddy
- c.)** Dashboard Confessional

5.) "Josie's on a vacation far away."

- a.)** Journey
- b.)** The Outfield
- c.)** Cutting Crew

6.) "Diamonds is nothin' to me, especially when I'm dressin' up. Is just a button to me."

- a.)** Nelly
- b.)** Jibbs
- c.)** Ludacris

7.) "I can see us holdin' hands, walking on the beach, our toes in the sand."

- a.)** Jo Jo
- b.)** The Fray
- c.)** Justin Timberlake

b. 7. c.

Answer Key: 1. a. 2. b. 3. a. 4. c. 5. b. 6.

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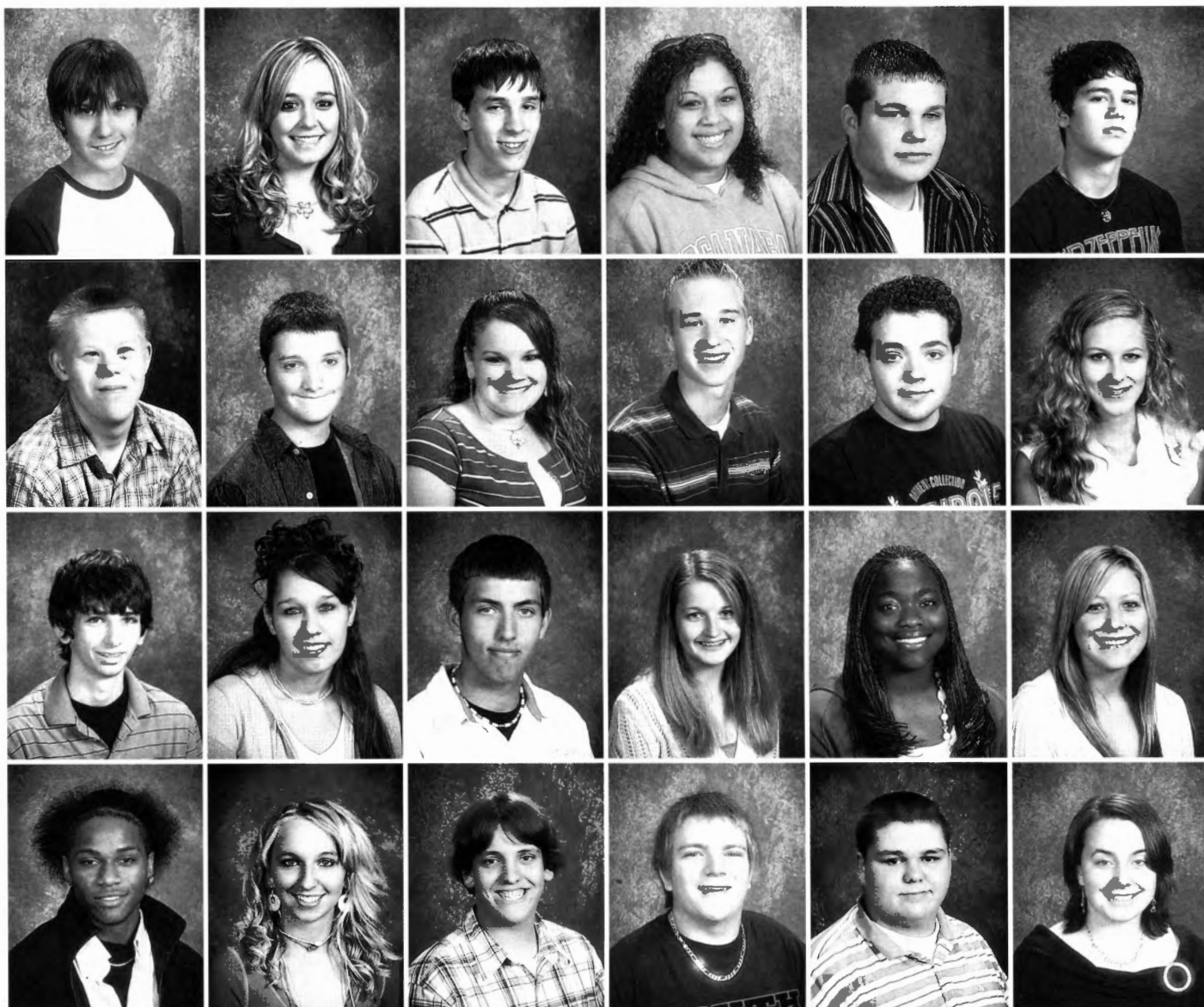
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Rademacher, Rachel

Rao, Anni
Rawlinson, Trina
Recollet, Joseph
Redding, Amber
Reeser, Chelsea
Rendon, Rochelle
Renfro, Justin-Lee
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Robart, Stephanie

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Royston, Joshua



What was your injury? *John Bort*

by Michael Farran

Most football injuries come from hard hits. Junior John Bort's injury came from someone stepping on his foot. Bort broke his third metatarsal (part of his foot) when someone accidentally crushed his right foot on the football field. He didn't realize that he had broken his foot until a couple weeks after the injury occurred. After two weeks of pain, Bort finally decided to go to the doctor to get it checked out. He was told it was broken and he would have to be out 3-4 weeks in the middle of the season. "I am very upset because I can't play football for the next 4 weeks, but at least I'll be back in time for the Grand Ledge game!" said Bort. His eagerness to get back on the field was one reason why he worked so hard to recover fast and get back in pads as soon as he could. Bort had to use crutches for a week, and had a "boot" on his foot for the next three weeks. The boot stabilized his foot, and also protected it from being stepped on again. Fortunately for Bort, his hard work during his recovery paid off and he was back in pads practicing before the Jackson game, three games before the end of the regular season.



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Sump, Joseph
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Rack your Brain

by Michael Farran

Metatarsal: Any of five long bones in the foot located in the metatarsus. The metatarsus is the foot's bone structure between the toes and the ankle.

Clavicle: Also known as the collarbone, the clavicle is the bone that forms the anterior part of the shoulder. Extends from the sternum to the scapula.

Scapula: One of two triangular bones that form the hind part of the shoulder. More commonly known as the shoulder blade.

Humerus: A bone in either arm attaching from the shoulder to the elbow. You hit the end of this when you hit your "funny bone".

Femur: The bone in either leg connecting the pelvis and the knee. This is commonly called the thigh bone and is the largest and strongest bone in the body.

Patella: The pan-like bone in your leg by your knee. Usually called the kneecap, this bone is easily moveable unlike many bones in the body.

Fibula: The outer bone in the lower leg of the body. This extends from the knee to the ankle. It is the thinner of the two main bones in the lower leg.

Tibia: The inner bone in the lower leg that connects from the knee to the ankle. It is thicker than the fibula. It is between the fibula and the shinbone.

Tarsal: A bone in the tarsus of the foot. The tarsus is between the tibia and the metatarsus and is part of the ankle joint.

www.dictionary.com



Things you need to know about... Music: Good vs. Bad

by Kelly Young

"It helps encourage me and gets me hype before a big event or what I'm doing."
Junior James Magyar

"Some of the songs give me a new look at certain things."
Junior Samantha Starin

"It inspires me to create my own music and it cheers me up."
Junior Sean Smith

"Rock can change my mood, get my mind off things, and relives stress."
Junior Ben Wilson

"It wakes me up in the morning and it helps me when I'm in bad moods."
Junior Leigha Jarecki

Rap

"Rap takes no talent. So what, you can make a computer beat and talk - who cares?" **Junior Tyler McMillin**

Country

"I don't like the sound... It makes me sick." **Junior Krissy Barros**

Metal

"You can't dance to metal."
Junior Kinnith Gibbs

Rock

"Anyone can write songs and talk about break ups." **Junior Joe Pena**

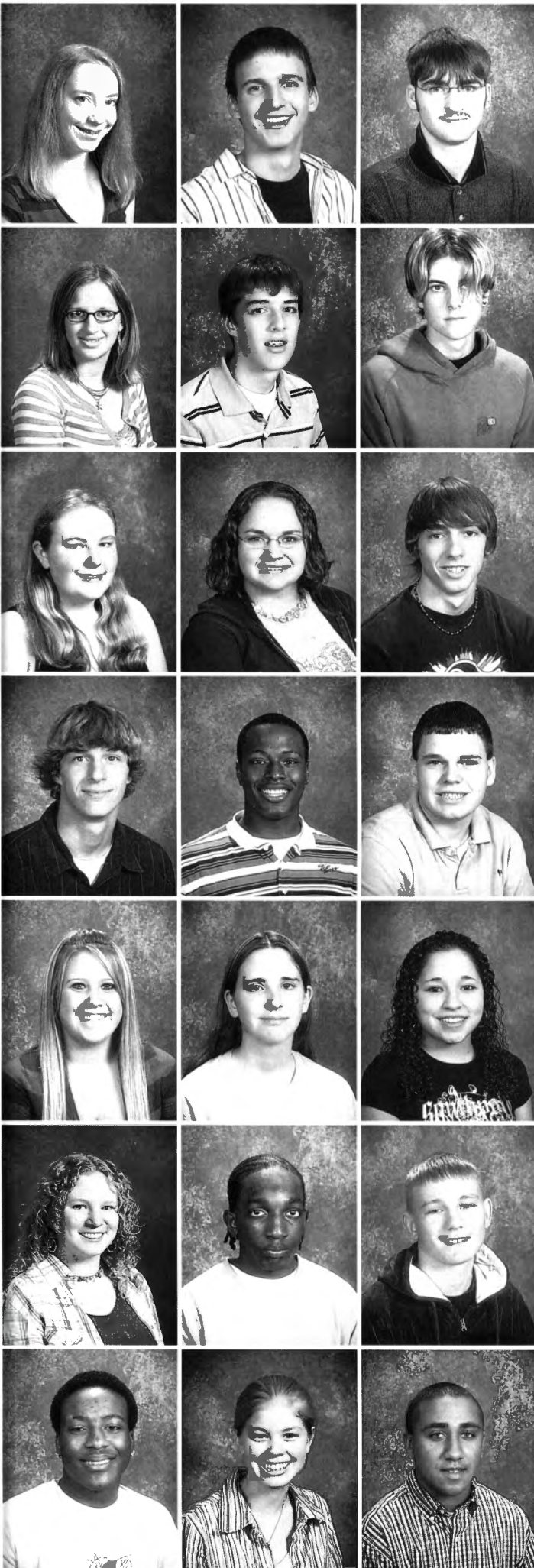
Hard core

"Screaming throughout the whole song gets old." **Junior Justin Ennis**



"I listen to music before I go to bed, when I workout, and when I do homework. It's in my every day life."

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Trudel, Alexandra
Tuttle, Richae
Tweedie, Jorden
Ungren, Jacklyn
Vance, Corey
Vandouser, James

VanKirk, Robert
Vaughan, Tabitha
Vergeson, Dohn
Vickers, Tyler
Viney, Alexandra
Vue, Samantha
Waddy, Markeas
Wagemaker, Katelyn
Wagner, Nicholas

Rack your Brain

by Kelly Young

Heavy Metal: Aggressive and heavily amplified rock music, commonly performed by groups that wear spectacular or bizarre costumes.

Punk: A type of rock-'n-roll characterized by loud, insistent music and abusive or violent protest lyrics.

Emo: A genre of punk rock music that began in the 1980's that is well known for its thoughtful and highly emotional lyrics.

Screamo: A mixture of "Emo" music with screamed (rather than, or as well as, sung) vocal parts.

Alternative: Coined in the early 80's to describe punk rock-inspired music genres which didn't fit into the mainstream genres of the time.

Indie: Genres and cultural attributes, characterized by independence from commercial pop, mainstream culture and, a do-it-yourself approach.

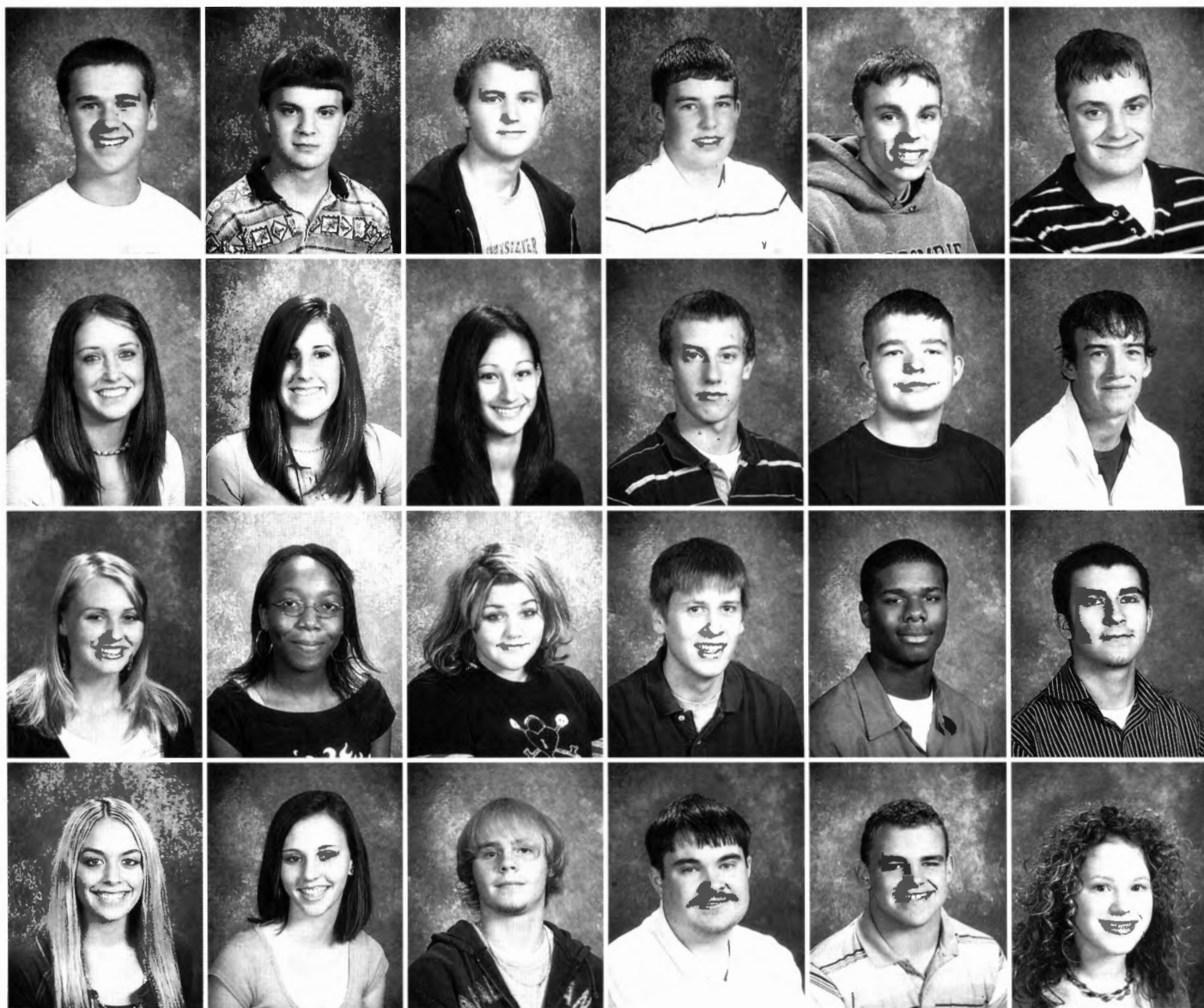
Techno: A style of disco music characterized by very fast synthesizer rhythms, heavy use of samples, and a lack of melody.

R & B: "Rhythm and blues." Upbeat, funky music that started in the 60's with the Mowtown era.

Rap: A style of popular music in which an insistent, recurring beat pattern provides the background and counterpoint for rapid rhyming patterns.

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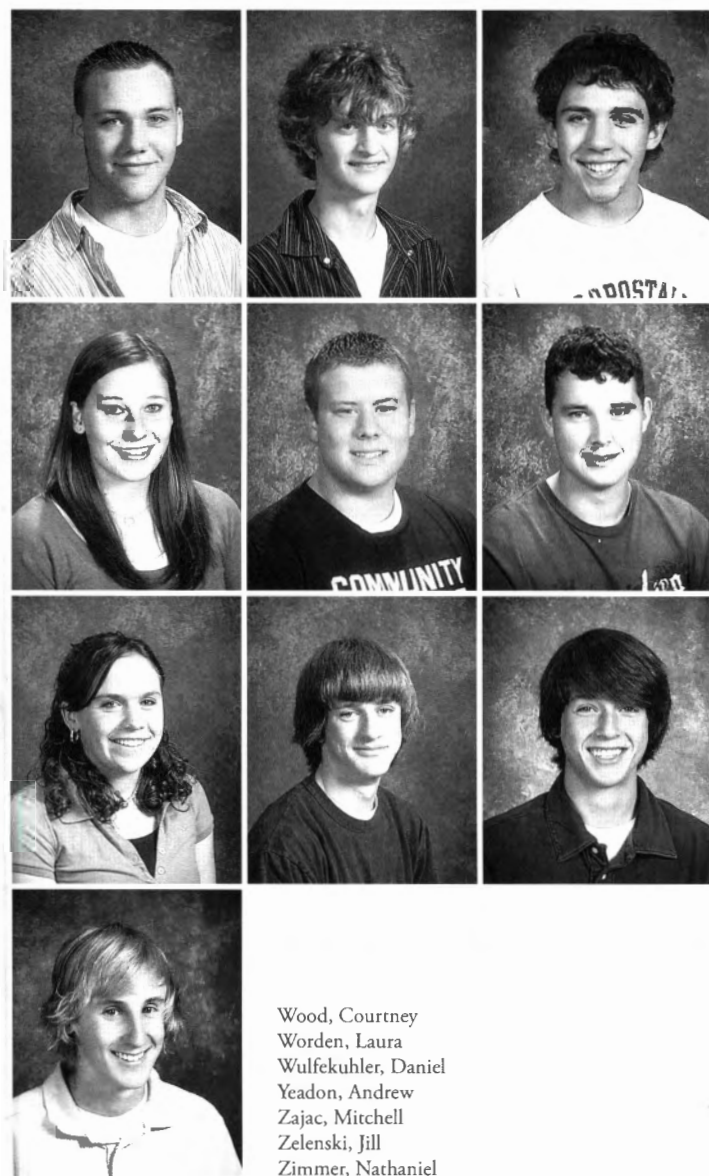




A day in the life of *Kaylin Schneider*

by Trina Rawlinson

It was five thirty in the morning and junior Kaylin Schneider was waking up, knowing she had a busy day in store for her. "I like to wake up earlier than I know I have to, just in case I forgot some last minute homework. Or in case an outfit doesn't work out," said Schneider. When she was done getting ready she rushed out of the door and headed to school. Once school was over she had to hurry home because she had to change into her work clothes before she went to Party America to work. "When I work at Party America I have to stock the store, be the cashier, and make balloons for people," said Schneider. Schneider usually worked until nine thirty at night. When she was all done working she went home and started her homework. "By the time I get home from work, I'm exhausted. I definitely don't feel like doing the hours of homework I have in front of me," explained Schneider. Even though Schneider was really busy she found time to hang out with her friends and have fun. "I try to make time for my friends even though I'm really busy. I feel like if I don't make time for them then I won't have any friends at all," said Schneider.



Wallace, Allen
Walle, Joshua
Walsh, Christopher
Walsh, Tyler
Walter, Donald
Walthers, Jeffrey
Ward, Nickolas
Wardlaw, Christopher
Warner, Charles

Warren, Carolyn
Warren, Kaitlin
Warvel, Jessica
Webb, Joshua
Weismiller, Kenneth
White, Brayden
White, Danielle
Whitney, Cody
Wiborn, Justin

Wilkes, Meghan
Williams, Miyah
Williams, Parios
Wilson, Benjamin
Wilson, Dijawon
Wilson, Justin
Wilson, Morgan
Winsor, Kyle
Wolff, Dylan

Wood, Courtney
Worden, Laura
Wulfekuhler, Daniel
Yeadon, Andrew
Zajac, Mitchell
Zelenski, Jill
Zimmer, Nathaniel

Juniors not pictured:

Bonilla, Jesus
Borsuk, Ashley
Clisch, Michael
Cobbs, Emily
Gregory, Christiana
Hensler, James
Hilborn, Jami
Hosfield, Danielle

Johnson, Tokyo
Long, Mystique
Loszewski, Michael
Mayers, Jonathan
Na, Rudia
Quigley, Lisa
Riddle, Ricarah
Ruthruff, Joshua

Thompson, Samantha
Tran, Terry
Varona, Nicole
White, Shelley
Williams, Joshua

How balanced is your life?

by Trina Rawlinson

- 1.) Every fall you feel:
 - a.) Excited to be back.
 - b.) Stressed about new classes.
 - c.) Stressed about your social status.
- 2.) In a typical week, you go out:
 - a.) 0 to 2 nights.
 - b.) 2 to 4 nights.
 - c.) More than 4 nights.
- 3.) If you procrastinate, it's usually because you're:
 - a.) Working on a more important assignment.
 - b.) Involved in activities.
 - c.) Hanging out with your friends.
- 4.) You spend Sundays:
 - a.) Hanging out during the day, and studying in the evening.
 - b.) Squeezing in as much fun as possible before the weekend's over.
 - c.) Doing homework.
- 5.) How often do you work on school stuff during lunch?
 - a.) Often.
 - b.) Sometimes.
 - c.) Never.

If you answered mostly **a's** you're great at prioritizing school and your future. You sometimes forget how important it is to make time for yourself.

If you answered mostly **b's** you are perfectly balanced. You know your boundaries and have a balance between your school and having fun.

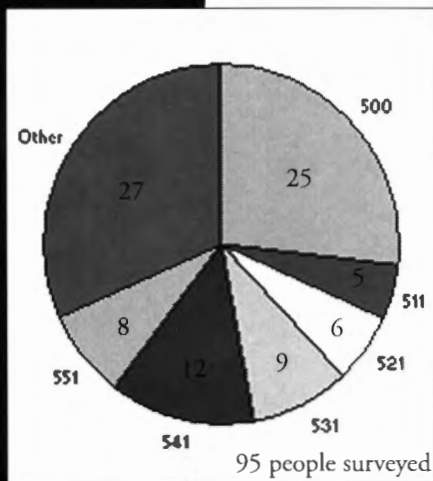
If you answered mostly **c's** you love being social. It's such a priority that you make time in your daily life to connect with friends. You seem to struggle in school because friends come first. *Source Seventeen.com*



By the numbers...

by Heather Brandenburg

How many sophomores?



26% 500-510

5% 511-520

6% 521-530

9% 531-540

13% 541-550

8% 551-560

32% Other



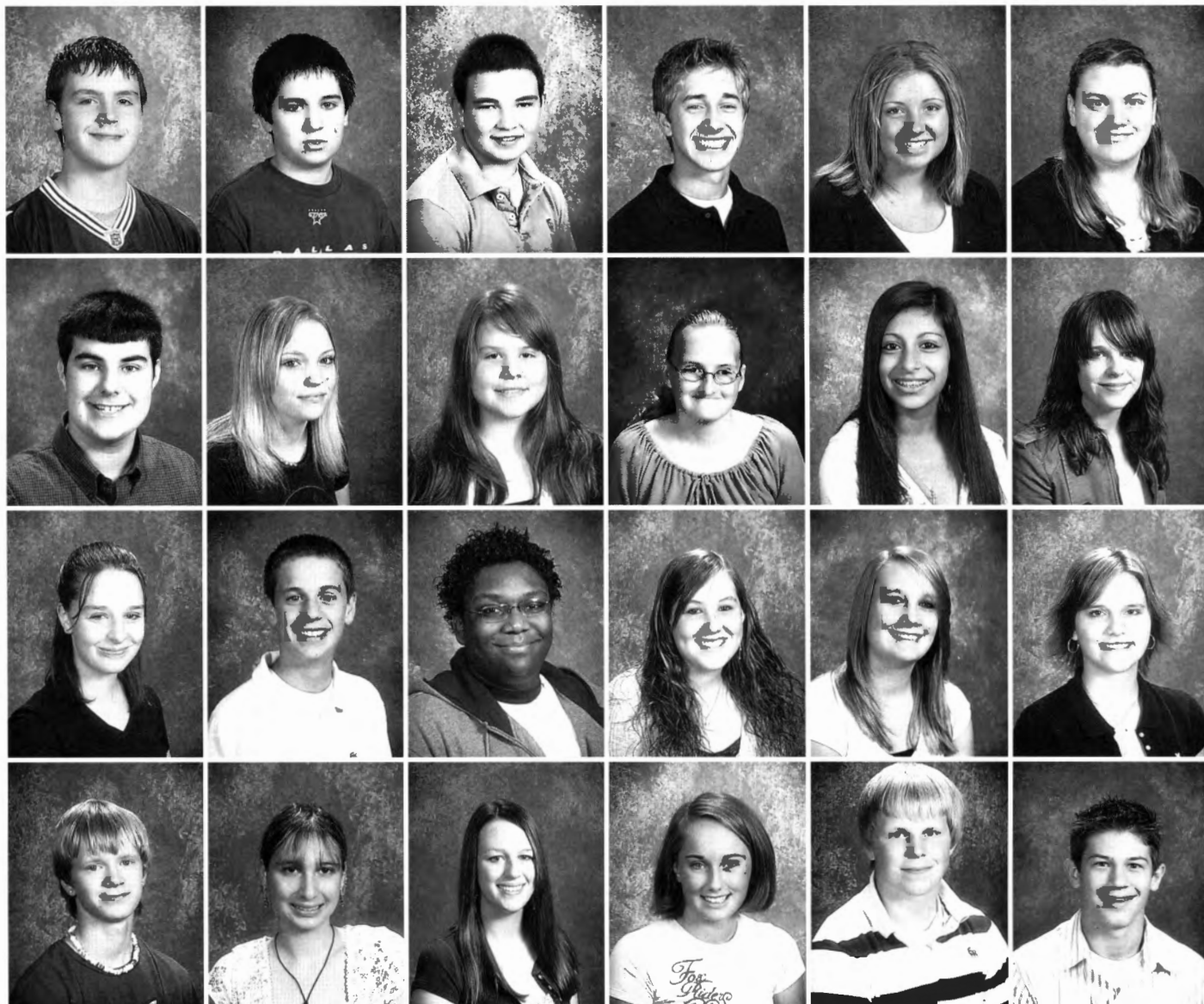
"560 sophomores because we have a lot of kids in our school."

Sophomore Luke Moreno



"600 because there's a lot in our class. I think we're above average in the number of students we have."

Sophomore Emily Tashner



"There are 552 sophomores because I know we had a big class last year. We had 540 something. I think there are 86 Forest Parke Library and Archives - Capital Area District Libraries



Ackley, Amelia
Albert, Alec
Alldaffer, Nikolas



Alleman, Joshua
Allen, Benjamin
Allen, Heather



Allen, Jillian
Allen, Matthew
Allen, Michael



Allen, Travis
Alling, Michael
Alton, Kody
Ammarman, Dylan
Anderson, Jennifer
Andres, Tessa
Angel, Bryant
Arambula, Kelsey
Arend-Ritter, Saige



Arra, Thomas
Ayers, Kayela
Bailey, Judy
Baker, Amber
Banda, Mercedes
Barber, Ericka
Bawcum, Cassandra
Becker, Ashley
Bedes, Breanne



Beebe, Brittanie
Beeson, Alexander
Bell, Aaron
Bell, Melissa
Bennett, Amanda
Berg, Catherine
Betterly, Eric
Birmingham, Brittini
Blankenship, Brock



Blodgett, Daniel
Boegner, Alexis
Bohne, Emily
Bondarenko, Janell
Boone, Corbin
Bossenbery, Christopher
Boyce, Kara
Boyd, Robert
Bradley, Amelia

Know your school

by Heather Brandenburg

• Your **school** is located at _____
5780 W. HOLT RD.

• Their are _____
sophomores in Holt High School.

• Their are how many **teachers** in Holt High School?

• My **teachers** for first semester were:

1st hour: _____
2nd hour: _____
3rd hour: _____
4th hour: _____
5th hour: _____
6th hour: _____

• My **teachers** for second semester were:

1st hour: _____
2nd hour: _____
3rd hour: _____
4th hour: _____
5th hour: _____
6th hour: _____

• How many **classrooms** are there in our school?

• How many **steps** are in the stairwells?

• Our **auditorium** seats how many people?

• How many **lunch tables** are there in the commons?

• I **sat** with _____
_____ at lunch.

• Their are _____
parking spaces in the school parking lot.

512 sophomores
86 teachers
71 classrooms
23 steps in the stairwell
800 seats in the auditorium
71 lunch tables in the commons

• Key:



lunch tables in the high school's commons and there is enough of them."

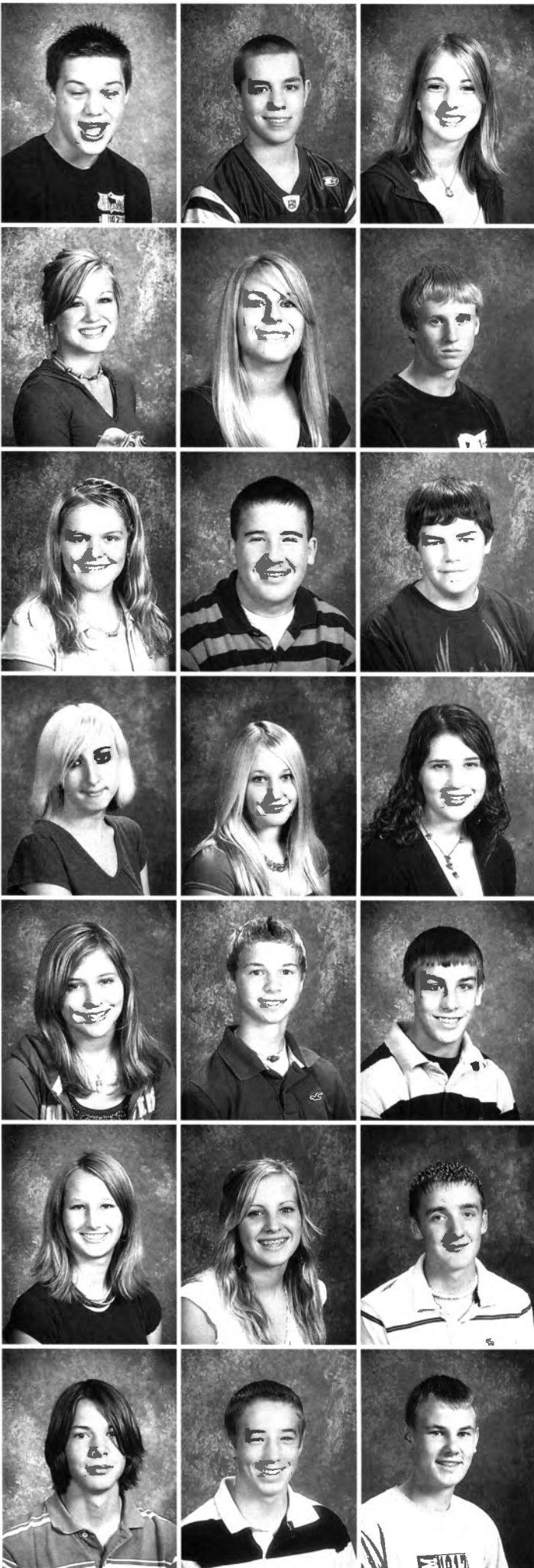
Sophomore Mary Quasarano



What inspired you? *Erin and Janell*

by Kristyn Somerville

"We like to make daily trips to Taco Bell and to go on adventures," said senior Erin Bondarenko when she was asked what she liked to do with her sister. "We also like making fun of Erin's boyfriend," added sophomore Janell Bondarenko. Both the girls agreed that they did almost everything together. They've both played soccer, golf, and tennis; listened to the same kind of music; and hanging out with the same friends during their free time. "We hang out together almost all the time, except for when Erin's hanging out with her boo," cracked Janell. Even though they already spent so much time together, they wished they would've had some classes together. "I wish!" said Erin. "Teachers wouldn't allow that." They also both had a strong interest in quadding (riding their quads up north). The sisters, despite their similarities, also had quite a few differences. They had different styles of clothing and different perspectives on school; Erin cared what people thought of her and Janell didn't. Through everything, the girls were really close. "We're not only sisters, but we're best friends," said Erin.



Braman, Kelsey
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 Brown, Chelsea
 Brown, Ryan
 Brown-Strange, David
 Bunnell, Megan

Burns, Joshua
 Buxton, Tyler
 Cabrera, Adrianna
 Caesar, Chelsey
 Cannarile, Angel
 Centeno, Giovanni
 Chapman, Patricia
 Chelf, Brandy
 Childs, Joel

Chronister, Sarah
 Clark, Kellsey
 Clarkin, Meghan
 Clay, Bruce
 Clone, Benjamin
 Cochran, Angelia
 Cohen, Amber
 Colister, Keith
 Conroy, Zachary

Cook-Chillemi, Carlin
 Cook-Garmyn, Aaron
 Coon, Stacy
 Cooper, Mavamarie
 Corbin, Anthony
 Corey, Ashley
 Corrigan, Samantha
 Counsellor, Paige
 Couturier, Anne

Couturier, Elizabeth
 Craig, Jordan
 Crawford, Delbert

Crawford, Lauren
 Crew, Spencer
 Cribble, Justin

Crippen, Joseph
 Crippen, Michael
 Cupp, Maximilius

Would you rather... have siblings or be an only child?

by Kristyn Somerville



"I'd rather **have siblings** because you'd always have someone to hang out with if you have nobody else."

Sophomore Britney Keiffer



"I'd rather **have siblings** because it's a lot more exciting and if they're older than you they can drive you places and buy you ice cream."

Sophomore Jordan Craig



"I would rather **have siblings** because being an only child is lonely and boring."

Sophomore SarahAnn Robiadek

over her and have to take care of her whenever my parents go out."

Sophomore Terra Livingston

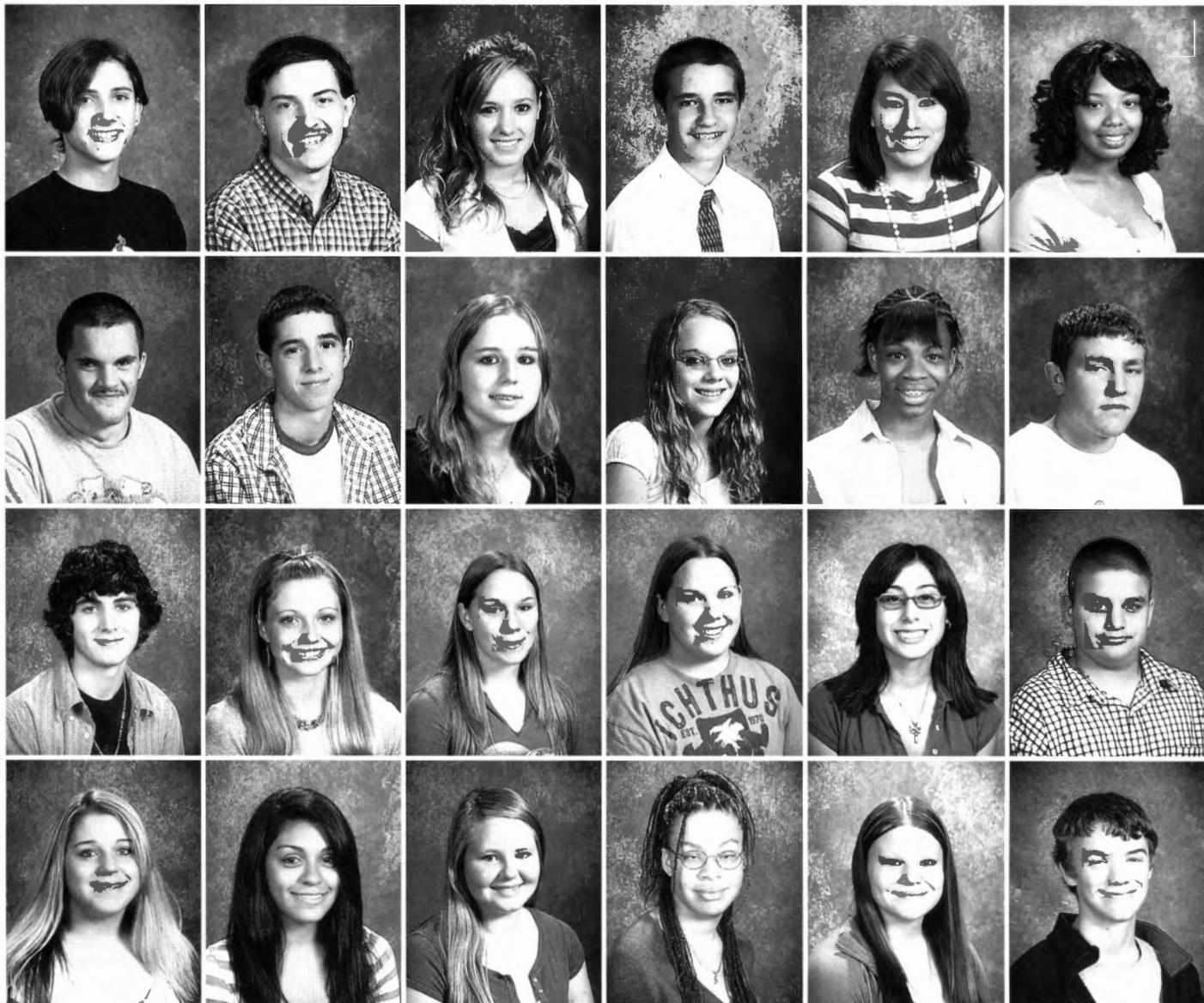




What inspired you? *Joe & Jesse Powers*

by Heather Brandenburg

"We can get along, but we don't," said sophomore Jesse Powers when asked how he gets along with his older brother. Being only one year and five months apart, junior Joe Powers and sophomore Jesse shared some of the same interests including tennis and Texas Hold 'em poker. Joe also said they shared the same interests in, "girls." Despite their common interests, Joe and Jesse were quite different. Being part of Bauer Dance Studio, Danceworks of Michigan, Happen Dance and Children's Ballet Theater, Jesse practiced everyday except Friday. He participated in ballet, tap, jazz, and partnering. Partnering was his favorite. In contrast, basketball, football, and tennis filled up most of Joe's time. He practiced every weekday and enjoyed playing basketball the most. The two brothers felt differently about each other. "I think Joe's kind of cocky but not always. I wish someone would beat him up to show him what he does to other people, but he can be nice sometimes," said Jesse. When Joe was asked what he thought of Jesse, he responded, "He knows how to get me mad and get on my nerves." With Jesse dancing and Joe playing sports, they are were on opposite sides of the spectrum.



"Jesse's cool. He's the only one I know who will lose to me in Egyptian rat screw every time we

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Darbor, Kelsey



Deason, Amanda
Dedyne, Paul
Dejongh, Elizabeth



Deland, Tommy
Delany, Chelsea
Delo, Tiffany



Dennis, Britton
Densmore, Brandon
Derry, Courtney
Diamond, Brendan
Dickerson, Anamaria
Dismuke, Deandria
Dittenber, Jessica
Doerr, Monica
Dougherty, Nicole



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Drexler, Chrystine
Dreysse, Ashley
Duke, Kandice
Durrett, Keleigh
Dutkiewicz, Abigail
Dyer, Arielle
Dygart, Kevin



Easterbrook, Justin
Eggers, Rikki
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Eisenzimmer, Spring
Escobedo, Jasmyn
Fabijancic, William
Fischer, Brittany
Flores, Michael
Foorman, Brooke



Fountain, Jordynn
Franco, Anastasha
Fredline, Allison
Fry, Sharmonique
Fulton, Cynthia
Galloway, Anthony
Gardner, Emily
Gardner, Joshua
Garza, Jasmine

His own direction: Jesse Powers

by Heather Brandenburg

Sophomore Jesse Powers filled up his time with dance, tennis and the school play. In his partnering dance class, Powers cradled girls as they walked across the corner, did promenades (shapes like attitude and arabesque) and did finger turns with their partners. This was Powers' favorite class out of all four (ballet, jazz, tap, and partnering). Powers enjoyed playing tennis and hoped to make the team. Because Powers' entire family played, he wanted to follow tradition and play the sport. Powers was also in the school play, *42nd Street*. He was part of the chorus which sang a lot of the bigger songs and danced.

5 Favorites:

- Food:
Cheesy Mashed Potatoes
- Color:
Green
- Animal:
Turtle
- Movie:
My Girl
- Superhero:
Batman

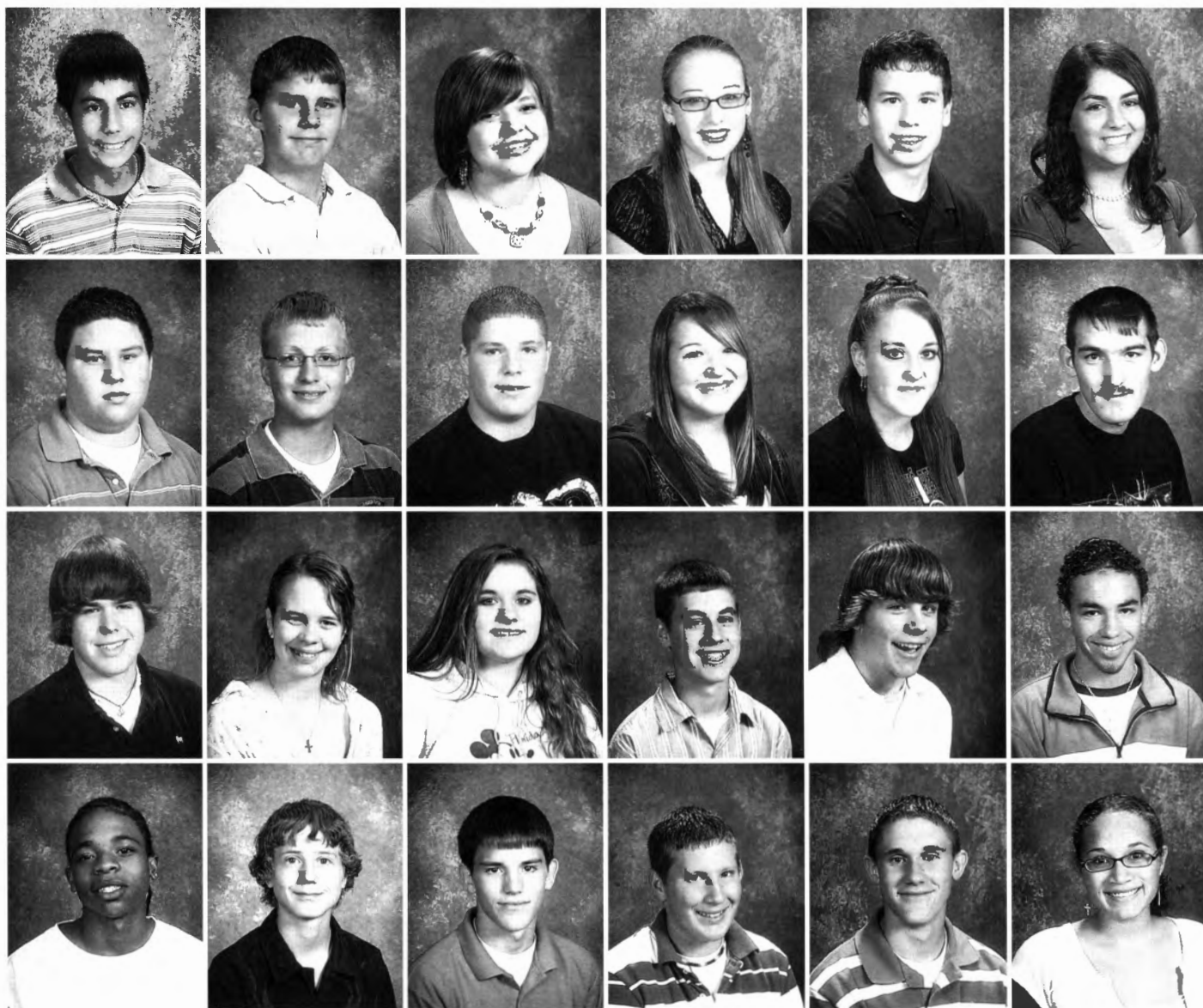


Dancing since he was a little kid, junior **Jessie Powers** has continued to dance throughout his life. Powers has been tapping, doing ballet and jazz since he was six years old and adding partnering as he got older. *Courtesy photo*

play at the Euchre parties. He's so much cooler than his brother Joe."

Sophomore Nicole Perdue





You said it: First car accidents

by Ashleh Worden



"I was sleeping in the car and when I woke up we were stopped in a parking lot. I thought maybe we were going some where, but we really got into a car accident."

Sophomore Joel Childs



"On our way to baby-sit, a car at a traffic light turned right into our car when we had a green light and their light turned red."

Sophomore Bethany Whitford



"When I was younger, a deer ran out in front of us when my mom was driving. The air bag hit me in the eye when it went off and I had to go to the hospital."

Sophomore Emily Bohne



"The lady that we hit was really mad and yelled at us. But it wasn't our fault! She wasn't paying attention and pulled out in front of us."

Sophomore Kenny Schieberl

Rack your brain

by Ashleh Worden

Insurance: A contract, for a certain payment, one party agrees to compensate another for a loss or injury arising from unspecified future event.

Interrogatories: Discovery that consists of written questions about the case that one party submits to the other party.

Air bag: An automatic crash-protection for motor vehicles that creates a cushion between the occupant and certain hard surfaces in the vehicle.

Indemnity: To restore the victim of a loss, in either whole or part, by the payment of money, repair or replacement of the lost thing.

Witness: Someone who testifies under oath as to what he or she has seen or heard.

Rear-end: The impact of a vehicle struck from behind by another vehicle.

Whiplash: Pain that occurs in the neck, shoulders, head or base of skull following an event that caused the head to suddenly "whip" in one direction.

Claim: A claimant's demand for money made against an insurance company that is based on the claimant's assertion of a right to the payment.

Bodily Injury: The damage sustained to a person's body as a result of a vehicle collision.

Source: <http://www.autoaccidentlegalcenter.com/index.html>

Gauna, Trevor
Gemalsky, Lucas
Gianino, Maria
Gibbs, Amanda
Gibbs, Justin
Gillison, Alysha
Glick, Jennifer
Godinez, Luke
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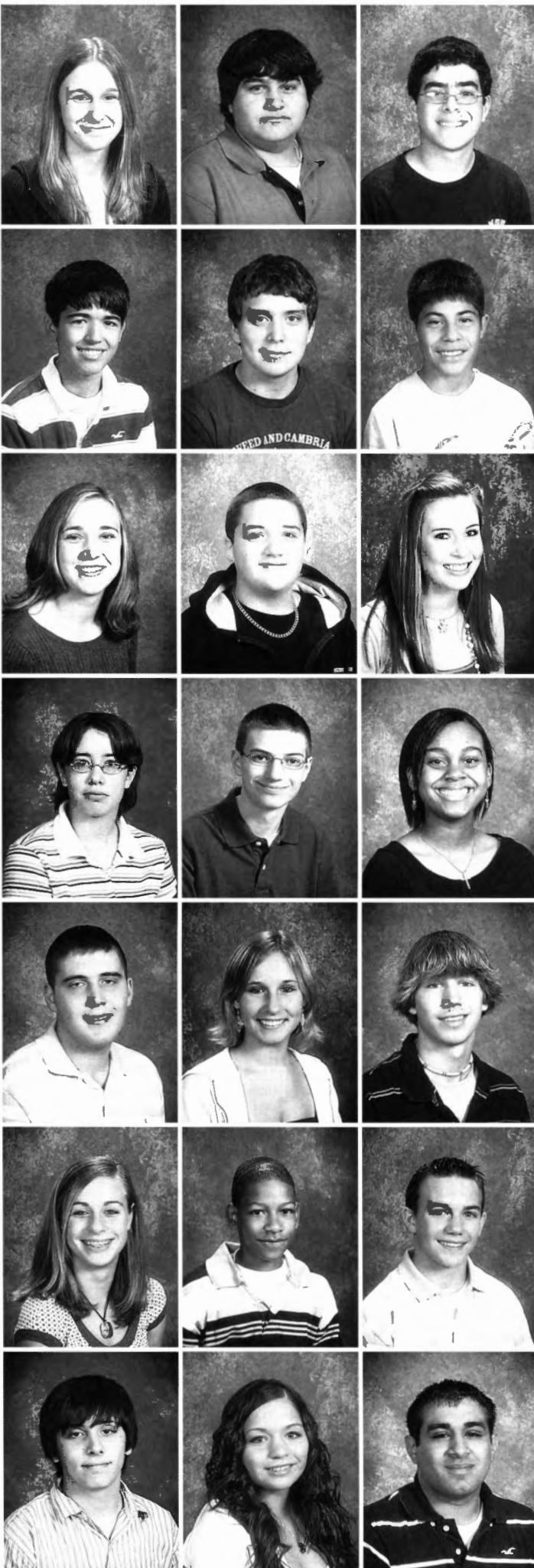
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Hampton, Devyn
Hannah, Michael
Hanton, Kyle
Harder, Cody
Harris, Donald
Harris, Jordan
Harris-Makinen, Emilie
Hartmann, Tyler
Haynes, Kayla

Hazen, Marc
Hebert, Kendra
Helmuth, Neil

Hemenway, Chelsea
Hemingway, Joseph
Henley, Aaron

Heredia, Richard
Hernandez, Emmalee
Hernandez, Jorge



so notorious for its number of car accidents in the past few years."

Sophomore Laura Holmstrom



You said it: Worst pick-up lines

by Erin Fox



"Do your feet hurt? 'Cause you have been running through my mind all day."

Sophomore Todd Wiedrick



"Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only ten I see!"

Sophomore Lexi McPike



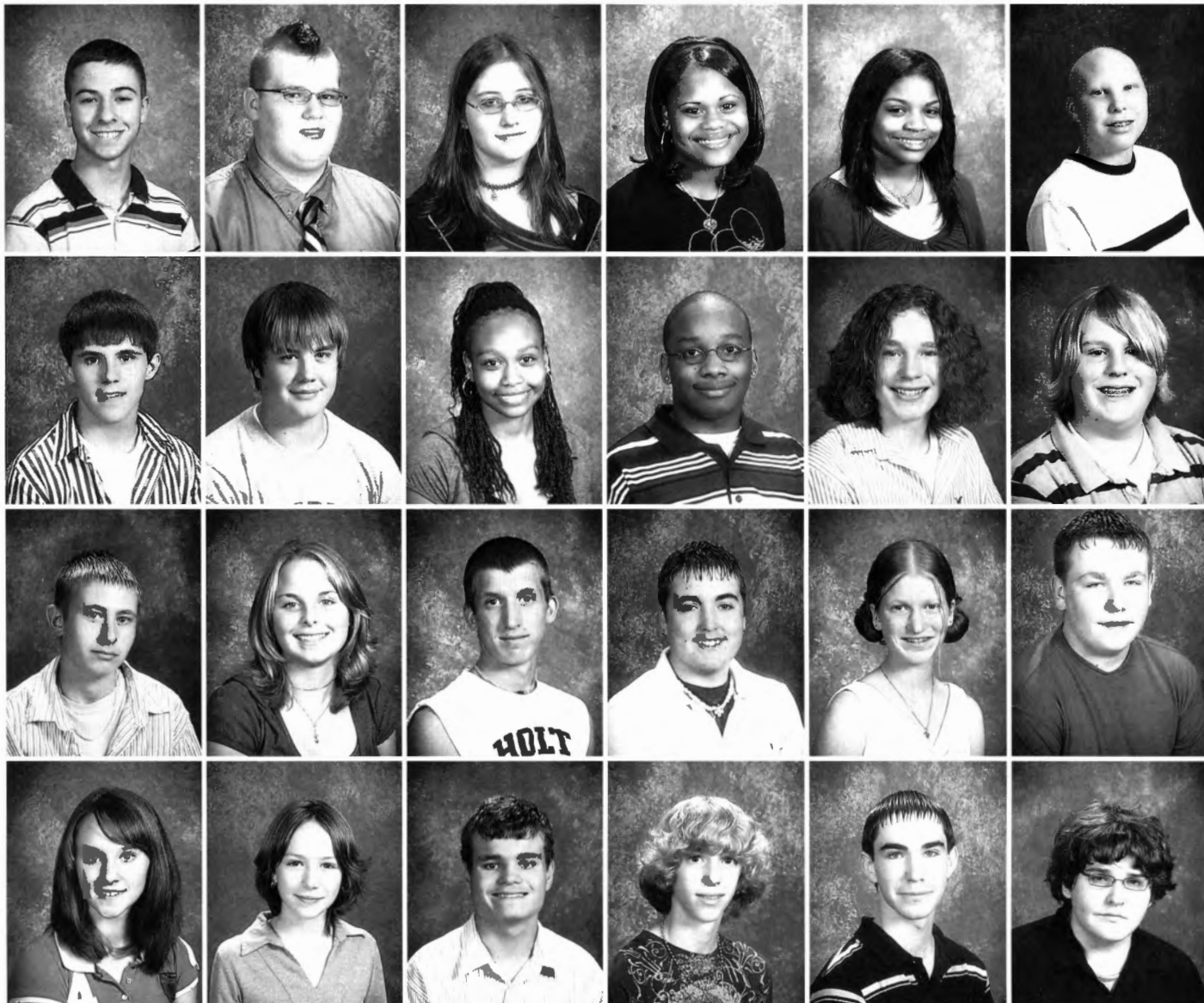
"Does the pirate have the parrot on this shoulder? (Places arm on closest shoulder) or this shoulder, (wraps arm around person)?"

Sophomore Kelsey Arambula



"I lost my teddy bear, can I cuddle with you?"

Sophomore Chelsie Brokenshire



Now you do it:

by Erin Fox

Learn how to pick someone up... or not!

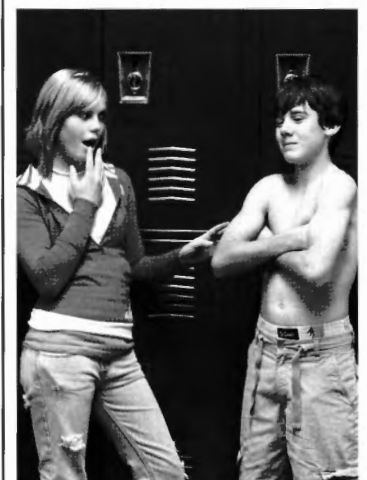
1. A good pickup line is crucial, but they are hard to come by. "They all pretty much suck," said sophomore Megan Bunnell. So make sure you review your material.

2. Find someone alone, because rejection stings less with less witnesses. Or, if you're successful you can act on your feelings without a crowd.

3. Be confident, speak clearly and loud enough to be heard, but not too loud. Nothing is worse than having to repeat the same line twice or having a group overhear your attempts at swooning

4. Smile a lot. Be warm and friendly and keep good eye contact, but remember to keep body contact minimal. Close contact can result in bodily harm if rejected.

5. Repeat as needed. Don't ever lose hope! But never go after the same person twice... in one night.



Showing off his massive guns for sophomore **Liz Tompkins**, sophomore **Chris Shaw** tries to score some major points. "Have you heard about the pythons that escaped from the zoo?" Shaw asks. "No," Tompkins responds. "It's okay they are right here," says Shaw, pointing to his bicep. *Photo by Erin Fox*

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Hoang, Johnny

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Holliday, Matthew
Holmstrom, Laura

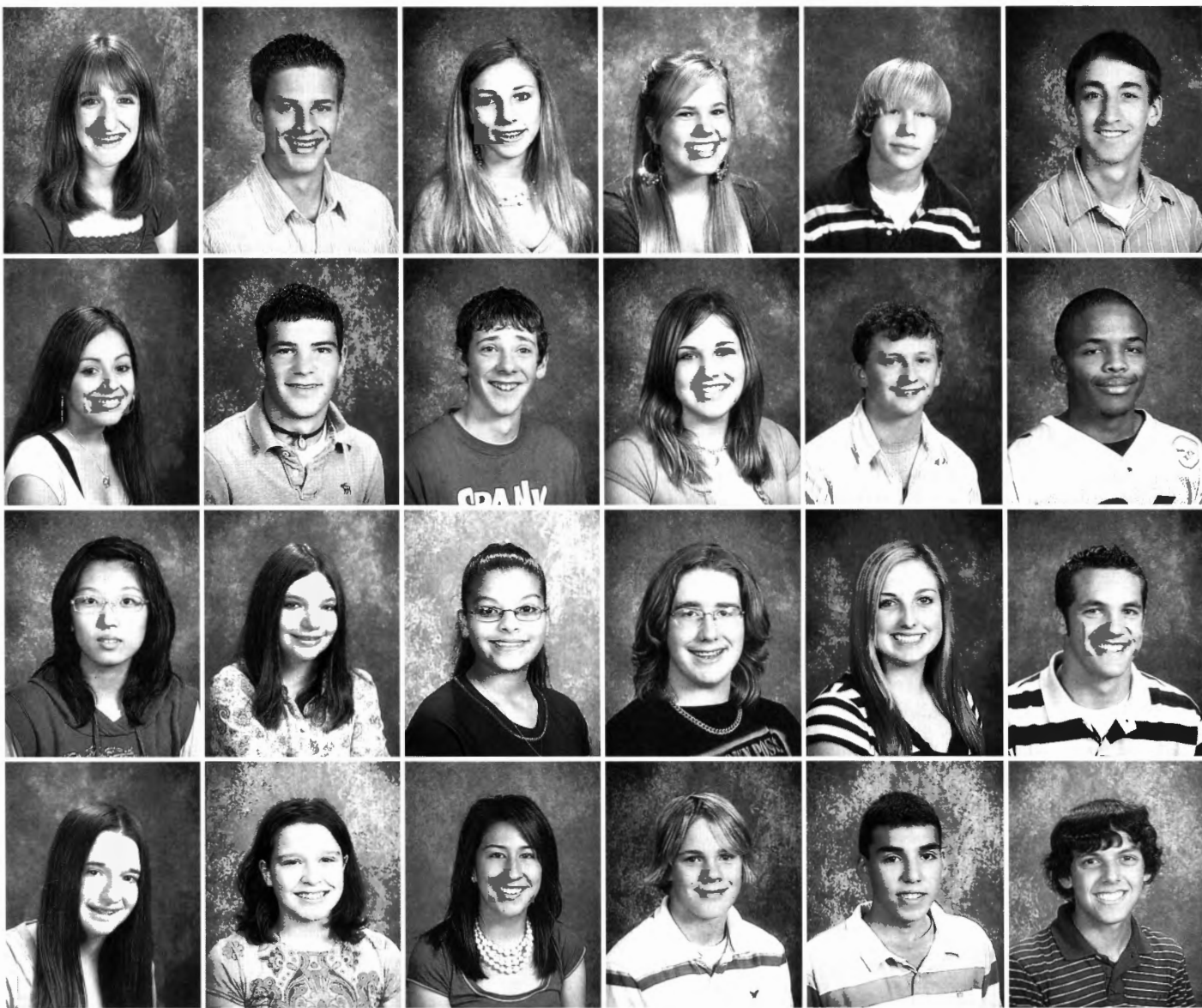
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Ivester, Elmer
Jackson, Jordan
James, Raeshay
James, Swain
Jankoviak, Matthew
Jasmund, Daniel
Jenks, Stephanie
Johnides, Samuel
Johnson, Adam

Johnson, Joseph
Johnson, Lauren
Jones, Benjamin
Jones, MacKenzie
Jones, Rebecca
Jones, Tyler
Jupin, Rasey
Keiffer, Britney
Kerr, Victoria

Keyes, Meagan
Killips, Kimberle
Kindel, Nathan
Kingsley, Jordan
Klaver, Daniel
Klepac, Charles
Knox, Jocquice
Koch, Andrew
Korroch, Taylor

them because they were serious and pick-up lines are meant to be a joke." **Sophomore Liz Tompkins**



Test Yourself...

by Corrin Ongstad

Where are you meant live?

1) Which would you prefer?

- a.)** Hot, humid weather; constantly being sticky and smelling bad.
- b.)** Hot, dry weather with the sun beating down on you. Never a cloud in sight.
- c.)** Cold, cool weather always wearing a sweatshirt and a hat.

2) Where are you most likely to be found?

- a.)** At the beach, hanging out in the sun, jumping in the water.
- b.)** Out and about with your friends, looking good.
- c.)** Walking in the cool dark woods, with hiking boots, and dirt on your hands.

3) On a Saturday night what would you most likely be doing?

- a.** Out partying with everyone, wasting the night away.
- b.** Out on the town, living the night life up.
- c.** Sitting by the camp fire roasting marsh mallows.

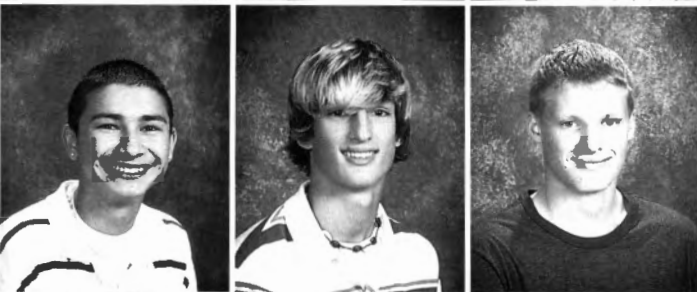
Mostly **a's** means that you should be living in Florida. Where it's almost always hot and everyone is up for a good time.

Mostly **b's** means that you should be living in Las Vegas. The night life is what you love, walking around enjoying what the city has to offer.

Mostly **c's** means that you should live in upper Michigan. Nature is what you enjoy the quite life is your heaven.



Kramer, Brittni
Kramer, Zachary
Kraushaar, Kirstin
Krish, Emilee
Krish, Jonathon
Kruch, Aaron
Kruger, Sharyn
Kyriakopoulos, Kaitlyn
La Fraugh, Ashley



Lara, Eevon
Lassen, Gerald
Lawler, Caleb
Leeth, Ashlee
Lemke, Michael
Lewis, Jr., David
Lewis, Nickolas
Leyrer, Koort
Liles, Christopher



Lim, Juyeon
Lindsey, Anna
Lira, Stephanie
Listing, Kenneth
Livingston, Terra
Lopez, David
Loucks, Timothy
Loveall, Jordan
Lovejoy, Timothy



Lowe, Emily
Lowe, Jessica
Madrid, Carolina
Magee, Andrew
Mandujano, Adrian
Marlan, Andrew
Marsh, Hailey
Marshall, Dominique
Martin, Dakota



Martinez, Krystal
Mathews, Kweshonte'
McClure, Kelsey



McClure, Sean
McConeghy, Savannah
McFarland, Ryan



McGarry, Morgan
McPhee, Joshua
McPike, Alexandra

Her own direction: Rachel Vachon

by Corrin Ongstad

With three trips to Okinawa, an island off of Japan, fourteen hours each way, you know Rachel Vachon was an expert at flying. How anyone can sit for fourteen hours is amazing, but sitting with your mom and sister you think she would have gone crazy. She went to Okinawa for three weeks over the summer and had a blast. Camping on the beach, fireworks, and boating were just a few of the awesome things she did. The food was also a big highlight, "My Grandma was constantly making food, we were never hungry," said Vachon. The only problem she had there was the language difference. "Our mom was our translator, we constantly were asking what was being said," said Vachon. Even though she already went three times, she couldn't wait to go back again.

