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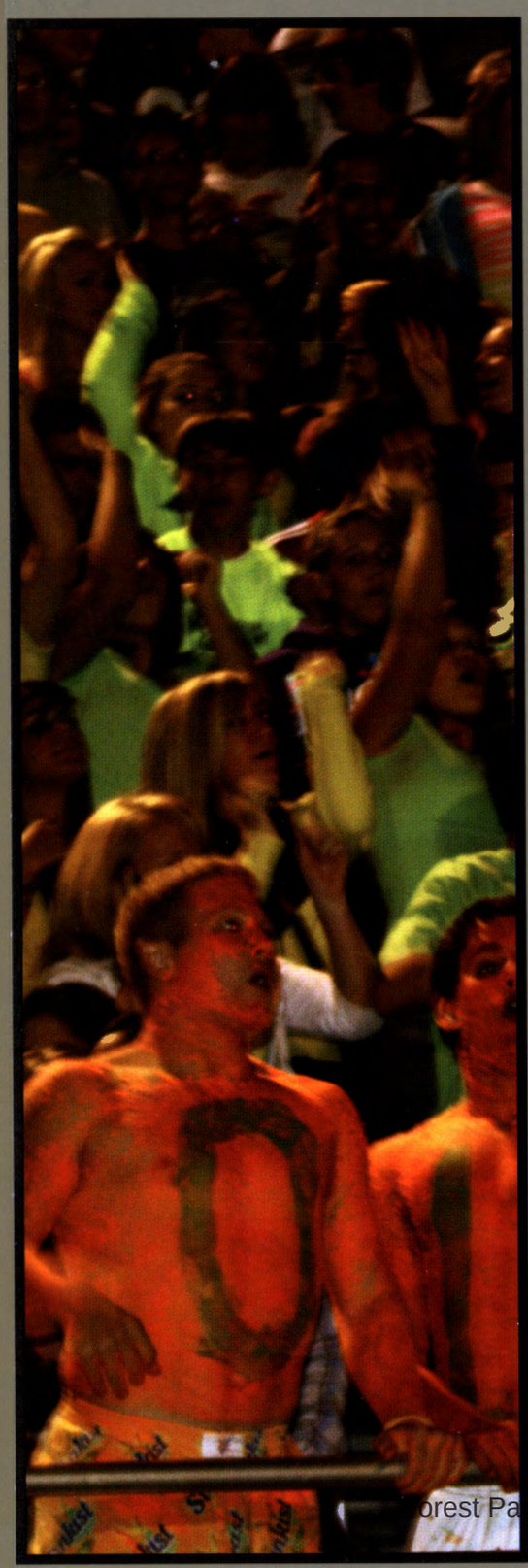

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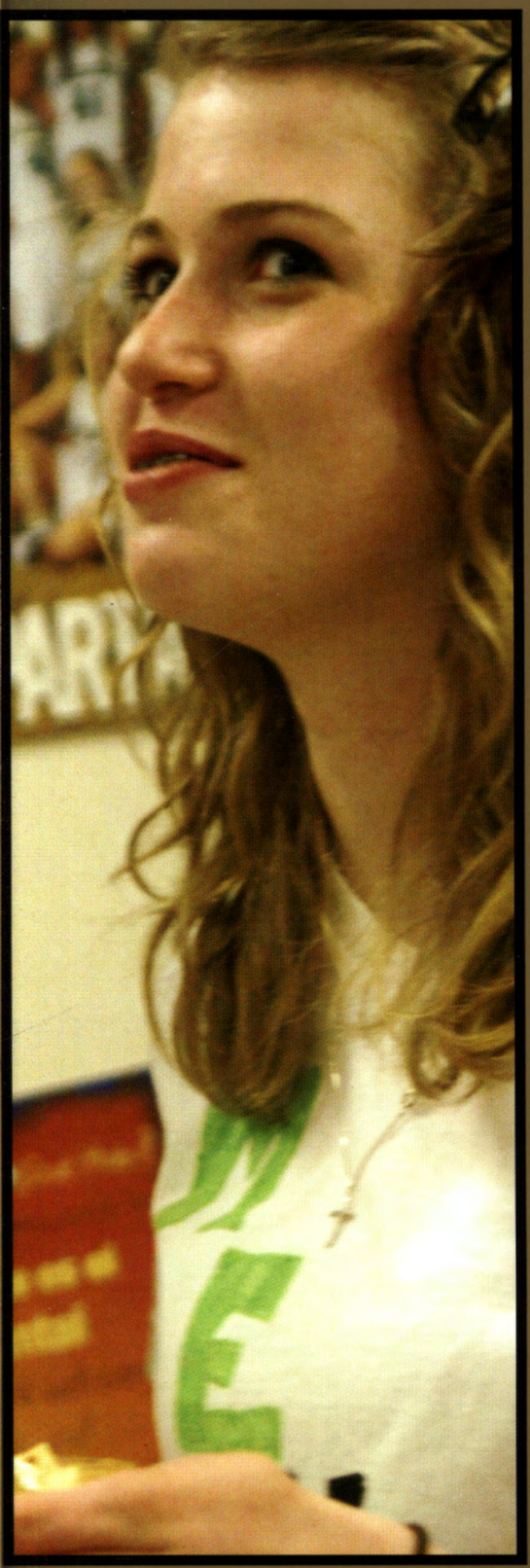

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Students: 1371
- *Seniors* 405
- *Juniors* 461
- *Sophomores* 497

Teaching Staff: 88
Principal: Brian Templin
Assistant Principals: Ann Coe & Rick Couturier
Superintendent: Dr. Johnny Scott
Capital Area Activities Conference

Walking into the school junior Brandon Bet follows behind a group of junior and senior girls. Bet, who entered the high school on his own, planned to meet up with other members of the varsity football team to discuss the upcoming playoff game. *Photo by Lauren Kustasz*

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During an environmental science class **senior Tyler Stuart** participates in an experiment testing water for dissolved oxygen. "The most fun thing about the experiment was when you get to see people fall over in the water," said Stuart.

Chatting it up in the commons **seniors Katelyn Sweet** and **Morgane Dalton** show their school spirit by participating in 80's day. "Spirit week was really fun," said Sweet, "It's my senior year so I wanted to participate every day because it was my last chance to do a homecoming spirit week!"

Swimming hard, **sophomore Benjamin Majeske** goes after the water polo ball. "My favorite match was the second time we played Grand Ledge," said Majeske, "We lost 18-17 but it was a good battle, and I got four goals."

Whether it's catching up on homework, talking with friends, or just eating food, lunch time is a social time for most students. Sitting around the table at lunch **juniors Shayla Kanouse, Hunter Osborn, Grant Taylor,** and **Brian Burt** talk and finish up their food.

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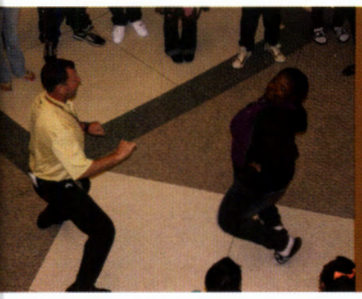

Whether it's performing at games pep rallies or just in the commons at lunch time **senior DaVasha Lobbins** always steps her best. The step team practices every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday but for Lobbins stepping is a part of everyday life.

Seniors Victoria Patton, Donald Allen and **Paul Strzalkowski** launch a water balloon during the parametric unit of their FST class. "Whenever you can take a mathematical concept like that and apply it in real life it helps the students understand the concept better," said FST **teacher Brian Vessell.**

Your Experience...

Creates Our Story

As students fill the once empty desks on the first day of school the chatter begins. Experiences of the summer and predictions of the year spread student-to-student as individuals share their stories. Everyone has their own story, a way to tell the experiences of daily life. These combine together to create our story, the chronicles of life in these halls.

Starting with the sophomores, in the first chapter of high school, unaware of what's going to happen in the next three years. "I'm excited, I already have alot of upperclassmen friends from marching band. I didn't think about how it would be with the older kids," expressed sophomore Christopher Lewis.

Next there are the juniors, stuck in the middle, pushing through the year to make it to the conclusion. "I don't like being stuck in the middle, not with the all the testing and extra homework," said junior Katherine Vargas. Then finally the seniors, who lived through the final moments of their high school stories, preparing for the next chapter of their lives. "I'm excited to just be able to say 'I'm a senior,' that I've made it this far. This is my last year to prove that I am somebody," comments senior Madeline Kretzinger. All three different out looks come together to create what Holt High School is all about.

While we all give a unique perspective on the experiences of our high school careers, we still share the common ground of being students together every day at Holt High School. We walk the same halls and we attend the same pep rallies. Just that simple thought threads together an outlook for what happened in these very walls.

During the Midland Dow boys soccer game **juniors Benjamin Gates** and **Collin Mohr** chat on the sidelines. "One of the major differences between last year and this year would be the bonding," said Gates, "The bonding is life altering."

Laughing together, **juniors Michael Smith** and **Brittany Anderson** work on building the junior float for the homecoming parade."It was a good bonding moment with friends from school," said Anderson, "It felt good to have school spirit."

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(People)

The score was tied, Holt went for the touchdown...and the crowd went wild! The Rams had scored and won the game! This excitement was experienced throughout the year as fans came out to support the football team, as they did for other events around the school. "I thought it was great how some people would go all out for the games; painting their bodies, leading the cheers, and charging out on the field after a big win. Also it was cool when the band came over and did the cheers with us," exclaimed senior, Matthew Durfee. In the hallways or at the games, there was plenty of spirit to go around. From the themed student sections to participation in the different days of spirit week, students and teachers rocked it out. "I like spirit week. It's fun and we all can come together and look like dorks," laughed sophomore, Chloe Henley. Whatever it was, students made sure to show spirit. No matter where you went this year, Holt Ram pride came through.

Payton Alagna, Jennifer Hall, & Samantha Kramer

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Kacie Lampman
"My senior year is fun and exciting, mainly because of all my awesome friends!"

Chynna Mcleod
"Take school seriously because before you know it, it will be that time."

Tiffany Wheat
"Live life to the fullest."

Eric Parry
"Live , hope, dream big."

Mark Kauffman
"Never be afraid to fail."

Britta Anderson
"Love your life and dance all night."

Kyle Shattuck
"Time you enjoy wasting, was not wasted."

Brooke Andrews
"Don't take life too seriously, no one gets out alive."

Kenan Steere
"As Alexander the Great said, 'I came, I saw, and I conquered.'"

Shane King
"High School is awesome, but now I will have to be strong and fly off into the world like a bronze eagle."

Toribio Luera
"2010 All Day!"

Nicholas Howland
"Live to the fullest and don't back down."

Leah Dundon
"A great king once said, 'we are one'."

Lauren Gibbons
"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

Jordan Beachnau
"Just live your life."

Madison Rodriguez
"Senior year rocks!"

James Fabijancic
"Hard work, lots of memories, most fun I had."

Benjamin Dudley
"I'm best friends with Jordan Beachnau."

Justine Maxey
"Live your life like there is no tomorrow, but when tomorrow comes look back and smile."

Jarred Bennett
"Never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best."

Chad Ackerson
"Never, never! Break up a girl fight!"

Paige Royston
"Love all, trust few, do wrong to no one."

Christopher Vargas
"Tough times don't last forever, but tough people do."

Daniel Lane
"Best year of school ever."

Joredan Rourke
"High school has been awesome, it's different every day."

Jazmine King
"So we focus on what is unseen not what is seen, for what is seen is temporary, what is unseen is eternal."

Clifford McClumpha
"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

Ryan Sanford
"Believe in yourself."

Carlos Berroa
"Get them out of here."

Garret Thaden
"Doing your best is about trying your hardest at something you love."

Our last words of wisdom...

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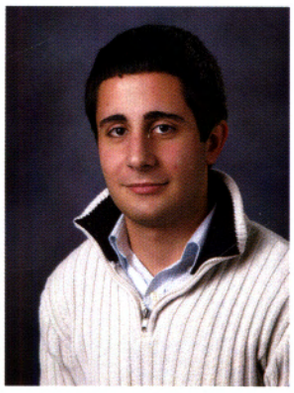

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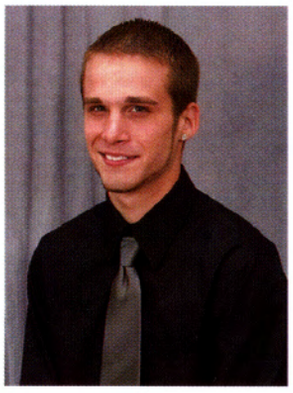

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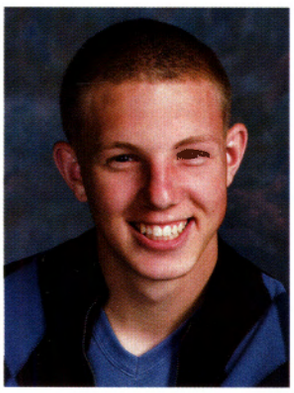

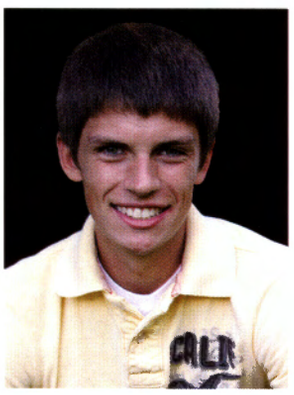

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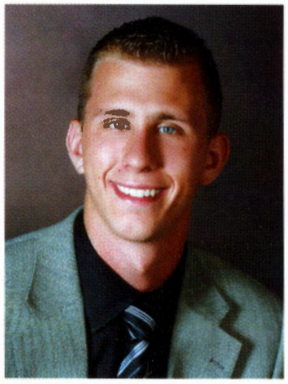

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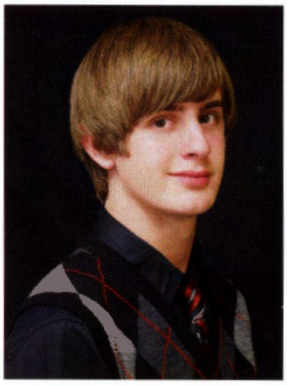

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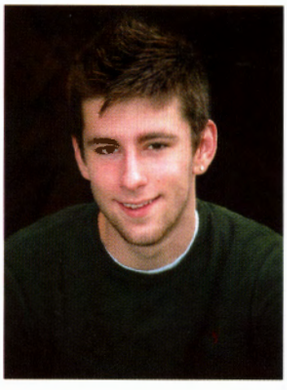

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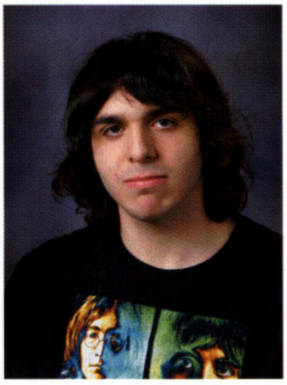

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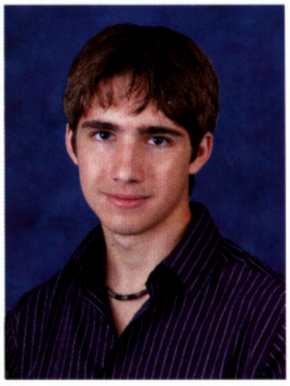

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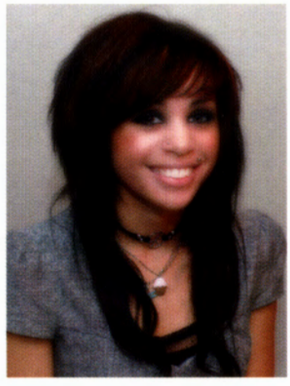

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Telling His Story:The Karate Kid

Senior Justin Kring

Karate chops, board breaking, fast moving punches, and English dialogue that doesn't match the mouths of the people saying them. All of these things are what motivated Justin Kring to pursue a hobby of martial arts. Senior, Justin Kring, has been practicing martial arts since the age of 10 and has loved doing it ever since. "When I was younger I was very interested in the Martial Art movies and loved to try to do what they did. Once I got involved with it I just kept doing it," explained Kring. Most kids get involved in an activity because their friends are doing it or they want to try their luck at it. "I tried a lot of things, but in the end I decided to stick with Martial Arts because it was the only thing that I was any good at" Kring replied. To be good or even great at anything that you do, you must devote time and effort into your craft. There is no shortage in that for Justin. "I have to work out to keep my body in shape. I do mostly cardio and core exercises to keep my heart and lungs strong. I try to work out about 4 to 5 hours a week but it's kind of hectic with school going on so I do the best I can" said Kring. Justin is just one of the many of examples of being dedicated to his craft for years.

"Once I got involved...I just kept doing it."

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(N)ear the End

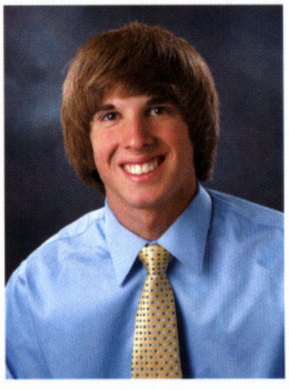
Do the days go by excruciatingly slow? Does each class seem to take hours upon hours? Despite all the fun and excitement senior year brings, it also brings senioritis.

"The hardest thing about senioritis is not skipping school."
- Ryan Cimmerer

"Senioritis just makes you want to slack off, and it's really hard to get to class on time because you just don't want to go to class at all."
- Jolynn Brickner

"Senioritis is when you really just don't care to get your work done because it's your last year of high school."
- Amy Schafer

"Senioritis is my life because all I do is sleep, have a social life, and win."
- Jayson Bechtol



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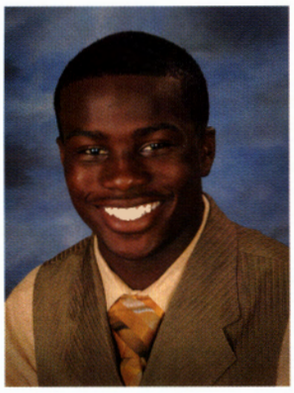

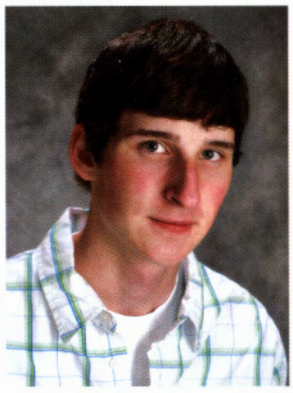

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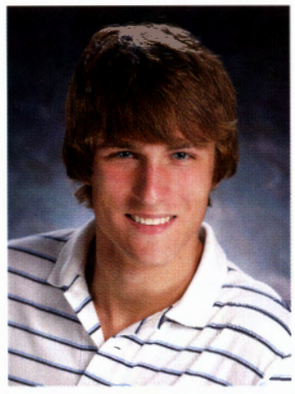

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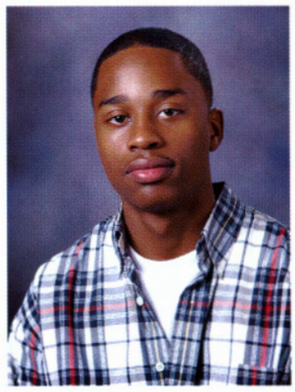

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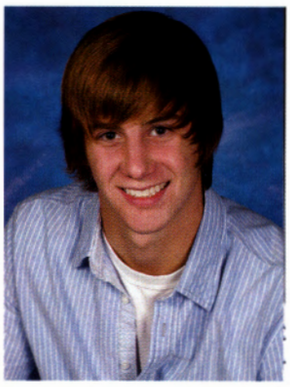

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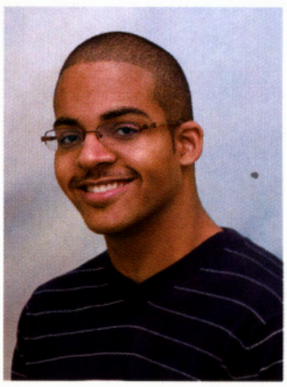

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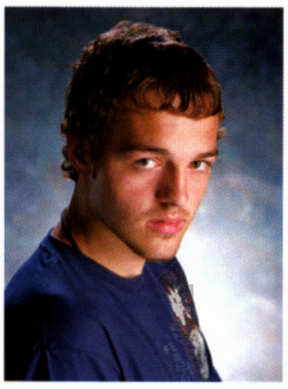

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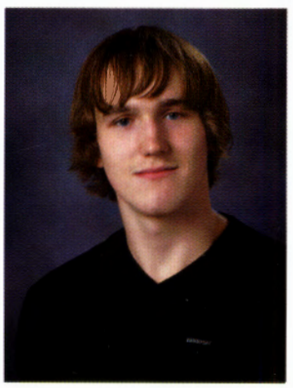

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Telling Her Story: Future Soldier

Senior Alyssa Daughenbaugh
Photo by: Kristy Arntz

When most seniors were relishing in the relaxation of the first weeks of summer, one of them was not. Senior, Alyssa Daughenbaugh, was preparing to be in the rigorous basic training camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri to become a medic for the United States Army. "A lot of people were surprised when they found out I wanted to join the Army. My parents were apprehensive at first but once they understood that it was what I wanted, they were supportive, especially my mom who signed the consent so I could enlist at 17," said Daughenbaugh, who swore in this past year.

"I'm doing what feels right."

Unlike most seniors, Daughenbaugh wasn't spending her last moments of high school and the beginnings of summer celebrating or preparing for college, she was attending Future Soldiers program for physical training and military procedures like ranks, drills and ceremonies, all while trying to fit in time with loved ones."I feel sort of out of the loop with all the college stuff, but I just take it like I am going on my own adventure with my own path. Sure, I'm going to miss my friends and family a lot but it's worth it because I'm doing what feels right," said Daughenbaugh.When the morning of June 29th, 2010 comes for Daughenbaugh, a new chapter in her life will begin. With a new setting and characters she will create and narrate a new story, one still untold.

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Best Eyes

Pretty peepers went to Michael Andring. "I like the fact that I have the best eyes," said Andring. He said it is good to be remembered for something in your high school career.

"It's genetic! My sister got the award when she was in high school too," said Mikaela Taylor. She thinks that everyone has pretty eyes.

Most Likely to Succeed

Bookish Philip Batterson won the award for most likely to succeed. "I didn't expect it," said Batterson. He said he was honored people would choose him and overjoyed!

Hard working senior Allison Orth is recognized as the most likely to succeed. "There are a lot of others that desire it. I feel honored," said Orth.

Best Hair

"I was confused," said Jayson Bechtol when asked how he felt about winning best hair. He said he was happy to have won this award and it is good to be remembered for something.

"Herbal Essence long term relationship shampoo condition rinse repeat," said senior Dominique Baker. "It is nice to be remembered for something through her high school experience."

Most Fashionable

Stylish senior Randall Morris received the award for most fashionable. "It's not easy being cheesy," said Morris after he discovered he won.

"I'm broke from spending all my money on clothes," said Nicole Allegretto. She said she was excited when she found out she had won. Allegretto said she would like to thank her mother for picking out her clothes.

Class Clown

"Dedicated to Patty Swayze, my fallen homie," said Carmin Corliss about winning class clown. As a final farewell Corliss said "I float high, goodbye, I will miss y'all."

"It's just my natural swag," said senior Alyssa Clark. Clark is known in the school for being hilarious in many of her classes. Clark said she was very surprised but also very happy to have won.

Most Likely to be Famous

Soccer Superstar, Joshua Barens was recognized for his talent that some think will take him to stardom. Josh plans to go to college and play soccer for his school. He said he was happy to win this award.

"I'm going to be on Broadway some day," said Tara Dausman. Dausman also takes voice lessons and got the award for Michigan's most promising young talent.

Most Athletic

"You get out what you put in," said hard working senior Dominick Todd. Todd said he felt very honored to have won against many other athletic kids in the school.

"It's good to see hard work pay off," said Alexis Kelly. Alexis said she thought it was cool that she won the most athletic girl.

Photo Illustration

Best Smile

Upbeat senior Cameron Gibson said he smiled a lot when he found out he won. "Life is better when you smile," said Gibson. "Put a smile on like McDonald's," said Gibson

Braces finally paid off for senior Maci Holley. She said she was excited and privileged to have won best smile. "I was excited. I have not won anything since the costume contest in fifth grade," said Holley.

Sarah Washabaugh and Sarah Stevens

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Biggest Flirt

"I make Hitch look bad," said senior flirt Jermaine Shaw. Shaw said he thought it was funny that he won and said he started laughing when he found out.

"Friendliness out shown everyone else, glad my memory will forever live on in the yearbook," said Jayde Kirby. Kirby was happy to be Biggest Flirt 2010

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Most Scholarly

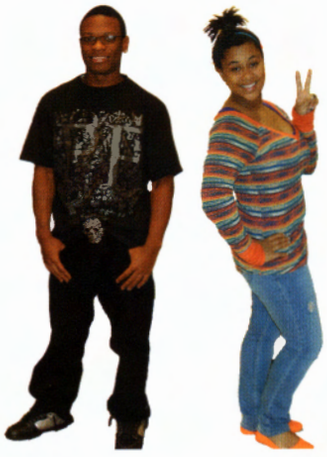
"I love math!" said Mykola Kravchenko. Kravchenko said he was surprised he didn't get it sooner, overjoyed and happy to be recognized for being a nerd.

"We learn new things every day. The trick is figuring out how to apply them. If you know how to apply them you will always succeed," said Britta Anderson. Anderson said she was happy when she found out she won.

Friendliest

Friendly senior Kyle Townsend said it was nice to be recognized for something so positive. "I was surprised to be on the ballot let alone win," said Townsend.

"As cheesy as it sounds, treat people how you want to be treated. It's a helpful saying," said Morgane Dalton. Dalton said it is a nice award to win and out of all of them she was happy she got friendliest.



Best Dancer

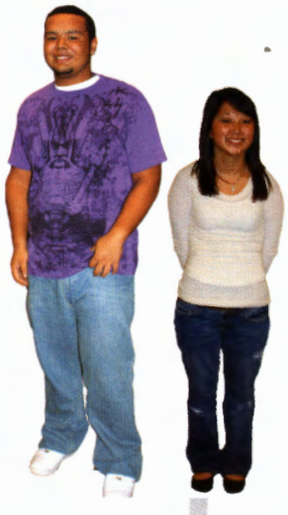
"I wasn't that surprised. It was a relief to win," said Vincent Knight. Knight wanted to thank everyone who voted for him and hopes that after high school everyone will be seeing him again.

"It's not how good you are at it, its how much fun you have doing it," said Breanna Carson. Carson said she was very excited she won and wanted to thank people who voted for her.

Most likely to Run for Office

"It's whatever, happy to win a mock election," said Ryan Cimmerer. Cimmerer said he wasn't surprised that he won because he said many people voted for him.

"Glad. I felt I deserved it. I will run in San Francisco. My aunt says I should be mayor of San Francisco," said Angela Gonzalez. Gonzalez said she was very happy that she got the award.



Best Laugh

Comical senior Jaden Hartig was now recognized. Hartig said he was happy and felt glad that he won.

"I feel like getting best laugh is like getting most obnoxious laugh," said Kristyn Wolff. Wolff said she was ecstatic because she was up against tough competition.

Most Giving

Generous Spencer Flynn was surprised he won most giving. "I don't really know what it means to be most giving," said Flynn.

"There are other people that do more that deserve it more than I do," said Sarah Washabaugh. Washabaugh said she was happy to have gotten the award but thinks there are more deserving people.

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Telling His Story: The Skater

When Senior Bo Kirby was not in school, you could often find him skating at his two favorite spots - behind the old Farmer Jack, or in front of the Lansing Center. "People skate here but Holt isn't really a skate school, I usually skate with college kids," Kirby said.

Most people wouldn't expect a closed down store to be a good skate spot. "People built ledges and a quarterpipe out of cement behind Farmer Jack," Kirby said. Even though Kirby enjoyed the new setup at Farmer Jack, he still enjoyed skating street more than in parks because the tricks meant more to him on the street. "Street is more natural and I am better at street," said Kirby.

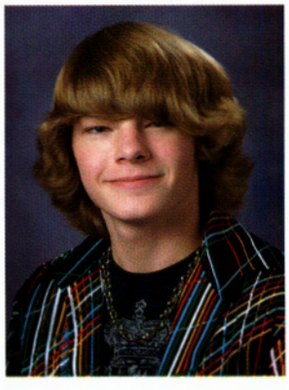
"Holt isn't really a skate school."

Senior Bo Kirby
Photo by Dustin Lund

Kirby also liked to skate in various skate competitions. "I skated three competitions last summer. I will probably do three more this summer and one in the winter." Kirby won his first competition in sixth grade, allowing him to advance to the finals in Novi. "It was pretty big to go there because there were pros there."

Impressing the crowd at competitions helped Kirby gain publicity and sponsors. " I skate for a company called Vengeance Clothing in Baltimore, Maryland. I send them videos of me skating and if it is good enough they send me shirts and stuff."

Like many skaters, Kirby dreamt of becoming a pro. "I always used to try to get sponsored and go pro but that is real hard. Now I mostly just skate for fun," Kirby said.



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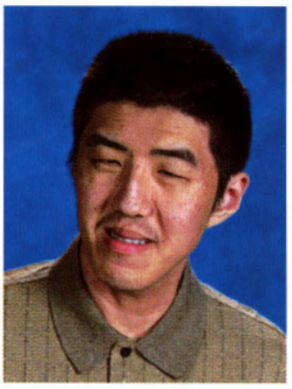

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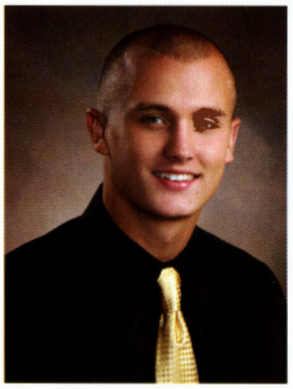

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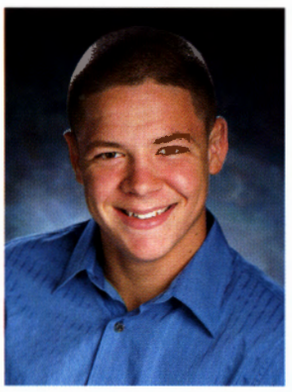

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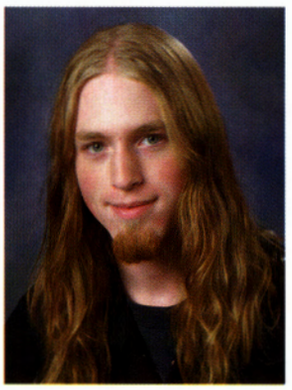

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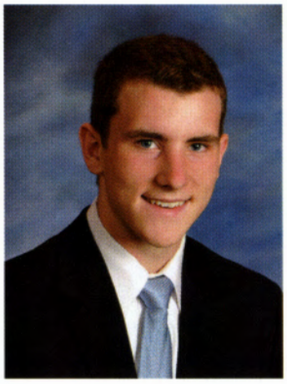

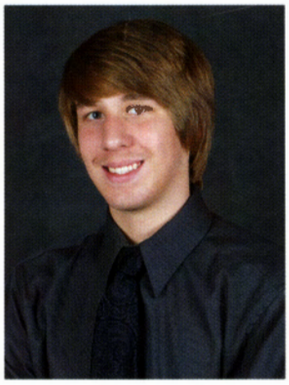

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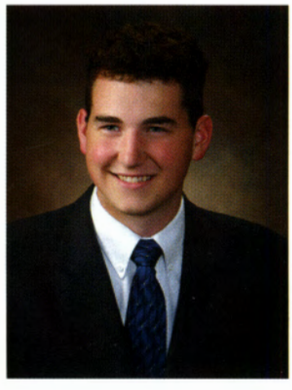

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(F)riendships To Last A Lifetime

In high school, friends come and go like the seasons but true friends stay with you forever. Everyone thinks about whom they'll stay friends with after high school. They think one thing but say another. Question is, what do people really mean?

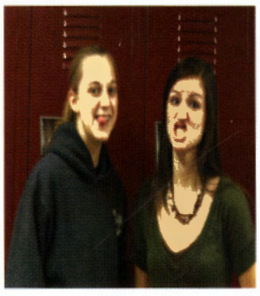
Taken By: Aurora Christofferson

Emily Tupper and Benjamin Drullinger

"Five years from now, we'll still be close. He says I'm going to be his 'best women' in his wedding and he'll be my 'maid of honor'," said senior Emily Tupper.

Jennifer Hall and Jordan Hayes

"We wake up in the morning and feel like P. Diddy," said senior Jennifer Hall.
"Our friendship is rare like Mr. Clean with hair," said senior Jordan Hayes.



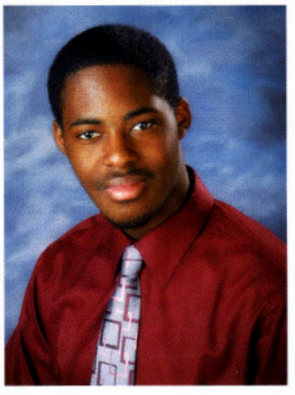
Sara Austin and Samantha Kramer

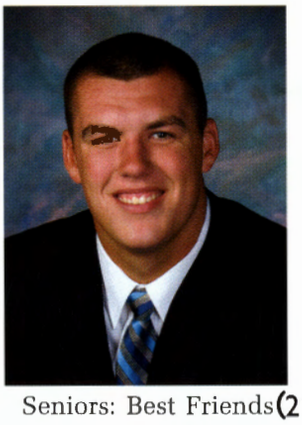
"We both have decided we want to become pirates when we grow up. We are going to pirate school together, if there is such a thing," said senior Samantha Kramer.

Taken By: Carol Sanford

Adam Maier and Ryan Sanford

"We talk about our lifetime dreams, rap and sing, mostly opera when we hang out. We also quote movies and play video games," said seniors Adam Maier and Ryan Sanford.





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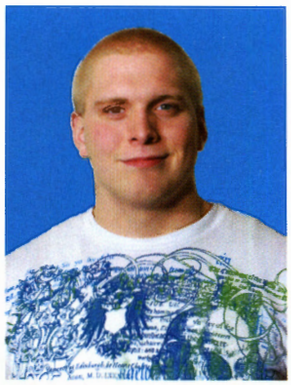

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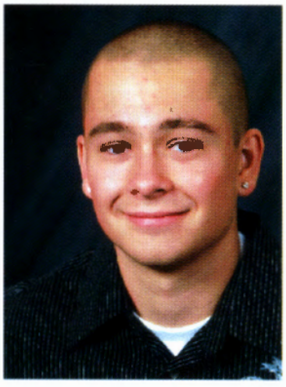

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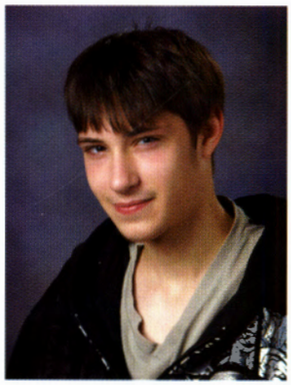

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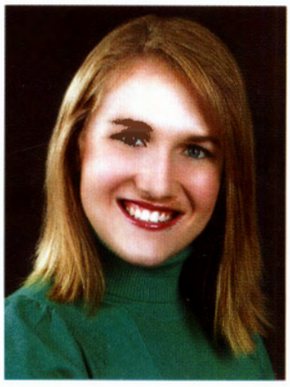

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Telling His Story: King of the Ring

Senior Brendan Shavers

Have you ever been pitted against another human being in physical combat? For senior Brendan Shavers, this was a way of life. "I started boxing two summers ago when I was 16," Shavers said. Shavers was introduced to boxing by a family friend, Will Glass, who had boxed his whole life. "One day over the summer he asked me if I wanted to go with him to the gym for one of his boxing workouts, so I did," said Shavers. The experience changed Shavers' life. "After the workout that day, I realized that boxing is really fun and a great workout, so I kept going with Will," Shavers said. "Training with Will really helped me pick up the sport. He's one of the best. He won the Golden Gloves Award in 2001," said Shavers. The experience and talent of Glass helped Shavers excel quickly in boxing. "It helps you in any sport to learn from one of the best. He has experience working with the best trainers in the world," Shavers said. Shavers continued to box at the Crown, his boxing gym, in Lansing for the duration of the summer. "Now that I've been boxing for over a year, I'm good enough to box in an actual match, I just haven't yet. I am planning on it, hopefully after I graduate," said Shavers. There are boxing tournaments throughout Michigan and the country. "It's a personal goal of mine to win the Golden Gloves like Will did," Shavers said. Shavers plans to box until he meets his ultimate goal.

"It helps to learn from the best."

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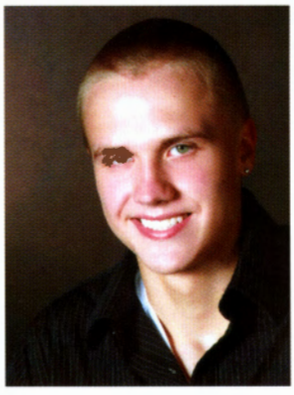

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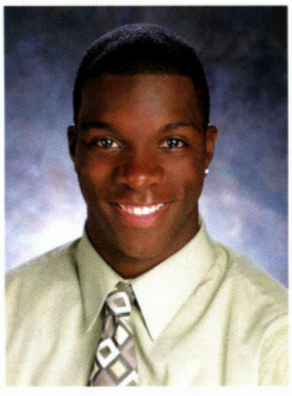

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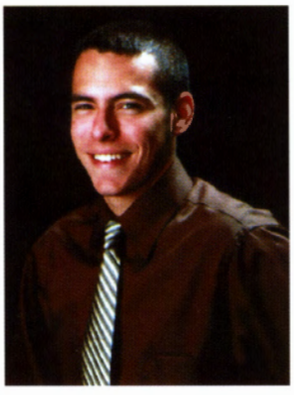
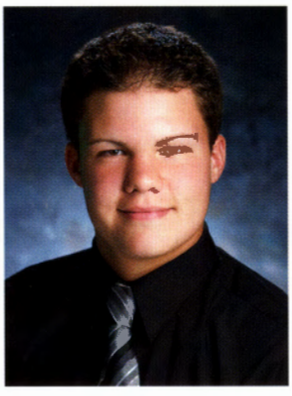

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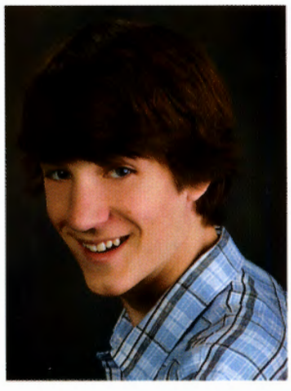

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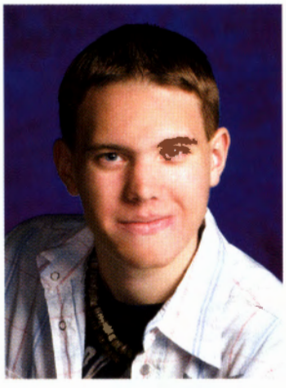

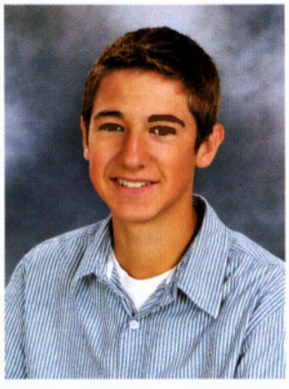
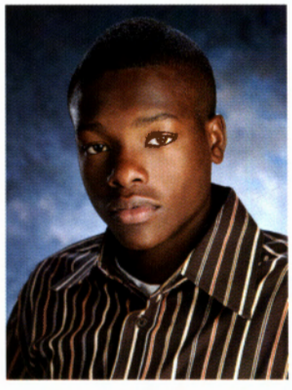

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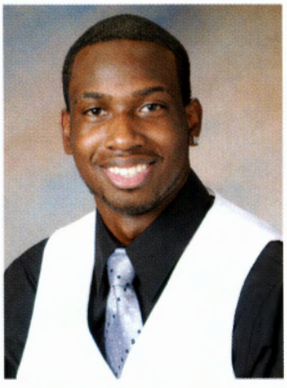

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(F)amily Ties

Some say that blood is thicker than water, but what do siblings really think? Having a sibling in the same building can make school awkward, funny, and even a convenience.

The Reises

Jourdan Reis (12): "It's funny seeing him at school every day. I mean, it's nice because I see him a lot and it's weird because I see him with his friends. He is also really funny and it's fun for me and my friends to harass him at school."

Anthony Reis (10): "We get along pretty well. We watch TV and play videogames together. Our favorite videogame is Halo 3. We also play sports and we have a lot of fun together."

The Bowmans

Kelsey Bowman (12): "During the summer, we go up to our cottage and go tubing. It's actually a time when we get along. Sometimes we have those times where he thinks he's better than me. It really annoys me. For the most part we get along though."

Connor Bowman (10): "We fight a lot because we don't have anything in common. When we were little, she used to beat me down all the time. One time she cut me with scissors because she didn't know what she was doing."

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(L)ooking Back . . .

We all came from different backgrounds to be united in one single school. We all came from different places and different elementary schools. Now no one even knows or pays attention to what elementary schools we all started our education at. Elementary school was the start of all of our lives. Elementary School is where we finally started to be more independent from our families. It is where we were so scared to be separated from our guardians. It was where we learned our ABC's and about emergency safety. It was the great days where we had snack and clean up time and recess. It was when we found the friends that will last a life time.

Dimondale

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Sycamore

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Midway

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Front Row: Roderick Walton, Toribio Luera, Luke Shumway, Dominique Baker and Adrielle Gauna

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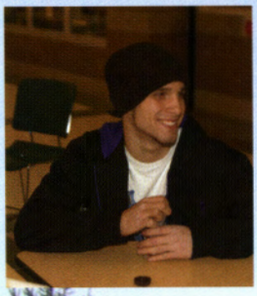
(A)fter High School

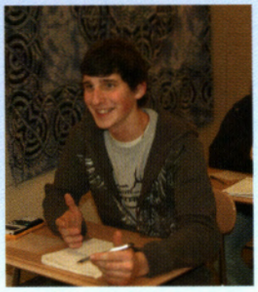
Everyone has different plans for after high school. Many may attend a four year college, while others may go straight into the work force. Some may become doctors, while others might become teachers. Whatever that plan may be, make sure it is your own.



Timothy Andrus

Plans to Attend:
Nascar Technical Institute

Aspired Career:
Nascar Pit Crew or a Nascar Fabricator



Benjamin Goodwin

Plans to Attend:
Lake Superior State University

Aspired Career:
Watershed Biologist

Jordan Foster

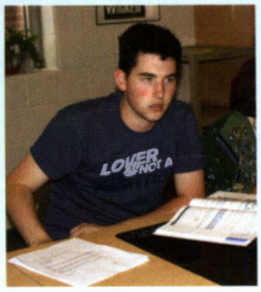
Plans to Attend:
Saginaw Valley State University

Aspired Career:
Nurse Anesthetist

Hannah Detwiler

Plans to Attend:
LCC (1-2 yrs) University of Portsmouth

Aspired Career:
Teacher and Writer



Eric Parry

Plans to Attend:
Ferris State University

Aspired Career:
Forensic Scientist

Going to and from school, students enter the parking lot through Karhes Road. Soon the seniors of Holt High School will be leaving these halls forever, and start on the road to their new begining.

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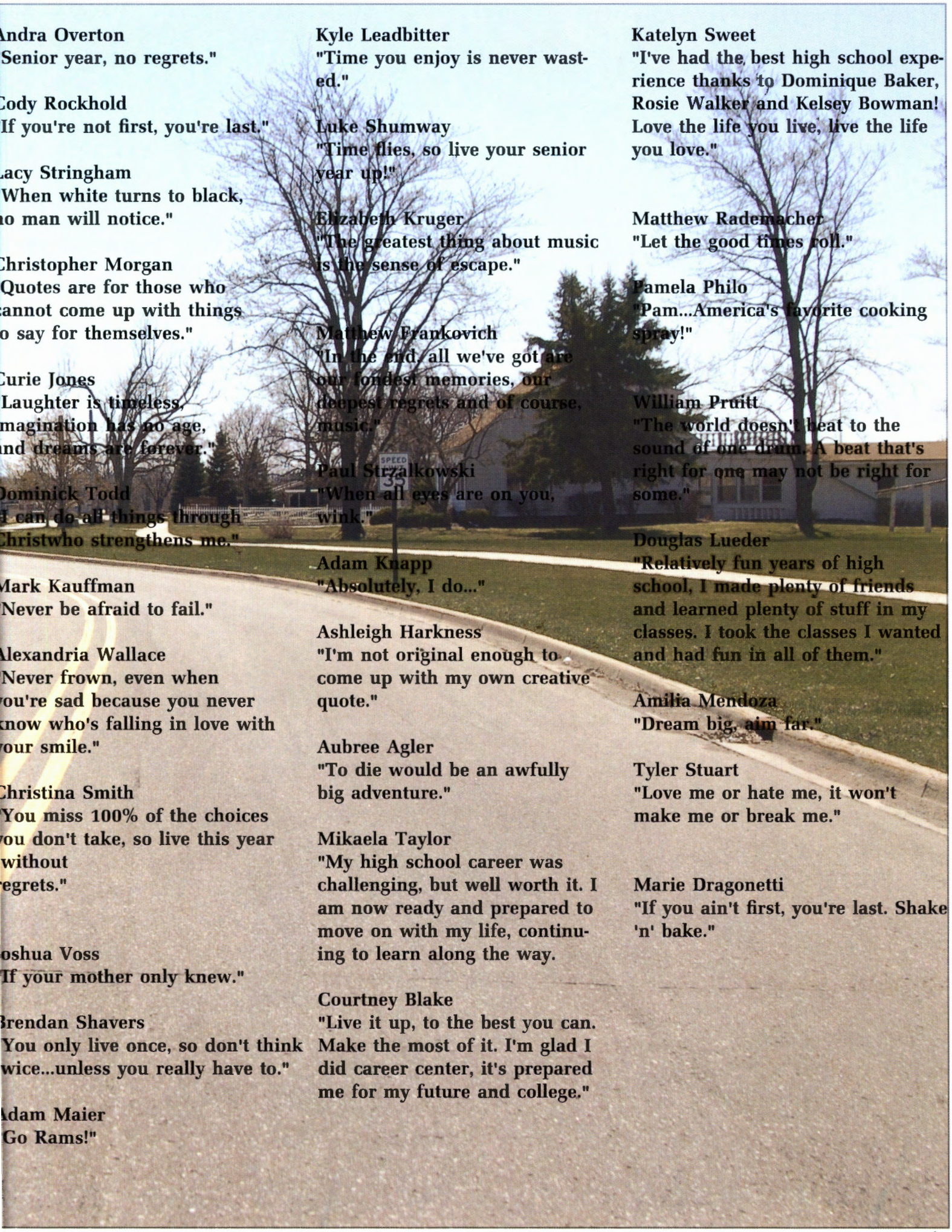

Andra Overton
"Senior year, no regrets."

Cody Rockhold
"If you're not first, you're last."

Lacy Stringham
"When white turns to black, no man will notice."

Christopher Morgan
"Quotes are for those who cannot come up with things to say for themselves."

Curie Jones
"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever."

Dominick Todd
"I can do all things through Christwho strengthens me."

Mark Kauffman
"Never be afraid to fail."

Alexandria Wallace
"Never frown, even when you're sad because you never know who's falling in love with your smile."

Christina Smith
"You miss 100% of the choices you don't take, so live this year without regrets."

Joshua Voss
"If your mother only knew."

Brendan Shavers
"You only live once, so don't think twice...unless you really have to."

Adam Maier
"Go Rams!"

Kyle Leadbitter
"Time you enjoy is never wasted."

Luke Shumway
"Time flies, so live your senior year up!"

Elizabeth Kruger
"The greatest thing about music is the sense of escape."

Matthew Frankovich
"In the end, all we've got are our fondest memories, our deepest regrets and of course, music."

Paul Strzalkowski
"When all eyes are on you, wink."

Adam Knapp
"Absolutely, I do..."

Ashleigh Harkness
"I'm not original enough to come up with my own creative quote."

Aubree Agler
"To die would be an awfully big adventure."

Mikaela Taylor
"My high school career was challenging, but well worth it. I am now ready and prepared to move on with my life, continuing to learn along the way.

Courtney Blake
"Live it up, to the best you can. Make the most of it. I'm glad I did career center, it's prepared me for my future and college."

Katelyn Sweet
"I've had the best high school experience thanks to Dominique Baker, Rosie Walker and Kelsey Bowman! Love the life you live, live the life you love."

Matthew Rademacher
"Let the good times roll."

Pamela Philo
"Pam...America's favorite cooking spray!"

William Pruitt
"The world doesn't beat to the sound of one drum. A beat that's right for one may not be right for some."

Douglas Lueder
"Relatively fun years of high school, I made plenty of friends and learned plenty of stuff in my classes. I took the classes I wanted and had fun in all of them."

Amilia Mendoza
"Dream big, aim far."

Tyler Stuart
"Love me or hate me, it won't make me or break me."

Marie Dragonetti
"If you ain't first, you're last. Shake 'n' bake."

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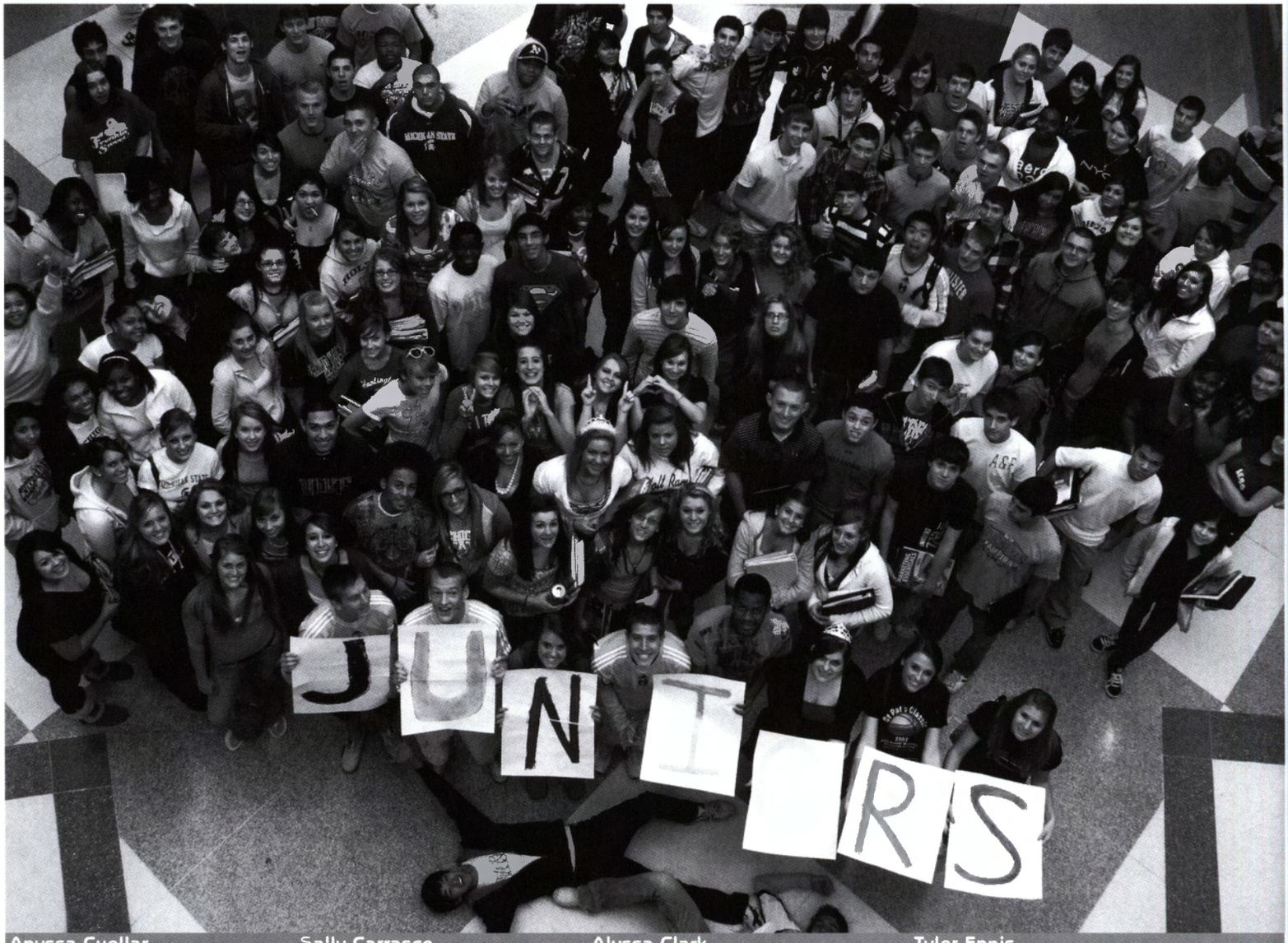

Anyssa Cuellar
"I'm ready for everything and nothing."

Jordan Rakas
"Enjoy the little things."

Sarah Blohm
"Never forget who you are."

Nicole Borek
"Do work."

Taylor Bird
"Live, laugh, love."

Morgan Webster
"M & M for life!"

Kylie Hoose
"Live the life you love, love the life you live."
–Bob Marley

Stephanie Southwell
"This one time at band camp."

Sally Carrasco
"Life is funner with a runner."

Claire Orme
"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."
–Eleanor Roosevelt

Hannan Gedeon
"Live life with no regrets."

Andrew Shutt
"Remember me for who I am."

Samantha Kodeski
"We're a lively group and don't care what people think about us. We're original and cooler than everyone else."

Zachary Bodnar
"Grab life by the horns."

Gregory Lewis
"Life makes the world go round but you decide which way it rotates."

Alyssa Clark
"The next step you take will change your life."

Thomas Mckee
"Somebody asked me if Ethiopia was a movie. She got Ethiopia mixed up with Jumanji."

Bethany Nippa
"Give me a wave and roll your feet."

William Thurston
"Don't walk this is sacred ground."

Janelle Briggs
"Friendship isn't a big thing, it's a million little things."

Christian Vaughn
"Life is like a box of chocolates."

Takudzwa Chiduma
"Always start good and you will end up doing good in the end."

Tyler Ennis
"Don't dwell on the past. Don't look into the future, but focus on the present."

Jerod Gardner
"You never forget high school."

Sunnie Henley
"Band's the best class ever."

Katrina Majeske
"Either we live or we die...or we do something else."

Erik Olsen
"It is what it is. Real talk."

Arcadia Aguilar
"Thank God it's only 4 years."

Michael Fleming
"Get out." - Knetchel

Brian Proctor
"Even a blind squirrel finds a nut sometimes."

Kristyn Wolff and Lori Worden

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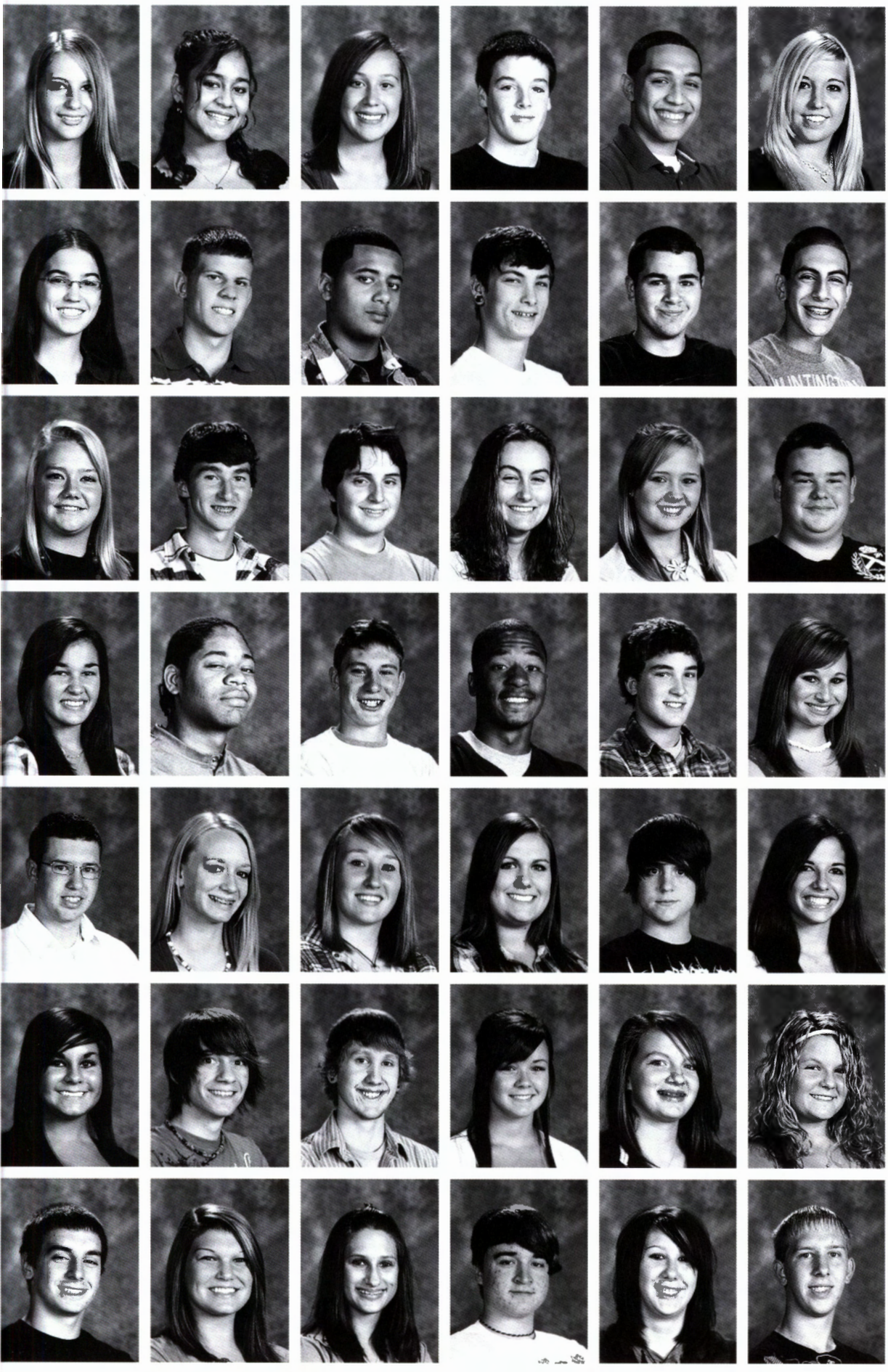

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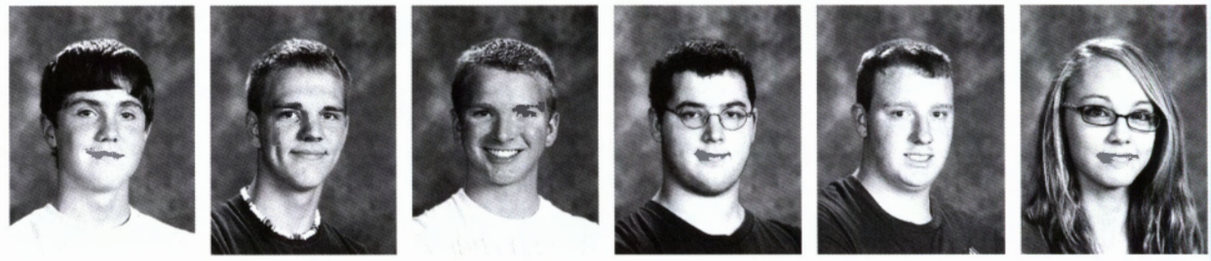

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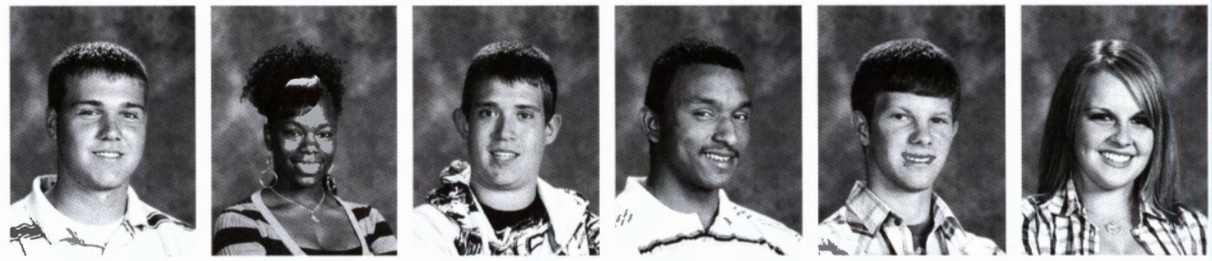

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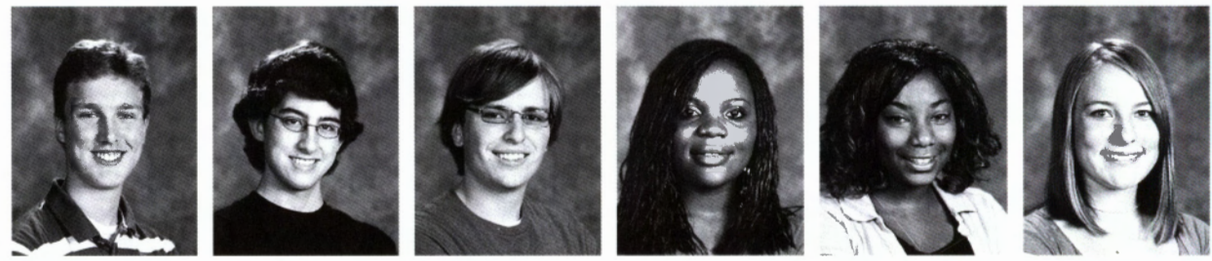

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(A) New Way to Commute

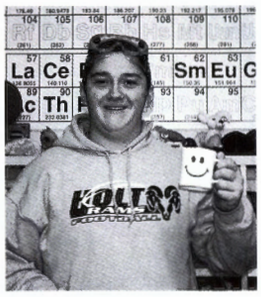
Driving to school is new to many juniors this year. From the newly found independence to the added expenses of having a car, being able to drive yourself has its ups and downs. One thing is certain, nobody misses riding the bus to school.

Bich-Tran Nguyen
"Before I could drive to school, my dad took me to school or I rode the bus. Being able to drive is nice because I don't have to wait for the bus and my car isn't loud and obnoxious and it doesn't smell."

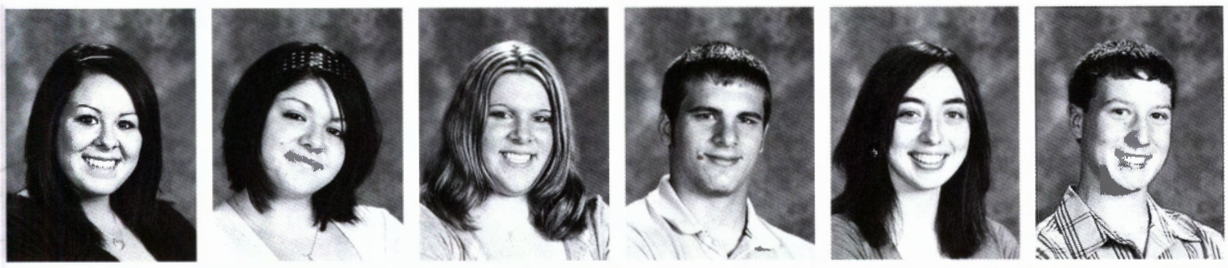
Eric Rapier
"I get to be on my own schedule because I drive to school. I listen to a plethora of music while I whip-game as well. I have to spend $20 a week on gas though, which I'm not a fan of."

Jackelyn Zussman
"I like driving to school because its means more independence. I had to ride the bus before and I hated it, even though I was one of the cool kids who rode in the back. I do have to pay for some of my gas."

Max Poole
"I live 10 minutes away, so driving myself is way better than getting rides from my mom in her mini-van. I don't even have to pay for gas or insurance or anything, that's what I have parents for."



Jospeh Myers
"I live by College Heights, so it's a 15 minute drive. I had to ride the bus before I drove. I hated the bus. In the winter driving gets pretty dangerous and I get stuck giving people rides, which isn't fun."



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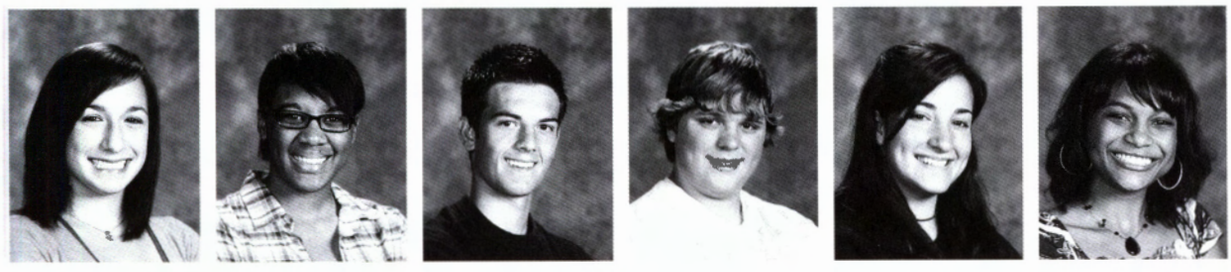

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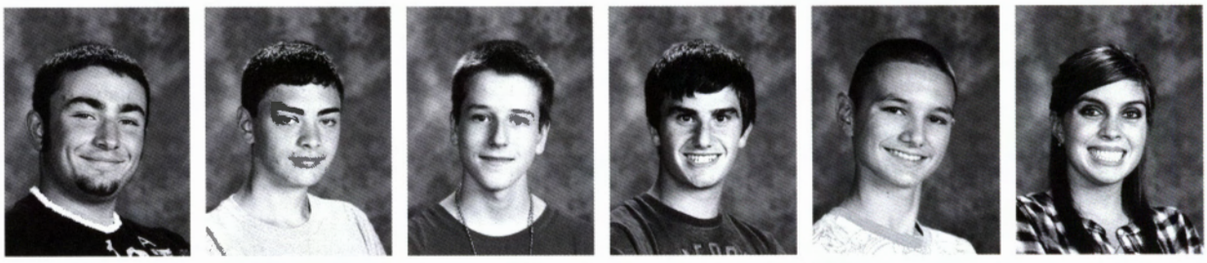
Telling Her Story: Fighting To Be the Best

Holt High School had every sport, almost. Girl's hockey has never been offered, so junior Jennifer Polin traveled an hour away from home to play the game she loves. "I've been playing hockey since 8th grade. I started because both of my younger brothers play" Polin said.

Polin plays for the Michigan Ice Breakers 19 and younger team. They travel all over Michigan to play. "Sometimes it's hard traveling because I'm always gone on the weekends and it really takes a toll on my social life," said Polin. Sacrifice is necessary though when you want to be the best in the state like the Michigan Ice Breakers were. "It was such hard work to get there, we played the Birmingham Rangers, and I still can't believe we won," Polin exclaimed.

"It was such hard work to get there."

The battle to be the best was intense, at half time the two teams were tied two to two. "It was towards the end of the third period when we finally scored; when the buzzer rang we all jumped out on to the ice and tackled each other," laughed Polin.



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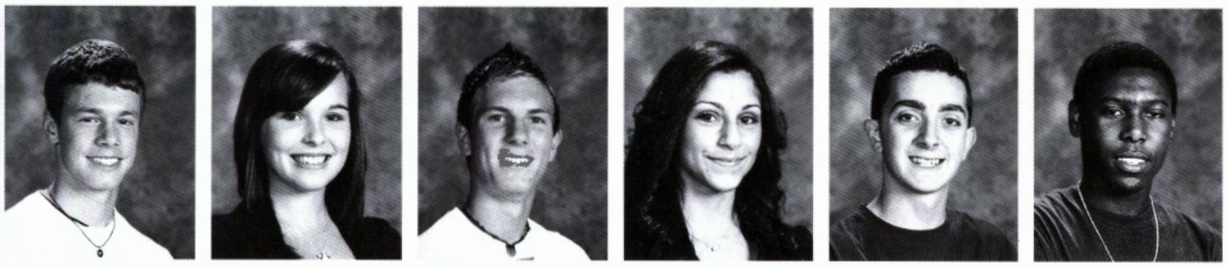

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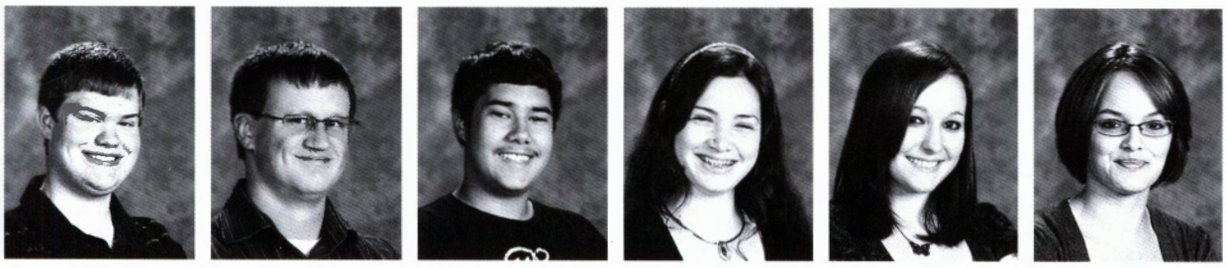

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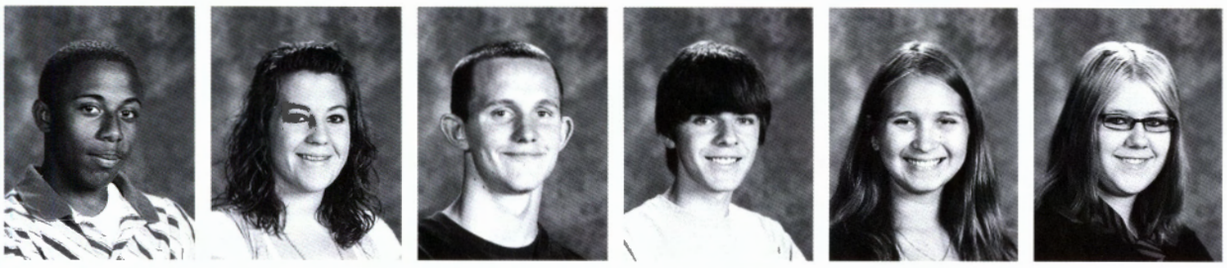

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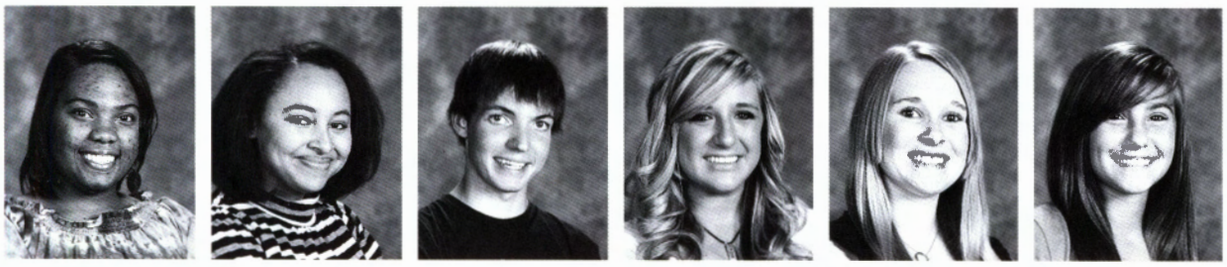

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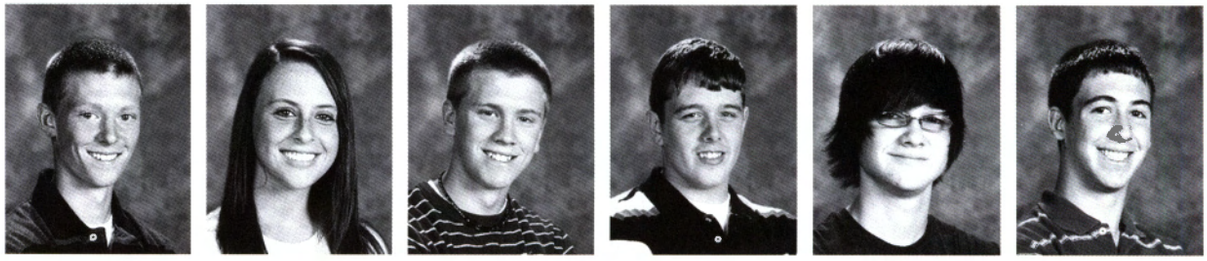

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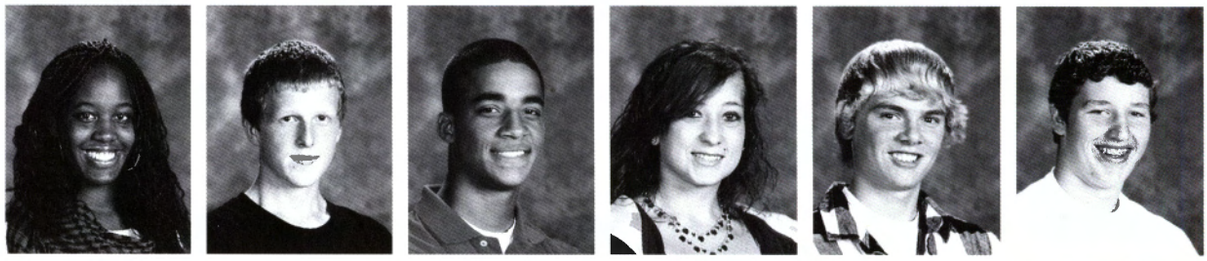

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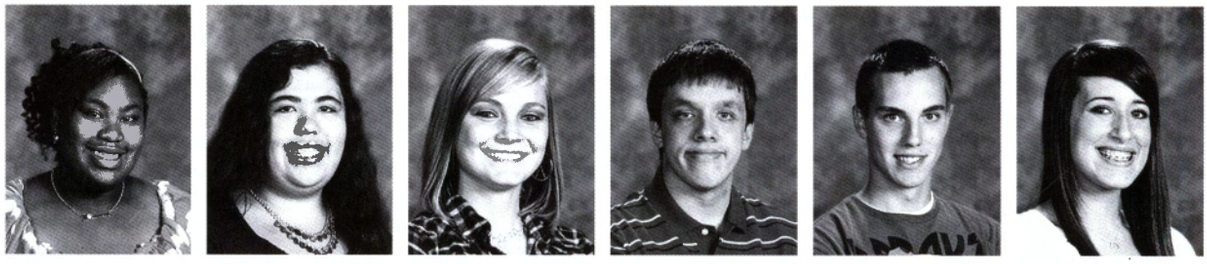

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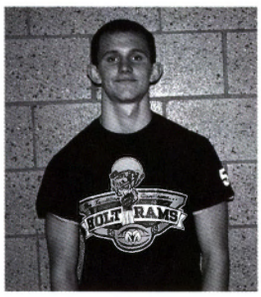
(N)ew Graduation Requirements Make New Pressures Arise

The phrase "New Graduation Requirements" has some juniors stressed. Prior to the class of 2011, students didn't have to take so many required classes to get their diploma. Students must now take four years of math, three years of English with one trimester during the senior year, three years of science, two years of history and one trimester of government during the junior year and one trimester of economics as a senior. The new requirements for elective classes are one computer class, one trimester of fine arts, one trimester of health, and one trimester of gym.

