



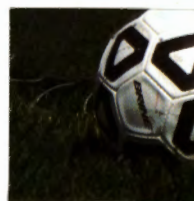
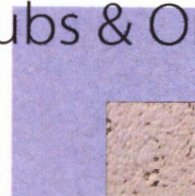
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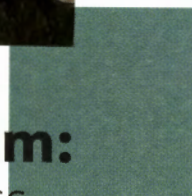
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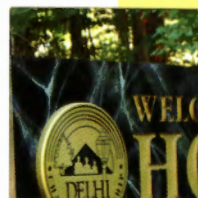
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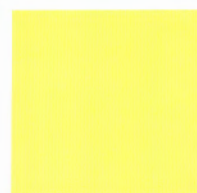
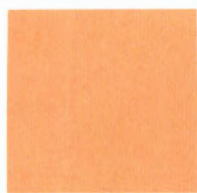


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Rampages '08

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Envisioning the outcome of the evening's homecoming game, Rooty the Ram participates in the sixth hour pep assembly. "When I see Rooty at the games it makes me want to cheer. It's cool that he can just act however he wants because no one knows who he is," said **junior Bethany Whitford**. The Rams beat Owosso 35 to 6. *Photo by Melissa Thering*

Same **lens...**

As the leaves started to lose their green and the local stores ran low on lined paper, students all around the Holt community strapped on their helmets and stormed the commons like the beaches of Normandy. It was another first day of school.

The first to show were the terrified sophomores who had no idea what to expect out of their first day in the high school with older kids. Most headed straight for class after the first warning bell, trying not to be late so they could start their high school careers out right.

"I went to a private school in eighth grade with only eleven people in a class, so freshman year was a huge shock. This year at the high school was even more of a surprise. The school day was pretty much what I expected: hundreds of students and teachers all trying to fight through the halls at the same time," explained sophomore Megan Sundstrom.

Next to show were the prepared juniors. Most had heard junior year was the hardest year of high school. They were prepared for the year ahead, but dreaded it none the less.

"I heard that this year was going to be my hardest year of high school, but I was excited to be a junior because I have superiority over sophomores. It's not really any different than I expected," said junior Shelby Starr.

Finally, the seniors were fashionably late to claim their thrones as the kings and queens of high school. They were already planning out senior pranks in their minds, talking with old friends about how great the school year was going to be, and acting as obnoxious as they could in celebration of their final year of high school.

"I was looking forward to school starting this year, especially being a senior. But once I actually got here on the first day of school, I was ready for graduation," said senior Tom Thelen.

Based on past experiences and stories they heard from older students, every class envisioned how the school year would unfold.

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it ended up being easy and I didn't get lost."



Senior Rachel Miller

Opening  Imagine  3 



...different **focus**

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Not only did the different classes have different views on the upcoming school year, but each individual student had different overall views of high school.

High school was not just about getting good grades, sitting at a cool lunch table, making the basketball team, or finding a date to prom. These four years were about learning skills and achieving individual goals.

"I see high school as a way to learn who and what really matters. I've learned that no one is going to remember what I wore on Friday or how I fell down the bleachers. They will remember the impact I had on them," said senior Sarah Pratt.

Even after final exams were over and lockers were slammed shut for the last time, there was still a lingering question in the minds of students: what's after high school? Choosing exactly what to do after graduation was often a baffling decision.

"When I was little I told everyone I wanted to be a lawyer," explained senior Rashawn Molden. "I'm still not sure where I'm going next year. I may go to Central Michigan University, or maybe a college where I can play basketball. When it comes to a career I'm considering entrepreneurship or possibly sports medicine."

Other students knew exactly what lied ahead of them. "I've decided that when I graduate I'm going to join the Army. Then, I'll be going to the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City," explained junior Dan Jasmund. "All of my experiences in my high school have helped me establish my goals."

Students at Holt refined their goals as their high school careers moved along, and as the year ended each person envisioned his or her individual future. Opening the doors and stepping out the of high school for the last time, lessons learned here could be used to create the best life possible.



Diligently working junior Kendra Hebert finishes an assignment during her fifth hour her psychology class. "I really enjoy high school, but I realize that the way things are here aren't the way they're always going to be in the real world," explained Hebert. Psychology was an elective available in the Social Studies department. *Photo by Blake Taylor*



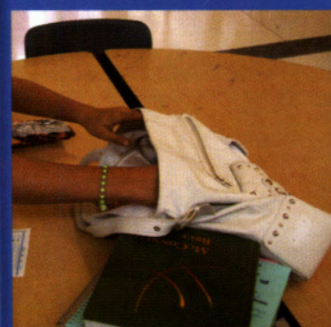
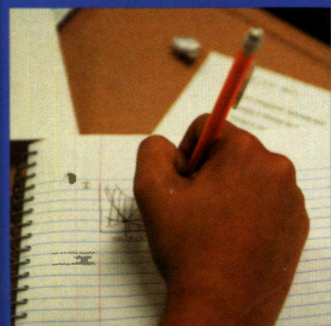
Life filled with happiness and joy."



Junior Jeremy Rook

Opening  Imagine  5 





Chatting with some classmates during the last few minutes of the school day **senior Alicia Edwards** enjoys her AP Economics class. "I've met a lot of great people during these past four years," said Edwards. "My friends have really helped me get through my classes." *Photo by Blake Taylor*

Imagining tomorrow

While twisting through hordes of people in the hallway, everyone was bound to come across someone that affected his or her life, whether it was at work, parties or school events. The relationships students made and the experiences they had influenced their dreams and affected their future choices. Students were constantly shaping and reshaping the way they imagined their futures based on life experiences.

Senior Morgan Emery knows what it was like to benefit from relationships she made in high school. "When I went to Manton my sophomore year, I got a job at an ice cream shop because I was friends with one of the employees," Emery explained. "It really helps to have good relationships with people in school."

Another person that changed how she imagined her future was junior Kelsey Arambula. "This year in Mrs. Boulanger's Chemistry class I noticed that Mrs. Boulanger is really passionate about Chemistry and science in general," Arambula stated. "I wanted to be a veterinarian, but I realized I wasn't passionate about it. Now I know I should choose a career that I know I will always enjoy. Being a vet would be cool, but I think there is something out there that will be better for me. Mrs. Boulanger definitely changed the way I look at career choices."

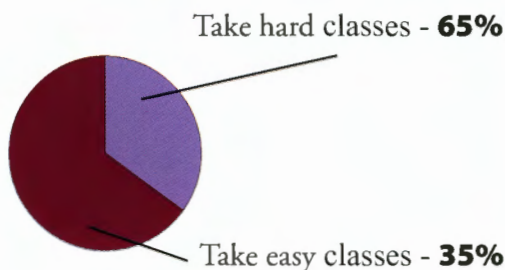
Sophomore Bradley Bowling also experienced a change because of one of his teachers. "My English teacher freshman year really helped me realize some of the potential I had in writing," Bowling elucidated. "I always thought I was a horrible writer and that I wasn't able to write a good paper, but she showed me that I was able to write quality papers. This helped me realize that I might be good at other things in life that I never thought I could be good at."

Taking relationships seriously and being open to new ideas and opinions frequently changed the courses students followed and helped them imagine new possibilities.

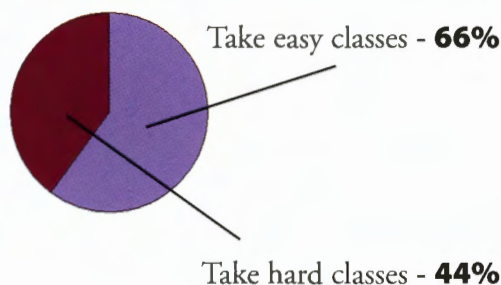


What kind of classes should you take senior year - **easy or hard?**

Males



Females



50 students surveyed

How they see it:

Senior words of wisdom



"Don't take life too seriously, you'll never get out alive that way, and remember: don't be a fool stay in school."

Senior Charles Morrissey



"Work hard, and have fun. Be sure to take cool classes your senior year. Make the best of your senior year."

Senior Amanda Sweet



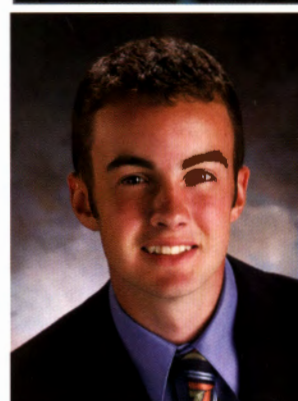
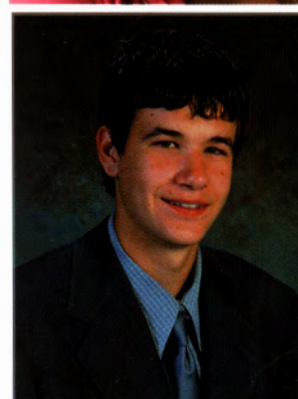
"Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise. Oh, and don't take any math classes!"

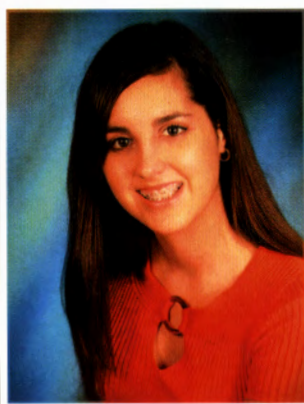
Senior Chris Wardlaw



"Live it up. Don't make mistakes. And be like Nate Zimmer."

Senior Collin Jensen





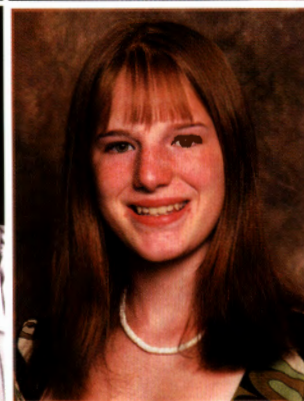
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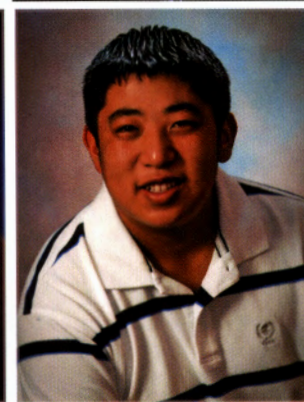
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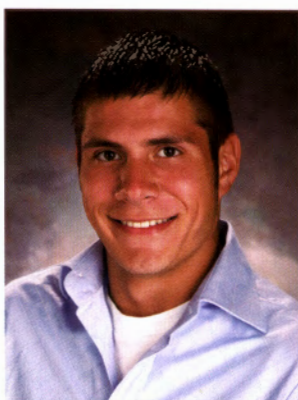


Senior Justin Estee

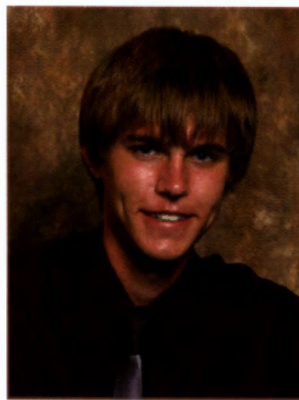
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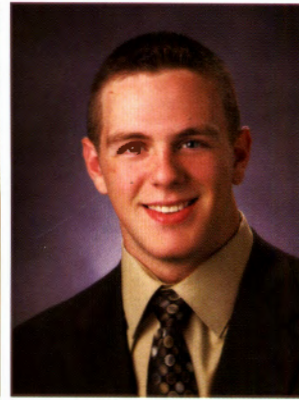
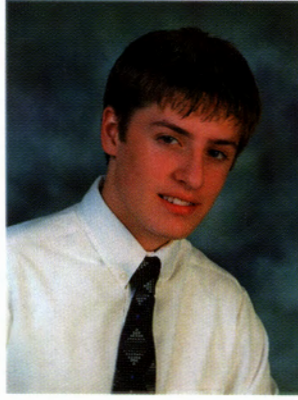
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A closer look at Emma Trout

"Fashion is an expression of who you are and it's important to express yourself," said senior Emma Trout.

"I just like to express myself through my clothes," Trout explained that she kept up with her favorite designers and styles by reading her subscription to Teen Vogue magazine once a month, watching fashion shows and going to her favorite stores.

"I think it's really important to dress how the way that you want to be viewed by other people," Trout said about some of the wacky things that she wears.

"It's fashion week right now in Paris and I'm trying to mock some of the styles that the model are wearing."

Trout enjoyed watching fashion shows and shopping for vintage clothing. "Some of my favorite fashion shows I watch regularly would be: *The Guide to Style With Tim Gunn*, *What Not to Wear*, *Project Runway* and sometimes I watch video clips of fashion on the internet."

"I think that it's important to dress the way that you want to be viewed by others."

Trout took a trip to Paris one year and the shopping was fantastic. She also enjoyed shopping in Lansing. "I love to go shopping, I have so many favorite stores that I go to all the time, like Forever 21, Urban Outfitters and Macy's. I don't even always like to go to the high-end stores, sometimes I go to random flea markets, vintage stores in East Lansing and The Goodwill."



Showing her stuff, senior Emma Trout displays the diversity of her wardrobe to accentuate her fashion interests. "I really hope to one day go to Paris to see their fashions during Fashion Week and to experience their culture," said Trout. *Photos by Kristi Shearer*



pull off some of the things that she wears."



Senior Kendra Denyes

Emma Trout

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How he sees it:

Nick Norton



Along with a majority of seniors, Nick Norton had many decisions regarding his future. When his senior year began Norton didn't know what college he wanted to attend, but was able to narrow it down to two. "I really want to go to Northern Michigan or Georgetown, depending on the cost," explained Norton. While at college, Norton planned on playing on the football team and studying Sports Marketing.

"It's always something I've wanted to do, and I think it is a job that I could have fun with everyday," said Norton. If Norton had a choice, he would like to work for the Detroit Pistons, or the Detroit Lions. "No matter what I end up doing, I just hope that my friends and classmates end up happy and have good luck in the future," said Norton.

How they see it:

Envisioning their futures



"I plan on going to Cornerstone College because my aunt went there and she said it was really great. After school I will go into the seminary."

Senior Simon Austin



"I plan to be a marine biologist, and I will hopefully go to college in Hawaii. Go water."

Senior Nathan Menacher



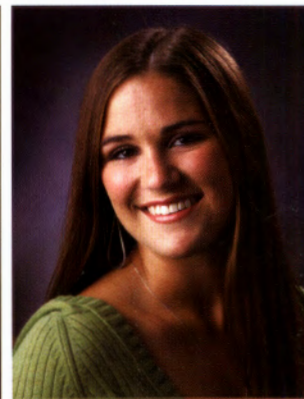
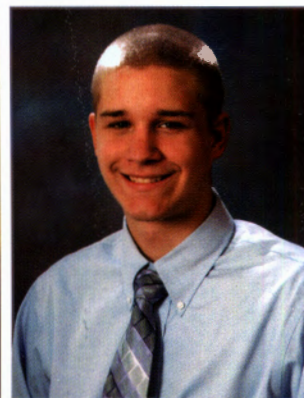
"I leave July 9th this summer for a Marine Base in San Diego. It's sort of been a family tradition to be in the armed service, so I plan on serving."

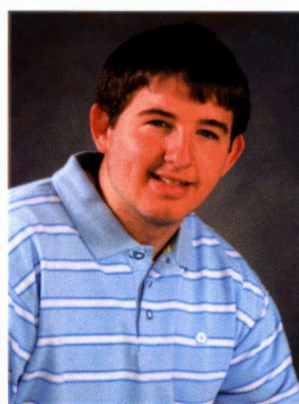
Senior Scott Crawford



"I want to go to Michigan State University, but I don't really know what I want to do yet. I might be on the drum line, but I'm just going to see how things play out."

Senior Jeff Miller

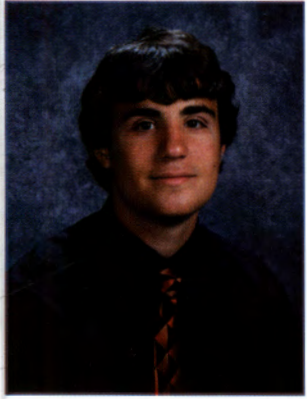




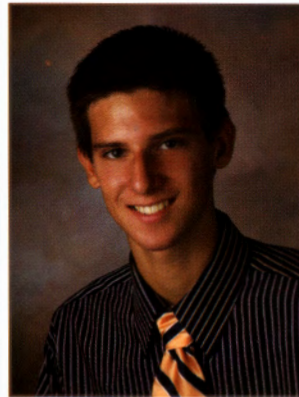
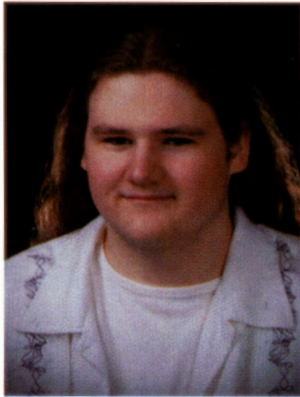
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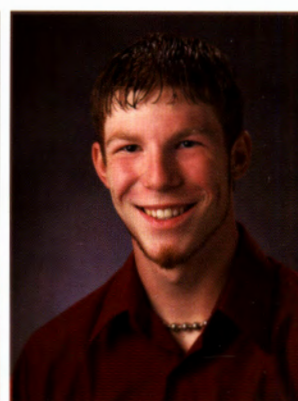
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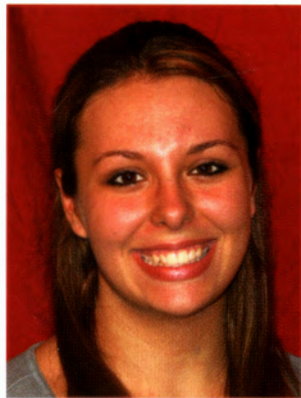
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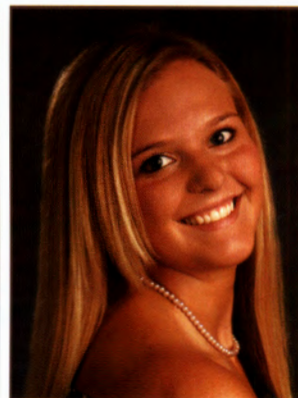
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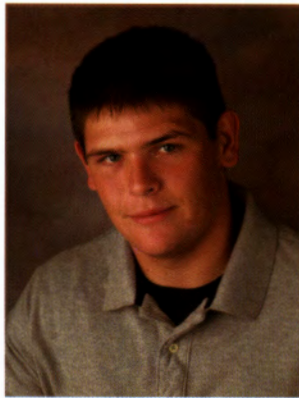
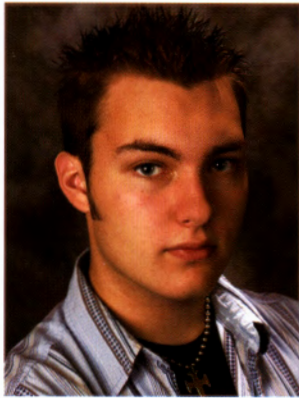
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A closer look at Emily Cobbs

Interested in Theater Production? How about the many technical aspects of a play performance? If so, you may want to talk to senior Emily Cobbs.

Cobbs hoped to attend the University of Michigan at the beginning of the 2008 semester, for a career in Theater.

"I want to do things like sound/light or drafting the sets for plays and musicals," said Cobbs.

Cobbs' high school career focused on preparing her for a career in this field. Cobbs played a big role in the tech society club, and participated in several plays. She even decided to be on the stage in *A Midsummer Nights Dream* during her junior year.

Cobbs' interest laid in more places than just theater. She was an avid reader and a big fan of movies.

"When it comes to books I like to read many different genres."

"My taste in things is very eclectic.

When it comes to books I like to read

many different genres, I can't pick a favorite," exclaimed Cobbs, "I also enjoy indie films."

Besides reading Cobbs also enjoyed writing. She planned on writing a movie for a competition in November of 2007. Cobbs wrote a lot of short stories and someday hoped to write a novel.

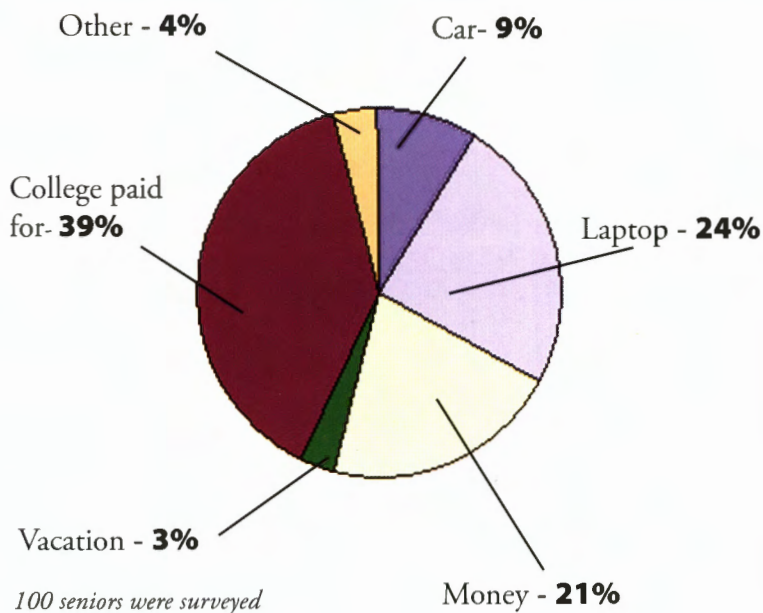
Among other things Cobbs had an agenda for everyday, but hers were a little different than most. Cobbs tried to achieve five things everyday: sing, dance, write, help someone, and laugh.



Working hard every day, senior Emily Cobbs participates in activities around the school, such as making the set for the spring play *Sugar*, participating in a PALS meeting and moving a TV for a teacher.
Photos by Tyler McMillin



Senior wish list: What do you want for graduation?



How they see it: Senior wish list



"I wish for a trip to Paris with just my mom. All throughout school we said that we would go."

Senior Dustin Hagfors



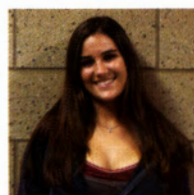
"A laptop would be nice but all I really want is to get into a good college. I also want to stay in touch with Andy Hull forever."

Senior Andrew Gates



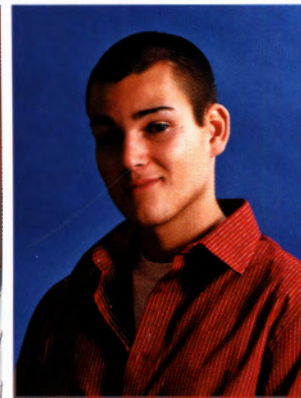
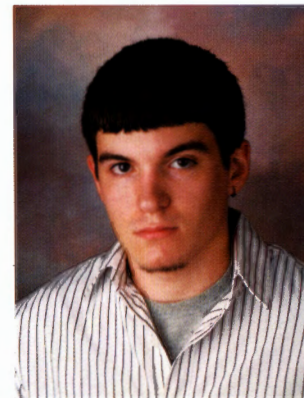
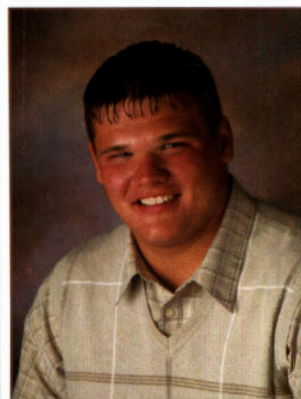
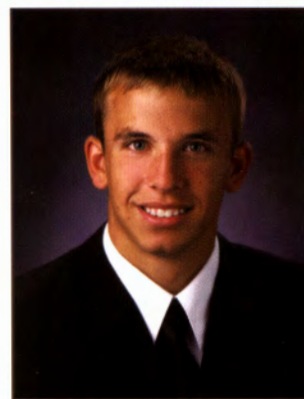
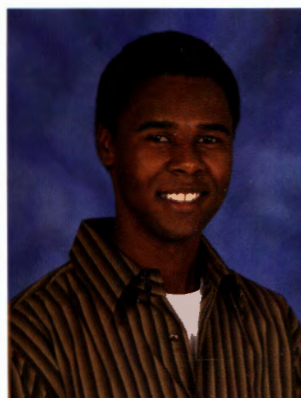
"To go to a sweet place before college, like on a trip! I would really like to go across the big ocean to like Europe."

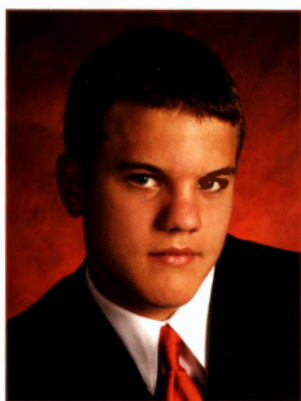
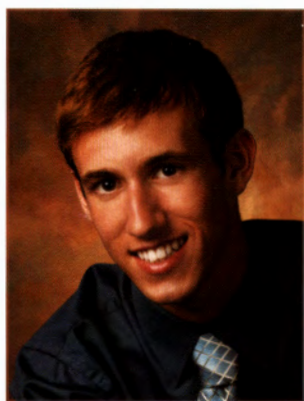
Senior Jessica Baker



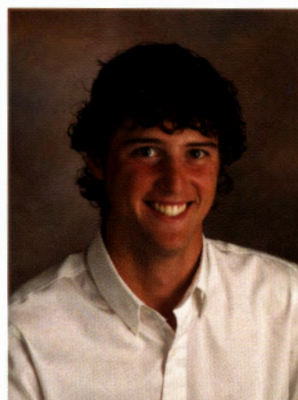
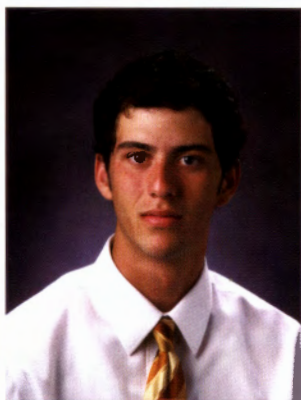
"A really sweet car, like a convertible with the top let down. I want it to be pink with yellow flames and the exhaust to shoot flames."

Senior Kristen Dykema

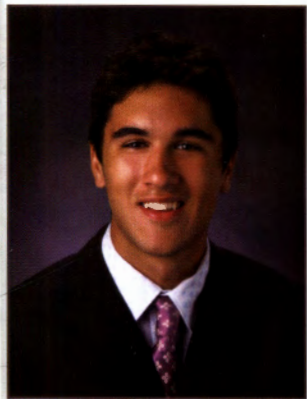




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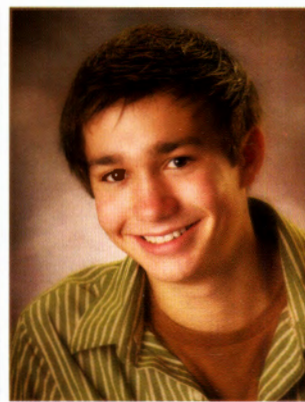
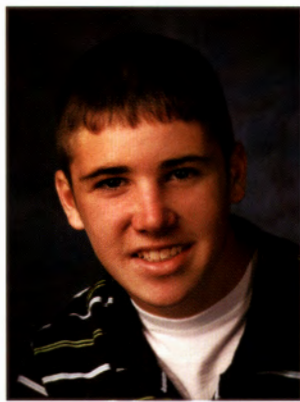


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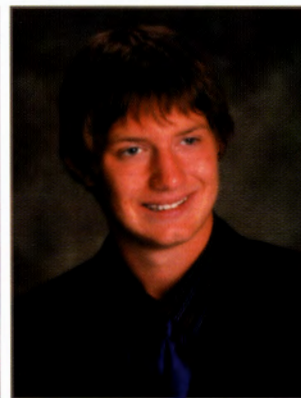
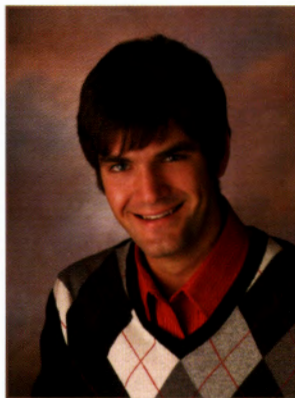
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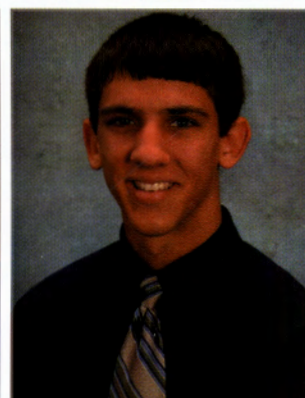
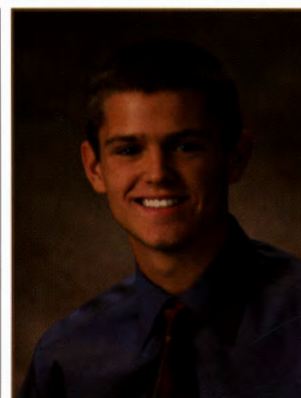
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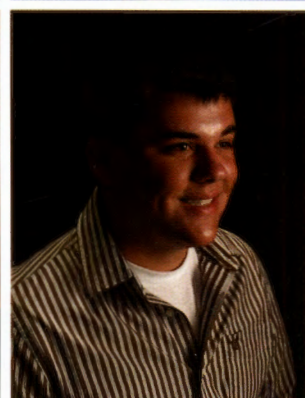
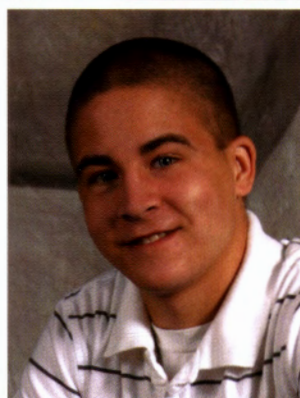
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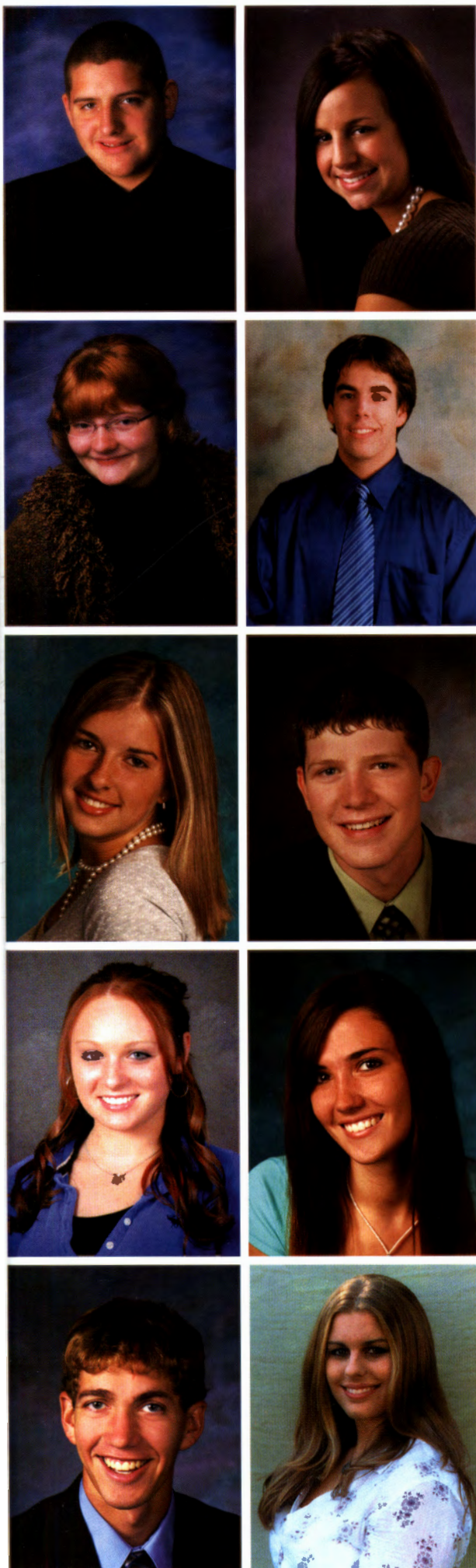


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A closer look at Josh Royston

He shoots, he scores! Senior Josh Royston scored multiple times in his ongoing hockey career. Royston, who started playing hockey when he was six years old, began by playing floor hockey. "I had been playing floor hockey, so I just asked my parents if I could play ice hockey and they said yes," said Royston.

Royston started playing hockey in the Midwest Elite Hockey League. "I like hockey so much because I made a lot of friends in Detroit and other states from playing in the MWEHL, which is one of the best leagues around," said Royston.

Royston played for several teams throughout his career, including the Lansing Capitals, Livingston Lightning, Little Caesars, Capital Center Pride, Victory Honda, and most recently Compusware Ambassadors.

"My favorite place to play is at Joe Louis Arena, it's pretty exciting."

"My favorite place to play was at Joe Louis Arena, which was my home rink when I was 12, it's pretty exciting to play there," said Royston.

Royston lead the state in tournament points for the 2006-2007 season. He also scored the game winning point while playing for Team USA in a tournament in Montreal. "We were playing in Montreal, and I scored the game winning goal in over-time to win the tournament for my team," said Royston.

Upon graduating Royston planned to play Junior A hockey somewhere out of state. He also hoped to receive a scholarship to play Division I hockey.



Playing hockey for most of his life, senior Josh Royston loves the game. At left, Royston prepares to receive a pass from a fellow player. Then it's to the net to score. Royston has also attended many camps, including one at Michigan State. *Courtesy photos.*

saying that because I'm his best friend."



Senior Kevin Mack

Josh Royston

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In his own words:

Brendan McNerney



"Mr. (Jason) Smith is my favorite teacher because he was my first experience with the Honors program and the great experience of his class is what convinced me to get into all the AP and Honors classes I have taken since 9th grade. Not to discredit my other wonder-

ful teachers, but no other class has ever lived up to the standards that Mr. Smith set in terms of enjoyment and learning simultaneously. It's hard to place what made the class so effective. The best explanation I can find is that a fortunate combination of factors coalesced into that class and made it brilliant: the smartest, funniest students ever, the excellent direction, and the creative projects... everything worked."

Brendan McNerney

How they see it:

Favorite teachers



"Mr. Smith because after finishing his easy homework in class I got to dominate in paper football."

Senior Nick Maynard



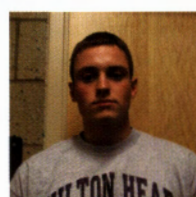
"Mr. Hildebrandt because he is a patient and dedicated person. Plus, I like his teaching style."

Senior Nick Roosa



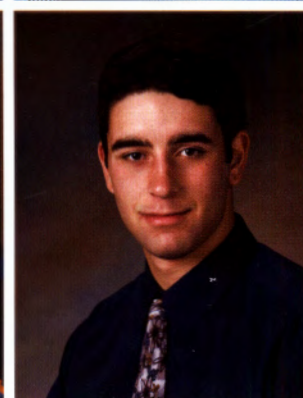
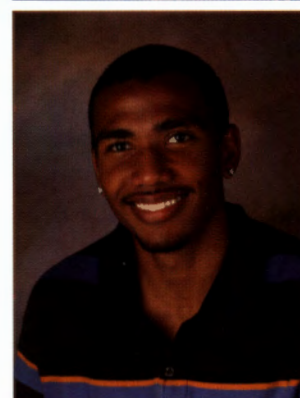
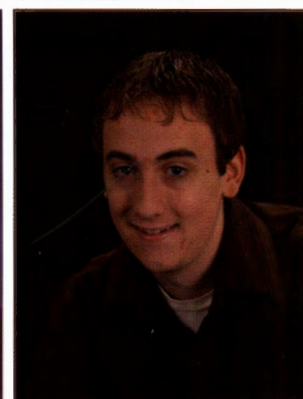
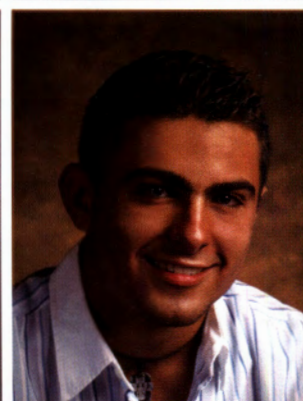
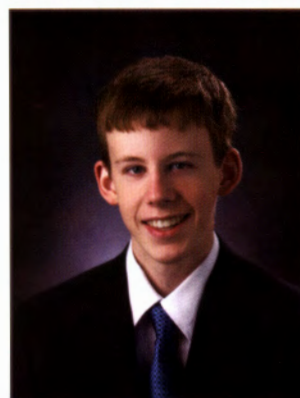
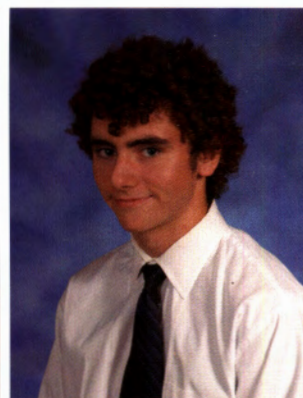
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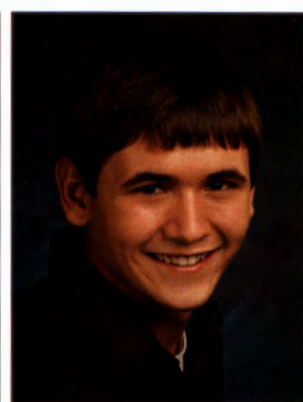
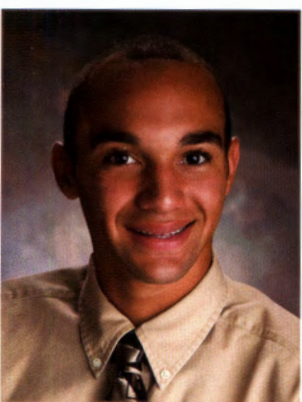
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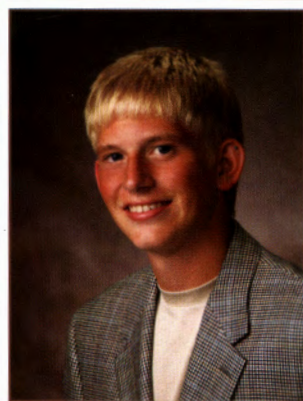
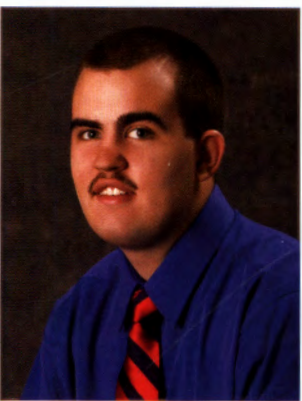
"Mrs. Sutliff because she was funny, laid back and made the class fun. Discussions on books were fun and she let us watch movies all of the time."

Senior Jeff Walthers





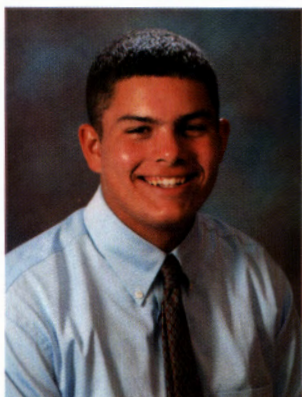
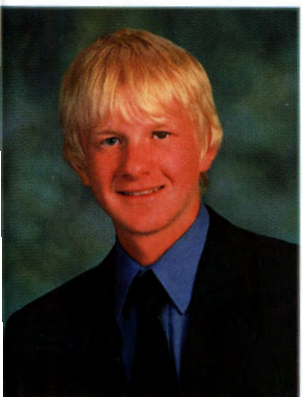
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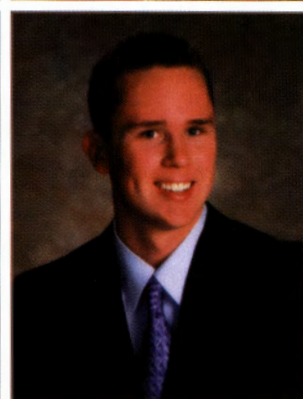
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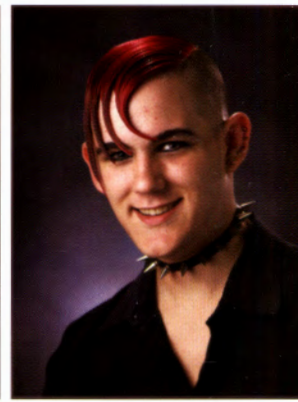
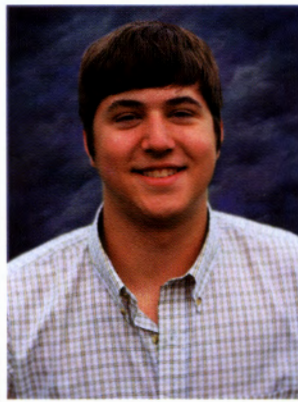
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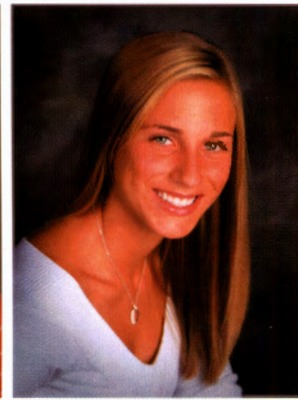
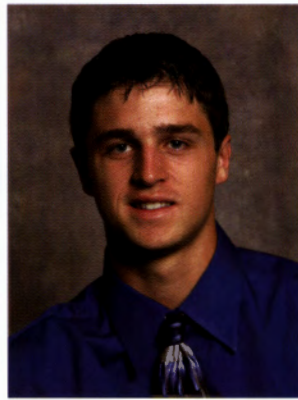
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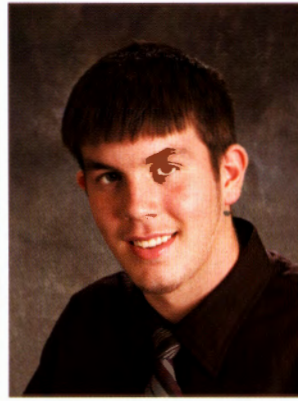
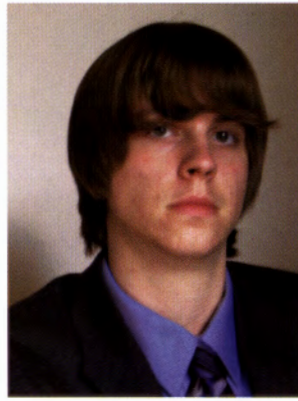
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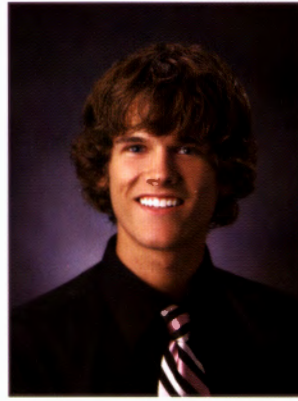
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A closer look at Joe Recollet

The lights dim, and the crowd starts to roar as the band takes the stage. The energy of the concert gets senior Joe Recollet pumped to attend them whenever he can.

"They are fun because you get to hang out with a bunch of friends that enjoy that same music as you," said Recollet.

After experiencing his first concert, Recollet found himself going to concerts all the time, so much that he went to over forty. But out of the many concerts he went to, one stood out from the rest. This was the In Flames concert that he went to on February 14th of 2006.

"It was the best because it was my first time being on stage with a band, I just crowd surfed on," said Recollet.

Recollet loved music so much that he traveled to Detroit and Clarkston, but his favorite place was a small venue called Harpo's in downtown Detroit.

"Harpo's is the right size, the right price, and you can crowd surf onto the stage," said Recollet.

Recollet was quite active at the concerts he went to by getting in to the mosh pits instead of standing back and watching the show peacefully.

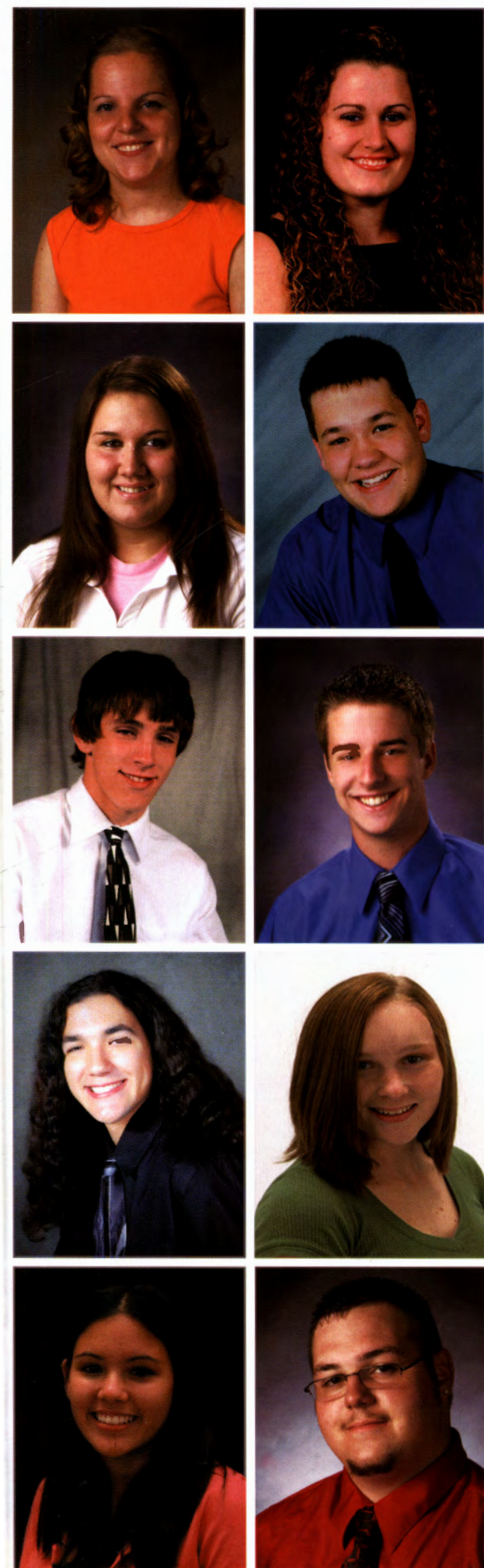
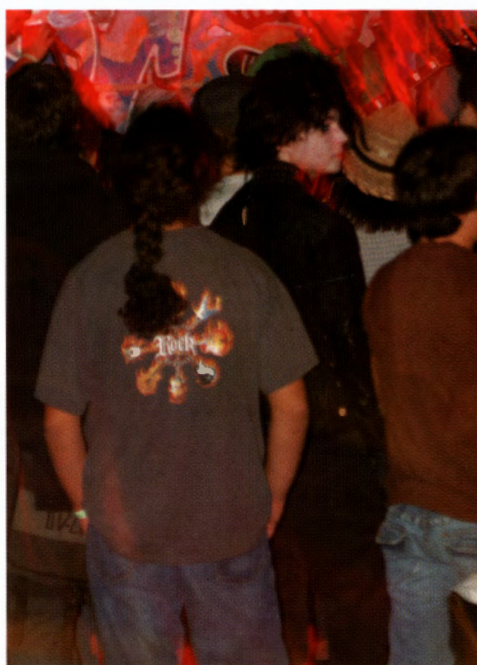
"You got to get into the mosh pits," said Recollet.

Not only has Recollet been to a lot of concerts, he acquired several unusual mementos.

"I caught a pick from the band Lacuna Coil, I got a drumstick and I even got a piece of a chair once," said Recollet.

"It was my first time being on stage with a band"

Pushing through the crowd, senior Joe Recollet moves his way to the front to get a closer view at Skalloween. Taking a break from his normal metal show Recollet enjoys a new type of music. *Photos by Scott Hulteen*



How they see it:

Siblings in school



"I don't really care if my brother, junior Nick Neff is in the same school as me because I don't ever see him."

Senior Daniel Neff



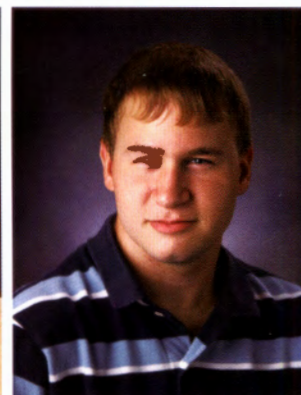
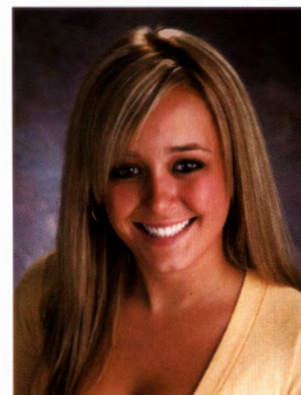
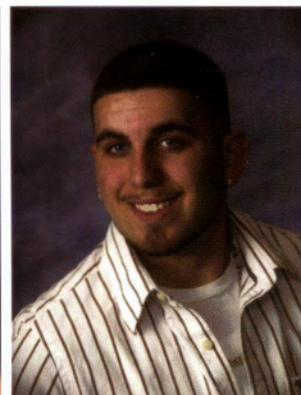
"Having my sibling, senior Aaron Bell in school with me this year is lame because we don't get along."

Senior Briana Ford



"I think it's cool because Dom is like one of my friends. And we get to be on the same football team."

Senior Antonio Todd



How she sees it:

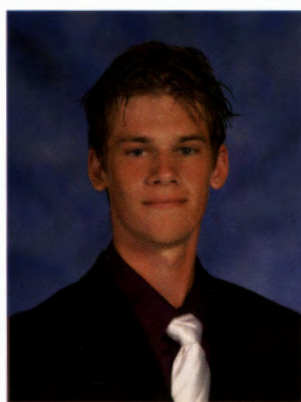
Megan DeClercq

You walk into a new classroom on your first day of school. The teacher takes attendance, and bam: it's said. "I had your sister too!" Or, "I hope you're not like your brother." Many students hated it when they were compared to their brothers or sisters who also attended Holt, but senior Megan DeClercq didn't really mind it. "There aren't really any perks about having a sibling in school, I guess I take him to school, so that's cool," said DeClercq. Megan and her

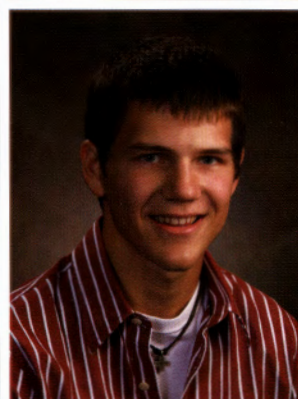


brother, sophomore Ryan DeClercq, have been in two schools together and there were some things that bothered Megan about it. "All of his friends are like 'Hey, DeClercq's Sister!'" said Megan. Overall, she said it was cool to have a sibling in school, but she also stated that she never really saw him. It was a typical sibling situation: same family, different personalities. Spying on the little sister, or brother, making sure they're doing what they're supposed, or embarrassing them in front of their friends. Megan tried to use those perks to her advantage.

"Having a sibling in school is cool, not lame, because Mitch is



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Senior Matthew Fisher

Siblings in School

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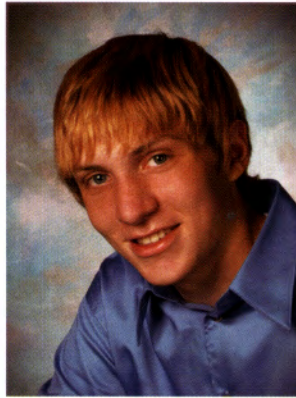
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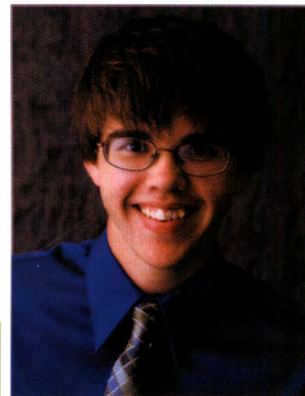
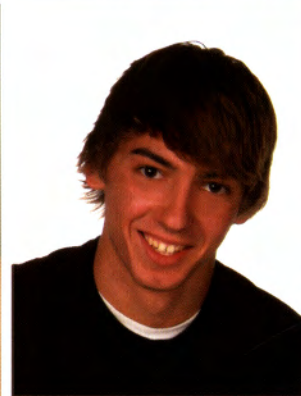
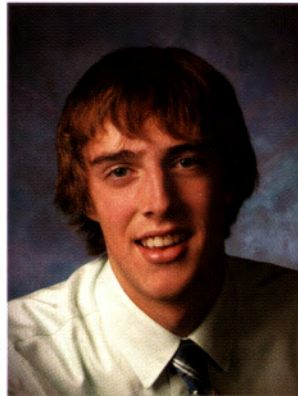
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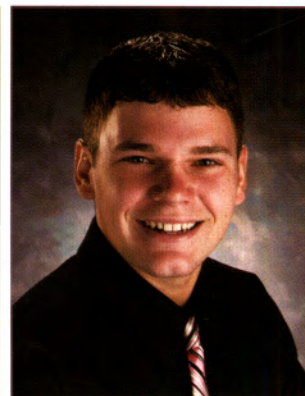
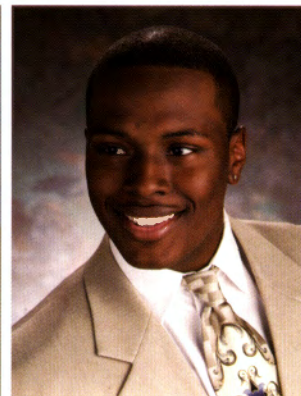
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A closer look at J.D. Herron

While most students only viewed cars as modes of transportation from their friends houses to the mall, senior J.D. Herron was interested in the technical aspect of automobiles. He was constantly finding the best way to improve his car's performance.

"I have been into cars ever since I used to race RC back in the day. It all started out as a weekend hobby with my friends," said Herron. "But now I like to work on mostly on Honda Civics because they are amazing."

Herron used his love for cars to excel in Auto Technology, a class offered at the Career Center. This was Herron's second year in the auto program and he enjoyed it very much.

"Career Center is sweet. It really moved me forward to help me find out exactly what I want to do after high school," said Herron.

"I have been into cars ever since I used to race RC back in the day"

Herron spent his time at the Career Center working on his own car.

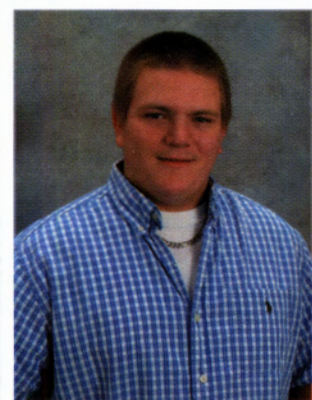
"Currently I'm working on the motor of my Honda because it blew up," explained Herron, "I'm trying to make my car as fast as possible."

After graduation Herron planned to go to college to become a mechanic. Once Herron has all of the mechanical skills he desired, he planed to fulfill "a personal goal of his.

"I want to build and race a 10 second Honda" said Herron.



While most people use a garage to work on motors and car parts, **senior J.D. Herron's** only available area to rebuild his motors was his basement and a chair for a motor stand. He was still one of the best at what he did. *Photos by Danton Thon*



there are the people I love all around me."



Senior Mark Tongen

J.D. Herron

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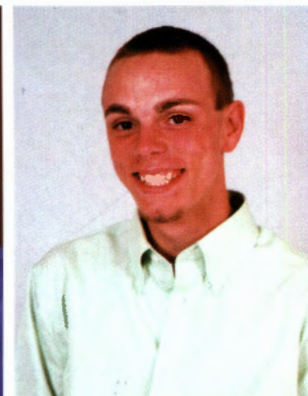
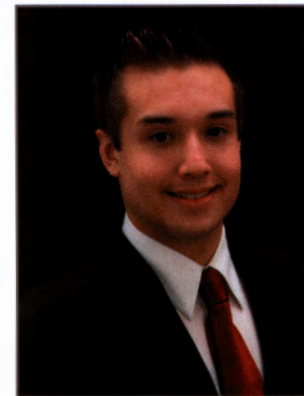
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In their shoes:

Lindsay & Leanne



1 Dressed in their uniforms, seniors Lindsay Mandeville and Leanne Shen pose for their freshman year cheerleading picture. **2** Just hanging out, Mandeville and Shen capture their memories of just simply being together. **3** Having a good time, Mandeville and Shen remember having a fun time outside of home and school. *Courtesy Photos*



How they see it:

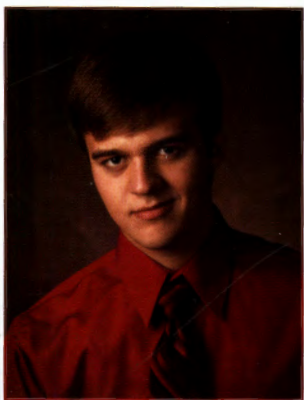
Darren & Kinnith

You know those people you knew a while back, and you didn't really like them, but after talking to them you turned into best friends? Seniors Darren Frakes and Kinnith Gibbs didn't really like each other until after their seventh grade gym class, but they have been best friends ever since. "My fondest memory of Kinnith was definitely rooming together on the Chorale Italy trip last spring," said Frakes. Just because they only spend two to three times together per week, they fit in many things, like video games, watching Television, going to Wendys with their Chorale friends, and definitely all of their musical/theatre/choir activities. "We both have Chorale, A.P. Calculus and Physics, we work together at Kroger, have the same music taste, and both have huge biceps," Frakes said Jokingly while Gibbs approved. They both agreed on one thing, and that was that they would stay best friends for a very long time.

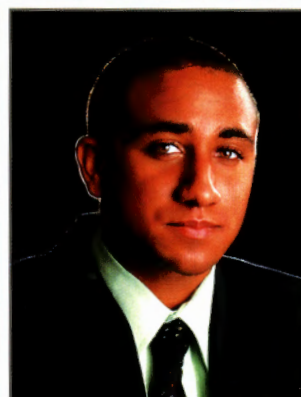
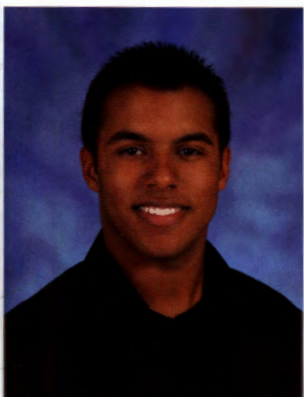




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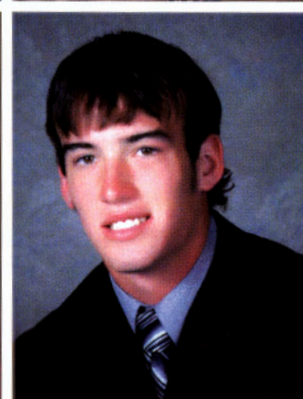
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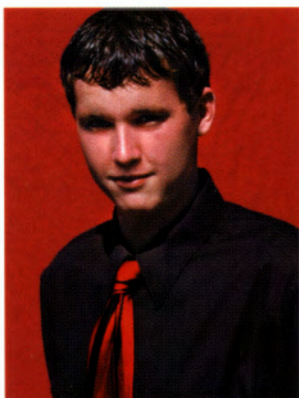
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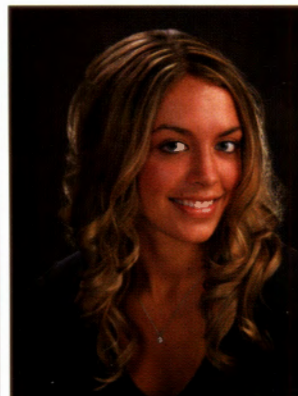
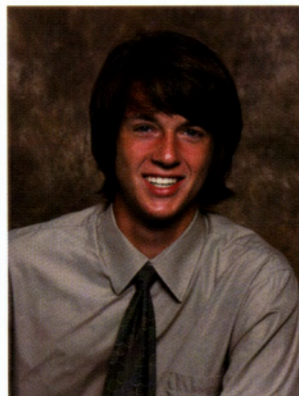
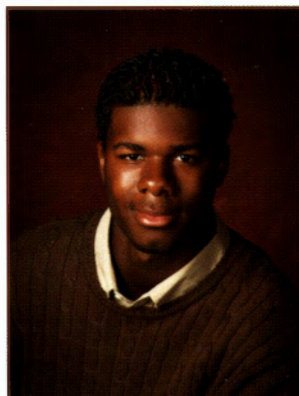
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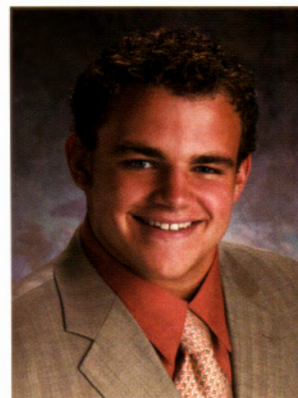
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Preparing to race the Career Center Corvette, senior Colin Nethaway gets some last minute advice. Nethaway and other students worked on the car for assignments through the Career Center; Nethaway participated in both the Auto Tech and Welding programs. *Courtesy Photo*

Remembering Colin Nethaway

"He was an awesome kid, and he passed away way too soon," said senior Danielle White about Colin Nethaway. On September 7, 2007 Holt High School lost Colin Nethaway, a very caring, funny and outgoing person.

Nethaway was a friend of many people at Holt High School, and everyone had a favorite memory with him. "One of my favorite memories with Colin is when I went to Higgin's Lake with him and his family," said senior Mike Rouse, "Another favorite memory is when Colin would say he wanted to go to the Chinese buffet, but didn't have any money. I would end up paying for him, but I never cared, I just wanted to hang out with him."

While Rouse's memory of Colin was very specific, others just remembered Nethaway's personality. "When Colin and I first met, he was so goofy. I thought he was the funniest kid ever. He always made the funniest comments. I'd be cracking up every time I was around him," said White.

In addition to being funny, Nethaway was also a very caring person. "Colin Nethaway was closer to me than a twin brother. Over the past six months we probably spent five or more days a week together," said senior Dan Kreft, "He was always there for me and I will never forget him."

Nethaway's caring and loving nature drew many people to him, including his girlfriend. "Colin was the best boyfriend, he was also more than that. He could help you out of any situation, hard or easy," said sophomore Kaelyn Ziegler, "I loved him."

Even though not everyone in the school knew Colin Nethaway before his accident, now they all surely will remember him. "Colin was a great kid," said Rouse, "If you didn't know him you were missing out on a great person. If you did know him, you were very fortunate to have a great friend."

5 Things We'll Always Remember

- 1 His sense of humor**
- 2 His red hair**
- 3 His smile**
- 4 His Monster can collection**
- 5 His caring and helpful nature**



Remembering Colin was easy to do for all those that grieved. With signs around the school, stickers on lockers and cars, and the rock being painted, Nethaway remained in everyone's thoughts throughout the school year. *Courtesy Photos*



How they see it:

Thoughts on junior year



"The best part of junior year is that it is my last full year of high school, but the worst part is that I have the responsibility of being a role model for the sophomores."

Junior Adam Johnson



"The best part of junior year is I know there is only one year left, but that is the worst part of the year also."