5 Favorite Foods:

1. Seasoned Chicken
2. Tofu
3. Seaweed
4. Sushi
5. Little Fish Cakes



"I had a great time, I love seeing my family and it's just awesome being there," said **sophomore Rachel Vachon** as she talked about the trip she took last summer to Okinawa with her family. *Photo by Amy Bashore*

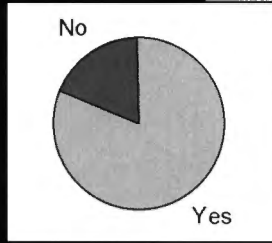
because he wanted one and he almost knocked over an old lady." **Sophomore Ben Zietlow**



By the numbers...

by Dylan Wolff

Do you play video games?



Males

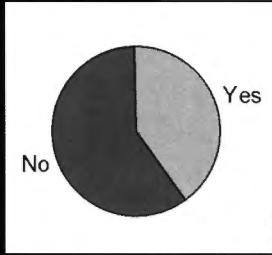
81% Play

19% Don't Play



"Yes, I play video games because in real life you can't do much of what you can in games. They are also cool because they tell a story but you control the outcome."

Sophomore
Miles Green



Females

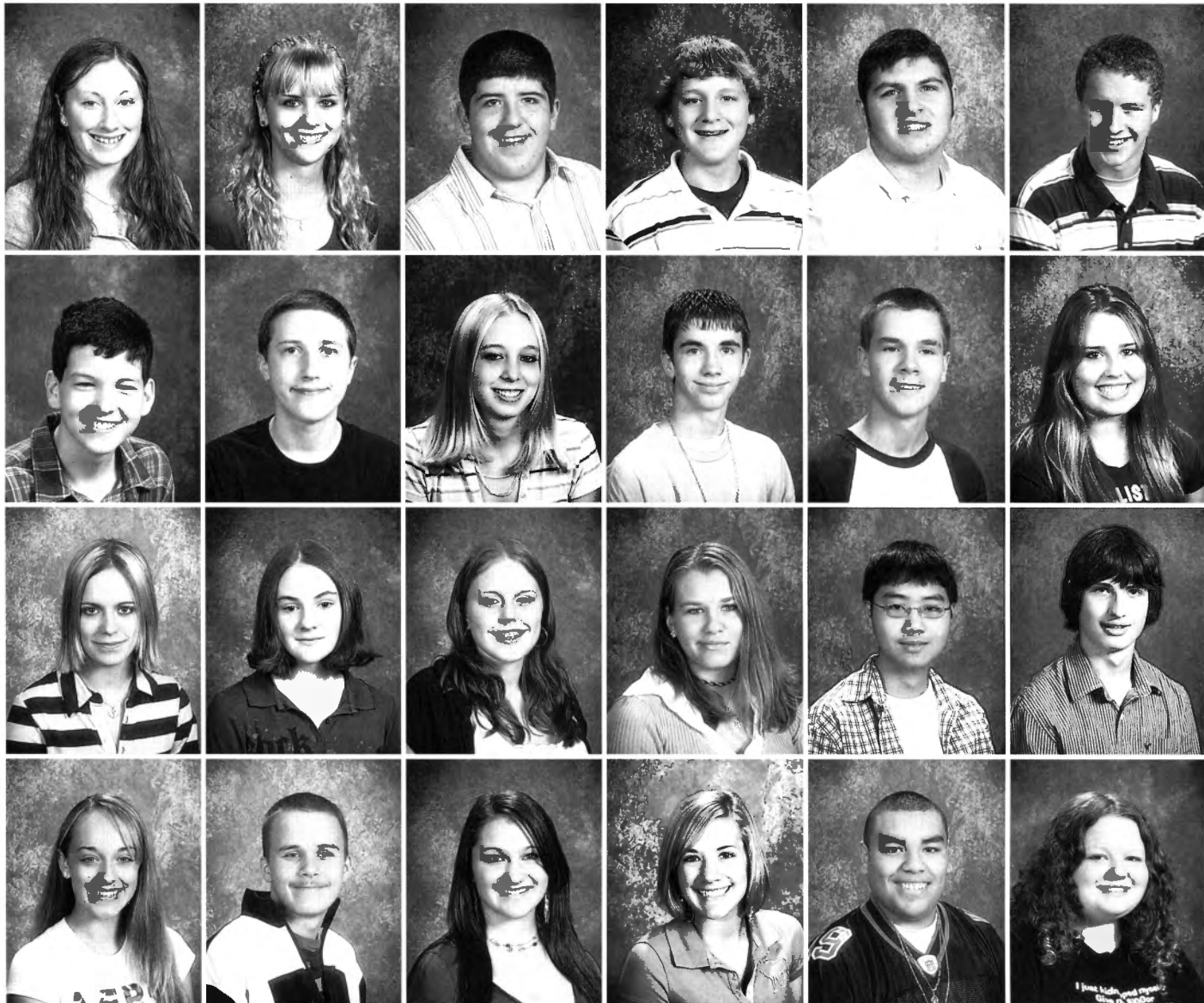
40% Play

60% Don't Play



"No, I don't play video games because I think they are boring and a waste of time. They also give me headaches and I could be doing something better."

Sophomore
Kaitlyn Kyriakopoulos

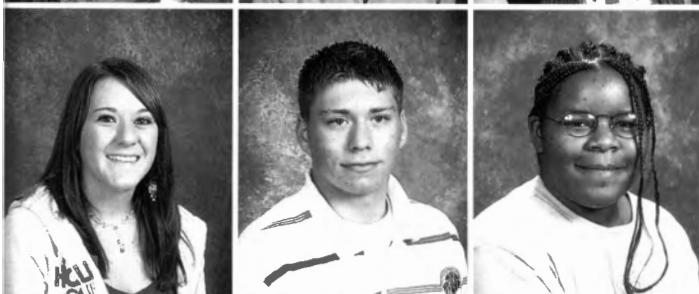


"I love video games! Halo Two is the best! I smoke cats all the time in that game. If you want to verse me

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Miller, Markie
Miller, Michael
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Milne, Ian
Milton, Marquita
Mireles, James



Mizer, Kortney
Morehouse, Brandi
Moreno, Luke
Morey, Steven
Morgan, David
Morgan, Matthew
Morse, Randy
Mosher, Alyson
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Myers, Andrew
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Noonan, Meghan
Norton, Robert



Noss, Marleigh
Nostrant, Richard
Nowak, Alexis
O'Connor, Alyssa
Ordenez, Adrian
Ott, Jessica
Parker, Sutton
Patrick, Amber
Patterson, Samantha

Her own direction: Rebecca Jones

by Dylan Wolff

With the band blaring in the background, sophomore Rebecca Jones explained the difference between an average gamer and a hard-core gamer. "You just can't buy a game the day it comes out play it for only a week and say that your a hard-core gamer," explained Jones. "You have to stick with a specific game or game genre for a long period of time and get really good at them." Jones was introduced to gaming when she was around six years old, thanks to her three older brothers who always insisted that she try them and who played them with her. But what really introduced her into the world of hard-core gaming was the game *Final Fantasy Seven*. Recently Jones was hooked on a game called *Kingdom of Loathing*. "It's a really weird game with a lot of funny puns and puzzles. I play it all the time but don't know why," said Jones.

5 Favorite Video Games:

1. Halo
2. God of War
3. Final Fantasy
4. Kingdom of Loathing
5. Spyro

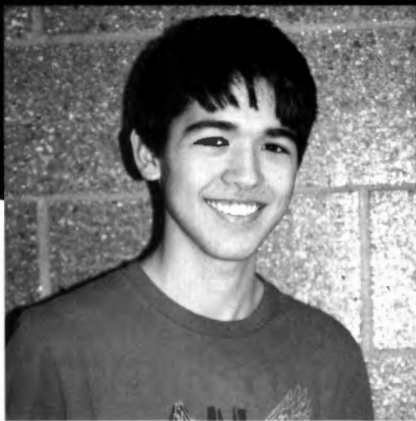


Patently waiting for her computer to start up, sophomore Rebecca Jones gets ready to play one of her favorite games. Jones was hard-core gamer who's favorite game was Halo. Photo by Dylan Wolff

"I'll be more than happy to accept your challenge."

Sophomore Adrian Mandujano





Most embarrassing moment *Jordan Green*

By Kristi Shearer

"Haha, how embarrassing!" might be something you would say if you heard sophomore Jordan Green's most embarrassing moment. "My friend and I had just finished watching a movie at his house and I had to use the bathroom really bad, so I asked him where it was. He ran into the room and locked the door and I started freaking out," said Green as his cheeks became red with embarrassment. "I didn't really know what to do - what could I have done?" When asked why he didn't try to find another bathroom he answered, "I was too stupid to think about using the bathroom that was upstairs. My friend told me to, but it was too late. I ran up the stairs as fast as I could, my bladder about burst. I stood in the middle of the hallway covering my face, urinating all over myself. My friend started cracking up and I sat there in a puddle of my own urine! We laughed about it later. It was most definitely my most embarrassing moment... ever. My friend never stops making fun of it, and I don't think he ever will," said Green.



Perdue, Nicole
Pettit, Brittany
Pham, Dan
Pielack, Jennifer
Pier, Cody
Pierce, Anita
Pizana, Jose
Plulik, Krystal
Pohl, Joanne



Polakowski, Austin
Powell, Nathan
Powers, Devon
Powers, Jesse
Powers, Sarah
Pratt, Tracy
Pulido, Jennifer
Quasarano, Mary
Radojic, Aleksandar



Rahn, Courtney
Rakas, Andre
Ramirez, Caricia
Rapson, Kara
Rathbun, Danielle
Rawson, Luke
Raynor, Ashley
Reibsome, Rebecca
Reisner, Jeffrey



Rendon, Raquel
Reno, Johnathan
Richards, Breanna
Robiadek, Sarahann
Rochow, Jeremy
Rodgers, William
Rook, Jeremy
Rose-Fellows, Jeffrey
Routhier, Elizabeth



Royse, Erik
Runions, Christopher
Runner, Joseph



Runyon, Alyx
Saldivar, Ramon
Sanchez, Karina



Sanders, Jamica
Sarcevic, Sandra
Sarkisyan, Tamara

Would you rather... fall down the stairs or walk into the wrong bathroom?

by Kristi Shearer



"I would rather **fall down the stairs** because people would talk about me. They would be like 'Hey, did you see that kid fall down the stairs today?' and I would be like, 'Haha, yeah that was me!' But at the same time, I would rather walk into the wrong bathroom, because you never know who will be in there."

**Sophomore
Justin Thompson**



"In my opinion, I would rather **walk into the wrong bathroom** because not a lot of people would see you get embarrassed, well except the people in the bathroom. But I think that they would be as equally embarrassed as me. And falling down the stairs hurts - a lot, so I wouldn't want to do that."

Sophomore Eve Wood

"What are my friends going to say to me? How am I going to go to school like this?"

Sophomore Emily Bohne

Test Yourself...

by Amy Bashore

Are you a trustworthy friend?

1) Your best friend tells you who their new crush is. You:

- a.)** Tell the crush
- b.)** Tell only a small group of friends
- c.)** Tell nobody

2) Your sibling lies to your parents about where they were last night. You:

- a.)** Tell your parents
- b.)** Use this information as blackmail
- c.)** Keep it to yourself

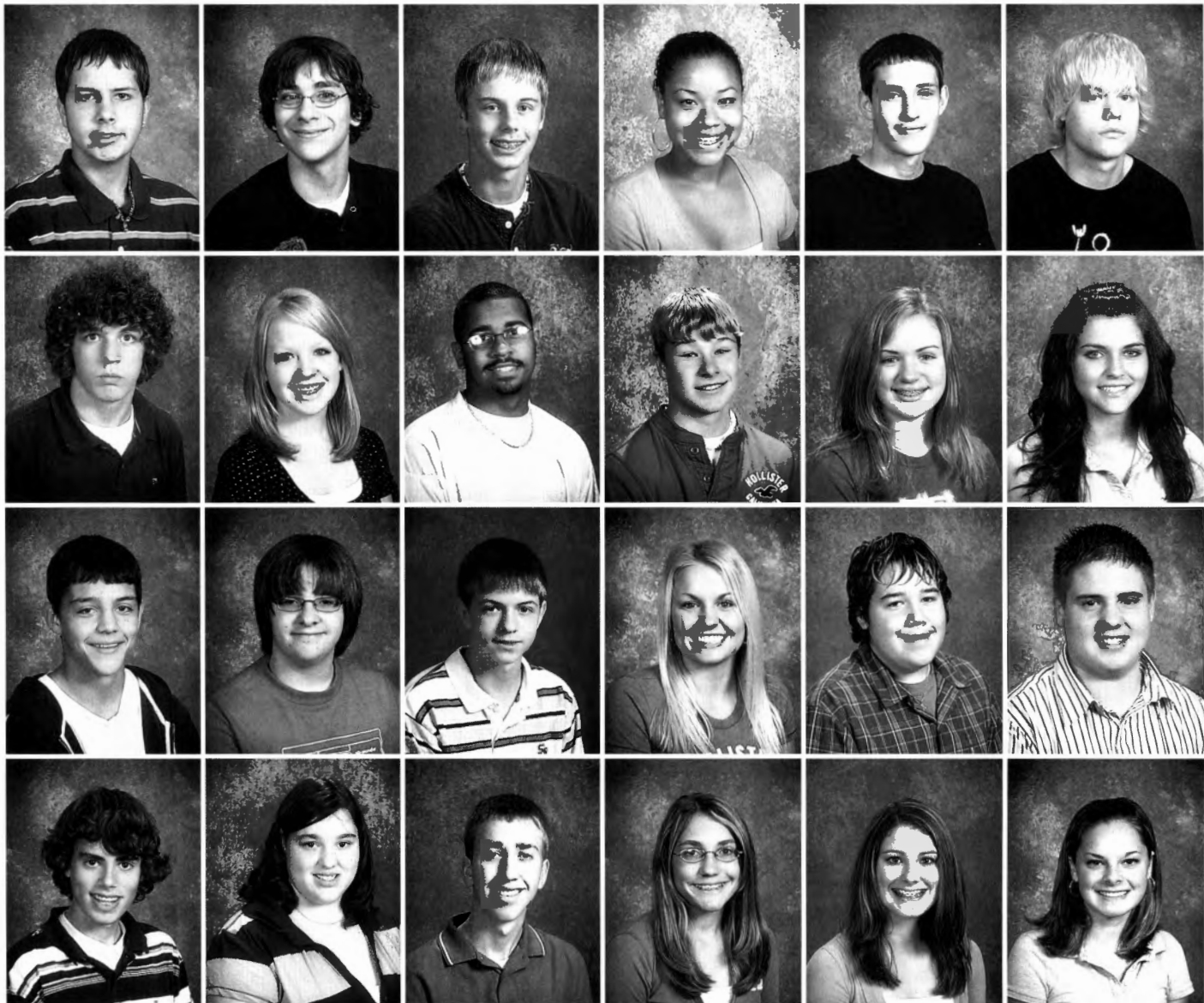
3) You notice the smartest person in your math class fails a test. You:

- a.)** Shout it out loud so everyone can hear
- b.)** Tell just the people around you
- c.)** Pretend you didn't see their grade

Mostly **a's** means that you need to work on keeping secrets. Your friends may not be able to trust you with certain information because telling you is like telling the world.

Mostly **b's** means that you're an O.K. secret keeper. Your friends should be able to trust you with most things but you sometimes can't help but spill the beans.

Mostly **c's** means that you are a master secret keeper. Your friends know they can tell you anything and you'll keep your lips sealed.





Saxman, Travis
Sayer, Mercedes
Schaefer, Joseph



Schieberl, Kenneth
Schmidt, Casey
Schnepf, Allison



Schnesk, Nicholas
Schooley, Kelsie
Scott, Megan



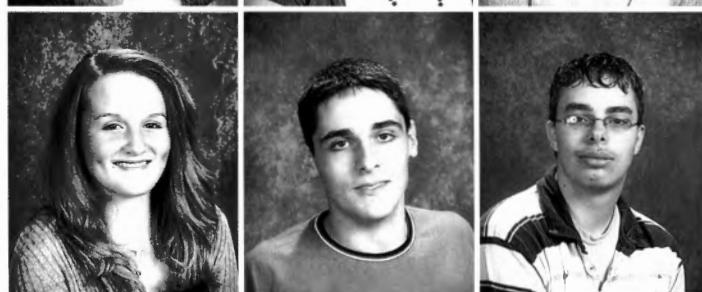
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Sharrah, John
Shaw, Caleb
Shaw, Christopher



Shaw, Joshua
Shearer, Kristi
Sherlock, Brent
Shewchuck, Justin
Shroyer, Macy
Siettas, Katie-Nicole
Simon, Candice
Simon, Dylan
Simon, Shane



Smiley, Joshua
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Jordan
Smith, Stephanie
Snay, Andrew
Snodgrass, James
Snoor-Putnam, Shelby
Sokoloski, Anastacia
Spagnuolo, Stephanie



Spitz, Eric
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Sproul, Lucas
Stanley, Erica
Stapf, Alyssa
Stapleton, Sarah
Starr, Shelby
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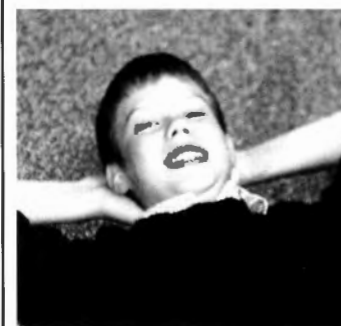
His own direction: Alex Hoffman

by Amy Bashore

In high school it seems like secrets are everywhere, it's just a fact of life. But are secrets always bad? Sophomore Alex Hoffman didn't seem to think so, "Secrets can be good as long as they don't end up hurting other people," said Hoffman. He had his own share of secrets and found it hard to keep them from his friends. Hoffman felt that secrets were unavoidable when it came to friendships and relationships. "A good friend doesn't keep their important secrets from you, just like you don't keep your important secrets from your friends," stated Hoffman. Secrets will always be around, whether you keep them or you tell them is up to you.

5 Favorite Things to do:

- **Have bonfires**
- **Go hot tubbing**
- **Swim**
- **Watch movies**
- **Hang out with friends**



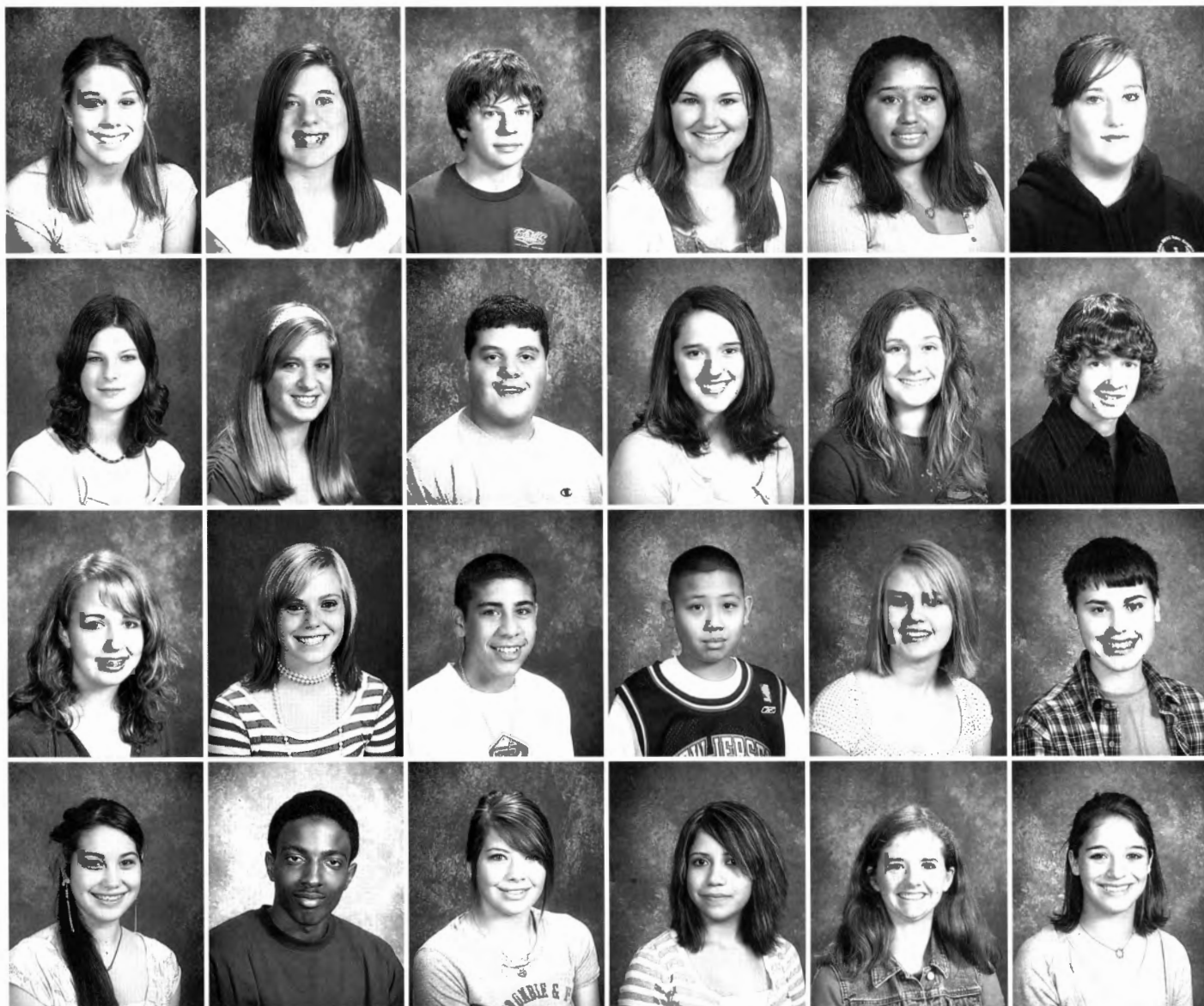
Chillin' on the ground during math class, **sophomore Alex Hoffman** gives us the dish on how secrets and friendships are related. He considered himself a good friend because he usually kept secrets.

Photo by Amy Bashore

them to, that's why I don't like keeping them from my friends."

Sophomore Elizabeth Routhier





You said it: About Holt high

by Gabriella Perez



"I like Holt better than my old school. I like the lunches. The people here are nicer and friendlier. Holt is huge! When I came in I was taken back by it. It's a lot bigger than my old school."

Sophomore Amelia Bradley



"I like everything about Holt. I'm not afraid to get shot here. At Everett someone got stabbed on the first day of school. They didn't even have a lacrosse team which is why I came here."

Sophomore Joseph Crippen



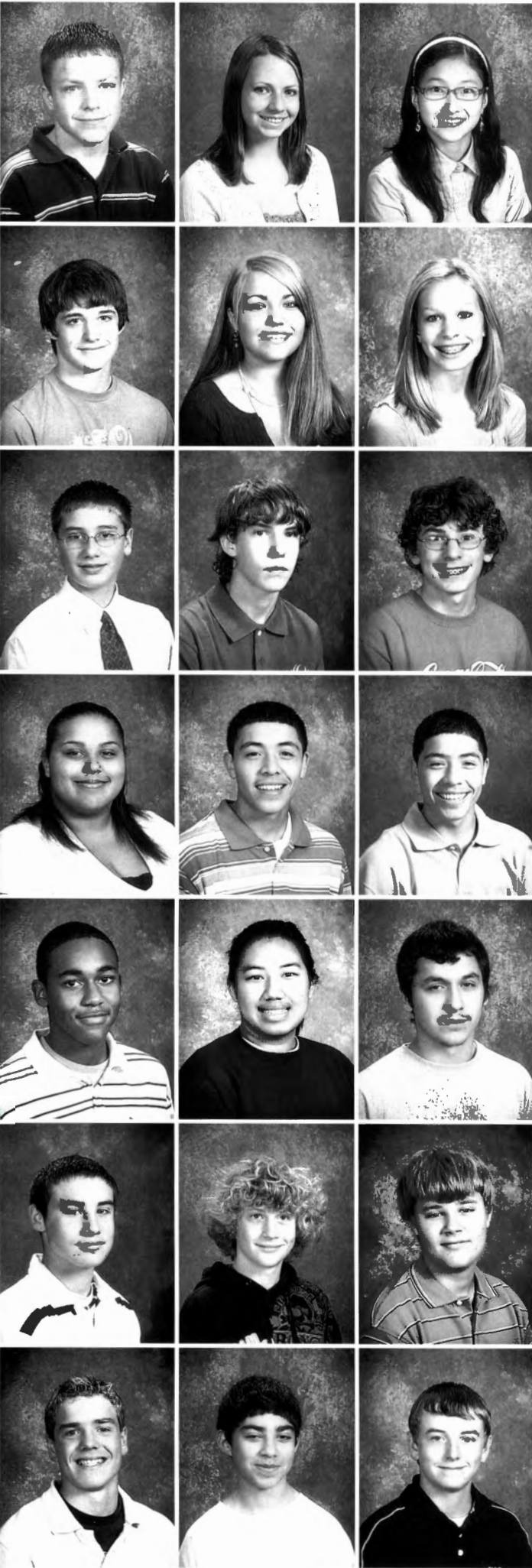
"I like Holt better because of the opportunities for sports and technology. The food is a lot better here. The Wednesday mornings are nice. I like being able to sleep in for once."

Sophomore Joey Johnson



"They have more activities here and people are more outspoken not so fake. I like the schedule here better because at Everett they had block schedule and you were in class for like two hours!"

Sophomore Nicole Dougherty



Stevens, Kayla
 Stewart, Breah
 Stewart, Brian
 Stier, Kayla
 Stokes, Amanda
 Stott, Ashley
 Strauch, Kyle
 Stuewer, Jennifer
 Sung, Jin

Tanner, Monica
 Taschner, Emily
 Taylor, Nicholas
 Thering, Melissa
 Theroux, Chelsea
 Thompson, R. Justin
 Thumser, Ryan
 Thurman, Ashley
 Timpson, Jordyn

Tischler, Nicole
 Tompkins, Elizabeth
 Toomey, Daniel
 Tran, Travis
 Trentham, Leslie
 Trout, Benjamin
 Trudgeon, Robert
 Truelove, Nathaniel
 Ungren, Alex

Vachon, Rachel
 Vance, Dionte
 Vandamme, Jourdan
 Vanhouten, Andrea
 Venema, Leslie
 Verhougstraete, Jennifer
 Vickers, Tramina
 Villarreal, David
 Villarreal, Raphael

Vinson, Terrance
 Vue, Wendy
 Wallace, Ray

Walls, Nicholas
 Wardlaw, Zachary
 Warner, Ryan

Watson, John
 Waugh, Sean
 Webb, Steven

His own direction: Michael Lemke

by Gabriella Perez

Walking into the school, you see the multi-colored carpeting with green edges and burgundy corners; you smell the makings of fresh made cafeteria food; you hear the laughter of the students happy to see each other again; you feel the nerves in your stomach of the first day at school. Sophomore Michael Lemke said that his nerves were easily relaxed as he quickly made friends. He stated, "Making friends wasn't bad. It was a lot easier than I thought." Transferring from Bay City, he was looking forward to meeting new people. "People seemed a lot cooler than at my old school," said Lemke. He enjoys being at Holt and hopes to stay here.

5 Favorites:

- Food: **Pizza**
- Color: **Green**
- Sport: **Hockey**
- Animal: **Dolphin**
- Person: **My sister**

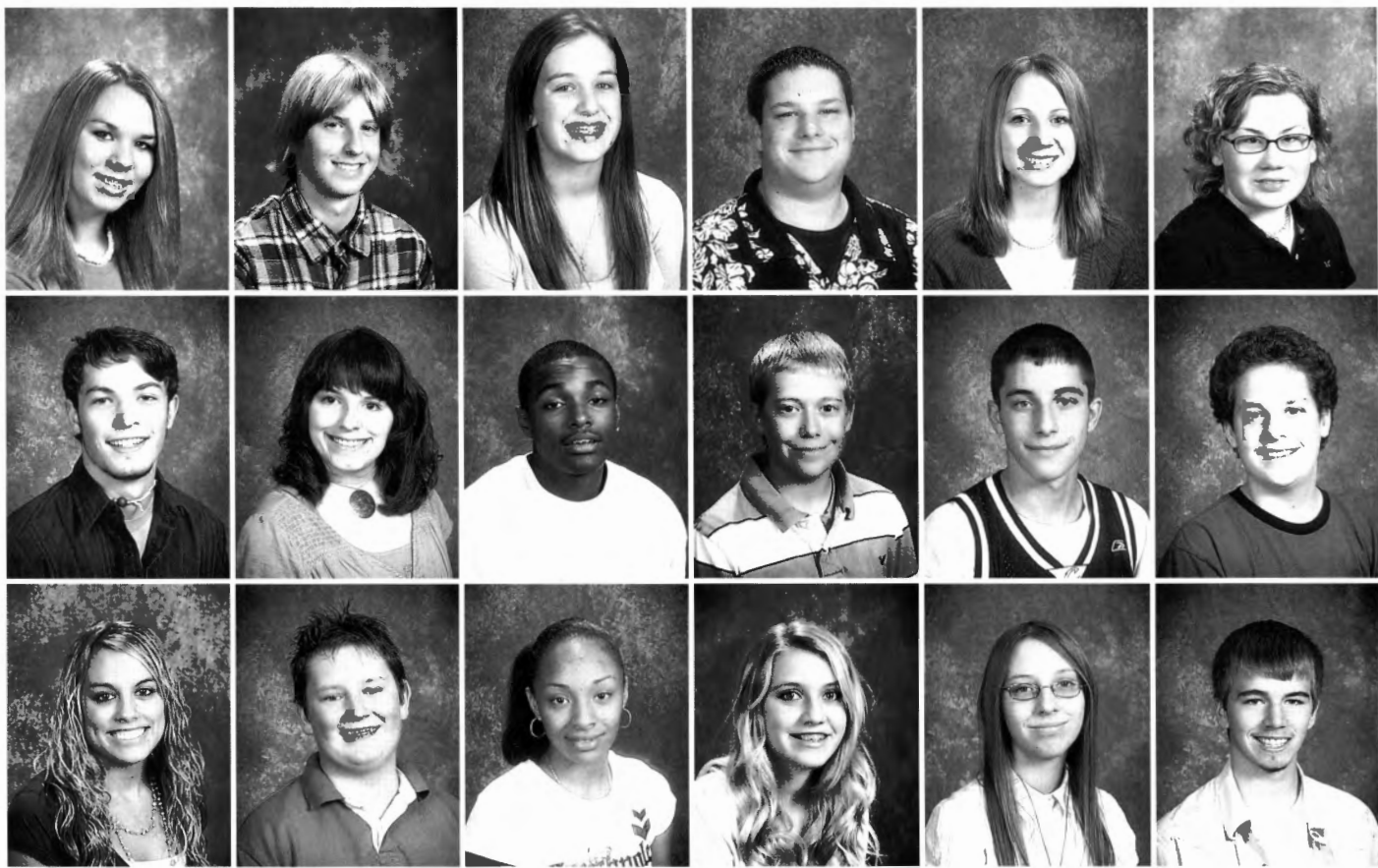


"Hockey is just sweet" said sophomore Michael Lemke. He planned to participate in the Holt Hockey team. That was his number one goal. "A puck is a hard rubber disc that people hit when they can't hit one-another," was one of Lemke's favorite quotes about hockey.
 Photo by Gabriella Perez

really easy for me to make friends too, because of the swim team."

Sophomore Kendra Hebert

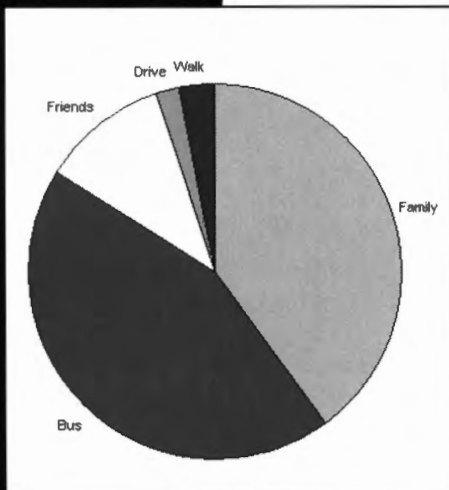




By the numbers...

by Kristyn Somerville

How do you get to school?



44% Bus

40% Family

11% Friends

3% Walk

2% Drive



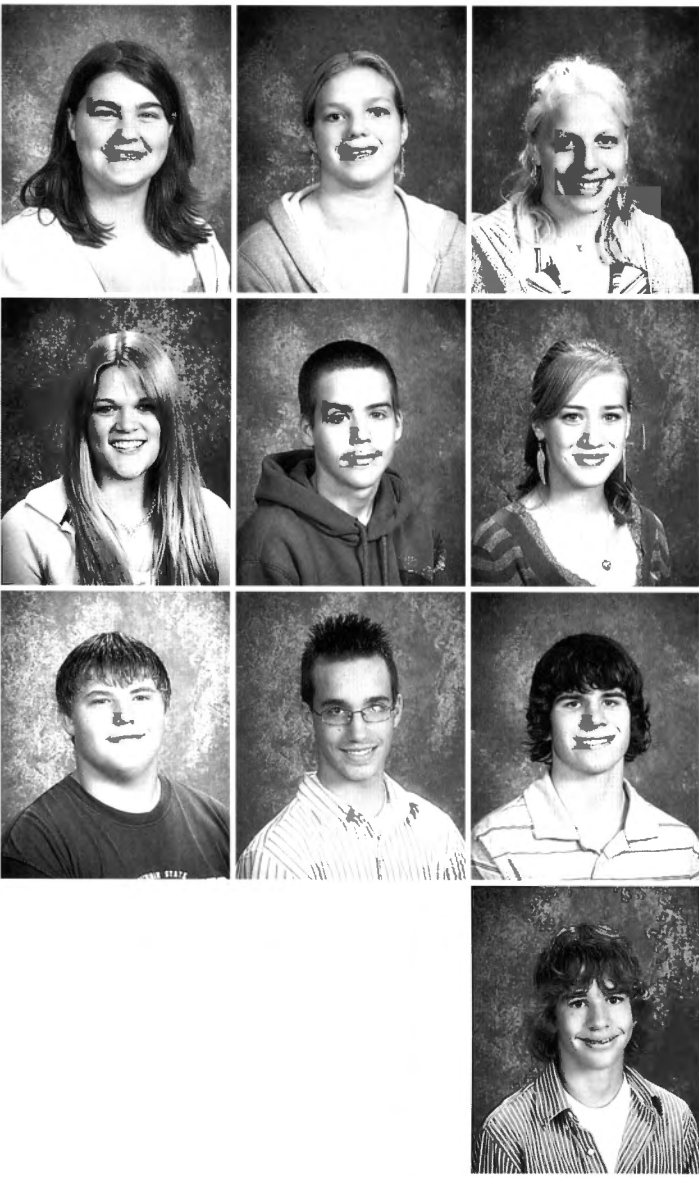
"I get to school by taking the bus and I don't like it because there's a lot of immature kids."

Sophomore Aaron Henley



"I get to school by Nate Long and I like it because I don't get to school early and I don't have to ride the bus."

Sophomore Austin Polakowski



Wedley, Taylor
Weihl, Stefan
Welch, Madolin
Welling, Kyle
Westfall, Mandy
Wheat, Allison
Wheeler, Lauren
White, Sherrie
Whitford, Bethany

Wiedrick, Todd
Williams, Amanda
Williams, Maurice
Williams, Taylor
Wilson, Blake
Wilson, Ian
Wilson, Kelly
Wood, Cody
Wood, Evelyn

Wood, Nicole
Woodard, Caleb
Woods, Jasmine
Worley, Samantha
Wulfekuhler, Erika
Wyatt, Joshua
Wyeth, Brenden
Zech, Joshua
Zietlow, Benjamin
Ziolkowski, Thomas

Now YOU do it:

by Kristyn Somerville

How to pump your gas with these 9 simple steps:

1. Drive your car to the gas station. Make sure when parking that the pump is on the same side as the gas tank.
2. Make sure your car is turned off. If not, your car could catch on fire while pumping the gas. Also, if your at a pump that is prepay, you have to go in and pay before you do anything else.
3. Unscrew your gas cap. It's like a child safety top on medicine; you have to push down while turning.
4. Lift the nozzle of the kind of gas you want. The different kinds of gas are Unleaded, Diesel, and Premium. You'll most likely want Unleaded.
5. Stick the nozzle in the gas tank hole. Then you pull the lever up to pump.
6. When you have reached gas amount you want, let up on the lever and put it back in the nozzle holder.
7. Screw the gas cap back on by turning it clockwise.
8. Close the door to your gas tank because if you don't it's awfully embarrassing!
9. Now you just have to go and pay! If you happen to be at Speedway and have a speedy rewards card, make sure to give it to the cashier to get your discount!

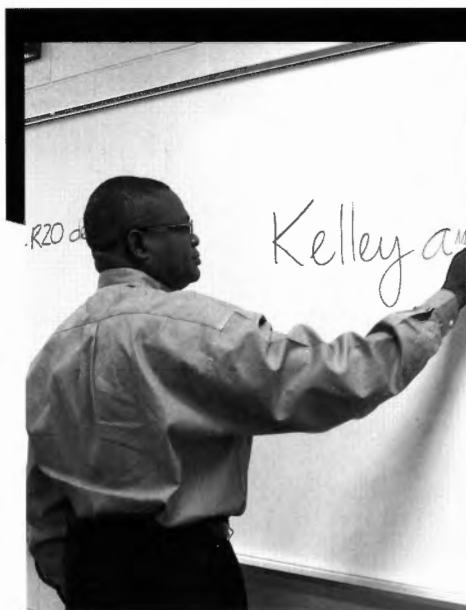
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| Burmeister, Ameer | Gatewood, Marcus | Placer, Taira |
| Buxton, Jordan | Giap, Thuy-Tien | Poma, Mark |
| Cordell, Caitlyn | Gollach, Andrew | Robarge, Alexis |
| Cotton, Amanda | Heiler, Brooke | Schaefer, Paul |
| Coward, Adam | Henderly, Stuart | Terry, Canvas |
| Curnow, Benjamin | Hernandez, Brian | Ward, Nicholas |
| Davis, Megan | Hicok, Rhandi | Yeadon, Andrew |
| Davis, Nicole | Huttunen, Samantha | Young, Camden |
| Derosia, Scott | Li, Hui | |
| Elliot, David | Limas, Kenneth | |
| Ford, Jennifer | Majester, Arthur | |

feel like I had more freedom and wouldn't feel babysat all the time."

Ashlee Munday
Sophomore Ashlee Munday





Beyond the lesson plans *Agbeko Agbenyiga*

by Kelly Hamelin

Commonly heard in neighboring classrooms either yelling with frustration or laughing at the top of his lungs, Monsieur Agbenyiga always made his presence known. This charismatic fellow was known best as Mr. A. He was the only french teacher here at the high school and taught at Holt for seven years. What most people didn't know about Mr. A was his fascinating life prior to coming to Holt. He was born in Togo, West Africa. He lived in Africa until he was 26 years old. He attended both Augsburg College in Minnesota and Michigan State University. He wasn't always sure that he wanted to become a teacher, he also considered becoming a Catholic Priest. Being a teacher gave him the opportunity to get to know students and give them advice. His favorite quote was, "When you see your neighbor's beard on fire, put yours in a bucket of water." Outside of teaching, Mr. A enjoyed reading, playing scrabble, gardening, and traveling.



"Mrs. Cotter is definitely my favorite teacher.. She's really fun and energetic and makes the class a lot of fun. I like Forest Parke Library and Archives - Capital Area District Libraries



Digging through one of her ofrendas that her classes have made for Spanish teacher **Brooke Klecha**. Klecha was one of the three Spanish teachers at the high school. She taught for four years and her favorite part of it was the interactions with and the bonds she formed with her students. *Photo by Dylan Wolff*



Abdullah, Marcie
Agbenyiga, Agbecko
Allen, Melinda
Asch, Teresa
Badders, Pam
Baker, Janine
Bird, Dave
Boomershine, Collette
Booth, Phil

Bos, Meggean
Boulanger, Mary
Bracciano, Chris
Brugman, Christopher
Buck, Wilma
Buxton, Jamie
Catherman, Amand
Chadwick, Brenda
Childers, Debbie

Clark, Amy
Couturier, Rick
David, Diane
Douglass, Elise
Duby, Dale
Emerson, Michael
Epps, Cheryl
Estrada, Katie
Fisher, Christine

Foy, Dave
Frantz, Mark
Frazier, Rosann
Garmon, Jennifer
Gilbert, Debbie
Graf, Elizabeth
Gumas, Stacy
Hagerman, Kristie
Hanthorne, Gloria

Which Teacher are you most like?

by Kelly Hamelin

1.) What is your favorite subject in school?

- a.)** Gym
- b.)** Word processing
- c.)** Government

2.) What's your favorite type of music?

- a.)** U2
- b.)** The Open Late Thursdays
- c.)** Rock 'n' roll, country, oldies.

3.) What's your favorite color?

- a.)** Green
- b.)** Blue
- c.)** Red

4.) Are you involved in extra cirricular activities?

- a.)** Soccer, track and Spanish club.
- b.)** Class officer, student council, float building
- c.)** I play sports all year around

5.) What is your favorite sport?

- a.)** Soccer
- b.)** Golf
- c.)** Baseball

6.) Which quote do you like best?

- a.)** "Life moves pretty fast, if you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." - Ferris Bueller
- b.)** "Happiness depends upon ourselves." - Aristotle
- c.)** "Why bother memorizing things you could always look up in a book?" - Einstein

IF you answered mostly **a's** then you're most like **Mr. Trunk**.

IF you answered mostly **b's** you're most like **Mrs. Strong**.

IF you answered mostly **c's** then you're most like **Mr. Couturier**.



They said it: Staff's favorite quotes

by Maggie Lowden-Speer



"Different is different, not better or worse."

Student Advocacy Teacher
Margaret McMillan



"From there to here, from here to there, funny things are everywhere."

Science Teacher
Mary Kay Boulanger



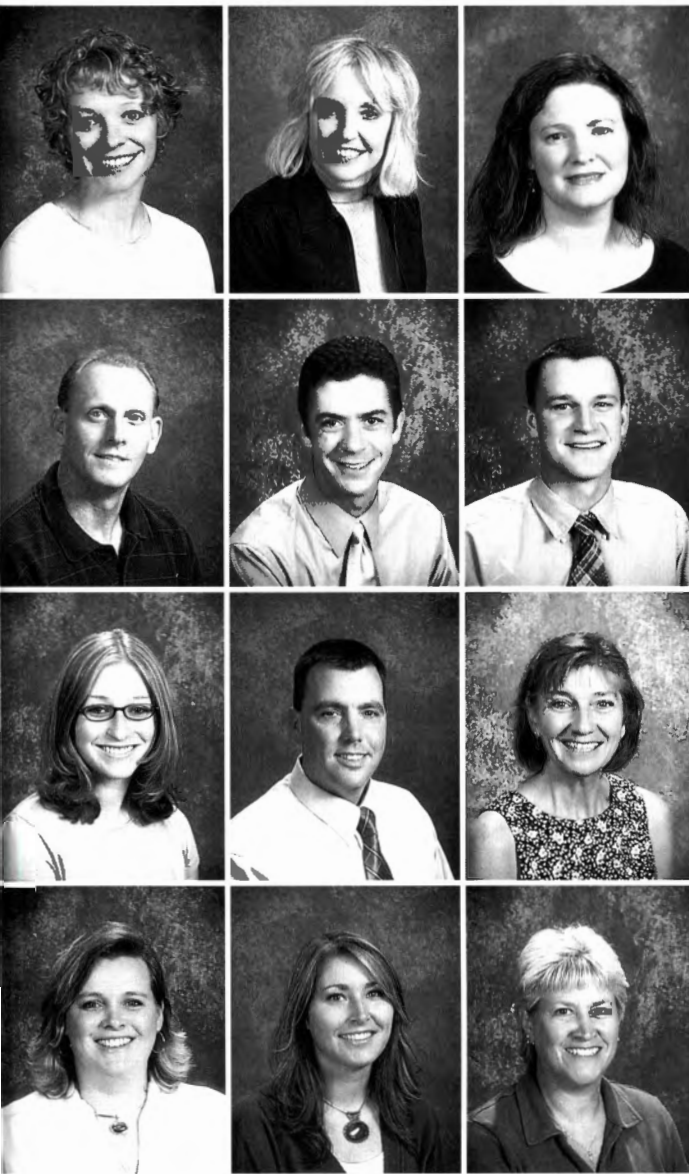
"Man's best friend is neither dogs nor diamonds, it's compound interest."

Social Studies Teacher
Guilford Northrup



"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

Social Studies Teacher
Alex Mann



Heck, Callie
Hildebrandt, Dave
Hill, Sue
Hodges, William
Holman-Cervera, Karen
Huhn, Craig
Huhn, Kellie
Hunt, Karyn
Irvine, Heidi

Jones, Jennifer
Kershul, Megan
Kingsley, Stephanie
Klecha, Brooke
Kueffner, Laura
Kutney, Bruce
Larner, Bruce
Lawatsch, Steve
Lawson, Zachariah

Lehman, Denise
Lehman, Mike
Mathers, Stephanie
McMillen, Margaret
Musial, Melissa
Olcheske, Russ
Orrin, Alissa
Perkins, Marshall
Peters, Rosie

Peterson, Heather
Placer, Michelle
Pohl, Marty
Pulver, Beth
Pulver, Eric
Ray, Alexis
Robison, Paula
Russo, Anne
Schinkel, Claire

Remember your teachers

by Maggie Lowden-Speer

• My favorite **teacher** this year was _____, who always said " _____ " in class.

• My favorite **class** this year was _____, and my best friends in that class were _____.

• This year **I** was a (sophomore/junior/senior).

• My **teachers** this year were _____,
_____,
_____,
_____,
and _____.

• The class I had the **hardest** time with was _____, I just could never get the hang of it!

• _____ was the **easiest** class I had all year long, that's definitely something I'm really good at!

I also had a lot of **fun** in my _____ class.

• The teacher I could always count on to make me **laugh** was _____.

• The teacher that was most likely to make me want to **cry** was _____.

• The most **memorable** thing anyone said to me all year was _____.



Digging through encyclopedias, searching for knowledge, librarian Theresa Asch puts her favorite saying into action. As the school librarian, Asch was responsible for helping students find a variety of information and material. Lucky for Holt High students, the friendly librarian was always happy to do so. Students were also lucky that her favorite saying was true; her saying was, "I don't know everything, but I know how to find almost everything." Photo by Maggie Lowden-Speer

high-pitched tones that only dogs can hear me; that's why I love dogs!"

Senior Ben Cunniff





In the line of duty... *Snack line soldiers*

by Cayden Bunnell

The lunch lines are empty. A lone muffin that expired four months ago sits on a dirty shelf. Teacher's lessons cannot be heard over the howls and sorrowful groans of stomachs. Students lay about the hallways, unable to move because they don't have any nourishment. Every day, the lunch ladies of Holt High School battled hunger and provided students with the nutrients necessary to complete the school day with a full belly. Not only did the mid-day nourishment specialists feed 1,427 students each day, they were always there for those whom needed an ear to listen. "My favorite part of what I do is the kids, except when they have bad attitudes," said Sabine Baldwin, a three year cafeteria crusader. Rose Lafey, a food service technician, has been in the line of duty for thirteen years. "Pay-day is definitely the best part of my job," said Lafey in true lunch lady fashion: with a smile. As you continue to consume delicious meals, remember those fine women who answered the call of duty and fought the battle against hunger for everyone. Thank you Grub Gladiators. Thank you.





After waiting patiently, sophomore Sam Jonhides purchases a beverage from snack line soldier Sabine Baldwin. The services provided by these hard working women kept the students of Holt High School nourished to maximize their educational ability. *Photo by Cayden Bunell*

Staff Not Pictured:

Schmidt, Rick	Bieske, Gordon	Mann, Alex
Sessions, Renee	Bishop, Monty	Marchall, Nancy
Shane, Jeff	Bower, Bob	Meredith, Nancy
Sheppard, Amy	Buwalda, Lori	Miller, Jeff
Silver, Elizabeth	Cappalletti, Hannah	Northrup, Guil
Smith, Aaron	Carmody, Sean	Peiffer, Brooke
	Charette, Margaret	Pisano, Patricia
	Coe, Ann	Righter, Kim
	Conner, John	Rivera, Laurie
	Cotter, Jessica	Sarata, Maria
	Ellis, Paula	Schnepp, Marty
	Erickson, Connie	Smith, Keith
	Garrett, Lynn	Smith, Mike
	Godbehere, Cindy	Strong, Margo
	Harkema, Doug	Templin, Brian
	Harmon, Jon	Trunk, Matt
	Keckisen, Jim	Weise, Lisa
	Knechtel, Dan	
Sutliff, Ann		
Sweitzer, Kellie		
Swihart, Clara		
Thrun, Darin		
Todd, Dawn		
Van Antwerp, Mike		
Vessell, Brian		
Weil, Joann		
Worden, Debbie		
Youngblood, Brooks		

Should YOU be a snack line soldier?

by Cayden Bunell

1.) How do you feel about high school students?

- a.)** I love them
- b.)** They're all smelly
- c.)** High school kids are alright

2.) Do you like to prepare food?

- a.)** Master chef..oh yeah
- b.)** If I'm the one eating it
- c.)** Depends on the day

3.) Are you patient?

- a.)** I'm basically a master of Zen and Tai Chi
- b.)** I once killed a man for blinking too slowly
- c.)** Most of the time

4.) Can you count money?

- a.)** Counting cash is my favorite pass-time
- b.)** I'm stuck in first grade math
- c.)** If there's nothing else to do, why not?

5.) How is your hygiene?

- a.)** Clean as clorox-I kill 99.9% of harmful bacteria
- b.)** What's hygiene?
- c.)** I try to shower every day

6.) How much free time do you have?

- a.)** The only time I have is free
- b.)** What is free time?
- c.)** I have a few hours to spare

IF you answered mostly **a**'s, you're pretty much already a lunch lady.

If most of your answers were **b**'s, being a snack line soldier probably isn't for you.

If a majority of your answers were in the **c**'s, you may be able to be a lunchroom lieutenant.

I order for lunch every single day for the past two years. She's incredible." **Senior Jeff Twomley**





Working hard or hardly working? These thoughts crossed **junior Marissa Perry's** mind while she looked over her English notes during student council. "School gives a lot of work and sometimes it is difficult to balance everything, but by picking and choosing how important things are, everything ends up working out," explained Perry. Keeping up grades while balancing homework, sports, and friends, was a task that many highschoolers faced. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*

Acting on your Ambition

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

Hours of tedious homework, pop quizzes, exams, ten page papers, and posters. Academics were the more stressful part of being a high schooler. Whether you were just starting out at the high school and planning for your future, or taking AP classes to plan for after your graduation, high school was a very rocky road in life.

"As a senior this year, I am working really hard to get good grades for college, but am also making the most of my time here having fun and being a part of activities. However, it is hard trying to find time to do things with friends and school activities on top of working and homework," explained Sara Sweeney. "I regret having to miss out on school things because it is my senior year, but being able to balance life now will help me in my future, and my job allows me to have money so when I go out I can do more and afford things."

One function of academics in high school was that they helped students find their directions for their futures. You were able to take classes that were either challenging to get into a top college, or fun, which allowed you to find yourself and true interests. There were many great required courses which helped you fulfill college requirements and challenged your mind in regards to textbooks and life situations.

We were privileged at this school in being able to take many different type of electives in languages, arts, business, computers, and journalism. All of these helped give students enrichment and first hand experiences with situations and parts of future careers of interest. "I took the mentorship elective because I didn't really know what I wanted to do as a career. We took personality tests to see what job we would be most compatible with. This class has really helped me find my direction for my future and pursue my newly discovered goal of being a police officer," described senior Cody Shaffer.

Without these privileges, combined with each individual's hard work and determination, students would have been less prepared for their careers or would not have truly known what they want to pursue.

- A.P. & Honors Classes - **81**
- Band/Guard/Batton - **84**
- Career Center - **86**
- Choir - **88**
- Exchange Students - **90**
- Newspaper - **96**
- School Store - **92**
- Unusual Electives - **94**
- Yearbook - **98**

The tougher road

Many students opt for the more difficult path

by Josh Zimmerman

Algebra II is too easy. Chemistry is a cakewalk. English Literature is just not challenging enough. Luckily for the fast-paced folks who felt that way, the Advanced Placement and honors versions of these classes served up just the academic battle that they craved.

Our school offered fourteen AP and honors classes in the English, math, and science departments. Of the 1,400-plus students at Holt High School, 29 percent took at least one AP or honors class. With so many AP and honors classes, why wasn't everybody in one? "I would have to say the workload," said English teacher Margaret Charrette. "Having to carve out time in your day to do loads of homework and still have a life."

These classes were far from being just an unnecessary add-on to a workload that many students felt was already overbearing, though. The students who took more AP and honors classes were usually more ambitious. "I'm very goal-oriented, and I want to do something with my life," said junior Rachelle Hough, who took three honors classes in her sophomore year and college classes in her junior year.

Students in AP classes often chose to take a test at the end of the year which could possibly earn them college credit in that subject. Although the AP Tests are very difficult, many students found the idea of being able to save a little money in college very alluring.

Though so many students took advantage of the benefits that AP and honors classes offer, they weren't the right fit for everybody. More out-of-school work and studying was required for AP and honors classes. Junior Jacob Ohm, was one of the majority of people who was not in an AP or honors class. "I just didn't want to do homework," Ohm explained. "That's about it."

Her ambition: Rachelle Hough

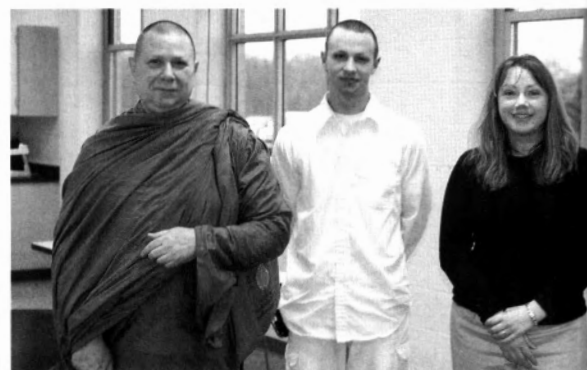
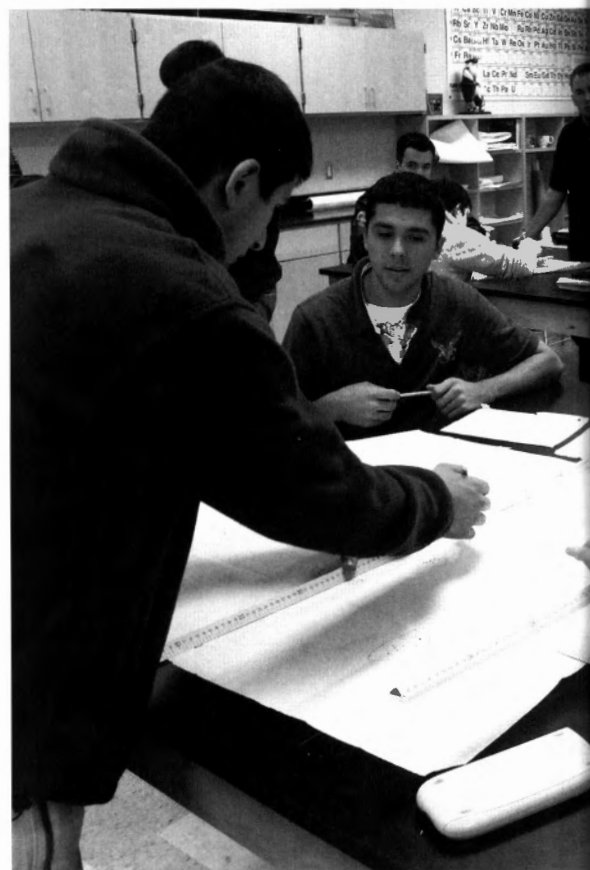
by Josh Zimmerman

Generally, high school students take all of their classes at the high school. But that's not the case for junior Rachelle Hough. In the morning, Hough takes part in LCC's SET Program at Haslett High School. The SET Program deals with the technical parts of putting on a stage production, such as sound, lighting, set-building, as well as many other aspects. She would recommend the SET Program to other students but unfortunately won't be able to do it again next year. "Because of the trimesters, I'm probably going to stay at the high school," remarked Hough.

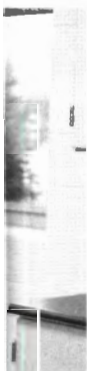
Working diligently on her class work, senior Maria Fernandez makes her way through another large assignment in AP Chemistry. Larger workloads were a big part of AP and Honors classes. Photo by Courtney Cole



While not technically an AP class, many students take Physics in preparation for the AP Physics Test. Seniors Mike Gukasov, Zach Flores, Harold Karrar, and Travis Ireland work on a Physics experiment together. Experiments proved to be a crucial part in understanding the many difficult concepts of Physics. "You can look at the data and see how it works in real life," said Karrar. Photo by Josh Zimmerman



"My favorite part of Honors classes is being able to learn more in a year



Visiting from a monastery in Perry, two Buddhist monks stand with **English teacher Margaret Charrette**. The monks had just finished giving a presentation on Buddhism to the students, who were in the middle of reading the novel *Siddhartha*, which pertains to Buddhism. This was one of the books read and discussed during AP literature class. This presentation, from the monks, allowed for the students to get a better understanding of the challenging topic of Buddhism. *Photo by Rachel Kramer*

Now you know: AP/honors Classes

by Josh Zimmerman

- 14** Number of AP and honors classes
- 412** Number of AP/honors students
- 36** % of AP/honors students in more than 1 class
- 45** % of AP/honors Math students that are female
- 7** Number of AP/honors teachers
- 23** Total number of AP/honors class periods
- 1** Number of students with 4 AP/honors classes

You said it: AP/honors classes

by Josh Zimmerman



"They're more meaningful classes, and if you pass the AP Tests, you can get college credit. They only cost \$80, and you can still get the credit."

Senior Craig Brennan



"I think they're a good way to challenge yourself, and I guess, just extra options."

Junior Lauren Barkley



"They prepare you for college, plus you can get college credits, which can save you money. That's good, because we're high school students, and we don't have a lot."

Senior Lindsey Gerrish

Would **you** rather... take **AP/honors** classes or go for the "easy A's"?

by Josh Zimmerman



"I would rather be in an **honors class** because you're working with people who actually want to be there, so you can get more done. Plus, you can have really deep conversations and can see things in more than just one way. It makes it more interesting, and I think you take away a lot more in the end."

Senior Chelsea Leighton



"Easy A's. If you take honors classes, you would actually have to work hard. Why take something that's harder? I think they're pretty useless. I'm more of a slacker. I like being able to talk and sleep during class. I think the honors classes' homework would take up a lot of free time, and that would really suck."

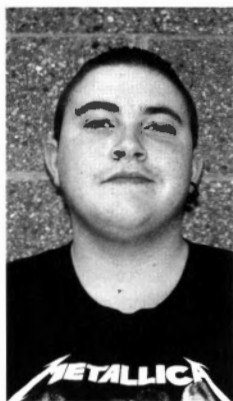
Sophomore Ricky Heredia

and learning stuff at a faster pace."

Sophomore Alyson Mosher

His ambition: Michael Townsend

by Kayla Drake



"I've been in band ever since I was in 6th grade. My cousin got me interested in playing. He played the trombone so that's the instrument I started with. Now I play the tuba and

it's a lot different than the trombone. The music isn't hard to read but since I started out playing the trombone I was used to all the notes. Since I've been in band I have also learned how to play the guitar and the bass. Even though I love band there are some things that I don't like, like getting a piece of music that isn't interesting, or people who have no ambition to play. My career choice doesn't have anything to do with band but that doesn't change my love for music or my ambition to play. Playing at half time is way more fun than playing at concerts. At concerts no one is there to cheer you on, and at half time all the people are watching and we get to carry our saxophones. The marching music is more upbeat and concert music is not. During half time the crowd is pumped up and it feels good to know that they are cheering us on."

Twirling during the homecoming parade, Color Guard members **sophomores Marleigh Noss and Kelly Wilson** along with **junior Megan Murray**, concentrate on their routine. "I really enjoy baton. I like being with the girls, and watching the football players of course." *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*



Playing the drums while performing with the band during the homecoming parade, **juniors Scott Hulteen, Chris Carrier, Jeff Miller and Jordan Craig** work hard to play well. "I think the best part of marching band is marching in the parade," said Carrier *Photo by Heather Brandenburg.*



Now you know: Baton

by Kayla Drake

- 3** Number of people
- 3-4** Number of songs
- 2** Number of costumes
- 3** Number of batons



Smiling at the crowd, seniors **Alyse Siedelberg, Erika Dabney and Jessica Foster** perform for color guard in the homecoming parade. "This is my first year being on color guard and I would be on it next year if I wasn't a senior. Sometimes it's hard to remember the routines because there are three songs but, it's a lot of fun." said Siedelberg. *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*

"We have a lot of fun in baton during the halftime show. The team tricks are probably what is

You said it: Color Guard

by Kayla Drake



"This is my first year but I love guard and I recommended it. It takes hard work and dedication but you have the satisfaction of knowing that people are watching you and you're giving them something interesting to look at."

Senior Dani Sweet



"I like color guard because it is a good way to make new friends. What I like most about color guard is that right before half time we all stand on the side of the football field and goof around. It is always a lot of fun."

Senior Lindsey Byrnes

This one time...

Band is more than just a class

by Kayla Drake

Some people said that band shouldn't be considered a class. However, how many people really know about band if they weren't in the band themselves? Band was just as challenging as taking an AP class or even multiple AP classes. It took hard work and dedication to practice everyday and stay on task.

Staying on task isn't the only hard thing to do in band. Band members had to stay on key and on tempo. Marching band wasn't considered a one man band. Everyone had to pull together to make the music sound good. The band members needed to stay in unison and create music that the crowd would love to listen to.

To be good at playing an instrument, members had to have the ambition to play. It wasn't just being able to play an instrument because, anyone can play an instrument if they take the time to learn. If the ability to play was there but not the ambition, students couldn't make it in band. Music wasn't hard to learn or even hard to read if they took the time and put some effort into learning how to play.

Band members had to be present for every football game. They spent hours running through songs and the routine for half time. They also had to decorate their instruments for the annual event of the light show during halftime at the Holt football game. Band members had to perform at the half time show whether it was cold, hot, raining, snowing or sunny. They had to be prepared to play in any kind of weather. "The last football game of the season it was so cold that at the end of the game I opened up my clarinet, and there was an icicle in it," said junior Miyah Williams.