Jamie Zelenski

"It's good because we're learning more, but yet annoying that my older friends don't have to take as many classes."



Jamie Hay

"I think the new requirements for my class are stupid because we have to do more work, but in the long run makes us smarter."

Amy Allen

"I think the new requirements are good because they make people work harder in their classes."

Andrew Counseller

"I think the new requirements are bad, making it harder than it already is, and we have more homework."

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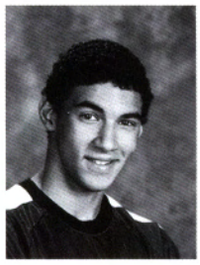

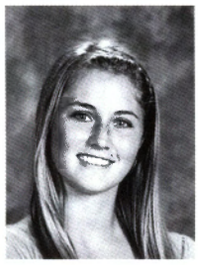
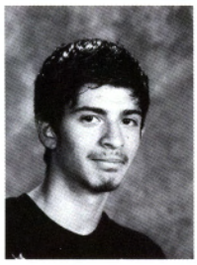

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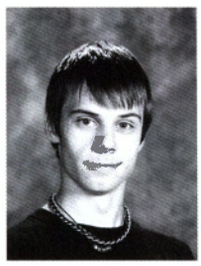
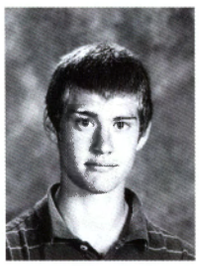

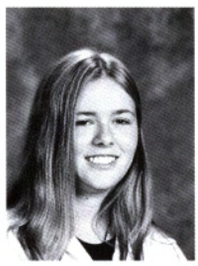

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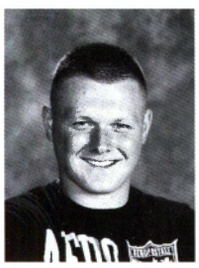

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Telling Her Story: Graceful Weapons Master

Atten-HUT! Is what's generally connected when people hear the word "rifle", but for junior Megan Shiels, her gun is not a weapon, but instead a piece of performing art. "Some people spin flags, some spin sabers, but my favorite thing is rifles," commented Shiels. "It's definitely more complicated, but I like rifles best."

It all started when Shiels went to Silver Bells in the City one year. "I liked the girls with the flags. I wanted to do that too!" Shiels said. Now Shiels is a rifle spinner on Holt High School's Colorguard. "Tosses are my favorite thing to do. When you toss it high in the air and catch it, it's an awesome feeling!" Shiels exclaimed.

"It's my favorite thing to do..."

But this sport isn't for just anyone. "You have to be really patient and self-confident. It's not as easy as it looks. It's very easy to get frustrated if you can't do a certain routine," Shiels said. She has been doing colorguard since April 2008, and once the season's over, she continues spinning in Winterguard.

Winterguard also includes her hobby of tossing weapons. "One year my friend got me the packet to join, and now I can't see NOT doing it," says Shiels, "I plan on doing winterguard for the full amount of time that I can; until I turn 22, and hit the age limit." Sheils will continue onward with her rifle, but don't worry, she comes in peace.

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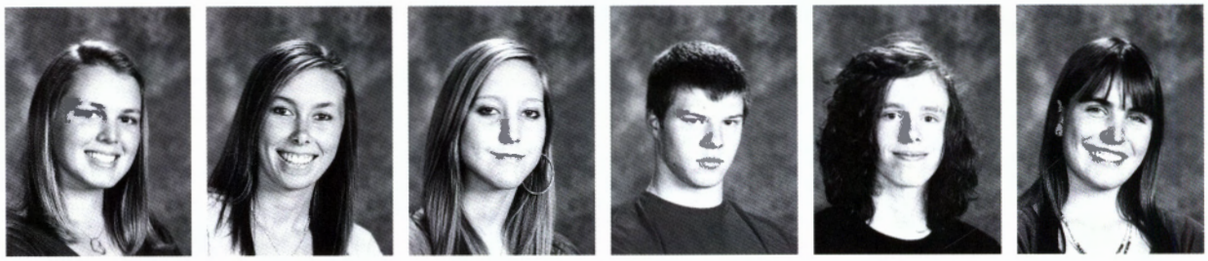

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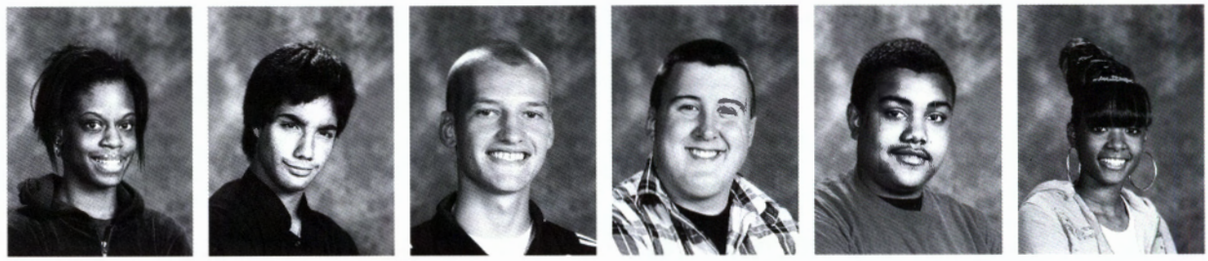

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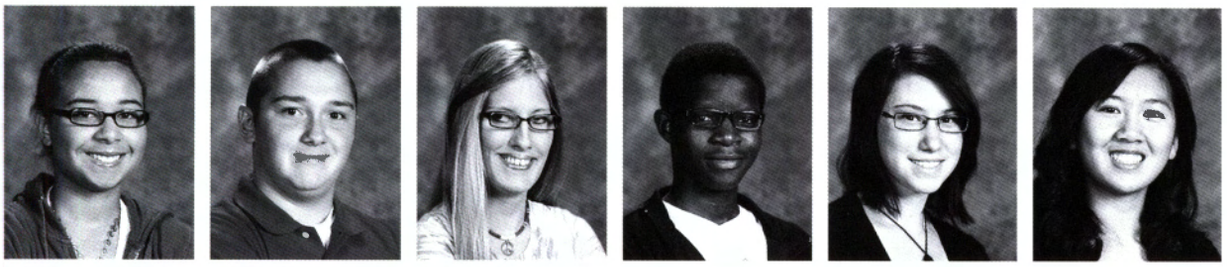

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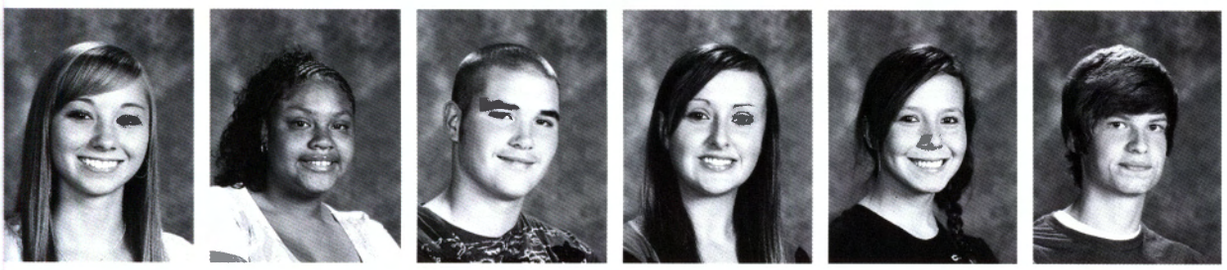

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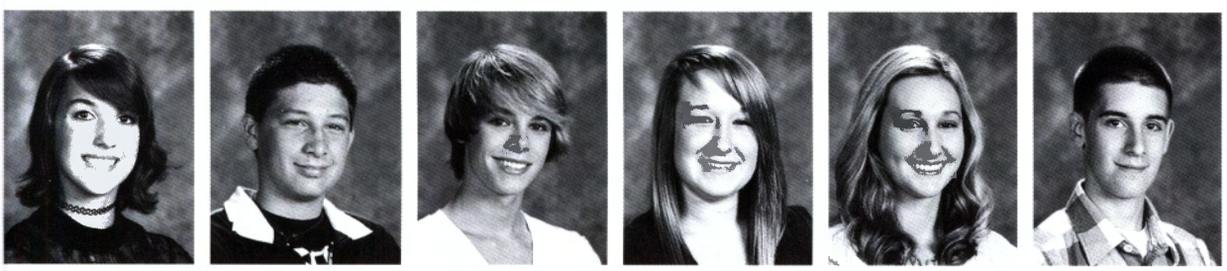

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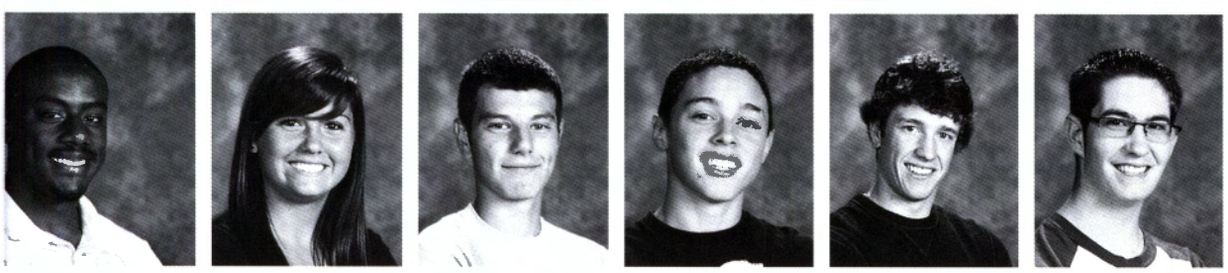

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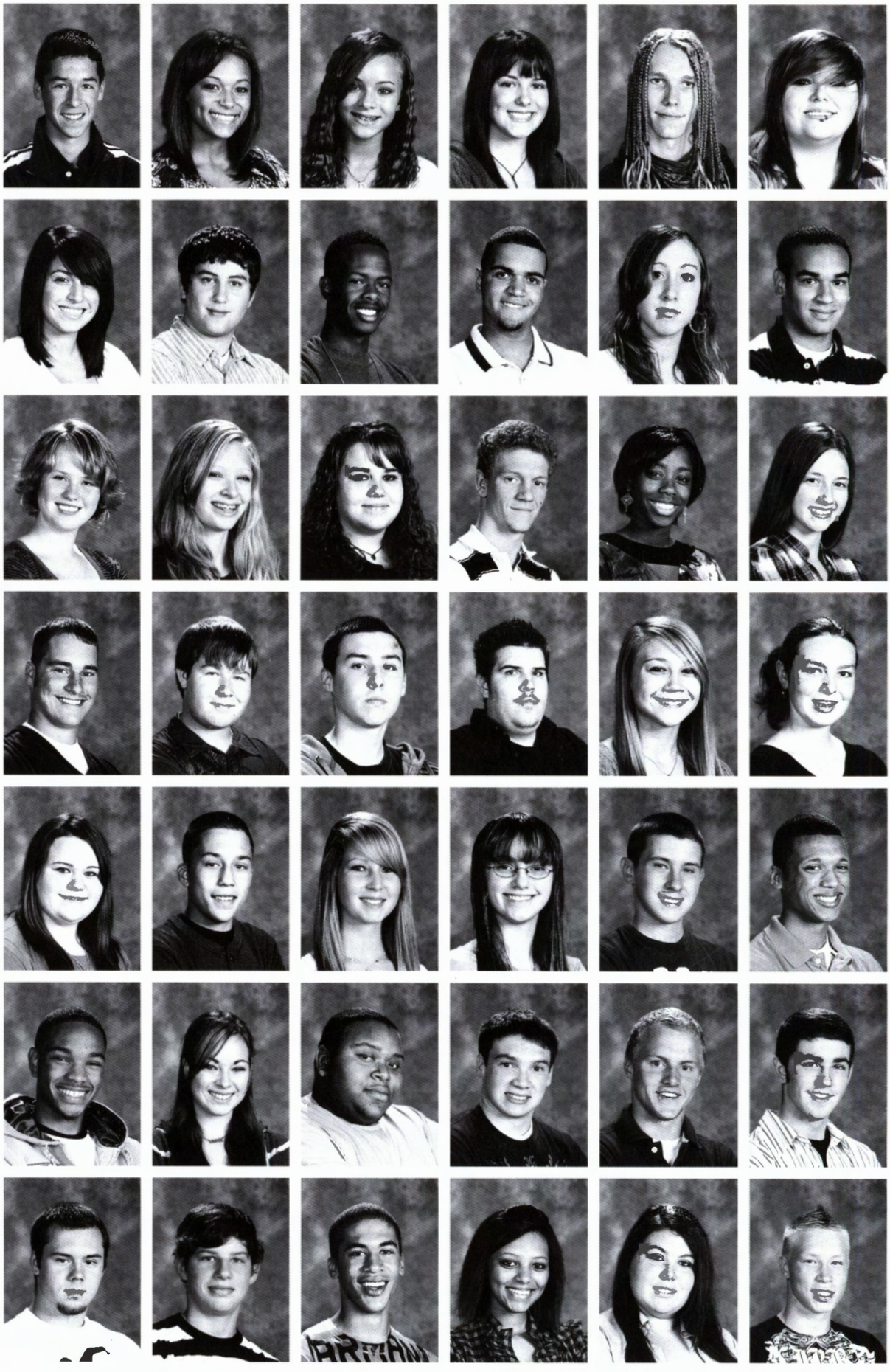

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Shiels, Megan
Sholty, Cody

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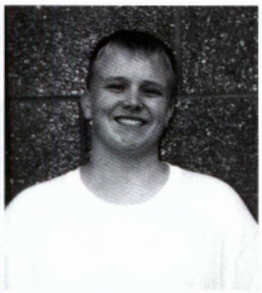
(Y)our Senior Role Models

Going from sophomore year to junior year is a big change. The crucial MME is junior year, it is the first year of varsity sports for many students, and juniors start to buckle down and think about college. Everyone needs a role model, someone to look up to for a good example. Seniors can really help younger students out and give them good advice.

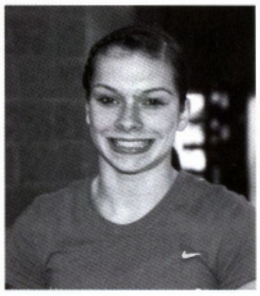


Junior Christian Freburg

"Being a junior means you are a year closer to graduating. I am looking forward so I can go to college."
"Julian Rodgers is a cool friend to hang around with during lifetime activities."

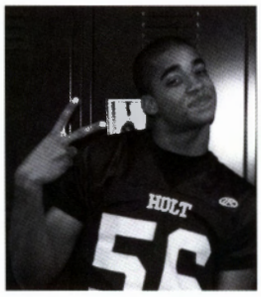
Junior Maci Sump

"Junior year is good because I like being the middle class instead of the lower class. There is only one more year left of high school too."
"Toribio Luera was in my math class and he is the funniest dude ever."



Junior Kelsey Manas

"It is sad to be a junior and watch all the seniors leave at the end of the year."
"I will miss Morgane Dalton and the other cheerleaders the most. Morgane always had such a good attitude and can always bring a smile to my face. We also had a really good squad and they're all sweet and we get along well."



Junior Justin Jones

"I like being a junior because the seniors don't beat me up anymore because I am friends with them now."
"My senior role model is Kyle Leadbitter. He brings good intensity to everything he does."

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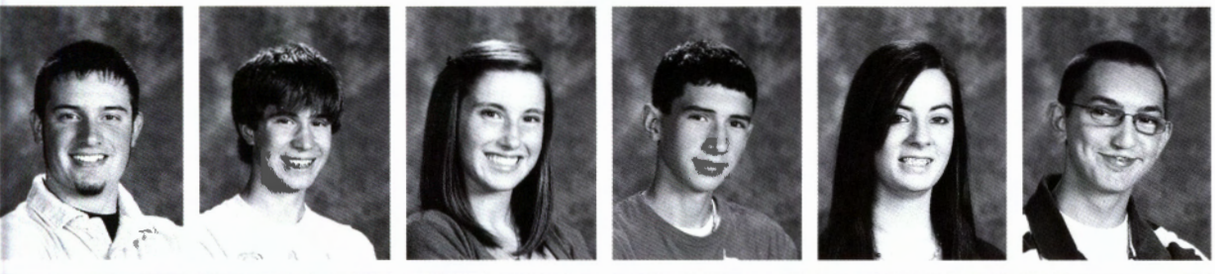

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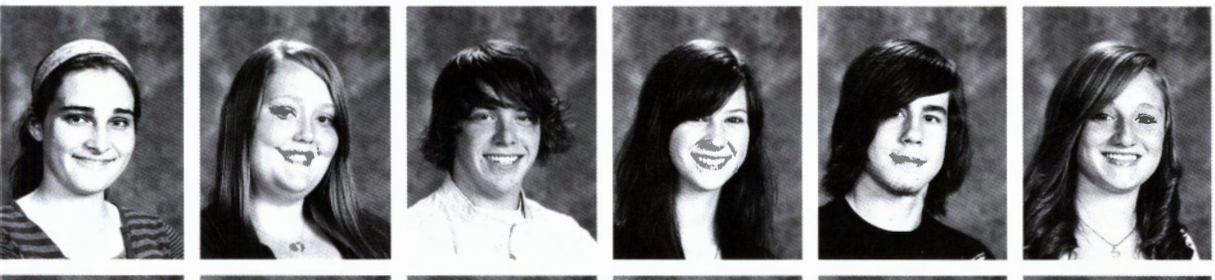

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Swain, Derek
Sweet, Travis

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Telling His Story: Blowing Up The Competition

Strange, tall, interesting, weird, goofy, and alpha male. These are all various characteristics that junior Brendan Finnerty's teammates would use to describe him.

At the age of five, Finnerty began his soccer career. "I didn't have many friends. I also wanted to lose weight because I was a chubby five year old," explained Finnerty with a cheesy smile on his face. Three years later, he began to play for a travel team called TNT Dynamite. Having played for so many years, Finnerty exclaims "It's interesting how you can kick a ball. It's fascinating."

"It's interesting how you can kick a ball..."

Having played on TNT for nine years helped him become a better player. Although it costs about $1000 per season, to him it's worth it. Being on TNT, players and families are committed to traveling around Michigan and giving up their personal lives so they can be there for their team and kids.

Finnerty was fortunate enough to make it to state finals, not only for his club team but also for the boy's varsity soccer team his junior year. After winning the state semi-finals for TNT, Finnerty claimed his feelings to be numb because no other team from TNT had made it that far. Both teams had made history. "I liked going to the state finals for high school better than club because we had the entire school supporting us and all my best friends on and off the team were there," Finnerty stated.

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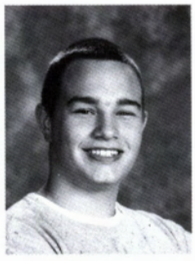
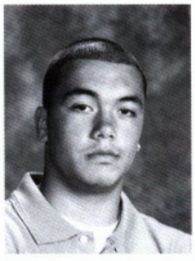

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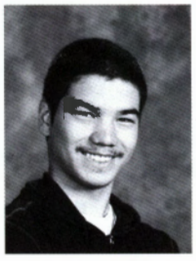

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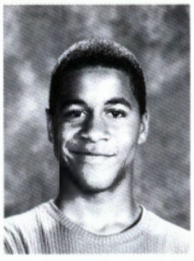

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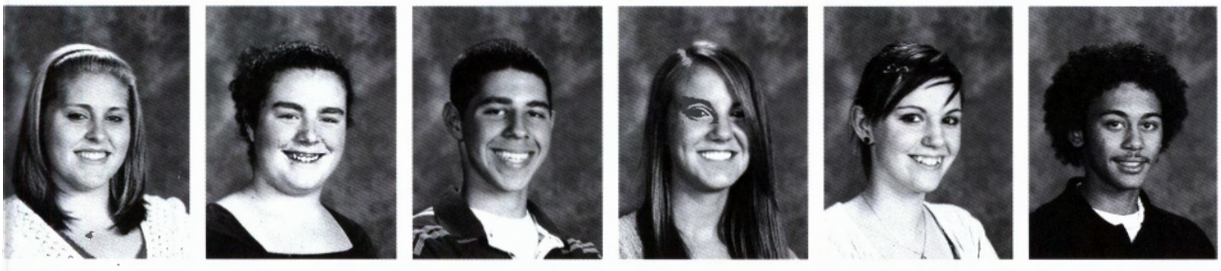

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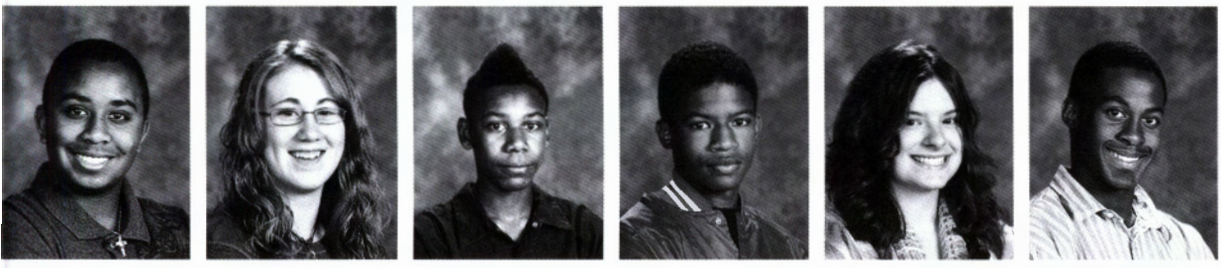

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(H)ow Well Do You Know Your Classmates?

Take these quizzes to test your knowledge on how well you know the class of 2011

Who Said What?

Five Students were asked what their favorite thing to do on a snow day was. Match the number of the person with the letter of the quote you think they said.
(Answers at the bottom of the page)

(a) "Build a snowman, go outside and play in the snow and then go inside and drink some hot chocolate and watch movies."

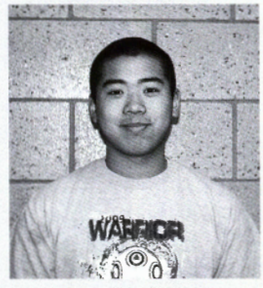
(b) "Go snowboarding, stay home and play video games and eat junk food."

3. Brittany Marshall

1. Cole Caron

2. Cindy Mendez

4. Brandon Bet



5. Thinh Vu

(c) "Talk to my friends from other districts to see if they have school. If they don't, we hang out and talk about school and what we would be doing and laugh about it."

(d) "Go snowboarding or just go to someone's house and chill and have snowball fights."

(e) "Build a snowfort, have a snowball fight and drink hot chocolate while reading a novel by candlelight with visions of sugar plums dancing in my head."

Guess Who!

Who are these Juniors? (Answers at the bottom of the page)

1. Likes to play guitar, favorite color is blue, and he is an uncle

2. Likes the tv show Bones, favorite color is light blue, and does gymnastics

3. Likes Reese's Cups, he has one sister and one brother

4. Likes Starburst candy, plays softball, has a half sister

5. Likes to skateboard, has one brother and one sister

6. Likes basketball, has two brothers, doesn't have a cd player in her car

(Who Said What?) 1.(d) 2.(c) 3.(a) 4.(e) 5.(b)

(Guess Who!) 1.Shaun Bashore 2.Natalie Zaleski 3.Miles Ranke 4.Kylie Hoose 5.Alexander Bigger 6.Janelle Briggs

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(Y)our Student Council

Though movies and TV shows often portray the student council as a group of power hungry, bossy students who just want to one up the next person to get into whatever prestigious college, the students here at Holt are all about just being a part of things and making things better for the other students and for the school.

"I like being a part of what goes on in the school and knowing what's happening," said junior Jamie Zelenski. The student council does everything from organizing Battle of the Bands to running the Homecoming pep rally.

"Sometimes we get really rushed to get things done, and it gets frustrating," said senior Lauren Gibbons. Despite the constant stresses of being on the student council, the members work hard to do what they can to make sure everything gets done.

"Along with arriving early on Wednesday mornings, the hardest part of student council is taking control of tasks that no one else wants to do," said junior Morgan Webster. The student council representatives were responsible for making sure absolutely everything gets done, from counting ballots to picking out games for the pep assembly.

"I contribute ideas that help our school events excel," said junior Max Poole. Every member of the student council had to do their part to make our school events successful.

"My favorite part about the student council is getting to know what's going on in the school before everyone else," said junior Devan Walworth. Members are often informed of what's going on in the school before others. For example, they know who the Winterfest nominees are before it's announced at the end of the day.

"I don't just assume people will like something," said senior Breanna Carson, "I find out what the students will like and then I follow through."

Taking a quick break during a busy meeting, student council members **seniors Samantha Frazer**, **Randall Morris**, **Rachel Schmitt**, and **Breanna Carson**, and **juniors Trey Williams**, **Amanda Johnson**, **Morgan Webster**, **Kyla Walworth**, **Jamie Zelenski**, **Nicole Borek** and **Kailey Kraushaar** pose for a picture. Meetings were held on Wednesday mornings where the students discussed and planned upcoming events.

Sophomore Justin Saxman jumps with the help of his female dance partner **sophomore Anna Pavlick** during the dance team's performance at the 2010 Winterfest Pep Assembly. The assembly was put on by Student Council, who selected a variety of games for students to play between performances by the cheerleading squads, dance team, and the step team. The dance team mixed together themes from the Powerpuff Girls and Superman and performed their routine in front of the entire school.

(Y)our Representatives

"It's my job to run meetings and to be the head of events."

-President, **senior Breanna Carson**

"I run the meetings if the president isn't there and I oversee everything that's going on."

-Vice President, **junior Trey Williams**

"Basically, I write checks to businesses so we can get things we need for our events."

-Treasurer, **junior Morgan Webster**

"I take notes at the meetings and organize them. It's a leadership position opposed to just coming and helping out."

-Secretary, **senior Lauren Gibbons**

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Susan Austin
"If you're not first, you're last."

Haley McFarland
"Live in the moment."

Benjamin Majeske
"Pressure makes Diamonds."

Nautica Willoughby
"Live like you were to die tomorrow, learn like you were to live forever."

Zachary Bailey
"Homework is a temporary thing, work is the main subject."

Rachael Morehouse
"You're only as tall as your heart will let you be and you're only as small as the world will make you seem."

Chloe Henley
"Go big or go home."

Steven McKee
"The sky is not the limit because there are footsteps on the moon."

Xavier Weaver
"Maybe it's true, maybe we don't know what we have until we lost it. But maybe it's also true that we don't know what we're missing until we find it."

Hannah Johnson
"Chill out."

Kenneth Kruger
"Da coop."

Autumn Baker
"Be who you wanna be, not what others want to see."

Everett Rawlings
"When running from a bear, you don't have to be the fastest, just faster than your friends."

Lauren Maier
"To the world you are one person, but to one person you may be the world."

Tayler Peiffer
"Forget about the people in your past, there's a reason they didn't make it to your future."

Nicholas Payne
"Today is the first day of the rest of our lives."

Mariah Arnold
"Don't let them see your tears, pain or struggle, but let them see your smile, confidence and happiness."

Emilee Dent
"Everything's okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end."

Alex Hrapkiewicz
"90% flow, 10% lax."

Sarah Morgan
"Live for today, because it will never come again."

Lea Robbins-Rhodes
"I take 3 L's to the head; love, live, life then I'm dead." -Lil Wayne

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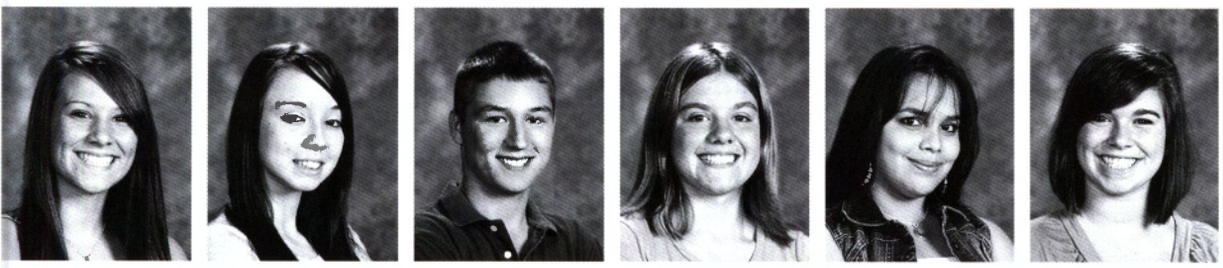

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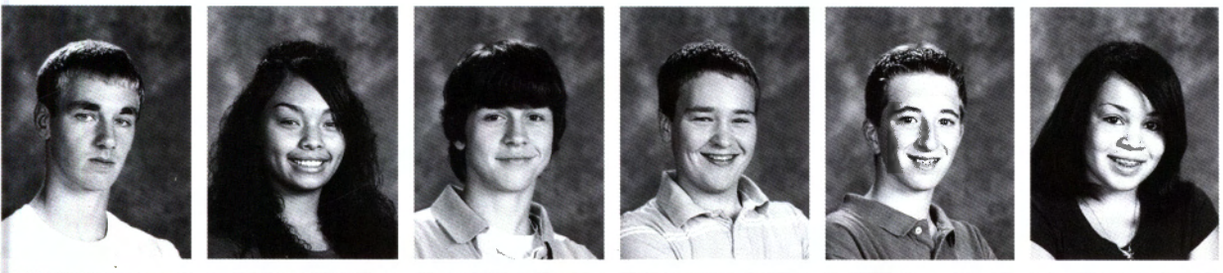

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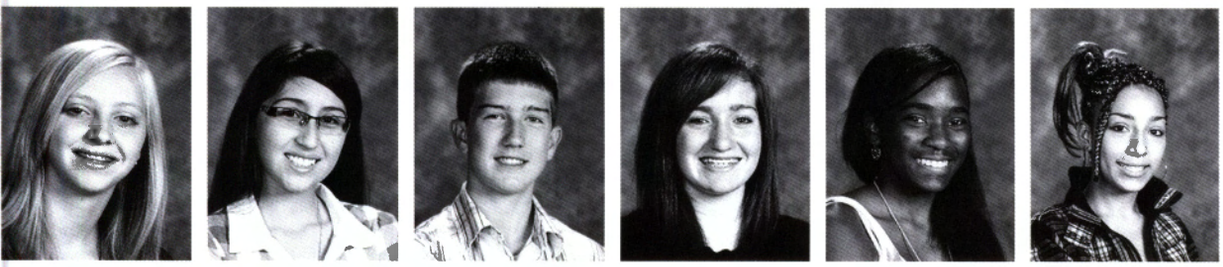

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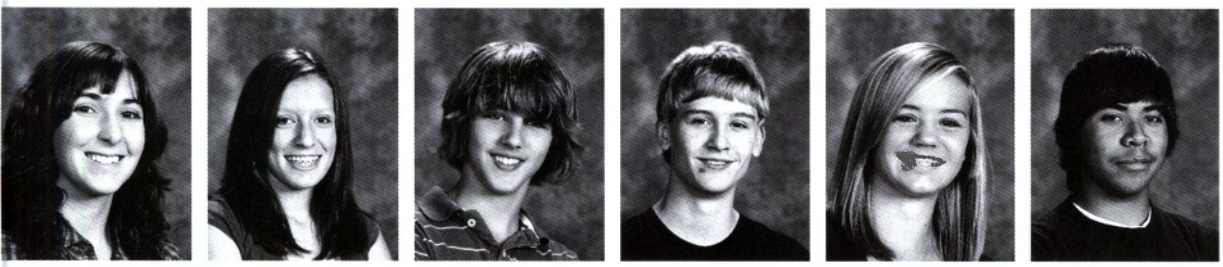

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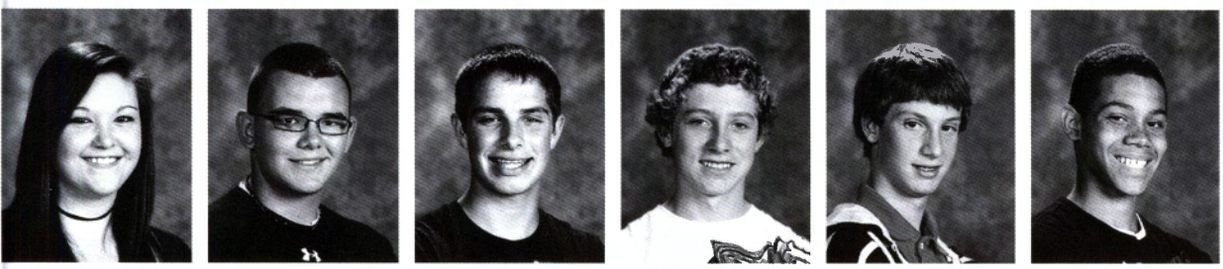

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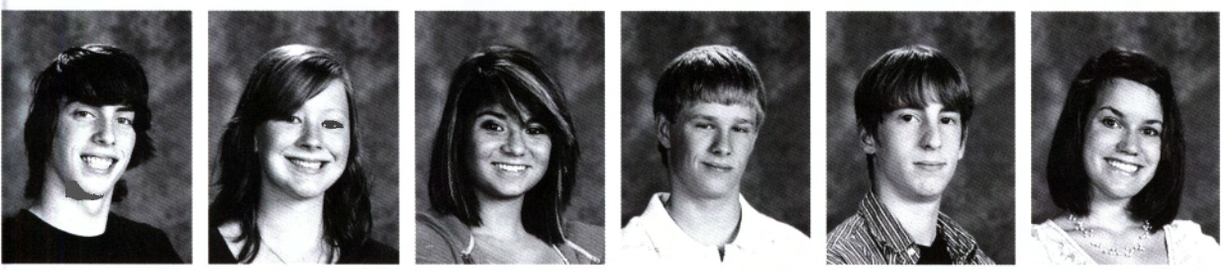

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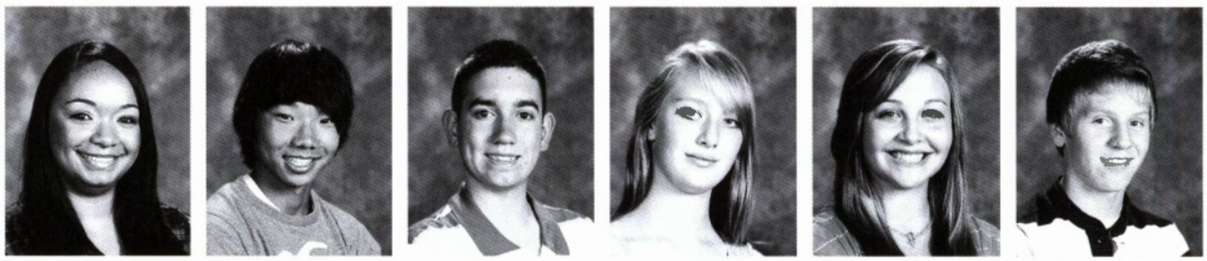

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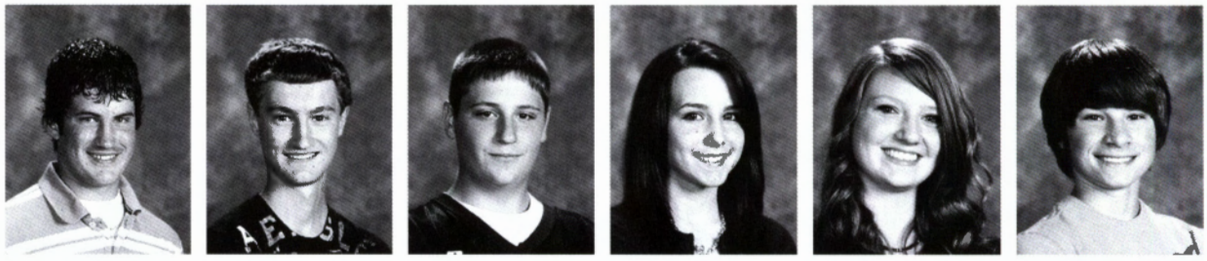

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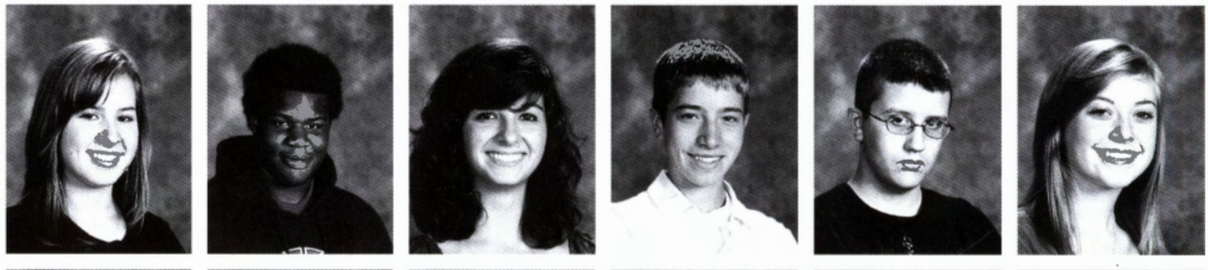

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(P)ledge To Graduate

What happens in the beginning of your high school career impacts what happens for the rest of your life. With the new graduation requirements for the class of 2012 losing just one class credit in the beginning of your freshman year could mean going to high school an extra year. Pledge to graduate is bringing the class of 2012 together to achieve the goal of graduating and raise awareness of how important it is to stay focused at the beginning of your high school career.

Quoted left to right

Jenny McClumpha

"The pledge to graduate banner was more of me just signing somthing because I already wanted to graduate".

Steven McKee

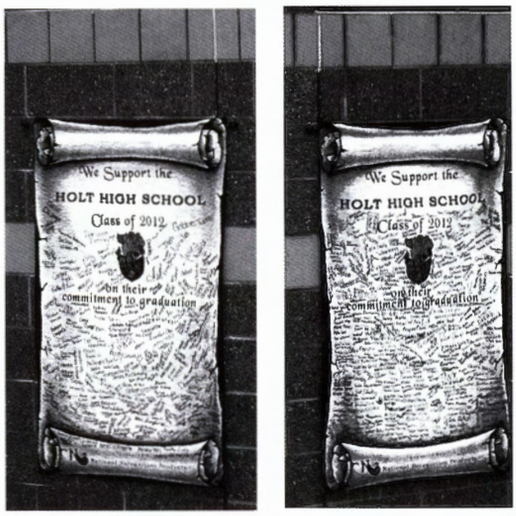
"I think it's a good thing because it gives other kids the want to graduate".

Abigail Cottom

"I have always wanted to graduate, but for other people it might make them want to graduate more".

Jeffrey Chronister

"Signing the banner didn't make me want to graduate more because I already knew that I was going to graduate".



The Pledge to graduate banners are displayed in the center commons of the high school. Two banners were needed to fit the signatures of the entire class of 2012.

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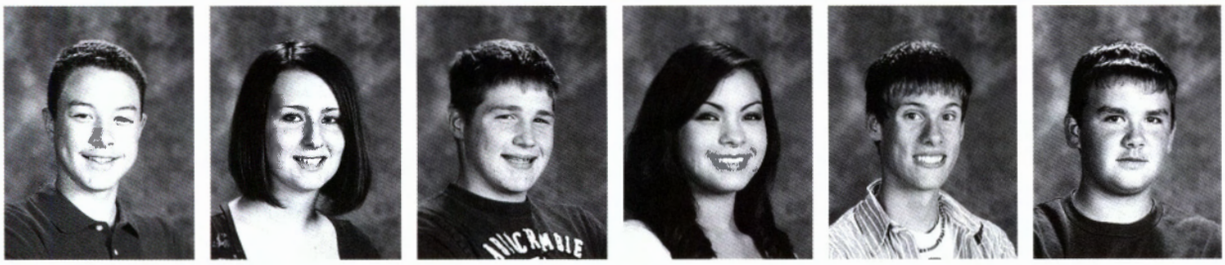

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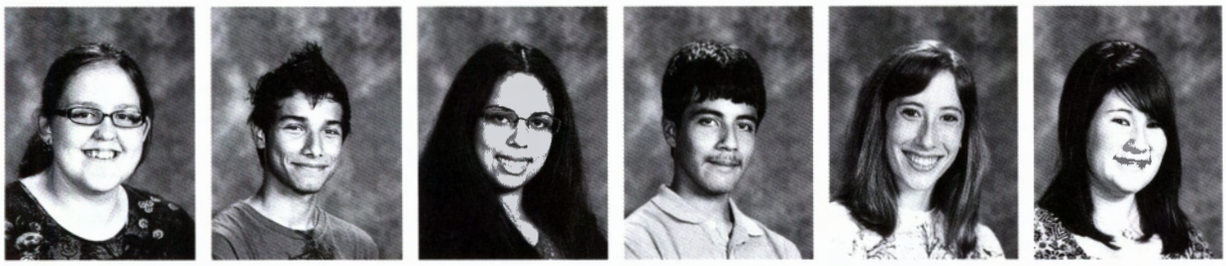

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Dilday, Monica
Dillard, Savoya
Dorer, Zachary

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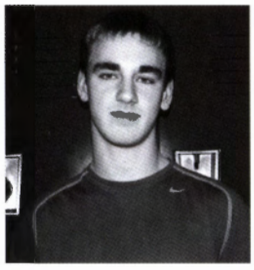
Telling His Story: Double Play

Practice makes perfect! An expression often heard from coaches, and parents that most high school students don't take so seriously. Sophomore Justin Alleman, however, takes practice very seriously. Between travel baseball and Holt baseball, he practiced almost every day. "I like travel baseball better because I like the competition," said Alleman.



"Practice hard and never give up."

"My favorite baseball memory is probably when I went to Myrtle Beach with my team. During a tournament we won our first five games, but we lost the playoff game," said Alleman, "We ended up in 5th place, or something." Alleman has been playing baseball since he was a kid.

"Playing travel ball helps me become a better player because after playing travel ball it makes high school baseball seem easier," said Alleman. His travel league usually practiced every day of the week, and had 4 or 5 games on the weekends. Alleman's last words of advice; "Practice hard, and never give up."

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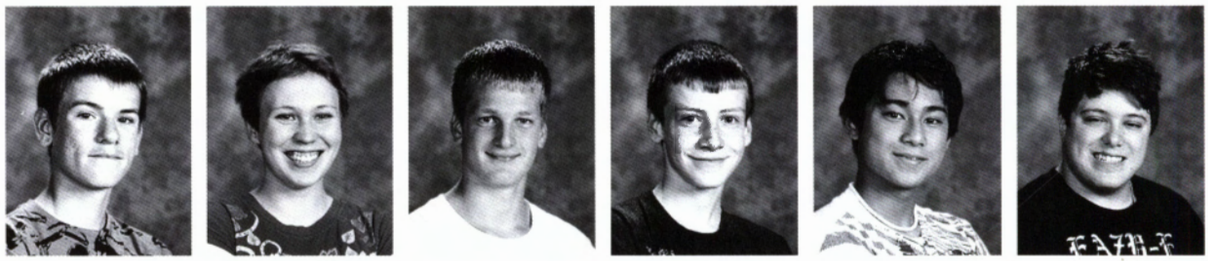

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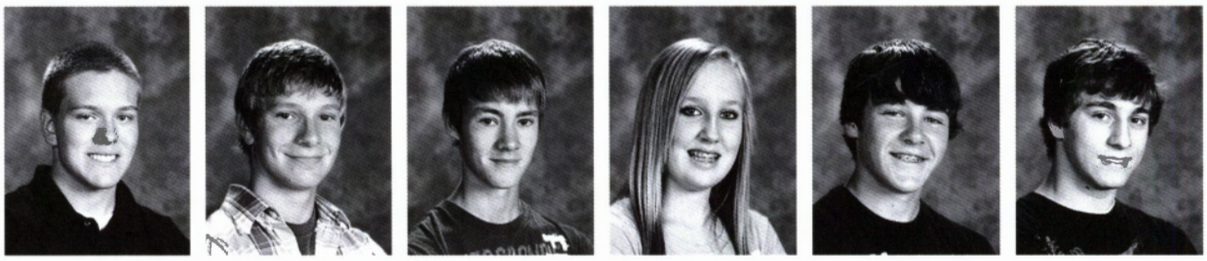

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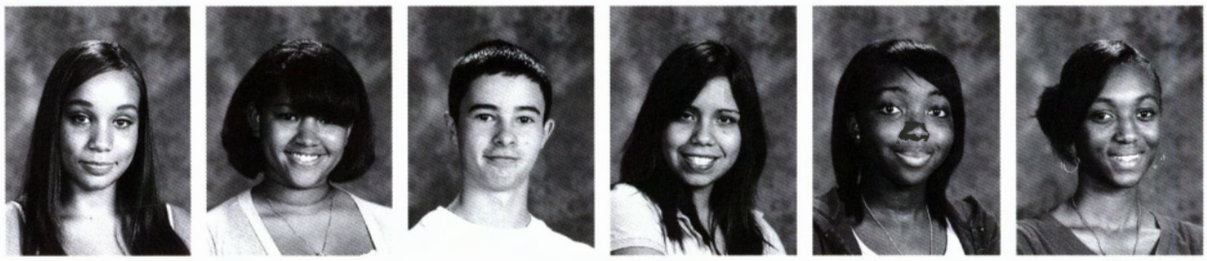

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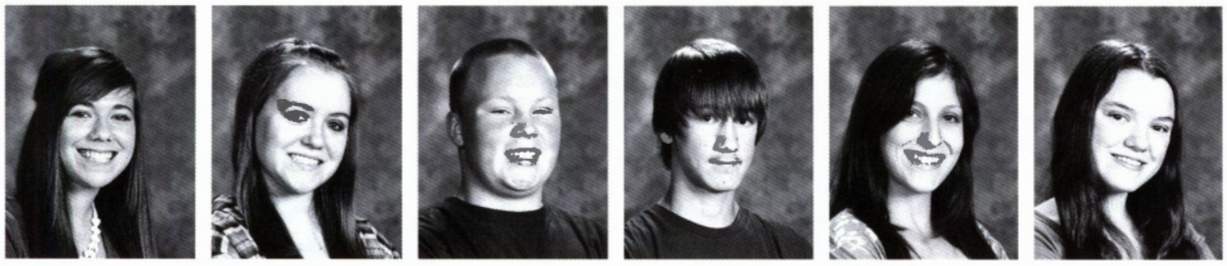

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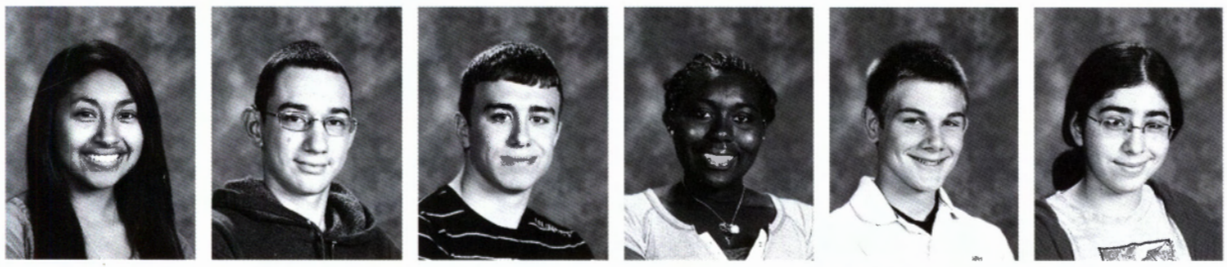

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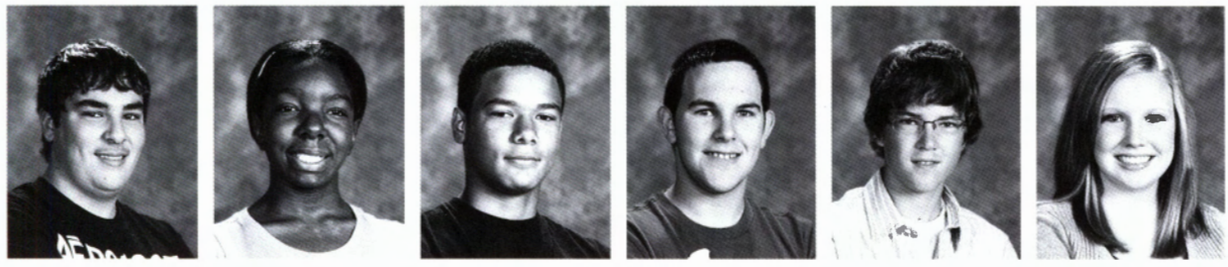

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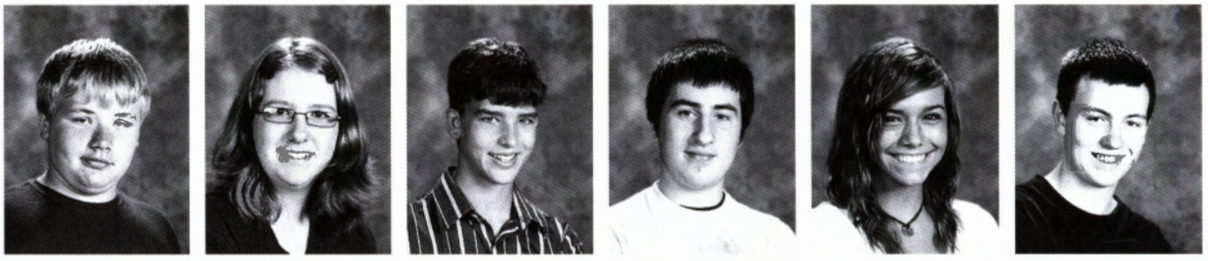

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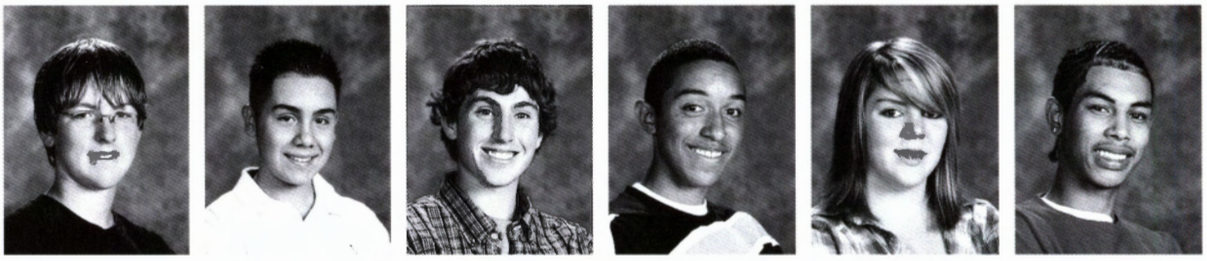

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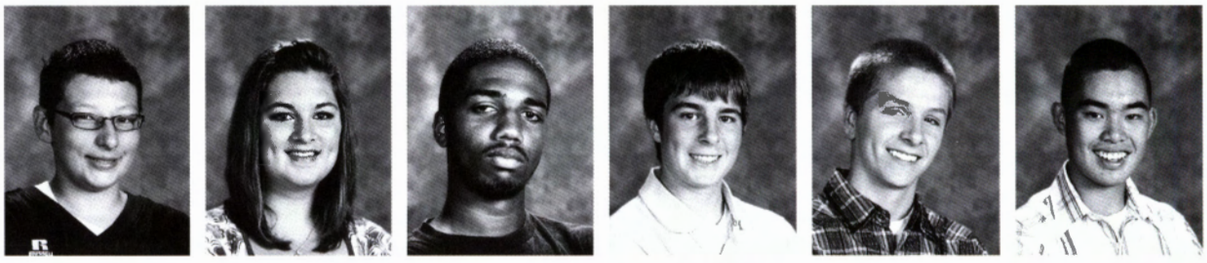

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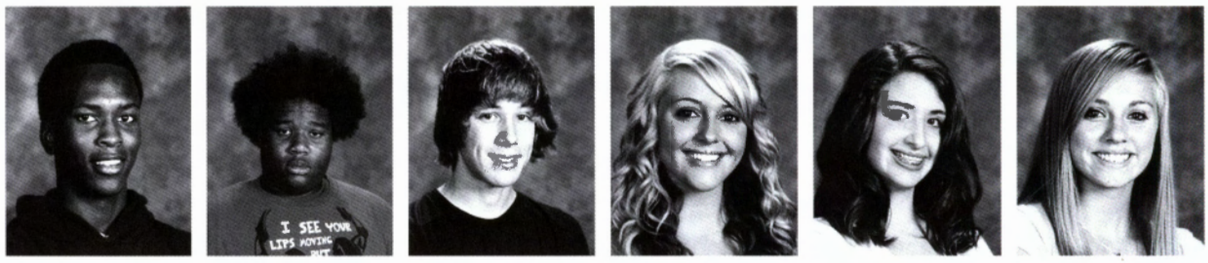

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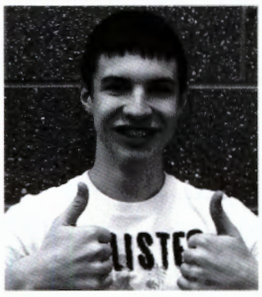
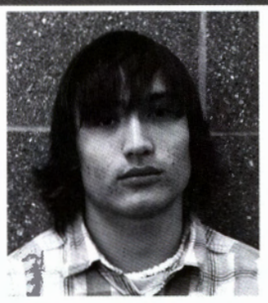
(I)s It Really Like That?

Have you had a conversation with someone from another school and they asked you something crazy about the High School? Well these sophomores gave their input on what they heard the school was going to be like before they arrived at the 10-12 building.



Dennis Hull
"I was a young boy when it was first being built, I heard there was going to be a McDonalds and a Burger King in this joint. When I got here all they had were curly fries and chicken sandwiches."

Autumn Baker
"I heard that everybody would get beat up by the older kids on the first day, that Olcheske grades hard, and that it's huge and you can get lost easily."



Kevin Lentz
"I heard that it was huge and that the food was amazing, which is a lie. And I heard that the lunch room was huge but it turned out that it was just the Commons."

Tayler Peiffer
"I heard that some of the teachers weren't very nice and the school was huge. People also told me that the teachers like to give you a lot of homework."

Monte Jackson
"I heard that I would get lost a lot and get tons of homework. I heard that lunch was good and it's true. Especially the Pitas!"

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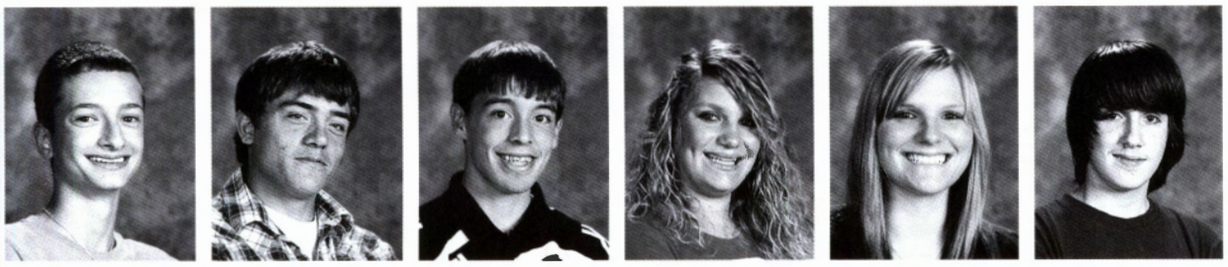

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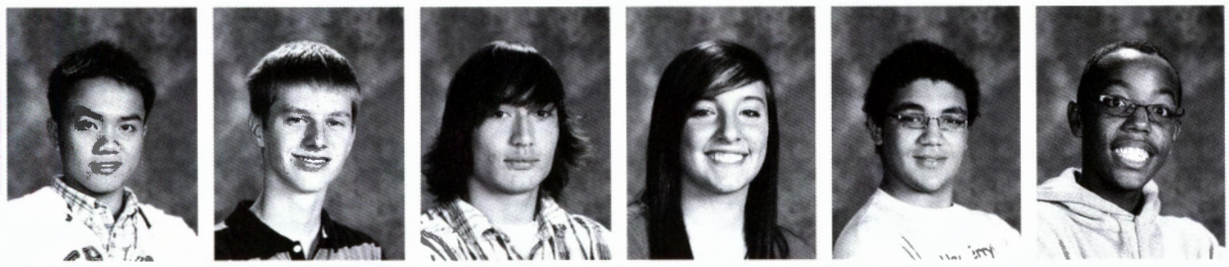

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(S)eeing Trouble

Between being mistaken for the other sibling or dealing with day to day sibling rivalries, being a twin or triplet comes with its rewards and challenges. Although they may fight sometimes, the bond that they share will remain forever.

The Payne Triplets

Nicholas Payne: "Being a triplet is rare. It's just like having two other friends."

Jenna Payne: "I always have people my own age to hang out with. We fight and we're freinds. It's just like having any other sibling."

Alex Payne: "Its just normal for me. We would get people around us like it was a circus when we were little kids because of the triple stroller."

The Knapp Twins

Mark Knapp: "There is nothing not to get along with. We are exactly the same. Except our footarch, that's different."

Eric Knapp: "We are the same. I'm just not him. We eat the same things for the most part. Except he likes pears and I don't and I like shrimp and he doesn't."

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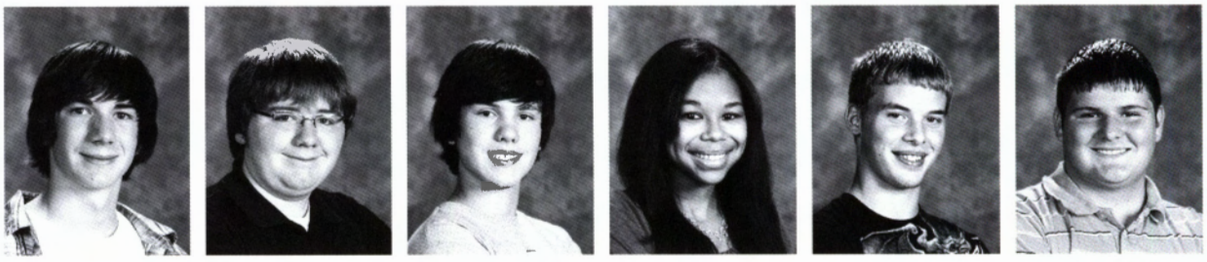

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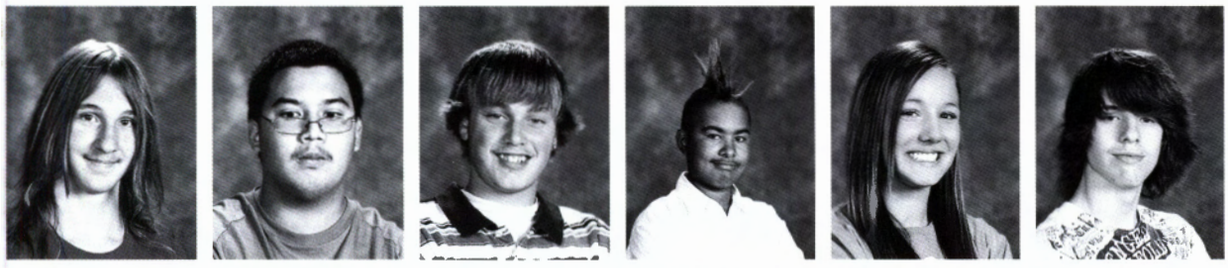

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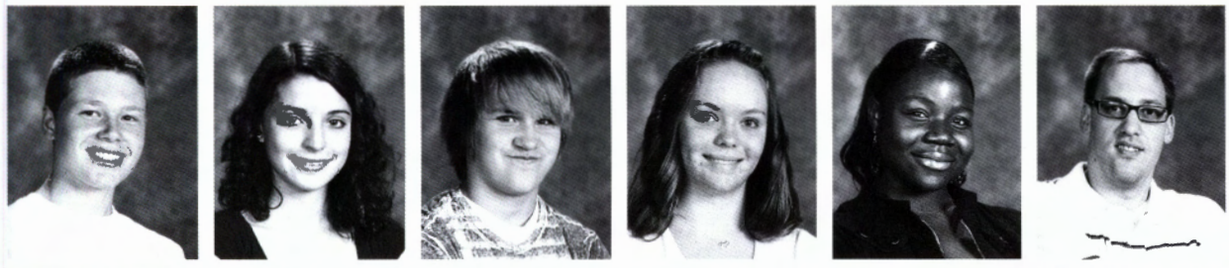

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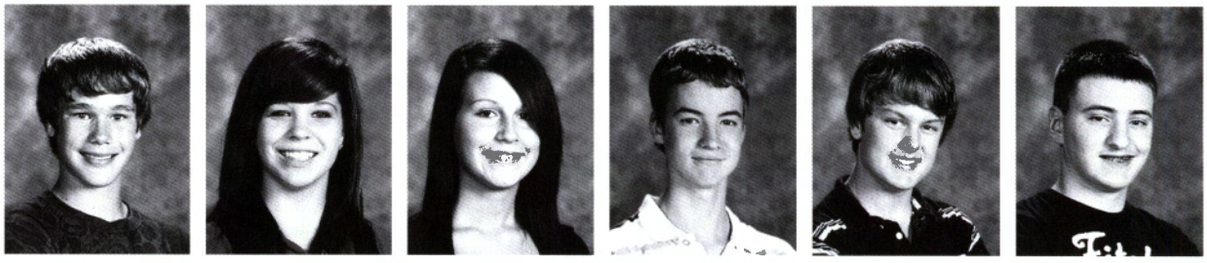

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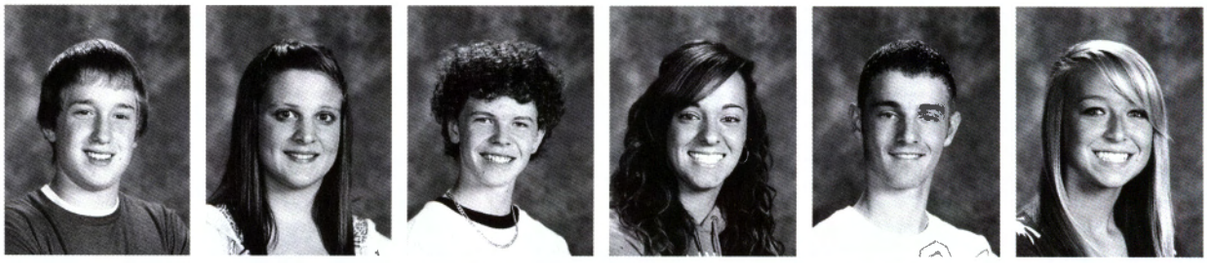

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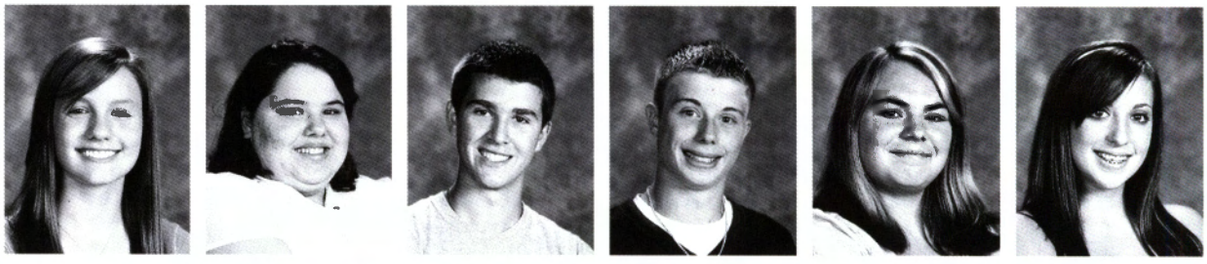

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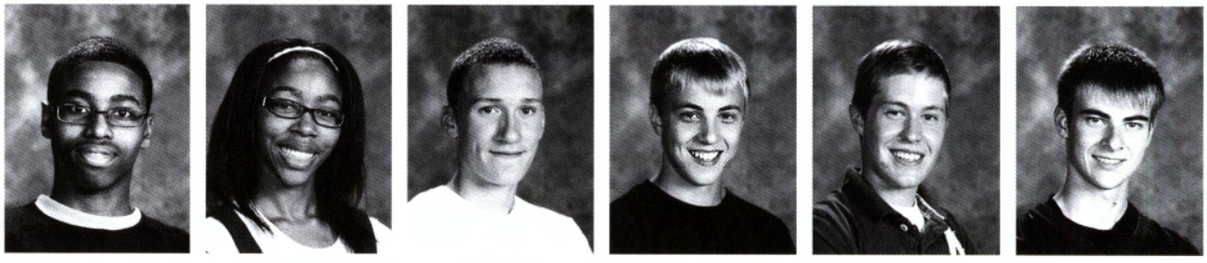

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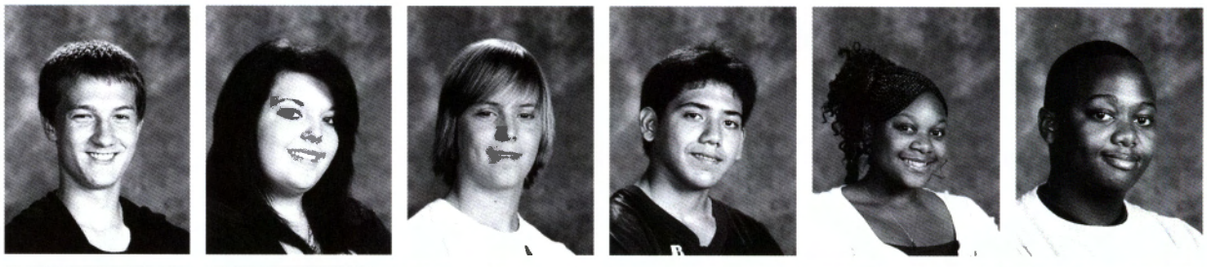

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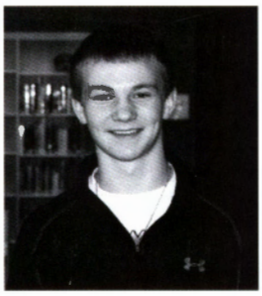
Telling His Story: The Frozen Road

As the blue smoke rolls out of the exhaust and touches the cold Lansing air the Lansing Capitals Midget Minor team step onto the bus for a long and dreary six hour trip to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Who knows, maybe the Lansing Capitals will get lucky with a set of home games next weekend. For one of these players, going to Holt High School and playing for this Midget Minor AAA team is a concurrence.



Anthony (A.J.) Strzalkowski was in his first year at Holt High School and on the Capitals' Minor team. His team practiced three times a week but the majority of the hockey went on during the weekends when games occured. "The best part of playing midget minor AAA is definitely all the traveling," said Strzalkowski. The team traveled all over the country, often to places like Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois and sometimes to places on the East Coast and even as far away as Texas. "The bus rides are brutal because they can be so long, it's better than a car I guess," said Strzalkowski. Although the bus rides seemed long and dreary, Strzalkowski loved the result of them. "I love a new city every weekend to go see and play hockey in," exclaimed Strzalkowski.

"The bus rides are brutal..."

Depending on the weekend, the team usually played two games against the same opponent, resulting to overnight stays in hotels. "Hotels are fun to stay in; I like the independence and freedom," said Strzalkowski. The late night bus rides home, the makeup work from school and the weekends dedicated only to hockey took its toll on Strzalkowski. With all the fun comes its consequences. But the good for Strzalkowski outweighs the bad by a long shot and would never prevent him from the game that he loves.

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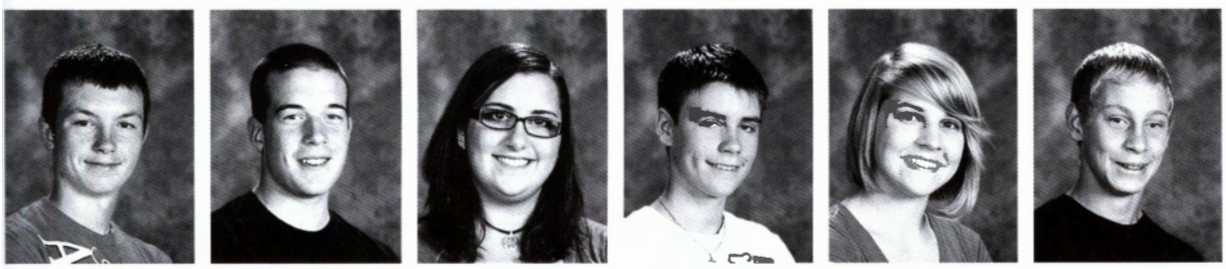

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Schafer, Brianna
Schafer, Kelsie
Schafer, Lea

Schavey, Taylor
Schlee, Mikalin
Schneider, William
Schofield, Jade
Schroeder, Mara
Scott, Timareus

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Telling Her Story: The Balancing Act

Handling three varsity sports, and maintaining a 4.0 average, sophomore Haley Powers is truly an inspiration. "I work hard with my studies after practice and games and it all seems to work out in the end," Powers said.

Powers had been on varsity tennis since her freshmen year, where they made it to states. She and her partner were one of the two Holt teams who were able to win a match at states.

"Sometimes I just want to go home and rest..."

Powers was also part of varsity basketball and was moved up to the varsity volleyball team for districts. "The seniors on the basketball team were really welcoming. I didn't really know anyone on the team, but they made me feel a part of it," Powers said with a smile. In their previous season, the basketball team won districts and Powers was hopeful that they would be able to repeat history.

"School is a lot harder for an athlete than for just any other regular student because there's always late nights from games and practice every day, which makes it hard to study. Sometimes I just want to go home and rest from a big game but I know I have to do my schoolwork," Powers said.