Junior Kenny Listing



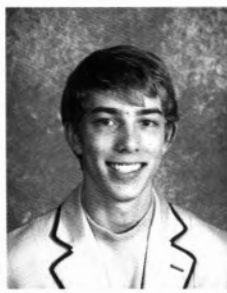
"The best part of junior year is that it is my first year that I get to go to career center, but the worst is that I have to take the ACT and the Michigan Merit Exam"

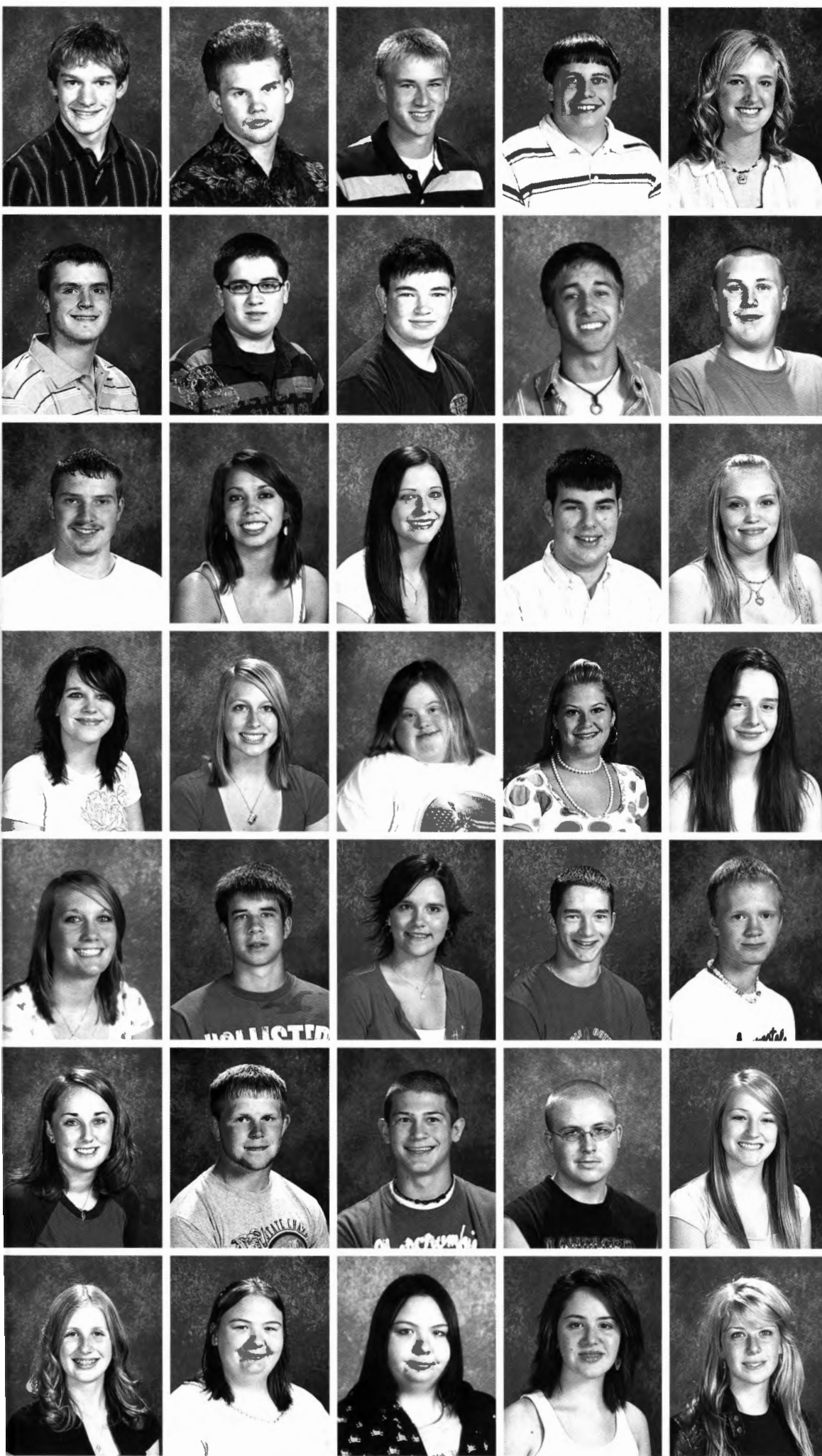
Junior Spencer Drake

How he sees it:

Cory Gordon

"Normally I do not study for my classes, but this year the teachers forced me to," said junior Cory Gordon about his class difficulty this year. Junior classes seemed to be the most difficult year for high school students because it was the year that colleges looked at most. Gordon could not agree more. "There is way more work this year than there was sophomore year," said Gordon. On top of the homework load, all juniors in Michigan had to take the Michigan Merit Exam and the ACT, but Gordon did not seem too worried about it. "The ACT is just another long and boring test that I have to take, the only thing I can do is try my best, and make it on time to the classroom I have to take it in," he said. Another thing that juniors had to do was start to plan for college. Even though college was not until after senior year, some juniors started to look early to get ahead of their fellow students. "I will start to look at colleges to see what applications I should start to fill out during the summer," said Gordon.





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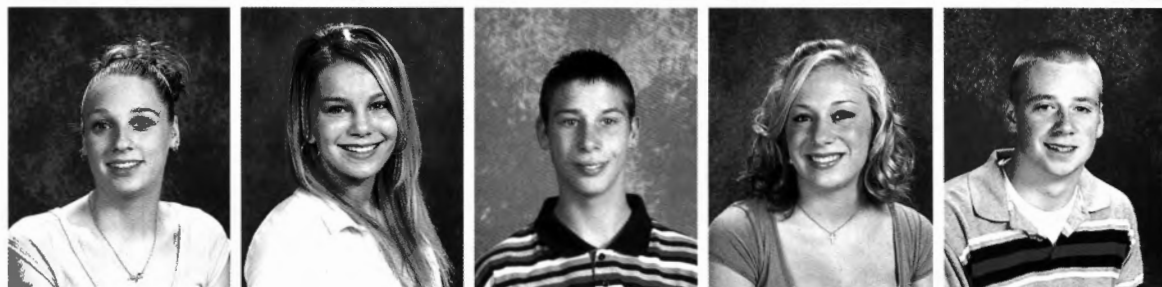
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A closer look at

Aleksandar Radojcic

"I have friends in Bosnia. I miss them everyday," said junior Aleksandar (Alex) Radojcic who moved to America when he was only seven-years-old.

Radojcic was born in Kostajnica, Bosnia. He was ecstatic when he heard the news of his family's move to America. He was willing to give up all the memorable things he had in Bosnia in order to adjust to the American lifestyle.

"I definitely miss my family and my friend Dragon back in Bosnia," said Radojcic.

Radojcic enjoyed going back to Bosnia every summer to visit his friends and family so he didn't have to be apart from them for too long. "When I visit Bosnia, I skateboard and play basketball and soccer with my friends," said Radojcic.

Radojcic's biggest adjustments involved language, city life and food. He missed Bosnian food, especially the homemade pies like cheese pie. Even though most of the food items were similar, the style of cooking and the taste of products were different.

Although it was an adjustment, Radojcic concluded that America was better because "there's more opportunities to learn and achieve...Amerika broj Jedan." (America, number one in Bosnian.)

Radojcic was fluent in English and Bosnian. He hoped these languages would benefit him in his future career. He hoped to find a career that gave him the opportunity to travel between both countries.

"America's better because there's more opportunities to learn and achieve."



Hopping into his Toyota Matrix on his way home from school, junior Alex Radojcic completes another day in America. His favorite aspect of America was the legal driving age at sixteen. *Photos by Anni Rao*



How they see it: Parents on the Staff



"It doesn't really bother me that my dad teaches at the school. A benefit of that is whenever I want something in the school store, he pays for it."

Junior JoAnne Pohl



"I like my mom working at the school because I can get a heads up on things that are going on here."

Junior Tyler Buxton



"My dad is the Athletic Director, which is sweet because I can get into games for free and I can get into the building during non-school hours."

Junior Casey Schmidt

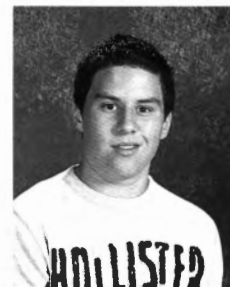
In their own words: Anne & Elizabeth Couturier

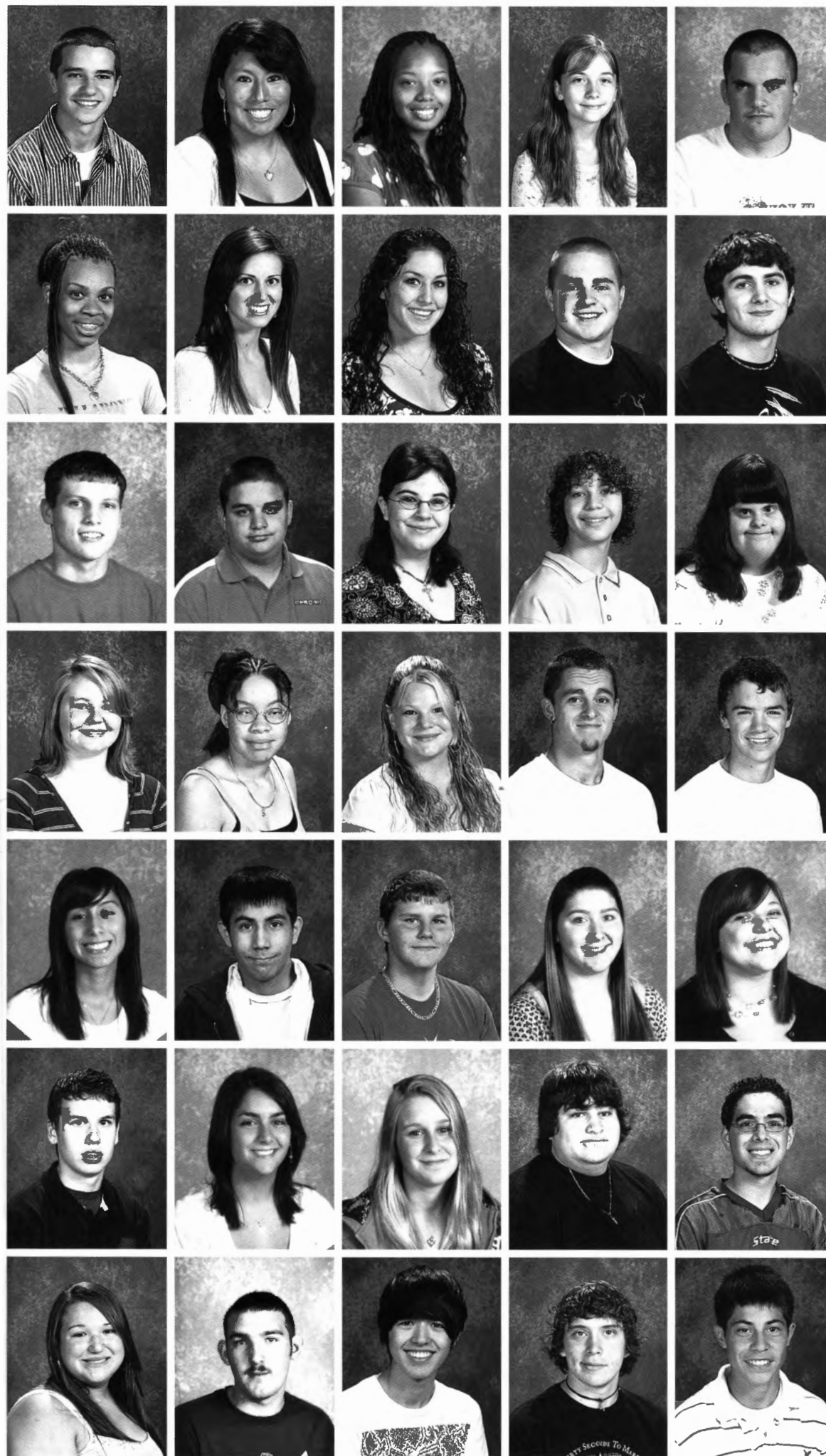


"Our dad has always been in our lives, being both a teacher and our coach for the numerous teams we've played on. Having him at school is not much different. We are use to it now and he knows that we don't mind having him around either. Not only are we fine with him being a

teacher at the school, our friends don't mind it either. They love having him around and think he is really funny. Both of us have never had his class and the truth is, we wouldn't mind having it either. It would be cool to have him as our teacher. Unfortunately, every opportunity there was to have his history or government class we were both placed with a different teacher. Sometimes we think that it is on purpose. It is nice to know that both of us can go into his room when we've had a bad day, or when we simply need to talk to him. He is always there. Another benefit of our dad being a teacher here is that all the teachers know him, therefore are extra nice towards us. Also, if we ever forget something at school, our dad can get us into the school. You may think that we are unlucky because our dad works at the school, but we don't see it that way. We are lucky that he works here. We love him."

*Anne Couturier
Elizabeth Couturier*





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Junior Kirstin Kraushaar

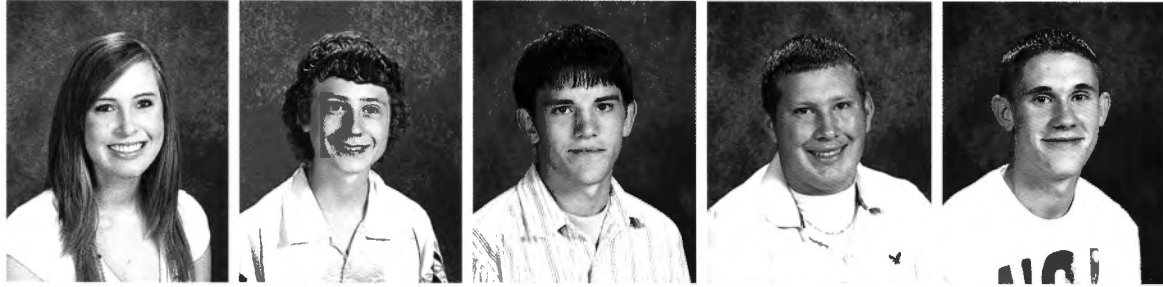
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Helmuth, Neil



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Holt, Carter
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Howlett, Anisha
Hui, Li
Hull, Bryan
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Jackson, Jordan



A closer look at Benjamin Jones

You've seen him at pep rallies. You've high-fived him at games. Everyone knows the one animal that represents the pride and joy of our school: Rooty the Ram. But does anyone really know the face behind the big, furry mask that is our school mascot?

"Me and Eric [Spitz] heard the announcement, and we decided to try it," said junior Benjamin Jones. "The tryouts were hard - we mostly had to do cheerleader tricks and jumps. We beat out Mike Flores because his pants kept falling down."

Despite the rigorous competition, Jones was the lucky student who was awarded the honor of dressing up like an oversized, bipedaled ram for the pleasure of his fellow classmates.

At every home game, parade, and pep rally, Jones had the privilege of doing "The Frank the Tank dance, jumping around, stuff like that."

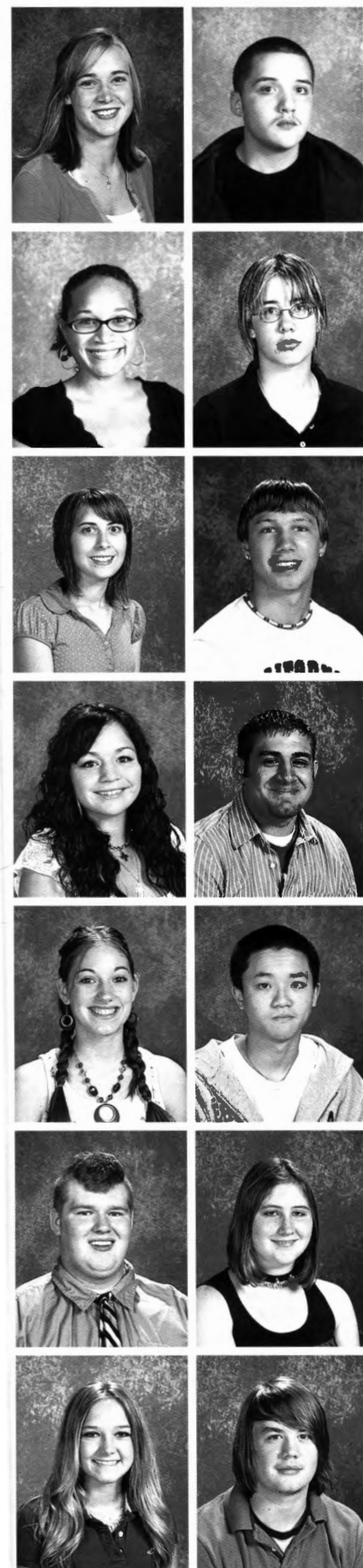
"I do the Frank the Tank dance, jump around, stuff like that."

Jones had big plans for himself and Rooty. "I definitely plan on trying out for Rooty the Ram in the future."

Every student has pondered the infamous question sometime or other upon seeing the Ram costume: After generations of sweaty teenagers actively inspiring spirit into students under a hot sun in a thick, fur-covered suit, *isn't that thing gross?* "The costume is new, so it doesn't smell, but it is really hot," said Jones. His insight was much appreciated.



Practicing his high kick, Rooty shows off his moves for the student section at the Holt v. Everett football game. The game ended in a Holt victory, with the final score sitting at 28-18. *Photos by Lexi McPike*



big-horned sheep, but that's just me."



Junior Jordan Craig

Benjamin Jones

Imagine 39

In her own words: Austin Polakowski



"My hair is naturally red, and a lot of people find that "unique" and "different" enough. After having it your whole life, it gets boring. During Freshman year I added black to my crazy red hair. Since then, I have always kept to the two-tone look. I have not done too many

colors besides black. Though, last school year I had blonde underneath. The way I style my hair is not the way I express myself, like a lot of people say about their hair. I simply like hair styles that have the two-tone look and that is why I style my hair that way. I could not imagine myself with just long red hair, like the good old days.

That is too boring for me."

Austin Polakowski

How they see it: Hair styles



"There aren't any real inspirations for my hair, but I do enjoy the hair styles that appear in Europe magazines."

Junior Britton Dennis



"If I could do something different to my hair I would try extensions. I would like my hair to be longer but I am too impatient to grow it out on my own."

Junior Candice Simon



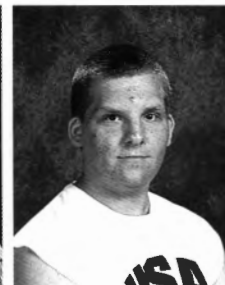
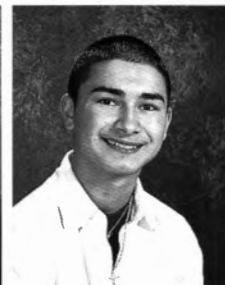
"I wake up, take a shower, towel dry my hair, and however my hair ends up, is my hairstyle for the day."

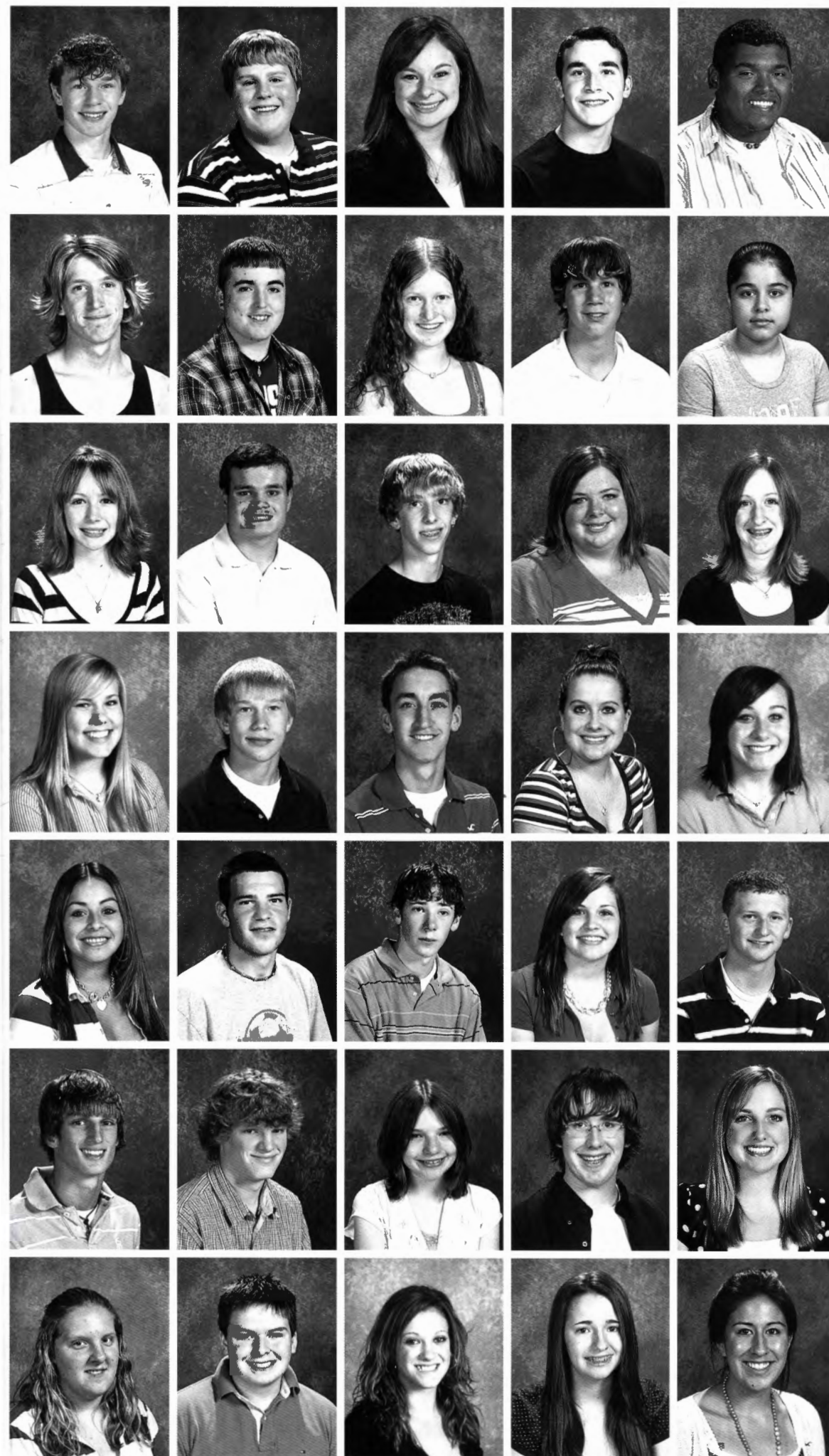
Junior Zachary Wardlaw



"A celebrity hairstyle I would want to have Jes's hair from *Rock of Love*. Her pink spiky afro is my cup of tea."

Junior Nicole Tischler





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is just a trim though, but I love it."



Junior Thomas Ziolkowski

Hair Styles

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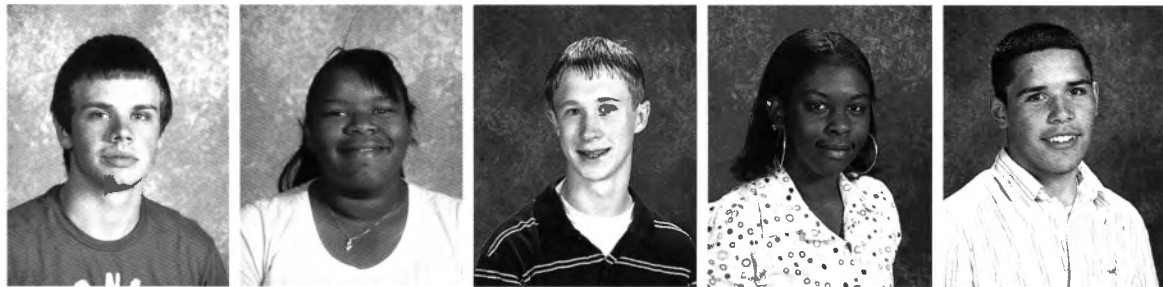
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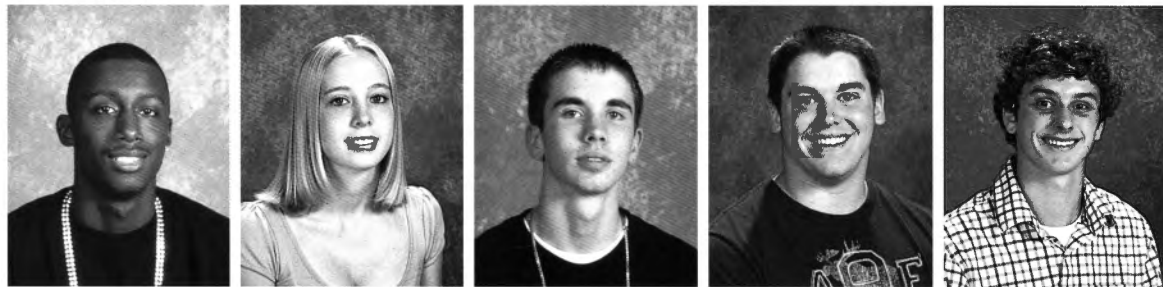
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Nelson, Robin
Neuman, Leslie



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Nichols, Evan
Nickels, Katie
Norton, Robert
Noss, Marleigh
Nowak, Alexis
O'Connor, Alyssa



How they see it:

Best cars



'06 Ice Blue Impala

"Brittany Graham has a tight car because it has the best system and I like the color."



Junior Mandie Deason



'08 Burnt Orange Dodge Avenger

"I like Chloe Henderson's car because I like the color, it makes me want to drive it off a cliff."



Junior Ryan Brown



'03 Maroon Mitsubishi Eclipse

"Kelsey Darbor has a really nice car, it's fancy looking and I love riding around in it."



Junior Chelsea Hemingway

How he sees it:

Sean McClure

Upon turning sixteen every teenager's dream was to drive a car everyone would envy. Even juniors who weren't close friends of Sean McClure knew that he drove one of the nicest cars in the junior class. On August 29th 2007, McClure's sixteenth birthday, his trusting parents handed over their \$33,000 car. McClure was expecting his own car for his birthday. Instead he gratefully received his parents 2003 convertible Chrysler Sebring. On the outside, a deep purple color, on the inside beige leather seats, and a satellite radio, and room for him and four friends. He didn't have to share his car with any siblings, and only his parents on a rare occasion. He was busy driving to Kalamazoo for hockey practice three times a week, and to and from school everyday. On the weekends he cruised around with friends when he wasn't out of town for hockey. McClure said driving wasn't too bad considering how his parents paid for gas and his car gets about 30 miles per gallon. Luckily he had not been in an accident or received any tickets.



Junior Meghan Clarkin

Best Cars

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A closer look at Jasmine Garza

War is a scary thing. Especially when a close friend or parent is there. Junior Jasmine Garza was in that position. Her father was in the military and served several overseas tours. "I miss him while he's gone, but I support him because he is helping our country and he enjoys what he does," said Garza.

Her father left May 7, 2007 for his first Iraq tour. However, he also did a one year tour in Saudi Arabia right after 9/11 occurred.

His tour in Iraq lasted only four months. "Him being gone in Iraq didn't seem too bad compared to his one year absence last trip overseas," said Garza.

Overseas communication could be a huge hassle, which makes getting in touch with loved ones very hard. However, Garza and her family were able to keep in good contact through emails, letters, and phone calls.

"When he was gone the first time we had to rely on letters and a few emails. However, while he was in Iraq we had frequent emails and phone calls, usually every few days," said Garza.

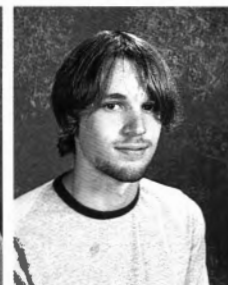
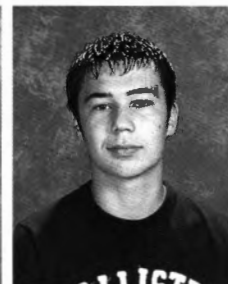
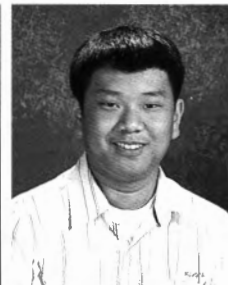
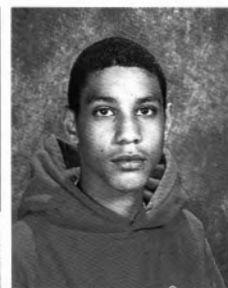
Garza's dad arrived home on September 17, 2007. He hoped he would not serve another tour. However, he would not have another tour until 2009 or later.

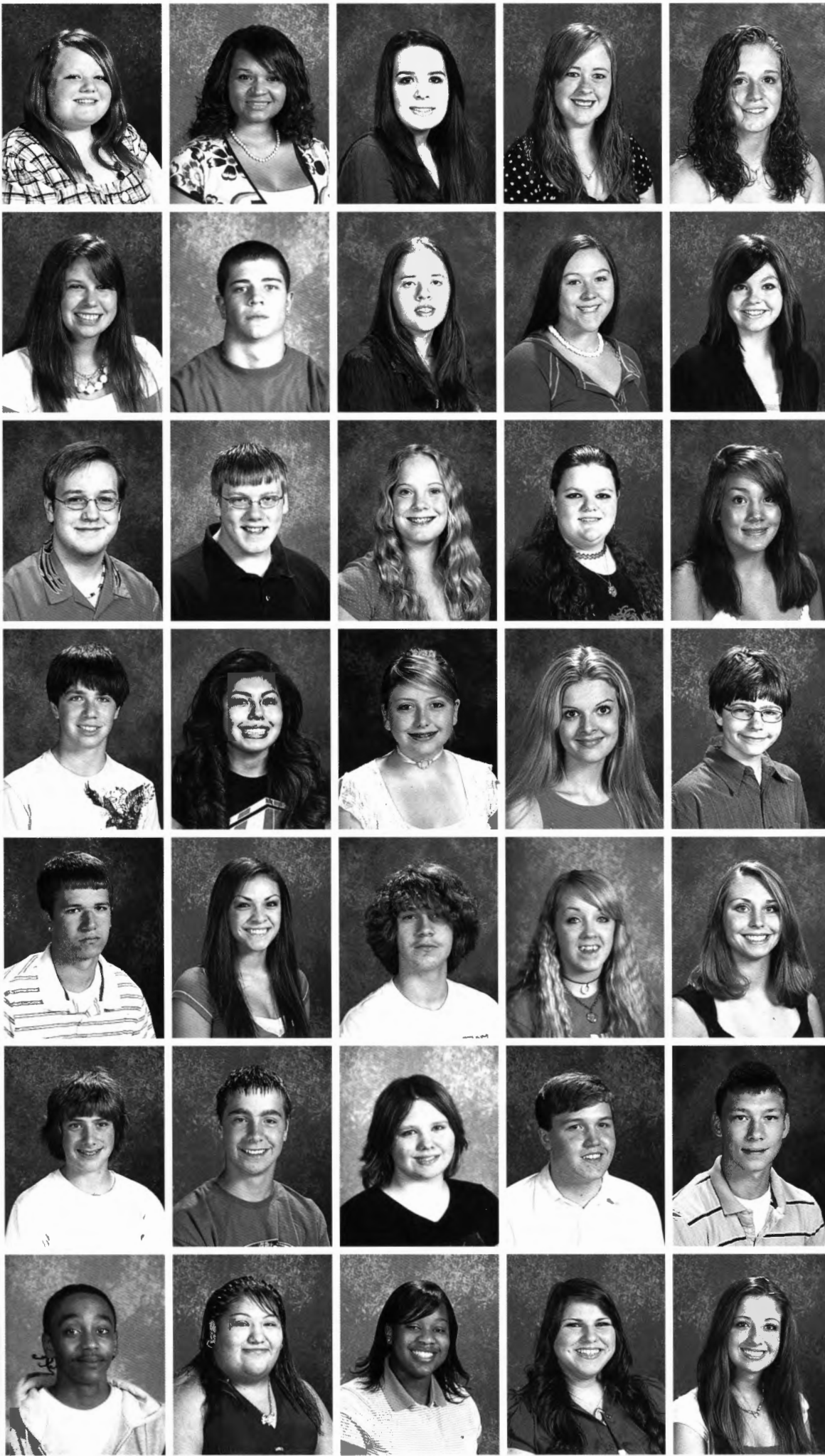
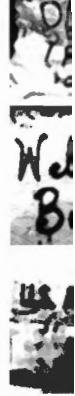
For his services he received a twenty day vacation before he returned to his normal work schedule. "I really missed my dad while he was gone, so I'm glad he's home now," said Garza.

"I miss him, but I support him because he is helping our country."



Upon arriving home, on September 17, 2007, Mr. Garza is greeted by daughter junior Jasmine Garza. Friends of Garza supported his arrival with homemade T-shirts. At the welcome back party a delicious cake was provided. *Courtesy photos.*





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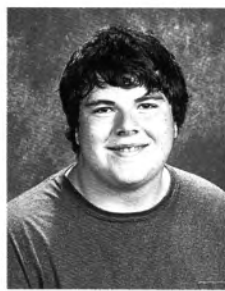
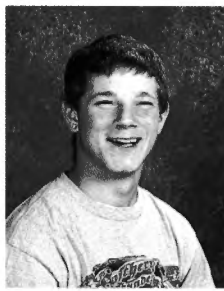
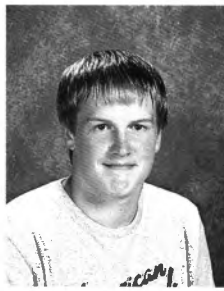


Junior Megan Bunnell

Jasmine Garza

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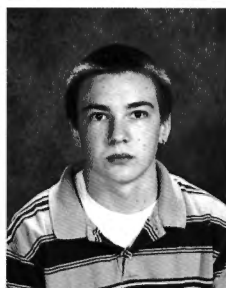
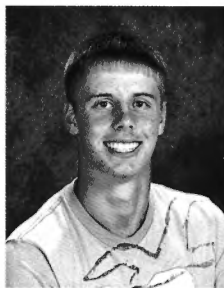
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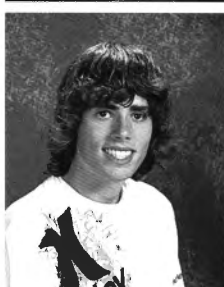
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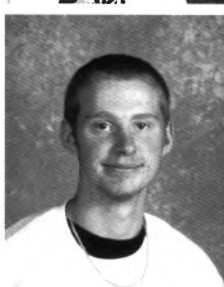
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How she sees it: Eve Wood

"I think that having the ACT though school is a better situation for kids who aren't as motivated to go out on their own and pay to take it," commented junior Eve Wood, who was working diligently to prepare for taking the ACT test in the spring. "I bought an ACT Secrets book that helps you prepare for it. I also took a practice ACT test last Spring." Wood also took a workshop at the Michigan State University campus in the spring of 2007, and she planned to take one at Saginaw Valley in the Winter.



How they see it: Practicing for the ACT's



"Last year we wrote practice essays in all of our classes. I also have practiced some essays at my house. I've done well on the ACT in the past, so I'm not worried about it."

Junior Nathan Powell



"My parents have made me take the ACT, over and over. I have taken it a total of three times, and my grades have improved by one every time I took it."

Junior Samantha Patterson



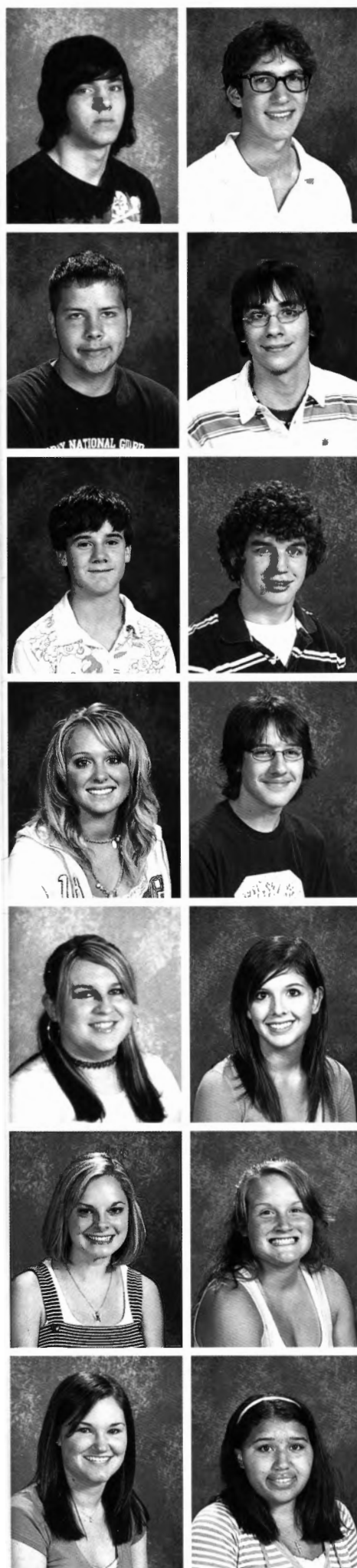
"I haven't done any practice tests or anything to prepare at all. I did well on the practice test last year, and my teachers are helping me this year, so I'm not stressing."

Junior Matt Allen



"I love the fact that the ACT's are offered through the school because now I don't have to go out and pay for them - unless I fail it the first time."

Junior Judy Bailey



A closer look at Alex Hoffman

Delivering legislative material to congressional officers. Taking messages. Carrying bills and amendments to Senators' desks. These chores might be foreign and strange to most Holt Students, but for junior Alex Hoffman, it's an every day reality.

Selected from an array of applicants, Hoffman was appointed and sponsored by a member of congress to participate and work in the United States Congress page program for one academic semester of the school year. As part of the program, Hoffman worked side by side with senators, helping them complete necessary tasks - tasks that would be impossible without the help of their pages.

"I wanted to be a page because I am very interested in politics. My future career will probably involve politics of some sort. Plus, the pay is extremely good, and it will look impressive on my college resumé," stated Hoffman.

Pages were required to go to school in the morning. After completing their page duties, they reported back to their dorms to relax and hang out with other pages.

"I was excited to make new friends who shared a similar interest in government and politics. Plus, not having any parents around was awesome. I think it's a little like college. I'm really going to learn how to take care of myself. Also, I'll become more independent."

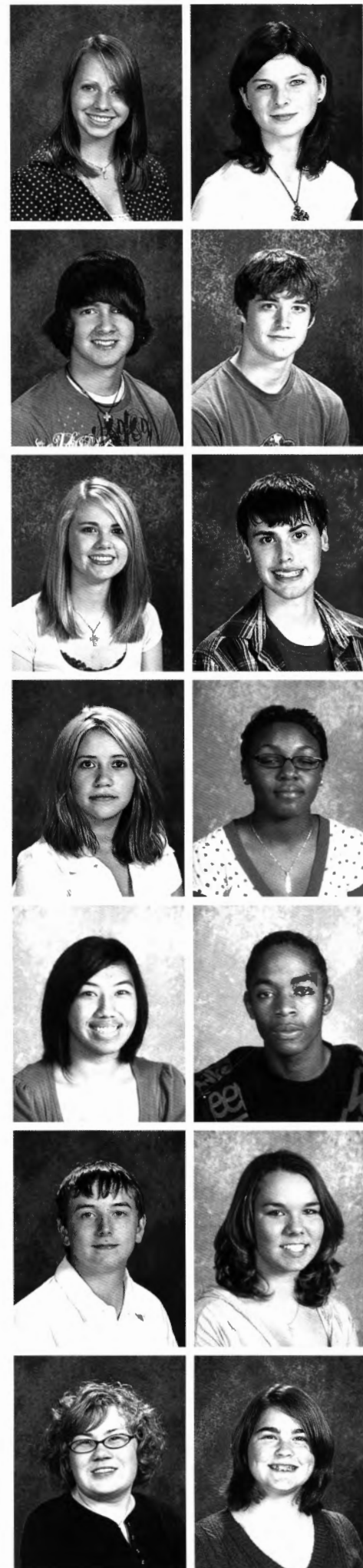
While sacrificing a whole trimester and a half of what many people might consider to be the most crucial year in high school, Hoffman said he wasn't worried. "Even though being away from all my friends and family for such a long time saddened me, I knew that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I will remember for the rest of my life."

5 places you'll see him:

- 1 Swim practice**
- 2 Hanging out with friends**
- 3 Washington D.C.**
- 4 Holt sporting events**
- 5 In a hot tub**



Hanging out in Washington D.C. junior Alex Hoffman spends some quality time with his new page friends. Hoffman was selected to participate in the fall 2007 Congress Page program. *Courtesy Photo*





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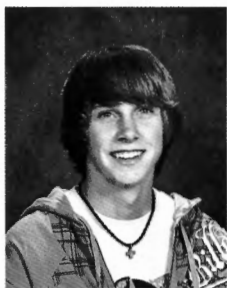


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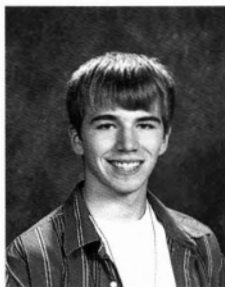
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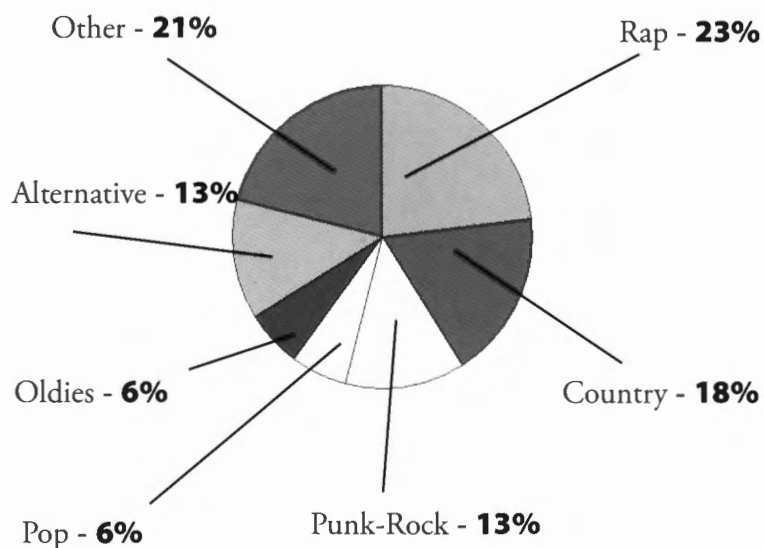
Hooking arms juniors Marquita Milton and Jamika Sanders participate in an activity to build trust at Challenge Day. The ice breaker activity called "shake your booty" was a game similar to tag. The goal was to run around and link arms with a stranger. Then participants proceeded to introduce themselves and come up with an interesting dance move. The game helped build trust between students and staff. *Photo by Jesse Powers*

In his shoes: Music in his life



1 Junior Sam Johnides plays a lovely song on the piano for a group of friends. **2** Johnides dances along to some rock music that he made himself on his bass guitar. **3** Johnides blows a tune on his trumpet because he "loves to find a new instrument to play so that he can experiment with something new and different." Photos by Jesse Powers

Junior music tastes What type of music do you prefer?



100 Students surveyed.



"I enjoy music, it makes me happy. It can get me pumped for the day or ready for a game. Music makes the people all over the universe come together, yeah!"

Junior Jenny Verhougstraete



How they see it: 9th Grade vs. High School



"The high school is a lot bigger than the ninth grade campus, and there are so many more people to get to know in the high school."

Sophomore Lauren Gibbons



"The high school is a lot less crowded compared to the freshman building, but the classes seem so much harder."

Sophomore Nick Schmidt

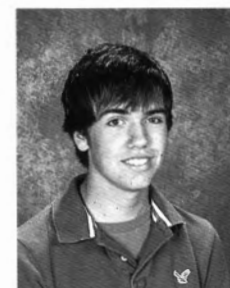


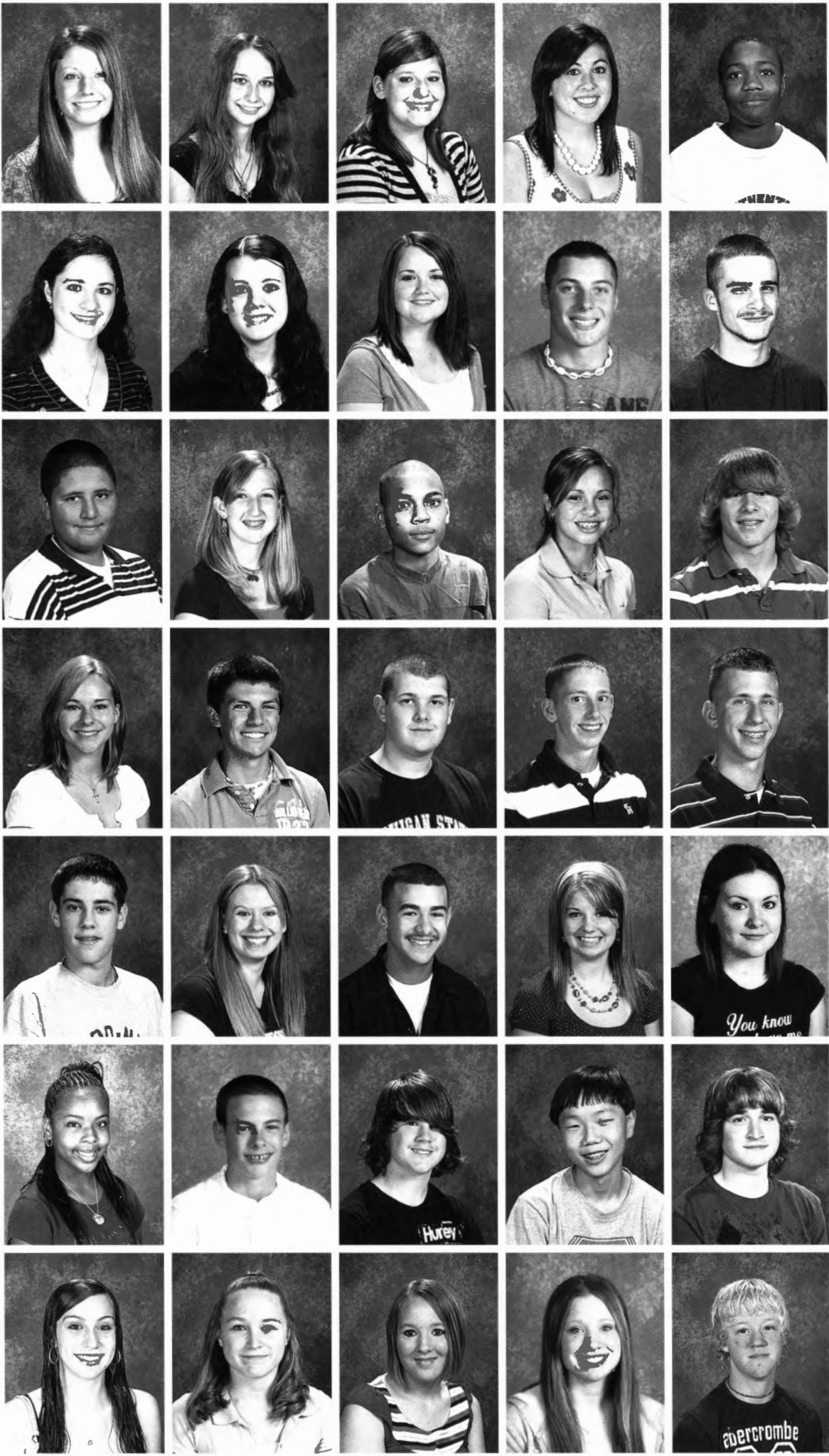
"I think that in ninth grade our class was isolated, I didn't like it. It's a lot of fun getting to know all of these new people."

Sophomore Kylar Sheerin

How she sees it: Samm Schmidt

Coming from the ninth grade campus to the high school is a big step in everyone's high school career. It is definitely a positive one though. "The High School is great," said sophomore Samm Schmidt, "I like finally being in the high school cause we are no longer the stupid freshman class." Why is the High School so much better? Immaturity said Schmidt, "At the 9th grade campus everyone was so much more immature than they are here. I think being in this building alone has forced some people to grow up." Not only are the people at the High School different but the actual building itself is so much better, better bathrooms and lockers, and much wider hallways. With the good must come some bad, the classes at the high school are much harder than they ever were at the freshman Campus. "Classes are much harder here, there is homework EVERY DAY!" said Schmidt. Classes like Honors Algebra, English 10 and Biology are leaving Schmidt swamped with homework.





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Sophomore Taiwana Manuel

9th Grade vs. High School

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Cruz, Tabitha
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Delgado, Mercedes
Depew, Marina



A closer look at Abby Looman

When it came to favorite past times, sophomore Abby Looman had a unique, adventurous one: Looman enjoyed going road and mountain biking.

"I've been biking for a long time," said Looman, "I started participating in mountain bike races when I was three and I started road-biking when I was six."

The summer after her freshman year, Looman went on a 250 mile bike ride across Indiana with her dad. "Whenever I go bike riding, it's usually just my dad and I," said Looman, "At night we would ride to campgrounds and pitch tents then get up and go in the morning."

Other than the 250 mile road biking experience, Looman also went mountain biking in Pando, Michigan. She said the farthest she ever rode was the 250 miles, "It was hard going all that way, it was really hilly at some points," said Looman.

When road-biking Looman rode an Iron Horse brand bike, and when she goes mountain biking, Looman rode a Fuji brand bike. "I really like my bikes," said Looman, "each bike is really easy and enjoyable to ride."

"I love biking," said Looman, "It doesn't matter if I'm road-biking or going mountain biking, I get a really good workout and I have a lot of fun too."

"I started being involved in mountain bike races when I was three and I started road biking when I was six."



Working on her bike sophomore Abby Looman changes the tires on her Fuji and Mountain Horse bikes to get ready for a last minute ride with her dad. "I love riding with my dad, it's a really good chance for us to bond more," said Looman. Courtesy Photos



Sophomore Jenna Hiatt

Abby Looman

Imagine

In his own words: Bobby Chapman



"Every summer I go to my lake in Kalamazoo. We spend the whole day in the water: wake boarding, swimming, tubing, and riding jet skis. Our boat pulls two huge tubes so we always try to push each other off while we tube.

It's intense. One time, about two summers ago while we were tubing we hit a wave and I almost fell off. Then I realized my shorts were at my ankles so I purposely jumped in the lake. When they came to pick me up no one noticed my shorts were gone. I had to tell my dad I needed to go back to shore because I lost my shorts. Everyone was laughing at me, I was so embarrassed.

To make matters worse the girl I had a crush on from the lake was with us."

Bobby Chapman

How they see it: Embarrassing moments



"At a swim meet last year I walked out of the locker room and my visible underwear was still under my swim suit. I thought it was funny afterwards, but not at the time."

Sophomore Randi Cartwright



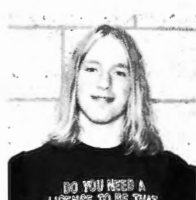
"This girl was telling me about how she ate hot dogs and green beans at her grandma's and right then she puked all over me and my friend, we smelt the rest of the day."

Sophomore Jake Hrapkeiwicz



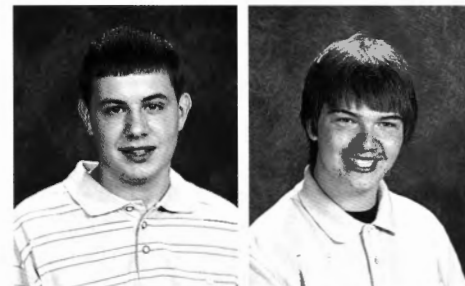
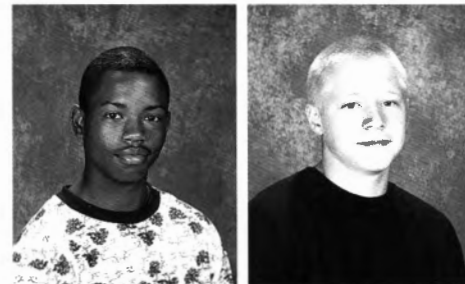
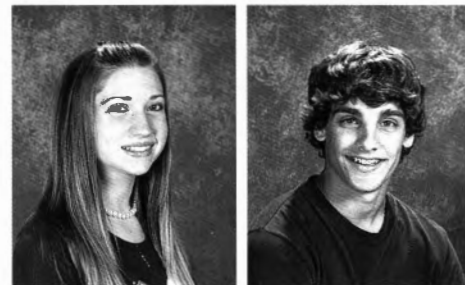
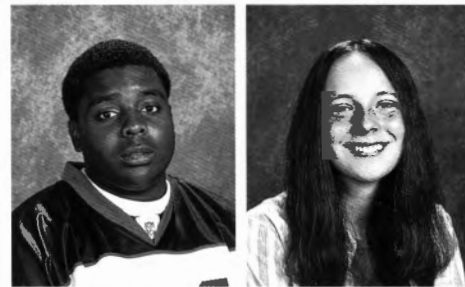
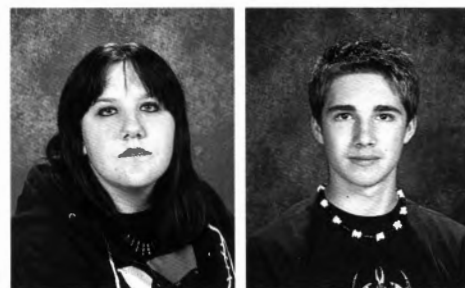
"When I was in the 5th grade I didn't feel too well and my crush walked in front of me and asked what was wrong, and I puked all over him, it was humiliating."

Sophomore Kaylyn Brock



"I was playing floor hockey in gym and I tripped but my pants didn't come with me, my sponge bob boxers were out for everyone to see."

Sophomore John McKay





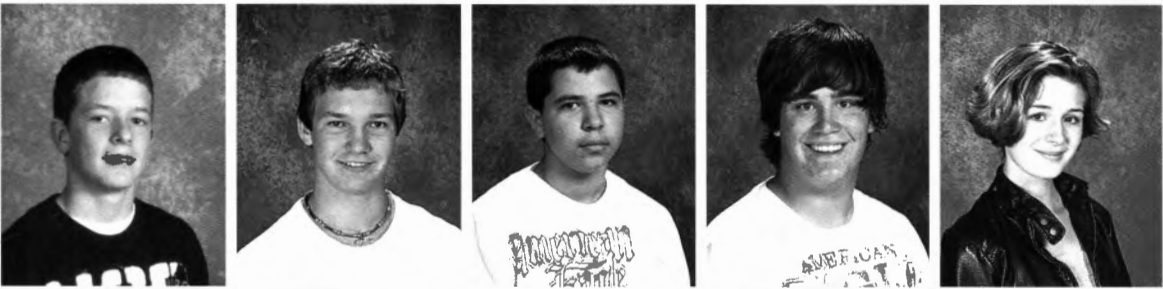
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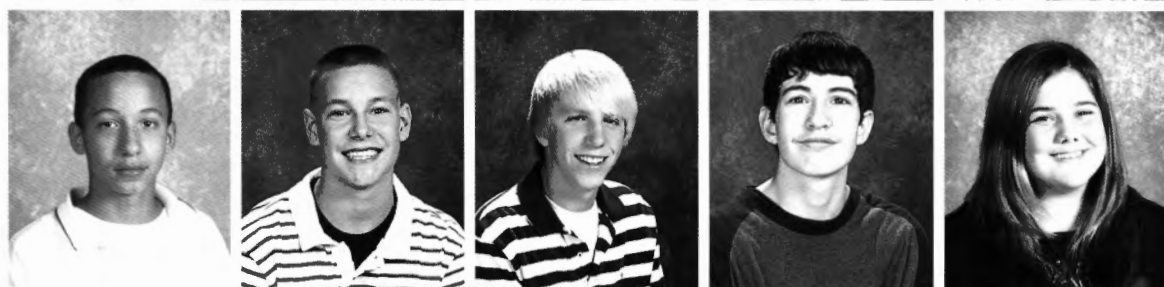
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A closer look at Tasha Kramarenko

You want to learn how to defend yourself, but you can't, because you're a slave and you're not permitted to. Finally you figure out a disguise so that you can get the training you need. Sophomore Tasha Kramarenko has been taking a Brazilian Fighting style called Capoeira for a year.

"It's a fighting style that is disguised as a dance so the slaves could practice without their masters knowing. How cool is that?" Said Kramarenko.

When starting Capoeira, you start by forming a circle, and takes turns playing instruments, singing, dancing, and sparring in pairs in the center of the circle.

"I play in school a lot when I have nothing to do. I have classes for Capoeira in Bath." Kramarenko said.

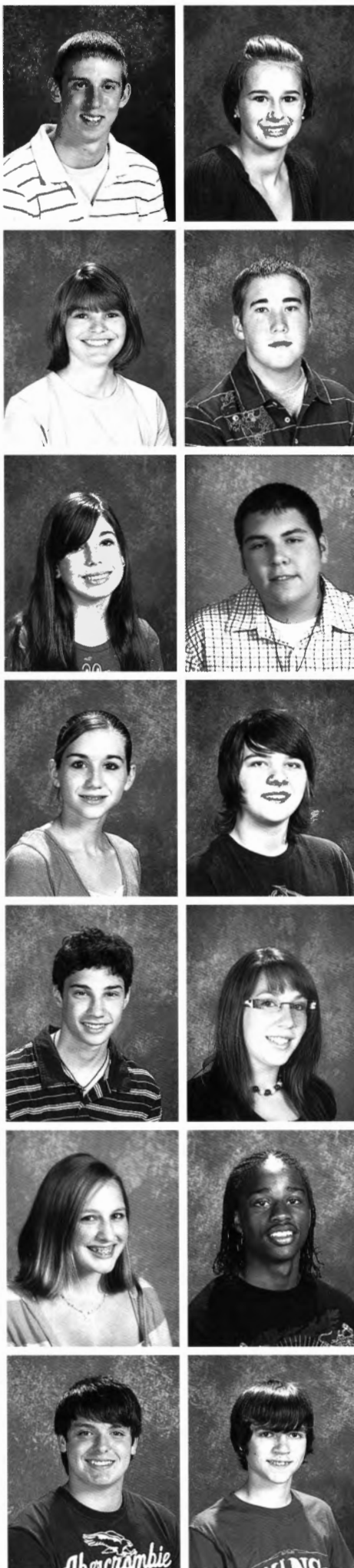
This is not the only hobby of Kramarenko. "I do random stuff that normal people don't do when they're dying of boredom. Then I have the normal stuff like reading, writing, soccer, painting and hanging out with my friends, A.K.A. Homie G Dogs," said Kramarenko.

* Fourteen year old Kramarenko has been doing Capoeira for a year, and loves it. It's really interesting how people defend themselves, and she said that it's really exciting to be involved with such a sport.

"It's a fighting style that is disguised as a dance so the slaves could practice it without their masters knowing."



Ready to attack, Sophomore Tasha Kramarenko is practicing Capoeira. "I like Capoeira because it is really fun, and I learn something new every time I go to a class." Said Kramarenko. *Photos by Marc Anderson*



A look into the room of Taylor Roach

For most students their room was a way to display what type of person they were and what they were interested in. This suited sophomore Taylor Roach perfectly. Roach's room was an excellent description of what a stereotypical teenage girls room would look like.

When walking into Roach's room the first impression most people got was of a tropical haven. The walls were brightly colored in orange, blue and pink and had brightly colored furniture.

When asked what her favorite part of her room was, Roach replied with her lounge area, which was filled with comfy chairs, a TV and a light up palm tree. "It's a cool place for me and my friends to hang out, which I like a lot," said Roach.

When she was little she had a teddy bear theme, soccer theme, tie-dye theme and the most recent Hawaiian theme. "I've re-done my room four times," said Roach.

Roach got these ideas from her friends and sometimes family. "My family helps put it all together when I figure out what I want," said Roach.

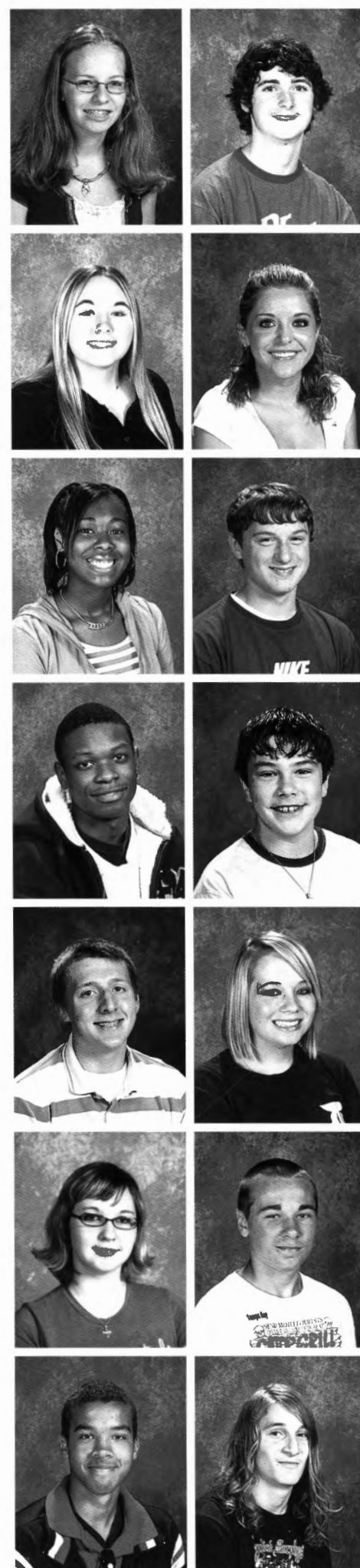
Roach spent most of her time at home in her room. "I'm always in there, usually doing homework, watching TV or just hanging out with friends," said Roach.

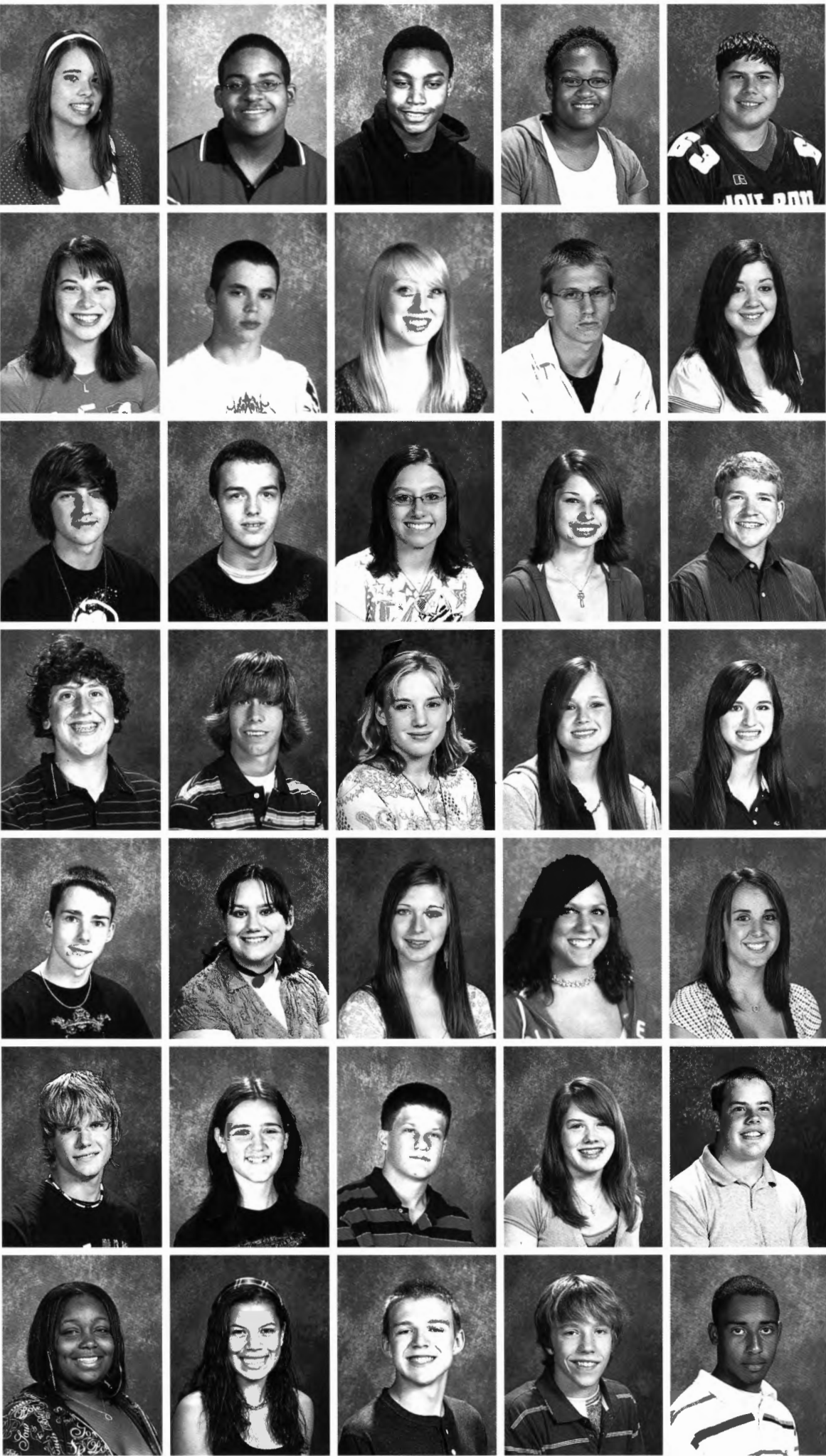
Roach planned on going to college and planned to decorate her dorm room. But she would have to wait another two more years for that to happen.

"The three colors and the big bean bag in my room make it unique!"



Known for the most organized room amongst friends, sophomore Taylor Roach gave us a closer look inside her tidy room. She showed off her light up palm tree, lounge area, and giant bean bag. *Photos by Krissy Barros*





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How they see it: Kids new to Holt



"I like the students here a lot. They are nicer and way more welcoming. Plus, there aren't so many cliques or groups so you always can fit in."

Sophomore Natasha Miniard



"I like the school store the best because we didn't have one at Sexton. I usually buy the ice tea when I go there."

Sophomore Jackie Blanco

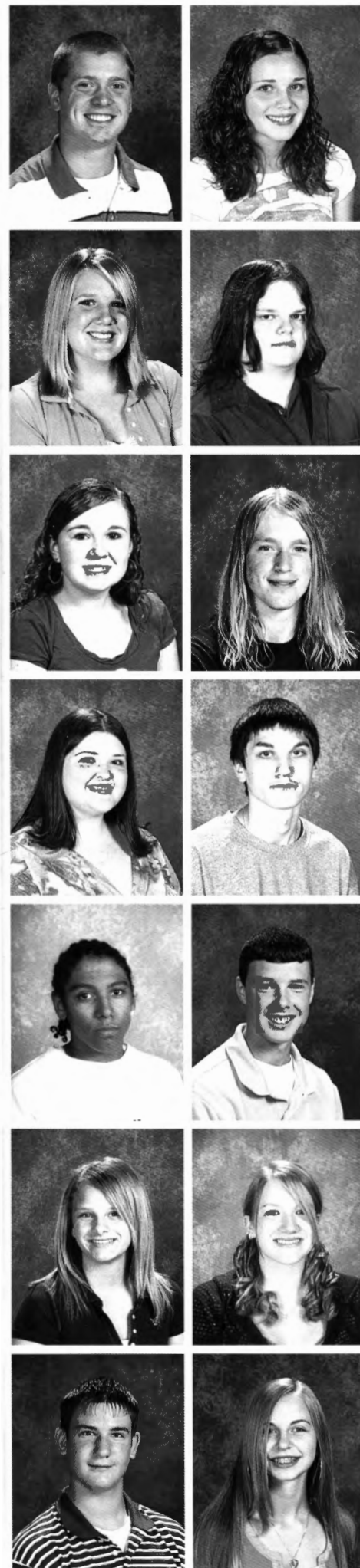


"Holt is so much bigger than my old school. There are so many more people and their is way more of a curriculum. There are more activities to choose from, too."