Besides a lot of practicing and performing during half time, the band also had concerts and competitions outside of school. "We went to the Michigan State Day of Percussion. We played exercises and listened to other bands and drumlines. We were the only band there from mid Michigan. It was a lot of fun," said junior Jordan Craig.

Would you rather... perform during half-time or watch?

by Kayla Drake



"I'd rather **perform** because I've been twirling since I was young and I really enjoy it. It takes the stage fright away. I like having the feeling of everyone watching you and seeing how much the crowd enjoys it. I like making the audience happy and I really like showing off my talent."

Sophomore Marleigh Noss



"I'd rather **watch** because it's fun to be in the show but I like to watch other people play. I like to see all the lights and hear the music. I really like the light show but it's cursed. Every year for the lightshow it rains and it's always really cold outside. It's rained for the past three years in a row, and this year there was actually freezing rain."

Junior Erin Rodriguez

the most fun and are my favorite thing to do."

Junior Megan Murray

Band/Color

Getting a head start

Students use Career Center for their life after high school

by Michael Farran

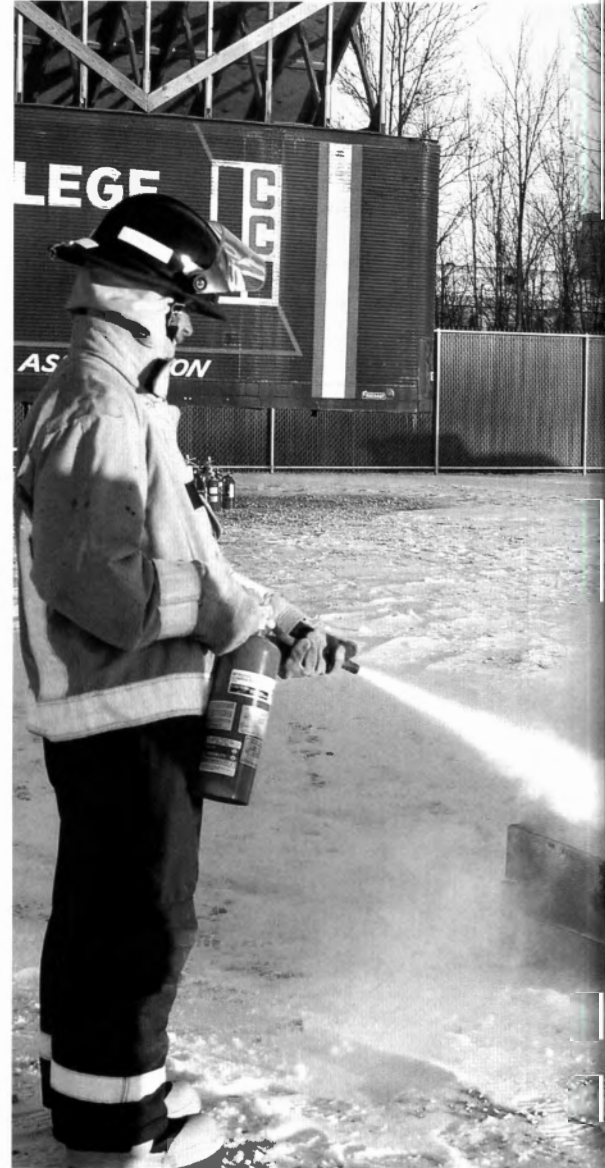
It all started in the early 1970's when a few schools around the capital area started a program they called Career Tech programs. These programs were designed to give students a more in-depth look at the careers they were interested in pursuing after high school. After a few successful years of these programs, the schools wanted to build the Career Tech programs into one, even more intensive educational program. They decided the best way to do this was to combine the programs from each school around the area and put them into one general, centralized location. What we now know as Career Center was born.

Career Center programs were available to all juniors and seniors from schools throughout the area. They were seen as an alternative to the average six hour school day, and kept students interested in learning. Instead of three hours classes that may have be seen as boring, students went through three hours of training in whatever field they chose and then went to school and the other three available hours. The Career Center ranged from law enforcement training to cosmetology. With one or two regular instructors, Career Center programs were like three hour super-classes with intense hands-on training. Each program taught the basics in that field and gave students an idea of what that job would be like to have as a career.

"I wasn't sure what to expect when I signed up, but I ended up liking Career Center a lot. I plan on taking the courses again next year and hopefully relate it to something I will do in college and later in life," said junior Tyler Vickers. Many programs offered were available in college and some students went to college for something in that field. Colleges didn't seem to have a problem with students that took Career Center and one even saw it as a good start to what students may want to learn more about in college.

You said it: Career Center

by Michael Farran



Now you know: Career Center

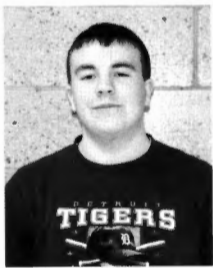
by Michael Farran

130	Number of students from Holt	0.5	Years for shortest programs
31	Number of classes offered at Career Center	2	Years for longest programs
2	Number of locations	1-2	Number of instructors per program



"Career Center gives you experience in the field you are going into so you can learn the

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"Career Center is cool because I get out of other classes and I get to do something for my life after I get out of high school."

Senior Justin Danford



"I think Career Center is sweet because it gets you away from the annoying things in school and gives you something fun to do outside of school."

Junior Jordon Foy

Would you rather... take Career Center or regular classes?

by Michael Farran



"I would rather go to Career Center instead of going to regular classes. I like Career Center a lot better because the teachers put more trust in the students and allow the students to do whatever they want as long as what we're doing is productive in the end. They don't care as long as we get our work done."

Senior James Blomquist



"I would rather go to Career Center because I get to slack off more than I would be able to when I am at regular classes at the high school, and I love to be lazy. Also, since I am taking the Culinary Arts program, I get to eat whatever I make. It's better than regular classes because it's something I'm interested in. I get bored with regular school."

Senior Kreg Colson



Cooling things down is junior James Magyar as he goes through fire extinguisher training, an important part of the job of fighting fires. Magyar was involved in the Emergency Medical Technology and Fire Science program offered by Career Center. This skill is not only used by firemen, but by many people that work for large and small businesses such as convenience, grocery, or hardware stores. Outside of fire sciences, they also studied medical related services like first aid and CPR. Magyar was one of four Holt students in the program. Photo by Michael Farran



Taking part in the New Media program in Career Center is junior Carolyn Warren. In this program, students learned about computer programs and enhanced their computer application skills. The skills that were taught in the program dealt with Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, and Adobe InDesign. Together these programs are known as the Adobe Creative Suite. "I plan on taking Career Center again next year. I'll probably stay in the same field because it is a 2 year course and I like working with computers," Warren said. Photo by Kelly Hamelin

Suiting up in the halls of Lansing Community College, junior Tyler Denny gets ready for fire fighter training. Denny participated in the Emergency Medical Technology and Fire Science program in Career Center. "I like Career Center compared to the regular six hour day, but I don't know if I will do it next year. I just really like all the hands on fire fighting stuff we do, but it's only a one year program," said Denny. He also said that he has made some new friends from other schools through Career Center. Photo by Michael Farran



basics before you go to college or into that field."

Junior Valerie Carr



E xemplifying the arts

The vocal artists unite under a common goal

by Laura Secord

As you walk down the south hall you could usually hear music coming from room S131. This was the room that hosts six choirs. At our school, we weren't limited to just one plain choir for everyone.

Choir students had the option of music given to them in six different ways. "I didn't even realize that we had so many option's when I signed up for concert chorus," said senior Breonna Bonds.

Concert chorus was a mixed choir during the school day without any tryouts necessary. "I'm thrilled that I didn't have to tryout for concert chorus because I was a little nervous and my friends still wanted me to be with them," said senior Crystal Strauss

Several of the choir classes required auditions Cantique was an all girls choir in which auditions were nessessary. "The tryouts were fun because I made a fool of myself and I was with my friends," said sophomore Stephanie Spagnuolo.

In addition to Cantique, Chorale was a mixed choir during the school day that you also had to audition for. For every student the tryout experience was a little different. "I was nervous because there was a lot of people trying out for chorale this year," said senior Chelsey Bashore.

Two choirs met once a week after school where everyone was welcome. No other music class had to be taken and no auditions were needed.

Holt High School Swingers was a new mixed choir started this year by teacher Monty Bishop. There was also an all boys choir called Men of Holt, or known as M.O.H. "Even though we meet less then other choirs, we are the most amazing choir. Since the group has started two years ago we have got one's at choir festival which is the best score. Sometimes its hard because some people don't show up every week but we always do great," said junior Korey Hurni.

Her ambition: Elizabeth Barry

by Laura Secord

"I have been singing seriously for about four years. Right now I am a member of chorale. I love it because of the beautiful music we get to make every day, and that feeling you get when you know you are doing something special. After getting a supporting role in 42nd Street it made me consider majoring in musical theatre in college. After I graduate I plan on majoring in music performance or musical theatre with a minor in education. I am going to try to make it on broadway because of all the dancing I do, but if that doesn't work I will become a music teacher."



"I joined chorale because I love to sing and it's a fun class but you do

Concentrating on getting her part right for the Messiah concert with the alumni, **junior Rebecca Reibsome** in the females sectional works to get her part perfect before they go on stage. "Messiah is something I look forward to every year. I love it because all the alumni come back so you get to see old friends that you haven't in a while and you can get caught up. This year was challenging for me because I'm singing soprano and I'm used to being an alto," said Reibsome. *Photo by Laura Secord*



Practicing in the sectional room on the day of Messiah, **junior Marc Anderson** reads his music with the alumni men for a concert that was being held in the memory of Margaret Livensparger. "Messiah is a nice way to stay in touch with all the alumni and we sounded really good," said Anderson. *Photo by Laura Secord*

Caroling after the Holt tree lighting at Holt Courts retirement home, **junior Cassie Root** and **junior Katelyn Wagemaker** walks with other choir members trying to bring some Christmas joy to some residents at the home. "I had a lot of fun doing it this year. It's a way to give back to the community that's a lot of fun," said Root. *Photo by Laura Secord*

Which choir is for you?

by Laura Secord

Do you like traveling?

- a) To other countries
- b) Other states/cities
- c) Don't like traveling

Would you sing in public?

- a) Anytime
- b) Sometimes
- c) Not really but I'll get through it

Are you willing to try out?

- a) Doesn't bother me who is around
- b) As long as there's only girls
- c) No, it's scary

Mostly **a's**: you are good for choral

Mostly **b's**: you are good for cantique

Mostly **c's**: you are good for concert

You said it: Choir

by Laura Secord



"It's a class where you can have fun but at the same time learn something. There's always something to do and it's never a boring class."

Junior Brette Fischer



"Mr. Bishop is hilarious, it's so much fun and you learn a lot. I joined because I wanted an easy grade but now I really enjoy the class a lot!"

Sohmore MaryRose Hillstorm



"The great thing about choir is that it doesn't feel like a class. It's more of a big family, with Mr. Bishop being more of a uncle than a teacher."

Junior Chris Wardlaw

Should you be singing in Choir?

by Laura Secord

1.) When your driving with music on, what do you do?

- a.) Sing along with the music.
- b.) Dance to the song.
- c.) I don't have music on.

2.) How are you on stage?

- a.) I love it!
- b.) I am nervous but I get through it.
- c.) I hate it.

3.) Do you enjoy musicals?

- a.) It's my favorite kind of movies!
- b.) I'll watch them, but not my favorite
- c.) No way!

4.) If you were to join choir the reason would be:

- a.) Singing is my passion.
- b.) I have friends in the class and enjoy to sing.
- c.) To be with friends.

5.) Are you committed to spend time outside of school for the class?

- a.) I'm free anytime for the class.
- b.) As long as I don't have plans already.
- c.) I don't have anytime to spare.

If you answered mostly **a's** then your perfect for choir. It shows that you love singing and you're joining for the perfect reasons.

If you answered mostly **b's** then you would do mediocre in choir, although your interest might lie somewhere else.

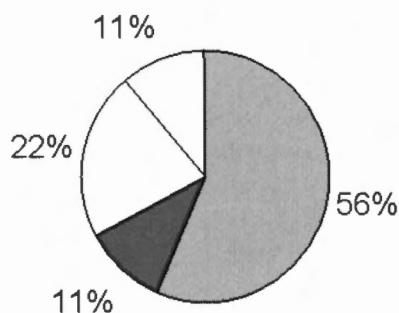
If you answered mostly **c's** then you might be joining for the wrong reasons and won't enjoy the class.



By the numbers:

by Rachel Gladstone

What do you miss most about your home country?



56% Family & Friends
11% House
22% Food
11% Culture
0% Other

"I miss my father, mother, big sister, little brother and puppy the most. It can be weird not seeing them everyday."

Senior Jin Sung

You said it: Studying Abroad

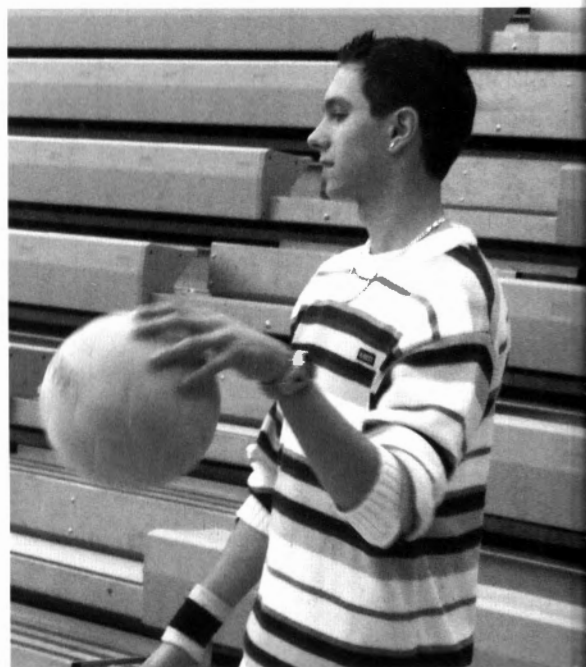
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"I don't know all the exchange students this year but what they're doing is pretty cool. I don't know if I'd be able to leave my home and friends and go somewhere that's completely new without knowing anyone. It would be fun and scary at the same time."

Sophomore Amanda Stokes

On a break from playing soccer in gym class, **senior Lothar Skorupka** passes the ball to a classmate. Skorupka, from Germany was here as an exchange student for the school year. "Holt is a much bigger school than in Germany. The first person I met on my way here was **senior Tony Frontzek** (another exchange student), it was nice to know there was someone else from Germany that was going to be here. I liked the soccer team too, they were all friendly and we all got along," said Skorupka while describing his experience. *Photo by Rachel Gladstone*



Munching on the cafeteria food, **senior Juyeon Lim** talks to **senior Rudia Nu** about their next hour classes. The foreign exchange students attended many activities in the school to make the most of their experience. "I like all the stuff there is to do here and the people are nice too," said Lim. *Photo by Rachel Gladstone*



Working hard on an English assignment, **senior Alexy Yukin** takes a second to think about what he wants to write next. Yukin was one two exchange students from Russia this year. He won a competition through his high school that enabled him to come to America. "I wanted to learn about the American culture and see another part of the world," explained Yukin. *Photo by Rachel Gladstone*

Now you know: Exchange Students

by Rachel Gladstone

9	total exchange students	3	students from South Korea
2	students from Germany	1	student from Brazil
1	student from Spain	2	students from Russia

Welcome to America

Students from around the world study at Holt

by Rachel Gladstone

Most people have the dream of seeing the world and studying with different cultures. If you had the opportunity to spend one year of high school in a different country, would you? For a handful of students this year they chose to leave their home countries and move to America. The countries they came from included South Korea, Russia, Germany, and Brazil. The difference between the United States and their home countries was evident but it didn't seem to bother the students too much.

"I came to make my English better, and get new experiences," explained senior Anya Tomysheva, a sixteen-year-old from Russia. "My school picked the students who have good English skills to participate in the exchange program" said Tomysheva. "My mom asked me if I wanted to be in the program so I thought about it and talked to my friends and decided it would be a once in a lifetime experience," described senior Reinaldo Silva, a sixteen-year-old from Brazil.

For Holt students the school day seemed very routine all year long, but for the exchange students many things were different. In other countries students don't have lockers; the students don't change classrooms; teachers do; and there aren't sports teams through the school. "Back home school was longer and afterwards we didn't get to go out with friends we just have to study" said senior Juyeon Lim, a fifteen-year-old student from South Korea.

Outside of studying a lot of the exchange student's were also involved in sports and other clubs. "I ran cross country and helped with battle of the bands. In Russia we don't have those types of things," explained senior Alexy Yukin, a fifteen-year-exchange student.

This experience was great for the students and most of them would like to visit America again in the future now that they know more about the culture.

Her own direction: Rudia Na

by Rachel Gladstone

At every football and basketball game Holt's mascot Rooty the Ram showed up to give the team extra support and help the fans cheer for victory. Our furry friend came to life with the help of one spirited student. This basketball season that student was Senior Rudia Na. Na was a sixteen-year-old from South Korea, who was studying here as part of an exchange program. "I tried out for cheerleading and didn't make it but the coach asked me if I wanted to be Rooty at the games. It would be fun and a good experience because we don't have mascots back home," explained Na. What better way to experience American culture than to be apart of something that most Americans enjoy: a sporting event?

5 Favorites:

Food:

Spaghetti

Colors:

Pink & Blue

Class:

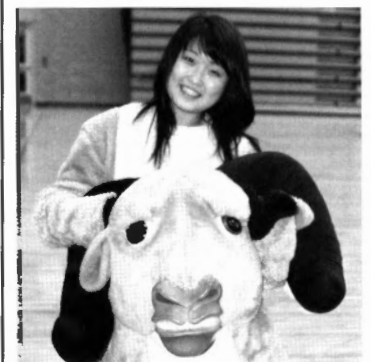
Team Sports

Movie:

Harry Potter

Best Friend:

Ji Hui



Suiting up for a basketball at Holt senior Rudia Na smiles for the camera. "The outfit can get hot when I'm in it but I like cheering with the student section" described Na.

Photo by Rachel Gladstone

ifferent countries, cultures and people of the world."

Nathan Quebberman
Junior Nathan Quebberman



By the numbers:

by Josh Zimmerman

What is your favorite thing to buy?

"I get Cashews and Butterfinger Crisps the most. In fact, that's all I buy.

Senior Josh Anderson



26% Candy
11% Cookies
11% Water
7% Ice Cream
7% Pop
38% Other



As always, the store is full of students during lunch. The store offered people a place to hang out and talk with their friends as well as purchase a quick snack to get them through the afternoon. "It's the only place where they've got music playing and you can actually stop and listen for a minute," said **junior Mark Golbeck** about what appealed to him about the store. *Photo by Josh Zimmerman*

Manding the cash register, **senior Stephanie Williams**, handles the money as **senior Mark Wright** pays for the two hot dogs he just prepared. A new item for this year, hot dogs quickly gained popularity, partially due to their modest price of \$0.75 each, or two for \$1. *Photo by Josh Zimmerman*



In addition to selling snacks and beverages, the school store has a varied selection of school spirit merchandise. The store was the place to go to get your Holt Rams T-shirts, hoodies, hats or even a license plate frame. *Photo by Josh Zimmerman*

Open for business

Student-run store has something for everyone

by Josh Zimmerman

The Holt High School store was much more than just a place to buy food and drinks. It was more than a place to hang out during lunch. It was more than just a store. It was actually a class. As perhaps the most unorthodox class the school offers, Retail Management gave students a real hands-on experience with their subject. Instead of just learning about how stores run, they got to actually run a store. "And it was a valuable experience," commented senior Phil Marlow.

The student-employees were responsible for everything from keeping inventory to running a cash register. "You do more than just running a cash register," said senior Erica Judy. "You have to do stuff like inventory and ordering more merchandise. It also gives you a lot of experience with dealing with customers." The employees switched jobs every quarter, in order to give everybody an opportunity to work a broader range of jobs.

For those looking to go into a retail career path, the experience gained from working the school store proved invaluable for the future. Colleges and, later on, businesses, would be very impressed with seeing actual working experience on resumes. "Working in the store definitely gave me a good feel of what working in the retail business is like," Judy added.

As beneficial as the school store was for the Retail Management students, it was equally convenient for the rest of the student body. Although the selling of carbonated beverages during school lunch was banned by the state government, kids nonetheless poured into the store for refreshments. Students spent a total of about three hundred and fifty dollars each day in the store on juice, candy, water, apparel, and many other things. The combination of employee experience and convenience ensured that the school store would be around for a long time.

Now you know: Store Stats

by Josh Zimmerman

150 Customers per day

28 People on the staff

25 Monsters sold per day

350 Dollars made in a day

60k Dollars made in a year

300 H-Town shirts sold

the cookies in the store and randomly gives them out."

Adelle Jones
Senior Adelle Jones

His own direction: Daniel Knechtel

by Josh Zimmerman

As the proprietor of the school store and the teacher of several business classes, one would assume that Mr. Knechtel would be all business and no fun. But that's far from the truth. Mr. Knechtel was very fun, easy to get along with, and just a normal guy. Popular with all of his students, Mr. Knechtel wasn't what people might expect from a business teacher. He was very popular among his students. In fact, the students are why he enjoys running the school store as much as he does. "I get to meet a lot of other students that I wouldn't normally meet, good and bad," Mr. Knechtel explained. "They're all a bunch of good kids."

5 Favorites:

Food:

King Crab Legs

Color:

Green for MSU

Superhero:

Superman

Bird:

Bald Eagle

Person:

Cosmo Kramer



Talking with senior Jamie Jones, business teacher Dan Knechtel makes sure that the beverage cooler is properly stocked and arranged. His Retail Management class gave students a unique experience by letting them run an actual store.



O ut of the ordinary

Students pick more unusual electives

by Laura Secord

Sculpture, broadcasting journalism, and theater production were just a few unusual electives provided this year. Class after class just sitting in a room doing work gave some students the need for a break. Strange electives like sculpture, ceramics or theater production were hands on classes that brought these changes about. "I like how ceramics is more of a hands on approach to class, I like turning nothing into something with my imagination," said junior Aaron Bell.

There were also classes like broadcasting journalism and web publishing in which students created shows about school activities for everyone to see. "I didn't choose broadcasting, I was stuck in it. I really like the class now. It's fun to film and edit things knowing the whole school will be watching," said junior Josh Benjamin. Some students really enjoyed their past electives and were willing to take them again. "I really enjoyed creating web pages last year, so I decided to sign up for it again. I have learned a lot from the class in these past two years," said senior Nicole Richardson.

Sometimes these unusual electives were used for experience in a future career. "I like how broadcasting teaches us how to film movies. It's a great way to learn about the entertainment industry. I signed up because I want to get into television some day and I thought the experience would help," said sophomore Eric Mulder.

These classes interested a lot of students because of the opportunities present from being involved and the variety of classes were available. "I picked art because it is very interesting and you can make cool things. The teacher is sweet and lets you take your time on your work and you get graded on your ability not how good it looks," said sophomore Jourdon Vandamme. Unusual electives can also help the teachers with their job. "Being a teacher assistant is a lot different from most classes because I learn more about everyday skills. And in normal classes you learn more facts," said junior Sarah Pratt.

Her ambition: Angelica Brown

by Laura Secord

"I'm in broadcast journalism and I joined because I thought that it would be a neat way to be involved with school in a different unique way. I like showing others what their peers can do. It's amazing how we can take bits and pieces of things you catch on tape and create little movies. It's also fun when we're assigned to take cameras and tripods and get out there to catch all the action. I like how we can share our ideas about the movies we make. I recommend this to anyone who loves action, editing, sound effects and loves computers like me."

You said it: Music Theory

by Laura Secord



"I don't have an unusual elective, but I know people that do, by the sounds of it unusual

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"I signed up for music theory because I feel that music is the universal language through which all emotion can be expressed. I wanted to learn how to properly 'speak' the language."

Senior Alex Freeman



"Music theory is a really fun class and Mr. Bishop is a great teacher. I'm taking it to get better at guitar. We work on a program on the computer that teaches you the basics of music theory."

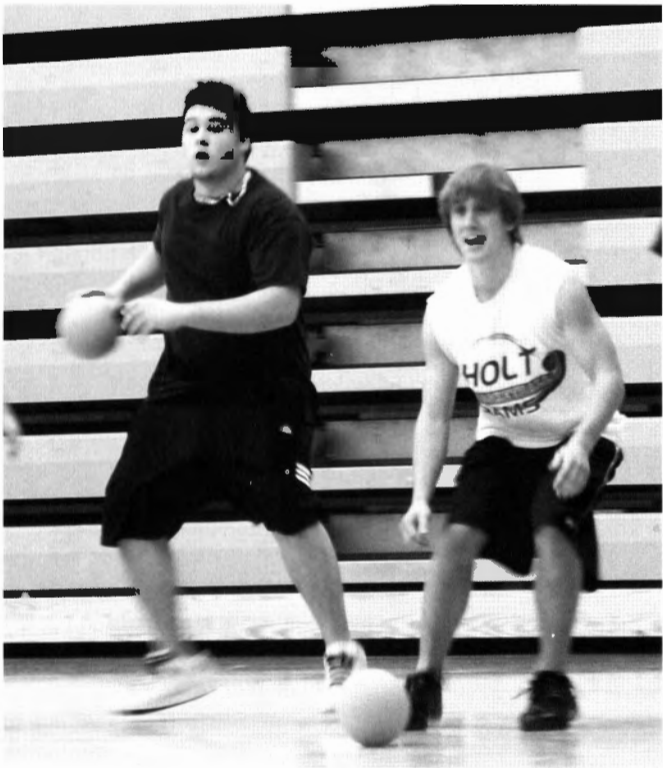
Sohmore Jordan Kingsley

Would you rather... be in sculpture or theater production

by Laura Secord



Concentrating on working on her master piece work of art in her unusual elective ceramics **junior Jourdon Vandamme** makes feet for her tea-pot project. "I thought this project was really easy to make and was a lot of fun. Our requirement's for my tea-pot was to make little feet for it to stand on," said Vandamme. *Photo by Laura Secord*



Being a judge of their own painting in their unusual elective ceramics class, **juniors Kyle Lucas** and **Justin Ennis** work hard on their art project. "I like it because it takes my mind off things and I don't feel as stressed in this class," said Lucas. All the students enjoyed the laid back atmosphere while making their extraordinary creations. "I like the class because it's messy and it's hands on. It also helps that the class is really easy," said Ennis. *Photo by Laura Secord*

Escaping the force of overly thrown dodgeballs, **seniors James Silvers** and **Danny Zajac** were in their unusual elective, weight training class. This class mixed the traditional gym class games with weight lifting. Students were allowed to use the school's equipment and learn how to lift the right way. This was a very popular class and brought on a much needed break to many students throughout the year. "I like weight training because it's easy to get a good grade and I'm able to get buff," said Silvers. *Photo by Laura Secord*



"I'm in **sculpture** and I like it because Glenn Briggs is in it with me. I'm taking it because I need an art credit to graduate. Although this class has nothing to do with my future it's still interesting. You learn about more things then just art, at one point we learned about Africa."

Junior Grant Ankney



"I really enjoy **theater production** because it's a way I can be part of the plays without being on stage. It's also very hands on; this is one class that we can actually get up and do something like work with power tools instead of being at a desk all hour. I like working with the tools because it's something people would say is more of a male thing."

Senior Amber Clum



electives are a lot of fun and people really enjoy them."

Junior Amber Reynolds

You said it: Newspaper

by James Bryde



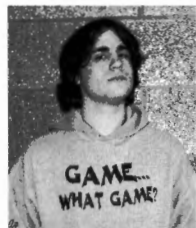
"I'm a casual purchaser, I'd say it's pretty cool. It keeps me informed about what's going on in our school."

Senior Jennifer Snay



"I like the newspaper. I think it's a good provider of information that I can relate too, and it comes from a reliable source."

Senior Chad Hester



"The newspaper is pretty pointless and irrelevant. It doesn't really have anything that I can ever relate too, it doesn't offer me anything."

Junior Timothy Edinger



"I don't really read the newspaper anymore, I think all the articles are one side and biased. They don't have anything that makes me want to read it."

Senior Jonathan Hensler



"The school newspaper is cool, it's better than the regular newspaper because it involves people my age and it's a good price."

Sophomore Jennifer Pielack

Now you know: Ramparts Staff

by James Bryde

Brittany Andring
Mollie Ballmer
Karen Bologna
Kayla Haynes
Danielle Helles
Janette Killips
Ashley Kramer
Stavroula Kyriakopoulos
Katherine Lawson
Emily Lenhard
Meredith Nelson

Robin Nelson
Chelsea Reeser
Lindsay Shorna
Kasandra Smith
Ethan Tate
Blake Taylor
Brittany Tovar
Stephanie Williams

Advisors: Jennifer
Garmon & Amy Clark

Working diligently to complete her page for the December issue, **senior Lindsay Shorna** works on a computer. Computers were an important tool used to create the newspaper. InDesign was the program used to create the pages. "It is sometimes stressful trying to get everything done for deadlines, but the end product is really rewarding," said Shorna. *Photo by Courtney Cole*

Journalism member, senior Stephanie Williams, works on improving her writing. Revision was one of the key marks of journalism and bringing the best story to the students. Along with the class, Williams has learned a lot in the journalism field from advisor, Amy Clark. "Mrs. Clark is amazing," said **junior Emily Lenhard**. *Photo By Courtney Cole*



Brainstorming as a class, the students in journalism work together to come up with ideas for the next issue of the *Ramparts*. They discussed pros and cons of ideas and decided no holiday stories for the December issue of *Ramparts*. Each issue tried to address important issues in student's lives. *Photo by Courtney Cole*

Preparing to be powerful, seniors **Katie Lawson** and **Brittany Tovar** write out their thoughts on paper. "We fill out brainstorming sheets and then we discuss the ideas as a class," said Tovar. Writing down ideas was the first step to writing a great article. *Photo by Courtney Cole*



"The newspaper is cool because there is a finished product that is published every month"

His ambition: Ethan Tate

by James Bryde

Visions of a Nobel prize shining in his eyes, junior Ethan Tate reveals his ambition of becoming a journalist. "I like how straight forward journalism is, it doesn't really beat around the bush," said Tate. Tate planned to attend Michigan State University and study journalism. "I enjoy the writing aspect of journalism more so than the photos, people get more informed from the writing and I feel like a lot of people aren't really that informed."

Raging Ramparts

Laziness is not a luxury during deadline time

by James Bryde

Papers flying, computers going crazy, people scrambling to finish their work, sometimes there's even blood shed. In Journalism class, when a deadline came, things got crazy. "I feel like I'm going insane every time a deadline comes around," said senior Janette Killips. The students in Journalism are required to meet deadlines in order to get the newspaper out to the students of Holt High School.

"Deadlines are stressful, especially if you don't have the things you need from someone else," claimed senior Lindsay Shorna. "If a staff writer doesn't have a story or a picture that you need to finish the page, then it can get really intense." The students in journalism class worked as a team to create the newspaper. Staff writers wrote the articles and took the pictures, the photo editors edit photos, and the news editors looked at the final products and made necessary corrections. If someone failed to finish their article life got really frantic.

"Journalism is stressful, but it's fun. The deadlines can get really crazy," said junior Blake Taylor. Taylor joined the journalism class because of an interest in photo journalism and writing. "It can be chaotic, but you get to talk to a lot of people and learn a lot of new things," Taylor explained.

More than often, journalism students had to take time outside of class to work on their articles. Many interviews were done and pictures were taken outside of school. "As a news editor, I have to take some pages home to read the stories and make corrections," said Shorna.

The hard work and chaos involved in creating the school newspaper paid off every time. Once a month a school newspaper was published and the entire student population of Holt High school reaped the benefits of the hard working newspaper staff.

Should YOU be in Journalism?

by James Bryde

1.) When you have free time, what do you like to do?

- a.) Catch up on the latest world news.
- b.) Play video games.
- c.) Read.

2.) When you have homework which do you do?

- a.) Do it right away.
- b.) Try to finish it in class right before it's due.
- c.) Put it off to the night before.

3.) When you talk to other people, you?

- a.) Work hard to keep the conversation going.
- b.) Let the other person do most of the talking.
- c.) Walk away when you run out of things to say.

4.) Which is your strongest writings skill?

- a.) Informative writing.
- b.) Creative writing.
- c.) Telling very interesting stories.

5.) When you hear about world events which do you do?

- a.) Research it to get the scoop.
- b.) Forget about it in two seconds.
- c.) Think about it a little, then go hang out with your friends.

If you answered mostly a's then you may have a future in the journalism class.

If you answered mostly b's, then there's a possibility that you may succeed in journalism.

If you answered mostly c's then journalism is mostly likely not your cup of tea.

everyone can see what you've been working on."

Junior Karen Bologna



Ray of Light

The Sunshine Committee provides positivity through all the *Rampage* chaos

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

Walking into any normal classroom you would expect to find a mass of students, sitting patiently in their desks, paying strict attention to their teacher. However, things were done a little bit different for the staff of the yearbook; one could call it unconventional.

Walking into the publications lab you could find some students hard at work on their next deadline, maybe a few staffers munching on some sweet treats and a couple students standing on opposite sides of the room shouting the yearbook cheer to each other.

The atmosphere in the room was electric. "I loved coming to this class because everyone was so friendly to each other. I like how everyone has a different strength they bring to the class along with a different outlook on what we're making," said senior Laura Secord.

The addition of the Sunshine Committee in 2005 also added an extra spark to the already buoyant mix. The purpose of the committee was to brighten the days of the *Rampages* staffers. On each birthday it was the committee's duty to provide a special treat, usually brownies or cupcakes, to commemorate the occasion. They also recognized other major holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentine's Day.

"This being my second year in Yearbook the Sunshine committee outshined last year's by far. We have already celebrated numerous members' birthdays had little 'week day pick-ups' and a grand Thanksgiving feast. To get into the holiday spirit we engaged in a surprise secret Santa bringing joy and unity to the whole yearbook staff," said senior Brooke Darling. Her role as an editor, along with senior Christina McPike, was made enormously easier with the contributions of each member and their individual jobs. This hard work and unity brought about the best in each of the staffers and helped create a more successful year.

Now you know: *Rampages*

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

8 Secondary Jobs	187 Mods designed
16 Computers	252 Pages
24 Staffers	850 Yearbooks ordered

Deadline

November 2

One of the biggest deadlines in *Rampages* history, a full 80 pages, was sent to the printers.

Working diligently on her next page, senior **Rachel Kramer** spends some quality time with her computer. "I work very hard on my pages because I want the yearbook to be a representation of everyone in our school," said Kramer. The *Rampages* staffers were very dedicated to getting their pages picture perfect. On each deadline day you would find at least a few students working after school to meet the deadline. "The deadlines are difficult because everyone is trying to get their page in on time, but the rewards are sweet," said senior **Heather Brandenburg**. Photo by Stephanie Mathers



Taking detailed notes from junior **Chris Walsh** senior **Cayden Bunnell** completes an interview for his page. "Interviewing is the most satisfying part of the yearbook experience. It gets you excited and motivated to see the student body at work," said Bunnell. An essential part of the yearbook was representing everyone, by either a quote, a picture, or sometimes both. Photo by Christina McPike



Doldrums

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

December 21

February 8

March 1

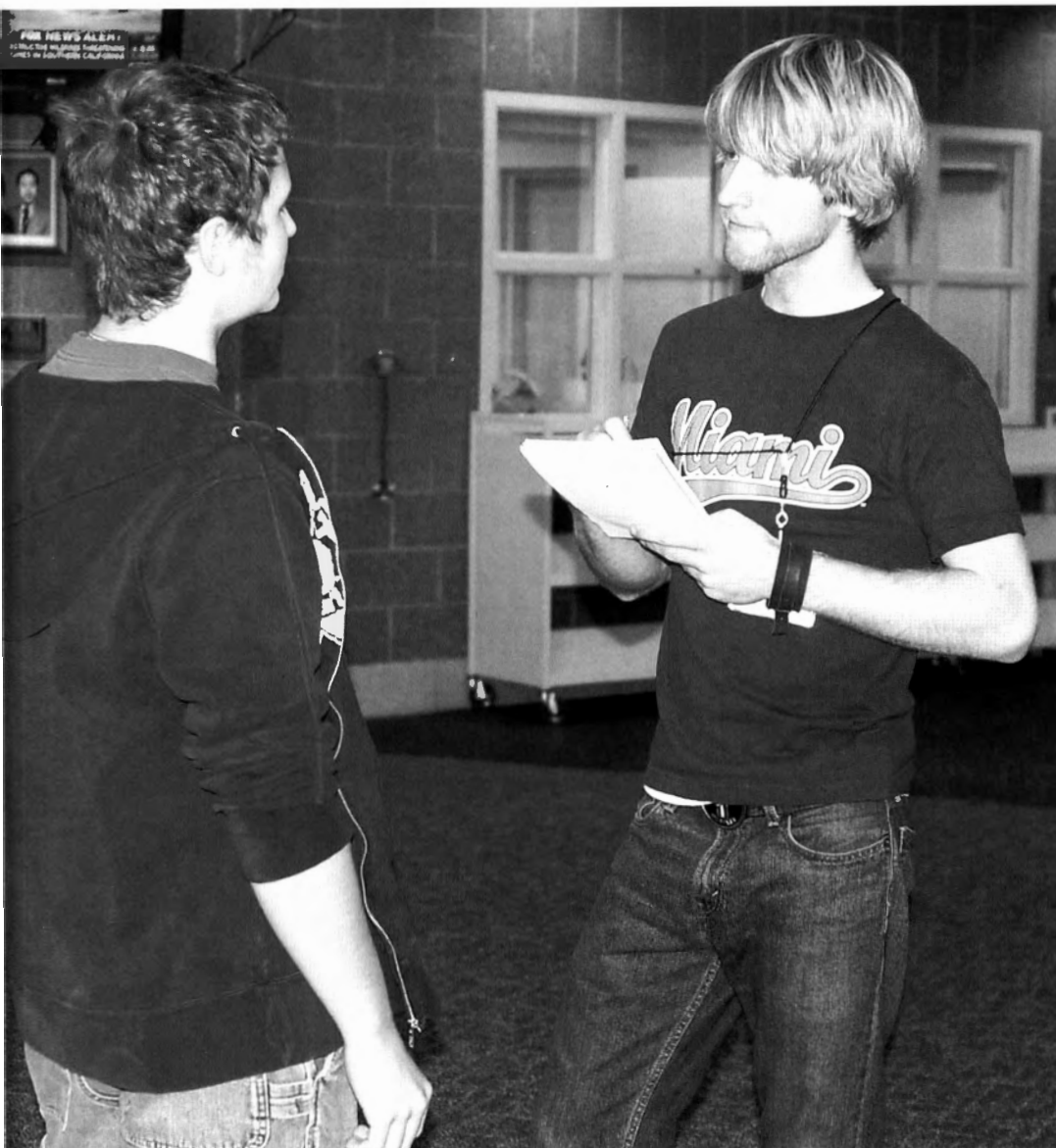
All the academics, student life and clubs pages were due. The staff had five weeks to finish their pages.

Sports pages were due by 5:00 PM on Thursday. Usually when the staff stayed after school to meet a deadline pizza was included.

The final deadline! Seventeen pages of ads and the index were sent in. After seven months of dedication, all their hard work has paid off.



Attending the informative Monday Meeting, the yearbook staff listens intently to their advisor's, **Stephanie Mathers**, announcements. "Monday meetings are an important time for us to get together and discuss our weekly and long term goals. It also gives the staff a chance to get to know each other better," said Mathers. Although *Rampages* was a student run publication, the advisor had a very important role to play. "Without Miss Mathers I don't think we would be nearly as dedicated; it wouldn't be the same with out her," said **senior Rachel Gladstone**. Photo by Christina McPike



Could you be in yearbook?

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

1.) When you have a big project due, your work ethic is:

- a.)** Begin it the night before and work for 5 straight hours.
- b.)** Work on it a little everyday.
- c.)** Start the night you get it.

2.) Your favorite school subject is:

- a.)** Aerobics.
- b.)** Statistics.
- c.)** Journalsim.

3.) How would your English teacher describe you?

- a.)** A major slacker.
- b.)** A good student, but you don't reach your potential.
- c.)** Hardworking and confident.

4.) When talking to adults you:

- a.)** Talk too quickly and say immature things.
- b.)** I don't talk to adults.
- c.)** Get your point across clearly and in a professional manner.

5.) What is your opinion about the yearbook?

- a.)** I want my face plastered all over it!
- b.)** Yearbooks are stupid.
- c.)** It's a memory book and everyone should be included.

IF you answered mostly **a's** you are a little too relaxed to be in yearbook.

IF you answered mostly **b's** you are a good student, but don't put much effort into things.

IF you answered mostly **c's** you are definitely yearbook material! You are a hardworking and creative student with high standards.

to the face of every child and they warm our hearts."

Sophomore Alec Albert

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Battling the waves and other bodies, junior Danton Thon attempts to score a goal to put the water polo team ahead during the grueling game against the Northeast Central Catfish. "I love the feeling I get when I am able to score because water polo is such a demanding sport," explained Thon. The water polo team had to overcome physical training and early morning practices, but still remained determined to succeed. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*

Displaying your Determination

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

Hours of grueling practice, long bus rides, packed stands, over time minutes, rivalry games, and cheering fans. There is nothing like witnessing or being a part of high school sports. One of the main sources of entertainment and hype in the life a highschooler was sports. Whether you were the starting captain, benchwarmer, manager, trainer, or fan, getting up for the game was a highschooler's vacation from the chaos of everyday life.

For athletes, the dedication and desire that it took to have a successful season was the adrenaline that flowed through the veins of students to help get them through each tenacious school day. Each athlete battled with balancing school, hours of homework, physically trying practices, supporting friends in other sports and attending other school activities.

"Playing a high school sport is a lot of fun and filled with tons of excitement, from hanging out with your teammates to getting up for big games. But trying to work on top of school and sports is difficult. I have to stay up late to study and work on Wednesday mornings so I loose time for work and extra sleep. Although I have to work hard to balance everything in my life, I really enjoy the effect of playing a high school sport and all the experience," described junior Breezy Coats, a member of the volleyball and softball team.

Even students who were not athletes themselves contributed to athletes when they devoted precious time and energy. "Being a sports trainer is a lot of fun and it's very interesting. This being my first year as a trainer, I am working on learning the basics of tapping and preparation for games. The job of a trainer allows you to feel like you're a part of a team, when we win I am excited and when we happen to lose, I can understand the team's emotion," explained senior Courtney Cole. "These are experience that I will take with me when I graduate and be able to know what a team experience is with the addition of knowing athletic training for a future job."

- Baseball/Softball: 2006 - **106**
- Basketball - **122**
- Bowling - **126**
- Cheerleading/Poms - **114**
- Cross Country - **118**
- Dance/Gymnastics - **128**
- Equestrian **130**
- Football - **116**
- Golf - **108**
- Hockey - **132**
- I.M. Basketball - **124**
- Lacrosse: Spring 2006 - **102**
- Managers & Trainers - **112**
- Rivalries - **120**
- Soccer - **136**
- Special Olympics - **134**
- Swimming - **138**
- Tennis - **110**
- Track: 2006 - **104**
- Volleyball - **140**
- Water Polo - **142**
- Wrestling - **144**

to be better than ever and we are going to go crazy to show our school spirit."

Senior Sammy Le

Divider 101

Fighting for a win

Lacrosse worked towards being the best this season

by Heather Brandenburg

"It's a sport that takes dedication and hard work," said junior Nate Perdue. Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing sports in the state of Michigan. It is a fast paced sport that can be very interesting to watch and to play. "It's a good sport for relieving stress," said senior Megan Schallau.

The season started more than a month before the actual practices started. Many of the players worked out in the weight room after school preparing for the next season. "Lacrosse is a lot of running so I'm trying to get in shape for the season by running two miles in the weight room every day," said senior Meredith Nelson.

During the season the teams started out with lots of stick drills and tough conditioning. "We do push up sprints and run with the bands to get stronger," said junior Caila Bulkowski.

The girls' team had really great team chemistry last season. "The team has such great chemistry that sometimes we'll get into water balloon or shaving cream fights or we'd caution tape someones car," said Nelson.

The boys' team also had great chemistry. "We run in the winter together and the bus rides couldn't get any better," said senior Nick Beeson.

The boy's season last year was an exceptionally good one or "a break-through season," as coach Van Antwerp described. "We scored 500 goals which is the most ever scored by Holt." The girls also thought they had "a good season," according to Schallau.

Running hard down the field senior Caitlin Lowery waits for her teammates to pass her the ball. "I like that lacrosse is a unique sport and it's a mix of a bunch of different sports like soccer and field hockey to name a few. It's just really fun to play," said Lowery. This year was Lowery's second year on the varsity team. "For soccer and softball you usually start playing at a young age and for girl's lacrosse, you have to learn during your freshman year or later so it makes it all the more difficult," said senior Brenna Brown. *Courtesy photo*



Your traditions

by Heather Brandenburg



"I put a small rock in my shoe where the heel is. It keeps me on my toes. I also always sing. I may not do it well, but it gets me pumped up."

Senior Taylor Parker



"I listen to good music to pump me up before each game. I pick a different song each time but it's usually The Beatles or John Mayer."

Sophomore Mava Cooper

"It's been a lot of fun these past four years and I'm sorry it has come to an end, but

SCOREBOARD

Girls

4/11	Hartland	6-10	4/11	Northville	6-1
4/13	Okemos	6-7	4/13	Brighton	2-14
4/18	Waverly	6-12	4/18	Waverly	7-12
4/22	Portage	16-3	4/22	Rockford	5-6
4/25	East Lansing	7-12	4/25	Portage	12-4
4/29	Swartz Creek	5-6	4/29	East Lansing	4-10

Boys

3/28	HHS/WHHS	15-5	5/2	Waverly	6-8
4/12	Walled Lake	15-2	5/6	Howell	10-11
4/14	N. Portage	12-4	5/9	Waverly	6-9
4/18	Dewitt	8-2	5/11	East Lansing	3-7
4/20	Okemos	1-9	5/13	C. Portage	8-2
4/25	HHS/WHHS	15-0	5/16	Okemos	4-8
4/27	East Lansing	2-14	5/18	Dewitt	11-10
4/28	Brighton	6-9	5/19	South Lyon	10-6

Running fiercely down the field, senior **Will Aubuchon** looks for a spot in the goal to shoot the ball. Aubuchon played a mid-fielder and thinks lacrosse is the best sport in the world. "When I shoot the ball I try to pick a spot on the net and follow through," Aubuchon said. The team played Novi in the play-offs but came up short in the end.

Courtesy photo

During practice members of the boy's lacrosse team work on their face-offs and ball handling. Seniors **Alex Freeman**, **Chris Purdy**, **Kevin Cooper** and junior **Mark Tongen** practice the ground ball drill where there are four players fighting for the ball on the ground. "I get pretty sick of ground ball drills by the end of the season, they are so repetitive. But it's important that we stay sharp on our fundamentals so I understand why we spend so much time on them," said

Purdy. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber.*



Rack your Brain

by Heather Brandenburg

Short Stick: The stick that is about three feet long.

Long Stick: The stick that is six feet long. It is used mostly for defense.

Defense: Defensive player that has to stay behind the mid-field line.

Midfielder: Also known as "midi". They are an offensive player like a center.

Attack: Offensive player like a forward who has to stay behind midfield.

Man Up: When your team has the same amount of players (eleven). The other team has less than eleven, giving your team an extra man.

Man Down: When your team has less than eleven players.

Cradle: The movement of carrying the ball in the stick.

Poke Check: When a defensive player thrusts the stick into the opposing player who has the ball.

Slap Check: Hitting the opposing player with the stick. It's like a poke check but you slap the player instead of poking them.

Ball Down: When the ball hits the ground and you yell, "ball down!" so your teammates know to pick it up.

Release: When you scoop the ball up after there was a ball down.

Face-off: The beginning of the game you face-off with the opposing team like in hockey. There is also a face-off after each team scores.

hopefully more people will start to play and lacrosse will grow at Holt."

Senior Ian Thorn



SCOREBOARD

4/11	Everett	88-76	5/2	East Lansing	70/94
4/11	Sexton	64-100	5/9	Eastern	110/54
4/13	Jackson	81-83	5/13	Jackson N Invite	5th
4/25	Grand Ledge	60-104	5/13	CAAC finish	5th
4/25	Okemos	80-84	5/13	Regional Finish	7th
4/28	Mason Invite	3rd			

Going the distance

Track works toward an unforgettable season

By Gabriella Perez

Your heart races, your face flushes, you feel the adrenaline rush as you reach towards the finish line. To team players, track was more than a hobby; it was a part of them. Track was a part of their everyday lives.

Together the team made unforgettable memories and they formed a strong, unique bond that they would carry with them throughout their high school years. "I love our popsicle celebrations," said junior Kyndra Hoskins. Being part of the track was being part of something so much bigger. Together they were a family.

Track members talked about their favorite, most embarrassing memories, often a classic story the track team was willing to share, most referred back to senior Glenn Briggs. "I was pole vaulting, and I bent the pole farther than I ever have before," said Briggs. "I got so scared and I let go of the pole. The pole came back and snapped me between my legs, while I was up ten feet in the air. I fell down on the mat and laid there until someone came and got me. Then I just started puking. It was pretty embarrassing."

Making it to regionals, track had an average season. With a total only two wins and five losses, it was enough for junior Mitch Zajac, to make it to state for the second time.

With a heart of school spirit and a determined mind, the track team of 2006 made it an unforgettable season.

Being in the track team, since the seventh grade, **junior Devan Mckenny-Reed** states, "I joined track in the seventh grade because all my friends were in it. Then I got really good at it. Now I have a chance for a scholarship." Unknowing he would fall in love with the sport and become so good at it, Mckenny-Reed runs the mile, his usual event and expertise, while being followed by **freshman Kyle Hanton**. *Courtesy Photo*



Battling against aching muscles, **junior Liz Woods**, sprints to the finish line, in the 800 meter run with Okemos trailing right behind them. Following in second was **junior Janette Killips**, and **sophomore Christiana Gregory**. *Courtesy photo*

Racing to the finish line, in an four by 100 meter, **sophomore Jameka Jones**, strives to make it to the end. Just entering the track team for the first time, accompanying her older sister Jamie Jones, she became the fastest girl runner from Holt. Jone competed in the four by one, four by two, open 100 meter, and the long jump. *Courtesy photo*



"I joined track because it's all competitive and fun; It's about the bragging rights. The



Your Traditions

By Gabriella Perez

•"I like to listen to music before a meet to get pumped up" - **Senior Jeff Terrel**

•" After meets and practices, I am hungry, I get Taco Bell" - **Junior John Bort**

•"I run around the track and stretch out my calfs." - **Senior Glenn Briggs**

•"Glenn and I always skip blocks to go workout." - **Senior Nick Stuible**

•"I pray for myself and my teammates." - **Junior Jameka Jones**

•"Before a meet I would eat oyster crackers" -**Freshman Kimberle Killips**

•"I wear long socks because it helps me run faster" - **Junior Jeff Marshall**



What's in your gym bag

By: Gabriella Perez



"I have training shoes, spikes, a spike wrench, extra spikes, spare socks, my lucky shirt, uniform, gloves, my wind-pants, and my moose hat."

Sophomore Abbey Dutkiewicz



"I have fruit, track shoes, waterbottle, shorts, shirt, cell phone, gatorade, spare spikes, and socks."

Senior Tony Powers

Should YOU be on the Track team?

By Gabriella Perez

1.) When you wake up in the morning, what do you do?

- a.)** Eat a good breakfast.
- b.)** Throw the alarm clock , you have 5 more minutes.
- c.)** Go for a jog around the block.

2.) After school, what do you do?

- a.)** Get ready for work.
- b.)** Just lounge around.
- c.)** Usually a some sort of sport practice, or go workout.

3.) When it comes to school, what do you do?

- a.)** A little bit of homework.
- b.)** Talk to my friends.
- c.)** I always apply myself and try my hardest.

4.) On a nice summer day, what do you do?

- a.)** work and hangout.
- b.)** Sleep in. NO SCHOOL!
- c.)** walk to the Sweet Sensations for some ice cream.

5.) If you don't exercise on a daily basis you feel?

- a.)** Ok. I'll work out later.
- b.)** Me? Workout?
- c.)** Unenergized. I have to workout to feel my adrenal rush.

If you answered mostly **a's** then you could possibly join the Track team.

If you answered mostly **b's** then sorry, but the Track team might not be for you.

If you answered mostly **c's** then you are perfect for the Track team! If you were not in the team this year, then what are you waiting for? Sprint on over to Coach Rarick!



SCOREBOARD

Varsity Softball

Okemos: 1-3, 0-5, 4-10	Sexton: 22-1, 23-0
Waverly: 9-0, 6-2	Farmington: 6-4
Eastern: 6-0, 12-1, 11-1	Franklin: 7-3
Everett: 4-3, 19-1, 11-4	Grand Ledge: 0-6, 5-10
Eaton Rapids: 4-3, 2-4	East Lansing: 13-1, 6-8
Williamston: 6-3, 5-6, 2-3	Jackson: 3-4, 7-6
Mason: 14-3, 18-0	LCC: 9-1, 6-0
Trenton: 5-6	Chelsea: 11-1
	Okemos: 5-6

Varsity Baseball

Waverly:	Eastern:
Charlotte:	Sexton:
Eaton Rapids:	Haslett Inviter:
Dewitt:	Hudson:
Jackson:	Mason:
Grand Ledge:	Diamond Classic:
East Lansing:	MHSAA District:
Everett:	MHSAA Regional:



Winding up, **junior Kiera Leitz** pitches to the batter. "It was only my second year playing on the softball team, but it was the best year yet and all the girls made it super fun," said Leitz. The softball team's bond showed through in their teamwork, successful season, and chemistry. *Courtesy photo*

Swinging hard, **senior Abbey Rarick** hits a perfect ball. "Last season was probably the best season to start on Varsity, even with a new coach. Hopefully this year will be even better," said Rarick. Last year, Counselor Kim Reichard took over the head coaching job for the team. *Courtesy photo*

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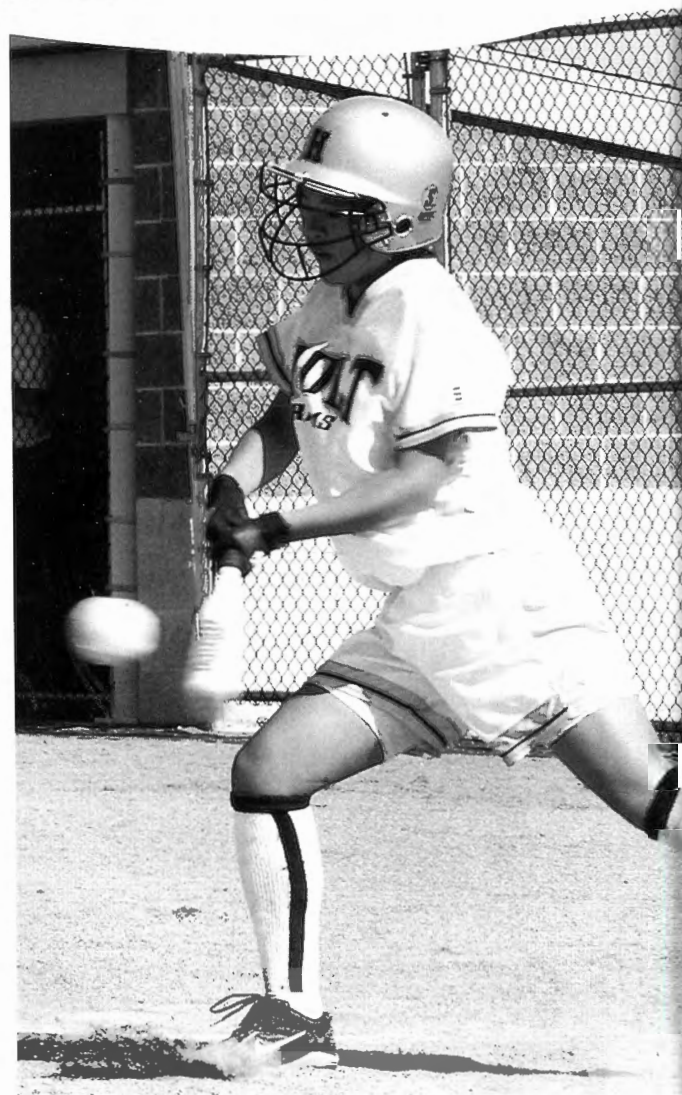
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"I was about four years old when I started playing t-ball," explained senior Tyler Royston. Royston played left field and caught on the Holt Varsity Baseball team. "My mom has always pushed me to work as hard as I can at improving my skills," said Royston. "She sends me to a lot of catching and hitting camps." Royston was inspired by baseball player Jason Veriteck and the Atlanta Braves team. "My favorite memory of playing baseball was in sixth grade when I went to Atlanta, Georgia to play in a tournament. I met John Smoltz and took pictures with him. I got to sit in his suite and watch the Atlanta Braves vs. the Baltimore Orioles game, too."



Before stepping up to the plate, **senior Steven Taschner** warms up his arms. "I can't remember a time I didn't play baseball," said Taschner. "I hope to play in the future as well." Many of the softball and baseball players used the highschool sport to prepare for ideal careers in the future. *Courtesy Photo*



"I like major league baseball more than anything, but

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"Coach Reichard is kind of superstitious, so we always have candy and she hands it to us at third base. I have a lot of first aid because my sister gets hurt a lot when we're at practice and games. Then there's my helmet and glove because they're necessary for playing softball."

Junior Madeline Prange

Bases are loaded

by Ashleh Worden

Baseball and softball work together to make the season memorable.

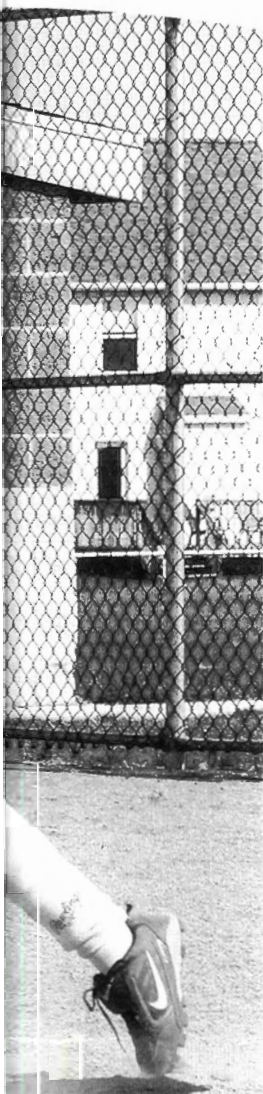
Every spring, sports teams band together to create a bond that will persevere through to summer. A bond this strong is hard to understand if you haven't played on a team yourself, but in the spring of 2006, that was exactly what the varsity and junior varsity softball and baseball teams created.

"Our team was really close last season and we encouraged each other to work hard," said junior Greg Morey. "We had practices everyday after school starting two weeks before spring break, so it's only expected that we'd get to know each other pretty well."

Not only did the teammates bond, but the coaches also worked to gain the trust of the students. "All three of our coaches could really connect with us on the team," said Morey. "The one thing I've really learned from baseball is that you have to work hard to accomplish something, and you can't do it by yourself."

Softball had much of the same experiences of bonding on their team. "The whole softball team went to Myrtle Beach over spring break," said senior Amanda Prange. "It was definitely a trip to remember and bond with all of the other girls."

Coach Reichard also contributed to the team's bonding. "Instead of flying to Myrtle Beach, the coach arranged for us to ride in a bus together for 16 hours there and back," said senior Danielle Smith. "The team has taught me that if the entire team has chemistry, not only will you get along better, but you perform better during games."



Rack your Brain

by Ashleh Worden

Infield: The area of the field that is located nearest to home plate. First base, second base, third base, short stop, pitcher and catcher are located in the infield.

Outfield: The area farthest from home plate. Three positional players are in the outfield: left fielder, center fielder, and right fielder.

Power zone: The part of the batter's swing where the most power is generated.

Foul: A batted ball that lands or is played outside of the foul lines.

Strike: A pitch that is the result of either the ball passing through the strike zone, the batter swinging and missing, the batter hitting an uncaught foul ball with less than two strikes, the batter hitting a foul bunt when there are two strikes, or a foul tip caught by the catcher.

Home run: A hit that allows a batter to circle the bases and score a run without a fielding error, usually on a ball hit over the outfield fence.

Steal: To advance a base without a ball being hit, usually during the delivery of a pitch.

Sign stealing: The tactic of figuring out the secret communication of the opposing team; for example, knowing which pitch will be thrown, whether a runner will be going, or a batter will be swinging.

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The price is right

Is it *really* worth the money?

by Josh Zietlow

Not only is golf an extremely tough sport, it's expensive as well...

Cleats \$135

FootJoy DryJoy
Golf shoes bought at
progolf.com

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Clubs \$1239

Full Set of Callaway
Golf Clubs (Driver, Fairway woods, Irons, wedges, and putter) Bought at progolf.com

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Trying to get back onto the fairway, **senior Kayla Robbins** chips a tough shot out from just in front of a tree in the rough. Robbins is one of 4 returning seniors for the spring team of 2007 for the Holt Varsity girls golf team. The other **seniors** included **Maddi Massa**, **Brittany Watson**, and **Christina Howlett**. *Photo by Stephanie Mathers*



Watching his drive, **senior Chad Fox** looks intently at the progress of his ball as it flies down the fairway. This was the first hole of the white nine at Eldorado golfcourse which is Holt's home course. Fox played a pivotal role for the team during his time at Holt. *Courtesy Photo*

Lining up her shot, **senior Brittany Watson** prepares to tee-off. "I had a great bond with the team last year and look forward to this spring," said Watson. She earned All- League honorable mention after her junior year on the team. *Photo by Stephanie Mathers*



SCOREBOARD

8/17	Eastern	297-376	9/5	Sexton	145-193
8/17	Everett	297-404	9/7	Jackson	157-162
8/22	Sexton	289-401	9/7	Okemos	157-149
8/24	Okemos	163-153	9/12	E. Lansing	172-162
8/24	Jackson	163-159	9/12	Grand Ledge	172-168
8/29	E. Lansing	301-306	9/19	Eastern	151-187
8/29	Grand Ledge	301-295	9/19	Everett	151-210

4/11	E. Lansing	207-204	5/4	Grand Ledge	188-216
4/11	Sexton	207-292	5/8	Okemos	176-180
5/18	Eastern	167-281	5/8	Grand Ledge	176-228
5/18	Jackson	167-287	5/9	E. Lansing	177-171
4/26	Eastern	180-281	5/9	Sexton	177-300
4/26	Jackson	180-317	5/12	Mason	185-254
5/4	Okemos	188-194			

18 holes or bust

by Josh Zietlow

The boys and girls golf teams look for success

Golf is a sport that encompasses some of the most difficult aspects of athletics. To be a talented golfer one must have superb hand-eye coordination, a mechanically sound swing, the knowledge of your own abilities, and (perhaps most importantly) a very, short memory.