Seguin, Andrew
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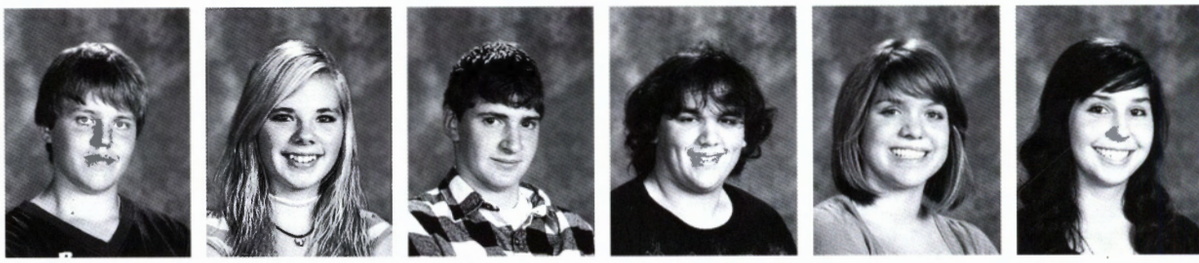

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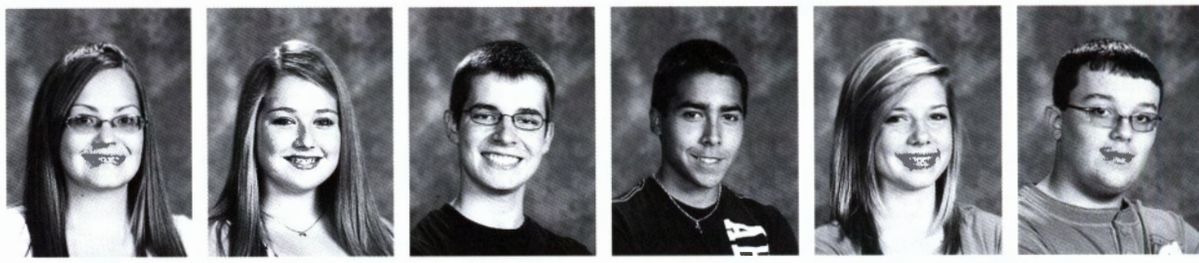

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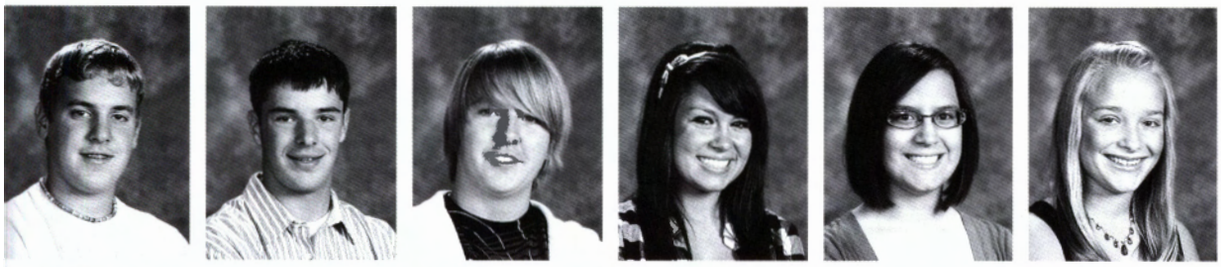

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Taylor, Brenden

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Thering, Brian
Tigner, Grant
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Trubac, Lisa
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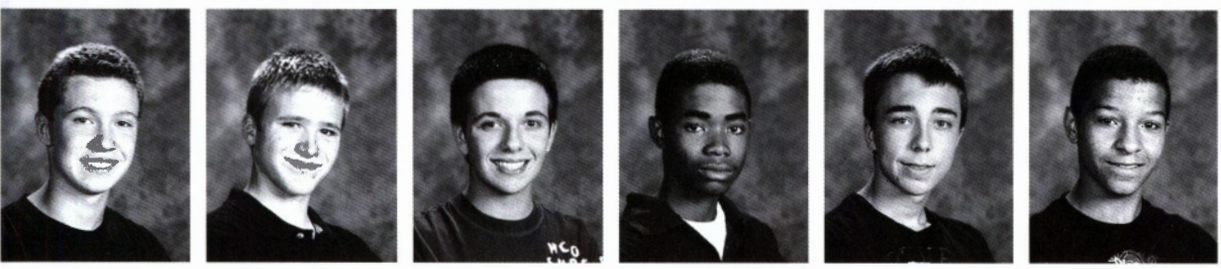

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Weaver, Xavier
Webb, Hannah

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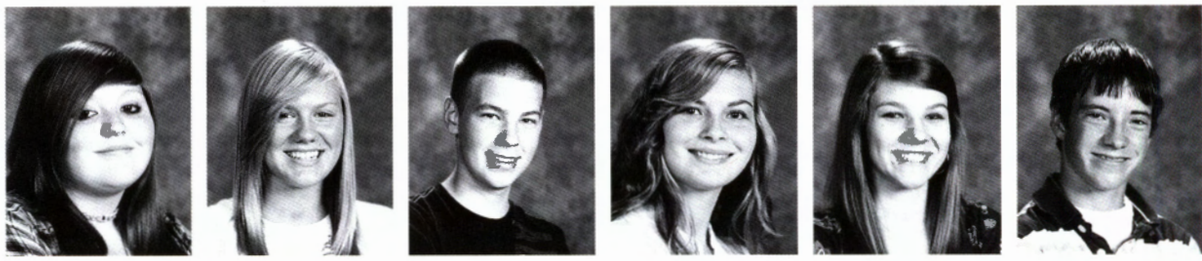

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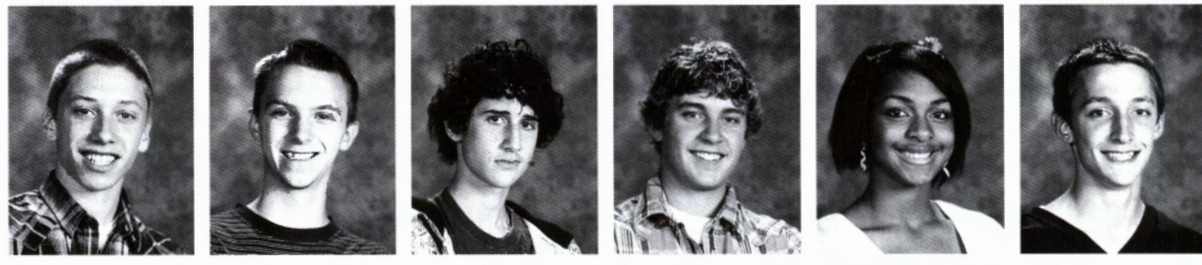

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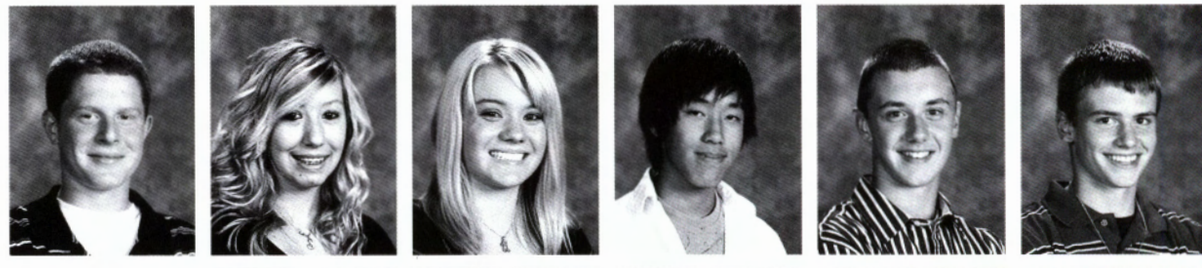

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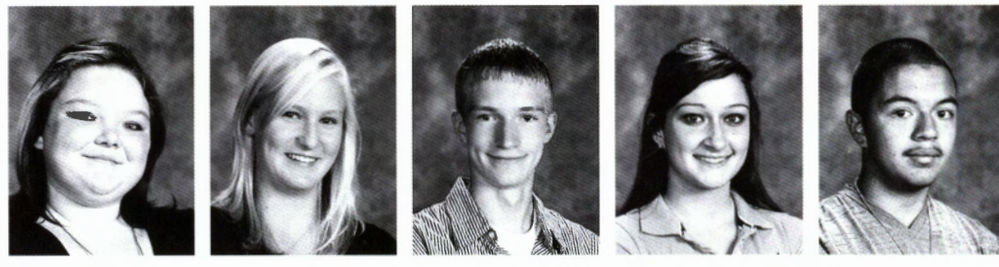

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Curl, Madeline
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Dale, Tiffany
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Gatewood, Lucas
Gregory, Johnathon
Hamilton, Trevor
Hilborn, Benjamin
Hughes, Corey
Kipp, Andrew
Lyon, Adam
McElrath, Zachariah
McLouth, Matthew
Morris, Jacob
Reis, Anthony
Rios, Joshua
Satterlee, Brian
Shattuck, Cody
Spicer, James
Wallace-Swanzy, Deiondre
Williams, Tara
Wilson, Levi

Jennifer Morley, Morgan Webster and Kristyn Wolff

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Telling Her Story: Taking the Stage

"My most memorable moment was when I went to do my first big production at Lansing Community College for Cinco de Mayo, and I had my first solo that year," said sophomore Adalena Garcia, "That same day I competed and won my first dance competition."

Garcia practiced at least 4 times a week and competed a few times throughout the year, along with one annual national competition. "My cousin used to dance a long time ago, and I went to her production, and then I joined her dance group," said Garcia.

Garcia has been doing Flamenco Dance at the Foster Community Center since she was 10 years old. "Flamenco dancing is different from other kinds of dancing because we do dances from different parts of Mexico and it's a part of our Hispanic culture," said Garcia, "We take the role of whoever we're dancing as."

"It's a part of our Hispanic culture."

Despite the differences of Flamenco dance, Garcia still had the same worries and hardships as any other dancer. "I guess the hardest part about Flamenco dance is getting the routine down perfect, and not having any costume malfunctions," said Garcia.

Flamenco dancing showed her Hispanic culture, and through dance Garcia showed a part of herself.

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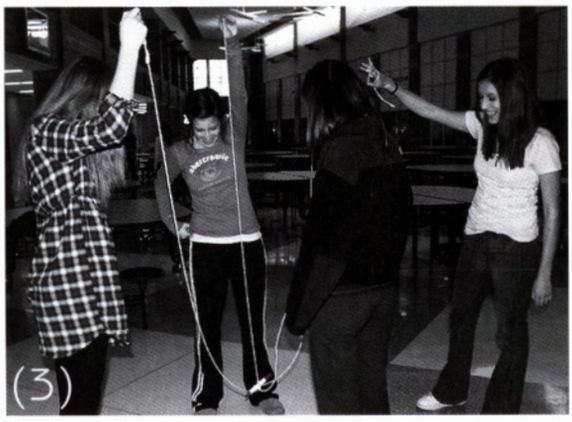
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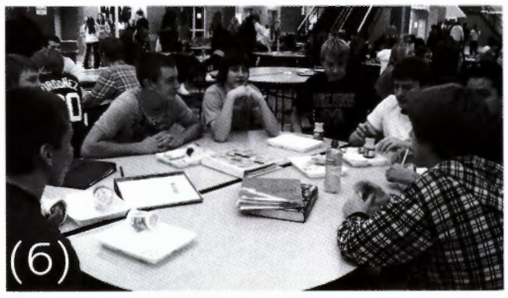
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(1) **Junior Allie Walsh** suspends herself as she held her body weight up on the bar during her lunch when the United States Marines visited our school. (2) Sitting around their regular lunch table, **sophomores Aubrey Sobleskey, Jenna Payne, Eric Dawdy, Everett Rawlings** and **Kurtis Smith** laughed and talked about their weekend plans. (3) Playing the game Pulling the Strings in Health class, **sophomores Abigail Cottom, Meghan Weeler, Antonette Davids-Patino** and **Audra Balcarcel** worked together and tried to get the marker to touch the sheet on the ground. (4) Glazing their mugs, **sophomores Ericka Halfmann** and **Haleigh DeRose** shared the same glaze color together. (5) Drawing his geno baby, **sophomore Christopher Seyka** focused on all the features needed for detail of his baby. (6) Discussing the latest sports news going on, **sophomores Patrick Carrier, Jacob Zajac, Steven McKee, Michael Ramer, Mark Dudley, Matthew Snay** and **Alex Hrapkiewicz** compared scores and events that took place.

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Bieda, Sara
Bird, Dave
Bishop, Monte

Boulanger, Mary
Buck, Wilma
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Clark, Amy
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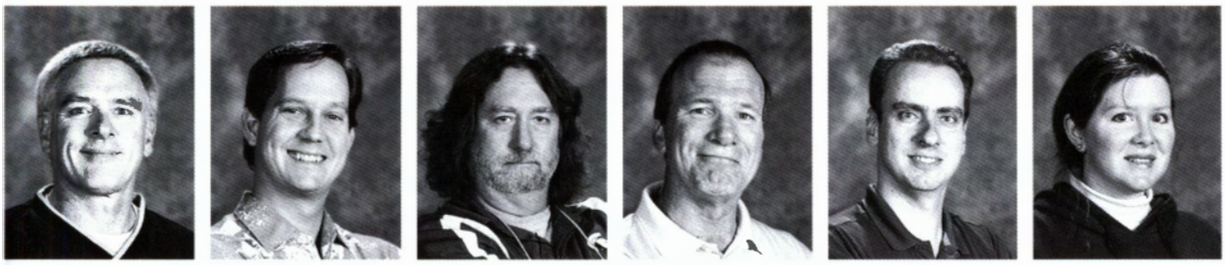

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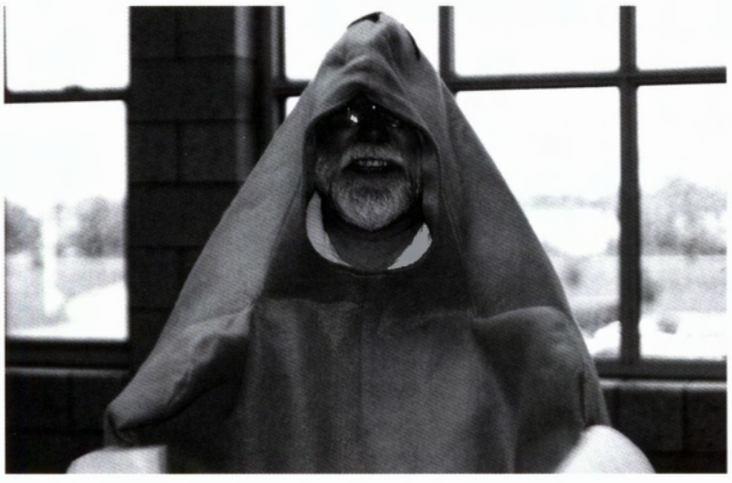

Dressed up for mole day, science **teacher David Foy** put on his annual mole costume. "I got the suit from a former student's parent," said Foy. Many people did not know what mole day was about. "Mole day is just a celebration of a scientific number," Foy exclaimed, the number being 6.022×10^{23}.

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Buwalda, Lori
Cappelletti, Hannah
Chamerlain, Audrey
Childers, Debbie
Coe, Ann
Conner, John
Cotter, Jessica
Dozier, Robert
Dykema, Ahna
Feldpausch, Toni
Godbehere, Cindy
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Russo, Anne
Schnepp, Marty
Slamer, Al
Smith, Keith
Sutliff, Ann
Trunk, Matthew
VanStratt, Kim

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Perched quietly in an art class a rooster is sketched by students in drawing class. "We start basic, objects and such, then move to more complex things like people and animals," explained art **teacher Heidi Irvine**. The drawing classes have been known to use other animals as models such as dogs, bunnies, and even lambs.

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(Academics)

As a student recreates the vision of a live rooster on paper in drawing class, others are shooting water balloons at their math teachers from across the football field. As the year progressed, students went in and out of classes, teachers found new and innovative ways to let us learn and grow in school. When the learning style of the students was to change, the teachers had to find new methods that would work with their students. Whether it was writing a personal narrative for an English class or learning how to edit your own film in Video Production class, students have been able to take those lessons and use them in the real world, and will continue to use them when they go on to bigger things such as their courses in college, or their jobs and careers.

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(Un)Told Story: Electives

Electives are the classes that you can indulge in, the classes that inspire careers. These are the classes that kids look forward to every day, and enjoy learning about. Core classes such as Science, English, Math and Social Studies are fun, but would be too general as career choices.

"While both core classes and elective classes are helpful, elective classes often allow students the opportunity to study a subject in more depth," commented English teacher, Janine Baker. "For example, Students that want to become doctors can take their core science classes, but learn more in-depth skills in elective classes like Human Physiology."

Some classes offered gave students a look at what a career in that subject would consist of. Sociology helped if you were interested in the way people interact with one another. Photography taught how to take photos with different elements, and develop the photos by hand. Technical Drawing showed you how to use the basic CAD programs that you would use in the real world. Technical Drawing teacher, Beth Pulver said, "I'm here if they have questions about the technology; I'm more of a 'mentor' than a 'teacher', because it is the students that need the knowledge."

In college, you pay money to learn the same information that elective classes offer. "Technical Drawing helps you get familiar with the type of technology you will need and use in the future if you choose to be an engineer," said senior Philip Batterson. This allowed students to have a clearer idea of the areas they would like to chase as they continue their education; it allowed them to test many different waters before choosing just one path.

In addition to enrolling in courses required for graduation, students selected elective classes because they had an interest in careers relating to them. They also enrolled in them just for the experience. Senior Chelsea Bartley stated, "Drawing gives me a break from my harder courses.

Enrolling in these elective classes is where people find their niche, find where they belong, and may continue to pursue throughout their educational career.

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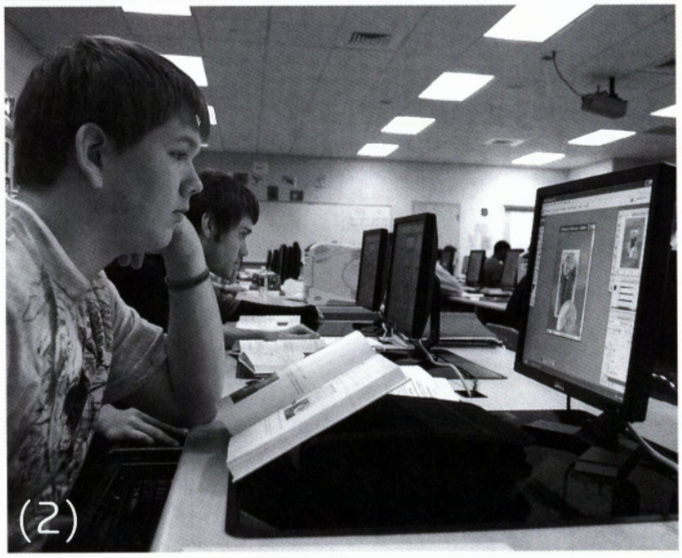
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The List

Electives offered to students.

- -A Plus Prep
- -Accounting
- -Work Experience
- -Mentorship
- -Pacesetter
- -Study of Film as Literature
- -Childhood Development
- -Consumer Education
- -Perspectives on Living
- -Nutrition for Fitness
- -Art Seminar
- -Music Theory
- -Humanities
- -Aquatics
- -Lifetimes Activities
- -Aerobic Exercise
- -Botany
- -Environmental Science
- -Ancient Civilizations
- -History of Contemporary Conflict
- -CAD/Technical Drawing
- -Dual Enrollment
- -Independent Study
- -Connectors

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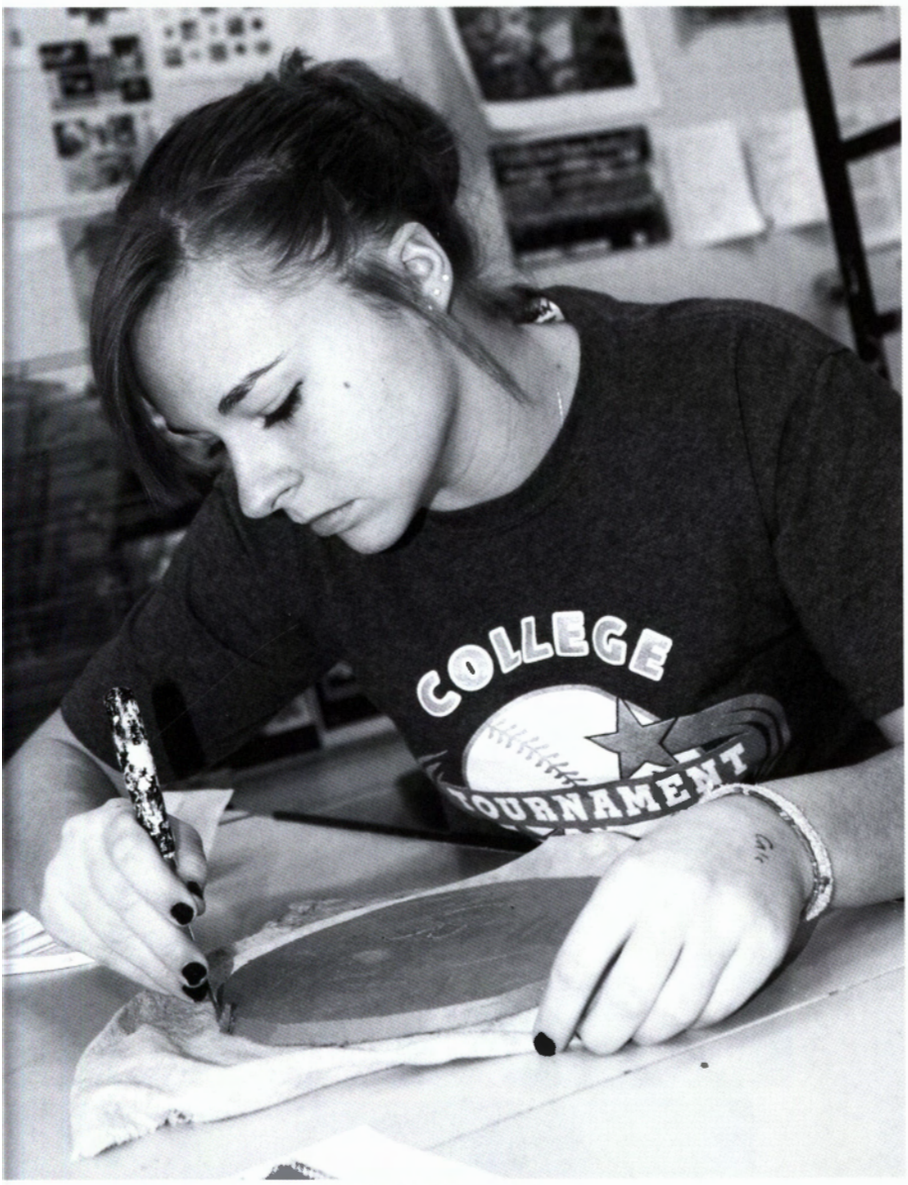

(1) Sitting on the floor, just like in kindergarten, **senior Allyson Ramer** reads a storybook in Child Development class. (2) Following instructions from a book, **juniors Wesley Dorin** and **Brandon Lovely** work on transforming pictures in Photoshop. (3) Working intently, **senior Chelsea Bartley** perfects the edges on her circular tile in Drawing class. (4) Wearing protective goggles and rubber gloves, **senior Jacob Butler** and **senior Benjamin Dudley** dissect a pig heart and lungs in their Human Physiology class. *Photo by Lauren Gibbons.* (5) While wading through the muck, **senior Megan Sundstrom** and **senior Lauren Kustasz** hold hands to help keep their balance. *Photo by Payton Alagna.* (6) Adding a heart to the top of her mug, **junior Dharbi Hicok** plays with clay in Ceramics. (7) Wading in the ponds in front of the school, **senior Rodrick Walton** gathers samples for Environmental Science. *Photo by Payton Alagna.*

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Take it to the Next Level

When scheduling classes, students often reach for those which do not require much work. Electives are frequently seen as such, but sometimes little is known about the actual course. Students who planned on taking Study of Film as Literature in hopes that it is a "blow-off" class found out otherwise. When asked about the out-of-class projects senior Sarah Abent commented, "There were a lot of papers to write."

A lot of papers may serve as a deterrent for students who aren't fond of working hard. "It was pretty challenging, especially if you don't like English," commented Abent. Though there is a lot of movie viewing, Childers says, "The students have a lot of choice in what they watch outside of class." Therefore, Study of Film is not the same for every student. The more effort one puts in, the more they'll be able to enjoy it.

"We watched many films and learned about the technical terms that are associated with film. We also learned the history of film," stated Abent, "and it was an enjoyable experience."

If you're a student really interested in Study of Film as Literature but don't want to be slowed down by those who are just looking to float, have no fear. "A student's lack of interest won't harm the progress of the rest of the class," Childers adds. All of this said, come into the class with an open mind, ready to dive into the study of film as literature.

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(A) Year to Remember

The 2009 Holt Ram Marching Band

The Holt Ram Marching Band Varsity Fun Squad: Juniors and Seniors from the band that get together and make a skit of certain events that happened over the course of the year, they also pull pranks on other band members but most importantly on Mr. Emerson. "My favorite skit they ever did was the N'SYNC dance to 'Bye, Bye, Bye' my sophomore year," said senior Tasha Kramarenko about the Varsity Fun Squad (VFS).

Every year as old members of VFS graduated, new band members stepped up and took leadership of the squad. "The leaders of this year's VFS were seniors Octavio Hernandez and Aaron Shelton," explains sophomore Patrick Carrier, "they were good leaders because they are funny and they did good pranks."

Numerous pranks were done over the two years that Hernandez and Shelton were co-leaders of the VFS. "My junior year when we had band camp at MSU some of the staff that helped us tried to pull a prank on us, so when they left to play cards, like they did every night, we locked all the doors to the dorm so they couldn't get back in," explained Hernandez.

Some of the pranks done were focused on the teacher, Mr. Emerson. "We toilet-papered the tower that Mr. Emerson stands on to conduct," said senior band member Ashleigh Harkness.

The two years Hernandez and Shelton were a part of the VFS were perhaps the most memorable years the Holt High School marching band has ever had. "The pranks they did will never be forgotten," said senior band member Adam Knapp.

According to the seniors, the Holt Ram VFS would no longer exist after the class of 2010 graduated. "No one can do what we did," explained Hernandez.

(4) On the night of the light show the Holt High School drumline played the beats to famous Michael Jackson songs. "The music was something new and something fun," said **senior Adam Stasiuk**, "I liked all the songs." The 2009 light show featured songs such as Thriller and ABC by the "king of pop".

(1) As the crowd settled and the football players waited to begin their battle, the Holt Ram Marching Band was ready to start their pre-game show. "I like the excitement, and how it all comes together in the games from all of our practice," said **senior Scott Colegrove** about marching onto the field before the football games. The band practiced marching onto the field numerous times before the football season even started.

(2) Before the game starts, **seniors Maci Holley** (right), **Alyssa Bailey** (left), and **junior Miranda Lambert** (middle) prepare to perform their baton routine in front of the crowd at Holt High School's stadium. "My favorite part of doing baton is performing in front of all the people and hearing their reactions," says Holley. The three girls practiced five days a week to perfect their routine and better their skills.

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(3) "I like dancing on the podium, and I like how the band gives me another level of respect," said **senior Octavio Hernandez**, who conducts the marching band during the football game halftime show. Hernandez was the band's drum major his junior and senior year. He conducted the band in 11 halftime shows during his two years.

(Y)our Opinion

On the 2009 Band Camp

"My favorite memories from band camp are filling balloons with water and shaving cream and throwing them at the college staff, and of course trashing the sophomore's bathroom."

-senior Amanda Kramer

"My favorite memory from band camp is toilet papering a golf cart."

-senior Evan Hartig

"Some of my favorite memories from band camp include learning and putting all of the new charts together on the field, helping set up senior pranks and the afternoon practices."

-junior Bethany Nippa

Soaking up the hot sun, the marching band practices outside during band. Only on rainy days did the marching band play inside in the classroom, most days are spent outside in a parking lot.

Take it to the Next Level

The Michigan State University drumline has been known to be the most prestigious drumline in the country for about 50 years. For this reason, senior Aaron Shelton planned to take his talent to the next level and try out for the drumline in May of his senior year in high school. Shelton has had an interest in music for almost his entire life and has played more then seven different instruments.

"I have been playing drums for thirteen years," said Shelton. Although everyone else believed that he would make the drumline his first time trying out, Shelton had doubts of himself.

"I'm nervous about it, I think I have the potential to make it," explained Shelton, "but if I don't, the nervousness will be what holds me back."

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(1)**Seniors Aaron Shelton, David Covello, Adam Stasiuk,** and **junior Sunnie Henley** play percussion during one of their symphonic band classes. "I like music. I always have. Band lets me perform and learn more about music," says Covello.

(2) Gearing up for their winter concert **juniors Mckenzie Kienitz,** and **Nicholas Kreider** rehearse in class. "I've been singing choir for such a long time. It's just a way of expressing myself," said Kreider. The winter concert was one of the biggest performances of the year.

Take it to the
Next Level

Senior T'shanda Brown has always been involved in music. "I've been writing songs since I was four years old and I have been performing publicly since third grade," said Brown. Her love for music has made her decide to continue her musical career after high school. "I have not yet decided which college, but I would like to go to NYU for musical and theater arts. They have very good musical programs. They have Broadway. I love Broadway. They also have musical theory and orchestra," says an excited Brown. Even though her musical career might have some bumps along the way, she is committed to stay focused. "I have to stay focused on what I need to do as far as my career objective and not let anything knock me off track. I have to keep moving forward even if there are some no's along the way. Also I always give 100% at all I do," Brown replies. For T'shanda, music is more than just something she is good at. Music is her passion and her dream. "I plan on pursuing all my dreams. What's life without a dream? I never settle myself for less. If you know what you want, go get it," a confident Brown stated.

(3)Singing their hearts out **juniors Casey Rees, Kayla Cumberworth,** and **sophomores Erin Biel** and **Monique Bailhe**, rehearse some familiar Chirstmas carols during one of their class periods. "I like the bond it makes between everyone, doing something that we all love," said Biel.

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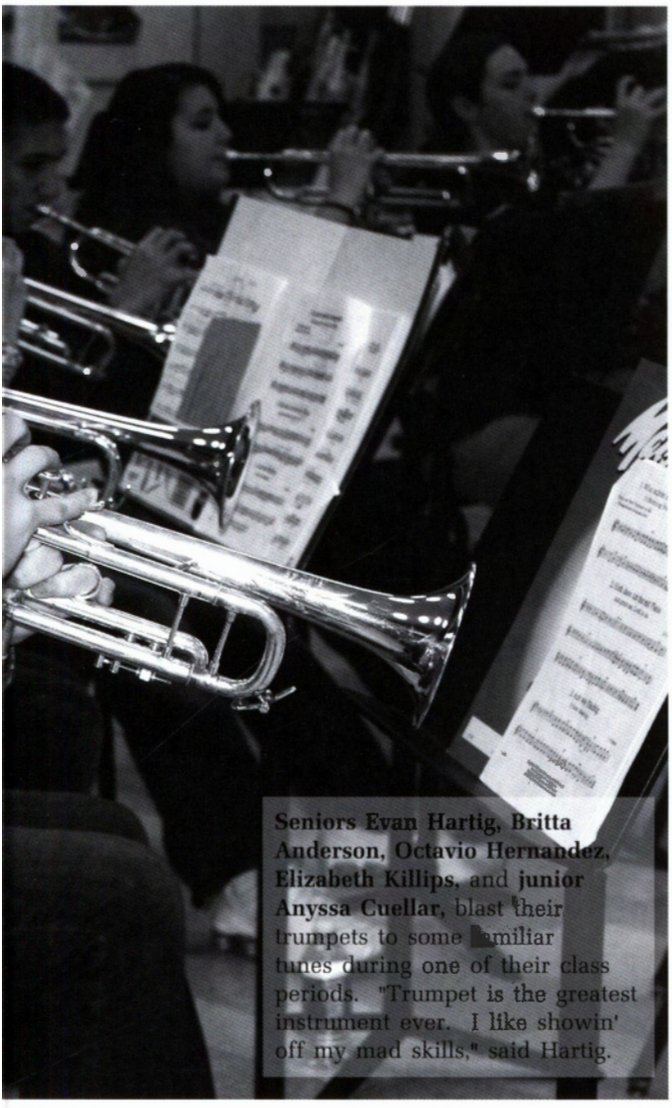

Seniors Evan Hartig, Britta Anderson, Octavio Hernandez, Elizabeth Killips, and **junior Anyssa Cuellar,** blast their trumpets to some familiar tunes during one of their class periods. "Trumpet is the greatest instrument ever. I like showin' off my mad skills," said Hartig.

(T)he Sound of Music

From the pounding of the drums, to the tapping of Mr. Bishop's feet, the beat of all forms of music were heard echoing through the halls of Holt High School. "It's fun to play music," said junior Nicole Borek. Each beat heard was unique to its own particular form of music. The high school offered many different forms of musical classes to fit everyone's musical needs, whether it was one of the four band classes (Symphonic, Concert, Marching, and Jazz) or one of the three choir classes (Cantique, Choral, and Concert). Other musical classes like Music Theory and Music Composition were also offered to students who were diehards for music.

Students continued the beat outside of the classroom as well, with concerts, before and after school practices, and events during the school day. "I participate in the theater programs here, I have private vocal lessons, honors choir and solo and ensemble," said senior Christopher Malloy. Occasionally the choir classes were heard singing in the commons during class periods and the sound of the symphonic band could be heard drifting through the hallways. "I like how challenging the music is and everybody that's in band wants to be here," said senior Elizabeth Killips.

(4)Warming up their vocal cords **seniors Megan Lange, Natkita Tulay,** and **Alexis Mollitor,** get ready for an intense class period. "Gospel music is my favorite, because it's really fun and the crowd gets into it," said Mollitor.

(Y)our Opinion

On Symphonic Band—What's your opinion on band, as a class in general?

"Band is very important for my acedemic learning. If I don't have band I get very depressed. It helps us to work together and have team building skills."
-senior Elizabeth Kruger

"Well band class is the best class at Holt. It's awesome. We learn not only music, but we grow as a group. We play better because we are a community."
-sophomore Christopher Lewis

"Band is the best class I've ever had. It's fun and there is always some form of learning that everyone can get from it. I absolutly love it. It teaches us community as well as music."
-senior Eric Parry

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(Y)our Opinion

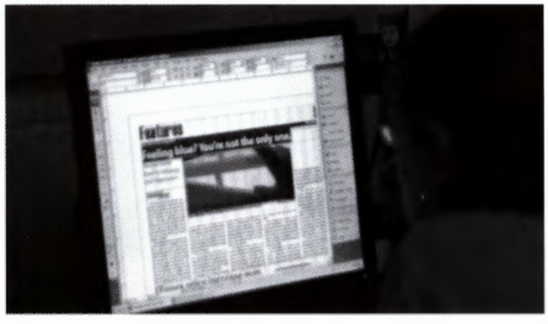
Ramparts newspaper

-Senior Rodney Scott

"I enjoy the sports section of Ramparts because I play sports. I want to see what they are saying about my basketball team."

"I like when people get interviewed with random questions for the 'Question of the Month.' Whenever I am in the newspaper it is awesome."

-junior Danae Reed



Thinking of a new headline for her story **senior Lauren Gibbons** gets ready to delete the old one. Staff members often wait until the rest of their page is done before deciding on a creative headline.

Comparing an edited version of her Ramparts page to her computer version, **senior Maci Holley** made edits to her page before it is was sent to print. "Editing is an important part in making the paper because we need to make sure we get the right information out to the school," Holley said.

Meet the Ramparts Staff

Get inside the minds of your Ramparts staff members	I look weird when I eat...	My dream story to write about is...	Newspaper Adviser Amy Clark is...	Watching _____ makes me sleepy	Classical music makes me...
Senior Jacob Hrapkiewicz	Everything, because I chew counterclockwise	Giraffe racing poachers because everyone hates giraffes	Awesome, and doesn't look like Tina Fey at all (yes she does.)	Alex Olsen try to pick up girls	Want to cry tears of joy
Junior William Thurston	Pizza	College Basketball because they won't let me	Funny	Ms. Clark's powerpoints	Smarter
Junior Lindsey Hamlin	Pizza because I can fit a whole piece in my mouth	Giraffe racing because they're my favorite animal and it would be awesome.	Hillarious because she says a lot of random funny things	Movies when I'm not in the theater	Bored
Senior Amber Marshall	Chicken wings	Michael Myers attacking Holt High School	A good teacher	Documentary movies in school	Bored

Writing stories for an upcoming issue of Ramparts **senior Dominique Baker** and **junior William Thurston** work on their pages. Baker and Thurston often ended up working next to each other based on their page assignments. Staff members sit according to their page numbers in the next issue of Ramparts.

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(R)amparts...
More than a paper towel

Interviewing, writing, editing, selling ads, designing layouts, taking pictures, staying late after school...all of these things are what the Ramparts staff goes through on a daily basis to publish the school's newspaper.

"A lot of people don't really realize how much work is put into making the newspaper," senior editor of the newspaper Jake Hrapkiewicz says. "People take the work we do for granted and it's bad when we see the papers lying around on the table the same day that we pass them out."

And it isn't only the editors who took it to heart. The members of the paper who wrote it felt the same way. "It's kind of heartbreaking. It makes me sad when I worked so hard on the paper and people don't appreciate it," senior Natasa Sarcevic says. "It's even worse when they reject it or don't even know we have a newspaper".

Senior Shelley Dexter also doesn't like the sight of it either. "It fills my heart with tears when I see the papers just lying around. It's sad to see something like that".

There was a huge amount of work that went into publishing, writing, and the design of the Ramparts Newspaper. And with the economy, getting the money needed to produce the paper was even harder. "Compared to last year ad sales have fallen a lot because of the economy," Hrapkiewicz said.

When asked about the ad sales, staff member of the newspaper Junior Kailey Kraushaar spoke about the eagerness and the anticipation of selling ads. "It's kind of scary when you're selling ads because you're basically talking to strangers and wanting them to pay you".

With all the downsides of making the paper there were always good sides to it. The members of the staff agreed that they loved the freedom that they get from the class. "The newspaper as a class is fun. It seems less like a class because it's very relaxed and laid back so it seems like an activity. You still have to get things done though" Hrapkiewicz said.

Dexter also likes the "laid back" feeling of the class. "It's more fun than most classes because there is no bookwork and you get to be with people you like all year," Dexter said.

Even though it takes a lot of time and effort to publish a great paper, the outcome is what makes it all worthwhile. "I like people being able to read my work. I've heard that my beard story touched peoples' hearts," Sarcevic replied.

Chopping off the extra paper from an unedited copy of his Ramparts page, **senior Alex Olsen** gets ready for another deadline. "Cutting paper is fun for me because it reminds me of cutting the heads off of dragons, which happens quite frequently," said Olsen. Olsen and the rest of the Ramparts staff must cut off the paper because newspaper adviser **Amy Clark** would not accept their pages until they were the correct size.

Computer skills are a must for a Ramparts staff member. **Junior Lindsey Hamlin** works on her page on a computer almost every day. "Newspaper taught me how to use InDesign and Photoshop and I am really happy about that," Hamlin said.

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(L)earning
Hands On

Junior and senior year weren't only the last two years in a student's high school career, but also the time when students had the opportunity to take half of their classes in Mason, Michigan at the Capital Area Career Center (CACC).

"I'm in the Automotive Technology program," said junior Daniel Shroyer. "It's almost like college. It's all hands on and it's something I actually like doing!" Shroyer explained.

CACC provided career and technical courses for juniors and seniors from a variety of school districts. Students chose what program best fit their interests, and what they thought they would want to go into for post high school education.

"Career Center isn't as big as the high school, and it only focuses on one subject," explained senior Alex Bossie. "I enjoy CACC more than school, its way easier and I like to work on the cars," Bossie added.

Students, depending on which program they were a part of, could receive college credits for certain colleges or universities, including Ferris State University, Lansing Community College, and many more. The number of credits received, if any at all, depended on the curriculum of the courses offered at the colleges or universities.

"In Automotive Technology I, first year, you're getting the introduction and learning the basics. You do general hands-on work," explained senior Mitchell Cole. "In Auto Tech II, it's all specialty fields and you can get your certifications before college." Cole said. Automotive Technology II was taken the second year.

Many students enjoyed having the opportunity to take classes at CACC which gave them an alternative learning experience. "I like the atmosphere and curriculum better, because it's what I'm interested in," exclaimed junior Erin Langdon. Langdon was one of few students who was in the Medical Technology program. "It's all hands on work, drawing blood is my favorite!" Langdon added.

(2) Seniors Corey Johnson and **Daniel Lane** look over "The Path To Crisis" together. Lane and Johnson both took courses in Automotive Technology at CACC. *Photo by Mitchell Cole*

Programs Offered to Students

-Automotive Technology I
-Automotive Technology II
-Banking and Finance
-Business and Administrative Services
-Capital Area Healthcare Education Partnership
-Collision Repair Technology
-Computer Aided Drafting & Design
-Computer Installation & Repair
-Construction Trades I
-Construction Trades II
-Cosmetology
-Culinary Arts
-Custodial Services
-Electronics
-Health Occupations
-Histotechnology
-Medical Technology
-New Media
-Precision Machining Technology
-Programming, Databases, and Website Development
-Students in Entertainment Technolgy
-Welding Technology

Jennifer Hall and Mikaela Taylor

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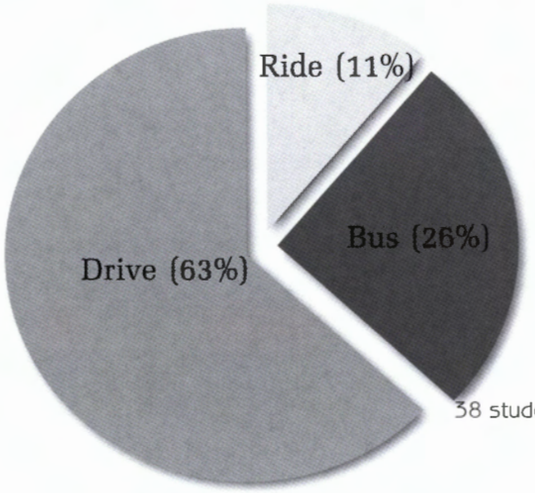
(1) Senior Ian Schafer works on an assignment at CACC. Schafer was a part of the Welding Technology and Precision Machining Technology programs at the Career Center. Starting in second trimester, Schafer spent all day at CACC. *Photo by Mitchell Cole*

How You Got to CACC:

Different forms of transportation had to be used in order for students to get to their courses on time. The school district provided a bus to and from the Career Center, students could drive themselves, or find a ride from a parent or friend.



38 students surveyed

Morning vs. Afternoon:

While students in the high school building were beginning their first hour class at 7:35 a.m, Capital Area Career Center students were just leaving for their first class which started at 8:05 a.m. Other students from the career center left the high school at 11:18 a.m. to make it to their first career center class to start at 12:00 p.m.

"I'd rather go in the morning. If I went in the afternoon it would be after five classes, then I'd have two more."
-junior David Johnson

"I go in the afternoon because I think it would be harder for me to come to school after being at career center."
-senior Courtney Blake

"I go in the morning, so on Wednesdays I don't get to sleep in. We have an hour long break between career center and school instead."
-junior Erin Langdon

"They both have their perks. It depends on your classes. In the morning, you wake up and go at 8:00, no matter what day. There's longer class periods."
-senior Mitchell Cole

"I would rather come in and sit down in school in the morning and do career center in the afternoon. I'm more awake in the afternoon."
-junior Tyler Mankey

"I like going in the morning because on Wednesdays we don't sleep in, but we have a two hours to go to lunch after career center."
-senior Corey Johnson

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(Y)our Webpage

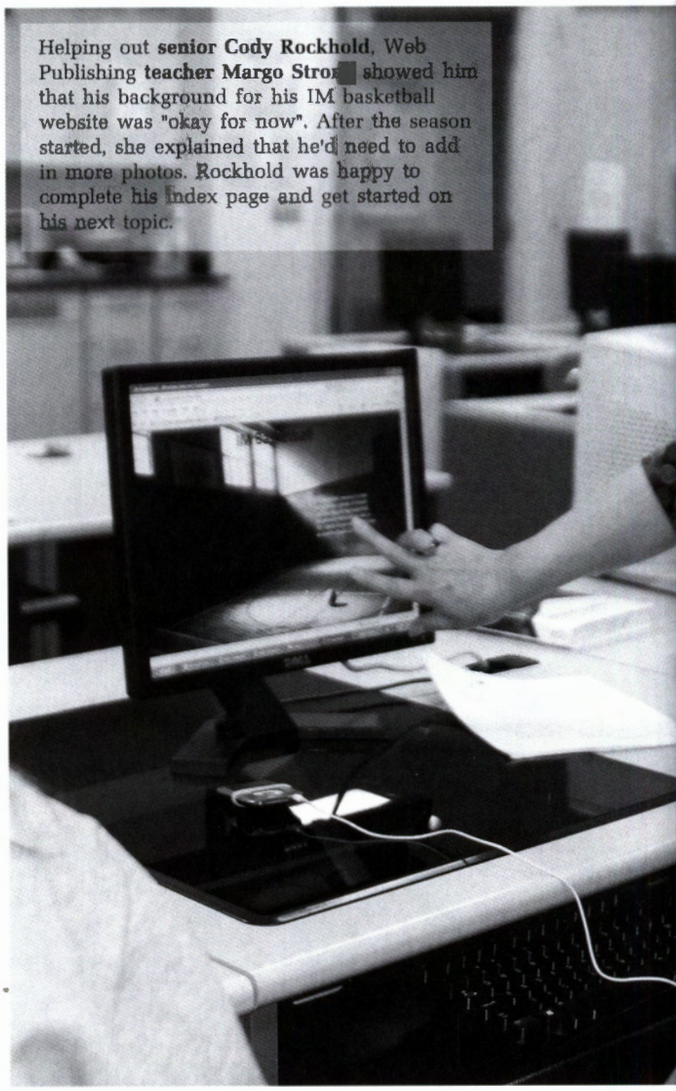
Walking into the school, many students dreaded going to their first hour class. Students in the Web Publishing class, however, thought differently. "The room is filled with music and laughter. Even sometimes food," junior Jamie Hulteen explained as she described why she liked the class.

Web publishing was a class where students made and updatd the high school's website for all the clubs, activities and sports of the current year. Each student has different topics to cover. "I cover boys tennis, intramural basketball, Spanish club, 3.5 dinner, theater/tech club and boys baseball," senior Cody Rockhold said.

Web Publishing, was taught by one of the photoshop teachers Mrs. Strong. "Mrs. Strong is really understanding with things, you can tell she cares about us. She takes interest in our personal lives, I can go to her with anything and I know she'd listen to me and try to help," junior Mike Smith said.

Almost every Friday, the web publishing class does an activity known to them as hospitality. The purpose is to build a stronger bond between all the "web designers" in the class, which takes place in the actual work force. "Three people sign up for hopsitality each month. One brings in a drink, another a snack and the last person thinks of a team bonding activity for the whole class to do. It can be scherades, the human knot or just a simple board game," junior Mariah Massa said.

After the class was over, some students were disappointed in how short the class actually was. If they could have stayed in there all day, most of the "designers" would.



Helping out **senior Cody Rockhold**, Web Publishing **teacher Margo Stro** showed him that his background for his IM basketball website was "okay for now". After the season started, she explained that he'd need to add in more photos. Rockhold was happy to complete his index page and get started on his next topic.

(Y)our Opinion

On hospitality

"It helps us really bond with one another."
-junior Michael Smith

"It gives us a day where we can just have fun."
-senior Hilary Shorna

"I like that we get away from our work for some of the hour."
-senior Andra Overton

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(1) Concentrating hard on her trimester final exam, **senior Rachel Steinberg** fueled herself with coffee early in first hour. It was recommended for the second year students to remember all that they had learned the year before.

Morgan Webster and Kristyn Wolff

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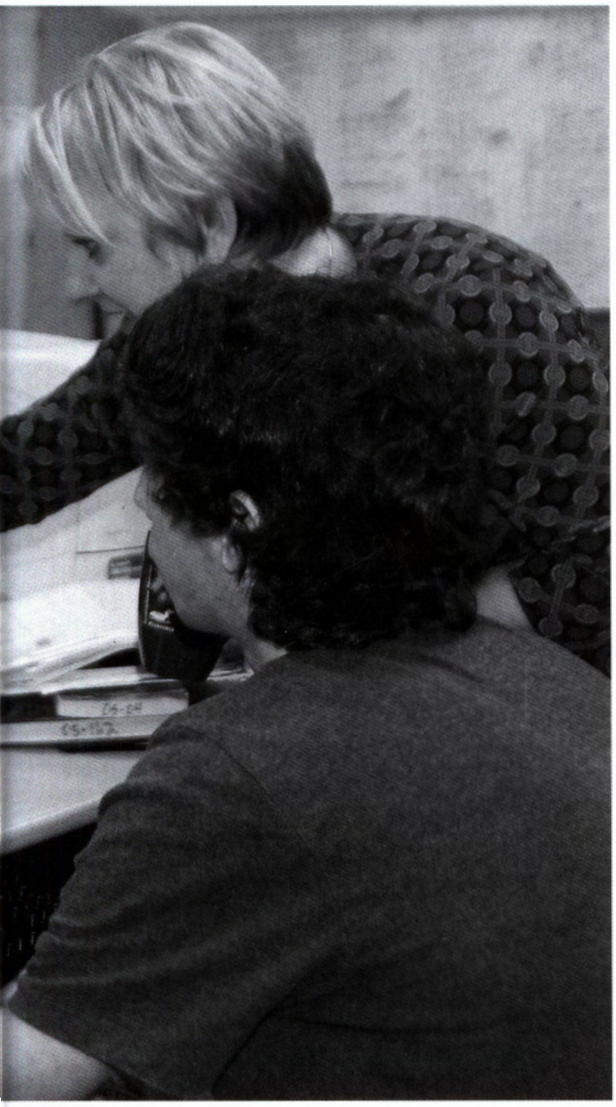

(2) Working on his own webpage, **senior Thomas McKee**, a second year student, was trying to decide which HTML code had gone wrong in making his Air Force Academy website. McKee planned on attending the Air Force Academy after graduation.

(3) Showing **senior Amy Schafer** how to fix a problem on her biography home page, mentor **senior Alexis Mollitor** uses the mouse to direct her in the right direction. Mentors were there to help the first year students whenever needed.

Take it to the
Next Level

The elective classes offered in high school are unique educational experiences, often leading to specific career paths.

Take senior Skylar Kohagen, his reason for why he joined the web publishing class was because it would help build his portfolio and experience with computers. "I plan on going through college by doing web pages for different companies, selling things online, but I plan on making video games as my major career," said Kohagen.

Most seniors struggled with what career to go into after high school but Kohagen knew why computers were the right choice for him. "It's just something I'm good at. It's easy for me to understand and I like videogames so much that I'm just an all-around geek," Kohagen said.

(4) Standing in the commons with hands linked, the web publishing class poses for a picture after they had finished their hospitality game called the "Human Knot." Almost every Friday, the class had built team bonding after playing a new game.

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Meet (Y)our Staff:

Top Row: Taylor Roach, Sarah Stevens, Lauren Kustasz, Lori Worden, Jennifer Morley, Morgan Webster, Jennifer Hall, Samantha Kramer, Sarah Washabaugh, Kristyn Wolff, and Payton Alagna.
Bottom Row: Andrew Krause, Cameron Gibson, Nicholas Wilkinson, and Kevin Skinker.

(A) New Year... New Direction

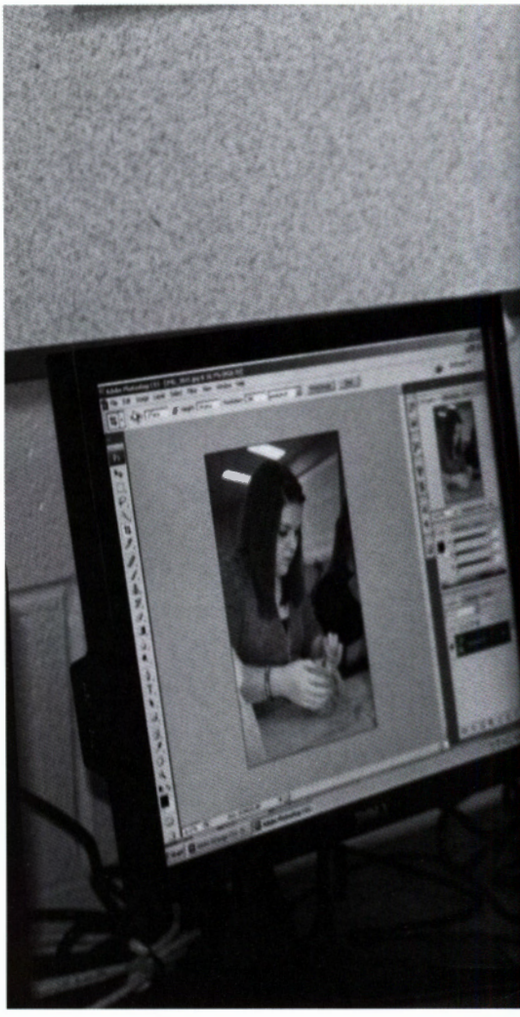
At the end of every year, students awaited the arrival of the yearbook, wanting to see their own school photo or find themselves on another page. But very few knew how the entire book came together, what lies behind all the pictures and words students skim over. A whole idea of bringing our school together intertwined throughout the book creating a theme of "(Y)our Story."

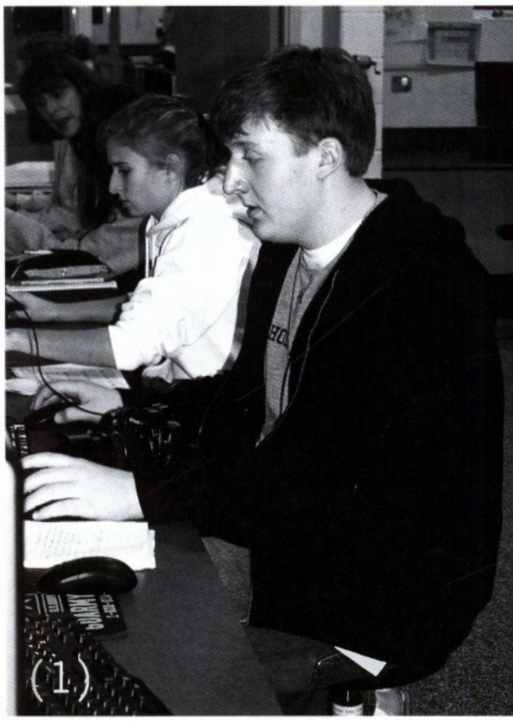
Unlike past yearbooks, "(Y)our Story" was a pride book instead of following the idea of a concept book. "I like the idea of a pride book because it shows off our school spirit and how we, as a school, function more than a concept book could," said senior Lori Worden, a newcomer to the Rampages staff. Pride was something that everyone could relate to and with a class of mostly seniors, school pride rang true. "I like the idea of a Pride Book – especially for our senior class. We're all about pride! 2010 all day," commented Jennifer Hall, one of three editors for Rampages.

As a whole, the staff came up with the idea of a pride book long before the start of the school year. Most of the staff members were a part of the Introduction to Yearbook class in the third trimester the previous year. "Angelita Salazar and I came up with idea of everyone coming together, and then Miss Mathers came up with the "(Y)our Story." From there everyone added their input," explained senior Sarah Washabaugh.

As soon as the new school year started, the staff was already in action, building on the idea of bringing the school together by each individual story. Writing copy after copy, creating mods and layouts for the next section, rushing to meet the ever haunting deadlines. "I absolutely hate deadlines! But I love the feeling after, when everything is done. We're all so much more relaxed," said Hall. The staff hit a rough patch when the first deadline rolled around when it was found that two extra pages were left open in the first thirty two pages of the senior section. "We had to figure out something to do quickly, and Samantha and Sarah ended up staying until 7:30 p.m. that night," explained Hall after the late night session.

But along with the hardships of deadlines and the unfamiliarity of newcomers the staffers of the 2009-2010 Rampages came together and created a yearbook to give students memories that would last a lifetime.





(1)Awaiting the upload of photographs, **senior Andrew Krause** plans a layout for his next page. Throughout the year students received one or more pages per deadline; this gave everyone interviews to conduct, copies to write and mods to create.

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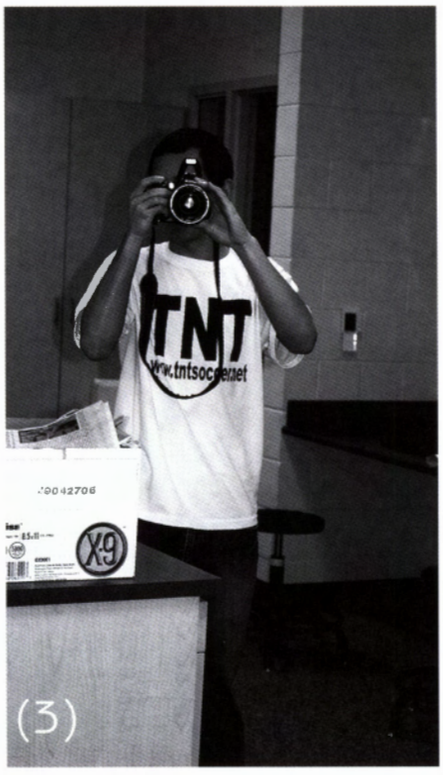
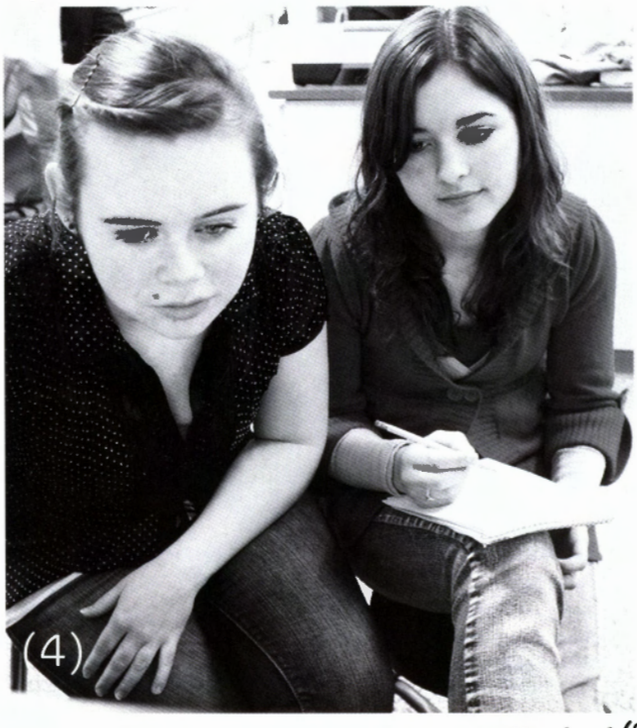
Editing photographs in Photoshop, **senior Sarah Washabaugh** crops a dominant photo for an academic page. Washabaugh and other staffers used the Photoshop program to crop and grayscale pictures.

(3)Playing around with a camera, **senior Kevin Skinker** gets ready to take pictures during his time in Yearbook Publications class. Pictures were always a dominant portion of the Rampages Yearbook. Students took pictures from 3rd trimester the year before, all the way to the final deadline.



(2)Double-checking picture grids with **senior Kristyn Wolff** and **junior Morgan Webster**, **adviser Clara Swihart** learned her way through the new software. This was Swihart's first year as yearbook adviser and she had to find her way through an updated Indesign and Photoshop. "It's a challenge, but a good one. I like the learning curve," said Swihart.

(4)Laying out a new page, **seniors Angelita Salazar and Mikaela Taylor** work hard throughout the class period. Salazar and Taylor were newcomers to the staff, having joined in the second trimester of the school year. On a regular basis the pair worked together on mod ideas and pages. "Working with Angelita is nice because it gives me a partner to bounce ideas off," commented Taylor.



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(C)apture It... On Film

School is more than just getting information, taking tests, then forgetting everything that was drilled into your head. It is important to get the information you learned in a class and apply it to your life and other classes. More students have started to apply their skills from video production class to help in other classes including senior Adrielle Gauna.

"It's like my hobby. Video production sparked my interest," said Gauna. Gauna took video production and used her skills to spread awareness of the September eleventh terror attack on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. By making this video she earned extra credit in her class.

Taking video production helped many students make the Spanish III video and a video for government. Not only did someone get the information but they could also return to Ms. Marshall for video equipment such as cameras and tripods.

"I didn't know anything about angles or iMacs that we used to get different angles," said Gauna. Gauna made videos for a wedding and for her sister's open house.

Making videos allowed students to be more creative and use their imagination more than other classes. "It's fun. If you have to do a video for another class it is a lot more fun than a powerpoint," said junior Holly Servis.

However, don't think this is a blow-off class. "If you are interested in it I would take it but some people are computer illiterate so catching on is hard," said Gauna.

"I like making videos because it is so easy," said Gauna. A student might not pick up on the techniques right away but it is almost certain someone will need to make a video in their lifetime and it is essential to know the information video production provided.

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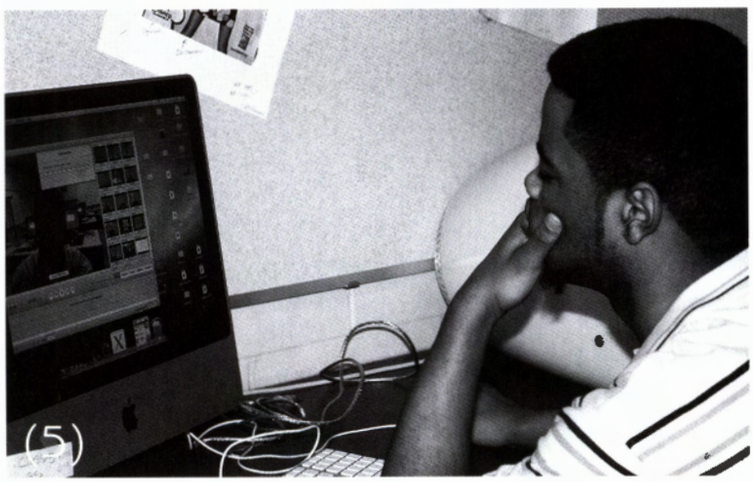
(4) "I wanted to take it because I thought it would be neat to make videos of stuff I thought was interesting," said **junior Shayla Kanouse. Senior India Fransisco** prepares to edit their video on an iMac computer. Fransisco said it takes about a class period to edit a video. "I took video production because it looked fun to do stuff on our own," said Fransisco.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(5) On the webcam is **senior Rodrick Walton.** Walton said he took the class to learn how to edit videos and because it was a fun class. "My favorite part of video production is actually recording the videos and coming up with your own ideas," said Walton. Walton said his favorite project was the first one he did which was the introduction video. *Photo by Payton Alagna*

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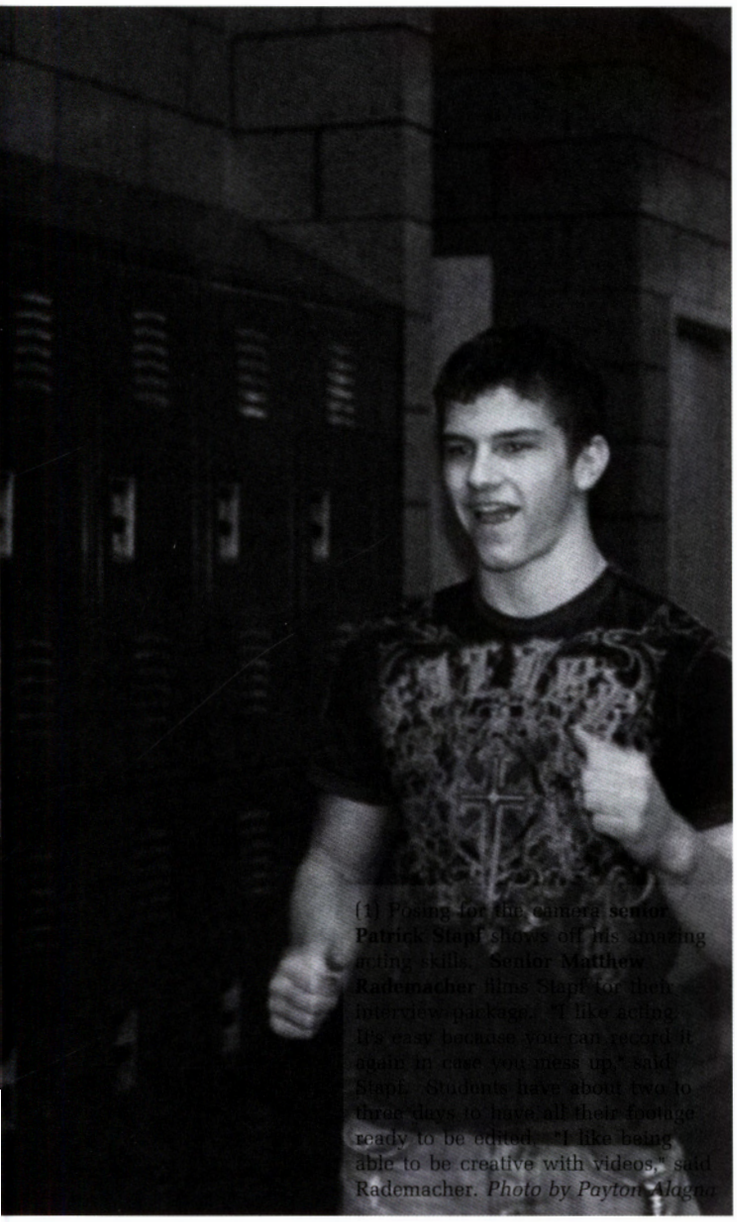
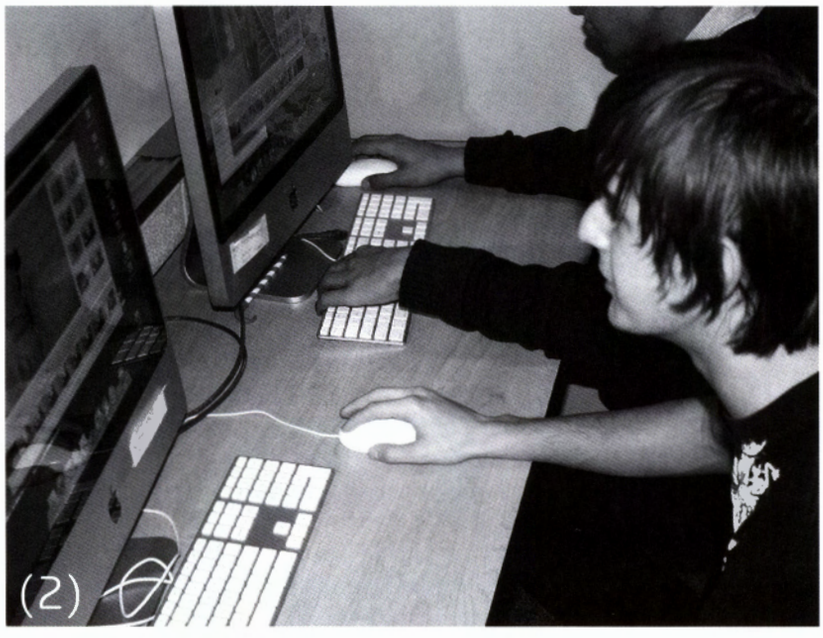


(1) Posing for the camera **senior Patrick Stapf** shows off his amazing acting skills. **Senior Matthew Rademacher** films Stapf for their interview package. "I like acting. It's easy because you can record it again in case you mess up," said Stapf. Students have about two to three days to have all their footage ready to be edited. "I like being able to be creative with videos," said Rademacher. *Photo by Payton Alagna*

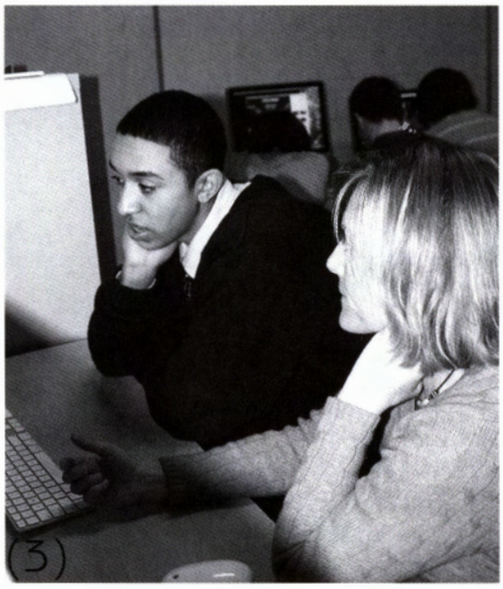
Take it to the Next Level

To senior Shelby Ross video production was more than just a class; it was a stepping stone toward her academic career. "In the beginning of June I'm moving to the University of Delaware," said Ross. Ross planned to attend the school to take many writing classes and make more videos.

"I know I want to do more writing stuff like screen plays and movie scripts," said Ross about her future in video. Ross first took video production because editing the videos was the only thing she hadn't done yet. In her freshman year Ross was trained through Technological Society to make videos of the plays and musicals. Sophomore and junior year she became video director and in her senior year she signed up to edit and film college games while being paid to do so. Video production has led Ross to excel in a subject, while giving her enjoyment and valuable lessons.



(2) Working hard, **senior Jarrod Campbell** edited the video he made for an interview project. "I'm pretty good at editing. I'm not much of a camera man or an actor," said Campbell. Campbell said he took the class because it could be useful in the future or helpful in other classes. *Photo by Payton Alagna*



(3) Working on the Macintosh Computers in the Video Production room, **teacher Nancy Marshall** helps **sophomore David Herron** edit a video. *Photo by Payton Alagna*

(Y)our Opinion

On Video Production

"I'm excited for the class because it sounds like an interesting class. I'm excited for the final exam project."
-junior Nicholas Rood

"I like it a lot. It's a cool to video tape at different angles and holding the camera steady and learning about the camera. I also like editing."
-senior Candice Swain

"You get to be creative. Good lessons on applications and resumes."
-senior Chelsea McDaniels

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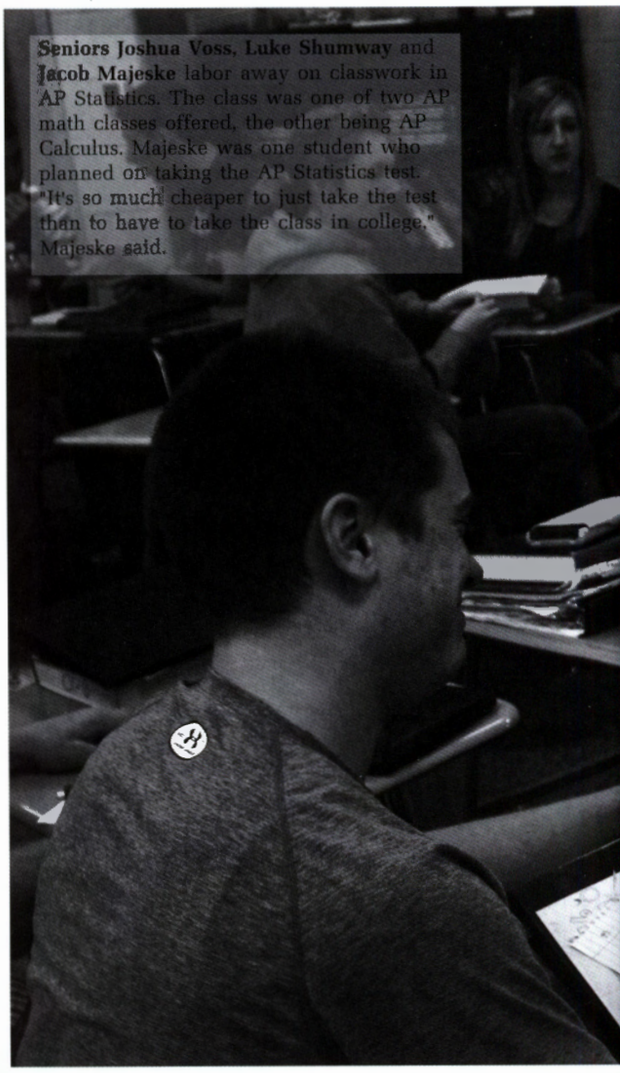
(1) AP World History **teacher Corey Martin** shows his students how to play a game. The point of the game was to highlight the main points of mercantilism. "I like competitive education," said Martin. "When students compete, they're engaged and they learn more."

Seniors Joshua Voss, Luke Shumway and **Jacob Majeske** labor away on classwork in AP Statistics. The class was one of two AP math classes offered, the other being AP Calculus. Majeske was one student who planned on taking the AP Statistics test. "It's so much cheaper to just take the test than to have to take the class in college," Majeske said.



(2) Physics **teacher Eric Pulver** shares his knowledge of waves with his students through a demonstration. Pulver taught 3 College Preparation Physics classes in the 09'-10' school year. "College Prep Physics is in between regular and AP level, which is a nice middleground," said **senior Kyler Sheerin**.

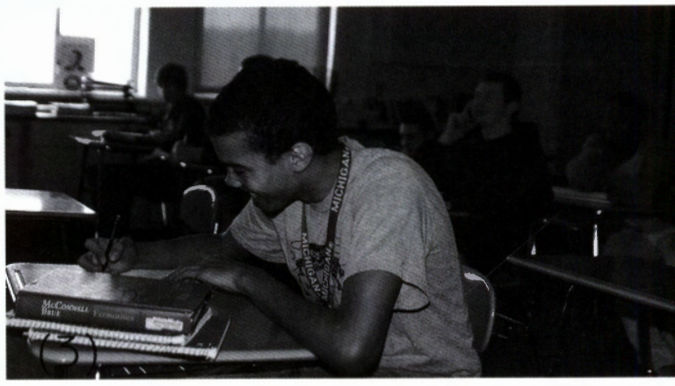
Take it to the
Next Level

Senior Matthew Frankovich was a prime example of a student with a schedule littered with AP and Honors classes.

His senior year Frankovich took AP Statistics and AP Literature. "I've taken lots of AP and Honors classes. I've taken advanced math every year and advanced English classes the last three," said Frankovich.