Sophomore Rachel Steinberg

How she sees it: Char Mazzali

• We've all heard that same question whispered amongst the classmates in our first hours: "Who's the new kid?" But this year, new student sophomore Mazzali was nothing to whisper about. Transferring from New Covenant Christian, Mazzali commented on just how much she loved Holt. "I love Holt because of its variety of classes, the dress code isn't as strict and everyone here is really nice," Mazzali said. Mazzali also enjoyed the diversity of Holt as opposed to her old school. "I wanted to come to Holt because there is more diversity with religions among the students," Mazzali explained. "Plus," Mazzali said, "the people are generally much nicer because they don't judge you and you don't have to live up to biased opinions about Christianity." When not at school, Mazzali enjoyed singing, writing songs and attending Mount Hope and Riverview churches. "I am involved in Mount Hope's youth group Spyn. I also really enjoy going on mission trips and volunteering and spending my time at younger kids camps," explained Mazzali.



A closer look at Kevin & Adam Maier

When checking and scoring, sophomores Adam and Kevin Maier said that "hockey is the best sport in the entire world," and they had the time of their lives playing hockey. When playing on the Greater Lansing Amateur Hockey Association team. The Maier brothers were coached by their father. In addition to their dad being a part of their dreams and goals, their mother and sister supported them almost every game and Adam and Kevin's other brother also played hockey.

"Hockey keeps me happy," said A. Maier, even though the brothers have practiced five hours during the week. The brothers both had many competitions about every two months and sometimes they even competed out of state.

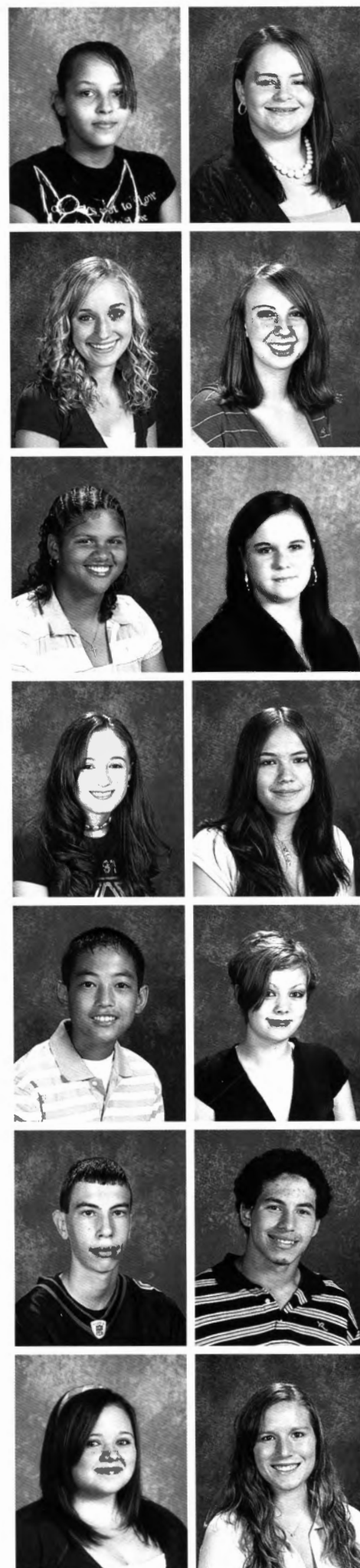
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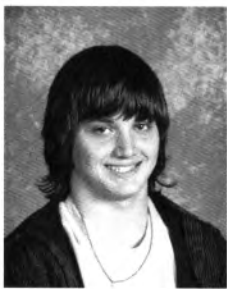
When the Maier brothers played hockey they learned to "keep their heads up and to always stay strong, when a game goes bad," said K. Maier. Still, both brothers thought that even though things might get tough, hockey is fun, very exciting, physical all the time, and a worth-while sport.

The Maier brothers had plenty of fun playing hockey and the brothers hoped to become professional hockey players later in life. Besides having to maintain good grades and friends like any other high school student, these brothers had to balance their personal training, hockey practice, and actual games with their everyday lives. The Maier brothers truly dealt with a lot and hoped to become great people no matter if they became famous or not.

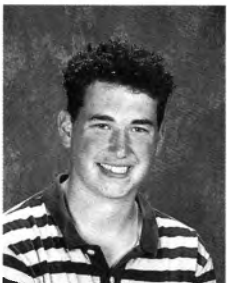
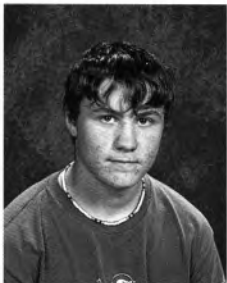


Playing hockey sophomores Adam and Kevin Maier skated on the ice making shots and having fun. "My brother and I have a close relationship from being in the same grade and from being on the same hockey team," said A. Maier.





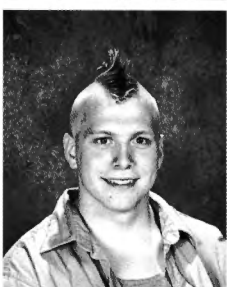
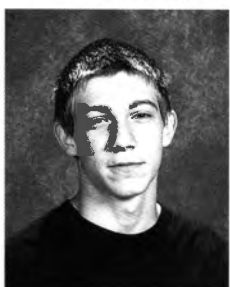
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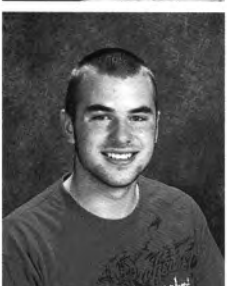
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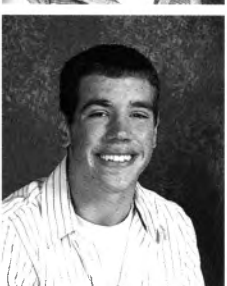
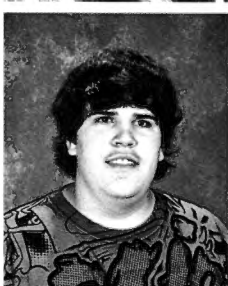
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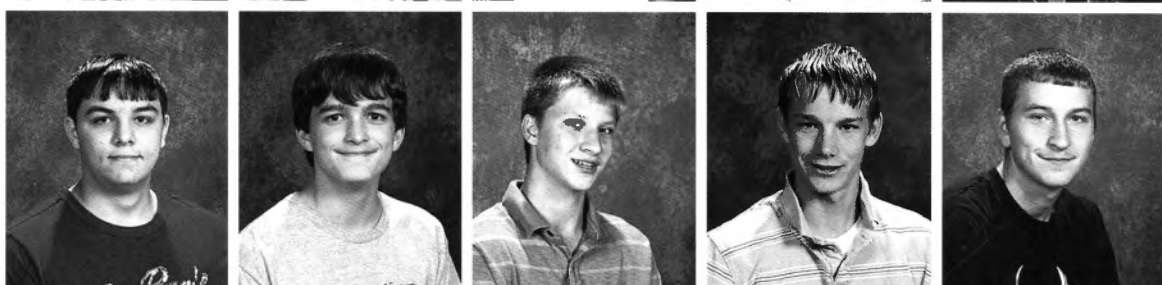
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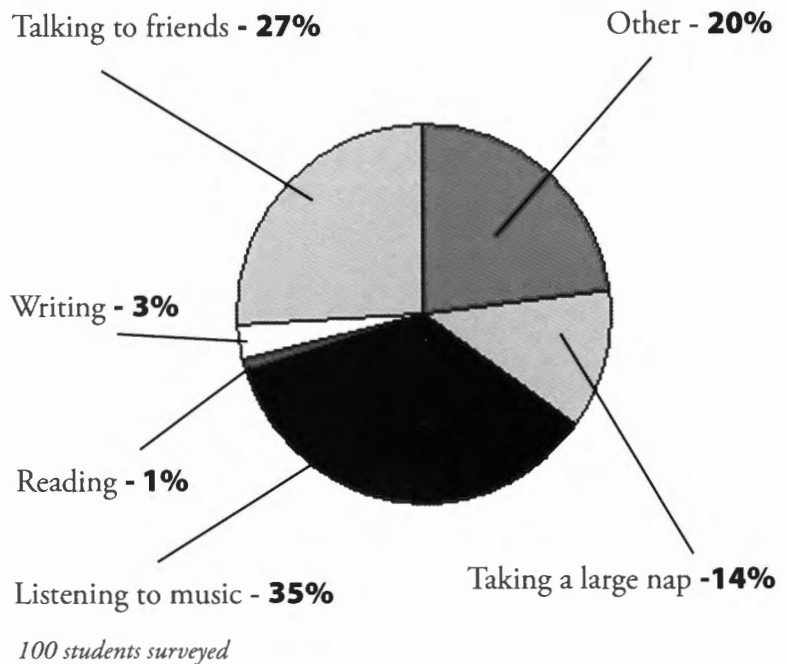
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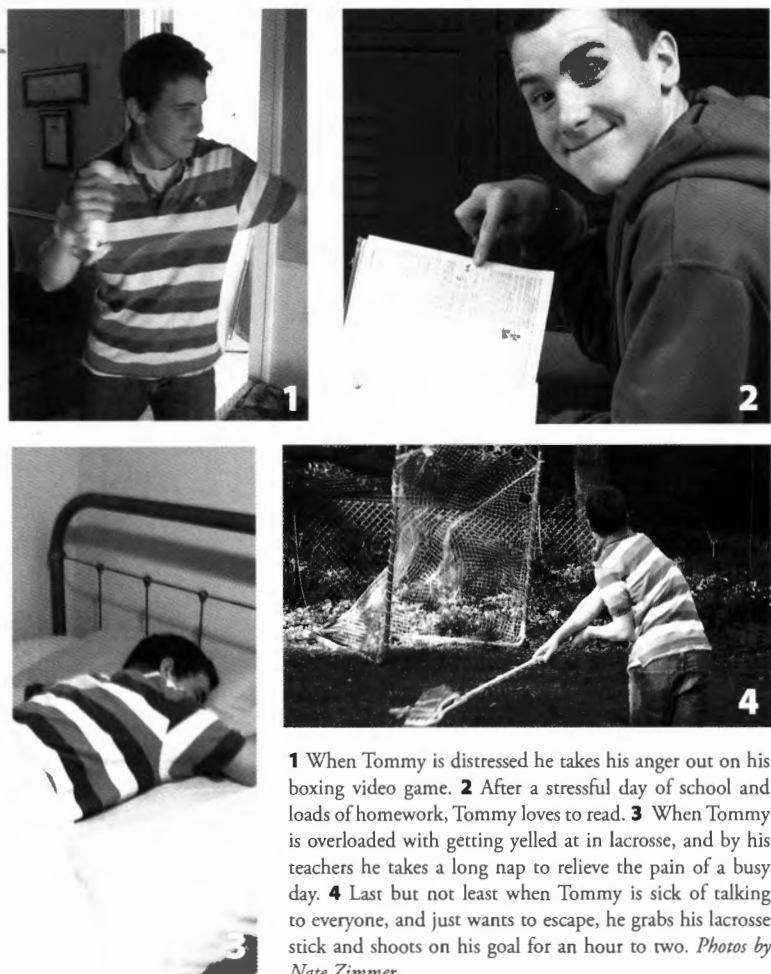
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How do you deal with stress?



In his shoes: Tommy Mckee



1 When Tommy is distressed he takes his anger out on his boxing video game. **2** After a stressful day of school and loads of homework, Tommy loves to read. **3** When Tommy is overloaded with getting yelled at in lacrosse, and by his teachers he takes a long nap to relieve the pain of a busy day. **4** Last but not least when Tommy is sick of talking to everyone, and just wants to escape, he grabs his lacrosse stick and shoots on his goal for an hour to two. *Photos by Nate Zimmer*



A closer look at Aaron Shelton

By creating music in various, tones and pitches, a participant in the Holt drumline sophomore Aaron Shelton was all about creating music. "While making music I get a good feeling inside." Explained Shelton. Shelton enjoyed creating all shorts of music but jazz is his favorite.

Shelton was inspired by different life experiences and moods he is in; he played an assortment of instruments including drums, percussion, piano, organ, saxophone, clarinet, bass and acoustic guitar. "Piano is my favorite," said Shelton.

Shelton began creating music in sixth grade. He got into writing music by experimenting with different types of music software. "From there I learned how to connect some of my musical instruments into the computer." said Shelton.

Shelton began learning how to play music by watching and listening to people play. "I learned how to read music by joining band."

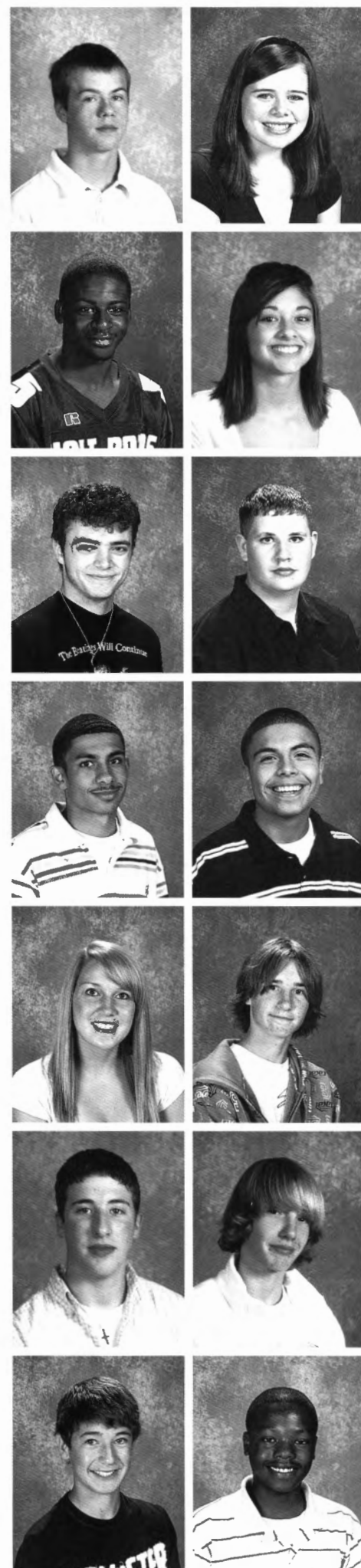
Shelton was part of the Holt drumline and joined when he moved here in ninth grade. "The drum line at my old school was better than the one here at Holt." said Shelton. When asked how he felt about being part of the band he responded with, "I enjoy band but when people actually make an effort it helps me enjoy it more."

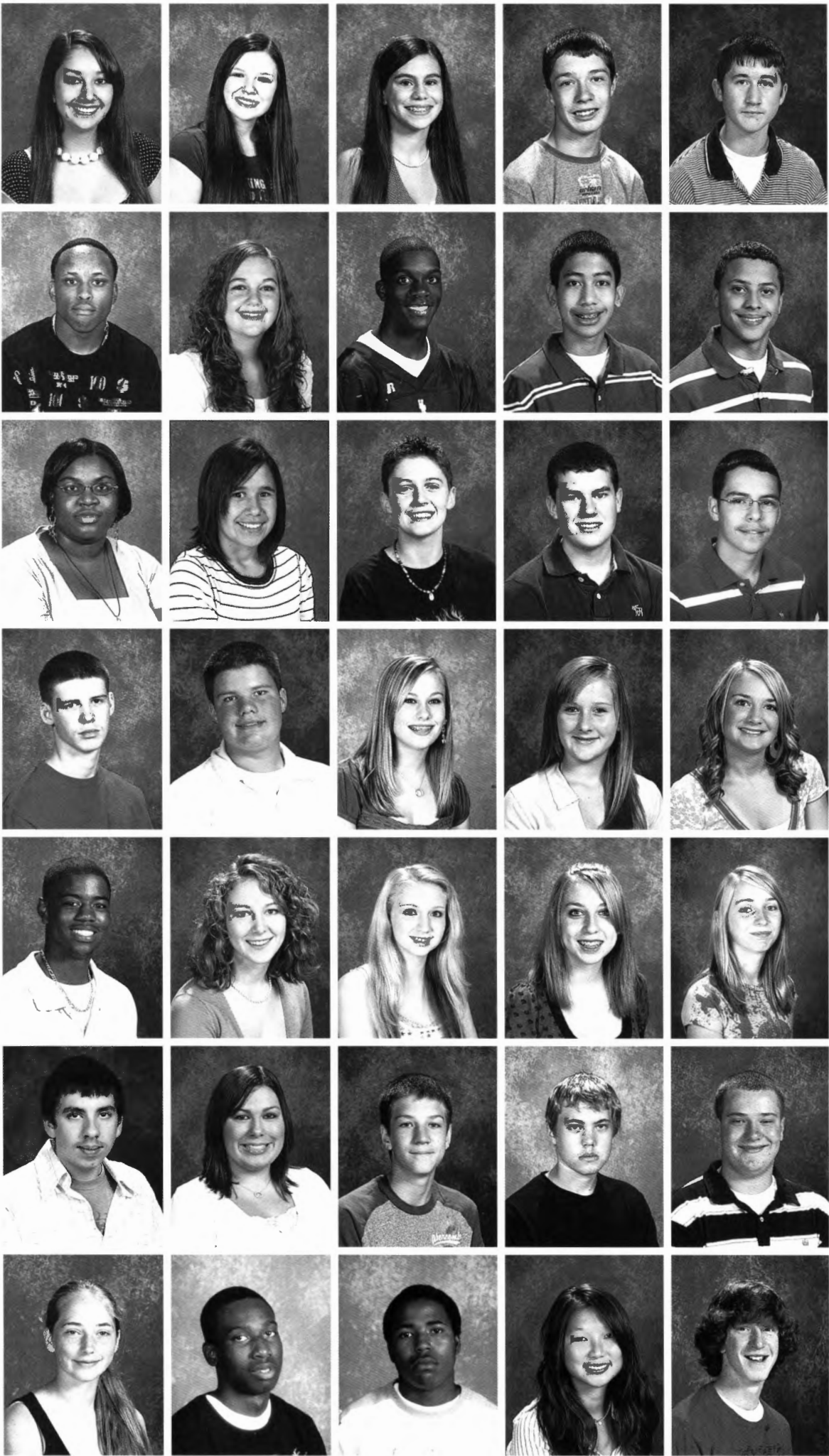
Shelton really hoped to someday have a career in music, "I want a career in musical computer software but I would also really like a career as a music producer." said shelton.

"I learn by watching and listening to people play."



Playing the cymbals at drum line practice, sophomore Aaron Shelton perfects his craft. Then it's onto the field for a drumline line solo at half time.
Photos by Natalie Marshall





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when the seniors leave its going to be hard"



Sophomore Katy Essenmacher

Aaron Shelton

Imagine 69

Worden, Lori
Woznak, Dennis
Young, Casey
Young, Patrisha
Young, Tyler
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Throwing his arms in the air, sophomore Vincent Encarnacion piles into a full chair during Challenge Day. Challenge Day was a full day of learning when students ventured into some of their deepest emotions and walked away with a better understanding of their classmates and teachers. A wide range of seniors, juniors, sophomores and faculty members participated. *Photo by Jesse Powers*

Displaying their class color, the sophomore class participates in the Homecoming pep rally. Students enjoyed a variety of activities during Spirit Week ranging from themed spirit days to the lunchtime eating contests. At the end up the week the sophomores took second place in float building and unfortunately were eliminated in the first round of the tug of war. *Photo by Melissa Thering*

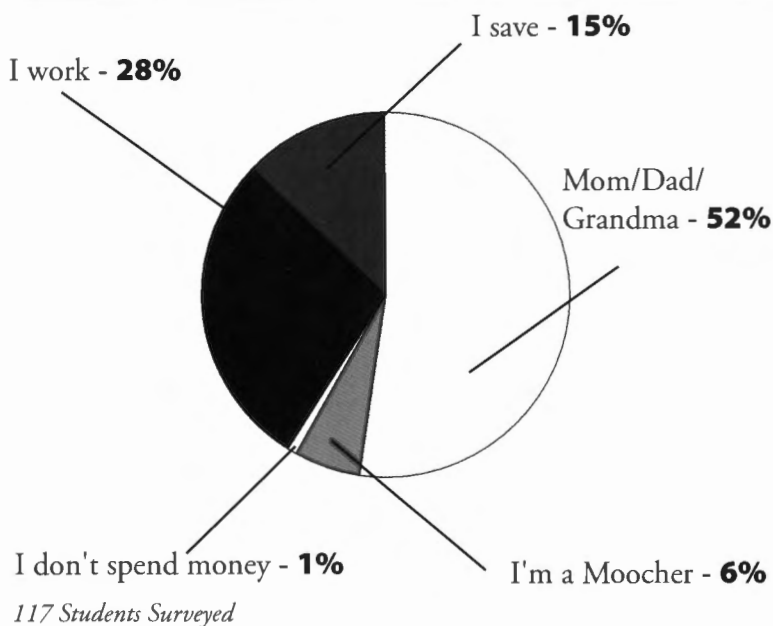


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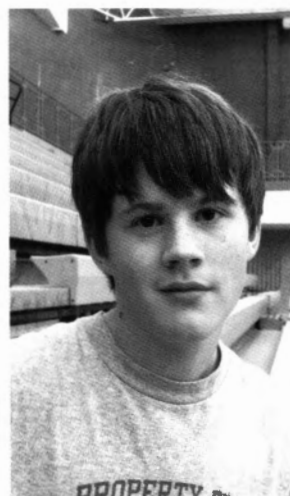


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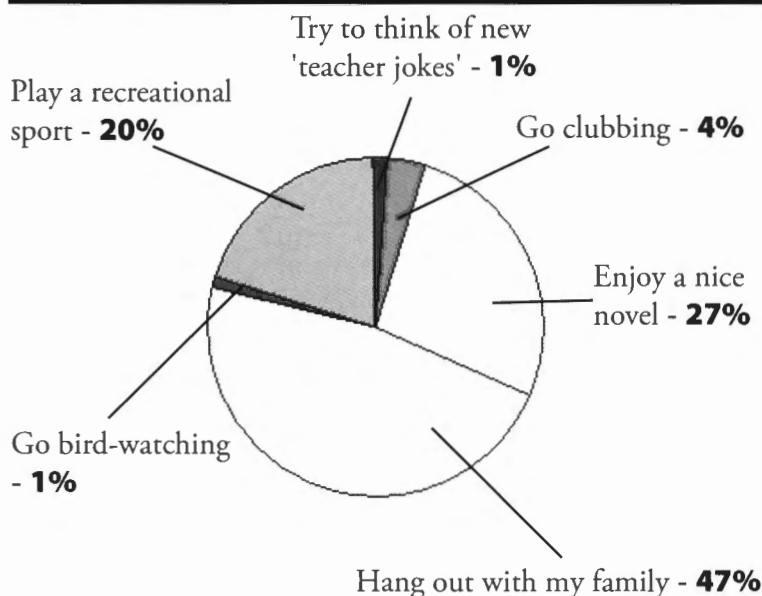


How he sees it: Alex Bossie

Most Sophomores couldn't drive, which made getting a job, near impossible. That was not the case for sophomore Alex Bossie. Bossie was a referee for 4th and 5th grade floor hockey and soccer. Bossie got the job from his brother who knew the guy in charge of Delhi Parks and Recs. He refereed three games every weekend. "I like refing floor hockey because you get more money," explained Bossie. The problem with his job was the early mornings. "I hate not sleeping in on Saturdays," said Bossie. During one of his floor hockey games, Bossie was attacked by an enraged 5th grader. "I called him for pushing a kid down, then he came at me with his stick, I was scared for my life," explained Bossie. The fifth grader was then ejected from the game. "When I got home I had a big scrape on my forehead and what looked to be the beginnings of a black eye, but I was happy that I finally got to give out my first red card." Bossie loved his job and all of the bruises that came along with it.



How do you spend your spare time?



79 teachers surveyed

How they see it: Teacher's spare time



"My hobbies have always been the same! I am such a boring person. It's not like I like to go deep-sea fishing or anything."

German teacher Rosie Peters



"In college, I was in the Recycling club, the Community Service club, Spanish club, French club, Poetry club, and the play. If there was anything to do, I did it."

Social Studies teacher Matt Trunk



"I've always been a dog person--but as I get older, I get more progressively pathetic that I now own a cat."

English teacher Bruce Kutney



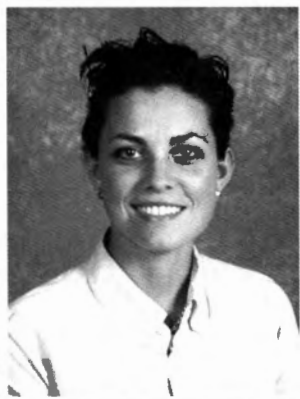
"In high school, I was included in a lot of sports. Now I only watch them. Or coach them."

Chemistry teacher Dave Foy





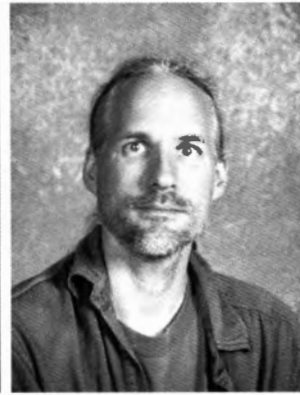
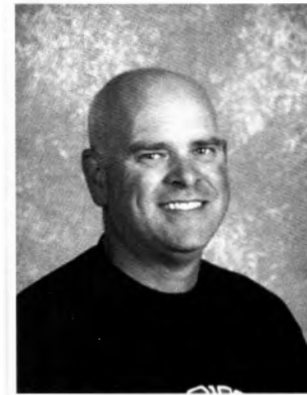
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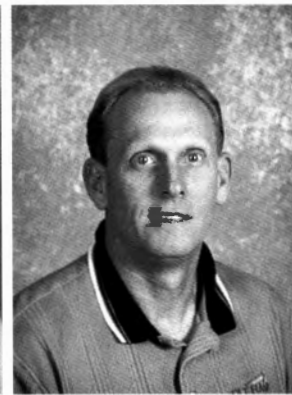
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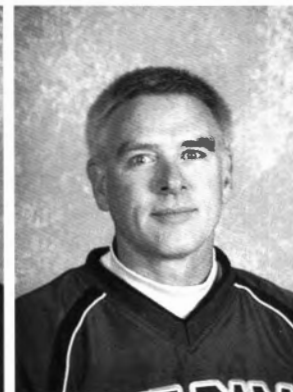
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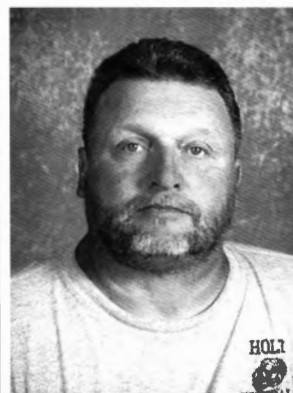
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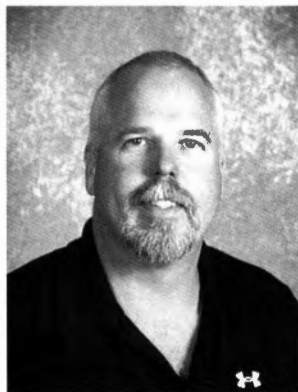
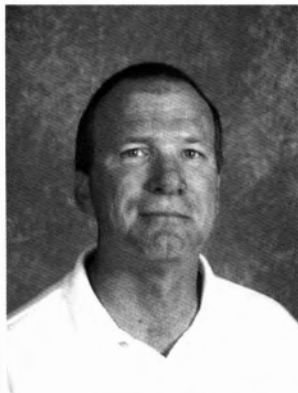
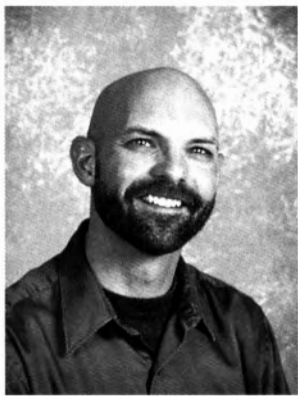
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How he sees it:

Nick Mourning

"Growing up, the people I looked up to were my teachers," said English teacher Nick Mourning, "now, I can be the role model to my students, and hopefully they will feel the same way about me." With his first year teaching at Holt well on the way, Mr. Mourning had very high hopes for what he wanted accomplished in his classes. "In college, I majored in English, and minored in speech and drama,"

he explained. Being a teacher of English, speech, and drama at Holt, Mr. Mourning felt right at home because of his previous instruction. "Helping to educate students in what I'm good at makes me happy, and I like seeing them learn" said Mourning. "When I first came here, I was overwhelmed by the physical size of the school!" Laughed Mourning, but that didn't discourage him. "I really like the people I work with, and I really enjoy working with the students, I look forward to completing this year and seeing what will come of it," Mourning said.



How he sees it:

Ryan Anderson

Graduating from Holt in 1999 helped make the choice of being a teacher at the High School quite an easy one for first year teacher Ryan Anderson. "Helping other people is probably one of the most rewarding things about being a teacher," explained Anderson, "Seeing my students learn from what I have taught them is very satisfying." Anderson taught his first year at Holt, educating students in FST, algebra, and teaching special education classes. "I really like the high school and the classes I teach, it's going to be a fun year," Anderson said.



Senior Kitty Dietrich

Thinking Ahead

Endless hours of Statistics homework, ten page psychology papers, exams and Econ projects like there's no tomorrow; academics were definitely the most stressful part of high school. The work part of school wasn't anybody's favorite, but as tedious as it seemed at times, it all served a purpose.

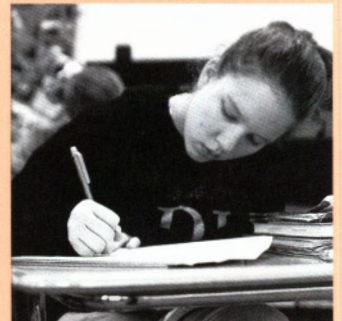
High school was all about academics, and acquiring as much knowledge as possible in order to prepare for what was coming next. Whether students' future plans included attending a four-year university, a community college, or to go straight into their careers; they needed to know and learn as much as they could in order to be prepared.

"Next year I want to go to Huntington University in Indiana, I'm kind of nervous but I've worked hard in high school so I think I'm ready for it," said senior Ashley Derry. Derry planned to study German and foreign language education to become a high school German teacher.

"High school is important in preparing us for college, but I think it does more than prepare us academic wise. High school is also a social experience that helped us learn how to interact with people," said junior Ericka Barber. Every assignment every project, it all taught students something. Even if it wasn't clear at the time, chances are that it would prove useful later on.

One advantage that students had at Holt was the opportunity to pick from a diverse selection of elective classes. With new requirements and trimester scheduling students were required to take more classes than ever. From foreign languages to human anatomy and physiology, there were classes for everyone. Whatever students planned to do, there were plenty of electives to fill their schedules.

Whether their plans were to attend a college or university or maybe jump right into a career, high school was an important part of preparing all students with the knowledge and experience they needed to be successful.



Studying intently in social studies teacher Guil Northrup's fifth hour economics class, senior Chelsea Jupin prepares for an upcoming test on stock market investments. "I study hard and try to do well in high school because I want to be ready for harder college classes," said Jupin. Economics was a required class for all seniors. *Photo by Blake Taylor*



me for college. I want to be on the ball!"



Senior Tia Reidling

Academic Divider



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Making the **grade**

AP students strive for success

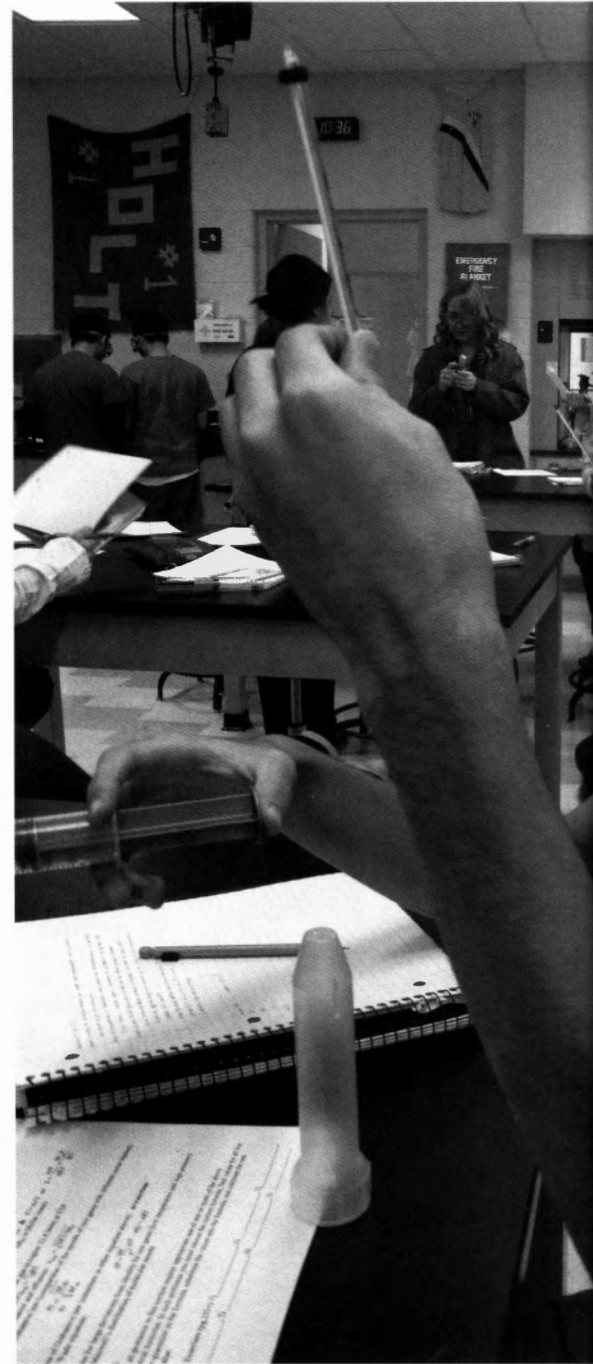
Night after night spent at home instead of at the parties all of their friends were at, most AP or Honors students were studying or doing the endless pages of homework that were given to them daily.

"This year I took four AP and Honors classes. I was trying to be ambitious my sophomore year when I signed up for them, but I soon realized when I got to school this year, that the classes would be much harder than I had ever imagined," stated junior Jordan Green while he was in the middle of working on an AP Government assignment.

With so many more Honors and AP class options available this year to Holt students, more tested their smarts and their grade points and making attempts at success. But taking on more than one could be more than they thought they could handle.

"It's just so time consuming and stressful when you have one or more hours of homework in every class and you are always thinking of your grade point average and college, especially this year, when they are most critical," said Green.

Things such as sports can make things even harder for students. "If you play a sport in the winter, you should plan your harder or AP classes in the spring and vice versa for spring sports because your work will catch up to you. It's all about time management," explained junior Carolina Madrid.

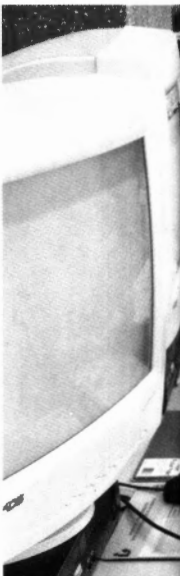


8 things I learned

Acing AP/Honors Classes

1. Be prepared to be on homework overload, at all times.
2. If you play a sport, learn how to manage your time well.
3. You can't procrastinate if you want to be a good AP student.
4. Study what you're getting yourself into before you learn it!
5. Be sure to always take detailed notes, especially to study from.
6. You must prepare yourself for a fast paced, learning environment.
7. If you get recommended for it by a teacher, you should take it.
8. Don't take an AP or Honors class if you aren't going to TRY.

While working with intricate detail and concentration, **juniors Kelsey Arambula and Melissa Hall** research a paper for their AP Government course. "AP just has so much more detail and it goes much more in depth with all of the things that we learn," said Hall. "Sometimes it just takes so much longer to complete, also. Regular government would take one trimester, but AP is two," added Arambula. *Photo by Kristi Shearer*





During his AP Chemistry course, junior **Jordan Green** experiments with pressure and density. "Pressure and density are constants of each other, as long as the temperature and the mass of the air stays constant as well," Green commented to his lab partners as they lit the Bunsen burner while measuring and taking notes on the results. *Photo by Kristi Shearer*

While trying to calculate the variables between pressure, temperature and volume, juniors **Erica Stanley** and **Allison Fredline** are working diligently. "AP Chemistry gets really hard sometimes, but once you know that you have finished the upcoming test or exam, you know it's on to something new, that could be really easy. It's almost like each day we do something new," said Stanley. *Photo by Kristi Shearer*



How to

Ace AP Classes



"You need to make sure you have the time to do the work outside of school."

Junior **Carolina Madrid**



"You should always study the things you are going to learn before taking the class."

Junior **Kayla Haynes**



"AP classes are excellent and they help you prepare for what it's like in the real world."

Junior **Ben Trout**



"AP classes are great for colleges. They help you get a feel for what it's like in college."

Junior **Jenni Pielack**

What he thought

Matt Morgan



Among taking many difficult courses, including Physics and AP Chemistry, junior Matt Morgan finds

time to have a job working at the YMCA and participates on the swimming and diving team and also keeping his grade point at an all time high. The initial question someone who heard about him would ask would be, "How does he have the time?" The answer is simple: "I actually don't have any time for myself. I have to maneuver and change my schedule so that I can have time to get the things done that I need to get done for the next day," said Morgan, in the midst of getting back a quiz for his AP Chemistry course: 100%. "Last trimester I got over one-hundred percent in AP Chemistry. I guess science and stuff is my niche," said Morgan.



What she thought

Megan Murray



"One of the best memories from this season was when the band played Apache (Jump On It), Avery Thomas would dance around with his crutches. Some of the other football players would dance around on the sidelines too. It was really funny to watch."

Megan N Murray

9 things we learned

Participating in Color Guard

1. Learning to count on beat
2. How to lead confidently
3. Better communication skills
4. Never give up, you have to keep trying
5. Others rely on you to be a role model
6. How to be confident in front of a crowd
7. How to be a good teammate
8. Good attitude equals a good routine
9. Color guard is a ton of fun!



Performing at a football game, the color guard puts on another great show.

My Turn

Mr. Michael Emerson



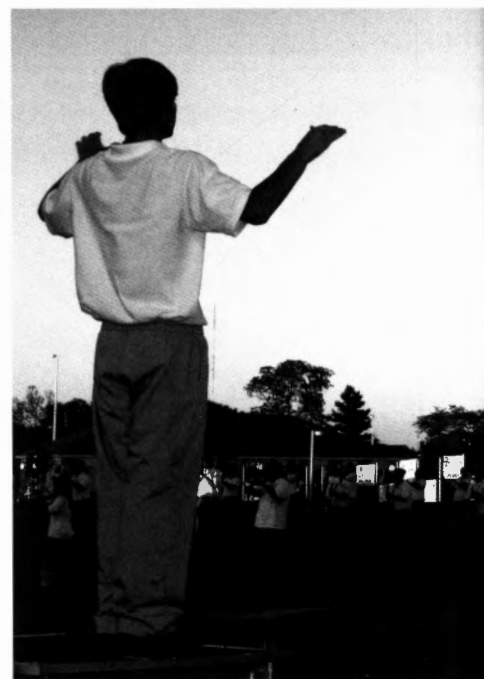
"The band this year had a great season. We put on an incredible show at the Grand Ledge Exhibition. We were hailed as 'The most exciting band so far of the performances,' no small feat since we were eighth in the line up! The Silver Bells parade was also a great performance."

Michael Emerson



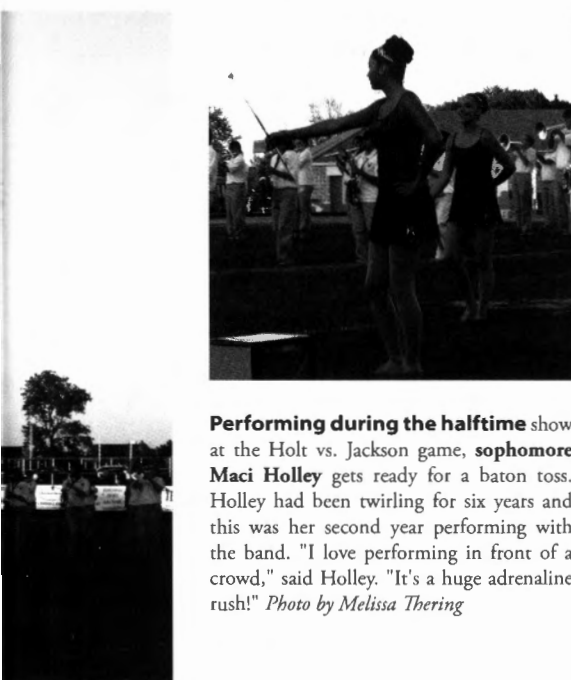
Leading the band onto the field for their halftime performance, drum major **junior Evan Nichols** gets ready for another great show, another great memory to be made. "One memory of band I will never forget from this season was when it was our last regular season game. Chris Carrier and Kendra Denyes (the other two drum majors) marched with me off the field," said Nichols. "It was the senior's last show, I was just happy for them and for a great season overall." *Photo by Anna Krycinski*

Directing the band at the Holt vs. Jackson game on August 30, 2007, drum major **senior Chris Carrier** makes sure the band stays on beat and keeps up the tempo. The band kept the spirit of the crowd up throughout the entire first home football game. The football team won against Jackson 28 to 14. *Photo by Melissa Thering*





During their halftime performance, the drumline gets ready for their drum break. With the band dancing and waving behind them, the drummers played a cool beat, with the spotlight on the bass drums. The drumline consisted of six snare players, four tenor players, six bass players and five cymbal players. "This years drumline performance was really cool," said colorguard member **junior C-Jay Fulton**. "We've never done a drum solo like that before." *Photo by Melissa Thering*



Performing during the halftime show at the Holt vs. Jackson game, **sophomore Maci Holley** gets ready for a baton toss. Holley had been twirling for six years and this was her second year performing with the band. "I love performing in front of a crowd," said Holley. "It's a huge adrenaline rush!" *Photo by Melissa Thering*



Another great **season**

From band camp to the playoffs

The second quarter buzzer sounds and halftime begins. Making their way across the gridiron was the Holt Ram Marching Band.

The marching band's season began the first week of August at MSU band camp. There the band dealt with the extreme heat and worked on learning the halftime show to be performed at the home football games. "Band camp was a lot of fun, that's where the band becomes like a team and where a bunch of fun memories are made," said junior Marleigh Noss. "You meet so many new people and you end up with a lot of close friends."

After a week of camp, the band continued rehearsing their halftime show during the school day and on Wednesday nights. "With evening practices the performance definitely improved," said junior Evan Nichols. "We got a chance to work without the pressure of having a class following rehearsal."

The band helped motivate the football team to victory with the fight song after each touchdown, different pep-band music in the stands, and of course the halftime show. "I think our music helped give the team more enthusiasm to play," said senior Amber McPherson. "The music showed our support for the team and that we were there to cheer them on."

* The band cheered on the football team and played for the crowd until the ending seconds of the last game against Detroit Catholic Central. Even after the disappointing loss, the band still went on to play the fight song for the team one final time.

How to

Be in marching band



"To be in Marching Band, you have to know how to roll step. When you march you have to pretend there is a tube of toothpaste under your foot, and your squeezing it out."

Junior **Jovi Centeno**



"In order to be in the band, you should go to band camp to learn the halftime show, you need to try and memorize the music and make sure your horn angles look good."

Senior **Amber McPherson**



"It takes a lot of practice to be in band. Practicing each move in the show and the music is a must. It takes each individual practice to sound and look good as a whole."

Junior **Spring Eisenzimmer**





Beyond Holt's halls

Students prepare for college

When senior year finally rolled around many students began to fret about their futures. A lot of time was spent applying to and just getting ready to enter the college atmosphere. Many students took advantage of Career Center and dual enrollment to help them get ahead of the game.

There were many programs offered through the Career Center for students. These programs ranged from the medical field to visual design. At the Career Center students engaged in different programs that interested them in areas that they will go into after high school or college. The Career Center helped student learn about the possible career that they wanted to enter.

Students also gained experience in the careers that would help them later on in life. Career Center was also a way for students to get some college credits in the equivalent classes when they attended college. "I enjoyed Career Center because it trains you for what you want to be after high school and you also get college credits for going," said senior Kris Allen.

Students could also choose to dual enroll in classes through either MSU* or LCC. At either students take a normal college class with college students. Similar to Career Center, students received college credits for the course that they enroll in. Dual enrollment also gave students a taste of college life, "Dual enrollment has definitely given me a better understanding of what college will be like," said senior Cody Mitchell.

7 things I learned

At Capital Area Career Center

1. I learned that I didn't want to be a dentist, but instead a nurse.
2. I realized that I really liked to help people because of the program.
3. I memorized 350 medical terms that will carry over to college.
4. I gained leadership skills helping me obtain a leader role in HOSA.
5. I learned to work with different people, even with our differences.
6. I learned clinical skills that will help me with my studies in college.
7. I reviewed first aid skills and I will be a certified nursing assistant.

Valerie B. Can



Career Center has many different areas that prepare students for the future that they plan on pursuing. The students learned in a variety of different settings, including an actual welding shop for one class. The students practiced welding different objects with the welding machine. Finishing up a particular project, **senior Kris Allen** works meticulously. "I really like going to Career Center because it is helping me learn more about the area I want to go into and also I am getting college credits for going there," said Allen. *Photo by Megan Holden*





Sitting patiently, senior Megan De-clercq waits to get her blood pressure taken by a fellow student. Students who plan to go into a medical field got experience through clinics, or working at nursing homes. The students were not allowed to just jump into working with the elderly, however. First they practiced the skills on one another in the class. Each skill had to be completed by a specific time or there were consequences to pay. Skills ranged from feeding to bathing to grooming. Students went to clinics for a specified amount of hours in order to pass the class. *Photo by Megan Holden*

Attending a college Calculus II class, senior Cody Mitchell pays close attention to the professor and takes very detailed notes. Several students attended either MSU or LCC for classes that are not offered at the high school because of the level of the course or the lack of interest in the course at Holt. "I like going to college classes better than high school because the professor treats you more like an adult," said Mitchell. *Photo by Anni Rao*

How to

Prepare for a career



"Career Center allowed me to prepare for nursing before starting college."

Senior **Abbie Clark**



"Career Center gives me a head start on training and events that go on in the medical field."

Senior **Tyler Denny**



"It helped me decide what I wanted to do the rest of my life and which college to go to."

Senior **Carolyn Warren**



"It gave me an idea on what I might want to do after college and also some college credits."

Senior **Monica Drolett**

What he thought

Garrett Cardinal



"All of us seniors know how excited we get when our chance to be seniors rolls around after three years of wait-

ing. We also usually take pretty easy classes to make our senioritis go by quicker. When it came down to picking classes my junior year I decided to take as many easy classes as I could. When I got my schedule I thought it was basically a joke and colleges would think I took the whole year off. I decided to sit down with my counselor and fix my schedule. My only option was Dual Enrollment, where you take college classes at either MSU or LCC and the high school pays for part of it. Dual Enrollment was a great experience and I would suggest doing dual enrollment because it looks good to colleges because you are going out of your way to get prepared for college."

Garrett Cardinal



Why I like...

Web Publishing



"How we work independently but yet we work as a team."

Junior **AJ Snay**



"It makes me feel smart because I can do things other people can't."

Junior **Meagan Keyes**



"The freedom to work at my own pace and the relaxed atmosphere."

Senior **Zach Morley**



"The business meetings, they bring the class together."

Senior **Shalene Parsons**



"Learning new and more complex tags and ways of creating a page."

Junior **Mike Alling**



"Creating web pages, my favorite was my biography page."

Junior **Nicole Wood**



"Finding out more information about the school, there's a lot of activities other than sports."

Junior **Chris Liles**

My Turn

Margo Strong



"Responsible, independent, and willing to work hard," said Strong. These were three qualities she

looked for when selecting students in the application process. "I need students with good attendance who are willing to work outside of class too," said Strong. The difference between this publication class was that there were no deadlines which can be a good or bad thing depending on how motivated students are.



At a business meeting, senior Jessica Martinez talks about her pages. Martinez said her favorite part about the business meetings was food. "Aside from a good snack, you see what everyone else has been working on, I guess it's beneficial to everyone," said Martinez. Although a fun event, students were still graded on participation of bringing their assigned food and on discussion. *Photo by Anna Krycinski*





During Advanced Web Publishing senior Courtney Wood works quickly to get as much accomplished as possible in one class period. "Once I start working it's hard to stop at the end of class," said Wood. During second trimester Wood was the Web Publishing editor. "It makes things a lot harder because there aren't as many advanced students as usual, putting more pressure on us," said Wood. *Photo by Anna Krycinski*

Reading to the class junior Chris Liles talks about cascading style sheets, a topic discussed during a typical business meeting. "Cascading style sheets make everything so much easier, but they aren't as fun as creating your own unique page," said senior **Pauline Bateman**. Web Publishing used style sheets for all of the sports pages but made club pages from scratch. *Photo by Anna Krycinski*



What you thought

Web Publishing

I took web publishing for my _____ year. I was in it for ____ trimesters because _____.

My first impression of the class was _____

I designed these pages: _____

_____ and shared the _____ page with _____.

My favorite part of the class was _____

_____ especially when _____.



The **key** to success

Web Publishing

Four returning students and one complex web site to get up and running made the first nine weeks of Web Publishing stressful for new and returning students.

"Easy but tedious," said senior Chris Carrier, a student new to the class this year. New students mastered the basics of hypertext markup language, otherwise know as HTML and created a biography page the first nine weeks of class before they began the assigned clubs and sports pages. "Once you learn the basics of HTML, it's enjoyable," said Carrier.

"It was stressful because we had so much stuff to do to get the web page up and running with only four people," said senior Cody Schwem. Schwem joined web publishing because he was interested in learning about web design and needed a computer credit. "I loved the class so much last year, I took it again this year," said Schwem.

The entire class agreed that the best part of the class were the business meetings. A few times a year the class got together with a dish to pass while discussing solutions to improve the web page and to showcase students' work. "It's fun to show the class what you have been working on for weeks, especially while eating food," said sophomore Erika Wulfekuhler. Web Publishing teacher, Margo Strong agreed. "It's a great way for the class to get positive feedback," said Strong.





Being heard

Success is all around us

An intense and strong class, choir was in charge of making wonderful and inspiring music. "Holt High School is the leading school for the state honors choir," said choir teacher Mr. Monty Bishop. "Most schools only send three or four students to the festival."

Out of the thirteen students that made the regional cuts, nine actually went to the semi-finals. "No one ever sends nine students to any festival like this," said Bishop, "People don't send nine students because it is impossible to make it to the finals and you only want to send the best."

The finals in the State Honors Choir was for any student who was the best of the best. "The State Honors Choir Festival is a really cool thing and is looked upon in greatness. To actually attend the festival is very honorable and says that you are a great singer," commented freshman Chris Yu. Yu achieved a perfect score on the honors test.

To reward all the choir students for their hard work, Mr. Bishop had planned for a group of choir students to go to Vienna Austria next year. There, they planned to sing for crowds of people and experience a new but exciting culture. The trip was set to change many of the students for the rest of their lives. Flying to Europe would be a long and tiring ride, although, once they were finally there, they could have the "time of their lives." The choir students truly are amazing in what they can do with their voices.

My Turn

Tara Dausman



In December, Tara Dausman attended the Regional Honors Choir competition. Out of the sixteen people that auditioned from Holt, thirteen singers were accepted and among them was Dausman. To qualify for the competition, students had to score an average of

ninety five on the singing and sight reading parts. Dausman received a one hundred for her score when she tried out. "It was a really good year for us," said Dausman. Dausman will go as a soloist and come back as part of a state wide singing team. "I have always been singing because its a good way to get out emotions and talents."

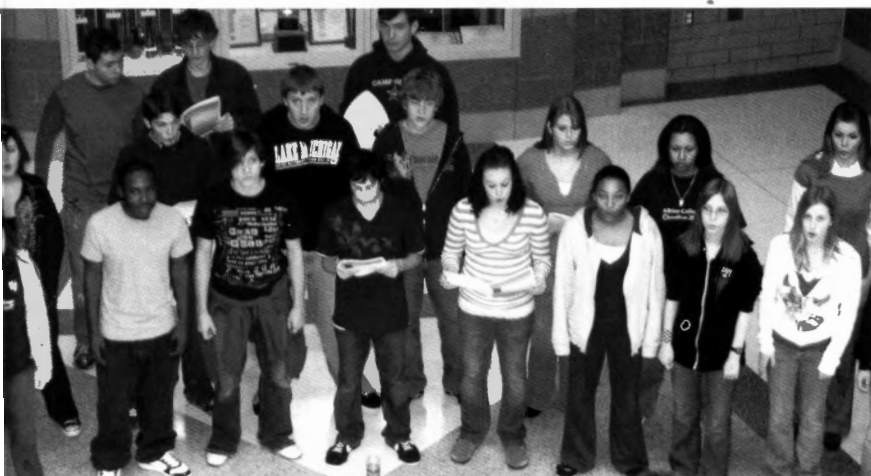
Singing like professionals, junior Danielle Rathbun and senior Katelyn Wagemaker make beautiful sounds with their voices. Working hard on pieces, such as Glory To God, the Cantique singing group was made up of all girls. The all girls choir was one that was at Holt for about eleven years. Every year was different for Cantique but they always had fun. *Photo by Jesse Powers*

Doing the thing that they do best, the students in choir do their warm-ups before they actually start the class. "I love choir so, so much. I think that using your voice as an instrument to express yourself is just one of the coolest things that someone could do. When you use your voice, there is just a burning passion that comes out of you and it feels so great," said sophomore C.J. Malloy. *Photo by Jesse Powers*



Playing the time away, choir teacher, Monty Bishop taps his fingers on the new choir piano. "We have really needed this piano and I am very glad that we got it. The piano has helped to make the sound of the choir so much better and I do not want to lose it any time soon," said Bishop. After going through the fiasco of buying a faulty piano, the whole choir was happy to finally have the piano that they truly deserve. *Photo by Jesse Powers*





Practicing a song in Latin, choir students sing high and low in the center commons of the school. The group kept living up to the Holt reputation by always giving outstanding performances. "It is always so cool to see the choir group singing because they give so much energy and passion into their songs," said **junior Cassie Jo Bawcum**.
Photo by Jesse Powers

8 things I learned

My experience with choir

1. "When you hold a note, swell"
2. "Pitch" isn't a region, it's a destination
3. Sometimes, its best to be quiet and listen
4. One wrong note can ruin a song
5. Singing does not have to be vocal
6. You don't always get standing ovations
7. Art programs help in all parts of life
8. Losing one person can hurt the whole

Chana Anderson



About

Voices in Choir



"Choir is not just a team but a huge family of friends that all have the same interests."

Junior **Kelsey Braman**



"It has been the best experience of high school; It helps me to expand my vocal range."

Sophomore **Megan Lange**



"Choir is fun, but the choir works really hard. But, in the end, it is all worth it."

Sophomore **Kyle Dowling**



"People do not realize how equally exhausting choir is compared to sports."

Junior **Emily Gardner**



"Men of Holt has come a long way since it started. All the ladies want some MOH."

Senior **Korey Hurni**



"It is a good opportunity to learn about music and to make great friends, like a big club."

Senior **Tabitha Vaughan**



"Choir seems really fun but I would rather sing by myself than in a choir."

Junior **Cassie Jo Bawcum**

am so glad to have been part of choir."



Senior **David Froman**

Choir

Think 87

Meri Hjort-Finland



For senior Meri Hjort, coming to America was a great adjustment. "Everything here seems bigger, likes stores, schools and distances from place to place." For Hjort school in Holt is a lot easier. "I would spend like 2-3 hours a night on homework;

here I don't have to and that's nice," said Hjort. Along with academic adjustment comes the social aspects and for Hjort those adjustments were fun. "We also don't have high school teams so it was a new thing to stand in the student section but it was also a lot of fun."



Welcome to the U.S.

Foreign Exchange Students

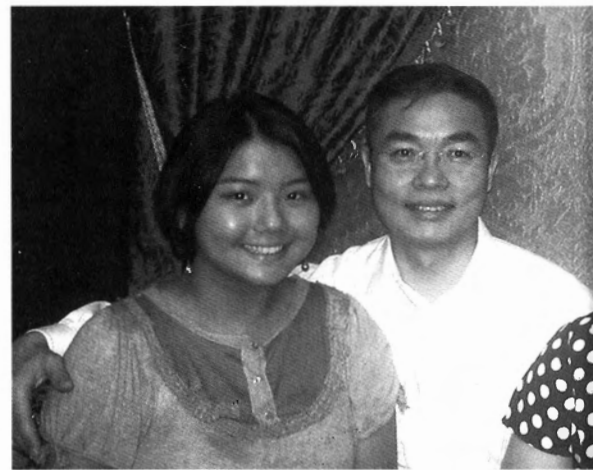
As foreign exchange student Soo Hyun Jo (aka Jamie) walked into Holt High School for the first time, she noticed one main thing: "Holt is a lot bigger than my school." The size of the school and the hustle of thousands of kids running through the halls was a confusing thing for exchange students the first few days.

Along with the school being confusing, American culture was a little overwhelming, but foreign exchanges quickly adjusted and found it fun and fascinating. For exchange student Sing Young Lee it was having to adjust to a co-ed school. "My old school is an all girls school," Sing Young Lee said.

Having exchange students was also an adjustment for the host families. They had to be able to adjust to living with a new family member and hopefully break language barriers if there were any. "It's different having to get used to living with someone new," said senior Mitch Saxman, host brother to Senior Chi Man.

In the end, though, exchange students quickly adjusted and liked both their school and classmates. "Everyone is so nice and friendly to me, they are so helpful," said Jo.

Having foreign exchange students in our school was a learning experience for everyone. "In Holt we are pretty sheltered to other cultures, so they help us understand foreign cultures," said sophomore Timothy Sodervick.



"Classes here are harder for me, because sometimes I have a hard time understanding," said **Senior Sofia Nakamoto** about being in classes in the United States. Nakamoto was diligently working in her ancient civilization class, getting her work done, and having to translate so that she could understand. Sofia was from Tokyo Japan. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*

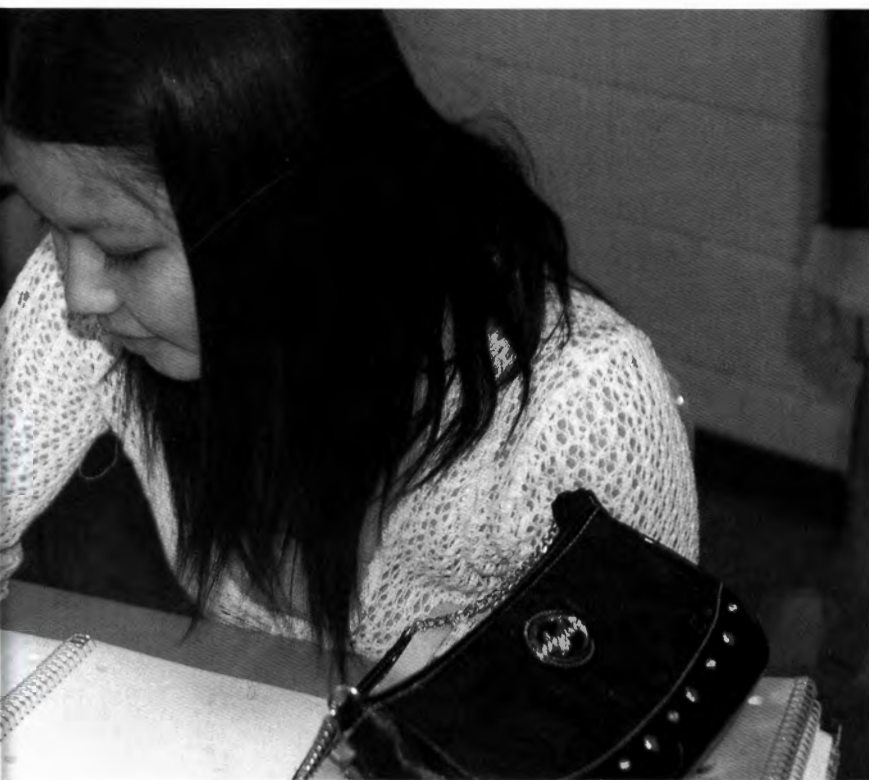
Skating for the Hawkets is senior Meri Hjort from Finland. Meri skates with her host family sister **Madeline Prange**. "It's a lot of fun and she's lucky she was able to get to skate with our team, because she has the opportunity to see the whole country when our team travels," said Prange.





Exchange student from South Korea

Soo Hyhn Jo, known as Jamie around school, poses with her mother, father and sister before leaving for America. "I miss them a lot but I do get to call them," said Jo, expressing feelings about being away from home. For Jo one of the hardest parts about being away from home is that her parents always understand her verbally and here she was not always understood.



Celebrating a friends birthday senior Chi Man poses with his friends. Chi Man was an exchange student from Hong Kong. For Chi Man, being away from his friends was hard and he misses them, but he can still stay in contact with him. *Courtesy photo*

4 things I learned

...While at Holt

1. Bad English
2. American Culture
3. How to live with others, like a host family
4. To be independent

CHI MAN



How to

Adjust



"It's very exciting and everyone is very nice to me so I love them. Its also more personable."

Sophomore **Soo Hyun Jo**



"Holt is very pretty and clean, and we go to school a lot less. My classmates are all kind."

Senior **Sofia Nakamoto**



"My old high school was an all girl school, Holt is also a very large school."

Senior **Sing Young Lee**



"Its exciting to have a exchange student live with me, I get to learn about their culture."

Senior **Mitch Saxman**

My Turn

Mr. Jim Keckison



"I have had at least one foreign exchange student in my classes every year for 9 years. They bring a wealth of

knowledge and perspectives about the world that are different from out own. They are invaluable assets to my learning and teaching about the world."



What she thought

Jordyn Timpson



"I really love the class, it is always fun and we are still able to get a lot of work done for the paper," said junior Jordyn Timpson. This was Timpson's first year as a part of the Ramparts staff. "I wanted to join the newspaper because that is what I am interested in as a career after high school. I also plan on being a part of a college newspaper program," said Timpson. But the class wasn't all fun and games. The staff had to make strict deadlines for their stories. "If you're laying out someone's page and they don't have it finished, it puts everyone behind," said Timpson. "It's really bad when people miss deadlines." Aside from being a lot of fun the class was beneficial to students. "The class is really worth it and if you enjoy writing I would suggest taking it. The class prepares you well for a future in this area," said Timpson.