"It was definitely a lot of fun, I had a blast. Just hanging out with all of the guys and stuff. We did alright this season. I know that we could have done better but I think we were just having too much fun, but it was cool," said senior Matt Bandt, as he reflected on the past year with the team. The Varsity boys golf team had a pretty successful season this season, going 8-6 and placing eleventh in state regionals.

As for the girls team, senior Brittany Watson, had some similar experiences with the girls team. "I really liked travelling to Traverse City with the team. It was a great chance for us to have some team bonding and really get to know each other better. We have a whole lot of fun with it. The courses up there are gorgeous, they are so much better than the ones down here like Eldorado and others," said Watson.

The varsity girls golf team had a "good season" last year, according to Watson, going 11-2 and winning the state regionals for the second straight year. They also earned Team Academic All-State honor for having the best team GPA in the state.

What's in your golf bag

by Josh Zietlow

"I always have some snacks in my golf bag. I keep a huge bag of extra tees in there just in case I break any. I always keep a bottle of water in there. I have extra balls in case I loose any. I keep a rule book in my bag for reference. The only other things in my golf bag are my golf clubs, obviously. Those are pretty much the only things that I keep in my Golf Bag." **Senior Maddi Massa**

Should you be a golfer

By Josh Zietlow

- 1) What is a bunker?
 - a.) The thing that you hid under when it's storming on the golf course.
 - b.) A sand-filled hole in the ground that you don't want to hit your ball into.
 - c.) Where Terrorists live.
- 2) Is the shot Happy Gilmore uses a legal golf shot?
 - a.) Yes, the object of golf is to hit the ball as far as you can.
 - b.) No, both of your feet must remain in contact with the ground while you shoot.
 - c.) Yes, you can do whatever you want in golf.
- 3) Why do golfers wear cleats?
 - a.) They want to pretend that they are real athletes.
 - b.) Cleats help to keep a golfer's feet from slipping when they swing.
 - c.) Golfers wear cleats?
- 4) What is a mulligan?
 - a.) The All-Time greatest Golfer.
 - b.) Something cheaters use when they hit a bad shot so that they can have another.
 - c.) What you go eat at the clubhouse when you are done golfing.

If you answered mostly a's then go subscribe to Golf Digest, you still have a lot to learn.

If you answered mostly b's then go play 18 you're a Golfer.

If you answered mostly c's then go...just go, you have no idea what you are talking about.

in order to play it. That would make it more a hobby."

Brice Jenkins
Senior Brice Jenkins



Serving up spirit

Tennis works toward making it to States

by Trina Rawlinson

You saw the loose tennis balls rolling around the parking lot, you saw the team practicing as you were leaving the school. As a sport that wasn't exactly in the spot light, the students who participated on the tennis team had an unexpectedly large amount of spirit.

The girls season began with little hope of the past years' success. With the loss of six senior starters, even coach Pat Somers had her doubts. "Everyone got along great together even though there were doubts at the beginning of the season," said Somers. The team ended up coming together and improving more than they ever would have guessed. They ended the season with a record of 10-2, placed 1st at regionals, and 11th at states.

The boys team had a similar story. With six sophomores on the varsity team, there were mixed feelings on how the season would turn out. The team ended up with a record of 9-3, only losing against Okemos and East Lansing. They placed 2nd at regionals behind Brighton, qualifying them for states. "The season was really good because we made it to states," said junior Alex Mazzoni.

Both teams didn't let any opportunity of team bonding or celebration slip by. You could find the girls team after any match decorating ribbons, taking pictures, or even singing. "The tennis team has great team spirit. We all support each other and love to cheer each other on," said sophomore Sarah Chronister.

Going for the tennis ball is **junior Joe Powers**. "It was a good year for boys tennis. We lived up to our expectations and went to states," said Powers. Powers played Mason and won two sets to zero with partner Paul Jones. *Photos by Kelly Hamelin*



Returning the ball to the opposing team, **senior Sarah Harris** hits a volley. "It was interesting because we lost twelve girls and we thought we would have good year but we ended up having a *really* good year," said Harris. Harris played Mason and won with two sets to zero. *Photos by Kelly Hamelin*



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Boys

St. Johns	5-3	Jackson	6-2
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Brighton	1-7	Haslett	8-0
Mason	7-1	Dewitt	8-0
East Lansing	0-8		
Grand Ledge	5-3		

Girls

Waverly	8-0	Grand Ledge	8-0
Haslett	8-0	Sexton	8-0
Mason	6-2	Jackson	6-2
Hartland	6-2	Okemos	0-8
Eastern	8-0	Everett	8-0
East Lansing	2-6	DeWitt	5-3

Your memories

by Trina Rawlinson



"My favorite memory of my senior year was when Damaris won the 18th point to know that we were for sure going to states. I wanted to cry because the season wasn't over. I was so happy to continue the season with an amazing team. I couldn't have asked for a better senior season."

Senior Abbey Rarick



Ready to return the ball to her opponent, **sophomore Damaris Shaffer** keeps her eye on the ball. Schaffer has played tennis since she was eight years old. "Tennis was a lot better this year because you get to play more and you get to meet people that are not just in your grade," said Shaffer. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*



Getting ready to serve the ball is **senior Brian Perski**. Perski has played tennis for years. "The season went really well and I'm really proud of what the team accomplished this year. Plus we went to states this year," said Perski. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*



ing our guys smash the other schools. It is so fun!"

Junior Kim Kiezer

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Ace: When a serve is in and it's not even touched by the opponent.

Love: Means 'zero' when saying the score.

Deuce: When two tennis teams are tied at 40-40. From there, the first team to get two points in a row wins.

Let: When a player serves, touches the net and falls in. The player re-serves.

Fault: When the ball is out of bounds.

Overhead: When a player hits a ball that is over their head.

Volley: When the ball is hit before it bounces. Usually up at the net.

Game: The first to score four points but must beat your opponent by two.

Set: Two sets are required to win a match. To get a set you must be the first to six games.

Singles: When there is one player against one player in a match.

Doubles: When there are two people playing against two people.

Backspin: To hit the bottom of the ball, making it spin backwards while moving forward.

Baseline: The lines at either end of tennis court from which you serve.

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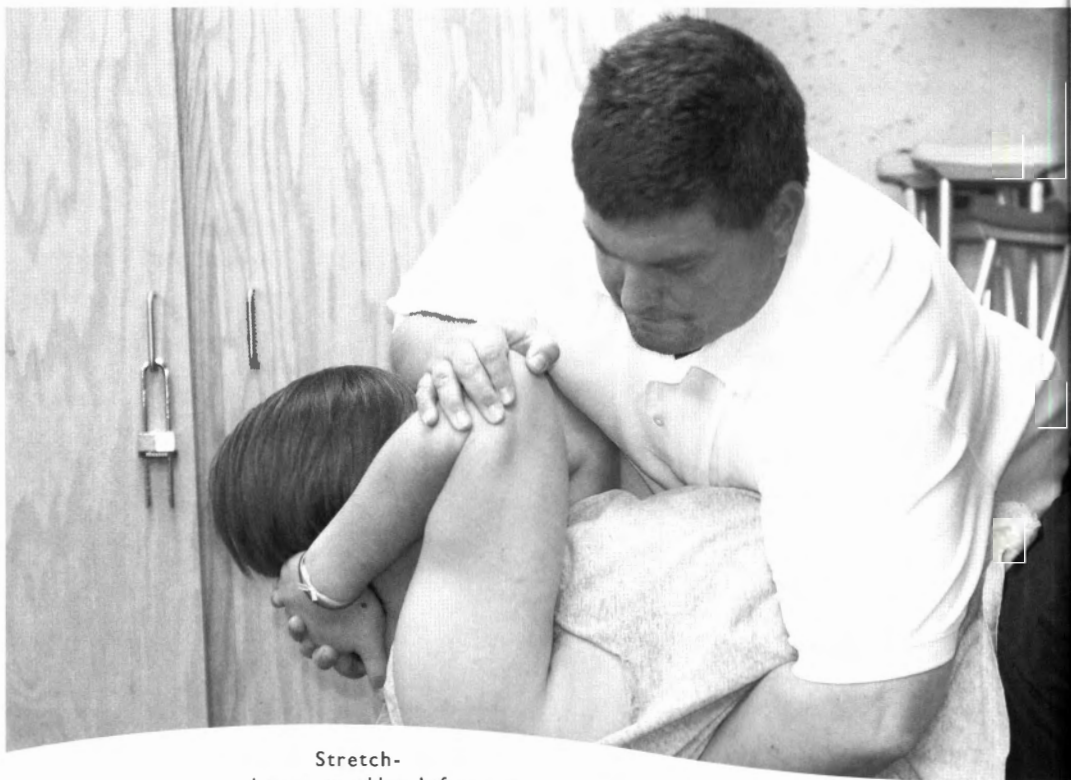


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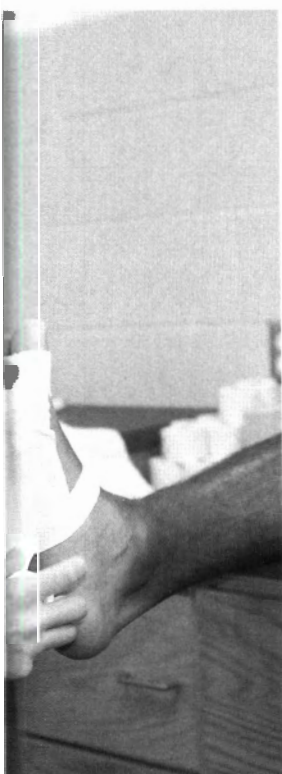
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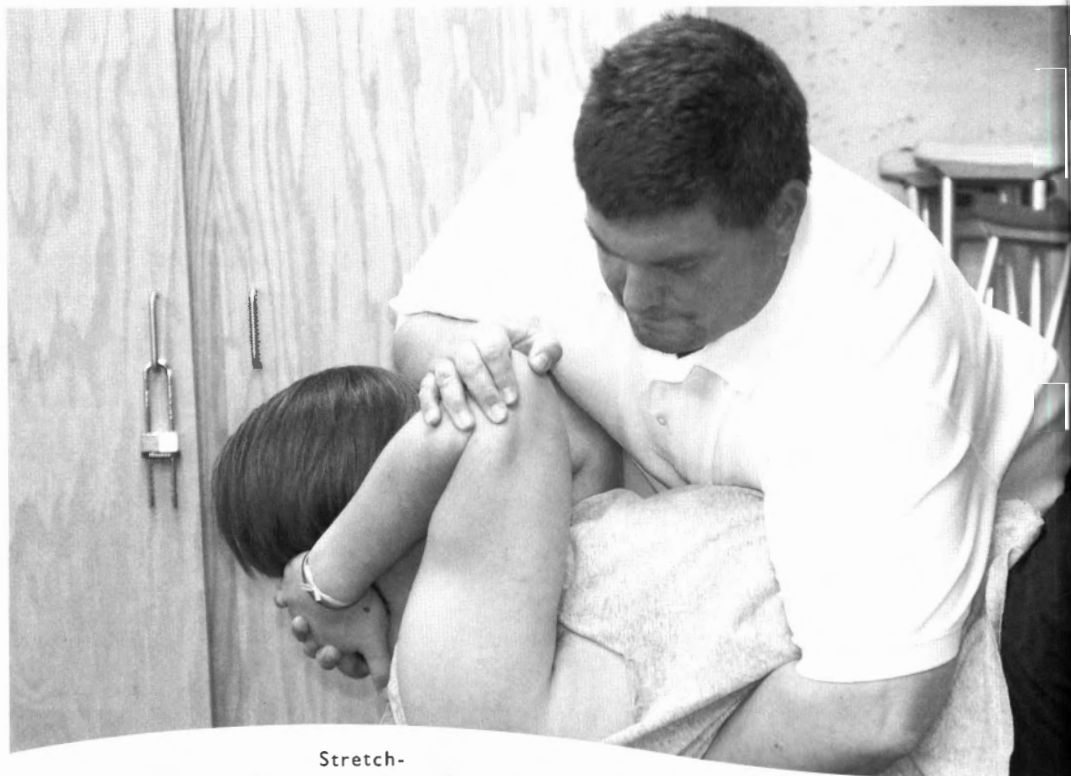
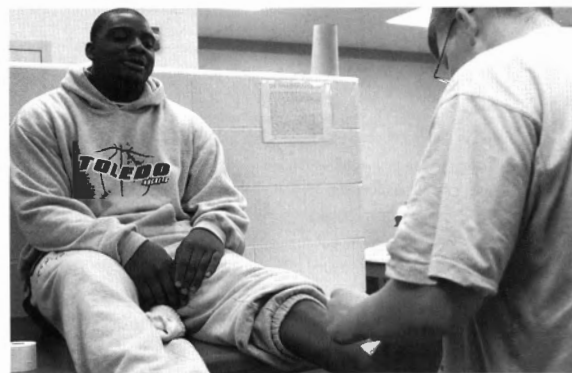


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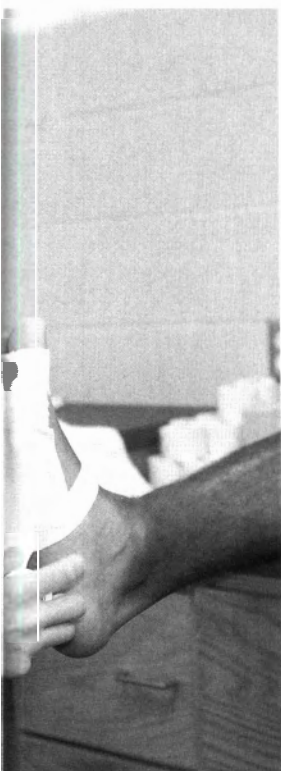
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Your traditions

by Victoria Shearer

• "A lot of times, before games we go out to eat at Buffalo's."

Senior Brittany Watson

• "Before every home game we do 'pretty pretty dancing'. Just don't ask. It's a cheerleader thing."

Senior Julie Patterson

• "I'm the designated balloon girl. Before every home game I have to go buy a dozen balloons. I have the smallest car and every time I have them in my backseat I almost get in an accident. It's not good."

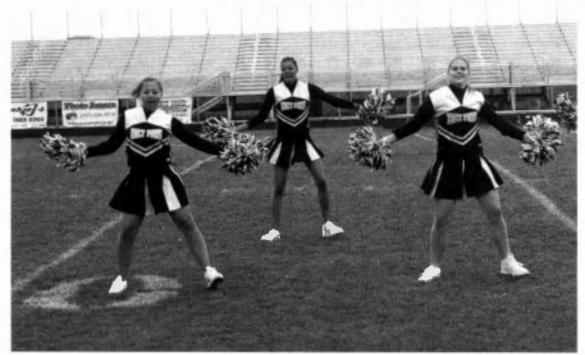
Senior Katherine Keeler

• "After away games we give the players chips and cookies." **Senior Paige Houpt**

• "During the play-offs we decorate the guys locker room."

Senior Brittany Andring

Showing their moves on the field during the homecoming pep rally, **sophomore Ashley Becker**, **junior Angelica Brown** and **sophomore Kandice Duke** dances to a mix of the seasons hottest songs. Until just recently poms squad was self funded. They raised money by selling chocolate and doing car washes. This year the pom squad received funding from the athletic department. *Courtesy Photo*



During a

stop in the action, Holt cheerleaders get the crowd pumped and cheering for their Rams. "We do it for the rush you get when you're on the field in front of hundreds of people," said **senior Christina Howlett**. Holt cheerleaders kept the vitality high when there is a break in the game. *Photo by Victoria Shearer*

Determined to dance: Kandice Duke

by Victoria Shearer



As sophomore Kandice Duke waits to hear the first beats of a hip-hop song, she takes a deep breath, shakes off her nerves, and takes her first steps onto the floor. "I love that I can be with my friends and that I get to dance in front of a large crowd. Sometimes

it gets a little crazy with learning dances, games and homework, but it's all worth it," Duke explained. The girls performed during the Freshman and JV games for both football and basketball season. "Between games we go to one of the girls house and usually eat pizza and watch the recording of our performance. That way we can improve for the next game," said Duke.

At the Homecoming game the cheerleaders hold the Holt Rams sign while the football players run through it. For the cheerleaders this moment was just as special as it was for the football players. "Running through the banner feels like everyone's eyes are on you," said **junior Emmett Kelly** *Courtesy Photo*



"If you get to know the cheerleaders and pom squad girls, they're super down to earth. They're

Rhythmic Inspiration

Pom squad and cheerleaders work to pump up the crowd

by Victoria Shearer



When I say BROWN you say GOLD! BROWN - GOLD - BROWN - GOLD!! When most people think of the cheerleaders and pom squad they think of the stereotypical popular, beautiful girls. In all actuality they, too, struggle to get good grades and deal with the peer pressures that high school often brings.

Cheerleading was more than being on the field and pumping up the crowd, "We all get really close through out the year. Most of us have grown up cheering together from elementary through high school," said senior Tayrn Hull.

Holt was known for their student section and their outstanding school spirit. In many people's opinion the cheerleaders add to the hype. "Their cheers really pump me up before the games," said junior Amy Stuart.

In addition to the cheerleaders, the pom squad also added to the cheer on the court and the field. While the cheerleaders kept the energy going all through out the game, the pom squad entertained during halftime by doing dance performances.

The pom squad performed their routine during halftime for both the JV football and basketball games.

"I really like the cheerleaders and pom squad. During the games they're really entertaining. It's much better watching them than just sitting there fiddling with your thumbs waiting for the game to start again," said sophomore Britton Dennis.

The price is right...

by Victoria Shearer

Camp \$350
+
Shoes \$ 50
=
\$400

Is it really worth the money?



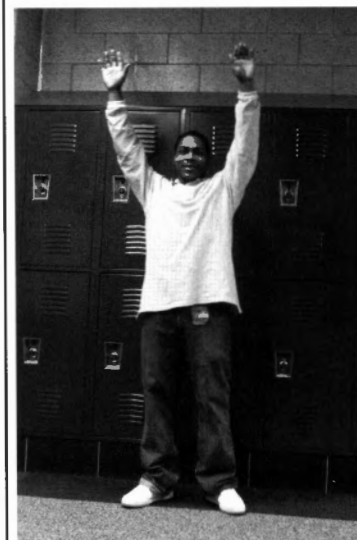
"I love to cheer so the cost means nothing. You can't put a price on being in front of hundreds of people. The memories that you have are absolutely priceless." **Senior Michelle McGuire**

Now you do it:

by Victoria Shearer

Learn how to master the art of a cartwheel with these simple steps.

1. Make sure that you have plenty of room. Also, practice on a soft surface.
2. Extend your arms straight above your head.
3. Point one foot in the direction you'll be going.
4. Reach with the same hand as your pointed foot until it touches the floor. The other hand should follow. While the first hands going down, the opposite foot is coming up.
5. Kick powerfully off the found. Balance your weight on both hands with legs in split position.
6. Land in the opposite position than what you started with your arms in the air and your legs parallel.



Showing off his cartwheeling skills **senior Donald Norton** steps into position. "I'm not very good, but I'll give it a shot," said Norton as he lunged into his version of a cartwheel. *Photo by Victoria Shearer*

fun to be around and they would never make you feel less than them."

Tashawn Brown
Senior Tashawn Brown

Cheerleading & Poms

Coaches comments: Smith & Miller

by Rachel Gladstone



"I was pleasantly surprised, I thought we wouldn't be good with such a young team but the underclassmen played liked seniors and the upperclassmen showed great leadership."

Coach Mike Smith



"I wasn't expecting to get to know the guys on such a personal level. In August I couldn't pronounce their names but now I could tell you anything about them."

Coach Greg Miller

"When I'm running to score a touchdown it's definitely exciting. Nothing else seems to matter and I'm in my only little world of pure perfection," said **senior Andy Sawyer**. Sawyer was one of four captains and a part of all three championship teams. The other captains for the team were **seniors Nate Delapaz**, and **Danny Zajac** along with **junior Mitch Zajac**. Sawyer and the other captains lead the team to an undefeated season in the CAAC.
photo by Kayla Drake



"The Jackson game was probably my favorite game because it was non-stop scoring back and forth, and seeing the faces of the Jackson players after the game. You feel bad for wrecking their dreams but that game put us in first place for the conference," said **junior Michael Hollern**, the starting quarterback for the Rams. Hollern threw for 11 touchdowns and ran for two throughout the season.
Photo by Heather Brandenburg



SCOREBOARD

8/25	Charlotte	44-6
9/1	Davison	20-34
9/8	Lansing Everett	30-6
9/15	East Lansing	33-7
9/22	Lansing Sexton	18-15
9/29	Okemos	37-6
10/6	Jackson	55-49
10/13	Lansing Eastern	30-6
10/20	Grand Ledge	27-19
10/27	Traverse City W.	10-7
11/3	Rockford	7-46

Overall Record 9-2



Holt's offensive linemen wait in their stances for the signal to move against Grand Ledge on Senior Night. Both the offensive and defensive lines played a major part in the success of the team this year. "Without the linemen holding the other team, the running backs and tight ends wouldn't be able to do what they do," described **junior Nick Hein**. The chemistry of Holt's linemen was very positive this year which impacting how they played. "We were friends on and off the field," said Hein. *Photo by Kayla Drake*

Barreling down the field senior Tony Scott carries the ball to gain yards for the Rams. Scott was a major part of the offense with 1,354 in total yards and fifteen touchdowns for the whole season. "At Holt everyone works together. Work ethic is strong in Holt and the team has a reputation of being hard to beat," explained Scott. He moved into the district last year from Okemos so he would be eligible to play for the Rams this season.
Photo by Heather Brandenburg



"My favorite game was the game against Sexton. We were losing, and the game was post-poned."

Your favorite part

by Rachel Gladstone



"I liked [playing on] code red and putting the works to Danny Zajac. My favorite game was Jackson because I scored thanks to Danny's blocking skills."

Junior Brayden White



"I play football because it's fun being with all the guys and doing what we like to do. Beating Jackson was my favorite part of the season."

Junior Tommy Brandenburg

Leave no doubt

by Rachel Gladstone

Football team focused on winning their 3rd conference title

The lockerroom is silent, the team laces up their cleats, puts on their shoulder pads and makes last minute additions to the uniform to prepare them for the game ahead. The "One Inch" speech from the movie "Any Given Sunday" blares from the stereo. This was the scene every Friday night at the high school.

Most of the team had specific things they did to get themselves ready for the game. It might have been going to Wendy's with teammates, eating ravioli and watching highlight videos, listening to certain music or taking a walk with their girlfriends before reporting back to the high school. "Every Friday after school I go home and watch Rudy. It helps to get me focused and pumps me up for the game we have that night," explained junior Josh Webb.

No matter what the ritual, it worked. This year's team went 8-1 in the regular season and was crowned CAAC Division 1 champions for the third straight year in a row. "It feels great to be on top every year," said senior Steven Tashner, who played center and defensive end for the Rams. When asked to describe Holt football in one word, the responses ranged from 'amazing' and 'intense', to 'pride', 'responsibility', and 'determination.'

Like every year, players graduated and positions changed, but many of the underclassmen were already looking forward to the next year with hopes of another conference title and getting further into playoffs.



We got it together and came back to beat them Saturday morning."

Junior Curtis Ferguson

Could you be a football player?

by Rachel Gladstone
& Nate Delapaz

1.) When you're a member of a team who do you play for?

- a.) Yourself.
- b.) The team.
- c.) The team, school, and community of Holt.

2.) Does being outside in rain, snow, sleet, hail, and thunder storms bother you?

- a.) Yes.
- b.) No.
- c.) When it's for a good reason

3.) If your team is getting beat the entire game, what do you do?

- a.) Give up.
- b.) Take yourself out of the game.
- c.) Try your hardest and hold the score.

4.) If you're team is sweet, and there's an easy game coming up you?

- a.) Get excited it's an easy win
- b.) Not pay attention you'll win the game
- c.) Focus on next week, you have to make practice worth while

5.) After a loss how do you take it?

- a.) Cry... you fail, you're done.
- b.) It's no big deal.
- c.) You're upset but you can bring your team back up.

IF you answered mostly **a's** then football isn't the sport for you. You might be a good athlete, but football's about more than that.

IF you answered mostly **b's** then you just need to be toughed up, but you have a chance.

IF mostly **c's**, go out for the team next year, you'd be a great team player!



Determined to run:

Jonathon Graham

by Erin Fox



With two years of running experience under his shoes junior Jonathon Graham has learned many things from cross country. "It taught me always to push harder," he said. It also created great friendships, the connection lasting. His favorite memory was of falling down the dangerous hills at our home course, then being able to laugh about it later. His sights on next year, being a senior and all he said, "We need more people, so we can have even more fun!" But he also had running goals. "I want to beat junior Josh Benjamin, a fellow teammate," Graham said.



Comforting a fellow teammate after her race, **senior Amanda Hanson** walks **sophomore Carolina Madrid** back to her sweats. The junior varsity had their last race at Grand Woods Park where the girls took second place out of five teams. There were a lot of girls from every grade on the team but despite the age difference all the girls got along really well. This was the second year of the team being co-ed and the boys and girls all considered one another friends.

Courtesy Photo

What's in your gym bag

by Erin Fox



Photo by Erin Fox

go coach Stafford gives us to put in our shoes."

Junior Christiana Gregory

"For practice and races I generally keep my tennis shoes (Oasis brand), a bottle of water, my track browns and Holt sweats in my bag. I also have my racing spikes, my uniform with an extra pair of shorts, Secret deodorant, my pain-killer of choice, Ibuprofen, creamy Jiff peanut butter for a sandwich and the inspirational quotes that



Charging uphill to finish the last mile of his final race at Grand Woods Park, **senior Kevin Cooper** gives it his all. It was his first year running cross country and he admitted he was surprised to discover he enjoyed it. "I kinda like the environment. Plus, hard work with perseverance is satisfactory," said Cooper. But the season wasn't all work. "After Regionals we went mud sliding," said **sophomore Kim Killips**. The team also stayed close after the season, planned parties and other various endurance activities, like Ultimate Frisbee and football. *Courtesy Photo*



Breathing

deep, the girls varsity cross country team listens to an encouraging pep talk before their race at the Greater Lansing Invitational. **Coach Pam Stafford**, **sophomore Kim Killips**, **senior Bridgette Griffiths**, **freshmen Taylor Roach and Allison Orth**, **seniors Amanda Hanson and Maddi Massa** and **junior Christiana Gregory** traditionally huddle close to de-stress before every race. Eyes are closed and minds are focused on the race ahead when Coach Stafford talks about the goals she had for the team that day, and what kind of attitude she expected: only the best of course.

Photo by Erin Fox

"Cross Country is good to be involved in because it works with endurance and keeps

Race to the finish

Cross country makes a lasting lifestyle

by Erin Fox



"Cross country represents the struggle between the quest for victory, and the meaning of defeat within one's self," said senior Frankie Quasarano. With words as deep as that it is obvious that the team learned more than just how to run. "I learned I can do anything, I'm stronger as a person. This wasn't just about running, it was a mind set," said senior Ashley Killips.

It was a lifestyle too. They went to great lengths to demonstrate their dedication at school also. Sophomores Eric Spitz and Ben Jones wore dresses during spirit week to support the team. "It was cool because I showed everyone how much I liked cross country, I mean I was wearing a dress to school!" said Spitz.

The sport even affected their diets. "It's high GI a half an hour before the race, and low GI's forever," said senior Amanda Hanson.

Additionally the team learned how to work together and made lasting connections with friends. "Running cross country is like running 3.1 miles in your teammate's shoes everyday from August to October," said junior Phil Johnson.

The team ran for themselves and one another everyday and felt like a family. When junior Chase Everett was injured this season they prayed for him and ran to his house to visit him during practice. "It meant a lot that they came to see me when I was hurt," said Everett. "But I kinda expected it, our team is just like that."

SCOREBOARD

Boys Cross Country			Girls Cross Country		
9/16 Lakeview Invite	6th		9/16 Lakeview Invite	1st	
9/26 VS. Everett	Won		9/26 VS. Everett	Won	
10/25 Regionals	12th		10/25 Regionals	7th	

Rack your Brain

by Erin Fox

Pace: This is the rate at which you need to run in order to get your goal time for the three point one mile race.

XC: The abbreviation for Cross Country. Also called cross. Some people call it track but runners will be quick to correct you.

Twenty Quarters: A horrendous test of endurance involving pacing yourself through twenty consecutive laps around the track. It adds up to a total of five miles.

High GI: A food that falls into the category of high glycemic index. These foods should only be eaten half an hour before and after running. They are high in carbs and sugar. Non athletes should control their intake.

Low GI: These foods are low glycemic index foods and they can (and should!) be eaten all the time, like vegetables and fruit.

Split: A split is the time it has taken a runner to go one portion of the race. They have a split at the one, two and three mile marks.

Stride Out: Coaches tell athletes this and it means that they should take larger steps as they run, but keep the same pace, essentially covering more ground quickly.

Kick: This is the term used to describe the last little sprint runners push out in the end of the race. Usually it's hard to get up any real speed after running three miles, but this little trick can win you the race.

Giddy up: Coaches scream this out as runners rush by to encourage them to speed up and push themselves harder. Coach Foy claims this as his quote.

you healthy. People seem to have fun. I'd do it if I ran good."

Junior Danielle Hoshfield



Fighting for victory

by Jessica Whitford

A week before the big game you can feel the excitement in the murmur of students at Holt High School. It's the Monday before the game on Friday and students have already started to prepare by passing out fliers around the school that say what to wear and the time of the game.

On game day, Mr. Templin's voice came on during the announcements wishing the team good luck. The parking lots began to fill with students. The student section started to fill up fast with seniors, juniors, and sophomores taking over one end of the gym. As the rival players and coaches started to walk through the gym you could feel tension in the air.

You may have wondered how long the rivals have been going on and why we even had rivals. "Our rival with Grand Ledge has been going on for the past ten to twelve years. With Grand Ledge, it's always been a rival in football," said business teacher and assistant varsity football coach, Dan Knechtel. "Our rivalry are always with the best teams."

Rivals changed from sport to sport, but one thing that remained the same was the anticipation when it was time to play. "Being in the student section during a rival game is amazing. Your heart starts to race and you get all sweaty from jumping up and down so much," said senior Jessica Robedeau. "It's fun competing with the rivals student section during the game."

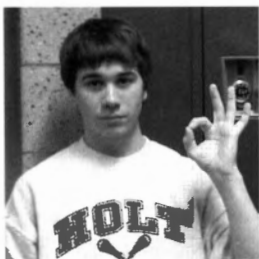
Rivalries help keep Holts sports exciting

Showing their school spirit, senior Michael Boggus and junior Nathan Quebbeman cheer on the Rams at the Holt vs. Okemos basketball game. "Being in the student section is exhilarating. I like getting people pumped up for the games. I show support for the players by cheering them on and they do the same by cheering for me during my games," said junior John Bort.
Photo By Michael Farran



Your traditions

by Jessica Whitford



"My favorite sport to go and cheer at are the basketball games. The games are really intense and the student section is awesome. I love how everyone gets so involved and dress up to show their spirit. This year I started the tradition of wearing my 'Cata Cool' sunglasses to every game."

Senior Will Aubuchan



"Every time after the game me and a bunch of my friends go out and celebrate at Taco Bell eating some good ol' tacos and burritos! Oh, and we also go out and find the ladies."

Sophomore Dylan Ammarman



Coaching Advice: Bruce Larner



"My main goal as a coach was to get the players to put the team first. We always talked about having a team ego and putting their own ego last. My best teams didn't care who got the credit as long as the team won. Success shouldn't be measured in just wins and losses. One of my most favorite teams to coach ended up 5 and 16. Those players worked hard every day and always gave 100%. To me they were winners."



Down, Set, Hut! yells the quarterback as **Junior Garrett Cardinal** gets ready to snap the ball. As one of the team's centers, Cardinal was involved in most offensive plays. "My favorite game of the season is always when we play Grand Ledge," said Cardinal. "Grand Ledge is the only one that challenges us in football every year." This year Holt played Grand Ledge and won 27-19. *Photo By Jessica Whitford*

Rushing to get to the ball, **sophomore Jerry Lassen** charges down the field. "We had to beat Grand Ledge after my brother was on the team. They beat us last year and we beat them this year 2-1. Playing Grand Ledge is always a lot of fun because its two good teams going against each other," said Lassen. *Photo By Jessica Whitford*



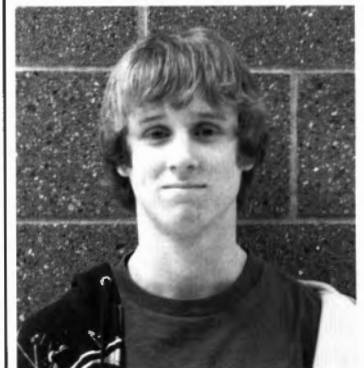
Would **YOU** rather... go to a **Grand Ledge** game or an **Okemos** game?

by Jessica Whitford



"I'd rather go to a **Grand Ledge game** because I know more people that go there. It's more fun having bragging rights against my friends at Grand Ledge if we win a game. But, if we lose then it just stinks if I have to hear about how Holt lost."

Junior Monica Drolett



"I'd rather go to an **Okemos game** because its a better atmosphere and a better rival for basketball. When Holt and Okemos play there is never a dull moment. There is always something happening when they are playing. If you don't pay attention you might miss it."

Sophomore Joel Childs

season to play them, it's always going to be a great game."

Sophomore Kevin Naeyaert



Coaching Experience: Matt Essell

by Michael Farran



"The first year has been exciting and an eye opener in terms of how much more is involved when you move from JV to varsity. The games are so important to the school and the community that there is a lot more riding on every game. I've also had to adjust to overseeing the entire program rather than just my team as I've done in the past."

Coach Matt Essell

Broppin' Dimes

by Michael Farran

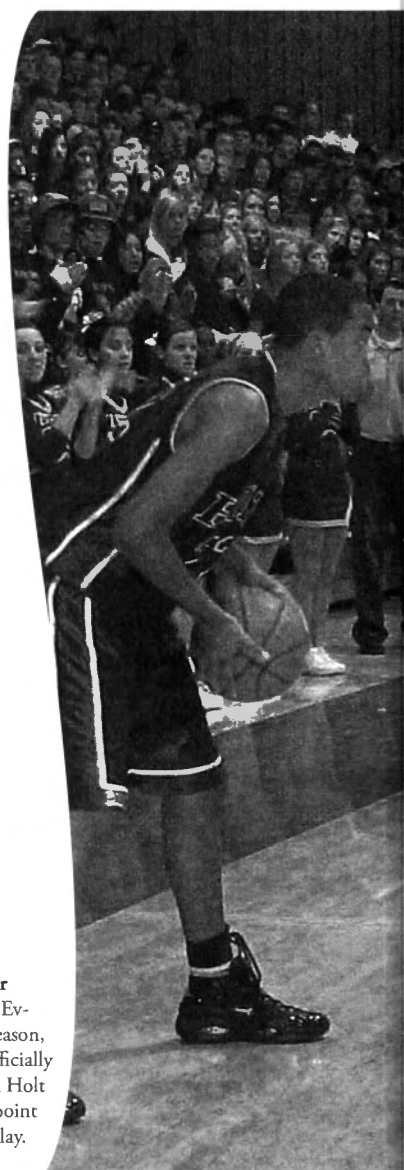
From overtime wins to unpredictable losses, there was no lack of excitement in Holt's basketball teams this year. Improvement throughout the year was apparent with both teams. Overcoming difficult losses is always a challenge, and the composure Holt's basketball teams showed reflects the spirit of the school.

Led by senior and captain Chloe Hamilton, the women finished with an overall record of 15-6 and a second place finish in the CAAC. Hamilton became Holt's all-time scoring leader, finishing her career with 1,317 total points. She made first team all conference, all state, and the Lansing State Journal's "Dream Team". The girls walked away with many memories from the season. "Spray painting the rock outside the school after a game in our spandex and sports bra's was one of my favorite parts of the season," senior Kacy Cryderman said.

Early losses showed the rough transition from replacing a star senior with an inexperienced freshman along with the pressure of high expectations for the men. Freshman Donlunto Jackson had to step up as starting point guard, and helped his team finish strong. There was no lack of senior leadership, however. With guidance from seniors Paul Crosby and Matt Naeyaert, both of whom hold record stats for Holt basketball, the team got back on track. The team finished the season with a share of the CAAC title, District Champs, and lost in the Regional finals game. It was a bittersweet end to a great season.

Searching for the open man is **junior Rashawn Molden**. Molden, a transfer from Everett, had to sit out for the first half of the season, but brought a lot of talent when he was officially eligible to play in the second semester. He led Holt in a close victory over Okemos with his three point baskets in the first night he was allowed to play.

Photo by Mollie Ballmer



Huddling up during a time out is the Holt women's basketball team. The women won fifteen of their twenty one games and finished second in CAAC play with eleven wins. They out-rebounded opponents by 9.6 percent and had almost 8 more points off the bench per game, helping the rams to a great season. *Photo by Stephanie Williams*

Clearing his mind of all distractions, **senior Paul Crosby** prepares for a free throw. Crosby was a key player for Holt throughout the year. Being the big middle at 6'7, he was a large contributor to rebounds and even some occasional three point baskets. He went on to play ball in college for the Toledo Rockets. *Photo by Michael Farran*

"I love going to basketball game. I get so dressed up all goofy and it's just bewildering



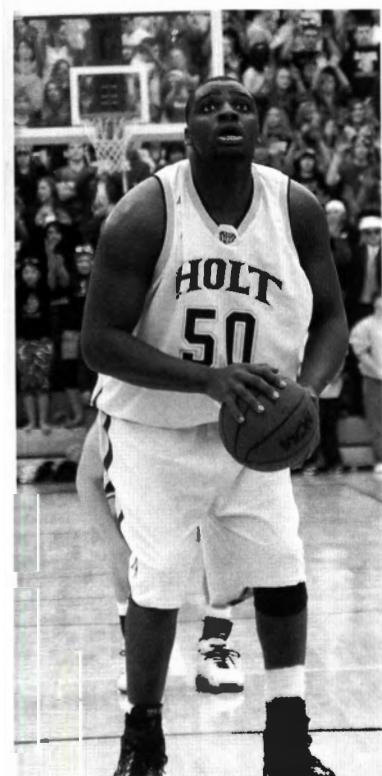
CAAC SCOREBOARD

MENS (16-5, 10-4)

12/12	East Lansing	L 39-43
12/15	Everett	L 52-64
1/5	Grand Ledge	W 54-42
1/12	Sexton	W 58-54
1/19	Eastern	W 74-41
1/26	Okemos	W 55-47
1/30	Jackson	L 54-61
2/2	East Lansing	W 62-52
2/6	Everett	W 60-45
2/9	Grand Ledge	W 59-44
2/13	Sexton	L 69-63
2/16	Eastern	W 78-60
2/23	Okemos	W 50-42
3/2	Jackson	W 65-56

WOMENS (15-6, 11-4)

8/27	Everett	W 60-34
9/13	East Lansing	L 53-84
9/6	Grand Ledge	W 51-37
9/28	Sexton	W 53-38
10/5	Eastern	W 75-47
10/10	Okemos	W 48-47
10/12	Jackson	W 68-33
10/17	East Lansing	L 51-59
10/4	Everett	W 55-35
10/24	Grand Ledge	L 51-48
10/26	Sexton	W 49-44
11/2	Eastern	W 44-29
10/23	Okemos	W 48-41
10/25	Jackson	W 62-40



Determined to excel:

by Michael Farran

Matt Naeyaert



Senior Matt Naeyaert steps up to the three point line and puts up shot. As the ball rips through the net, the crowd goes berserk. On January 19, 2007, Naeyaert hit eight three pointers, breaking the Holt High School record for most three pointers in a game against the Eastern Quakers. "It feels good to have my name in the record books because it makes all the time spent practicing over the years definitely worth it. I guess I was just 'in the zone'. Every time I take a shot I have confidence it will go in, and that night a majority of them did. My teammates gave me the ball in great situations to shoot," said Naeyaert. He lead the team with his great shooting and leadership.

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Her own direction: Missy Mohr

by Michael Farran

A key part of the women's basketball team was junior Missy Mohr. Playing in all 21 games and starting 15, Mohr helped her team to a great season, but her season wasn't all about basketball. She had a lot of fun with her friends on the team. "My favorite part of this season was toilet-papering Coach Harkema's house with 243 rolls of toilet paper," said Mohr. Mohr has been playing basketball since fourth grade and is heavily involved with soccer. She is a huge fan of current WNBA star Kristin Haynie who plays for the Sacramento Monarchs.

5 Favorites:

Pre-game Meal:

Noodles with alfredo sauce and a juicebox

WNBA Player:

Kristin Haynie

Movie:

The Breakfast Club

Artist/band:

Nick Lachey

Color:

Light Blue



Showing her experience with toilet-paper is **junior Missy Mohr**. The varsity basketball team toilet papered, threw a box of shredded paper, and two bags of leaves in head coach Doug Harkema's yard.

Photo by Michael Farran

how crazy it can get sometimes. And the cheerleaders are hot."

Andrew J. Gates



Determined to win:

Tyler Houser

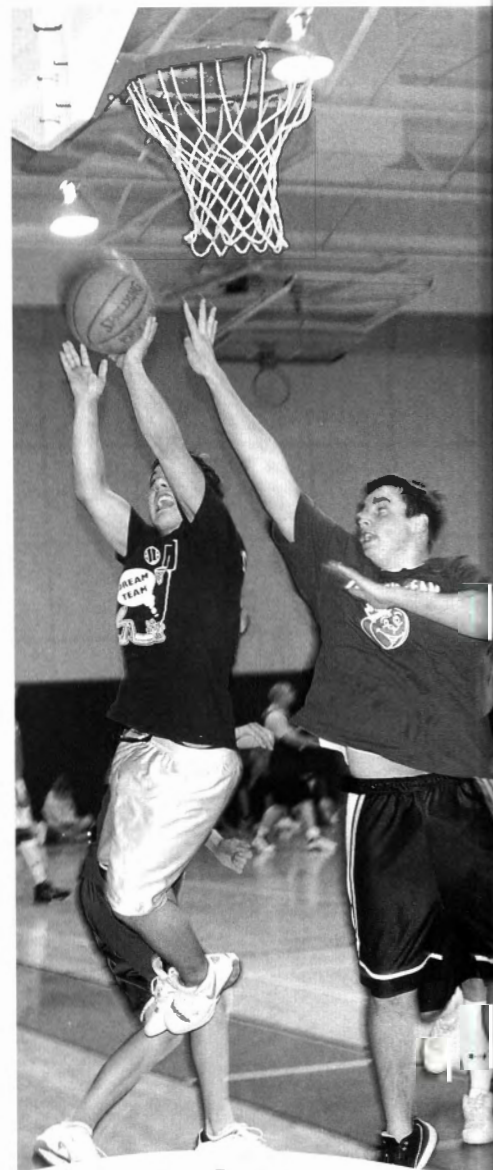
by Heather Brandenburg



Playing basketball since he was four, senior Tyler Houser played for the team Ballin' with all of his friends. The team consisted of Houser, Nicko Rush, Jerry Wade, Jeff Marshall, Antonio Todd, Tony Powers, Hugh Washington, Di-jawon Wilson and Bobby McKee. They were all friends so they got along very well. "I play the sport for the adrenaline rush," said Houser. Averaging about eighteen points a game, Houser enjoyed not having a coach on the court coaching him through every moment of the game. "I play IM basketball because I'm not told what to do on the court and I can play how I want to...It wouldn't of been as fun playing for the school," said Houser.



Defending his side of the court, **junior Jeff Marshall** guards **senior Kirkland Mallett**. "I like Intramural basketball because it's un-organized and it's like street ball," said Marshall. "I like IM basketball because it's very fun to play competitive sports. It's all about bragging rights. We play because when we win we can talk trash. It's all about which team is on top," said Mallett. Mallett played for the team Dipset while Marshall played for Ballin'. "Defense wins games," said Marshall. Photo by Heather Brandenburg



Freeze Frame

Players caught in the act of IM basketball

by Heather Brandenburg



1.) Protecting their zone, **seniors Nick Beeson** and **Matt Bandt** play defense against **junior Enrique Garcia**. 2.) Pushing his way to the ball, **senior Chad Fox** is determined to keep the ball from getting to the hoop. 3.) On a break-away **senior Andrew Emmanuel** drives the ball to the hoop to dunk the ball. Photos by Heather Brandenburg and Kelly Young

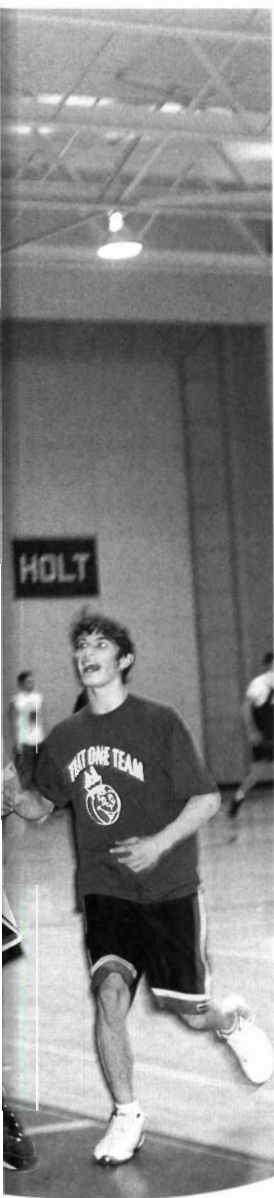


Perfecting his hook shot, **sophomore Kevin Dygart** shoots the ball over **senior Dustin Liles**. "Games are really fast paced and it can get really close towards the end of the game, which can change the outcome really quickly and hopefully for the better," said Dygart. Dygart was part of the team Red Rangers. "With the goal of winning in the back of my mind, I think about doing the best I can and pushing myself to the limits," said Dygart. Photo by Kelly Young

Driving the ball to the hoop, **junior Cooper Hilliard** makes a lay up to give his team two more points. "I hope I make it," said Hilliard who is part of The Dream Team. "Our team is not selfish and we get the job done," said Hilliard. Playing The Dream Team for the first time, That One Team hoped for the win. "It's not as competitive and it's still fun," said **sophomore Todd Wiedrick**. Photo by Kelly Young

With high hopes

by Heather Brandenburg



IM basketball teams work towards keeping their perfect record

"Thank you sir, may I have another?" shouts senior Myles Biel to his teammate as he sinks the ball into the hoop. Intramural basketball has grown more and more popular each year. It was a way for students to play basketball without having to listen to a coach. "There are no coaches and it's all about having fun and giving 110% for your team," said senior Kirkland Mallett.

Students who played on the IM teams didn't play for the school basketball teams; instead they made up their own teams that played on Monday and Wednesday nights. "The best part about IM basketball is we don't have to practice," said senior Kam Fenstermaker.

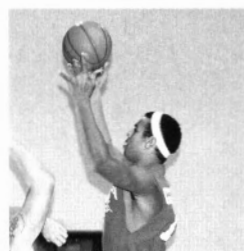
For some of the IM basketball players it was the last time they were involved in a school related activity. "It's my last chance of playing basketball so I want to make the best of it," said senior Danny Zajac.

"Being able to dunk the ball makes me feel like I have the most power on the court," said senior Andrew Emanuel. Students felt less pressure playing IM basketball. They were able to do what they wanted on the court without the intensity or the expectations of having to win on them. "I can do stuff on the court that I couldn't do on a Holt team," said Fenstermaker.

The Intramural teams competed for a spot to play in the tournament at the end of the Intramural basketball season. "Win or lose, it's just a game," said junior Brayden White. The Midwest Magic team went on to winning the entire tournament along with bragging rights for the year.

Your traditions

by Heather Brandenburg



"I wear my lucky pajamas that have Valentine's day hearts all over them. The Cinderella Story also brings a stereo to every game to get us pumped up."

Senior Jeff Terrell

Their own direction: Thunder Ducks

by Heather Brandenburg

Taking their name from a Division Four school, the Thunder Ducks looked for high expectations this IM basketball season. "We wanted to win it all and finally beat Team Arthritis," said senior Joe Verhougstraete. The Thunder Ducks have had their team together since the beginning of the school year and consisted of seniors Joey Murphy, Danny Zajac, Joe Verhougstraete, Dustin Liles, Kennett Thaden, Jeremy Rodriguez, and Myles Biel. "It was a hand selection process of all the all-stars at Holt. We picked the best team not the best players," said Murphy. The Thunder Ducks ended up with a record of 11-3.

5 Favorites:

Opponent:

Team Arthritis

Saying:

"Play like champions today"

Superhero:

Darkwing Duck

Bird:

Duck

Motto:

"Teamwork makes the dream work"



Waiting around in anticipation for their next game, some members of the Thunder Ducks stretch out and warm up. "I love the sport because it gives you a great workout and no matter how hard you work, you can always get better," said senior Kennett Thaden. Photo by Kelly Young

think about being a beast and going for the block."

Jeff Walters

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Intramural Basketball

Holt's no turkey

by James Bryde

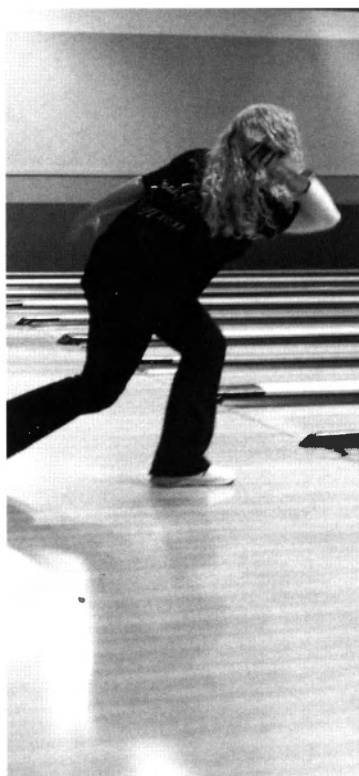
Bowling team strikes out, in a good way

Ka-clunk, the ball rolls up to her. She picks it and prepares herself, stepping up to the lane. She begins her approach, gaining speed with each stride. The release happens, the ball easily slides off her hand and rolls down the lane. Anticipation grows as the team watches for the result. The sound of crashing pins fills the air and the team cheers as senior Kelsey Smith gets a strike.

Holt's bowling team practiced for success, and this year was a successful one. "Holt is the best team around this year, the only team even close to us is Jackson," explained senior Jeff Terrell, "Jackson is a pretty intense team." Terrell was a veteran of the bowling team with a high score of 245. "I'm not sure how I got started with bowling, my dad bowls so I've been doing it for a long time."

"Bowling is fun, I've been on the team for two years, and it's been fun so far," said sophomore Rob Boyd. "One time the ball got stuck on my fingers, then it popped off and flew through the air. When it landed it made a big noise."

Different from other sports teams, in bowling the environment was more relaxed, allowing members to have more fun. "I bowl for friends and for fun. We're starting new traditions this year," said junior Veronica Patton, "like parties." The bowling team practiced every Wednesday at Mason bowling lanes. "In practice we work on getting strikes and getting corner pins," said Patton.



Going for a Turkey, junior Jacklyn Ungren launches a violent attack on the pins at the meet against Jackson. Although the meet was against Jackson, most of the teams in the conference competed at each meet. "We beat Grand Ledge and Portland this year," claims Ungren, "they were both predicted to beat us." *Photo by James Bryde*

The boys from the bowling team support their teammate, **senior Nick Beeson**, as he bowls. There was a lot of team support, spectators witnessed high fives and cheering after each member bowled. "When I bowl I feel like I've got a whole team supporting me," said **junior Brandon Doerr**.

Photo by James Bryde



Determined to go pro: Chad Fox

by James Bryde



Senior Chad Fox has the talent, drive and the dreams of going pro. "I would like to go pro right out of high school, if that doesn't work I'll practice through college and see where that takes me," said Fox. Fox put in the time, he practiced four days a week for two hours a day and this was evident with several perfect scores under his belt. Going pro is a complicated process, but Fox was willing to work for it. "There's tournaments with around 200 competitors, if you do well and you're in the top five, then you're on TV. Once you're on TV you're basically pro," Fox explained. The top professionals of bowling are paid around seven or eight million dollars, plus endorsements. "Money depends on if you win," said Fox.

"If you miss the five pin on your first roll and your

SCOREBOARD

	Girl's	
1/4	Everett	30-0
1/9	East Lansing	26-4
1/11	Jackson	29-1
1/18	Portland	21-9
1/23	Eastern	30-0
1/25	Grand Ledge	18-12
1/30	East Lansing	30-0
2/1	Everett	30-0
2/6	Jackson	17.5-12.5

	Boy's	
1/4	Everett	26-4
1/9	East Lansing	16-14
1/11	Jackson	16-14
1/18	Portland	16-14
1/23	Eastern	29-1
1/25	Grand Ledge	13-17
1/30	East Lansing	3-27
2/1	Everett	23-7
2/6	Jackson	11-19

Scoring points for his team, junior **Brandon Doerr** works on picking up the spare. "We work on picking up spares in practice quite a bit," says **sophomore Rob Boyd**. "We practice at the Mason bowling lanes, and everyone has their own equipment, for the most part." It was important to get spares, they were the second most valuable score. *Photo by James Bryde*



Success under pressure, senior **Kelsey Smith** bowls smartly and leads the team to victory by knocking down many pins. This year's girl's team consisted of three freshman and four upper classmen. "The team is really good friends the year. We're close, unlike last year," said Smith. The girl's bowling team was undefeated for their season. *Photo by James Bryde*



Should YOU be a bowler?

by James Bryde

1.) What is your highest score in bowling?

- a.)** Between 0-100
- b.)** Between 100-200
- c.)** 200 and up

2.) What do you like about athletics?

- a.)** You love the intense, stressful environment.
- b.)** You like to play pick up games with your friends.
- c.)** You love to compete.

3.) For what reasons do you go bowling?

- a.)** It's the only time I spend time with my Grandparents.
- b.)** It's a fun thing to do with your friends.
- c.)** You really enjoy to bowl.

4.) When did you stop using bumpers?

- a.)** What are you talking about, I still use bumpers!
- b.)** Between the ages of 8 and 13.
- c.)** Too long ago to remember.

5.) Are you alright with missing class to go bowl?

- a.)** Yes, I hate doing school work.
- b.)** You hate missing school, but if you have to then you will.
- c.)** You don't mind missing class, but you always get your missed work right away.

If you answered mostly **a's**, then bowling is most likely not the type of sport for you.

If you answered mostly **b's**, then you could probably handle the bowling team, but it could take some work.

If you answered mostly **c's** then you might just be cut out for the sport of bowling.

The price is right

Is it really worth the money?

by Rachel Kramer

Jazz Sneakers

\$65

+

Uniforms

\$80

+

Hair pieces

\$45

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\$190



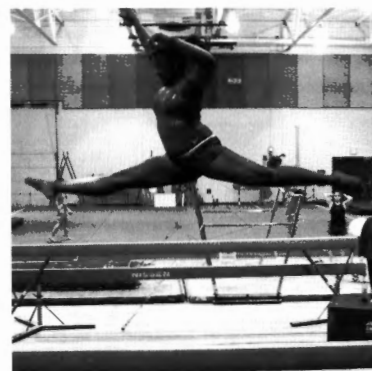
"It is definitely worth the money because the team has to look professional, especially at competitions. In order to look good we need quality things from head to toe."

Sophomore Lauren Crawford

Rejoicing over another victory, the gymnastics team poses for a picture. Although the team consisted of many experienced gymnasts, they also welcomed several new team members this year, one of which was **junior Rachel Toth**. "I joined the team because I wanted to learn new skills and thought it would be a great opportunity. It has been so much fun because all of us girls bond really well together," said Toth. Besides Toth, there were seven other new team members this year. *Photo by Rachel Kramer*



Flying high through the air, **junior Ashley Jones** practices her split jump as she perfects her beam routine. Although this was Jones's first year as a member on the high school team, she has been a competitive gymnast for years. "High school gymnastics is much different from club gymnastics. The environment is extremely relaxed, which allows me to have a lot more fun," said Jones. Jones, as well as **sophomore MaryRose Hillstrom**, were the two new members on the team who have also competed in club gymnastics. Their scores throughout the season contributed greatly to the team's success. *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*



Determined to triumph:

Senior Elizabeth Sierminski

by Rachel Kramer

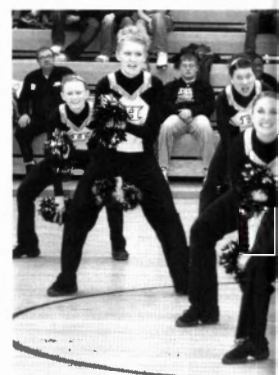


"This is my thirteenth and final year of competitive gymnastics. I started out as a 'club' girl at Great Lakes, then moved to Twistars and now am completing my third season of high school gymnastics. Even though gymnastics has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember, I've decided that my life after high school won't be including it. I have been working especially hard this season in order to achieve my goal of making it to Nationals in St. Petersburg, FL. If I achieve this, it will be a good experience as a final good-bye to the sport that has been my life since I could walk."



Adding a touch of sugar and spice to the dance floor are **seniors Alex Freeman and Albert Gillison, juniors Kaitlyn Sundstrom and Terra Livingston** and **sophomores Ian Milne and Breah Stewart** as they perform the annual guy/girl dance during the Winterfest pep rally. This year's theme was "salsa" allowing the dance team to incorporate salsa steps into the choreography, along with festive outfits. "I always look forward to the guy/girl dance every year. It is my favorite part of the season and such a fun dance to perform. It's so funny watching the guys try to learn the steps," stated Livingston. *Photo by Kayla Drake*

Pumping up the fans during half time at a varsity basketball game, the dance team performs their pom pon routine, one of the many dances they choreograph each year. "It is such an adrenaline rush to be out there in the middle of the court, interacting with the crowd and dancing my heart out," said **junior Kaitlyn Sundstrom**. This was Sundstrom's second year on the team and first year as one of the two captains. The other captain, **senior Sarah Washburn**, stated, "The basketball games are by far the best part about being on the dance team." *Photo by Rachel Kramer*



SCOREBOARD

Gymnastics

Jackson NW	140.6-107 W	Saline	141.775-127.725 W
Haslett Invite	145.85 1st	Grand Ledge	147.775-145.825 W
Haslett	142.95-125.05 W	East Lansing	142.9-113.625 W
Freeland	144.8-128.15 W	Lumen Christi	135.475-126.45 W
Jackson	140.725-114.15 W	CAAC	148.1 1st
Mason	136.675-126.175 W	Regionals	148.65 1st
St. Johns	134.7-120.1 W	States	148.325 1st
Canton Invite	145.55 1st		

Dance

Palace	13th
Haslett Invite	1st

Twisting & turning

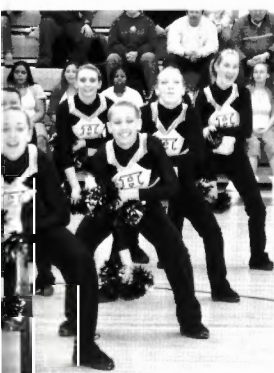
Gymnastics & dance team strive for victorious seasons

by Rachel Kramer

Long, straining, repetitious practices followed by stressful, competitive, perfected routines were what the gymnastics and dance team faced regularly throughout the year. High expectations were set for both teams based on their outstanding performances during the 2005-2006 season. Not only did the gymnastics team place first at the CAAC meet and MHSAA Regionals, the dance team was also successful receiving several first place awards the previous year.

Despite the first impression of both teams being full of an unimaginable amount of pressure and strenuous workouts, the girls on both teams were able to enjoy their experiences. Junior Brittany Enos, a returning member of the gymnastics team, said, "This season has been full of laughs, hard work and competitiveness. I've met a lot of new people and enjoyed every minute of it." One of the dance team's new members, junior Megan Murray, also had a positive outlook about the team. "The practices may be hard, but everything always turns out really well," expressed Murray.

Although high demands were placed upon the two teams, they both performed to the best of their abilities and outshined the competition. The dance team placed first at the Haslett Invite. As for the gymnastics team, they had a flawless season and came out on top as state champions. "This state title made my life. Nothing else mattered," stated senior Heather Brandenburg.



chanted the 'Hey Ho' cheer to get us pumped up to compete."

Alyse Siedelberg

Rack your Brain

by Rachel Kramer

Giant: a 360 degrees circling swing around the bar from handstand to handstand, with the body fully extended.

Arabesque: a pose with one leg stretched out to the back and usually an arm extended to the front. It can be performed with the back leg on the floor or raised ranging from a 45 to above 90 degree angle.

Full: a back somersault with one full twist in the longitudinal axis, usually done in the layout position.

Kip: a bar skill done by swinging to a fully extended position, bring the toes to the bar, sliding the bar up the legs with straight arms and ending in a front support position.

Passé: a position where one leg is turned outward with knee bent and toes touching the inner knee of the other leg. It is commonly used during turns and jumps.

Yurchenko: a gymnastics vault consisting of a round-off onto the springboard, then a back handspring onto the vault, followed by a back somersaulting movement off of the vault table.

Switch Leap: a leap beginning with one leg in front, switching to the other leg in mid-flight.

Overshoot: a release move from the high bar to the low bar. It starts on the high bar facing the low bar. The gymnast swings up and over the low bar with a half turn to catch the low bar.

Source: www.gymnasticszone.com

Determined to ride: Amber Kelley

by Cayden Bunnell



For the past four years every weekend of the equestrian season has been spent at an equestrian meet. In competition, Kelley rides western style. "The style you ride all depends on what you prefer. There are some differences, but it all comes down to what

you like to do," said Kelley. Kelley has seen accidents that would prevent the faint of heart from riding ever again. "This one girl was riding on the cement, and her horse spooked. She fell and busted her head on the pavement, and the ambulance had to come and take her away. I've been kicked a few times, it's definitely not fun." As dangerous as competing with horses may be, it's definitely worth the risk to these girls.

Triumphantly leaping over a hurdle in her English attire, **Lauren Kustasz** competes in one of the local equestrian tournaments. This was **Kustasz's** first year on the team and she was the only member of the team who participated in part of the jumping competition. Jumping was one of the more dangerous events. *Courtesy Photo*



Showing off her skills to the judges **sophomore Elizabeth Tompkins** prepares to begin competing. "I joined the team because I love horses," said Tompkins. "I have been doing it for a while. It's fun because it's something different than what most people do. It's not like an everyday sport." Tompkins and her horse Blueyes Copper Penny have been showing Huntseat for three years. *Courtesy Photo*



What's in your.... tack chest

by Cayden Bunnell



"Brushes, rags, baby powder, rags, numbers, rags."
Senior

Kiersten Danford



"Personal clothes, grooming supplies, feed, bridles."
Junior

Rebecca Donoldson



"Lucky charms, argyle socks, shoelaces, marbles."
Sophomore

Liz Tompkins



"Glitter and paint, brushes (of course), clothes."
Junior

Lehanna Hardy



"Horse pick, sunscreen, helmet, belts, hats."
Sophomore

Jillian Allen



"Hoof polish, rubber bands, horse treats, brushes."
Senior

Megan Wilson



Displaying refinement and poise as only a lady would, **junior Lehanna Hardy** shows her horse, Heart of Fire, in a meet at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason. "I really like showing saddleseat because it gives you and your horse a real sense of connection. I have had Heart of Fire for nine years, he's the best ever," said Hardy. The team participated in meets at three different fairgrounds across the state for 12 weeks of the year. A large majority of these meets were at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. *Courtesy Photo*

Completing the final stages of the trail course, **junior Rebecca Donoldson** latches the gate with the horse Revelation. At this point in the trail course, the rider must get the horse up to the gate, unhook the rope and enter the box while re-attaching the rope. Points were lost if the rope was dropped or horse was uncooperative. *Courtesy Photo*



"I think that the Equestrian team is really cool. I wish I would have done it so I

Your traditions

by Cayden Bunnell



"On the last day when we do Gymkhana we paint our horses with things like 'Go Holt' and country stuff like 'Git 'r' dun'."