Frankovich planned on taking the AP tests for both AP classes he was currently in. "It's $168 for around $3000 of college courses, so it's a pretty good trade-off," Frankovich said. Frankovich also challenged himself with tough classes for the college preparation aspect, not just for the college credit that was available.

"From what I'm told, AP classes prepare you for college really well, and any advantage I can get now will definitely be worth it," said Frankovich.



(3)**Senior Jordan Lewis** scribbles down notes furiously in his AP Macroeconomics class while watching a video. **Teacher Alex Mann's** AP Economics class only had 9 students in it, which was a small population compared to many other AP classes. "It was kind of strange at first, but now it's nice because having such a small class produces a very relaxed atmosphere and it allows more material to be covered," said **Senior Paul Strzalkowski**, who was one of the 9 students in the class.

The List

For students who want to challenge themselves, these classes are for them.

- A.P. American Government
- A.P World History
- A.P. CPS
- A.P. Calculus
- A.P. Macroeconomics
- College Prep Physics
- Honors Michigan Algebra II
- Honors Michigan Algebra I
- Honors English 10
- Honors English 11
- A.P. English Literature
- A.P. Statistics

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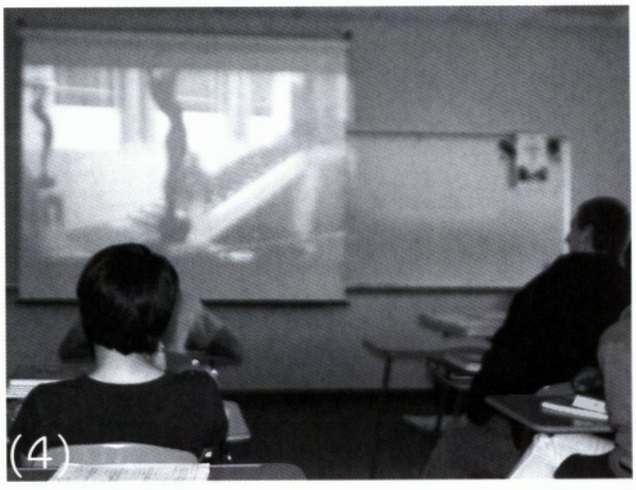

(4) Teacher Alex Mann's AP Macroeconomics class has a mellow day as they watch a video on differing economic views of the twentieth century. "Usually we do a lot more than watch videos," said **senior Alex Kolb**. "We usually have a lot of work outside of class because we spend most of our class time on discussions."

(B)rain Drain

Advanced Placement. These two words struck fear into the hearts of the vast majority of the student body. But there were the courageous few who braved the classes every year. What was the incentive to take these strenuous classes? Why did students willingly make such a tough schedule?

There were two reasons that students chose to take AP/ Honors classes over regular classes. One of the reasons was college preparation. AP classes were geared to resemble college courses, so taking them prepared students for the new level of learning. "AP classes are good for students in terms of getting ready for college," senior Kevin Cox said.

"They give me a better idea of what college will be like," said senior Alexa Smith. Not only did AP classes help students prepare for college, AP classes actually enabled students to earn college credit through AP tests. At the end of the school year, AP tests were available for all AP classes, and students were welcome to take them to earn college credit. Scores on AP tests range from 1 to 5, a 3 typically earning college credit at most universities. "It's way cheaper to earn credit by taking an AP test than by having to take the class in college," said senior Aundrea Lavigne.

The other main reason AP classes remain populated according to students was the learning environment. Some students felt distracted or weighed down in regular classes, which led them to choosing AP classes.

"In AP classes everyone wants to be there and learn so I think it helps everyone out," said Smith, who was in AP Calculus her senior year.

The consensus was that AP classes were worth it due to the opportunities they presented for college credit, which was why AP classes were in existence. "Without that, there would be no reason to take any AP classes," said senior Paul Strzalkowski.

(Y)our Opinion

AP students on why they take the tough classes that they do.

"I took AP World History so it would look good on a college application. Also, if I have a history requirement in college I'll have it done."
-sophomore Patrick Carrier

"I take AP classes because if you pass the test you get college credit, which is way cheaper than taking the class in college."
-senior Katelyn Terrill

"It helps prepare you for some of the workload you'll have in college and introduces you to some of the material you'll need to learn."
-senior Matthew Durfee

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Preparing to tie dye their senior pride t-shirts, **seniors Aubree Agler** and **Natkita Tulay** were among the many upperclassmen to attend tie dyeing parties. *Photo by Samantha Kramer*

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(Student Life)

As the end of junior year rolled around, the up-and-coming seniors prepared for their final year of high school. To begin, they must follow the senior tradition of tie dying shirts our school colors, brown and gold. "I had a tie dying get-together at my house to give the class of 2010 the chance to tie dye shirts," said senior Alexis Malhado. Tie dying is just one of the many activities students participated in outside of school this year. "The things we do outside of school, like musicals and plays, gives us something beyond normal school life," junior Chris Yu stated. Taking part in student life activities allowed the students to express themselves. "Like John Dewey once said, you have to give the students something to do, not something to learn," quoted Sophomore Susan Austin. Student life activities have given kids the chance to show a different side of them that their peers may have not seen otherwise.

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(Un)Discovered Talent

"We formed two weeks before Battle of the Bands as a joke," junior Benjamin Gates said after The Prototypical Nonconformists' shocking victory in the 2009 Holt High School Battle of the Bands.

The band consisted of juniors Benjamin Gates on guitar, Joshua Green on the bucket, Ryan Carrier on the basket, Brendan Finnerty as lead singer, and senior Kevin Skinker on the bass barrell. At first, many skeptics thought that there was no way a band with such unique instruments could succeed.

The band was almost not even let into the competition due to their unorthodox style. "They only let us into the competition because it only takes us a minute to set up so we could go while other bands were setting up," Carrier said.

The fans got most involved in the competition when The Prototypical Nonconformists perform. "The entire crowd started clapping when we played Float On. When we watched the other bands perform it felt like they were out there for an hour, but when we went on it only felt like ten seconds," Finnerty said.

The band turned the criticism into motivation and even into a song. "The second song we performed (Gertrude Narwhal's Peanut Butter Jug) was inspired by the doubt so many people had in us. It is our best song," Green said.

Even though the band was obviously the crowd's favorite, many people doubted whether they would be taken seriously. "I kept telling Carrier that we were the best band there, but he kept saying that they wouldn't let us win," Skinker said.

By winning Battle of the Bands, The Prototypical Nonconformists won $100 to the Music Manor and would be played on Impact 89.9 radio, MSU's college station. The band hoped to continue proving their doubters wrong.

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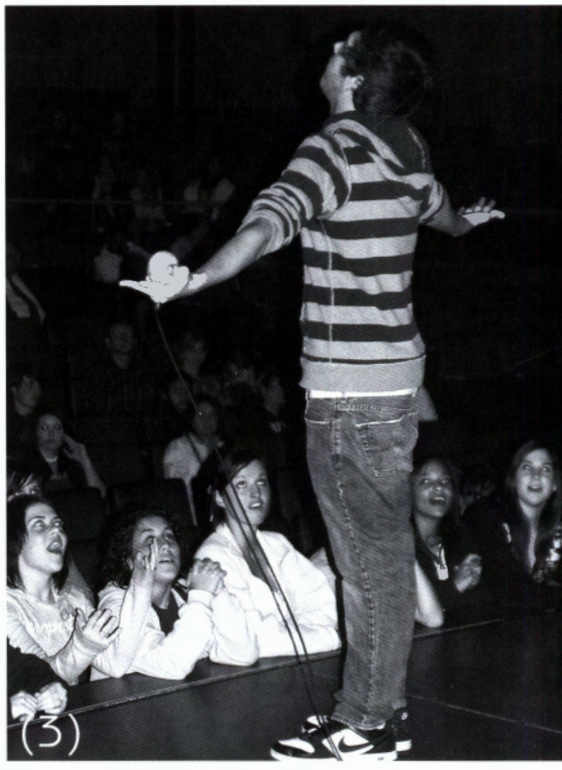
(2) Rocking out to the beat of his own drums, **junior Joshua Thompson** auditions for the talent show. "I just like to drum," said Thompson.



(3) Trying to get the crowd excited, **senior Jayson Bechtol** stands in front of the students with arms wide open. After he began to sing, the girls all started to scream for Antreum.

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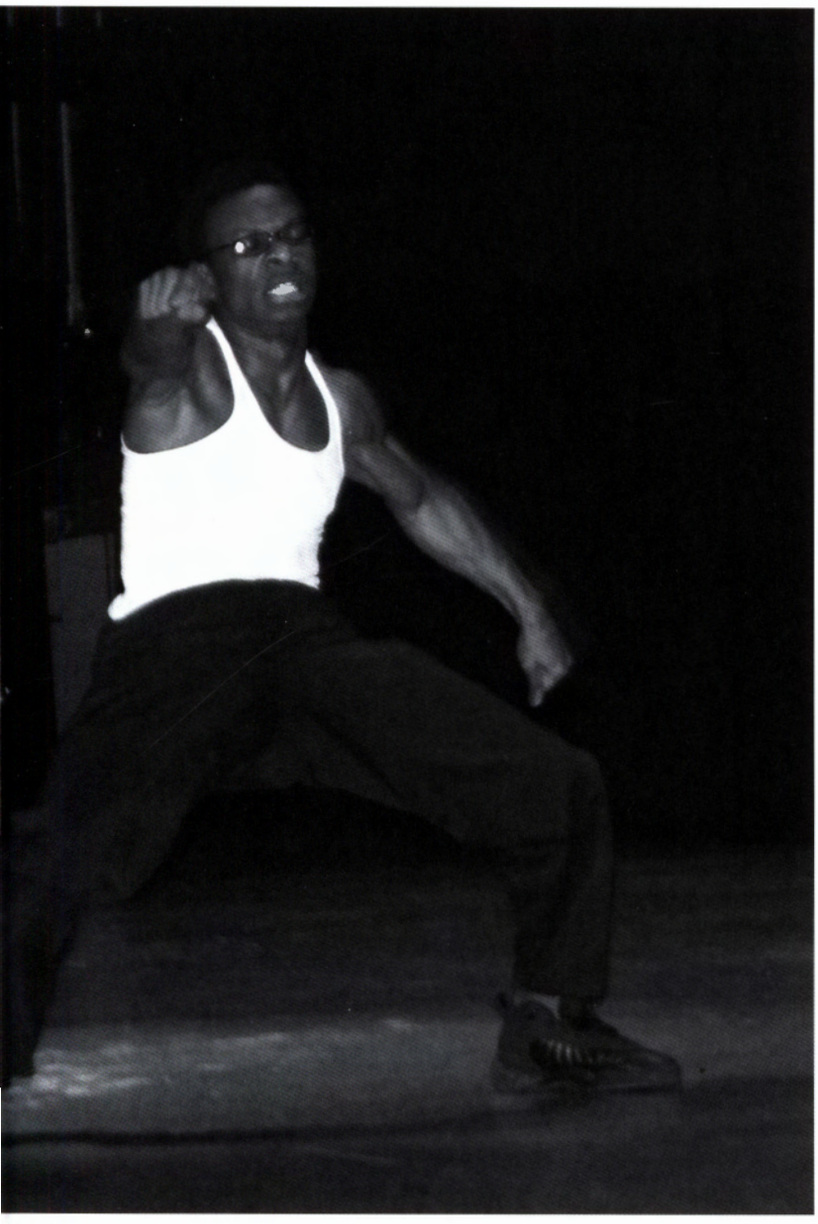

(1) Hip-hop dancing, **seniors Vincent Knight** and **Sara Butler** show off their talent at the 2009 spring talent show. The crowd had cheered them on all the way through their dance.

(4) Dancing to the beat of the Irish music, **senior Lauren Gibbons** Irish step dances at the spring 2009 talent show. Gibbons had been stepping for most of her life and enjoyed doing it in front of her peers.

Talent Show vs. Battle of the Bands

"I wouldn't choose between the two. I'm an artist myself, so whether it be a competition or just for fun, I like supporting the artistic expressions."
-teacher Robert Dozier

"I like the talent show. It's not all music; people dance and show their hidden talents."
-junior Amanda Johnson

"The show is more fun. Battle of the Bands is biased and out of control. The talent show has more variety."
-senior Alex Olsen

"I like the talent show more because there is no competition and everyone is just having fun."
-junior Joshua Thompson

No matter which event people liked better, both the talent show and the battle of the bands showed true talent and passion for what each individual could do. "For both battle of the bands and the talent show, I get to play my awesome music," said junior Joshua Thompson who has played the drums for the former band Antreum and his current band Forever a Hero. "Either way I get to ball it up on the guitar," senior Alex Olsen exclaimed.

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(1) Accepting his medal **senior Ernesto Canales**, an exchange student from Mexico, takes the gold at the varsity boys' swimming and diving CAAC championship. Canales placed first in the 500 freestyle. It was common for most of the exchange students to participate in a sports team while attending school. *Courtesy Photo by Michelle Look*

(A) World of Experiences

Imagine walking into school and having to reacclamate yourself to a new way of life. Talk about a cultural shock. That was reality for the students who attended Holt High School in a foreign exchange program in the 2009-2010 school year. There were only six foreign students this year coming from Poland, Mexico, Brazil and Germany. Many of the exchange students went through the organization of Pacific International Exchange (PIE) to attend school here. PIE looked at each student's grades and conducted several interviews to see if the student would be able to handle attending a new school. Many of the exchange students came in the fall and stay through June, getting the experience of an American graduation, "I'm excited to graduate here. It's way different from back home," explained senior Gina Niemczyk, a German exchange student.

While the idea of getting an education is universal, the atmosphere is drastically different. The students took a wide variety of classes, with a mix of the grade levels. "The whole system is so different. Our college is like your high school," said senior Stina Rieden, an exchange student from Sweden. In other countries, school had more structure and specifications of what classes student must take. "You had a lot of choices here, it's so cool," exclaimed Freya Specht, a German exchange student. Outside of classes, the students were exposed to new world of experiences around the country. "So far we've visited Chicago and California," explained senior Stina Rieden, a Swedish exchange student.

By the end of the year the foreign exchange students are a part of the student body. They head back home with new experiences and memories to last a lifetime. "Thank you for a great year, it's been awesome," said Ernesto Canales, Mexican exchange student.

(2) Posing for a group shot, exchange students **senior Matheus Teixeira** (center, top) and **junior Freya Specht** (far bottom left) took a trip to the Capital Building with other students from their cultural exchange program. Exchange students go through several interviews and grade overviews to be able to attend the programs. *Courtesy photo by Freya Specht* (3) Celebrating Christmas, **senior Anastazja Mieroslawska,** an exchange student from Poland, and her host sister **senior Taylor Roach** bonded on the holiday morning. Many of the students celebrated Christmas and their first Thanksgiving in the states. *Courtesy photo by Anastazja Mieroslawska*

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(Y)our Opinion

On Holt High School Experiences

"I went to a few basketball games. I really liked Spirit Week, I got to wear my pajamas,"
-senior, Anastazia Mieroslaska

Courtesy photo by Anostozia Mieroslaska

"I had a lot of fun being on the football team and going to Homecoming with everyone,"
-senior, Matheus Teixeira

"I had a good time going to football and basketball games, being a part of the student section was a new experience,"
-senior, Gina Niemczyk

(4) Enjoying dinner with her host family **junior Freya Specht** spends time around the city of the Lansing. Specht visited in the previous summer and got to know her host sister **sophomore Emily Zimmer**. *Courtesy photo by Freya Specht*
(5) Enjoying the warm weather in Aerobics class **senior Stina Rieden**, an exchange student from Sweden, and other classmates enjoyed their time outside on the track.

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|1| Bending between the bars of a railing, **senior Kacie Lampman** puts some final touches on the pirate ship used in *Peter Pan*, just a week before opening day. "Now it just comes down to making sure all of the details are the way we first imagined them," stated Lampman.
|2| "It was really fun to be the villain because it gives you an opportunity to go outside your comfort zone and go all out," said **senior Spencer Flynn.** Captain Hook's evil accomplice, Smee, was played by **junior Jonathan Zippi.** Zippi said playing the part of Smee was one of the best parts he has ever had. |3| "I love it. It's my passion," said **sophomore Alison Sluiter** about acting and being on stage. **Junior Nicholas Kreider** and Sluiter danced as Wendy and John from the musical *Peter Pan*. Kreider said he likes being in plays and started acting in middle school and has just continued acting through high school.

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Take Action!

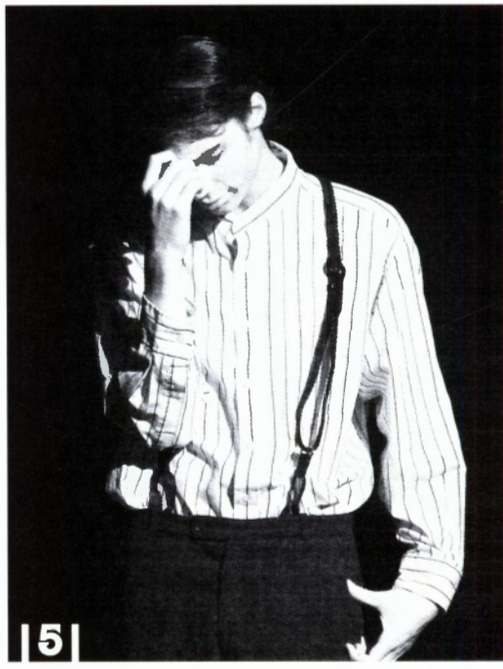
We all know the classics; titles such as *Grease*, *Footloose*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Romeo & Juliet* all bring a distinct picture to our mind. Although they were classics, this fact doesn't guarantee they'll be chosen for students to perform. "When looking for a show, I try to consider what students need to learn, what actors and actresses I've seen in the past years, my budget, and what I can do to help get kids ready for theatre in college" said theatre director, Debbie Childers.

Though the actors and actresses are important, the "techies" are just as important. "The Director directs actors, whereas the Tech Director makes them look good," proclaimed junior Heather Hedin.

Being in the theatre program could teach you wonderful things such as different acting techniques, unique ways to create scenes for the show, how to create the mood using lights and music, etc. But One thing most kids outside of the program miss out on is the friendships that form. "Kids that participate create this sense of "team", or "family", stated Childers. "Spending as much time as we do together, you'd be half crazy not to."

What is it about the theatre program that creates these bonds, you ask? "There's something different about people in school and people in the musical; it's a more open environment. There's absolutely no judging and I love that," said sophomore Sarah Wilke.

"Each student has the opportunity to join. The theatre program is vital, and most students don't participate," commented Childers. "There's so much life in a production that not many get to enjoy."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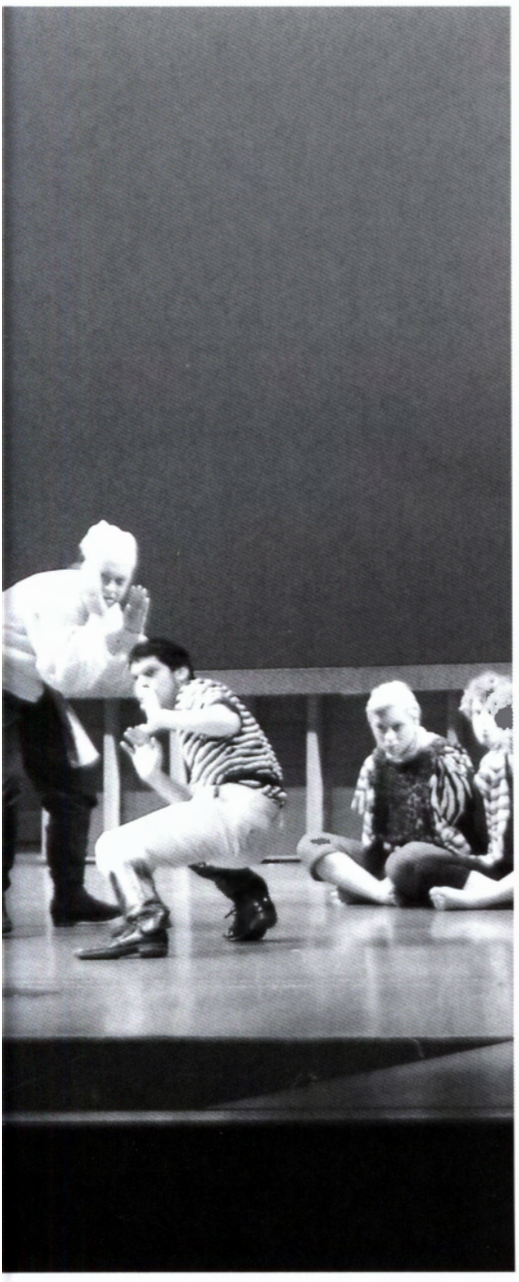

|5| Overcome by stress in the play *Our Town* is **senior Austin Homant.** "It's so much fun. You get to be someone you're not. It's like a big game of pretend except people clap for you," said Homant about acting. *Photo by Jesse Powers* |6| Running in a chase scene **junior Lindsey Hamlin**, an Indian; ran from **sophomore Julia Youngs** a pirate as **junior Erin Biel** followed behind. "It was really fun hanging out with everyone and it was a good experience," said Youngs. This was Hamlin's first play and she planned on doing more plays during high school.

(Y)our Opinion

On being in the plays

"I think it's a great experience because of the people in it and it's really fun because I get to do what I love."
-Sophomore Shannon Kraemer

"It's nice to step out of my shoes and step into someone else's shoes. It helps me see different perspectives."
-Senior Christopher Malloy

"I like the friendships I've made and with each play I've learned more about stage presence."
-Sophomore Amanda Viges

|4|"I had to be more serious and more focused," said **senior Hilary Shorna** about acting in *Our Town*. Shorna and **junior Erin Biel** have a mother-daughter talk in front of a crowd of people. "I liked *Our Town* because it was a challenge playing someone my age but going through things I would never imagine." said Biel. *Photo by Jesse Powers*

A (Mid)summer Night's Dream

Shakespeare Immersion Project

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"What the project ended up being was three actors from Canada who came to East Lansing, taking the best and the brightest from different schools. In 30 hours we put together a Shakespeare play, which is unheard of in the acting world. We didn't have enough time for props, so we used people and chairs."
-Senior Matthew Frankovich

With other schools involved, Holt High School students are in focus, starting top left: **senior Sarah Abent, senior Mikaela Taylor, senior Spencer Flynn, and senior Matthew Frankovich**

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(1) Lining up during nutrition break **seniors Mindy Boisclair, Morgane Dalton, Allison Kent, Kalea Frisbie-Horton, Rosemary Walker, Kelsey Bowman, Jordan Hayes, Nicole Allegretto, and Jennifer Morley** show off their tie-dyed senior shirts.
(2) Cheering for their fellow classmates at the homecoming pep rally as they compete in activities, the senior class encourages them to win all the events.

(W)e've Got Spirit, Yes We Do

Monday mornings were usually dreaded by high school students, but not during the week of homecoming or winterfest. Both weeks were filled with different spirit days to show student's school support.

Instead of a boring old Monday, it could be a cowboy day or neon day. "My favorite part of spirit week is all the different spirit days," senior Lori Green said.

At the end of each week, there were always pep assemblies where the cheerleaders and dance team performed, court members were introduced, captains spoke and competitions between grades to get the students pumped for the game to be played later that night.

After the homecoming football game, students filled the commons, where they wore their casual clothes and were set to dance the night away.

Winterfest was a different story. The dance came the day after the basketball game. Everyone dressed semi-formal and some took the whole day to pamper themselves.

Most students looked forward to spirit week because it was a time in school where they could let loose. "People can dress just about however they want without being judged," senior Katelyn Terrill said.

(4) Posing for a photo opportunity on the sideline of the football game, half of the Homecoming court of 2009 poses for a group picture together. After the Holt Ram's triumphed against Everett 38-7, the court danced the night away. *Photo by Rachel Steinberg*
(5) Showing school spirit, juniors **Katrina Schlicker, Samantha Kodeski, and Sunnie Henley** participate in hat day, where many students wore crazy hats.

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(3) Showing their spirit during winterfest, sophomores **Chloe Henley, Lauren Strong, Lindsay Strong and Marissa Trojanowicz** made their hair wacky. They were four of the few that participated in wacky hair day during spirit week.

"I really like hanging out with my friends at the football game, I feel like it's more spirited."
-senior Rachel Schmitt

"Homecoming is more exciting. I like the football game more than the basketball game."
-sophomore Brannon Long

Homecoming vs. Winterfest

"I like getting dressed up for the dance and I think that more people come to Winterfest too."
-junior Iman Ben-Hamza

"The activities done during the Winterfest pep rally are a lot more exciting."
-sophomore Kenneth Kruger

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A New Way of Communication

Texting became much more popular as the years went on in the decade after the year 2000. Texting was not just popular among teenagers but also became popular among adults and even some children. Some parents found it easier to communicate with their child through text messaging instead of calling in certain situations, like when their child was in school.

Daily Texts: 100
Monthly: 3000
How many times phone has been taken away in school? Three
-senior Ryan DeClercq

Daily Texts: 500
Monthly: 7000
How many times phone has been taken away in school? None

-junior Katie Ziolkowski

Daily Texts: 250
Monthly: 3000
How many times phone has been taken away in school? Five
-junior Taylor Bird

(E)xperiencing a New Millennium

Not everyone is able to experience living through a millennium. People may have traveled to another home or went to their friend's house or maybe just stayed home for the night when the ball dropped. "My mom, step-dad, step-brothers and sisters, brother, and I all went up to my cabin in Torch Lake to celebrate," said senior Katelyn Terrill.

Celebrating a new millennium was very exciting and many people did unique things to celebrate the New Year. "With two seconds left before the new millennium we all had a film canister next to our mouth. With the last second to go, we blew into the canister and closed it and had our last breath of the last millennium," said Terrill.

Not everyone thought to do unique things like that when the ball dropped on January 1st, 2000. Some people might have thought of doing a cartwheel before the ball dropped and land in the New Year. "We also made a paper mache ball and let it fall to the ground when the ball dropped," laughed Terrill.

Not only did people think about doing something special to celebrate the new millennium, but when the year 2000 was coming up everyone thought that all the technology around the world was going to stop. "Everyone thought the world was going to end so they bought supplies and expensive hardware for what might happen," said Terrill.

As the new millennium began, new memories were made. "I will never forget New Years Eve on the night before the new millennium," said Terrill.

(1) In the east parking lot of the high school sits the car owned by **teacher Karen Holman-Cervera**. "My husband and I bought the Smart Car because it is definitely good for the planet, less gas pollution is an advantage for everybody," said Holman-Cervera. The first Smart Car debuted in the US in January of 2008. The new millennium brought along with it newer, more energy efficient cars. Greener motor-vehicles became a popular trend as more people realized the effects of gas pollution on our planet.

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(4) During gym class **junior Byron Benn** listens to his iPod while walking around the track. "Walking around the track is boring so listening to my iPod helps keep my mind off of it," said Benn. Benn and other students listened to their iPods in classes when it was appropriate. The first apple iPod came out on October 23, 2001. As of 2010 there were five models of the iPod: Classic, Mini, Shuffle, Nano, and Touch each having many of their own generations.

"I like PS3 better because you can use blue ray on it, it has better graphics, and there are more people online. Also PlayStation is a more classic game system then XBOX is."
-senior Ryan Hoffer

"The PS3 is better because it has better graphics and it plays blue ray movies and games. I play games like Call of Duty, Resistant, and Uncharted."
-senior Kenan Steere

Playstation 3 vs. XBOX 360

"I like the XBOX 360 better than the PS3 because all of my friends have the XBOX and there are better games for it. I play Rock Band and Halo most of the time."
-junior Corey Hughes

"I like the XBOX 360 because the games are better, more people have it, it has pretty much the same quality graphics as PS3 and I'm pretty sure it is cheaper. I play games like Dragon Age and Fallout 3 almost every day."
-senior Alisha Weaver

XBOX 360 and PS3 both were two very used gaming systems at the high school levels. The XBOX 360 came out in November 22, 2005 and the PS3 came out in November 17, 2006. Other than being able to play different games on each of the consoles, both of the systems had very different price ranges. The XBOX started at $199.99 and the PS3 started at $349.99.

(2) In Holt High School's west parking lot sits a Garmin GPS inside a student's car. Global Positioning Systems (GPS) helped many high school students navigate their way around as they started driving on their own. "GPS's are good. They help me get around, and I will never get lost again," said **junior Miles Ranke**. The new millennium brought with it new technologies such as the GPS's, that have taken over directions in student's constant hassles to get around.

(3) While talking to his friends after school **senior Jacob Majeske** uses his cell phone to text someone about after school plans. "I like texting because it's better than calling people and talking to them on the phone," explained Majeske. New phones came out in 2009 that were made specifically for texting such as the enV by Verizon Wireless seen in the far left of this picture.

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(1) On a busy night at Celebration Cinema, **junior Jonathan Zippi** readily attends to a customer at the concession stand.
(2) **Senior Sarah Court** scoops popcorn for hungry customers at Celebration Cinema. Many students enjoyed going to the movie theater on their free time after school or during the weekends.
(3) **Senior Kyle Townsend** works pricing cereal boxes at South Washington Food Market.

PROS: Money, it's nice having money.

CONS: I have to organize time a lot better, and set time aside for homework and stay focused

-senior Katie Peston

PROS: Money of course.

CONS: It's very time consuming.

-senior Rodney Scott

Pros vs. Cons

PROS: Having money and meeting new people.

CONS: I have to work, and I miss out on certain activities.

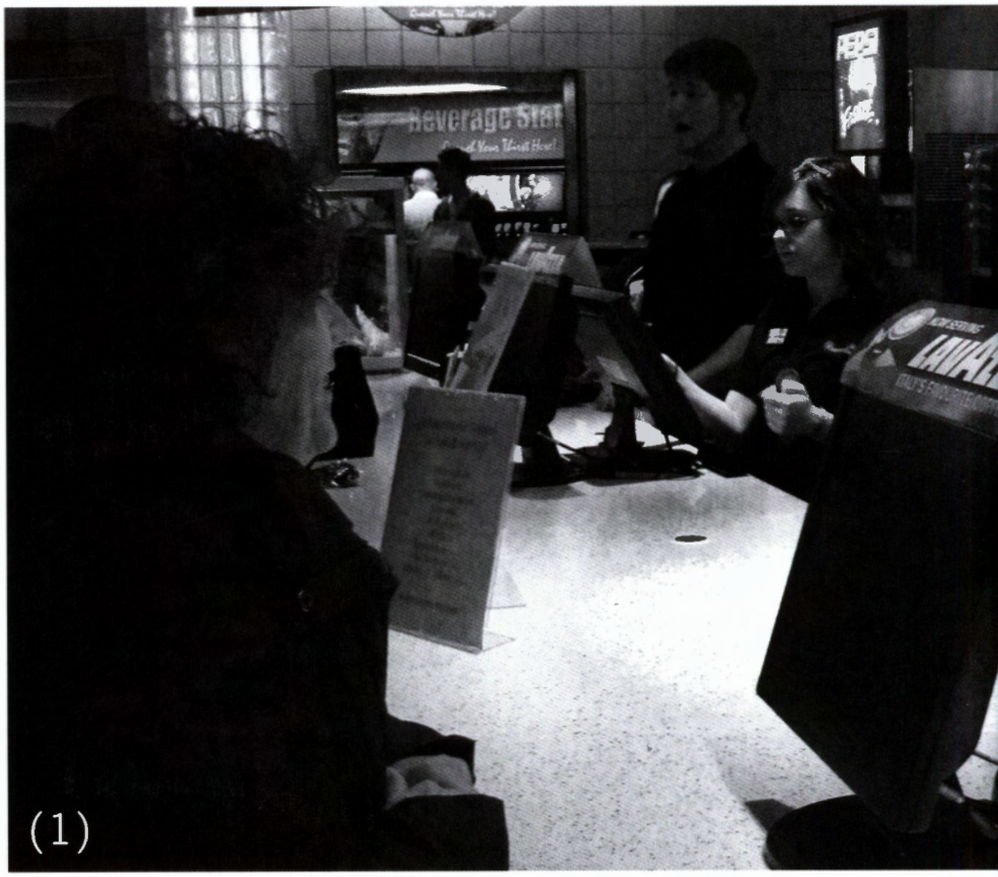
-senior Kyler Sheerin

PROS: Everyone is really laid back and open, they make it fun.

CONS: I don't work enough hours.

-senior Jazmine King

There are many pros and cons to having jobs. We all know that money is a plus in this day and age but we also know that losing free time is a negative. Still, some students find it a struggle to actually put in the hours and responsibility to earn the money. They also don't like the idea of missing activities with their friends for a substitute of work. As we interviewed students with jobs, we also discovered that the work atmosphere was important along with how they felt about their job as a whole.



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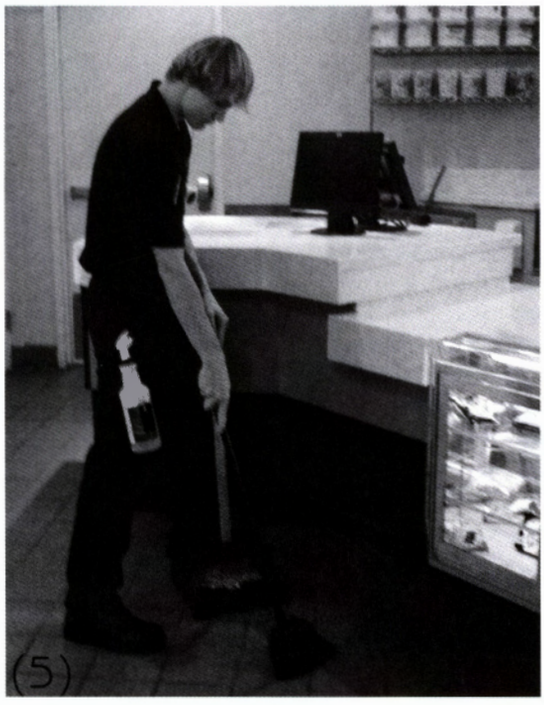
(W)here the Weight Falls

Growing up in today's society, some teenagers are forced to deal with stresses from school, sports they may be involved in, and a job they may have. Although not every teen played a sport or had a job, they still had the stress of getting homework done, studying for tests, and maintaining good or acceptable grades. Those that did have a job may have found it more difficult to deal with the aforementioned issues.

Senior Katie Peston had a job working for Doctor A.J. Shaw's office and found that she was privileged enough that during her free time at work, she was allowed to study or work on her homework. "Normally they're pretty good about understanding if I have to leave early or work less due to tests and exams," says Peston. Unfortunately, Senior Rodney Scott was not allowed to study during the free time at his workplace. Scott worked at Hollister Co., folding clothes and said that it was difficult to have homework on nights that he worked because he had a mentorship class and basketball practice as well. "So I only get a half hour of homework in," says Scott.

When it came to out of school activities and holding their jobs, seniors Kyler Sheerin and Jazmine King had to organize their time carefully. Running on the track team and dancing for her church, King kept her life very busy. Since she didn't work many hours at Subway, she spent other time with her family and friends. Sheerin, on the other hand, who worked for Celebration Cinema, didn't have much extra time to relax. When asked if he was involved in any other out of school activities Sheerin listed, "interpretive dance, youth group, tennis, Zombie-Slayer Club, Office Club, recreational badminton, and working as an elf for Santa."

With school and such activities taking up so much time students learned early how to manage their time better in order to balance all the aspects of their life. Holding a job, these students were able to experience the rewards of earning their own money and gain a slice of independence.



(4) "It's really fun because kids come up to you and you can always tell that they're having fun, but you always get those one or two kids who are completely terrified of you," said **senior Jennifer Morley** when asked about her experience wearing the "Wild Thing" costume for Halloween Story Time at the Capital Area District Library. *Photo by Kim Morley.*
(5) Sweeping dirt up at Celebration Cinema, **senior Kyler Sheerin** cleans up before closing time.

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(1) **Senior Julian Rodgers** is hounded by two members of Team Arthritis as they all vie for a rebound. "It's tough playing against the teachers because they're grown men, and also they play for keeps," said **senior Justin Weaver**, who was Rodgers' teammate on the Thundercatz. The Thundercatz put up a good fight against the teachers, but could not pull out the victory. "The teachers never lose because we're way smarter than our opponents, and although we're old we aren't too old yet," said math **teacher Ryan Anderson**. Anderson's boast held true, as the teachers went undefeated.

For the Love of the Game

League for "fun relaxed basketball" highlighted by teacher team reunion

Many students found intramural basketball this past season to be a great way to play competitive basketball in a relaxed atmosphere.

"I really liked playing intramural because it's a good workout and you can hang out with friends," said sophomore Trayl Hartig.

In intramural, players coached and managed themselves, which was a large part of the fun environment.

"It's nice to be able to coach your own team because if you mess up there's nobody to yell at you, you can just laugh about it with your friends," said junior Ryan Schooley.

Intramural basketball was under its third year of supervision under AP World History teacher Corey Martin.

"Honestly, intramural is the most stressful thing I do all year, but I really enjoy it" said Martin.

Martin made the decision this season to bring back the teacher team for the first time since the 2007 season when Martin played on the team as an intern.

"It was fun playing three years ago and this season has been really fun too, although I'm not very good at basketball," said Martin. The teachers had not lost a game since their inception into the intramural league.

"We're old, but we're smarter which makes us dominant, even though we're still sore from games a week later," said Team Arthritis member and social studies teacher James Keckeisen.

Regardless of team, age or soreness level, IM had another fun and successful season.

"IM is fun for everyone, even if you are good at basketball," said Martin.

Andrew Krause

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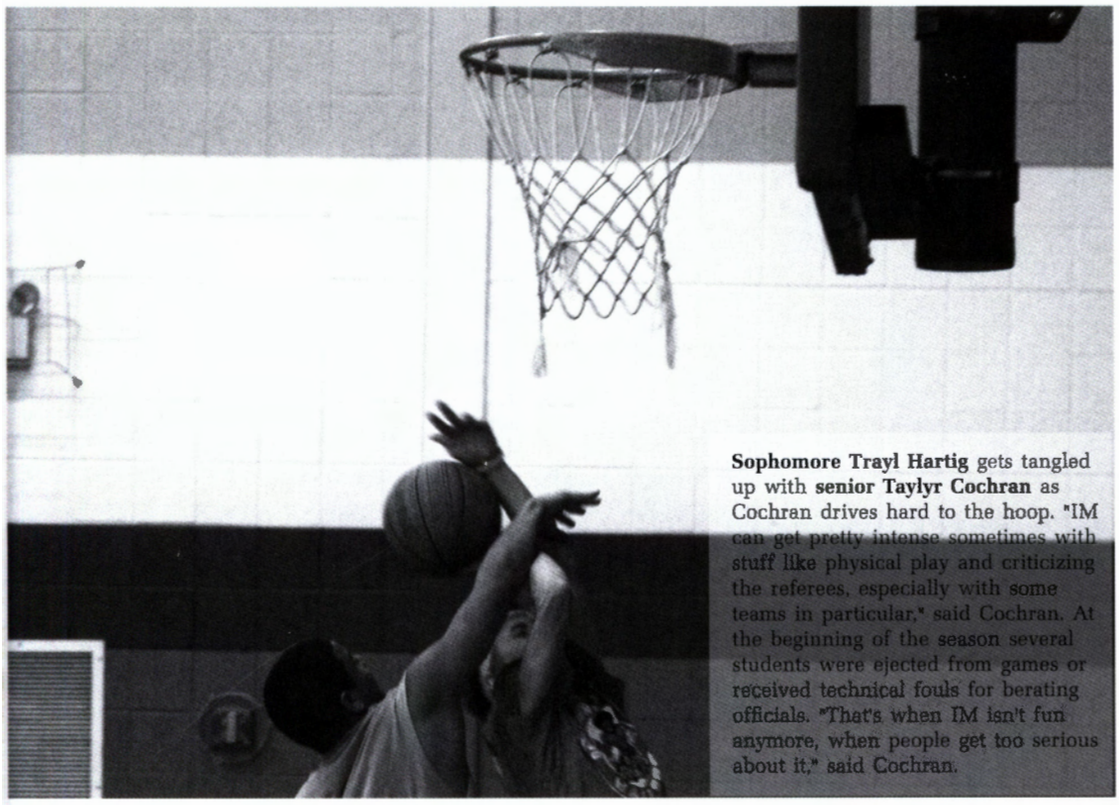
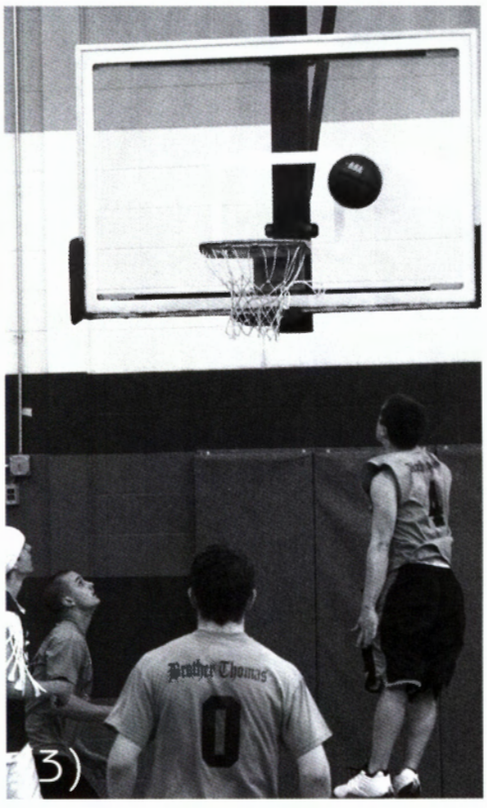


Sophomore Trayl Hartig gets tangled up with **senior Taylyr Cochran** as Cochran drives hard to the hoop. "IM can get pretty intense sometimes with stuff like physical play and criticizing the referees, especially with some teams in particular," said Cochran. At the beginning of the season several students were ejected from games or received technical fouls for berating officials. "That's when IM isn't fun anymore, when people get too serious about it," said Cochran.

(4) **Junior Collin Mohr** spectates as **senior Kevin Cox** elevates over him for the bucket. "Our team lacks defensive communication on the basketball court, but it doesn't really matter because IM is just for fun," said **senior Kevin Skinker**. Skinker's All-Nermin Team was well known for their clowning during games.



(3) With their eyes fixed on the basketball, members of Jordan Beachnau's Disciples prepare to rebound the basketball. The team got the inspiration for their name from **senior Jordan Beachnau**. "Jordan inspired us for our team name," said **senior Jacob Majeske**. "It was kind of an inside joke from football season, and we turned it into a funny team name for intramural season." Jordan Beachnau's Disciples went on to win the IM title, beating the Infomercials in the championship.

Return of the Teachers

After a three year hiatus from the intramural courts, "Team Arthritis" is back and better than ever

"IM is really fun because we never lose, due to our high basketball IQs. My favorite part is every time teacher Dan Knechtel would throw me a pass for an open lay up I would miss it intentionally so he wouldn't get an assist."
-teacher Ryan Anderson

"The teachers are a powerhouse, they bring the pain. It's boys against men, there's really nothing anybody can do to stop them. It's a good thing that they can't play in the playoffs or they would win the championship every year."
-junior Halen Garcia

"Team Arthritis is not legitimate. They're too old and slow. The only reason they win is they have a bunch of players on their team so they never get tired. Also, I am pretty sure that they didn't pay for their team, so all their wins should be vacated."
-junior Tyler Elmo

"I like that they brought the teachers back because it's fun to play against them. They talk a lot of trash so now that they have a team, I can see if they can back up all that talk. I would have dunked on Mr. Anderson had I been presented with the opportunity, but he wasn't there when we played."
-junior William Thurston

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Juniors Jamie Hulteen and **Lindsey Hamlin** enjoy food day of World Language Week in their Spanish Class. During World Language Week students who were in a language class could participate in a variety of events that helped expose them to the different cultures of countries around the world. Students could attend an assembly or listen to guest speakers, and even participate in or watch a "World Cup" soccer game between the different language classes.

Jennifer Hall

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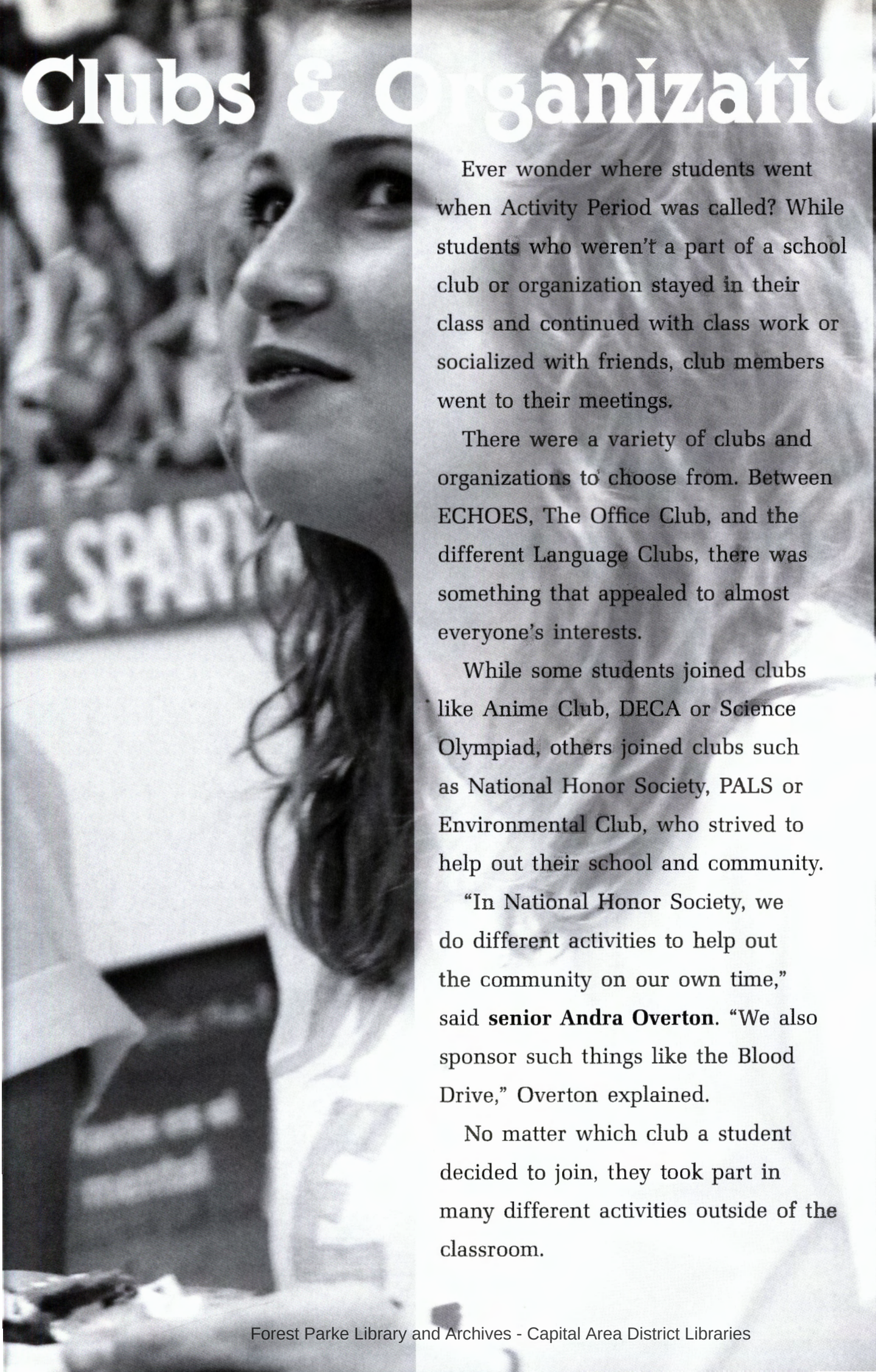
Clubs & Organizations



Ever wonder where students went when Activity Period was called? While students who weren't a part of a school club or organization stayed in their class and continued with class work or socialized with friends, club members went to their meetings.

There were a variety of clubs and organizations to choose from. Between ECHOES, The Office Club, and the different Language Clubs, there was something that appealed to almost everyone's interests.

While some students joined clubs like Anime Club, DECA or Science Olympiad, others joined clubs such as National Honor Society, PALS or Environmental Club, who strived to help out their school and community.

"In National Honor Society, we do different activities to help out the community on our own time," said **senior Andra Overton**. "We also sponsor such things like the Blood Drive," Overton explained.

No matter which club a student decided to join, they took part in many different activities outside of the classroom.

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In God We Trust

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

There were three Christian groups in which students had fellowships with each other this year; FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), the FISH Bible Study and Campus Life.

Campus Life moved to Waverly to help cope with a loss in attendance and leadership. "We moved to Waverly because Holt's director got another job and we didn't have enough people to have fun with," senior Jordan Lienhart said.

While Campus Life was struggling to survive, FCA and FISH were just getting started. In their first year of existence FCA met during activity periods and some Wednesday mornings as FISH met every Wednesday morning for fellowship.

"We had an idea of starting a Bible study and it just happened," sophomore Robert Barrios said about the beginning of FISH Club. FCA is a nationwide organization with local chapters throughout the land. Physical education teacher Doug Harkema and social studies teacher Robert Dozier started the Holt chapter.

FISH is an acronym for Focus, Inspire, Share, and Hook. Each meeting has a topic from the acronym. Share is the favorite day of Barrios. "People give their testimonies for Share. I liked Elizabeth Killip's testimony most because it was really heartfelt and has been through a lot," Barrios said.

During FCA meetings club members would share stories about the faith and athletics. "FCA brings a great Christian attitude to sports," sophomore Nicholas Worden said.

Even with each club facing its own issues, they all found ways to have fun. "One of the best things we do at Campus Life is the improv games like 'Who's Line is it Anyway?'" senior Jarrod Campbell said.

At FISH Club meetings the game "Go Ninja Go" was played almost every time. "It is a unique game. I haven't seen anybody else play it before. The poses people make are also funny too," senior Sara Austin said.

FCA went bowling together and also had other plans, including sending club members to FCA sports camps in the summer. "We have a few scholarships to give out for summer camps, but they usually go to incoming sophomores," FCA Adviser Doug Harkema said.

|1| Engaged in a thrilling game of Go Ninja Go **senior Lori Worden** and ju**nior Benjamin Gates** square off. This was the first game of Go Ninja Go for Gates, who did surprisingly well for a rookie, finishing in second place. "I came into the big leagues as a rookie. A lot of the veterans felt threatened because of all the rumors they had heard of my agility. I ended up in the finals but due to a minor wrist cramp I lost focus and was smacked in the wrist, thus; my embarrassment," Gates said. "Go Ninja Go is a great game in which you can release your energy when it is confined and begging to be released."

|2| Listening to the testimony of guest speaker Benjamin Schinkel, **sophomore Nicholas Worden** is inspired by the story. Worden and the rest of FISH listen to testimonies of different speakers every fourth Wednesday morning meeting. Both students and guests spoke to the club.

Boyfriend or Best friend?

With senior Elizabeth Killips

Who deserves the true love of senior Elizabeth Killips, her best friend, senior Lori Worden, or her boyfriend, junior Caleb Sharrah? To find out, we interviewed Killips then quizzed the other two about what Killips would say.

senior Elizabeth Killips

senior Lori Worden

junior Caleb Sharrah

Favorite Book of the Bible:	James	James	Ephesians
Biggest Pet Peeve:	Disrespect	People picking their nose	She's a girl so she has to be right all the time
Favorite Christian Band:	Jeremy Camp	Tenth Avenue North	David Crowder Band
Bible Hero:	Jesus	Jesus	Jesus
Score:	Worden wins!	20	10

Kevin Skinker

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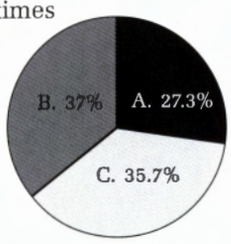
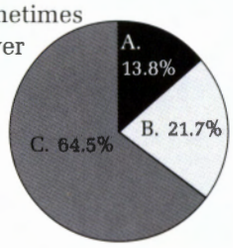
How religious is Holt High School?

Rampages surveyed 204 Holt students about how religious they are. Here are the results.

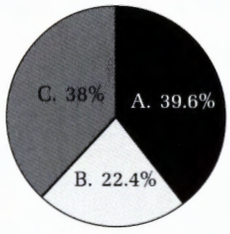
1. How often do you attend church?
   a. Every week
   b. Sometimes
   c. Never



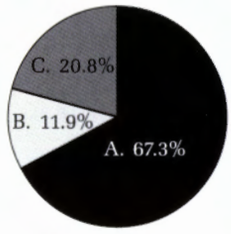
4. How often do you attend a youth group?
   a. Every week
   b. Sometimes
   c. Never



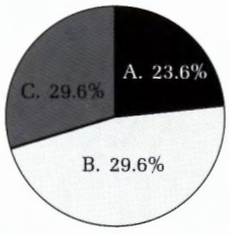
2. Are you religious?
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. Kind of



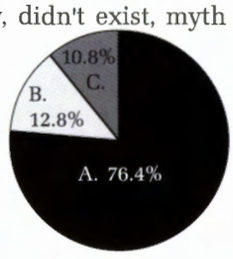
5. Do you believe there is a God?
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. Not Sure

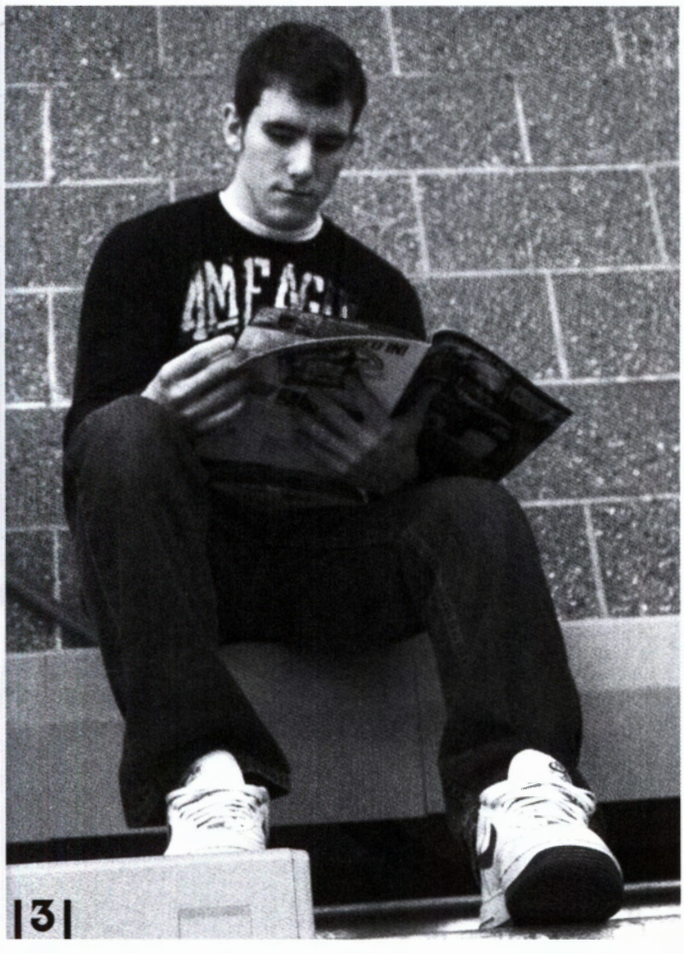


3. How often do you pray?
   a. Every day
   b. Once in a while
   c. Never



6. Who is Jesus to you?
   a. Son of God, Savior
   b. Good teacher, wise man
   c. Nobody, didn't exist, myth





|3| Reading the FCA magazine during an FCA meeting, **senior Thomas McKee** learns about star athletes who share his faith. McKee and fellow club members could learn how to spread the gospel throughout the school and how to improve athletically from these role models.

|4| Meeting in the gymnasium during activity periods, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) club **adviser Doug Harkema** proposes new ideas to the club. Harkema and the FCA met the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month to find ways to spread their message.

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"When in doubt it's always Smith"

-senior Randall Morris

Since the Quiz Bowl team is encouraged to answer every question, when confronted with one about a person the team is not sure of, they always answer with 'Smith', the most common last name.

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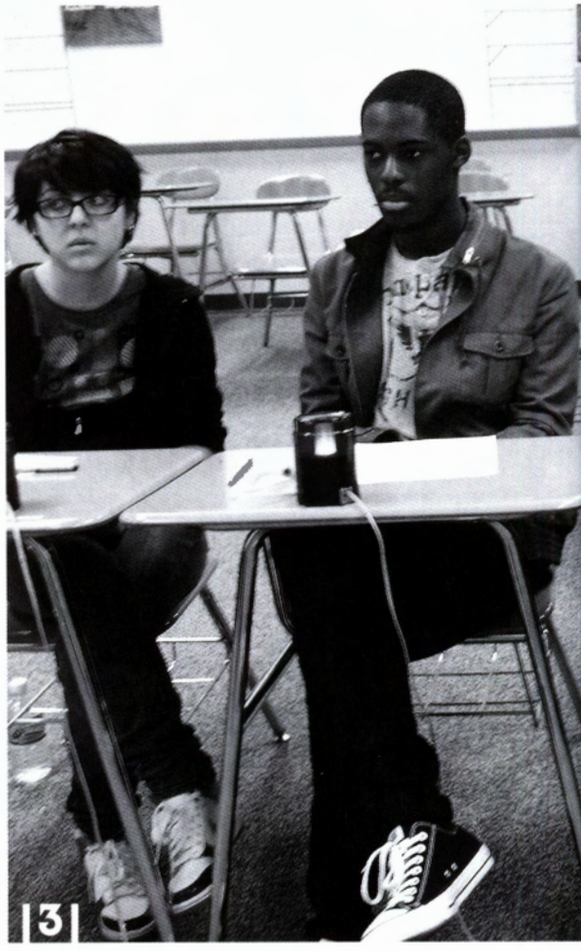

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|1| **Seniors Randall Morris** and **Angela Gonzalez** getting ready to answer questions at a Quiz Bowl tournament against Dewitt High School.
|2| **Senior Timothy Sodervick** and **junior Rebecca Sodervick** prepare their evidence cards for an upcoming Debate competition.
|3| (Left to right) **senior Angela Gonzalez**, **senior Randall Morris**, **freshman Micah Norwood**, and **senior Mark Kauffman**, take place in a Quiz Bowl tournament.

|2|

Confront Your Atychiphobia

Atychiphobia: the fear of failure. Before answering the questions, make sure to know your facts!				
Participants:	senior Austin Fineis	senior Katy Essenmacher	junior Chris Yu	sophomore Shannon Kraemer
1. Who is on Mt. Rushmore?	George Washington Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin	Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt, George Washington	Jefferson, Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt	George Washington and some other people who are probably on money.
2. What is the order of the eight planets?	Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Pluto	Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, Uranus	Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Saturn	Mercury, Saturn, Earth, Venus, Jupiter, Uranus, Pluto, I don't know any more.
3. Who wrote The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn?	I don't know	Tom Sawyer	Dr. Seuss	Mark Twain
4. Which song did Elton John sing on The Lion King?	Hakuna Matata	Can You Feel the Love Tonight	Can You Feel the Love Tonight?	I don't know. Maybe In the Jungle

|4|

ANSWERS: 1. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln. 2. Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. 3. Mark Twain. 4. Can You Feel the Love Tonight?

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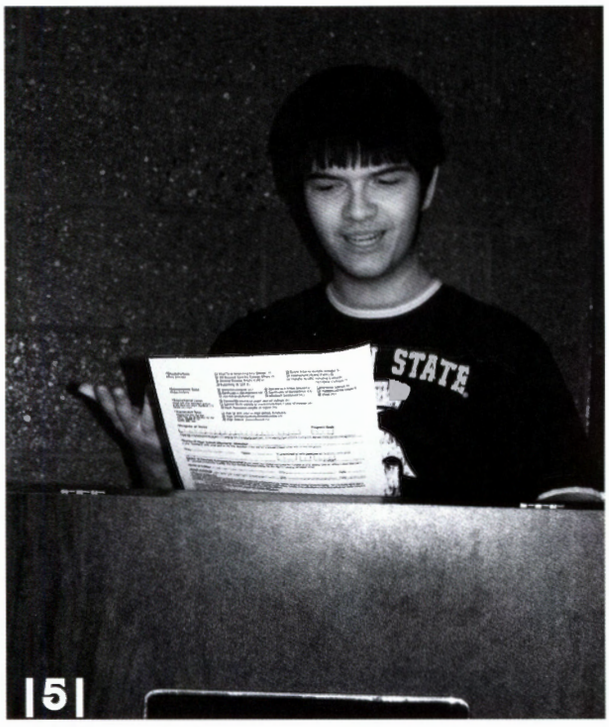
Expand Your Knowledge



|4| **Freshman Micah Norwood** thinks deeply about his answer after the reader gives Holt an opportunity for bonus points after getting one question right before.
|5| **Senior Matthew Frankovich** practices his argument for the upcoming debate competition.
|6| (Left to right) **Seniors Randall Morris**, **Angela Gonzalez**, **Mark Kauffman**, and **junior Donald Dechow** strive to fill in all the answers on the sheet given to them during a Quiz Bowl tournament.

What is Quiz Bowl? "An academic club that focuses on answering questions within a range of disciplines," answers English teacher and coach of Quiz Bowl Debbie Childers. The students involved with Quiz Bowl naturally strived for knowledge and were encouraged to learn.

Like sports, the Quiz Bowl team competed in two leagues, one in the fall and one in the spring. "For the fall league we compete in the CAAC, with six other schools. Each team plays each other twice with a tournament at the end of the season. During the spring league, thirteen other schools play each other once. The team with the best record wins the whole season," described Childers.

Assistant coach, and teacher Dave Hildebrandt explained that the Quiz Bowl team also competed in Quizbusters, an MSU sponsored activity televised on WKAR. This was a sixty-four team single elimination tournament with two divisions: green and white. In the end, the winner of each division played each other. The winner received a one year $1,000 scholarship to MSU.

Another academic club offered at Holt High school was Debate. "Debate is where two different sides decide if we should or should not do what the year's resolution is," said active member senior Timothy Sodervick. At competition the team went in rounds answering different questions, and using what they called "evidence cards" to support and prove their arguments. Those "evidence cards" were comprised of articles, quotes, and supporting facts for their position on the case. "It is important to be well prepared and to finish one's case before competition," added Sodervick.

Where Sodervick's favorite thing about Debate was debating a round that he was winning, another member of debate senior Matthew Frankovich begged to differ. "My favorite thing about debate would probably be the ability to factually and intellectually smack people in the face to know that you are so very right in what you are arguing that you go into a round confident, knowing that you can't lose."

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Lend a Helping Hand

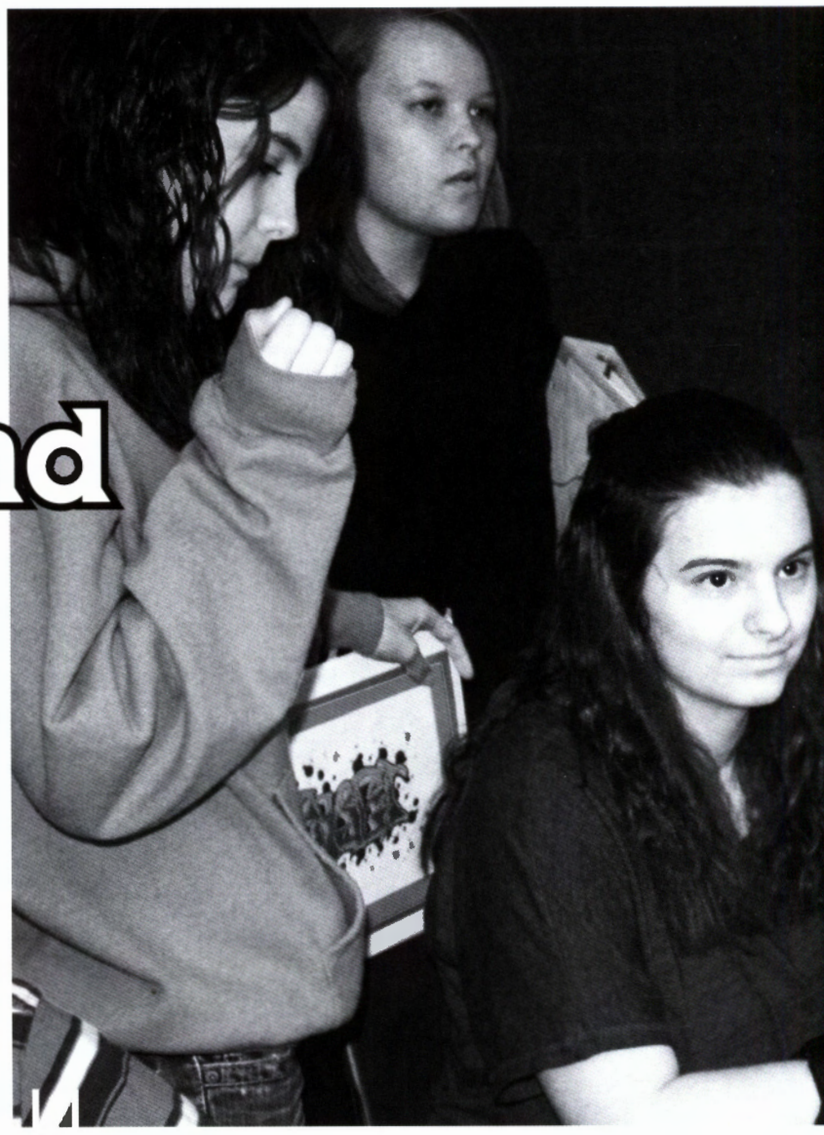
The Environmental Club and PALS take a stand to make the Holt community a better place.

To some students, school today was more than just studying and hanging out with friends, it was a place where people could come to share their ideas and beliefs on certain issues and have someone to be there when they need help. "By helping our youth today through high school they can move on in life to better things," said senior Skylar Kohagen.

Throughout the school year the PALS helped out their community by doing fundraisers. The most memorable fundraiser in the minds of all the PALS was what they did for a young boy with brain cancer, Cameron. "We raised about $106. All the money went to Cameron's family. They sent the money to a research facility to find a cure for his brain cancer," said junior Rebecca Williams. The PALS willingness to help those in need helped the school become a better place as a whole.

Speaking out about going green, recycling, and conserving energy, the Environmental Club took a stand to make Holt High School a better and greener place. "We are teaching people how to be green. We have posters around the school that tell you little things to help the environment. We are informing the community," said senior Lindsay Muenchen. The trend of going green and lending a hand to make the environment a better place was the main concern of the Environmental Club members. Recycling bins and posters were scattered through the school, reminding students of what they could do to make a difference in their environment. "It's important to me because I believe that most people don't care about the environment. We want to encourage people to make better choices," said junior Janet Phan.

By lending a hand to the environment and helping students in need, the members of the Environmental Club and PALS have worked to improve the Holt community.



|1| **Juniors Casey Rees, Alexandrea Lezan, Rebecca Williams**, and **Rebecca Gardner** sold Holiday Grams for PALS. The proceeds from their sales went to helping a young boy named Cameron who had brain cancer. "PALS is important to me because it is a way that I can give back to my school," said Williams.

|2| **Senior Amy Schafer** and **sophomore Brianna Schafer** made posters for the Environmental Club's bake sale. "I think the years before no one took it seriously. Now we are getting people to participate. Even the teachers have bins now," said Amy Schafer.

|3| **Junior Janet Phan** was hard at work creating advertisement posters for the Environmental club. "We are trying to encourage people to help recycle and encourage people to not throw recycled things away. We go around the school and collect the pop bottles and paper and we put up posters to encourage people to recycle," said Phan.

Lori Worden

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Up Close

Discussing how their organizations benefit the community, the PALS and Environmental Club members speak out.

"I have given many school tours to new students. I feel that when new students come here it's easier on them when it's another student giving the tour. We raise money for organizations like for Cameron and his family, the pet shelter, and we sold awareness ribbons last year."
-senior Tiffany Wheat

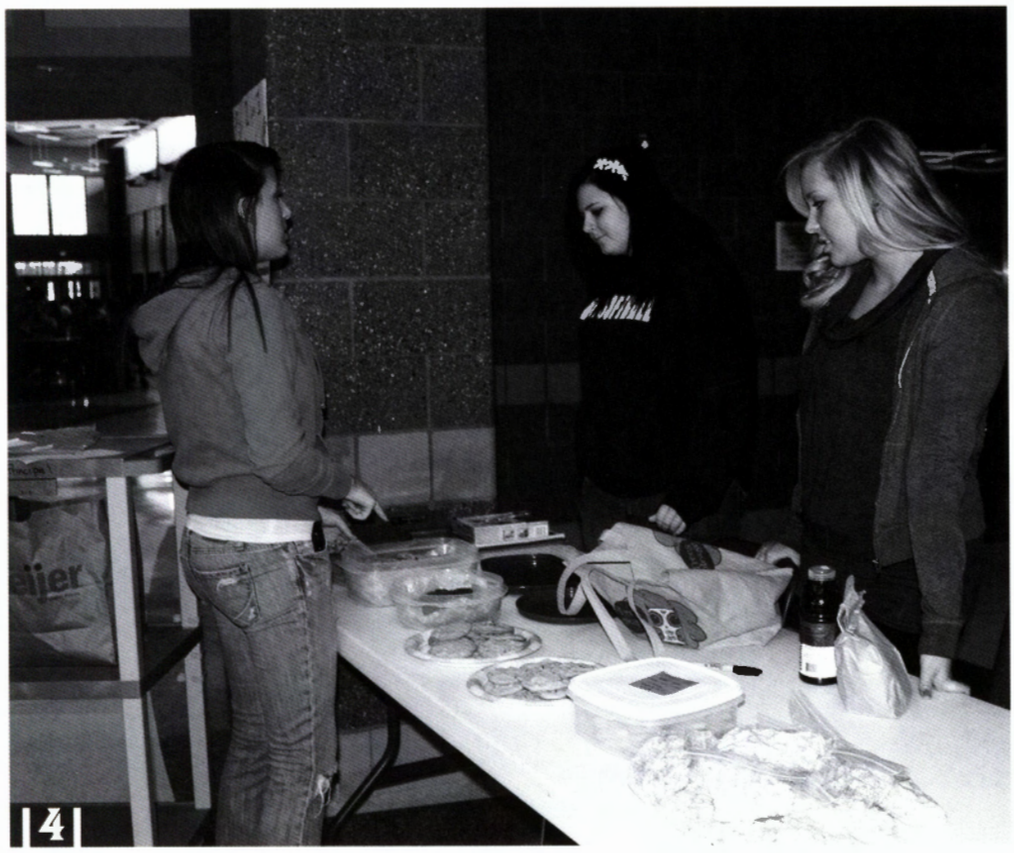
"Doing fundraisers like the Holiday Grams, to help someone in need, like Cameron, shows that as a school we were doing something to help someone less fortunate than us. It is important to me because it shows that people actually care about others and go out of their way to help others."
-junior Brenden Richards

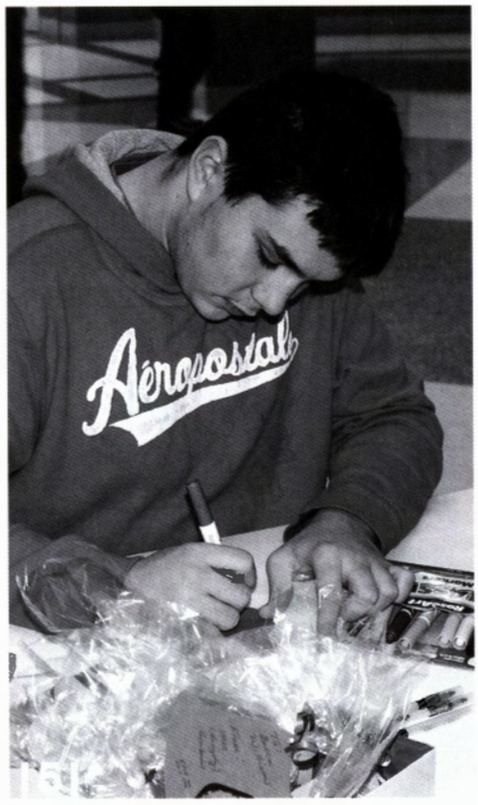
"I wanted to help the environment and take a stand on what I believe in. It is important because we help out the environment and we try to have people support it. It makes me feel like I'm actually doing something and not watching global warming happen."
-junior Holly Bossenbery

"My entire household recycles and if I see trash on the side of the road I'll stop and pick it up and throw it away. Environmental club helps other people become more aware and how we can benefit from recycling and conserving energy."
-senior Christopher Malloy

|4| **Seniors Lindsay Muenchen** and **Amy Schafer**, and **junior McKenzie Kienitz** sold baked goods at their bake sale during A lunch. The money that they collected went towards buying new recycling bins for the school. "I love our Earth. I want to save the planet. As Ghandi said 'Be the change you wish to see in the world,'" said Muenchen.

|5| **Senior Skylar Kohagen** is contributing to the fund for brain cancer patient, Cameron, by filling out a Holiday Gram. "I always liked helping people with their problems. I like being the person people turn to with problems," said Kohagen.