9 things I learned

Writing for the Ramparts

1. Exclamation points are bad news
2. Mrs.. Clark looks like Tina Fey
3. How to interview effectively
4. It's really hard to sell ads to businesses
5. Making deadlines is very important
6. Missing deadlines makes people mad
7. Fonts are vital
8. Staying after school to finish you page is normal
9. Don't be afraid of constructive criticism



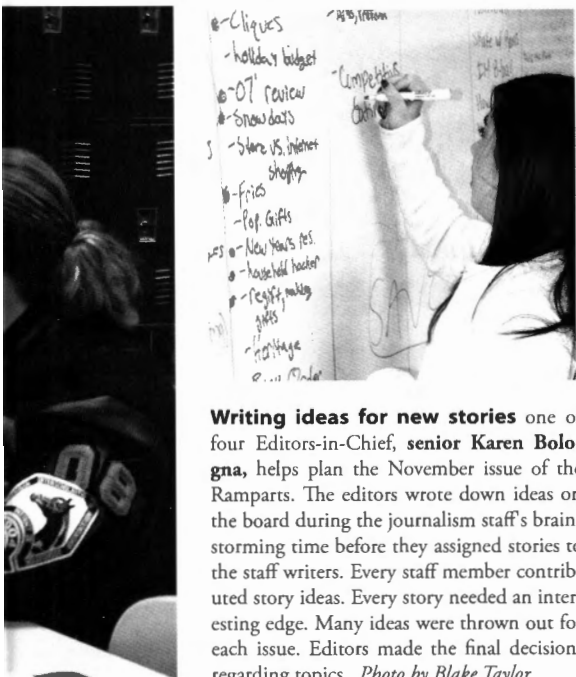
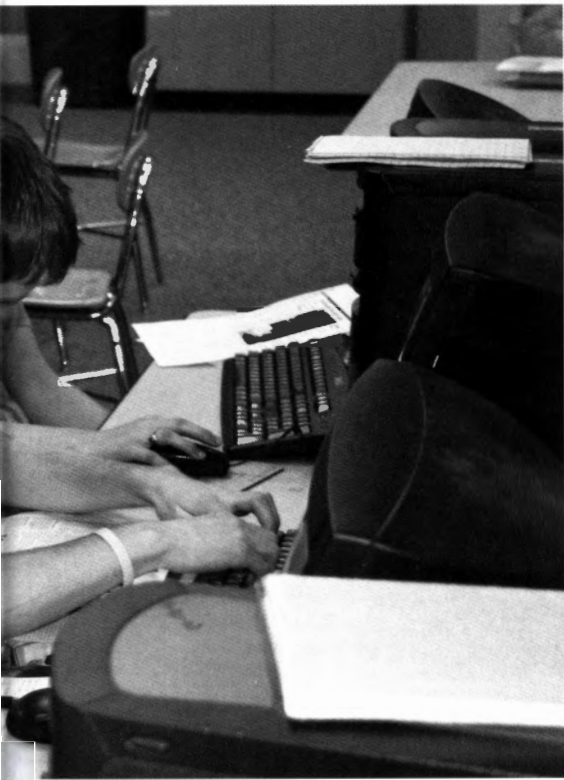
Frantically try to finish their pages, seniors **Dustin Hagfors**, **Pauline Bateman**, and **Brittany Enos**, work on the January deadline. It was the day of the deadline and the staff still needed to make the edits to all of their pages. When the paper was printed it was then given out at the lunches by the staff in the center of the commons. *Photo by Blake Taylor*

Paying close attention to Mrs.. Clark, seniors **Nate Robinson**, **Ethan Tate**, and **Rebecca Donaldson**, listen to the calendar for the month. Each month the journalism class was given a calendar of events that were important to the class. "It only looks like we're paying attention, but really we're just always talking about weird stuff," said Tate. *Photo by Blake Taylor*





Standing at the front of the class with authority, journalism teacher Amy Clark gives instructions for the day in journalism. "I go over how to finish the pages assigned, and give help to those who need it," said Clark. Each day Clark went over the details of the day to the class, and gave the staff a chance to troubleshoot. Troubleshooting was when the staff discussed any problems they were having with their pages. *Photo by Blake Taylor*



Writing ideas for new stories one of four Editors-in-Chief, **senior Karen Bologna**, helps plan the November issue of the Ramparts. The editors wrote down ideas on the board during the journalism staff's brainstorming time before they assigned stories to the staff writers. Every staff member contributed story ideas. Every story needed an interesting edge. Many ideas were thrown out for each issue. Editors made the final decisions regarding topics. *Photo by Blake Taylor*

My
Turn

Mrs. Amy Clark



In her 8th year, newspaper advisor Amy Clark knows her way around. Clark started advising simply because the school needed a teacher to do it. "I thought, 'Wow that sounds fun!'" said Clark. For her, it was a new challenge. Once she started advising she found she enjoyed it and stuck with it. "It is the one class that I can concretely see what my students are learning," said Clark. When asked about looking like Tina Fey, Clark stated, "I don't look anything like her, but I take it as a compliment!"



Revising Ramparts

Newspaper sees changes

In the ever changing world of the newspapers, there were a lot of additions to this year's Ramparts class, including new faces applying for writing positions, and a new outlook on selling the paper. When ten of their writers graduating last year the Ramparts had room for new students to fill the role.

With only six writers returning from last year a slew of new people signed up for the class. The new writers were required to fill out an application, get teacher recommendations, and submit a writing piece of their own in order to be eligible for the class.

A young staff wasn't the only change in the world of newspaper this year, the staff voted early in the year and opted to sell more advertisements in order to be able to make the newspaper free to students. To do this, the staff had to create a budget at the beginning of the school year.

"Sales didn't generate that much income for us, and we are able to get more newspapers circulating by just giving the paper away for free," said senior editor Blake Taylor. Along with being able to get more papers circulating in the school, the class was able to de-stress a little bit by not having to frantically try to sell the papers during nutrition break.

"Making the paper free was a big improvement from last year, the papers are gone pretty fast," said Taylor. The staff was able to use the extra time to work more on the paper, than on selling it.



Deal with trimester classes



"I like trimesters because you get more elective choices, but I do not like trimesters because you don't get as much time in those elective classes that I like."

Sophomore **CJ Malloy**



"I don't really care about trimesters, because I still get to take the classes that I want, and my schedule still allows me to stick with the classes that I have an interest in."

Sophomore **Kacie Lampman**



"I don't like trimesters because they don't allow enough space for fine arts in your schedule."

Senior **Elizabeth Barry**



From two, to three

A new way of thinking

New requirements, longer classes, less hours, different marking periods...there were a lot of things to adjust in this year's newly designed trimester program, and a lot of advantages as well.

One issue was whether or not trimesters helped meet the state requirements. Some advantages included more options, it makes the days seem shorter, or people don't have to take the core classes for as long. Some students enjoyed trimesters, "I liked semesters better because you have two marking periods per semester to get your work done," said sophomore Jessica Jenks.

However, some students disliked trimesters. "I think that they are cramming too much into a smaller amount of time with trimesters," said sophomore Chiana Jones-Smith.

"I like trimesters, but I think it should go back to six, one hour classes a day," said junior Tori Kerr.

Trimesters were designed to help students fit in their requirements while still letting them have elective opportunities. It was a good concept with great potential.

Holt has come into this with an open mind, and there are some tweaks in the system that were not worked out. Trimesters had potential, so keeping an open mind helped work kinks out over time.

Squashed together, some of the members of this sixty one person Concert Chorus are starting their class. This year, Ninth Grade Chorus, and Concert Chorus came together because of the new five hour system. "I like the combined choir this year, because it shows the freshman the leadership abilities that the upperclassman have, and they can bring that in with the new freshman the next year, and it just keeps cycling," said **choir teacher Monty Bishop**. Photo by Marc Anderson





Talking Business, counselor **Bob Bower**, and sophomore **Marquis Sanabria** consult Sanabria's schedule for the third trimester. The trimesters system was still in the works for the three counselors, adding one more marking period really made them crunched for time. "I've taken classes that I've just been put in, and some of the classes are crowded, but its okay because everybody needs time to work things out," said Sophomore Sanabria. *Photo by Marc Anderson*

Getting pumped up for math class, students in **math teacher Brian Vessell's** fifth hour do the Cha-Cha Slide to get ready for their extra long class hours. "Studies show that it is hard for a person to stay focused for more than twenty minutes at a time," said math teacher, Brian Vessell. "Putting physical activities in during the hour helps kids focus better." They do things like the Cha-Cha Slide, the Chicken Dance, or just simply some jumping jacks to help get kids juices flowing and get them ready to learn. *Photo by Marc Anderson.*

What you thought

Trimesters

41% of students surveyed about trimesters said they thought its a great idea.

14% of students surveyed about trimesters say they didn't really care.

45% of students surveyed said that we should go back to semesters.

Survey of 100 students

What she thought

Hannah Miller



Trimesters were well liked by many students. "I like them because they make the year go faster," junior

Hannah Miller said. "It takes less time to finish your required core classes," Miller said. She said that she liked how she got more time for the classes she wants because some of the core classes were shorter. "The only weird thing about trimesters is the weird class times. Trimesters are way cooler than semesters," Miller concluded.

4 things I learned

Do's and don'ts of scheduling

1. Know how many trimesters each class is
2. Make sure your schedule is right
3. Change your schedule as little as possible
4. Make sure you have all your core classes

Stephanie Kirgely



How to

Make a page



"The hardest part is finding everyone to interview, it takes a lot of time."

Junior **Jesse Powers**



"First you have to find your focus and direction for the page."

Senior **Joe McNamara**



"You have to learn how to be a perfectionist with writing and pictures to make a good page."

Junior **Kristi Shearer**



"It's important to make sure the same people aren't used a lot in the book."

Senior **Anna Krycinski**



"I really focus on getting good pictures and making sure my copy is interesting."

Senior **Stephanie Self**



"First I brainstorm a lot of people who I could use and then do a bunch of interviews."

Senior **Tyler McMillin**



"I like to take pictures first, so I can decide what I want the focus of the page to be."

Junior **Melissa Thering**

What she thought

Megan Holden



"I decided to apply to the Rampages staff in the spring of my junior year because I wanted to help create one of

the most memorable parts of high school. The class is easy to enjoy since there's a lot of my friends in the class. Plus, Ms. Mathers is a really good teacher. The deadlines can be tedious but it was exciting to see it all come together."



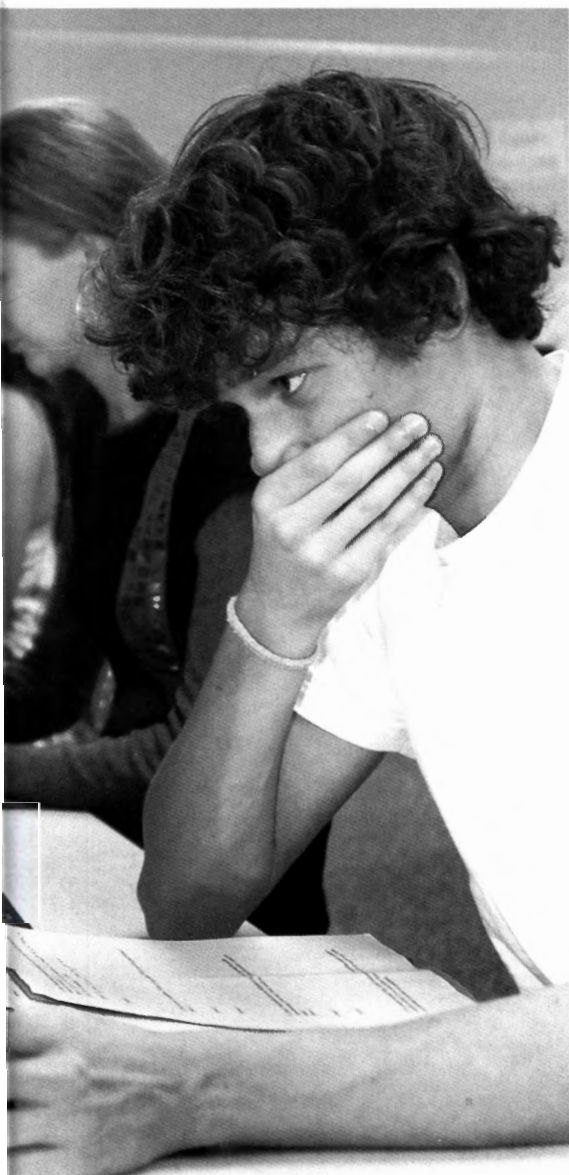
Marking off a name on the entire list of student names senior **Krissy Barros** completes a vital part of her page production. "It's really important that a student isn't used more than once or twice in the book, so we have to cross off a name everytime they're used," said Barros. The staff decided that it was a priority to have the entire school represented in the yearbook. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*





Getting a last minute interview, junior Elizabeth Tompkins takes a picture of junior Elizabeth Dejongh. This being Tompkins' first year as part of the Rampages staff resulted in some big surprises. "I didn't realize how much interviewing it took to complete a page," Tompkins explained. "At first it was really fun walking around in the halls, but it got old fast. The teachers weren't very nice when we tried to pull students out of class." Aside from interviewing the staff was required to create layout designs, write copy and take pictures at sporting events and club meetings. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*

Struggling to come up with ideas for a headline senior Zach Carter works on his assigned page. "One of the hardest parts of the class was learning the InDesign program that is used to make our pages," explained Carter. "It takes a long time to become comfortable with everything." With only five returning staff members, learning the programs and basic aspects of yearbook publication was a big part of the class. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*



My Turn

Ms. Stephanie Mathers



"Over the past three years, the yearbook class has changed in many ways. My first year we went from a Fall to Winter book with a supplement to a true March to March book. We also upgraded to mod design from column design, giving our publication a

readable, fresh look. I'm most proud of the fact that our staff members won a Spartan Award for the 2007 book. This year, the trimesters altered the structure of the class. Now, we create the book during the first two trimesters, and during the last trimester we edit and train future staff."



Combining strengths

Yearbook staff works to achieve their goals

Music can be heard almost every day coming from the publications room in fifth hour. Other times you can see Rampage staff members giggling as they walk down the halls. However, this music drowns out the sound of hard working fingers typing away at keyboards, slogging printers, and intense meetings.

For the first time in rampage history this year the class was shortened from an entire year to only two trimesters. This meant that the staff had less time to perfect computer program skills, photography, and writing styles. "This year was really stressful," explained senior Marc Anderson. "We had a lot to finish with very little time."

With 18 new staff members no one knew exactly how the students would work together. As the year continued, however, it became evident that the staff was able to bring their strengths together to their advantage. "I'm more of an artistic person," said senior Jill Zelenski. "When we were sharing ideas about what the cover and overall look of the book would be, I had a lot of ideas and strong feelings on the subject."

The staff along with co editor-in-chiefs seniors Trina Rawlinson, Kelly Hamelin, Michael Farran, and Blake Taylor worked hard to exceed past expectations. "We won a Spartan award for last years book, so this year we've set a goal to win it again," said Rawlinson.







Walking towards the sidelines at half-time, sophomore Josh Barens gets ready to motivate his team in the locker room. "This season had it's ups and downs but I love soccer so it was worth it," said Barens. Although he was only a sophomore, Barens played a key role in his second season with Holt soccer. Photo by Stephanie Self

A desire, a dream, a vision

"Champions aren't made in the gyms," said world champion boxer Muhammad Ali. "Champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision." Ali's words emphasize that it isn't always about how much talent people have, but about how badly they wanted to accomplish their goal.

This held true with the student athletes at Holt. There was always more than meets the eye when it came to student athletes. It wasn't always about the biggest, strongest or fastest students, but the ones that dreamed of championships. The smallest player on the field might have been the one with the most heart and will to win, giving them an advantage greater than size or strength. Visions of winning helped more than just on the field. People encouraged teams from the sideline if they couldn't play.

Senior soccer player Dan Wulfekuhler knew what it meant to dream like a champion. Wulfekuhler was almost always injured throughout his high school soccer career. "I stopped growing in about seventh grade because my legs got all messed up, but I kept on playing soccer and was one of the best on my team," said Wulfekuhler. "Even when I was injured, like I was most of the last couple years, I stuck around and helped be somewhat of an assistant coach to the team. I just wanted the team to win so I wanted to help in whatever way I could."

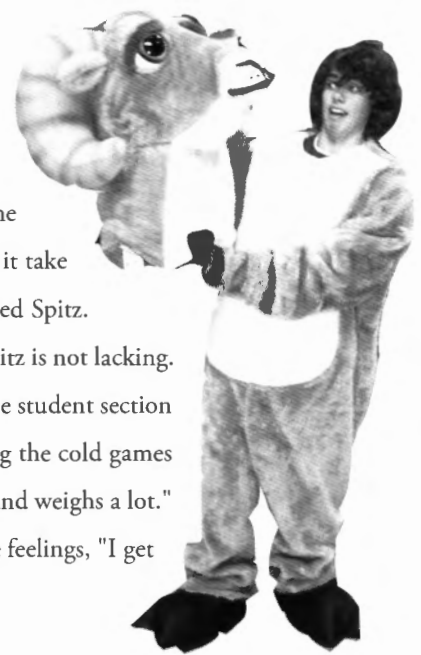
John Bort, a senior football player and track team member, also knew what it took to win. "I wanted so bad to go to states in football, but since that run ended I'm hoping to make it to states in track. Since it's my senior year and my last sport, I want to make some memories," Bort explained. When Bort was asked what he loved most about his sports, he raised one fist into the air and exclaimed, "Victory!"

Whether it was cheering from the sideline or carrying a team to victory on the field, sports dreams could help a student athlete perform to their highest level. Without heart, a team can not win the ultimate prize. Fulfilling dreams was a vision every student athlete had, and without them athletics would have been pointless.



Who to Watch: Eric Spitz

As the ram head comes off the student behind the mask is revealed, it's junior Eric Spitz. So how does one get into being Rudy the ram? "I just heard an announcement and thought I should go, I've seen other mascots and thought it looked like fun," said Spitz. When asked what his favorite part of being Rudy the ram was Spitz replied, "Riding the scooter and making little kids smile, I don't like it when people boo him!" So what does it take to become Rudy the Ram? "A positive attitude, school spirit and getting into it," explained Spitz. Having a lot of spirt is a main component of being Rudy the Ram, which is something Spitz is not lacking. "Even before I was Rudy I loved going to the games, and now sometimes I look up into the student section and wish I could be there." The last part of being Rudy is of course the costume. "During the cold games it's really warm like a blanket, but sometimes it gets really hot and then the head is huge and weighs a lot." With most sports players often get nervous before they go out, Rudy experiences the same feelings, "I get nervous if I try a new Rudy move and then it doesn't end up working out," said Spitz.



Intimidating the other schools team by cheering and shouting loudly seniors **Mark Tongen, Curtis Ferguson** and **Mitch Zajac** show their school spirit. Showing off their pride by painting their bodies and dressing in camo was a favorite tradition in past years for the H-Town Posse. *Photo by Natalie Marshall*



Hoping that the Holt Rams make their free throw shot the student section does the classic spirit fingers. The students showed off their school spirit by having different cheers for the various plays. It was tradition that seniors make up one cheer that is different than any other year. *Photo by Natalie Marshall*



Daydream: 10/5/07



"This was the game we played Everett and we were both ranked top ten in the state, so it was obviously going to be a big game. Before the game me, Macker, and Washer

had a huge tailgate. We grilled burgers, played football and painted our bodies for the game. It was packed, the stadium and student section were filled, and there were even people watching from the end zone, it was awesome. Everyone was getting hyped for the game so the atmosphere was really fun and intense, and then we won the game!"

Andy Hull



The Homecoming football game is one of the most attended football games by the students of Holt. At the 2007 homecoming there was an orange-out in memory of **senior Colin Nethaway**, and the majority of the student section participated. "That game gave me chills and the whole student body came together to remember and support Colin and his friend," said **senior Alyssa Dent**.
Photo by Anna Krycinski

Tugging with all their might some of the juniors hope to beat the seniors in tug-of-war. The students with the most school spirit often volunteered to play in those games. For others it was for revenge and beating the seniors. "It was a ton of fun because I wanted to beat the seniors because we lost to them last year when they were juniors, and it was fun to beat the teachers later," said **junior Corbin Boone**. *Photo by Lexi McPike*



dressed up in hot dogs and hamburgers!"



Senior Kaitlin Warren

Voicing Victory



"I love the rambunctious-ness of the seniors and painting my body."

Senior Kyle Winsor

As a new year rolled in, new leadership of the student section began forming within the first few games. Whether it was cheering full on with all their voice, to going all out on spirit days, school spirit was something that Holt was not lacking.

Having school spirit had different a meaning for each individual. For some it was just a lot of fun and was a time to hang out with friends and get to know people they didn't know before. For some it was the competition with the other school's student section. "It's fun cheering against the other student sections because they cheer at us and we cheer back, it's like a sport and it's competitive," said junior Caitlyn Cordell.

For the players of the teams it was a support system showing that no matter what the score, the majority of the school was standing behind them and encouraging them on. "The student section gets us pumped and excited to play, they are so supportive," said senior Nick Hein.

One of the most school spirit filled weeks was the week of Homecoming, every day there was a different theme, and students became really involved. The entire week the game was anticipated, all the while each class came together to complete their Homecoming float.

No matter the opponent the H-Town Posse was there. Screaming in unison made the school come together as one. It brought people from every group together for a similar purpose showing school spirit and cheering on their Holt Rams.

Dreams & Nightmares



"Everyone, emphasis on everyone, would follow what the theme of the night is. We all need to be a team and get along to support the team and cheer as loud as we can."

Senior Caila Bulkowski



"My nightmare for the student section is if I went to the game ready to cheer and be loud, and then when I got there no one was there."

Senior Andy Lamie

School Spirit

Visualize

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Daydream: 11/2/07



"I will never forget the moment the final seconds ran out and we beat Rockford. The student section was screaming and going crazy. It was great, the whole

crowd was up cheering and clapping. Then I saw the football players. I don't think I've ever seen them so happy. It was definitely a huge win."

Spencer Crew

Dreams & Nightmares



"One day we were outside practicing and this huge cloud of bugs decided to hover over us wherever we went. It was gross!"

Junior Ashley Becker



"I remember when we were getting ready for our first game. Everyone was so excited and in a good mood. It was great!"

Sophomore Frankie Dumont

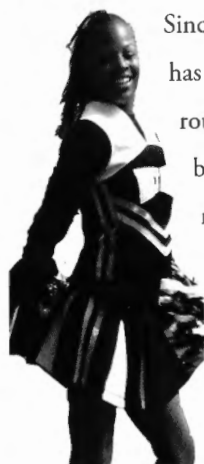


"Before our first game everyone was super nervous, but once we got on the field everything went great. Everyone did a great job."

Senior Kelsey Brauer

Who to Watch:

Tokyo Johnson



Since 9th grade, senior Tokyo Johnson has been in poms. "I love doing the routines during both football and basketball season, but in football it's more fun because we're on the field and just outside makes it more enjoyable," said Johnson. "Plus, the whole group is so close, we're like sisters."

Getting ready to somersault in mid air senior Brittany Enos performs a very difficult stunt. The Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleaders all performed together for the Homecoming pep-assembly. The routine included many complex stunts and a mixture of popular music. *Photo by Lexi McPike*



Pumping up the student section at the Holt vs. Everett game, the Holt Varsity cheerleading squad, and Rooty the Ram, ask the crowd to "give me an H". The Rams and the Vikings played on October 5, 2007. Holt won the game 28 to 21. *Photo by Melissa Thering*





Posing at the end of their routine during the Homecoming pep-assembly, the Poms team finishes with a bang. The Poms team has been a club for about 6 years. With a mix of dance and cheerleading, along with popular hip-hop music, the Poms team remains a fun performance to watch. *Photo by Lexi McPike*



Performing at the Homecoming pep-assembly junior Ashley Becker dances to the pom squads beat. "It took forever for the music to start at Homecoming, we waited for what seemed like forever," said Becker. "But once it did the dance turned out great." This was Becker's sixth season on the Pom squad. "I love poms, we had so much fun together making up dances and different things like that," said Becker. *Photo by Lexi McPike*



■ Freeze Frame



The cheerleaders show their many talents during football games and during pep-assemblies. Those talents included being flexible enough to do a heel stretch, spirited enough to perform cheers, and strong enough to hold and control a stunt.

S howing spirit



"I like poms because everyone gets along , and performing for a crowd is fun."
- Sophomore **Sacoya Civils**

You saw them in uniform in the halls on game days and you saw them on the sidelines and on the field/court. The cheerleading and poms squads were there to keep the spirit alive at football and basketball games.

Although the Poms squad only performed at JV games during half time, they still brought a lot of enthusiasm to the game. "Performing at half time was always a ton of fun," said junior Danielle Hull. "I loved learning new dances and performing what we learned for a crowd."

Cheerleaders also brought a lot of enthusiasm and spirit. Cheering all game long on the sidelines, the cheerleaders pumped up the crowd and student section in order to continue supporting the football and basketball teams. "I love cheering for the student section," said senior Rachel Toth. "The students always get really involved in the cheers with us."

Both squads worked hard on their routines, whether it was cheers and stunts or dances. The girls practiced to perfect their performances in order to put on a good show. "In cheerleading, we practice two days a week for two hours," said senior Jessica Martinez. "We also sometimes condition in the weight room for about half an hour. We don't condition on a regular basis though, which I like because sometimes its really tiring." The cheerleaders aren't the only ones that practice hard after school, the poms girls work just as hard. "Our practices were Monday thru Thursday, 5:30pm to about 8pm," said Hull.

No matter what team performed, poms or cheer, both were equally supported by their peers and both brought lots of school spirit to a football or basketball event.



Who to Watch: Justin Gibbs



"And that was it my season was over," said junior Justin Gibbs. Towards the middle of Gibbs' season he suffered a stress fracture to the back of his shin. "The doctors said I got hurt because I went from doing nothing to running almost 10 miles a day. I was really mad because when I was running I was dropping time like crazy and closing in on our teams fastest runner. During the off season I plan to train everyday and return next year ready to win."

Gaining ground



"Cross Country is a lot more fun than most people think, especially the amazing food."

Junior Christiana Gregory

Cross country is a delicate dance between chaos and control. Races last anywhere from fifteen to twenty-five minuets during the 3.2 mile trudge. "It is the most painful nineteen minuets of you life, " said Justin Gibbs. This year the team had two new additions to their work force , but not in the form as one may think. "This year was a lot different that the past few years. We had two new coaches, Coach Malatinsky and Coach Pridgeon," said senior Zach Carter. "We thought we were also going to get a new course to run on," said Carter. Although the team was deprived of their new course they were not however deprived of personal victory.

With the athletes always striving through pain in order to cut off those very last seconds, teammates found comfort and encouragement from one another. "Running beside Zach Carter helps me pace my races better and more efficient," said junior Caleb Shaw.

The teams' Conference meet was full of stellar runs from both Junior varsity and Varsity. "I didn't know how fast I had run until I saw the clock at the finish. I never knew that I would come so close to my personal best," said senior Hannah Taylor. Another great run was accomplished by junior Eric Spitz. "Eric's run was one of the best I have ever seen him do," said senior Chase Everett. "Next year as a senior he is going to be a tough contender."

The cross country meet proved to be grueling although rewarding in the ending with a victorious season.



Getting his game face on senior Zach Carter prepares for his Conference Meet run. "I really think I have a good shot at winning this one," said Carter before his race. Although Carter did not win his race he came within shouting distance with his 3rd place finish on Junior Varsity. Although I didn't win I was still happy with my performance," claimed Carter. *Photo by Danton Thon*





Leading the pack senior Chase Everett and junior Eric Spitz lead the varsity cross country team in their last few warm up laps before the conference meet. "I was very nervous during my warm up, but after coach David Foy's prayer I found my groove and ran one of my best times all season," said Everett. *Photo by Danton Thon*

Pushing it to the limit freshman Stephanie Irish. Irish was one of the best runners on the junior varsity team throughout the season. And is going to be one of the underclassmen girls to watch next year. She also has a good shot at going to the state meet. *Photo by Danton Thon*

■ Daydream: 4/15/07



The best day of cross country 2007 was in the beginning of the season when both the varsity girls and the varsity boys won the division 1 race at Lakeview. Almost everyone ran his or her best times. As I was standing in front for the top thirty girls results, a girl from another team, standing next to me complimented on how supportive our team was. We are the best for a that reason.

Allison Orth

■ Dreams & Nightmares



"I made a girl cry once from Okemos after yelling at her for pushing one of our girls down."

Senior Eric Hillard



"During the Bath Invite I got into a fight with someone in the woods while still running."

Junior Ryan Thumser



"About half way through the season I injured my knee and got IT Band syndrome and my season was pretty much over."

Junior Kim Killips



"This year I made the second all area B. team for our division after my performance at the portage invite."

Senior Chase Everett



"At the regional meet the top 20 finishers go to states and I got 21 by only two seconds."

Senior Hannah Taylor



Coach's Corner



Right out of high school Kari Rogers coached the equestrian team, making this her fifth year.

"Coaching can be challenging because I am coaching all the different levels of girls and horses," said Rogers. "In the end it's all worth it though, just seeing all the girls grow and improve and grow is so rewarding," said Rogers proudly.

Who to Watch: Lehanna Hardy



Who would you see riding around the arena practicing for perfection? Senior Lehanna Hardy. "I have won a lot of awards, 18 of them first places."

These accomplishments didn't come easy, "I try to ride every day but sometimes I can't so I try to ride at least four days a week," said Hardy.

Along with riding on her own, Hardy participated in equestrian practices. "We practice riding skills and showmanship." Even though it was time consuming it was worth it and a lot of fun.

Dreams & Nightmares



"One of my dreams would be to get a first place in a meet against thirty schools."

Sophomore Gabrielle Rendon



"My nightmare is falling off the horse and then getting stepped on."

Sophomore Lauren Kustasz



"My dream is to beat a 50,000 dollar horse, which is already trained when its bought."

Sophomore Megan Williams



2007 graduate Amber Kelly races and hustles her horse around the barrels in a race against the other riders. This sort of event was called the flag race. This was a race where the rider had to sprint to get around the barrels and grab the flag out of the bucket on top of the barrel. "This race is the hardest because you have to get your horse to go by the barrel, which they don't always like," said **sophomore Megan Williams**. *Photo by Cayden Bunnell*

Gracefully moving around the barrels **sophomore Lauren Kustasz** tries to be the first to finish. This event was called barrel racing, here horses weaved in and out the barrels. The main challenge in this event was not running into or hitting the barrels. Along with this riders have to keep their horses calm because a lot of them get nervous they will hit the barrels. *Photo by Cayden Bunnell*



Senior Lehanna Hardy and her horse, Fire, work their hardest to race to the finish. Participating in the two-man relay, which was comparable to a relay in track. In the race, one rider ran their leg of the race and then had to hand off the baton to the next rider and sprint for the finish line. *Photo by Cayden Bunnell*



Displaying showmanship in an event called Huntseat 2007 graduate **Kersten Danford** rides. In this event the rider must show her ability of how well they trained her horse. This took a lot of practice for both the rider and the horse and required a lot of trust between the horse and rider. "A lot of people so this event and its more competitive you have to use your whole body and multi-task," said sophomore Gabrielle Rendon. *Photo by Cayden Bunnell*

■ Daydream: 9/8/2007



"At the first meet our coaches put my horse, Kodiak and I in the two man relay. Our partner was fast to get the baton handed off and we took off, but trying to get going was hard because Kodiak is so large. We ended up placing fifth out of the fifteen other participants. I was

pleased with this and remember it because Kodiak trusted me. He did his best at something he had never done before and we held our own against the competition."

Rebecca Donaldson

Riding to victory



"The best moment of the season is when all the girls placed in at least one class."

Coach Kari Rogers

As the hoofs hit the ground and dirt is kicked behind, the rider and horse work together to take victory. The equestrian team was probably not thought of as one of the most challenging sports, however the participants beg to differ. "Equestrian is unlike any other sport," said coach Kari Rogers.

Girls not only had to train their horses, they had to develop and improve their own skills. "Training's the most challenging part," said senior Lehanna Hardy. Riding was not only physically demanding, but also mentally demanding because they had to create a connection with their horses.

Just like any other sport the girls were required to improve their own skills, and practice on their own. Along with individual work there were of course team practices.

While equestrian was similar to many sports, there were also a lot of differences. "It's time consuming, and a lot more work because there are two athletes working together, and both rider and horse need to be fit and strong," said senior Rebecca Donaldson.

There were a lot of common misconceptions regarding the equestrian team. It was sometimes not considered a team sport; "It's a team sport, even though not everyone thinks so. There are both individual scores and team scores," said sophomore Lauren Kustasz.

Another assumption was that horses did all the work. "You work just as hard in this sport as any other. Not everyone gave us enough credit. They think that our horses just do all the work but we do it, we're the controlling the horse," said sophomore Lauren Kustasz.



Coach's Corner

"The goal for the 2007-2008 season was tri-fold. We wanted to win the league championship, qualify for playoffs, and ultimately win the state championships," said Holt High School football coach Mike Smith. "I didn't like how our season ended a year ago against Rockford, and our training started immediately thereafter." The varsity team was young, but they trained harder than ever. "We didn't do anything differently with the coaching schedule, we just had better players that trained hard and knew offense and defence," said Smith. In the 2008-2009 season, Holt will be losing 18 of 22 starters. "I look forward to coaching a new team," explained Smith. "I am looking forward to see new stars rise within the team. I'm looking forward to what next season brings."



Watching his team play Coach Mike Smith prepare mentally for the big game against Jackson. Smith was named coach of the year for the CAAC in 2007. Smith coaches along side Coach **Jack Rarick**, and Coach **Rick Green**

During the game against Everett,

Senior defensive lineman **Jay P. Dudley** fights an internal struggle. Dudley's knee cap popped out of its socket after he leveled one of the other teams players. Forced to sit out of the game because of his injury, Dudley looked forward to the next game where he would be able to play. *Photo by Madolin Welch*



Watching the team from the sidelines junior **John Krish** awaits to see the outcome of the game. "I really liked the team this year, I just wish we went farther," Krish said. "I also liked playing against seniors and better players, that really made me a better player." *Photo by Madolin Welch*

Breaking through the banner starters of varsity football team get the crowd pumped for the upcoming game. From warm up music to the starters announcement, the team never lacked support through the cheering of fans. In return, the team supplied fans and students with plenty of wins, ending the season overall with a 11-1 record. "I really liked how this season went," said **senior Michael Hollern**. "I just wish that we went all the way this year and won states." *Photo by Melissa Thering*



Daydream: 4/15/07



"We had a great run in football this year. Our team bonded very well, like a big family. There wasn't just one amazing moment this

year, there was a lot of them. No matter if it was on the field or on the sidelines with players cheering. We have accomplished so much this season but came up a little short on the field. We succeeded past expectations off the field (the Williamston clean up after the tornados). I couldn't ask for a better year of football. This is a team that I will never forget."

CLN NAn-Kiff



Anxiously standing part of the Varsity football team watches the current play made against Everett. Winning all regular season games and losing only to their last opponent, the varsity football team had exceeded many expectations. "We had a really good season this year, and the linemen worked well as one big unit," said senior linemen **Nick Norton**. "Our line showed our true size and strength of the team. I was proud to be a part of the fourth time league winning team at Holt." Photo by Madolin Welch

We play at 212°



"The football team is like a family to me, we're like a group of brothers."

Senior **Curtis Ferguson**

With the "One Inch" speech from the movie *Any Given Sunday* still ringing in their ears, the Holt football team prepared to face their next opponent. The locker room was a scene of intense concentration while the players focused on the upcoming game. With pads on, shoes tied, and a mind set ready to win, the players entered the field ready to kill.

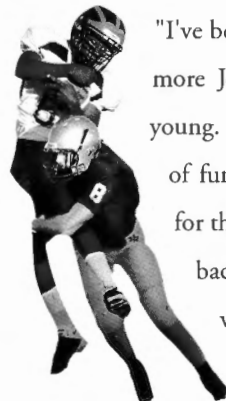
Envisioning a winning season of 11-1 was something that no one ever imagined. With 18 senior starters on the team, the 2007-2008 season was something to behold. "Our players trained and focused harder than I have seen in a long time," said varsity football coach Mike Smith.

This seasons training came at a high price because the team invested much more time in to their training this year than last. "This year we worked a lot harder, our training was much more intense, our practices were longer, and we had to run a lot more," said senior Joe Powers.

The Holt football team was proclaimed as the Division I champions for the fourth year in a row. "I was excited to win the league championships again this year- that was one of our major goals, I think it was a huge accomplishment for us," said senior Austin Holtz, who played linemen.

Next year would be a huge leap for the Rams because the team had many new players joining. No doubt though, every ram fan hoped for the best and looked forward to winning the league championships for the fourth year in a row.

Who to Watch: Jordan Beachnau



"I've been playing football since the 1st grade," said sophomore Jordan Beachnau. "It all started when I was really young. I enjoyed watching the sport and it looked like a lot of fun to play." Beachnau plays a few different positions for the varsity team, including defensive back, and quarter back. "I like getting interceptions and the leadership involved in both positions. "Beachnau had high hopes for the team, including winning leagues again.



Tee time



"Golfing with the team was the only time I didn't mind getting up before sunrise."

Junior **Anthony Watson**

Playing golf wasn't just about titles, championships, or competitions. Golf was known mainly for its seriousness. The golfers of Holt took this game seriously, yet they learned to enjoy their experience and had fun getting to know each other while playing with their teammates.

"During practice and matches, we like to help each other out so that we can achieve our goals. The team gets to spend enormous amounts of time together at the golf course and we learn to trust each other even if we don't know them, yet. This helps us become better friends because we're technically hanging out at the course," said junior Ben Clone.

Every sport brought their players together, but golf brought the girls and boys closer than they ever realized. They spent time hanging out with their friends on the team. Most of them golfed together off-season since they shared this common interest.

"When waiting for other players to tee off, sometimes we like to be goofy and mock each other. We even learned how to make the golf carts go 15 m.p.h. faster once. Overall, we learned build trust with golf-related and non-golf related secrets," said junior Zac Seyka.

With less than ten players on each of the golf team, they received a bonding experience better than they all had expected. It was not all just fun and games. While practicing, the girls received tips and tricks from other girls to improve their game. The girls developed a sisterhood and the boys created a brotherhood.

Daydream: 06/15/07



"One time when I was golfing with my friends at the Eldorado golf course, my friend Zac Seyka and I decided to get golf carts instead of walking this time. On our way to the seventh hole on the blue course, Zac and I were messing around in the golf cart while I was driving. We completely rolled the cart over on the side of a hill and all of our golf clubs fell out. Zac and I had to pick everything back into the bags and roll our cart back over. Good thing no one saw us except for our friends." -Senior Brian Berry

Brian Berry



Keeping up with their enjoyment for golf, practicing off-season on a sunny afternoon, junior Alex Beeson, senior Brian Berry, and senior Chaz King get together every once in awhile to play golf simply for fun. Seeing them play golf off season during autumn was not unusual since they were officially playing on the team last year during this time. Since the boys' and girls' seasons were switched, the boys had to get used to playing golf in the spring. They did not mind it much because it just meant more practice. This meant more time to prepare for their season. *Photo by Anni Rao.*

Concentrating hard on her aim, junior Elizabeth Couturier prepares to hit her fifth shot. Couturier was one of the star players on the varsity girls golf team. She enjoyed playing against Grand Ledge. Both teams played a total of nine holes at the match. The practices after school and the off season practices really improved their performance. "Practicing chipping helped my chips in the matches be more accurate. The more I hit, the more accurate my shots became. Practice makes perfect," said Couturier. The girls were very well prepared. *Photo by Anni Rao.*



Dreams & Nightmares



"I had a dream moment when I shot an 87 on 18 holes at the University of Michigan golf course."

Sophomore **Jessica Peatross**



"I finally scored under 100 on 18 holes this season. I was excited. The team did well this season and we're all close."

Junior **Jennifer Anderson**



"I didn't feel like I reached my goals this season because I had a hard time catching up with the other girls on the team."

Junior **Emily Taschner**



Bending down to get a better look at the ball, **junior Alex Beeson** prepares to putt his first hole when golfing with his friends. With season changes, the boys did not play as Rams for over a year, instead they had to keep up their enthusiasm for golf by playing with each other off season. "It's fun playing off season because we don't necessarily have to be serious, we can relax and have fun while playing the game," said Beeson. *Photo by Anni Rao.*



Preparing to tee off, senior **Chaz King** anticipates the change in weather and how it will be different from autumn and spring. "A lot of the other players and I have memberships to the Eldorado golf course. We were able to play a lot which helped us all get better. I don't know how different the weather will affect our game though. The long winter break might possibly hinder our performance in the beginning of the season," said King. The team had a great season last fall, more success was anticipated regardless of the weather. *Photo by Anni Rao.*

Coach's Corner

"We won the league with a very young team since there were no seniors," said coach Doug Harkema. The girls had an absolutely amazing season in the fall. They qualified for States for five years in a row. They placed 13th at States. Success came from the hard work the girls put in from practicing. They practiced over the summer however they chose. They golfed with professionals, families, teachers...etc. To coach Harkema, it "felt like I was teaching golf for two years. It felt like one very extended season." The girls had just finished their last spring season, and then came summer where most people played golf including the girls on the team. Directly following summer came the new fall girls' golf season. Coach Harkema did not mind the extended work. "Come on out and play," said coach Harkema for future players.



1 Feeling accomplished, **coach Doug Harkema** and '07 graduate **Megan Massa** celebrates the 07-08 Blue Division Championship. **2** Enjoying their time, Harkema and '07 graduates celebrate another great season. **3** Presenting Blue Division Championship with this year's girls' golf team. *Courtesy Photos.*

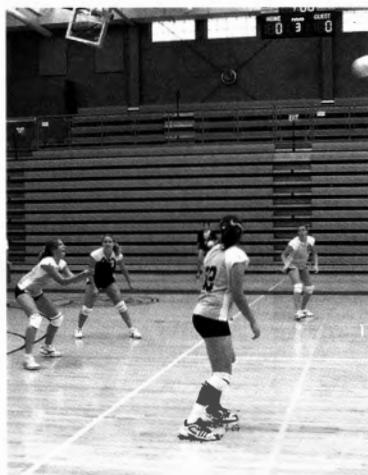


Who to Watch: Kandice Duke

The 2007 volleyball season marked junior Kandice Duke's fourth year of playing volleyball. She started playing volleyball when she was in the eighth grade and she was one of two middle hitters, which meant she had to block the ball as it came over from the opposing side. She also had to stay in the middle of the court and hit the ball when it came to her. "We get yelled at if we leave," said Duke. In Duke's years of playing volleyball she received two awards. "In the past I've got the funniest moment award and an award for most improved." Each player had her own strengths while playing volleyball. Duke's strengths were blocking and staying out of the center's way, which her coach stressed in practice. Not only were there individual strengths in volleyball there were team strengths also. "The fact that we are a family as well as a team is our team's strength. We are also good at covering," said Duke. Over the course of the practices, the matches, and the tournaments the varsity team didn't only feel like a team, but they also felt like a family. They practiced together, lost together, and won together. All this time together helped to build this family. Special matches such as "Volley for the cure" and the game against Jackson helped to strengthen this family bond. "Our team is going to be hurt next year - not talent wise but family wise - when our three seniors leave," said Duke. The seniors included Monica Drolett, Karen Thompson, and Morgan Emery.



Huddling up before starting their second game against Everett juniors **Melissa Thering** and **Kandice Duke**, sophomore **Andra Overtin**, and senior **Monica Drolett** are talking about their strategy for the next game. Holt beat Everett two games to one, which put Holt's league record to five wins zero losses. *Photo by Joseph McNamara*



Calling for the ball junior **Megan Bunnell** gets ready to bunt the ball in the home game against the Everett Vikings. This October game was the third time that Holt played the Vikings. This game was the second of four in which Holt was victorious over the Vikings in the 2007 season. *Photo by Joseph McNamara*



Dreams & Nightmares



"My worst time in volleyball was when I tore a ligament in my thumb during practice."

Senior Morgan Emery



"The best moment was when we beat Jackson in the Conference tournament after they beat us at home."

Sophomore Emily Holtz



"My best time in volleyball was when we beat Jackson in the CAAC tournament because they were a big rival."

Junior Kristin Hart



In the action at the home game against Owosso **sophomore Andra Overtin** prepares to bunt the ball back to the Owosso side as **sophomore Alexis Kelly** watches on. Overtin was ready to bunt the ball as it came to her from the opponents side. Overtin played the role of outside hitter which was suppose to stay on the outside- meaning to the side of the center- and hit the ball as it came to her. *Photo by Joseph McNamara*

Standing ready juniors Megan Bunnell, Melissa Thering and Kandice Duke get ready to hit the ball. The ball was hit over to the Holt side by the Owosso players. Holt won this match with two games to zero. Holt kept Owosso below twenty points both games. *Photo by Joseph McNamara*



Serve it up



"If you wanna play a perfect game then play another sport."

Senior Karen Thompson

For many of the volleyball players the biggest match of the season was Jackson vs. Holt during the CAAC Tournament. Prior to this game Holt lost to Jackson by a score of two games to one. In the first match up, Jackson won the first game with a score of 21-25, but Holt was able to stay in the fight by winning the second game with a score of 25-12. It was Jackson that came out victorious in the third game with a final score of 8-15.

After that game Holt's varsity volleyball players were determined to beat Jackson. "Losing to them the first time just made us work harder to beat them the second time around," said sophomore Alexis Kelly.

Holt went on to play the rest of their season and practiced to accomplish their goal of beating Jackson in the Conference tournament.

The big match was played on October 27, 2007. The match went to a total of three games. As in the previous game against Jackson, Holt lost the first game with a score of 15-25. The next game was close but Holt won with a score of 25-20. "It took so long to beat them," said sophomore Andra Overtin.

Holt was determined to win and they did with a third game score of 15-9. The match was over, Holt finally beat Jackson. "We wanted it so bad and just the feeling afterwards was unexplainable. We were so excited," said junior Megan Bunnell.

Holt was ranked third in the conference tournament. They had an overall league record of five to one and an overall record of thirteen wins, nine losses, and five splits.

Freeze Frame



1. Set up to serve with your arm cocked back and ball in opposite hand. **2.** Toss ball in the air and get ready to hit it when it comes down. Remember to keep your eye on the ball. **3.** Hit the ball with all the force possible. *Photos by Joseph McNamara*



Out of reach



"When you grasp the ball in your hand...
You understand the meaning of life."

Senior **Zach Burgess**

Waterpolo was a fierce battle, a fiery maze of emotion and struggle. Polo players swam for long grueling hours and covered vast distances in their fight for victory. Players dove into the pool screaming their chants of glory as they splashed their opponents into a watery daze.

The seniors of the waterpolo team played a huge part in the success of the team. Captains Nate Robinson and Zach Burgess contributed by cheering on their younger teammates and giving them the motivation to succeed in the sport that they know best.

"This year was really great, even though we didn't have the greatest record. Last year was better because I had more of my friends on the team, but we managed to have some good times," said Robinson. The team was unusually small, with only enough players to have a few subs. This made games extra hard because the players would have to work even harder.

"Waterpolo is an extremely tough sport, but I think if it keeps growing at Holt we could have a really good team in the future," said senior Kyle Lucas. The team only won on game against a young Saline team, but the future of boy's Waterpolo at Holt is very bright.

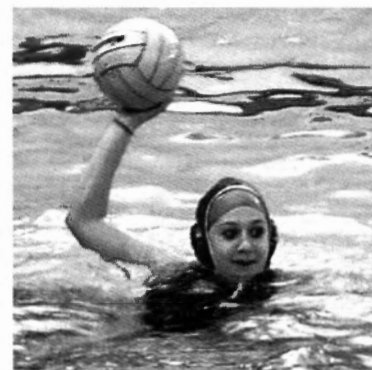
The girls polo team had similar problems in the spring, but believed that they still had a strong season. "Although a lot of best players graduated last year, we still had a very strong team," said senior Rachel Rademacher. Polo is growing at Holt, and if students keep wanting more, it could turn into Holts next Dominant sport.

Coach's Corner



"I've never seen a team the size of ours, seven guys, work as hard and with as much desire as these guys did. Water polo is a very demanding sport. Our guys played every minute of every game without subs. We would play teams who could sub in three-six players every two-three minutes. By half time we were exhausted, but never gave up. Our perseverance paid off in our last game of the season in a victory over Saline. Our guys showed a level of toughness that is rarely seen. I'm proud of each one of them and I hope that more guys come out for polo."

Listening intently senior **Rachel Rademacher** gets her instructions from her coach for the next play. "Our coaches were really great. They really helped us improve our game a lot," said Rademacher. Not only did the coaches play an important part in playing well so did practicing hard, commitment and team work. *Photo by Judy Rademacher*



Dodging out her defenders, 2007 graduate **Melanie Dalton** pump fakes to shoot. Dalton helped as a great team leader for the girls team. "She really came in to help us during a lot of games," said senior **Rachel Daufenbough**. The girls waterpolo team lost a lot of great players this year but pulled together and played hard to achieve a great season. They also stayed focused and tried to play there best at every game. *Photo by Judy Rademacher*

Daydream: 4/15/07



"It could be said that we knew a lot going into the Saline game. We knew we were winless, inexperienced and outnumbered. At

the same time we knew that none of those things really mattered. We jumped passed them in the first two quarters, but they managed to come back in the third. Fortunately they lost their momentum, and we managed to come back into the lead. Although I scored nearly all of the goals, I couldn't have done it without my team. We earned the victory."

Nate Robinson



Pushing it to the limit senior Nate Robinson gets up and out of the water for a shot on goal. "Shooting is really hard in water polo, you have to have the right touch. You also have to have a lot of leg muscles to get out of the water," said Robinson. The boys team managed to squeeze out a victory against Saline in their last game together. *Photo by Rick Robinson*

Fiercely driving to the goal, senior Zach Burgess roars through his defenceman. "It's hard driving on defencemen in polo, and it takes a lot of energy. It's especially hard because we only have one line on the team, so we can't use our energy up," said Burgess. Burgess has been part of the water polo team for four years and also swims on and off season. *Photo by Nate Zimmer*



■ Who to Watch: Kyle Lucas

Standing at a massive six foot two inches senior Kyle Lucas manages to shut down opponents in their tracks. Lucas was the starting goalie for the water polo team. "Last season I put up a 80% shot saved rating, which is pretty good for high school athletics," said Lucas modestly. Lucas had been on the team all four years of high school and it showed. Lucas's most memorable game was his junior year battle against Okemos. "Everyone on the team was really hyped for the game." During pre-game players punched each other in the chest. "It was really great, I remember writing Okemos in blood on my chest. It was funny but it got us all really hyper," said Lucas while laughing. Lucas thanks his past coaches for his success in polo. "My favorite two coaches were Mr. Edwards and Coach Kyle," said Lucas. The two coaches pushed Lucas and his team mates every practice to do their best. "With polo's constant turnovers, and exhausting paces, it is really rewarding." Lucas, just like most athletes looked for motivation from his friends and family to keep pushing through games and practices. "All of my family and friends have always been there for me and I don't know what I would have done without them," said Lucas. "Without them, I wouldn't be here." Overall Lucas has proved that with the desire and passion for water polo he was able to succeed.



■ Daydream: 12/27/07



"The hardest practice that I ever had was the 24 hour boot camp. It was from noon to noon, December 27- 28. We slept in the halls and played basketball at midnight. The practices themselves were not hard, but performing on 2.5 hours of sleep was the worst part. The fourth practice at 6 in the morning was probably the closest I had ever come to dying. The boot camp wasn't so much a test of our swimming ability, but a test of how strong our minds could be even in the toughest of situations."

Rolling his shoulders to increase his speed, **sophomore Kaleb Hebert** competes in the 100 meter backstroke. The team won the meet against Jackson, which took place on January 17, 2008 in the Holt High School Natatorium. Hebert had been a part of the Mens' Swimming and Diving team since he was a freshman in 2006. *Photo by Liz Tompkins*

Fire in the water



"All the hardwork throughout the season is completely worth it at the end of the year."

Sophomore Gabe Murley

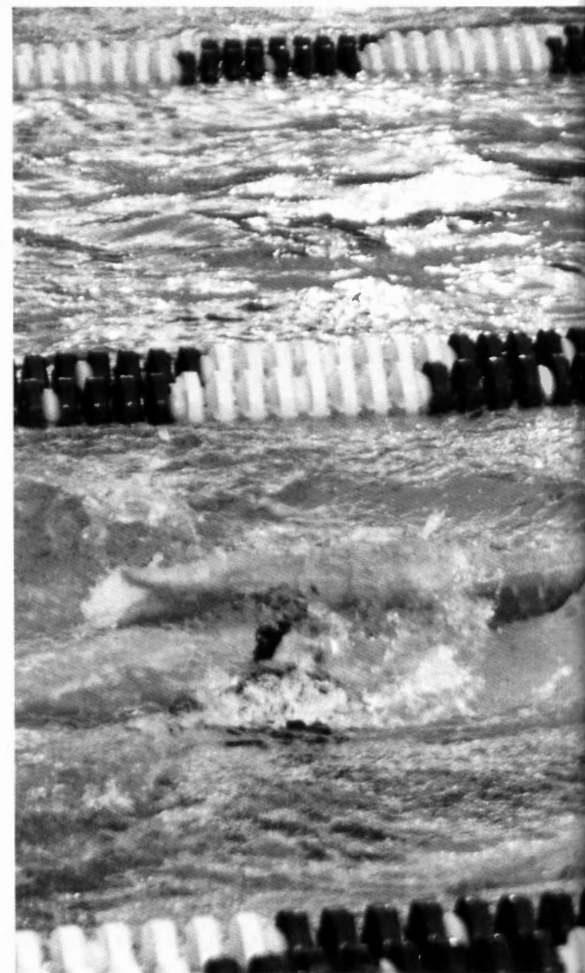
The swimmers take their marks. Rise into position. Sweat drips off their hands as they anxiously anticipate the race. Finally, the gun goes off, and all the adrenaline is gone. There is only the silence of the water with the roar of the crowd left behind the block.

This was what swimming was all about to the swim team. Over the course of the season, there were the practices, the races, and the wins. But ultimately, the feeling of adrenaline coursing through the veins of every swimmer during each race was what made swimming exciting- and what made the five a.m. practices worth it.

The swimmers weren't the only members of the team that fought off the anxiety and built up the adrenaline before each race; the divers argued that they had it just as tough.

"A lot of people think that diving isn't a hard sport and doesn't take a lot of skill. In reality, it's extremely challenging, especially when you have to learn a new dive with the possibility of getting hurt," said senior Cody Schwem.

Whether swimming or diving, both the men and womens teams agreed that to have a succesful season, every race and every dive must be intense, concentrated and powerful. All their hardwork and self-disipline had pushed each and everyone of them through the season, even when they felt their weakest.



Taking a breath of air during the 200 freestyle race, **senior Morgan Wilson** finishes strong during Holt's meet against Jackson. Wilson finished the race with ferocious energy. Holt Girls went on to win the meet against Jackson with a solid score of 107 to 76. *Photo by Pat Schooley*





Taking his last breath before an open turn, senior Toby Hensler paces himself in the 100 meter breaststroke against Jackson. Holt won the meet against Jackson with a score of 100 to 87. The Men's Swimming and Diving team won every dual meet they participated in since 2004, and the 2008 swim season was no exception. *Photo*



Finishing strong on her last 25 meter stretch of the 100 meter backstroke, **junior Kelsie Schooley** counts her strokes to the wall during the East Lansing/Holt swim meet. Later in the season, Schooley went on to claim the Division 1 state champion title in the 50-yard freestyle with an All-American time of 23.65. "I missed last season because of my shoulder surgery, so coming back and having such a good season was really exciting for me. I never thought I'd end the season standing on the top of the podium at the state meet," said Schooley. *Photo by Pat Schooley*



you feel like everyone on the team is family. "



Junior Rhandi Hicok

Who to Watch: Dustin Haskell



This season, up and coming sophomore, Dustin Haskell, will have every ones attention. This was only Haskell's second season swimming with the Rams, and he was already showing impressive talent. Teammates agreed that he had the best looking and most efficient stroke and that once he bulked up a bit, he would be even better than he was this season.

Dreams & Nightmares



"The best moment by far this season was definitely when we beat Okemos because they are our biggest rivals."

Senior Nate Robinson



"The best moment was the girls conference meet when we were close with two other schools so everyone swam their hardest."

Junior JoAnne Pohl



"The worst moment for me this year was when our coach had to pick four senior captains, and I wasn't one of them."

Senior Kyle Lucas



"My best moment was when our coach told us that we had a chance to place high at States. We even got tenth place!"

Sophomore Tiffany Wheat



"My best moment was during the Okemos meet when I beat my rival, Cory Daza, and got first place in the 50 free."

Senior Zach Burgess

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"My worst moment was in the 2007 season when we were playing East Lansing and I went up to dunk the ball and missed."

Senior Thomas Brandenburg



"My best game was against Lansing Catholic Central because it was the first varsity game that I started as a sophomore. The dunk I got that game made it even better."

Sophomore Cole Darling

Fighting for the ball, seniors **Cody Nash-Kniffen** and **Austin Holtz** try to get possession of the ball for Holt. Holt was able to pull off a big win with a 24 point lead against the Vikings, the final score being 69-45. Both Holtz and Nash-Kniffen were varsity players in the 2007 season returning to play on the varsity team in 2008. "I like being on the team; it's like a giant family," said Nash-Kniffen. *Photo by Melissa Thering*



Trying to get the ball down court, junior **Jasmine Woods** looks for an open team mate to send a pass to. In this league game against the Quakers, Holt was able to pull off a win, which proved to be no problem for this girls varsity team. They were able to win by a total of 25 points. *Photo by Zachary Carter*

Coaching champs



"Basketball is all about how much heart you put into it."

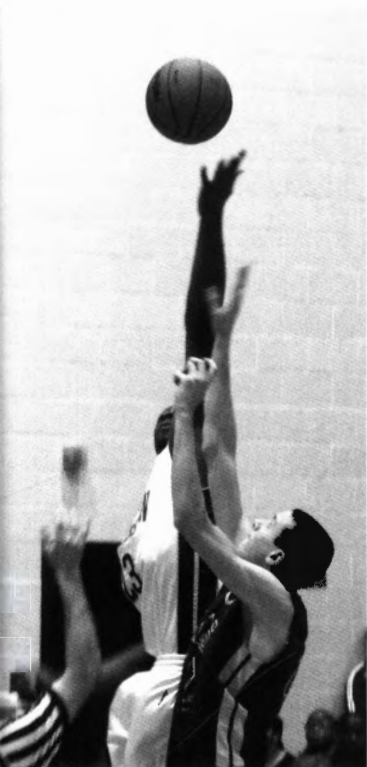
Senior Brette Fischer

The 2006 basketball season marked the end of coach Bruce Lerner's 21 years of coaching the varsity basketball team. This left the head coaching position open for the following season. To take this position after Coach Lerner was Coach Matt Essell. "The reason that Essell was chosen was because he put in a lot of time coaching and he was the logical choice. He knew the system and what it takes to coach," said Lerner.

In his first season as head coach, Essell was able to lead the Rams to first place in the CAAC final placing with a record of 10-4 and an overall season record of 19-6, including big wins over rivals such as East Lansing and Okemos.

Essell's second year as head coach started off just as promising as his first, if not more. He lead the Rams to a season record of 12-1 in the first thirteen games, only losing once at an away game to long-time rival East Lansing. However, Holt got their revenge when they played East Lansing at home. The Rams were able to beat the Trojans with a final score of Holt with 62 to East Lansing's 54.

The girls varsity basketball team had the same head coach for the last fourteen seasons, Doug Harkema. "We have played well this [2008] season and we really have a good shot of winning in our district," said Harkema. They ended with a good line up composed of the combination of returning seniors and underclassman.



Starting the game, sophomore Cole Darling jumps to get the ball. Darling started his first game on the varsity team a week prior to the game against Eastern. With a height of six feet, six inches, Darling was by far the tallest player on the varsity team. *Photo by Zachary Carter*

Flying through the air, sophomore Donlunto Jackson jumps between two Eastern players to make a lay-up. A win over this Eastern team was easily accomplished with a final score of 58-43. "Eastern was a statement game, meaning we were making a statement that we are a tough team to beat this year," said Jackson. *Photo by Zachary Carter*



Coach's Corner



"Fundamentals, teamwork, and playing with passion" are some of the things Coach Doug Harkema had stressed his fourteen seasons coaching girls varsity basketball. "I basically started coaching in college. After being a high school All Stater I loved the game. I fell in love with coaching and wanted to be able to work with young people. Because of the experience of coaching and working with the players I also became a teacher," said Coach Harkema.

Who to Watch: Joe Powers



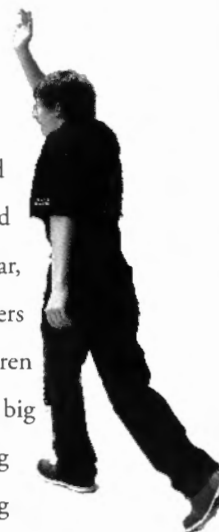
Third-year varsity basketball player Joe Powers was definitely one to watch on the court. Powers played basketball because he was always fond of it and he had fun while playing. His favorite parts of the game were "the last seconds of a close game and the relationships that I built with my teammate and coaches," said Powers. In Powers' sophomore year in high school he received two awards: honorable mention and all-league. Then in his junior year he received all-league again, along with all-area.

Playing varsity for three years gave Powers opportunities to work on his strengths and weaknesses. Powers perceived his weakness to be that "sometimes I try to force some situations" and his strengths to be "I don't get nervous, don't turn the ball over, and I get other people involved." Coach Essell worked on perfecting these strengths during practice. He also worked on "rebounding, pushing the ball towards the goal, and getting into the flow of the offense," said Powers.



Who to Watch: Alex Ungren

The bowling team thought that their 2008 season might be a tough one because of the lack of seniors, but the team held strong with the help of a few players from the 2006-2007 JV team. Junior Alex Ungren was one of these players. Ungren had an average score of around 170 which helped his team lead a great deal. Ungren had some family genetics on his side as well, he strived to be like his older sister, Jackyln Ungren, senior star of the girls bowling team. "I wanted the boys team to go to states just like the girls team did last year, it was so amazing getting to watch them go undefeated all season and have a knock out game at states," said Ungren. Although Ungren was a big help to the team his junior year, He still had big ambitions for his senior year. "I hope I will be one of the starting varsity players and be one of the leaders with 180 pin average. It would be cool if we could go to states too," explained Ungren. If you want a taste of what Ungren could do just look at his scores, leading his stats was a 227 pin game. Ungren was well on his way to becoming the next big bowling star at Holt. When he finished his first season as a varstiy player, Ungren had helped lead the team to a winning season, with a record of eight wins and only two losses. His Season average ended up being a 159.5. He ended up winning four of the six matches he played in. The year helped prepare Ungren for his final season on varsity.



Hoping to pick up the spare, sophomore Tanner Pape throws a ball in the bowling match against Okemos High School at holiday lanes in East Lansing. "For this being my first year on the bowling team, I've had to work hard to try and improve. Everyone makes fun of my bowling stance because it was terrible but I mean it was my first year and all," said first year JV player Tanner Pape. *Photo by Melissa Thering*

Watching in anticipation, members of the boys varsity bowling team wait as a team member rolls the last frame of their match, against Mason. The team won the match with a pin total of 850. Afterward The team celebrated on how successful their season had begun. *Photo by Melissa Thering*





"In our match against Grand Ledge, we were down and I was the last bowler for Holt. My first shot I only got nine pins, at that I

thought a lot of people gave up because, we needed a lot more than nine pins, but luckily I stepped it up and my next shot I picked up the spare we only needed six more pins and on my third shot I got the strike. We won the match. It was our first match of the season, and the first match of my senior season it was a great way to start."

Brandon Doerr



Celebrating their win, the varsity girls bowling team gathers around to watch their last team mate roll the final frame against Mason. The team won the match by a landslide. The match was just the beginning of an excellent girls' season that ended in an undefeated record. *Photo by Melissa Thering*

Practicing to make his final season his best senior Brandon Doerr throws a ball at one of the teams' Wednesday practices. The team practiced at the Mason Bowling Alley. The bowling alley was 20 minutes away from the school, making it difficult to practice everyday. The team was only able to practice on Wednesdays, but that was plenty for the team of successful bowlers. *Photo by Danielle Hellem*



■ **Striking** New Talent



"We had a strong team this year, it was a very young team but had a lot of talent."

Sophomore Cliff McClumpha

"Last weekend I went bowling with my friends and got a 60," said senior Josh Ward. For most people bowling is a leisure sport, a splendid activity with friends on a weekend. We all had those times when we would head out to the bowling ally, strap on some nasty multicolored, pre-worn, sweaty shoes, and spend ten minutes searching for the very best, bright color eight-pound ball.

Many people never realized that there were a few students who were lucky enough to have their own multicolored shoes and colorful balls. The Holt High School bowling team took the cake when it came to bowling teams.

During the 2007-2008 bowling season, the bowling team was working hard every Wednesday to defend their trip to states that the girls team got during the 2006-2007 season. And despite what many people thought, making the cut to go to states was not as easy task.

The bowling team had only three returning seniors, but were still able to keep up their average scores from last year. With the help of some key JV members from last year and the junior class, the bowling team kept up their reputation as the best team in the area.

Part of the teams' success was due to the relationship the team had. The members of the bowling team all were on the same page. They were not going to let their teams reputation go down hill because of the loss of some seniors. The 2007-2008 team came out and proved themselves, with a boys record of 9-1, and girls' record of 10-0.

■ **Dreams & Nightmares**



"Last year, the girls team broke the record with 900 pins in a team match. It was the best experience I've had in bowling. We were all so excited!"

Sophomore Emily Kirby



"It sucked when we played Grand Ledge. They beat us horribly, but at least I got to watch my team come back and win the first match."

Junior Nick Schnesk



Who to Watch: Jae Wolff



Upon joining the Gymnastics team her freshman year, sophomore Jae Wolff fell under the shadows of her older, more experienced team mates. This year, however, was her year to shine. Although the team lost a lot of strong girls, those still on the team, including Wolff, filled the shoes of their previous competitors. Wolff worked very hard her first year and continued to do so in her second season. She competed in floor and also hoped to participate in beam and vault for the team.