Senior Megan Wilson



"We decorate our horses by painting their hooves brown and gold and put glitter and ribbons in their manes and in their tails."

Junior Lehanna Hardy

Horsin' around

by Cayden Bunnell

We're not joking: the Equestrian Team finally becomes official

As the sun slowly began to rise on an early September morning, the members of Holt High School's Equestrian Team were already up and in the barn working. Preparation for the upcoming season was more intensive than ever. This year was the first year that the Equestrian Team was a varsity sport rather than a club. "The team is a lot of fun to be on, we're all friends. I've been riding for over ten years, and it's awesome that it's recognized as an actual sport instead of a club. It's more official," said senior Amber Kelley.

The team hoped that the transition from club to varsity sport would raise awareness and support for the future members. "There hasn't been a whole lot of support for the team in the past, hopefully we can get a lot more people interested and involved. I think that being an official sport will help a lot," said senior Megan Wilson.

Diversifying the team was also a new possibility. "Equestrian isn't just for girls, guys are welcome to join. If you're interested, ask anyone on the team and we'd give you some information," said sophomore Jillian Allen. Allen has been on the team for two years, and has been riding on her own for close to nine years.

"I'd say that we did a lot better than we've ever done in the past, and we had more participation this year than in any other, which is a huge plus," said junior Rebecca Donoldson. Everyone agreed that the recognition the team received this year was worth all the years before as a club.



could wear those neat helmets and ride horses all the time." **Senior Andrew Burgess**

Rack your Brain

by Cayden Bunnell & Kiersten Danford

Equitation: Judges base decisions on how well the rider does and their abilities, not the performance of the horse.

Pleasure: Judges base their decision on how well the horse performs, not on the ability of the rider.

Trail Classes: An obstacle course where horse and rider must complete tasks such as getting mail from a mailbox and maneuvering backward through various shapes.

English: Style of competition where the rider wears tighter riding pants and a velvet helmet. The saddle is smaller and everything is more fast-paced.

Western: Style of competition where the rider wears jeans and a cowboy hat. The saddle is larger, and the horses gate is slower.

Gate: Varying speeds at which the horse moves. Walk, trot, canter, and gallop are gates in order from slowest to fastest. Western style gates are slower. They are walk, jog, and lope.

Gymkhana: Time trial events in which horses and riders try to complete the tasks the fastest. Barrel races are an example of gymkhana.

Versatility: How well horse and rider compete in both English and Western styles.

Bridle and Bit: The bridle fits around the head and ears of the horse and attaches to the bit. The bit is attached to the reins and is in the horse's mouth. This is used to steer the horse.



Taking the ice

by Josh Zietlow

Coming off of the best year Holt hockey has ever enjoyed, finishing 4th in the conference, the 2006-2007 team was looking to build on that success despite the loss of 9 seniors and 3 other players. The team lost two goalies and almost all of their offense yet through this, the team pulled together to try and accomplish the same feat as last year.

"This is a long and stressful year, but it is also a lot of fun hanging out with all of the guys," said sophomore Tommy Ziolkowski, one of the two solid first year goaltenders that the team brought in; the other was junior Chris Carrier. "This year is my fifth year playing Hockey," Ziolkowski added.

"Ten years ago my cousin influenced me to play travel hockey down in Detroit," said junior captain Andy Hull. "Some of the best things about playing for Holt are that there are tons of fans and the team is like a family," explained Hull, who was the team's leading scorer in the 06-07 season.

"High school hockey is very intense, I like it," said senior captain Sean "Hashbrown" Haskin. "I've been playing since I was eight years old and have been playing for Holt since my sophomore year," said Haskin.

While practice was important, games were always more intense and challenging. "I don't like skating drills. They help but I like going out there and actually playing," said senior, assistant captain, Craig Wieferich. Wieferich was with the team since his freshman year and played defense and forward.

Holt hockey looks to put the biscuit in the basket



Playing center, senior Craig Wieferich, fights for the puck during the starting face off of a game against Okemos. "I like playing with my friends," said Weifretch. Weifretch was the only player on the team who played since his freshman year. Photo by Josh Zietlow



SCOREBOARD

11/15	Okemos	6-2	12/16	Jackson Lumen	7-1	1/19	Haslett William	7-4	2/17	MERC	3-6
11/17	Hudsonville	5-3	12/21	East Lansing	8-5	1/20	Grand Haven	5-1	2/19	Haslett William	1-9
11/18	Grand Haven	3-3	12/22	Hudsonville	5-2	1/26	Lansing Catholic	6-4	2/24	Jackson	n/a
11/22	MERC	4-2	1/3	G Ledge Waverly	6-3	1/27	Dewitt St. Johns	4-9			
12/6	G Ledge Waverly	7-0	1/5	Big Rapids	3-1	2/3	East Lansing	5-5			
12/8	Dewitt St. Johns	7-2	1/10	Jackson	4-2	2/7	Jackson Lumen	2-5			
12/15	Lansing Catholic	3-1	1/13	Okemos	4-3	2/14	SWMHL tourn.	1-3			

"We are a very young team and it's fun. We are crazy and we pump each other up. Since this



The price is right

Is playing goalie really worth the Money?

by Josh Zietlow

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Vaughn P 8000 Epic
Goal Pants \$239.99

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Vaughn VP 8000 Epic
Chest and Arm Pads
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Trapper \$339.99

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Blocker \$545

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mask \$899.99

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Stick, Socks, Jersey, and
Cup \$149.96

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Perani's Hockey World



Crashing the net, junior Nick Ward makes sure that the shot goes for a goal. The shot was taken by sophomore Chris Shaw and the effort made by Ward ensured that Holt would take the 1-0 lead over East Lansing. *Photo by Josh Zietlow*

Listening to the national anthem, the players on the Holt Hockey team line up at the blue line waiting for the game to start. In the past **senior Kate Hamel** sang the national anthem. In the 06-07 season she was too busy but a recording of her was played in her honor. *Photo by Kayla Drake*



Rack your Brain

by Josh Zietlow

Chicklets: Hockey term for teeth. They are so named because they look like the Chicklet gum laying on the ice when they get knocked out.

Hat Trick: When a single player scores at least three goals in one game.

Icing: When a player clears the puck down past the opponents goal line from behind his the red line (center ice).

Cross Check: A movement of placing the stick, with both hands, across the opponent's body or face.

Top-Shelf: The very top of the goal. This is usually a goalie's most vulnerable spot as most play butterfly style to keep the lower areas of the net safe.

Slapshot: A fast shot made with a short powerful swing of the hockey stick.

Sin-Bin: Another word for the penalty box. A place to go when a player gets a penalty and has to sit out for a certain amount of time.

Spancion: The metal frame between the panes of glass of the boards that hold them from falling.

Mouring: Two rubber sticks that protrude from holes in the ice that the golpoasts slip over to hold the net in place

is a young team I think next year we will be a lot better."

Junior Matt Hamel



Lending a hand

by Kristi Shearer

With the strength, determination and heart of professional athletes, the Holt special Olympics team competes with the best from across the Michigan area. The spring competitions alone brought in 3,000 athletes. But the people who were most dedicated were the volunteers. Each year a group of about twenty Holt students volunteered to help with the swim meet practices, that started over two months in advance to the big swim meet, where even more volunteers came to help out. Most of the Holt kids participated in the swimming, bowling, basketball and the floor hockey competitions. They practiced for these events all year round.

"Last year I coached one of the Special Olympics kids before the big swim meet," said a dedicated volunteer, senior Scott Greiner. "But when it finally came time for him to get in the water, he didn't want to swim, so I just swam for him," said Greiner. He has been volunteering for the special Olympics for a year. Last year he helped coach the practices and the statewide swimming meet, last April.

Volunteers had to have a lot of patience and determination to succeed. Senior Cassandra Meier was also volunteering with the kids for the swim meet in 2006. "It's really rewarding coaching all of the kids. When you see their faces light up with excitement and you know all of the time you could have spent with friends or doing other things- it was worth it," said Meier.

Special Olympics volunteers work hard each year for kids

Smiling big during a basketball tournament are **senior Kenny Limas** and **senior Paul Schaeffer**. With such a wide variety of games, the students could whatever sport that they wanted during the games. They usually did more than one sport or competition, like basketball and swimming. *Courtesy Photo*



The price is right...

by Kristi Shearer

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Is it really worth the money?

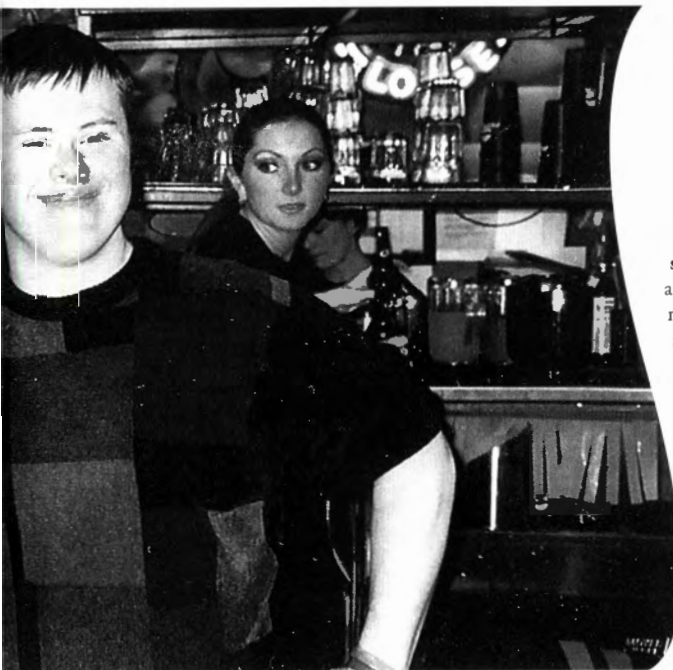
"Swimming is definitely worth the money because you make a lot of friends that share the same love of the sport as you. Plus you get to shower with, like twenty four other girls every single day."

Sophomore Rhandi Hicok



SCOREBOARD

1/31- 2/2	State Winter Games
3/3, 3/10, 3/17	State Basketball Finals
4/20	Spring Swim Meet
5/31- 6/2	State Summer Games
7/27- 7/28	Summer Sports Classic
10/12- 10/13	State Soccer & Cycling Finals
11/16- 11/17	State Poly Hockey & Bowling Finals



Relaxing after a tough skiing match students seniors **Jenny Ford** and **Kenny Limas** pose for a quick snapshot after all of the big winter games meet. They celebrated by going out to dinner after a very long day of competition. They both participate in the skiing and swimming competitions. *Courtesy Photo*

Ready, set, go! Senior **Kenny Limas** starts off the skiing competition with a bang. He participated in skiing and in swimming. He participated in the Special Olympics for 3 years. "I think it's a good opportunity for students to interact in a new way. It allows the competitors to do something they really like. This is a way to bring excitement into these students lives," said junior **Justin Wi-born**. *Courtesy Photo*



Should **you** volunteer for Special Olympics?

by Kristi Shearer

- 1.) What does your typical Monday after noon look like?
 - a.) I'm usually free.
 - b.) I don't do anything, but I'm very dependant on my after school naps.
 - c.) I have work or practice
- 2.) How much patience do you have?
 - a.) Even the most annoying don't get on my nerves.
 - b.) I'm okay, but sometimes I've been known to lose it.
 - c.) I lose my temper easily.
- 3.) How well do you swim?
 - a.) I swim fairly well.
 - b.) I can swim.
 - c.) I don't swim well at all.
- 4.) How well do you work with kids?
 - a.) I generally enjoy being around kids.
 - b.) They are okay, I can work with them if I am asked to.
 - c.) Sometimes I just can't handle them.
- 5.) Are you a normally athletic person?
 - a.) I would say that I am in good shape, more than three times a week.
 - b.) I do not work out much, once or twice a week.
 - c.) I don't work out at all

IF you answered mostly **a's** then you are fit for volunteering.
IF you have mostly **b's** then you should think about helping out.
IF you have mostly **c's** then you should think twice before helping with them.

about it, it's away for those students to experience certain activities."

Jeff Miller
 Jeff Miller



Experience excels

By Josh Zietlow

Boys and girls soccer finish atop the CAAC

The Holt Varsity Boys soccer team had its best year yet. The team finished 17-4-2 beating their previous records by far.

"We scored over 60 goals this season and gave up less than 20. Even our losses were close, every game we lost was by one goal," said senior Andy Worden. "The team was led by the many seniors on the team this year."

"Ten seniors started, and the other five or six came in as regular subs. Coming into the season we knew that this could be a special year so we worked all summer to prepare for it. The seniors organized summer pick up games and fitness sessions the majority of the players came into the season in shape. There was also really good chemistry on our team this year. In past years the team has fallen apart because the players didn't like each other. This year however, everyone got along really well and we even held team dinners this year," said Worden.

As for the girls team, their spring 2006 season also went well. The team went 12-7-3 finishing the regular season second in the CAAC. In the CAAC tournament the team knocked off Eastern 8-0 before losing to Jackson and East Lansing. The team finished third in the CAAC after all was said and done. In state Districts the team steam rolled through the first two rounds with the demolition of Eatsern and the slaughtering of Everett. Again however the girls fell victim to Jackson loosing in the third round by a score of 0-1.



Falling to the ground, **senior Tony Frontzek** ensures that Okemos did not gain offensive possession. Despite his efforts Holt fell to Okemos in the weaning minutes of regulation knocking them out of the CAAC tournament. Frontzek was a foreign exchange student who was a key player to the team. He even made a record with three goals in four minutes during season play. "This team wouldn't have been the same without each other, on and off the field," said Frontzek. *Photo by Josh Zietlow*

Blocking out a Lansing Eastern Defense-man, **senior Andy Worden** controls the ball before turning it up field. Worden was one of the premier defenders in the league, earning All-CAAC honors. Worden along with the many other seniors on the team made a memorable season this year accomplishing many team goals and making memories. Each of the seniors have played soccer with each other as they have grown. "I will miss the guys a lot," senior Bernardo Mandujano. *Photo by Josh Zietlow*



SCOREBOARD

Boy's						Girl's					
8/22	Williamston	3-2	9/20	East Lansing	2-1	3/28	Lumen Christi	0-2	5/3	East Lansing	1-1
8/26	St. John Invite	1st.	9/23	Charlotte	5-2	4/13	Okemos	1-4	5/6	Dewitt	2-2
8/28	Waverly	6-0	9/25	Everett	2-0	4/15	St. Johns Invite	1st.	5/9	Everett	4-0
8/30	Okemos	0-1	9/27	Eastern	4-1	4/20	Grand Ledge	1-0	5/11	Jackson	3-0
9/6	Sexton	6-0	9/30	Walled Lk. Ctrl.	2-0	4/22	Mason	1-1	5/12	Haslett	1-0
9/9	Mason Invite	1st.	10/2	Grand Ledge	1-0	4/25	E. Kentwood	0-4	5/16	Sexton	10-0
9/13	Jackson	3-0				5/1	Rockford	3-2			

"Soccer is a very fun sport to watch. I'm not that big into playing it but last year when the World Cup was on I really

Your traditions

By Josh Zietlow



Lining up for a free kick, **senior Meagan Nakfoor**, advances up the field. "Uncover" was a powerful skill that Nakfoor performed in her junior year and looked to build on that in her senior year. "I have been playing soccer for my whole life and it has been really exciting to play in high school with all of my friends and many others that have already left. Even though I hope to play in college, my girls that I have grown up playing with will always mean a lot to me," said senior Jordan Birch. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



"As a superstition I always put my left shin guard on last. I haven't ever gotten hurt since I started doing this so now I am afraid to stop. As far as traditions with the team go, we just make fun of people and joke around. Basically, we just have a lot of fun before the games."

Senior Bernardo Mandujano



Kicking the ball out of harms way, Holt **senior Katelin Moule**, takes possession for her team. "We had some injuries last year but we still managed to do well. This year the team will be sweet!" said Moule about the upcoming 2007 season. Last spring there was a loss of only a few seniors and so the 2007 season was full of leadership and senior experience of many girls who have played together before and created a common bond. *Photo by Kacie Dittenber*



Do you know your soccer club teams?

By Josh Zietlow

1.) Which League does Juventus play in after being demoted from their previous league last season?

- a.) Serie B
- b.) Spanish Perimera
- c.) Sim- Liga

2.) What country is Arsenal from?

- a.) England
- b.) Sweden
- c.) USA

3.) What does UEFA Stand for?

- a.) Union of European Football Associations.
- b.) United European Fencing Association.
- c.) United Eating of Frankfurers Association.

4.) What European club team does Ronaldo de Assis Moreira (Ronaldo) play for?

- a.) FC Barcelona
- b.) Real Madrid
- c.) Real Betis

5.) What United States soccer club did David Beckham transfer to after playing for Real Madrid?

- a.) LA Galaxy
- b.) Real Salt Lake
- c.) DC United

If you answered mostly **a's**, then you most certainly know your club soccer.

If you answered mostly **b's**, then go order Fox Soccer Channel and watch the Sky Sports News more often.

If you answered mostly **c's**, do you even know anything about soccer?

started to like soccer. I really wanted Ghana to go all the way."

Senior Mike Updyke



Determined to swim:

Kara Brockhaus

by Kelly Hamelin



Most athletes start playing sports in elementary school gym class, but few students can say they started a sport when they were three, such as senior Kara Brockhaus. She started competitive swimming when she was seven, and has been on the varsity team since she was a freshman. "The best part of being on the team is the friendships. With all the hard training and early morning practices, the girls on the team become very close-knit like a family. Without them I wouldn't make it through the season," said Brockhaus. "My biggest accomplishment was when I broke 1:00 in the 100 fly at states. Seeing my coaches face afterwords was great. He really believes in his girls and wants them to achieve."

Cheering at the CAAC meet the womens swim team gets pumped up before the races begin. "I definitely got stoked about swimming," said **sophomore Rhandi Hickok**. "When were in our little circle with our team, we do knock-off's of other songs like NSYNC so they get you in a good mood because they're fun!" The team ended up placing second in the CAAC meet. *Photo by Melanie Dalton*



P u s h -
ing to finish the last lap **junior**

Kyle Lucas swims in a heated battle against Okemos. Lucas was part of the swim team since he was a freshman. Early morning practices and multiple meets per week were definitely tiring, but teammates like Lucas showed why it was important. "Sometime I feel like I want to give up and ask myself what I'm doing at 4:15 in the morning, but it's what I have to do to get better and win. All the practices have gotten me a lot better," said Lucas. *Photo by Melanie Dalton*

SCOREBOARD

Men's	Women's
12/6 Waverly 1st/12	8/31 Waverly 2nd/12
12/7 Marshall 120-50	9/15 Grand Ledge 94-92
12/12 Mason 195-112	9/24 Okemos 65-121
12/21 Okemos 104-82	9/29 Sexton 130-53
1/6 Dewitt 1st/7	10/6 Jackson 111-72
1/11 Sexton 68-24	10/13 E. Lansing 97-89
1/18 Jackson 107-79	10/20 Everett 136-39
1/25 E. Lansing 133-53	10/26 Eastern 140-33
1/30 St. Johns 120-66	11/3 CACC 3rd
2/1 Everett 114-71	11/4 CACC 2nd
2/8 Grand Ledge 123-63	
2/15 Eastern 136-46	
2/22 CACC 1st	
2/23 CACC 1st	
2/24 Finals 1st	
3/9 STATES 14th	

Finishing up the race **junior Zach Burgess** gets ready to climb out of the pool. Burgess has been swimming since he was a freshman. "Zach is always making people laugh," explained teammate Kelsey Schooley. "Even in morning practices he's having a good time. Plus he's a really good swimmer." *Photo by Melanie Dalton*



"I love swimming, but I would never join the swim team because I wouldn't be able to

Shaving off seconds

by Kelly Hamelin



Swimming and diving teams work to achieve perfection

In all kinds of sports just a few seconds can make or break a team. These moments can be the difference between league champs or an every day second place. The members of the men's and women's swimming team worked and strived for countless hours to shave off only seconds in order to perform to their absolute fullest potential. While swimmers worked to improve their times, the diving team worked on their technique.

Five a.m. practices and weekend-long meets may not seem like much fun, but participants agreed that the bonds and friendships made in these not-so-perfect circumstances made it all worth it. "I've made some of my best friends being on the swim team," said junior Rachel Rademacher. "Our team is really close. We have our differences at times but we are all a big family."

Both of the women's and men's team were very successful this year. The girls ended the season placing second in the Capital Area Activities Conference, allowing 9 girls on the team to advance to the state meet. "The entire season was an amazing experience for me," said senior Melanie Dalton, "The relationships that were created are some of the most rewarding of my high school career."

The men's team finished very strong in the CAAC with first in the meet and finals. Adding to this league win, they ended up placing 14th in the State Tournament. This was a very successful season which reflected the hard work ethic that was put in every day at practice. There were also 14 members that became All-CAAC selections.

Your memories

by Kelly Hamelin



"My all time favorite memory of being a part of the swim team was when our team had a meet in Indianapolis. We were walking back to the hotel from dinner when a hobo came up to me for my sandwich. I screamed at him 'Get away from me!' It was crazy."

Junior Zach Burgess

Would you rather... be a swimmer or a diver?

by Kelly Hamelin



"I'd rather be a **diver**. Diving is easier for me because I am a gymnast. I first joined the team two years ago because one of my gymnast teammates was also joining and it seemed like a fun idea. It's also nice because divers don't condition as much as swimmers, but it's still a lot of hard work. Plus being on the diving team gives me a chance to get to know and bond with the girls on the swim team"

Sophomore Mary-Rose Hillstrom



"I would rather be a **swimmer**. First off, my coach wouldn't let me dive because I could hurt myself. If divers don't jump out far enough they'll smack the board. Also, swimming helps me stay in shape with all of the intense conditioning practices we have every day. The team is like a community and I really like being part of that."

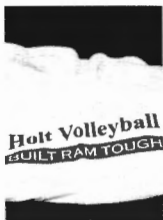
Senior Andrew Burgess

handle the two a day practices and the early mornings. "

Junior Tyler McMullin

What's in your gym bag

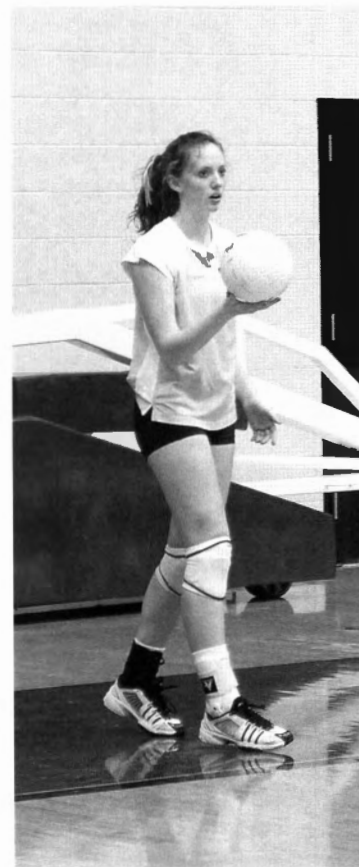
by Amy Bashore



"At every game or tournament we get new ribbons to wear in our hair, then we tie those ribbons on our gym bags so we don't forget that game; it's a fun tradition."

Senior Brooke Darling

Ready to serve the ball over the net **senior Miranda Kolb** hopes to score a point. "I really love volleyball because it came very naturally to me and it's fun to work hard and get better at it," said Kolb. *Photo by Cayden Bunnell*



Serving up aces

Volleyball battles their biggest, baddest, opponents

by Amy Bashore

Waking up at the crack of dawn on Saturday mornings for weekend tournaments was only one thing the volleyball team sacrificed this year. Not only did they surrender some shut-eye, they also lost seven of their best friends. "This year there are seven seniors on the team," said senior Jena Allen. "It's different from last year because we only had three seniors then. But with seven the authority is more spread out, it's better than having three people run *everything*," said Allen.

If anyone knew hard work and dedication, it was these girls; practicing for a few hours everyday after school was tough, "I like it because it helps me stay in shape and the girls are fun to be around," said junior Marissa Perry.

Almost every Saturday these ladies woke up early to play their beloved sport all day, "We have tournaments every weekend," said junior Morgan Emery. "I think there are only two Saturday's we don't have them and the season lasts until the middle of March," said Emery.

In these tournaments they would play the top teams in the state. "Each year we have a goal we try to accomplish and every year we set a new, higher goal so we can push ourselves further," said senior Julie Patterson. They traveled all over; the furthest places they played at were Grand Rapids and Detroit. "This year has been fun because everyone on the team really wants to succeed, we all have the same goals," said senior Miranda Kolb.

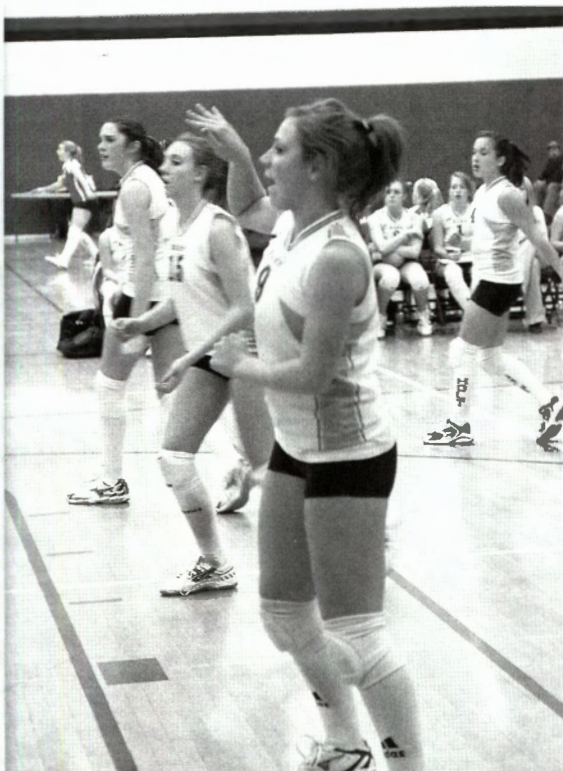
Crowding around for a pre-game pep talk, the volleyball team gets motivated to blow their opponent out of the water. "We've played a lot of tournaments this year," said **senior Jena Allen**, "I think we have a good chance compared to most teams in the area since we've been playing some of the top teams in the state," Allen said.

Photo by James Bryde.



"I enjoyed playing volleyball in gym class because I wasn't bad at it like everything else

Anticipating the serve, three JV volleyball players, **sophomores Liz Dejongh** and **Melissa Thering**, and **freshman Andra Overton**, are excited to keep the game moving. "This year it's fun to be a part of a team while it's growing and getting so much better," said Thering. *Photo by James Bryde*



SCOREBOARD

12/9	Grand Haven	1st Gold
12/16	CAAC	Semi final gold
12/27	East Kentwood	20-50
1/6	GVSU Invite	1/4 Silver
1/8	CAAC Waverly	75-32
1/11	Eastern	75-32
1/13	Troy	Troy Finals
1/18	East Lansing	75-59
1/25	Jackson	98-71
1/27	GR Nview	1/4 Gold
2/1	Sexton	75-46
2/3	Ann Arbor	Semi Final
2/8	Grand Ledge	27-19
2/10	Hopkins	Semi Final
2/13	Everett	36-18
2/20	Okemos	39-18
2/24	CAAC	D1 champs
3/3	Districts	L in Finals

Determined to play: Morgan Emery

by Amy Bashore



This was Morgan Emery's first year in Holt, she moved here from Manton, MI. "It's near Cadillac," said Emery, "not a lot of people have heard of it." She first got interested in volleyball when she managed a team in fifth grade. A major difference

between our school and her previous school Emery noticed was the length of practices. "The practices here are a lot longer. In Manton we'd only practice for about an hour and a half, but now we practice for a three hours everyday after school!" said Emery. "We also play tournaments every Saturday, I really like it though, it's a lot of fun," said Emery.

Rack your Brain

by Amy Bashore

Serve: Initial contact between a ball and a player to begin play.

Ace: A serve that is not passable and results immediately in a point.

Setter: The second passer whose job it is to give a hittable overhead pass to a spiker.

Topspin: Contact that imparts a bottom over top rotation on the ball which makes it drop quickly to the floor.

Attack: The offensive action of hitting a ball, also known as a spike.

Set: A pass that is positioned for a hitter for a spike or tap.

Block: A defensive play above the net by one or more players, which attempts to intercept or channel a spiked ball.

Forearm Pass: Join your arms from the elbows to the wrists and strike the ball with the fleshy part of your forearms in an underhand motion.

Line Shot: A ball spiked along an opponent's sideline, closest to the hitter, and outside the block.

Misdirected shot: An attack of the ball in a direction different than the body alignment.

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we played. The only thing I hated was my wrists turning red."

Senior Corrin Ongstad

Water warriors

by Dylan Wolff

Tough, demanding, and grueling. These are some of the words water polo players use to describe their sport. In the average game players swim over three miles. Even though water polo was a club sport, it was on the rise, gaining popularity and respect as the years went by. This year was Holt's best. They went 14-11 which is awesome compared to their usual 1-20 record.

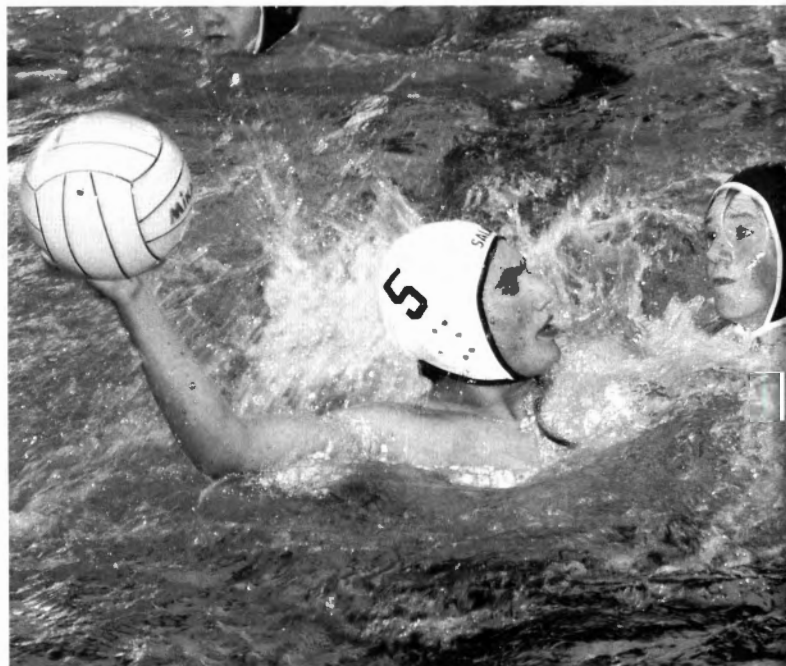
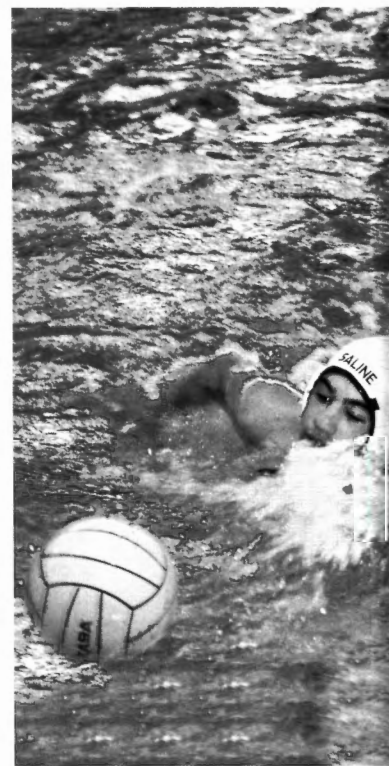
This year the team was introduced to their new coach, Coach Kyle Hickock. "Coach Kyle was pretty much insane. He would curse a lot and throw balls at us when we did something wrong but overall we learned a lot from him and our mistakes," said junior Nate Robinson.

One thing about the team that was interesting was their traditions. Before every game the team would throw balls at teammates juniors Kyle Lucas and Zack Burgess. During this intense ball fights other players would punch each other in the face. The most controversial of all was when Lucas's knee started bleeding and he immediately started using his own blood to write 'Okemos' on his chest.

With Lucas's blood soaked chest and the team screaming and swinging they would jump into the pool planning domination. "Our team was pretty sweet this year. Even though we would punch each other to get hyped we still loved each other. It's pretty cool that I'm the guy on the team known for doing it. Everyone thought it was funny and it got everyone even more pumped," said Lucas.

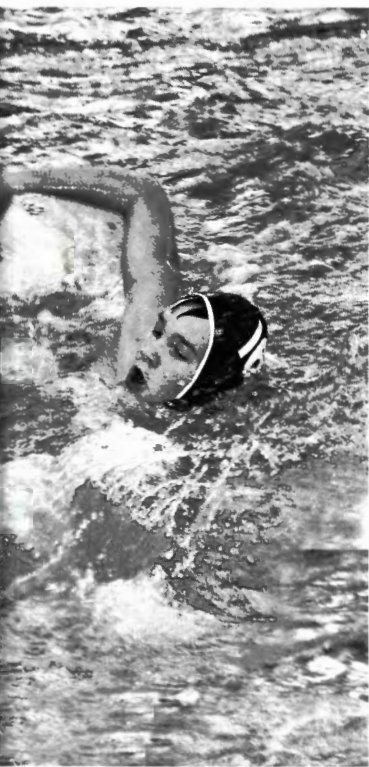
Water polo teams make waves and rituals

Racing to the ball, freshman Mitchell Fisher, tries to beat opposing team to the ball. "Swimming is a huge part of water polo. Usually people who are faster are better. Faster people usually have the ball more because they win all the 50-50 balls," explained Fisher. This was Fisher's first year being part of the water polo team. "This year's been really fun, I plan on doing it again next year," said Fisher. *Photo by Dylan Wolff*



SCOREBOARD

						Boy's			
3/23	Ypsilanti	21-1	4/21	East Grand Rap	1-5				
3/28	Chelsea	18-0	4/22	Hudsonville	1-12	9/5	Okemos	2-20	10/1 Ann Arbor 5-11
4/11	B'ham Groves	3-12	4/22	Huron	6-2	9/7	Dexter	1-8	9/2
4/12	Mason	13-10	4/22	West Ottawa	7-6	9/20	Portage	1-13	9/2
4/13	Okemos	2-16	4/25	Haslett	14-3	10/2	Saline	10-6	9/2
4/17	Dexter	5-8	5/02	Saline	5-9	10/4	Walled Lake	12-2	9/2
4/19	Ann Arbor	4-11	5/04	Ann Arbor	2-8	10/10	Saline	14-11	9/2
4/21	Grand Haven	3-1	5/08	Ann Arbor	5-6				



Athlete Advice: Waterpolo

by Dylan Wolff



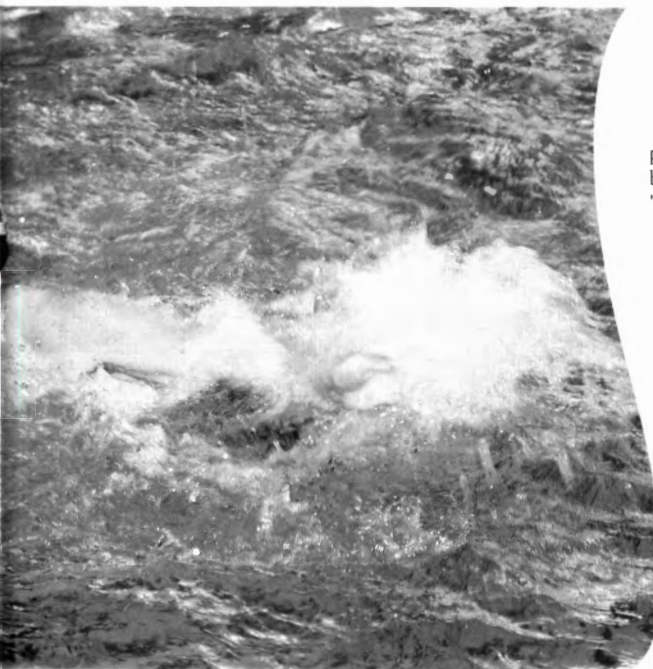
"If you are planning on joining the water polo team you should know that it's not for the faint of heart. It's very physically demanding."

Sopmore Alex Hoffman



"In order to play water polo you have to be a very good swimmer with lots of experience. You also need handle punishment and screaming."

Junior Rachel Rademaker



Fighting for the ball **junior Nathan Menocher** pushes to defend the goal. "This was my second year being on the water polo team," explained Menocher. "The sport is a lot harder than I thought it was going to be when I first started." **Senior Kyle Lucas** worked with teammate Menocher this year. "I like swimming because it's a great team sport and you learn to work well with people. This helped me stay motivated and focused," explained Lucas.

Photo by Dylan Wolff

Gasping for air is **sophomore Chelsea Hicks** as she fights to score a goal. Hicks has been part of both the swimming and the diving team since she was a freshman. "The best part about water polo are the games because you can be a lot more physical. You don't have to worry about hurting the other team. You also can get away with a lot of stuff if the referee doesn't notice," said Hicks. *Photo by Dylan Wolff*



ming. I like to swim for fun but not competitively." **Sophomore Kelsey Arambula**

Should **YOU** play water polo?

by Dylan Wolff

1.) Are you a good swimmer?

- a.)** Yeah, I'm on the swim team.
- b.)** I like to swim during the summer for fun.
- c.)** I almost drowned in the bath tub once.

2.) Are you an aggressive person?

- a.)** I karate chopped my mom once.
- b.)** If someone pushes me too far I can be.
- c.)** People walk all over me.

3.) Are you a team player?

- a.)** There is no I in team.
- b.)** The team work is important but I like being the star.
- c.)** I'm the best thing since sliced bread.

4.) Are you good with your hands?

- a.)** I like to build things.
- b.)** I guess I'm alright with them.
- c.)** I'm an amputee.

5.) Are you sensitive?

- a.)** I'm pretty much a sociopath.
- b.)** Shed a few tears every once in awhile but I'm not a wuss.
- c.)** I cried at the ending of *Simon Birch*.

IF you answered mostly **a's** then water polo is your sport and you might be half fish.

IF you answered mostly **b's** then you could be a decent player.

IF you answered mostly **c's** you may want to try out for the basketball team.



The price is right

Is it really worth the money?

by Kristyn Somerville



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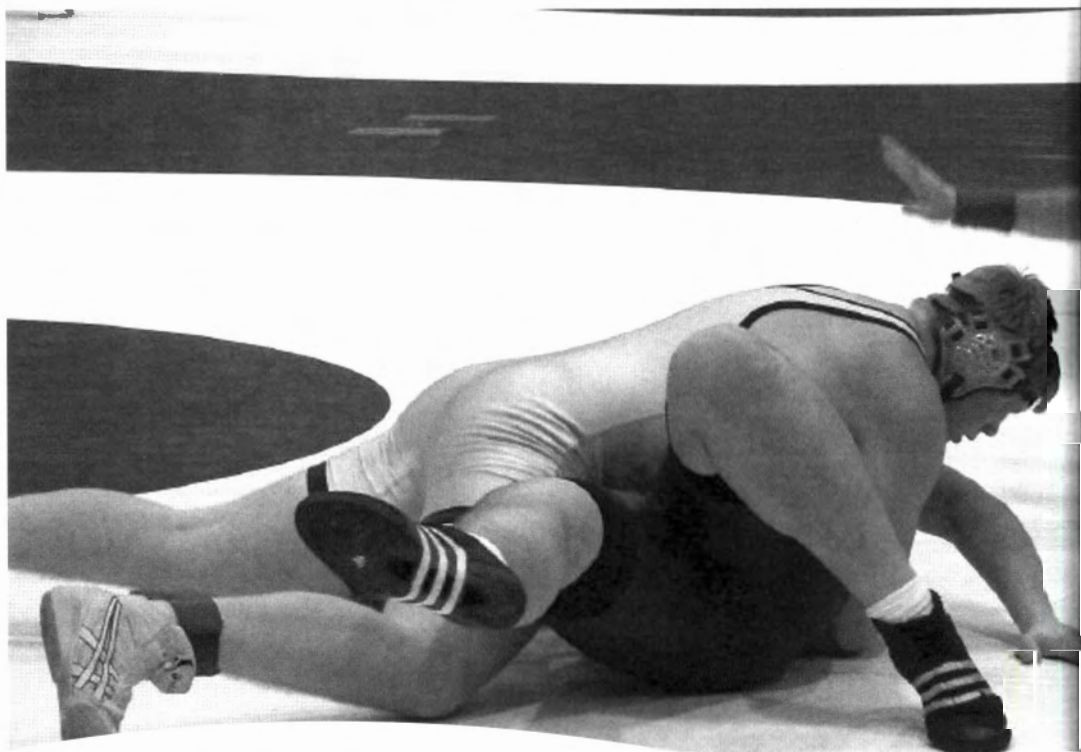
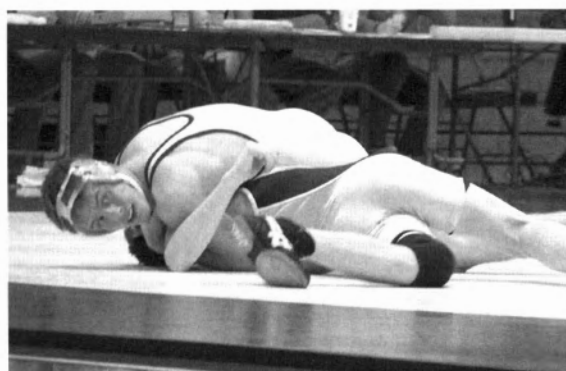
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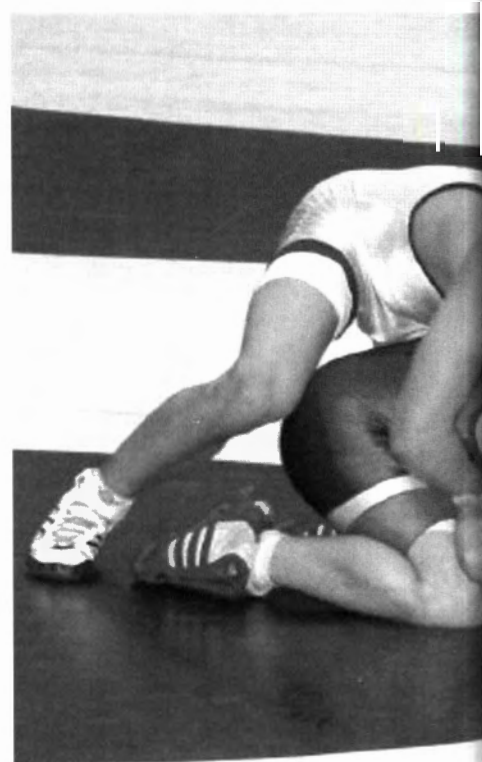
Pulling off a half nelson, **sophomore Zach Seyka** takes on his opponent in Indiana. "I've been wrestling for seven years and I like it the most because it's a big contact sport," said Seyka. Seyka is in the 135 pound weight class on the Varsity Wrestling team. *Photo by Mitch Zajac*



Pinning

his opponent, **junior Curtis Ferguson** racks up points for the varsity wrestling team. "I like to wrestle because it gives me something to do in the winter and it keeps me in shape for football," said Ferguson. "I hope we make it to states this year." Last year the wrestling team lost in Regionals against Hartland and didn't make it to states. *Photo by Mitch Zajac*

Using a move called wrist control, **junior Grant Ankney** breaks down his opponent at the Indiana Super Duels. Wrist control was a common move most wrestlers did to set up another move or keep a wrestler down. "Talent comes with hard work, but hard work doesn't always come with talent," said Ankney. *Photo by Mitch Zajac*



SCOREBOARD

12/2	Lake Orian	37-25
12/6	Hillsdale	5-6
12/9	Rochester Invite	5-6
12/14	Everett	66-7
12/20	Eastern	53-15
12/22	North Canton	8th/35
1/11	Franklin Indiana	41-21
1/6	Sexton	62-17
1/13	Catholic Central	1st/16
1/17	Okemos	54-15
1/24	Jackson	66-6
1/27	Holt Invite	2nd/16
2/1	East Lansing	66-6
2/7	Grand Ledge	51-21
2/10	CAAC Meet	1st
2/17	Districts	1st
2/24	Regionals	1st

Going for the gold

by Kristyn Somerville



Wrestlers work hard to be the best during the season

Ask anyone at Holt and they will tell you that wrestlers here have always been great competitors for the state championships, but what people didn't know was exactly how they were scored.

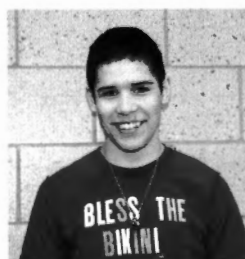
A wrestler's main focus during the match was to get up to fifteen points by the end. To accumulate these points the wrestler had to complete moves on the opponent. Certain moves were worth certain points such as a take down which was worth two points, a reversal worth two points, and an escape worth one point. A point could be given to a player as well if an illegal move was performed on them. "I get mad at the referee for asking questions and telling me not to do it again," said sophomore Koort Leyrer. "It makes me feel stupid for making such a dumb mistake."

If the wrestler pinned his opponent, he automatically won the match. Depending on how many points he was ahead when he pinned his opponent told how many more points he would add towards the team score. If he won by one point, the team got three points, six or more the team got five points, and for pinning the opponent alone the team got six points.

Along with points, people also didn't know that there were three different styles of wrestling. The first style of wrestling is freestyle which means that the wrestlers are free to do whatever they want and can lock their arms. The second style of wrestling is "grokee" which means that they only use their upper body. The third type of wrestling is Folk which is the style of wrestling that Holt focuses on using.

Your traditions

by Kristyn Somerville



"At every wrestling meet I wear the same gold shorts and warm-up shirt over my singlet. It's superstitions but since I started wearing them I've won a lot of my matches. I also listen to rock music to get me focused on competing."

Sophomore James Mireles

Sophomore Rhandi Hicok

Rack your Brain

by Kristyn Somerville

Half Nelson: The most basic way to pin an opponent. Done by reaching under their arm while in control and forcing their head under to expose their back.

Craddle: An offensive move done after gaining control of an opponent. Done by bringing their head to their knee and holding them to their back in an attempt to earn "back points."

Double Leg: a move in which a wrestler takes down his opponent by holding the opponent's legs with his arm and tackling him.

Takedown: Taking an opponent to the mat and getting behind them to gain control. This earns you two points.

Shoot: To aggressively attack the opponent by going for their legs.

Snap Down: Forcefully slamming an opponents head to the mat in an attempt to achieve a takedown.

Sprawl: A defensive technique that's done in response to certain takedown attempts and is performed by scooting the legs backwards to land on the upper back of the opponent attempting the takedown.

Reversal: The wrestler changes from being down on the mat with their opponent in control to gaining control of their opponent by reversing them.

Switch: Done by a defensive wrestler, while opponent has control, to either escape or achieve a reversal. It's much like spinning from in front to behind the opponent.

because I think it's more interesting than football or any other sport."





"Seniors. Seniors," shouts the crowd at the homecoming pep rally on Friday, September 29. **Senior Noah Steere** is tossed into the air while the seniors cheered for their class to get ready for the football game against Okemos. The pep rally included court member introductions, a tug-of-war contest, fall sports reports, and performances from the band, dance team and cheerleading squad.
Photo by Heather Brandenburg



Mastering your Motivation

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

Stressful situations, tedious rules, pep rallies, dances and hangouts. Many students were involved in activities outside of school that affected their high school experiences. From having the same lunch table and group of friends to hangout spots, high school became an interpretive area where you could learn to express yourself and your ideals.

"I have sat at the same lunch table all through high school with my friends. This is a great break from school and it is fun hanging out with them because sometimes I don't get to do things with my friends a lot out side of school becace of my busy schedule," explained senior Lou Quinn. "I have lived my high school career with the thoughts that you should have a lot of fun and do things with your friends, and as a senior I really want to make this year the best of all. Going with friends to prom, seeing my friends, and experiencing school activities will make it the best. Live life so that you won't regret anything."

Life's interactions were meant to help you enhance yourself and teach you new things. Your choices about what you were involved in contributed to this; whether you were involved in Battle of the Bands, plays, the talent show, or went to certain hangouts. These all helped you interact with others that were interested in following the same path as you, giving you new interpretations of situations and support.

Also, these activities could help you to be involved in things that prepared you for a future career, from types of jobs through NHS to an after school job in the field you would like to pursue. "I've worked at a nursing home for a year now, it's a very fulfilling job. I've already learned so much about people, and life in general by meeting and interacting with the elderly. It's made an enormous impact on my life," said junior Tara Rumsey.

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Striking a pose for the camera seniors **Lindsay Shorna** and **Michelle McGuire** model their trendy clothes for Era Day. Era Day was a day to dress up in clothes from various decades. "I dress up like this because it is fun and I really wish these clothes would come back in style," said McGuire. *Photo by Brooke Darling*



Tugging and pulling out on the football field, the teachers, **Mike Smith, Dan Knechtle, Margaret McMillen, Doug Harkma, Rick Couturier, and JoAnn Wiel** try to dominate students in the tug-of-war contest during the homecoming pep rally. "I really thought the seniors were over matched. I thought they would have been stronger than they were. It was a pleasure to win because we were the better team," said Smith. *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*

Riding on the Float "Wheel of Fortune" during the homecoming parade, **sophomores Aaron Henley, Sarah Chronister and Damaris Shaffer** smile at the crowd. "I thought it was fun building the float and riding on it. It was a good experience," said Henley. *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*



Spirit Week



Monday September 25
Hawaiian Day

"I dressed up to show school spirit and because I dressed up for homecoming last year."

Senior Ashley McClure



Tuesday September 26
Era Day

"I dressed up for the 80's because the 80's are awesome and era day is my favorite."

Junior Rachel Miller



Wednesday September 27
College Day

"I dressed in green and white and painted my face because I plan on going to college at MSU."

Junior Donald Walter

"I think the junior theme *The Price is Right* is pretty cool because I

Homecoming

Throw the candy...it's a parade!

by Kayla Drake



A kid from the crowd runs into the middle of the street to grab a piece of candy that someone on a nearby float threw. The kid waves at the passing float and runs back to find his parents in the crowd of people lined up to watch the parade. The crowd's ears fill with music as the band marches by during the homecoming parade on Friday, September 29th. Battons can be seen twirling through the air and color guard waves their flags high as the band breaks out into the Holt Ram Fight Song.

Each class had it's own theme based on a gameshow. The sophomores with *The Wheel of Fortune*, juniors with *The Price is Right*, and seniors with *The Weakest Link*. Each class had their own float with their theme on it. A lot of people helped during float building throughout the week of homecoming. "I thought it was a lot of fun to help build the float with my friends. I really thought that our sophomore class had the best theme," said sophomore Damaris Shaffer

Each class had nominees for homecoming court. During the parade, each court got their own car, rented by student council. "Members of Student Council helped organize the floats for the parade. They also had to help their fellow classmates with the float building. Student Council helped a lot with organizing the homecoming parade and making it fun for the community," said junior Hannah Taylor.



Thursday September 28
Theme Day

"If I could pick the senior theme is would have to be The Biggest Loser because, I've seen it on TV before."
Senior Shannon Dexter



Friday September 29
Class Color Day

"I like the class colors being brown and gold but if I could pick they would be black and silver."
Senior Jacob Hettinger

Remember your Homecoming

by Brooke Darling and Kayla Drake

• Homecoming was SEPTEMBER 25TH-29TH.

• The **class representatives** were _____.

• The **themes** for spirit week were:

Monday: HAWAIIAN DAY
Tuesday: ERA DAY
Wednesday: COLLEGE DAY
Thursday: THEME DAY
Friday: CLASS COLOR DAY

• I **participated** in _____ days.

• Our **class theme** was _____.

• The **Parade** was at 4:30 and I went with _____.

• I **sat** near _____.

• My **best experience** for the parade was _____.

• I **wore** _____ to the game.

• The **weather** at the game was _____.

• Holt **WON** the **football game** 35-20 vs. OKEMOS.

• My **dance ticket** cost \$ ____.

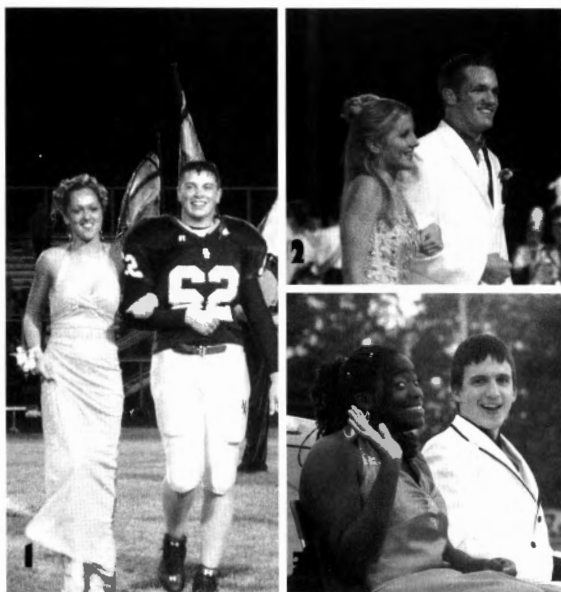
• The **dance** was from 9-12. I went with _____.

• **After the dance** I went _____.

love old guys and Bob Barker is a pretty old guy."

Junior Kiera Leitz





1.) Junior court members, **Kayla Roché** and **Emmett Kelly**, walked arm in arm down the fifty-yard line during halftime at the homecoming game versus Okemos. 2.) Sophomore court members, **Spencer Crew** and **David Lopez** smiled as they passed by the cameras on homecoming game night. 3.) Juniors **Ikea Smith** and **Srdjan Sutton** smiled and waved as they ride in one of the trucks rented for the homecoming day parade. 4.) All of the court members lined up in the anticipation of who will be crowned the next homecoming king and queen. The court members introduced themselves one by one starting with the freshmen and ending with the seniors. *Photos by Heather Brandenburg*

My Story:

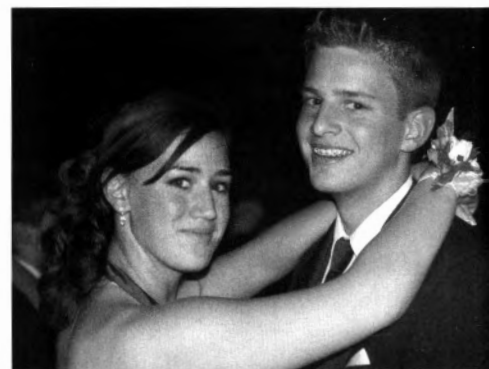
by Heather Brandenburg

Dominique Scott



"Getting ready to be king of your high school is nerve wracking. When I found out I was in the top ten spot to become king, I did a lot of campaigning to put myself in a good position to win. Being at the pep rally and hearing 'Dominique Scott' is homecoming king," I about jumped out of my clothes as I heard the students cheer. But by far the best thing was walking down the moist grass with a beautiful young lady around my arm as the announcer is reading information on me. I felt like I should have been on a TV show or something, I was ecstatic. This is an experience of a life time that I will never forget and will always cherish that day: Homecoming 2006."

Smiling joyously seniors **Katelin Moule** and **Miles Biel** ride in the homecoming parade. Each of the seniors enjoyed riding in the parade and said it was fun. "My face was tired from smiling," said Moule, while Biel said, "I wish I had more candy, I ran out quick. It was disappointing." Moule and Biel were selected by their peers to be on the homecoming court. "It felt good to be picked by my peers. I felt loved even though the majority of my votes came from my choir class," said Biel. *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*



Riding in the parade seniors **Dominique Scott** and **Brittany Watson** wave at the camera. Scott and Watson were named this year's homecoming king and queen. Watson never thought she would be homecoming queen. "The overall experience with the fun memories was the best part," said Watson. In addition to riding in the parade, the king and queen were announced at halftime during the football game and shared a dance together at the homecoming dance. *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*

The new prince and princess walk down the football field as they are announced to all of the fans. **Senior Maddi Massa** and **senior Cameron Salt** were nominated by their peers and were glad to represent their class. When describing the walk down the football field during halftime, Massa said, "It was really cold and really cool. I recognized people in the band and it was funny to hear my name over the big speaker." *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*



"It was pretty sweet walking down the field. I was already on the field from the game so I didn't have

How YOU felt *walking down the football field*

by Heather Brandenburg



"It was a mix of nervousness and excitement. I couldn't stop smiling. I never thought in a million years that I would be on homecoming court."

Junior Jill Zelenski

Dancing the night away at the homecoming dance sponsored by student council are sophomores **Zach Kramer** and **Evelynn Wood**. The court members were presented to the students by couple and had a court member dance. "I had a good time and I was happy that I got to be on the court. I especially liked the egg toss during the pep rally," said Kramer. Evelynn Wood also thought being on court was a good time. "I was shocked people would vote for me," said Wood. Photo by Heather Brandenburg

Moment of Fame

Court members tell about their experience on court

by Heather Brandenburg

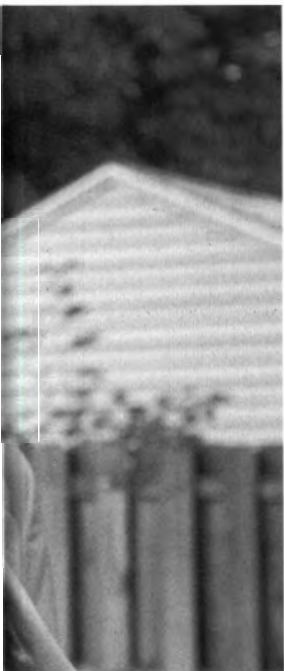
"It was a special memory from high school I'll never forget," said senior **Brittany Watson**. Watson was named this year's homecoming queen with king **Dominique Scott**. Everyone always expects that the king and queen will be the captain of the football team and the head cheerleader. That was not the case this year.

There were four senior couples, three junior couples, two sophomore couples and one freshman couple. "I was glad to prove the underdog can win for once," said senior **Phillip Marlow**. "A foreign can win too," said junior **Srdjan Suton**.

Other members of the court were just excited to be on the court. "I was glad I was able to undergo such a prestige honor my senior year," said senior **Miles Biel**. Some members didn't expect to be on the court. "The fact that everyone voted for me was nice. I never expected it," said senior and princess **Maddi Massa**.

One of the many highlights for being on court was getting to walk down the field at half time. "Walking down the field felt like a dream. I was just praying I wouldn't fall in my heels," said junior **Kayla Roché**.

Parents of the court members were all proud of their children. "My mom was more excited than I was," said junior **Phil Johnson**. Some members fill the shoes of their siblings who were on court before them. Massa and Roché both had siblings on winterfest court in the previous years.



Now you do it:

by Heather Brandenburg

How to be a member on homecoming court with these 6 simple steps:

1. Tell everyone to vote for you in the first round of voting where everyone is nominated.
2. Make it to the next round of voting where the students vote for the couples that will make it on court.
3. Get your dress or tux and get ready for your big moment.
4. Participate in the pep rally during school on the day of the homecoming game.
5. Put on your dress or tux and ride in the back of a truck in the parade. Then you pass out candy to little kids and wave at all the citizens of Holt.
6. Have the time of your life getting dressed up and walking down the football field during halftime at the game.



Walking down the football field at halftime during the football game, seniors **Phillip Marlow** and **Micky Rankovic** smile and pose for the cameras. Many of the court members were excited and nervous about walking down the field. "I was kind of nervous at first, but when the time actually came, all of my nerves went away," said junior **Ikea Smith**. Photo by Heather Brandenburg

time to do anything special, I just played the first half of the game."

Junior Emmett Kelly



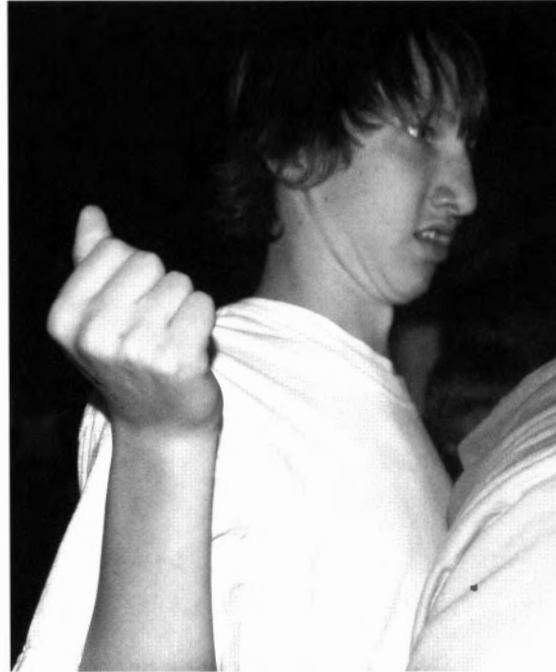
Dancing along to one of her favorite songs, **junior Karen Thompson** and **Okemos Junior Ana Nolan** enjoy the homecoming dance. Thompson has attended the homecoming dance all three years since she's started high school, and plans to go her senior year as well. "I like being goofy at school dances, and just having fun with my friends," said Thompson. *photo by Kelly Hamelin*



Laughing and making jokes with friends **seniors Alexis Meuche** and **Phillip Marlow** talk at the homecoming dance. Marlow was one of the eight seniors chosen to represent their class on the court. "I was kind of forced to go to the dance by my friends, but I'm really glad I ended up going," explained Meuche, "And Phill is a neat kid, and I'm glad he got to be part of the court, even though he begged for it." *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*



As one of the many seniors at the dance, senior **Dustin Liles** dances along side his friends. Liles was part of the homecoming court in previous years, and has enjoyed all the homecoming events. "The homecoming dance was pretty fun, and it's crazy to think that it's the last one I will ever be going to," said Liles. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*



Joking around and having a good time with his friends **junior Mark Tongen** enjoys the dance. "The only reason I go to dances are to spend time with my friends," said Tongen, "This year at the dance was especially fun because so many people went. And everyone was in a really good mood since we won the football game," said Tongen. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*



Best week ever

by Kelly Hamelin



September 28,
11:09 AM

Participating in the Chubby Bunny competition, **senior Erika Dabney** tried to talk with a mouthful of marshmallows.



September 29,
2:10 PM

Entertaining her fellow classmates **senior Taylor Parker**, along with **senior Matt Naeyaert** were the MCs during the pep rally.



September 29
4:42 PM

Pumping up the crowd during the parade **juniors Alexis Louth** and **Eric Hillard** sat on top of their Price is Right float, which later won the float contest.