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Working Overtime

How many students walking down the halls would know what a Zygomaticus major is, or what rigging means? The answer is very few, unless you walked into the backstage of the Margaret Livingsparger Theater or into teacher Heather Peterson's classroom after school where the students who participated in the organizations Science Olympiad and Tech Society spent countless hours, building sets or expanding their knowledge of multiple science-related fields.

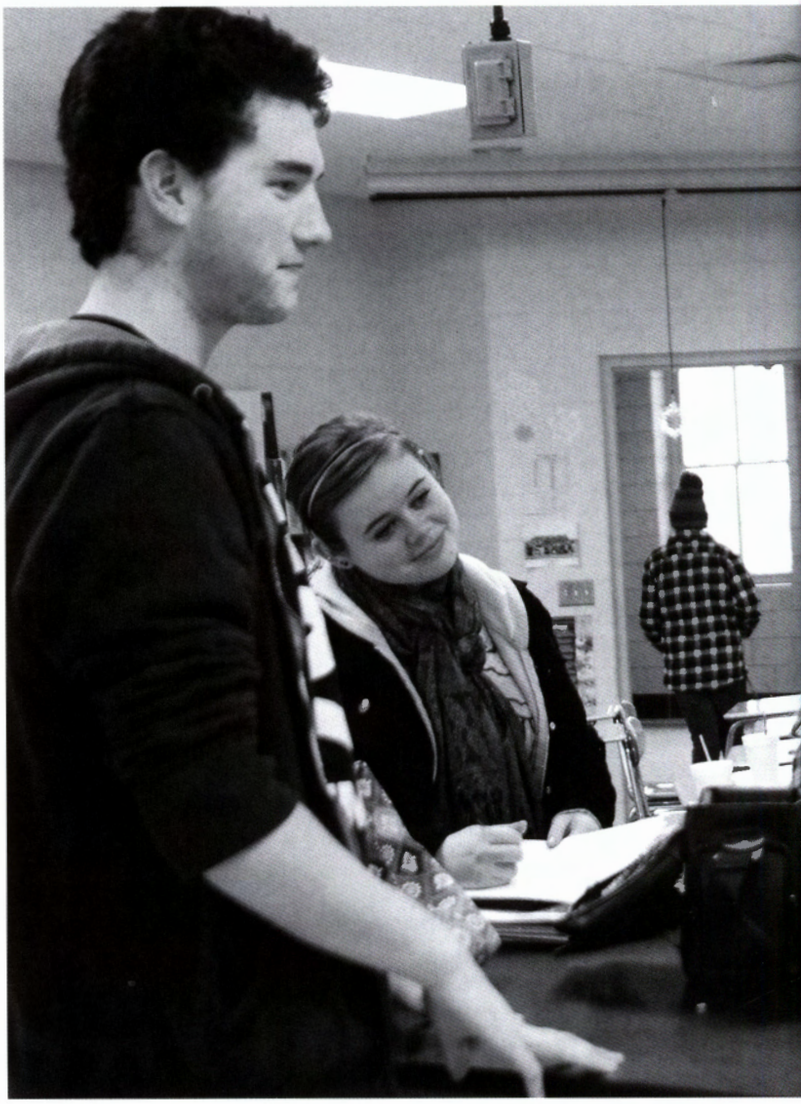
In Science Olympiad, students and many science teachers, spent afternoons every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and sometimes Friday since late October, hours on end, memorizing materials and fine-tuning their devices readying themselves for the three competitions throughout the year. "We usually go to one or two invitationals before Regionals. Invitationals are kind of like a practice round, to see how well we're doing, and to show what we need to work on," commented senior Amilia Mendoza, who had competed on the team since her sophomore year.

Many students who competed in Science Olympiad had been involved for years, investing time into expanding their knowledge. "Science Olympiad has always been time consuming. We usually study at home after practice as it gets closer to competition. But I love it because you get closer with other students on the team and to the teacher coaches, as well," commented senior Eric Parry.

While Science Olympiad filled time with science materials, students in Tech Society spent their afternoons and sometimes well into the night creating the amazing set designs for every play and musical the high school put on. Tech Society had official meetings Wednesdays before school or during Activity Period, but most of the work was done after school. The plays counted on every student who came and picked up a paint brush to help out.

"It takes so much time to build every set you see on stage. We build them, make them movable, and paint them. We do more then sets, we also do video, sound and lights. But it's all worth it in the end, to see everything together. It's a lot of hard work but an equal amount of fun," commented junior Katrina Schlicker. Schlicker was head of video during her junior year.

While Science Olympiad and Tech Society were classified as very different clubs, they both shared the common ground of commitment. The idea of following an obligation to completion rang true through the theater and the quiet classroom.



|1| Listening along to the "Name Game" **teacher Keith Smith** thought up his own name. The "Name Game" has been a tradition played by the Science Olympiad Team after the Clio Inivational Competition. The "Name Game" and other activities were bonding time for the team that was made up of all grades from freshmen to seniors.
|2| Controlling the lighting board **junior Heather Hedin** followed along to the lines of the spring play. Lights were only one small part of Tech Society.

|3| Awaiting their turn to run their machine **sophomores Timothy Gibbons** and **Jacob McGill** made final tweaks during their event, Mission Possible. Gibbons and McGill began creating their Rube Goldberg machine, having used various engineering skills to complete several tasks. Gibbons and McGill went on to place fourth at the Regionals Tournament in late February.

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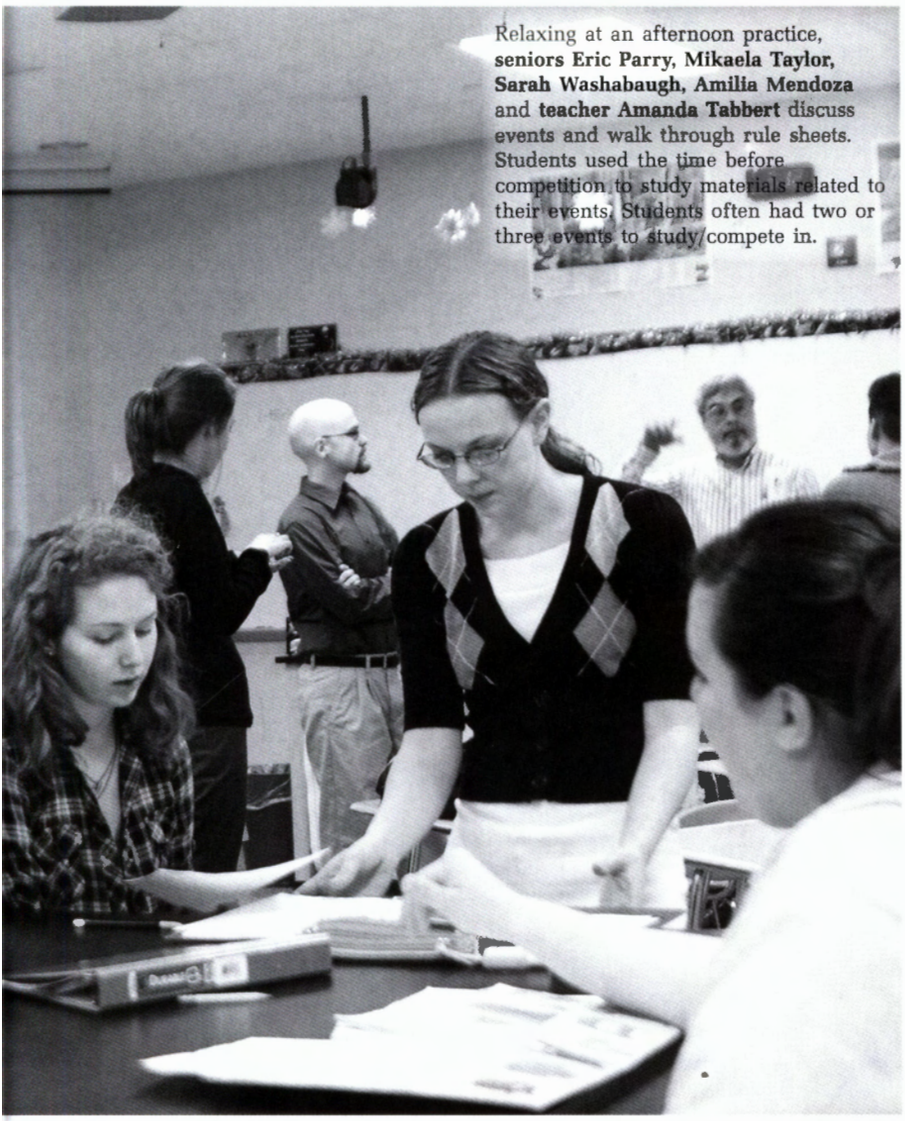
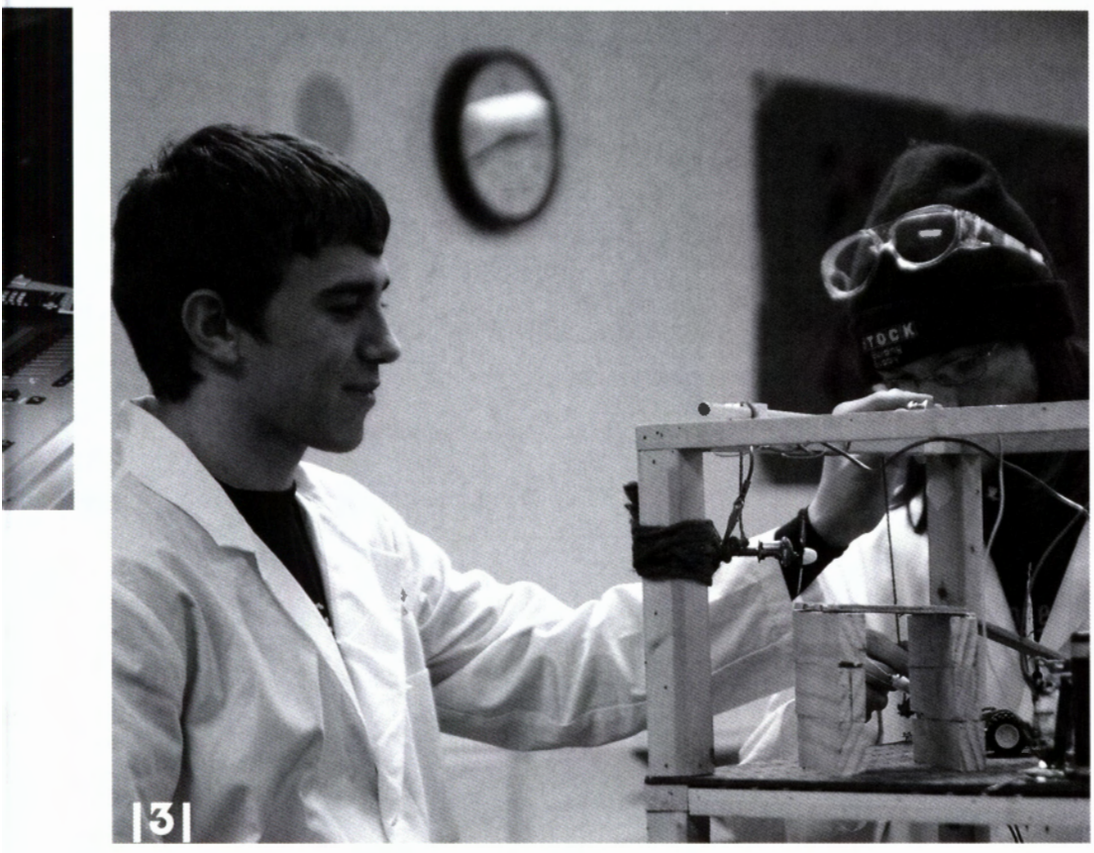


Relaxing at an afternoon practice, **seniors Eric Parry, Mikaela Taylor, Sarah Washabaugh, Amilia Mendoza** and **teacher Amanda Tabbert** discuss events and walk through rule sheets. Students used the time before competition to study materials related to their events. Students often had two or three events to study/compete in.

He Said, She Said

Working and competing with siblings can be a difficult task, but not for these two, **senior Tasha Kramarenko** and **freshman Austin Kramarenko** were the first set of siblings to compete on the Science Olympiad team. Let's see how similar or not similar these two are.

	Tasha	Austin
Favorite Science Olympiad Event:	Forensics	Trajectory
Favorite Element:	Electrophoresis	Phylum
Best Part of Science Olympiad:	"I like the socializing and bonds I make with people."	"I like building everything, and winning of course."
Best Thing About Competing With Each Other:	"I like being able to help him at home and support him."	"She's always there to help out, run and bring us things we need."
Worst Thing About Competing With Each Other:	"We argue, sometimes a lot. But then there's trying to work around our schedule.	"Actually having to listen to her and nicely work together without arguing."



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|4| Finishing up a set background, **senior Kacie Lampan** works late into the evening to finish the project. Tech Society started working weeks before each play and musical, creating back drops, finding suitable props and costumes, and building set pieces.

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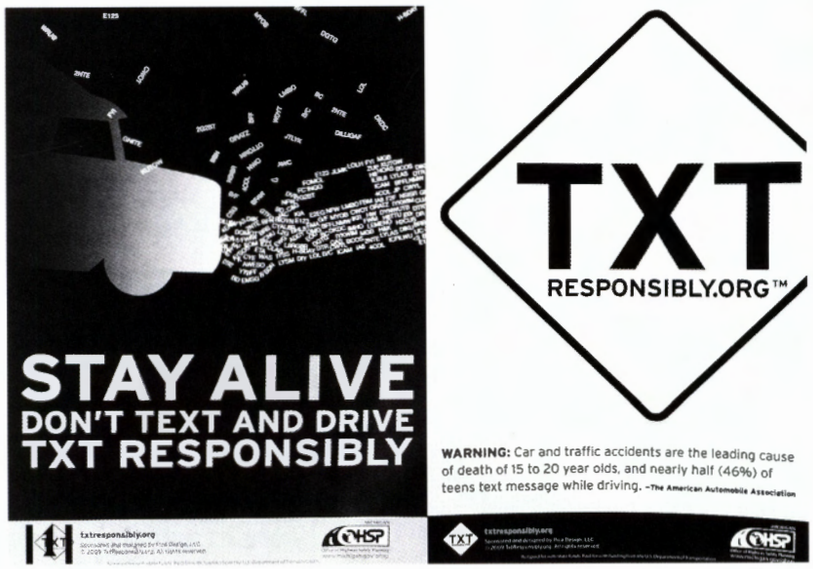
|1| Showing their support for our high school students, the Lansing Police Department donated two signs to encourage kids to think before they text while driving. |2| For SADD's Red Ribbon Week, intended to remind students to make good choices, **senior Lori Worden** was one of many who tied a myriad of ribbons to student's car antennaes. SADD wanted to remind students to make good decisions, especially while driving. |3| A sign reminding people that Holt High School is a non-smoking facility. |4| In order to support fellow student, **senior Joseph Alvarado**, in his quest fighting a brain tumor, SADD held a Sadie Hawkins dance, where students danced the night away. |5| **Senior Allison Orth** holds TATU's "Tobacco Prevention" beach ball.



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How does TATU make a difference?

"Over the years, you can see kids that you've taught to say no to drugs, say no to drugs. And that's really cool. I like spreading the anti-drug message."
-sophomore Brian Thering

"After you are done presenting, the kids are really fired up about not doing drugs and you can tell that they understood what we were there to teach them."
-junior Sarah Blohm

"We use activities, movies and questions to teach young kids what tobacco does and what the right thing to do is when you're introduced to it. "
-senior Benjamin Dudley

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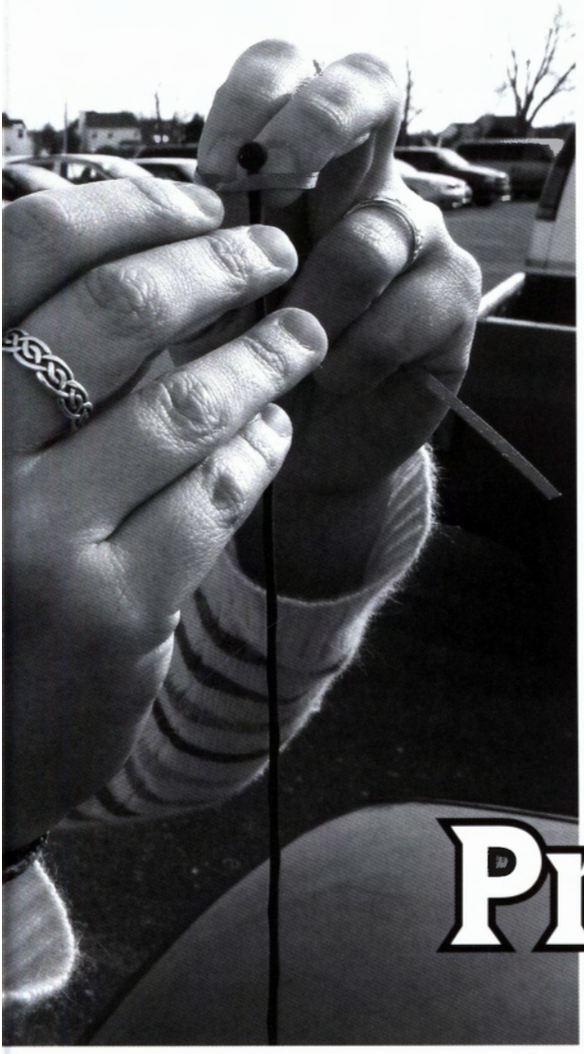


The List

Projects that SADD has performed in the words of **junior Joseph Mayers.**

-Sadie Hawkins Dance- 03/27/09

"When we heard about Joe Alvarado, we wanted to help him and his family. The dance was a fun way for kids to help raise money for him."

-Red Ribbon - Last full week in October 2009

"The red ribbon is supposed to serve as a reminder to students to make safe decisions while driving. That means no texting, no drunk driving or buzzed driving, etc."

Education and Prevention

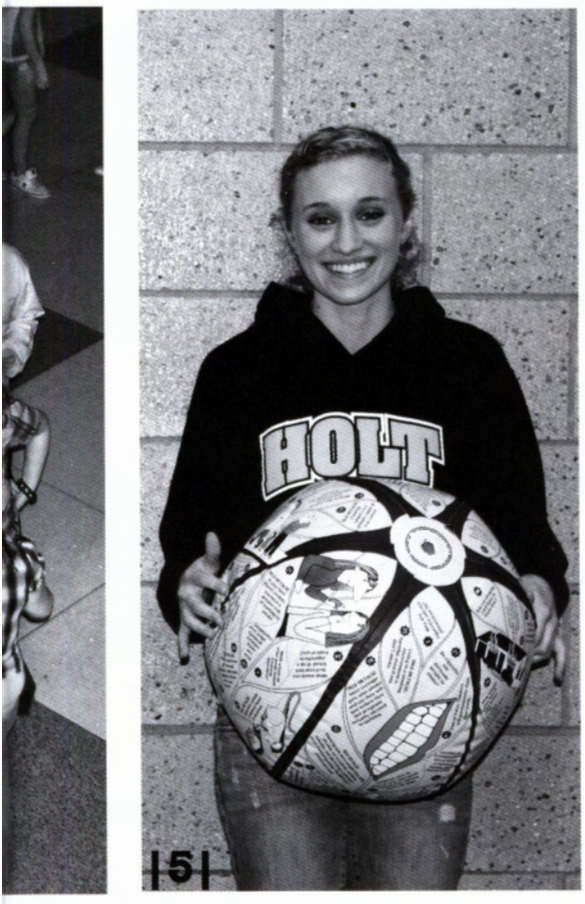
Prevention, defined as "to act ahead of an occurrence", is very important living in a world like this. There were so many paths students could have taken over the year that could have lead them to making bad decisions. Of course, there are billboards and commercials on TV and the radio warnings of the consequences for such decisions, but sometimes that may not be enough. TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use) and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) are two clubs to be a part of if prevention is one of your main goals.

"I like to put forth effort to encourage students to make good decisions," said SADD member, senior Cliff McClumpha. Within SADD, there are different groups of people working on different projects. "Obesity", "Teen dating violence", and "Friendship" are only a few of the topics the club worked on promoting in our school throughout the year.

TATU is a group of kids who go to elementary schools, presenting about the dangers of tobacco and what a good idea it is to abstain from using tobacco products. "I like it because it's a way to help younger kids," stated TATU member, junior Sarah Blohm. " I have a younger sister and I know that she looks up to me, so my decisions and actions matter. I like to be a good influence for her."

"It isn't hard to give back," commented TATU member, senior Benjamin Dudley. "It's an easy way to help keep younger kids off of drugs. The sooner you talk to them about it, the less likely they will be to do drugs because they've learned the dangers of it."

"It's nice to know that I'm a part of stopping something before it starts," added TATU member, sophomore Brian Thering. So if you like giving back and helping spread the message about making good decisions, SADD or TATU may be for you.



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Coming Together

Discrimination. Hate. Fighting. Loneliness. Anger. Prejudice. To some people those words mean almost nothing; for some people those words have never affected their everyday life. Due to those words, the members of the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) come together to support each other. Along with just having fun with friends, GSA is a group of students who, despite their differences, came together.

"The point of GSA is to spread tolerance so the community can feel safer," said sophomore Anna Strong. GSA was also just a fun and safe place for students to hang out after school.

"My favorite part of GSA is being with people and being able to just hang out without being judged no matter what I am," said senior Elizabeth Kruger. GSA met every Friday after school in Mr. Runyon's room to talk about every day issues, plan events, and to just hang out with friends.

"To help the community we have Fishbowls where students come with their teachers and can ask questions that aren't usually comfortable to ask to someone's face and it's anonymous," said junior Dylan Pizzie. Every trimester GSA held a Fishbowl for students and their teachers to help them feel more comfortable and be able to ask questions that they wouldn't usually be comfortable asking.

"It would definitely be a good idea to have more support groups for other minorities," said senior Randall Morris, "I mean if possible it would be great if we could make one giant awareness group." GSA members agreed that since they had a club where they could support each other, that it would be a good idea to make more clubs for other minorities too, to help them come together and support each other.

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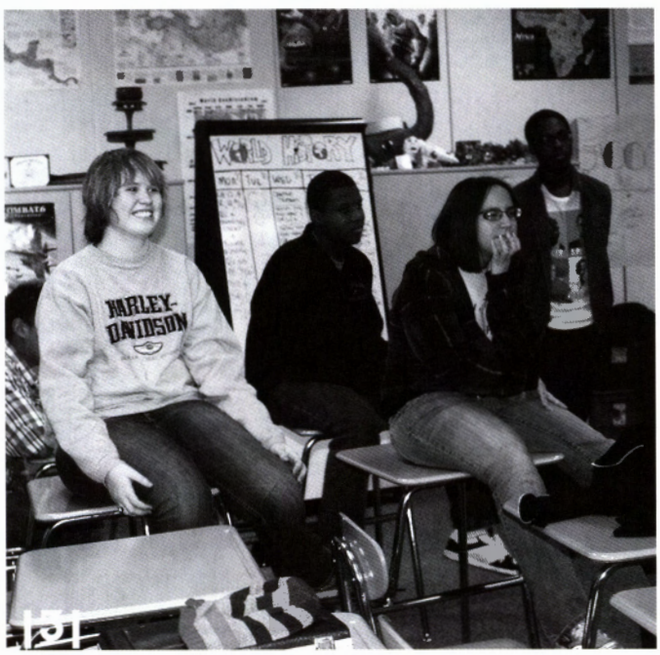

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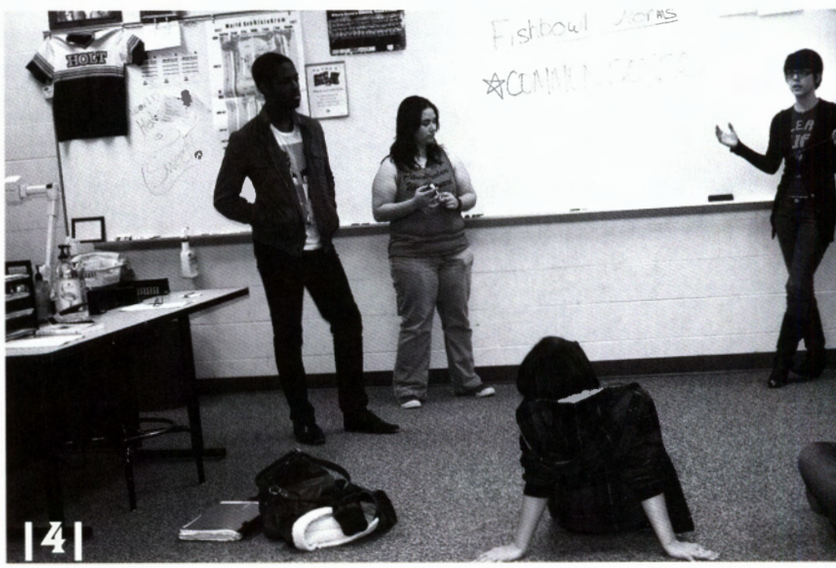

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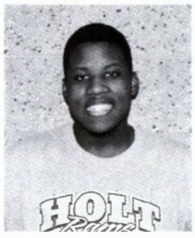
|1| Posing for a picture, all the members of Gay/Straight Alliance stand together in a group. During their meetings, they make posters to hang around the school and talk about events they host that are coming up. *Photo by Rachel Steinberg*
|2| Sharing their workspace and markers, **sophomores Kaitlyn Barner** and **Kaleen Goodrich** color pictures to hang in the hallway. Activity period was a place where all the members from GSA were able to get together. *Photo by Rachel Steinberg*

Before:
"I kinda had a not caring opinion on sexual orientation until I started watching the news, like when they started banning gay marriage, so I started thinking about how the constitution does not say it's illegal."



After:
"It's a personal choice for people to do what they desire, and the government can't really change that."
-sophomore Darnell Hamilton

Before:
"My opinions were pretty spot-on when I thought of GSA. I knew there would be lots of different people, that not all would be gay or straight."

After:
"I just thought GSA was a really cool friendly place where you don't have to worry about being rejected."
-sophomore Mikhale Mojica

|3| Listening and laughing, GSA members learn about the Fishbowl. GSA was all about making others feel comfortable with who they are.
|4| While listening to **senior Angela Gonzalez** talk about the Fish bowl, **sophomore Anna Strong**, and others, listen intently from the floor. "The best part of GSA is that I can hang out with a bunch of friends, chill, and help people in general," said Strong.
|5| "I joined GSA because a lot of my friends were in there," said **junior Hailey Richardson**. Laughing and smiling, Richardson and **senior Elizabeth Kruger** talk about different ways tolerance in Holt could be brought about in the school.

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|1| Doing her part in the community, **senior Allison Orth** gave blood at the NHS sponsored Blood Drive. "Giving blood one time can save the lives of three people," said Orth. "To give blood you had to be at least 110 pounds. They asked you to eat a lot of iron rich foods before you get your blood drawn," explained Orth. Before students gave blood, they completed a survey on places they had been and diseases they may have come in contact with.

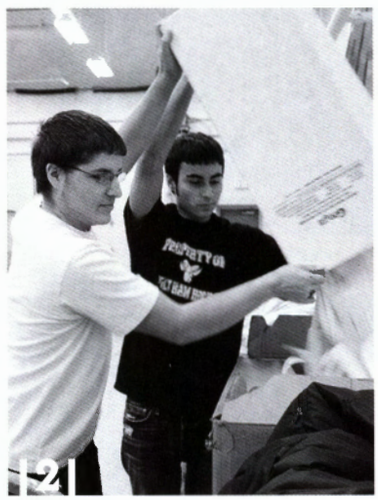
A Generous Contribution

"The main goal of ECHOS is to keep people out of poverty," said senior Melanie Adler. ECHOS and National Honor Society were organizations where making a difference in the community was key. While NHS focused on helping the community, ECHOS thought bigger.

"It's more towards countries and cities that are going through genocide, places like Darfur," explained Adler. The harsh reality of Darfur drove the organization to help with aid of kiva.org and Doctors Without Borders. Kiva.org, a loaning web site, allowed people to help others around the world financially. "We do this to keep people out of poverty and have a better life. It helps keep children in school and off the streets who could be doing worse things to get by" stated Adler. Doctors Without Borders was another organization ECHOS worked with over the year. "They sent available doctors to countries who are in need of medical help," said junior Brooke Smythe.

As ECHOS thought in large scale, National Honor Society worked throughout the community. National Honor Society, headed up by teachers Heidi Misaras and Sara Bieda, acknowledged outstanding students in the excellence of Leadership, Scholarship, Service and Character. Each student in NHS was required to complete 20 hours of community service, 10 on their own and 10 through the organization itself. "NHS has given many great opportunities to help out around the community like working the blood drive and helping with conferences," said senior Allison Orth. NHS organized multiple functions throughout the year, raising money and lending a helping hand to those in need.

Big or small, ECHOS and The National Honor Society spent the year contributing time and effort to make our community and our world a better place for everyone.



|2| Recycling bins are emptied from classes by **seniors Taylor Miller** and **Tanner Pape.** "I recycle, and don't litter!" said Miller about how he protects the environment. Recyling was a big and easy way Holt contributed in making Earth a better place to live.

|3| Pushing a cart with coffee and water to serve at parent-teacher conferences **seniors Lauren Kustasz** and **Taylor Roach** volunteered through NHS. "I'm in NHS to help the community and it looks good on a college resume," said Roach. NHS required volunteer hours such as helping with conferences or babysitting at local PTO meetings.

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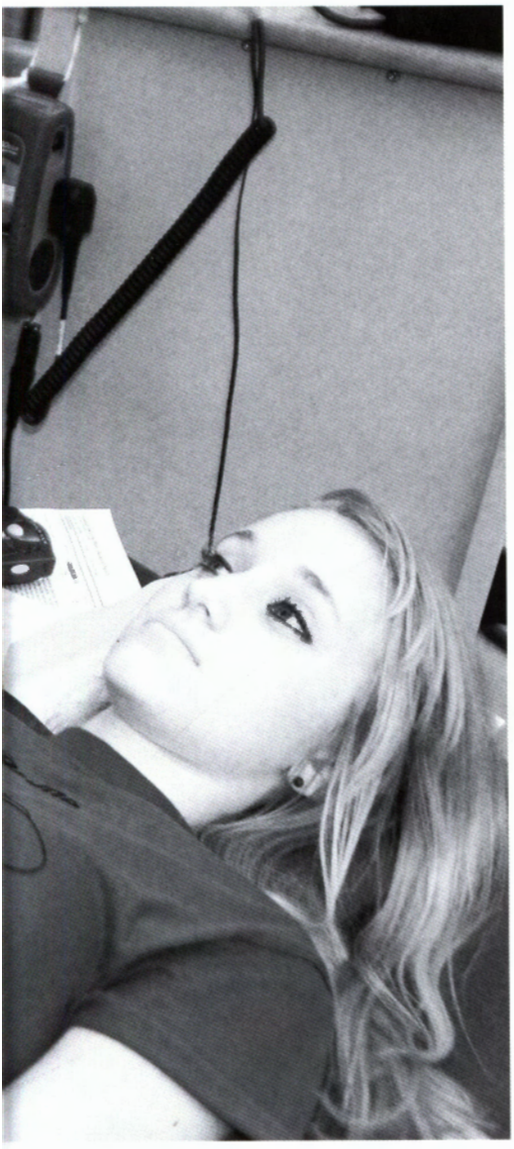
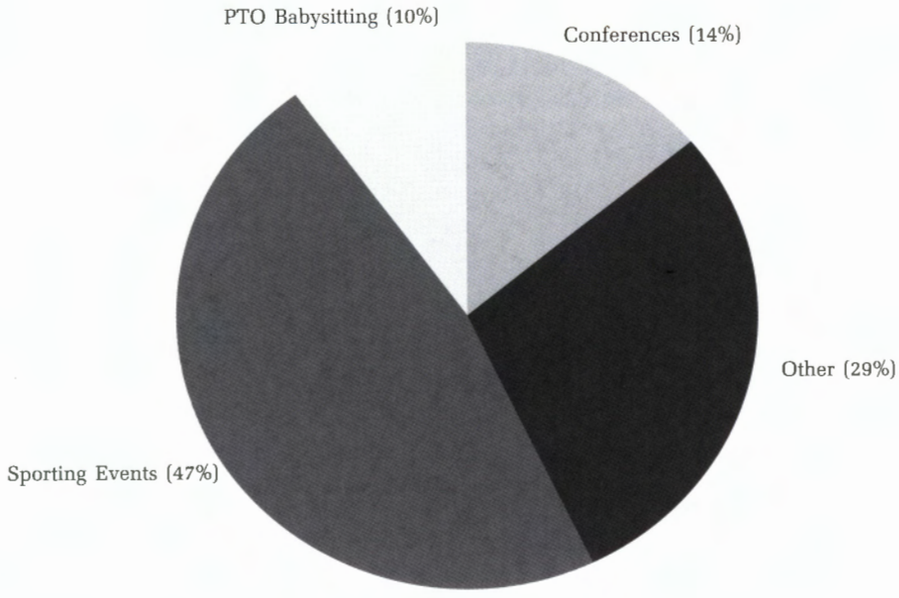


NHS Students Favorite Volunteer Activity



|4| Setting up a new compost bin **seniors Gabriel Murley, Tyler Stuart** and **Joshua Voss** helped teacher James Keckeisen make the school a little cleaner. Decomposable items such as food, leaves, and paper products were put into the compost bin. When the trash decomposed, it was used as fertilizer.

|5| Selling treats for a bake sale, **junior Jamie Zelenski** earned her National Honor Society hours. "I joined NHS in eighth grade and decided to keep going because it looks good on a college application," explained Zelenski. "NHS is important for students because you volunteer at places you've never heard of and it gets you into the community," said Zelenski.

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Business State of Mind

"Fact: Bears eat beets. Bears, beets, Battlestar Galactica," said Jim Halpert as he imitated Dwight Shrute who was a dangerous threat to The Finer Things Club. One might ask what The Finer Things Club is all about? In the NBC hit, "The Office", characters Pam Beasley, Oscar Martinez, Toby Flenderson, and later Jim Halpert meet to discuss books, art and celebrate culture in a very civilized way. No work talk, paper, or plastic allowed.

Shadowing these intelligent characters, Holt High School boasted its own Finer Things Club. Instead of discussing books, art, and culture, they discussed previous episodes of "The Office" and their favorite characters. In the original Finer Things Club not everyone in the office was welcome to be a part no matter how much they wanted to be. "The Finer Things Club is the most exclusive club in this office. Naturally it's where I need to be," said an envious co-worker, Andy Bernard.

A major difference between the original club and Holt High School's club is that everyone and anyone is welcome to join. The only requirement to be a part of The Finer Things is to have an interest in the show, "The Office". "The Office Club is the best thing in the whole world I've ever been involved in," exclaimed senior Adam Knapp. "It is an organization that has yet to be bested in overall awesomeness. It is fabulous."

Although the 2009-2010 school year was the club's birth year, there are high hopes for it to prosper in the future. Rumors flying about the club said there was a possibility for "Office Olympics." Although they were not able to pull the Olympics together for the year 2010, they have plans to have multiple events for students who participated in The Finer Things Club. Just remember, bears, beets, and Battlestar Galactica.

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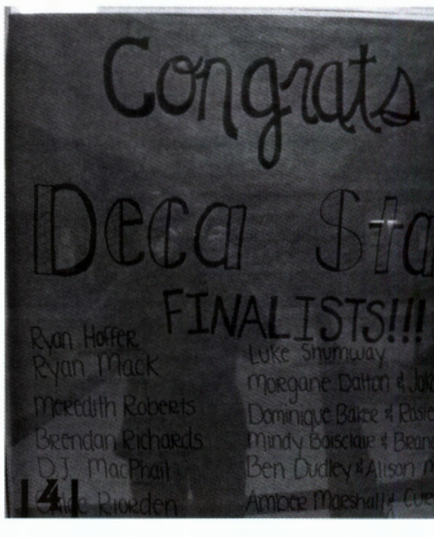
|1| **Nicholas Mourning and Anne Russo** pose for an advisers photo, imitating those from NBC's hit show, "The Office."
|2| Six members of Holt High School's Finer Things Club. Back row: **senior Adam Knapp**. Middle row: **seniors Mikaela Taylor, Sarah Washabaugh and Angelita Salazar**. Front row: **seniors Kyler Sheerin and Matthew Rademacher.**
|3| Holt High School's Finer Things Club shirt, featuring "The Office" logo. |4| Many DECA students were state finalists in their events.



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The List

Students were able to qualify for DECA by taking any of the following Business classes that were offered.

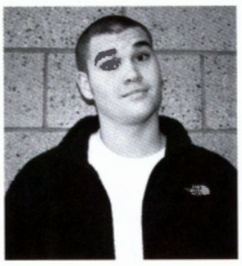
- Accounting I, II
- Advanced Computer Applications
- Advanced Word Processing
- A-Plus Prep.
- Business Law I, II
- Business Management
- Business Math
- Computer Applications
- Computer Programming I, II
- Mentorship
- Photoshop
- Promotional Marketing
- Retail Management
- Web Publishing
- Word Processing
- Work Experience
- Video Production

|5| **Senior Christopher Hernandez** pouring a slushy in the school store, a class that allows him to be part of the DECA program. |6| **Senior Alexander Rarick** works at the cash register in the school store. Students had to switch their jobs every few weeks.

An Inside Look

"Before competition I try to read over the role-plays so I know what kind of questions the judges will ask. I also try to stay calm. I also take a test at school before we go to competition."
-senior Tymila Taylor

"At competition we do a role-play in front of a judge who then will decide whether or not we go to states. My favorite thing about competitions are meeting all the different people."
-senior Curie Jones



"After competition I went to the cafeteria and had a grand time. But my favorite thing was the thought process of competing and competing against different schools."
-junior Hunter Osborn

"DECA is Distributive Ed. Clubs of America, where students compete in over twenty different events in various business areas," informs business **teacher Daniel Knechtel**. "You have to be part of a business class in order to be a part of DECA because what you learn in business classes is applied to what we do in DECA." When asked if it was hard instructing the students, Knechtel replied, "It is tough because they have to do it on their own. I can only guide them." Although DECA may be only be accessible to business students, students could easily join a business class if they desired.

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Our Opinion

On the "World Cup" soccer game

"I didnt really play much, but my team won so it was still alot of fun."
-senior Jarred Bennett

"I felt like I was on top of the world when we won. It was a last second goal, Mexico over Spain. I was playing on a broken foot and it would be my last time playing for a while so I went all out."
-senior Octavio Hernandez

"It was really fun being on the team that won the whole thing because the year before we were the runner-up. It was a really good feeling and I was very excited about winning."
-senior Britta Anderson

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|2| **Juniors Meghan Hanrahan**, **Tiffany** Wedrick, **Bich-tran Nguyen**, and **Devan Walworth** show their support for team Germany by displaying the German flag during the Germany vs. Spain game for all to see. *Photo by Sarah Washabaugh*

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|3| **Junior Taylor Roe** refills her drink during World Language Week food day. Every language class held their own food day where students could make and bring in cultural food for their classmates to sample.

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Experiencing Other Cultures

Bringing everyone together was the goal of World Language Week (WLW) by introducing our school to new and different cultures. Every student taking a foreign language had the chance to take part in events such as the intense soccer tournament to the concert with Spanish pop-star Justo Llamas.

"I went to the game because a lot of my friends were playing. I'm not that great at soccer but I still wanted to be a part of it," said junior Jacob Gallimore. The stands at the local Soccer Zone filled up as the four teams: Spain, Mexico, France and Germany, took the fields.

The first matches were Germany vs. Spain and France vs. Mexico. Spain and Mexico defeated their opponents. Spain and Mexico faced off for the championship. Mexico pulled through to win over Spain.

In addition to the WLW soccer tournament, students also enjoyed foods from other cultures and backgrounds and guest speakers in their foreign language classes. WLW is a chance to bring our school closer together to experience other cultures.

|1| Team Mexico gathered together to celebrate after their victory over Spain in the World Language Week "World Cup" soccer tournament. *Photo by Samantha Kramer*

|4| Many students from the different language courses gather together to perform a song for the crowd. All language students showed up at the door with their home-made "passports" to attend the mystery assembly.

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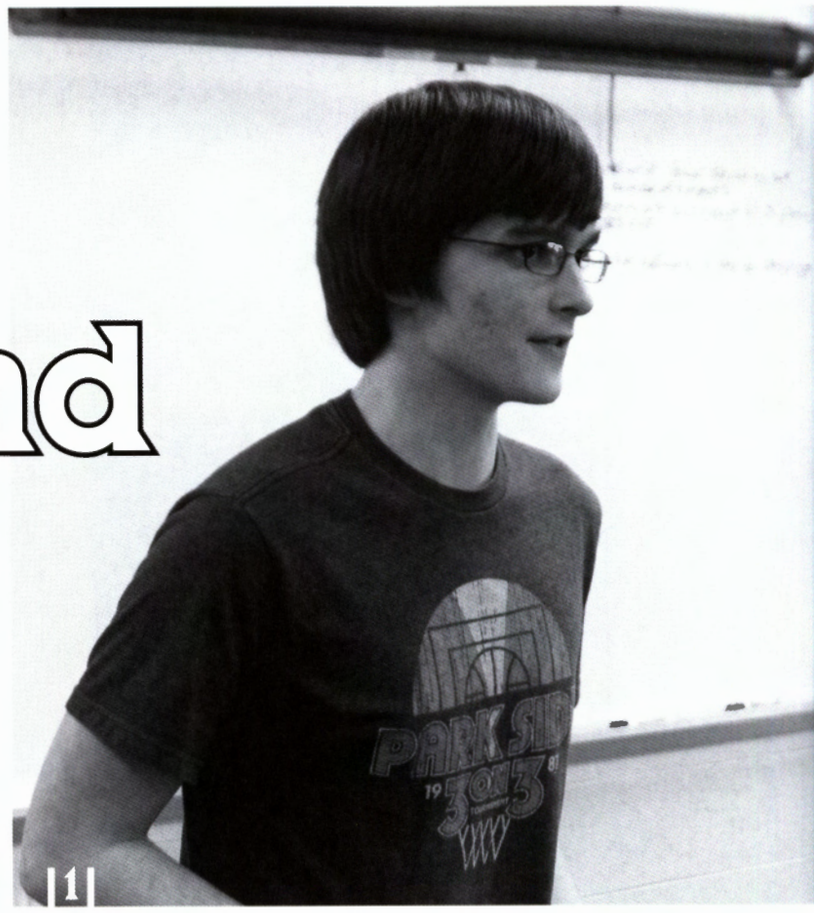
Speak Your Mind

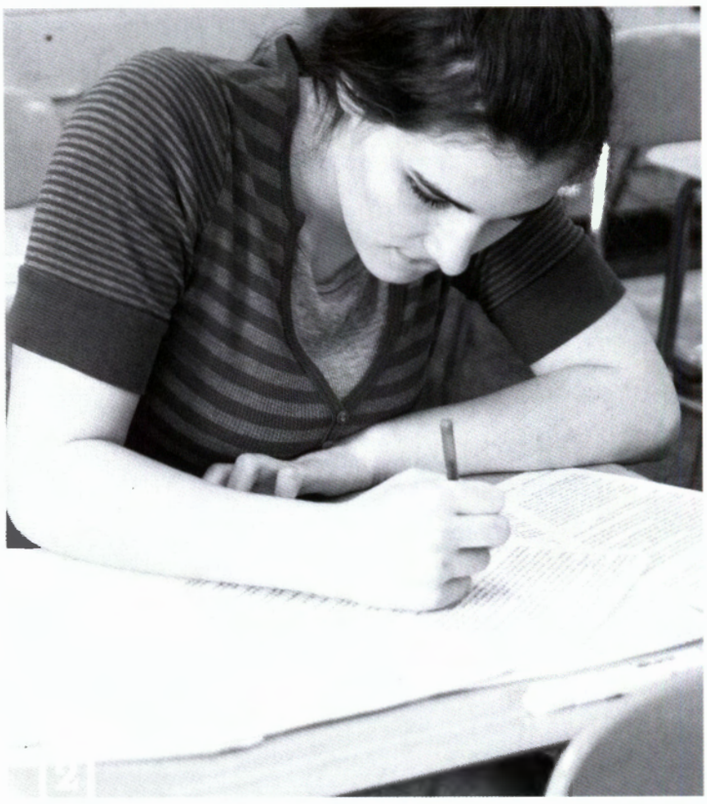


When students hear the word *forensics,* most think of the science field involving crime scene investigators and DNA sampling, but ask the team members of the forensics team and they would beg to differ. "Forensics is a competitive form of speech and theater where students prepare speeches or theatrical presentations and compete with other high schools," explained teacher Erin Umpstead, one of the coaches devoted to the team. "I was in high school forensics and I enjoyed the experience greatly. I am proud to be able to offer this valuable experience to Holt High School students," said Umpstead.

Umpstead coached the participants involved in the individual events, otherwise known as the dramatic events. From reciting poetry, to acting out scripts, the dramatic events allow the students participating to express themselves through pieces of literature. With a love of the theater, it's no wonder that Umpstead helped with the dramatic events. "I assist the competitors with blocking, or the choreographed movement that adds to performances," explained Umpstead.

While Umpstead helped the more creative aspect of forensics, teacher Guil Northrup headed up the speech events, better known as public addresses. Events like sales speaking, broadcasting, and impromptu speaking kept the participants on their toes and focused throughout the year. Students researched speech topics and practiced impromptu speeches during weekly practices.

Although there were few members, the forensics team remained strong, with great coaching. "As a coach, I am part cheerleader, part pit bull, and all responsible driver," stated Umpstead. The students involved brought creative presentations and the structured speeches meshed together to create a strong successful team.



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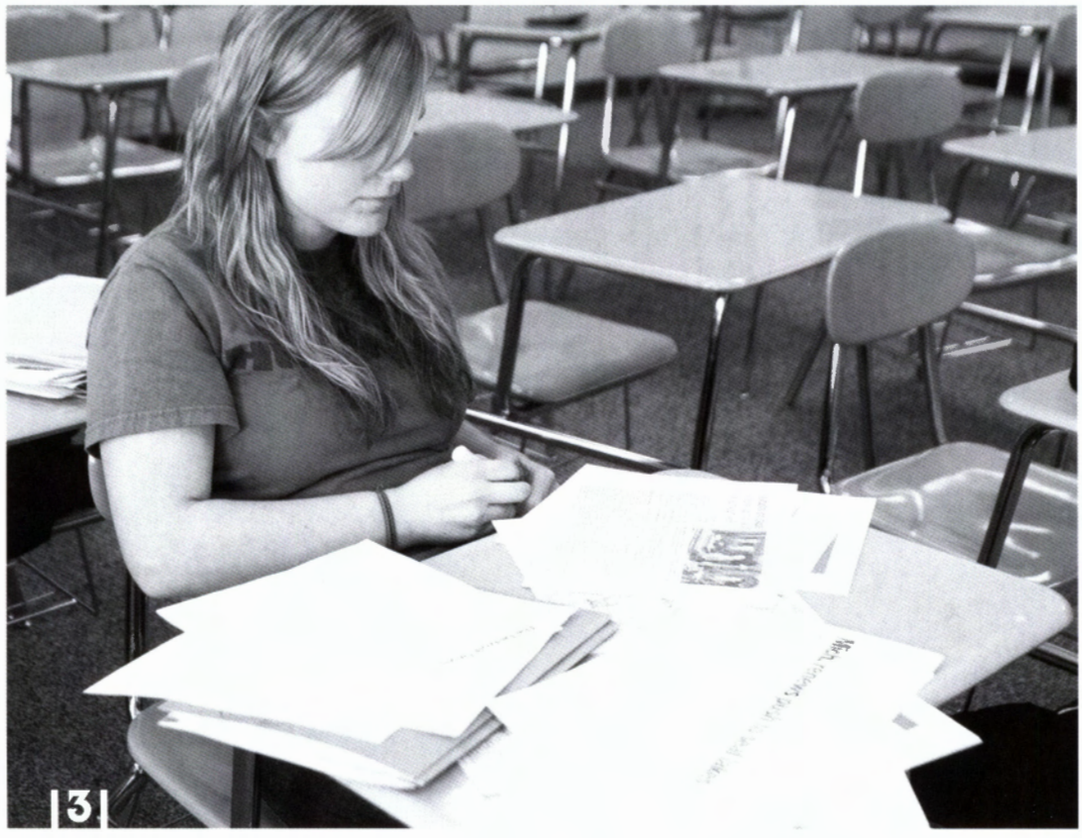
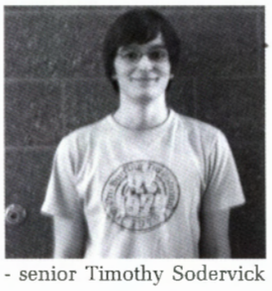


Events in Forensics

|1|Standing in front of his coach and team **senior Timothy Sodervick** practiced his impromptu speech on domestic crisis. Sodervick placed well throughout the entire season. "Tim, more often than not, end up in first place in his events," commented **teacher Erin Umpstead**. |2|Highlighting information **junior Rebecca Sodervick** prepares for her speech. Forensic students were allotted a certain amount of time to search for the information they needed.|3| Hurrying to find the details she needs **sophomore Alexis Kuprel** quickly reads the articles. The pressure of time constraint allowed for the students to gear up for competition.



- senior Timothy Sodervick

Impromptu was an event that you had six minutes to read over an article and make a three point speech on. The introduction and conclusion was based on previous information that you already knew. The article had to do with the years topic, this year it was domestic crisis readings. "I choose to do forensics because I already did debate and debate helps you to think under pressure and give good speeches. Also its fun!" explained Timothy Sodervick.

- sophomore Rebecca Sodervick

Broadcasting was an event where you got a packet of 20 articles and in thirty minutes you must cut and highlight the articles that you needed to make a five minute broadcast. The broadcast is given in the same style that you would have to see someone on the news giving a speech. On top of the five minute broadcast, there was also a one minute editorial on an article choosen by the judges. "I choose this event because it looked enjoyable and my coach also thought I would be good at it," said Rebecca Sodervick.

-sophomore Alexis Kuprel

Extemp was an event on a topic relating to current events. In this event, you had thirty minutes to prep a seven minute speech on a topic and or question that you received. After you prepared your speech, you spoke in front of judges. " The reason I choose to do this event is because my coach thought that I would be good at it," said Alexis Kuprel.

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Practicing his home run swing, **senior Matthew Durfee** bats at baseball practice while **sophomore Justin Alleman** awaits the pitch from his coach.

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Sports

Whether it was sliding into home plate or the end zone, scoring a goal or shooting a basket, running a sprint or making a kill, students represented Holt High School sports with pride and dignity.

Student athletes brought their "A" game on and off the field. "Practice allows you to focus on the little things that make you better as an individual and as a team," said senior Megan Sundstrom who participated in varsity volleyball and basketball.

Not only did Holt athletics bring people together for the love of the game, but it also created lasting friendships. "You spend a lot of time with a group of people. You create bonds with your teammates and they turn into friendships," stated senior Matthew Durfee.

No matter what reason students joined, Holt athletes excelled on the field, court and in the classroom.

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A Year of Achievements

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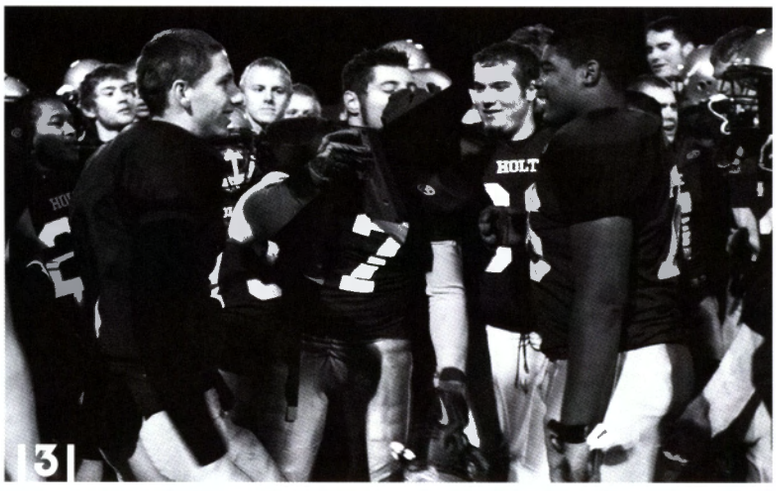
1| Boys varsity soccer went undefeated in regular season and advanced to he state finals, where they lost to Brother Rice 1-0. |2| Girls volleyball beat attle Creek Lakeview in a five game match to win districts for the first me in school history. |3| Varsity Football beat Howell 34-0 to win districts nd advanced to the state semi-finals. |4| Boys and girls bowling won their egionals. The girls went on to win state. |5| Boys basketball won districts for he second year in a row. They lost to Kalamazoo Central in regional finals. 6| Girls basketball won the district title for the third year in a row, but fell o East Lansing in the regional finals. |7| The wrestling team won districts or the 26th year in a row and won regionals for the third. They sent ten rrestlers to states. |8| The hockey team won districts for the first time in chool history, but lost in the regional finals in double over time.



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More Than Just Pom-pons

Cheerleading is both a fall and winter sport but some girls opt to split their time with other related sports.

"I have dance competitions in the winter so it gets really stressful to balance it all. I'd have to miss something."

-junior Erin Langdon

"I twirl during fall season in the band instead of cheerleading."

-senior Maci Holley

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|1| Doing a perfect toe touch as part of her dance routine, **senior Katy Essenmacher** rocks it out during the basketball game's half time show. It was the team's last performance before their annual competition at the Palace of Auburn Hills. "My favorite competition is the Palace of Auburn Hills because you dance in front of a lot of people so it really tests your skill because people know what they're doing," said Essenmacher.

Pride In Performance

Dance and cheerleading are two different team sports that have one important thing in common: performance.

Herkie. Flyer. Toe touch. Choreography. Arabesque. Pirouette. To some, these words are practically a foreign language, but to dancers and cheerleaders, these words are part of their daily lives.

"We practice a lot and we have to mentally get together as a team to make sure we're on the same page," said senior Mindy Boisclair. The cheerleaders practiced twice a week during basketball season and twice a week during football season. The dance team practiced on Mondays and Wednesdays to prepare for games and competitions.

"It's most stressful to perform in front of big crowds," said junior Shayla Kanouse, "it's more stressful to cheer at a pep assembly than it is to cheer at a game." The cheerleading squad cheered at winterfest and homecoming every year, along with basketball and football games.

"My biggest dance nightmare would be slipping and falling during the half time show or my pants coming down or something," laughed sophomore Audrey Sobleskey. Though competitions were nerve racking for the team, at games the dance team performed in front of all their peers.

"My biggest cheer nightmare would probably be dropping every stunt at the pep rally," said senior Allison Kent, on the day of the winterfest pep rally. In dance and cheerleading, there's a lot of pressure to perform well. "It's the most stressful to perform when everyone is trying to get the dance down perfect," said sophomore Anna Pavlik.

Despite all the pressures of performance, the girls had fun as well. "My favorite part about being on the dance team is probably just the people and the experiences you have with them," said senior Alyssa Bailey. Bailey and senior Katy Essenmacher were the captains of the dance team.

"My biggest fear is falling and breaking something," said junior Darian Rulison, who was a flyer. When asked, all of the cheerleaders said their favorite part about cheerleading was stunting. In both dance and cheerleading, to make a great performance it takes time, effort, and a little bit of risk.

Jennifer Morley

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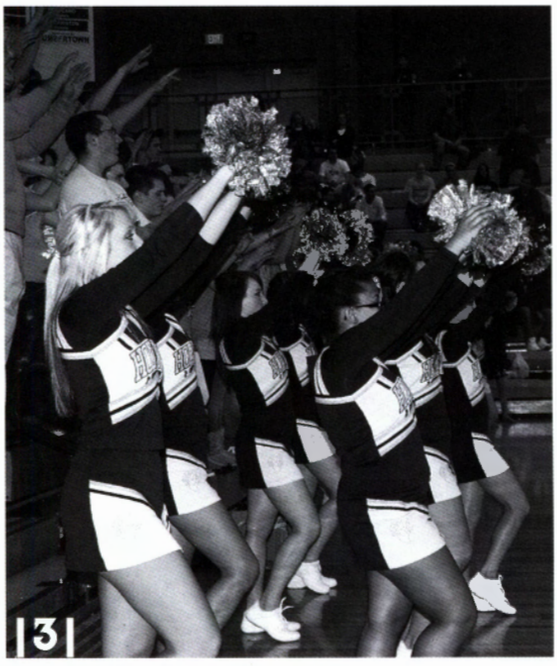
|2| The basketball team, cheerleading squad, and dance team stand united as the national anthem plays before the Haslett vs. Holt game began. This was tradition before every game.
|3| The cheerleaders lead the student section during the Haslett vs. Holt game. When a basketball player is making a free throw, the student section always held up their spirit fingers for luck.
|4| The cheerleading squad stunts and dances their way through their winterfest pep rally performance. "Stunting is my favorite part of cheerleading," said **junior Shayla Kanouse**. During this particularly difficult stunt, Kanouse flipped through the air from one stunt group to the next. *Photo by Jennifer Hall.*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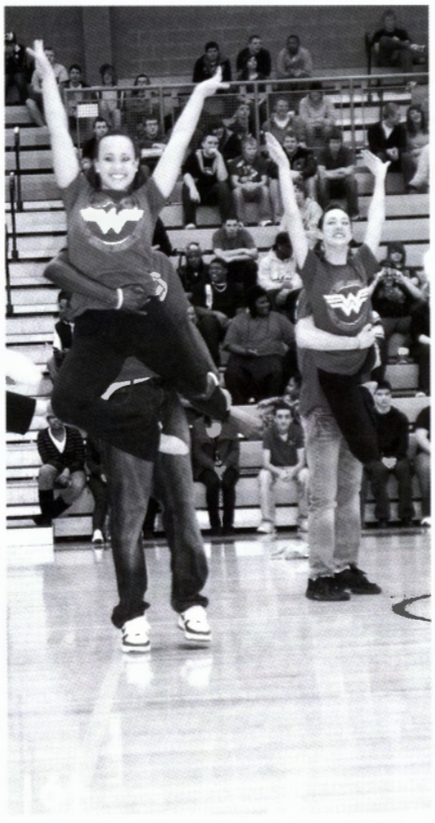

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|5| Flyer **senior Brandi Dexter** flips through the air, assisted by **seniors Allison Kent** and **Alexa Smith**, while stunting at a practice. "My biggest cheer nightmare is someone getting hurt during stunting or tumbling," said Dexter's back spot, **junior Mallory Dickinson**. Performing stunts was not only dangerous for the flyer, but for the spotters too. *Photo by Samantha Kramer*
|6| **Senior Anthony Willoughby** lifts **sophomore Alyssa Robinson** and **junior Stevin Jones** lifts **freshman Hailey Butler** during the annual "guy girl dance." The guys not only had to participate in lifts, they also had to dance themselves. "The guy girl dance was a lot of fun to be in, and really showed me how hard dance was," said Jones.

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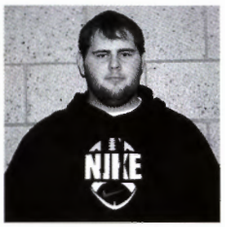
Senior's Take

"I like being quarterback because I like the leadership and being in charge. My best game was against Rockford in playoffs, not because of statistics or numbers, but because I really led the team and made everyone else around me play hard."
-senior Jordan Beachnau



"I like playing on the lines because you get to be physical and I like the competition. I like defensive line better because you are trying to do one main thing, the goal is easier. My best game was either against Okemos or Detroit Catholic Central because of the big stages."
-senior Tyler Reah

"I like playing linebacker because you get to make the big plays, and the spotlight is on you. My best game of the season was against Grand Ledge. I couldn't get blocked and I was making a lot of plays that I needed to make."
-senior Benjamin Dudley

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|2|As the play begins, the Ram's offensive line prepares to protect their quarterback. "Our offensive line was good at pass blocking, probably one of the best lines in the state," said **junior Michael Smith**. A season of hard work and a lot of conditioning paid off in the rough games the Rams played throughout the season.

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Revenge at its Best

Cold. Exciting. Serious. November practices. The 2009-2010 varsity football team's season didn't end in October, nor did it end in early November like many other team's seasons did. "The fact that we were playing late into the season gave us new life, the passion was back from the beginning of the year," said senior Joshua Voss.

Led by great seniority the Rams proved their strength and willingness to play as a team when they made it to the state semi-finals. "The seniors set good examples for us juniors to follow," said junior Justin Madar.

The Rams were led by second year head coach Al Slammer and the twenty seniors on the team. "Coach Slammer's best aspect was how much he pushed us. I feel like he pushed our team to be the best we could be," explained senior Donald MacPhail.

In their second game of the season the Rams played one of their biggest rivals, Rockford. "Our team worked really hard in practice all week to prepare, and the whole school was really hyped for the game," explained junior Grant Taylor.

After big hopes and high expectations the Rams lost the battle against Rockford, 34 to 10. "Our first thought was that we would most likely see them again in playoffs and that we could beat them then. The loss was not that discouraging," said Taylor.

When November came around the Rams won their district and got matched up against Rockford in the state quarterfinals. "To prepare for the game we went over the film of the first time w played them, and we talked about how we knew we had gotten better over the season and that we knew we could beat them," explained senior Julian Rodgers.

Weeks of long practices and hard conditioning paid off when the Rams bea Rockford in the regional championship game, 27 to 13. "It felt like getting a brand new car, it was the greatest feeling," explained Madar.

Lauren Kustasz

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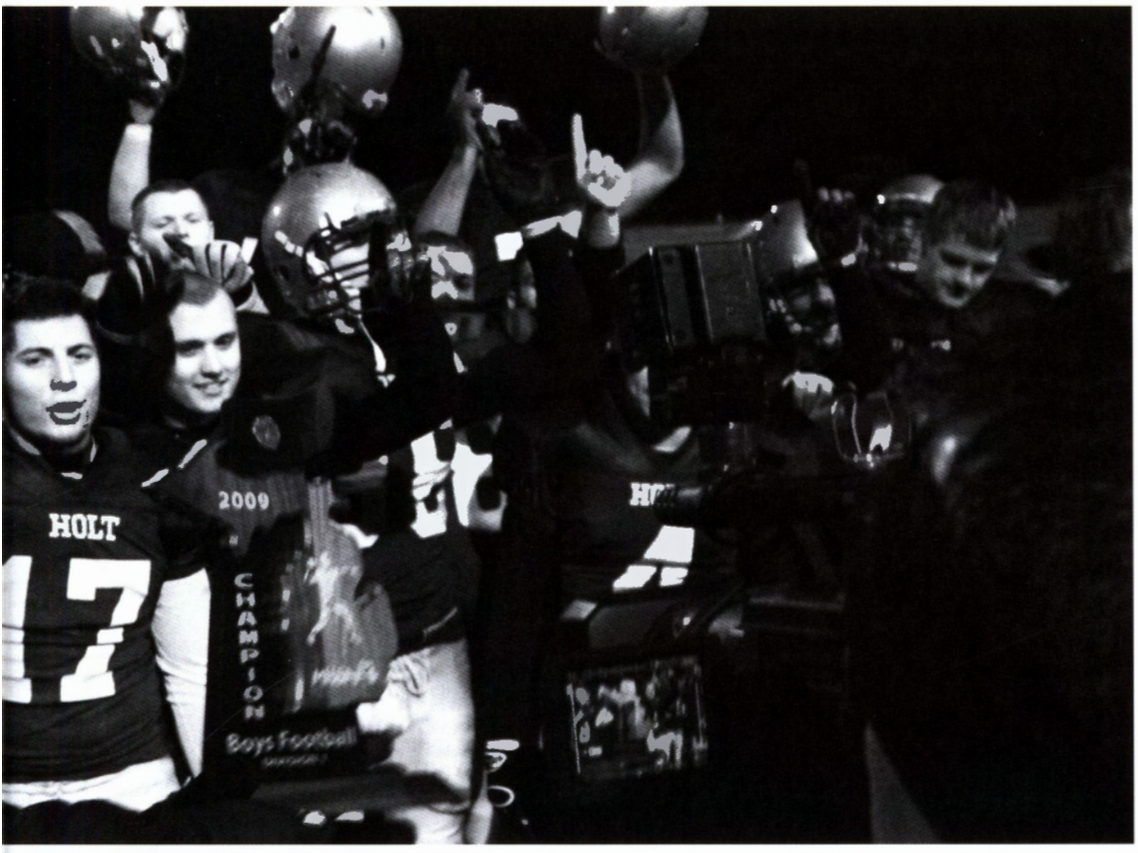

|1| After winning districts, the Rams celebrate with **principal Brian Templin** in front of a local news camera. "At the beginning of the year we would have never predicted we would make it as far as we did, we just had a lot of kids that didn't get much playing time the year before," said **senior Michael Andring**. The team got a lot of local media attention, especially after winning their district in a game against Brighton and their regional in a tough game against Rockford.

|3| **Senior Dominick Todd** jumps up over an opposing cornerback to make a catch in a game against Howell. "A catch is better when you have pressure on you because it's harder and more exciting," explains Todd. The Rams went on to beat Howell in their final game of districts and moved on to play their rival, Rockford.

Most memorable moments of the year

"Towards the end of the Rockford playoff game we made a gutsy call and went for a fourth down, we made it, and on the next play, I scored."
-junior Jacob Gallimore

"During the Howell game we, as a team, played a complete game both offensively and defensively."
-senior Jaden Hartig

"During the Okemos game, on the first drive, I started running and in three runs I got in the end zone."
-junior Kyle Bort

"The regional Rockford game because we proved all the media wrong because they all predicted us to lose and we won."
-junior Trey Williams

|4| While the Rams try to march down the field and score, **sophomore Evan Fischer** warms his leg up in case the team decides to try for a field goal. "My most memorable field goal of the year was in our game against Brighton, because it was in the last ten seconds and it was to win the game. I knew at some point in time I would have to kick a game deciding field goal," said Fischer. Fischer's first year as varsity kicker was a good one, he ended the year scoring a total of 71 points for the Rams.

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Run Your Heart Out

Bang! The gun goes off and the runners take off like bats out of a cave. Whether the race is an invitational with lots of teams or a league meet with few teams, every team had one goal to get first and not be last. Even though the team's goal was to get first, every person wanted to get their personal best. Getting their personal best would allow them to tell stories and for stories to be told about them. "We won the first invite of my cross country career! It was a huge surprise because I didn't think we were going to even come close to winning," said senior Philip Batterson.

The boy's cross country team had an unbelievable win at the Haslett invitational. Usually only the top five runners place and time gets counted into the teams overall score. This time the sixth runner for Holt's score was counted. Just by running .001 seconds faster junior Patrick Carrier won the first place trophy for the rams. "I was excited because I knew that I helped lead my team to victory," said Carrier.

Not only did the Holt Rams boy's cross country win because of their training, but by how they loved the sport and wanted people to know that they were serious about winning. "We persevered and fought for every spot we could. The training made our bodies ready for that distance, but our team's heart helped us win because we all wanted to do well," said Batterson.

In years to follow they hoped to continue to work hard and have many more victories as a team.

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|1| Focused on medaling at the Haslett invitational was what **senior Philip Batterson** had on his mind as he approached a muddy hill. "At the Haslett invitational a lot of my energy was spent on trying not to fall. Even though this made me very exhausted I kept going because I knew I had it in me to medal at this race for the first time," explained Batterson. Batterson finished eleventh with a time of 17:07, one of his better times for the season. |2| **Junior Shaun Bashore** speeds up to pass runners. "When I pass runners I get a feeling of accomplishment, and I always think they are going to pass me again. I feel that I have to take that risk though because my team counts on me to get points," said Bashore. |3| **Junior Everett Rawlings and Junior Matthew Snay** push each other to do better during their race, " I don't want to see the back of their jersey," said Snay. During cross country races the boys encourage their teammates when they are passing each other. They usually said a short phrase such as "Come with me," said Snay.

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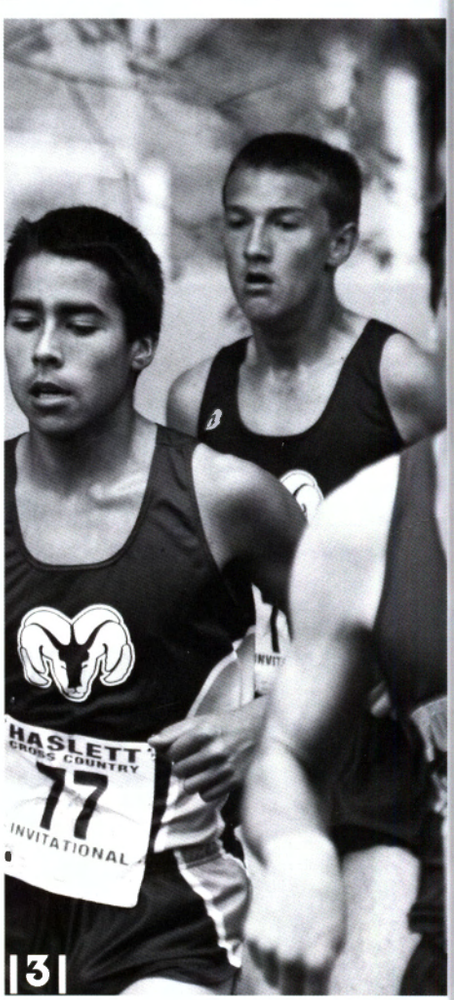

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Most memorable moments of the year

"I will always remember the "J BOYS". We would always find places to hide so we wouldn't have to run during practice."
-junior Nickolas Ferguson

"I will always remember using trees in the woods to make a teepee with teammates during practice."
-junior Cole Caron

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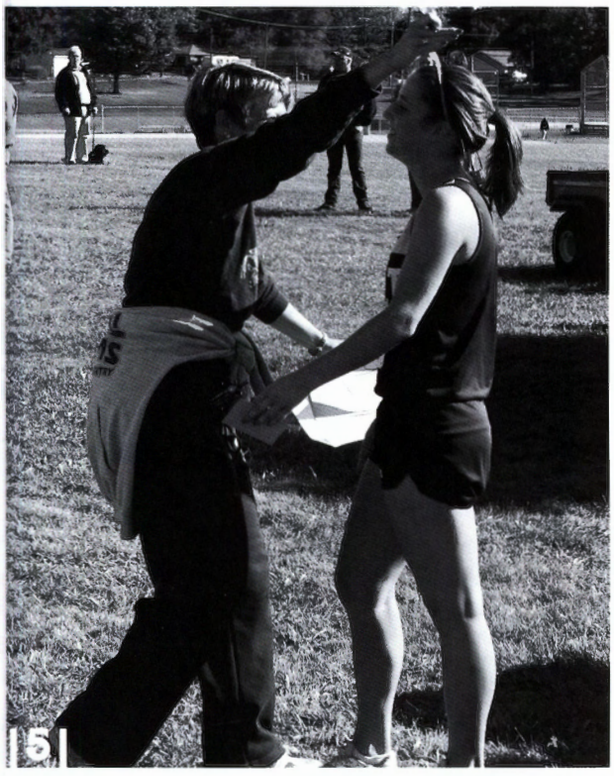
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|4| The Varsity and junior varsity runners take off during their dual meet against Okemos. Okemos is one of Holt's biggest rivals in cross country. Before the race starts the team warms up and does stretches before the race to prepare them to perform at their best performance. Right before the race starts the runners from the teams all gather in their team box and line up at the line. "When I am standing at the line before the gun goes off I am really nervous, but as soon as it goes off all of my nerves disappear and my main focus is doing the best I can," explained **senior Shelley Dexter** |5| Tired and sweaty after a 5k race **junior Brooke Smythe** walked over to her coach Pam Stafford after her first invitational. Smythe had gotten her best time for that year at this race. "I felt liked I worked hard, so I earned running my best time and after that I knew I could accomplish anything that I wanted too," said Smythe |6| **Senior Allison Orth** ran on the Holt Rams cross country course for her last time with her race against Okemos. "It was a bittersweet race," said Orth. For many seniors running at their home course for their last time is sad, but they must make it very special.

Going to States

Usually the Michigan International Speedway was a place where people from all over the world came to race cars. This was not the case on November 7, 2010. "Running on the speedway is weird because usually NASCAR race drivers race there not runners," said senior Taylor Roach.

The top fifteen runners in each regional made it to the state competition along with the top three teams. Neither of the boys or girls teams finished in the top three, and Roach was the only individual from the Rams to finish in the top fifteen. "I started out fast and I told myself I could not slow down, and I ended up getting thirteenth. I was overwhelmed by my accomplishment," said Roach.

Roach had a week to prepare herself for her toughest 3.1 mile race of the season while the rest of her team's season was over. "It was harder to practice because there were no other teammates pushing me, it was just the coaches," explained Roach.

Roach finished in the top 100 at the state meet, competing against over 200 of the state's top runners. "Running at states was a great experience because I got to compare myself to some of the best runners in the state," said Roach.

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The Spark

What sparked your interest to ride?