Graceful girls



"We lost a lot of good girls but many improved and I think we can do really well."
Junior Arielle Dyer

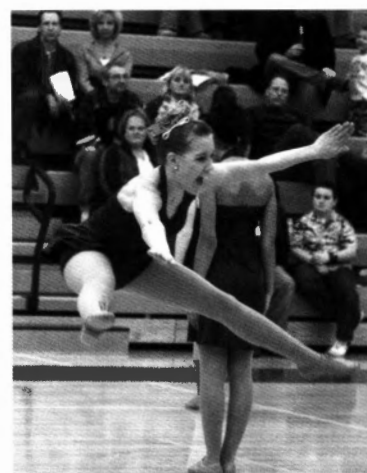
Agility, kicks and turns. All three characteristics, as well as many others, are necessary in the life of a gymnast or dancer. With all the success of the Gymnastics and Dance teams it was clear that all the members of both teams contained these traits. The teams also required a lot of endurance and hard practices, all of which paid off. Both teams seemed to come from nothing to something in the past few years, and hoped to continue their success.

The 2007 Gymnastics season was a great success for the team. The girls had a perfect season and went on to win states. However, the team lost most of the girls from that team and also the coach that had been with the team for years.

For the 2008 season the team hoped to do very well in the season. They also hoped to go to states and place. The team practiced hard and although there were many new girls, they improved a lot. "We really need to step it up this year and try to make it to states. Although we lost many girls, we still have a pretty good team," said junior Nicole Wood.

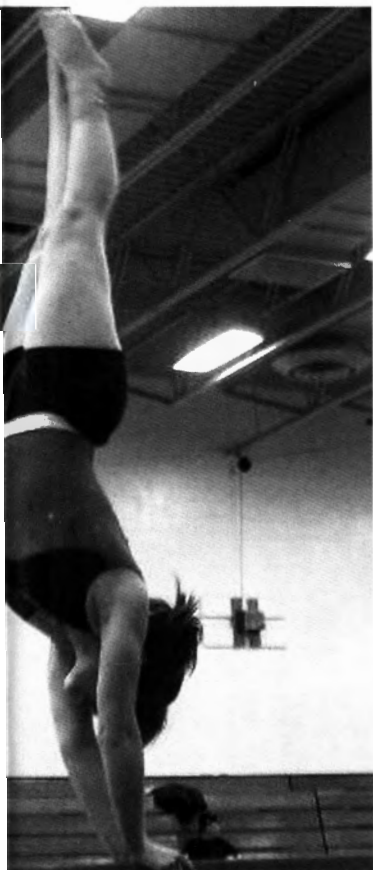
Like the Gymnastics team, the Dance team had a very successful 2006-2007 season, which included placing 13th at a competition at the Palace of Auburn Hills. For the 2007-2008 season the team practiced and improved from the previous year.

The team placed first in two competitions early in the season and placed eighth in the competition at the Palace. "We've been practicing a lot and we hope to do really well this season," said junior Rachel Vachon.



Performing during halftime of the boys varsity basketball game against Everett, senior Megan Murray does a split jump in the air. The team performed during halftime of every home boys varsity basketball game. The team performed a different dance each game. Photo by Melissa Thering





Part of the Winterfest pep rally, the dance team performs their annual boy-girl routine. The 2008 theme was "Cops and Robbers", with the girls as cops and the boys playing robbers. As part of the dance the girls locked the boys up for their crimes. *Photo by Zach Carter*

Warming up before the Jackson Lumen Christi meet, **sophomore Aundrea Lavigne** hits her handstand on beam perfectly. The team was allotted only so much time to practice before the meet, so it was important that each girl hit all of her skills in a timely fashion. *Courtesy photo*

■ Dreams & Nightmares



"My nightmare about Gymnastics is straddling the beam during a routine."

Sophomore Jenny Morley



"I'm afraid that during a competition I will fall flat on my face in front of everyone."

Junior Sarahann Robiadek



"My dream for dance is to do really well in all of our competitions this year."

Sophomore Samantha Smeage

■ Daydream: 1/05/08



"On January 5th, 2008 the dance team went to the Palace of Auburn Hills for a huge competition. We had never placed there before and we knew we probably

would not this year either, as much as we wanted to. After we finished competing, we patiently waited for awards to be given out. The first award was for tenth place and it went to a different team. We all thought to ourselves, "There goes our only chance." The next award went to ninth place, and it as well was called out to another team. Then, suddenly, we hear the announcer call out, "Eighth place goes to Holt." We looked at each other with complete confusion and shock. Then finally, Kaitlyn got up and went to get the plaque, leaving most of the rest of us in shock. It took a couple of minutes for what had just happened to kick in but when it finally did we were all jumping up and down and hugging each other joyfully. We were so excited. This experience was an excellent one for us as a team. We were all able to bond and become a closer team. It also taught us to never give up, even when things look to be their worst."

Alexis Molitor



■ Dreams & Nightmares



"The best game this year was the game against our biggest rival, Okemos. It was our second win, making the team really excited because we were winning games."

Junior Ryan Warner



"The worst part about the season was losing most of our games and getting mercied by Grand Ledge/Waverly and Hudsonville."

Junior Chris Shaw

Fresh faces



"We are getting bigger and getting better; we are kind of like a snowball."

Sophomore Robbie Kraemer

With almost half of the hockey team new this year, Holt prepared for a long season to come. After thirteen games against local high schools, the team was still without a win. But in their 14th game, Holt finally pulled it together against the Mason Eaton Rapids Charlotte (MERC) Jets winning 5 to 1.

"The showcase we had this year was pretty fun. It kind of sucks that we ended up losing all those games but it was a big relief when we won the first one. After winning the second game, we felt pretty good about ourselves, it boosted our spirits a lot. Next year is going to be tough because we are losing all of our seniors this year," said junior Brock Blankenship, a forward for the Rams.

Another challenge the team had to face was a new coach. They had to get used to his philosophy about the game, his expectations as well as his systems. The transition was especially tough for the players that had been playing for Holt for two to three years to get used to his coaching style. Once the team got used to it, the team started playing together and were able to pull out a few wins.

"I think he is a good coach and has a lot to teach us. I think he helps us all become better players and people also. I am glad that he's our new coach because even though our record hasn't showed it, we have become a better team," said senior Kyle Drake.

With all the new additions to the hockey team, Holt has come out a stronger team that looks to continue their late success next season.



Taking the face off against Lansing Catholic Central, **junior Chris Shaw** tries to get the puck to his team to score a quick goal late in the third period. The game was tight but the Rams lost to Lansing Catholic with a final score of 0-2. "Our team played pretty hard that game. I thought that it was hard enough to get a win but we ended up falling a little short," said Shaw. *Photo by Scott Hulteen*

Bringing the puck toward center ice, **senior Tyler Walsh** hopes to make a good pass to a teammate that would result in a scoring opportunity for the Rams. The Rams had a rough season because the team was so young. "We need to work on skills as a team and need to learn to play together as one. We also need to learn how to end games because we can't keep a lead," said Walsh. *Photo by Ron Carrier*





Keeping a close eye on the puck, senior Chris Carrier carefully guards the goal against a tough Lansing Catholic Central team. "It was a tight game and it was well fought by both teams. It was definitely a game we wish we could have redone," said Carrier. *Photo by Scott Hulteen.*



Getting checked into the boards, senior Mark Tongen prepares a hockey battle on the ice arena. Tongen was used to the brutal battles during the games because he had been a part of the hockey team for three years. "I deal with battles in the corner by making it so the other player can't get the puck out of the corner. I will do anything to keep the puck away from the other team," said Tongen. *Photo by Scott Hulteen*

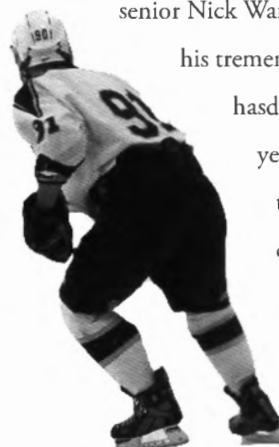
■ Freeze Frame



1.) Shaking opponents hands, Holt players congratulate LCC. 2.) Getting the puck out of their zone, **junior Mike Lemke** shoots the puck away from defenders. 3.) Making a pass, **freshman Skyler Dutkiewicz** hoped to make a goal-scoring play.

■ Who to Watch: Nick Ward

Bringing his MVP talent from St. Johns Travel team, senior Nick Ward helped the hockey team with his tremendous speed and strength. Ward has played hockey since he was ten years old and has played for Holt the past two years. "We have come a long way this year with our passing ability, because we are starting to talk to each other on the ice," said Ward. Ward's other strength, speed, was a great asset to the team. "I was skating down center-ice, caught a pass from Ryan Warner, threw a deke to fake the goalie out, and scored with a nice wrist shot," said Ward. In the future, Ward planned to have a walk-on tryout at the University of Oregon, in hopes of earning some playing time. By playing high school hockey, Ward has gained a lot of new friends and respect around the school. "Our record may not show it but win or lose, I have enjoyed playing hockey with my teammates and wish the best of luck to them in the future," said Ward.



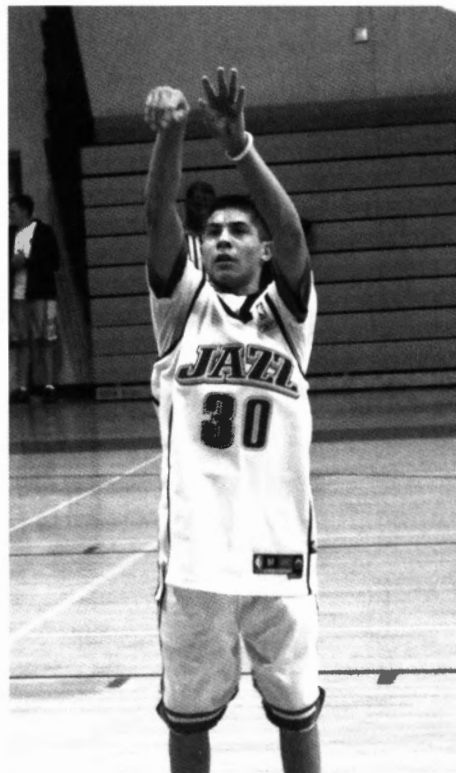
■ Who to Watch: Kevin Dygart

"IM basketball needs to have a lot more publicity," commented junior Kevin Dygart. Intramural basketball was much more fun for many players like Dygart and a good experience for anyone who was willing to play hard and have a bit of fun. "Being able to just chill and hang with most of my good friends is a good feeling I have when I play because I know that I can rely on any of them to cover my back," said Dygart. "A really good junior this year is Dygart and he was really good last year also. He is a team player, very hard working, and a great addition to his team, Manifest Destiny," noted History teacher Corey Martin. However, even though there were many players like Dygart who played IM basketball to their fullest, there have been some mishaps. "I just wished people would have stopped being so serious about things and then started all the fights and controversy that happened so often," said Dygart. Dygart, like many other players, got to enjoy the comfort of having no true practices and being able to go home, do homework and just hang-out, and then having to go to Intramural basketball games. Next year Dygart hoped to play once again and try to have some fun and play the sport that he loved.



About to make some points for his team, senior Mitchel Saxman tries to stop senior Nick Norton. "IM basketball is just a way for me to get away from all the hassle of everyday life. I had a lot of fun there but I did hate how the same teams played each other," said Norton. Intramural basketball was a league where every team had seven players, with some exceptions, and everyone had their turn for the spot-light. *Photo by Pauline Bateman*

Hoping for a swish, junior Brandon Gregory competes in an Intramural Basketball game. "Playing with a lot of my friends and just being active was what made me want to play IM basketball," noted Gregory. Next year Gregory planned to play IM basketball again and hoped that his team the, Tardy Boys, would be able to stay together and pull out another great year. *Photo by Jesse Powers*



Dreams & Nightmares



"The IM tournaments were really intense and I liked how we got to choose our own teams to play on."

Junior Jordan Motley



"Knowing that I can just come to the basketball games and always win is a reassuring thing to come to."

Senior Brandon Mason



"The one thing that I don't like about Intramural Basketball is that there is a no 2-3 zone."

Senior Tony Powers

Thinking about their next maneuver, senior **Darren Frakes** and sophomores **Darian Bachman** and **Mike Sparks** creates a game plan during a time out. "Intramural basketball kept me in shape and was a really good work out. It really was always fun and I had a great time playing for my first year," said sophomore **Andrew Garcia**, member of the team, Lights Out. *Photo by Jesse Powers*



Searching for change, junior **Julia Dane** helped out an observer of IM basketball. For two years, Dane collected money for the IM games every Monday and Wednesday. "Last week I had to hold the trash can up when the water fountain broke. I was having so much fun and that was definitely one moment that I will always remember," commented Dane. *Photo by Jesse Powers*

Hands in the air



"Refereeing IM basketball has helped me to hold my emotions together a lot better."

Senior Avery Thomas

"Just play for the fun of the sport," said junior Tommy Deland when asked what he thought about IM basketball. Intramural (IM) basketball, hosted at the Junior High School building, had been around for eleven years. IM basketball let anyone who wanted to play some ball, into the game. "I get to play because I know I am not good enough to play on an actual school team. I am very glad that IM basketball gives me a chance to play this sport that I like so much," said junior Jon Krish.

Teams were made up of friends and from players who wanted to do well together. The good thing about IM basketball was that there was no official coach on any team. "Having the freedom of just playing for fun and having no real practices was probably the best thing about IM basketball, for me," said senior Jay P. Dudley. However, IM basketball was directed by history teacher Corey Martin, just to make sure things went smoothly. "IM basketball is the biggest highlight of my year," commented Martin.

The basketball games were every Monday and Wednesday night and they always drew in the crowd. "With twelve different teams playing and about one hundred guys in the Junior High School, there was a lot of different talent and skills that was used," said junior Chris Bossenbery.

"IM basketball really is a great experience. It was cool how I got to play on a team with the people that I typically played ball with," said senior Kevin Borek. Intramural basketball was a place where having fun and making a challenge occurred together in the best way possible.

Coach's Corner: Paul Wills



"IM basketball is really a cool thing since it was a relaxed way to ball it up," said junior Paul Wills, coach of the Manifest Destiny. Wills had to step up to the plate and go over and beyond the expected requirements.

As a coach, Wills had to organize everything and he controlled the line-up for which his team used for every game. "We had a really good year and next year we are planning on coming back to bring our A game. IM basketball was really fun and I am glad that I got to be apart of a great experience like it," said Wills.



Pinning perfection



"I love wrestling because it makes you mentally prepared for life."

Senior Dustin Miller

This year the wrestling team had all returning starters on Varsity, half of them seniors. The first official practice started November 12, 2007. Preseason was long before, preparing the boys for the long season ahead of them. They had high hopes for the season.

Preseason consisted of conditioning and time on the mats, three times a week. By the time the season came around the boys were prepared. "We were the best conditioned team around the area," said Junior Kyle Hanton.

"Practices were really hard for pre season and for normal season, but it paid off to practice before the actual season started," said senior Zach Shaw.

It was evident while working hard on the mats that the boys still had fun. "If you work hard, and you get stuff done then you know you are capable of winning and you can have fun," said senior Chaz King. This year the wrestlers bonded by doing things like dying their hair blonde.

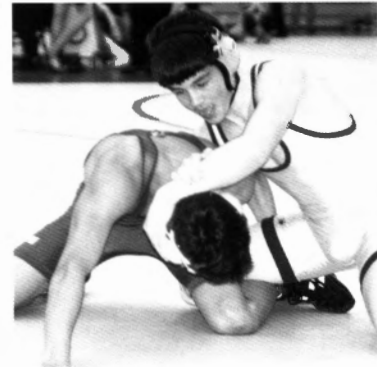
As the season progressed, it was obvious the boys had a chance to do something special. They finished the regular season undefeated and ranked second in the state heading into the playoffs. After many grueling matches, the Rams capped off their spectacular season with a state championship, giving Holt Wrestling it's 4th ever state championship, and their first since 1997. They had the perfect season.

Coach's Corner



"The ultimate goal for any team would be to win states but the goal for the kids is to see as far as we can go," said Varsity wrestling coach Rocky Shaft. This year was his 28th year coaching wrestling. All the starters returned to Varsity. "There's nothing new this year as opposed to last year, other than maturity," said Shaft.

Jr. Ram wrestlers cheer on the wrestling team as they enter the gym for the biggest meet of the year, Holt vs. Mason. Juniors Zach Seyka, Josh Shaw and senior Zach Shaw high-five the boys that hope to be like them someday. "It felt really good to know that the younger boys looked up to us and we realized how important it is to be a great role model," said Seyka. *Courtesy Photo.*



Gaining an upper hand in the match senior Corey Leonard at 112 "The Holt Invitational is my favorite meet to wrestle at because it's a really laid back meet but at the same time there is still a lot of good competition," said Leonard." *Photo by: Anna Krycinski*

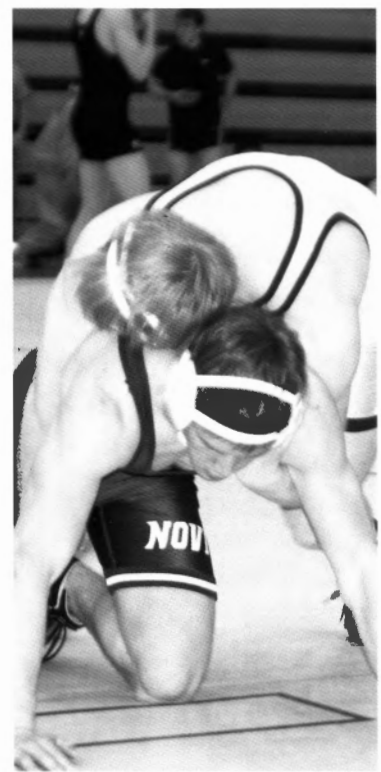


Who to Watch



"He has a lot of heart for wrestling, and he gives it his all," said senior Grant Ankney. This season up and coming sophomore Ben Matthiesen may be the one to steal the spot light. He had been wrestling for six years, and this season was his second year on Varsity. He wrestled 103 pounds this year and planned on wrestling 112 pounds next year. "In wrestling I look up to Koort Leyrer and Grant Ankney a lot,"





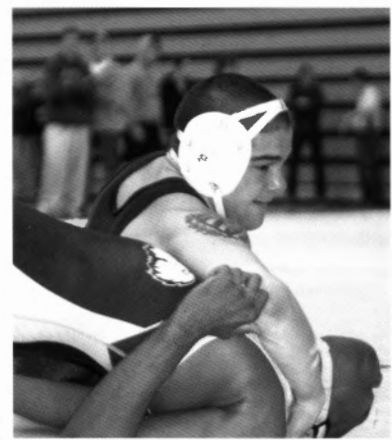
Using a power half to pin his opponent, sophomore Michael Andring was 4-1 at the Holt Invitational wrestling at the 171 weight class. "The Holt Invitational is a fun meet because all your friends and family can come watch because it's on a Saturday," said Andring. *Photo by Anna Krycinski*

Trying to defeat his opponent, junior Corbin Boone uses wrist control on his rival from Novi. "Wrestling is a pretty tough and demanding sport," said Boone. "It's worth the time and fun in the end despite all the hard work." *Photo by Anna Krycinski*

■ Daydream: 3/9/07

"Last year on March 9, 2007 When I was a Junior, I wrestled at the Palace of Auburn Hills. This was where my most memorable match happened. I wrestled James Fisher from Temperance Bedford at 125 pounds. It was during the semi-finals of the state meet. It was my longest match of the year, and I lost on a questionable call the last second of take down going into triple overtime. I felt confident and comfortable going into the match and my goal was to become a state champion that year. I fell just short of reaching that goal. It was a huge let down but I came back to finish third in the state for Division 1."

Grant Ankney



Using all three different moves Ankney wrestled in the 135 weight class in all three pictures and controled all three of his opponents. *Photos by: Anna Krycinski and Raquel Ankney.*



Dreams & Nightmares



"Beating Waverly in second overtime with a minute left was a highlight of the season because we won the CAAC Blue title."

Sophomore Alex Hernandez



"Our coaches were great, along with the team. It was a nightmare losing to Grand Ledge but overall I think we had a successful season."

Junior Jerry Lassen

Past the goal



"Being on the Varsity team was sweet. It will prepare me for my next two years."

Sophomore Arthur Gukasov

In the eyes of the Holt Boy's soccer players and soccer fans, this season was short lived, with a record of 10-8-4. The team hoped to go far during their season. Unfortunately the team came up short in their games against Okemos, Grand Ledge, and East Lansing, some of their biggest rivalries.

Even with some disappointments during the soccer season, there were many players who were awarded with honorable titles. Senior Nathan Quebbeman was awarded an honorable mention for the CAAC title. "It felt good receiving CAAC honorable mention because I worked hard all season and now I had something to show for it," explained Quebbeman.

Underclassmen were appointed as well for specific titles. Freshman Ben Gates was granted a spot on the number one district team as well as the CAAC team. "Great work ethic and determination allowed Ben to develop good soccer skills and his spot on the Varsity and CAAC teams," said his brother, senior Andrew Gates. "I am very happy for him, that all the hard work and effort he put forth has paid off." To add to the list, sophomore Josh Barens was appointed Most Valuable Player for Holt and was on both number one teams.

For the girls soccer team, 2007 was supposed to be their best season. There was a lot of talent on the team, therefore they had abundant opportunities to be great. Even though the girls felt they didn't take advantage of the year, they still worked hard and never gave up.



Pushing her way through the opponent, **senior Melissa Mohr** fights for the ball. Mohr made the varsity soccer team her sophomore year in high school. "Soccer has always been fun for me because it is an excuse to be a beast. On the field you can get away with being tough, it's sweet," said Mohr. Being aggressive was sometimes the key to getting the ball away from the other team. *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*

Keeping the ball away from the Mason players, **senior Kaitlin Warren** headed the ball with great force. "I usually don't get a lot of headers so it was kind of sweet," explained Warren, a player of twelve years. "I will never forget the practices in the mud. They were so much fun." During those practices, the girls were encouraged to get down and dirty in the mud, pulling out all the stops and tricks, including diving headers. *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*



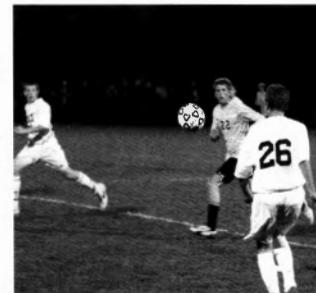


Mixed emotions were evident at the Holt vs Everett soccer game. "I only played about half the game because I strained a muscle which affected my running," said **junior Tommy Ziolkowski**. Even injured players felt included in the game while on the sidelines. Ziolkowski continued, "My teammates always made me laugh when things weren't going my way, like with my strained muscle." In the end, Holt came out victorious with a score of 2-0. *Photo by Stephanie Self*



With the start of every soccer season, the varsity coaches choose new team captains. This year, **senior James Maier** was appointed to lead the team, among two other varsity players, **seniors Andy Lamie** and **Nathan Quebbeman**. Maier has been playing soccer for a total of eleven years, four of them having been in high school. *Photo by Stephanie Self*

■ Freeze Frame



From the warm-ups, to the pre-game player intros, to getting into the big game, Holt's players always express enthusiasm and ambition throughout the season.

■ Daydream: 4/24/07



"Our biggest accomplishment this season was not losing to East Kentwood. Last year we got smashed by them, losing by four points on their field.

This year the game was on our turf and our team was pumped for a rematch. The game started out with steady passing and defense resulting in a tie of 0-0 at halftime. It sucked completely because the last thing we wanted was for them to walk away with a win two years in a row. Coach Hornak, the junior varsity coach, told us in the locker room that all it would take was one, *one* lapse to get a goal. Our main priority was just to keep up our defense and keep fighting for the ball. We came out in the second half ready for a battle. Half way through the second half we finally were able to score. It was amazing; at this point we were up 1-0. In the last couple minutes of the game, East Kentwood scored. This tied up the game yet again. Even though we didn't win, it was still a sweet game. We worked really hard and gave it our all. Turns out that both of our teams deserved the win, and a tie was the only way to end the match fairly."

*Marissa Perry
Junior Baker*



Daydream: 4/15/07

"I've been know to be a player that can have a bit of an attitude, and this attitude decided to come out during my match against Jackson. On the very last point of the set, I ran up to the net, and completely whiffed the ball. I was so angry with myself and so overwhelmed that I just smashed the racket onto the court, and snapped the frame all the way through. Coach Somers ended up calling me for unsportsmanlike conduct and I had to forfeit the first point of the third set. After the match I was sitting there thinking about what I had done, and how mad my mom was that she had to spend \$300 on a new racket. I immediately walked up to Jackson's coach and apologize for my actions. On the bus, Coach Somers pulled me aside and told me how proud she was that I had appologized without being told to do so, and that she was glad I realized what I was turning into. On a brighter note, this upcoming season is going to be STRANGE! With the seasons changing, our team is losing alot of players. We'll also start the season when it's about 40 degrees instead of the usual 90. All changes aside, I'm really looking forward to this season. It's just great to know that your team is behind you, and I felt that more than ever last year."

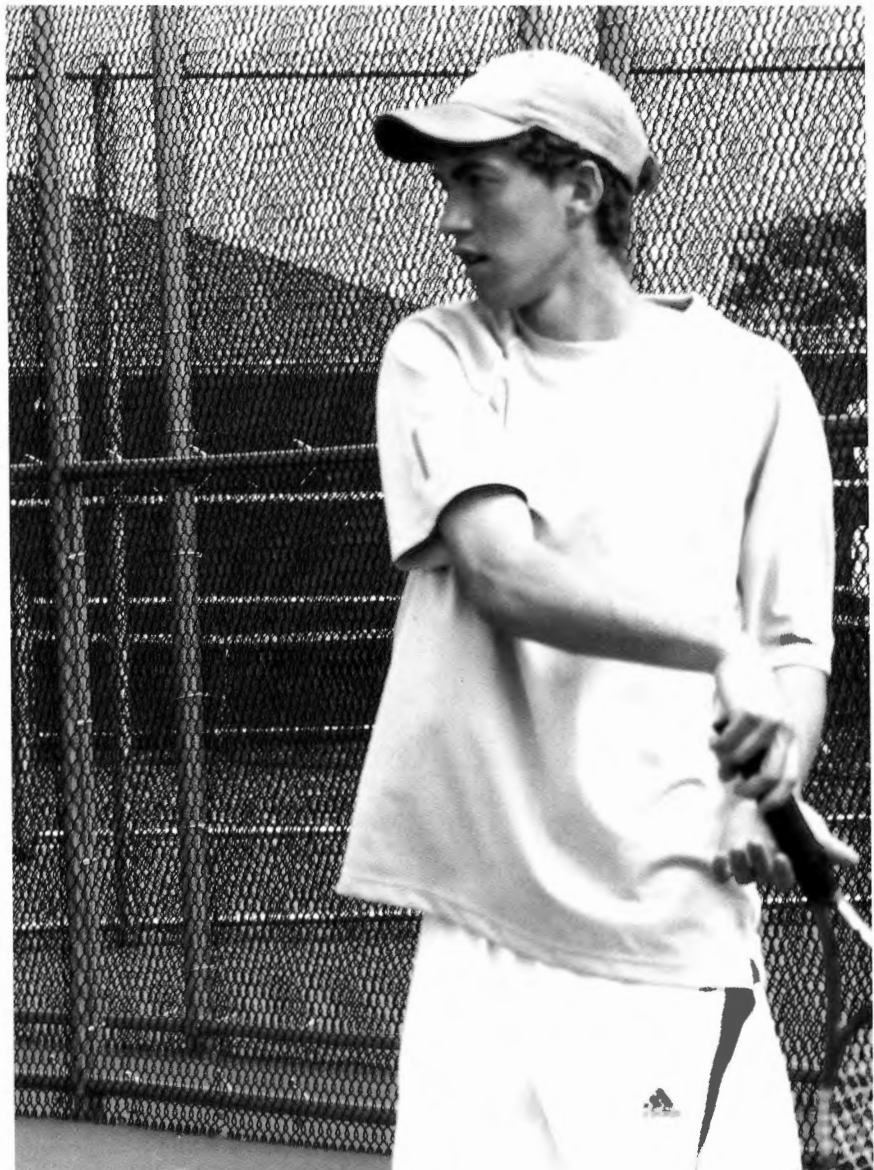


Stephen Mazzoni

After dominating two Grandville players with a powerful top-spin shot, **senior Michael Farran** fixes his strings. "Grandville was a terrific team, and we played a lot of great matches against them," said Farran, who played second doubles with **senior Josh Webb**. "Luckily though, we came out on top and pulled a win." *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*



Completing a ground stroke **senior Alex Mazzoni** works hard to stay ahead against during the CAAC meet. The team ended up placing third overall ending just behind East Lansing and Okemos. "I was a little disappointed that we didn't make it to states, even though we did pretty good at regionals" Mazzoni said. "Our regional changed, and the teams we played were a lot tougher." *Photo by Trina Rawlinson*



Who to Watch



next season they can end on a high note. "With more

"I've been playing tennis since I was about six years old," said sophomore Alex Rarick. "My parents got me into the sport, and I've been playing ever since." Rarick may only be an underclassmen but he has high hopes for next year. "I plan on training harder and making a singles spot on the team." Rarick was also a little disappointed with the way the season ended last year and hopes that



Reaching up to ace his opponents, senior Josh Webb gets ready to snap his wrist on a serve. "The whole game of tennis starts off with a serve", said Webb. "If you can serve well, than you have a major edge in the game." *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*

Keeping her eye on the ball, junior Damaris Shaffer gets ready to crush a tennis ball with a forehand. "I love to play tennis because I find it relaxing, and it's a good way of getting rid of energy," said Shaffer. Last season, Shaffer played 3rd doubles and she liked it a lot. "When I play singles, I can blame myself for my own mistakes and I don't have to rely on anyone else," said Shaffer. *Photo by Zach Carter*



Justice is served



"We weren't great, but we were great together."

Senior Zach Corkins

Your fingers twitch as you strain to see the small ball race toward you, without hesitation, without thinking, you know what to do. Your racquet hits the ball with a force that you didn't know you had, and the ball goes back over the net, and across the court. A great weight has been lifted from your shoulders because you won the point, but the pressure sets on again as you prepare to take on another serve.

Tennis is a game of immense concentration, that forced its players to think about every move they made. The 2006-2007 boy's team knew what the game was about, but didn't really know what was ahead of them. "Everyone on the varsity tennis team was new, so we really didn't have much of an idea as to what it was like," said junior Jeremy Rook. "Most of us had never met before either, so one of our major goals for the season was to bond with each other."

Not only were all the players new to Holt Varsity Tennis, but so was the coach. Coach Russ Olcheski was new to Holt, but luckily not new to coaching. "I've been coaching tennis for 8 years now, six years previously at Jenison, this year I wanted to see a strong work ethic from the players, and I hoped that improvement would come with it," Olcheski said.

2008 was also a year of change for girls tennis. Because guys tennis replaced the girls season in the fall, that meant the girls season was moved to the spring. "I'm really looking forward to this years season, there will be room for alot more team bonding," said senior Kristen Dykema.

Dreams & Nightmares



"In a game against Grand Ledge, they hit a shot at me that barely landed in. I chased the ball down and hit it without looking. The ball lobbed in the air and landed just over the net!"

Senior Daniel Gottschalk



"When we played against Haslett, I quickly went up to the net to go for a smash but ended up missing the ball completely!"

Junior Alex Ungren

alot of fun together."



Junior Sarah Chronister

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■ Daydream: 6/1/07



"My favorite softball memory was our first game in Districts. We were playing against Jackson. Our team struggled through out the season to play together and play hard through a whole game. But this game we played hard, and together throughout the entire game.

The game went into extra innings and we played harder than we had before. We won the game by one point. This showed the team how we should have played the entire season."

Kristina Barros

■ Up to bat



"Baseball is a lot harder than it looks. Our team was a lot better than what the record showed." **Senior** Michael Cheadle

Spring time was the time of year when the balls were thrown, the bat was swung, the cleats were dusty, and the baseball and softball teams came together and practiced. In hopes of pulling off a better season than the one before, the teams struggled to do their best while at preparing.

Going on the yearly spring break trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for a week before the season tournament, the girls varsity softball team got a look at what was to come for the team. "The trip lets us know how well we were doing as a team," said junior Kayla Stevens. "As well as let us know what we need to work on when we get back."

To get ready for their season, the boys varsity baseball team played catch and hit in the batting cages. "We don't do much," said sophomore Carlos Berroa, "but what we do really helps us when it comes to the start of the season."

Although there was a lot of time spent practicing it didn't always help when out on the field. The varsity softball team had high hopes for the season, and it started off well. In districts the team pulled off a win against Jackson but took a loss to Grand Ledge.

Working hard to make their season great, the baseball team tried their best at the Hudson Invitational. All the work paid off, beating many hard teams and winning the invitational all together.

"We lost a lot to many rivals," said senior Zach Morley. "We also took a huge loss to Okemos."



While in the dug out seniors Kyle Winsor and Justin Cowles wait patiently for their turn at bat. "While we're in the dug out we try our best to cheer on the team, or whoever is up at bat," said Winsor. "A lot of times it works well, but at others it just distracts the team." Photo by Heather Brandenburg





During a time out the girls varsity softball team gets together and encourages one another in hope of a win. When gathering at the mound, the team was able to take a deep breath, relax and get it back together. "Our team is really close, and we try to do our best during the games," said **junior Kayla Stevens**, "but once something bad happens, we have a tough time pulling it back together." *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*

Being the only senior on the varsity softball team, **Kiera Leitz** practices her pitch for the upcoming big games. Leitz had been a member of the varsity softball team for four years. Being a starting pitcher, Leitz has had plenty of pressure on her back. "I like to do my best," said Leitz, "and if I don't, I usually get really mad and do horribly." *Photo by Heather Brandenburg*

Who to Watch: Carlos Berroa



Growing up with a family who was all about baseball, it was only relevant that sophomore Carlos Berroa took on the tradition. "I started playing when I was two and have yet to put down a bat or glove," said Berroa. Berroa plays short stop, second base, and center field on the varsity baseball team. "I would love to go far with baseball," said Berroa. "It would be a dream come true."

Dreams & Nightmares



"My dream is that our team beats Okemos this year. They are our biggest rival and last year they beat us."

Senior Stephen Quinn



"We had really high expectations for the season and we didn't meet any of them. That was a very big nightmare."

Senior Kiera Leitz



"The biggest dream of the season was that we beat Jackson in districts. But then we lost to Grand Ledge."

Junior Kayla Stevens



"The biggest nightmare of the season was probably losing against Grand Ledge. We got smoked."

Junior Christopher Bossenbery



"My dream would be to make varsity and make it to the state finals."

Sophomore Hilary Shorna

during the games."



Junior Ryan Merriott

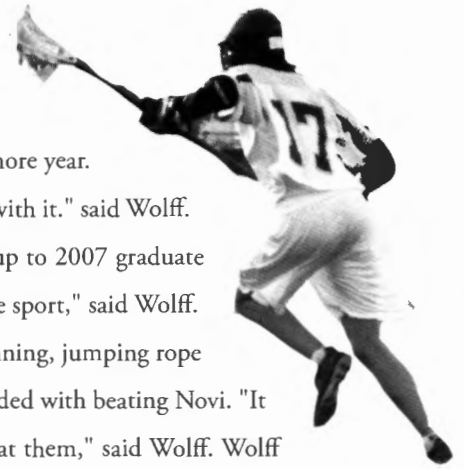
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Who to Watch: Dylan Wolff

It all started in 2002 when Dylan Wolff first picked up a lacrosse stick. At first it was just another sport for Wolff but it slowly turned into his favorite. "Nate Perdue got me really into it," said Wolff. Wolff started off playing on the JV team his freshman year and eventually got moved up to varsity his junior year of high school. "I broke my leg during my sophomore year," said Wolff. Because of this Wolff didn't play lacrosse at all during his sophomore year. "Lacrosse is a rough sport, you get bruises and sprains a lot, but you have to learn to deal with it," said Wolff. Wolff plays LSM, which is long stick midi. While maturing in the sport Wolff looked up to 2007 graduate Steve Vargas. "Even though he was small, he was very athletic and his first priority was the sport," said Wolff. Getting ready for the upcoming season is a big priority. "It consists of lifting weights, running, jumping rope and wall ball." When asked what the most memorable moment of the year was he responded with beating Novi. "It was the biggest game of the year. Novi was one of the best teams in the state and we beat them," said Wolff. Wolff planned on finishing high school playing lacrosse, and had hoped to get recruited to play in college.



In the difficult battle game against Dewitt 2007 graduate Josh Alton jumps in the air to try and protect the goal from the other team. "Even though Alton was really short he was our best goalie," said senior Nate Perdue. "We only had 2 goalies last year, and this year we don't have any which is a huge set back." *Photo by Michael Farran*



After all the hard work during practices perfecting their face-off skills and ball handling, senior Bobby McKee and 2007 graduate Mike Updyke put their skills to work during the game against Dewitt and battle for the ball. "We do basic ball handling skills a lot during the practices," said McKee. "But it's an important skill to have. If we didn't work on them we would be a mess on the field during game time." *Photo by Michael Farran*



Dreams & Nightmares



"The nightmare of the season was that we didn't win a lot of our games and it was really disappointing."

Junior Erica Stanley



"Beating Novi was the dream of the season. But it got shot down when we lost to Rockford in the playoffs."

Senior Nate Perdue



"All the seniors would paint their faces and we just had a lot of fun as a team. That was probably the best."

Junior Mava Cooper



Jumping up to reach the ball senior Val Carr attempts to block the ball from getting into the hands of the other team. Carr was part of the lacrosse team for four years. "Lacrosse is definitely my favorite sport," explained Carr. "Games are definitely my favorite, especially against rivals." *Courtesy Photo*

Putting all of their team spirit together and chanting each other on, the Varsity girls lacrosse team raises their sticks hoping to pull off a win. The girls practiced eight to ten hours a week to improve their endurance and skills. Aside from practicing, team bonding and cheering during games were a big part of the season. *Photo by Val Carr*



Gaining strength



"Lacrosse is a lot harder than what most people think."

Senior Tyler Walsh

Being an intense sport, the lacrosse teams started training in the fall to get in the best shape possible for the upcoming seasons, which didn't officially start until March. "I usually try and go into the weight room a few times a week in the winter so I'm not too out of shape come tryouts," said senior Kim Kaiser.

With a great start to the season, the Varsity Boy's team pulled off two wins against Walled Lake Northern and one of the best teams in the state, Novi. "Novi was our biggest game of the season by far," said senior Jeff Walthers. "That game definitely pulled the team together and made us stronger."

After beating one of the best teams in the State the Boy's Lacrosse team had trouble pulling it back together after just their third game of the season. Although a setback the boys ended strong and were overall happy about the results of the season. "We had a blast during the season," said senior Kevin Mack. "I considered those guys my brothers and next season it's not going to be as much fun with all the seniors gone."

With different rules to the game, the girls lacrosse team started the season off with a loss but pulled off a win during the second game. "We only pulled off 4 wins throughout the season," said junior Sutton Parker. "But we still had a lot of fun win or lose."

"Our team is really close," said senior Val Carr. "With little fights and battles here and there we are still like one big family, and get along great."

Daydream: 3/27/07



"It was late into the night as giant bolts of lightning shot through the sky as I sat in the locker room eating Subway waiting patiently for the game to start. The game was on hold because of those giant bolts of lightning. Thirty minutes went by and we were on the field battling against

one of the best teams in the state. The score was seven to seven with only a few minutes left on the board. As the minutes and seconds ticked away we scored the final goal pulling off our best win of the season against Novi."

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Senior Phillip Johnson

other out which is really great."

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■ On the **Scoreboards**

Ken Limas, senior 50 yd freestyle: 1 min, 18 seconds

Paul Schaefer, senior 25 yd backstroke: 1 min, 5 seconds

Bryan Hull, sophomore 100 yd freestyle: 2 min, 38 seconds

Allison Wheat, sophomore 25 yd freestyle: 53.98 seconds

Jessica Parsons, senior 25 yd backstroke: 44.9 seconds



Loving the Game



"The Special Olympics were a lot of fun.
Swimming is my favorite part."

Senior Paul Schaefer

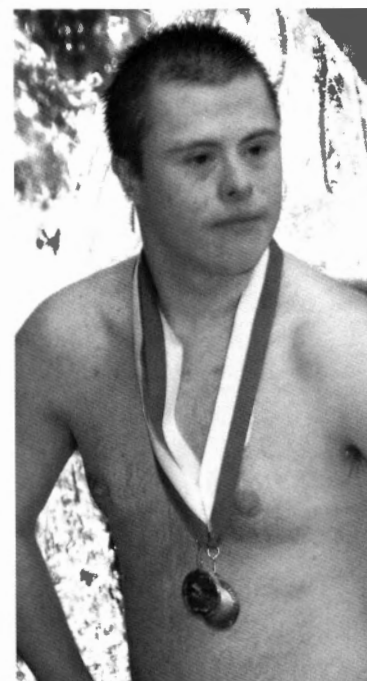
The Special Olympics were first held on July 20th, 1968, in Chicago, Illinois at Soldier Field. Ever since then, these games specifically for persons with mental and physical disabilities have provided numerous opportunities for people with special needs to participate in different sports against people that could truly be considered their peers.

The concept that people with intellectual disabilities were far more capable than most considered them has proved more than true due to the Special Olympics. The games took place all around the world, but the Lansing area schools had their own organization targeted towards high school students with disabilities.

Students participated in sports such as bowling, poly hockey, swimming, basketball, and cross-country skiing. Student athletes from Holt teamed up with Mason schools to compete with various other high schools in our district.

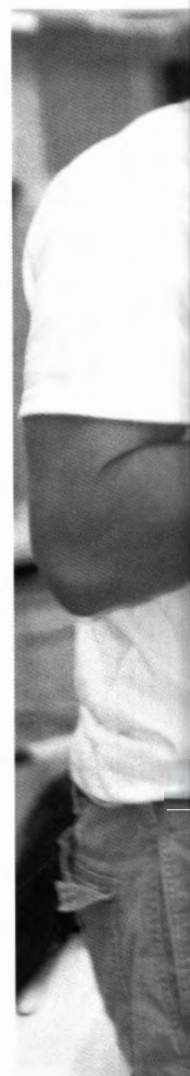
"It was a lot of fun," said Bryan Hull, a participant in the Special Olympics. "I played a lot of sports, like basketball, swimming, bowling, downhill skiing, floor hockey, and team handball." Many athletes played a number of different sports in the games.

The Special Olympics provided a source of pride and joy for many kids. Medals and awards were often given out to top athletes, and the students proudly displayed their talents. "Swimming is my favorite," said Hull. "I've never been beaten yet, I'm still undefeated!"



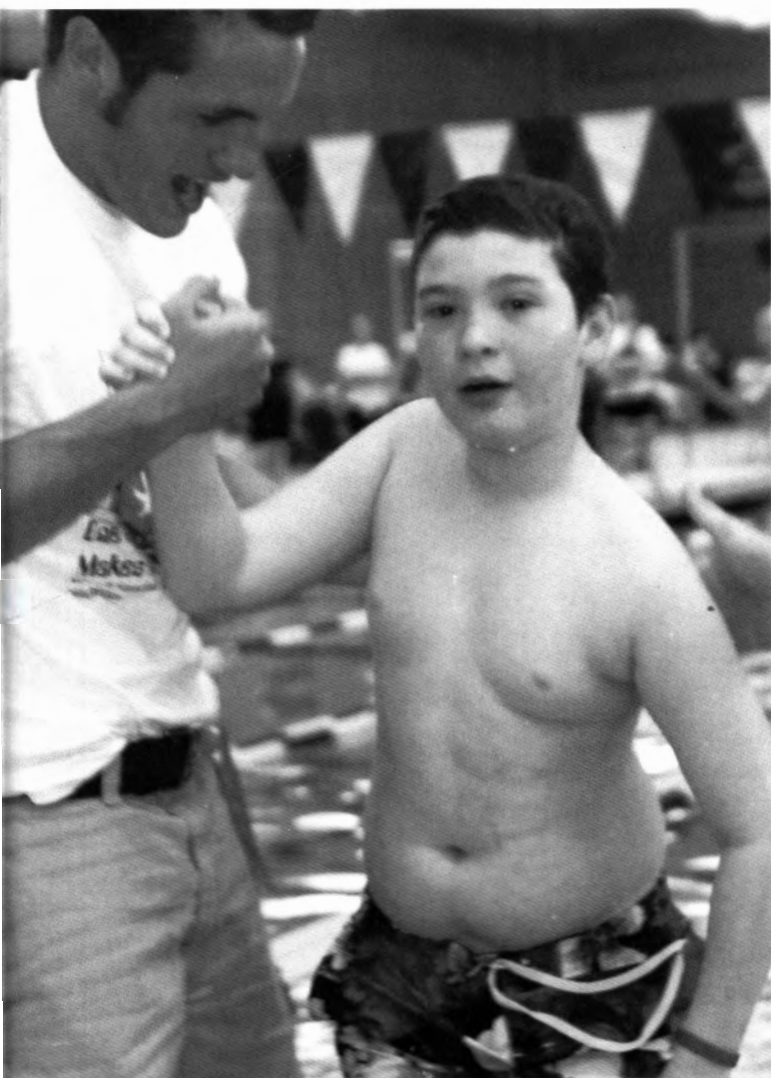
Senior Ken Limas proudly displays his medals after the races during the swimming events of the Special Olympics. Limas participated in one race, the freestyle. He has been swimming for over ten years, and he also participates in team handball, poxy ball, and bowling. Limas was extremely proud of his achievements in swimming. This was Limas' fourth of his medals in his athletic career, and there were hopefully many more to come. *Photo by Victoria Shearer*

Discussing the events of the afternoon between swim races, **seniors Cody Nash-Kniffen, Nick Norton, and Jessica Baker**, and **junior David Lopez** study their notes from the games. The four students gave up their time to be volunteers for the Special Olympics at Holt. They helped out with the athletes, and the organization of the different events. There were many other students that graciously chose to lend a hand to their peers. *Photo by Victoria Shearer*





Swimming the butterfly stroke, **junior Allison Wheat** flies down her lane on her way to victory. Wheat swam backstroke and the butterfly stroke in the Special Olympics. She also participated in three other sports: basketball, gymnastics, and bowling. Wheat has been competing in the Special Olympics since she was in 7th grade, and she definitely planned on playing after high school. *Photo by Victoria Shearer*



Junior David Lopez helps a swimmer out of the pool during the Special Olympics last spring. Lopez volunteered to help out with the games, along with a few other students in the high school. The duties of the volunteers included directing athletes to and from their races and keeping track of their scores and times. The students provided an amazing effort, and were a great contribution to the Special Olympics. *Photo by Victoria Shearer*



Coach's Corner:



Why is coaching the Special Olympics such a rewarding, valuable experience? Ask Valerie Suszko, a teacher at the Junior

High School who coached for 25 years. "It gives me a chance to see the athlete in a different environment and role than just in the classroom," said Suszko. "I began coaching to help persons with intellectual disabilities participate as productive and respected members of society." Suszko speaks for all coaches when she describes her admirable motivations.

Who to Watch: Jessica Parsons



Jessica Parsons was the definition of a model athlete in the Special Olympics. "Last year I participated in bowling, poly hockey, and swimming. I'm adding basketball and cross-country skiing this year," said Parsons. "But swimming and poly hockey are my favorites." Parsons attended all of the practices, which began in January, to prepare for

the games. Last year was her first year participating, and she plans on continuing with cross-country skiing after high school. Parsons faced numerous challenges during the Special Olympics. "Because of my asthma, I had a hard time with swimming," said Parsons. But with hard work and dedication, she was able to overcome these obstacles. Parsons was encouraged to join the Special Olympics by Mrs. Suszko and her mother, and to also stay active and have fun. "My goals are to try all of the sports, especially cross-country skiing," said Parsons.

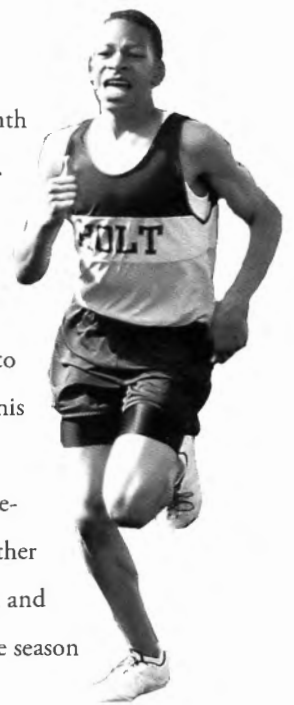


Who to Watch: Joe Hemingway

Junior Joseph Hemingway has been fighting his way to the top, running track and field since the seventh grade, with very high hopes that his running career will be continued throughout his college years as well.

When asked about his thoughts on most of the practices, if they were difficult or easy, Hemingway replied "It was difficult at first, but they got easier the more I ran. The times that were the hardest were when Mrs.. Stafford was our coach. She worked us really hard, but it gave us more determination and that extra push that we needed to continue running." Hemingway also ran on the off season, and hoped to get a scholarship for track and field for college. Hemingway was most relieved at practice when he broke his own eleven minute record for the two mile run.

But what makes Hemingway go the extra mile? His favorite quote, "The more that you put in to something that you love, the more that you will achieve. There is no skill involved," stated Hemingway. "Whether it be running track and field or doing another sport, it gives you determination." With all the dedication and determination needed to succeed Hemingway proved he could overcome the many obstacles during the season to fight his way to the top and continue to work hard.



In a relay race, everyone has to rely on each other and really work as a team. "Both the boys and girls teams were really good and we all worked really well together. I just think that our record showed how much effort and sweat that we gave out in order to become great runners," said **junior David Lopez**. *Courtesy Photo.*



In a sea of other runners, senior **Devan McKenney-Reed** pushes it to the limit to get ahead. McKenney-Reed has been running for six years straight and is now eligible to win a scholarship for running track. "The coaches are so good, because they push you further and help you so much," said **junior Eric Spitz**. *Courtesy Photo.*

While concentrating on jumping his highest, junior **Kyle Hanton** helps a team mate focus on getting his jumps as high and as long as he can. "I run track and field and I also run cross country. Running is what I do best," said Hanton. Practicing for the long jump is a hard and rigorous process, but the end result is always enjoyable. *Courtesy Photo.*



Dreams & Nightmares



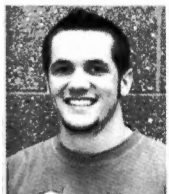
"This past season was a great one, but coach Rarick pushed us really hard to get us ready for a meet."

Junior Ryan Thumser



"It was a good track year because Mrs.. Stafford was the new coach for the distance team."

Junior Kim Killips



"I think that we had a great team, but our record didn't really represent us in the way we wanted it to."

Junior David Lopez



While in the midst of leaps and bounds, the Holt hurdle jumpers offer every ounce of their strength to get over a series of high jumps, ultimately to win the race to the finish line. "That track runners are awesome. If they had a different season, I would run it to stay in shape for lacrosse," said **senior Phil Johnson**. *Courtesy Photo.*

Going for gold



"I really feel like when I was on track I made so many more friends."

Junior Kevin Dygart

As the all of the track and field runners put on their uniforms before a big meet, their nerves were all buzzing. Days after days of practice all came down to the one moment when they were in the starting position, waiting for their signal to prove how much they love what they did.

"I ran track because I need to stay in shape for football season," said junior Ryan Thumser. "But not only that, I do it because I like running. The running aspect of football is the best part, to me." But with the season changes, some students were torn between choosing track and field and another sport.

"I am going to play lacrosse this year. I just discovered how naturally great I was at it last year when I played, so I decided to do that instead of running track and field any longer," stated junior Abbey Dutkiewicz about one of the choices she had to make between the sports this year and last.

Running track and field was really fun this year, according to junior Kim Killips. "Mrs.. Stafford, the new distance coach, pushed us really hard, but it made us so much better in the end. I've been running since seventh grade and it has helped me so much. I remember always beating Hannah Taylor by a couple of seconds. It was fun," said Killips.

Although the overall record of the track and field team didn't reflect how hard they had worked, they all felt that it was a good season. One that they would remember because they were pushed and tried their absolute best on everything they did.

Daydream: 4/15/07

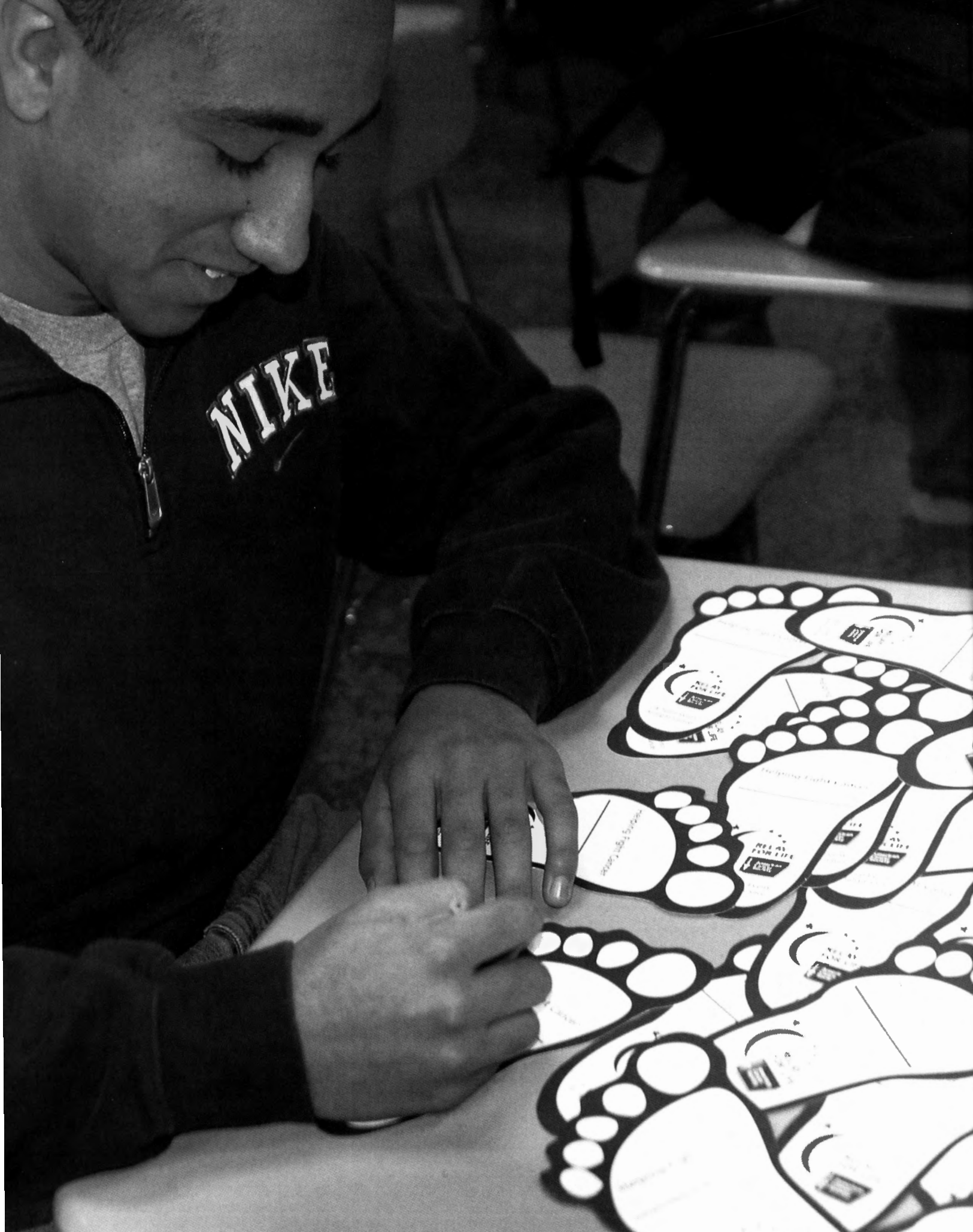


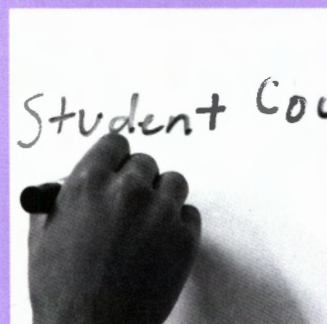
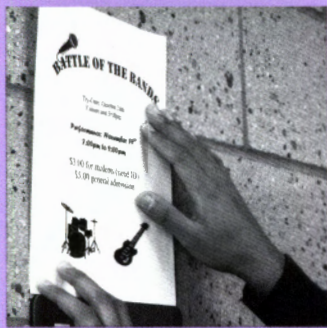
This past season was really great overall, but my favorite meet would have to be when the girls track team won the league meet. I remember, I was running the relay with Kim Killips and we did really well. It was an over

all good time with everything that we did as a team and I bonded with so many people. I'm glad I ran track because I made so many friends that love to do the same things that I love to do.

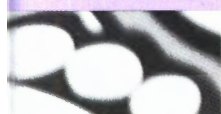
Abigail Rae Dutkiewicz







Filling out some of the charity feet senior Nick Wagner works on a student council fundraising event. Wagner has been a student council member for two years and originally decided to join in order to have an impact on the school and the events they plan. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*



Representing a purpose

For most students, high school was just a process that was essential in order to move on with life. Their only objective was to get an A on their next test so they could have some personal time after school. However, there are some students who got the A and then volunteered their free time by working to improve other peoples' lives. Many did this by joining a club.

These activity period time-killers were stereotyped as a social occasion for some, but others went above and beyond any scholastic expectation. Members of Teens Against Tobacco Use and Peer Resistance sacrificed their Wednesday mornings talking to elementary school students. Others involved in National Honors Society spent dozens of hours a year volunteering at community events. "I first joined National Honors Society because it looks good on college applications but it ended up being really fun. My favorite part is volunteering with my friends," explained junior Damaris Shaffer.

Belonging to a club was a fun and rewarding way to have an impact on the student body as well as the community. Clubs like Student Council allowed students to plan major school events. "Coordinating all the activities we put on has potential to be very stressful," explained English teacher Zack Lawson. "There's a lot of little details that always need to be worked out. Although I enjoy being the advisor because I get the chance to work with really motivated and high achieving students that I otherwise don't get the chance to meet."

Other organizations like the International Club and Gay-Straight Alliance focused on bringing the student body together. All of these newly developed clubs were made from the suggestions and efforts of students. "It took a while to get the GSA going this year," said senior Rebecca Brooks. "It was hard to find support from teachers. Also a lot of seniors didn't participate this year, so there were a lot of inexperienced underclassmen."

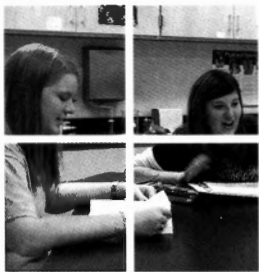
Aside from a social outlet, clubs and organizations supplied the opportunity to have an affect on the student body and community. Students who chose who participate represented the dedication and motivation needed to make a positive difference.

lly great. They accomplish a lot."



Senior Staci Halfmann

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Scholarly clubs

What occurs when clubs turn competitive

During afternoon announcements students would hear information about club meetings that they had never heard of before. Some of the most unknown clubs include Quiz Bowl, Science Olympiad and Destination Imagination. All three clubs involved using prior knowledge to complete the desired task and answer questions.

Quiz Bowl was similar to the TV show *Jeopardy*. "The questions in Quiz Bowl are all random unlike *Jeopardy* where they are in categories," said senior Eric Stuewer. Quiz Bowl competitions took place in different areas and involved many schools.

Science Olympiad involved different aspects of science. The members practiced daily for their event in order to make sure they were prepared for competitions. "We teach and quiz each other about things in our event to make sure we know everything," said senior Jeska Warvel.

Destination Imagination, like Science Olympiad, required the team to prepare for a particular question. The team received a set of questions and then picked one to complete, and later compete. The team can compete at the regional, state and global levels. "There are many different teams, but our biggest competition is Texas," said sophomore Jake Hrapkiewicz.

After a very long day of competition, the 2006 Destination Imagination finally gets to relax. The team, including seniors **Mitch Zajac** and **Ben Wilson**, and sophomores **Jake Hrapkiewicz**, **Josh Voss**, **Ben Dudley**, and **Chad Ackerson** just finished competing in the Instant Challenge competition at the Global competition. The team placed in the top ten during the challenge and finished 19th overall in the Global competition. *Courtesy Photo*



In her free time, sophomore **Katy Essenmacher**, quickly reads about her event, food science, which she will be competing in during the Clio competition in January. Science Olympiad involves weeks of studying to prepare for the competition. The team practices four days a week for several hours. "I have been competing in this event for three years so it's pretty easy and I'm well prepared," said Essenmacher. *Photo by Michael Farran*



What they hope to accomplish:

Science Olympiad



"I hope to do well in the Clio competition that takes place this January. It's my first year, so I'm pretty excited."

Senior Amy Branam



"I really hope we make it back to States. The competition is in its 26th year and Holt has made it every year."

Sophomore Britta Anderson



"We really want to go back to States because every year since it started we've made it. We also hope to get a strong group involved to set a new tradition of excellence."

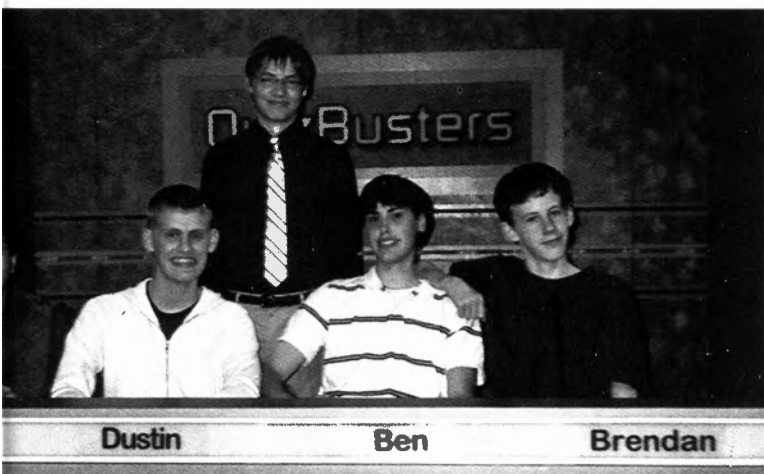
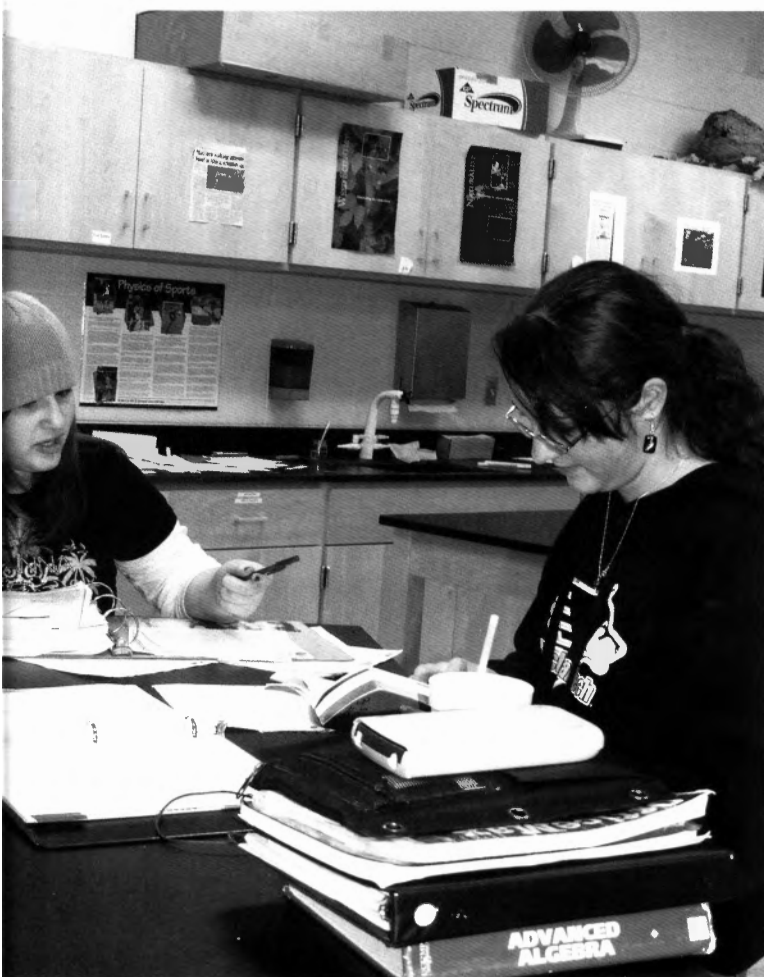
Science teacher Mike Van Antwerp

Many people hope to achieve their fifteen minutes of fame by being on television. The Quiz Bowl team was able to achieve just that. The team, including members seniors **Chaoran Sun**, **Dustin Hagfors**, **Eric Stuewer**, and **Brendan McNerney**, and junior **Ben Trout**, went to Michigan State University to compete in the MSU Quiz Bowl Challenge against Howell High School. *Courtesy Photo*





During a practice, sophomores **Britta Anderson** and **Payton Alagna** attentively studied one of their areas they must compete in, rocks and minerals. Science Olympiad involves reading materials individually, discussing ideas and problems with teammates and teachers, and also quizzing each other over the material to make sure everyone is well prepared. The pair used reading materials that had been compiled for them in binders as well as several science books. "Studying is time consuming, but it prepares us for future science classes," said Alagna. *Photo by Megan Holden*



Should you be in it?