Twist n' shout

Homecoming dance proved to be a successful celebration

by Kelly Hamelin



The lights are dim and your feet can feel the bass coming up from the speakers. The DJ starts playing your favorite song when you hear a burst of laughter and screams of jubilation as the football team walks in the doors. The dance is just getting started.

Homecoming was no doubt one of the most memorable days in the school year, and for many students, the homecoming dance was a great way to finish off an amazing day.

Directly following the football game, students piled into the commons and danced the exciting night away. Especially with the success of the football team against Okemos, students had reason to celebrate.

This year's dance had the largest turn out in the past few years, making the dance a huge success. "I didn't go last year because most upper class men don't like freshmen, but I went this year just to rub it in the faces of this year's freshmen," said Sophomore Elizabeth Thompkins.

From slow dances to the cha-cha slide, everyone seemed to enjoy the hours of music and dancing. "I always try to go to the dances, especially homecoming, since I play football. I see the dance as a good time to have fun with your friends and a chance to make some good memories," said junior Mitch Saxman.



September 29,
8:00 PM

Cooling down between plays, **junior Austin Holtz** gets ready to finish the big game. Holt won the game against Okemos with a score of 35-20.



September 29,
10:05 PM

Enjoying a final slow dance **junior** class representative **Jill Zelenski** and senior **Michael Bogus** end off the day.

Which dance are YOU?

by Kelly Hamelin

1.) What is your favorite type of music?

- a.)** Any soft rock or love songs.
- b.)** Hip hop and Rap.
- c.)** Anything fun that I can sing along to.
- d.)** I like it all.

2.) Do you like dancing with other people?

- a.)** Definitely, with my date, preferably.
- b.)** Doesn't matter, I look great by myself regardless.
- c.)** Yes, the more the merrier.
- d.)** If they don't mind being seen with me, than sure!

3.) Do you prefer formal or casual dances?

- a.)** All out formal.
- b.)** Casual.
- c.)** Anything works, but semi-casual can be fun.
- d.)** Doesn't really matter to me. I like to wear something different from everyone else anyway.

4.) What would you say best describes your personality?

- a.)** Quiet and laid-back.
- b.)** Outgoing and independent.
- c.)** I go with the flow, try to blend my personality in with the people around me.
- d.)** 100% humor, all the time.

IF you answered mostly **a's** then you're the slow dancer. Relaxed and classic, mostly going to dances for the memories.

IF you answered mostly **b's** then you're the Lean wit it, Rock wit it. You look great on the dance floor and dance to entertain.

IF you answered mostly **c's** then you're the Cha-cha Slide. You mostly go to dances to hang out with as many friends as you can, having a great time along the way.

IF you answered mostly **d's**, you're the quirky fun dancer, such as the sprinkler or the cabbage patch. Your only mission is to make people laugh.

and any chance to spend time with them is priceless."

Sarah Pratt
Junior Sarah Pratt

Homecoming dance
1993

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We've got spirit

Some students are super-fans

by Corrin Ongstad

You always knew who was into the whole school spirit thing. They went to every game and bought every shirt, but why? Others looked down on them because they were into school spirit. Really what was so great about it? And what was so bad?

School spirit was a big part of high school. It's something that many people will remember, and it could be the best part of growing up. "It's suppose to be the best four yeas of your life, so why not live it up," said senior Mollie Ballmer. "Also Mr. Schimdt always asked me to do things. I am the announcer for the girls volleyball games. Plus I want to be remembered at our 10 year reunion and now I will be."

Others wouldn't have been caught dead at a game, or anything to do with school except learning during school hours. Some had a hard time just getting into it and they couldn't take being around all of those people. "I don't think there is any real school spirit. Just because we aren't together as a school. We are divided by class, who has school spirit and who doesn't. In my mind school spirit should be about being together as a school," said senior Josh Florian.

School spirit was enjoyed by some and shunned by others. But, in the end, it helped many people find their own directions.

Screaming for the Rams everyone is hoping for a win. "School spirit is good for your health. So one dose of school spirit a day will keep the doctor away," said **junior Nate Long**. It was tradition, every year, for each grade to scream for their own class. Many throats were sore the next day but because of ranks, seniors were always the winners by a land slide. Photo by Heather Brandenburg



Cheering on the Holt Rams school mascot, **Rooty the Ram**, inspires students to show thier school spirit. To add to the spirit of the student section, many students wore aparel l that showed thier enthusiasm. "I sort of have school spirit, I guess. I go to all the games, but I don't wear the shirts. The reason I don't wear them is because I think that they are ugly," said **senior Curtis Kniffen**. However there was just as many students who purchased this apparel from the school store and went to games in full costume to help cheer on the team and pump up fellow cheerers. Photo by Corrin Ongstad



What made YOU... *go to every game, and lose your voice*

"At the games the band plays for the student section. It's great to see everyone that excited."

**Senior
Samantha Bailey**



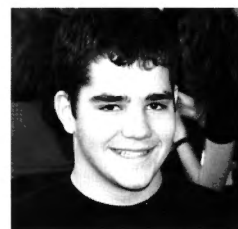
"I go to the football games to hype up the team to win. C'mon no wants to see them lose."

**Junior
Zach Burgess**



"The best part is dressing up and acting funny, it's awesome."

**Senior
Erik Spenny**



"I am filled with an immense amount of school spirit; I wear brown and gold boxers every



Screaming at the game, **senior Bobby Becsey** cheers on the football team. "Holt has school spirit, like the student section, they're always dressed up for the football and basketball games. But for the smaller sports like wrestling, there isn't much school spirit. More people need to go to the smaller sports," said **junior Curtis Ferguson**. Photo by Corrin Ongstad

Now you do it:

by Corrin Ongstad

How to out do your friends when you go to the game:

1. First find out if there is a theme or not. While you are at it find out who is going and make sure you have someone to go with, or someone to save you a seat.
2. When you get home, if there is a theme make sure that you follow that to a T. If not make sure everyone knows what school you are from.
3. Try to get a ride to the game with a friend or your older brother or sister. Your parents are the last people you want to be with.
4. When you get to the game, find all your friends and take your seat. While in the stands scream as loud as you can, and have the most energy.
5. Last, find something to do after the game. You don't want to go home and find out later on that miss out on the biggest party of the year.



Dressed up and ready for the game **sophomore Elizabeth Couturier** waits for the day to end. "I am excited for the game tonight. I like going because I like hanging out with my friends and showing my school spirit," said Courtier. Photo by Corrin Ongstad

"The spirit week before the game is the best. Like dressing up and getting funny looks."

Senior Tricia Brubaker



"I enjoy school spirit because it gets me pumped. It makes school less lame."

Junior Pauline Bateman



by Corrin Ongstad

Friday to school, just to show how much it means to me."

Senior Zach Flores

One Day at a Time

By: Gabriella Perez

Sunday
November 27

After a long night of working, senior Juan Zuniga spends his Sunday relaxing and doing his homework as he prepares for the week of school ahead.

Monday
November 28

Zuniga participates in a community dance lessons. Every Monday night he has a dance lesson to learn Traditional Mexican dances, after working.

Tuesday
November 29

Taking a break from work at McDonalds, Zuniga spends time working on his truck. As well as hanging out with one of his best friends Kyle Drake.

Wednesday
November 30

Staying after school, Zuniga studies hard to take a test to sign up for the Marines. Taking the test once before, he already knows what's ahead.

Thursday
December 1

Stuck working at McDonalds, on a school night, Zuniga passes the time by hanging out with his favorite boss one last time before she quits.

Friday
December 2

Enjoying the first snow day of the school year Zuniga, said he made snow angels in his undergarments before attending his work at McDonalds.

Saturday
December 3

Unfortunately, having to work on a Saturday, Zuniga says that one of the main reasons he continues his job is for the discounts on the food.



Working Hard

Chelsea Bashore smiles for Steak and Shake
by Gabriella Perez



1.) Working at Steak and Shake senior Chelsea Bashore is told to make a hamburger 2.) Bashore first applied the condiments before putting together the rest of the hamburger. 3.) With a big smile on her face, Bashore applied the finishing touches before giving it to the happy customer. Photos by Cayden Bunnell

Carefully stacking Bounty paper towels senior Joseph Verhugstraete, makes sure they are neatly arranged for future customers to easily grab a pair of paper towels without knocking them all down. Just before, Verhugstraete arranged the Wisks laundry detergent for the same reason. Working at Kroger, allowed Verhugstraete to spend time with other Holt High School students. He spent most of his work hours walking around the store making sure everything was in order, as well as collecting carts and bagging the groceries for customers. Photo by Laura Secord

Storing strawberry toaster scrambles into the freezer, a commonly known and well-liked breakfast food, is junior Daniel Neff. He was just one of the many people that worked at the local Kroger in East Lansing, Michigan. "There are so many Holt High School students that work there. It's crazy," said Neff as he stores the toaster scrambles. Waiting behind him, were some eager customers, waiting to grab one of those tasty treats to enjoy. Photo by Laura Secord

After bagging almost 40 bags, junior Carolyn Warren, has to then arrange the numerous bags in a precise order for all of them to fit into the shopping cart, making sure none of the groceries happen to get squashed. After working for hours on a school night, Warren was tired, to then have to go home to finish homework and study for tests. It could be a hassle for Warren, yet all the hard work paid off in the end when she received her weekly check. Working at Kroger, was also enjoyable because of all the Holt students, making Warren feel more comfortable. Photo by Laura Secord

What motivates YOU?

Daniel Neff

By Gabriella Perez

"Working at Kroger, my boss and friend, Jacob Jackson motivates me. "He's a cool guy," said junior Daniel Neff as he hugged Jackson standing next to him. "I work at the frozen department. Mostly what motivates me is that at the end of day I get to go home to sleep and eat. Then getting money, at the end of the week is always nice," said Neff.

Would you rather... have a part time job or play a sport after school?

By Gabriella Perez



"I would rather **work** because I have a was to buy things because I make money. Sports isn't going to help me make money and won't do anything for my future. Your also going to need experience before you start you real career, and a job now helps with that."

Junior Monica Tovar



"I would rather **be in a sport** because it is more fun. It can be a lot of work and can take up more of your time but it is something I really enjoy. I have been in cheer-leading since the fourth grade. I like showing off my school spirit and hanging out with my friend Ashley who has been in cheer-leading with me for a while."

Sophomore Stacy Coon

Work vs. school

Is your schoolwork coming after your job?

By Gabriella Perez

The bell rings, you rush out of class, get into your car, wait in the long traffic line of cars waiting to exit the school, you hurry home, you grab a quick snack, all to make it in time for work. Having a part-time job for after school was very common in high school students. However, did the job become their whole life?

Some students were actually taken out of class to either work or look for a job. Feeling overwhelmed by balancing schoolwork and work, senior Erica Judy said, "I work both at Fatboy's Pizza and at Bd's Mongolian Bbq in Okemos. I love both of my jobs, but it gets really stressful sometimes because I work everyday. I barely have time for homework. Over the weekend I work doubles every Saturday and Sunday."

Are student jobs more than a pastime for students? About a third of the student body had part time jobs. Some even played sports as well as having a part-time job. "I work from five to ten, four out of the five days of the school week so it can get pretty hectic. By the time I get home from school, that leaves an hour and forty-minutes to do homework before I have to leave," said Judy.

Having a part-time job after school could be good; it taught responsibility, gave character, and helped with time management. However, students have to keep in mind schoolwork as well. Learning how to balance school and work may be tricky. Fortunately many students have balanced school and a job well.



teenagers, because we can only work so many hours."

Junior Shalene Parsons



Time well spent

There's more to hanging out than meets the eye

by Cayden Bunnell

Thirty two hours of every week were spent in school. That adds up to about one hundred-twenty eight hours each month. Most students agreed that they would have rather spent their time somewhere else, and this was where the magic happened. All across mid Michigan, Holt High School students packed into small coffee shops and shopping malls, laughing and having a great time with their friends.

Behind what everyone else sees was a group of students learning lessons that will shape how they live the rest of their lives. Going out gave students a chance to meet new people and experience social interaction outside of the learning atmosphere.

Senior Chad Cooper spent a lot of time outside of school at his place of employment. "I've been working there for about two years now and I would have to say that I have learned a few things. Having fun with my friends is a big part of what I do when I'm at work, but when a customer comes in, their priorities come first. That's probably the biggest thing I've learned from where I spend my time, that you've got to keep your priorities straight", said Cooper.

Where people choose to spend their free time said a lot about who they are, but it was what they learned when they were there that shaped them into the people they would become.

Receiving special Treatment at Mongolian Barbecue in Okemos, seniors **Erin Fox, Amanda Hanson, and Kim Stafford** chill with their dates and the employees in the parking lot. "The workers are all really nice and the food is amazing. Everyone there is crazy. We got to chill in the kitchen and do our own dishes and stuff. We've had some great times," said Stafford. *Courtesy Photo*

Carefully inspecting their next buy, sophomores **Melissa Thering** and **Leslie Trentham** often hang out at Beaner's on Cedar Street in Lansing. Beaner's was hangout that served many purposes: students went there to socialize, study, or grab something to eat. *Photo by Cayden Bunnell.*



My Story: *Senior Stephanie Clone*

"Saved by the Bell had 'The Max', That 70's Show has Foreman's basement. In Holt, the hang out place is Beaner's. I know personally that I'll come up with any excuse to go to Beaner's, whether it's to hang out and chat with some friends or to run in and get something to go. Judging by all the Beaner's cups kids have on Wednesday mornings I am guessing that I am not alone. Some would say that I'm addicted to coffee, but really I just love going to Beaner's. Every week I feel like I have to get my coffee fix and when I get some from Beaner's it just makes me feel that much better! If there's a friend that I have lost touch with, we go to Beaner's to catch up. Before soccer, basketball, or football games I run to get Beaner's. For the past two years, I've had Beaner's before every soccer game. It's a place to relieve stress and build friendships. If you've never been, you should definitely head in that direction. See you there!"



Sitting in his usual booth, Steak 'n' Shake regular **senior Martyn Waddell** sips his coffee and talks to a friend on his cellular telephone. Waddell spent many evenings at Steak 'n' Shake on Edgewood Boulevard with his friends. *Photo by Cayden Bunnell*



Even though it is his place of employment, **senior Chad Cooper** says that Athlete's Connection is a great place to spend time with all of his friends. Playing catch is a favorite past-time of the employees there. *Photo by Cayden Bunnell*

Where YOU go... when you've got no place to be

by Cayden Bunnell

"When I'm at the skate park, I can be myself. It's completely an individual thing."

Junior
Josh Brayton



"If the mall closed I would be so upset. A lot of people would be mortified."

Sophomore
Jasmine Garza



Remember your chill zone

by Cayden Bunnell

• I **hung out** at _____.

• It is **known for** _____.

• I usually **went with** _____.

• The **days** of the week I spent at _____ were _____.

• I **spent** \$ _____ each time I went.

• _____ got me **to come here for the first time**.

• I got _____ **interested** in going.

• I **went** for _____ (months, years, etc.)

• My **best experience** at _____ was _____.

• I **wore** _____ there.

• If _____ **closed**, I would _____.

• I will **spend time** here until _____.

• I spent _____ **hours** there per week.

• The **funniest** thing to happen was _____.

to play air hockey, there is already someone playing."

Junior Matt Fisher





After school in the commons, senior **Melanie Dalton** shows a friend a text message on her cell phone. After school was one of only two times students were allowed to use cell phones during the day. "I think we should be able to use cell phones for emergency phone calls to our parents but other than that everyone else I would call are in school with me so it's not that bad," explained sophomore **Chris Bossenbery**. If a student's phone went off in class it was taken away and had to be retrieved at the end of the day. If it happens more than once a Wednesday detention is given out.

Photo by Rachel Gladstone

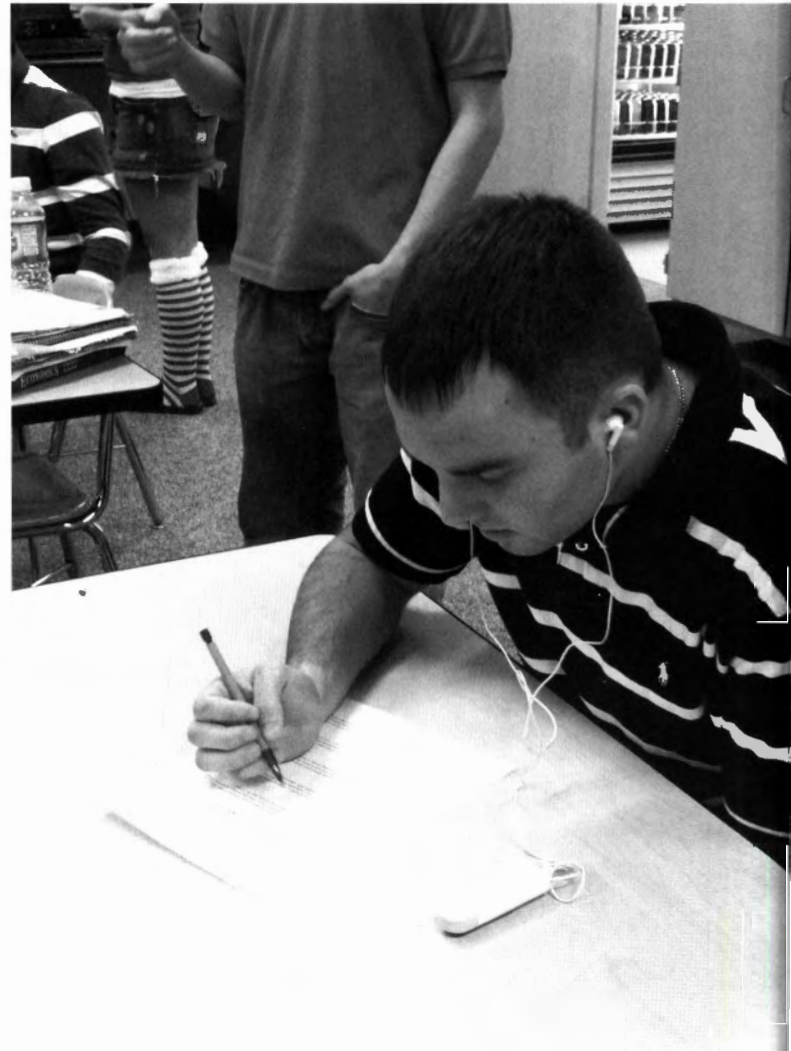


With her purse in tail, junior **Lacy Lund** works on a writing exploration assignment in the computer lab. Her purse was just small enough to be acceptable under school rules. A new rule this year prohibited students from carrying large purses around school. If notebooks and folders could fit in your purse it was too big. "I don't think it's that big a deal, if you don't have time to go to your locker, you should be able to carry your stuff with you," explained Lund. Many students just used these bags and didn't really care if it was against the rules.

Photo by Rachel Gladstone

Doing paperwork in retail management senior **Joey Murphy** listens to his iPod Shuffle. The school's rule this year stated students weren't allowed to use personal music devices while in school. If a student was warned more than once they were punished with Wednesday morning detention. Retail management, known but students as the school store was a class to show students how to run a small business. The school store was run by students, it was open before and after school, at lunch and during sporting events. It sold food, drinks, candy and Holt apparel.

Photo by Heather Brandenburg



What YOU think --- about the school rules

"I think the dress code is easier for guys to follow because the clothes we buy are appropriate for school."

Junior
Mitch Saxman



"The rules at the freshman campus were the same as here but the security guards here are more laid back."

Sophomore
Chris Bossenbery



"I couldn't stay focused last year when I would listen to music so it doesn't bother me that we can't this year."

Junior
Charlotte Emmons



New rules at Holt

New Rules affect Students' style

by Rachel Gladstone

The teacher is at the front of the class telling you what the day's assignment will be while you pretend to listen and look out the window, thinking of what you will do this weekend or how long you can procrastinate writing that English paper. It's happened to all of us. In past years students were able to turn on their iPods or MP3 players and listen to music, but a new rule this year kept all forms of personal music devices out of the classroom. Some students didn't seem to mind this rule because they thought listening to music was a distraction while in class.

Another rule students seemed to disagree with was the ripped-jeans rule. The fashion is to have "destroyed" jeans or holes all over the place. School officials told students to go home and change if the holes were too revealing. "It's a little ridiculous when students come in with big holes on their upper thighs or near their butts on their pants and think it's appropriate for school," explained security guard Jane Jonson.

The last rules that seemed to bother students was not being able to use cell phones or carry purses at school. Cell phones were not allowed to be seen or used during the school day and the purses couldn't be big enough to hold a notebook; large purses were fashion trends this year. For some students fashion trends were more important and school rules were disregarded.



"I don't like the new skirt rule. There isn't a set length they just go by if it looks to short."

Senior
Jena Allen



"The rules are fair, they make less distractions but we should be able to use cell phones in emergencies."
Sophomore
Melissa Hall



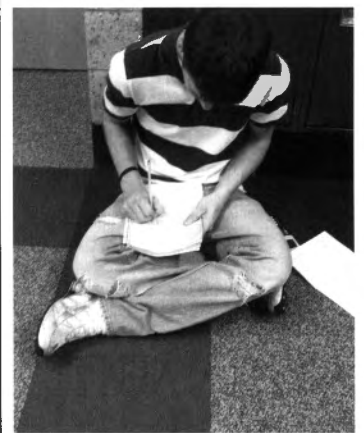
by Rachel Gladstone

Now you do it:

by Rachel Gladstone

How to get ready for school while following the rules:

1. When you get dressed in the morning, don't wear pants with too many or too big of holes.
2. Girls, if you want to wear a skirt make sure it's not too short, despite what you may think, people don't want to see that.
3. Turn off your cell phone or if you can't part with it put it on silent; unless you want a detention.
4. Keep your MP3 players and iPods in your locker. You can't listen to them in class and they'll just get taken away.
5. Eat food at nutrition break and lunch but don't bring it to class. You'll have to throw it away and still be hungry.



Displaying how to be school appropriate, **junior Josh Royston** does his school work quietly. His clothes weren't violating the dress code and he was following the other school rules while sitting in the hall. Royston was making-up work in government that he had with Ms. Capelletti. "It's not that difficult to follow school rules," said Royston
Photo by Rachel Gladstone

think we're cheating but we should be able to during lunch." **Junior Greg Morey**



Get your fash-on

Blast from the past styles

by Rachel Kramer

The truth is our society today is not occupied with "originals" by any stretch of the imagination. On the contrary, we are merely "copycats"; copycats attempting to be individuals by jazzing up a prehistoric fad with an extra layer of clothing, or maybe a shimmering piece of jewelry. The trick may fool some, perhaps even you, but in reality the essentials of this recently bought outfit came from people long before you were even born.

"It's funny how we used to laugh when we saw the clothes our mom's wore in the 80's, when now lots of us wear similar things," said senior Courtney Young. The leggings under a skimpy skirt, the calf-high boots that accompany them, the long, hip-hugging shirts, the belts worn over clothing and last but certainly not least, the popped-collar, polo shirts are all a craze from the not-so-distant past.

Sophomore Aaron Kruch tends to favor the plaid look. "Plaid is in. I have a pair of blue plaid shorts and I rock them hard," said Kruch. Of course these styles are all modified to fit with the population's ever so modern society. None-the-less, they are still just imitators in disguise.

Naturally, the most up-to-date like it, love it, got to have it trend dies out and is replaced by another impersonator. This sequence occurs a countless number of times for a period of twenty or so years until we encounter a repeat in styles.



Conversing about their upcoming trip to the mall **juniors Briana Ford and Jessica McKinstry** can be seen wearing an adored look of all ages: the leggings. "You can buy leggings in a lot of different colors to match an assortment of outfits," said McKinstry. These skin-tight leggings made a "come-back" during the year of 2005 and continued to strengthen as the year progressed. They were commonly featured underneath a mini-skirt or an oversized shirt. *Photo by Rachel Kramer*

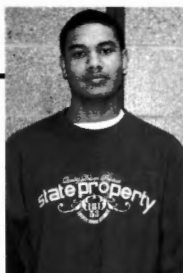


Fashionable Classifications



The "preppy" chick
Junior Sam Mulder

"When dressing down I wear a pair of comfy, ripped jeans and a cute tee. To complete the look I'll throw on a pearl necklace."



The "sporty" guy
Senior Andrew Emanuel

"I love to support my favorite team by wearing their jersey on game days. It helps get me pumped up. Go Falcons!"



The "punk" rocker
Junior Dustin Milbourn

"My clothing choices reflect my personality. It shows that I'm a laidback, thoughtful individual yet at times can be a bit introverted."



The "renaissance" beauty
Sophomore Mercedes Sayer

"My aunt makes a lot of my clothes for me. All the clothes she makes turn out really well and represent all the things I want to be."

"My method is that if I didn't wear it yesterday then it's okay for today! I pick up what's on



A long-lasting trend known as the popular UGG boot, is a favorite of many teenaged girls and guys today. "I like to wear them instead of a pair of sandals because they keep my feet toasty warm," said **sophomore Meghan Clarkin**. Not only were they worn to keep out the cold on the chilliest of winter days, but they were also worn as a fashion statement throughout all seasons. **Sophomore Kaylee Hitchcock** was one who often wore them for this fact. "They definitely make the outfit no matter what you have on. My favorite is to wear them with skirts," stated Hitchcock. *Photo by Rachel Kramer*

Celebrating their first year anniversary of Sweater Month **seniors Frankie Quas-rano, Bobby Bescey, Mike Updyke, Chris Purdy, Justin Ziegler and Alexey Yukin** and **juniors Josh Webb and Phil Johnson** model. Every day during the month of December they wore a different knit sweater. "These sweaters are the fashion of the future. We're bringing sweaters back," said Updyke. Sweater Month expanded rapidly throughout the United States and was also identified in foreign countries. Participants were hopeful that this month would be officially recognized. *Photo by Rachel Kramer*

What YOU need...

To create a fabulously fashionable look

by Rachel Kramer

"I absolutely adore my red, pointy toed heels. There is no doubt that these heels are completely glamorous."

Junior
Emily Trout



"I wear this necklace because it reminds me that God is watching over my brother who is fighting in Iraq."

Senior
Nick Kanillopoolos



Do YOU need a style makeover?

by Rachel Kramer

1. When you get a haircut, you ask for:
 - a.) The latest "it" cut.
 - b.) Your stylist's advice on how to update your cut.
 - c.) Just a trim.
2. Your favorite jeans are:
 - a.) Skintight.
 - b.) Tailored and low-rise.
 - c.) Loose and comfortable.
3. You go shopping to update your wardrobe:
 - a.) Weekly.
 - b.) Monthly.
 - c.) Only when you run out of underwear and socks.
4. In the morning, how long does it take you to get ready?
 - a.) 1+ hour.
 - b.) 30-45 minutes.
 - c.) 5-15 minutes.
5. How long have you been wearing the makeup/ cologne you're wearing today?
 - a.) A few days.
 - b.) Months.
 - c.) As long as you can remember.

IF you answered mostly **a's** then you're a slave to the trends. Keeping up with what is hot is important, but wearing too many trends at one time is not.

IF you answered mostly **b's** then you've found just the right balance between old and new. You're a style star!

IF you answered mostly **c's** then you're stuck. You don't need a complete wardrobe makeover; just a few great pieces to bring you up to speed.

Source: www.seventeen.com

the floor. Sometimes I even give it a spritz of tropical Febreze."

Senior Ignacio Centeno III



What a scandal

President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky

by Corrin Ongstad



"I heard about the affair, I didn't see what the big deal was. Then I found out and I just went 'ooh, I get it.'"

Source: www.cnn.com

Senior

Micky Rankovic

Thinking back, senior Miranda Kolb remembering what she thought when she was little. "I always imagined what being in high school would be like. Man, I was totally wrong." For most of us life isn't like what we think it will be. But that's how life goes, never as planned. Photo by Corrin Ongstad



Notorious Nineties

Reminiscing about that "totally awesome!" decade

by Corrin Ongstad

Remember growing up? Running around outside by the monkey bars with your friends, sitting in your favorite kid-sized armchair playing Mega Bomberman, or playing in the sprinklers waiting for a nice cold cherry popsicle. We each have different memories, but there are things that stick with us throughout our lives.

"Growing up I remember playing in the snow and making snow forts with my friends. Also running around in the filed by my house playing in the dirt," said junior Tom Szalankiewicz, "The thing I remember most was digging tunnels in the huge snow piles at school. We use to go sit in them at recess."

One big difference from playing in the dirt was the advancement in technology. There was a serious lack of cell phones, and no virtual reality game systems.

Another transition from the nineties is the huge jump in security. These days, we have to be very careful of everything. "I was the remote control for my mom, 'Jodie go turn the channel,'" Ms. Szalankiewicz said. Our parents had to know everything we are doing. "Back then it was much more carefree, my mom didn't always have to know where I was at all times of the day. I guess we weren't as worried about getting taken by some stranger," said Ms. Szalankiewicz.

Whether it's playing on the playground or playing with dirt, we have countless memories from this rad decade.



Wishing he could be back spending his summer days in the sand is senior Jacob Jackson. "I never thought life would be so hard. But as I get older the harder it seems to be getting," said Jackson. Photo by Corrin Ongstad



Awesome Movies

The movies you had to see to save your rep
by Corrin Ongstad



1.) "The Sandlot is just a huge metaphor for high school. You win some and you lose some. As long as you try. My favorite quote is "Your killing me smalls."

Senior Ashley Kramer

Source: www.freewebs.com



2.) "I love The Powers of Rangers Movie! I was always so confused from the switch between the white and green rangers and the whole mysterious outsider thing. He was the cool non-conformist one, so of course everyone liked him. But he was still awesome though."

Senior Curtis Drullinger

Outrageous toys...

the toys you just had to have

by Corrin Ongstad



"Furby's were fun for like two weeks. Then mine started freaking out and scared me. So I ended up throwing it at the wall until it stopped working."

Senior Breanna Lee

Source: www.robinsfji.com



"I remember trading pokémon cards with my little brother. One time I scared him out of a really good card for a really really bad one. I wish it was still that easy."

Senior Chelsea Staton

Source: www.tdgames.com



"One time I was playing super mario with my little brother, well of course I won and he got mad. He ended up throwing the controller at the T.V. and broke the controller."

Sophomore Taylor Wedley

Source: www.neoseeker.com

Rack your Brain

by Jessica Whitford

Drama Queen: any person who overreacts to a minor problem or situation; someone who is melodramatic

"Excuse me?! You said what? You're so full of yourself."

- Junior Liz Noe

"I think a drama queen is someone who can't stand it when the focus isn't on them and will do anything to be in the spotlight-even if it's negative."

- Junior Ricarah Riddle

"Drama Queens always want the attention on them and they cause drama for the excitement of it."

- Junior Kaitlyn Rokey

"Drama Queens always want attention and if there isn't attention on them they'll find a way because they aren't happy with themselves."

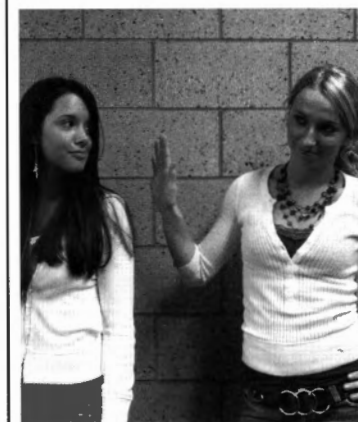
- Junior Jamie Hilborn

"Holt has drama queens, but not as many as other schools."

- Junior Brittany Bolt

"Drama Queens want attention because they can't satisfy themselves."

- Junior Kimberly Rouse



Sassy drama queens juniors Brittany Speer and Chloe Henderson have a discussion in a dramatic style after confrontation about a friend. Photo by Jessica Whitford

and then going to school. It was great."

Senior Ronnie Gillum

Grading up 90's

A Page in Time

September
5-7

Auditions ran three days this year. It was only the second week of school, but many talented performers came out. Surprisingly with all the dancing involved it wasn't part of auditions.

September
11

Callbacks returned a cast of over thirty people this year. Not a huge cast, but a lot of people for the challenge of the show.

Sept-Nov
Mondays

Each day of the week had a different talent to cover. Some Mondays were all singing. Many kids from our choir were in the show this year.

Sept-Nov
Tuesdays

Some days were all about blocking. Blocking is the position and movement of an actor onstage during a show. Blocking often changes throughout rehearsals.

Sept-Nov
Wed

Wednesdays mornings kids came in bright and early before school started to work on dance routines.

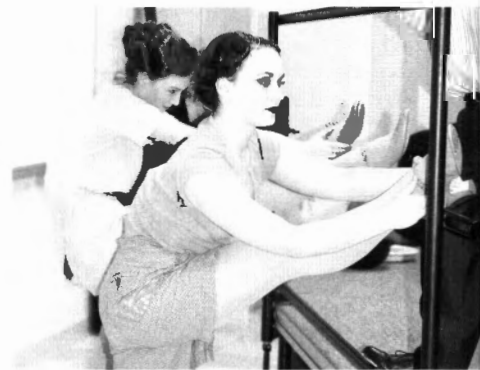
Sept-Nov
Thurs

Some days were spent on practicing lines but since this years musical had fourteen productions numbers speaking parts were few and far between.

November
10

Opening night! Although there was a few doubts about how the performance would go over, it ended up playing out without a hitch!

In the middle of one of the many comedic scenes from *42nd Street*, seniors **Elizabeth Aylsworth**, **Phil Vigas** and **Joe Feldpausch** react to the events onstage. "We were all really close, it was a great group of people," said Aylsworth. *42nd Street* may have seemed like a lighthearted show but it held a deeper meaning. It showed that if you put your mind to it anything is possible and to always remember why you have dreams. Photo by Erin Fox



Crouching low to look at a pretty dime junior **Elizabeth Barry**, seniors **Alexis Meuche** and **Kate Hamel**, and junior **Kitty Dietrich** act out one of the many scenes from *42nd Street* that was part of the play in the script, *Pretty Lady*. This year, even with a tougher musical, the old traditions were not lost, "I kissed a pineapple because it is supposed to be good luck," said sophomore **Ashley Becker**. Another tradition not lost was the tension between technicians and actors. "There were a lot of new techies who didn't know what to do," commented Becker. Photo by Erin Fox

Completing a lift, seniors **Christina McPike** and **Miles Biel** do one of the fourteen dance numbers, or productions as they were called in *42nd Street* this year. "It took lots and lots of practice," said senior **Erin Bradt**. "Our music instructor John Dale was amazing," said Bradt. Other people from the community and the school who were involved included the director **Monty Bishop**, choreographer **Karyn Perry**, costume designer **Deb Childers** and set designer **Megan Kershul**. Photo by Erin Fox

My Story:

by Erin Fox

Joe Feldpausch



"Sunday afternoon. The stage is radiant from the lights like fierce constellations in blackness above. Phil Vigas' final words compel the audience to give standing ovation. That afternoon was a fantasy on day one. Mr. Bishop said, "*42nd Street* should stay on Broadway," in retrospect we would've believed him. At each rehearsal the thought of opening night became more daunting. But when that night rolled up, we were ready, and ours came together in the end. I may never have another opportunity more appropriate than this to say "farewell," to our high school musical, so I hope I'm not alone when I say, "Goodnight *42nd Street*."

"The musical was amazing. My favorite part was Elizabeth Barry's dance with Miles Biel. She's

Stretching out before the senior citizen show, sophomore Elizabeth Barry is in the zone. As result of the high demand of dancing and tap in this show being relaxed and stretched out was extremely important. Tap was the order for 42nd Street so Karyn Perry from Karyn's Dance Place, was hired this year to help with dance scenes. "Karen definitely challenged us," said junior Jesse Slocum. Other ways students decided to prepare for the show was to repeat lines and warm up their singing voices. Photo by Rachel Kramer

What YOU need... to be amazing in the musical!

by Erin Fox



"For 42nd Street being able to dance was a big deal. I had never done tap, but I was in ballet so that helped a lot."

Junior Rebecca Reibsome

Step it Up Tapping down 42nd Street

by Erin Fox

Thirty cast members. Fourteen production numbers. Seven soloists. 10 intense tap dancing routines. One high school musical.

This year Holt High School performed the Broadway musical 42nd Street, about a young girl trying to make as the lead of a big money show when the original lead unexpectedly quits. "It was the most challenging musical we've seen in years," said director Monty Bishop.

The cast truly had their work cut out for them. Since the play's script involved a play inside the musical the costume changing was infinite and dancing consumed the show. There was always something to do backstage, whether you were practicing your lines or helping someone make a costume chance.

Even with all the opposition the musical was a huge success. "There were major doubts until the night before opening," said senior Kate Hamel. "But during the show people would clap and we weren't even done dancing. Now we know we can do tougher stuff, push it as far as high school musicals go."

Not only were the cast and crew along with directors impressed about the ability the students had, people from the community were impressed as well. "We had community leaders in theater attend and compare our musical to Wharton productions. It was truly outstanding," reflected Bishop.

Should YOU be in the musical?

by Erin Fox

- 1) When listening to the radio do you...
 - a.) Sing in your head, but never out loud.
 - b.) Hum quietly with the beat.
 - c.) Belt it out fearlessly.
- 2) Your at a dance when the "Cha Cha Slide" comes on. Do you...
 - a.) Stay seated, you don't dance.
 - b.) Try to follow the directions.
 - c.) Start dancing before the song even starts.
- 3) In elementary school your part in the school play was...
 - a.) Backstage creating scenes.
 - b.) In the choir.
 - c.) Lead role. You still have it videotaped for inspiration.
- 4) After school your usual plans are...
 - a.) Hang out with friends.
 - b.) Straight off to sports practice.
 - c.) Go home to dance in front of the mirror.
- 5) How do you feel when talking in front of a large group?
 - a.) I pass out, forget it.
 - b.) I'm a little nervous, but okay.
 - c.) That's when I'm most comfortable.

IF you anserwerd mostly **a's** then the musical probably isn't your thing. You might try being a radio DJ.

IF you picked **b's** then you should audition for a small part. You can beat the stage fright!

IF you choose **c's** then you are perfect for the musical. But be careful, you like to be the center of attention, remember to leave some spotlight for others.

my good friend and I almost cried I was so proud."

Junior Emily Lenhard



What YOU can do...

Hidden Talents

by Kristyn Somerville



"When I was five years old I realized that I was double jointed in my elbows. I can bend them the opposite way."

Junior
Becca Brooks

Spicing up the 2006 Talent Show, **senior Sara Sweeney** does a unique belly dancing act. "I went to watch Sara and she did an awesome job. She's planning on giving me lessons," said Amelia Ackley who attended the Talent Show to watch Sweeney's act. Other unique acts from the Talent Show included a Hula Dancing act and an interpretive dance. *Photo by Jacob Bonotto*



A time to shine

Students show off their talents

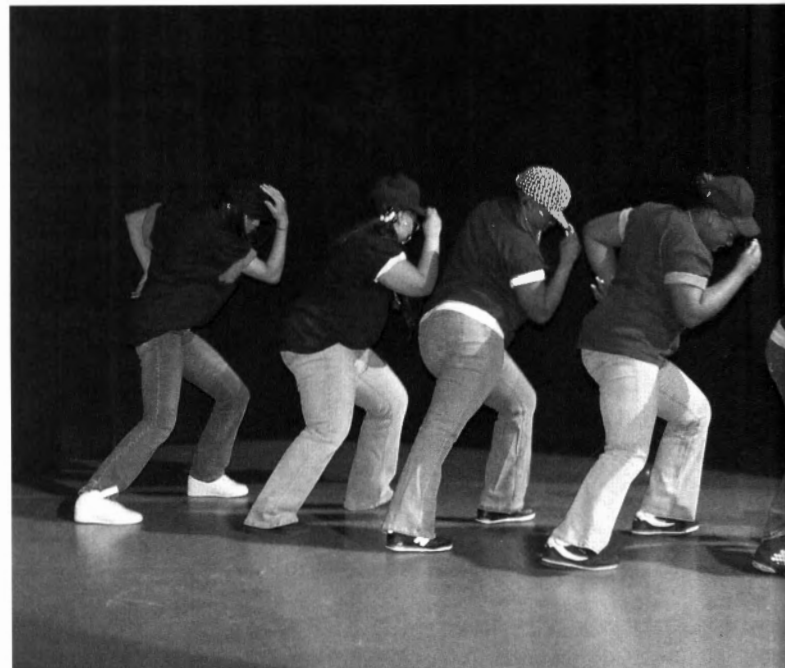
by Kristyn Somerville

To the audience, it looked as if there would be nothing to being in the Talent Show, but to the students in it, it was a whole different story. "The auditions were stressful because there wasn't a P.A. system and no one was able to hear our vocals," said senior Matt Corkins. Auditions were very nerve-wrecking for the students because unlike in junior high, they could actually get cut. A large amount of acts tried out for the Talent Show, but they only took ten.

After the try outs were over, the ones that made it were still under a significant amount of stress. They had to make sure that they practiced and were ready for the big night.

"We practiced every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the show. If anyone messed up while we were practicing, we did the dance over and over until I was satisfied," said senior Jamie Jones who did a dance in the show with a few of her friends. After the practice and the run-through right before the show, things could still go wrong. "While we were on stage in the middle of our performance, the curtains closed on us," said senior Cayden Bunnell who performed in the Talent Show along with Corkins and the rest of their band, My Simple Existence.

Juggling time was also a big problem when it came to being in the Talent Show. Not only did they have to do a performance in the evening, but they also had to do a performance during school. Missing classes was a big deal to some of the students who didn't have any time to make up their work.



Keeping it together, **junior Greg Ruetenik** nails his juggling act for the 2006 Talent Show. Along with juggling the balls, he juggled bowling pins that were glow-in-the-dark. "I don't do it because I want to be a clown or in the circus. I do it because it's fun and challenging," said Ruetenik. *Photo by Jacob Bonotto*



My Story:

by Kristyn Somerville

Sara Sweeney



"I've been belly dancing for about two and a half years. I do Egyptian modern style belly dance, salsa, and Merengue. I've been salsa and merengue dancing for over a year now. I also teach private belly dancing lessons. I hope to some day travel to Egypt to take classes there on belly dancing. This summer I'm planning on going to Puerto Rico to perfect my salsa. Since I had so much fun dancing in last year's talent show, I plan on doing it again this year. Dancing is everything to me and I will continue to do it for the rest of my life. Not only is it a great work out, but it's fun to do. I recommend any kind of dancing to everyone."

What YOU saw...

Talent Show favorites

by Kristyn Somerville



"My favorite act from the 2006 Talent Show was IEG because they had confetti and I love confetti. They were fighting 'the man' by using it which was sweet."

Senior Matt Bowser



"My favorite act was the juggler. I really liked it because it was original and not very many people know how to do it. He had some sweet moves with those glow in the dark things."

Senior Andy Beck



"My favorite act from the talent show was Phil Vigas' riveting comedy act. If I was drinking milk at the time it would've came out of my nose."

Senior Rachel Chaffee

Now you do it:

by Kristyn Somerville

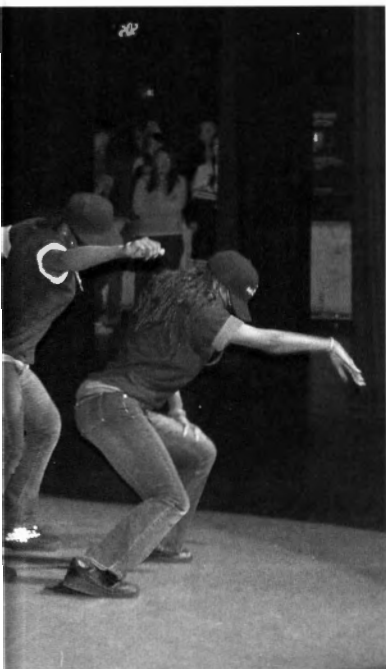
How to juggle balls with thses 9 simple steps:

1. Find three balls that are heavy for their size. Something about the size of a small apple is about right.
2. Hold your arms at waist level with your hands naturally out in front of you.
3. Starting with a ball in your right hand and your left hand empty, toss the ball across to the left imaginary spot and catch it in your left hand.
4. Toss it back from your left hand across to the imaginary spot on the right and catch it in your right hand.
5. Now hold two balls in your right hand and one in your left.
6. Toss one ball from your right hand and when it starts to come back down, toss the ball up from your left hand and catch the first ball as it comes down.
7. Now repeat the last step, only this time as the second ball is falling down, toss the ball from your right hand and catch it in your left.
8. Move back to your rest position and try again. To help keep your timing consistent, you might say "left" and "right" as you throw from each hand.
9. Once you sustain the ball exchanges, you're juggling!!



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Doing a piano number in the Talent Show, junior Kaitlyn Dietrich belts out a song along with it. Playing the piano at the Talent Show was no problem for Dietrich who has been playing since she was little. "It's been my life inspiration and all the practice was worth it," said Dietrich. Photo by Jacob Bonotto



Dancing to Sean Paul's "Temp," the Step Team performs in the Spring Talent Show. The Step Team made up dances and performed them during various school events; this dance took two weeks to perfect. Senior Jamie Jones and junior Falecia Amos created the dance specifically for the show. "It was really fun," said sophomore Marquita Milton about performing in the show. Photo by Jacob Bonotto

ping and stomping. The best part was when the guy came out dancing too."

Senior Joe Verhougstraete



What YOU thought

Opinions of Battle of the Bands

by Ashleh Worden



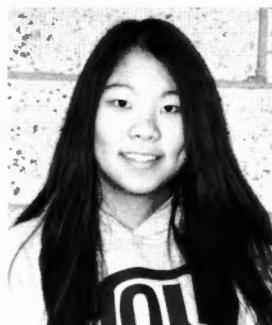
"Battle of the bands wasn't what I expected it to be. All of the vocals sounded bad. I thought The Vestige did the best because they're pretty musically talented and their mustaches were kickin'."

**Sophomore
Stefan Weihl**



"I thought we did pretty good for getting a bassist two days before. It was really exciting too because we played a song I wrote myself. But all of the bands did even better than last year."

**Senior
Alex Allegretto**



"Amy Bashore and I were especially excited to make the line up for Battle of the Bands. I thought this year all the bands did really good, but Open-Late Thursday deserved to win first place."

**Senior
Amanda Hanson**

"This was my first year participating in Battle of the Bands and my drum set started to fall apart part way through our performance. But I still had a lot of fun and want to do it again next year," said **junior Justin Wilson**. Wilson and **junior Chris Trubac** played an acoustic and percussion set under the band name Mercy Kill Me. "It was fun but I thought it could have been better," said Trubac.

Photo by Ashleh Worden



Rocking out on their guitars with their band The Vestige, are former Holt students **Kevin Judy** and **Shaun Spivak**. Band members wore matching Lansing Area Library polos and mustaches. "I love The Vestige and I wanted to jam out at Battle of the Bands, but I couldn't because I was laughing hysterically at their mustaches," said **junior Parios Williams**. *Photo by Ashleh Worden*

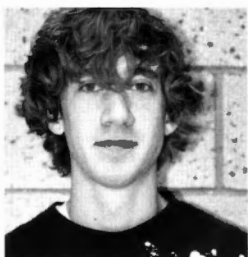
Standing in as a temporary bassist for The Open-Late Thursdays is **junior Todd Wiedrick**. "It was on short notice, but it was all right because they're cool people and I got Taco Bell," said Wiedrick. This was Open-Late Thursdays second time performing in Battle of the Bands and all of the band members agreed that it was better organized than last year. *Photo by Ashleh Worden*



What motivates YOU?

Jeff Twomley

by Ashleh Worden



"I've wanted to rock since I was a little kid," senior Jeff Twomley said. "I started taking snare drum lessons in the third grade but I never practiced." Twomley didn't become interested in playing behind an actual drum set until 8th grade when he met

Robbie Bolanowski. "Colin Johnson and Robbie motivated me to want to play drums with them in a band," remembered Jeff, "That's when I started to listen to bands like NOFX and Alkaline Trio. I learned how to play their songs and went to concerts with my friends to try to pick up new drumming techniques. Now that I've broadened my musical taste, when I play with The Vestige, we make sure we practice a variety of genres."

"I didn't go to Battle of the Bands but I regret it because I heard that it was better

Do YOU have it?

Forming your own band

by Ashleh Worden

- ✓ A band name
- ✓ Motivation
- ✓ Time
- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Talent
- ✓ Fans

Connecting with energy filled fans crowding the Theater stage, **senior Cayden Bunnell** belts out a song. My Simple Existence was known for their energetic performances. "Being on stage, is like making scones. You work really hard to create something that you love," said band-mate, **senior James Bryde**. Photo by Ashleh Worden

Let the battle begin

A call to arms for Holt bands

by Ashleh Worden

"Check 1, 2, 3, check..." echoed off the empty walls of the Theater. Members of the stage crew filed back and forth between electrical outlets plugging in different cords. Two chairs sat in front of the burgundy curtain surrounded by microphones.

At seven o'clock, the doorways were cleared and seats began fill with an audience full of anticipation. Soon after, seniors Amy Bashore and Amanda Hanson appeared on stage as AHAB, singing and playing authentic acoustic songs. Their last song ended and several minutes later the curtain raised for the first multi-instrument band.

The band members of The Vestige stood casually with instruments of their own battle in their arms. They played several originals with strong lyrics.

The winning ska band, The Open-Late Thursdays, were up next. "Everyone knew from the beginning they'd be a hard act to follow," said senior Cayden Bunnell. Almost immediately after the first horn sounded, fans were skanking to the ska music in the aisles and even on the sides of the stage.

My Simple Existence challenged the previous performances and had their own crowd surrounding the stage, while Mercy Kill Me played an emotive series of songs to the same attentive and relaxed audience. The final and third acoustic act was played by junior Zach Bower. "I thought battle of the bands was a really good experience and I had a lot of fun," said Bower.

Remember YOUR Battle of the Bands

by Ashleh Worden

• **Battle of the Bands** was on NOVEMBER 15TH.

• The participating bands

MERCY KILL ME

THE VESTIGE

ZACH BOWER

MY SIMPLE EXISTENCE

AHAB

THE OPEN-LATE THURSDAYS

• **Before the show** I went _____

• The **show** was at 7PM and I went with _____.

• My **ticket** cost \$ ____.

• I **sang** along with _____.

• I **sat** near _____.

• First place won SEVERAL HOURS OF RECORDING.

• I wanted _____ to win.

THE OPEN-LATE THURSDAYS won first place.

• AHAB won 2nd place and \$100 to Music Manor.

MY SIMPLE EXISTENCE won \$25 to Marshall Music and 3rd place.

• Battle of the Bands is an ANNUAL EVENT AT HOLT.

• I **wore** _____ to Battle of the Bands.

• The show lasted until 9PM.

• After the show, I went to _____.

than Warped Tour, Woodstock and Dirtfest combined."

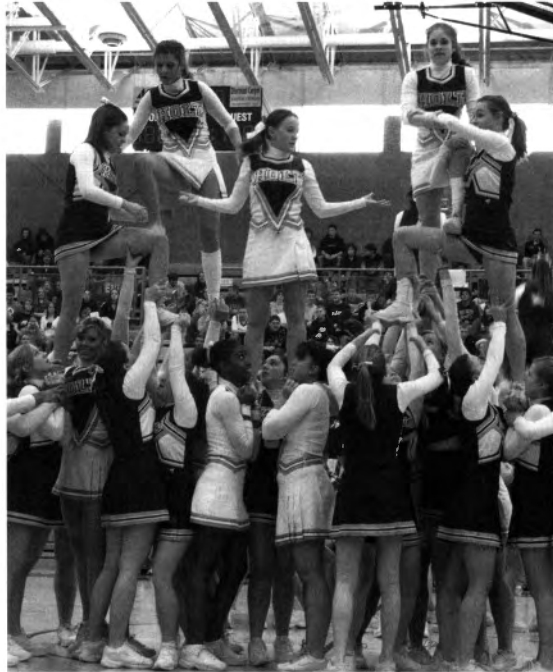
Junior Mike Dennis



Freshman Sacoya Civils gives the audience a big smile while performing a dance with the pom squad. "We have fun making up dances and performing," said fellow pop squad members **sophomores Ashley Becker** and **Danielle Hull**. The pom squad came out and pumped up the crowd during half-time of every JV basketball game. *Photo by Rachel Kramer*



These boys aren't afraid to get down and bust a move. Performing the annual Guy-Girl dance at both the pep assembly and half time, **Ian Milne, Jeff Bahr, Albert Gillison, Alex Freeman, Neil Helmuth, and Jesse Powers** "wow" the audience by doing the worm. **Senior Albert Gillison** said, "I was nervous at first, but when the music came on I was like alright, lets do this!" *Photo by Rachel Kramer*



Ending the routine on a high note, both JV and Varsity cheerleaders put up the final stunt in their Winterfest routine. "The best part of Winterfest for me is working so hard for weeks to perform at the pep assembly and seeing everyone get pumped for the game. I'm sad this is my last one," said senior **captain Stavroula Kyriakopoulos**. Freshmen, JV, and varsity practiced and prepared for weeks together to perform for Winterfest. *Photo by Brooke Darling*

With looks of determination, **seniors Julie Patterson, Jake Philo, Meredith Nelson, Abbey Rarcik, Taylor Parker, Ricky Cotton, and Jeff Terrell** use all their strenght to try and defeat the teachers in the seniors vs. teachers game of Tug O' War. "The teachers didn't have anyone to compete with first so they were fresh," said **senior Ricky Cotton**. "We beat the juniors and we would have beaten the teachers if it wasn't for those three kids. The second time we were all tired and sore," added fellow **senior Julie Patterson**. *Photo by Brooke Darling*



A Page in Time



**January 29,
Get-Up and Go Day**

I liked wearing my slippers and it only took me a few minutes to get ready," said **sophomore Aricelle Dyer**. *Photo by Kelly Young*



**January 30,
Twin Day**

"We're best friends and people say we look alike anyway," said **sophomore Kristin Kraushaar**. *Photo by Kelly Young*



**January 31,
Hollywood Day**

"I decided to be Karen from Mean Girls because I relate to her most," said **senior Meredith Nelson**. *Photo by Kelly Young*

Let it snow spirit

A frozen week filled with heated excitement

by Kelly Young

Temperatures may have dropped to a new low, but for the week of January 29th through February 2nd things were heating up at Holt.

Wintefest week started off with "Get Up and Go Day" which seemed to be a favorite among students. "How many other days do you get to go to school looking like you just rolled out of bed and have it be ok?" said sophomore Ryan Merriot. The rest of the week was a bit more colorful with themed days such as Hollywood Day and Era Day.

Dressing up wasn't the only way to celebrate Winterfest week, lunch time activities such as kereoke and a very intense game of Battle of the Sexes took place in the center commons.

But of course what would Winterfest be without the pep assembly? Students filed in to the gym to watch performances from the cheerleaders, pom squad, and dance team. MC's Mollie Ballmer and Glenn Briggs led the students in the traditional "spirit yell" for each of the classes.

Sophomores defeated the freshman, and the seniors defeated the juniors in the Tug O' War games, but it was the teachers who were victorious once again. Spirits were high leaving the assembly as students prepared to return to the high school for the basketball game between Holt and East Lansing. The Rams successfully defeated the Trojans in a 62-52 victory.



February 1,
Era Day

Sophomore Anthony Watson participates in the battle of the sexes game. "I wanted to prove girls have smaller brains," Watson explained. Photo by Kelly Young



February 2,
Support the Troops Day

"We like to rep the army and support our troops," explained senior Katie Vera. Photo by Kelly Young

Would **you** rather... cancel Winterfest or have it at a later date?

by Kelly Young



"I'd rather have Winterfest at a **later date** because I want to go and have fun with all my friends. It would be a rip off if we didn't reschedule it. Sophomores don't get to go to very many dances and I didn't get to Winterfest go last year so this year I wanted to go and get my boogie on!"

Sophomore Justin Shewchuck



"I'd rather have Winterfest at a **later date** because I wanted to go to the dance and shake my booty. Plus I bought a ticket in advance so canceling the dance would mean I'd be wasting my money!"

Junior Nick Krish

what others think, but I think dressing up at school is fun."

Junior Brittany Enos



Do YOU have it?

For the Winterfest Dance

by Kayla Drake

- ✓ Ticket
- ✓ School Spirit
- ✓ Date
- ✓ Money
- ✓ Dance Skills
- ✓ Nice Clothes

Standing arm in arm as they get introduced to the audience as members of the Winterfest court, **juniors Brendan Mcnerney and Marissa Perry** smile. "It was surprising to be elected court since I'm not the most social person but, the surprise was a pleasant one as I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Despite how easy it may seem to be, just standing in front of the school while people brag about you, is actually very nerve racking. Any member will admit that their jaws were quivering as we stood in front of the entire school. I was nervous but, I had a lot of fun," said Mcnerney. *Photo by Kayla Drake*



A Winter Dream

"Dance like nobody is watching."

by Kayla Drake

What does snow and cold weather bring? Winterfest! Winterfest is a week of school spirit, basketball, and even a semi-formal dance to sum up the exciting week. The winterfest dance was scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd but due to snow and cold weather, it was rescheduled for March 10th. The winterfest dance being semi-formal attire, the girls wore dresses and the guys wore dress shirts and ties. A DJ played music and lights glittered on the dance floor of the East commons from nine until midnight. Single tickets for the dance were \$6 and for couples, tickets were \$10.

During Winterfest spirit week there is a pep rally held in the school gym. Many different events happen during the pep rally. The dance team performs their annual girl and guy dance, and the cheerleaders and the pom squad ran through their routines. Last but not least, the Winterfest King, Queen, Prince, and Princess are announced. Other events at the pep rally were the Winterfest egg toss between the court members and the annual tug-a-war between the class winners and the teachers.

Later on that night, after the pep rally, there was a basketball game. Members of the court attended the basketball game, where they are introduced between the JV and Varsity basketball games. Holt dominated against the East Lansing Trojans, winning with the final score of 62-52 to end the busy and exciting week of Winterfest.



Becoming nervous while the crowd cheers for the Winterfest King and Queen, **seniors Cayden Bunnell and Stephanie Clone** are crowned by student alumni Dong Nguyen and Franny Dejongh. "It was so great being on court my senior year! It was such a cool feeling walking out on the basketball court with Cayden and hearing everyone cheering for us...who wouldn't love that?!" said Clone. *Photo by Kayla Drake*

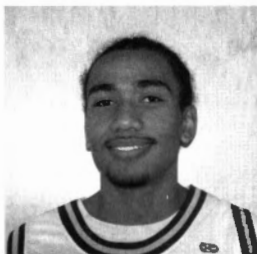


"I was disappointed the Winterfest dance was cancelled because, I had already bought my

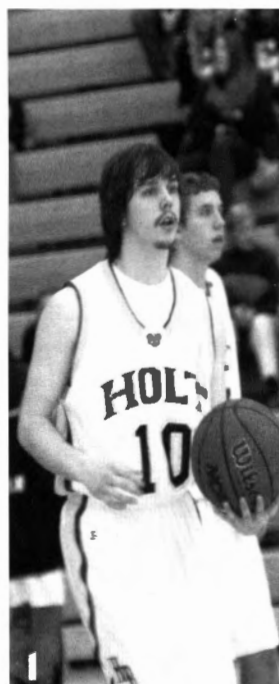
My Story:

by Kayla Drake

Cody Nash-Kniffen



"In the first half of the winterfest game we didn't play to our full potential. There were a lot of turnovers. Halftime gave us time to improve and helped us get our act together for the second half of the game. In the second half we were more organized, we dominated, and we were back to playing more like a team. Winterfest was more of a distraction. All the enthusiasm for the Winterfest King and Queen distracts people from the game plan. I didn't participate but, everyone else got really into it. You could see it in the student section and in the stands."



1.) Senior Matt Naeyaert, practices for the big game against East Lansing by shooting some hoops. 2.) Junior Joe Powers, and seniors Brian Perski and Matt Naeyaert await the start of the basketball game. 3.) At the start of the game the basketball team huddles up to announce the starting lineup. 4.) Paul Crosby sets up to make a free throw to score another point for Holt.

Senior Ashley McClure

Remember your Winterfest

by Kayla Drake

• Winterfest was JANUARY 29TH TO FEBRUARY 2ND.

• The **class representatives** were _____.

• The **themes** for spirit week were _____.

Monday: GET UP AND GO
Tuesday: TWIN DAY
Wednesday: HOLLYWOOD
Thursday: ERA DAY
Friday: SUPPORT THE TROOPS

• I **participated** in _____ spirit days.

• My favorite **Spirit Day** was _____.

• The best part of the **pep rally** was _____.

• My **best experience** was _____.

• I **wore** _____ to the basketball game.

• I **sat** near _____.

• Holt _____ the **basketball game** _____ vs. _____.

• My **dance ticket** cost \$ ____.

• The **dance** was 9-12. I went with _____.

• **After the dance** I went _____.



Black box rocks

Practice continues for 'Steel Magnolias'

by Dylan Wolff

Plays have always been a big part of Holt High School. Every year English teachers Debbie Childers and Meg Kershul direct a new play. This year something new shook up the school and changed the way people looked at plays forever. This year instead of being held in the theater this wonderful event was held in the notorious black box that very few have actually seen or been to.

"The play was awesome this year. I usually always like them, but this years most definitely surpassed the rest. I really think it was because of the black box. It brought a whole new dimension to the play and then some. In the future I hope they have more plays in the black box," said the eccentric junior Mike Bowers after seeing the play for the first time.

Many students contributed to the play every year and not all of them actually acted. People contributed in ways such as make-up, costume, set building, and lighting.

"Building sets is fun because it lets me use my hands. I want to be an architect when I grow up so it gives me some experience," said Bowers.

If you asked any HHS student they would tell you that the play was a smash hit. The black boxes were a great contribution and hopefully it will be used in the future.

Showing off her dramatic side teacher Meg Kershul and junior Jessi Slocum read through some lines. "It's really fun working with Ms. Kershul but she can freak out and scream if we do something wrong instead of just telling us. Instead of scaring us it makes us laugh because we are all stress free," said Slocum. *Photo by Dylan Wolff*

Watching the cast rehearse, student director senior Dani Sweet makes sure everything looks just right. Sweet has been part of multiple productions all throughout her high school career. "I've been in a couple productions. I keep on doing plays because I have a passion for the arts. When I get out of high school I would like to keep pursuing acting and directing," said Sweet. *Photo by Dylan Wolff*



What motivates YOU? *Erin Bradt*

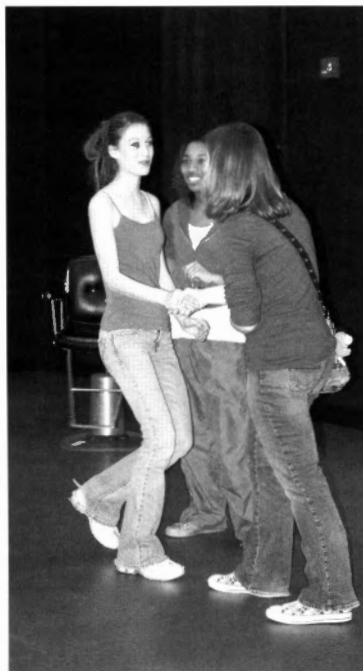
by Dylan Wolff

"The thing that most motivates me to join the school plays is the thrill of leaving yourself behind and taking on a completely new personality. You get to be a different person and bring them to life. You are given a name, age, and script, but it is up to the performer to bring the character to life. I've been in several plays at Holt, including 42nd Street this past fall. It was the toughest show I've ever done, but it was definitely worth it. I had to learn how to tap at an almost professional level in a matter of weeks. Our choreographer, Karyn Perry, was amazing. I just really want to put on a good show for everybody, I want them to see a performance and remember it."