"My mom did it her whole life and she got horses and I've just done it my whole life."
-sophomore Jessie Golden

"I actually used my friend's horse for a couple years and then she asked me to join the team."
-sophomore Lauren Potter

"It's a family thing. I've ridden my entire life. We have a barn at my grandma's and we currently have six horses."
-junior Rheannon Bateman

"I am in 4-H which got me into riding. 4-H is a group of kids that showcase their skills. I'm a speed rider."
-junior Alexis Daniel

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|2| Riding in her pattern class, **sophomore Alexis Pridgen** and her horse made their way around the field "I joined the equestrian team for the experience and to have fun," said Pridgen. Pidgen had been riding for five years and had no plans of stopping. "I enjoy riding because it gets my mind off things," said Pridgen.

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Setting the Stakes

Working hard all season finally paid off for the girls on the equestrian team. In the 2009-2010 season, they received the most consecutive points Holt had ever received in one season. This high score got Holt ranked third overall. The entire team agreed, they worked really hard and were proud of their accomplishment.

"The girls were experienced riders and we put a lot of hard work in this year," said sophomore Alexis Pridgen. Pridgen believed this was among many reasons why the team did so well this season. Strong riders brought in more points over the season. Points were accumulated over the different meets that the team participated in and then they were added up for all of the riders on a team.

"You get points for the placing in a class; the higher you place the more points you get," said junior Taylor Roe. "Usually placings go first through sixth place. First is six points, second is five and so on," explained Roe. No points were awarded after sixth place. The team received a total of 273 points during the season.

"We had a lot more enthusiasm to do better. We pushed ourselves a little harder to get it done," expressed Roe about their accomplishment. Roe planned to be on the equestrian team her senior year as well. "We are looking forward to a good season next year," said Roe.

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|1| Early in the morning **senior Kaelyn Ziegler** enters her class in showmanship. "Showmanship is a disciplined pattern and it's very articulate and all about perfection. You and your horse really have to work as a team," explained Ziegler. Ziegler's favorite part of the team was the bonding with her horse and becoming a better rider. "It's more of a hobby and a passion to relieve stress," said Ziegler.

|4| Warming up at the Ingham County Fairground, **junior Hailey Richardson** prepared for her class. "I love my horse and it's fun riding him," said Richardson. Richardson loved showing, but getting ready just before was hard and stressful. "It was another excuse to ride more, and made me a better rider," said Richardson.

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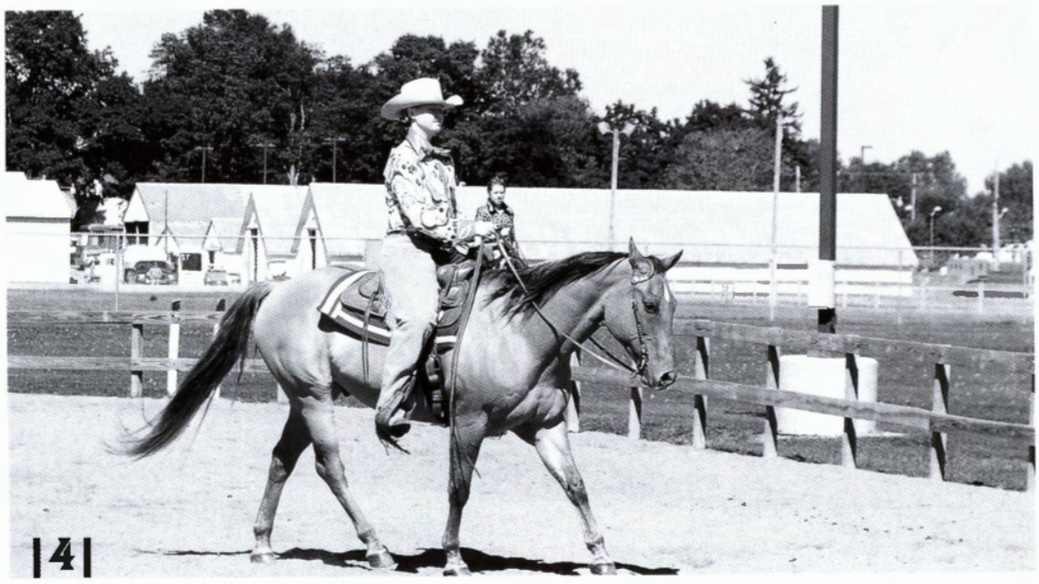
|3| "On the equestrian team you have to wear a helmet in and out of the ring," said **senior Gabrielle Rendon.** Rendon liked riding hunt seat, a form of English riding, the best. Rendon put on her helmet and got ready to go into her speed class. Rendon rode her horse to a flag in a bucket, picked up the flag and put it in another bucket across the arena. The person with the fastest time would win the class. "I really liked all the girls and I wanted to bond and connect with them more," said Rendon.



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|5| In her class, **senior Maegan Williams** reverses her horse at the judge's command. "You regress if you don't ride and gain a lot of responsibility from riding. Also you have to communicate without using words," said Williams. William's riding passion started when she visited her brother who worked at the barn she rides at. She saw a baby horse being born and never wanted to leave.

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Our Goal To Win

working to be the best...

The boys and girls varsity soccer teams improved their record over last year. The boys were able to make it to the state finals but fell to Brother Rice. The girls improved their record from the previous season.

Both varsity teams were fortunate to have Aaron Smith as their head coach. "The biggest difference between the girls and the boys is that the girls season is rushed and the boys have all summer to prepare," Smith said.

The previous year Aaron Smith was the girls Junior Varsity coach. He was promoted to head varsity coach after Doris Pipkins stepped down.

"With JV everyone gets a chance to play. We're developing players. With varsity we were able to demand more out of the girls," Smith said.

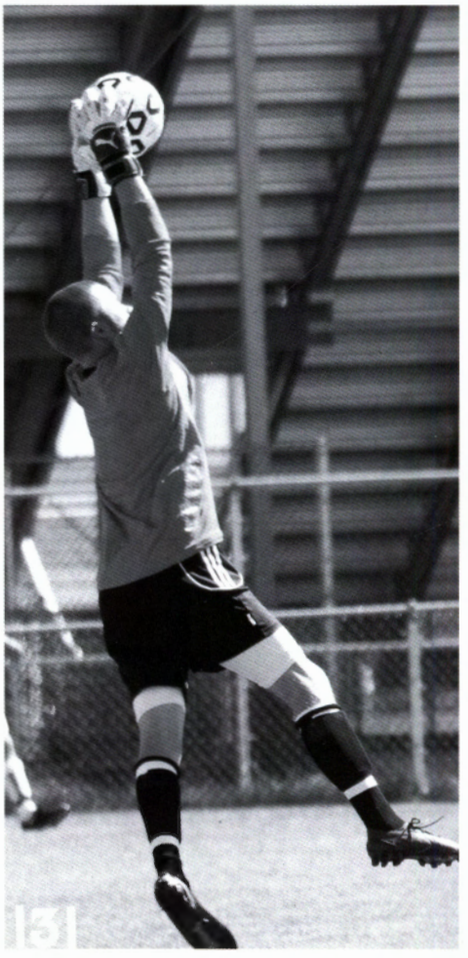
The boys enjoyed an undefeated season in the league, were victorious over East Kentwood in the Regional final, before falling in the State final.

"I'm really glad that we were able to go to the state finals, we should have won. It was a good way to end my high school career," senior Kevin Skinker said.

The boys lost eleven seniors while the girls only lost three. "It's sad to see them go but it gives the under classman the chance to step up and show what they can do," junior Amanda Johnson said.

|1| The boys varsity soccer team lined up across the field as they listened to the National Anthem and prepared to play Midland Dow.

|2| Taking the ball from an outside mid fielder, **junior Brooke Smythe** helps her team win against Eastern High School.



|3| Goal keeper **junior Jamison McCaige** leaps into the air to save a goal.

Coach's Take

"My favorite memory with the boys was when we were able to beat East Kentwood in regional's, since we lost to them last year in regional semis."
-teacher Aaron Smith

"My favorite memory with the girls was when we were playing a game with them, Coach Smith kept doing his magic tricks for them, a lot of the girls got really mad. It was kind of funny watching them get all mad."
-teacher Matthew Trunk

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|**4**| Clearing the ball from the back line with a header is **senior Octavio Hernandez.**

|**5**| The girls Varsity teams stands at half field and watches as this years seniors get their rose and greet their parents.

|**6**| Working through the midfield **senior Victoria Patton** takes on an Everett defender.

Captain's Take

"Sometimes being a captain really stresses me out, but it was worth it because we beat East Kentwood who we lost to last year."
-senior Joshua Barens

"My favorite Memory is when we beat East Kentwood. They were ranked number two in the state, and I scored the winning goal off a free kick."
-junior Jordan Rakas

"My favorite memory is just being able to play with the people that I love every day!"
-senior Victoria Patton

"I was really glad that I was able to be a captain my junior year, now I've learned things from Josh and Alex so hopefully I'll be an even better one next year."
-junior Collin Mohr

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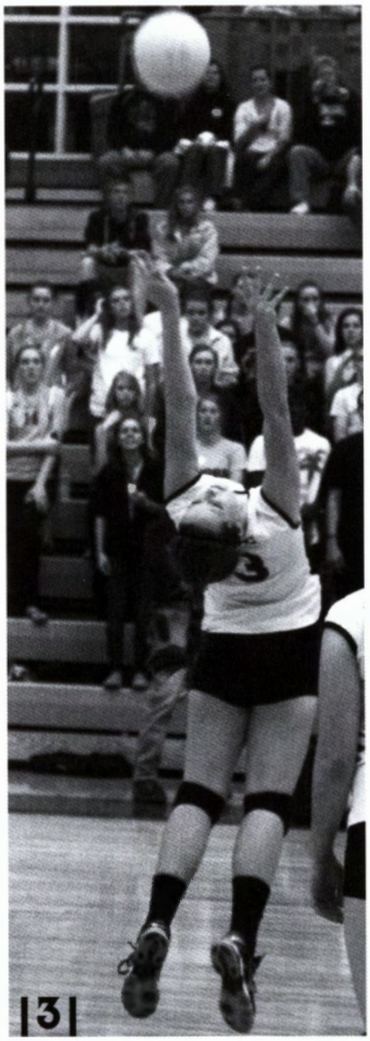
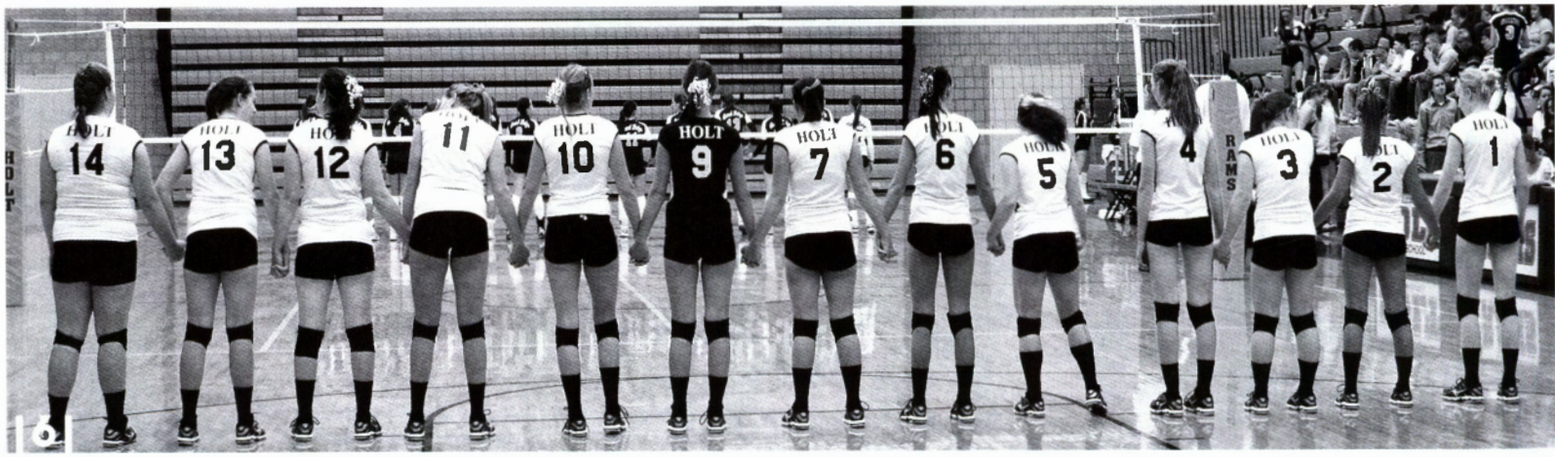
|1| Before each game, the team cheers to get pumped up to play. Cheering on the court, from left: **senior Alexis Kelly, senior Megan Sundstrom, junior Emily Klauka, senior Andra Overton, senior Emily Holtz**. Cheering on the sideline, from left: **senior Lauren Kustasz, senior Paige Royston, junior Shelby Reisner and junior Brittany Marshall.** |2| Showing great team spirit after a "kill", **senior Megan Sundstrom** and **senior Andra Overton** give an encouraging low-five. |3| Arching her back like only a true setter can, **junior Devan Walworth** sets a team member up for a hit. |4| After winning the title of District Champions the team rushes to hold the golden trophy.

Get 'Em While They're Hot!

"At first I thought someone pulled the fire alarm, but then when I was leaving I realized everyone was rushing outside. A few minutes later a fire truck showed up but it was just a false alarm."

-senior Gabrielle Rendon





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New Beginnings

"Winning districts was like going on a shopping spree with no limit," senior Paige Royston said about the historic first District Championship in Holt volleyball history.

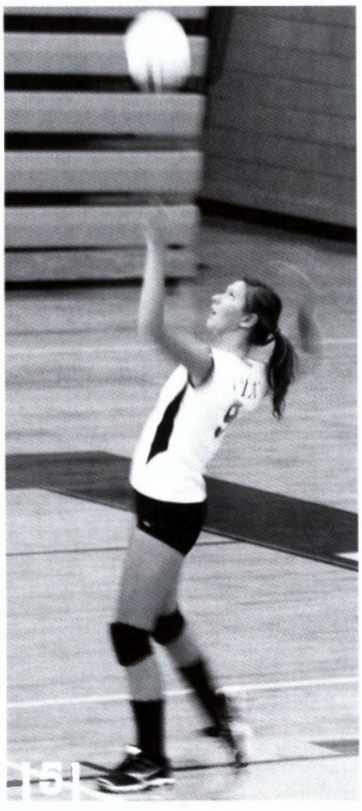
On the way to this fantastic run more fans supported the team than ever. "The volleyball team is full of stars," team super fan junior Jamie Zelenski said about this year's squad.

This year's squad was able to advance further than ever before due to incredible senior leadership and superior team chemistry. One factor taking the team to new heights was the great coaching of first year varsity volleyball coach Kellie Sweitzer. Sweitzer improved team morale tenfold by lightening the load on the team.

"It was a lot less stressful this year. Practices were shortened from over three hours and we had less tournaments on weekends," junior Kyla Walworth said.

With the experience of this year's seniors less practice was needed to be the most successful team in school history. "Our old coach made us better by practicing. Coach Sweitzer took us over the top by bringing us together and having fun," senior Lauren Kustasz said.

With less time spent on practices the team was able to spend more time together off the court. "My favorite part of the year was the scavenger hunt we had," junior Emily Klauka said. Winning Districts, finishing second in the CAAC, and beating Okemos at Okemos will make this season one for the ages.



|5| With concentration in her eyes, **senior Lauren Kustasz** serves up the ball into play. |6| After being introduced to the team before each game, the girls line up to pay respects to our country in playing the National Anthem. From left: **junior Kyla Walworth, junior Devan Walworth, senior Alexis Kelly, junior Emily Klauka, senior Emily Holtz, senior Lauren Kustasz, junior Shelby Reisner, senior Andra Overton, senior Paige Royston, junior Brittany Marshall, junior Marissa Starr, junior Kylie Hoose, senior Megan Sundstrom.** |7| Quick on her toes, **senior Alexis Kelly** dives to save a ball that made it over the block.

The Set Up

-Junior Devan Walworth

Junior Devan Walworth was a dominant player in our Lady Ram's volleyball team. "In 7th grade, I was tall, so they put me in volleyball; it just looked like fun," commented Walworth.

As a full rotation setter, Walworth is in every play, and therefore holds a lot of responsibility. "As the setter I get the most playing time and the most control within each game. Sometimes it can be frustrating," stated Walworth. "You have to trust that the rest of the team will finish what you start, but also get you to the point where you'll do your best. It all depends on the game."

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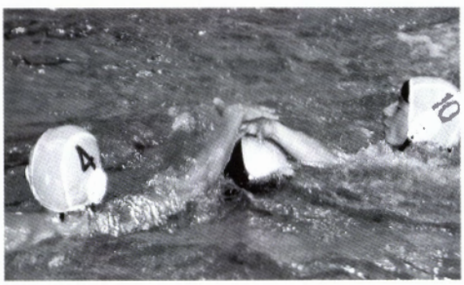
"When we did team-bonding it was sleepovers and team dinners, that kind of thing. Those are what build strong bonds between teammates, way stronger than the boys team."

-junior Nikole Hartsuff

"We did the most team bonding when we had tournaments on the weekends and stuff. We would hang out and play cards or go out to lunch or something in between games."

-senior Randi Cartwright

Boys vs. Girls



"We're definitely closer as a team than the girls are. We went to Pizza Hut once and every Monday we went to Buffalo Wild Wings and watched Monday Night Football together."

-sophomore Benjamin Majeske

"When we did team bonding, we did awesome stuff like going to Pizza Hut. One time we got lost on the way to a tournament and that was some quality bonding time. No way the girls can beat that."

-sophomore Jared Kinne

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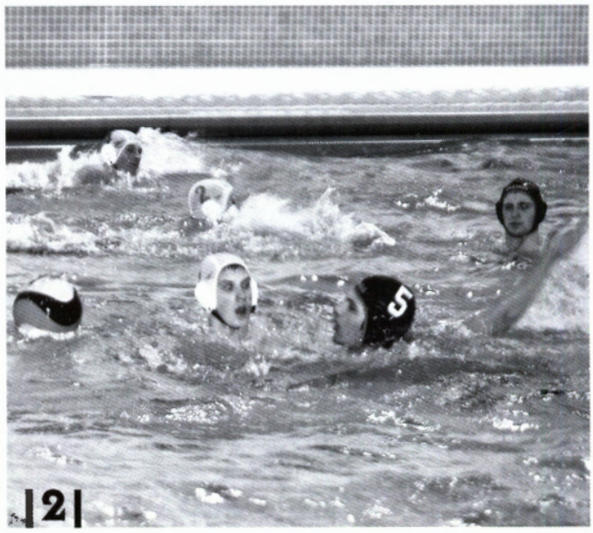
|1| **Sophomore Jared Kinne** deftly passes over a defender in pursuit of the ball. The ability to pass the ball efficiently was vital for success in water polo. "Passing opens up holes in the defense, which gives you good opportunities to score, and plus it's pretty hard to swim around someone so passing is your best bet," said Kinne.



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|2| Trying to make a play for his team, **sophomore Benjamin Majeske** eludes a defender in a match against rival Okemos. Majeske was an integral part of the offense the whole season by drawing a lot of fouls. "When you get fouled, your defender backs off for three seconds and you can do whatever you want, so it gets the play started and it's a spark for the offense," said Majeske.

Andrew Krause

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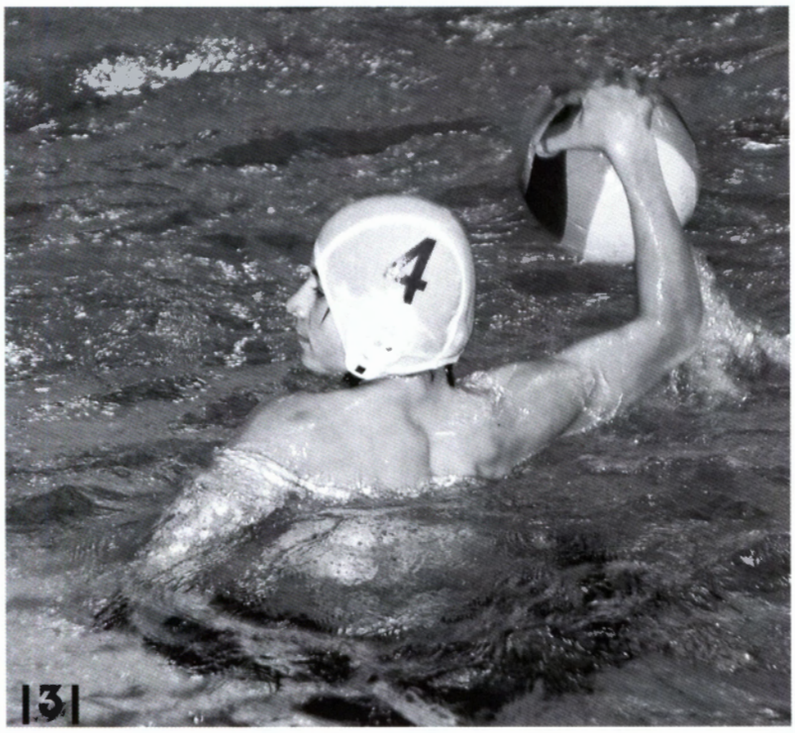
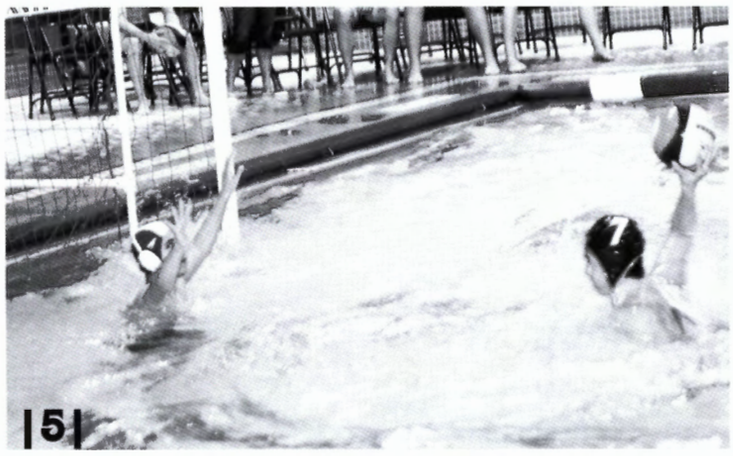


|3| **Sophomore Austin Brown** peers over the Okemos defense searching for an open teammate in the hole set. "The hole set guy is in the middle of the offense, and he usually scores all the goals, so we try to get the ball in to him as much as we can," said Brown. "We practiced it all year and executed it well in the Okemos game." Although Holt had good execution on offense in the game, they could not overcome the Chieftains, losing 15-4.

|5| **Senior Noah Flores** tries to fill up as much of the net as possible as an opponent bears down on him on a breakaway. Flores had a very successful season in goal according to teammates. "Noah was a sweet goalie the whole year. He really helped out the new players by teaching them how to play tough defense," said senior Mitchell Fisher.



|4| **Senior Noah Flores** ferociously prepares to hurl a shot at the goal. Throughout the season, Flores alternated between playing goalie and playing the field. "I played the field for JV and goalie for varsity. I had fun doing both, but if I had to pick one it would be the field just because I like scoring better than I like being scored on," Flores said. Flores was second on the team in goals for games during which he played the field.

Making a Splash

Young teams bond over tumultuous seasons

"There is nothing more tiring than playing two water polo matches back to back with only three subs," said sophomore Benjamin Majeske about the size of the boys water polo team. They were not alone in their lack of members, the girls team was also very small as well.

"We only had nine girls, and a lot of them had never played water polo before, let alone at a varsity level," said senior Randi Cartwright, who missed most of the season due to a shoulder injury.

"I personally had a lot of water polo experience, so my injury didn't help the team," said Cartwright.

Both teams were also very young, with only five seniors combined between them.

"All the new kids on the team got a lot of experience because we had such a small team, and that was definitely good for the future," said senior Mitchell Fisher. The boys team had five of their ten members in either their first or second year at a varsity level, and the girls team had six.

"This was my first season of water polo, and it's way different than any sport I've ever played," said sophomore Austin Brown.

"I think that getting all the varsity level experience this year will help me out for next season and beyond," Brown said.

Although both the girls and boys team struggled to obtain victories throughout the season, they fought hard every game.

"Although we only had one win, we swam like the wind every game and we can be proud of that," said sophomore Jared Kinne.

The future of Holt water polo looks bright with the eleven returning starters combined on both teams. "We had a really good season for how young we were, and all that experience coming back for next year will make us a force to be reckoned with," said Majeske.

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Going for the Forehand

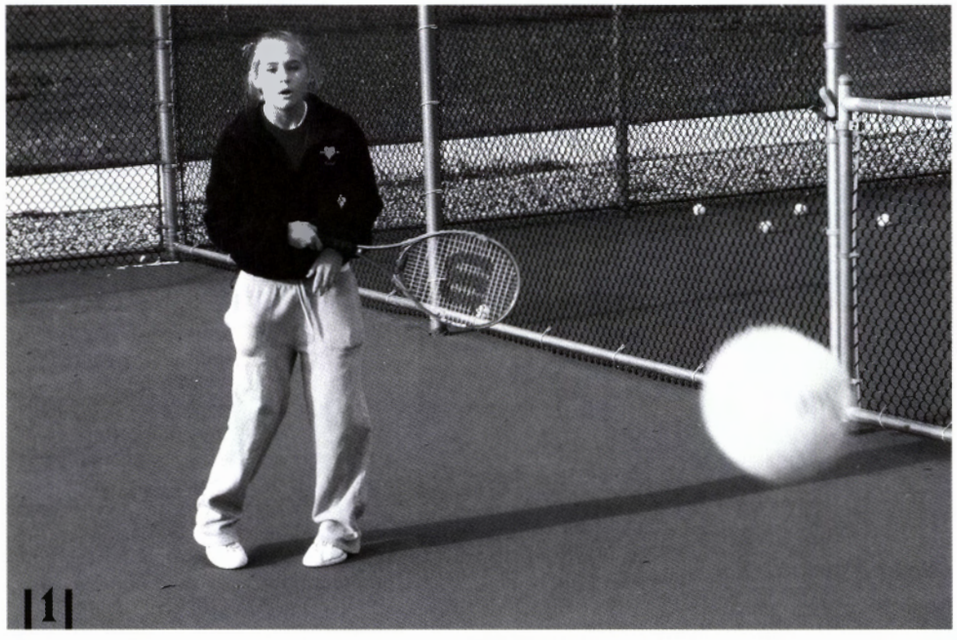
"It started out as something to do; something to get me out of the house," said senior Adam Knapp. "Now, I've learned how calming it can be." Not what you'd expect in a competitive sport. Tennis is a sport where you play either one vs. one (called "singles") or two vs. two (called "doubles"). You must play against your own players as well as players from other teams in order to determine your skill level. So how is it that this sport is loved by so many?

"It's not a hard thing to do and it's exercise at the same time, which is really nice. But that's not to say that we don't work hard," Knapp continued. Tennis is a way to get you off the couch, move your muscles and get your heart pumping. "It is a really good sport," commented junior Rachel Beatty. "You're always in motion."

So do all students play only because they're bored? Not sophomore Haley Powers, "All of my family plays it. It's in my blood." Some students just follow the lead of their parents, while some were signed up at young ages to play in a Delhi league. "My mom forced my brothers and I to do a summer camp through Delhi," stated Knapp. "At first I was reluctant, but now I'm really glad she did."

But some were more independent than that. Junior Zachary Smith said, "About six years ago I just decided to try it. It was really easy to get into it, so I started taking lessons. I completely fell in love with the sport."

Being in shape is important for many sports, but in tennis, you don't have to stop playing as your youth fades. Senior Matthew Durfee added "I really like the life-long aspect of the sport; I can play this for the rest of my life."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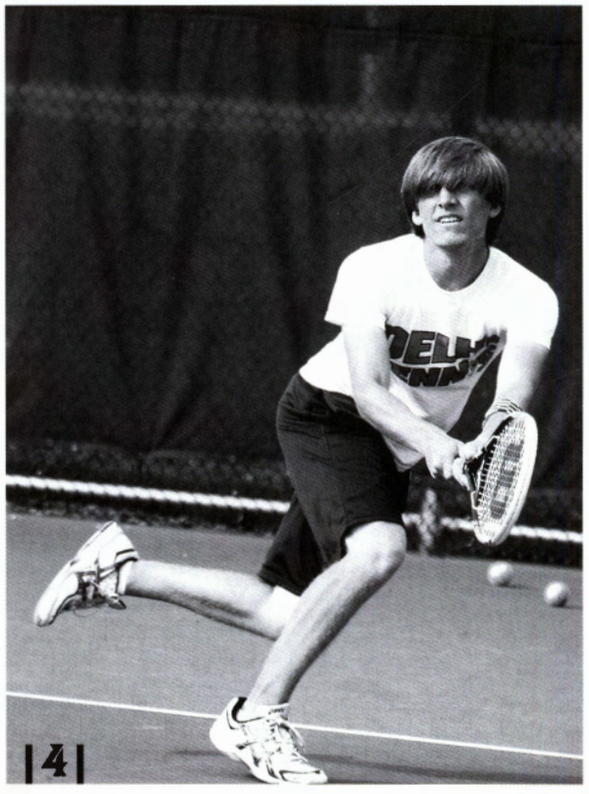
"The weather is much better than the girls season, because it's not as rainy and it's warmer and nicer. When the weather is nice we have more fun playing outside than being stuck inside playing. The boys team likes to have fun together. We play tennis together and sometimes outside of school we will hang out. We also have a sweet coach. Coach O. tries to make practice fun and we learn at the same time."

-junior Joshua Green

Boys vs. Girls

"At the beginning of our season a lot of our practices get cancelled or we have to go inside and that's because it's either too cold or snowy. We obviously can't play in the snow. It's better than the guys season though because it gets really warm, we can wear short sleeved shirts all the time, and we get a really nice tan on our arms. Plus we don't have summer practices which really sucks for the guys."

-senior Lauren Kustasz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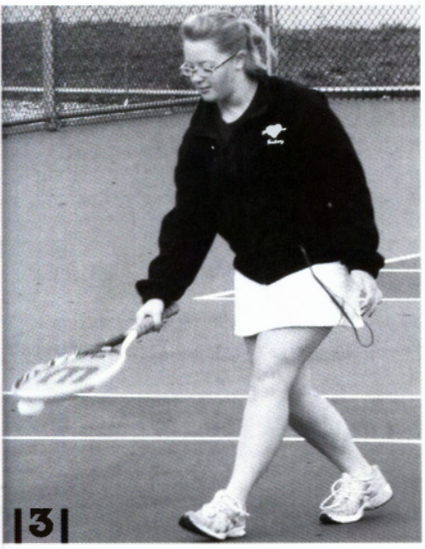
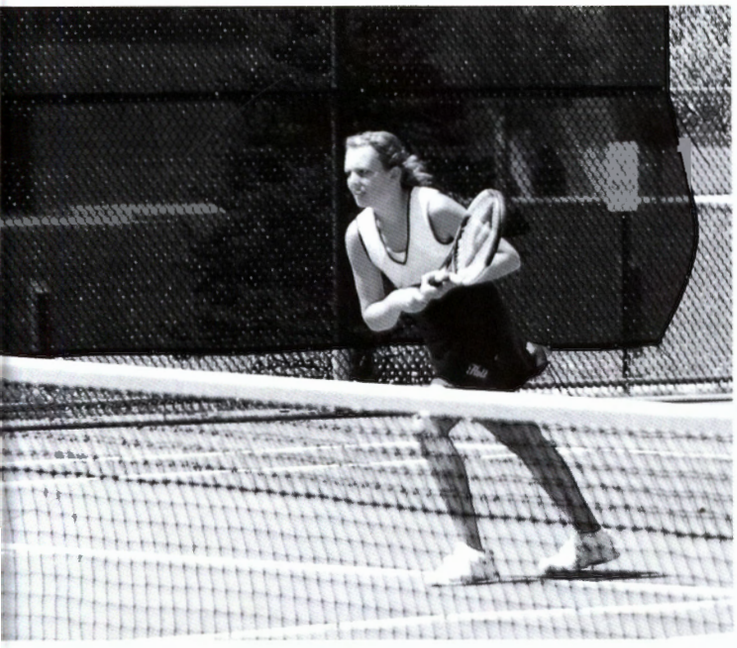
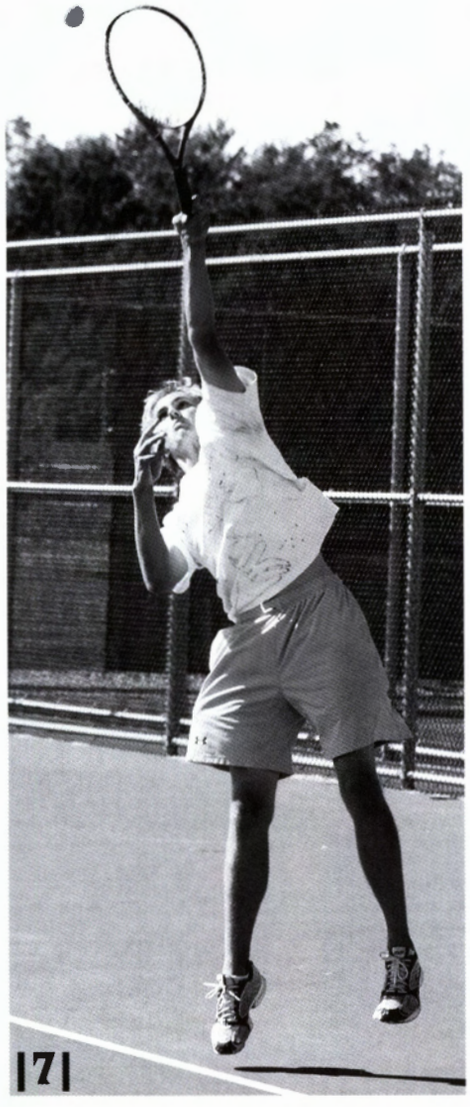
Coach's Take



Boys Tennis Coach, Mr. Olcheske

"Being a member of a varsity team involves tremendous sacrifice such as ending your summer vacation early, waking up early on numerous occasions, and giving up a few Saturday's as well. Despite the fall tennis season being one of the shortest high school seasons, it is still a huge time commitment and the season can prove to be long and arduous. I appreciate the desire that all of you have to be the best player that you can be as individuals and wanting the entire team and program to have success. Furthermore, despite a few bumps in the road, this team was able to fight through adversity, maintain outstanding sportsmanship, and perform at a high level in the classroom. These are not characteristics that I take for granted."





|1|Practicing her hitting, **junior Rachel Beatty** said, "My most memorable moment was when I hit Jamie Hulteen right in the forehead. It was really funny." |2|Competing with her doubles teammate, **junior Mariah Massa, sophomore Haley Powers** said, "My most memorable moment was definitely last year when the team made it to states and my partner and I won our first match at states. It was a pretty big deal." |3|Practicing for her next match, **junior Bethany Nippa** said, "Tennis is one of my favorite sports. It's nothing too intense, just the right amount of intensity and I like how it's a one man sport." |4|Going for the ball, **senior Benjamin Drullinger** said, "I like being able to manipulate the ball and making it go the way I want and getting sweet shots you normally can't get." |5|Messing around at practice, **senior Matthew Durfee** said, "I like the individual aspect of tennis. It's a sport I really enjoy and something you can do throughout your entire life." |6|Stretching with his team, **sophomore Daniel Yu** said, "My most memorable moment was probably doing good in the regional tournament. I was ranked second but I got third." |7|"I work most on my kickin' serve and tearing the ball in half with my bare hands," said **senior Kyler Sheerin** about his tennis practices.

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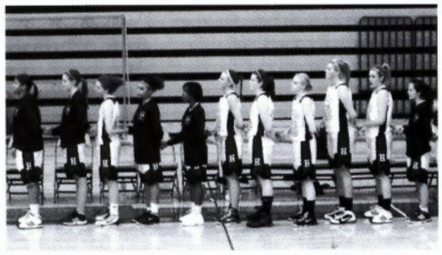
"When we were in the locker room one time, we were messing with Courtney and she kept running around saying "Ew!", we couldn't stop laughing.
-junior Falysha Edmondson

"We did stuff to Hark's house this year. Like we collected all the Christmas trees in his neighborhood and put them all in his yard."
-junior Emily Klauka



Boys vs. Girls

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"Of course we're better than the girls! I don't want to say anything bad about the girls. Just let our record do the talking.
-senior Donlunto Jackson

"Jermaine Shaw is pretty crazy all the time. He lit his hand on fire one time using rubbing alcohol."
-junior Daniel Middleton

|1| Silencing Haslett's student section, six foot seven **senior Cole Darling** goes up for a dunk. The entire Holt section of the crowd, including Holt's student section went wild after Darling came down from the rim.
|2| Jumping for the ball, **senior Alexis Kelly** works to tip the ball into her team's possession at the start of the game.

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|3| Leaping through the air, **senior Nicholas Schmidt** comes to the rescue as **junior Daniel Middelton** struggles to pull the ball away from a Haslett opponent. The boys went on to defeat the Haslett Vikings 66-58.
|4| Fighting mid-air for the rebound, **junior Amanda Johnson** reaches over an opponent from Waverly to try to get the ball into Holt's possesion. The girls faced Waverly once on their home court and came out with the win 42-38.
|5| Shuffling down the court and trying to keep up, **junior Robyn Robinson** sets up to block her Waverly opponent from driving to the basket or passing to another teammate.

Slam Dunk Season

Squeaking shoes, bouncing balls, and swooshing nets mean it's time for basketball season. Both the girls and boys varsity basketball teams had high hopes for their 2009-2010 seasons.

When six o'clock rolled around every Tuesday and Friday nights, the bleachers in the gymnasium began to fill up with friends and families of the players, students and other community members. No matter who was there, or where they sat, everyone who showed up was there to support and cheer on both of their Rams varsity basketball teams.

The student section, led by seniors Samantha Holmes and Jourdan Reis, showed their support by dressing up in different types of themed outfits. Usually in deciding the theme, the opponent that night or holidays close to the day of the game somehow came into play. From wearing pink and red the Friday before Valentine's Day, and a black out on senior night, to the traditional "Cowboy vs. Indian" out at the Okemos games.

"My favorite themes are probably the black outs and the cowboy outs," said senior Andra Overton. "The black outs look really cool, and they're really easy to do so a lot of people usually participate in them." Overton continued.

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Who's Better, Boys or Girls?

"We are two really good bowling programs, probably the best Holt will ever have. But when it comes down to it we would always beat them."
-senior Clifford McClupha

"I feel like we are the better team and that we can beat them, but they are the best in the region so you have to give them that."
-senior Cody Rockhold

Boys vs. Girls

"I don't really know if we are just a better team exactly. We have won more matches but they go against better competion most of the time."
-senior Alexis Mollitor

"I don't want to say that we are better but we have won a lot more matches and won 49 in a row. I think saying that we have more team spirit would be better."
-senior Emily Kirby

|5| "This was the first time ever that both teams placed first at Regionals. The practice before the meet everyone was pretty nervous and uptight. Coach Vessel helped everyone to calm down and make the practice fun," said **senior Emily Kirby**.

|4| Patience is key when bowling. **Senior Cody Rockhold** awaits to see how this frame will turn out after just bowling two straight strikes during practice. "The practice before the Regional Match was very focused oriented and should give us enough momentum to win the State Title," said Rockhold.

Cameron Gibson

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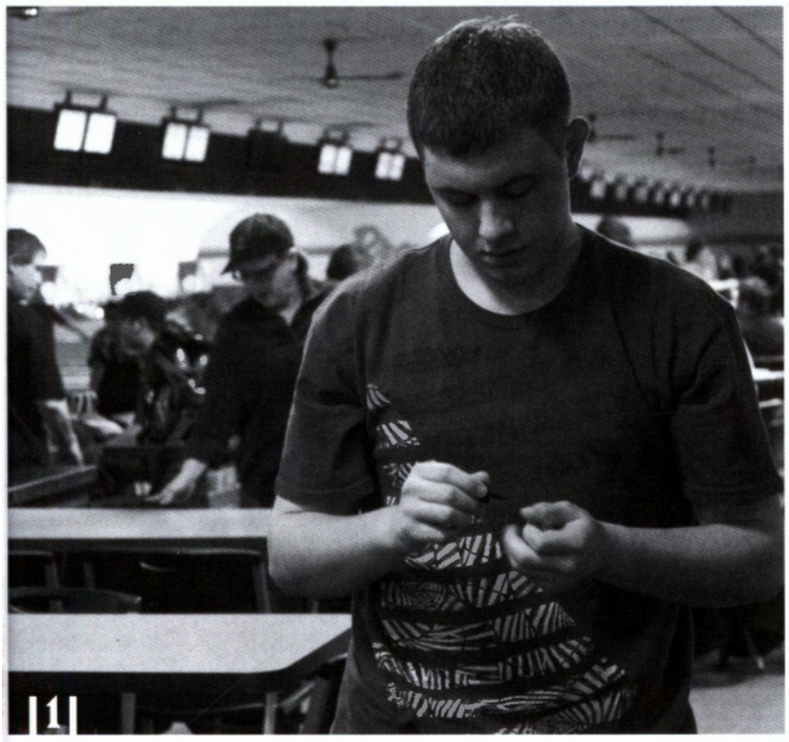

|1| Consistency in bowling is just one of the important things that **senior Jordan Foster** and the team had to learn throughout season to keep the team successful. "We didn't really start off great at the the beginning, but as the season went on we really meshed together as a team and wanted to reach our goals," said Foster.

|2| Discussing strategy is key when bowling. **Senior Kyle Sharp** and **junior Shelly Teague** discuss techniques used in the previous frame at practice before going up to bowl again. "It's really a lot of competition between the girls and the boys and it gets intense. It's never anything too serious though because its all out of fun," said Sharp.

No Fans, No Problem

The 2009-2010 Bowling Team was one of the best teams that Holt has ever had. Besides the parents and the team, no one else really knew it...

Basketball, football, soccer, hockey, volleyball. All sports with one of the larger fan bases in the school. Each of these sports get a lot more attention than the other sports occuring during the year.

What about swimming, water polo, tennis, golf, and even bowling. With a limited schedule, a lot of traveling, and occurring during the same season as other more "popular" sports it was hard to attract people to come out and watch.

"It doesn't affect us a lot until you start thinking about how good we are. We are probably one of, if not the best, teams that Holt will ever have and people don't really know about us because we don't have any fans" said senior Jordan Foster.

"I do wish that we had a larger fan base coming out to watch us because we are a great team but it's not that big of a deal when we are winning because that's all that matters in the end," said Foster.

Most of the team had mixed feelings about the amount of fans that came to the matches including senior Clifford McClumpha.

"It used to affect me but not anymore. I mean we all know we're a good team and if nobody else knows, it doesn't really matter. And besides it would be kind of weird if a bunch of people started to come out to our matches now".

Senior Cody Rockhold was pretty indifferent about the situation.

"It doesn't really affect us as much because we are used to not having that many people at our matches.

Members of the girls team also notice the lack of spectators but that didn't really affect their game.

"We still have a lot of cheering especially with the parents of the girls team so it doesn't really bother us because they are there at every game and it's always loud," said senior Alexis Mollitor.

"It kind of bothers us that a lot of people in the school don't realize how good we are. The girl's team hasn't lost a match in four years, Nicole, Emily, Lacey and I are undefeated since our freshman year and not many people know that," said Mollitor.

Senior bowler Emily Kirby doesn't think that it affects them at all.

"I for the most part don't really care because we still have a lot of people coming to the matches like parents of the bowlers just not many students".

So all in all, the last thing on the bowlers minds were the fans. They felt that as long as they were winning, that was all that mattered. They won the Regional Title which gave them a lot of confidence going into the State Tournament.

After all it is the bowlers that win the matches, not the fans.

|3| Picking up as many spares is key when bowling. **Senior Nicole Rogers** awaits as her ball travels down the lane to pick one up. "We were practicing for regionals and we had to keep focus. Picking up your spares is one of the most important parts to getting as many points possible during the meets," Rogers said.

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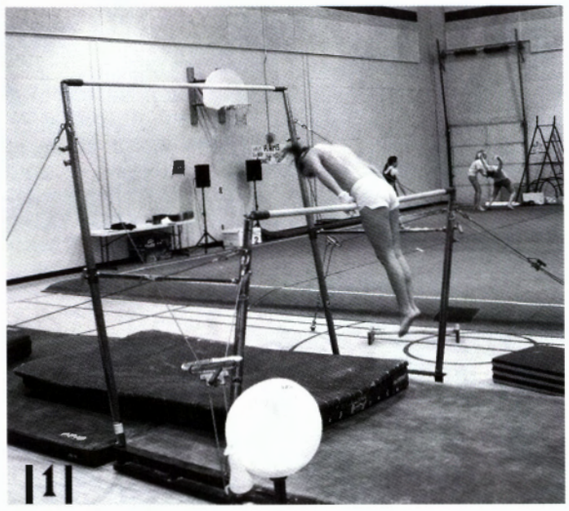

|1| On the bars, **sophomore Chloe Henley** prepares to do a front hip circle. "Don't fall and you can't take three steps when you dismount and bent arms get a deduction," said Henley explaining the rules that have to be followed on the bars. Bars were Henley's favorite event. *Photo by Jennifer Morley*

Setting the Bar

Gymnastics is both an independent and a team sport. The gymnasts competed individually as well as a team at every meet.

"It's an independent sport because you competed individually and because you get an individual score at the end, as well as a team score," said senior Jennifer Morley. Gymnasts competed in events and were scored for each of their events.

"Gymnastics differs from a sport like soccer because you have to do it all by yourself. With soccer if you mess up it's on the team but if you mess up your routine it's on you," said Morley. Gymnasts don't directly work together or pass balls back and forth, but they unite as a team.

"I prefer a more independent sport like gymnastics because when you do something right the reward and self-esteem goes way up more than if you had five other people helping you," explained Morley. Many of the athletes on the team preferred the team aspects over the independent aspects of the sport.

"Six girls compete but the top four scores of each event come up with the total score," said senior Kristyn Wolff. In each event a gymnast could score up to ten points. There were two judges that judged the girls and the score is based on the skill level that they had and their overall performance.

"It is a team sport because even though you compete on an individual basis all the scores come together at the end and we work together as a team," said Morley. The team atmosphere created a very strong bond among the girls on the team.

"The team acts like a family. You spend so much time with those girls even though we are not passing a ball to each other, we still work together and that creates a really strong bond," explained Morely.

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|3| "I'm in gymnastics because it's a fun sport and it keeps me busy," said **senior Aundrea LaVigne.** Beam and vault were LaVigne's favorite events because they were both easy to improve your skills at if you worked hard. LaVigne said gymnastics will be just a hobby and a stress reliever and didn't plan on doing it as a career. *Photo by Jennifer Morley*

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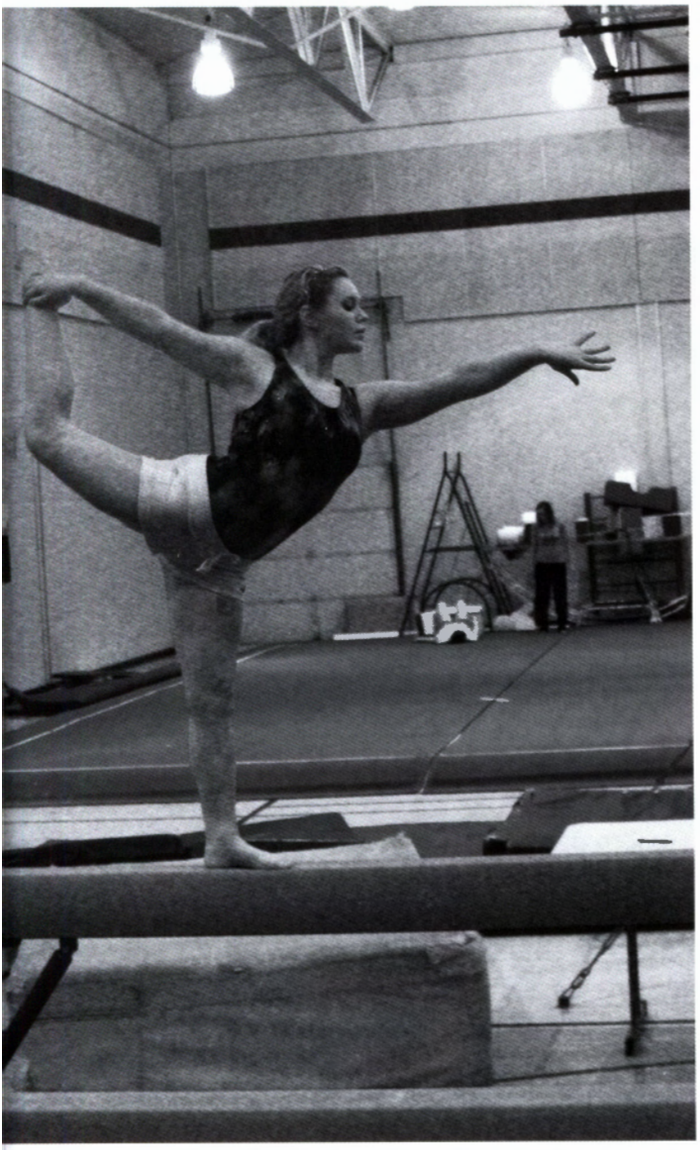

|2| "After so many years it's like walking but it still has a little fear in it. You have to think before you do something," said **junior Jackelyn Zussman.** "My favorite event is beam because I'm more confident on beam and I'm on a high stage," explained Zussman. Zussman said she planned on being on the team her senior year and hoped to go to individual states. *Photo by Jennifer Morley*

|5| At the Haslett Invitational **sophomore Christina Lueder** does a back tuck for the judges. "Floor is my favorite event because everyone's routine is unique," said Lueder. The gymnasts had the same floor routine all season. A gymnast was scored for each event and the top four gymnasts had their points tallied which made the team's final score. *Photo by Kristyn Wolff*

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|4| On the beam, **junior Natalie Zaleski** does a hand stand. "I started gymnastics when I was three and have been doing it ever since. It keeps me in shape and people say I have natural talent," said Zaleski. Zaleski's favorite event of the year was beam because of the thrill. *Photo by Jennifer Morley*

Forever in Our Hearts

Photo provided by Gedderts' Twistars Gymnastics Club U.S.A.

In loving memory of Chelsea Sherman

Photo by Lifetouch

"She worked really hard for gymnastics. She always thought about others before herself."
-senior Kaitlyn Plascencia

"She was basically the most outgoing person I've ever met. If she was still with us she would be doing great things with gymnastics."
-senior Lacey Morley

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|1| Chasing the puck, **freshman Erick Sundstrom** and **sophomore Tyler Mariage** cut off the other player between them. Sundstrom and Mariage pulled through to win the puck and strengthen their teamwork.

|2| Working together to get possession, **senior Paul Strzalkowski** and **sophomore Connor Bowman** smash their opponent against the board. Strzalkowski and Bowman show how the defense and offense work together to get the puck.

|3| Demonstrating their pre-game habits, **junior Ruben Medrano, freshman Erick Sundstrom** and **sophomore Tyler Mariage** explain they have certain traditions that must be done before each game. The team also had team traditions that they carried on each season.

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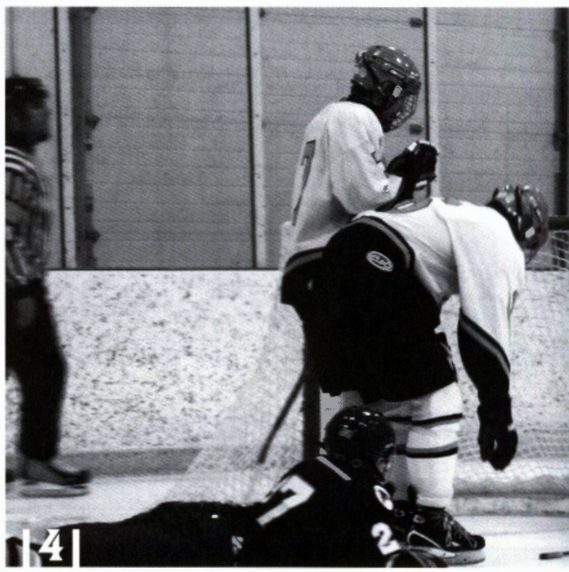
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"Nickford"

Standing in front of their team, Nicholas Wilkinson, Nicholas Crawford and Ryan Sanford wait for the starting defense to be introduced. Wilkinson, Sanford and Crawford were the starting forwards.

Photo Illustration

After many years of having played hockey on their travel teams and in high school with other players, junior Nicholas Crawford, seniors Ryan Sanford and Nicholas Wilkinson knew how to work well together on and off the ice their first year playing together. "We are a three-man Rampack," Wilkinson explained. The three forwards started together most games and this was the first year all of them have ever been on the same team. "Nick, Nick, and Ryan's line up is the one that scores most of the goals in the games," senior spectator, Clifford McClumpha said.

Working together for the first time, the "Nickford" line-up helped the team build a strong bond, and also were few of the top players on the hockey team. They had gotten their nickname from their assistant coach, Bill Maier, who called out lines so he condensed all their names into one.

Off the ice, it helped that they are all friends. "What brings us together is the thought that we will always be there for one another," Sanford said.

At the end of the season, "Nickford" had some unforgettable moments together. "We got to go to the regional finals, on top of winning our first playoff game," Crawford said. "It was the first time in Holt hockey history."

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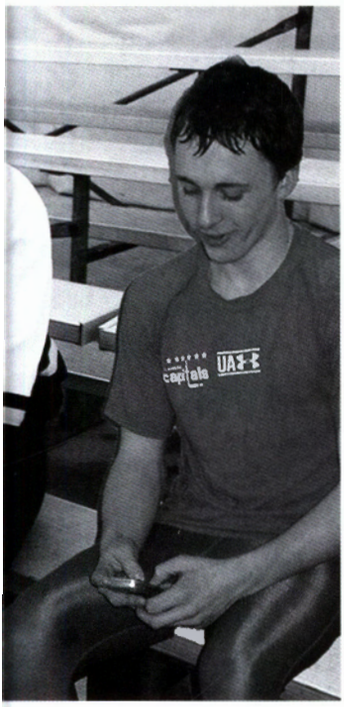

Defending Their Habits

Before the games, players had those certain things they had to do, traditions that had to be followed in order for them to have a good game. For the varsity hockey team, each player had their own habits they performed before each game.

Freshman Erick Sundstrom always having to pray before a game, sophomore Tyler Mariage had to put his red spandex on during warm up to make the other team mad, junior Ruben Medrano put his right skate on before his left and senior Paul Strzalkowski hit the glass before he went out to skate. They did it because it was routine and repetition. "Hockey is kind of a superstitious sport to some people so there are pre-game habits players follow to help them play at the top of there game," Strzalkowski said.

In addition to individual rituals, the hockey team also had team rituals. "When we win the game, we sing the fight song to the crowd," sophomore Dalton Litwiller said. Many other players on the team explained that they listened to Good Morning by Chamillionaire after they won. "If we win, I let all my teammates borrow my coconut shampoo," explained Mariage.

The 2009-10 season had the best record in Holt hockey history. Their defense and seniors who led the first line were very strong. Although at first the offense was somewhat weak, by the end of the season they had a high goal scoring team.

The hockey team had some high goals. "Our goals this season were to beat Okemos and Lumen Christi," Strzalkowski said. Although the team was only able to fulfill one of these goals by the end of the season, the team had a close relationship with one another. "The season now is more fun than the beginning and I've made a lot of friends," Medrano said.

|4| Fighting off an opponent from DeWitt/ St. Johns, **junior Andrew Counseller** and **senior Paul Strzalkowski** defend their goalie. The team beat DeWitt/St. Johns, giving them their first loss of the season.

|5| Facing off for the Holt Rams, **junior Nicholas Crawford** prepares to start the game off again against Jenison. The varsity hockey team ended with a winning season of 12-10-2.

Strictly Positive

On the last game of the season, head coach George Maier stands with his two sons, seniors Kevin and Adam Maier. Having their dad as their coach helped the three build a stronger relationship.

Coach George Maier had always coached his two sons, seniors Adam and Kevin Maier, but this was his second year coaching his sons at the varsity level. The three built a closer relationship with one another because it was one more thing they could experience together. "There is a stronger bond with our dad because he's our coach and one of our good friends," Kevin said.

When the coach of your team is your dad, it can get difficult, but the Maier family believed it was a good thing. "I enjoy coaching the guys. The biggest positive is that I get to spend more time with them," George said.

George Maier's sons saw having their dad as their coach to be a different experience than others might think. "Most people think he would favor us, but I think he puts a little more pressure on us because he expects more." Adam said.

Although the season had come to an end, Kevin and Adam will always share a special hockey relationship with their father.

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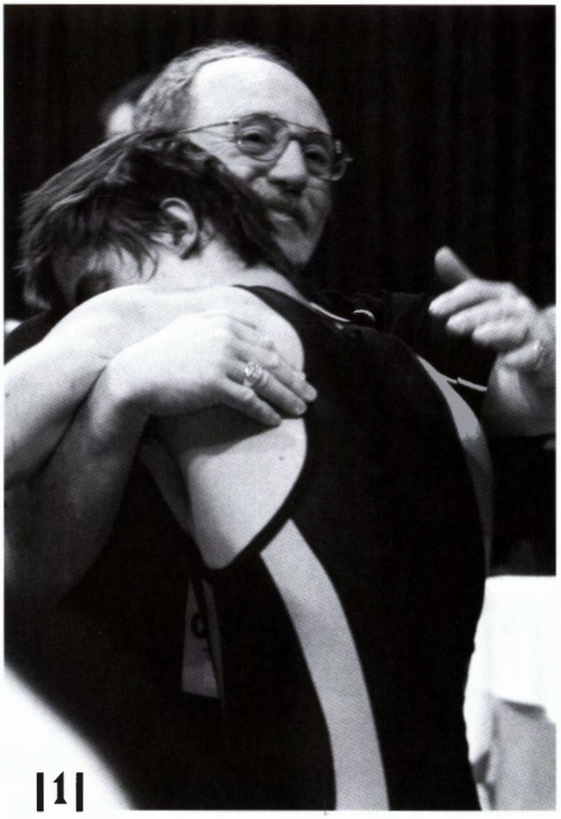
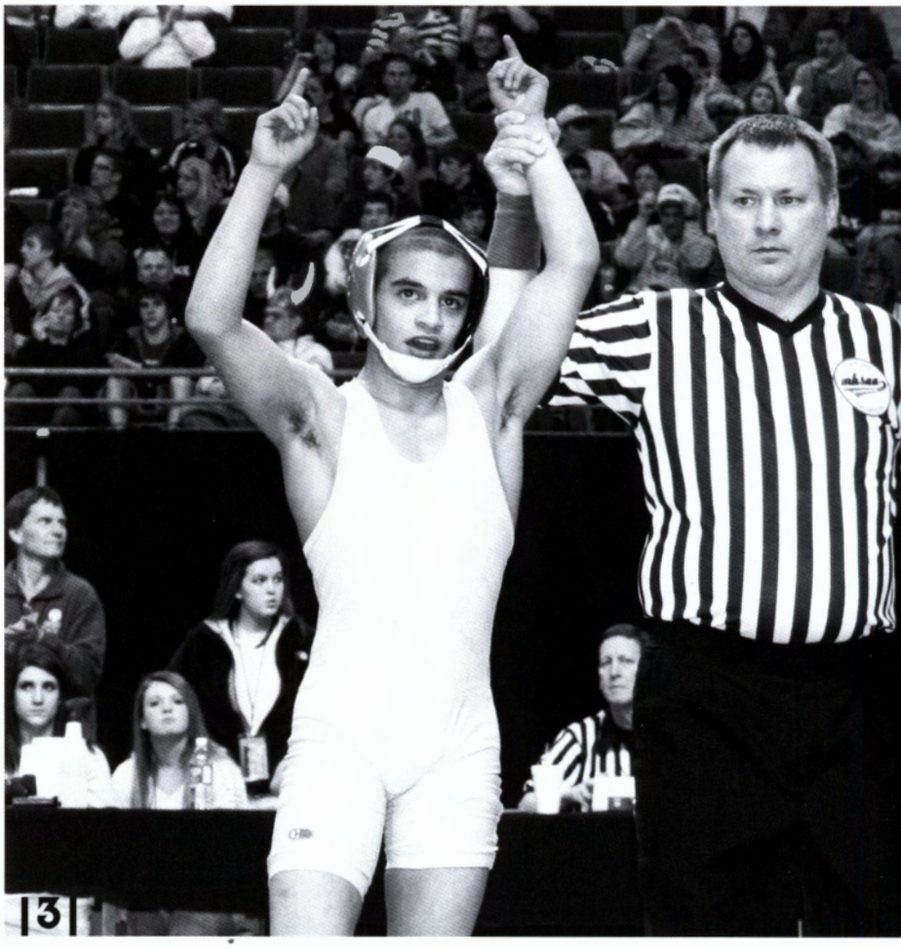
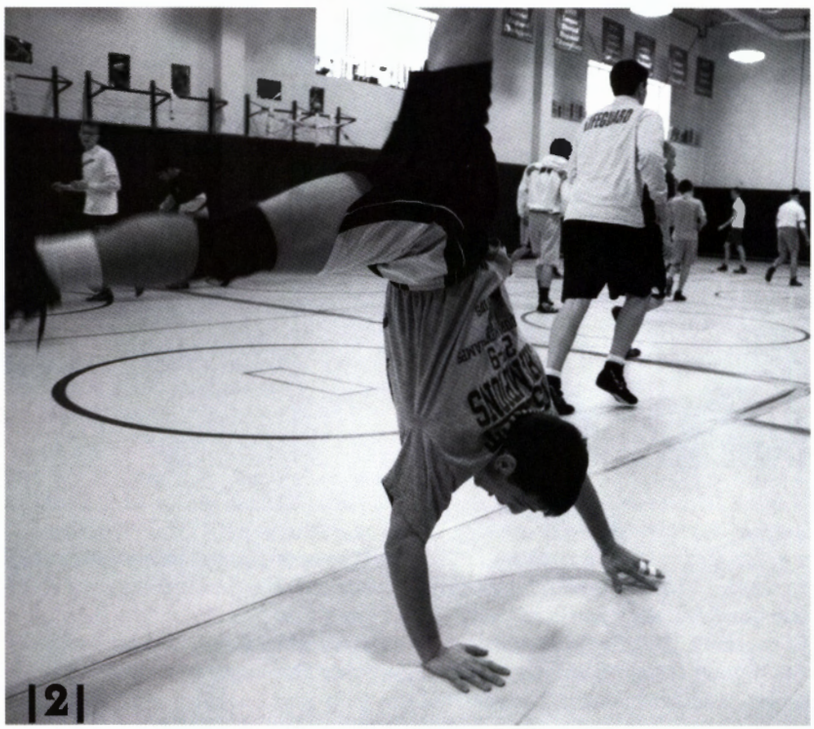


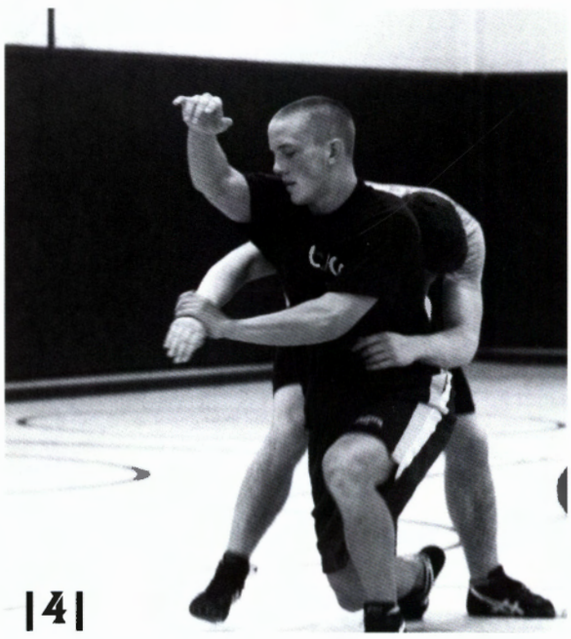
|1| **Head coach Rocky Shaft** hugs **senior Tyler Jackson** as his high school wrestling career came to an end. Jackson made it to individual states and performed well for his senior year. *Photo by Art Brokenshire*



|3| Raising both of his hands in triumph, **sophomore Alfredo Rodriguez** signals that he is number one. With multiple season dominances, Rodriguez had earned the right to be called the champ. *Photo by Art Brokenshire*



|2| Whirling through the air, **senior Matthew Durfee** and his teamates do cartwheels and other various warm up activities. "I like our warm-ups at practice, they really get the blood pumping and juices flowing," said Durfee.



|4| Attempting to escape from a take down **junior Andrew Golden** slips through the grasp of **senior Patrick Stapf.** Matching up against teamates was a common thing in practice for the wrestlers. "The six minute matches is a great drill that helps condition and get us ready for matches," said Stapf.

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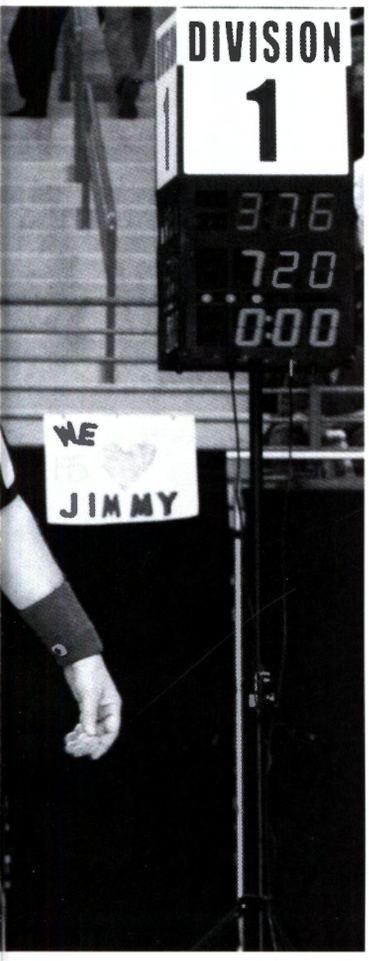
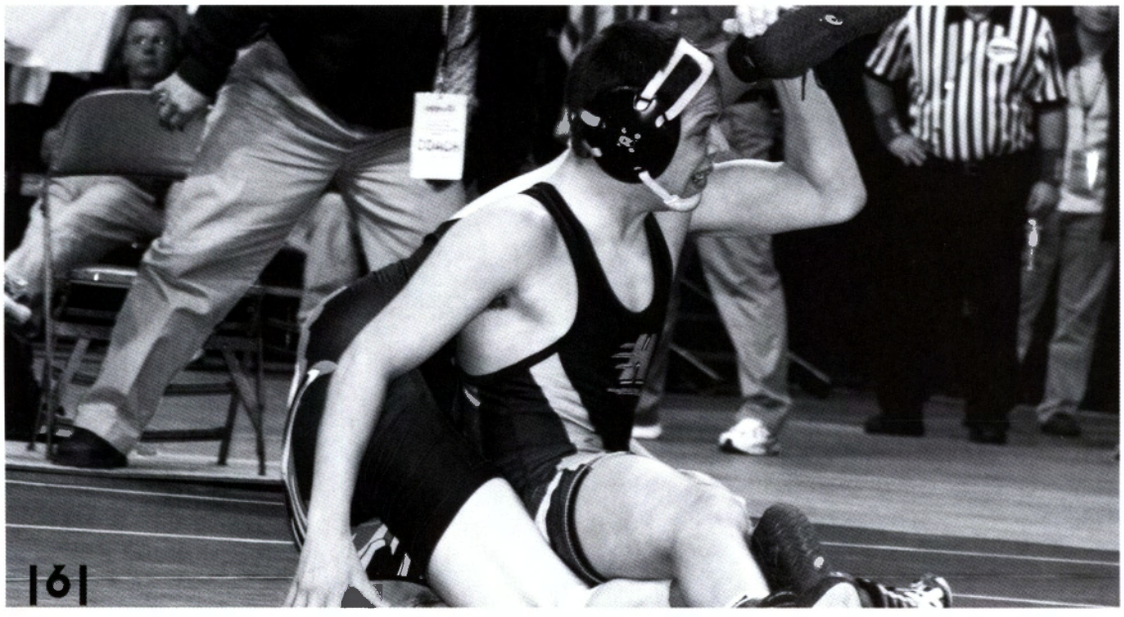


|5| **Senior Michael Andring** looks on as he wins his second to last match before winning his final match to place third at states. "It was sad because it was my last match for high school since my freshman year. It was also a happy moment because I was proud of all my accomplishments," said Andring. *Photo by Art Brokenshire*



|6| As the last five seconds tick off the clock **senior Benjamin Matthiesen** watches intently as the state championship falls into his arms. "It was the most amazing feeling ever. While I was looking up at the clock watching the last five seconds tick off all I could think was, I'm going to get a state championship," said Matthiesen. *Photo by Art Brokenshire*

Continued Excellence

Wrestling team captures regional title and goes to states for third consecutive year

Holt High School has made a name for itself when it comes to wrestling. They established dominance from winning states multiple times and in 2010 winning regionals. "I don't know much about wrestling but what I do know is that they are sweet and beat everyone," said senior Andrew Krause.

Unfortunately for the wrestling team, they came up short of their dream in 2010 and lost in the quarterfinals of states to Oxford. "It felt pretty crappy and it was even worse because it was my senior year," said senior Tyler Jackson.

Fortunately for ten members of the wrestling team, the dream of states stayed alive for individuals. Freshmen Shayne Wireman and Dominick Trevino; sophomores Alfredo Rodriguez, Drew Dyer, and Chris Seyka; juniors Seth Hanton, and Caleb Haddad, and seniors Benjamin Mattheisen, Tyler Jackson, and Michael Andring all made it into the state competition. "It felt really good actually making it to states this year, especially since my brother didn't make it until his senior year," said junior Seth Hanton.

Of the ten wrestlers, two had the privilege of calling themselves champions; Ben Mattheisen and Alfredo Rodriguez. "It felt pretty amazing," said Rodriguez.

After another triumphant season the team looked forward to putting together another solid season and regain their place at the top.

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Get To Know The Swimmers

Swim team members talk about their experience during the season and what motivated them to stick with it.

Event: 100 Yard Freestyle
Reason for swimming: "I had a pool at my house and I was pretty good so I decided to swim for school and it turned out was still good."
Worst part of swimming: "Mr. Pohl yelling at us during practice. He gets very loud sometimes."

-Senior Dustin Haskell

Event: 200 Yard IM (Individual Medley)
Reason for swimming: "I swim because it keeps me in really good shape."
Highlight: "The best part was winning the St. John's meet because we were supposed to lose but we pulled it out."

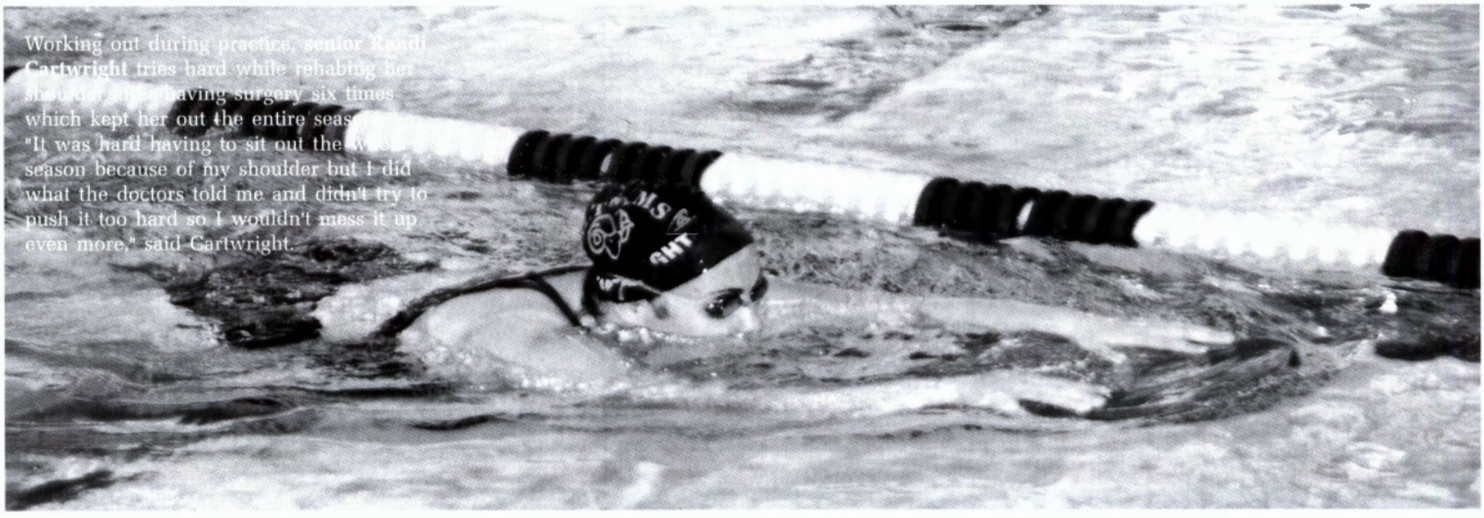
-Senior Kaleb Hebert

Event: 100 Yard Freestyle
Reason for swimming: "7th grade was my first year at Holt so I needed something to get involved in that was going to help me meet people."
Best part of swimmng: "Out of the 4 years we have been swimming, this year we are most like a family."