Destination Imagination

- ✓ Destination Imagination requires a lot of creativity, so you should be creative.
- ✓ You should have a general knowledge of how to build things.
- ✓ Be able to work well with others on a team.
- ✓ Have good problem solving abilities.
- ✓ You should be able to think quickly on your feet.
- ✓ Work well when in a situation involving big crowds.
- ✓ D.I. is very competitive, so you should also be competitive.

What he stood for:

Chaoran Sun



"I first began participating in Quiz Bowl during my sophomore year. Despite my involvement, I did not score my first point until four months after I started playing. Even with my inability to help the team, the competition was really fun. Currently, I am in the second senior position on the team, next to our captain Dustin Hagfors. During the competitions I generally prefer to answer questions pertaining to or involving mathematics. Math is one of my best subjects, so those questions come very easy and very fast to me. During our current year of competition, we did very well. We were able to place fourth overall in the annual Quiz Bowl tournament. Although Quiz Bowl is fun and competitive, the only visible drawback to it is the ratio of guys to girls. Overall it has been a really fun and rewarding experience."

Chaoran Sun



What they accomplished: Debate and Forensics



"By being in debate I have learned to think on my feet. I can now argue my position regardless of personal beliefs."

Junior Mercedes Sayer



"Debate has helped me develop better verbal skills. It is a learning experience. You are always learning new information."

Junior Emilie Harris-Makinen



"I use to be a shy person. Forensics has helped me overcome my shyness and my fears of being in front of people."

Senior Jacquelyn Lancour



"I love forensics. It is another way I can express myself. It is a way to break out of your shell."

Senior Rachel Miller

How she represented: Alexandra Trudel

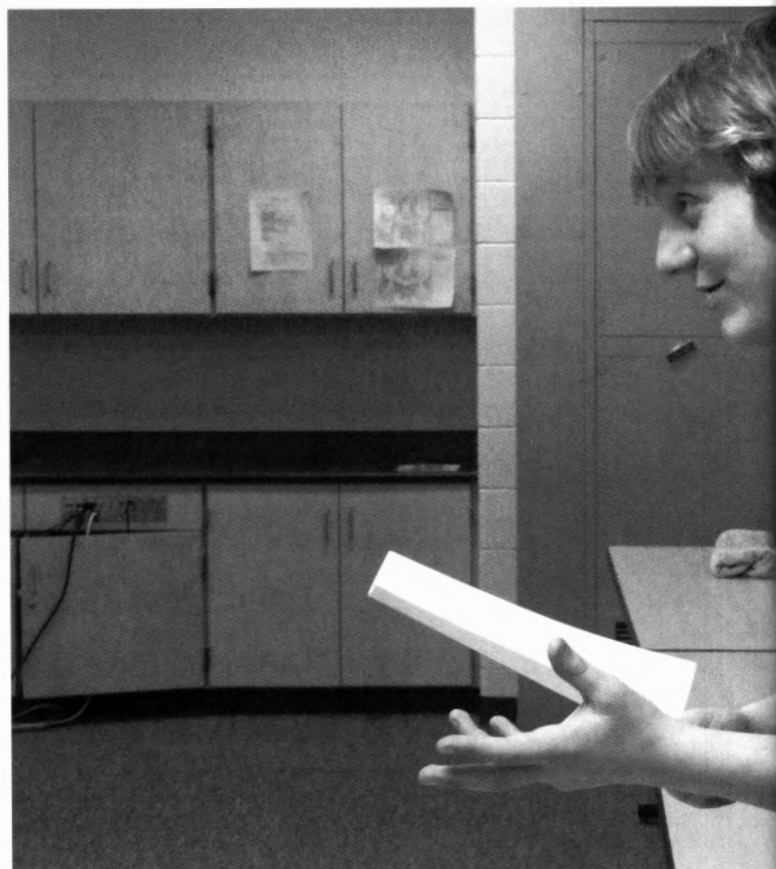


Many people who are in forensics are also in debate. Alexandra Trudel has been a two year member of the forensics club and has also

participated in debate since her freshman year of high school. Often Trudel would hear many things about forensics but never considered it until her junior year. She figured she would join and club, and ended up loving it. Forensics, unlike what people think has nothing to do with science or criminal justice, it is a competitive speech and theatre club. Through forensics Trudel has become a stronger actress has expanded her knowledge of poetry.

Practicing his arguments for his debate competition, **sophomore Ryan Cimmerer** makes eye-contact with his opponents. "It's important to look your opponents in the eye as well as your audience because it makes you seem more dominant in the debate," said Cimmerer. Debate required and strengthened self-confidence in front of people.

Photo by Jill Zelenski



Prancing around limited props, junior **Rebecca Jones** practices for her forensics performance. Jones decided to participate in the theater portion of forensics. "Acting dramatic is especially important when telling the politically correct version of Rapunzel because it helps the story get across more easily and makes the audience more interested," explained Jones. *Photo by Jill Zelenski*





Polishing his trophies, debate coach Guil Northrup proudly cleans his display of student achievements. Northrup coached debate for roughly fifteen years. He planned on continuing to coach the debate and forensics teams in hopes of future gold. Photo by Jill Zelenski

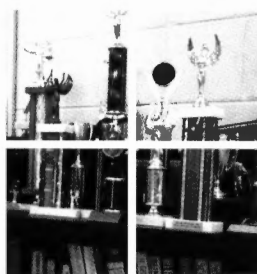


First comes research, then comes debate; Sophomore Lauren Gibbons writes notes to help her "study" for her competition. In the beginning of the year, debate students were given topics to research so they could become more familiar with world issues. "Knowing the facts for your debate and having notes in front of you helps a lot," said Gibbons. Photo by Jill Zelenski

Should you be in it?

Debate

- ✓ Improvisation is key. You need to be able to put forth a good performance without planning or preparation.
- ✓ To fight for your position on an issue, you need to have determination to win over your opponent.
- ✓ You have to have confidence in yourself that you know the data to support your position.
- ✓ The more flexible your schedule is the easier it is to participate in Debate. You have to be dedicated.
- ✓ Having people skills can come in handy. The more savvy you are with interacting with people, the better.
- ✓ Debate is a serious club, but if you have a sense of humor it will lighten it up.



Clubs forgotten

Debate & Forensics continue although overlooked

"You can't join mathletes, it's social suicide!" This quote from the movie *Mean Girls* was a typical reaction to clubs like debate and forensics-or any club that wasn't considered "typical". Debate and Forensics were unique clubs. Because of this, debate and forensics was often misunderstood or forgotten.

"Often debate and forensics are seen as dorks sitting in a room doing nothing," said junior Rebecca Jones. In debate it was important to be up to date on current events. Not only was it important to grasp the concept of world issues, but also to create the counter argument that might be attached to it takes a lot of skill as well.

The first step in forensics was picking between theater or speech. Both theater and speech left competitors with plenty of options for events to participate in. Between the two, the events included: storytelling, poetry, dramatic interpretation, sales, improv, and broadcasting. While there was a misconception that forensics involved crime scenes, these were the only categories.

"If more attention was given to these two clubs, our school's spirit would be even higher than it is now with football and basketball because of we often bring home the gold in debate and forensics as well!" said Jones.





Finding time

Activity period: to keep it or to drop it?

With the new trimesters challenging all the teachers to crunch their curriculums into shortened schedules, activity period's importance was questioned. Many teachers had differing opinions regarding what action should be taken for activity period clubs.

"Some people argue that we should have activity period in order to get kids who might not be interested in school interested by joining clubs. Then they argue that club meetings have to be held during instructional time or kids will not come. So the goal is to get kids interested in school but it will only work when we let them miss school to do it. I guess I'm just not smart enough to see how that makes sense," said math teacher Marty Schnepf, who opposed activity period.

Lots of people, teachers and students alike, enjoyed and supported activity period. People found that being able to hang out with like minded individuals was helpful to let people enjoy in school.

"I like activity period, I think it is useful for the kids that take advantage of it, the kids that stay in class can use the time for homework and further studying of the subject they are in, but I do wish more kids used activity period," said science teacher Heather Peterson.

Ultimately, the staff voted to keep activity period going once a month.

Gathering together, many anime enthusiasts watch Japanese translated anime in **Business Education teacher Jeff Shane's** room every Thursday after school. When they got together and watched anime movies, they made time to play Dance Dance Revolution and sometimes even ordered pizza. They had a blast just hanging out with each other sharing that common interest of Japanese animation. Many of the club members had been interested in anime before they joined the club, while some started this interest after they joined the club. *Photo By Scott Hulteen*



Should you be in it? Anime Club

- ☒ I like to eat pizza, play Dance Dance Revolution, and watch movies.
- ☒ I like to meet new people and be involved with groups of new friends with the same tastes.
- ☒ I enjoy watching anime on TV and reading anime books.
- ☒ I enjoy watching movies of all different genres that have better plot lines.
- ☒ I like to explore fictional situations that might not be possible in real life.
- ☒ I like to explore other countries pop cultures, specifically Japanese.

Leaking oxygen into the air, trees supply vital elements for human life existence. Environmental club worked to give students a better supply of oxygen. Their job was to maintain the green around our community. Many people had not realized what contributions the Environmental Club gave to the community. They tried to keep the trees green and healthy throughout every season. Provided as much help as possible, the Environmental Club looked forward to the survival of pine trees's needles and greenness in the winter while other trees withered away with the snow. *Photo By Scott Hulteen*





Pushing their massive cart down the hall, sophomores **Chance Bailey** and **Jessica Husby** helped recycle paper on Wednesday mornings before school started. By recycling paper, they hoped to save as many trees as they can. "It feels good to do something that helps the planet," said sophomore **Pam Philo**. Recycling was a huge part of their purpose in joining the club. They took pride in taking care of things that most people ignored. *Photo By Scott Hulteen*



Displayed on the big screen is an anime series called *Cromatle High School* that Anime Club members watch after school. "Cromatle High School is a very odd and random series, but overall I think it is pretty good," said junior **Ian Wilson**. Many shared their common interest in watching foreign anime movies. That was one of the advantages that Anime Club provided for students. *Photo By Scott Hulteen*

What they accomplished: Anime & Environmental Club



"I have helped Anime Club become a great environment where you can always find a friend and have a good time."

Senior Valerie Drake



"We helped save trees by recycling paper, instead of letting people throw it away. Our goal is to save two hundred trees."

Sophomore Jae Wolff



"We have had fun, making some new friends and we have experienced another lands pop culture."

Senior Josh Ervin

How he represented: Chance Bailey

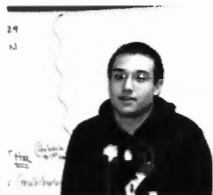


Many people did not know what they were doing to their environment when they threw their trash on the ground and when they do not recycle the paper they use. One member of the Environmental Club was trying to change the way he lived, and the way others do to make a difference in the world. Bailey did this by gathering the recycled paper in the teachers classrooms every Wednesday with a team of his classmates. "We are all basically tree huggers," said Bailey. During the Environmental Club meetings Bailey and his classmates talked about what they could do to better their environment. "We talk about saving the world, it is cool because we can be like super heros," said Bailey. Bailey also had tips for what the average person can do to better the environment around him. "Don't litter paper, just recycle it, and don't throw your trash on the ground because that can harm and even kill innocent animals."



How he represented:

Robert Vankirk



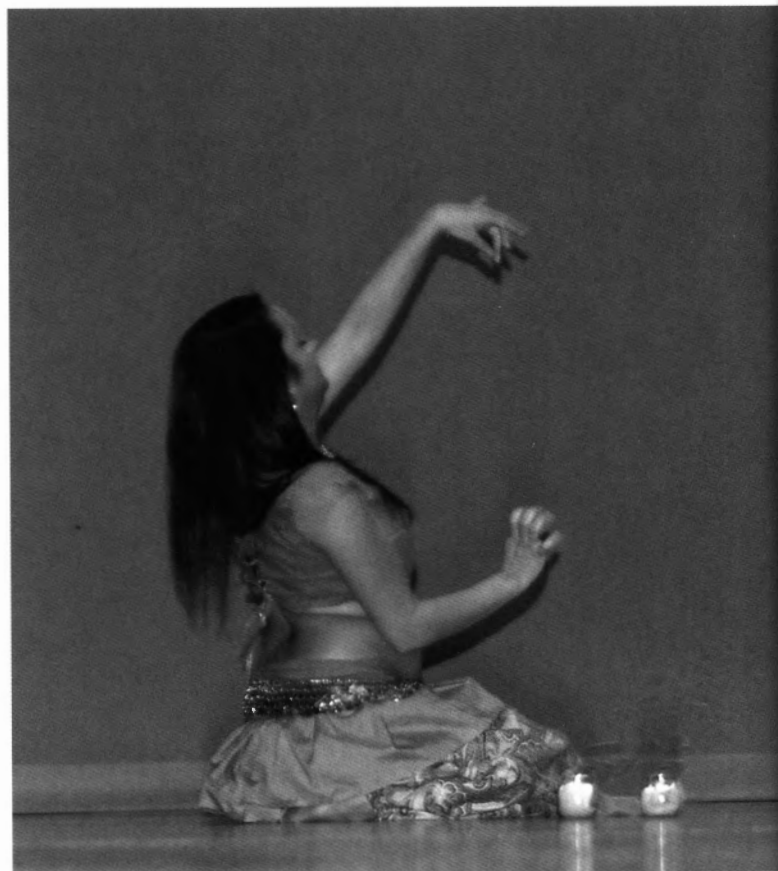
A man who knows what he stands for, senior Vankirk was the president of the Gay-Straight Alliance (also known as the GSA) and has been a part of the club since it was founded last year. "The purpose of the GSA is to raise tolerance in Holt High School and raise awareness for LGBT, which stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered," said Vankirk. The GSA organized numerous events designed to promote the club's agenda, such as the Day of Silence in April, and the Fishbowl. At the Fishbowl, two classes came together, having previously submitted anonymous questions to a trained panel of students, and discussed anything and everything regarding the harder issues of sexuality. Vankirk freely expressed his passion for the club. "I want to make sure every student feels comfortable to be who they really are in this school," he said.

Should you be in it?

International Club

- ☒ You find no humor in racist jokes.
- ☒ You're basically color-blind when it comes to who you hang out with.
- ☒ You love to be around people, no matter who they are.
- ☒ You feel very strongly about racism in your school.
- ☒ You don't define yourself or who you hang out with by your ethnicity.
- ☒ You have impeccable taste in music for Mix-It-Up Thursdays.
- ☒ It bothers you that the student body is sometimes divided by race or ethnicity.

The day before the International Show was one full of planning and organizing for the International Club. Students voluntarily gave up the extra sleep they usually get on Wednesday mornings to attend a meeting that pulled the last few strings together on the show. **Consumer Science teacher Meagann Bos** helped **junior Kandice Duke** sort out her specific duties for the show, which included greeting guests and selling tickets at the door. *Photo by Lexi McPike*



A few active members of the Gay-Straight Alliance such as **sophomore Kenda Smith** attended a meeting on Wednesday morning. The meeting covered several different topics that the GSA was focusing on, such as the Day of Silence in April, and the Fishbowl event. Members of the GSA included homosexual, bisexual, straight, and students that were unsure of their sexual orientation. Some students joined just to show their support for gays in our community. *Photo by Lexi McPike*





By far the most cultured act in the International Show, **Jennifer Podar** and **Rebecca Rogers**, who call themselves the Zbah Dancers demonstrated their talents as belly dancers in front of the large audience. The sophisticated, graceful movements of the dancers captivated the viewers, and demanded their undivided attention. The two ladies had been dancing for years now, and they wanted to portray the elegant, fluid sense of the dance, which was how it originally was meant to be, as opposed to the sexual implications that many dances imply nowadays.

Photo by Lexi McPike



A surprised volunteer held two pieces of a board that was formerly only one. This fast-paced act in the International Show was a crowd favorite, as **sophomores Justin Kring** and **JT Poe** used numerous different body parts to break large numbers of very solid wooden boards. Different extremities such as elbows, hands, feet (as shown above), and even foreheads were used to break anywhere from one to five boards. *Photo by Lexi McPike*



What they accomplished:

International Club



"We organize the Mix-It-Up Thursdays, and we are also going to do a talent show called the International Show. "

Sophomore Kevin Skinker



"The whole point of International Club is that it makes you realize that everyone is different, and it helps you to appreciate those differences."

Junior Mandie Deason



"We're taking a trip to Cedar Point later in the year. It's open to everyone, and we use some of the leftover money from our fund-raisers to help pay for it."

Junior Anisha Howlett



Club controversy

The scoop on the clubs that stir things up

Most high schools had the type of clubs you would expect, such as languages or the Environmental Club. There was always a healthy rivalry between Spanish and French Club, yet nothing too intense. Many people overlook the fact that a few of our clubs deal with issues that cause a lot of controversy in our society today.

The Gay-Straight Alliance and the International Club were two of those. The GSA was focused on tolerance to people's sexual orientations, and the International Club's goal is to unite our student body, regardless of racial or ethnic backgrounds.

The GSA was made up of gay, straight, and bisexual students. "I think it's important to promote tolerance here," said senior Tessa Cholewicki. "I joined to show that you don't have to be gay to be in the GSA; you can be straight and still support it."

"The definition of International Club is a group of people who care about the student body, and want to unite it. We work against the separation of racial and ethnic backgrounds," said senior Nemanja Lazic. Lazic was a part of International Club since his junior year, and has come to be an active participant in the club.

anyone's choice to participate."



Sophomore Rosie Walker

International Club/GSA

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Over time: NHS Food Drive

On December 7th, NHS students volunteered in the food drive.



2:45 p.m.
Obtain cart to collect food.



3:00 p.m.
Collect cans from teachers' baskets.



Count each item for a grand total.



Load into cars to take to food bank.

What they accomplished: NHS



"I volunteered with Give a Kid a Coat day, the stuffed animal drive and the Dino Dash."

Junior Lauren Crawford



"I volunteered a lot at my church in the summer with Vacation Bible School helping the little kids."

Junior Terra Livingston



"I recently volunteered at the Lansing River Run and made sure people didn't run over anyone with their cars."

Junior Ben Trout



"I helped out at local soccer camps and helped out younger kids. They were really fun to volunteer at!"

Senior Jessica Baker

How she represented: Marissa Perry

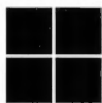
While many students thought that volunteering within their communities was a major waste of time, senior Marissa Perry explained just how much she disagreed. "Volunteering is really rewarding. You get to help people out and do things you wouldn't normally do, all while feeling really great about yourself," said Perry.

Looking for upcoming volunteering opportunities, senior Jill Zelenski and FST teacher Heidi Misaras sign up to help with the 2007 winter food drive. National Honor Society students had to complete 20 hours of community service by the end of the year. The volunteer opportunities were very diverse, ranging from organizing the 'Give a Kid a Coat' drive to tutoring younger children after school. *Photo by Liz Tompkins*



Paying close attention to the speaker at the NHS meeting, students listen for information about upcoming volunteer opportunities and activities to volunteer at and for the dates when hours are due. Students who participated in NHS were required to attend weekly society meetings. It was also mandatory for them to turn in a vital number of volunteering hours to the counseling center by the due date. There were four main due dates spread throughout the course of the year. *Photo by Liz Tompkins*

Sorting the plethora of food donated during the food drive, seniors Hannah Taylor and Annette Gianino organize the donated foods into different categories before delivering the food to the local food bank. Delivering food baskets, collecting, sorting and taking the food to the food bank was one of many volunteer opportunities that NHS members took part in during the school year. "There was so much more food to sort this year than any other year, that I can remember," said junior Allison Schnepf. "We counted exactly 1,311 items," Schnepf finished. *Photo by Liz Tompkins*



What she accomplished: Key Club

"We're all about helping other people and we do what we can to help the less fortunate."

Senior Kiera Leitz



Greater good

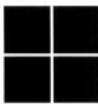
Volunteering makes positive difference in students lives

"Volunteering though the school allows people to help save the world and make it a better place. Plus, it makes the school look good," said junior Lauren Wheeler. Wheeler was one of many students who volunteered through school sponsored organizations such as the NHS and Key club.

To participate, the National Honor Society made sure students had a certain GPA and had a minimum of twenty hours of community service per year, while Key Club had no requirements other than the participants needed to want to be involved in their communities. Although NHS and Key Club had different requirements for students, both organizations held one main goal: to volunteer and make a difference in there communities.

"Volunteering is a really great way to get involved and active in your community. Participation in these programs looks great on your college applications. I think every member of NHS and Key Club hope that their positive leadership and hard work will inspire other members in the school to do just as many great things," said junior Jillian Allen, a member of NHS.

Not only did volunteering help the community, but it made many positive influences in students lives. "My time is well spent volunteering. I help others and in turn, it helps me become a better person," explained senior Jeska Warvel.



Should you be in it? NHS

- ☒ You have a GPA of a 3.25 or higher.
- ☒ You show courtesy, concern, and have respect for others.
- ☒ You demonstrate leadership in the classroom, at work, and with school activities.
- ☒ You love to participate in community activities.
- ☒ You gladly volunteer and are willing to sacrifice and offer help often.
- ☒ You love volunteering your time for a good cause.



but I'd rather get paid for the work I do."



Senior Tony Lampani

NHS & Key Club

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Family Feud: Language clubs



"It's entertaining I love the doughnuts, French is the best that's why we always win in soccer."

Sophomore Sam Holmes



"German club is the best, we go to Frankenmuth and that is awesome; French club cheats that's why they won soccer last year."

Junior Kyle Hanton



"It's fun to learn about the Spanish culture, Spanish is the only language you need to learn."

Sophomore Nicole Casanova



"Spanish club is fun we go out to eat a lot. Our motto is 'If Spanish were easy they'd call it French.' "

Junior Justin Cribley

What he stood for: Kevin Naeyaert



"This is my favorite tale to tell.

At the World Language Week World Cup final, all the pregame talk was how Spanish would win because they had 'Varsity Play-

ers.' Little did they know that the French had their own three superstars, and a game plan that they had cooked up in the Soccer Zone locker room. Lothar, Andy Warden and of course myself, Kevin Naeyaert, led the french team against highly favored Mexico. We were resilient. After the first half, all pregame talk was over and after a stressful shoot-out the French prevailed. We then went on to defeat Germany in the World Cup final. "

Kevin Naeyaert IV



Watching intently students wait in suspense to see if their language will win the intense shoot out between the French and the Spanish. After five stressful rounds the shoot out was won by the French. Many students turned out to support their language. Anyone who came was rewarded with points in their language class. Photo by Karen Holman-Cervera





The French World Cup soccer team celebrates a victory at the annual World Cup Soccer game at soccer zone. The team started the day by causing a huge upset when they surprisingly defeated the Spanish speaking Spain team. In a suspenseful shoot out. They then progressed to the second round where they put away a German team in a wonderful victory, taking home the very first World Language Week World Cup Soccer game trophy. *Photo by Karen Holman-Cervera.*

Stealing a ball from 2007 senior Bernardo Mandujano and junior Justin Shewchuck participate in the world language week soccer game of Spain vs. Mexico. The game gave students a chance to support their second language, and play soccer even if they had never been on the team. Participants all agreed that playing the game was a great experience and would do it again. *Photo by Karen Holman-Cervera*



Should you be in it?

Language Clubs

- ✓ You must love to eat. If you are in a language club you have to be open minded about different foods.
- ✓ You must be prepared to meet people, not just meet them, but learn about them in a different language.
- ✓ You must be ready to learn about many different cultures, this means venturing out.
- ✓ You must perfect your language skills to say funny things. Phrases not necessarily learned in class.
- ✓ You must be willing to help out your community by doing activities like caroling for senior citizens.
- ✓ You must be geared up to compete or cheer on your language club at the annual world cup soccer game.



World War III?

Language club rivalries get heated

Talking smack and calling names are things you would never expect from a group of studious bilingual students. Ever since the tradition of an annual World Cup Soccer game between the language clubs started in 2007, the French, the German, and the Spanish speaking students were after each other.

Every year the three languages participated in an event known as World Language Week. To participate in this week full of foreign exploration, the only requirement was that students had to be in a language class; but the people who went out and really showed their spirit were the members of the language clubs. The members of the language clubs all had strong passion for the languages they spoke.

"The most exciting part of the week," according to Spanish teacher Brooke Klecha, was the "World Cup Soccer game." This soccer game was between members of the French, German and Spanish club members and students from language classes.

In 2007 the French team won the World Cup championship. After the first year of competition, things got heated. As people waited for next years game, hackling and teasing were shared between the classes as each club was



Over time: Student Council

Throughout the year, Student Council was solely responsible for planning many events.



9/21/07
Homecoming



11/14/07
Battle of the Bands



1/15/07
Teacher Props



3/30/07
Talent Show

What she stood for: Annette Gianino



"I've been in Student Council since I was a sophomore. My favorite part is that I get to

work with some really great people. We all have a lot of fun at the meetings and all the random events we are a part of. My favorite event that we organize is the Winterfest dance. This is Mr. Lawson's first year being the advisor, and he is doing a really great job giving us direction. Mitch Zajac is also a really great Student Council president. Overall, Student Council has been a great experience, and I'm glad that I choose to be a part of it."

Annette Gianino

Listening to Mr. Lawson intently, senior **Madelaine Prange** checks her agenda for upcoming events. Student Council meetings took place every Wednesday morning, ranging from fifteen minutes to an hour. With dedication having been a huge part of the club, only a few motivated students chose to come every week. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*



What they accomplished: Student Council



"Battle of the Bands was the best activity I participated in."

Sophomore Kate Reston



"Pep rallies are the best. It's great to see how the kids react to our activities."

Sophomore Lauren Gibbons

Preparing the giant bucket of pudding during the homecoming pep rally, seniors **Stephanie Self** and **Alexis Louth** get ready for one of the court games. "The pudding was really gross but it ended up working well. We used it to bury the pictures of the homecoming king and queen," said Louth. *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*





What she accomplished: Student Council

"Student Council is a great way to meet kids from different groups around the school."

Sophomore Rachel Schmitt



Comparing notes seniors **Kelly Hamelin, Anna Megdell, Hannah Taylor, and Trina Rawlinson** try to make a decision during the Battle of the Bands auditions. "All of the bands did great, and it was really cool to watch them all," said Megdell. The panel then ultimately chose 4 bands: Antreum, The Open Late Thursdays, Zach Bower, and Burning the Night Sky.
Photo by Tyler McMillin.



Sharing ideas about an upcoming event Student Council sponsored event **sophomores Gabe Murley, Breanna Carson, Alex Hernandez, and Phil Batterson** talk during a Wednesday morning meeting. "I was in Student Council last year as a freshmen," explained Carson, "and I decided to run for vice president this year because I wanted to help the school."
Photo by Kelly Hamelin



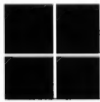
Hearts of gold

Students live up to their organization.

Students around the school from different cliques and groups gathered in Mr. Lawson's room every Wednesday morning for Student Council. All of these motivated students were there to express themselves by helping both the school and their community. "As a group we do a good job reaching out to the community and bringing different aspects of high school together," explained senior Jill Zelenski, a four-year Student Council member.

These outstanding volunteers used their collective ideas for events like Homecoming, Winterfest, Battle of the Bands, the Talent Show, and multiple charity events. "It's really difficult because Student Council was completely responsible for planning all of the school events. It's a lot more difficult than many people probably realize!" said senior Kelly Hamelin.

Although these students acknowledged the strenuous workload of the group, they knew that their contributions were important. For example, during the Battle of the Bands, Student Council was able to raise over seven hundred dollars and was able to donate a majority of that money to the Lansing Rescue Mission for the holiday season. Because of this organization, students were able to have functional pep rallies, parades, and dances while the community also benefited greatly.



How she represented: Breanna Carson



Sophomore Breanna Carson was a dedicated member of Student Council. She and her fellow classmates sacrificed their sleeping-in time on Wednesday mornings to make the school a better place. "My favorite part of Student

Council is being able to help out with the school. I like to give my input on what goes into all of the events that we plan," said Carson. She planned on staying in the organization all through high school because of her love for the activities. "My favorite activity we have done was the Battle of the Bands," said Carson. Her commitment to the organization showed in the final product, and she was excited with the outcome.



at school that is fun. I love them!"



Senior Michael Bowers

Student Council

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What they accomplished: Peer Assistance



"I helped set up a tutoring program at Hope Middle School, but it's still a work in progress."

Senior Morgan Wilson



"On December 4th we had an exchange with Pottersville and I helped the Pottersville students find their way around."

Senior Jacklyn Ungren



"I helped a couple from breaking up. I felt really proud that I got the chance to help my peers."

Senior Kinnith Gibbs



"I really enjoyed having a student from Pottersville come to my classes with me. And I made a friend in the process."

Junior Zoe Guettler

What he stood for: Tyler Vickers



"I think that the PALs group is an important part of any high school. I became a PAL my junior year because I thought I was a

good advice giver but the point of PALs is not to give advice but to listen. While we do help people with their problems we do it without telling them what to do. It's an interesting and unique process that we went through a lot of training for. It has been a rewarding experience being a PAL. And I have been privileged to meet a lot of interesting people along the way."

Tyler Vickers



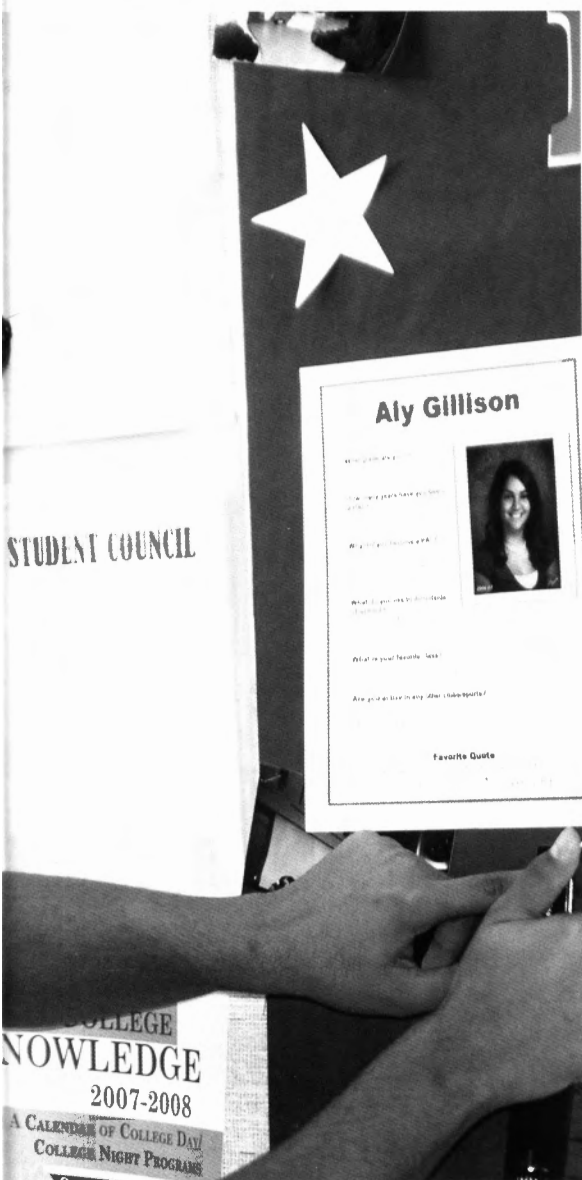
Taking a snack break PALs coordinator Sue Kenny treats herself and others to a slice of pizza after a hard day's work at the PALs exchange day. "PALs exchange day was a way for us to enjoy the company of fellow PALs. I was able to relate to other people and share my experiences with the other PALs, said junior Zoe Guettler. Photo by Tyler Vickers.





Listening intently the members of PALs sit in on their yearly meeting about PALs exchange day. "PALs exchange day was when members of PALs from other schools came to see how we operated," explained **senior Jacklyn Ungren**. "It's a fun way to meet new people and see different environments than you're used to." *Photo by Tyler Vickers*

Posting valuable information **senior Tyler Vickers** adds to the PALs informational board near the counselors office. "Updating the PALs wall gave people a chance to know when they could come in for help and when our meets were held," said senior Tyler Vickers. The PALs wall included information such as biographies of important people in the PALs organization. *Photo by Danton Thon.*



Should you be in it? PALs

- ✓ Be willing to submit an application to the counselors office to be in PALs.
- ✓ Complete an interview by counselors about your background and how you can be a PAL.
- ✓ You need to be friendly and non judgemental to the people that you are helping.
- ✓ You need to be a good listener when helping classmates with their problems.
- ✓ You need to be respectful to other peoples feelings.
- ✓ Also genuinely wanting to help people with there personal problems.



Be a PAL

PALs work to unite the school

Every day was different for a PAL. Also known as Peer Assistance Listeners, students involved in PALs had new obstacles and challenges presented to them every day. "Being a PAL is never boring," said senior Morgan Wilson. "Everyday I am presented with a new challenge to overcome or help others overcome."

PALs was created to give students an outlet for advice and assistance from their very own classmates, instead of a teacher or counselor. PALs worked towards making students feel connected and promoted kindness throughout the school. They also gave orientations and tours to new students.

"Activities that PALs participated in range from the PALs exchange day to suicide prevention lectures during health class," explained three-year advisor Stephanie Kingsley. "The ultimate goal is to make everyone feel accepted and welcome."

In order to become a PAL students completed an application and an interview. Because of the time consuming process only a few very motivated and helpful students were members of the club. "Helping others had always been a passion of mine," said junior Alysha Gillison. "The decision to become a peer assistance leader was an easy one."

year. The club is a really good thing though."



Sophomore Jake Starin

PALs

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Should you be in it?

TATU/Peer Resistance

- ☒ You have a strong belief that drugs and alcohol are bad.
- ☒ You feel rewarded by impacting the lives of children.
- ☒ You love to eat pizza and spend time with cool people.
- ☒ You want to go out and visit old schools and teachers.
- ☒ You have good grades.
- ☒ You are liked by teachers; enough for them to nominate you.
- ☒ You jump at the opportunity to wear a bright orange shirt.

I Pledge to be Tobacco Free

What she stood for:

Missy Mohr

"When I was at Midway Elementary school, doing a presentation, I was wearing my boyfriend's football jersey, throughout the whole presentation this kid kept watching me, when it came time for questions his hand shot up and said 'In high school can girls play football?'"

Missy Mohr



Starting a presentation at Horizon Elementary school, juniors Aaron Kruch, Sarah Chronister, Carolina Madrid, Sarah Stapelton, David Lopez, Ben Clone, and sophomores Jordan Beachnau and Cole Darling. All members of TATU, explained to the kids why they came to talk to them. Club members told the 4th graders their name grade and any activities they were involved in at the high school. This information got kids excited, and interested in the guest they had in their classroom. This helped build an admiration for the high schoolers in their class. Photo by Melissa Thering



Presentation: TATU

The members of TATU go to the various elementary schools in the district and present to the kids a pre-planned presentation. 1. First they introduce themselves, followed by a fun game involving balloons. 2. Then the kids watch a fun movie with aliens. 3. Afterward club members present the many deceitful advertisements that you can find in the every day life, advertisements that will try and get the kids to smoke. 4. Followed by a bag full of the grossest ingredients in cigarettes. 5. After many questions about high school and cigarettes, 6. The kids sign a poster to remember all they learned



"Now keep the balloon up with your elbows," explains **junior Sarah Chronister**, as she works with **juniors Carolina Madrid and Sarah Stapelton**, while they played an educational game with a 4th grade class at Horizon Elementary School. The kids were asked to try and keep a balloon up with many different body parts. They were asked then to use a straw. The game, showed the kids how difficult breathing could become if you were required to breath through a straw, which demonstrated the capabilities of your lungs when filled with tar, or affected by emphysema. *Photo by Melissa Thering*

Explaining all the nasty ingredients involved in a cigarette, **Junior David Lopez** completes his first TATU presentation. Lopez was in his first year of TATU. Nervous as he was, he had an excellent first presentation. He showed the class of admiring 4th graders the many ingredients involved in cigarettes. "Arsenic is in cigarettes," said Lopez, "Arsenic is used to kill rats!" This line always drew a reaction from the students. *Photo by Melissa Thering*



By example

TATU/Peer Resistance is setting an example.

"Tattoo there's a club about tattoos?" Members of the club TATU were often asked that question. TATU was in fact a group of nominated, responsible students who believed strongly in the fight against tobacco. The interesting thing about this club was the fact that they travel to elementary schools in the district and talked to 4th graders about the many harmful effects of smoking.

The club had two presentations set up for the fourth grade classes. In the fall the presentation was called TATU. TATU was a presentation to inform 4th graders about the harmful effects of smoking. In the spring the presentation was called Peer Resistance. Peer Resistance was a presentation made for older children. For the Peer Resistance presentation the members go to the middle schools and talk to 5th and 6th graders about the harmful effects of drinking and how to say no to peer pressure.

"The kids are all so involved and they really look up to us," said junior Mary Laura Quasarano. Members of TATU/Peer Resistance went into these school as representatives of what high school is all about. The younger kids admire the big high schoolers.

"It's awesome to think that we could change even just one of these kids lives," said junior Anthony Watson. The younger students really look up to the interesting high schoolers in there classroom.

What she stood for: Mary Laura Quasarano



"I love being able to educate younger kids about the hazards of drinking and smoking. It is a very important thing to know and I'm honored to be a part of it. My favorite part about TATU would definitely have to be the respect you get

from the kids. My favorite memory in TATU would have to be at Elliott when a little boy asked us a hilarious question. 'If you had 5 million boxes of cigarettes, would you rather burn them or throw them away?' It was such an awesome question and we had no idea how to answer it. I absolutely love the way kids think."

Mary Laura Quasarano

to tobacco that's when they need to hear it."



Erika Stoner

TATU/ Peer Resistance

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What she stood for:

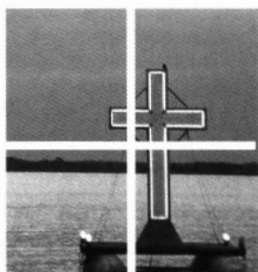
Hannah Taylor



"Growing up with two older sisters who regularly attended Campus Life, there was little question in my mind that, when at the ripe age of a freshman, I would also attend the weekly club. Through CL, I've gained the opportunity

to develop relationships with some of the best friends I'll probably ever have, participate in the greatest trips on the face of the earth, and learn the importance of caring about others. CL provides an environment where people can truly be themselves, no matter how crazy and wierd that may be. It's active, amusing, and inspiring, all in one. I'm extremely thankful to be a part of it."

Hannah Taylor



Fun with God

Campus Life: inviting, informative, insanely fun!

Crazy. Wacky. The time of your life.

All of these were ways to describe Campus Life, the organization which was known for having no certain definition or agenda. It was just a way to have a great time, meet new people, and learn about religion while having fun. Campus Life was a branch of Youth for Christ, founded in 1965. It had been growing in different schools across the nation for forty-three years.

"If you haven't been there with Campus Life, you haven't really been there!" One may have heard this phrase often from the staff or dedicated student leaders when speaking of the many trips and events that Campus Life regularly organized. These trips ranged from Florida Breakaway, where students spent their Spring Break week in Florida and went to places like Cocoa Beach, Universal Studios, and Wet'n'Wild, to the Smokies trip, where a week of summer was spent hiking in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and cruising around the historical city of Gatlinburg.

Campus Life is a fun way to relate religion to everyday issues that students struggle with in high school. "Being in Campus Life has allowed me to share my faith with others and be a good representation for my peers," said senior Marc Anderson, an avid Campus Life-goer since seventh grade.



Giving new meaning to the phrase 'use your head', junior Monica Tanner, seniors Phil Johnson and Alexis Louth, and junior Lexi McPike participate in one of the many wacky ice-breaking games during a weekly Campus Life meeting. A pie tray full of chocolate pudding was placed before the students, and it was their job to dig their way through them using only their mouths to retrieve ten gummy worms buried throughout the pudding. Numerous silly games are played each week as a fun way of starting out the meetings, and prizes are sometimes given to the winners. Photo by Tracee Bushnell



Over time:

Campus Life goes to..

Campus Life puts on many small events, as well as larger out-of-state and sometimes out-of-country trips.



Perched on the beautiful rocks of the Smoky Mountains, over a hundred students from the Lansing area finally get to relax after a five-mile hike in the rocky terrain. The small watering hole at the end of the hike was a popular place to cool off and rest. The three hikes completed over the course of the Smokies trip were just a few of many entertaining things to do; the city of Gatlinburg was full of novelty shops, lazer-tag arenas, and local restaurants. The Smokies trip was a favorite among many of the Holt students. *Photo by Trent Bushnell*

Finishing up a hard day's work, seniors **Briana Ford** and **Hannah Taylor** staple the last few shingles to the roof of the house they helped to construct during the Project Serve trip over the summer. Students spent a week in the gulf coast of Mississippi, working on several different housing projects, such as painting, hanging doors and windows, putting up trim, tearing down moldy walls, and roofing, as pictured below. Campus Life sponsors a different mission trip every summer, where students participate in similar reconstructive volunteer work. *Photo by Tracee Bushnell*



Should you be in it?

Campus Life Quality

- ✓ You're an open-minded person.
- ✓ You have a goofy sense of humor.
- ✓ You enjoy meeting new people and making friends.
- ✓ You know how to have good, clean fun.

What they accomplished:

Campus Life-goers



"Campus Life is a great way to meet people that you normally wouldn't be able to in school."

Senior Phil Johnson



"It's cool; everyone should at least give it a shot. It really helps you spiritually."

Sophomore Martin Sanabria



"I've been interested in going for a while, but I've just recently started attending meetings, and I love it!"

Freshman Brooke Smythe



"I've learned to be a more giving and open person about my life and others."

Junior Monica Tanner



11/9/07
All Night Party



12/1/07
Chicago



1/2/08
Big Chill



1/25/08
Pistons Game



3/30/08
Florida Breakaway



6/17/08
Smokies

comfortable, and they're hilarious!"



Sophomore Sarah Abent

Campus Life

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Over time: Tech Society

Tech Society is involved with a show before, during, and after it has performed.



9/25/07
Building of Sugar



9/25/07
Building of Sugar



10/12/07
Striking of Sugar



10/12/07
Striking of Sugar

What she stood for: Rachelle Hough



"Techies are the unseen celebrities of the theatre world. Here at Holt it's the same.

We work all the shows imaginable at the high school and get little or no recognition for it. We work all of the musicals down to the dance competitions and everything else in between. People don't realize how much time and effort we put into everything we do. Half the time it's practically like we live here. Myself, I've worked almost every show since my sophomore year. It takes a lot of time and dedication to be in tech. Tech means the world to me, so much that it's going to be my career."

Rachelle Hough

Meaning Business, senior Emily Lenhard and junior Rebecca Jones were working during Sugar strike by helping out with costumes and fabrics. The costume room was a part of what the tech society's duties are for a show. In order for the actors to look good on stage, they need costumes to look like the era they are in. Led by English teacher Erin Umpstead for the first year, the costumers were a huge success to pull off the 1960's Sugar wardrobe. Photo by Marc Anderson



Taking notes, seniors Kaitlyn Sundstrom, Megan Lange, and junior Amanda Williams are learning something new from Jeff Miller, Theatre and Events Manager, and staff of the Technological Society. Miller has been theatre and events manager and staff of tech society at Holt for 5 years. This is Nick Mournings first year helping out with the tech society. Photo by Marc Anderson

Making sure the audience can see, junior Matt Danner operates the lights, or sound for various performances in the Margret Livensparger theatre in Holt High School. "I love tech society because I like to make peoples dreams come true by making shows the best they can be." The lights and sound are a crucial part of anything that goes on in the Theatre. Without, you'd have quiet actors on a dark stage. Photo by Marc Anderson

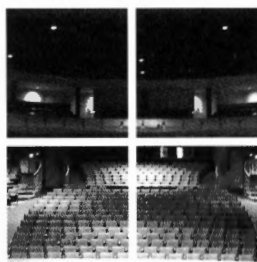
Should you be in it? Tech Society

- ✓ Your basement is full of audio and recording equipment.
- ✓ You're very organized and get stuff done fast.
- ✓ You love hands on work, and do it yourself jobs.
- ✓ You're very creative and love to draw and paint different things.

What she accomplished: Tech Society

"I worked as a Lights Technician for the fall musical *Sugar*, and I also helped build the set."

Junior Amanda Williams



The Techies

The unseen of the theatre world.

Sometimes, when someone goes to a theatrical performance, they mainly focus on the actors, and their involvement in the performance, when really, there is a lot more that goes on. The technological society, that consisted of seventy six students and two staff was one of the most active clubs at Holt Public Schools.

The school musicals and plays, including the fall musical *Sugar* was just the start of what the Tech Society did during the school year. "The tech society is important to a show because they are the background of the show. Without us, it wouldn't go on." said Junior Monica Tanner.

Every single event that went on in the theatres here at Holt were run by our technological society. Lead by their fearless leaders, Mr. Jeff Miller, and Mr. Nick Mourning, these students didn't mess around. Countless events a month were run by different members of the Tech Society.

The techies were responsible for everything, from making those wooden structures with wet paint in the hallways, to turning microphones on and off during a performance. In the words of the wise techie, and actress senior Emily Cobbs, "Technicians are integral to a show, because without them, nothing would happen."

How she represented: Sarah Crafton



You ever wonder how those curtains open and close during a show? Well, if so, ask senior Sarah Crafton. Crafton has been involved in the technological society for four years, but has been involved in theatre for longer. "My friends told me to do it, and I've always been involved in theatre" said Crafton. "I worked all but two of the Holt productions since my freshman year." Crafton was on the rail for *Sugar*. On the rail means she helped pull the curtains open and shut. Crafton was the Rigging Systems Director for the technological society, and she loved being there. Sarah was really excited for a spring show this year and couldn't wait to tech her final show.



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Sophomore Evan Morgan

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Visualizing the future

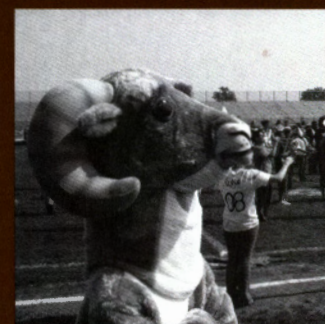
When the school week was over and the weekend approached, students had to decide their plans for the weekend. Should they go to the football game or see a movie? Go bowling or play video games? Go to Beaners or go to Taco Bell? "I love making plans for the weekend. The weekend allows me to let loose and have fun with my friends and it's away for me to de stress from the school week," said senior Danielle Hellems.

After school hours was a time for students to be who they were without the daily pressures from their classmates. All of the outside activities students participated in affected their high school experience and ultimately their future. Going to school dances, pep rallies, or just hanging out with friends were all ways for people to express who they were.

"I personally am a strong individual and don't let people effect who I am in a negative way," said senior Faith Thomas. "One thing I've always noticed about myself is my ability to make friends with various groups of people. I think I'm a very open-minded person because of this. My friends influence points of view and are constantly encouraging me to keep my individuality and work hard for what I want."

For some people daily interactions with family and friends were enough to mold them into who they would become. Others sought out more extreme measures to define themselves. "The thing that helped mold me into who I am was going on a mission trip to Mississippi," senior Kim Kaiser explained. "This trip allowed me to see how different we all are. And yet we are all the same. Everyone needs help once in a while and we can help by showing compassion that comes from within us."

Daily interactions with classmates, friends, and people from work helped contribute important factors to mold a student's future. Having a job not only helped mold students into who they were but it allowed students to get valuable experiences needed later on in life. "Work affects who I am by making me more independent," stated junior Jamica Sanders. "It taught me how to interact with people. Interacting as far as learning how to get your point across as an adult would. Working has made me more responsible outside of work with simple tasks such as being on time and being respectful of others. I believe working molds most people, me in particular, into becoming a successful adult with a fair amount of responsibility and a development of a great work ethic."



Cheering for the Holt Rams during an intense game against Rockford senior **Ikea Smith** supports the team. "I got really excited for the game against Rockford," said Smith. "We had some rough parts during the Rockford game but we pulled out the win and it felt great." Holt won the game 35-28. *Photo by Nathan Robinson*



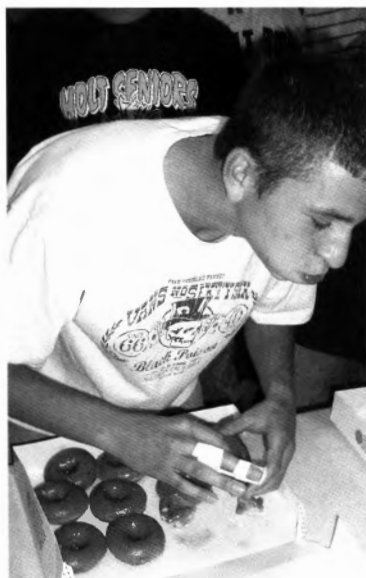
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Junior Joe Johnson

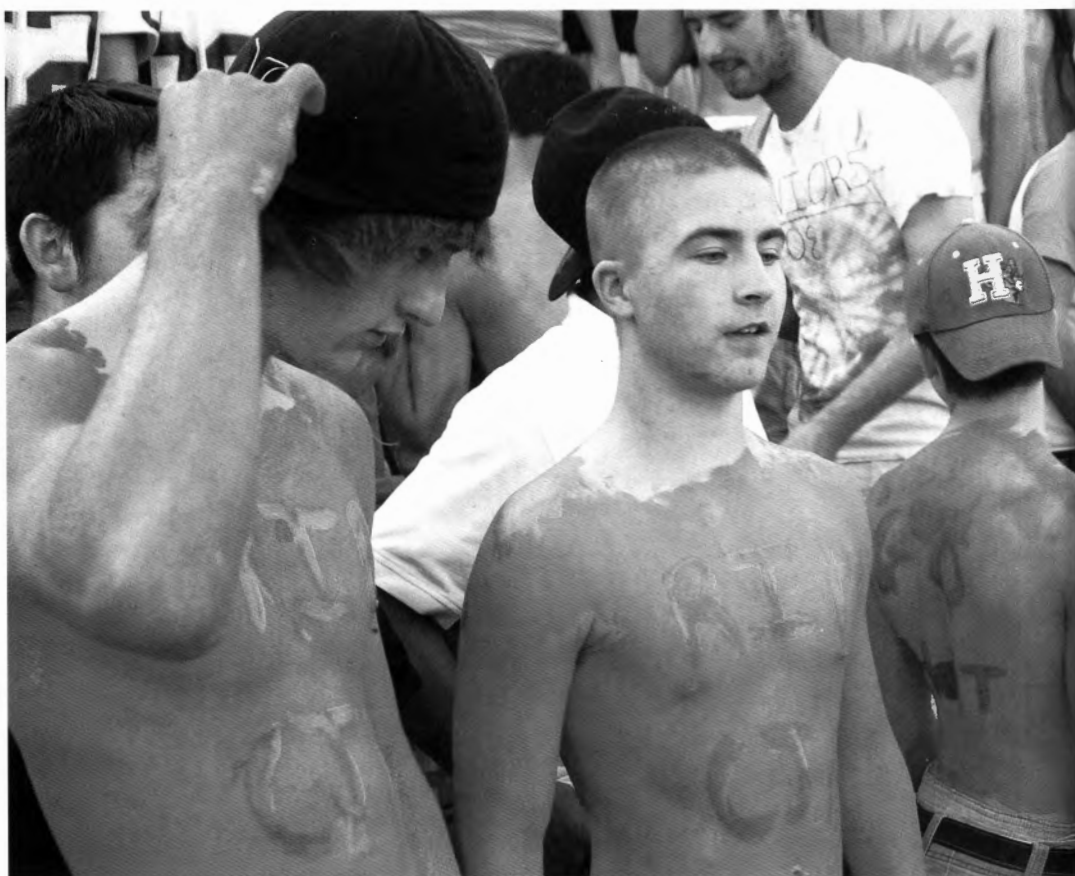
Student Life Divider ■ Visualize 165

Students gather around to watch their peers during the annual Krispy Kreme eating contest. **Sophomore Timothy Speer** stuffed his mouth with Krispy Kreme doughnuts. "My finger didn't stop me from winning" said Speer, the winning participant in the spirit week annual Krispy Kreme eating contest. "I got a box of free doughnuts for winning," said Speer. *Photo by Anna Krycinski*



"We wanted to make that game important" said **senior Kyle Windsor**. Seniors **Travis Marsh, Cory Leonard**, and Windsor painted their bodies orange for the football game. The student section theme was an 'orange out' in memory of Collin Nethaway. "Colin wasn't here to experience it, so we painted ourselves for him, and were going to do something like that for prom too," said Windsor. *Photo by Melissa Thering*

Working together seniors **Josh Williams, Pauline Bateman, Josh Norton, James Hensler, Joe Spinner, and Josh Walle** have a rough start as they began the six-legged race during the pep-rally. "It was fun but really hard, I'm not sure who actually ended up winning but we definitely lost because we kept falling over, but everyone knew we should have killed 'em," said Spinner. *Photo by Jesse Powers*



What they saw: At Spirit Week



"Pajama day was my favorite because I got to wear my favorite pajamas. It was comfortable."

Sophomore Justin Tarrant



"I wore MSU for college day because that's what my whole family wears, and it's a possibility I might go there."

Sophomore April Cody



"I didn't dress up for super hero day because I'm only here for half the day because of Career Center and I'm my own super hero."

Junior Brooke Foorman



"I didn't dress up for class theme day because the shirts the juniors had just weren't my style."

Junior Cody Pier



"I loved class color day because it looked cool at the pep rally and the colors were pretty crispy."

Senior Dan Thomas



"As a member of student council, it's suggested that we dress up since we picked all the days, but I didn't dress up as a super hero or anything."

Senior Madeline Prange



"The best part of performing at pep-rally is the audience," said **junior Marleigh Noss**. "It's really fun to be able to perform in front of everyone at your school." Noss was a part of The Holt Dance team for three years, but had been dancing for fourteen years altogether. Noss was also part of baton, which performed during the pep rally with the band. "Learning both routines can be really hard, but I love it," said Noss. Along with the Dance Team, the Cheerleaders and Poms team performed, getting the whole school pumped for the game. *Photo by Lexi McPike*



Give me an 'H'

A homecoming pep-rally rampage

Only school spirit and perfect weather on a Friday night brought homecoming, along with a week full of spirit days, float building, and fun activities during lunch. On Friday the pep-rally was held on the football field, followed by the parade in downtown Holt and a Friday night football game.

Monday was pajama day, a great way to wake up and start your week. The following spirit days were, college day, super-hero day, class theme day, and class color day. "Class color day is the best especially when you're a senior because we got to wear our tie dye shirts and it was our last high school homecoming," said senior Kasandra Smith.

Every class had a different theme based on Era. The seniors with *Pirates*, juniors with *Pre-historic Cavemen*, and sophomores with *Ancient Romans*. Students got together and built a float to best fit their theme. "The float looked really good. I didn't have time to help build it but maybe I will next year," said junior Chris Runions.

Announced at the football game, seniors won the award for the best float, for the third year in a row.

"I think we should have had a better team to play for homecoming, because it's such a big event, and there was no competition," said sophomore Ryan Hawkins. Holt clenched the victory against Owosso with a score of 35-6, a great way to celebrate at the dance afterwards.



What you didn't see



In costume **senior Jordan Dausman** as a pirate, **junior Anastasha Franco** as pre-historic cave woman, and sophomore **Samantha Frazer** as an ancient Roman all ride on floats during the parade. "I decided to help with the float because I like doing stuff like that for the student body and I was asked to do it at my house again this year," said Dausman. "Making up dance moves and throwing candy to the little kids during the parade was a lot of fun." *Photos by Stephanie Mathers*

In her shoes: Brittany Enos

"Spirit week gets me pumped because it's a big high school event," said senior Brittany Enos, a varsity cheerleader who loves homecoming week. On the cheer team, it was mandatory to participate in spirit week, but that was not her motivation for dressing up. "I love participating during spirit week, and the more people that do it the more fun it is." Her favorite thing about the week was seeing all the finished floats.



What they saw: At homecoming



"It was awkward how there were barely any seniors at the dance. I was one of the only few there."

Senior Greg Morey



"I thought the dance was crazy. My drink was knocked out of my hand. It was still fun."

Junior Alyx Runyon



"The music was alright. I danced with a whole bunch of chicks. I went to sleep well that night."

Sophomore Joseph Donaldson



"I had a blast hanging out with my friends on a Friday night after the game."

Junior Brittanie Beebe

In her shoes: Laura Holmstrom

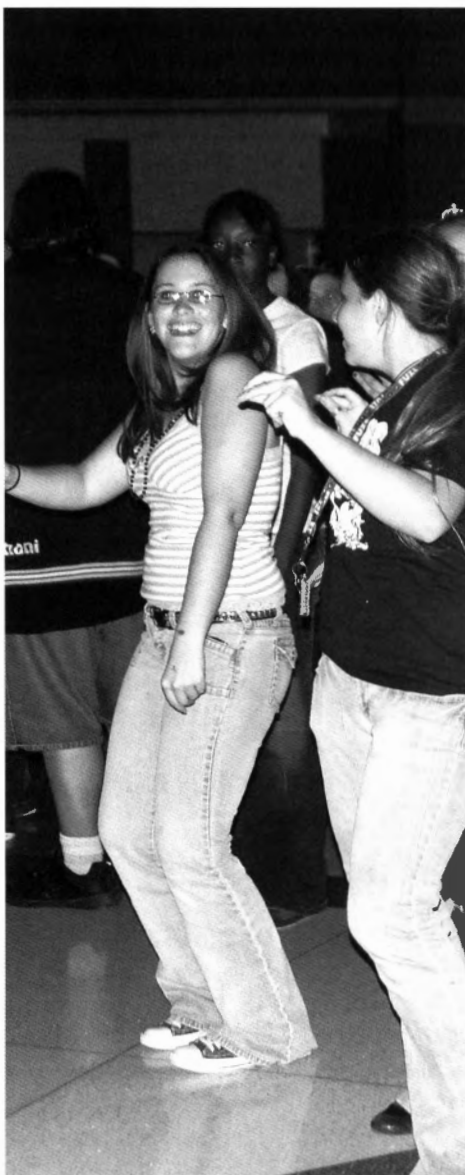


"I didn't think so many people would vote for me," said junior Laura Holmstrom. Surprised

to be on court for the first time, Holmstrom took advantage of the opportunity to get dolled up, but at a very fast pace. Homecoming was a busy day for everyone. They had to rush between the school pep rally, parade, football game, and dance. The members only had an hour between the pep rally and parade to prepare. Holmstrom picked out her dress two days after her nomination. Her hair and make-up time took a total of 40 minutes. "I just curled my hair," said Holmstrom. She wasn't too worried about the entire event. "At first I wasn't nervous, but I was scared that my heels would get stuck in the grass," said Holmstrom.

Dancing to their hearts' desires, senior Jerrika Ellinger and Markeas Waddy, and junior Tresey Millsap, enjoy their crazy time at the 2007 Homecoming dance. They moved with the beat and expressed their interpretations of music. "My friends and I got our dance on right in front of the DJ. We were closest to the speakers. We practically stole the show. One of my favorite songs to dance to was 'Lean Like a Cholo'. We danced from beginning to end," said Waddy. It was no wonder that students had a blast at the dance, the music was mostly fast paced.

Photo by Anni Rao



Moving her hands with the beat of the music, senior Courtney Starkweather proudly dances on the dance floor. Starkweather had fun simply dancing with her friends. It did not matter how well someone danced, it was how much fun they were having. It was not a competition at all, to most people, the dance was simply a chance to enjoy and spend time with their friends. "I can't dance but at least I tried to have fun. It didn't matter what song was on, I still danced to it anyway. I don't discriminate against music. I had a lot of fun at the dance," said Starkweather.

Photo by Anni Rao





Representing the 2007 Homecoming prince and princess, seniors Kaitlyn Sundstrom and Grant Ankney smile for the crowd. "It was exciting walking down the football field seeing the whole crowd and my specific group of friends standing right in front cheering for me. It was definitely an unforgettable experience," said Sundstrom. With the lovely tiara and crown on their heads, they gracefully cherished the moment. The prince and princess were followed by seniors Nate Zimmer and Pauline Bateman, the 2007 Homecoming king and queen. Photo by Dustin Hagfors



Smiling for the moment, the girls on court walk together and chat after their walk on the football field. For many of the girls, this was their first time on court. "The court girls were all extremely amazing. They were all really nice to me at the practice. They made it a very fun experience. I would do it again," said sophomore Breanna Carson. All of the court members received a chance to bond and get to know each other better when they practiced for the actual football game half-time show. For the seniors, it made their last year in high school more amazing. Photo by Anna Krycinski

In their shoes:

The Homecoming Court

The court members of homecoming were chosen by nominations by their classmates. This was their first time on court unless they were seniors. This year's senior members were Chaoran Sun, Nate Zimmer, Grant Ankney, Zach Corkins, Kaitlyn Sundstrom, Pauline Bateman, Marissa Perry, and Natalie Marshall. Junior members were Ben Trout, Ben Clone, Alec Albert, Amelia Ackley, Jillian Allen, and Laura Holmstrom. Sophomore members were Jordan Beachnae, Alex Hernandez, Dominick Todd, Breanna Carson, Morgane Dalton, and Brandi Dexter. The freshmen members were Robin Robinson and Jake Gallimore.



Something new

Homecoming's not just another popularity contest

In the past, the Homecoming election was little more than a popularity contest. This year, however, Homecoming outgrew its usual stereotypes. Everyone seemed to have an equal chance to be on court. Students understood that they should not all vote for the prettiest or most handsome.

"I think it was good that the court nominations weren't a popularity contest. We already have everyday popularity contests in school, there would be no point. I'm glad I was nominated for how well of a person I am and not how good I look," said sophomore Dominick Todd.

Not all of the most popular students were on court. Candidates who had great personalities and amazing friends were the ones elected. The reformation had begun. The students started to recognize that nominations should be sincere and genuine. Every vote mattered.

"I was happy to see that Homecoming Court wasn't as much of a popularity contest this year. That had always been an obstacle we've faced because of elections, and it was good to see us break out of that mold," said senior Karen Bologna. Bologna contributed by counting the nominations for court members in Student Council.

Nevertheless, the court members stood out walking down the football field, but at the 2007 Homecoming dance, everyone was the same. They were all people and they were all having fun.



don't even remember who I chose for court."



Junior Andrew Myers

Homecoming

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One of the beautiful things about Holt High School is our school spirit. Even in the early 1990's Holt's student section was roaring with cheers, supporting their football team. The massive amount of brightly patterned sweaters made it obvious that a few things have changed. The 2007/2008 student section has kept the school spirit high, even if they weren't decked out in plaid. *Courtesy photo*



A Holt basketball player cheers on his team coached by math teacher **Bruce Lerner**. Lerner was the basketball coach for twenty-one years. The only thing visually different for Lerner besides the few new faces each year, were the basketball shorts. They started out as short shorts and gradually made their way longer, to the knee length ones we have today. *Courtesy photo*



The tradition of lunch activities during spirit week still continues today. More than ten years ago, students at Holt High School were still shoving their faces into disgusting combinations of food. This year **senior Josh Webb** made appetizing plates of spam, cream cheese, sauerkraut, and pigs feet mashed together. It was hard for people to grasp why anyone would have the enthusiasm to scarf down nasty concoctions of food. *Courtesy photo*



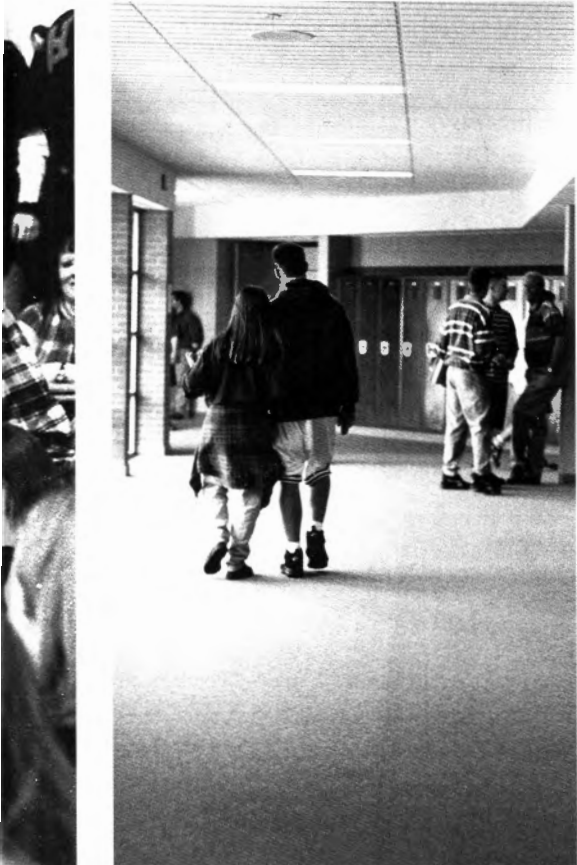
How she saw it: Devon Detmers



"I graduated from Holt High School in 2001. Cheerleading, along with Track and Field were the two sports I was involved in. I was also the editor of the Yearbook, and a member of NHS. The main difference between Holt High School today and when I attended, is obviously the new building. The school itself seems more diverse, as far as the student population goes. I also think that there are some different classes now. One of my favorite high school events was of course prom, both my junior and senior year. The senior breakfast and baccalaureate was great too! Ms. Lynch was my AP English Literature teacher and she inspired me most. She no longer teaches at Holt, but I learned a lot that prepared me for college from her class and instruction.