"I'm not really into plays. I have not found one play that even interests me. But



Warming up for a rehearsal **juniors Amy Stewart, Andrea Flemming** and **senior Erin Bradt** get into character. "It's fun but nerve racking because of all the people and if you mess up you have to improvise stuff," said Stuart. Stuart has been acting since elementary school. Her favorite part of play was being on stage and getting close to the class. *Photo by Dylan Wolff*



Rehearsing one of the scenes for the spring play, **juniors Amy Stewart and Andrea Flemming** perfect every last line of *Steel Magnolias*. "Being my everyday self is fun," said Flemming. "But sometimes being someone else feels just as exciting." Fleming has been doing plays since middle school. She started out doing two plays in sixth grade and one in seventh and eighth. She took a break after that and began acting again her sophomore year. "It's been a great ride through all these years." *Photo by Dylan Wolff*

Her own direction: **Kate Hamel**

by Dylan Wolff

Dressed up as a movie star during Hollywood day during spirit week, senior **Kate Hamel** describes her involvement with play. "Play is a big part of my life. I love doing it! The best part is being with all of the people even though not everyone gets along. It also takes away your social life outside of the play because it's just a lot of work and all around exhausting." Hamel has been involved in plays for four years now and can't get enough of it. In the future Hamel still wishes to participate in local plays and perfect her talents.

5 Favorites:

Play:

Jekyll and Hyde

Movie:

Bennie Joon

Song:

About a Quarter to 9

Actor/actress:

Adina Manzel

Favorite play acted in:

42nd Street



Acting it up like it's her day job, **senior Kate Hamel** gives us a few acting tips. Hamel has been in plays since she was a freshman, and has had supporting or lead role in most of the plays she's been in. *Photo by Gabriella Perez*

My Story: *Emily Bohne*

by Dylan Wolff



"I have always have loved acting, so I was really excited to be in the cast. I wanted to be in it because I love the thrill of performing in front of people. It's a rush that you get from being in front of people that you don't even know. And even though you don't know the people in the audience, you want to put on the best show of your life. Being in a play is so much fun. You get to meet so many new people and learn so many new things. I'm really grateful for the opportunity to be with all these talented people."

Junior Eric Hillard



Do YOU have it?

For a relaxing day at the beach

by Jessica Whitford

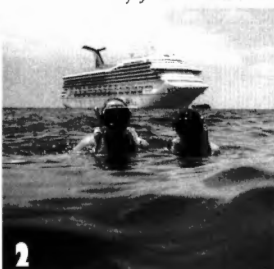
- ✓ Sunglasses
- ✓ Beach towel
- ✓ Flip-Flops
- ✓ Beach Bag
- ✓ iPod
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Cold Beverages
- ✓ Sunblock/Tanning Lotion



Cruisin' Away

Seniors set sail for Spring Break

by Jessica Whitford



1.) Fighting to stay on top is senior Sydney Baylis. **2.)** Enjoying a nice dip in the ocean is Baylis and senior Mandy Doerr. **3.)** Snorkeling in the Atlantic Ocean for the first time is Doerr. "Mandy had never gone snorkeling before, her first time was when we were on the cruise," said Baylis. *Courtesy Photos*

In The City For Good, senior Brenna Brown helps out at The Boys and Girls Club in Minneapolis, Minnesota. "We had an amazing time going around the city helping out many organizations. Everyday we got to learn something new about ourselves and about other people" said Brown. "We had the chance to work with kids of all ages and they were all from different backgrounds." *Courtesy Photo*



While in South Africa, junior James Maier got to experience a whole new perspective on life. "We went to a camp for kids. We were waiting around to find out what we were supposed to be doing that day and there was a kid waiting outside with a soccerball. We kicked around the ball and started playing soccer with him," said Maier. *Courtesy Photo*

Enjoying a cool drink, senior Angie Miller gets through another summer day. "I was in Bora Bora, one of the Tahitian Islands, waiting to get checked into our hotel room. The receptionist gave my family and I mango juice for a refreshment" said Miller. While on vacation Miller got to experience new things. "I had a lot of fun relaxing in the sun and I even got to go kayaking in the South Pacific." *Courtesy Photo*



What's in YOUR suitcase?



Holding their breath and smiling under water, senior Cassandra Meier and sophomore JoAnne Pohl enjoy their vacation. This year the girls Swim and Dive team took a trip to West Palm Beach, Florida. "It was crazy going from the training pool to the pool at the condo, then to swimming in the ocean and then back to the training pool. Its a vicious cycle of swimming!" said Meier. *Courtesy Photo*

Extreme vacations

Students do more than just relax on their time off

by Jessica Whitford

Whether it was a fourteen hour long car ride or a thirty two hour plane ride, people went above and beyond the distance to get to their vacation spot.

Not only did students use their summers to relax and hang-out with their friends and family, they used their time off to help out those who are less fortunate. "Mission To The City" was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I was able to experience so many new things in such a short time," said sophomore Kevin Dygart.

"My most memorable time from going to Minneapolis, Minnesota was going to the Boys and Girls Club everyday. It was life changing to see all of the kid's faces light up when we would arrive and sad to see them cry when they knew that we weren't going to be coming back. The time that I was there and the things I was able to experience and learn from the trip, I'll never forget," said Dygart.

People who took trips to help out others found out that a lot of good comes from it. "I feel like when I went to Minnesota to help out with "Mission To The City" I not only learned a lot while I was there, but I was able to bring what I learned from going there to help out the community here," said sophomore Kristi Shearer.

"By going to Minnesota and seeing the small things that meant so much to the people there made me look at my life differently and made me realize that what I've got is a blessing," said Shearer.



Would you rather... go to somewhere warm or somewhere cold?

by Jessica Whitford



"I'd rather go somewhere **warm** because I'm always cold. I live in Michigan where it's not always warm."

Senior Amanda Hayes



"I'd rather go somewhere **cold** because when you're cold you can make yourself warm but when you're hot you can't make yourself cold."

Senior Alexa Hayes



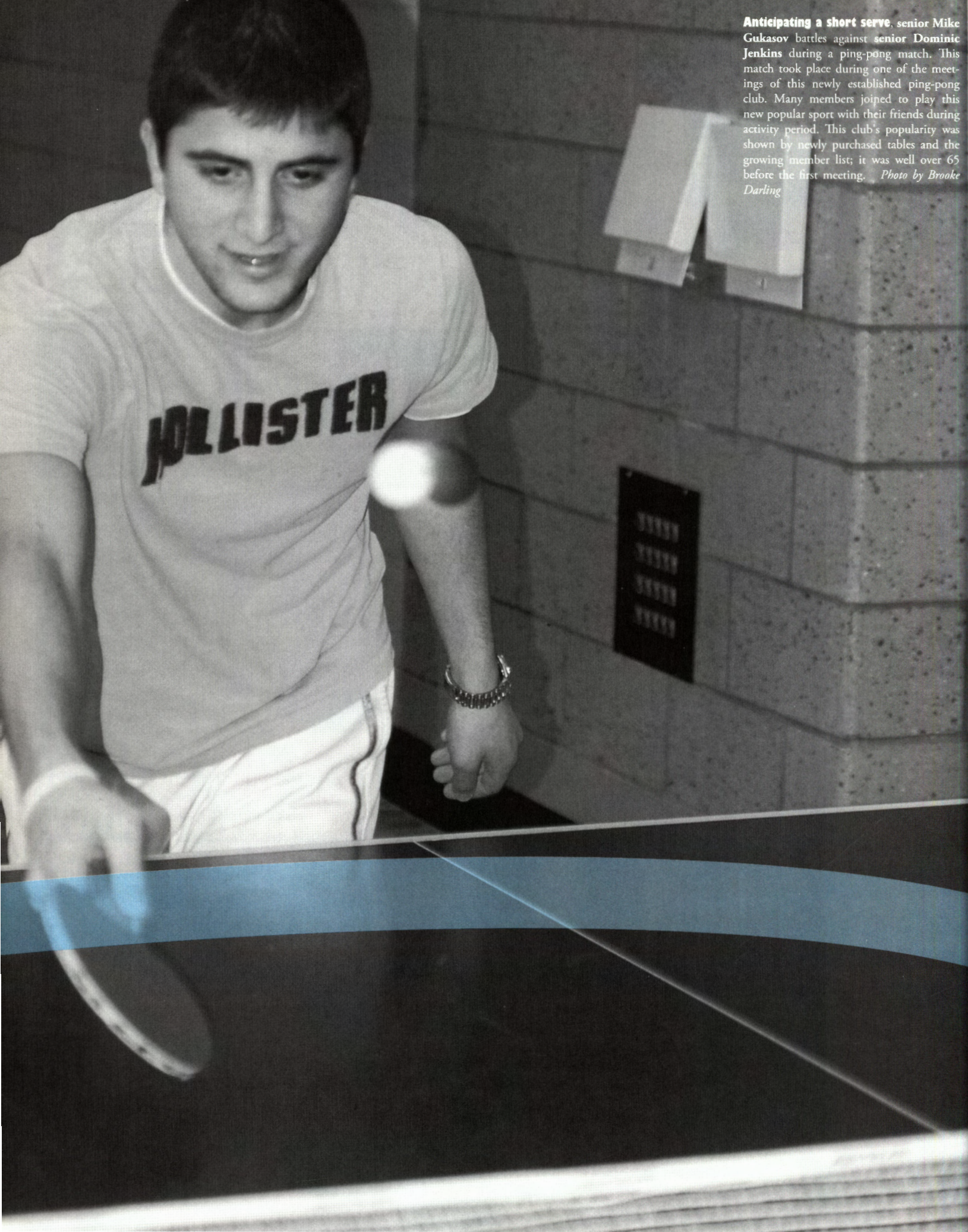
"I'd rather go somewhere **warm** because I don't like the cold, you can't wear flip-flops and capri's in the cold."

Senior Jessica Foster

When you go out of state there is a wider variety of foods to experience."

Senior Zahra Trochez





Anticipating a short serve. senior Mike Gukasov battles against senior Dominic Jenkins during a ping-pong match. This match took place during one of the meetings of this newly established ping-pong club. Many members joined to play this new popular sport with their friends during activity period. This club's popularity was shown by newly purchased tables and the growing member list; it was well over 65 before the first meeting. *Photo by Brooke Darling*

Perfecting your Participation

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

Heavy, perspiring ping-pong matches, challenging cultural languages, mind blowing chess matches, heartfelt community service, and wisely advising others. Clubs in high school were reflections of involvement either for fun, experience, or learning.

During one Wednesday every month, thirty five minutes of the students time was consumed with club activities in our schools activity period. Different teachers served as advisors to educate and guide students in their journeys of finding fulfilment of their time.

Each club was unique and had members that joined for individual reasons, but worked on learning from each other and collaborating their ideas cooperatively. It was different from a classroom because there was a lot of student interaction and meetings were student lead. "As an advisor I am basically just there for supervision and to help out with student's ideas in organization of activities," explained one of the Spanish club advisors, Amy Sheppard, about how important the clubs are in school.

The amount of clubs helped many students specialize in an area that they would like to enrich their lives in, either for friends, fun, or planning for their future. "I joined Anime club because it is something I enjoy and it is really cool. We mostly just watch clips but sometimes do drawings which I enjoy even though I am not that good at them," explained senior Alex Delgado. "I mostly joined to do something fun and being able to hang out with people who enjoy the same things as me. This club somewhat helps with what I want to do as a future career. The graphics, ideas, and work drawing has helped enrich my perspectives for my goal of becoming a video game designer."

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pick to be in PALs because they help out people."

Senior Sarah Boggett

How would you do in Quiz Bowl

by Kelly Hamelin

- 1) What is the square root of 49?
- 2) Who was our third president?
- 3) Who is the author of *Catcher in the Rye*?
- 4) Which 60's rock band sang the song "I Want To Hold Your Hand"?
- 5) What is the capital of Hawaii?
- 6) Put his countries in order from largest to smallest: Australia, Iran, and Canada
- 7) Who is the author of *One Fish, Two fish, Red fish, Blue fish*?

Listening closely to the question to be asked during a Quiz Bowl League meet, senior club members **Ben Haynes, Kristen Angonese, Dani Sweet** and **Amanda Bergman**, get ready to buzz in. "I first joined the Quiz Bowl team because of the social aspect," explained Haynes "But along the way I learned a lot of interesting things that I never imaged I'd ever know before." Being part of Quiz Bowl requires acquiring information of many different subjects. "I'm personally really proud of the success I've had when it comes to science," said Haynes.

Photo by Kelly Hamelin



- Answers**
- 1) 7
 - 2) Thomas Jefferson
 - 3) JD Salinger
 - 4) The Beatles
 - 5) Honolulu
 - 6) Canada, Australia, Iran
 - 7) Dr. Seuss

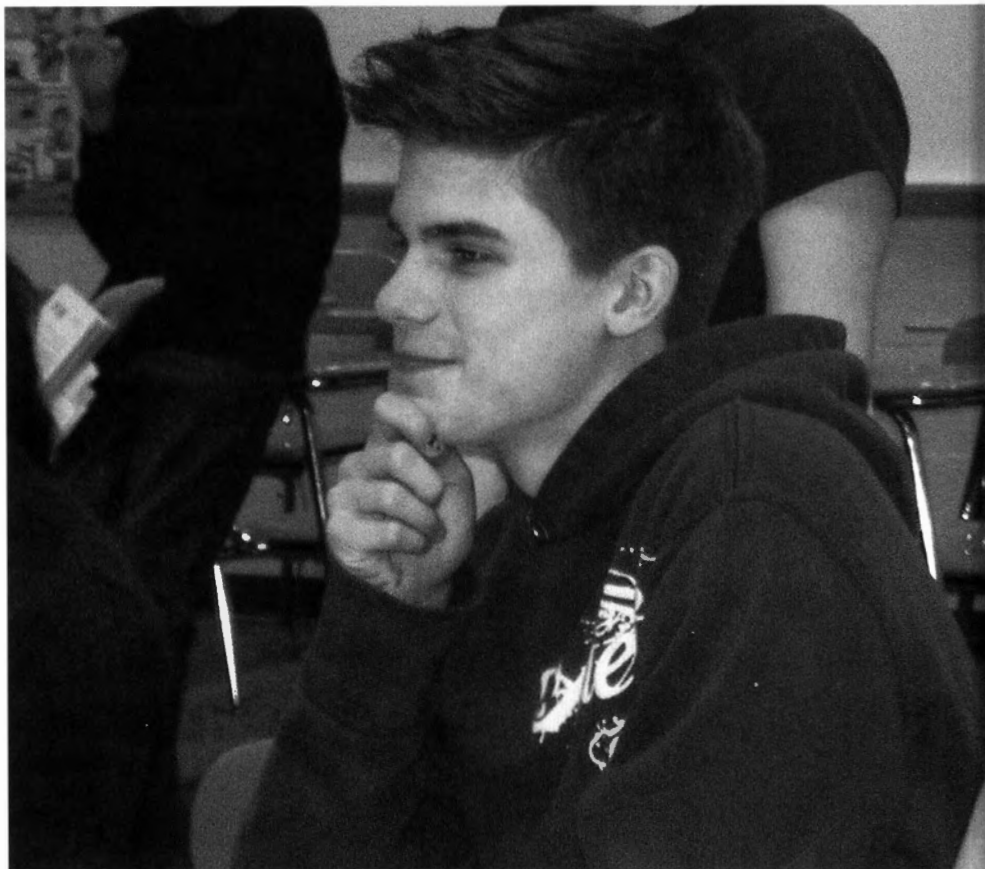
Your Story: Dustin Hagfors

by Kelly Hamelin



"I was involved in Science Olympiad last year and I am currently participating in my second year of Quiz Bowl. The two clubs are a lot different, with the biggest difference being

the practice schedule. Science Olympiad practices up to four times a week while Quiz Bowl only practices once a week. I first joined an academic club because wanted to try something new and make the most of the time I have in high school. I love learning new things and being around such a variety of people. I also like that I can show what I know when I compete. The best I've ever done at a competition is first at regionals, which was last year for Science Olympiad. I also got 5th in my other event. Our team as a whole got first overall at regionals though, which we were all really proud of. When it comes to Quiz Bowl, our team doesn't always win in the games, but I'd definitely say we win when it comes to friendships. We all get along really well, despite our age differences. We all play together really well and have fun while learning."



Preparing himself for the next question to be asked during a Quiz Bowl league meet, senior **A.Jay Holmgren** holds his buzzer. When asked what goes through their minds while competing fellow club member senior **Amanda Bergman** replied, "My initial reaction depends on the question I get asked. Sometimes I know the answer and I get a really confident feeling. Other times it's like a panic attack." Photo by Kelly Hamelin

Gluing together some props, sophomore **Michael Mendoza**, prepares for an upcoming competition. This is Mendoza's first year participating in Science Olympiad and is participating in the Robot Rambler event. "I like messing around with everyday object, so I thought this club would be perfect for me," explained Mendoza, "I'm especially looking forward to my first tournament this year." Photo by Kelly Hamelin

"I have a lot of respect for people who are in clubs, especially academic clubs because it defi-



Participant paraphrases

by Kelly Hamelin



"I'm a math and science person. It's just what I like to do. I've been participating in Science Olympiad since sixth grade. The best I've ever done at a competition is first at regionals."

Sophomore Ian Miline



"This is my first year in Science Olympiad. I joined in sixth grade, but didn't feel as though I was good enough, so I didn't stick with it. In order to be in this club you should have patience, enjoy computer science, and building."

Sophomore Devan Powers

Collegiate Competitors

"Academic clubs are quite possibly the hardest clubs to be a part of and excel in."
-Senior Alex Allegretto

by Kelly Hamelin

While most students anticipated the end of the school day to either go home and relax, hang out with friends or go to sports practices, there are some students who took their smarts and use them long past school hours. Academic clubs such as Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, and Destination Imagination may not even been known by some students, yet the participants took it as seriously as any other sports team or club.

Although it wasn't the grueling two-a-day football or swimming practices, in order to be successful in an academic club, practicing as much as possible was key. The Science Olympiad team practiced for two hours every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and some Fridays leading up to competitions. Quiz bowl on the other hand practiced for a couple hours every Wednesday.

Quiz Bowl was a competition in which completely random questions, ranging from math problems to pop culture, were asked and were needed to be answered within seconds. The team was lead by Mrs. Childers and team captain Kristen Angonese. There was a fall and spring league for the club. Contrary to popular belief, it wasn't necessary to be a genius for the club. "I really thought in order to be successful in Quiz Bowl I'd need to be a really smart but all it really requires is good comprehension and memorization skills," said senior Dani Sweet.

Students who participated in Science Olympiad spent hours of studying and preparing for the three competitions held in the school year. All participants qualified for the first two competitions held in January and February, but in order to make it to the state competition participants had to place first or second at regionals. "I'm hoping the team will do well this year. The only problem we may have is that we currently have the youngest overall team ever," explained Coach Keith Smith. Smith had been helping the team for 8 years and added, "All eight years I've been here, we're made it to states. I'm expecting this year to be no different."

Her own direction: Kristen Angonese

by Kelly Hamelin

Senior Kristen Angonese has been part of the Quiz Bowl team for three years, and was the captain this year. She was also involved in Science Olympiad, currently participating in her second year of being in the club. "The Science Olympiad team always does well, but it was a big deal when the Quiz Bowl team got 4th in a tournament. I also was one of eight within my conference to be recognized," Angonese said. Being part of an academic club may not have been something some students haven't ever considered, but believe it or not, it wasn't all about the smarts. "Quiz Bowl is all about memorization and reflects. It's not about being smart," said Angonese.

5 Favorites:

Food:

Italian pasta

Color:

Orange and green

Movie:

Mars Attacks and cheap movie

Band:

Ben Folds

Book:

Pride and Prejudice



Trying to make sense of a tough question is senior Kristen Angonese. "During a competition I need to make sure that I listen to each question thoroughly," said Angonese. Photo by Kelly Hamelin

nitely takes a lot of effort to be a productive member."

Junior Megan Cook



Club Hoppin'

"I'm glad we have clubs because I feel like I can express my individuality within the club." sophomore Austin Polakowski

by Kristi Shearer

From hacky sack to Anime, activity period clubs were the place to be one Wednesday each month. With the graduating seniors leaving last year, the Skoosh Club deteriorated, but a new club began uprising in its place: the Ping-Pong Club.

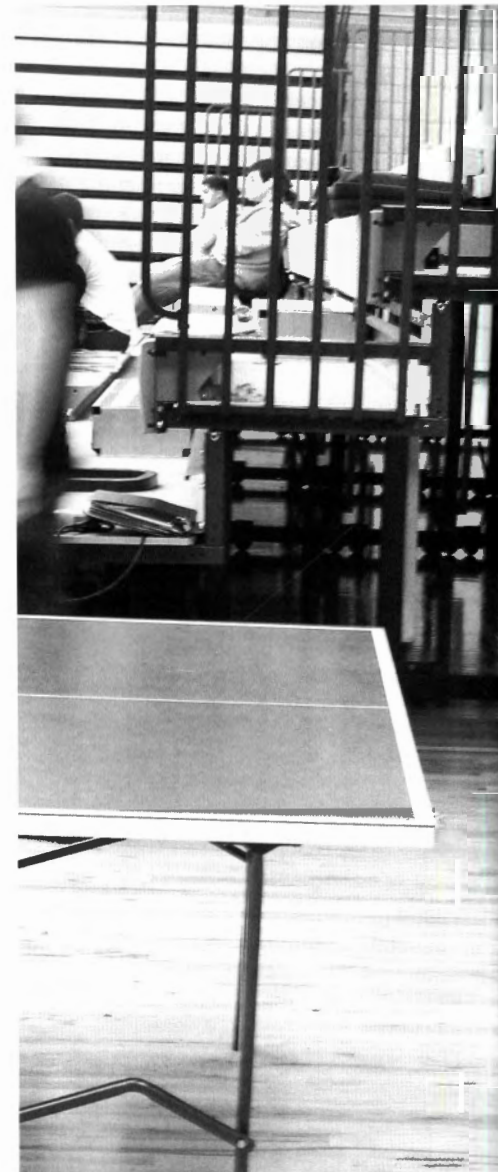
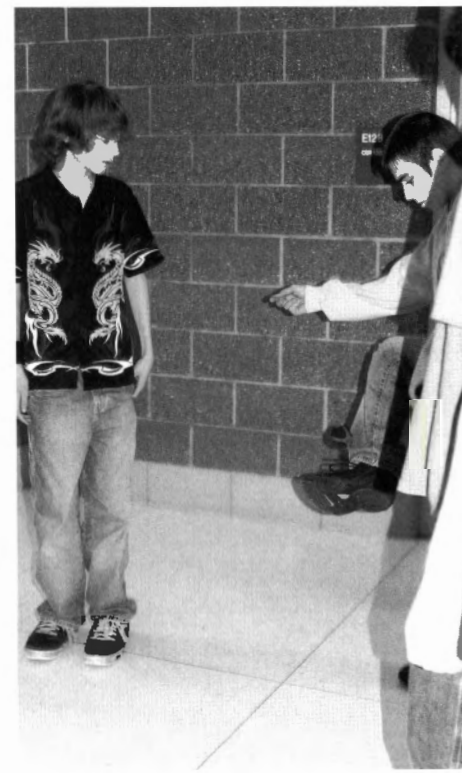
Although it was started late in the year, the ping-pong club is a hit with all students. "I've played ping-pong for about seven years now. I don't really consider it a sport anymore, it's more like a lifestyle," said sophomore Jordan Kinglsey who became one of the Ping-Pong Club's first members. He was most inspired when he watched the movie Forrest Gump. He is really amazing at everything, but especially ping-pong," said Kingsley.

Another extremely popular club this year was the Anime club. "I've been reading and watching Anime for about 11 years," said sophomore Brian Hernandez. "Besides the club, I read and watch Anime during my free time," said Hernandez while watching an Anime music video and laughing.

Different students each had their own reasons for being in this club that took place during activity periods and after school. "I really look forward to Anime Club each month," said sophomore Richard Heredia. "The movies just make me smile," said Heredia.

"The Anime club is really intense sometimes," said sophomore Sam Johnides. "All of the music videos we watch are really funny."

A very intense and brain racking club that doesn't always get the attention it deserves is the chess club. "I joined chess club because the club I had last year was removed, plus I like chess. There wasn't enough boards for everyone to play, so that was frustrating because we stopped meeting," said junior Joe McNamera. Activity period was a break in the student's lives that allowed them to have fun and experience new things with their peers.



In your words

by Kristi Shearer



"I would have liked to be in a club, but I was too late to. If I could be in a club it would probably be Spanish Club. But I like having free time for a half hour and talking."

Sophomore Alexis Lucas



"I was too late to give my five dollars to the Spanish Club. I would be in Spanish, because the other clubs don't interest me. Now that I don't have a club, I get my homework done."

Sophomore Markie Miller



"I'm in the anime club. I started reading and watching it about 6 or 7 years ago. I read and watch it fairly often in my spare time also."

Senior Jeff Miller



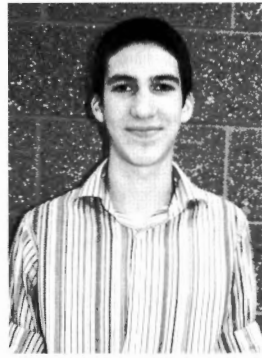
"Nothing interested me when it came to clubs. If I had signed up for a club it would have been Spanish club. I think that they should have given us more options."

Sophomore Ashley Corey

"I'm in German Club. I really like it, it's fun. We are going to go to Frankenmuth. If I

Your Story: Casey Schmidt

by Kristi Shearer



As you looked around the gymnasium of the high school and saw the basketball players, playing aggressively and pushing each other about with adrenaline pumping in their veins. But in the corner, and behind the gym, out in the hall, you saw the ping-pong players, rooting each other on. They were getting more and more

competitive with each slice shot they took with their paddles, and grunted as they hit the ball with strong force. When you thought of ping-pong, you probably thought of a boring game of mini-tennis. But to sophomore Casey Schmidt, ping-pong was so much more. "I started playing about 2 years ago," said Schmidt. "I felt joining the Ping-Pong Club was a good opportunity to improve my table tennis game." When asked how often he played in his spare time, Schmidt replied, "I usually play after Star Trek; The Next Generation is over. Sometimes I play partner or not." To him, it doesn't matter if he has friends or not to play with, as long as he is playing. "My paddle is the only thing I need. I don't need friends, as long as I've got my paddle and my ball. And a table, of course."

Anxiously waiting for the hacky sack, sophomore Nate Truelove watches it carefully. "You have to be really cautious when you play and you have to have a lot of hand-eye coordination to be skillful. You also have to have good reflexes," said Truelove. This was not only a club for activity period, but took place during lunch, before, and after school, and any free time. It was common to see groups of students enjoying this challenging activity. Photo by Kristi Shearer

In an intense match of ping-pong, sophomore Casey Schmidt stands ready to spike the ball in an attempt to beat his opponent. "I guess I'm above average in my game," said Schmidt as he smiled before hitting the ball. He had awaited the opening of the club since the first meeting, and ended up being one of many members who joined in the competition during activity period. Some students even bought special paddles to have an edge on the competition. Photo by Kristi Shearer



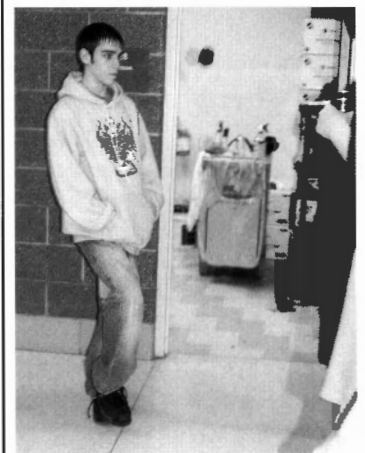
Dancing to the music while playing Dance Dance Revolution together, the Anime Club bonds and has a few laughs. "Normally we watch music videos and stuff, but today we decided to have a Dance Dance Revolution party because half of our club is gone at a gaming competition," said the owner of the club, junior Valerie Drake. The club met during activity periods on Wednesdays and after school, in order to fit in all their activities. Photo by Kristi Shearer

Now you do it:

by Kristi Shearer

The do's and don't's of hacky sack:

1. No hands (except when serving), No arms - shoulders are technically not allowed but are widely accepted among the average hack circle.
2. Always serve the bag to someone else, unless of course you are alone. Hacky is a game of courtesy, hence "The Courtesy Toss," a light lob toward the receiver's knee.
3. Don't bogart that bag - Don't always hog it until you drop it because that sucks for everyone else. Being able to pass well is important to hacky sack.
4. Don't say "sorry." Everyone makes mistakes, especially when learning, so sorries are unnecessary.
5. Try not to give knee passes - Passes from the knee tend to go straight to the ground.



Jumping around like little rabbits, sophomore Nate Truelove awaits the hackysack to come to his foot and he gently taps it back to his partner. These hacky sackers played whenever they could, nutrition break, lunch, between classes and sometimes during class. Photo by Kristi Shearer

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had to be in a different club it would be the Ping-Pong Club."

Sophomore Jeremy Rochow

Say what?

by Maggie Lowden-Speer

Novice: When you first join debate, you're a novice; it's a fancy term for the beginners.

Aff: Aff is short for affirmative. It is the term applied to the members who debate the affirmative side.

Neg: Neg is short for negative. It is the term applied to members who debate the negative side.

Affhole: A derogatory term used by the negative team members to describe the affirmative team members.

Bin: Where endless information, in the form of wordy essays on stuffy conservative opinions, can be found.

Behind the scenes personnel

by Maggie Lowden-Speer



The Debate Team: Front row: Novice Emily Harris, Novice Rebecca Jones, Novice Mercedes Sayor. Second row: Novice Ryan Cimmer, Novice Tyler Young, Novice Miles Green, Junior Varsity Alexandra Trudel

Not Pictured: Varsity A. Jay Holmgren, Varsity Phillip Marlow.



The Forensics Club: Front row: Courtney Cole, Sammy Le, Hannah Taylor. Back row: Elizabeth Routhier, Samantha Corrigan, Whitney Orth, Rebecca Jobs. Not pictured: Katherine Lawson, A. Jay Holmgren, Phillip Marlow, Caitlin McKee, Nathan Powell

Ever-growing evidence of the great minds in our school, debate and forensics coach Guilford Northrup proudly displays all the trophies won by the forensics and debate teams. His room reflected the excellence of the young minds at Holt High School, as did the shiny metal. *Photo by Maggie Lowden-Speer*



Relieving lingering tension after a debate round, **sophomore Miles Green** practices karate. "Debate is just so intense," Green explained, "You need a way to work off all the stress of the round. That's why I started karate lessons, and it's been really helpful. Now I can go and debate, and when it's over I have a great way to unwind. Plus, it's a great way to impress the ladies." *Photo by Maggie Lowden-Speer*



Gesticulating like a madman, **sophomore Nathan Powell** acts out his sales pitch at a forensics competition. "You have to get really into it while you're doing a forensics thing, or you'll lose, period," Powell explained. *Photo by Maggie Lowden-Speer*



In your words

by Maggie Lowden-Speer



"Forensics is an acting competition that gives young people the opportunity to compete against some of the best actors in the state. It's a great experience for high schoolers to build confidence."

Senior Sammy Le



"Forensics is an awesome experience because it teaches you how to speak well in front of people, which is such an important skill to have for your adult life. Plus it's a lot of fun, and you get to meet a lot of great people."

Senior A. Jay Holmgren

Debate & Forensics: clubs or sports?

"I do not think that the debate page belongs in the clubs section." - Senior Phillip Marlow

by Maggie Lowden-Speer

Debate is most definitely a sport. "We're varsity. It can't be a varsity club, it's a varsity sport. We're a team, not a club," pointed out junior Alex Trudel. The debate team also competed against other debate teams around the state and country. And while debate may not have been very physically demanding - although one may argue that the nerves that come along with it can cause physical ailments - there was no sport more mentally demanding than debate.

But debate was not all work, there was plenty of play involved as well. The debate kids had an annual tradition of giving nicknames to all the new novices that came in at the beginning of each season, and that nickname was the only way any teammates referred to them for the remainder of their time in debate.

When they were away for tournaments, they loaded up on coffee and listened to the craziest things on the radio, like an official Rock Paper Scissors Tournament they once came across. They lugged their enormous bins full of information and arguments around college campuses across the state, and if they did well there, they get to travel around the country for national tournaments. Our school's debate team was notoriously good. In the 2006 season, both the novice and varsity teams qualified for the state level tournament.

And then there was forensics. When asked whether she would consider forensics a sport or a club, senior Sammy Le answered, "It doesn't quite fit either category; it's not physically demanding like a sport, but it's much more than just a group of people with a common interest like a club is. I think it's more of an organization, where we meet, practice, and compete in acting competitions."

Last spring's forensics team did quite well, too. 2006 graduate Tylor Orme took the state title for the impromptu competition, and seniors A. Jay Holmgren and Sammy Le both qualified for the state level tournament.

Should YOU join Debate?

by Maggie Lowden-Speer

1) When you get homework what do you do?

- a.)** Do it without complaint.
- b.)** Blow it off; I'm lazy.
- c.)** Write the teacher a detailed letter arguing why I should not have to do assignments.

2) When your parents ground you unfairly, what's your response?

- a.)** I go to my room and cry.
- b.)** I accept it.
- c.)** I argue until they not only recind the grounding, they apologize for wasting my time.

3) When you get into an argument with your friend, how does it turn out?

- a.)** I usually lose in the end.
- b.)** I don't like arguing.
- c.)** My friends know better than to get into an argument with me.

4) When you get worked up, do you speak so rapidly that no one can understand what you're saying?

- a.)** Not really, I try to stay calm.
- b.)** I don't ever get worked u about anything.
- c.)** Yeah I know exactly what you mean sometimes no one can understandme at all when I really get going but I just can't help it, I just get so passionate about things sometimes!

If you answered mostly **a**'s, you are probably too passive for Debate.

If you answered mostly **b**'s, you are probably not motivated enough for Debate.

If you answered mostly **c**'s, you are perfect for the Debate team and you should go directly to Mr. Northrup's room to tell him.

The Gay/Straight Alliance

"The GSA: making the world a better place, one school at a time." - Junior Jordan Dausman

by Maggie Lowden-Speer

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!" If junior Robert Vankirk hadn't taken that old adage to heart, the Gay/Straight Alliance might never have formed. In the past, students have tried to start a GSA at Holt, but it never worked out until fall of the 2006-2007 school year.

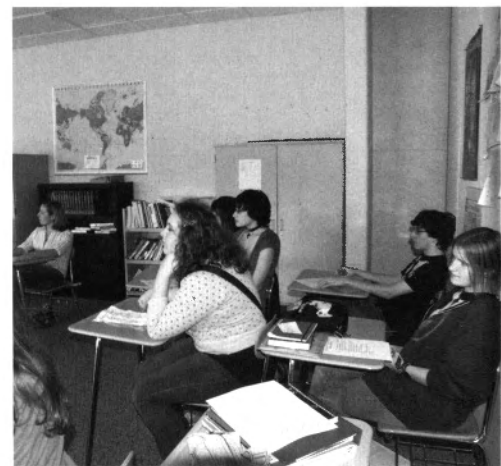
Vankirk had to jump through many hoops, but in the end he was able to form the Gay/Straight Alliance as an official school club. "A lot of people wanted a GSA at Holt," Vankirk said, "but we had to coordinate the effort before we could get anything done."

He didn't do it alone, he had plenty of help from the overwhelming number of faculty members wanting to support the GSA. Vankirk was able to find eight faculty advisors, including Ann Sutliff, Russ Olcheske, Chris Bracciano, Alex Mann, Bruce Kutney, Rick Couturier, and Agbeko Agbenyiga.

In the past, efforts to start up a GSA were turned down with the explanation that potential club members should simply join the Human Rights club, as it had the same goals. However, with the Human Rights club disbanded, the need for a GSA was evident. Also, because of the Federal Equal Access Act, the school was legally required to allow any club to form.

With the GSA finally formed, Vankirk had big dreams for all that the club would accomplish in its first year, but was forced to accept that the first year of any club has to focus on recruitment, without club members, there would be no club to accomplish anything. For the future, Vankirk hoped to get the club involved with other GSAs' in the community, and to help spread tolerance not only throughout the school community, but the community at large.

For its first move in interaction with other GSAs', the club planned an exchange day with GSA members at East Lansing High School. With any luck, this first move will be looked back on as the first of many big things the Holt GSA accomplished.



Leading the GSA at nearly every meeting, junior Robert Vankirk talks about the next step to be taken. Vankirk made an excellent club president. He always had an agenda set for each meeting, with enough copies printed up for everyone. He never ran out of ideas for things the club should discuss or do. Photo by Maggie Lowden-Speer

Q and A with the gay/straight alliance

by Maggie Lowden-Speer



The Prism Award given to an informal Holt GSA at Holt in 2003.

- **What was the mission?**

The primary mission of the gay straight alliance is to promote tolerance and create a safe school environment for everyone.

- **Who was it associated with?**

The Holt GSA works with other Lansing area GSAs to help promote tolerance in the community.

- **Were there other GSA's in the area?**

Many other high schools in the area had GSAs, including East Lansing, Sexton, Everett, Okemos, Mason, Bath, and Haslett.

"It's gonna be effective. It's definitely good thing. I don't know that much about it,

Your Story: Robert Vankirk

by Maggie Lowden-Speer



"Efforts were made to form a GSA last year but the students were turned to a Human Rights Club as an alternative avenue to make the school a safer environment. This year I headed the effort to form a club and after rallying enough teacher support I managed to succeed. My goal in forming the GSA

was to help make Holt a safe, accepting and open environment regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. I wanted to make it so no one had to face discrimination because of who they are, and to make it so no one had to hide who they are to be accepted in high school. I'm president of the Ingham County Youth commission, an advisory board to the Ingham County Board of commissioners. I was co-chair of the City of Lansing Diversity Conference Planning committee and facilitator of the social economic workshop in addition to being active in the sexual orientation workshop the year before. I'm also the chair and organizer of the first GLBTA friendly prom for the entire state of Michigan called the 'Pride of Michigan Prom 2007'."

Listening in rapt attention, senior Erin Bradt, junior Brittany Nicol, junior Rebecca Brooks, senior Chad Hester, junior Jordan Dausman, and senior Milica Rankovic gave their full attention to Robert Vankirk, the GSA president. These meetings were activities and ideas were made in order to spread knowledge in their cause in unique ways. Photo by Maggie Lowden-Speer



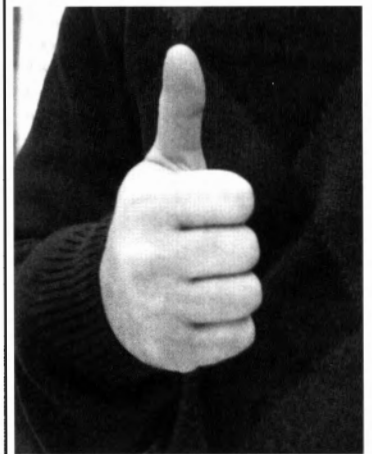
Shooting her hand up into the air, junior Rebecca Brooks called out, "I second that motion!" The GSA never operated unilaterally; every idea was put to a vote and approved by the club at large so that every member could feel included in the decision-making process. Photo by Maggie Lowden-Speer

Now you do it:

by Maggie Lowden-Speer

How to create your own school club.

1. First, you need an idea for a club. Something that is worth the effort, because the process is not easy.
2. Next you need to find other interested people. If only one person is interested, the school is not going to care about the idea.
3. Then find some staff members that will support your club and are willing to sacrifice their time to attend the meetings.
4. Next you have to turn in a detailed proposal to the administration about why your club should be allowed.
5. Lastly, if you get approval as a club, just advertise like crazy so that people know, and ta-da! You're a successful club-starter!



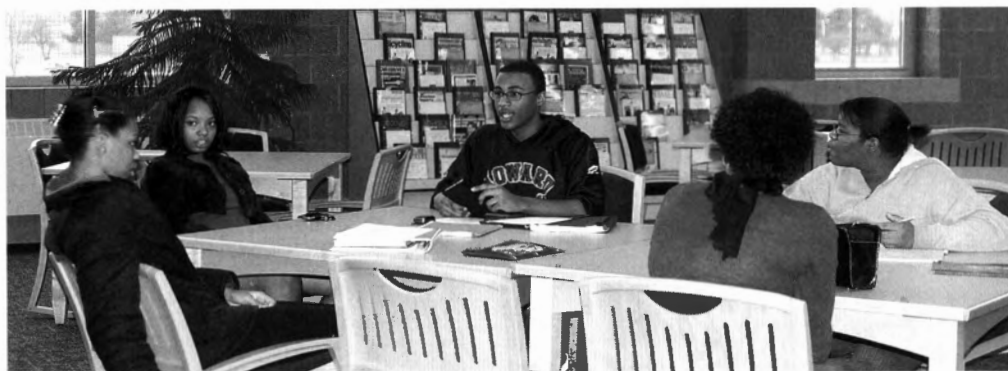
Getting the thumbs up from principal Brian Templin turns your official school club from a dream to a reality! Good luck, future club-formers of Holt High School. Photo by Maggie Lowden-Speer

but I'd like to find out more and maybe even join and help out."

Junior Bobby Mokee



Meeting Wednesdays after school in the library to discuss their plans for the of the Black Student Union, **senior Jon-vonte Porter**, the founder of BSU, tells his members, **sophomore DeAndria Dismuke**, **sophomore Tresey Millsap**, **sophomore Kandice Duke**, and **junior Amara Haynes**, about the famous disc jockey from a local radio station 96.5, Master D.J. Hicks, who will host their party. They also talked about the results of their pop-bottle drive which raised money for their club. *Photo by Gabriella Perez*



Selling delicious goodies, **senior Manh-Cuong Giap**, one of International club's officers, works at the concession stand at the talent show raising money for International Club. Ranging in affordable low prices, the delicious goodies consisted of candy, Skittles, Mike and Ikes, cookies, soda pop. *Photo by Gabriella Perez*



Now you know: BSU

By Gabriella Perez

- Black Student Union was not just for black members, all Holt students are welcome. It is a common misconception to think that.
- One thing people did not know about BSU was that many others schools has had a BSU long before Holt High School.
- The Black Student Union planned a massive school dance called "Music through the Ages." This was open to all Holt High School students.
- The Black Student Union held a pop bottle drive, raising money for their upcoming activities.
- They met every Wednesday after school in the library, led by their teacher advisor is Mrs. Todd.
- BSU's main goal is to represent the black student population in Holt High School, at times when students feel that there is no one else to go to.



A leading officer for the Black Student Union, **sophomore Kandice Duke**, stands alongside her fellow officers in an after school meeting in the Library. *Photo by Gabriella Perez*



Singing and clapping, to Glory Glory, a gospel song, **senior Jamie Jones**, one of the leaders of International Club, brought along her family members to help in the fight against racism at International Club's Talent Show. Many students participated in this event showing off their talents and gifts, as well as providing knowledge on their different races. *Photo by Gabriella Perez*

International Club and BSU

"I joined to try and stop racism and to help people not judge other people by what they are" - senior Tresey Millsap

By Gabriella Perez

A new edition to the many clubs in Holt, is the Black Student Union. Founded by senior Jonvonte Porter, who felt there was no black representation involved in Holt High School. "I started the Black Student Union because I felt that there is lack of representation of the black student population. We needed our own venue to express our concerns and to be truly appreciated. We also needed an organization that would focus it's attention on educating the school on the contributions of the African-Americans to this country past and present. I started this organization to bring diversity to our school," said Porter.

One of the officers of the Black Student Union, senior D'Andrea Bisbee, stated, "We need to educate people about the black culture as well as ourselves. Some black people don't even know their own history to be able to educate others."

Not far from the Black Student Union, was the International Club, designed to educate others on the varieties of cultures there are in Holt. While Holt only had 15% minorities, it was overtaken by majority of 85% white students.

The International club ranged in all varieties of races. "This club is good because you get to promote different cultures and see people's talents. It was good to be educated. Also, it is good to prove people wrong on different stereotypes. For example, not all Asian's are smart and not all black people can rap or dance," said Bisbee.

Sharing a similar role as Bisbee, Porter was involved in both clubs as well, "I joined International Club to bring my opinions and concerns to a group of people who may try and act on them. What our school needs is diversity and the International Club is one group of people trying to bring that," said Porter. Both clubs presented a fun and educational way to expand the knowledge of Holt students.

Q and A with International Club

By Gabriella Perez



Junior Angelica Brown recites her poem for the International Club Talent Show.

• What did I.C. do?

They really do promote diversity and they really care about educating the school on the different cultures.

• What was Mix it up?

Mix it up Thursday is every other Thursday, and during lunch, the International Club will provide you with activities.

• What was a big issue?

They talk about racism and ways to end the problems of racism and everything along with it.

Would you rather... be in Black Student Union or International Club?

By Gabriella Perez



"I would rather be in **Black Student Union** because during the BSU meetings your allowed to speak your mind freely. Also, because I can better relate to the topics that are brought up during the meetings. I also can't forget about my boy Jay. I would support him before anyone else.

Senior Erika Dabney



"I would rather be in **International Club** because everyone can be in it, rather than just one race. You can meet a lot of different cool people, learn about where they are from and their different traditions that are in their culture. It gives you a better understanding on people and makes you more educated when you learn about others.

Junior Sarah Back

Now you know the key club

by Amy Bashore



The key club is a high school version of the Holt Kiwanis Club. They helped the community by doing yard work, snow removal services, and held a paper drive several times a year. Senior Emily Spenny had been a member since her sophomore year. "The reason

I wanted to be in key club is because my grandpa is a member of Holt Kiwanis Club and I like to volunteer, it's fun," said Spenny.

Busy Sorting toys for the Salvation Army toy shop, **junior Whitney Orth**, and **sophomore Annette Gianino** help families in the local area have a better holiday season. The members of the National Honors Society helped set up the shop and led parents around helping them pick gifts out that their children might like. "I think it's a really good cause because a lot of kids get x-mas presents that they normally wouldn't," junior Annette Gianino. Photo by Amy Bashore



NHS finds volunteering is the KEY

"I'm in NHS because it is a service organization. It is devoted to serving and bettering the community." - senior Caitlin Lowery

by Amy Bashore

The National Honors Society and Key Club had very similar ideas, but had many differences about them. The many students in these two clubs donated hours of their own time to volunteer for charities and help families in the local area. During winter the National Honors Society participated in a canned/non-perishable food drive. They also held a Dodgeball/Ultimate Frisbee Tournament in the spring.

The Key Club participated in a heifer project where they send a goat to a family in a third world country. The family then can use the goat's milk and in a year they have to pass it on to another family in need. The goat keeps going, helping as many families as possible. The Key Club had also helped with lawn care and snow removal. "We had one elderly client, Hazel, and we'd mow her lawn and shovel her driveway. But this year we found a professional service to help her," said senior Eric Spenny, the treasurer of the Key Club.

Members of the National Honors Society had the opportunity to participate in many different events. "Over the summer I helped kids in the Boys and Girls Club with homework and we'd play games. It was a lot of fun," said junior Kevin Borek. There was also another baby sitting program run by the P.T.O. that members could join, "I'm interested in signing up for that because it sounds like it might be fun," said junior Jessica McKinstry, "I am also thinking about helping the dodgeball/ultimate frisbee tournament."

So what was the difference between National Honors Society and The Key Club? Well the students in NHS had to meet deadlines with a certain number of volunteer hours and had to keep a good grade point average, but the Key Club did not require a necessary number of hours or a certain grade point. Although different from perspective they were both groups of hard working students who wanted to make a difference in the community and schools.



"The National Honors Society and Key Club do a great job helping out

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Contemplating new things the Key Club can do for the society, **senior Eric Spenny**, also the treasurer of the Key Club, writes down some brand new volunteering ideas. He was in the Key Club for three years and enjoyed helping people and his peers in the community. "It's really cool getting to help people, and I like to volunteer so it's fun," said Spenny *Photo by Amy Bashore*

Counting box after box of canned goods and non-perishable food items, **sophomore Allison Schnepf**, keeps track of the food during the National Honors Society's annual food drive. The food went toward needy families for the holidays. The National Honors Society collected about 800 items total. "It was really surprising how many people brought in cans, we had about 800 cans total," sophomore Allison Schnepf. *Photo by Amy Bashore*

our community and school, they keep it nice and cool."

Behind the scenes personnel

by Amy Bashore



President

Senior Rachel Gladstone



Vice President

Senior Kristen Angonese



Secretary

Senior Courtney Cole



Junior Representative

Junior Stephanie Self



Junior Representative

Junior Hannah Taylor



Junior Representative

Junior Kaitlyn Sundstrom

Your Story: Leanne Buck

by Amy Bashore



"If you like to volunteer then NHS is a great club. Yet at the same time you have deadlines to meet with your volunteer hours. Sometimes it's a

little hectic trying to get hours. Last year I got them by working at the dodgeball tournament, helping the Sycamore carnival, conferences, trying to get people to sign up for the blood drive, and sorting clothes in the L&L parking lot. You need to have a minimum of ten hours through NHS and ten non-NHS hours. But as you can see there are a lot of different ways to volunteer."

Leanne Buck

Would you rather... Be a member of the Key Club or NHS?

by Amy Bashore



"I'd rather be a member of **NHS** because Key Club doesn't really do that much and NHS really helps the school. I was a part of the Leaders Club at the YMCA, we had a bake sale and it was very rewarding. NHS just seems like a better club so I'd rather be a member of that over the Key Club."

Sophomore Chad Fox



"I'd rather be a member of the **Key Club** because they help people in need and you don't need a certain grade point average to be a member. Also you have more time for it because you volunteer when you want and you don't need to meet certain deadlines Besides, I think volunteering is a good thing so Key Club would be fun."

Senior Shawna Mogyoros



Now you know Language Clubs

by Josh Zimmerman

German, Club, French Club, and Spanish Club all met during the Activity Periods on Wednesdays.

French Club had several French food days and did many French-related arts and crafts activities, including making French holiday cards for Mr. A.

German Club's trip to Germany this year cost the participants a hefty eighteen hundred eighty-nine dollars.

Spanish Club made trips to local Mexican restaurants, where students got to eat some authentic Mexican food while practicing their Spanish.

Behind the scenes personnel

by Josh Zimmerman



French Club President
Senior Alexa Hayes



French Club Vice President
Senior Amanda Hayes



German Club President
Senior Christina McPike



German Club Vice President
Senior Laura Carlson



Spanish Club President
Senior Arielle Dyer



Spanish Club Vice President
Senior Blair Hagerman



In Frankenmuth's Lutheran church, the German Club students got a taste of an authentic German church service. The church was just the first stop of many on the club's Frankenmuth trip in December. "Frankemuth was sweet because we got to hang out with friends all day and learn about German culture and tradition," **senior Ben Haynes**. Photo by Rosie Peters



Rising high above the Paris skyline, the Eiffel Tower has been an international symbol of France since it was built. "The high school students there spend at least a few hours a night studying," commented **senior Josh Zietlow**, a French Club officer. "They're mostly the same subjects, but they usually take multiple foreign languages." Source: <http://www.sjsu.edu/depts/jwss/bath2004/paris.html>

"I used to be in Spanish, and I think the language clubs are good because

In your words

by Josh Zimmerman



"My favorite part of German Club was the Frankenmuth trip. That and the knitting thing. The Language Clubs were a good way to meet other people and see their views into other cultures and languages."

Senior Cody Munro



"I think the clubs are pretty spiffy. Basically, it was hanging out with my friends, because a lot of my friends were in German Club, too. I think that they should have the Language Club meetings more than once a month."

Junior Sara Baker

Standing outside of the Palacio Real (or Royal Palace) in Madrid, Spain, are the eleven students who went on the Spanish Club's annual trip to Spain last spring. The journey to Spain offered all of the students an up-close view of real Spanish culture and history. *Courtesy Photo*

Different Languages, Same Spirit

"The Language Clubs are all unique, and they help people learn about other languages and cultures." -senior Ashley Miller

by Josh Zimmerman

Spanish. French. German. Our own native tongue of English owes a lot to each of these three European languages. Perhaps that's why so many students at Holt High School took one or more of those classes. And for some, even that wasn't enough. To get their linguistic fix, some students joined the club for their respective language.

German Club, Spanish Club, and French Club offered cultural activities outside of the classroom. German Club, advised by German teacher Rosie Peters, took a yearly trip to the German city of Frankenmuth, as well as held a dinner at the Liederkrantz, a German-American club on Pennsylvania Avenue in Lansing. "We try to combine community service with German culture and having fun together," explained Frau Peters. They also took a bi-annual trip to Germany and Austria (whose official language is German), spending several days touring the two countries.

The German students weren't the only ones getting in on the Western European fun, though. The French Club celebrated their culture with various arts and crafts activities. Throughout the year, they had a few French Food Days, where students brought in a French dish to share with their classmates.

And don't forget about the Spanish kids! Spanish Club has its share of extracurricular activities, such as their yearly trip to Spain over Spring Break. They also went Christmas caroling, singing holiday songs in Spanish to the elderly. In Spring, Michigan State University held a World Languages Day, giving students a feel of cultures all over the world. The Spanish Club was a regular attendee.

Holt High School's language clubs had something to offer the language buff inside of us all, but a word of caution to aspiring new members: monolingual people need not apply.

they let us see what other cultures are like."

Junior Cody Mitchell

Rack your Brain

by Josh Zimmerman

Rammstein: A well-known German rock band that has quickly gained popularity in the United States. Named after a U.S. Air Force Base in Germany.

Fahrvergnügen: A word invented by German car maker Volkswagen as a slogan. Literally translated, it means "driving pleasure."

Berliner: German for "jelly doughnut." When President John F. Kennedy said, "Ich bin ein Berliner," he mistakenly called himself a jelly doughnut.

Avez une pamplemousse: French for "Have a grapefruit." In case you're ever in France with a spare grapefruit.

Les ananas ne lâche pas: French for "Pineapples never give up!" French students will recall the stoic pineapple from Têlêfrançais.

Les manches d'oreille: French for "earmuffs." Literally translated, it means "sleeves of the ear."

Dedos de los pies: Spanish for "toes." Literally translated, it means "fingers of the feet."

¡Que Padre! Spanish for "How cool!" Literally, though, it means "What father!"

Está un gato en mis pantalones: Spanish for "There's a cat in my pants!" Luckily, nobody at Holt needed that phrase this year.

Lending words of advice and reassurance, **junior Emily Cobbs**, in her first year of being a PAL, comforted a yearbook student before a deadline. She enjoyed being a PAL because "we get to help people our age," said Cobbs. Being a PAL is hard work but Cobbs was always willing to put forth all of her effort to help her fellow classmates. *Photo by Amy Bashore*



Your Story: Maria Fernandez

by Amy Bashore



"First of all, PALs is a club that allows students to help other students. I'm not gonna lie, I partly joined PALs because it'd look good on a college application. But I mostly joined because it sounded cool: students helping students. To be a PAL, you have to go to training for three days in the summer. I know it sounds lame that you have to give up three days out of your summer to learn how to listen but it was really fun. You get to meet PALs from other schools and make new friends so it's cooler than it sounds. The PALs this year are all cool. It's crazy because although they all go to Holt I met most of them at PAL training. We all get along really well. Meetings are fun too. They're not a strict "stick to the agenda" type meeting. We all sit, talk, laugh, have fun, and miss class sometimes too. Truth be told I'm sad I didn't join sooner. This year for the PAL exchange day we went to Grand Ledge. Their school is very different, in one class they were watching a movie on a tv, not a screen and their school store had more clothing and a fish tank! When they came here they were surprised how spacious our school was and by our technology. All in all it was lots of fun."



Giving some Grand Ledge PALs a tour of the school, **senior Chad Hester** and **junior Jacklyn Ungren** explains how to successfully meander through the hallways. The Grand Ledge PALs spent the whole day hanging out, meeting new people, and learning how our school differs from theirs. *Photo by Amy Bashore*

Giving away a red ribbon to a fellow classmate **junior Amy Branm** (left), an active PAL member, spread awareness of drug and alcohol abuse. Students all over the school wore these ribbons to show support for victims of this abuse and hoped it would alert them to the dangers of drugs and alcohol. *Photo by Amy Bashore*

A friend in need, needs a PAL indeed

"PALs are cool! - Tyler Vickers

by Amy Bashore

It's 7:30 in the morning and ten students anxiously await as they make the final preparations for their presentation. Teachers slowly file into the library and sit down for the mornings entertainment. Seven thirty-five and the ten PALs members are off and running giving their best argument on, well, themselves.

In the past PALs were kept on the down low, not often being used. But this year was different. The Peer Assistant Leaders were set on making themselves heard. They would no longer sit back in the shadows and only look good on a college resume. "I think the meeting we had with the teachers was an important step, now we have more recognition and respect from the staff here. The meeting also helped the teachers become more acquainted with us, they know what we're all about now," said senior Chad Hester.

In November they had a red ribbon day to help the awareness of drugs and alcohol abuse and in December they had a yellow ribbon day to raise awareness for suicide. By making these ribbons and giving them out to as many students as possible the PALs hoped to make an impact and show how these important issues affect everyone. "The red ribbons were a really good idea, it got people aware of drug and alcohol abuse," said junior Jacklyn Ungren.

On December 8th the PALs participated in a 'PALs Exchange'. Every year they visited a different high school and spent a day in the shoes of someone else. This year the PALs visited Grand Ledge. Then the PALs they followed at Grand Ledge came here to Holt to learn what was like to live like a Holt student. "It was so much fun. At Grand Ledge they get an 8 minute passing period and they play music the last minute as a warning, it was cool," said junior Emily Cobbs. The Grand Ledge PALs came on December 15 and enjoyed a big lunch and got the opportunity to meet some new friends that may last a lifetime.

Her own direction: Jacklyn Ungren

by Amy Bashore

This was Jacklyn Ungren's first year being a PAL and she has had a blast. "I love PALs because I get to meet so many new people," Ungren said. To be a PAL you need to participate in a three day training session over the summer where you learn how to handle students in different situations. "I first got interested in being a PAL when my teacher recommended me and now I'm really glad I joined," said Ungren, "I enjoy helping out the school, it's very rewarding." PALs were people with big hearts just like Jacklyn. At first she was a bit skeptical about the program but once she looked into it more it was something she really wanted to do. "I really love it," said Ungren.

5 Favorites:

- Helping students
- Red Ribbon Day
- Grand Ledge Exchange
- Training
- Teacher Meeting

In your words

by Amy Bashore



"I think PALs is a good organization, every school should have one because sometimes people your own age understand you better than adults do."

Senior Enjoli Marks



"I think it's a good thing we have PALs because sometimes you have no one else to talk to. Plus since they're our age it's easier to talk to them since they can relate."

Junior Lehanna Hardy



"PALs are very helpful they're always there for you to talk to, I've never used one but if I ever need help I'd talk to one. The help make this school a better place."

Junior Ben Ford



"I met a lot of new friends through PALs when I first moved here from Arizona. They showed me around the school to my classes and helped me get to know people."

Senior Elise Staebell



Flashing her pearly whites, junior Jacklyn Ungren smiles pretty for the camera outside of band class. She was a first year PAL and loved it. "I really enjoy helping students, it's so much fun," says Jacklyn. Photo by Amy Bashore



Your Story: Chelsea Hemenway

by Victoria Shearer



"A while ago my cousin committed suicide, I wanted to be in SADD because I wanted to prevent other families from feeling the pain my family felt. I always felt that maybe I could have prevented his death. Now I want to become a therapist so I can help other people too. SADD helps me learn new ways to talk to people about the decisions they make and the consequences for those decisions. These days it seems like everyone is making really dumb decisions without thinking of the consequences that come with them."

In your words

by Victoria Shearer



"I wanted to be in SADD because of everyone that died in this school the last couple of years due to drug and alcohol use. I want to try and prevent it as much as possible, especially for the younger kids."

Junior Sarah Pratt



"When people are at parties and just take one or two sips of something, they think its okay to drive home. They don't realize the dangers of that one sip. That's what we're trying to teach people."

Junior Anthony Scott



"I was in it last year. I wanted to be in again this year because I liked it and I wanted to help peoples' decisions to not have such bad consequences."

Senior Courtney Noack



"I wanted to be in SADD to become more involved, especially because of the past events. I felt like it was my duty as a senior to step up to the plate and spread the message about drunk driving."

Senior Megan Schallau



"It's nice to know you're apart of something that's making a difference. I like the feeling I get from being involved."

Junior Anna Megdell

Listening to others opinions junior Anna Megdell, sophomore Chelsey Hemenway and junior Anthony Scott wait for their turn to speak their mind. These core members plan ways to educate the younger kids about how to resist alcohol and drugs from their peers. *Photo by Victoria Shearer*



Listening during a meeting. Advisor Jennifer Jones and member junior Sarah Pratt jot down ideas that some of the other members had to make this year of SADD more beneficial. *Photo by Victoria Shearer*

Sharing her ideas, senior Courtney Noack talks with fellow SADD members about coming up with ideas for raising awareness. SADD met during Wednesday mornings and during activity period. SADD worked to make students more aware of the pressures of high school. *Photo by Victoria Shearer*

"It's important for kids our age to stay away from drugs and alcohol because not only do they put



Behind the scenes personnel

by Victoria Shearer

- President: Megan Schalaus
- Vice President: Pauline Bateman
- Treasurer: Anthony Scott
- Member: Anna Megdell
- Member: Sarah Pratt
- Member: Courtney Noack
- Member: Chelsea Hemenway
- Member: Spencer Crew

Students Against Destructive Decisions

"I love being involved in SADD. I feel justified, like I'm doing my part to teach people about the dangers that they're faced with everyday." - junior Pauline Bateman

by Victoria Shearer

Founded in 1981 in Wayland, Massachusetts, SADD was originally called Students Against Drunk Driving. SADD, now Students Against Destructive Decisions, encouraged parents and students to sign a contract for life. The contract stated that if students got into an uncomfortable situation where there was drinking, drugs or other harmful things going on then they could call their parents to come get them, no questions asked.

SADD focused on destructive behaviors and attitudes harmful to young people such as under-age drinking, substance abuse, impaired driving, violence and suicide. SADD was the most dominant peer to peer youth education and prevention organization with thousands of chapters in middle schools, high schools, and colleges across the nation.

SADD recently began giving \$500 scholarships each year to two students who were committed to SADD and its mission. The scholarship was for people entering their freshmen year in college and want to continue to make a difference through out their college years.

"This was my first year being the advisor for SADD, usually I had to split my time between the 9th grade campus and the high school so I couldn't be that involved. This year I wanted to get to know the students and I thought SADD would be a good way to do that," said advisor Jennifer Jones. "In the past SADD hasn't been that involved in the school, but this year we wanted to get involved. We wanted to do fund raisers, have awareness days and have T-shirts."