-Senior Tiffany Wheat

Event: 50 Yard and 100 Yard Freestyle
Reason for swimming: "I started in the 8th grade and I kept with it because I was really good at it so I haven't stopped since."
Best part of swimming: "We are a really good team simply because we work very good together."

-Senior Allyson Ramer



Working out during practice, senior Randi Cartwright tries hard while rehabing her [illegible] having surgery six times which kept her out the entire seas "It was hard having to sit out the season because of my shoulder but I did what the doctors told me and didn't try to push it too hard so I wouldn't mess it up even more," said Cartwright.

A Family of Swimmers

The 2009-2010 year's team was more close than past years which lead to a lot more success...

"We are all basically a family when it comes down to it. We are always willing to help each other out with anything," says first year senior swimmer Michael Kennedy. "I started swimming this year because I didn't play football. I decided to try something new and it was totally worth it."

When people swim, it's easy to think of the fun side of it. Doing things like backflips off of the diving boards, playing Marco Polo, and seeing how long the other person can hold their breath under water are the usual fun swimming activities.

When it came to Holt's Swimming and Diving Team however, the fun part didn't come until the season was over.

"We always have a lot of fun, but the amount of work and dedication we put into it is tremendous" says Kennedy. "The fun part is when we see all of our hard work pay off with a win."

Senior Gabriel Murley also spoke about how satisfying it is:

"We work hard during the whole season, one of the most rewarding parts is the end of the year CAAC meet." There are a lot of different reasons that each swimmer had for starting to swim but each one agreed that the dedication and closeness as a team helped out a lot.

"Out of the four years I have been on it I really think that this year we are more as a family type of team. Whenever someone is stuggling it is easy for all of us to help," said senior swimmer Tiffany Wheat.

Senior Randi Cartwright also thought that more family-like atmosphere of the team helped a lot more. "We have a lot of unique personalities so we really never get tired of each other and it helps when we are practicing so much to liven it up sometimes when it's really needed," Cartwright said.

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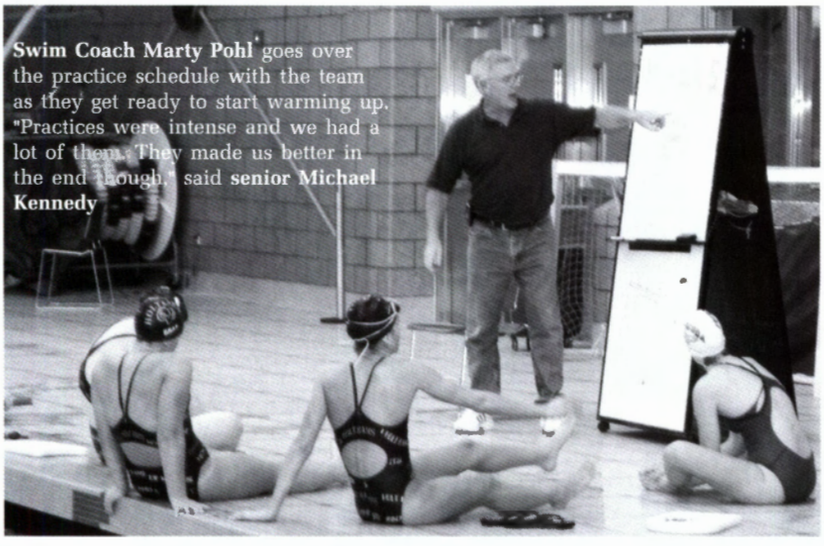
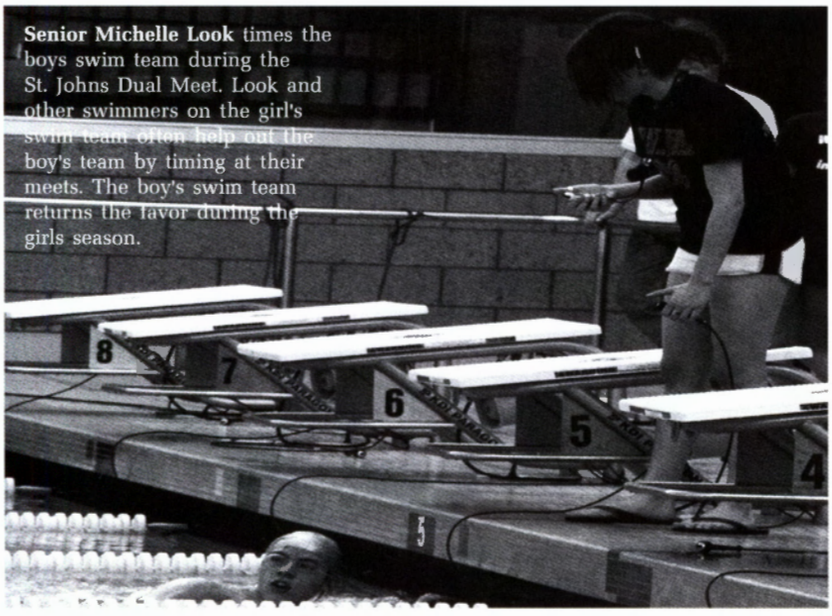
...Gabriel Murley takes to ... as he pulled away from the pack, and helped his team take the victory over the highly favored St. Johns team. "The win over St. Johns was the highlight of our season. We were supposed to lose but everybody on the team worked hard and prepared like it was just another team and we pulled out the victory," said Murley.



Swim Coach Marty Pohl goes over the practice schedule with the team as they get ready to start warming up. "Practices were intense and we had a lot of them. They made us better in the end though," said **senior Michael Kennedy**



Senior Michelle Look times the boys swim team during the St. Johns Dual Meet. Look and other swimmers on the girl's swim team often help out the boy's team by timing at their meets. The boy's swim team returns the favor during the girls season.

Senior Kaleb Hebert takes off from th... platform during the St. Johns meet. A... start gave him the edge that he needed over his opponents.

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Dual League Champions

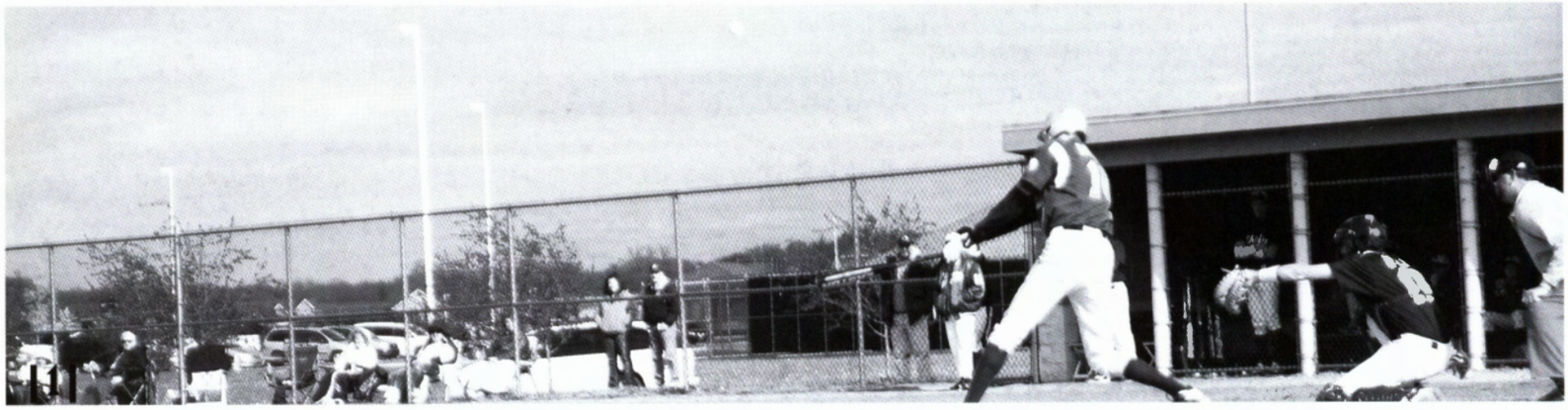
The Rams varsity baseball team started off their 2009 season with great expectations and lots of confidence. "We had a lot of confidence going into the season because it was the best line-up we had in a really long time and we knew we had a lot of really good players," explained senior Taylyr Cochran.

With this confidence came big goals for what seemed to be a dream season for Holt Baseball. "We wanted to win the Diamond Classic and make it to states," said Cochran.

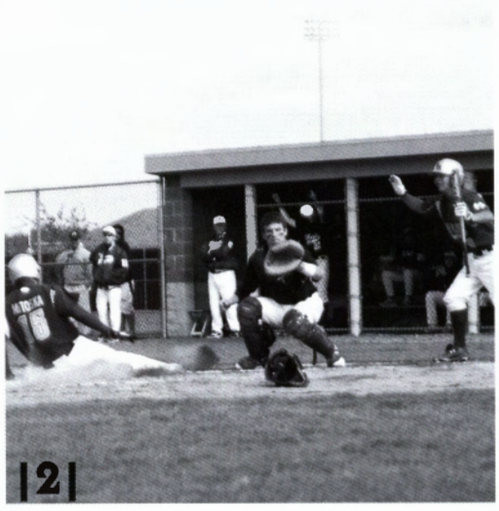
The Rams came ready and prepared for their games, especially league rivals Grand Ledge and Okemos. "Before the Grand Ledge games we talked about how none of us had ever beaten them before and that got us motivated, as well as posts from Grand Ledge players and fans on MLive.com before the game," explained senior Carlos Berroa.

All the talk on the internet pushed the Rams to beat their biggest rivals both times they played, which led to going undefeated in the CAAC Blue. "After starting off the season so well and going undefeated we were happy but we knew we had to stay focused because the season wasn't over yet," told Berroa.

The dream season ended short when the Rams lost their first game of districts. They hoped to continue their success through their 2010 season. "I think we'll be pretty good this year, the JV team was pretty good and the seniors have good talent," said senior Cole Darling.



|1| In an intense home game vs. Okemos **senior Cole Darling** gets a big hit for the team. "It feels good to get a big hit in a close game, you feel like you did something to help the team win the game," said Darling. Holt went on to beat the Chieftains 8-6. |2| While sliding into home plate **senior Jace Mitoska** brings in another run for the Holt Rams baseball team. "When someone slides into home base it shows they are really trying to score for the team, it makes the play more exciting," explained **junior Andrew Golden**. Close games led to many dirt stained pants throughout the season, but kept the Rams on top of the league by beating many of the teams they faced throughout the season. |3| During spring practice **senior Carlos Berroa** catches a ball while other teammates practice hitting. "We took practice seriously, especially last year because we were so good," explained Berroa. The team usually worked on hitting and base running at practice. They pressured each other to hit as hard in practice as they would in a game. Their practices demonstrated their belief in "practice how you play" by always hitting, running, and throwing with enthusiasm.
Photos by Lauren Kustasz



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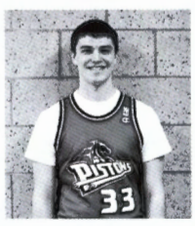
How many ounces do you think a baseball weighs?
Correct answer: 5oz.

-junior Brett Johnson: 12oz.

-junior Tyler Blake: 19oz.

-junior Wesley Dorin: 12oz.



-junior Travis Sweet: 14oz.

-junior Tyler Elmo: 16oz.

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Watching a pop-up at third **senior Rosemary Walker** catches an easy fly ball. "The hardest part about playing third base is that it is so close to the batter. Your reaction time has to be really fast," Walker said. Walker and the Lady Rams finished the season 11-1 in the CAAC, first in the league. *Photo by Kevin Skinker*

|6| Touching home plate **junior Molly Gray** scores another run for the Lady Rams. "Scoring feels good because you know that you are doing your job and helping the team. Sliding into the catcher makes it more dramatic though," Gray said. The team won this game against the Lansing Eastern Quakers 12-0. *Photo by Kevin Skinker*

|4| Throwing the ball to first base **junior Kylie Hoose** throws another runner out. "It feels awesome every time I throw a girl out," Hoose said. The team finished19-15 overall.

|5| Preparing to swing for the fences, **senior Dominique Baker** stares down the pitcher. Baker helped the team to an Academic All State selection as a team. *Photo by Kevin Skinker*

Senior Jordan Hayes strikes out a Lansing Eastern batter. "You really feel good about yourself after a strikeout, like you can walk on water," Hayes said. *Photo by Kevin Skinker*

How to Pitch

with junior Colleen Lierman and senior Jordan Hayes

|7| The windup- Lierman: Look at the catcher's mitt and focus on what you need to do. You need to keep your pitching arm long and keep the other arm in the direction of the pitch. Then you pull up hard with your pitching hand. *Photo by Kevin Skinker*

|8| The release- Hayes: You change your release to determine what pitch you throw; a change, fastball, curve, screw, drop, or rise. *Photo by Kevin Skinker*

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Prepare to Dominate

"You prepare by practicing the right way," said coach Mike Van Antwerp, "Learning how to execute our game plan at practice gets the team to prepare for games." Lacrosse, like any sport, takes practice and preparation to dominate during the season.

"We talk before each game in our so called "locker room." We get focused and talk about what we have to do to win," said junior Max Poole. Boys and girls lacrosse practiced every day from three to five after school.

"I tried out for lacrosse because of my cousin. He came over to my house one day and brought his lacrosse stuff and I liked it," said sophomore Tobin Egger. To be on the lacrosse team each player had to make it past grueling try-outs with two-a-days.

"In boys lacrosse there's more contact and it's played at a faster pace, and boys don't have to stop at the whistle," said senior Alyssa Clark. Though boys and girls lacrosse have a few different rules, different practices, and are two different teams, they both have to prepare just the same.

"My favorite part about lacrosse is the fun times we have as a team," said sophomore Amy Carr. Both teams hung out and bonded during the season, and boys lacrosse even had team dinners.

"My role model on the team is Kristin Charette," said junior Kristen Purdy, "she's really good at offense." For lacrosse players, being on a team not only meant playing hard and working together, but motivating each other to improve.

"Success doesn't come easy, practice hard and work at it," said senior Thomas McKee.

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A Tale of Two Brothers...

Day after day, shot after shot, the McKee brothers, senior Thomas McKee and sophomore Steven McKee, practiced every day together. All their hard work ended up in their favor.

Steven was a player of the True lacrosse team in Grand Rapids. Thomas was a part of the True lacrosse team out of Chicago. Thomas also made the all-star team at Peak 200 lacrosse camp, where he was one of the fifty lacrosse players who made the cut. This helped the Air Force coach to notice him. The McKee brothers were not just examples through other teams, but big role models on Holt's. "Both Stevie and Tommy are some of the hardest workers. They both have goals that have them work harder to reach them. They're good examples," coach Mike Van Antwerp said.

Steven and Thomas both explained that having had each other on the team was beneficial and fun. The two had good chemistry. "I like playing with Tommy because it's easy to know what he'll do next," Steven explained.

In the fall of 2010, Thomas will begin to play for the Air Force Academy. His advice: "Practice a lot and work at it. It doesn't come easy. You have to go out east and size yourself up. I put a lot of work into it."

Photo by Garry Kolb
Prepared for the pass from his brother, sophomore Steven McKee is ready to make the play. The McKee brothers have been playing together for five years.

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|1| Watching the players in front of him, **senior goalie Andrew Krause** gets help from his players. "Being a goalie means you are the last line of defense," Krause explained. *Photo by Samantha Kramer*

|2| Huddling together before the fourth quarter, the boys varsity lacrosse team put forth hard work and dedication. "I prepare for a game by being really quiet and think about what I have to do," **junior Jamie Hay** said. *Photo by Samantha Kramer*

|3| Blocking off the opponent, **senior Jourdan Reis** uses her body to defend her opponent off. "The difference between boys and girls lacrosse is boys is more contact and girls is more strategy and plays," **junior Kristen Purdy** said. *Photo by Morgan Webster*

|4| Scooping up the ball, **senior Jacob Majeske** is able to roll away from the opponent by having a teammate shove him. "The hardest thing about lacrosse is getting everyone on the team on the same page and everyone knowing their role," McKee said. *Photo by Samantha Kramer*

|5| Ready to jump for the ball, **senior Emily Tupper** faces down her opponent. Though boys lacrosse doesn't have as much contact as boys, girls still have to fight each other for the ball. *Photo by Morgan Webster*

|6| Cradling the ball, **senior Alyssa Clark** runs in the cold spring weather to keep herself warm. "The team prepares for a game by passing the ball around and shooting at the net," Clark said. *Photo by Morgan Webster*

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Warming Up

Practicing their swings **junior Haley Bandt**, **sophomore Casey Harkema**, **junior Mariah Massa** and **senior Jessica Peatross** warm up on the range at Ledge Meadows Golf Course.

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Haley Bandt

Casey Harkema

Mariah Massa

Jessica Peatross

|1| **Sophomore Hiland Tuttle** drives the ball on the par five number seven hole at Eldorado. "Driving is important because it is the first shot and sets the tone for the hole," said Tuttle. "If you hit it poorly then you'll be in trouble for the rest of the hole."

|2| The girls team warms up on the range before a crucial invitational against five other schools at the Ledge Meadows Golf course in Grand Ledge where the team placed second. The range is a good place to sync up the mental and physical game. "Both mental and physical games are important to be good," said **sophomore Casey Harkema.**

Nicholas Wilkinson

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"Most of the varsity players play tournament golf which is more competitive than high school golf. Only one does that on the girls team."

-sophomore Jon Sanford

"If boys were on the girls team then there would be no girls team just another boys team. No offense to the girls team but golf favors boys athleticism."

-senior Tyler Crum

Boys vs. Girls

"No way, we are better because we won regionals two years in a row and the conference in 2008 and made it to states the past seven seasons. This year we finished 8th and last year finished 5th which is an all time best."

-senior Jessica Peatross

"Guys shoot lower scores because they are stronger but if you keep the girls disadvantage in mind we are better because we have done so good in states and regionals."

-sophomore Casey Harkema

Smooth Swingin'

Girls under par for another season as boys started their comeback

"People need to step up, practice more and take some initiative," said junior Brian Burt about what it takes for the boys team to become more competitive. The boys golf team again stayed in the shadows of the girls team's success in the 2009 - 2010 golf season.

With the return of seniors and young talent, the girls won Regionals and made it to states for the seventh year in a row, placing 8th. "I was very happy about our season, " said junior Mariah Massa, who put on a strong performance at regionals taking second and seventh individually at states.

The boys on the other hand, still had a strong season but failed to make it to states by placing 4th at regionals coming up short by one shot. Although they may have come up short of their goals for the season, the team still had high hopes for the coming year. "I really think we can make it to states. If we can get there, we've got a good chance at winning because we've got a lot of talent," said sophomore Hiland Tuttle.

Coach Harkema had high hopes for both the boys and the girls. "For our girls one of our goals is always to make it to states, and with four of our five top golfers returning it is a real possibility. For boys, with a lot of good young players and the return of our experienced players they too have a chance to go to states," said Harkema

The disappointment of the boys not reaching their goals for states cannot be attributed to their lack of hard work. Many of the players practiced at the Fun Tyme dome in Okemos which provided for shelter in the winter months and practice all summer with long days on the course. "I read 'Golf Magazine' on my down time to pick up quick tips," said sophomore Jon Sanford who also took lessons and practiced year round.

Junior Brian Burt watches intently as his ball searches for the bottom of the cup on the blue course's 5th hole at Eldorado golf course. Brian shot a fantastic round against East Lansing. "I shot a 37, I was really amped up to play East Lansing because I consider them a rival," said Burt.

|3| Walking down the first hole fairway at Ledge Meadows Golf course in Grand Ledge **junior Mariah Massa** talks alongside her opponents from East Lansing and Okemos. "The round is more enjoyable when there are people there that I know, it also gets rid of the awkwardness," said Massa. Massa liked meeting new people, "a person to talk to between shots, not a person to worry about when I am hitting a shot," said Massa.

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|1| While most people who are not skilled at high jump think that just clearing the bar is the most important aspect of high jump, that is not the case. The most important aspect to high jumping to be successful is the approach. Most high jumpers have a curved running approach. **Senior Alisha Weaver** got first place at the CAAC blue division meet. "Not only do I do track in the spring with the school team, I also am on a club team called Landon Athletics. With my team we compete once a week at indoor track meets," explained Weaver. Weaver didn't plan to quit high jump after high school. She planned to continue her career at Grand Valley State University.

|2| Competing during the CAAC Blue Division meet, **junior Kyla Walworth** threw the discus in hopes of victory. "My favorite thing about track is hanging out with my throwing buddies. I really enjoy my events and I love being around my coaches and fellow trackletes. I love throwing, it's my favorite thing to do. I work on my technique for throwing and focus to get in there and win. It was the most amazing day of my life when I went to states. It was intense and well worth it. I got third place in the shot put at the state track meet last year," said Walworth.

Stepping Up

Holt's Track athletes hit the gym early for a new season

They might not be able to walk tomorrow, but for members of the Holt Track and Field team they are willing to take that risk to do their best. Preseason conditioning is an option that most athletes choose to do or not do. Some athletes work out every day after school for several hours or some choose to work out only when the coaches will be there; for few times a week or sometimes not at all. They can choose to be the best or just be average. Several kids at Holt high school choose to workout during the winter season. " I work hard during the winter season so that I can be stronger and better in my spring season," said junior Kenneth Rogers.

Not only does Rogers work out during the winter but also a group of guys and girls from the track team workout as well. The group of girls work out with coach Pam Stafford and the boys work out with coach Jack Rarick. " I enjoy working out with Stafford because she makes me stay focused on what I need to get done that day and make sure that we don't get injured by doing the wrong exercises," said senior Lori Worden.

Even though the team is working hard during the winter season they don't just focus on getting stronger or on their skills they also focus on getting to know their teammates. " Winter conditioning helps the Holt Track and Field team in two ways. It helps us get better all around, as well as us being able to hang out with each other after school and share the same interest," explained junior Miles Ranke.

Working together, pushing each other to be the best they can be, and just being there for their teammates is how Holt's track athletes have been improving their program. Preseason conditioning is just one way that helps to improve the ever growing track team. "I go to preseason conditioning so that I can be harder, better, faster, and stronger," said Junior Adam Lansdell. Without preseason conditioning most of the athletes would be at a great disadvantage when track season rolled around. Having some place that they can go to work on their running, starts, jumps, and throws has made a huge impact in the way that the track athletes are preforming. "Lifting has helped me to throw farther and I am in better condition, because of it," said Rogers.

With the hopes of a great track season in site, Holt's Track and Field athletes hit the gym and the track early hoping that there next season will be a season to remember.

Taylor Rooch and Lori Worden

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My bag contained...

- Running shoes
- Spikes
- T-shirt
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- Uniform
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- Extra Socks
- Headbands
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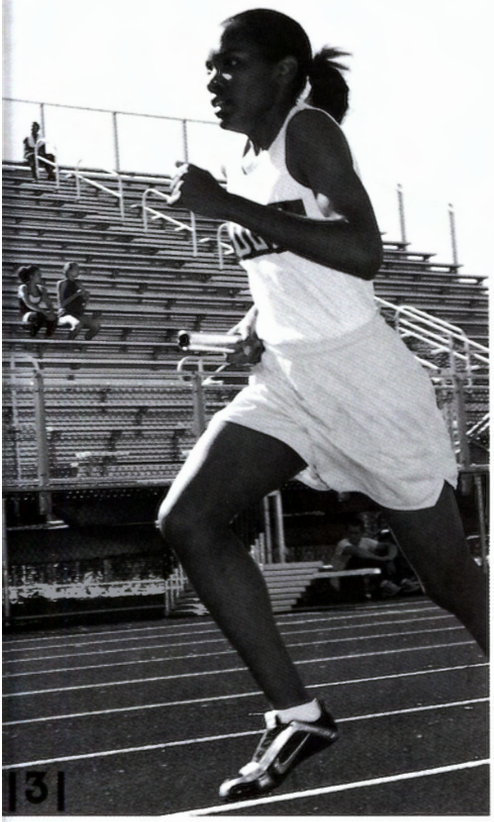
Senior Shelley Dexter



|3| For **sophomore Autumn Baker** running track is a sport that gives her multiple choices to make when choosing what event she wants to run. One of the events that Baker runs is the 4x8. Passing off the baton is a major part of the race. "Hoping that they will do good and not drop it when I hand it off to them," is one of Bakers many fears when running her 4x8 with her teammates. One handoff can make you go from being in first place to finishing almost last. To make handoffs perfect it takes a great deal of time during practice each week.

|4| There are not just seven runners that run for the hundred meter dash, there are several heats of runners with all different levels of athletic abilities. Usually the short distances in track have several different qualifying races before the final race so that the best runners will be competing against each other for the win. Many people try to do sprints for track, but many do not end up being very successful. That's a different case for **senior Christopher Scott** "I went to states for the 300 hurdles and the 4x1. It was a pretty good experience because I raced against people I already knew." "My most memorable moment was when I was running AAU in the summer of 2007. I was running decathlon and I won the whole region and it was one of my greatest accomplishments," explained Scott.

Most memorable moment as a team

"My most memorable moment would be when my relay team went to states for track. It was Chris Scott, Dominick Todd, Jordan Beachnau, and me and we had four hours before our race so we got to chill and just clown around."
-senior Cameron Gibson

"I will always remember when Kyla Walworth and I went to Olivet College for an invitational and she placed first and I placed third. We were so happy that we placed in the top three for a college invitational."
-senior Lori Worden

"Usually most people hate the long bus rides to their meets or games, but my most memorable moment was those long bus rides to regionals and back. I also love hanging out with my friends in between events."
-junior Nicole Borek

"Winning the CAAC Blue Division for pole vault as a sophomore was my most memorable moment. My teammates Grant Taylor, Alexander Bigger, and Shaun Bashore were all there to cheer me on."
-junior Kyle Bort

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Walking into school, students notice the scenery that surronds Holt High School. "The tree branches make me think of all the connections we have with people," said **junior Kaitlyn O'Rourke**.

Samantha Kramer

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Community

As the leaves fall off the trees, students gathered to begin the school year. "It's always so hard on the first day of school. I'm not used to waking up so early," said junior Seth Hanton.

Throughout the school year, students and members of the community progressively came together to support our athletic teams as well as Holt High School productions and other academic events.

As a community, we traveled all the way to Rockford for football and to Detroit for soccer. "I thought it was cool how we had a lot of students there cheering for them," said junior Maci Sump.

When the leaves began to grow again, Holt students anticipated leaving for the summer. "When you get to start coming to school without a coat and wearing flip flops, you can't wait to get out of school and just start summer," said junior Hannah Maier.

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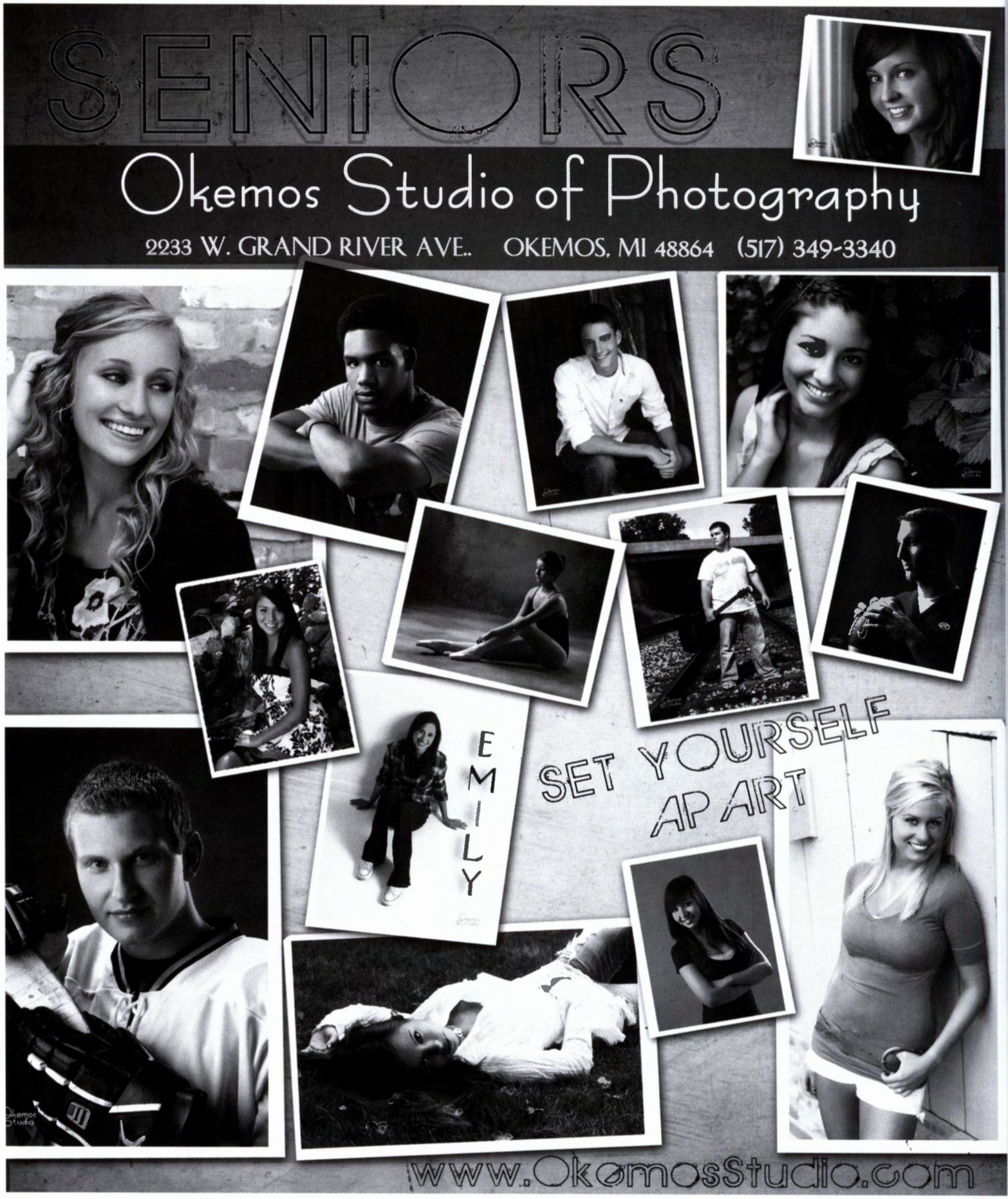

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Beautiful baby, beautiful girl, you are the most precious young lady in the world! We are so very proud of you and your high school accomplishments! The world is yours go get it baby girl!

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Mom, Dad, Tyler, and Austin

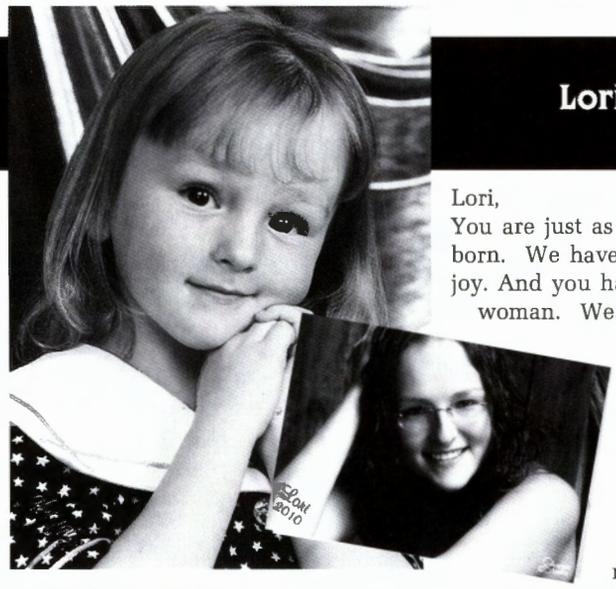
Alex Olsen & Brandon Harris

Alex and Brandon,

Chance made you cousins, fate made you friends, love makes you family. Good luck in all you do and remember your family will always be here for you!

Congratulations!!
Love,
your family

Lori Green



Lori,
You are just as beautiful now as the day you were born. We have watched you grow with pride and joy. And you have grown into a wonderful young woman. We are so proud of you. We wish you all the happiness as you move toward your dreams. Believe in yourself and remember we are always here for you.

Love–Dad, Mom and Alexandria

P.S. Reach for the stars, and remember Sisters Forever -Alex

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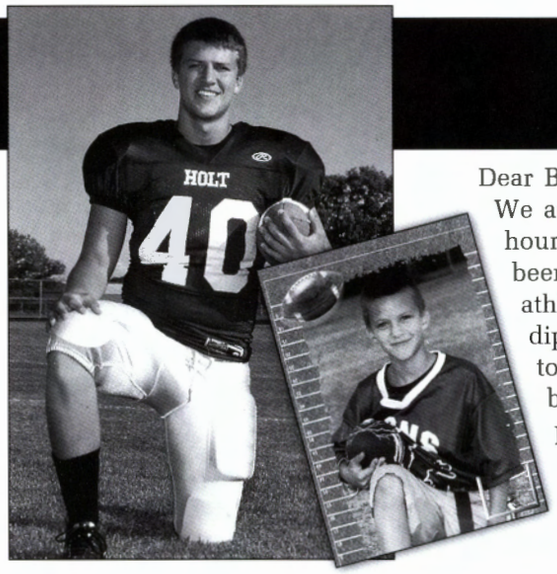
Spencer Flynn

We love you more than you can know. Go out into the world and turn your ambitions and dreams into reality!!

Mom & Dad



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Dear Ben,

We are so proud of you. The endless hours of studying and training have been rewarded with academic honors, athletic achievements and a high school diploma. Thank you for allowing us to share in your experiences. It has been fun watching you grow and play sports. Your passion for life is evident in the way you live it. God bless you.

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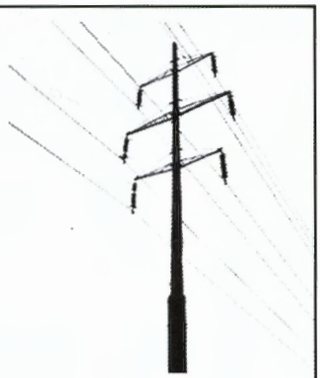

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Love, Mom, Dad & Lindsay

Cole Darling

You are truly a wonderful young man with a "special" wit, an eye for success, and a quirky nature that always keeps us on our toes. We wait with anticipation as you step out and become the man you were meant to be.
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Love, Mom and Dad.

Jennifer Hall

Jennifer Elyse,
It seems like just yesterday that we played "school bus" to help with your first ride to Kindergarten. You have worked so hard at everything you have done and through that, you have become a responsible, intelligent and beautiful young woman. Enjoy your college years, keep God in your heart, and remember that we will always be here for you.
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Godspeed, Grandpa Bary and Grandma Lorelei

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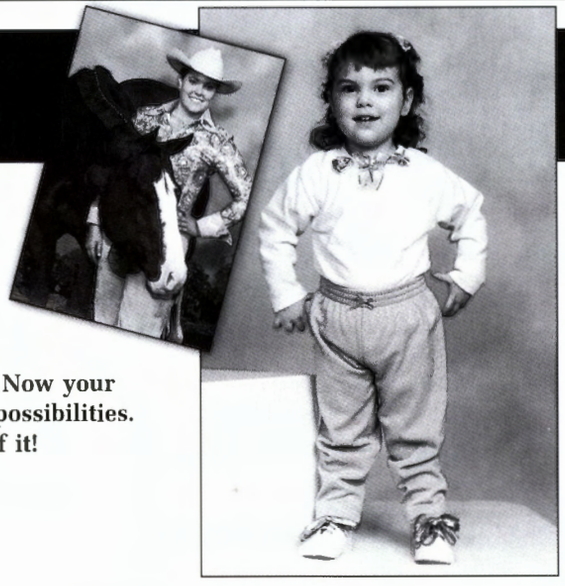

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Love, Mom, Pete and Marissa

Jennifer Morley

Jenny,
You made it! Congrats! You are the most wonderful person and we are so proud of you. We wish you a future full of happiness and remember we'll always be there for you. We love you!

XOXO- Mom, Dad and Zach

Melanie Adler

Wow! What a beautiful woman you've become! Now it's time to pursue your dreams! Work hard, make friends, show compassion, and recall your many blessings.
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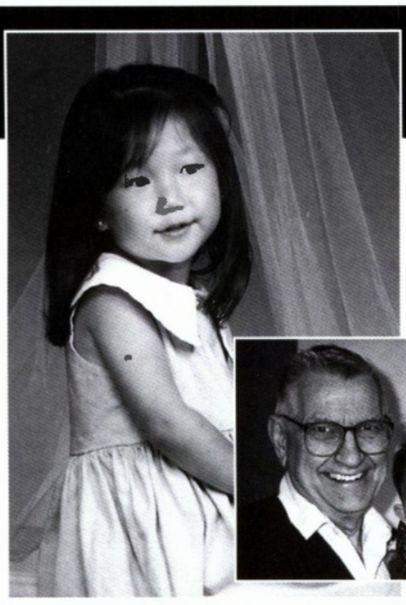

Dearest Jae,
You have been the "apple of my eye" since you came into my life. I treasure the time I get to spend with you, always looking forward to seeing you.
I will be there watching your adventures in the future, always ready to cheer you on.
Love and prayers, Grampa

Kristyn,
You make your mother and I proud of what you have become and what you will become. Remember to move forward and to improve yourself. Treat yourself and others with love, compassion and respect. We love you beyond words. "God hangs the greatest weights upon the smallest wires." -Francis Bacon
Love, Dad

Dominique Baker

Dominique,

I am so proud of you. I've WATCHED you grow from a little princess to a beautiful upstanding young WOMAN. Mia, you inspire me with your ability to acheive despite adversity. Your desire and drive to be better, to do better is amazing. I know your road has not been easy, but that's life. Dream big, let your heart guide you but ALWAYS REMEMBER your way home. Do it big Rudy!

I love you,
Dad

Noah Flores

Noah–
A moment ago you and I were walking by Corpus Christi Bay. You referred to the jaunts as trips to Michigan. Flash forward–you are eighteen. You are a kind, sensitive, and generous man. As you venture into adulthood remember, "Nothing is impossible with God."

Lovingly, MOM

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Alison Mellen

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We Love You Very Much.

Mom, Dad, John, Matt

Steven Vermeersch

Steven Paul –

Graduation already! It seems like just yesterday we sent you to kindergarten and now you are Graduating from High School, ending one important chapter in your life, and now as you move on, remember one thing – "Believe in Your Self and Dream Big and Live Life to the Fullest."

We love you Steven –

Mom-Dad-Daniel and Snoopy!

Marie Dragonetti

Marie,

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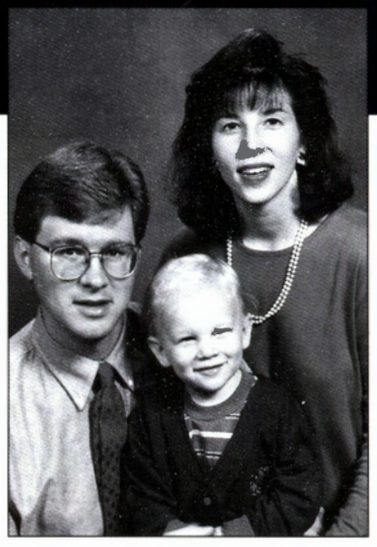

Colin –

To our kind, smart, and generous son – you are a gift to us and we love you more than you can imagine! Look forward to your future, Bubbie– We Are!

Love,

Mom and Dad

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Andra Overton

Dear Andra,
You have grown into an amazing young woman. We are so pround of you and all that you've accomplished. We believe in all that you do and all that you can achieve but most importantly, seek love, peace and happiness.

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Love,
Mom, William, Reggie,
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Paige Royston

Paige,
We couldn't ask for a better daughter! We were blessed with an easy baby, a happy toddler and wonderful teenager. You have grown into such a special young lady and we are so proud of you. We hope your dreams stay big and your worries stay small.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Ryan DeClercq

Ryan Paul~
You've grown up to become quite a young man! We are very proud of you. Congratulations! May you reach all your future goals and always remember where your source of strength comes from!

We love you~
Dad, Mom & Meg

Alexis Kelly

Lexi Leigh,
You are an *amazing* daughter and it has been awesome to watch you become the person you are. We are so proud of your leadership and inspiration on and off the courts, kid. We don't know what your future holds, but you're just getting started and we know for sure you'll make it "Super Special"! It has been fun-filled and you always make us laugh. Stay Fierce!
Love, Mom & Dad

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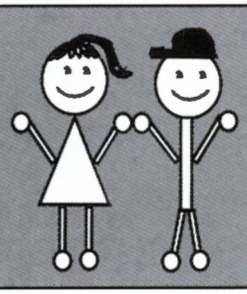

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We love you,
Mom and Dad

Zack Hartsuff

We are so proud of you and so happy God gave you to us to care for and love. You have been so much fun and such a blessing to our family.

We love you.
Mom & Dad

Sarah Washabaugh

Sarah,

We love you and are very proud of you. You are a blessing to our family. We are so excited for your bright future at U of M. You are Amazing!

Love, Mom & Dad

Tony Unbehaun

It's happening so fast...
you looked up to us for that reassurance when you needed to take your first steps, playing with hotwheel cars and Tonka trucks
You've been such an easy boy to raise. Tony, you've given us such joy watching you grow. We weren't ready for this year...but you were.

Be strong in the LORD
You're gonna do great things
GOD'S got his hands on you
dont forget why you're here
be thankful for each day

Love, Mom & Dad

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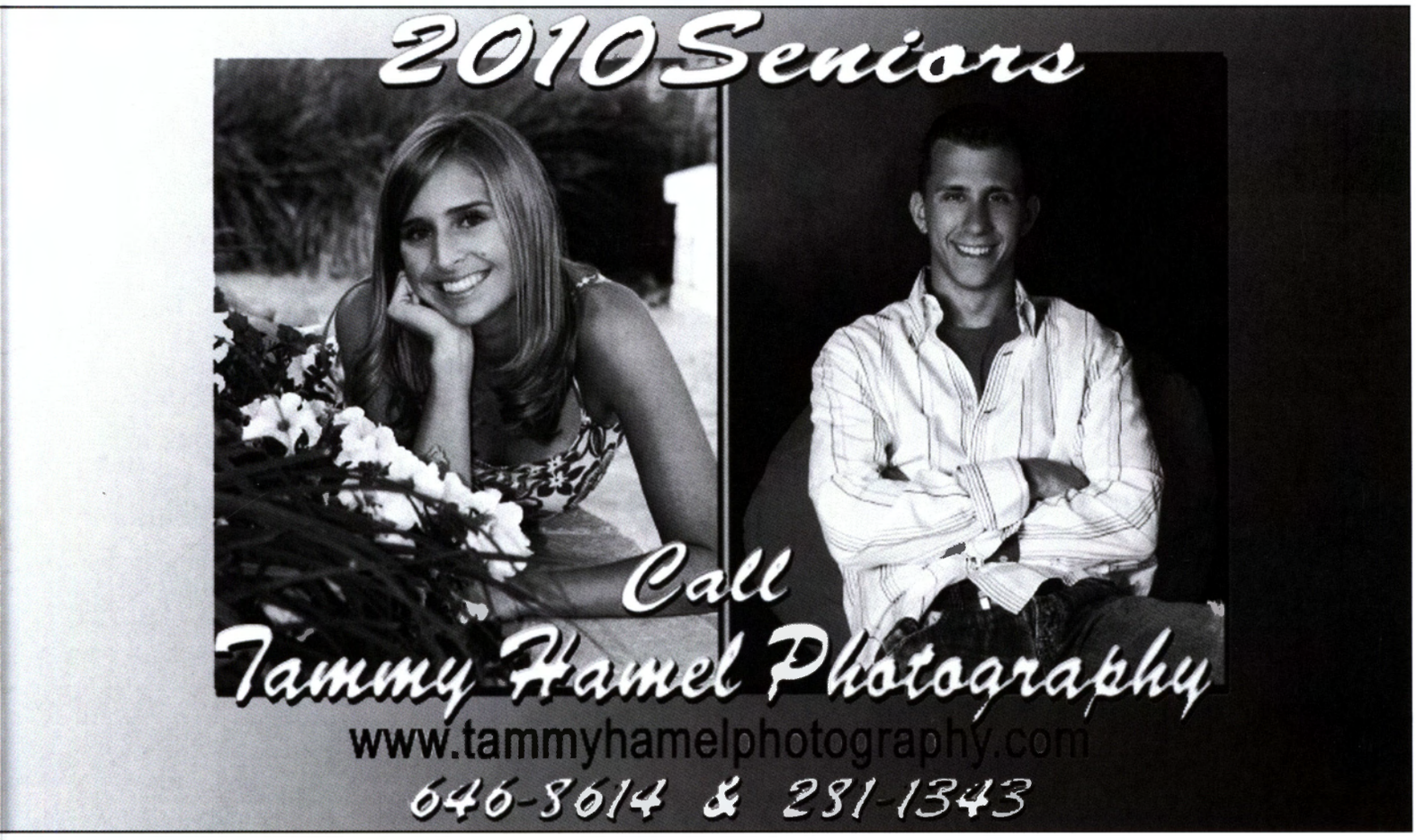

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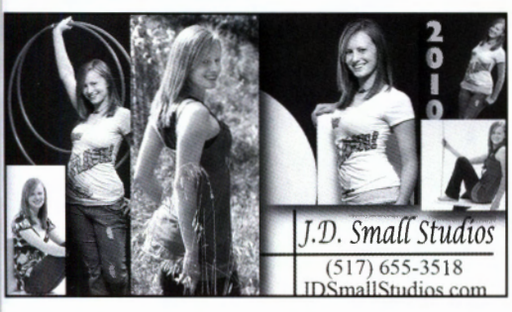

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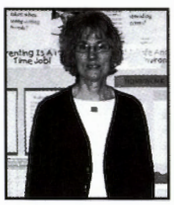

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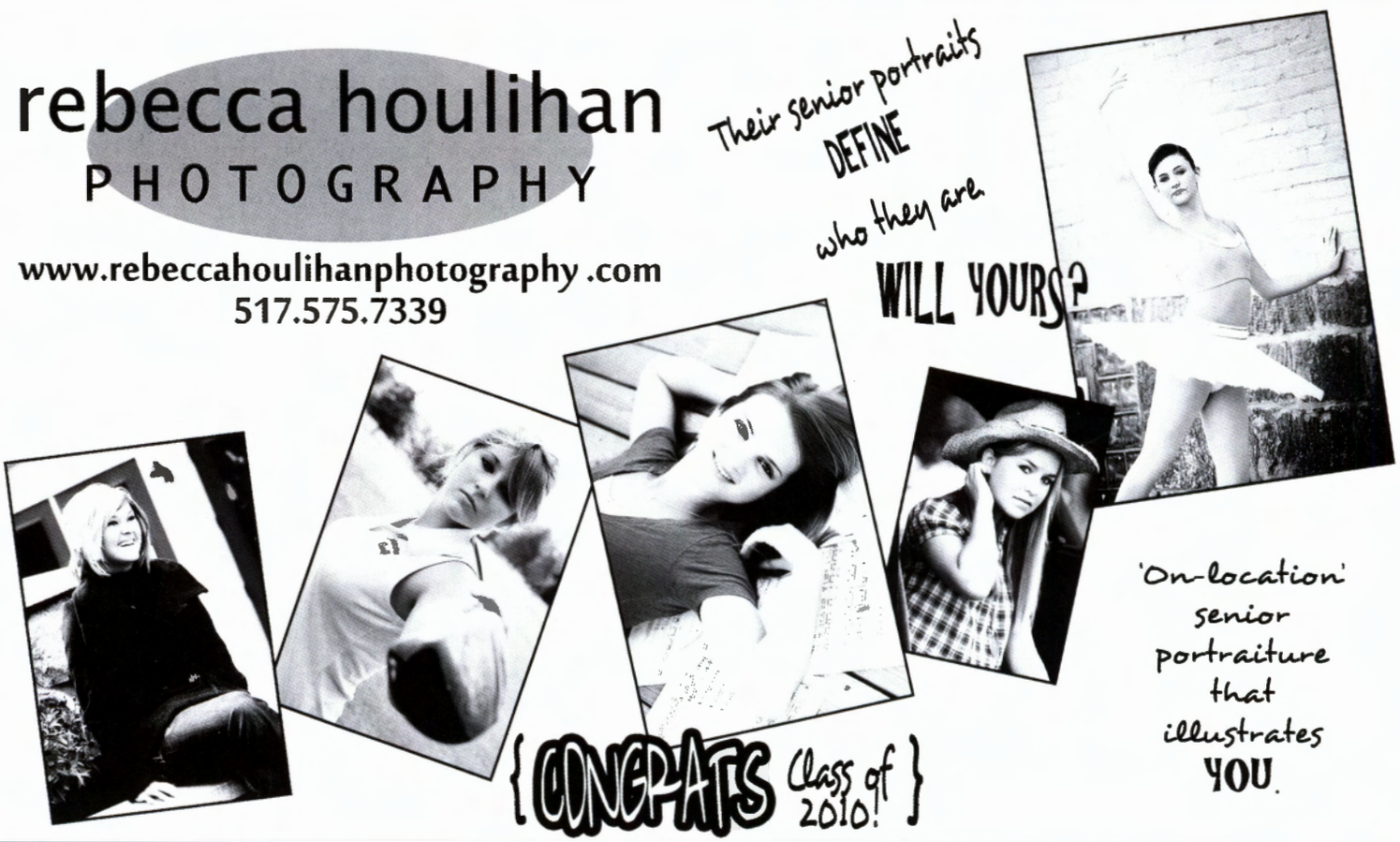

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|1| **Seniors Nicholas Wilkinson, Samantha Kramer, Jennifer Morley and Jennifer Hall** and **junior Morgan Webster** take a break in between classes at MIPA to pose for a picture and show off their custom made Yearbook t-shirts designed by Webster and Morley. "It was really cool because our artwork was put on something you could wear and our vision came to life!" explained Morley.

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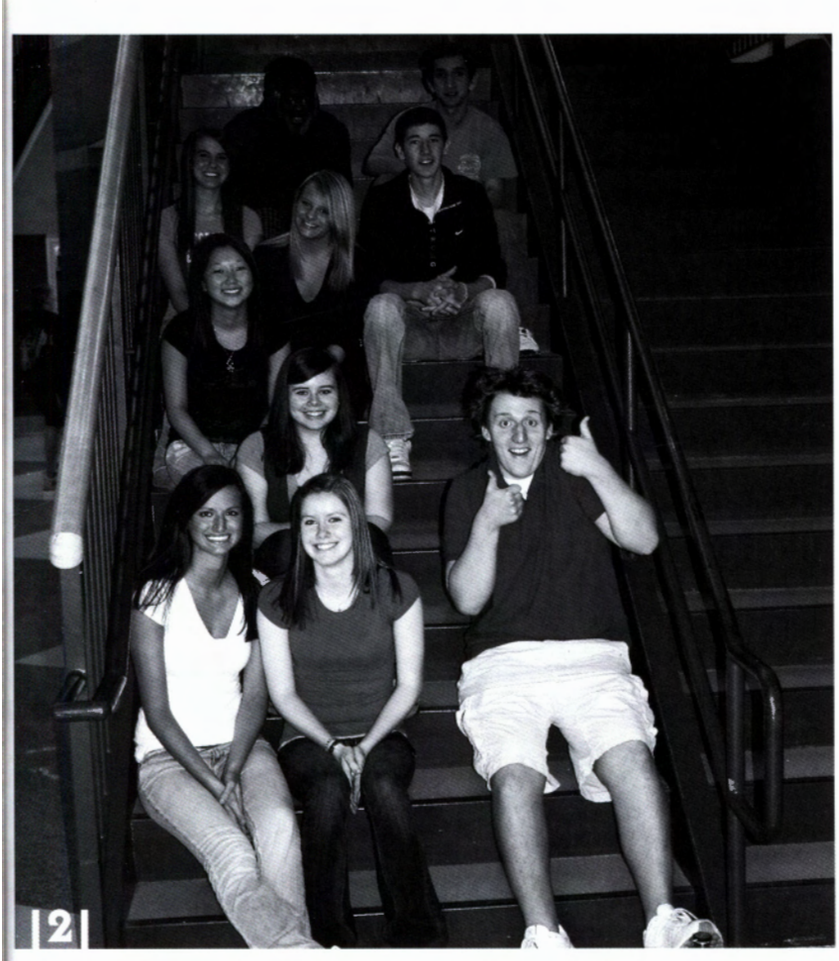

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Number of books printed: 650
Cost to students: $50 before October 16th
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Production cost: $44,397.96
Advertising revenue: $7,395.00
Number of staffers: 17
Number of pages: 208
Number of color pages: 31
Number of computers: 17
Number of cameras: 3
Cover: Custom Four Color Litho
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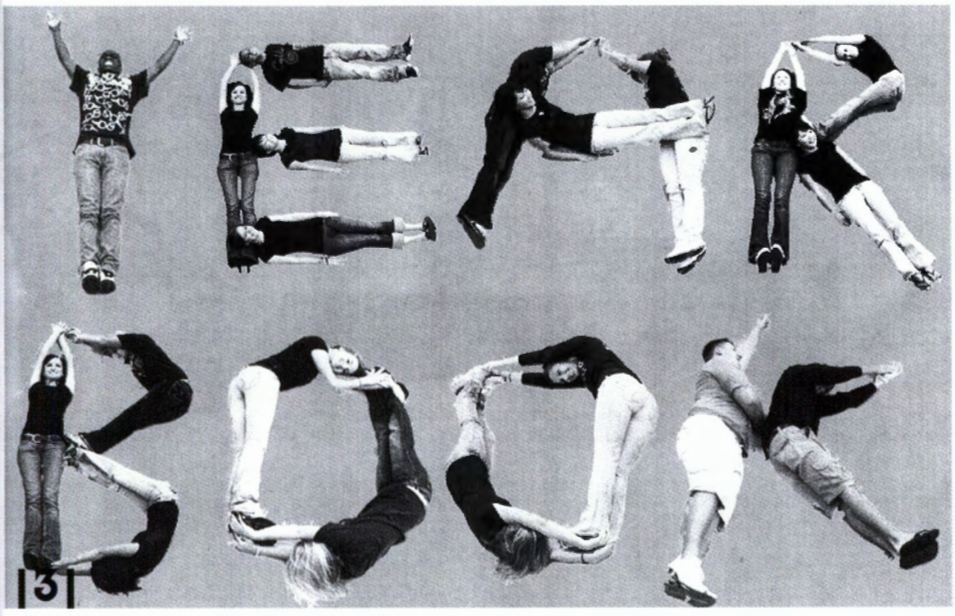

|2| Part of the yearbook staff poses for a photo on the stairs leading up from the east side. Most of the staff took the Yearbook Publications course, which only took place the first two trimesters, while **seniors Cameron Gibson, Jennifer Morley, Kristyn Wolff, Mikaela Taylor, Samantha Kramer, Jennifer Hall** and **junior Morgan Webster** took the Yearbook Editorship course, which put them into the class for all three trimesters.

|3| In the first trimester of the Yearbook Publications course, the staff gathered on the gymnasium floor, to spell out the word "YEARBOOK". One letter at a time, the staff formed each letter by using their bodies. The photos were photoshopped together and put onto the front of lime green t-shirts.

|4| On the Friday of homecoming spirit week, some of the yearbook staff gathers for a photo. Students dressed in their class color; seniors wore brown and gold, juniors wore green, and the sophomores wore blue. Students would also wear football jerseys to school and games to support the football players.

|5| Waiting to go out and sell advertisements, **seniors Mikaela Taylor, Samantha Kramer, Jennifer Morley, Kristyn Wolff, Jennifer Hall, Cameron Gibson, Kevin Skinker** and **junior Morgan Webster** gathered in the center commons for a photo. In the first trimester, the staff left during their lunch hour and yearbook class to travel around the cities of Holt and Dimondale to sell ads to various businesses.

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Sports Index

Athletic Trainers

Front Row: Mark Tompkins, Doug Dietzel, DO
Middle Row: Erin Chapman, Taylor King, Ashleigh Harkness, Allison Pingston, Abbey Lucas
Back Row: Marena Cruz, Steve Pingston, Gabrielle Odom
Not Pictured: Rebecca Howe, Danielle Ott

courtesy photo by Amanda Rogers

Varsity Baseball Scoreboard

Eaton Rapids W 13-1	Owosso W 6-2
St. Johns W 2-1	Owosso W 10-1
St. Johns W 5-1	Eastern W 10-0
Williamston L 6-4	Eastern W 9-1
Everett L 0-2	Everett W 14-3
Jackson W 23-6	Everett W 10-0
Jackson W 13-1	Grand Ledge W 8-7
Williamston W 13-3	Grand Ledge W 11-6
Mason W 10-9	East Lansing W 8-0
Okemos W 13-6	East Lansing W 14-4
Okemos W 8-6	Haslett W 19-10
DeWitt W 8-1	Haslett W 16-1
Constantine W 13-3	St. Johns W 4-2

Varsity Baseball

Front Row: Chris Bossenbery, Matthew Durfee, Jordan Jackson, Justin Shewchuck, Brendan Diamond, Carlos Berroa,Taylyr Cochran
Back Row: Coach Brad Phillips, Paul Wills, Andrew Golden, Jace Mitoska, Cole Darling, Luke Moreno, Justin Alleman, Joshua Alleman, Coach Keith Allen

Junior Varsity Baseball

Front Row: Brandon Bet, Travis Sweet, Jacob Bulkowski, Jacob Jarrad, Grant VanLiew, Dustin Houser, Tyler Elmo
Back Row: Coach Potts, Daniel Middleton, Joey Myers, Jacob Gallimore, Brett Johnson, Tyler Blake, Wesley Dorin, Coach Roche

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Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

Front Row: Harrison Ammon, Jordan Mata, Nickolas Thomas, Dennis Hull, Grant VanLiew
Back Row: Coach Dozier, Coach Mitcham, Anthony Campbell, Carter Burgess, Benjamin Steward, Blake Darling, Daniel Romigh, Coach Netzel

Boys Varsity Basketball

Front Row: Antonio Alvarez, Cameron Gibson, Donlunto Jackson, Dominick Todd, Jermaine Shaw
Middle Row: Nicholas Schmidt, Chad Ackerson, Daniel Middleton, Taylor Beachnau, Rodney Scott, David Herron, Timothy Scott
Back Row: Coach Matt Essell, Coach Ben Bakken, Manager Travis Van Port Fleet, Kris Pratt-Taylor, Cole Darling, Brandon Smith, Darnell Hamilton, Coach Ross Baker

Boys Varsity Basketball Scoreboard

Waverly **W 67-44**
A. Arbor Pioneer **W 63-46**
Pershing **L 58-75**
Grand Ledge **W 58-57**
LCC **W 55-32**
East Lansing **W 56-42**
Haslett **W 66-58**
Jackson **W 64-60**
Eastern **L 59-73**
Everett **W 47-28**
Okemos **W 65-59**
Grand Ledge **W 64-51**
East Lansing **W 68-51**
Eastern **L 56-83**
Jackson **W 58-40**
Everett **W 72-29**
Okemos W 70-46
Jackson Lumen **W 55-38**
DeWitt **W 76-50**
Sexton **L 61-64**

Girls Junior Varsity Basketball

Back Row: Assistant Coach Harriet Hamilton, A'brianna Terry, Autumn Baker, Hannah Johnson, Alison Sluiter, Emily Burgess, Bridget Starr, Coach Russ Olcheske
Front Row: Casey Harkema, Lauren Strong, Alexis Lockhart, Haley McFarland, Monique Bailhe, Shaleen Williams
Not Pictured: Keyona Young

Girls Varsity Basketball

Front Row: Alexis Kelly, Emily Holtz, Jessica Peatross, Alexis Malhado, Megan Sundstrom, Marie Dragonetti
Back Row: Cortney Williford, Falysha Edmondson, Haley Powers, Emily Klauka, Amanda Johnson, Robyn Robinson

Girls Varsity Basketball Scoreboard

Dewitt **L 57-59**
Sexton **W 69-40**
Waverly **W 42-38**
Mason **W 48-25**
Belding **W 65-55**
Lansing Catholic Central **L 60-56**
East Lansing **L 49-60**
Haslett **W 50-46**
Jackson **W 61-51**
Eastern **W 49-42**
Everett **W 57-50**
Okemos **L 23-36**
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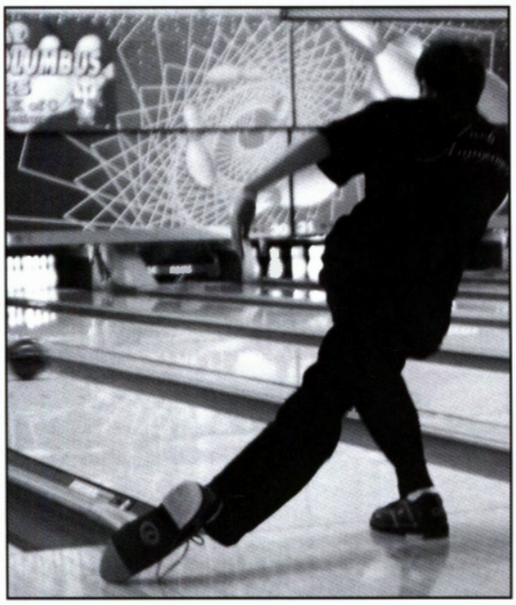

Varsity Bowling

First Row: Jordan Sober, Nicole Rogers, Alexis Mollitor, Shelly Teague, Taylor Roe, Emily Kirby
Second Row: Tyler Crum, Christopher Lander, Cliff McClumpha, Tyler Snow, Caleb Wyatt, Martin Welch
Third Row: Zachary Bailey, Scott Reid, Zachary Ammerman, Kyle Sharp, Zachary Deber, Zackary Yager
Fourth Row: Christian Freeburg, Jordan Foster, Cody Rockhold, Lexus Jarecki, Taylor Miller

Boys Varsity Bowling Scoreboard

Jackson **W 21-9**
Everett **W 28-2**
Grand Ledge **W 23-7**
Mason **L 8-22**
Waverly **W 23-7**
East Lansing **W 24-6**
Eastern **W 28-2**
Jackson **W 22-8**
Pewano-Westphalia **W 21-9**
Grand Ledge **W 19-11**
East Lansing **W 20-10**
Everett **W 23-7**
Sexton **W 16-14**
Eastern **W 24-6**

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Girls Varsity Bowling Scoreboard

Jackson **W 29-1**
Everett **W 29-1**
Grand Ledge **W 28-2**
Mason **W 20.5-9.5**
Waverly **W 17-3**
East Lansing **W 27-3**
Eastern **W 28-2**
Jackson **W 21-9**
Pewamo-Westphalia **W 29-1**
Grand Ledge **W 28-1**
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Everett **W 29-1**
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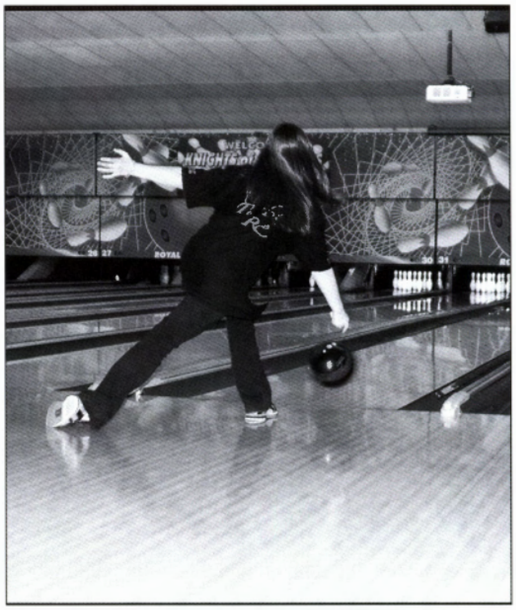
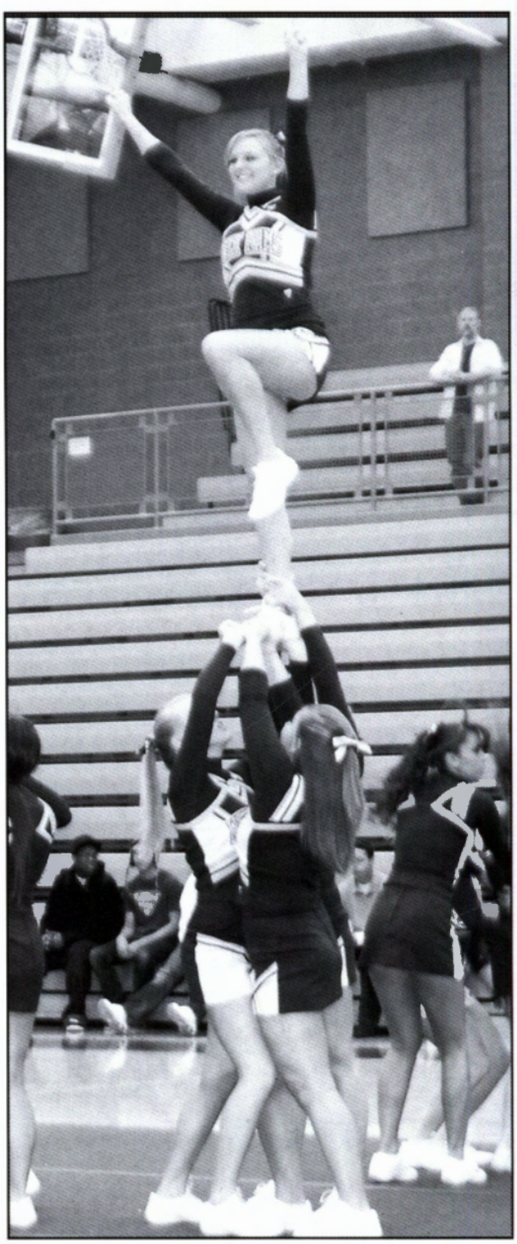


Varsity Winter Cheerleading

Lucy Blomquist, Mindy Boisclair, Erin Boone, Breanna Carson, Morgane Dalton, Brandi Dexter, Mallory Dickinson, Maci Holley, Shayla Kanouse, Allison Kent, Angela Lucas, Kelsey Manas, Kaitlyn Orourke, Darian Rulison, Hannah Shuler, Alexa Smith

Junior Varsity Winter Cheerleading

Desiree Alvarado, Ashlee Bowden, Cara Darbor, Victoria Davis, Jessie Golden, Kaleen Goodrich, Tailor Kuhn, Danielle Ott, Kaitlyn Pier, Lauren Potter, Lindsay Strong, Allie Walsh, Anissa Walton



Varsity Fall Cheerleading

Front Row: Breanna Carson, Kalea Frisbie-Horton, Shayla Kanouse, Darian Rulison, Kaitlyn Orourke, Mindy Boisclair
Second Row: Hannah Shuler, Michayla Donaldson, Erin Boone, Morgan Counseller, Brandi Dexter, Kelsey Manas
Thrid Row: Lucy Blomquist, Mallory Dickinson, Allison Kent, Morgane, Dalton, Erin Langdon, Coach Jan Banhard

Junior Varsity Fall Cheerleading

Front Row: Christina Lueder, Danielle Ott, Mary Daoust, Ericka Halfmann, K'maia Shelton, Ashlee Bowden
Second Row: Victoria Davis, Desiree Alvarado, Cara Darbor, Kaitlyn Barner, Kaleen Goodrich
Thrid Row: Coach C.J Courter, Jessie Golden, Hannah Johnson, Austyn Halligan, Tailor Kuhn, Coach Lois Courter

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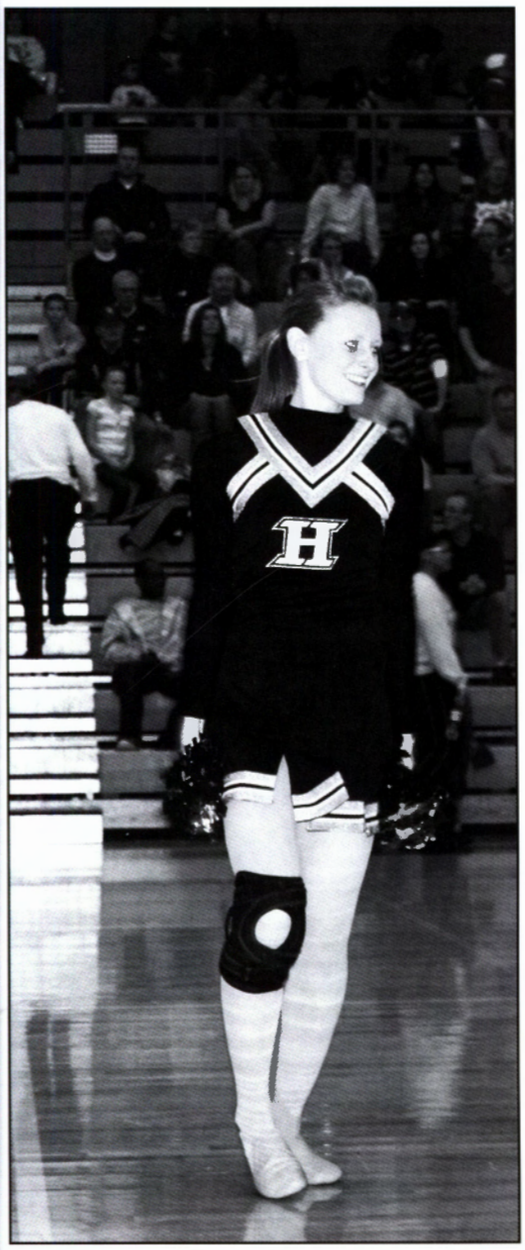

Boys Varsity Cross Country

Front Row: David Batterson, Ethan Hodgman, Matthew Snay, Patrick Carrier
Middle Row: Nickolas Ferguson, Eric Brown, Austin Carr, Christopher Hefty, Jacob McGill, Kevin Caron
Back Row: Coach Ross Malatinsky, Everett Rawlings, Skyler Dutkiewicz, Philip Batterson, Cole Caron, Shaun Bashore, Jordan Rasico, Coach David Foy

Boys Varsity Cross Country Scoreboard

Jackson Invite **3rd**
Bath Invite **6th**
Eastern **W 25-36**
East Lansing **L 16-44**
Lakeview Invite **2nd**
Okemos **L 20-41**
Mason Invite **1st**
Grand Ledge **L 21-34**
Haslett Invite **1st**
Jackson **W 27-32**
Everett **W 15-50**
Portage Invite **26th**
Greater Lansing **7th**

Girls Varsity Cross Country

Front Row: Allison Orth, Karina Drachman
Second Row: Allison Pingston, Brook Centofanti, Amanda Becker, Brooke Smythe, Megan Myers
Thrid Row: Jenna Payne, Coraline Fredline, Allie Buxton, Amy Allen, Mikala Blust, Shelley Dexter, Taylor Roach
Back Row: Coach Pridgeon, Lauren MacEachern, Autumn Baker, Emily Zimmer, Kristen Purdy, Sally Carrasco, Stephanie Irish, Meredith Roberts, Tlonie Babcock, Coach Stafford
Not Pictured: Jessica Gonzalez, Ehricka Culp, Shaleen Williams

Girls Varsity Cross Country Scoreboard

Jackson Invite **4th**
Bath Invite **7th**
Eastern **L 17-46**
East Lansing **W 22-37**
BC/Lakeview Invite **2nd**
Okemos **W 27-28**
Mason Invite **1st**
Grand Ledge **W 17-44**
Haslett Invite **10th**
Jackson **L 24-33**
Everett **L 15-50**
Portage Invite **29th**
Greater Lansing **14th**

Varsity Dance Team

Katy Essenmacher, Alyssa Bailey, Anna Pavlik, Audrey Sobelesky, Alyssa Robinson, Mallory Lyons, Holly Eastman, Renna Cantrall, Hailee Butler, Haley Livington, Allison Nastally

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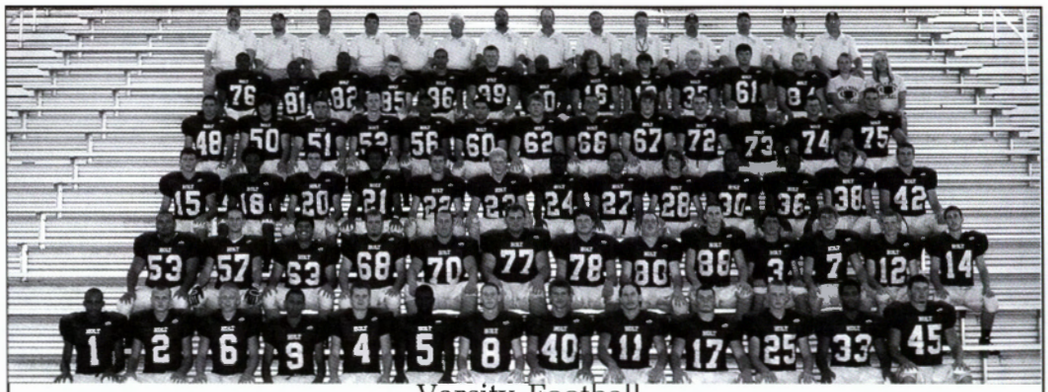
Varsity Football Scoreboard