Today the only time I am around the high school is when I occasionally attend a football or basketball game. When I was in college at MSU I did some substitute teaching at Holt."

Devon M. Detmers



It is hard to imagine that if you went to Holt five years ago you would have been at a completely different building. "The new building made for a different high school experience between then and now," said **senior Annette Gianino**. New technology came inside of our new high school. The plasma screens, new overhead systems, and the smart boards made the old high school look amateur. *Courtesy photo*



What's the difference?

High School Then vs. Now

The high school experience is always changing. Students would be amazed to know that just within five years, Holt High School changed tremendously. The classes available have changed, graduation requirements have increased, and in 2004 the district built a completely new building. Even though certain aspects of high school changed for Holt, many of the experiences remained the same.

Homecoming was one of the first events of the school year. Football was just getting started and the students were finally getting settled. There was always the excitement over who would be on homecoming court and the homecoming parade. The parade was a tradition for years and included court members, sports teams, class floats, and community members.

Juniors and seniors awaited the Saturday in late May they got to dress up, go out to dinner with friends and after that, head to the dance of the year, also known as prom. Before our current high school was built, Prom use to be held at The Summit. Even though the location of Prom has changed, the preparations students took for the event stayed the same.

High school was an action-packed time for almost everyone. From the rush of a new school year, to the first football game, from homecoming to the start of basketball season, and from winter vacation to spring vacation, the high school "life" remained the same throughout the years.

What you didn't see



1. In the 1980's and 1990's the trend in cheerleading was to have long stringy pom-poms. Holt cheerleaders to this day still have their own trailer in the homecoming parade to show off, just not with huge pom-poms. **2.** The puffy hair and huge bangs was another popular trend. Today people didn't see that style as much in women's hair but it was definitely the "cool" thing to do in the '80s and '90s. **3.** Homecoming court always seemed more eventful for the girls because of the shopping for a new dress. And what would that time period be without the large shouldered, sequins, and metallic dresses?

What they remember: high school



"Graduation was the best part of high school. I was glad those four years were done."

Business teacher Nancy Meredith



"The part of high school I would relive are the enjoyable moments of prom."

Math teacher Dave Hildebrandt



"I would want to go back to a typical day of working on projects and discussing things."

Art teacher Heidi Irvine

math classes were easier."



Senior Laura Worden

High School: Then vs . Now

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How she saw it: Kriss Martinez



"When I went to Battle of the Bands I didn't know what to expect. I knew that it would be as fun

and entertaining as the previous years I'd seen, but this years had new bands and new people. It was fun watching people I know singing and playing awesome music and I enjoyed being able to have the time to spend with my friends after school. I must say I look forward to it next year."

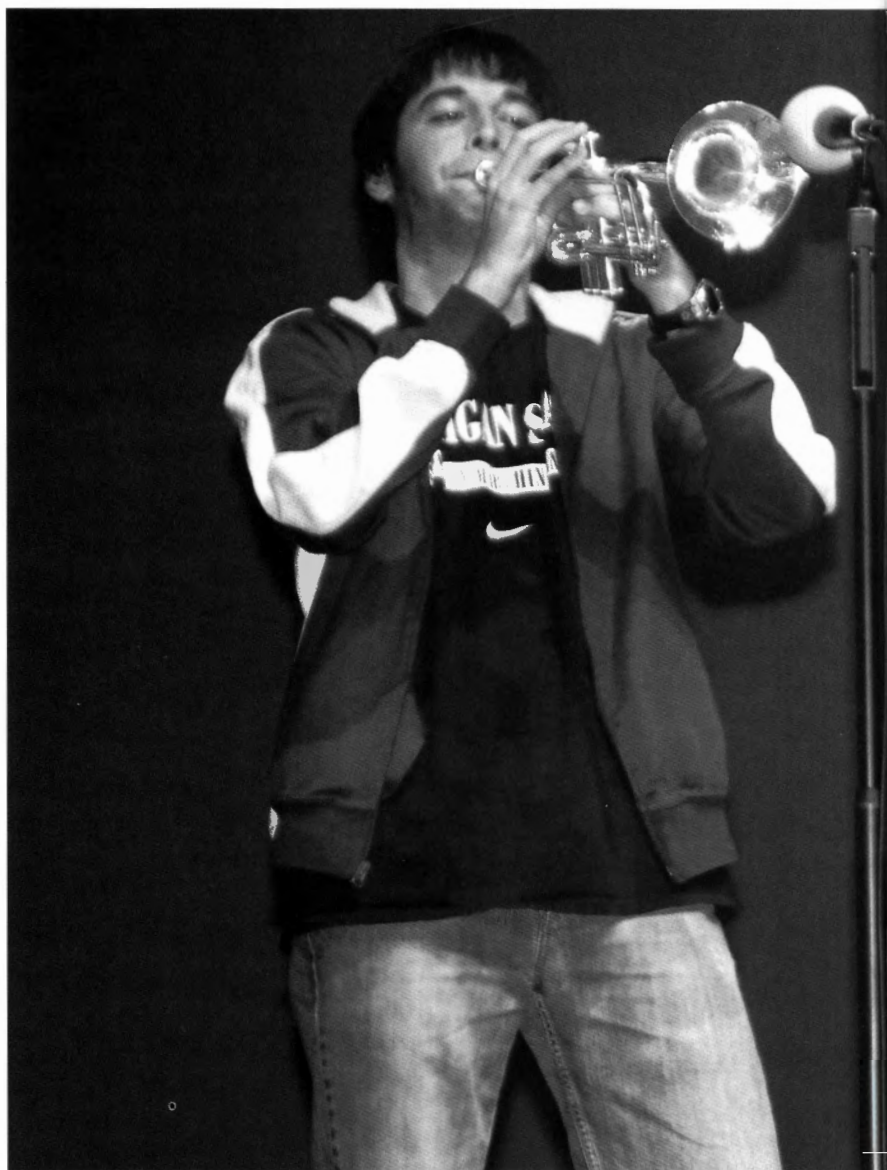
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In his shoes: Scott Hulteen



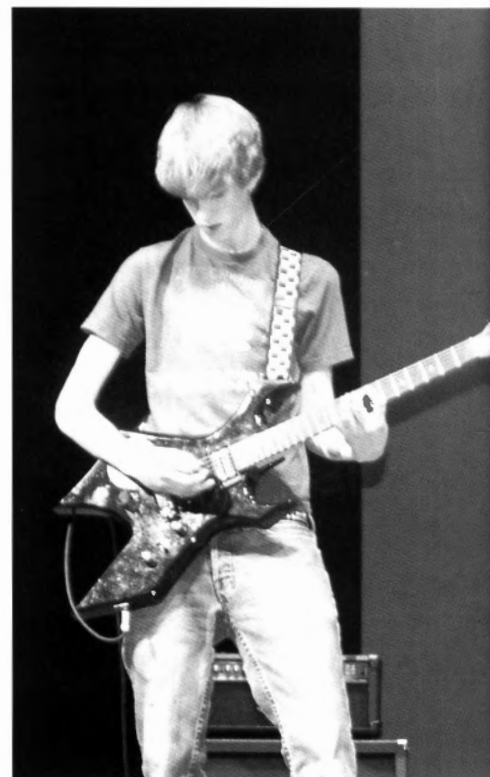
Drumming for the winning band, The Open Late Thursdays, senior Scott Hulteen wished

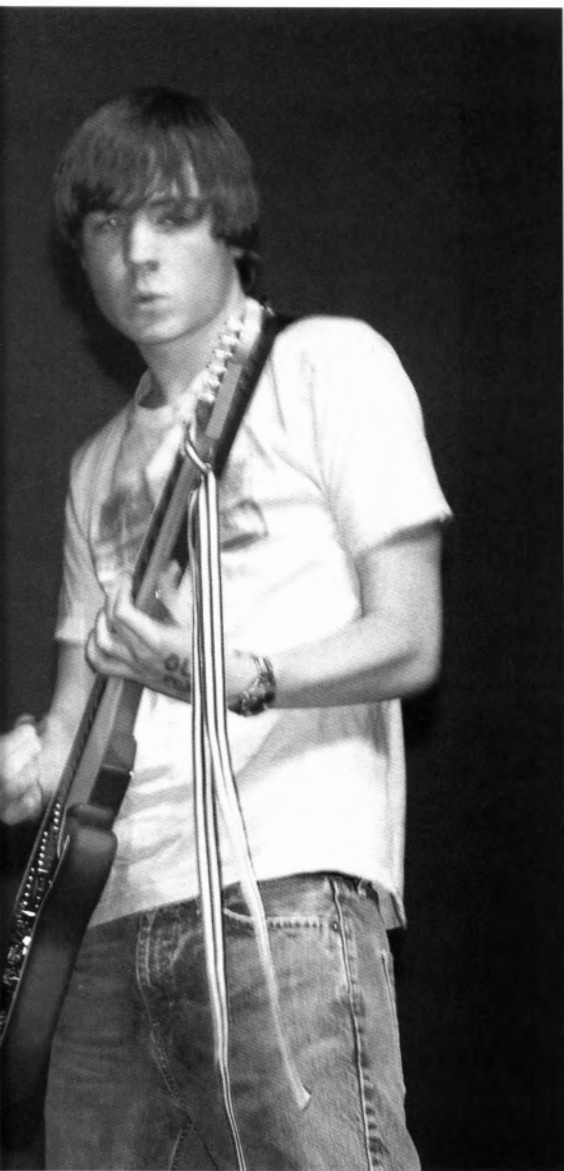
things had been different. Not your typical response from part of the winning performance. "I guess it was a good show, but it could have gone better. It was kind of short and we had a lot more to play," said Hulteen. Although they wanted more time, The Open Late Thursdays were able to win the competition for the second year in a row. But they opted to switch the first place prize, recording time, for a \$150 gift certificate to Marshall Music. "We wanted to switch because the band I Eat Glue did that for us during my sophomore year and I have a recording studio in my basement," said Hulteen.



Strumming along to the sweet sounds of graduate Alex Allegretto's trumpet, senior Nick Strong plays with his winning band The Open Late Thursdays at Battle of the Bands. The band was missing senior Chris Carrier, he was tied up due to hockey. Allegretto graduated in 2007 and was the only trumpet that night. The Open Late Thursdays won twice in a row now and placed second before they started to win the competition. Photo by Tyler McMillin

Playing guitar for the band Burning the Night Sky, junior Jordan Kingsley finds himself center stage in front of the crowd. Kingsley was one of two guitarists for BTNS that night, and played along to their hard-core style of music. "It was a lot of fun and a great experience. I'll definitely do it next year, but with a different band!" said Kingsley. Photo by Tyler McMillin





Dissect: Drum kit

Crash Cymbal

Mounted Tom

Bass Drum

Hi-Hat



Let the battle begin

Bands compete for coveted recording time

The lights shining, the guitars roaring, and the crowd screaming. This was what the bands had to look forward to when they made the decision to sign up for Battle of the Bands. There were only four bands that participated in the Battle this year but that didn't stop a mass of people from turning out for the concert.

There was a wide range of music played at the show ranging from screamo to ska with a little bit of acoustics thrown in. But the diverse genres didn't stop the crowd from loving it.

There were a total of five judges for the competition. The judges included teachers Matt Trunk and Rick Couturier; Holt grads Kevin Judy and Cayden Bunnell; and Domingo from Q106. The Open Late Thursdays were voted the winners of the competition for the second year in a row with Antreum placing second. The other two bands, Burning the Night Sky and Zach Bower did not place this year.

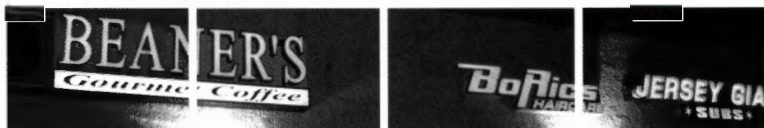
Although all of the bands had a good time they wanted the sound to be better while they played. "I would definitely do it again, but I wish that the sound had worked better," said junior Miles Green of Burning the Night Sky, "I think it was a good performance though."

Not only was it good entertainment the student council was able to give some of the money from tickets to a charity. The show raised \$350 for the local charity, the Lansing Rescue Mission.



Screaming his lungs out, junior Justin Thompson, plays a mix of punk rock and screamo with his band Antreum. Through the mass support from the crowd, his band was able to place second in this years battle, but they were up against a veteran act for first. "Battle of the Bands was a good start for our band" said Thompson. This was the first Battle of the Bands that this band participated in. *Photo by Tyler McMillin*





Juggling jobs

Students work for some extra cash

With all the stress that teenagers were faced with on a daily basis, it was hard to believe that students found time to have a job. On top of daily homework, athletic events and club meetings, maintaining a job seemed nearly impossible.

From serving food to athletic referees students found many ways to earn spending money. Senior Jeff Miller used his love of coffee to find a part-time job. "I just recently started working at Beaners Coffee," said Miller. "Before working I found myself going to Beaners three or four times a week, but then I figured I might as well make some money out of it."

It was easy to think only of the benefits of a job, such as making money and getting discounts at the workplace. However, there were many obstacles that stood in the way of getting and maintaining a job. "Sometimes, it's hard to get my school work done when I have to work from three-thirty to about ten at night," explained Miller.

Another large part of having a job was the question of whether or not one would be able to see their friends as much as they were used to. "I've had a job for almost two years aside from school," said senior Kristen Dykema. "It's tough because I don't get to see my friends as much as I was used to, however now when I do see them we have a lot more to do with the money I made."

In his shoes: Jon Sullivan



"I started working at Arby's about three months ago," said senior Jon Sullivan. "I decided to get a job because I needed gas money and some spending cash." In all honesty, though, Sullivan hated his job and hated working in general. "I would rather cut off all my extremities and feed them to the vultures than work there thirty hours a week, but I do it anyway," said Sullivan. "I do like the people that I work with because they are either just like me or forty-five to fifty year old high school drop outs."



Taking charge, senior Danielle White stocks the shelves for the next days' customers. White worked at Beaners and had been for only a few months. "I started working at Beaners because I was tired of the job I had before and was looking for something I could actually enjoy," explained White. White, along with many high school students, worked in order to gain some extra cash. *Photo by Danton Thon*

Fashionably late junior Jordan Craig strolls into work to start making the delicious subs that Jersey Giant was known for. "It makes me feel good that people trust me to sculpt their breath-taking subs by hand," said Craig. "The best part about my job is that I am paid to make food and eat food, only the good life for me." *Photo by Danton Thon*





Dissect: Cash register

Ordering Screen

Monitor

Money

Tray



The high-tech cash register has opened up to many coffee-goers over the years.



As plates pile high for the next customer employees like **Senior Anna Megdell** prepare for a unpredictable shift. "Sometimes my job can get kind of stressful dealing with difficult customers, but most of the time its fun and worthwhile," said Megdell. "Being a waiter means I get to meet new people and my job is never boring." *Photo by Danton Thon*

How she saw it: **Anna Megdell**



"At first I applied to Pizza Hut just for some extra cash. Now it is a great place for me to un-

wind and meet new and interesting people. I am currently working as a waiter. My job is okay, but sometimes I have to wait on some really rude people. Sometimes I feel like spitting in their food. But most of the time the people that dine there are really nice and tip pretty well."

Anna Megdell



How they feel: Sharing lockers



"I don't like it (sharing a locker) because my locker partner has a whole bunch of stuff."

Sophomore Jacob Whitbeck



"I don't like sharing a locker because they are small and we have a lot stuff."

Sophomore Natkita Tulay



"Sharing a locker doesn't really affect me. I just make sure I don't take the wrong book!"

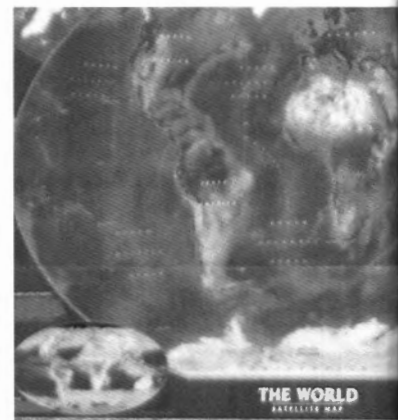
Sophomore Justine Maxey



"I don't really care that much, but it takes up too much space sharing a locker with someone."

Sophomore Danielle Thornes

Many classroom's are multi-purposed and the teachers are forced to teach in a surrounding that may not match what they are teaching. English teacher **Erin Umpstead**, has to teach through a surrounding that mainly belongs to English teacher **Stephanie Mathers**. *Photo by Zach Carter*



What you didn't see



1. Sharing a locker meant double the books and binders. 2. The locker of an unfortunate student who has to share with someone else. 3. Many locker-partners are good friends, and enjoy sharing lockers together. 4. Some people are fortunate enough to have two lockers-one of their own, and someone else's.



Putting their bags in the car, juniors **Julia Dane** and **Jennifer Pulito** get ready to leave school after a hard days work. Dane had to drive Pulito to and from school everyday because she had no car of her own. "Driving my friends doesn't bother me, I like driving them," said Dane. *Photo by Zach Carter*

A few teachers have to skip around nearly every period. Math teacher **Brenda Chadwick** for example, has a different classroom after every period. This was hard on the students because they had a hard time finding their teacher when they weren't in class. *Photo by Zach Carter*

Ms. Chadwick's Schedule

2nd hour – Room E115 (Mr. H)

3rd hour – Room E113 (Mr. H)

4th hour – Room E109 (Mr. A)

5th hour – Room E119 (Mr. I)



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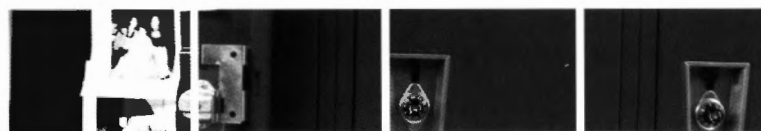
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Sophomores **Bo Kirby** and **Kelsey Bowman** sit in on another day of history taught by teacher **Doug Harkema**. Not only was room E209 used for Mr. Harkema, it was also used by history teacher **Rick Couturier**. Most of the teachers who had to move around to different classroom had classes in one centralized area, and that made things easier on them. *Photo by Zach Carter*

In her shoes: Jae Wolff



"Who would want to be in my shoes?!" said disgruntled junior, Jae Wolff. "I get to ride to school with my brother, senior Dylan Wolff, in a banged up 1994 blue Chevy Truck. We of course have to leave on Dylan's time, and listen to the music Dylan likes- Impact FM for example." Unfortunately for Wolff, the daily grind didn't get any easier. "I also get to start the truck up on cold days. Dylan won't let me walk next to him into the school. Now don't even get me started on the way home..."



Sharing? Bummer.

Students forced to share with each other

With more and more students coming in to Holt every year, space became very limited. Whether it was sharing lockers, sharing class rooms, or sharing your car with a sibling, things just weren't the way they used to be.

"We have to share classrooms this year because the student body has grown so large that we need more teachers, but we just don't have enough room to hold it all," said Algebra teacher Callie Heck. "It really isn't a problem though, no one shares the same material, we just use the same classroom."

The new change didn't just affect the teachers though, students felt it too. Many of the sophomores whose last names were at the end of the alphabet had to share a locker with someone else. This was a hassle to many of the students who had a lot of stuff. "It's hard to fit everything in, because we have big purses and soon we will have heavy winter coats," said sophomore Natkita Tulay.

Many students had to carpool together to get to school as well. "I hate riding with my brother," says sophomore Jae Wolff "he doesn't like riding with me either."

Although most students didn't like the new change at Holt, most students got used to it and made the best of what they could.

wasn't used to it so it was a hard adjustment."



Junior Emily Bohne

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Morning fun?

There's more to Wednesday mornings than sleeping

When Holt students talked to students from other schools, they often heard that jealous question: "You WHAT? You get to sleep in EVERY Wednesday morning?" For many students, the answer was yes. However for another handful of students, Wednesday mornings meant so much more.

"Wednesday mornings are the highlight of my week! They're even better than Fridays!" said junior Ashley Corey, who used Wednesday mornings to catch up on homework and get extra help from her teachers.

Wednesday mornings gave students who played sports a break. "Going to morning practice for swimming, attending school and going to practice after school in the winter sucks all the energy right out of me. I like Wednesday mornings because I get a chance to relax and find time to hang out and talk with my friends and my girlfriend," senior Kyle Lucas explained.

While most students used Wednesday mornings to relax and spend time with friends or family, some students used this time to get extra help in their classes. "Wednesday mornings allow me to get to school earlier than normal so that I can ask my teachers for help before class," said junior Jeremy Rochow.

From going to sports practice to get in better shape to just relaxing and spending a few extra minutes catching up with friends while grabbing coffee, Wednesday mornings proved to be just another way that students made those few extra hours out of school precious.

In her shoes: Alyssa Stapf



While many students woke leisurely on Wednesday mornings, junior Alyssa Stapf was already off and running. "I don't get to sleep in on Wednesday mornings. I get up at 6 and I ice skate at Suburban Ice in East Lansing from 7:30-9:30,"

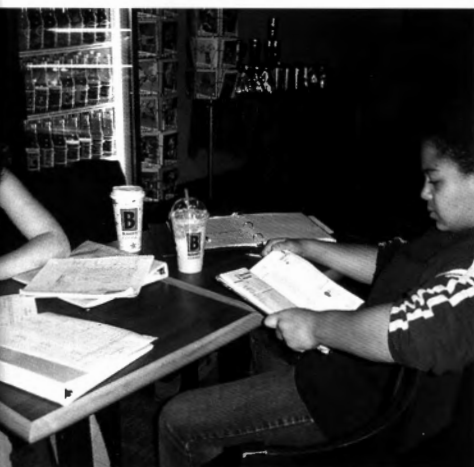
Stapf explained. Stapf had been skating for 10 years and said getting up usually wasn't too bad. "Sometimes I feel like it's too early to get up when I don't even have too, but my skating skills have definitely improved just from skating these extra hours each week," Stapf said.

Blocking a shot from going into the goal, senior Chris Carrier quickly moves to defend his teams net during a game. Holt's varsity hockey team had practice every Wednesday morning, before school started. Although they didn't get to sleep in and get extra rest like many other students, teammates unanimously agreed that the extra time on the ice really paid off and their skills had improved a lot. *Courtesy Photo*



Twirling and spinning on the ice, junior Alyssa Stapf skates to her greatest potential during an ice skating competition. Stapf had been skating and competing in figure skating competitions since she was seven. Practicing her technique every Wednesday morning, Stapf used her extra hours in the mornings to perfect her skating. *Courtesy Photo*

Reading and catching up on homework, junior Rebecca Jones and senior Emily Cobbs study together at Beaner's coffee shop. Beaner's was a popular stop for students who wanted to get in some extra studying during Wednesday mornings. Many students also enjoyed hanging out with friends and talking. *Photo by Liz Tompkins*



Hanging up elementary school students artwork, junior Kyle Hanton helps Dimondale Elementary students and teachers with extra work every Wednesday morning. Hanton volunteered every week, working side by side with students and teachers alike, completing extra, yet necessary tasks. I like volunteering on Wednesday mornings because I love working with children and helping out the teachers," said Hanton. *Photo by Melissa Thering*

What they saw: Wednesday mornings



"I sleep in until 9 o'clock and then I go to Beaner's with my best friend, Jen Pulido."

Junior Liz DeJongh



"I am on Holt's Varsity Hockey team, and we have practice on Wednesday mornings."

Sophomore Kyle Borek



"One Wednesday a month, I go out to breakfast at Bob Evans with my church's youth group."

Senior James Maier



"I usually go shopping with my grandmother for groceries every Wednesday morning."

Junior Dylan Ammarman



"I always come to school early, before anyone else. I help out teachers, janitors and my friends."

Junior Nik Alldaffer



"I hang out with my friends and sometimes I get breakfast before I come to school."

Sophomore Emily Tupper

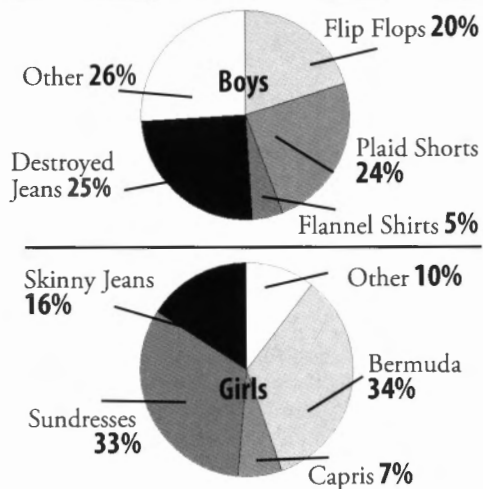
What you didn't see



1 Relaxing before school, **seniors Dane McCafferty and Jordan Dausman** enjoy warm drinks at Beaner's. **2** Catching up on her sleep, **junior Breah Stewart** spent his Wednesday mornings sleeping in. **3** Preparing for her first sip, **sophomore Morgane Dalton** drinks and eats the newly available Wendy's breakfast. **4** Teaching a new computer program, **teacher Nan Marshall** shows **seniors Tyler Prudden and Joe Spinner** how to use its features.



Popular summer trends



What they saw: Throughout the seasons



"In the fall, I really liked the furry boots on heels that went up to the upper calf where people tucked their jeans in. I also liked the long fitted stretchy shirts to match with the boots."

Sophomore Malia Gatewood



"I like sweaters, hats, mittens and boots in winter. I especially like Rockport boots because they're dressy yet casual. I like all of my outfits to match the season."

Senior Prince Spann



"I always love the big sunglasses in the summertime. I love the low cut shirts with bright designs and cute sleeves. I think they are called baby doll shirts."

Senior Amber Ignatowski



Battle of the brands

Everyone deserves his or her own style

Name brands, stereotypes, and labels have been going on forever. Each brand had its own individual style that provided a certain look for people who chose that style. If everyone dressed the same way, then there would be no differences in fashion.

"Sometimes people choose the brands they wear by the way they live, music they listen to or friends they hangout with. I choose to wear mod or vintage because that era appealed to me," said senior Charlotte Emmons.

People chose to wear different brands because they wanted to dress that way. People wore what appealed to them. They could have worn the same things, but their personality, background, beliefs, peers, etc. affected how they dressed. That made everyone different. The dominating style Holt illustrated was the presentable, classy, preppy look. Not all students wore preppy clothes, but that was because of their choice to be different.

"To me, old school Jordan out rules Adidas shoes by far. It doesn't matter what the cost of fashion is, as long as it fits my style and no one else's. I don't like to be the same as everyone else, I like to create my own style," said senior Kayla Roche.

It did not matter how well each brand appealed to students in Holt. It was the students who illustrated their own styles, preppy or not. Each school demonstrated their own style. Holt exemplified its own fashion.

Representing the classic, preppy look are seniors **Lacy Lund** and **Sam Mulder**. "The biggest pet peeve of my own is looking lazy at school. I always have to look cute. I don't really lean towards the scrubby look when I get ready in the morning. I'm very proud to say that I'm a huge prep," said Mulder. It was an important aspect to Mulder that she illustrated her appearance well to everyone. Lund and Mulder knew how to compliment their outfits with elegant accessories, too. They kept up with their make-up, hair, accessories, shoes, and ensemble almost every day at school. *Photo by Anni Rao*



Keeping everything casual yet elegant for every season, art teacher **Heidi Irvine** can always compliment her ensemble with interesting accessories. As simple as sunglasses, a necklace, and a watch, Ms. Irvine exemplified the art of an art teacher. "Fashion should be fun. I like simple clothes that are comfortable and easy to wear. I love accessories because they can be little pieces of art that I can wear. Sometimes I make fused glass jewelry in my spare time. It's fun to make functional art," said Irvine. Irvine motivated others to create art from their own inspirations, not common everyday ideas. *Photo by Blake Taylor*



Plato's Closet vs. Abercrombie & Fitch

Many teens were willing to spend great amounts of money for the "coolest" look from the most popular stores. They didn't realize the cost of the perfect look was about seven times more expensive than a very similar same brand look, but only gently used. Plato's Closet offered today's most popular name-brand clothing at a secondhand price. Abercrombie & Fitch had today's newest seasonal outfits at a name-brand price. **Senior Michelle Tischler** wanted to know if the latest fashion was worth the money.



Plato's Closet:

Hat: \$6.00
Scarf: \$4.00
Jacket: \$18.00
Tank Top: \$6.00
Sweater: \$10.00
Jeans: \$16.00

Total:

\$60.00



Abercrombie & Fitch:

Hat: \$29.50
Scarf: \$39.50
Jacket: \$178.00
Tank Top: \$24.50
Sweater: \$59.50
Jeans: \$89.50

Total:

\$420.50



Staying trendy with today's fashion, junior **Alyssa O'Connor** shows off one of her favorite outfits of the season. "Babydoll shirts are amazing because I can wear them anytime regardless of what season it is. They match very with almost everything. If it's winter, I can just put a jacket over it. If it's summer, I can simply leave it the way it is," said O'Connor. Everyone had the opportunity to look nice for the season. It did not matter how fast each trend had changed, people always had found ways to catch up with it. *Photo by Anni Rao*

Standing out from the crowd, senior **Christiana Gregory** cheerfully walks down the hallway in her typical cold-weather ensemble. "Ugg boots look nice with fitted shirt because they contrast each other very well since ugg boots are big and fitted shirts are slimming. They are also perfect for winter so my toes won't get cold," said Gregory. Gregory enjoyed representing herself in a fashionable way. *Photo by Anni Rao*



Behind the scenes



1. Studying before school seniors **Meagan Cook** and **Cody Mitchell** get ready for their first hour class together. **2.** Chatting during nutrition break Cook and Mitchell laugh together to ease up their stress about classes. **3.** Mitchell and Cook hurry to get their books between class. **4.** After school the couple help each other get their belongings out of their lockers. *Photos by Kelly Hamelin*

In his shoes: Todd Wiedrick



Between work, school, friends and his band, junior Todd Wiedrick was an expert on balancing

all of his relationships. Wiedrick played in a band four hours a week. "Sometimes we play a little more, it just depends on my other band mates and what all is going on. Sometimes we don't even practice," said Wiedrick. In his spare time Wiedrick played a lot of guitar and did his homework. Wiedrick and his family sat down and ate dinner every night together, which wasn't very common among other high school students. "My family is a huge priority in my life. We're always talking and playing games," said Wiedrick. To make sure his schedule doesn't get too hectic Wiedrick tried to plan a week ahead with his planner.



Arm wrestling in the commons juniors **Andrew Albert** and **Alec Albert** battle to be the best in their family. Although most siblings dislike or got annoyed with each other, it's another story for the Albert brothers. "It's nice having my brother in the school," said Andrew. "Last year he didn't go to our school because he went to a more challenging school." *Photo by Melissa Thering*

Enjoying each others company junior **Andrew Albert** and girlfriend, junior **Jennifer Stuewer** chat and catch up between classes in the hallway. Albert and Stuewer had been dating for over six months. "We spend a lot of time together," said Albert. "Usually I spend more time with Jenny than I do my other friends." Both looked forward to continue dating while going to school together. *Photo by Melissa Thering*





How they do it: Balancing relationships



"Balancing my relationships is pretty hard. But usually I do my school work first, and then hang out with my friends and family."

Sophomore Brandi Dexter



"It's always hard balancing everything in your life. But I would say I'm pretty good at it. I make time for everyone in my life."

Junior Kelsie Schooley



"I'm pretty good at balancing my relationships. I have a lot of different groups of friends, and usually I try and hang out with everyone for the same amount of time."

Senior Brandee Athy



Easy or not?

Students work to balancing relationships

Did you ever wonder how others manage to balance their relationships while dealing with all the other things going on in their life? Did you ever ask yourself why they seemed to have a good handle on juggling it all while you were stressed out over a single friendship?

Between friends, boyfriends, girlfriends, and family most students tried their hardest to balance them all. It took a lot of hard work to make sure no one was upset or felt excluded.

"All of my friends with boyfriends are pretty good about splitting up their time and hanging out," said junior Janell Bondarenko. Many students fought with their friends because they spent too much time with a boyfriend or girlfriend. Although it was normal for students to prefer spending time with their significant other, it was not always the best idea.

"My boyfriend always hangs out at my house, which makes it easy to hang out with my family as well," said junior Megan Bunnell. "We have a lot of the same friends which helps too. I work on my top priorities first and then go from there. I tried and make the best decision for everyone."

During high school a lot of students tried to handle a job, school, family and friends all at the same time, making it hard to fit everyone into their busy schedule. Easy or not, students chose to be part of these many relationships and obligations in order to have a well rounded life.



Trying to balance school work with life at home, junior **Andrew Albert** rushes to get his homework done in the commons before the bell rings. "I have a really hard time getting my homework done at home," said Albert. "I just never have any motivation to do it once I leave school." *Photo by Melissa Thering*

It's really tough though."



Senior Emmett Kelly

Balancing Relationships

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Testing out the schools recent purchase, juniors Kayla Stevens, Chelsea Brown, and Nick Schnesk use the laptops in the libraries newest computer lab. Students that used these had the freedom to go where ever they thought they would be the most productive because they were totally wireless. "The laptops are really handy when you are working with a group, it is easier to transfer information with flash drives," said **junior Morgan McGarry**. *Photo by Scott Hulteen*



Trying to penetrate the portable audio market, Microsoft releases the Zune that can hold video and music, just like the market leader, the iPod. Their main target was to replace the iPods with Zunes. It was a better transformation of music and video used by adolescents. The usage of music and video was constantly changing due to the demands of bigger memory, smaller device, or even a better look. Many companies were trying to meet this demand by supplying newer and better products. *Photo by Scott Hulteen*

Using one of the new Apple computers in the school, senior Becca Brooks edits film that she uses for her video broadcasting class. "This is the first time I have used an Apple computer, I like to use them and I have learned a lot," said **senior Brandon Johnson**, another video broadcasting student. Many Apple users found new and more exciting aspects to Mac computers than Windows. *Photo by Scott Hulteen*



What they saw: Windows Vista



"It seemed to have too many bugs and minor issues that seem to restrict the casual use of the operating system."

Senior David Warner



"It seems kind of cool because it works faster than XP and it looks more visually pleasing."

Sophomore Mitch Fisher



"I think that it is alright, but I would prefer to stick with XP because it has less bugs."

Senior Marcus Jenks



"Microsoft Vista looks promising, and it is widely expanding. Until more programs and services are supported, it is just a shiny Windows XP."

Senior Cameron Crump



"It was a great running system, with only a few minor bugs that will be worked out by Windows Vista Ultimate."

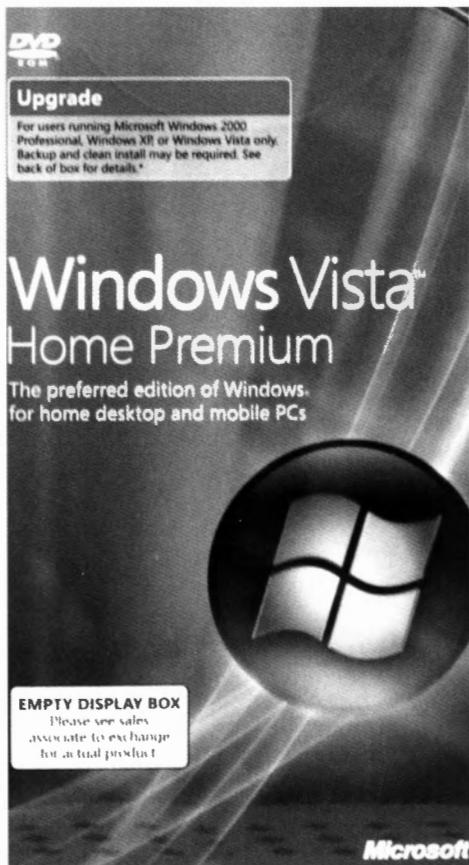
Sophomore Kyle Townsend



"The graphics seem better, and it looks more vibrant, nothing really new it is kind of like XP."

Sophomore Matt Durfee

"I think that Windows is way better than Apple because Windows is way



Brand new this year, Windows Vista is released to the public and comes on all new PC's. "I think Microsoft should stop trying to fix stuff, XP works fine, Vista seems to be going down the drain," said **senior Andy Lamie**. Microsoft always had met consumer demands. They kept improving their software for the needs of the people and businesses. *Photo by Scott Hulteen*



How he saw it: Mark Bishop



"When Mac Leopard was released it seemed to please much of the Mac community and shocked some of the PC fans. The main interface and features of Leopard were all very well polished. From little animations when a window is minimized to being able to use multiple screen layers, there

was no shortage of cool things that Leopard can do. To make the system more stable and secure, the core of the operating system has been replaced with an open source system "Darwin" based on UNIX. Overall Leopard seems an appropriate step forward for Mac."

Mark Bishop

more compatible with almost everything."



Senior Nick Shuler



Apple vs. Microsoft

Who will win the industry?

To major brands fought over the consumer computer and portable audio device industry: Apple and Microsoft. Microsoft took the first step by developing their new operating system, Windows Vista.

With the creation of Vista, Microsoft planned to have PC users be more protected from online threats, and have a better viewing experience with an update in graphics and adding vibrant colors.

To counter this, Apple released their new operating system, Os X called the Leopard. To get a step ahead of Windows, Leopard ran both Windows Vista and Windows XP along with the regular Mac OS, so PC users that switched to Mac won't have to buy brand new software that was compatible with their new computer.

Although Microsoft still controlled the computer market, Apple seemed to have a control on the portable audio market with their new releases of the iPod classic, the iPod nano, the iPod touch, and the iPhone.

Even though apple had the upper hand in the portable audio market, Microsoft released a new mp3 player called the Zune, hoping to get a share of this booming market.

But did this competition really matter, was technology really helping us in our everyday needs? "Technology is supposed to make our lives easier, but with its complications, it just seems to make things more difficult. In other words, technology is Mephistopheles," said senior Tim Edinger.

Dissect: iPhone

Receiver

Touch Screen

Home Button



One of the most cutting edge phones was Apple's new iPhone.



Dissect: Super Nintendo

Game Port

Controller Port

Power

Super Nintendo Entertainment System was first released between 1990 and 1993.

In her shoes: Tia Reidling



Born in 1990, senior Tia Reidling was one of the many people that grew up in the nineties. "I spent most of my time playing with friends and with Yo-yos and NeoPets," said Reidling. Like many people that grew up in the nineties, Reidling also spent her time playing on her Super Nintendo. "My favorite games were Paper Boy and Donkey Kong," said Reidling. Many children television shows made their premiere in the nineties. "I watched Power Rangers, Gullah, Gullah Island and Rugrats. My favorite had to be the Rugrats," said Reidling.



Nineties nostalgia

Remembering an era

Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one, HAPPY NEW YEAR! This began every year, but also how every year ended. This is also how an entire era ended: the nineties.

This decade could be called a time without. A time without cell phones. A time without laptops. Without iPods or iPhones. Without high definition televisions.

The nineties was the decade that paved the way for all these great things. It introduced the World Wide Web, the pager, and cell phones that were small enough to carry. This was a decade in which many technological advancements were made. "Going from old technologies to the new ones was hard but you got use to them," said junior Sasha Braman.

Children of the nineties spent their time outdoors riding their bikes or playing Hide and Go Seek with a group of friends. In the twenty first century, however, children spend their time watching Sponge Bob Square Pants or playing on the computer. "Things are so much different then they were in the nineties," said senior Justin Cowles.

Growing up in the nineties created memories of Pogs, Furbies, Pokémon and Magic: The Gathering cards. Memories of Power Rangers and Rugrats. Even though the nineties ended many take the memories with them into the two thousands.

Introduced in the nineties was the process and capability to burn - in this case meaning to copy - compact disks. Along with the introduction and popularization of CD burners came the issue of stealing music and sharing music on the web. Napster was created in 1999 which was the first of many file sharing programs. "I got a CD burner when they came out. I just went crazy downloading music and burning them onto CDs," said **senior Daniel Gottschalk**. *Photo by Tyler McMillin*

Pokémon trading cards were introduced in North America in 1998. They were initially published by the same company that created "Magic: The Gathering". After their release, Pokémon soon became popular among kids of all ages. In the nineties Pokémon cards were collected like they were baseball cards. *Photo by Joseph McNamara*



What they did: During the 90's



"During the nineties I collected pokémon cards. I must have had about two-hundred."

Sophomore Garrett Thaden



"I don't remember half of it. But what I do remember is reading a lot and playing a lot of Super Nintendo."

Senior Joshua Walle



"During the nineties I mostly played with barbies with my best friend."

Junior Cathrine Berg



"The main thing I did was wrestle with my brothers in the backyard. That's the main memories of the nineties I have."

Sophomore Jory Poe



"During the nineties I beat my dad in a lot of video games. I also spent most of my time getting my brothers and sisters in trouble."

Senior Lonnie Crowe



"I played video games all the time during the nineties but that hasn't changed. I also collected pokémon cards and pogs."

Senior Nick Gemalsky



Browsing the internet on a PC senior Kaylin Schneider checks her E-mail. The nineties marked a big advancement in home and office computers with the introduction of Windows 95 and 98. Other advancements in computer technology were the World Wide Web and HTML with the first connection in 1990. After the World Wide Web was invented programs like Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator were invented to make using the internet more user friendly. *Photo by Joseph McNamara*

An assortment of digital versatile disks - also known as DVDs - are shown below. DVDs were developed and became popular in 1993. DVDs changed the way people viewed and rented movies. People no longer had to rewind a VHS in order to watch the whole movie again or before they returned it to the video store. Later in the nineties DVD-ROM was created which allowed the viewer to access more than just the movie itself. *Photo by Tyler McMillin*



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Junior Ashlee Munday

Growing up in the 90's

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Dissect: Musical Needs

Curling Iron

Makeup



Water

Snacks

Dancing Shoes

Being prepared and appearing grand is an essential part of the musical

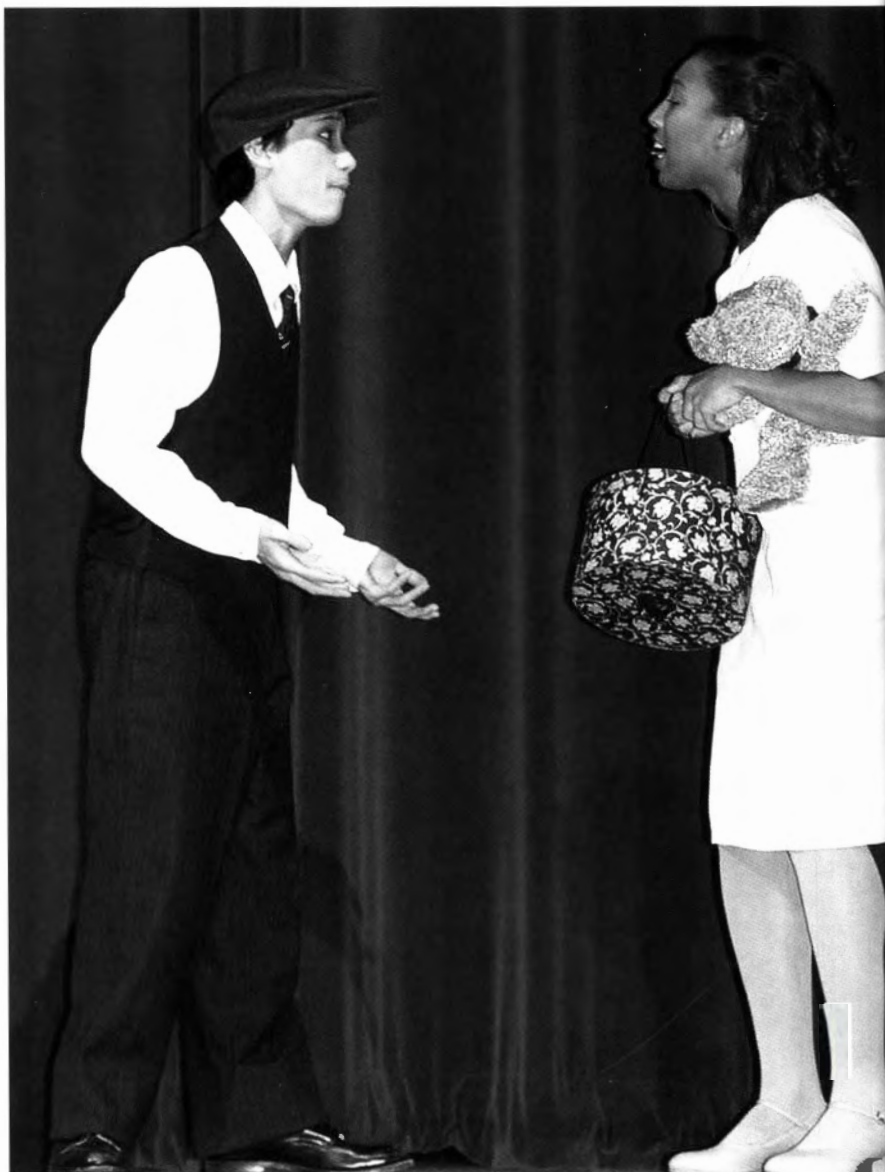
Arguing with anger, senior **Andrea Fleming** and sophomore **C.J. Malloy** fight over being late for the train going to Florida in the fall musical, *Sugar*. All seniors had a tough time when it came to leaving the things that they love. "I had a great time but will miss the Holt musicals so, so much," said senior **Darren Frakes**. Hopefully the underclassmen, like Malloy, will be able to take control of the reigns and make a great show for next year. *Photo by Chris Carrier*



What you didn't see



1. Searching for the right costume, senior **Briana Ford** and sophomore **Jaime Jo** hope to look their best for the fall musical. 2. Dipping during the final pose, seniors **Marc Anderson** and **Andrea Fleming** practice their partnering skills. 3. Teaching some dance moves, choreographer **Karyn Perry** perfects dance steps in the musical, *Sugar*. 4. Applying makeup, junior **Kweshonte' Mathews** and senior **Alexandra Trudel** put the last touches onto their faces before the oncoming show. *Photos by Jesse Powers*



Pretending to be lasses, seniors **Nick Strong** and **Chris Wardlaw** join an all-girl band in the fall musical, *Sugar*. "The undergarments for girls are just really uncomfortable and I hope I never have to do that again," said Wardlaw. Both Strong and Wardlaw were dolled up into young ladies but got the experience that so often happens in musicals. *Photo by Jesse Powers*





Striking a pose after a dance number, seniors Jesse Slocum, Kaitlyn Sundstrom, Elizabeth Barry, freshman Stephanie Lee, and Kelly Endinger smile out into the audience. "This year's musical had plenty of spunk and sparkle," said Lee. Each dance move had it's painless and challenging parts, but at the end of it all, everything came together and created a wonderful musical. Photo by Jesse Powers



While looking out at the crowd, senior Andrea Fleming and junior Kelsey Braman sing during the fall musical. "The musical was really fun because I got to play an interesting character that I don't usually get to act," said Fleming. The musical truly did bring around lots of new and challenging parts, but everyone stepped up to the plate and delivered a fantastic show. Photo by Jesse Powers



What they saw: Thoughts of the fall Musical



"*Sugar* was very entertaining and fun. It was well done to the scenery, acting, dancing, lights, sound, music, and of course the singing."

Junior Emily Taschner



"The musical was pretty good. Nick Strong was especially fantastic and really the whole thing was well produced. It was so funny to see Nick and Chris as girls though."

Senior John Bort



"The musical was very interesting and funny. Although the pit band was not as great as it could have been, the musical was very smooth and I am glad that I got to see it."

Senior Alex Mazzoni



Musical talent

Full of *Sugar*, spice, and everything nice

The fall musical, *Sugar*, was one filled with romance, drama, gangs, and music. The story consisted of two working band players: Joe (senior Chris Wardlaw) and Jerry (senior Nick Strong), looking for jobs, come across the bad graces of a gang leader named Spats Palazzo (junior Britton Dennis).

"I really liked being a hard core gangster in this show. The character challenged me with my tap skills and I had to really work on my Chicago ascent," said Dennis.

When Joe and Jerry find out that Spats had a death wish for the two of them, they joined an all-girl band to try and trick the gang members from getting off their backs. "Seeing Chris and Nick dress up and act like girls was so hilarious, but I was freaked out to see that they had bigger boobs than I did," said senior Jesse Slocum.

Along the way, Joe falls in love with the band's lead singer, Sugar (seniors Elizabeth Barry and Andrea Fleming). "The musical went really well. Rehearsals were pretty long but only because the show was double casted. Though I still loved everything," commented senior Amy Stuart.

Next, Jerry got sucked up with an old hotel manager that falls in love with him. However, Spats eventually finds the two guys and tried to once and for all, kill them. In the end however, Spats had a very bad encounter with death. Then Joe and Jerry finally came clean about everything and all ended well.





Dancing to "Wild Horses" by Natasha Bedingfield senior **Elizabeth Barry** completes a pirouette. She came up with her performance with the assistance of her dance instructor Nicole Garrett. Barry had been dancing for a total of eleven years and she continued to dance after the talent show. "I've been dancing since I was young and it is just a part of who I am," said Barry. *Photo by Corrin Ongstead*



In his shoes: Zach Bower



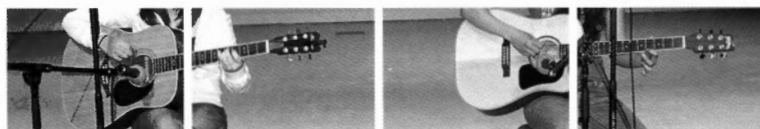
The lights dimmed and the stage was set. Senior Zach Bower was ready to perform. He went up on stage with just his guitar, amp, and a microphone to sing his songs to the whole school. Bower had been playing the guitar for the last three years. "I'm less of a guitar player but more of a singer," said Bower. Bower did not like to limit himself to a single genre. "I hate to put my music in a single category," said Bower. The audience got a real kick out of his performance when he added a little rap to it. "I use to not like rap at all but then I discovered I had a knack for it," explained Bower. He usually mixed up what songs he played from past shows, but one that he repeated in numerous shows is his self-written song "Wonderful Surprise".

Bower was inspired by pretty much anything, but mostly personal experience. When asked why he plays the guitar and sings Bower answered, "It's just my passion."

Juggling on stage at the talent show to the song "Streamline" by Newton **senior Gregory Ruetenik** displays one of his many styles of juggling. He had been juggling for a total of ten years. In his performance, Ruetenik juggled up to six bean bags and three cones. He also rode a unicycle while juggling. *Photo by Corrin Ongstead*



Jamming on the alto-sax, trumpet, and trombone seniors Whitney Orth, Christopher Carrier, and Benjamin Ford perform as one of three bands in the talent show. They were members of The Open Late Thursdays. Orth and Carrier were both original members and Ford was added about a year prior to the talent show. They were performing their self-written song "Nerd Like Me." *Photo by Corrin Ongstead*



Showing Off

Students display their talents on stage

Baton twirling, cone juggling, piano playing, drum beating, and dancing. All these talents were seen at the Holt High School's talent show. Every year, the Student Council put on a talent show in the spring.

Every person in the school was given the chance to watch the talent show. In order for this to happen the administration shortened the last two hours of the day by half an hour each. "Even though it took away from class time we thought it was valuable for all students to see the show," said 2007 Student Council advisor Stephanie Mathers.

The students watched the talent show in two groups. One group went after fifth hour, watched the talent show, then went to sixth hour. The other group went after sixth hour and then left for the day.

This schedule allowed the students to get to see the talent of their fellow school mates. "It's amazing seeing all your friends out there cheering you on and it's really fun showing off your talent and skills," said senior Benjamin Ford.

With all of the many students, not everyone got a chance to know their fellow students on a daily basis. "The talent show is an opportunity to entertain people and let people see my talent," said senior Gregory Ruetenik.

The performers wanted to entertain a large crowd and let them see what hidden talents they had. With no winners or losers the talent show was just a chance to have fun, which most people did.

What they saw: At The Talent Show



"The Open Late Thursdays was my favorite part. And Greg. He is wicked sweet at juggling."

Senior Zachary Corkins



"The kid on the unicycle juggling was my favorite because riding a unicycle is hard and so is juggling and being able to do them both at the same time is just sweet."

Junior Jonathon Krish



"Greg juggling had to be the best part of the talent show because he is the only one that I really remember."

Junior Stephanie Marecki

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"One, two, three... PULL!" shout the competitors of the senior tug-of-war contestants. Three of the students who participated were seniors **Jessica Baker**, **Nick Norton**, and **Nicole Barens**. The seniors came out on top with a win against the juniors but in the last few seconds of the pep rally lost against the teachers. "It was my first time participating in the event but we ended up doing really good. We lost to the teachers but that's okay. Mr. Smith is a machine!" said senior **Nicole Barens**. *Photo by Anni Rao*



As the banners fell the 2008 Winterfest King and Queen were announced. This years winners were seniors **Josh Webb** and **Kelly Hamelin**. "Josh Webb is a good friend of mine and he is a really nice guy. I don't know Kelly very well but she seems very friendly," said sophomore **Nikki Allegreto**, who was especially happy with the results. *Photo by Anni Rao*

Entertaining the student body, the highly acclaimed step team pull off another mind-blowing performance. The teams performances were one of the students favorites at the pep assemblies. **Junior Deandria Dismuke** thought the performance was especially outstanding. "They all did a great job but Vincent seemed to stand out. He had the most energy of all the dancers and put the most into it." The step team members used mixtures of dance types while blending it together into their routine. *Photo by Anni Rao*



How he saw it: Tyler McMillin



I didn't know I was on the ballet until someone told me and I really didn't expect to be on it. It was really stressful for me. I don't like being in front of big crowds so I was really nervous at the pep rally and at the basketball game. I also didn't like having to get a tux but it wasn't that big of a deal because the school paid for most of it. It would have been nice to have more time to get it. I was really glad that I didn't have to play any of the Court Games. That would have been horrible and I would have been extremely embarrassed. Everything went all right but we should've done the Wintertfest Court Dance at the beginning of the dance, instead of waiting an hour. The coolest thing was being in the Holt Community News and the Lansing State Journal. It was weird for me to be at a game because I don't usually go to them. The whole experience went okay. To me it was just another night.

Tyler McMillin



Snowflakes a fallin'

Festival of winter is a smashin' good time

Students roared through the halls with excitement as the winterfest festivities began. The celebration started when students dressed up for spirit week, continued with the Friday afternoon pep assembly and ended with a memorable basketball game.

Student council members determined the spirit days. Each year the group strived to make the themes different while still keeping some important traditions. "We always have class color day," said junior Haily Marsh. "I actually didn't really like it because I didn't like the shirts."

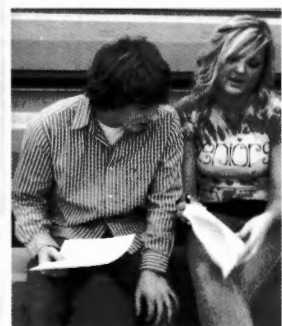
Following the spirit week was the pep assembly. This event was filled with annual performances from the cheerleaders, dance team and step team. As a finale the Winterfest court winners were announced. 15-foot banners read the names of seniors Josh Webb and Kelly Hamelin as King and Queen, alongside Cody Nash-Kniffen and Jessica Baker as Prince and Princess.

Then came the most anticipated part of the week, the boy's varsity basketball game. The team was faced with their biggest rival, Okemos, for the match-up. After a tough battle, Holt was able to pull through a victory. With their customary three-pointers and inevitable lay-ups the team won with a final score of 51 to 50.

Beginning the half-time show dance with Rooty the Ram members of the dance team show off their hard work to the crowd. Every year the dance team collaborated with some male students to create the annual girl-guy dance. This year's theme was "Secret Agent." Past year themes include the 50's and Western. "It was some of the best dancing I've ever seen in my life," explained **junior Benjamin Allen**. "It made me want to get up and dance." *Photo by Anni Rao*



What you didn't see



1.) Senior MC's Michael Farran and Pauline Bateman rehearse lines before announcing to the school. The two students received the script the day of the rally so their wasn't much time to go over it. **2.)** Junior Varsity Cheerleaders talk to their coaches before going over their routine. Afterwards they went to the center court to practice followed by the Varsity squad. **3.)** Court members lined up to introduce themselves to the student body, sharing what clubs , organizations and sports they participate in.

What they saw: During the week



"I really liked twin day, but I didn't get to do 80's day because I had nothing to wear."

Sophomore Jourdan Raeis



"Pajama day was the best. All and all I thought the week was enjoyable."

Sophomore James Fabijancic



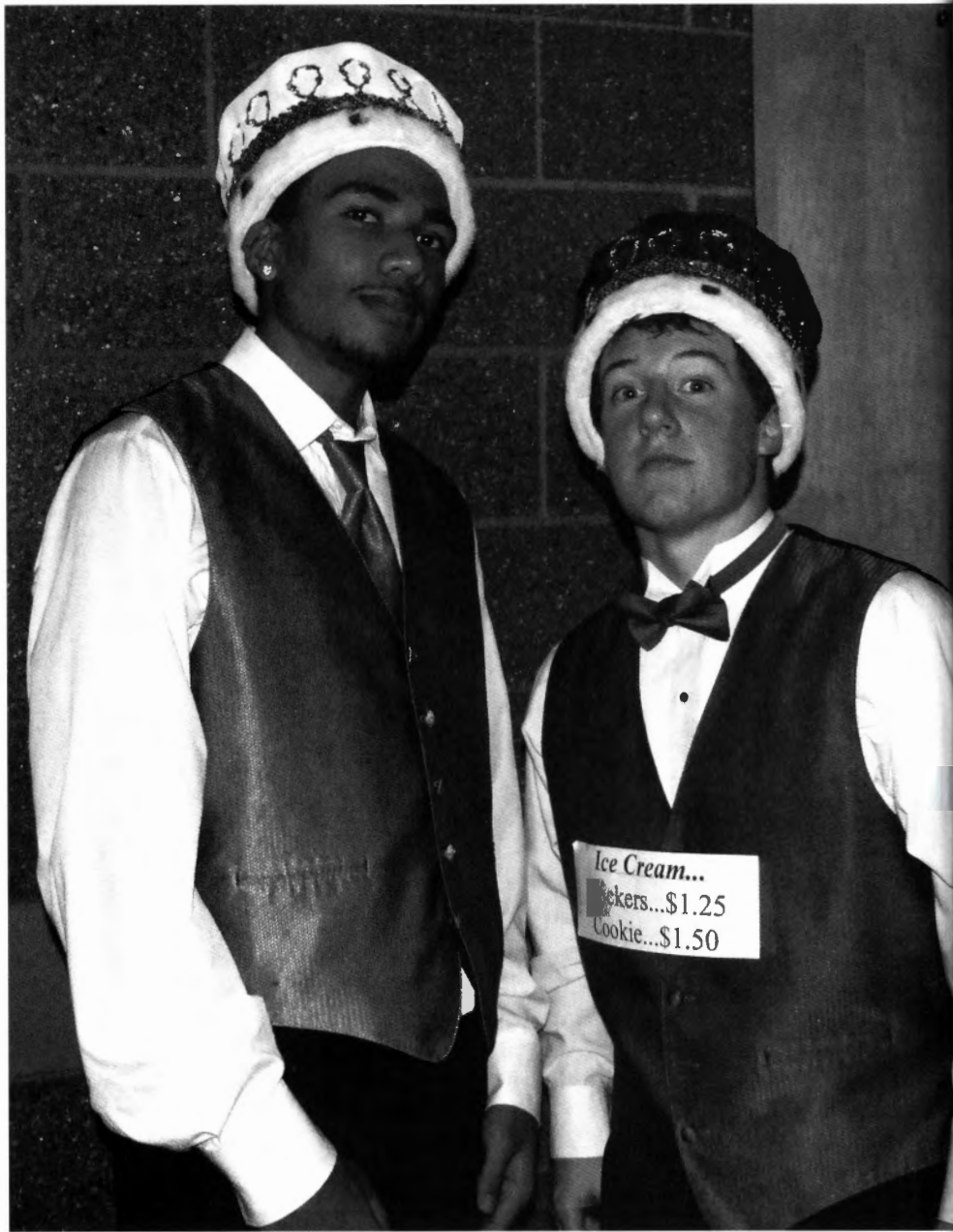
"Pajama day was my favorite. It was laid back and relaxed which is always good."

Sophomore Katie Sweet





Sharing a special court member moment, juniors Spencer Crew and Dylan Ammarman move with the beat to "Lady in Red" by Chris De Burgh. "It was really great to experience this dance with one of my close friends. I didn't expect to stay long at the dance, but it ended up being a really fun time so I stayed for the whole dance," said Crew. Her first time on court was made memorable mostly by the friends who she shared it with. Members on court received a chance to get to know each other better. It gave them an opportunity to begin new friendships. *Photo by Jill Zelenski*



What they saw: At the Winterfest dance



"The dance looked nice and I looked good. It all went together. All of my friends were there. It was more exciting than I imagined."

Sophomore Jermaine Shaw



"The dance was pretty good but the best part was chillin' with my boys, dancing, and having a good time with the ladies."

Junior David Lopez



"This was my very first and last Winterfest dance. Not very many people were dancing but I danced with my two best friends."

Senior Jessica McKinstry



"My favorite part was dressing up semi-formally. I didn't have to go all out and wear a tuxedo but rather dress slacks, button-up and a tie."

Senior Devan Reed



"I really liked the lights and decorations at the dance. I enjoyed being with the freshmen because they're fun to watch."

Senior Rachel Daughenbaugh



"I liked the music. It was cool. I loved dancing with my girlfriend. I had a good time. Everyone looked cute."

Junior Jordan Jackson

Appreciating the ice cream banner on his vest, seniors Josh Webb and Cody Nash-Kniffen represent the King and Prince of 2008 Winterfest Court. "Josh stole the ice cream sticker posted outside of the snack line. He is actually worth \$1.50, not \$1.25. Josh and I secretly switched crowns, but no one seemed to notice the difference. It was my first time on court. It was a great success being prince for a night. The court was great and the dance was outstanding," said Nash-Kniffen. Webb and Nash-Kniffen enjoyed their time on court by not taking it too seriously. *Photo by Jill Zelenski*



Winter wonders

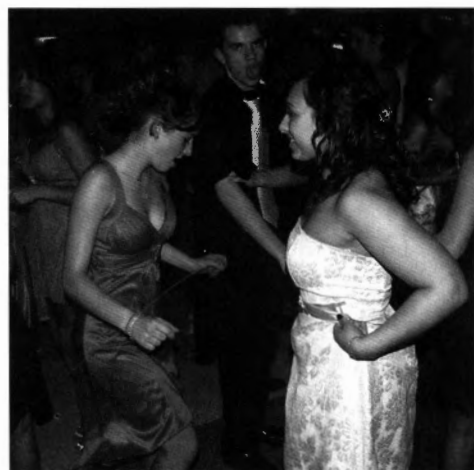
Winterfest finally back on track

Everyone knew that Winterfest was the second most formal dance of the year, next to Prom. Everyone who went to the dance took the opportunity to dress up more than usual. Even some guys went out shopping just for the occasion because they wanted Winterfest to be memorable.

"This year at Winterfest I wore a tie, dress shirt, dress pants and dress shoes. I bought all of these items just for the dance because my senior Winterfest should be the best of them all. It was fun dressing up formally because I don't get to do it often. And the next time I dress up will be at Prom looking ten times better," said senior Dottie Wilson.

This Winterfest was many seniors' first and last Winterfest. Many of them even took extra time to prepare for the occasion to look their best. "This year I took an extra mile to look nice. I picked out the perfect dress because I wanted my senior Winterfest to be memorable," said senior Rachel Rademacher.

This year's senior court members were Kelly Hamelin, Missy Mohr, Stephanie Self, Jessica Baker, Cody Nash-Kniffen, Josh Webb, Mitch Zajac and Tyler McMillin. Junior members were Spencer Crew, Mava Cooper, Liz Tompkins, Casey Schmidt, Dylan Ammarman and Joel Childs. Sophomore members were Paige Royston, Aundrea Lavigne, Ben Dudley and Cole Darling. Freshmen members were Devan Walworth and Mike Smith.