You didn't necessarily have to be in SADD to sign a contract for life. Jones wanted to make it publicly known that students could talk to their parents and go to www.SADD.com to print off their own contract for life.

"Even if you didn't sign a contract with your parents, there's no excuse for destructive decisions. Your decisions affect everyone, not just yourself," said Jones.

Should YOU be in SADD?

by Victoria Shearer

1. Do you want to be in a club during activity period or after school?
a.) Activity period
b.) After school
c.) Neither

2. How much time do you have to devote to this club?
a.) Limited
b.) A lot
c.) None

3. Would you rather educate students about tobacco, drug and alcohol during school or take personal time to do so?
a.) During school
b.) Personal time
c.) None at all

4. How do you feel about elementary students?
a.) They're okay
b.) I love them
c.) They're not for me

If you answered mostly **a's**- you should be in SADD, they meet during activity period and work to reach fellow high schoolers.

If you answered mostly **b's**- you should be in Peer Resistance, they go through a short training period then go out to elementary schools to educate them about tobacco, drug, and alcohol use.

If you answered mostly **c's**- you shouldn't be in either club. SADD and Peer Resistance isn't for you.

you in bad situations, they make you so things that you wouldn't do sober."

Senior Theodore Buck



Your Story: Hannah Taylor

by Trina Rawlinson



"Student Council is a great opportunity to meet new people and to be informed. Also it let's people get involved in what's happening at our school. Everybody is really involved and willing to listen to ideas and really open to new things. Overall, Student Council is really fun because you get to help the community and spend time with your friends."

Looking to see if there are any upcoming events that need to be planned is **senior Bridgette Griffiths**. Griffiths is also Student Council President. She was responsible of making sure everything goes smoothly with the planning of events. Griffiths was in charge of each meeting and decided what needed to be discussed. "I had a lot of fun organizing events and trying to make them exciting for the seniors," said Griffiths. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*



Organizing Extraordinaires

"It's a lot more work than I thought but it helps to have people who are dedicated to the school" - Senior Bridgette Griffiths

by Trina Rawlinson

Have you ever wondered who the people were behind the dance decorations or the pep rally games? Events such as homecoming, Winterfest, Battle of the Bands, and the talent shows don't organize themselves. The students who were part of Student Council worked hard to make these events happen and be successful.

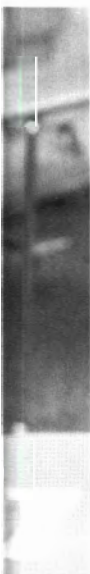
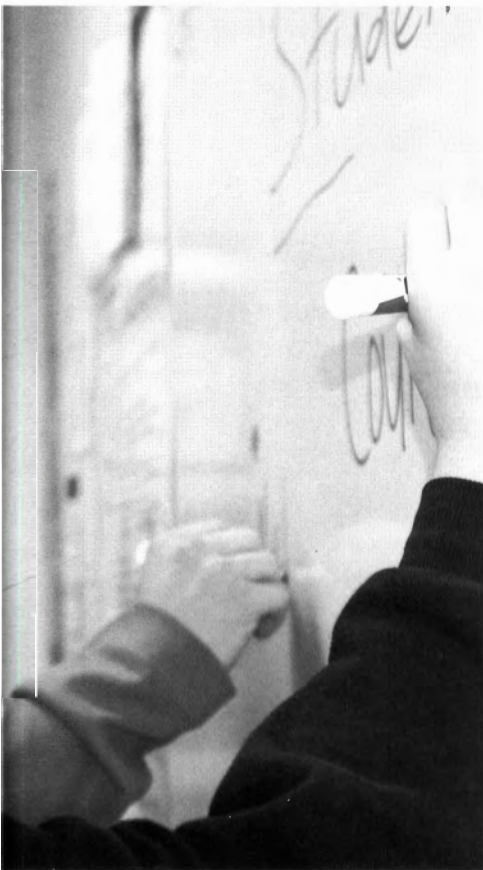
Student Council was for people who liked to help out with events the school put on and being behind the scenes. Student Council met every Wednesday at ten o'clock in the morning and the meetings usually lasted about an hour depending on what they needed to accomplish. When Student Council met they talked about what events they needed to plan or fundraisers they wanted to run. "At each meeting we discuss school events and how we can make them better. We also talk about how we can get the rest of the school to get involved to raise money, so Student Council can help the community," said junior Stephanie Self.

People in Student Council become very close during the school year because they spent so much time together. They often had to pair up with a group of fellow Student Council members to accomplish decorating and planning events like the Talent Show and school dances. "I love Student council because we're all really close and like a big happy family. We can get everything done because we work well together and we're all really close," said junior Jill Zelenski. When members of Student Council got stressed out and needed help with decorating or setting up an event they relied on each other to help them accomplish the task.

Student Council worked hard to make every event different and exciting for the whole school. They took a lot of time after school and before to make sure everything was perfect. Student Council also helped the community and all the members were willing to help without hesitation.



"Student Council's done a great job on creating spirit week. It was fun and made every-



Writing people's ideas down for upcoming events, **juniors Krissy Barros and Mitch Zajac** participate in Wednesday morning meetings. They both helped out with buying decorations and organizing events. "It can get stressful trying to make everyone happy when setting up dances. It takes a lot of creativity to make dances and other events great," said Barros. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*

Counting homecoming ballots is **junior Marissa Perry**. "Being in Student Council allows you to help the school out and raise money for the community. It's also really fun setting up for dances because I get to spend time with my friends," said Perry. Setting up dances and other events are a big part of what Student Council does. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*

body want to join in and support Holt."

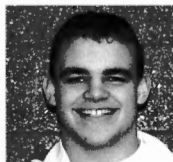
Ashley Stasiuk
Junior Ashley Stasiuk

Behind the scenes personnel

by Trina Rawlinson



Student Council President
Bridgette Griffiths



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Junior Class President
Marissa Perry



Sophomore Class President
Abigail Dutkiewicz



Adviser
Mrs. Cappelletti

In your words

by Trina Rawlinson



"People don't realize how many things Student Council puts on for the school. We do as much as we can to make the activities as good as they can be."

Junior Alexis Louth



"I joined Student Council because I wanted to have a say in what goes on in the school."

Senior Andy Worden



"People don't really give Student Council the credit they deserve. We work hard to make every event great."

Junior Krissy Barros

Should **you** be in Student Council?

by Trina Rawlinson

1.) Do you like working behind the scenes?

- a.)** Yes
b.) No

2.) Do you like organizing events?

- a.)** Yes
b.) No

3.) Do you like to help out your Community?

- a.)** Yes
b.) No

4.) Are you interested in decorating and buying supplies for events?

- a.)** Yes
b.) No

5.) Do you like being involved with school activities?

- a.)** Yes
b.) No

6.) Do you like to help get the school involved in activities?

- a.)** Yes
b.) No

7.) Do you like to meet new people?

- a.)** Yes
b.) No

8.) Can you handle being under stress?

- a.)** Yes
b.) No

IF you answered mostly **a's** you should join Student Council. You like being behind the scenes and you like to help the community

IF you answered mostly **b's** then you shouldn't join Student Council. You don't like to be behind the scenes and you like to be recognized for your work.



It's so hard to say goodbye! These Techies, senior Jeremy Hull, senior Trisha Brubaker, senior Joshua Florian, senior Nicole Schartzter, and senior Jessica Bailey were all in the Tech Society since their freshman year. They all agreed that Tech and the friends that come with it would be what they miss most about high school. *Photo by Maggie Lowden-Speer*



Complete with a Mt. Dew, senior Jeremy Hull manages all the technology for a production. New techies had a lot to learn when they first joined, but by senior year they knew almost as much about the theater as Mr. Miller. *Photo by Jeff Miller*



Say what?

by Maggie Lowden-Speer

Techie: Members of the Tech Society often fondly refer to one another as Techies.

Rig: To rig means to hang heavy backdrops for plays and productions by giant ropes and cords.

Flats: The real term for all that heavy scenery and the backdrop canvases that are used in theatre productions.

Up top: To go up top means to go up to the catwalk that is located a full sixty feet above the stage.

Booth: This is an abbreviation used to refer to either the light booth or the sound booth, where the controls are.

Grid: Ever see what looks like mesh up way above the audience? That's a tension grid that techies walk on.

Cats: That is what they say when talking about the scary, wobbly catwalks way above the theatre.

Guru: The Guru is elected in Tech to be the one who sends emails out to let everyone know when to be where.

NewBs: This is what they call people who have just joined Tech Society, and they're usually freshmen.



What's that? Sophomore Ian Milne listened to stage directions over the headphones while operating the sound board. Tech Society members did most of the work on the sound boards for the productions that went on in the theatre, as well as the lighting. *Photo by Jeff Miller*

"Tech is really cool because it's an opportunity to hang out with your friends, plus

Technical Masterminds

"What is Tech? Underground crocheting club? Robots? A collection of fairly ordinary students united by a common interest in theater?" - senior Nicole Schartzer

by Maggie Lowden-Speer

Students at Holt High School have all heard of Tech Society. Most all of them knew someone who was involved. Everyone knew the basics, they helped out with plays, and managed the music, the lights, and the sound. But what was this elusive society really all about?

The Tech Society was really the backbone of every production put on in the newly dedicated Margaret Livensparger Theatre. Though more often than not, they went uncredited for their hard work. The Tech Society was responsible for all the lighting and sound and stage arrangement for every band and choir concert, the scenery designers for all the plays and musicals, and the spotlights for the prom fashion show, along with so much more. "We also do a lot of work on the prom, but nobody knows it," Jessica Bailey shared.

"We survive on a diet of Mt. Dew and pizza," laughed senior Nicole Schartzer. On that, and way too little sleep, the members of Tech worked hard to prepare for any upcoming event. When a play was approaching, they could be found in the theatre most hours of the day, that weren't already committed to school, rigging scenery up on chains that would be lowered on queue, preparing spotlights and sound systems, and doing things with power tools that most people never touch in their lives.

How did they learn it all? Most of them joined by sophomore year, and, "The upperclassmen always help the newbies out," explained senior Jeremy Hull. That failing, they could always ask theatre director Jeff Miller, who, as far as theatre went, knew everything.

Not only did they aid the school more often than anyone realized, but they also helped with community events. They did the scenery and lighting for the annual Dimondale third grade musical, as well as traveled to the elementary schools in the area to help out at plays. They set up the sound for banquets. These guys did everything!

Now you know the tech society

by Maggie Lowden-Speer



The standard diet of a Techie consists mainly of delicious pizza. Photo by Maggie Lowden-Speer

Tech Society ate more pizza and drank more Mt. Dew than you ever would have imagined possible from one group of people.

They did all the lighting, all the sound, and a lot of scenery work for all of the plays and musical productions the high school puts on.

They serviced the community by helping with elementary school plays and productions, as well as doing everything for our school.

They did all this and more, working ridiculous hours, for free! They sacrificed their time with no compensation, just because they enjoyed it.

Should **you** be in Tech Society?

by Maggie Lowden-Speer

1) When the DVD player won't work, who do you turn to?

- a.)** A family member who's good at that stuff.
- b.)** We have to call a repairman.
- c.)** I can fix it, no problem!

2) Do you enjoy working with small children?

- a.)** They scare me.
- b.)** They annoy me.
- c.)** They're so cute, I wish I got to spend more time them.

3) What's your favorite easy-to-grab food for late night hunger pangs?

- a.)** Twinkies.
- b.)** An apple.
- c.)** Pizza, baby, I love pizza, I could eat it every night.

4) Do you work well with others?

- a.)** I'm quite shy, I prefer to stay at home and read books.
- b.)** I have anger issues.
- c.)** Sure, I can get along with people just fine.

5) What's your favorite kind of pop?

- a.)** Well, I don't really like pop...
- b.)** I'm super, super picky, I only like Diet Vernors.
- c.)** I'm all about the Dew! I could drink a 2-liter of Mt. Dew and not get sick.

If you answered mostly **a**'s then Tech is probably not for you.

If you chose mostly **b**'s then you should probably pick a different hobby to pursue.

If you picked mostly **c**'s, Tech may just be the new love of your life. You'd fit in perfectly with the other Techies and have a great time.

you get to help put on great performances."

Junior Heidi Coppernoll





"Go Holt," cheers retired social studies teacher **Bob Appel** during the homecoming football game against Okemos. After dedicating his life to teaching Holt students, Appel has showed his support as a key member in the crowd. "His enthusiasm was such that he could electrify the crowd," described Chemistry teacher, Dave Foy. Appel has showed his great support over the years to our school. *Photo by Jessica Whitford*



Conveying your Contribution

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

Pop can drives, fund raisers, apparel sales, cheering and support. The community members of the Holt village affected the school more than anything else. Besides the students, the most dedicated fans were parents, grandparents, and members of the community. They may have been there supporting family, friends, or just supporting the school as an alumni.

"My time in high school has showed me the importance of support from outside people alongside my peers. The Holt community has really helped the school when it comes to raising money. This helps the school to be able to do more, afford apparel, uniforms, and equipment. It is so nice how involved out community is and has helped make high school experiences so much better because of this support," described senior Brittany Bennett.

The school benefitted drastically from the community support and from the small town feel found in the streets of Holt. As a result, the school worked to give back to the members of the community. There were clubs that sponsored community service and advised youth about situations faced in high school. Among these there were performances displayed by many art groups, including band and choir performances, art shows, and theatre productions.

"The theatre really helps to bring the community together with the school. Since the community has no chance to come into the classroom, seeing students perform on stage allows them to see what work has gone on during class. This new theatre that the school has provided has helped us to celebrate things and discuss issues; we have also honored police officers and other members of the community. Not only do the students contribute, but other members of the community perform in the community players and it allows adults a chance to be on stage," said theatre director Jeff Miller.

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my elderly neighbor by helping take care of her yard and other small jobs she needs done."

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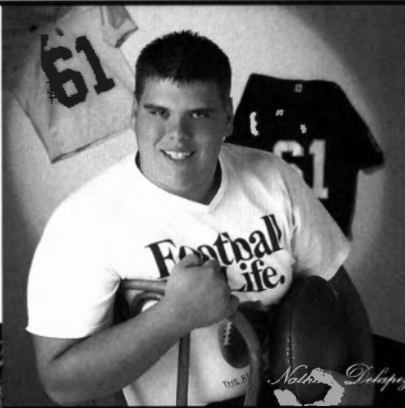
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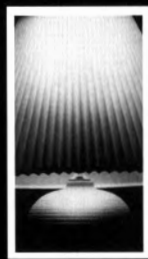
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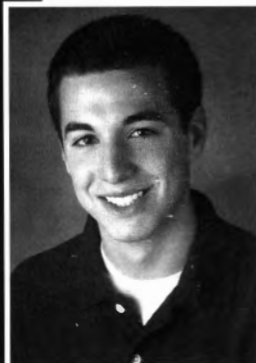




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Bunnell**

Dear Cayden,
I love you so much. You are more than my big brother, you are my friend. You have always been there for me. You have been a huge inspiration to me. I am going to be so bored at home without you to pick on. Thank you so much! Keep it heiffey in college!

Love you,
Megan



**Andy
Beck**

Andy,
We love you and wish you the best in all your future endeavors. Congratulations graduate!
Love, Mom and Dad



**Allison
Goodwin**

I have watched you grow from birth to a young adult. You have brought much joy and I am very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. You have a bright future ahead of you and I am excited to see what the future brings. I love you very much!
Mom



**Jeff
Twomley**

Jeff,
Thanks for being the kind of son any parent would be proud of. We love you.

Love,
Dad and Mom



**Staci
Sparks**

Congratulations on your high school graduation.

Staci, your hard work gave you wonderful experiences. We hope you'll always choose to dance!

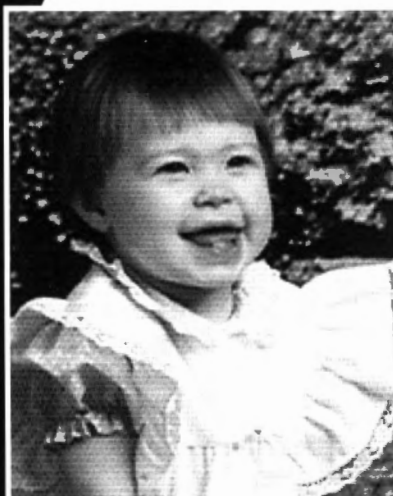
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Mom and Dad



**Bobby
Becsey**

Bobby,
It's bittersweet to see our "little bro" complete the family trilogy at Holt. Your're a great lacrosse player. We are proud that you carried on the "#86" tradition.

Love,
Joe and Katherine



**Brooke
Darling**

To Brooke Louise Darling our favorite granddaughter. There will be many hurdles in your life. Some will be knocked down, some will not. Keep an open mind, strong faith and keep going. Hold your head up high and reach for the stars. The "I think I can" will become the "I knew I could". We are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have grown into. We look forward to seeing what you will accomplish next. Best wishes for a prosperous healthy future.

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**Meredith
Nelson**

Meredith,
Congratulations to our only daughter and the baby of the family! It has been such a delight to watch you grow into such a beautiful and intelligent young woman. We are proud of what you have done and we look forward to seeing what you can do as an MSU Spartan!
Love, Mom and Dad



**Zachary
Flores**

"Great minds have purposes; others have wishes," Washington Irving. I love you! You have always been driven, motivated, and successful! I'm proud of you! I know you will continue to be driven, motivated and successful. Keep smiling.
Hugs and Kisses,
Mom



**Mollie
Ballmer**

Mollie,
You have always made us proud to be your parents. Your smile is beautiful and your heart is loving. Keep reaching for the stars.
Love, Mom and Dad



**Tyler
Houser**

Tyler,
I am so proud to be your mom. You will never stop surprising me. You are a very unique person and I know you will succeed in anything you do. Good luck I know you will go far.
Love your family



**Matt
Bandt**



Matt,
We are very proud of the fine young man you have become. You should be proud too of all you have accomplished. Congratulations on achieving this milestone in your life. You have a bright future to look forward to.
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**Sean
Haskin**

Sean,
You have made us so proud. Believe in yourself and follow your heart.
Love,
Mom and Dad



**Amber
Currin**

Senior year's ending, school's almost through. Even though it's exciting, it's a little sad, too! Despite all the sickness, the years have sped fast. Yesterday you just started and now it's your last. We know you'll succeed in whatever you do. Just remember we're proud and we'll always love you!
Love Always,
Dad, Mom and Brandon



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King**

Lindsey,
You have given me so many things to be proud of! You are truly a blessing and you have a heart of gold. Congratulations! I love you!
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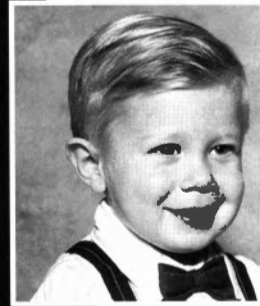
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you've become. Just remember,
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I love you!
Mom



**Kaley
Vondra**

Our wish for you is that this
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it to...
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**Jordan
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Jordan,
Wherever the future may lead
you, may you have the strength
and knowledge to follow your
dreams.
Love, Mom, Dad, Jasmin and
Jarret



**Amanda
Lansdell**

Amanda Rae,
We were blessed the day you were born! We are so
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person you are inside and out. Be true to yourself,
believe in yourself, have faith in god, and be proud
of those accompltshments. Dream big and pursue
those dreams! Our love for you is unmeasurable and
we wish you good health, happiness, and love in your
life always.
Love you forever sis,
Mom, Dad and Adam



**Jessica
Whitford**

Jessica- When we were young we
shared popsicles and sidewalk chalk.
As we got older it was make-up
tips and hair straighteners. And
now that you're graduating, we'll
share one more thing- adult-
hood! I know that you will
succeed wherever life may lead
you. Never forget the fun times
we've had, the fun yet to come
and the LOVE of sisters! Way to
go girlie! Love, Katie



**Brooke Darling
Cayden Bunnell**



Brooke and Cayden,

We can't believe you're graduating this year. We
wish you all the best in what ever you do. We are all
so very proud you!

Congratulations,
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Justin,
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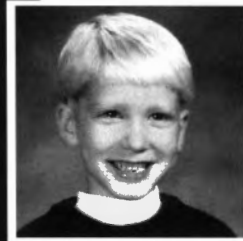
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To our little princess,
Stay focused and take a bite out
of life. May God continue to
bless you.
Love,
Dad, Hime and Chantel



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Lowery**

Caitlin,
You are our sunshine! We are so
impressed with your intelligence,
compassion for others, and
incredible work ethic. You will
accomplish great things at U of
M and beyond. We are so proud
of you, our brown-eyed girl!
Love, Mom, Dad, Rinni and
Chip



**Cayden
Bunnell**

To Cayden,
We are so proud of you! Not
because of your grades, or your
music (even though we're proud
of those too), but because of the
kind, smart, big-hearted young
man that you've become. We
can't wait to see what your fu-
ture holds.
Love, Mom and Dad



**Chelsey
Bashore**

Chelsey,
We are so proud of the young
lady you've grown up to be. We
know you'll go far, so follow
your dreams!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Shaun



**Elizabeth
Aylsworth**

To our colorful, talented, beautiful
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With all the love our hearts can hold,
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Dear Alex,
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of you. Follow your dreams!
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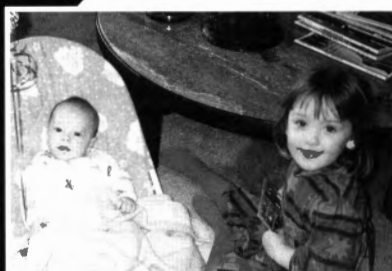
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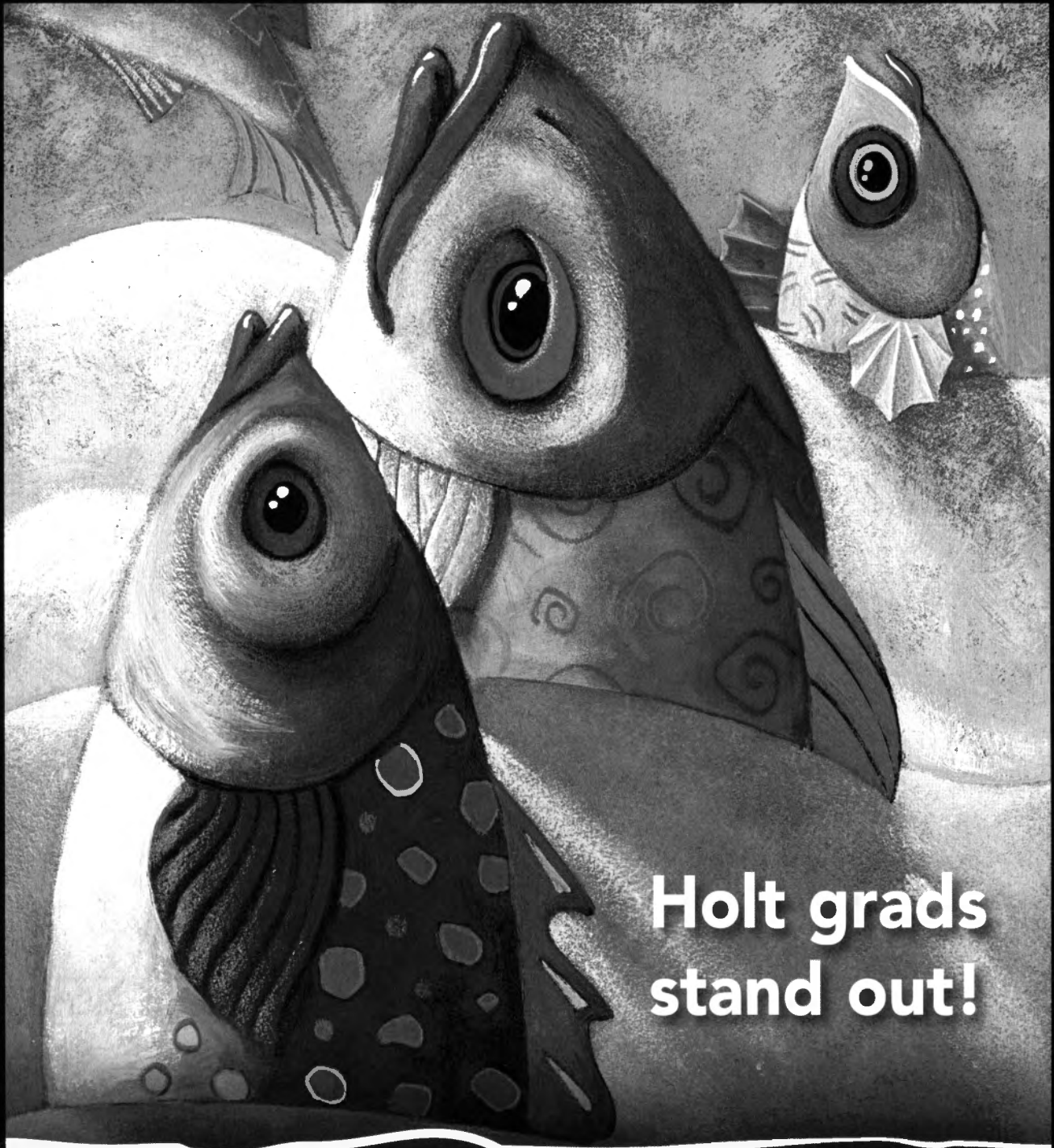


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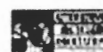
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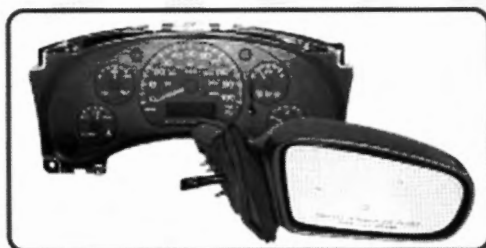
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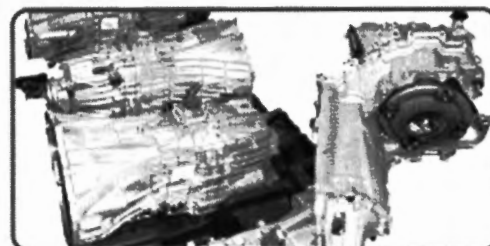
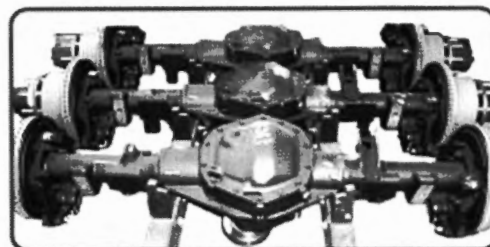
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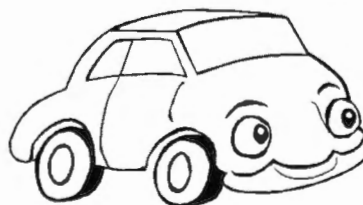
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We love you!

Daddy, Tammy and Taylor



**Robert
Strauss**

Robert, God sent us someone very special when he sent you to us. You are a miracle child we are blessed to have you. Reach for the stars, you can be anything and do anything in life. We are so very proud of you today and always. We love you!
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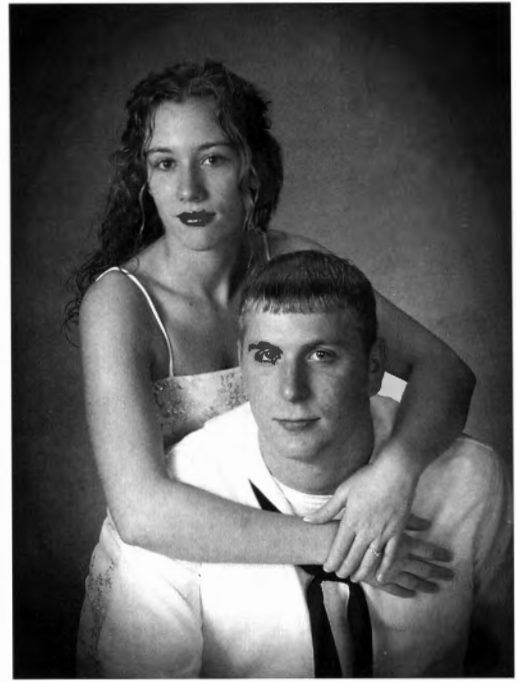
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courage, faith, and maturity.
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were determined to get it. Keep
following your dreams. We love
you to the moon and back.
Dad, Mom, Cole and Blake
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**Mike
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Continue to follow your dreams and work hard to climb the
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be" within reach. You have made us very proud and we love
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Grandpa and Grandma



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A New Beginning : (adapted from Joanna Fuchs)

As you pursue your dreams, remember to take time to help and
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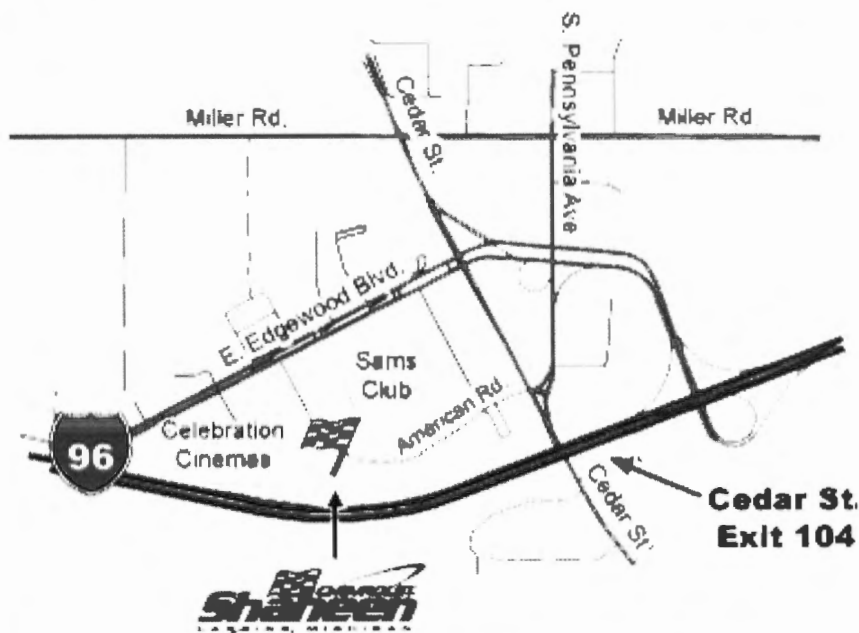
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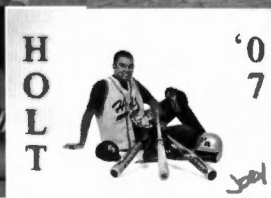


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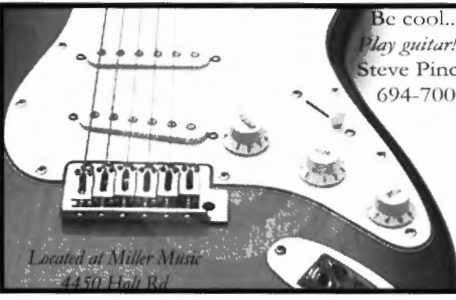
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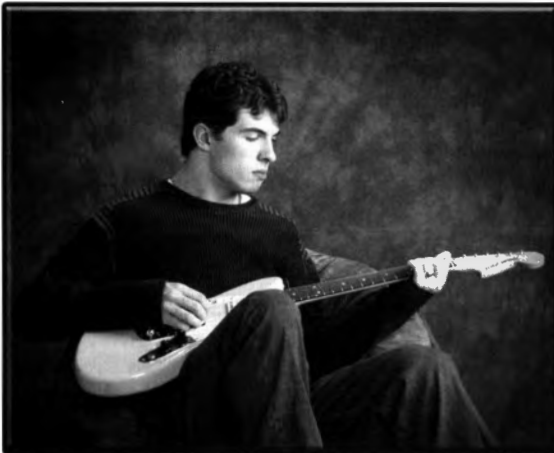


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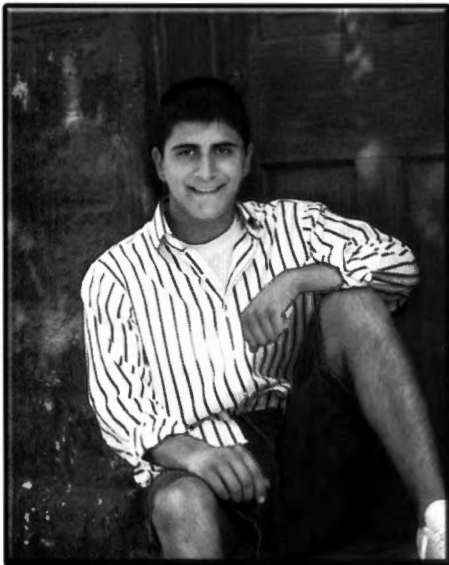
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You have brought such great joy and happiness into our lives. Your overwhelming desire to succeed and stay true to yourself is such an inspiration to all of the lives that you have touched. Continue to have courage, pride, and your incredible strong will; these are things that will give you strength. Continue to show your vulnerable side, your compassion, your understanding, and your sensitivity; these things will keep you true. As you continue your journey there is no need to reach for the stars. They are already within you. Just reach deep within your heart.

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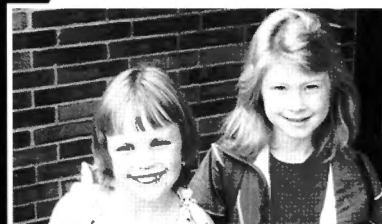
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Dear Julie

We are very proud of you. You have brought us much pride and joy and we love you very much. Your positive attitude and determination will help you to succeed. Stay focused and keep God in your life.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jamie, and Alexis



Danielle
Smith

I know you'll make us all proud by doing great things in the future. I love you. *Love, Stephanie*
Shoot for the moon even if you miss you'll be among the stars. *Love, Nicole*
You give without hesitation and love unconditional. You have a wonderful attitude and passion for life. Thanks from all of us for your inspiration. *Love, Mom xxoo*



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students that go there also and I get to dance, something I love, and hang out with my friends."

Kristy Bart
Junior Kristy Bart



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"I got so **excited** for class
 I almost **kicked** Dylan in
 the **face**!"

-Junior Nate Zimmer

"**Alright** guys, make your funny faces!" shouted yearbook adviser Stephanie Mathers as she captured a magic moment with the yearbook staffers. Whether it was mandatory team-bonding tasks (i.e. the line game), Thanksgiving Day feasts, or a Valentine's Day party, the Rampages staff always knew how to have a good time. "I don't think I've gotten as many valentines as I did at our party. I felt like a little kid again!" said **senior Kayla Drake**. Photo by Stephanie Mathers



"I think it's pretty sweet that our own students make the yearbook because if teachers did it they



"Go for the gold" was the goal of this year's yearbook staff. After starting over last year with a new adviser, the book did well, receiving a Gold Award, but that wasn't good enough for a Spartan Award. This year, anything but a Spartan Award wouldn't be good enough for the hard working staff. "I work really hard on my pages because I want to make the book the best it can be and represent my school. It would be sweet if we won another Spartan Award," said **senior Heather Brandenburg**. *Photo by Brooke Darling*



"Cheese," yells the whole yearbook class as they use their bodies to outline the letters to signify yearbook. This was one of the many crazy ideas the whole class did to enjoy themselves. They also had a yearbook cheer, Monday Meetings, and Togetherness Tuesdays. *Photo by Stephanie Mathers*



"Hey yearbook! Hey what?" shouts the yearbook mascot, **Mwanamume Kilaji**, (which translates into "maneater" in Swahili) as he motivates the staffers to do their very best work. Kilaji was created by **senior James Bryde** in his ceramics class. "The lion was very difficult to make, especially the part of making his eyeballs glassy," said Bryde. *Photo by Christina McPike*

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Hey Yearbook... What a fantastic year! Some things I'll never forget: Monday meetings; learning to say Zim and Zietlow instead of Josh Z; giving Chex mix to Michael after a catastrophe; ham and pineapple pizza; my fabulous editors who made my life much easier than last year; warning everyone about the possibility of getting tapeworms from interviewing while barefoot; turning in 40 pages early during our first deadline; getting a "big fish" for Christmas; hearing "Bringing Sexy Back" and "Welcome to the Black Parade" on the radio and getting pumped up; Dylan's "mentors" Kelly and Trina. I'm not sure if we actually found any direction at all, but we worked hard and had a lot of fun. Good luck seniors!

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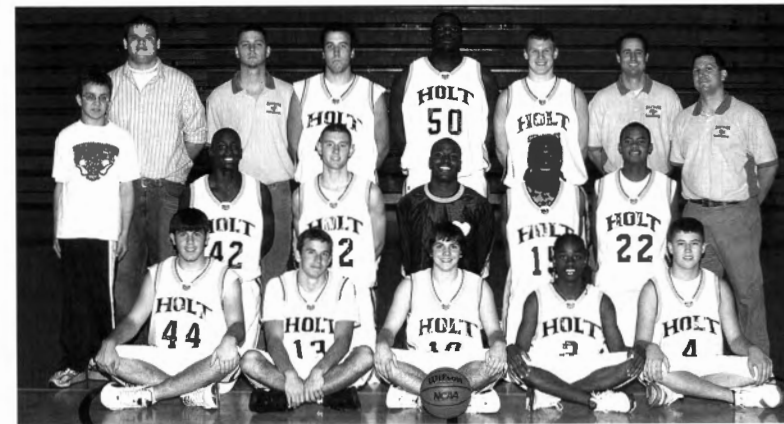
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First Row: Taylor Beachau, Brendan Diamond, Caleb Shaw, Chris Bossenbery, Aaron Kruch.

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First Row: Joe Powers, Michael Hollern, Matt Naeyaert, Dilanto Jackson, Brendan Lierman.

Second Row: Jordan Motley, Phil Vandenburg, Avery Thomas, Cody Nash-Kniiffen, Rashawn Molden. **Third Row:** Phil McKay, Austin Holtz, Coach Boker, Brian Perski, Paul Crosby, Tom Brandenburg, Coach Baker, Coach Essel



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ROW 1: Justin Cowles, Michael Cheadle, Tyler Denny, Ben Wilson, Zach Morley. **ROW 2:** Coach Gayla, Brendan Lierman, Kyle Winsor, Steven Quinn, Greg Morey, Michael Hollern, Chris Carrier, Coach Biggum. **ROW 3:** Brayden White, Cody Nash-Kniffen, Tommy Brandenburg, Austin Holtz, Danny Neff

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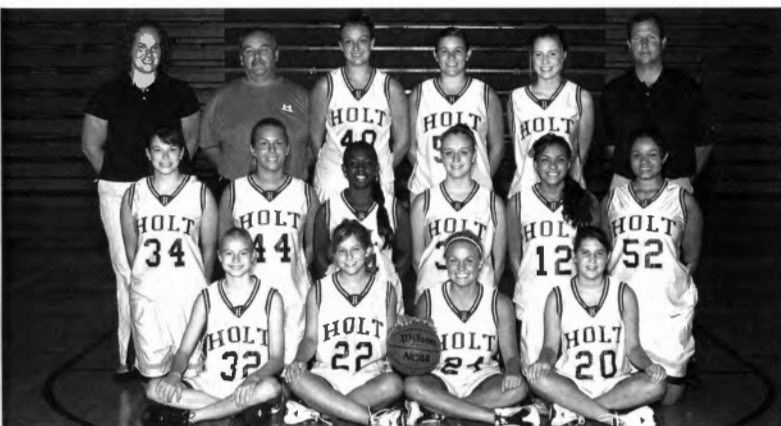
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VARSITY GIRL'S BASKETBALL

ROW 1: Jasmine Woods, Kayla Stevens, Rachel Hegman. **ROW 2:** Kayla Roche, Jessica Peatross, Lindsey Soderberg, Danielle Smith, Chloe Hamilton. **ROW 3:** Coach Harkema, Kourtnei Egger, Kacy Cryderman, Missy Mohr, Coach Noble

ut. My friends and I always go and hang out at 7-11. That's the place to be."

Senior Josh Morley





BOY'S BOWLING

First Row: Alex Ungren, Nick Beeson, Cliff Mccumpha, Brandon Doerr. **Second Row:** Coach Harriet Hamilton, Coach Brian Vessell, Chad Fox, Jordan Foster, Coach Craig Huhn

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"I wish I would've joined Tech Society earlier because it's really sweet and I could've had a lot of fun with it."

Jeffrey Davenport

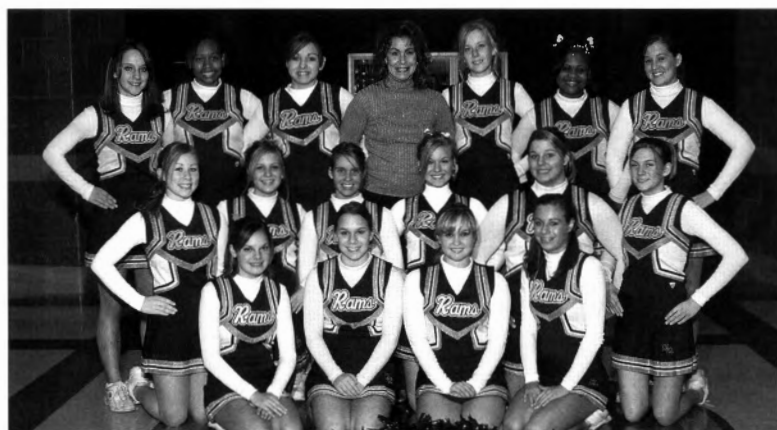


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VARSITY CHEERLEADERS - WINTER

ROW 1: Courtney Noack, Jessica Martinez, Taryn Hull, Brittany Graham, Brittany Andring. **ROW 2:** Katherine Keeler, Kelly Young, Brittany Watson, Brittany Enos, Alyssa Dent. **ROW 3:** Paige Houpt, Mercedee Breedlove, Christina Howlett, Julie Patterson, Coach Connie Martinez, Coach Amanda Harris, Rachel Toth, Stavroula Kyriakopoulos, Michelle McGuire



JV CHEERLEADERS - FALL

ROW 1: Brittany Pettit, Sarah Stapleton, Kelsey Darbor, Chelsea Hemenway, Alyssa O'Connor. **ROW 2:** Meghan Clarkin, Shelby Putnam, Sunnie Eisenzimmer, Meagan Keyes, Spencer Crew, Melissa Bell, Cassie Bawcum, Taylor Wedley. **ROW 3:** Charisma Hoskins, Ashley Thurman, Chelsie Brokenshire, Coach Clarkin, Jordynn Fountain, Stacy Coon, RaeShay James

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easier to have a good time and learn without those other distractions."

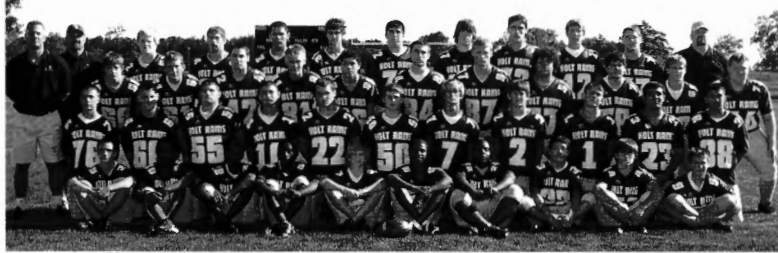


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First Row: Katie Essenmacker, Tara Livingston, Kayleigh Andrews, Marleigh Noss, Megan Murray. **Second Row:** Lauren Crawford, Breah Stewart, Sarah Washburn, Sarahann Rabiadeck, Karelina Sundstrom, Coach Molly Noss

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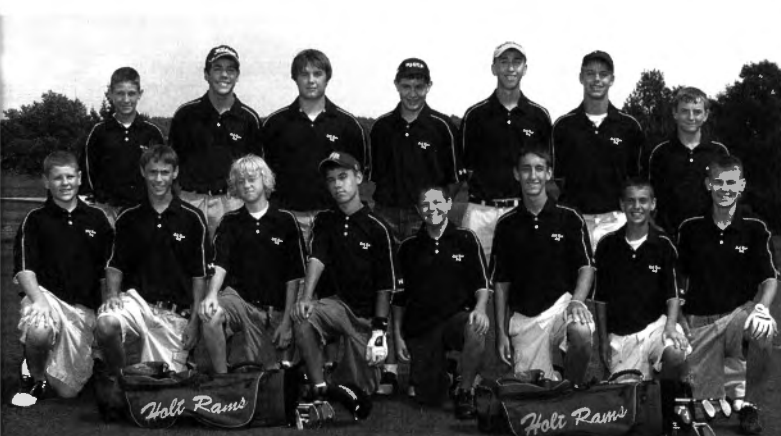
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ROW 1: Autum Forquer, Samantha Patterson, Kylee Prater, Elizabeth Barry, Kelsey Darbor, BreAnne Clark. **ROW 2:** Jennifer Anderson, Anne Couterier, Annie Rao, Loreu Crawford, Stephanie Allen, Kaitlyn Rokui. **ROW 3:** Emily Tashner, Coach Couterier



GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

ROW 1: Kirsten Carlson, Audrey Dowell, Megan Massa. **ROW 2:** Christina Howlett, Brittany Watson, Maddi Massa, Kayla Robbins and Coach Harkema.



JV BOY'S GOLF

ROW 1: Kevin Cox, Alex Olsen, Michael Brokenshire, Blair Hagerman, Ben Matthiesen, Aaron Kruch, Alex Beeson, Max Cupp. **ROW 2:** Nick Wilkinson, Ryan Sanford, Jordan Jackson, Jordan Foster, Lucas Sproul, Zac Seyka, Steven Webb. **NOT PICTURED:** Dylan Ammarman, Coach Coslosky

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First Row: Elizabeth Sierminski, Heather Brandenburg. **Second Row:** Brittany Enos, Rachel Toth, Jae Wolfe, Brittany Watson, Taryn Hull. **Third Row:** Nicole Wood, MaryRose Hillstrom, Stephanie Zaleski, Ashley Jones, Jenny Morley, Alyse Siedelberg, Megan Holden, Courtney Wood



VARSITY BOY'S GOLF

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"I'm going to go to LCC and then MSU to study computer science and then MIT to get my masters." **Jonathon Kerr**

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First Row: Tommy Zilakowski, Chris Carrier. **Second Row:** Chris Shaw, Cody Alton, Ben Zietlow, Ben Wilson, Kyle Drake, Mike Lemke, Kyle Borek. **Third Row:** Nick Ward, Matt Hasbany, Jordan Bird, Mark Tongen, Sean Haskin, Andy Hull, Craig Weifretch, Josh Alton. **Not Pictured:** Jeff Reisner

knows each other and there is fun stuff to do as you grow up."

Senior Ashley Schauten





BOYS JV LACROSSE

ROW 1: Jordan Loveall, Tom Thelen, Alex LaClear, Chris Walsh, Kevin Mac, Tyler Walsh, Dalton Sweet, Joey Gonzalez. **ROW 2:** Justin Tompson, Sam Johnides, Evan Nichols, Miles Green, Brett Kuprel, Phil Johnson, Ryan Brown. **ROW 3:** Charles Morrissey, Ron Durga, Chase Everett, Josh Norton, Adam Johnson, Brad Hurvy, Bobby McKee, Jeff Walters, Dylan Wolff

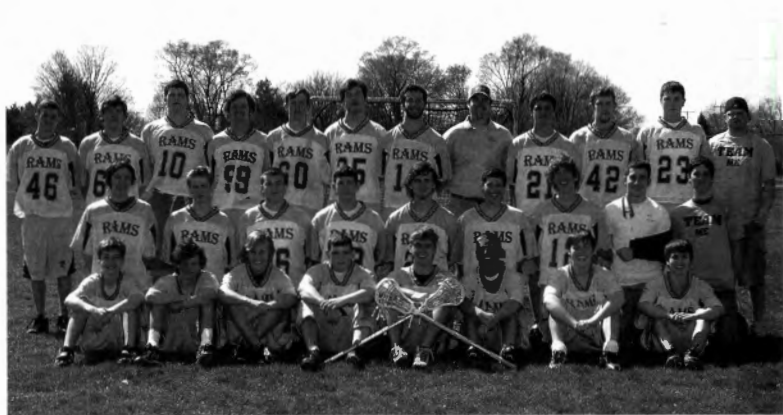
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BOYS JV SOCCER - B

ROW 1: Skylar Kohasen, Alex Bossie, Adam Knapp, Alex Bryant, Noah Flores. **ROW 2:** Alexander Radojcic, Donald Allen, Steve Steveson, Kyle Borek, Brian Stewart, Evan Morgan. **ROW 3:** Coach Trunk, Mark Golbeck, Reinaldo Silva, Kyle Dowling, Joe Crippen, Coach Harmon



GIRLS JV LACROSSE

ROW 1: Janelle Brooks. **ROW 2:** Kaylee Hitcock, Mava Cooper, Jenny Stewer, Alyssa O'Connor, Kristi Shearer. **ROW 3:** Kaitlyn K, Erica Stanley, Kelsey A, Liz Tompkins, Judy Bailey, Amelia Ackley. **ROW 4:** Coach A, Kelsey McClure, Hailey Marsh, Sutton Parker, Morgan Wilson, Allison Federline, Eve Wood, Coach Heather

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"I'm glad I studied a lot this year, but everyone could always use a little better grades."

Bo Nguyen

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ROW 1: Brice Jenkins, Joshua Barends, Michael Boggus, Tony Frontzek, Curtis Kniffen, Scott Greiner, Andy Worden. **ROW 2:** Dominic Jenkins, Zach Looman, Zachary Flores, Andy Lamie, Kevin Borek, Alex Allegretto, Bernardo Mandujano. **ROW 3:** Coach Conner, Jerry Lassen, Alex Mazzoni, Nathan Quebbeman, Shawn Snoor, Emery Montville, Matt Jenca, Nate Long, Mike Gukasov, Justin Hough, Coach Hornak. **NOT PICTURED:** James Maier, Coach Gnass



GIRLS JV SOCCER

ROW 1: Jessica Baker, Michelle McCormick. **ROW 2:** Terra Livingston, LaShay Chmaluski, Julia Dane, Karen Bologna, Laura Worden, Kristy Burt, Chelsea Reeser, Chelsea Ackerson. **ROW 3:** Coach Trunk, Tricia Brubaker, Brett, Alyson Mosher, Raquel Rendon, Kaitlin Warren, Anastasia, Coach Hornack

stand to lose tomorrow.' Try to prosper and don't lose yourself."

Senior John Petrou





GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

ROW 1: Ivy Klein, Alexis Louth, Samantha Whitford, Franny DeJongh, Danielle Counsellor, Katy Bryant, Carolyn Pinckney. **ROW 2:** Coach Doris Pipkins, Krista Keiffer, Bridgette Griffiths, Katerin Moule, Ashley Schouten, Liz DeJongh, Nicole Barens, Marissa Perry, Assistant Coach Brooke Viele. **ROW 3:** Coach Rees, Jordan Birch, Chelsie Rees, Jessica Baker, Jessica Phillips, Missy Mohr, Jennifer Pulido and Meagan Nakfoor.

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"I want to go to Michigan State University and get my masters in Zoology."

Emily Ott

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"I just want to be successful, rich, and powerful. And a lawn gnome. That's it."

Duy Pham

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ROW 1: Abbie Clark, Megan Holden, Kristen Dykema, Jordan Kammins, Breezy Coats. **ROW 2:** Hannah Miller, Mercedee Breedlove, Kayla Stevens, Leanna Hardy, Breanna Ford. **ROW 3:** Dana Hertzfeld, Madeline Prange, Coach Hill, Coach Snivley, Monica Drolett, Christina Peirce

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"I regret not getting a job because I'm broke and need a car. It would be a lot easier to go out with friends this way."

Stephen Quinn

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BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

ROW 1: Alex Klimentev, John McGarry, Devin Montague, Cord Dingeldey, Ryan Jones, Brian Perski. **ROW 2:** Coach Kersten, Josh Webb, Collin Jensen, Joe Powers, Nate Menacher, Alex Mazzoni, Michael Farran, and Coach Powers. **NOT PICTURED:** Coach Mike Smith.



VARSITY SOFTBALL

ROW 1: Nicole Smith, Stacey Stanley, Laura Mastin, Nicole Stevens. **ROW 2:** Danielle Smith, Stephanie Smith, Kiera Lentz, Abbey Rarick, Jovanna Quiroga, Julie Patterson, **ROW 3:** Coach Huhn, Coach Volpe, Sarah Harris, Mollie Ballmer, Amanda Prange, Coach Reichard, Coach Braid

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BOYS SWIMMING

ROW 1: Coach Bryan, Coach Pohlonski, Coach Brent Pohlonski, Coach Trista. **ROW 2:** Nate Robinson, Alex Hoffman, Kelsie Schooley, Kaleb Hebert, Dustin Haskel, Jake Hrapkiewicz, Jake Hettinger. **ROW 3:** Justin Gibbs, Noah Flores, Gabe Murley, Andrew Burgess, Spencer DuMond, Adam Stasiuk. **ROW 4:** Emery Montville, Mitch Fischer, Zach Burgess, David Warner. **ROW 5:** Matt Morgan, Kyle Lucas, Danton Thon, Kyle Winsor, Cody Schwem, Tobias Hensler. **LAST ROW:** Tyler Groskopf, David Harris, David Roger-Snodgrass, Matt Fischer

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S "One thing I will remember are my teachers. They had a great impact on me and taught me a lot."

Brittney Sessions

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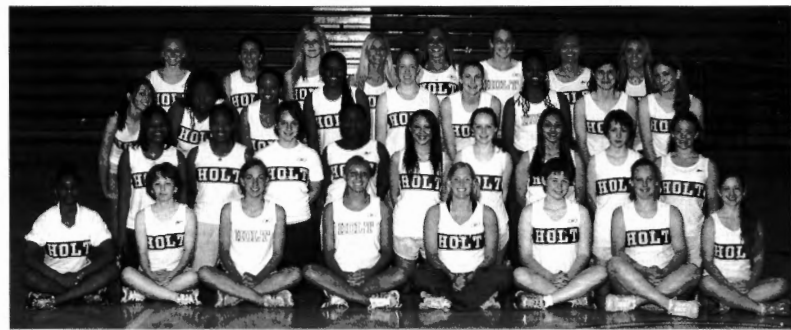


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ROW 1: Joseph Hemingway, Blake Wilson, Tyrone Vick, Tony Scott, Brandon Magyar, Ryan Bort, Dennis Reich, Andrew Sharrah, Matt Darling, Ben Wheaton, Ian Sweet, Kyle Hanton, Christian Hall, Dionte Vance, Eric Spitz, Benjamin Jones. **ROW 2:** John Reno, Dylan Ammarman, Tyler Buxton, Nik Alldaffer, Richard Heredia, Eric Hillard, James Magyar, Rasey Jupin, Frankie Quasarano, Tyler Hartmann, David Harris, Nick Kanillopoulos, Andy Lamie, Kevin Dygart, Kevin Borek, J. P. Dudley, Jacob Lewis. **ROW 3:** Robert Norton, D.J. Morgan, Cody Harder, Josh Wyatt, Ryan Thumser, Chris Liles, John Bort, Scott Crawford, Garrett Cardinal, David Lopez, Andy Garcia, Josh Lewis, Josh Williams, Zechariah Shaffer, Kirkland Mallett, Boise Murchison, Andy Sawyer, Josh Brayton, Nathan Quebbeman. **ROW 4:** James Maier, Nate Long, Danny Zajac, Nick Neff, Mitchel Saxman, Jonathon Graham, James Blomquist, Glenn Briggs, Nick Stuiblie, Mitch Steed, Nathan Delapaz, Nick Norton, Mitchell Zajac, Brandon Simmons, James Terrill, Curtis Ferguson, Danti Murchison and Jeff Terrell.

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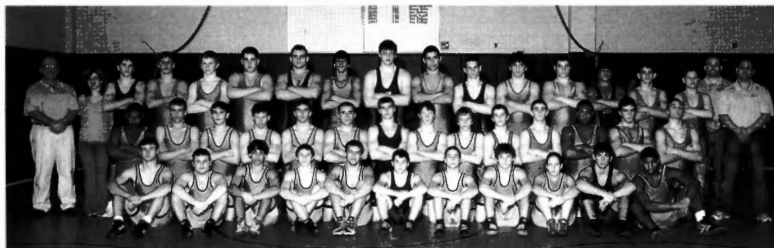
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JV VOLLEYBALL

First Row: Cassie Bawcun, Erica Stanley, Jillian Allen, Lauren Johnson, Megan Bunnell.
Second Row: Lexi McPike, Liz Dejoung, Nicole Purdue, Emily Holtz, Jenny Pielack. **Third Row:** Coach Brooke Kletcha, Emily Taschner, Niki Tischler, Melissa Tharine, Kandice Duke, Andra Overton, Coach Allison Boyce

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U "I really liked having classes with a lot of my friends and being able to meet so many new people."

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"The prom fashion show was really fun. I'd do it again if I had the chance."

Erie Wright

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VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

First Row: Brooke Darling, Julie Patterson, Katelin Moule, Jena Allen, Miranda Kolb. **Second Row:** Jessica Baker, Marissa Perry, Monica Drolett, Morgan Emery, Karen Thompson, Ana Tomysheva, Breezy Coats, Sam Molden

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"I am really glad that I was open to upper classmen. It allowed me to have more fun and meet more people."

Camden Young

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"If I could change one thing about high school, I would try more in all my classes and work harder."

Bryant Zdawczyk

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out my day in the best way. I look forward to these mornings."

Alissa O'Connor



'Crunch' goes the chip bag on the lunchroom floor underneath a pair of unsuspecting sneakers, as the security guard's walkie-talkie murmurs the day's commands. The lunchroom was a place for students to congregate with their friends, chow down on food, and catch up on some last minute homework, that was put off from the night before. "Lunch is the place to eat and get to hang out with friends; it's not to shabby," explained **junior Joe Recollet**. Even though the lunch period only lasted thirty minutes and entailed large lines, there were many different options for the types of food to eat, and this break was necessary for the students to make it through each hectic day. *Photo by Brooke Darling*



Our Directions Defined

by Brooke Darling & Christina McPike

College applications and exciting campus visits, graduation open house plans, AP tests, and senior pictures. As many students' senior year came to an end and plans for the future commenced, the impact high school had on each individual began to show through.

Each class, teacher, and activity had its own effect on each individual student, and it was these experiences that helped shape students for life after high school. "I want to go into the Air Force to be in the military police," explained senior Jamie Babcock. "I have always wanted to be a police officer and by joining the military, they will pay for my college and I can become a military police officer. High school has helped me deal with situations and figure out how to accomplish my goal of achieving my career of interest."

Whether students took AP classes to achieve extra credit for college, or attended the Career Center to pursue a job choice; high school brought forth opportunities that appealed to the desires of all students. "I want to attend LCC first, because it is cheaper, and then branch off and hopefully attend MSU. Really I want to stay in Michigan and become a kindergarten teacher. Being able to go to the Career Center through school has helped out a lot with my future plans; in some areas it has helped me more than being at the high school for classes," explained senior Marcos Bobillo.

Not only did all the opportunities, provided by high school, help students in their academic pursuits, but they helped students learn to adapt to life situations and deal with their peers. Those final years of confusion were met with motivation, determination, participation, inspiration, contribution, and ambition; all of which helped shape individuals into a successful group of young adults.

one class that fits everybody's interest. My favorite elective is drama."

Sophomore Santa Patricia Patterson

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"High school is a time to experience life,"

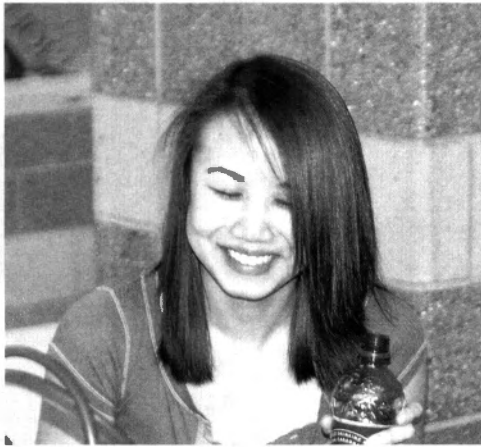
explained senior Mahn Giap. "As a senior, I have been working to get into MSU in the fall. I plan to live at home and if I have money then I'll live in the dorm. I hope to major in car design and find a career in this field. High school has been a great experience with peers and different activities. I was involved in the International Club and that allowed me to be involved in a lot of different activities and with a wide variety of people. The classes and people were interesting, but my favorite class would have to be FST. Aside from classes, the only thing I regret from this part of my life was that there wasn't a school volleyball team, because I really wanted to have my own team. I would have to say that my motto for your senior year is to 'have a happy life at the end'. In order to accomplish this I have been involved in activities and kept the same friends with some new ones added in. Overall, high school has been a great experience and helped me get to a **higher point in life.**"



"I think the real question is, what are all the seniors plans for next year?" asked junior Mark Tongen. "This is necessary to know because in order to succeed we all need to work together as a group. This group together will help make the year the greatest year possible and **we can do anything if we all work together for a common cause.** After all of the work for this year, I am looking forward to having a very enthusiastic and eventful senior year, because it will be the last memories I will have of high school. After all of this I hope to attend MSU the fall after my senior year. High school has been a great experience with activities and sports. After playing lacrosse, hockey and running cross country my junior year, I hope to finish off my senior year being involved in these sports as well. Each school activity has helped me make new friends and hang out with my old buddies. One great accomplishment I hope to obtain by the end of high school is eating a thirty two inch such without a drink. But friends, making memories, and creating even more memories with my fellow classmates is the greatest aspect of high school and something I will really miss after next year."

"Next year I will be attending Lawrence Technological University in Southfield to study architecture. I decided to follow

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"I hope the friends I have in high school will remain my friends for a long time," explained junior Leanne Shen. "Spending time with them has been a big part of my high school experience, they have influenced me in many ways. Also, I've met so many new people throughout high school. You get to see so many different personalities in your classes and in sports. When I was a cheerleader in ninth grade I got to experience one of the most fun aspects of high school: being with my squad and bonding with them. Another thing that I really liked about high school was the fact that I got to drive to school! It made me feel more independent. In my preparations for next year I plan to take as many Advanced Placement classes as I can. I also want to prepare for college. I plan to go to the University of Michigan, although I'm not sure what to major in. My goals for the future are to raise a family and have a good, steady career. I think the choices that I make in high school will definitely influence my future."



"My entire high school experience has been full of activities and excitement," said senior Brittany Bennett. "I want to continue that at LCC where I plan to study interior design and then transfer to a larger university to continue in interior design. I hope to get a good job in order to be more independent. During high school I tried to do a lot of things to make more memories. My sophomore year I was really involved in SADD, which I enjoyed a lot. But for my senior year I have committed my time to Prom Committee as the book keeper, where I have to be very organized and at every meeting. The thing that I have enjoyed most throughout high school was going to Prom my junior year and being able to get dressed up. As a senior pep rallies have been important and exciting for me. From everything I have done in high school, I think that I will remember my peers, the many different people, and the different cliques that all seemed to get along in some way. Overall, my goal is to be happy and successful, by working hard, so that I can get to where I want to be."

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