Dancing the night away without a care in the world, seniors Alexis Louth and Annette Gianino illustrate their body expressions to the music. "During the court dance, they played the 'Lady in Red' and Josh and Kelly were pointing to Alexis because they were calling her 'Lady in Red' because she was wearing a red dress," said Gianino. Louth and Gianino did not care about who was judging them while they danced. All that mattered to them was that they were having fun at their last Winterfest together. *Photo by Jill Zelenski*

In his shoes: Joel Childs



"My friend O.K. showed up sometime during the Winterfest dance in a button-up shirt and blue jeans. We call him O.K. because he's from Oregon. O.K. stands for Oregon Kid. It was nice being with him at his very first high school dance. I found some girls for him to dance and get low

with. After the dance, my friends and I went to Steak 'n' Shake where we all got shakes. Everyone chanted for O.K. to drink this mixed, unknown, peppered drink.

He drank it and puked into a pitcher of water. Everyone clapped for him."

Joel Childs

What you didn't see



Making the best of time while waiting to be announced, seniors Missy Mohr, Stephanie Self, Kelly Hamelin, Cody Nash, Jessica Baker and Josh Webb decide to go crazy and make silly faces. *Photo by Jill Zelenski*



Dancing differently than all of the other couples, seniors Kelly Hamelin and Josh Webb cheer for having a good time and making people laugh. "We didn't take dancing too seriously," said Hamelin. *Photo by Jill Zelenski*



What they saw: During Challenge Day



"They said that we would probably cry. I told myself I wouldn't but by the end I was balling."

Junior Melissa Thering



"I went into it thinking it was going to be an easy day and I could get out of school."

Junior Robert Norton



"I thought it was going to be a bunch of adults that were going to be lecturing us all day."

Junior Jamica Sanders



"I expected Challenge Day to be really intense and serious. I definitely got what I expected."

Junior Steven Morey

In her shoes: Jenny Verhougstraete



Going into Challenge Day, junior Jenny Verhougstraete didn't exactly know what to

expect. "I was expecting one of those motivational speakers that come during the pep assemblies to just talk to us all day, explained Verhougstraete. "But she got more than what she was expecting. "I met a lot of people while I was there, and I bonded with them. I still even talk to some of the people that I met during Challenge Day."

When asked about how Challenge Day has changed her point of view of new people that she meets and her everyday life, Verhougstraete responded, "I don't judge people anymore. Challenge Day has definitely changed my life for the better."



While listening diligently to others share their stories and let people know how they really feel, **junior Emilee Krish** relates. "I'm way more understanding and accepting of people now. I don't judge people right when I meet them and I try to get to know them," said Krish. Many people throughout the day shared their sorrows to people they may have hurt. Challenge Day was a day to start new for most in the crowd. *Photo by Kristi Shearer*

While doing one of many "icebreaker" activities to help the students get to know one another, the students needed to find someone they didn't know or they could relate to in some way. They didn't know they could relate to things such as how many siblings you have or how many AP classes you're taking. "I try not to judge people anymore now when I first meet them," commented **junior Sarah Stapleton**. *Photo by Kristi Shearer*



How she saw it: Kristy Burt



"I had no idea what to expect when I signed up for Challenge Day. I hadn't seen the Oprah episode and I had no clue that it would be so eye-opening for me. I now see things from a totally different point of view. I talk to a larger variety of people now and I look at them in a less stereotypical or judging way. Challenge Day made me think twice before I looked at someone or judged them before actually getting to know them."

Kristy Burt



Be the Change

Students join together to create Challenge Day

One hundred lazy eyed students congregated in the gymnasium on Thursday December 6, 2007, not knowing what kinds of activities they would endure throughout the day or how close they would become with people that they had never imagined they would be friends with. Many students signed up for Challenge Day before really knowing what to expect but others had learned about it from a former or current teacher, Mr. Couturier.

Couturier got the idea of Challenge Day from an episode of Oprah and when he showed it to his history classes last year, they wanted to recreate Challenge Day for themselves. "I saw the episode of Oprah last year but it was totally different to see it from your own point of view, like firsthand," stated junior Sarah Stapleton. After watching the Oprah episode that takes place in another school in Michigan, many of his students were inspired to make a change as well.

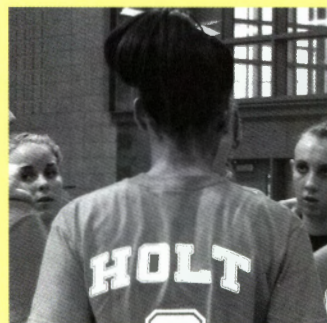
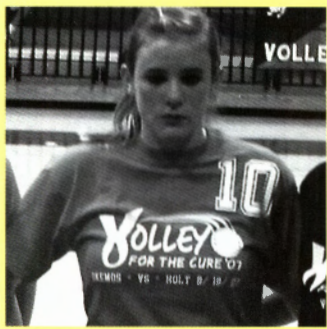
When arriving at Challenge Day, many of the people who attended realized that they were alone in their close-knit group of friends but they later decided that the experience was better being outside of their comfort zones. "If my friends were there, I wouldn't have had the full experience because I would have felt obligated to do some of the activities," stated junior Austin Polakowski.



After getting into "families" of four and spilling some of their deepest thoughts, many students later turned to their original families of four for support. "Challenge Day was something that people had numerous preconceptions about but it was totally completely different when you experienced it firsthand," commented **junior Lexi McPike**. *Photo by Jesse Powers*







Portraying H-town

Community support was crucial to the success of the school: local businesses provided sponsorship, community members came out to support the teams, and of course the students filled the desks. "The people of the community were the ones who attended and supported school functions. Without them games and plays would be pointless," said senior Shannon Strahan.

Without the support of community members, the football stands would have been empty, student activities would have been non-existent and teachers would not have had jobs. The school relied on the support and generosity of the community for its success and the close-knit nature of the Holt community was part of the reason the school was so successful.

"A good community is the cornerstone of any great school, it is important to everyone if we want to be successful. I think Holt exemplifies what a good community should be," said senior Ian Stuttman. From food drives and fund raisers to filling the stands on the football field and the seats in the auditorium, the community was there to support. We are fortunate enough to have great support, without it, our school would not be what it is today.

In order to earn and maintain the support of the community, the school and it's students had to show their gratitude by reaching out and giving back. The school it self gave back by providing the students with a good, well-rounded education. There were also school organizations dedicated to helping out the community.

The Key Club for example was a club dedicated to students who wanted to help out the community through community service projects. The National Honors Society also did community service projects as part of their NHS membership. No matter how they chose to do it, students were involved in the Holt community and the community members showed their appreciation by filling the stands, and continued to support the school.

Cheering on their team mates, at the Volley for The Cure fundraiser, is the varsity volleyball team. The event was organized by the Holt and Okemos Volleyball teams to raise money for the Susan G. Komen foundation. While the girls did not win the tournament they were successful in raising \$7500 for the charity. *Photo by Anastasha Franco*



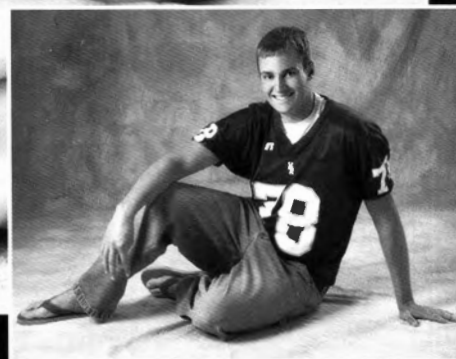


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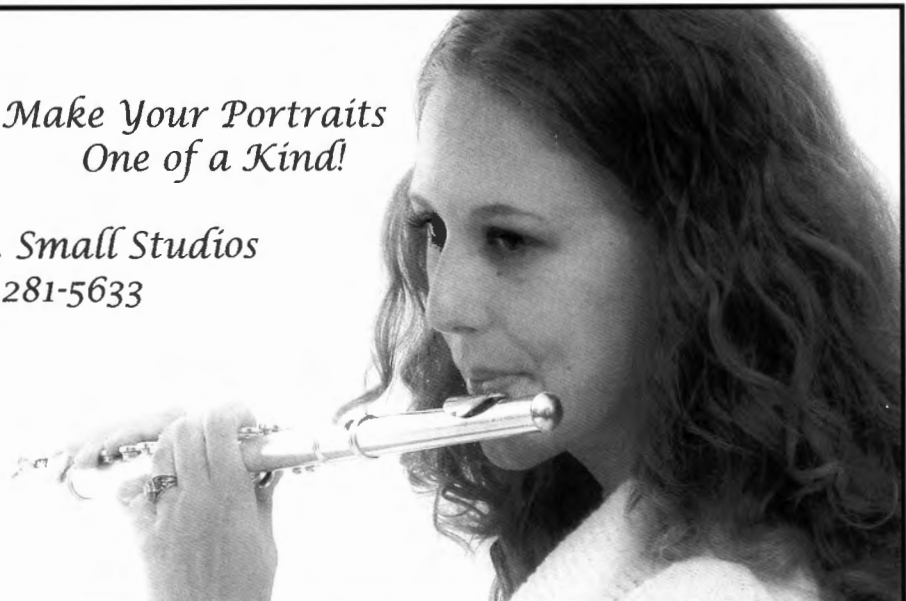
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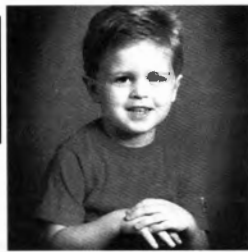


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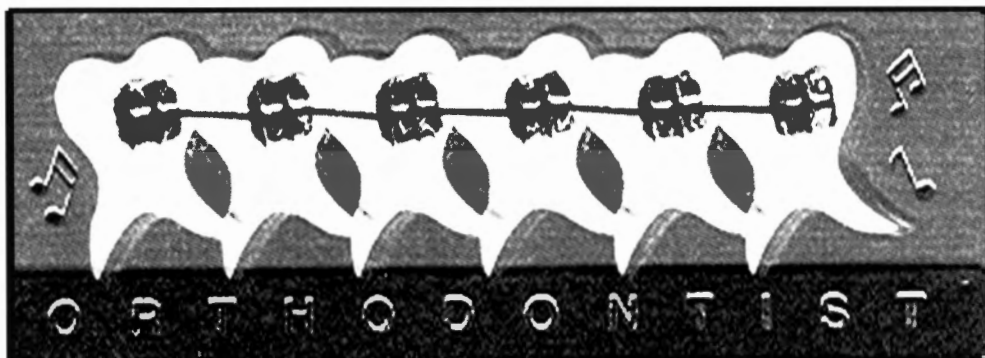


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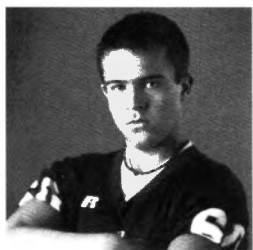


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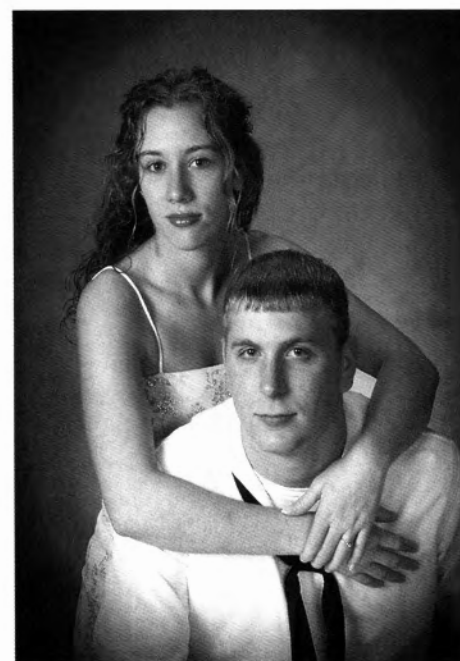
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Love,
Lexi



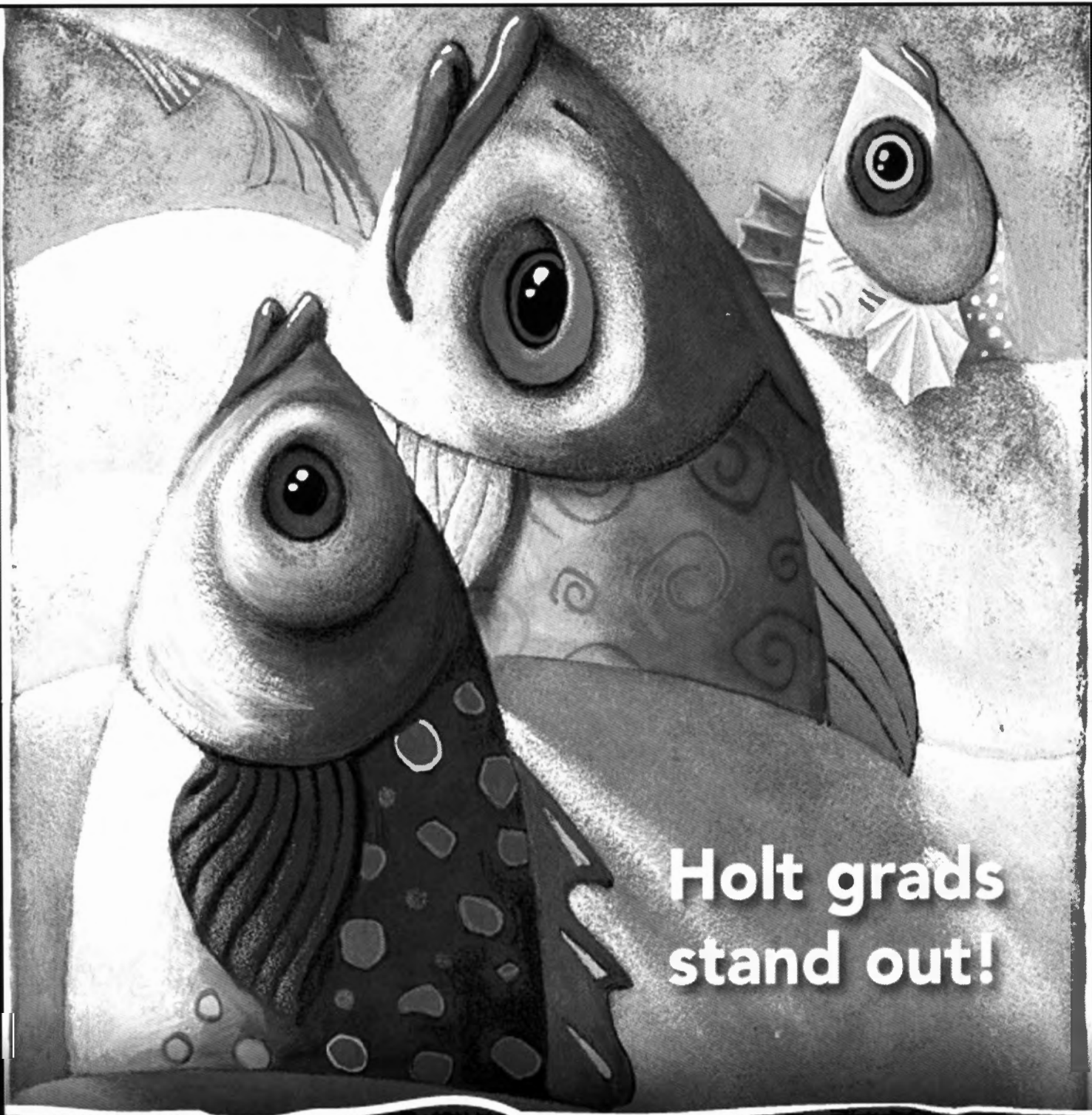
Sarah Pratt

My dearest daughter,

As your graduation nears I am reminded of how quickly time passes. Soon you will be off to college and living your own life away from home. I believe in you and know you will succeed in reaching your goals. May your journey be filled with the same joy, wisdom, and purpose you have given mine. We are very proud of you. Don't forget to reach for the stars.

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Alexis,


You were six months old and full of fun.
With a blink of my eye, you suddenly were one.
There were so many things we were going to do,
But I turned my head and you turned two.
At two, you were very dependent on me,
But independence took over when you turned three.
Your third birthday, another year I tried to ignore,
But when I lit the candles there weren't three, but four.
Four was the year that you really strived,
Why look at you now, you're already five.
Now you are ready for books and rules.
This is the year that you go to school.
The big day came; you were anxious to go.
We walked to the bus, going oh so slow.
As you climbed aboard and waved good-bye,
I felt a lump in my throat and tears stung my eyes.
Time goes so fast, its hard to believe
that just yesterday you were home here, with me.
Tomorrow when you come home you'll be wearing
your cap and gown.
So I am holding to these moments as hard as I can,
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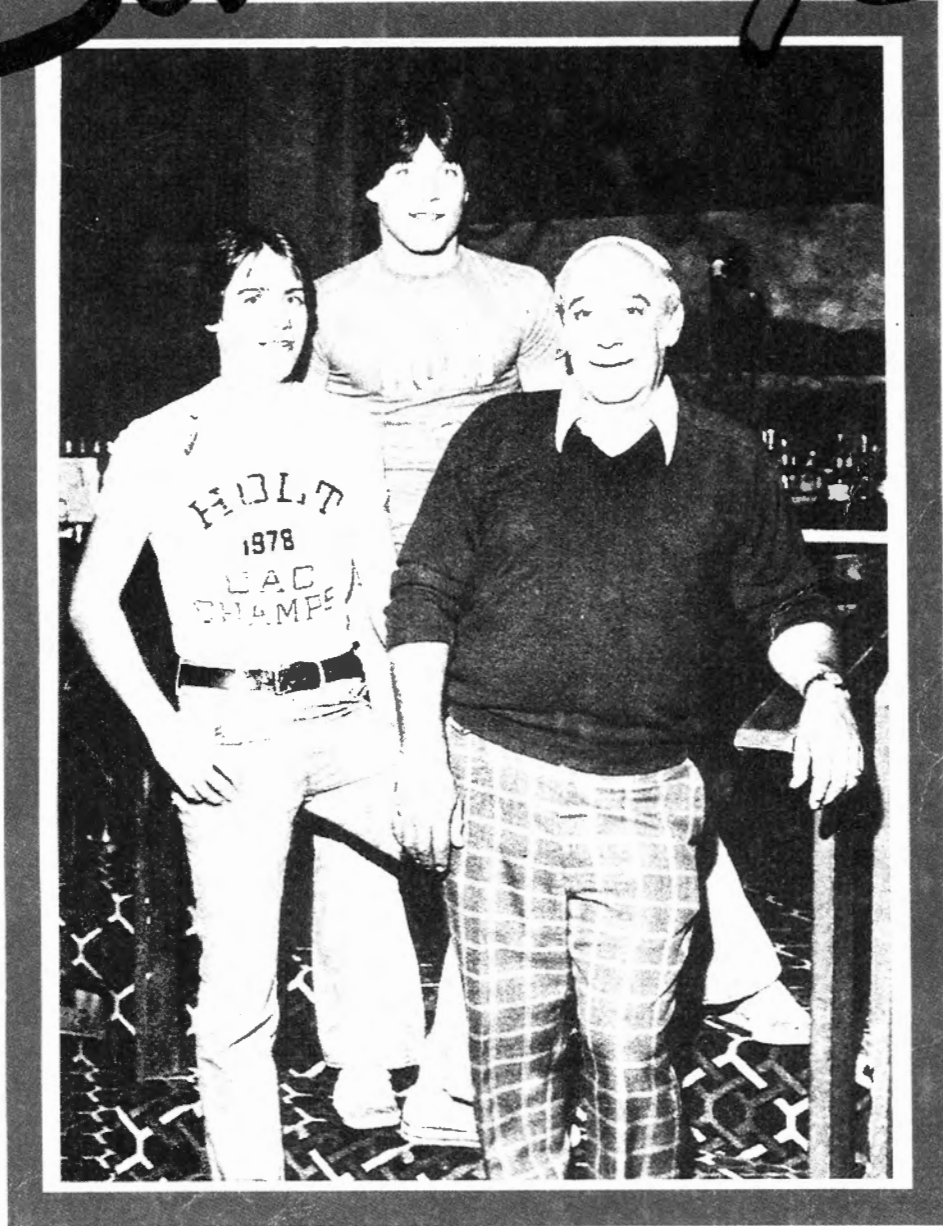


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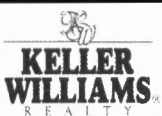
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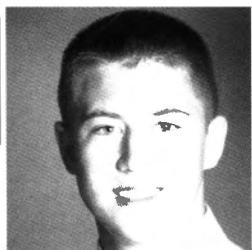
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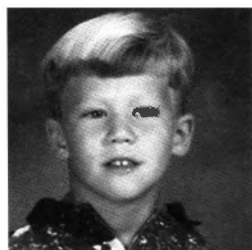


Brendan Lierman

Brendan,

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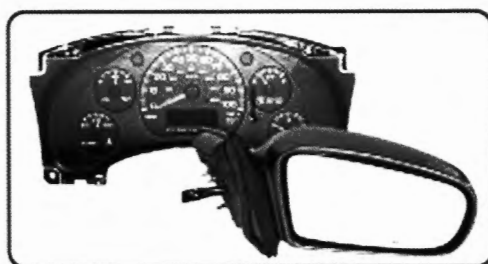
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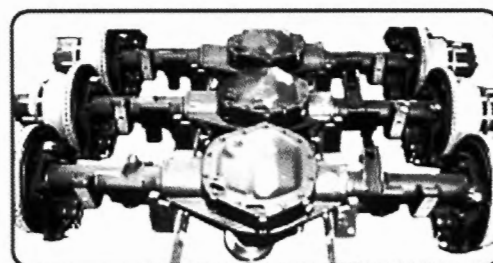
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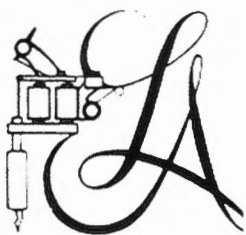
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Cody,

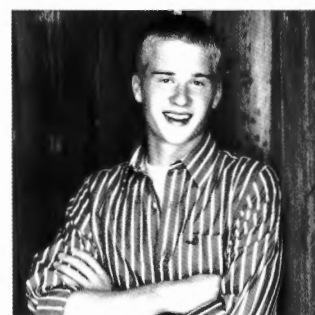
Graduation already! Where has all the time gone?

Through every stage of your life-my sweet baby, an adorable opinionated toddler, a rambunctious boy, the slightly obnoxious teen to the incredible young man you are today-you have blessed my life in more ways than you will ever realize. It has been an honor and privilege to be your mom. You are truly an amazing human being. You are intelligent, witty, caring, ethical and respectful. I couldn't ask for more.

As you begin this next stage of life, stay true to yourself. Stay humble, grounded and thankful for your blessings. Remember the importance of family and friends and make time for both. Let God be your compass and lead by example. Always be aware of the less fortunate and use your life to make this world a better place. Believe in yourself, dream big and live life to the fullest.

I am so proud of you!
I will always be your #1 fan.

Love forever,
Mom



Megan Holden

Megan,

You have grown into a beautiful young lady. You have always made us proud. Keep up your hard work and believe in yourself. We know you will succeed in everything you do! We love you very much and always remember that papa is looking out for you.

Love,
Mom, Kevin, Darien and Lauren

Kyle Winsor

Kyle,

Congratulations, you made it! Seems like just yesterday we sent you off to kindergarten, so excited to follow in your big sister's footsteps. Now graduated, and on your way to new adventures and challenges. Believe in your self and follow your dreams.

We love you!
Mom & Dad



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Volume 78:

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Number of books printed: 800

Cost to students: \$55 before January 18th
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Production cost: \$46,000

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Number of staffers: 23

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2004, 2005, 2007
Gold Award 2006

Taking a break for a quick snap-shot are the Rampage staff members. Between deadlines and after a tough day the class enjoyed spending time and laughing with one another. "Without the stress from the deadlines, life just seems so much better. A weight has been lifted off of my shoulders. I feel weightless. Like an elephant," said junior Jesse Powers. *Photo by Stephanie Mathers*



Smiling and standing close to one another the yearbook students use their bodies to outline "YC" to represent yearbook cheerbook. As one of many of the inside jokes developed throughout the year, "yearbook cheerbook" was used to raise the moral of the class while under stress. "When I was working on the yearbook page I jokingly typed 'Yearbook Cheerbook' as a place holder. It became a joke throughout the class," said senior Kelly Hamelin. *Photo by Stephanie Mathers*

In a spirited display of yearbook pride, junior Melissa Thering kindly baked a cake for the class's Valentines Day celebration. "I always have the best cakes for yearbook because everyone in the yearbook class is like family. Plus the class is fantastic so there's no reason for me not to make amazing cakes for everyone," said Thering. She frequently made time outside of school to bring some joy into the stressful class atmosphere. *Photo by Melissa Thering*



Yearbook Staff Members



**Kelly
Hamelin &
Trina**
Rawlinson
Best Friends



**Micheal
Farran:**
Best Writer



**Blake
Taylor:**
Best Photogra-
pher



**Marc
Anderson:**
Most Motiva-
tied



**Krissy
Barros:**
Most Artistic



**Zach
Carter:**
Most Likely
to use a Cell
Phone in Class



**Megan
Holden:**
Most Likely to
Meet a Dead-
line



**Scott
Hulteen:**
Most Likely to
Succeed



**Anna
Krycinski:**
Trendiest



**Natalie
Marshall:**
Best Dressed



**Tyler
McMillin:**
Best Taste in
Music



**Joesph
McNamara:**
Most Orga-
nized



**Lexi
McPike:**
Most Energetic



**Jesse
Powers:**
Nicest



**Anni
Rao:**
Best Hair



**Stephanie
Self:**
Most Studios



**Kristi
Shearer:**
Biggest Eater



**Danton
Thon:**
Most Likely to
Get in Trouble



**Melissa
Thering:**
Most Athletic



**Liz
Tompkins:**
Most Outgoing



**Jill
Zelenski:**
Best Role
Model



**Nate
Zimmer:**
Funniest



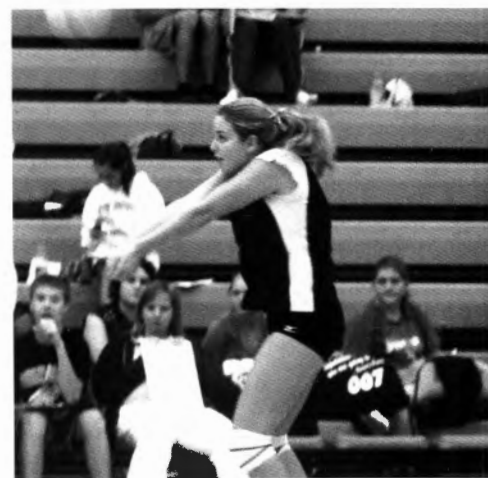
Sports Index

"As long as the mind can **envision** the fact that you can do something, you can do it..." -Arnold Schwarzenegger



Athletic Trainers

Row 1: Allison Schnepf, Amanda Stokes, Head Trainer Steve Pingston, Joe Sump, Mitch Saxman Row 2: Maegan Williams, Bethany Whirford Row 3: Lisa Vanhooose, Ashley Taylor



Baseball

Waverly	L 9-16	Everett	W 4-0
Waverly	L 1-2	Everett	W 11-1
Charlotte	L 3-13	Eastern	W 6-2
Charlotte	L 6-7	Eastern	W 3-1
Eaton Rapids	L 8-9	Okemos	L 4-17
Lakeshore	L 2-13	Okemos	L 5-16
Everett	W 16-5	Sexton	W 10-4
Dewitt	L 0-13	Sexton	W 13-2
Dewitt	L 4-13	Williamston	L 0-11
Williamston	L 5-7	Williamston	L 6-12
Ovid Elsie	W 5-1	Haslett	L 2-12
Grand Ledge	L 0-15	Haslett	L 2-12
Grand Ledge	L 3-18	Jackson	L 2-4
East Lansing	L 2-4	Jackson	L 1-7
East Lansing	L 1-6	Jackson	W 11-4
Hudson	W 16-10	Grand Ledge	L 1-11
Union City	W 9-6		



Varsity Baseball

Row 1: Brayden White, Chris Bossenbery, Greg Morey, Zach Morley, Tyler Royston, Justin Cowles, Carlos Berroa, Chris Carrier
Row 2: Coach Phillips, Matt Naeyaert, Joe Murphy, Trevor Bet, Daniel Neff, Tyler Denny, Kyle Winsor, Michael Cheadle, Coach Barke



JV Baseball

Row 1: Nickolas Lewis, Blair Hagerman, Justin Schewchuck, Ben Clone, Ryan Marrior, Brendan Diamond, John Krish
Row 2: Coach Potts, Don Harris, Max Cupp, Kevin Naeyaert, Luke Moreno, Josh Alleman, Anthony Watson, Jordan Jackson, Coach Clone

Boys Basketball

Mason	W 59-38	Okemos	W 51-50
Jackson	W 59-52	East Lansing	W 62-54
Okemos	W 51-47	Waverly	W 51-38
Haslett	W 58-52	Eastern	W 62-45
East Lansing	L 33-44	Everett	L 45-64
Lansing Catholic	W 58-33	Grand Ledge	L 48-50
Owosso	W 66-33	Jackson	L 51-56
Eastern	W 58-33	Dewitt	W 53-38
Lumen Christi	W 55-36	Sexton	L 46-56
Everett	W 69-45	Battle Creek C.	L 47-65
Grand Ledge	W 56-44		



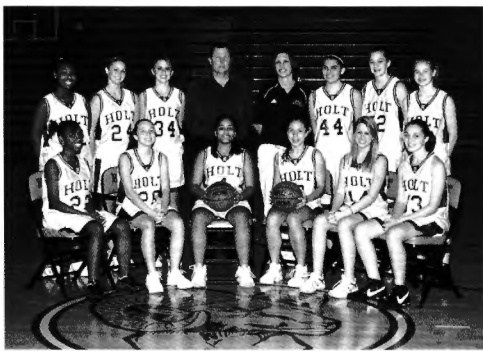
Boys Varsity Basketball

Row 1: Joel Childs, Brendan Diamond, Mike Hollern, Caleb Shaw, Aaron Kruch Row 2: Joe Powers, Corey Byrne, Zach Kramer, Cody Nash-Kniffen, Brendan Lierman, Rashawn Molden
Row 3: Coach Essel, Coach Baker, Coach Schram, Austin Holtz, Cole Darling, Tom Brandenburg, Coach Baker, Coach Olcheske



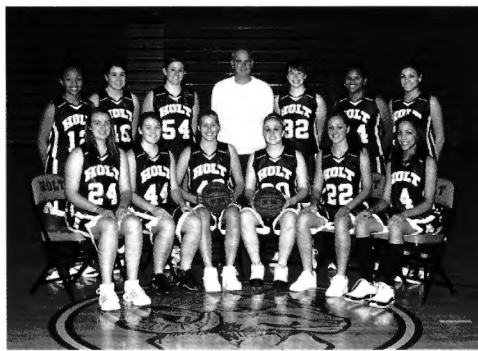
Boys JV Basketball

Row 1: Rodrick Walron, Dominick Todd, Chris Scott, Cameron Gibson, Luke Shumway, Carlos Berroa, Dj MacPhail
Row 2: Coach Netzel, Jermaine Shaw, Tayolr Beachnau, Nick Schmidt, Ben Dudley, Chad Ackerson, Coach Barker



JV Girls Basketball

Row 1: Robyn Robinson, Marie Dragonetti, Alyssa Clark, Alison Mellen, Rachel Steinberg, Alexis Malhado Row 2: Jazmine King, Colleen Lierman, Amanda Johnson, Coach Couturier, Assistant Coach Klecha, Marina Depew, Sara Austin, Megan Sundstrom



Varsity Girls Basketball

Row 1: Monica Drolett, Brette Fischer, Missy Mohr, Lindsey Soderberg, Kayla Roche, Ricarah Riddle Row 2: Jasmine Woods, Kayla Stevens, Emily Holtz, Coach Doug Harkema, Lexi Kelly, Jessica Peatross, Raquel Rendon

Girls Basketball

DeWitt	L 40-48	Lumen Christi	L 50-58
Sexton	L 55-59	Everett	L 62-65
Mason	W 73-48	Grand Ledge	W 51-32
Jackson	W 48-45	Okemos	L 53-63
Okemos	W 36-33	East Lansing	L 45-63
Haslett	L 52-57	Waverly	W 44-42
East Lansing	L 34-72	Eastern	W 60-46
Lansing Catholic	W 67-44	Everett	W 49-37
Owosso	W 67-28	Grand Ledge	L 46-48
Eastern	W 54-29	Jackson	L 34-43



JV Boys Bowling

Row 1: Tanner Pape, Alex Rarick, Cody Rockhold Row 2: Coach Hamilton, Caleb Wyatt, Kyle Sharp, Zach Yaggar, Coach Vessel



Varsity Boys Bowling

Row 1: Mrs. Hamilton, Nick Schnesk, Nate Robbins, Jordan Foster, Brandon Doerr, Brian Vessell Row 2: Alex Ungren, Taylor Miller, Lexus Jarecki, Tyler Snow, Cliff McLumpa

Boys Bowling

Owosso	W 18-12
Eastern	W 30-0
Grand Ledge	W 26-4
Mason	W 22-8
Sexton	W 23-7
East Lansing	W 25-5
Jackson NW	W 29.5-.5
Waverly	W 27-3
Everett	W 28-2
Jackson	W 18-12



Varsity Girls Bowling

Row 1: Coach Hamilton, Emily Kirby, Alexis Mollitor, Brittini Kramer Row 2: Nicole Rogers, Shelly Teague Row 3: Mindy Boisclair, Jacklyn Ungren, Jessica Robins

Girls Bowling

Owosso	W 16-14
Eastern	W 17-13
Grand Ledge	W 22-8
Mason	W 20-10
Sexton	W 20.5-9.5
East Lansing	W 21-9
Jackson NW	W 17-13
Waverly	W 21.5-8.5
Everett	W 18-12
Jackson	L 13-17



Varsity Cheerleaders (Basketball)

Row 1: Alyssa Dent, Jessica Martinez, Brittany Enos, Rachel Toth, Meghan Wilkes Row 2: Mercedes Breedlove, Paris Williams, Faith Thomas Row 3: Sarah Stapleron, Shelby Putman, Melissa Bell, Meghan Clarkin, Sunnie Eisenzimmer, Spencer Crew, Kristy Burr, Chelsea Hemenway, Meagan Keyes, Chelsie Brokenshire



JV Cheerleaders (Basketball)

Row 1: Allison Kent, Coach Rose, Cassandra Rose, Sam Kramer Row 2: Brandi Dexter, Taylor Shewchuck, Lexi Smith, Maci Holley, Brittany Wallace Row 3: Sam Perkins, Kalea Frisbie-Horton, Michela Herrick, Breanna Carson





Varsity Cheerleaders (Football)

Row 1: Mercedes Breedlove, Jessica Martinez, Brittany Enos, Meghan Wilkes, Rachel Toth, Courtney Wood, Alyssa Dent Row 2: Chelsea Hemenway, Nicole Wood, RaeShay James, Chelsie Brokenshire, Charisma Hoskins Row 3: Spencer Crew, Sarah Stapleton, Coach Martinez, Coach Harris, Sunnie Eisenzimmer, Meghan Clarkin



JV Cheerleaders (Football)

Row 1: Mindy Boisclair, Kalea Frisbie-Horton, Dominique Baker, Breanna Carson Row 2: Brandi Dexter, Alexa Smith, Allison Kent, Kristy Burt, Kelsey Bowman Row 3: Katie Sweet, Meagan Lesperance, Coach Clarkin, Brittany Wallace, Maci Holley, Sam Kramer



Boys Cross Country

Dewitt 3200 M	2nd	Haslett Invite	5th
LCHS 2 Mile	1st	Grand Ledge	L 37-18
Jackson CC Inv.	1st	Portage Invite	18th
Bath Invite	4th	Jackson	W 15-46
BC Lakeview Inv.	1st	Everett	W 15-50
Eastern	W 20-36	Greater Lansing Inv.	4th
East Lansing	W 25-32	CAAC Blue	4th
Mason Invite	2nd	Regionals	5th
Okemos	W 25-32		



Girls Cross Country

Batch Invite	8th
B.C. Lakeview	1st
Okemos/EL	2nd
Mason Invite	3rd
Everett	Win
Haslett Invite	9th
Jackson	Loss
Sexton	Win
Portage Invite	20th
Grand Ledge	Loss
Eastern	Win
Greater Lansing Inv.	9th
CAAC Meet	5th
Regionals	7th

Varsity Cross Country

Row 1: Kim Killips, Abbey Dutkiewicz, Allison Orth, Ericka Culp, Melanie Adler, Stephanie Irish, Karina Drachman, Marissa Perry, Hannah Taylor, Christiana Gregory, Carolina Madrid, Barbra Armstrong, Taylor Roach Row 2: Ben Jones, Nathan Ackerson, Cole Caron, Skyler Dutkiewicz, Joe Somethin, Cody Thon, Joe Hemingway, Caleb Shaw, Zach Hodgman, Eric Spitz, Justin Gibbs, Kyle Hanton, Phil Batterson Row 3: Coach Foy, Devan Reed, Eric Hillard, Zach Carter, Ethan Tate, Chase Everett, Mark Tongen, Josh Benjamin, John Graham, Ryan Thumser, Coach Stafford

"This year was dissapointing because we only made it to regionals but its the right motivation to make us go far next year."

Junior Joe Hemmingway



Dance Team

Row 1: Megan Murray, Marliegh Noss, Terra Livingston, Katy Essenmacher. Row 2: Kayleigh Andrews, Lauren Crawford, Sarah Ann Robiadek, Breah Stewart, Kaitlyn Sundstrom, Rachel Vachon Row 3: Jade Frazier, Samantha Smeage, Alexis Mollitor, Coach Molly Noss





Equestrian

Row 1: Rheannon Bateman, Taylor Roe, Kiersten McFadden, Gabrielle Rendon, Hailey Richardson Row 2: Coach Sherer, Coach Rodgers, Kaelyn Ziegler, Lehanna Hardy, Rebecca Donaldson, Lauren Kustasz, Coach McCormick, Coach Twitchell



Varsity Football

Row 1: Jordan Foy, Mitchell Zajac, Austin Holtz, Tyler Poirier, John Bort, Josh Webb, Scott Crawford, Michael Hollern, Josh Williams, Michael Cheadle, Cody Nash-Kniiffen Row 2: Nick Hein, Chris Caldwell, Donald Walrer, Enrique Garcia, Jeff Walther, Mitchel Saxman, Cam Imaz, Brayden White, Curtis James Ferguson, Joseph Powers, Corey Byrne Row 3: Jeffery Marshall, Emmett Kelly, Luke Moreno, Jay P. Dudley, James Mireles, Corbin Boone, Nick Norton, Tom Brandenburg, Travis Saxman, Ryan McFarland, Kinnith Gibbs Row 4: Antonio Todd, Nick Taylor, Josh Gardner, Lawrence Hornus, Brent Sherlock, Matt Holliday, Jorge Hernandez, Zac Seyka, Jon Krish, Mitch Steed, Jacob Lewis Row 5: Avery Thomas, Dominick Todd, Kevin Naeyaert, Dijawon Wilson, Robert Norton, DJ Morgan, Koort Leyrer, David Lopez, Jordan Beachnau, Tyler Gripenrog, Bobby Trudgeon Row 6: Coach Smith, Coach Green, Trainer Steve Pingston, Allison Schnepf, Maegan Williams, Bethany Whitford, Coach Fulk, Coach Rarick, Bobby Trudgeon



JV Football

Row 1: Josh Voss, Chris Scott, Javier Cantu, Mark Kauffman, Alex Kolb, Jaden Hartig, Austin Fineis, Ben Dudley, Andrew Hellemis, Julian Rodgers, Michael Kennedy Row 2: Chad Ackerson, Jacob Majeske, Ryan DeClercq, Mike Smith, Taylor Beachnau, Jason Donaldson, Dylan Jernstadt, Chad Hanna, Ryan Sanford, AJ Mollitor, Bus Donaldson Row 3: Gurwinder Singh, Darian Bachman, Spencer Flynn, Kyle Leadbitter, Tyler Reah, Rodrick Walton, Mike Andring, Evan Brown, Tori Luera, Alec Wilkins, Jermaine Shaw Row 4: Coach Knechtel, John McKay, Rodney Scott, Donlunto Jackson, Ryan Mack, DJ Macphale, Nick Schmidt, Brendan Woodard, DeShawn Thompson, Coach McFarland, Coach Carmody



"This year got me ready for varsity football, me and the guys are ready to take over next year. We had a lot of fun this season."

Sophomore Chris Scott



JV Golf

Row 1: Bradford Bennett, Ryan Sanford, Jordan Jackson, Jordan Foster, Lucas Sproul, Zac Seyka, Steve Webb Row 2: Kevin Kox, Alex Olson, Michael Brokenshire, Blair Hagerman, Ben Mahynsen, Aaron Kruch, Alex Beeson



Varisty Golf

Row 1: Cory Gordon, Matt Bandt, Tyler Royston, Chad Fox, Nick Beeson, Coach Dowell Row 2: Matt Hasbany, Brian Berry, Ben Clone, Tyler Krum, Anthony Warson

Boys Golf

Eastern	L 297-376	Jackson	L 157-162
Everett	L 297-404	Okemos	W 157-149
Sexton	L 289-401	Sexton	L 145-193
Okemos	W 163-153	E. Lansing	W 172-162
Jackson	W 163-159	Grand Ledge	W 170-168
E. Lansing	L 301-306	Eastern	L 151-187
Grand Ledge	W 301-295	Everett	W 151-210



Girls Golf

CAAC Jamboree	1st
Jackson	W 180-282
Okemos	W 183-185
East Lansing	W 183-197
Grand Ledge	W 171-194
Eastern	W 170-250
Everett	W 179-268
CAAC Jamboree	3rd



Varsity Golf

Row 1: Mariah Massa, Elizabeth Couturier, Anne Couturier
Row 2: Jessica Peatross, Samantha Patterson, Jennifer Anderson, Emily Taschner Row 3: Coach Harkema

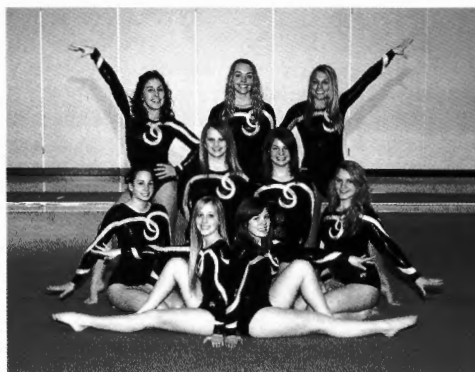


JV Girls Golf

Row 1: Kirstin Kraushaar, Jenni Pielack, Nikki Stevenson
Row 2: Falysha Edmondson, Haley Bandt, Coach Couturier, Alexis Malhado, Kaitlyn Plascencia

Gymnastics

Lumen Christi	W 134.875-121.4
Jackson N.W.	W 132.05-107.7
Haslett Invite	3rd
Saline	W 129.225-128.375
Freeland	W 133.25-130
Jackson	W 133.125-106
St. Johns	W 135.75-123.85
Canton Invite	11th
Grand Ledge	L 125.375-147
East Lansing	W 133.75-123.85
Mason	W
CAAC	2nd
Regionals	2nd
States	11th



Gymnastics

Row 1: Kalea Frisbie-Horton, Courtney Blake Row 2: Natalie Zaleski, Jenny Morley, Aundrea Lavigne, Jacklyn Zussman Row 3: Arielle Dyer, Courtney Wood, Nicole Wood



Hockey

Grand Haven	L 3-5	GL/Waverly	L 1-7
Hudsonville	L 1-7	Dewitt/St. John's	L 2-3
Grand Haven	T 1-1	Lansing Catholic-	L 0-2
East Lansing	T 3-3	MERC	W 5-1
GL/Waverly	L 0-8	Okemos	W 4-2
Lumen Christi	L 1-2	Lumen Christi	L 1-5
Haslett/Williamston	L 3-4	Lansing Catholic	T 2-2
Okemos	L 4-7	Bay Area Thunder	N/A
Dewitt/St. John's	L 1-5	Haslett/Williamston	W 4-1
MERC	L 4-5	Jackson	W 6-5
Jackson	L 1-2	East Lansing	W 8-0



Hockey

Row 1: Chris Carrier, Robbie Kraemer Row 2: Ryan Warner, Nick Wilkinson, Tyler Walsh, Kevin Mack, Andy Hull, Kyle Borek, Nick Crawford Row 3: Ben Zietlow, Kyle Drake, Matt Hasbany, Chris Shaw, Mike Lemke Row 4: Nick Ward, Max Pool, Skyler Dutkiewicz, Mark Tongen, Brock Blankenship



Boys Lacrosse

Walled Lake N.	W 7-1
Novi	W 8-7
Lowell	W 12-1
Plymouth C. S.	L 2-10
Okemos	L 6-9
Saline	L 1-12
Brighton	L 4-12
Haslett/Williamston	W 10-8
Cranbrook	L 4-15
East Lansing	L 2-6
Dewitt	W 10-6
Waverly	L 8-9
Haslett/Williamston	W 10-9
Okemos	L 3-11



Varsity Boys Lacrosse

Row 1: Will Aubuchon, Justin Ziegler, Nate Zimmer, Noah Steere, Josh Alton, Alex Beason, Bobby Beccey, Steve Vargas Row 2: Craig Wefriah, Matt Bower, Nate Perdue, Kevin Mack, Justin Danford, Ryan Declercq, Bobby McKee, Jeff Twomely Row 3: Mark Tongen, Matt Fisher, Christ Purdy, Mike Updyke, Albert Gillison, Dylan Wolff, Chase Everett, Jeff Walthers, Alex Freeman



JV Boys Lacrosse

Row 1: Coach Sanak, Ryan Brown, Evan Brown, Mike Andring, Michael Crippen, Cory Gordon, Charles Morrissey, Alex Kolb, Adam Johnson, Coach Martin Row 2: Phil Johnson, Patrick Stapf, Colin Carpenter, Jordan Craig, Andy Krause, Tyler Walsh, Dalton Sweet, Miles Green, Brett Kuprel, Sam Johnides Row 3: Robert Chrisman, Josh Norton, Jordan Lionheart, Tommy McKee, Danny Lane, Brendan Carr, Keenan Steere, Robbie Kraemer



JV Girls Lacrosse



Row 1: Kalea Frisbie-Horton, Melissa Bell, Abby Dutkiewicz, Alyssa O'Connor, Hailey Marsh, Judy Bailey Row 2: Brittany Wallace, Sam Kramer, Alyssa Clark, Kelsey McClure, Ju Yeon, Witney Orth, Brooke Wallace, Taylor Shewchuck Row 2: Alyssa Clark, Kristin Charette, Danielle Thorn, Emily Tupper, Jourdan Reis, Brooke Heiler, Kadie Hein



Varsity Girls Lacrosse

Row 1: Staci Sparks, Stacy Morrison, Megan Schallau, Brenna Brown, Stavroula Kyriakopoulos, Meredith Nelson, Amie Berwald, Caitlin Lowery, Aleasha Wright, Taylor Parker Row 2: Mava Cooper, Erica Stanley, Marina Depew, Eve Wood, Kaitlyn Kyriakopoulos, Valerie Carr, Kristi Shearer, Sutton Parker, Meghan Wilkes Row 3: Kelsey Arambula, Morgan Wilson, Liz Tompkins, Brooke Foorman, Caila Bulkowski, Coach Chapman



JV Boys Soccer

Row 1: Jamison McCaige Row 2: Jerod Gardner, Kyle Borek, Tyler Ennis, Alex Bossie, Patrick Mercer, Michael Crippen, Ryan Carrier Row 3: Coach Matt Trunk, Adrian Mandujano, Alex Bryant, Ryan Hoffer, Brad Bennett, ChiMan Hung, Joey Johnson, Coach Mitch McCaige, Coach Corey Rees



Varsity Boys Soccer

Row 1: Alex Hernandez, Collin Mohr, Josh Barens, Charles Romig, Tyler Denny, Ryan Schooley, Dan Wulfekuhler, Brendan Finnerty Row 2: Ryan Merriott, Ben Gates, Kevin Skinker, Arthur Gukasov, Michael Farran, Kevin Borek, Jordan Lewis, Tommy Ziolkowski Row 3: Steve Pingston, Coach Camton Gnass, Andrew Lamie, Josh Brayton, Nate Long, Stefan Wehl, Dylan Wolff, Nathan Quebbeman, Alex Mazzoni, James Maier, Jerry Lassen, Coach Aaron Smith, Coach John Conner

Boys Soccer

Hartland	W 2-1	E. Lansing	L 1-5
Livonia C.	T 0-0	Owosso	L 1-2
Roeper	W 4-1	Grandville	L 0-4
Charlotte	W 3-0	Eastern	W 4-2
Waverly	T 0-0	Everett	W 2-0
Dexter	L 2-5	Grand Ledge	L 0-1
Dewitt	T 1-1	Perry	W 4-0
Parma	T 0-0	Waverly	W 3-2
Jackson	W 2-1	Owosso	W 3-1
Okemos	L 0-1	Battle Creek Central	W 5-2
Midland Dow	L 2-5	Okemos	L 0-3



JV Girls Soccer

Row 1: Madolin Welch, Kortney Mizer, Julia Dane, Anastasha Franco, Paige Royston, Sarah Chronister Row 2: Marie Dragonetti, Chelsea Reeser, Terra Livingston, Tricia Chapman, Mandie Deason, Lauren Johnson, Mikaela Taylor Row 3: Coach Trunk, Laura Holmstrom, Laura Warden, Raquel Rendon, Lexi McPike, Chelsea Gaukel, Melissa Hall, Coach Hornak



Varsity Girls Soccer

Row 1: Danielle Counsellor, Alexis Louth, Nikki Allegretro, Tori Patton Row 2: Bridgette Griffiths, Brette Fischer, Liz Dejongh, Jessica Baker, Nicole Barens, Meagan Nakfor, Jordan Birch Row 3: Coach Brad, Tricia Brubaker, Alyson Mosher, Kaitlin Warren, Jessica Phillips, Krista Keiffer, Marissa Perry, Missy Mohr, Ashley Schouten, Chelsie Ackerson

Girls Soccer

Lumen Christi	W 2-1	Dewitt	T 2-2
Dewitt	L 0-1	Everett	W 12-0
Mt. Pleasant	W 2-1	Jackson	T 0-0
St. Johns	W 1-0	Haslett	W 3-0
Grand Ledge	W 1-0	Sexton	W 8-0
Mason	L 1-2	Everett	W 8-0
East Kentwood	T 1-1	East Lansing	W 2-1
Eastern	W 5-0	Okemos	L 0-4
Okemos	L 0-4	Grand Ledge	W 3-0
Rockford	T 1-1	Jackson	L 2-3
East Lansing	W 2-1		



JV Softball

Row 1: Jenni Pielack, Melanie Adler, Stephanie Jenks, Chelsea Bartley, Meghan Clarkin Row 2: Jordynn Fountain, Nicole Rogers, Hilary Shorna, Tori Perrin Row 3: Coach Anne Russo, Lexi Kelly, Jusine Maxey, Dani Staebell, Jenn Hall, Coach Kutney



Varsity Softball

Row 1: Jovanna Quiroga, Abbey Rarick, Danielle Smith, Mollie Ballmer, Amanda Prange Row 2: Rosie Walker, Stephanie Smith, Kayla Stevens, Kiera Leitz, Dominique Baker Row 3: Coach Boyce, Coach Wilcox, Damaris Shaffer, Madeline Prange, Head Coach Kim Reichard, Abbie Clark, Jordan Hayes, Collene Lierman, Coach Huhn

Softball

Waverly	L 4-5	Jackson	W 3-1
Waverly	W 11-2	Everett	W 9-2
Eaton Rapids	L 4-8	Everett	L 2-3
Eaton Rapids	L 3-6	Grand Ledge	L 0-4
Williamston	L 4-6	Grand Ledge	L 5-8
Williamston	T 6-6	East Lansing	W 5-4
Mason	L 3-13	East Lansing	W 11-1
Mason	L 2-3	Eastern	W 12-1
Chelsea Invite	3rd	Eastern	W 15-0
Sexton	W 13-1	Haslett	W 3-2
Sexton	W 13-2	Haslett	L 4-5
Plymouth Salem Invite	2nd	St. Johns	L 4-5
Okemos	L 2-13	St. Johns	W 14-3
Okemos	L 2-13	Jackson	W 5-4
Jackson	W 8-7	Grand Ledge	L 0-4



Boys Swimming

CAAC Meet	2nd	Owosso	W 114-69
CAAC Invite	1st	Mason	W 146-40
Waverly Relays	1st	Alma	L 85-98
East Lansing	W 109-77	Everet	W 121-65
Eastern	W 133-42	St. Johns	W 126-59
Okemos	W 99-87	Waverly Relays	1st
Jackson	W 96-89	Dewitt Invite	1st
Grand Ledge	W 116-70	States	12th



Boys Swimming

Row 1: Tyler Benge, Jarad Taylor, Christian Vauan, Kaleb Hebert, Cody Thon, Aaron Olives, Noah Flores, Adam Stasiuk, Alex Hoffman, Cody Schwem, Zach Burgess Row 2: Mitch Fisher, Dustin Haskell, Matthew Morgan, Gabe Murley, Spencer Dumond, Kyle Lucas, Matt Fisher Row 3: David Warner, Nate Robinson, Kyle Windsor, Toby Hensler, Danton Thon, Coach Ron Pohlonski, Coach Rick Edwards, Coach Brent Pohlonski



Girls Swimming

E. Lansing	W 107-79	Owosso	W 104-72
Okemos	L 70-116	Eastern	W 151-21
Jackson	W 107-76	St. Johns	W 103-83
Everett	W 139-39	CAAC Meet	3rd
Mason	W 103-83	CAAC Invite	2nd
Grand Ledge	W 96-91	Waverly Relays	8th
AAP	L 59-127	Forest Hills	5th
		States	10th



Girls Swimming

Row 1: Molly Gray, Bethany Carter, Monique Harmon, Katrina Majeske, Alysia Flores, Emily Felice Row 2: Ellyn Herberth, Chelsea Bartley, Randi Cartwright, Jenna Hiatt, Tiffany Wheat Row 3: Coach Brent Pohlonski, Rhandi Hicok, MaryRose Hilstrom, JoAnne Pohl, Chelsea Hicks, Kelsie Schooley, Asst. Coach Rick Edwards Row 4: Ashley Jones, Rachel Daughenbaugh, Morgan Wilson, Amber Redding, Rachel Rademacher, Melissa Tallis, Ashley Stasiuk, Asst. Coach Bryan Johnson



Boys Tennis

Waverly	W 6-2
Dewitt	W 6-2
Jackson	L 1-7
Okemos	L 0-8
East Lansing	L 0-8
Owosso	W 7-1
Eastern	W 7-1
Everett	L 3-5
Grand Ledge	L 2-6
Sexton	W 8-0
Haslett	L 1-7



Boys Varsity Tennis

Row 1: Josh Green, Zack Smith, Alex Rarick, Alex Ungren Row 2: Jeremy Rook, Aaron Henley, Brian Burt, Chris Yu, Adam Knapp Row 3: Coach Olcheske, Coach Harmenil, Daniel Gottschalk, Zach Corkins, Zach Morley, Brandon Currin, Manager Kristen Dykema



Boys JV Tennis

Row 1: Robbie Kraemer, Tanner Kletke, Ben Deullinger, Scott Dykema, Cam Corliss Row 2: Blair Hagerman, Danny Walsh, Luke Shumway, Todd Wiedrick, Gabriel Murley Row 3: Brandon Currin, Coach Harmenil, Josh Alleman, Joe Crippen, Tyler Palmer, Greg Rusetnik, Matt Durfee, Coach Olcheske, Kristen Dykema

Girls Tennis

Waverly	W 8-0	Jackson	W 6-2
Haslett	W 8-0	Okemos	L 0-8
Mason	W 6-2	Everett	W 8-0
Hartland	W 6-2	Dewitt	W 5-3
Eastern	W 8-0	CAAC	3rd
East Lansing	L 2-6	Regionals	1st
Grand Ledge	W 8-0	States	11th
Sexton	W 8-0		



Varsity Tennis

Row 1: Karen Thompson, Kristen Dykema, Krista Kieffer, Abbey Rarick, Ali Korroch, Elizabeth Serminski, Sarah Chronister. Row 2: Alyssa Davis, Ikea Smith, Damaris Shaffer, Erin Bondarenko, Sarah Harris, Katelin Moule, Katie Wright, Mollie Ballmer, Marissa Perry, Kelly Hamelin, Stephanie Mareki, Coach Somers



JV Tennis

Row 1: Natalie Marshall, Carolyn Warren, Megan Holden, Jasmine Garza, Danielle White, Erica Stanley. Row 2: Julia Dane, Sarah Powers, Aly Gillison, Kirstin Kraushaar, Paige Royston, Leah Dundon, Michelle McCormick, Amanda Stokes, Allison Fredline, Kaitlin Warren, Valerie Carr. Row 3: Coach Rarick, Markie Miller, Eve Wood, Jenni Pielack, Liz Tompkins, Lauren Johnson, Kelsey Arambula, Alyson Mosher, Morgane Dalton, Alexis Lucas, Heather Allen, Coach Lerner



Boys Varsity Track

Row 1: Devan Reed, Joseph Hemingway, Mitch Steed, John Bort, Nathan Quebbeman, Ryan McFarland, Tommy Brandenburg, Danny Zajac, Scott Crawford, Dominic Jenkins, Anthony Scott, Nik Alldaffer, Tyrone Vick, Caleb Shaw, Koort Leyrer, Aaron Torres, Eric Spitz Row 2: Markeas Waddy, Kevin Dygart, Enrique Garcia, Josh Williams, Jacob Lewis, Zach Carter, Terrence Shiels, Kyle Hanton, Antonio Todd, Chris Scott, Anthony Powers, Deshawn Thompson, Alex Hernandez, Jermaine Shaw, Dionte Vance, James Magyar, Arthur Williams Row 3: David Lopez, Dominick Todd, Andy Lamie, Benjamin Jones, Josh Wyatt, Nick Norton, Mitch Zajac, Curris Ferguson, Emmett Kelly, Nemanja Lazic, Calvin Bellas, Ryan Thumser, Tyler Hartmann, Mark Golbeck



"I loved pole vaulting, I actually was pretty good probably the best on the team. I'm excited for next year."

Sophomore Spencer Dumond



Girls Varsity Track

Row 1: Emily Ott, Taylor Roach, Kyndra Hoskins, Lindsey Byrnes, Jamie Jones, Charisma Hoskins Row 2: Kelly Hamlett, Alexis Chochran, Sunnie Eisenzimmer, Allison Orth, Hannah Taylor, Carolina Madrid, Christiana Gregory, Jenerre Killips, Kimberle Killips, Ashley Jones, Alexis Malhado Row 3: Nicole Casanova, Chynna McLeod, Lori Worden, Jazmine King, Jerrika Ellinger, MaryRose Hillstrom, Chloe Hamilton, Heather Brandenburg, Kayla Haynes, Chelsie Brokenshire, Jessica Husby, Tyresha Davis, Jameka Jones



"The track season was tougher than last year because of the coaches, but our times really improved."

Junior Carolina Madrid



JV Volleyball

Row 1: Paige Royston, Megan Sundstrom, Alison Mellen, Taiwana Manuel, Lauren Kustasz Row 2: Assistant Coach Ferris, Amber Marshall, Devan Walworth, Sarah Washabaugh, Emily Klauka, Kyla Walworth, Coach Klecha



Varsity Volleyball

Row 1: Megan Bunnell, Lauren Johnson, Kristen Hart, Karen Thompson Row 2: Emily Holtz, Andrea Overton, Lexi Kelly Row 3: Kandice Duke, Melissa Thering, Monica Drolett, Morgan Emery



Varsity Wrestling

Row 1: Jon Sharrah, Jareth Longdo, Jamie Hay, Kaleb Hadded, Seth Hanton, Jeff Baker, Charlie Scavarda, Travis Marshall, Tyler Jackson, Gregory Lewis, Garrison Gauna Row 2: Alex Bigger, Jimmy Quinn, Matt Durfee, Kaleb Shara, Nick Taylor, Kyle Shaw, Nick Ferguson, Travis Leuder, Tyler Culp, Mitch Johnson, Tyler Crum, Nik Alldaffer, Blane Bonter, Row 3: Skylar Kohagen, Justin Estee, Mike Andring, Zach Shaw, Dustin Miller, Grant Ankney, Chaz King, Kyle Hanton, Corey Leonard, Ben Mat-thiesen, Josh Shaver, Rhandi Hicok, Coach Shafr Row 4: Mitch Steed, James Mireles, Corbin Boone, Zack Seyka, Mitch Zajac, Curtis Ferguson, Koort Leyrer, Josh Shaw



"The wrestling season was pretty tough, but we made it to states undefeated."

Junior James Mireles

Boys Track

E. Lansing	L 80-85
Lansing Eastern	L 83-82
Grand Ledge	L 115-50
Sexton	L 87-78
Everett	W 105-60
Jackson	W 115-50
Okemos	L 75-90
Mason Invite	5th
Jackson N.W.	5th
CAAC Meet	6th

Girls Track

Everett	Win
Sexton	Win
Jackson	Tie
Grand Ledge	Loss
Okemos	Loss
East Lansing	Loss
Eastern	Win

Volleyball

Jackson	L 2-3
Okemos	L 1-3
East Lansing	L 1-3
Owosso	W 3-0
Eastern	W 3-1
Everett	W 3-1
Grand Ledge	W 3-0
Eastern	W 3-1
Jackson	W 3-1
Okemos	L 1-3
Grand Ledge	W 3-0
Battle Creek	L 0-3

Wrestling

Jackson	W 70-6	Brownburg	W 64-3
Okemos	W 78-6	Yorktown	W 52-18
Eastern	W 77-3	Franklin	W 56-12
E. Lansing	W 84-0	Jeffersonville	W 64-0
Everett	W 72-3	Sexton	W 58-17
Grand Ledge	W 46-25	Mason	W 37-30
Utica Ford	W 63-11	Lumen Cristi	W 45-12
Rochester	W 59-3	CAAC Tournament	1st
Ferndale	W 68-6	Districts	1st
Birm. Bro. Rice	W 76-0	Regional	1st
Utica	W 77-6	Quarter-final	W 34-19
St. Johns	W 64-18	Semi-Final	W 34-22
Waverly	W 74-5	State-Final	W 41-17
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"My favorite class is english because all my friends are in that class."

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"My favorite thing about high school is seeing friends everyday."

Junior **Emily Bohne**

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"My favorite part of high school are the cool and funny MSU interns."

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"I like going to the football games and hanging out with my friends."

Junior **Austin Everling**

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"The best part of high school are the green lockers. I love having mine on the east side!"

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"My favorite class was biology with Mr. Hodges. He was a really cool teacher."

Senior **Enrique Garcia**

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"I'm not going to miss high school much; I'm looking forward to new experiences."

Senior **Matt Howe**

wrong room because the halls are the same."



Senior **Samantha Vue**

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"I really like the high school. The different options give you the opportunity to be an individual."

Junior **Camden Young**

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"I'm going to miss the building. When I go to college it's going be weird getting use to a new building."

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Focusing intently on his incoming team mate, **senior Nate Robinson** takes his mark as he prepares for a relay start. The relay took place at the last practice before the Varsity Boys Swimming Conference Meet. The boys went on to tie Okemos and share the conference title. *Photo by Blake Taylor*

Moving forward

Open house invitations, vacation plans and graduations; the end of the school year meant vacation was here. However, the end of the year also meant the beginning of a new chapter. For many, that new chapter was another year of high school but for others the end of the year meant much more.

"I'm going to be so excited for school to be out, I'm going to spend the whole summer riding horses and swimming but I'll probably cry because I'm going to miss everyone so much," said junior Elizabeth Routhier.

For underclassmen the end of the year meant a vacation before beginning a new chapter in high school. With another year or two ahead of them before graduation, they still had work left to do before they were ready for the real world.

For seniors the future may have included a whole new school, new people or maybe even moving out on their own. This was their last year and with high school behind them it was time to look ahead to the real world.

At the end of any school year many students may feel accomplished, excited that they made it through another year but there may also be a feeling of nostalgia. The end of the year was a time to look back over the completed year and even previous years, to reminisce of memories and lessons learned. Hopefully all the experiences and all the lessons helped to better prepare students for whatever was in their future.

Whether that next step was college, work or another year of high school, it was time for students to look ahead and make plans to hopefully be ready for whatever was headed their way. Now that another school year over, whatever that future was would be coming up quick.

Though another year of high school came to a close, it was just the beginning of more to come. For some, it was preparation for another year of high school, for others it was time to move on to bigger and better things. Either way the future was coming up quick and students were prepared to hit the ground running.