Sexton **W 21-13**
Rockford **L 10-34**
East Lansing **W 35-7**
Jackson **W 20-7**
Eastern **W 38-3**
Everett **W 38-7**
Okemos **W 42-9**
Grand Ledge **W 34-27**
Davison **W 23-8**



Varsity Football

Front Row: Toribio Luera, Donald MacPhail, Ryan Mack, Jacob Majeske, Dominick Todd, Jordan Beachnau, Benjamin Dudley, Julian Rodgers, Michael Andring, Jacob Gallimore, Jermaine Shaw, Michael Smith
Row Two: Jaden Hartig, Evan Brown, Gurwinder Singh, Alec Wilkins, Alex Kolb, Tyler Reah, Joshua Voss, Kyle Leadbitter, Nicholas Schmidt, Daniel Middleton, Brandon Bet, Jacob Jarrad, Mitchell Johnson
Row Three: Seth Hanton, Johnathon Tackett, Kyle Bort, Nickolas Thomas, Brandon Lovely, Grant Taylor, Abdullah Qawwee, Taylor Triplett, Dustin Houser, Marshall Bettis, Gerald Render, Michael Fleming, Tyler Culp
Row Four: Nikolai Waters, Adam Lansdell, Tyler Elmo, Jamie Hay, Justin Jones, Halen Garcia, Wesley Dorin, William Thurston, Cole Johnson, Hunter Osborn, Fred Turner, Max Godinez, Kenneth Rogers
Back Row: Tre Wilson, Anthony Harris, Trey Williams, Ryan Dennany, Dimitri Shelton, Justin Madar, Curtis Nick, Evan Fischer, Stephen Shassberger, W. Benjamin Steward, Frank Schmidt

Boys Varsity Golf Scoreboard

East Lansing **L 168-163**
Grand Ledge **L 160-159**
Jackson **W 164-165**
Okemos **L175-161**
Everett **W 162-185**
Eastern **W 149-209**
CAAC Jamboree **5th**
Battle Creek Lakeview Invite **6th**
Marshall Invite **8th**
Ithaca Invite **1st**
Traverse City Invite **4th**
Mason Invite **2nd**

Boys Varsity Golf

Front Row: Hiland Tuttle, Luke Shumway, Alexander Beeson, Benjamin Clone, Dylan Ammarman
Back Row: Ryan Sanford, Tyler Crum, Brian Burt, Anthony Watson, Jon Sanford

Boys Junior Varsity Golf

Tyler Snow, Cole Caron, Zachary Shearer, Andrew Counseller, Tyler Mariage, Zachary Rempher, Jared Kinne, Billy Fifield, Coach Brian Kosloski

Girls Varsity Golf Scoreboard

Traverse City Invite **6th**
Traverse City Invite **5th**
CAAC Opener **2nd**
Holt Jamboree **2nd**
East Lansing Jamboree **6th**
Ann Arbor Invite **2nd**
Okemos Jamboree **2nd**
Jackson Jamboree **2nd**
Holt Invite **2nd**
Grosse Ile Invite **8th**
East Lansing Invite **6th**
Grand Ledge Jamboree **2nd**
Greenville Invite **2nd**
CAAC Blue Championship **1st**
Ernie Popiel Invite **3rd**
Jackson Lumen Christi Titan Invite **4th**

Girls Varsity Golf

Front Row: Mariah Massa, Kaitlyn Plascencia, Alexis Malhado, Haley Bandt, Casey Harkema
Back Row: Jessica Peatross, Lauren Strong, Kari Somerville

Girls Junior Varsity Golf

Morgan Gray, Elizabeth Magee, Courtney Bement, Delaney Molhado, Emily Burgess, Andee Krueger, Coach Brian Kosloski

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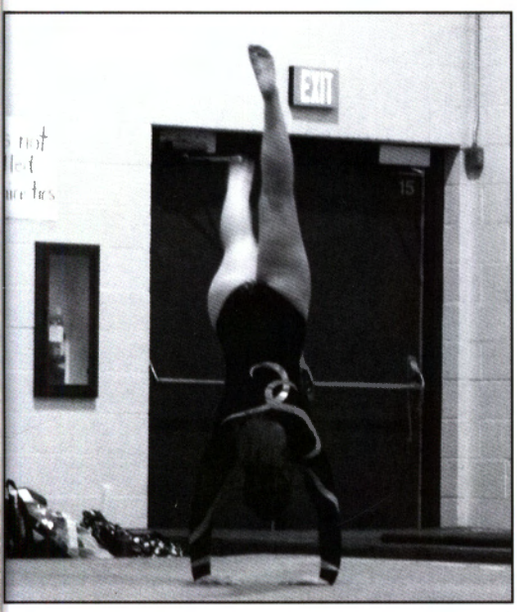
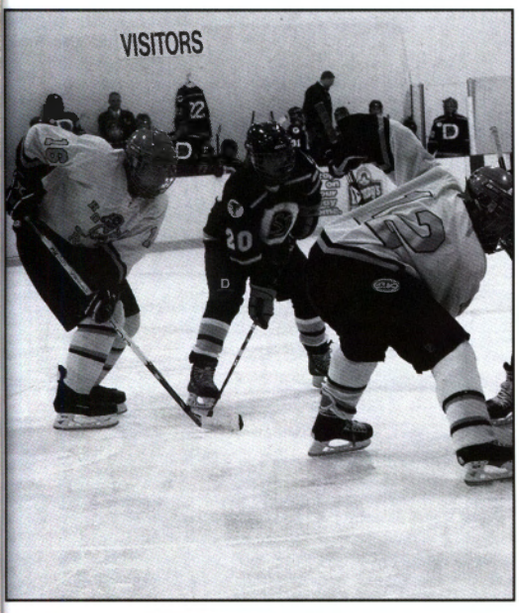


Varsity Gymnastics

Front Row: Tarryn Salmon, Alyssa Furney, Hannah Cruz, Jackelyn Zussman, Aundrea LaVigne, Mikalin Schlee, Kristyn Wolff, Madison Starr, Samantha Loomis
Middle Row: Dakota Brown, Melissa Jackson, Kari Somerville, Christina Lueder, Kailia Gibson, Courtney Blake, Lindsay Strong, Jennifer McKee, Chloe Henley
Back Row: Stina Rieden, Sarah Hall, Leah Taylor, Alexis Dorer, Victoria Smith, Jacqueline Whitbeck, Taylor Hull, Jessie Golden, Natalie Zaleski

Varsity Gymnastics Scoreboard

East Lansing **L 127.35-123.35**
Jackson Lumen Christi **L 129.75-124.6**
Western **L 136.535-127.5**
Coldwater **L 129.85-127**
Haslett **L 134.275-123.35**
East Kentwood **W 121.975-87.925**
Northwest **W 127.2-110.35**
Jackson **W 127.2-115**
Mason **L 133.325-131.1**
St. Johns **W 123.1-110.9**
Grand Ledge **L 149.5-128.675**



Varsity Hockey

Front Row: Ruben Medrano, Paul Strzalkowski, Kyle Borek, Ryan Sanford, Nicholas Wilkinson, Tyler Mariage, Robert Kraemer
Second Row: Coach Bill Maier, Samuel Walker, Kevin Maier, Andrew Counseller, Dalton Litwiller, Taylor Beck, Nicholas Payne, Erick Sundstrom
Back Row: Nicholas Crawford, Max Poole, Adam Maier, Connor Bowman, Coach George Maier

Varsity Hockey Scoreboard

Grand Haven **W 4-3**
Grand Ledge/Waverly **L 1-2**
Eastside **W 7-6**
Portage Northern **W 2-1**
Lumen Christi **L 6-1**
Bay City **W 4-1**
Dewitt/St. Johns **L 1-0**
Jackson **W 7-1**
Grand Ledge/Waverly **W 2-1**
Okemos **L 3-1**
Dewitt/St. Johns **W 2-1**
Eastside **L 4-3**
Capital Area Patriots **T 1-1**
Portage Northern **W 4-0**
Jackson Lumen Christi **L 4-2**
Jenison **L 6-4**
Kalamazoo **T 2-2**
Lowell **W 5-4**
Okemos **L 5-2**
Jackson **W 7-0**

Boys Junior Varsity Lacrosse

Front Row: Justin Whitlock, Patrick Carrier, Ian Garcia, Dallas Davis, Nicholas Payne, Jordan Lienhart, Jeffrey Baker, Matthew Snay, Andrew Dyer, Hunter Neal
Middle Row: Jordan Rasico, Halen Garcia, Evan Hartig, Camrin Corliss, Joseph Mayers, Benjamin Majeske, Travis Lueder, Jacob Hrapkiewicz, Ryan Cimmerer, Justin Saxman
Back Row: Coach Corey Martin, Casey Prange, Benjamin Grossbauer, Michael Ramer, Paul Strzalkowski, Robert Lanier, Stephen Shassberger, Patrick Stapf, Zak Badnar, Christian Vaughn, Coach Mark Tongen

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

Front Row: Steven McKee, Eric Rapier, Robert Kraemer, Thomas McKee, Jacob Majeske, Ryan DeClercq, Alex Hrapkiewicz, Skyler Dutkiewicz
Middle Row: Jacob Zajac, Kyle Borek, Jamie Hay, Jordan Craig, Andre Rakas, Daniel Lane, Nicholas Wilkinson, Adam Johnson, Assistant Coach Mike Updyke
Back Row: Assistant Coach Kyle Harbon, Alex Kolb, Andrew Krause, Tobin Egger, Max Poole, Cory Gordan, Ryan Brown, David Lopez, Coach Mike Van Antwerp

Boys Varsity Lacrosse Scoreboard

Saline L 7-13
Portage Central W 8-7
West Ottawa L 10-13
Rockford L 2-17
DeWitt W 10-1
Okemos L 3-15
Haslett W 11-8
Waverly L 10-11
East Lansing W 9-5
Midland 14-5
DeWitt W 18-0
Waverly L 5-9
Walled Lake Northern W 11-8
Canton W 10-9
Mattawan L 8-9
East Lansing W 18-9
Flint Powers L 6-11

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Girls Varsity Lacrosse Scoreboard

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Girls Varsity Lacrosse

Front Row: Emily Tupper, Jenna Payne, Kelsey Arambula, Alyssa O'Connor, Alyssa Clark, Brooke Foorman, Elizabeth Tompkins
Middle Row: Sharyn Kruger, Erica Stanley, Katlyn Kyriakopoulos, Kristen Purdy, Kristi Shearer, Abigail Dutkiewicz
Back Row: Kristin Charette, Jourdan Reis, Marina Depew, Hailey Marsh, Eve Wood, Lauren MacEachern, Coach Paul Carr

Girls Junior Varsity Lacrosse

Front Row: Danae Reed, Taylor Kozumplik, Amanda Bolanowski, Makinzie Grimmer, Kasey Carpenter, Nicole Stevenson, Brittany Poirer
Middle Row: Alexandra Caldwell, Julia Youngs, Erin Langdon, Mikala Blust, Alexis Kuprel, Marissa Trojanowicz, Allison Orth
Back Row: Coach Marshall, Mallory Dickinson, Emily Washabaugh, Emily Zimmer, Madison Hayes, Lauren Maier, Amy Carr, Hannah Clark

Boys Varsity Soccer Scoreboard

Dewitt **W 4-2**
Eastern **W 3-0**
St. Johns **W 3-0**
Ann Arbor Pioneer **W 3-1**
Waverly **W 7-0**
Grandville **W 6-0**
Jackson Lumen Christi **W 8-0**
Dewitt **W 2-0**
Mason **W 3-0**
East Lansing **W 4-1**
Jackson **W 8-3**
Midland Dow **W 5-1**
Everett **W 2-0**
Haslett **T 2-2**
Grand Ledge **W 3-0**
Dexter **W 4-1**
Okemos **W 5-1**

Boys Varsity Soccer

Front Row: Tyler Ennis, Joshua Barens, Jamison McCaige, Octavio Hernandez, Arthur Gukasov, Alexsander Suzic
Middle Row: Thinh Vu, Ryan Schooley, Ryan Carrier, Collin Mohr, Alex Bossie, Kevin Skinker, Jerod Gardner, Kenneth Kruger
Back Row: Coach Gnass, David Herron, Kyle Borek, Ben Gates, Brendan Finnerty, Jordan Lewis, Ryan Hoffer, Alexander Bryant, Donald Allen, Justin Pratt, Coach Conner, Coach Smith

Boys Junior Varsity Soccer

Front Row: Mark Knapp, Mike Garcia, Matt Herriman, Patrick Mercer, JJ McGrath, Chris Ford, Jake Simon, Michael Welch
Middle Row: Jeffrey Rogers, Zack Hawks, JeQa Powe, Garrett Encisco, Zach Dowling, Andrew Bonner, Corey Williford
Back Row: Coach Trunk, William Hensler, Mike Ramer, Kenneth Kruger, Nick Fiasky, Abel Mixaykham, Alexander Hall, Kyler Wheatley, Michael Tran, Chris Knight, Coach McCaige, Coach Corson Not Pictured: Alex Haddick

Girls Varsity Soccer Scoreboard

Jackson Lumen Christi **W 1-0**
Pinckney **L 0-1**
Eaton Rapids **T 0-0**
Dewitt **L 2-5**
Jackson **L 1-2**
Mt. Pleasant **W 3-0**
St. Johns **W 2-0**
Laingsburg **W 3-1**
Okemos **L 0-3**
East Lansing **L 2-5**
East Kentwood **W 2-1**
Owosso **W 5-2**
Eastern **W 8-0**
Mason **L 1-3**
Everett **W 10-1**
Grand Ledge **W 2-1**
Haslett **W 2-0**

Girls Varsity Soccer

Front Row: Mikaela Taylor, Jamie Zelenski, Paige Royston, Brooke Smythe, Elizabeth DeJongh, Victoria Patton, Marie Dragonetti, Tasha Kramarenko, Kelly Edinger, Nicole Allegretto
Back Row: Coach Trunk, Alyson Mosher, Morgan Webster, Amanda Johnson, Emily Klauka, Chelsea Gaukel, Jordan Rakas, Casey Rees, Sarah Blohm, Skylen Powell, Coach Smith

Girls Junior Varsity Soccer

Front Row: Jenny McClumpha, Skylar Hunt, Hannah Webb, Taylor Aguillon, Cara Darbor, Lauren Strong, Marissa Bourlier, Dani Colina
Middle Row: Amy Benitez, Victoria Frailey, Monique Bailhe, Kaitlyn Barner, Cori Ackerson, Stephanie Irish, Whitney Simpson, Patrisha Young
Back Row: Coach John Connor, Tiffani Morrison, Carrie Koch, Ashleigh Harkness, Jessica Gonzalez, Alyssa Clark, Katelyn Ziolkowski, Coach Katie Federspiel, Coach Jessica Phillips

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Junior Varsity Softball A

ont Row: Haley Bandt, Haley McFarland, Marissa Starr, lexis Daniel, Jasmin Bird, Lauryn Stubblefield
ack Row: Coach Bruce Kutney, Samantha Ward, Khiara uke, Shelby Reisner, Bethany Carter, Coach Sara Bieda ot Pictured: Kaitlyn Houck, Katrina Majeske

Varsity Softball

Front Row: Rosemary Walker, Stephanie Smith, Dominique Baker, Colleen Lierman, Kylie Hoose
Middle Row: Jordan Hayes, Chelsea Bartley, Allyson Masseau, Melanie Adler, Amber Marshall, Molly Gray,
Back Row: Coach Cotter, Coach Byrnes, Jennifer Hall, Coach Reichard, Kayla Stevens, Coach Ferris, Coach Munson

Varsity Softball Scoreboard

Eaton Rapids **W 3-2**
Eaton Rapids **L 3-10**
St. Johns **W 1-0**
St. Johns **W 2-1**
Jenison **L 1-12**
Sexton **W 0-24**
Okemos **W 4-3**
Mason **L 3-13**
Jackson **W 6-3**
Jackson **L 5-8**
Chelsea **L 0-10**
Gibraltar Carlson **L 3-6**
LCC **W 4-1**
Okemos **W 8-1**
Okemos **W 8-2**
East Lansing **W 7-1**
East Lansing **W 4-1**
Salem **L 1-7**
Dearborn **L 8-11**
Flat Rock **L 3-4**
Owosso **L 0-9**
Owosso **L 4-6**
Eastern **W 12-0**
Eastern **W 11-4**
Bath **L 3-4**
Grand Ledge **W 3-0**
Grand Ledge **W 2-1**
Ionia **L 0-4**
Williamston **L 1-5**
Everett **W 18-10**
Everett **W 12-4**
Haslett **W 17-4**
Haslett **W 15-5**
Battle Creek **L 3-4**

Junior Varsity Softball

ront Row: Alaina Wilson, Kristi Jones, Kala Royston, Anna Pavlik
iddle Row: Ashlee Pena, Caitlyn Russell, Samantha Barros, shley Boisclair, Brittney Presley
ack Row: Coach Bergeron, Bridget Starr, Anastasia Pulido, Sofia arrish, Jessie Golden, Coach Rarick

Boys Varsity Swimming

Front Row: Diving Coach Trista Soliz, Adam Stasiuk, Dustin Haskell, Gabe Murley, Kaleb Hebert, Mitchell Fisher, Michael Kennedy, Mathius Tiexiera
Row 2: Kurtis Smith, Devin Salyer, Hiland Tuttle, Tanner Kletke, Brandon Endsley, Deiondre Wallace-Swanzy, Adrian Miranda-Cabrera, Zackary Smith
Row 3: Michael Ramer, Daniel Kalchik, Collin Harris, Erik Fiasky, Eric Dawdy, Ernesto Canales Medina, Jarad Taylor, Zackery Wiborn

Boys Varsity Swimming Scoreboard

Waverly Relays **3rd**
Everett **W 99-67**
East Lansing **W 221-91**
Sexton/Eastern **W 218-30**
St. Johns **W 173-141**
Okemos **L 156-159**
Jackson **W 196-119**
Grand Ledge **W 108-78**
Dewitt Invite **1st**

Girls Varsity Swimming

Front Row: Diving Coach Kristin Bloomquist, JoLynn Brickner, Tiffany Wheat, Alyson Ramer, Randi Cartwright, Head Coach Marty Pohl
Middle Row: Katrina Schlicker, Alysia Flores, Alexandria Lezan, Nikole Hartsuff, Molly Gray, Katrina Majeske, Bethany Carter
Back Row: Taylor Diaz, Courtney Kingsley, Mariah Crawford, Madeline Curl, Kaitlyn Pier, Dharbi Hicok, Melanie Krull, Theresa Castillo

Girls Varsity Swimming Scoreboard

Waverly Relays **8th**
Mason **L 135-150**
East Lansing **L 83-100**
Everett **W 97-78**
St. Johns **L 56-122**
Sexton/Eastern **W 111-32**
Okemos **L 77-108**
Jackson **L 67-106**
Grand Ledge **L 75-108**

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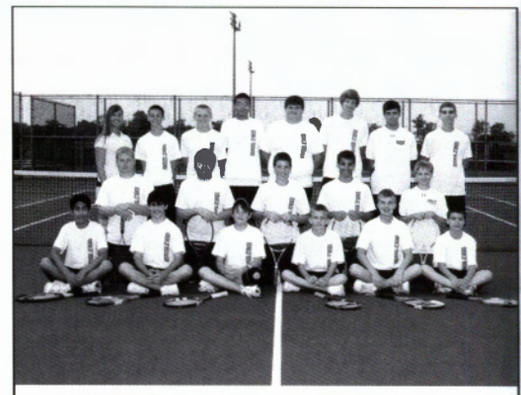
Boys Varsity Tennis Scoreboard

Jenison Invite **3rd**
DeWitt **L 2-6**
Waverly **W 6-2**
St. Johns **W 5-3**
Charlotte **W 8-0**
Lumen Christi **L 2-6**
East Lansing **L 2-6**
Jackson **L 1-7**
Eastern **L 2-6**
Everett **W 8-0**
Holt Invite **2nd**
Okemos **L 0-8**
Grand Ledge **W 6-2**
Grandville Invite **4th**

Boys Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Blayne White, Zachary Smith, Jeffrey Chronister, Daniel Yu
Row Two: Zachary Ray, Benjamin Drullinger, Joshua Green
Back Row: Coach Vandecar, Adam Knapp, Chris Yu, Kyler Sheerin, Michael Hua, Brian Burt
Not Pictured: Coach Russ Olcheske



Boys Junior Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Aaron Torres, James Kramer, Nathaniel Cooper, George Edelman, Daniel Martin, Robert Hull
Row Two: Clifford McClumpha, Robert Hull, Brennan Sanford, Matthew Durfee, Eric Knapp
Back Row: Coach Vandecar, Matthew Hineman, Sean Bulkowski, Micah Norwood Gabriel Loveall, Kyle Palmer, Jayson Bechtol, Brian Cobus

Girls Varsity Tennis Scoreboard

Waverly **W 8-0**
Okemos **L 1-7**
Jackson **W 8-0**
Owosso **W 7-1**
East Lansing **T 4-4**
Eastern **W 8-0**
Everett **W 8-0**
Grand Ledge **L 5-3**
Mason **W 6-2**
DeWitt **W 6-2**

Girls Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Mariah Massa, Elizabeth Couturier, Jennifer Pielack, Jasmine Garza, Sarah Chronister, Stephanie Marecki, Taylor Roach
Back Row: Coach Powers, Lauren Kustasz, Damaris Shaffer, Aly Gillison, Haley Powers, Heather Allen, Holly Moorehead, Emily Bohne, Allison Fredline, Coach Somers

Girls Junior Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Passanan Singthong, Bich-Tran Nguyen, Lindsey Hamlin, Hannah Maier, Jamie Hulteen, Devan Walworth, Tiffany Wiedrick, Janet Phan
Middle Row: Bethany Nippa, Iman Ben-Hamza, Susan Austin, Amanda Lester, Abigail Cottom, Alexis Pridgen, Janelle Briggs, Jazmine Fews, Rheannon Bateman
Back Row: Jennifer Morgbey, Elizabeth McKerr, Stephanie Le, Ciara Garchow, Lea Schafer, Chantel Nquyen, Rachel Beatty, Coach Larner
Not Pictured: Courtney Bement, Sienna Gagne, Emily Marlow, Katherine Vargas, Shay Rymes

Boys Varsity Track Scoreboard

Grand Ledge **L 56-110**
East Lansing **L 82-86**
Eastern **L 76-90**
Everett **W 102-65**
Webberville **W 136-31**
Jackson **L 79-87**
Okemos **L 70-97**
Mason Invite **1st**
Jackson Northwest Invite **4th**

Boys Varsity Track

Front Row: Kevin Maier, Arthur Williams, Anthony Harris, Eric Spitz, Nick Neff, Ryan Thumser, Kyle Hanton, Ciro Velasquez, James Osborne, Lorenzo Zuniga-Villegas
Row Two: William Hensler, Christopher Hefty, Miles Ranke, Terrance Shiels, Gurwinder Singh, Noah Assefa, Abdullah Qawwee, Everett Rawlings, Kevin Lentz, Manuel Banda, Max Godinez, Ian Garcia, Shaun Bashore, Nickolas Thomas, Curtis Nick
Row Three: Taylor Triplett, Nikolai Waters, Nicholas Worden, Timothy Gibbons, William Thurston, Daetona Beech, Brendan Shavers, Toribio Luera, Dominick Todd, Christopher Scott, Cameron Gibson, Jordan Beachnau, Nicholas Fiasky, Michael Hua, Kion Gibbs, Luke Blasen
Back Row: Kenneth Rogers, Tyler Blasen, Julian Rodgers, Adam Lansdell, Joshua Voss, Benjamin Dudley, Grant Taylor, Justin Jones, Brenden Richards, Philip Batterson, Byran Thomas, Christopher Lewis, Zachary Hodgman, Brandon Lovely, Alexander Bigger

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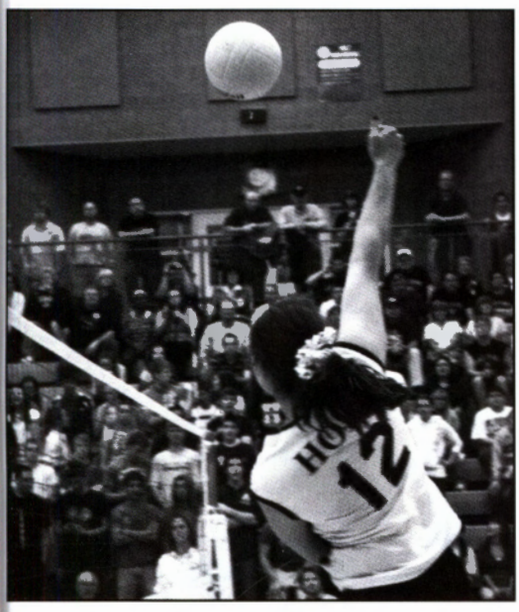
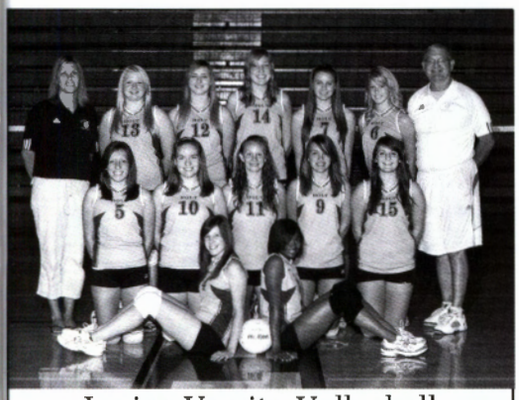


Girls Varsity Track

Front Row: Victoria Smith, Nicole Borek, Kimberle Killips, Kristin Hart, Meisha Mitchell, Shelley Dexter
Row Two: Taylor Wualls, Alisha Weaver, Sonja Eisenzimmer, Vanesha Smith, Sally Carrasco, Anneke Scherz, Kelsie Reed, Kristen Blodgett, Darian Rulison, Katie O'Rourke, Alexis Lockhart, Barbra Armstrong, Kwe'Shonte Mathews, Shaleen Williams
Row Three: Jazmine King, Chelsie Brokenshire, Charisma Hoskins, Sakera Wilson, Karina Drachman, Hunter Alleman, Arcadia Aguilar, Kelsea Haidamous, Meranda Petosky, Chynna McLeod
Row Four: Autumn Baker, Ehricka Culp, Kyla Walworth, Gabrielle Odom, Anisha Howlett, Meredith Roberts, Alyssa Stepter, Amina Woods, Jennifer Verhougstaete, Aliciana Castillo, Alexus Mason, Lori Worden, Tori Rueckert-Boettger, Candace Jones, Allyson Ramer, Madison Rodriguez

Girls Varsity Track Scoreboard

Everett **W 118-44**
East Lansing **W 108-5**
Eastern **W 121-39**
Jackson **W 107-60**
Grand Ledge **L 111-56**
Okemos **L 111-56**
Mason Invite **5th**
Olivet Invite **2nd**
Webberville **1st**



Junior Varsity Volleyball

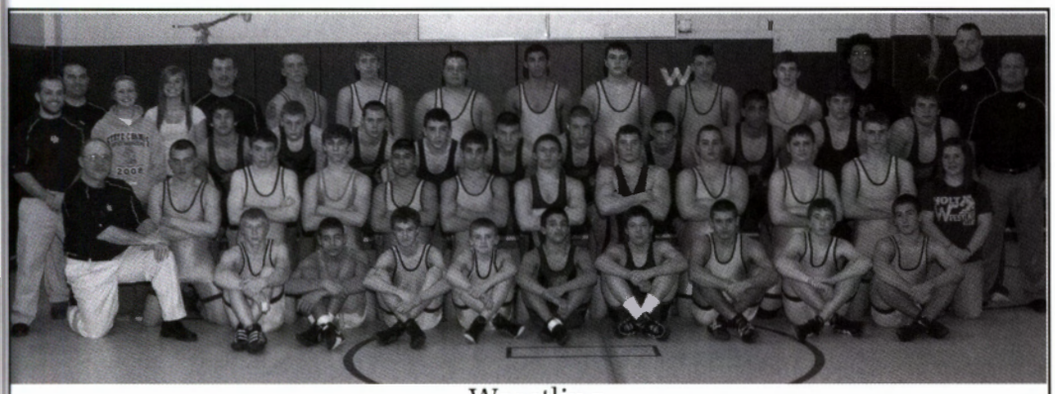
Row 1: Abby Cottom, DeAyra Hall
Row 2: Audra Balcarcel, Lea Schafer, Katelyn Lowry, Tayler Peiffer, Marissa Trojanowicz
Row 3: Coach Brooke Klecha, Ashleigh Carr, Lauren Maier, Julie Shallman, Haley Powers, Aren Cupp, Coach Jim Powers

Varsity Volleyball

Front Row: Alexis Kelly, Megan Sundstrom, Paige Royston, Lauren Kustasz, Emily Holtz, Andra Overton
Back Row: Coach Ferris, Kylie Hoose, Shelby Reisner, Brittany Marshall, Devan Walworth, Emily Klauka, Kyla Walworth, Marissa Starr, Coach Kellie Sweitzer

Girls Varsity Volleyball Scoreboard

Okemos **W 86-81**
Pewamo Westphalia **W 50-34**
Meridian **W 50-23**
Swan Valley **W 60-60**
Frankenmuth **W 61-55**
Cadillac **L 29-50**
Grand Ledge **L 101-106**
Jackson **W 75-60**



Wrestling

Row 1: Cody Sholty, Duane Hoard, Cody Bradford, Shayne Wireman, Alfredo Rodriguez, Benjamin Matthiesen, Zachery Kamins, Alexander Argenta, Mitchell Johnson
Row 2: Coach Shaft, John Krohn, Caleb Sharrah, Michael Fish, Robert Barrios, Matthew Durfee, Jeffrey Baker, Michael Andring, Heath Thurman, Douglas Brennan, Matthew Zajac
Row 3: Coach Corr, Andrew Dyer, Jeffrey Lyon, Kyle Shaw, Caleb Haddad, Seth Hanton, Chris Seyka, Dominick Trevino, Justin Jones, Tyler Jackson, Tyler Culp, Coach Granger
Row 4: Coach Dyer, Coach Holtry, Andrew Golden, Jaren Howell, AJ Turner, Gregory Lewis, Skylar Kohagen, Joe Thurman, Patrick Stapf, Christopher Lewis, Coach Thill

Varsity Wrestling Scoreboard

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Lansing Everett **W 72-0**
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North Canton, Ohio Invitational **3rd**
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Holt Invitational **3rd**
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"My favorite part of this year was when I made a comment to Mr. Hodges that zoology should be a year long class and we don't need math. He got mad and went on this long conversation of how math is important." -Brooke Andrews

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"I loved going to the football games because I was with all my friends and we all cheered on the team."
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"Challenge day was the best part of my year because it made me realize that people go through so much, and that people often judge others based on first appearances." -Taylor Qualls

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"I had fun when I and a few other people raced through the parking lots one day when they were empty."
-Tony Unbehaun

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"My favorite part of senior year was probably just hanging out in the school parking lot with my friends." -Tyler Young

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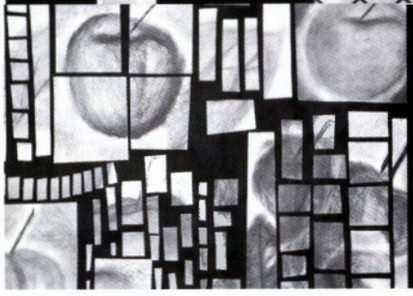
Holding up props **senior Britta Anderson** works on the senior float for homecoming. Following the video game theme, seniors were Mario; juniors were Frogger; sophomores were Pacman and freshmen were Donkey Kong during homecoming's spit week.

Enjoying a rare piece of downtime **seniors Matthew Frankovich** and **Jarrod Campbell** discussed section leader business in between drill runs. The marching band practiced most of the season outdoors, facing heat, rain and sometimes even snow.



The "Ugly Apple" project, created by many of the students who were in drawing class, were displayed in the center commons. The art students involved used pastels to recreate apples from a local orchard, branches and all.

Supporting their fellow cheerleaders, **seniors Breanna Carson and Morgane Dalton** stand on the HOLT boxes in their homecoming attire. After walking on the field with the Homecoming Court, Carson and Dalton continued to lead cheers and support their school.

Payton Alagna and Samantha Kramer

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Reaching new limits in the gym **senior Robert Chapman** hangs upside down from the basketball hoop. "Throughout my high school career, I got to experience all the gym classes Holt High School has to offer. I've learned many new sports and games and had a good time doing them," said Chapman.

Seniors **Sarah Washabaugh, Alec Joiner, Mikaela Taylor, Eric Parry, Payton Alagna, Tasha Kramarenko,** and **Amilia Mendoza** pose for a senior photo at the Science Olympiad Regional Competition. The team placed second with four first places, which took them to states.

As Our Story Ends... A New One Begins

As the halls slowly become empty again, the year comes to an end; happy good-byes and best wishes for the summer fill the air. Students reminisced the memories and stories they created throughout the year as they wandered toward the doors. Our individual stories have been archived in photos and in memories. Meanwhile, Holt High School's story continued on. While our seniors prepared to graduate, a new freshman class prepared to begin their high school career.

Sophomores were entering their crucial junior year. "I think it'll probably be a little tough, the classes are going to get harder, and then there's the ACTs," commented sophomore Lindsey Beaulieu.

Juniors were hitting the sacred time of senior year, filled with memories and decision making. "I'm excited to become a senior, as weird as it feels. Part of me wants to grow up and part of me wants to stay young. I already have a good idea what colleges I'm applying to, it's just a matter of getting accepted. That's the stressful part. Life is always full of surprises," explained junior Chris Yu.

The seniors, who had long awaited the end of their high school career, were graduating. Finally becoming young adults in the real world. "It's about time, I'm super excited. I'm ready to go to college, get a degree and get a job," expressed senior Melanie Adler.

Our perspectives of high school were altered, changed, throughout the year. But the story is still the same. We still walked the same halls and we attended the same pep rallies. The same idea will happen again and again, in a never ending cycle of new beginnings. As we leave these halls, we leave our story for those that follow.

As school comes to an end before winter break, **principal Brian Templin** received a baby goat as an early Christmas present. "The faculty definitely got my goat. Thankfully Mr. Duling will keep it for me until I'm ready for it someday," explained Templin.

Rocking out at the Holt High School battle of the bands **seniors Jayson Bechtol** and **Alex Olsen** share their passion with the crowd. "I love performing on stage and playing the guitar which is what I love to do," exclaimed Olsen.

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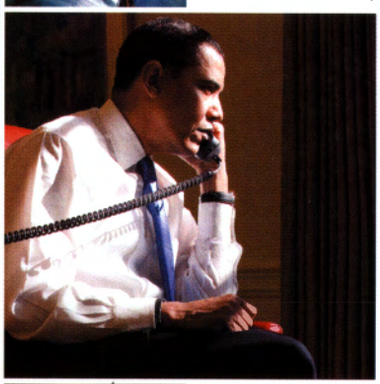

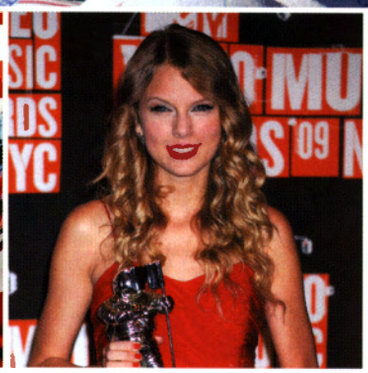

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1ST 100 DAYS

- ECONOMY
- FOREIGN POLICY
- SOCIAL ISSUE

JANUARY

22 — Signed order to close Guantanamo Bay facility

29 — Signed into law the Lilly Ledbetter Act, which helps guarantee equal pay across gender lines

FEBRUARY

17 — Signed the $787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law

27 — Announced that the United States will pull troops out of Iraq completely by 2011

MARCH

4 — Launched the foreclosure prevention program, a $75 billion loan modification and refinancing plan

27 — Announced plan to send more troops to Afghanistan

APRIL

1 — Attended G-20 Summit in London

1ST 100 DAYS

ONCE INAUGURATED, President Barack Obama got down to business, signing executive orders banning harsh interrogation techniques of suspected terrorists on his second day in office. The ban was Obama's first step toward closing the prisons at Guantanamo Bay. **ONE WEEK LATER**, the president signed a labor act guaranteeing equal pay for all workers. Regarding the act, Obama explained that he saw the inequality as a family issue, not just a women's issue. **ATTENTION TO THE ECONOMY** brought the $787 billion economic stimulus package in the form of February's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, controversial legislation which the administration claimed sparked growth as early as the third quarter.

A TOTAL TROOP WITHDRAWAL from Iraq by the end of 2011 was announced on February 27, and just a month later Obama announced a renewed commitment to Afghanistan and plans to send an additional 21,000 new troops there. **LONDON'S G-20 SUMMIT** allowed leaders from nations worldwide, as well as regional groups and international institutions, to strategize ways to revive the global economy and stimulate growth.

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SOMALI PIRATES hijacked an American ship in the Indian Ocean off the Horn of Africa and took Captain Richard Phillips hostage in April. The ship, the Maersk Alabama, was carrying food and other aid supplies for the World Food Program. The five-day ordeal ended when U.S. Navy SEAL snipers killed three pirates, freeing Phillips. **BEA ARTHUR**, two-time Emmy award winner, died of cancer at 86. Probably best known for her *Golden Girls* character Dorothy Zbornak, Arthur began her acting career on Broadway, winning a Tony in the original stage production of *Mame*. **A 50 TO 1 LONGSHOT** won the 135th Kentucky Derby. Jockey Calvin Borel and Mine That Bird came from behind on a muddy track to win the race by nearly seven lengths. **VOCALIST SUSAN BOYLE** became an overnight sensation on *Britain's Got Talent*. Her performance quickly became one of the most watched videos on YouTube. Despite a second-place finish in the competition, Boyle's first album, *I Dreamed a Dream*, became the biggest-selling album in the world for 2009 in just six weeks. **NORTH CAROLINA'S TARHEELS** beat Michigan State 89-72 in the men's Final Four, avenging a title game loss to Kansas the previous season. With the help of upperclassmen Tyler Hansbrough, Wayne Ellington, Ty Lawson and Danny Green, all of whom opted to return for another year with coach Roy Williams rather than heading to the NBA, the Tarheels cruised to their fifth national title and their second in five years. A unanimous pre-season No. 1, the team was UNC's first since 1982 to start and finish the year in the nation's top spot. **CONFICKER WORM**, a computer virus that targeted the Microsoft Windows operating system, was estimated to have infected more than 15 million computers. It was believed to be the worst computer virus since the SQL slammer worm in 2003. In February 2009, Microsoft offered a $250,000 reward for help with finding and arresting the people who created the computer worm.

31 Nearly 40 unemployed New Yorkers took part in the Unemployment Olympics, a day of fun and games in Manhattan's East Village planned by a recently laid-off computer software worker.

7 The Connecticut women's basketball team won its sixth national title, defeating Louisville 76-54 in a St. Louis Final Four tagged "March to the Arch."

12 Argentinian golfer Ángel Cabrera won the Masters at 12 under par after a three-way playoff against Americans Chad Campbell and Kenny Perry.

23 Apple's iTunes App Store knew in advance that some lucky buyer would download the company's one billionth app on this date and they offered prizes galore.

TOP FILMS OF 2009

AVATAR *UP*
HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE
TWILIGHT: NEW MOON
STAR TREK
SHERLOCK HOLMES
X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE

24 The World Health Organization expressed concern at the spread of the H1N1 influenza from Mexico and the United States to other countries.

30 Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter announced his term-end retirement. A former attorney general from New Hampshire, Souter was appointed in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush.

20 Arkansas singer/songwriter Kris Allen, 23, won the eighth season of *American Idol*.

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JUNE

22 After five seasons on TLC, the Gosselins of *Jon and Kate Plus Eight* announced divorce plans. The pair, plus their twins and sextuplets, attracted nearly 10 million viewers.

24 Mark Sanford, South Carolina's governor, admitted to his affair with a woman in Buenos Aires. He resigned as chair of the Republican Governors Association.

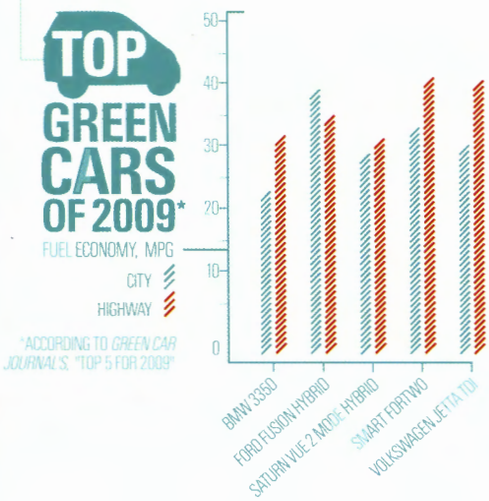
JULY

3 Citing the desire to spend more time with her family and no interest in running for re-election, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin stepped down, transferring power to Lt. Governor Sean Parnell.

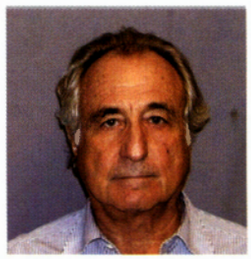
5 Roger Federer broke Pete Sampras' 14 Grand-Slam record, beating American Andy Roddick to win the men's title at Wimbledon for the sixth time.

21 Shweeb, the world's first human-powered monorail, attracted attention in New Zealand. Pedalled like a recumbent bike, the system created zero emissions.

22 The longest total solar eclipse of the 21st century was visible off the coast of Southeast Asia for six hours and 39 minutes. It'll be 2132 before that happens again.



BERNIE MADOFF was sentenced to 150 years in prison for the multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme he perpetrated as a wealth management advisor. He pleaded guilty to 11 felonies, including securities fraud, money laundering, perjury, making false filings with the SEC and theft from an employee benefit plan. In addition to his imprisonment, the former chair of the NASDAQ stock market was ordered to forfeit $170 billion. **U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM IRAQ** was celebrated as a national holiday when Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki declared June 30 "National Sovereignty Day." In accordance with agreements with Iraq, American troops completed their withdrawal from Iraqi cities and transferred the responsibility of securing the cities to Iraqi troops. **IRANIAN ELECTION PROTESTS** lasted months and resulted in at least 36 confirmed deaths after it was announced that President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had won re-election with nearly 63% of the vote. Results were later certified and Ahmadinejad was sworn in for a second term in office on August 5. **SERENA WILLIAMS** beat her sister, Venus, in the final match at Wimbledon to win her third Grand Slam victory of the year. Then the sisters paired to beat Aussies Samanatha Stosur and Rennae Stubbs, winning the doubles title the same day. **HULU**, a free app that allowed viewers to watch television shows on the web, gained traction. Some studies showed as many as 45% of all teens watched "TV" on the internet. **AL FRANKEN**, a former Saturday Night Live comedian and satirist, finally won his seat in the Senate after the Minnesota Supreme Court rejected incumbent Norm Coleman's myriad challenges. The final recount gave Franken the victory by 312 votes. **NBA CHAMPION L.A. LAKERS** won their 15th title on June 14, defeating the Orlando Magic 99-86 to clinch the title in just five games. Lakers star Kobe Bryant was named M.V.P. after scoring 30 points in the final game and 162 in the series.



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MICHAEL JACKSON REMEMBERED

13 NO. 1 SINGLES AS A SOLO ARTIST

750 MILLION RECORDS SOLD WORLDWIDE

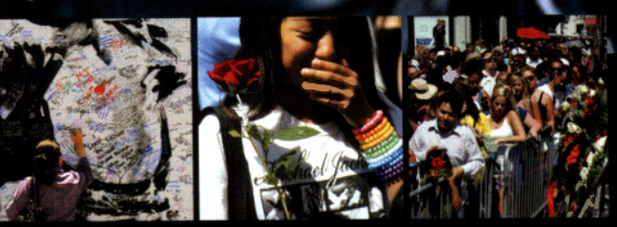
15 GRAMMY AWARDS

26 AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS

HOW TO MOONWALK

IN FIVE EASY STEPS

1 Begin with your feet parallel. **2** Raise your left heel so that you're standing on the ball of your left foot. **3** Slide your right foot back with your weight on the ball of your left foot. **4** Switch so that your weight is on the ball of your right foot. **5** Slide your left foot back and repeat.



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THE BREAKING NEWS of Michael Jackson's cardiac arrest and sudden death on June 25 dominated the internet causing unprecedented spikes in traffic and overwhelming social networks such as Facebook and Twitter. **TOPPING THE CHARTS** with 17 No. 1 hits (including four as a member of the Jackson 5), Jackson's 1982 *Thriller* remained the best-selling album ever. In the two weeks following his death, buyers snapped up another 2.3 million Jackson albums. In all, his world sales of more than 750 million records made him one of the best-selling recording artists ever.

JACKSON IS CREDITED with elevating the music video into an art form. His videos for "Billie Jean," "Beat It" and "Thriller" brought a strong crossover following to MTV. He popularized the moonwalk and the robot and influenced generations of dancers. **KNOWN AS THE KING OF POP**, Jackson was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame both as a Jackson and as a solo artist. **FINAL GOODBYES** were televised from L.A.'s Staples Center where Stevie Wonder, Lionel Richie, Mariah Carey, John Mayer, Jennifer Hudson and Usher performed at his memorial service as millions worldwide watched.

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6 At a ceremony marking the 64th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings, Mayor of Hiroshima Tadatoshi Akiba supported U.S. President Barack Obama's call for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

2 Two newly discovered works by Mozart – a prelude and a concerto movement – were performed in Salzburg, Austria, Mozart's birthplace.

8 Crews recovered all nine bodies after a small plane and a tour helicopter collided over the Hudson River in New York, sending both crafts spiraling from the clear, blue sky.

11 Thousands of people worshipped a baby born with four arms and four legs in Nepal, revering him as the reincarnation of Ganesh.

TOP-SELLING DIGITAL SONGS

1 **BOOM BOOM POW**
Black Eyed Peas

2 **I GOTTA FEELING**
Black Eyed Peas

3 **POKER FACE**
Lady Gaga

4 **RIGHT ROUND**
Flo Rida featuring Ke$ha

5 **JUST DANCE**
Lady Gaga featuring Colby O'Donis

14 Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, now 60, the would-be assassin who took aim at President Gerald Ford in 1975 and a former follower of Charles Manson, was released after serving 34 years in prison.

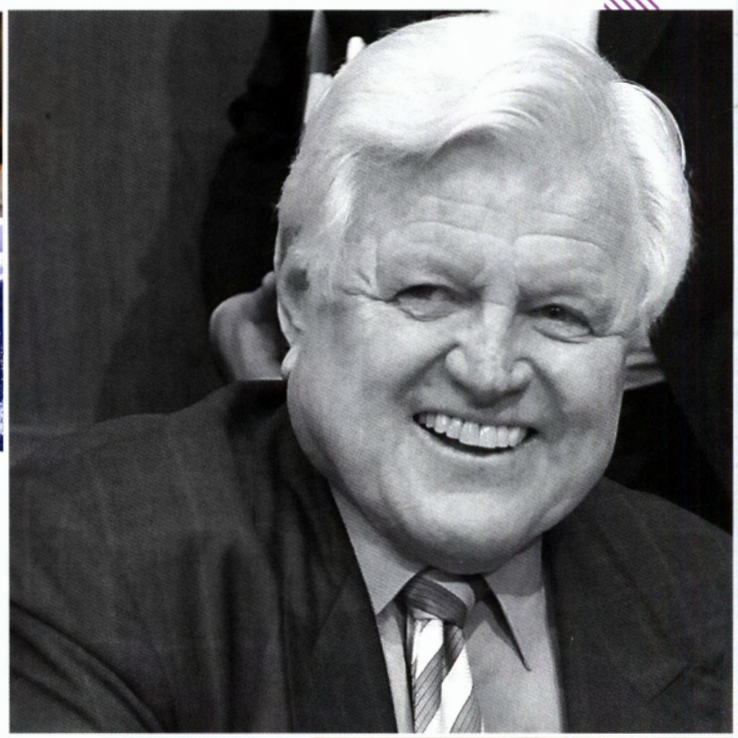
24 The district court in Stockholm ordered BitTorrent tracker *The Pirate Bay*'s largest ISP, Black Internet, to stop serving the web site in its continued effort to shut down the number one BitTorrent tracker.

25 The Congressional Budget Office predicted the United States budget deficit for 2009 will reach $1.6 trillion, the highest ever recorded.

31 Jason Mraz's "I'm Yours" became the longest-running single in the Billboard Hot 100's history at 71 weeks, and tallied another five weeks.

28 *Reading Rainbow*, the third longest-running children's show on United States public-service television network PBS, ended its 26-year run.

U.S. JOURNALISTS FREED following nearly five months of detainment in North Korea were escorted home by former president Bill Clinton after he met with North Korean Dictator Kim Jong Il. Laura Ling and Euna Lee, reporters for Current TV, a media venture owned by Al Gore, had been charged with entering the country illegally to conduct a smear campaign. **KILLER WHALE RESEARCH** identified new behavior in large groups of orcas. A Journal of Ethology report cited groups of whales gathering in British Columbia, Alaska, Iceland and Antarctica to form "clubs." While whales often live in pods of 10-20, scientists say the newly observed clubs of as many as 100 seem to allow the whales to form and maintain social ties. **SENATOR TED KENNEDY** of Massachusetts, the last surviving Kennedy brother, died at age 77 after battling brain cancer. In his 46 years as a senator, Kennedy championed labor, health care, civil rights, education and voting rights. President Barack Obama delivered the eulogy at Kennedy's August 29 funeral in Boston. In addition to the family, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter, and First Lady Michelle Obama also attended. Kennedy was buried at Arlington National Cemetery next to his brothers, President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. **A WEB ATTACK** targeted at a specific pro-Georgian blogger incapacitated Twitter for two hours on August 6. Twitter and other social networks like Facebook and LiveJournal were overwhelmed by denial-of-service attacks disrupting access to more than 300 million users. Botnets – thousands of infected home and workplace PCs – flooded the web with nuisance requests, cutting off access to anyone else. Twitter, the micro-blogging site where users post 140-character messages to their followers - soared in popularity in 2009. According to comScore, a Web tracking firm, the site had 44 million unique visitors in the month of June. **SUPREME COURT JUSTICE** Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed by the Senate as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, replacing David Souter who retired in June. Sotomayor, who rose from the housing projects of the Bronx to the top of the legal profession by way of Princeton and Yale Law, made history as the nation's third female and first Hispanic Supreme Court justice.



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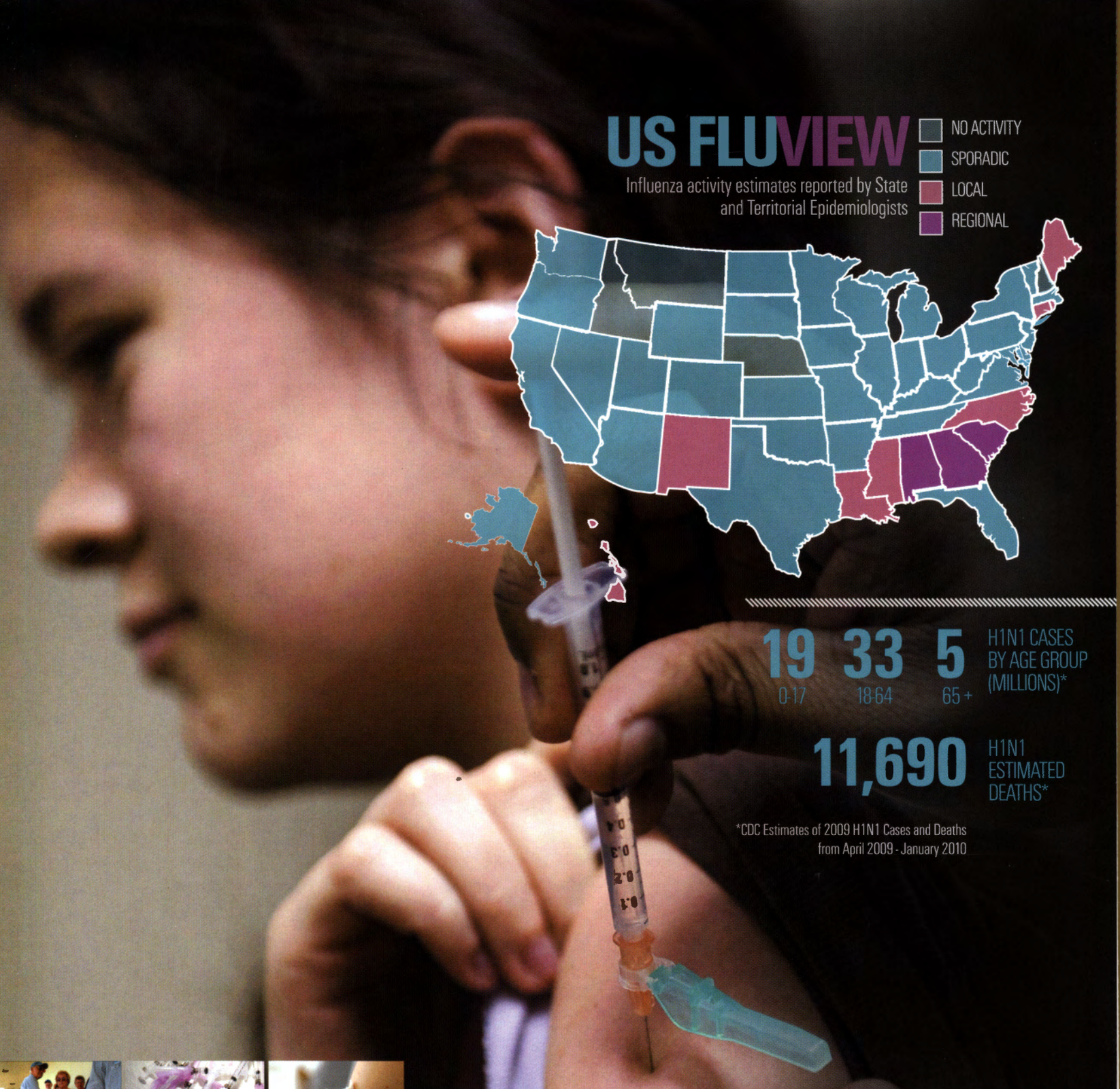

FLU SHOTS

FLU SHOT CLINICS were set up in workplaces and schools from coast to coast as the government and the CDC suggested that as many people as possible be vaccinated against the H1N1 virus that led to hundreds of school closings in the spring of 2009. **AN EARLY START** to the flu season meant victims were affected in higher numbers and more extremely than usual, and that the flu's peak activity came in late October and early November rather than March. Until the vaccine arrived, anyone with H1N1's potential respiratory symptoms was encouraged to stay home rather than infecting classmates or co-workers. **IN OCTOBER**, the vaccine began arriving in both injected and nasal spray forms. Within four months, 97 million H1N1 vaccine doses had been given to 86 million people in the United States. **TRULY PANDEMIC**, the H1N1 influenza infected approximately 57 million Americans or slightly more than 18 percent of the population between April 2009 and February 2010. About 11,690 people died and nearly 260,000 were hospitalized from the viral infection, which was also known as swine flu. **THE THREAT** of an additional outbreak loomed as the annual flu season waned.

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THRIFTY TEENS

TEEN RETAILERS, ONCE THOUGHT TO BE RECESSION-PROOF, BEGAN TO SUFFER. HIGH TEEN UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARENT CUTBACKS SENT TEENS TO BARGAIN STORES AND THRIFT STORES IN ORDER TO SAVE.

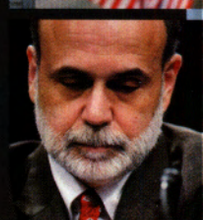
TEEN RETAIL STORES

7.8 PERCENT YEAR-OVER-YEAR SALES DECLINE

ECONOMIC WOES

JOB MARKET DETERIORATION continued, despite some tentative indications that the economy was improving. The federal unemployment rate peaked at 10.1% in October, but the economy continued to shed jobs at the rate of more than 263,000 a month. Data showed a loss of 8.4 million jobs since the recession's start in December 2007. **THE UNDER-EMPLOYMENT RATE** of workers whose hours had been cut or who were working part-time for lack of full-time positions hit 17% – the highest since they began tracking the category in 1994. **FORECLOSURE FILINGS** in the third quarter hit a record high. Despite government-led and lender-supported relief efforts, nearly a million U.S. homes – 1 in every 136 nationwide – were in foreclosure by October.

FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN Ben Bernanke announced September 15 that the recession had "very likely ended" while warning that it may not quickly affect the unemployment rate.



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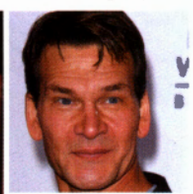
MTV'S 2009 VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS were going to be different from the start. In addition to recognizing current work, anticipation of a Michael Jackson tribute ran high. Instead, Kanye West literally stole the show, grabbing the mic during 20-year-old country/pop star Taylor Swift's Best Female Video acceptance speech for a quick rant about Beyonce Knowles being more deserving. Swift went on to win the Grammy for Album of the Year for her second album, *Fearless*. **ACTOR PATRICK SWAYZE** died at age 57, after suffering from pancreatic cancer for nearly two years. Of his more than 30 movies, he was best-known for his roles as romantic leading men in the films *Dirty Dancing* and *Ghost*. **A GIANT MYLAR BALLOON** took off from a family's yard in northern Colorado, and nationwide panic erupted when it was reported that the six-year-old son might be aboard the 20-foot-long, saucer-shaped helium flyer. A runway at the Denver airport was shut down and search and rescue crews scoured the area below the craft's 50-mile flight path for the child, who was later found hiding in the garage. Subsequent interviews revealed that the event had been planned. The couple was billed for search services and both parents were sentenced to jail time. **THE WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDING**, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, U.A.E. was completed on October 1 and opened on January 5, 2010. Named after the leader of neighboring oil-rich Abu Dhabi, which contributed billions of dollars to keep Dubai afloat, the building housed a hotel, offices and luxury apartments. At 2,717 feet, the tower with a public observation deck on the 124th floor was the tallest man-made structure ever built. **"BEATLES DAY"** was celebrated worldwide on 09/09/09 when re-mastered versions of The Beatles' albums were released, on the same day the video game The Beatles: Rock Band was released. In the major music markets of North America, Japan and the UK, consumers purchased more than 2.25 million copies of re-mastered albums in the first five days of release. In addition, more than half a million Rock Band units sold during the game's first month of release. Incorporating many of the gameplay features of the Rock Band series, the game included 45 songs by the popular British rock group.



4 According to a new U.S. study, the temperatures in the arctic were their highest in 2000 years.

9 Representative Joe Wilson, a Republican from South Carolina, shouted, "You lie!" during President Barack Obama's health care speech. Wilson later apologized for his remark.

14 Juan Martín del Potro defeated Roger Federer and Kim Clijsters beat Caroline Wozniacki at the U.S. Open.

20 Drama series *Mad Men* and comedy *30 Rock* were the big winners at the 61st Primetime Emmy awards.

22 After more than 50 years in baseball, Bobby Cox, manager of the Atlanta Braves, announced he will retire following the 2010 season.

AS SEEN ON TV FAVORITES

SNUGGIE
SLAP CHOP
SHAMWOW
BUMP-ITS

2 The International Olympic Committee awarded the 2016 Summer Olympics to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It was the first time Olympic games we held in a South American country.

1 Paleontologists announced the Ethiopian discovery of an Ardipithecus ramidus fossil skeleton, deeming it the oldest fossil skeleton of a human ancestor.

9 President Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize "for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."

1 Lady Gaga was named Billboard's "Rising Star." She later became the first artist in the history of Billboard's Pop Songs chart to notch four No. 1s from her debut album *Paparazzi*.

22 Intended to be fully compatible with Vista applications and hardware, Microsoft operating system Windows 7 went on retail sale worldwide.

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5 Controversy surrounded a U2 concert marking the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall when a wall was built around the celebration venue.

3 Voters elected new governors, both Republican, in New Jersey and Virginia. Michael Bloomberg won a third term as mayor of NYC.

10 After more than 4,000 episodes, the children's educational series *Sesame Street* celebrated 40 years of learning fun for the whole family.

NOVEMBER 18 THE POPULATION OF AFRICA REACHES ONE BILLION.

18 West Virginian Robert C. Byrd, President pro tempore of the Senate, became the longest-serving member in Congressional history with 20,774 days of service.

TWILIGHT: NEW MOON

PREMIERED IN THEATERS NOVEMBER 20

The second edition in the *Twilight* series had fans crazy for vampires. The film was the fourth highest grossing in the U.S. for 2009, bringing in $296 million and causing debate among supporters of team Jacob versus team Edward.

TEAM JACOB 34.4%

TEAM EDWARD 65.6%

20 Royal Caribbean cruise ship MS Oasis of the Seas was officially unveiled at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. At 225,282 gross tons, it was the world's largest passenger vessel.

30 Europe's Large Hadron Collider, which restarted November 20 after a 14-month repair, set a new world record for particle accelerations.

26 Ceremonies in India marked the first anniversary of a series of attacks in Mumbai by Pakistani militants which killed 174 people.

A YANKEES WORLD SERIES WIN gave the team its 27th championship with a 7-3 victory over the Phillies in Game 6. Hideki Matsui, the first Japanese-born player to be named a Series M.V.P., led the Yankees' offense with six runs batted in off a homer, a single and a double. The last Yankees' title was in 2000. **THE FIRST STATE DINNER** hosted by President and Mrs. Obama toasted a growing U.S. friendship with India with an evening of regal pageantry on the White House South Lawn on November 24. Visiting Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his wife Gursharan Kaur were honored guests alongside 300 others. A tradition dating back to 1874, state dinners were the most treasured and formal honor a U.S. president could offer a foreign dignitary, and the most coveted invitation in Washington. Unbeknownst to the Obamas and to the Secret Service, a Virginia couple, Tareq and Michaele Salahi, entered the dinner without an invitation, bypassing all security checkpoints. **SHOOTINGS AT FORT HOOD** killed 13 and injured 30 on November 5. Major Nidal Malik Hasan opened fire on fellow soldiers at the Fort Hood U.S. Army base in Texas; some reports suggested he was unhappy about an upcoming deployment. **NASCAR'S LONGEST STREAK** of consecutive series championships belonged to Jimmie Johnson, who surpassed Cale Yarbrough when he clinched his fourth title in a row, winning seven races in back-to-back seasons. **OPRAH'S PLANS** to retire when her current contract expires were announced nearly two years in advance of her final show. Media mogul/talk show host/philanthropist Oprah Winfrey said she will end her daily talk show in 2011. The show, which attracted more than seven million viewers a day, had been on the air since 1984. **SIGNS OF WATER ON THE MOON** were confirmed without question in November when a satellite intentionally crashed into a crater near the moon's South Pole. Using a two-part satellite, scientists said they created a collision, then measured the debris it created. The discovery was good news for explorers who wanted to set up labs on the lunar surface and to the scientists who hoped that the water, in the form of ancient ice, would reveal information about the history of the solar system.

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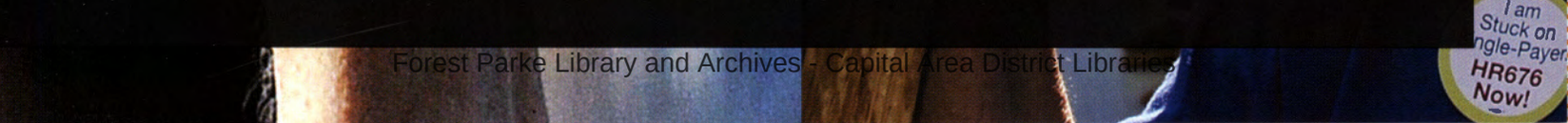
HEALTHCARE COSTS

THE AVERAGE YEARLY COST OF HEALTHCARE PER FAMILY HAS RISEN NEARLY **208** PERCENT SINCE 2000

WITHOUT CHANGES IN FEDERAL POLICY, THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE WILL GROW FROM ABOUT 45 MILLION THIS YEAR TO ABOUT **54** MILLION IN 2019

HEALTHCARE

HEALTH CARE REFORM was a priority for President Obama and the Democratic leaders of Congress. In November, they came close to creating a comprehensive system of national health insurance when the House approved an overhaul of the system, 220 votes to 215. **MAX BAUCUS**, Senate Finance Committee chairman, had presented a plan that included many new insurance industry regulations but no government-run health care. The Democrat from Montana believed his bill could bring together Republicans and Democrats for an ambitious overhaul of health care. **TEA PARTY PROTESTS** sprung up from coast to coast, providing a platform for citizens wishing to speak their discontent. While groups of those who felt they could no longer sit still and quietly observe governmental changes that made them uncomfortable took on many traits, the newly empowered activists worked to be visible in many parts of the country. **SENATE VOTES** in November were followed by the Senate's approval of an $871 billion bill in December. While the two Congressional branches worked to reconcile their bills, it became apparent agreement was not imminent; the debate would continue for months.



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BY THE NUMBERS

200,000 PLUS EST. DEAD

1M **CHILDREN** WHO WERE UNACCOMPANIED, ORPHANED OR LOST ONE PARENT

56 **AFTERSHOCKS** (4.5 OR GREATER)

90 **PERCENT** OF STRUCTURES NEAR EPICENTER DESTROYED

9M **US DOLLARS** AMT. PLEDGED BY TEXTING "HAITI" TO 90999

HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION were apparent immediately following the temblor which struck near Port-au-Prince, the capital city of Haiti. While fatality estimates topped 200,000, officials conceded that the burial of uncounted corpses would prohibit an exact tally. The quake, which was "felt strongly" in Cuba more than 200 miles away, damaged thousands of homes, including the president's residence. **BUSH/CLINTON HAITI RELIEF FUND,** designed to demonstrate American unity, raised more than $17 million in under two weeks. In the month following the quake, American charities sent more than $790 million in charitable aid. **WYCLEF JEAN, GEORGE CLOONEY & FRIENDS** hosted concerts in New York, Los Angeles and London to raise funds for earthquake victims. Called "Hope for Haiti Now: A Global Benefit for Earthquake Relief," the January 22 concerts included performances by Bruce Springsteen, Madonna, Mary J. Blige, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake, Coldplay and Bono. In addition, a remake of the 25-year-old anthem "We Are the World," featuring more than 70 big names representing all genres of music, was recorded to benefit Haitian aid groups.

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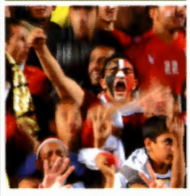
JAMES CAMERON'S *AVATAR* broke all kinds of records en route to becoming the highest grossing film of all time. Development of the science fiction epic spanned 15 years, partially because Cameron had previously determined that the necessary technology was not yet available to portray his visions for the film. Released for both traditional two-dimension projection and 3-D, *Avatar* was also the first film ever to gross $2 billion, and it was nominated for nine Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director. **TIGER WOODS** was named the Associated Press Athlete of the Decade in December. Despite a personal scandal that led to an indefinite break from professional golf, he collected nearly as many votes as runners-up Lance Armstrong and Roger Federer combined. Woods won 64 tournaments including 12 majors and earned more than $81 million during the decade. **A TERRORIST ATTACK** on a December 25 Northwest Airlines flight from Amsterdam to Detroit was thwarted after a student with suspected al-Qaida ties attempted to ignite explosives in flight. **FIFA WORLD CUP SOCCER** tickets went on sale globally, adding more than 1 million new seats to those nearly 700,000 tickets already sold for the June/July soccer matches in South Africa. **CONAN O'BRIEN** left NBC and *The Tonight Show* on January 22, just eight months after he took the reins from Jay Leno. Despite ongoing unsuccessful negotiations with the network, O'Brien planned a busy last week hosting Robin Williams, Barry Manilow, Tom Hanks and Will Ferrell, and he took to the stage playing 70s rock anthem "Free Bird" with the band during the closing credits of his final show. **THE U.S. HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL** passed by the Senate on December 24 was expected to extend insurance coverage to 30 million additional Americans. Following the January 27 State of the Union Address where Obama vowed not to "walk away from" his drive for health insurance reform, additional modifications were made to the White House's proposed health care plan in preparation for a February 25 televised bipartisan health care summit. The six-hour summit was covered on C-SPAN and was the day's news focus.



1 President Obama announced he will send 30,000 American troops to Afghanistan within the next six months and begin withdrawal in 19 months.

4 More than 50 people were killed or injured when two ferries collided on the Nile River near Rashid, Egypt.

15 Boeing's fuel-efficient 787 'Dreamliner,' a widebody passenger airliner made its maiden flight from Paine Field to Boeing Field in Washington state.

14 Researchers reported that the Veined Octopus retrieves coconut shell halves and uses them for protection, becoming the first known invertebrates recorded to use tools.

31 A blue moon and partial lunar eclipse occurred. Both were rare on New Year's Eve.

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COPENHAGEN ACCORD AT A GLANCE:

- KEEP THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE RISE **< 2°C**
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- **$30 BILLION SHORT-TERM FUNDING** FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION **UNTIL 2012**
- **$100 BILLION ANNUALLY BY 2020** IN **LONG-TERM FINANCING**
- REITERATING **PAST INTENTIONS** SUCH AS **PROVIDING MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY** TRANSFER AND FORESTRY.

1 19-year-old Norwegian, Magnus Carlsen, became the world's youngest-ever top-ranked chess grandmaster, according to FIDE ratings.

6 French computer scientist Fabrice Bellard claimed it took him 131 days to calculate pi to nearly 2.7 trillion digits.

4 NASA's Kepler telescope detected five new 'exoplanets.'

24 Bubble wrap, the stress reducer disguised as package cushioning, celebrated its 50th anniversary.

25 Concert ticket sellers Live Nation and Ticketmaster completed their merger following an agreement with the United States Department of Justice.

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28 J.D. Salinger, reclusive author of *The Catcher in the Rye*, died at 91. First published in 1951, the tale of teen angst sold more than 250,000 copies per year.

1 President Obama proposed a $3.8 trillion budget for fiscal 2011 that foresaw the deficit hitting a record $1.6 trillion in 2010.

1 Ending one of the music industries' most notable snubs, AC/DC won their first-ever Grammy Award for Best Hard Rock Performance.

4 Internet giant Yahoo! sold HotJobs to Monster.com for $225 million.

5 Category 4 cyclone Oli hit Tahiti and other islands of French Polynesia.

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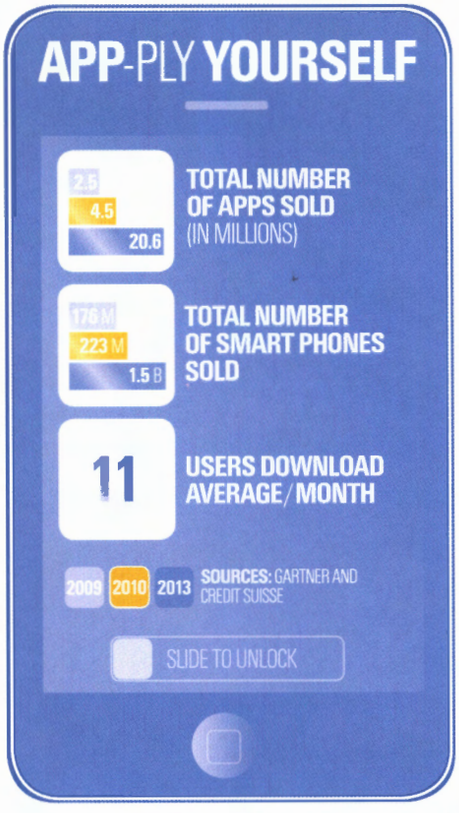


9 Google Buzz, an online social networking application that integrated with all of Google's other services, was released.

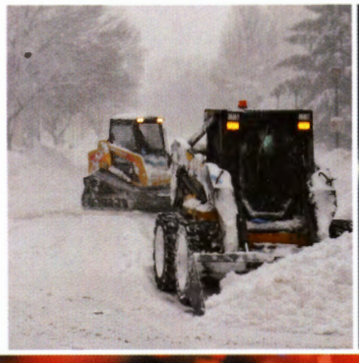
14 Montreal's Alexandre Bilodeau, 22, won the gold medal for men's moguls, earning Canada's first-ever gold on home soil.

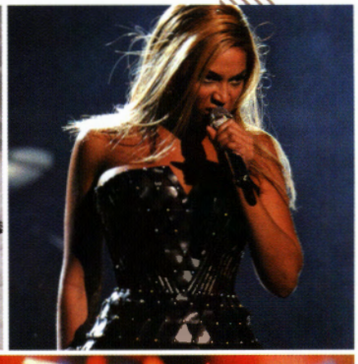
12 A shooting at the University of Alabama in Huntsville left three science faculty members dead.

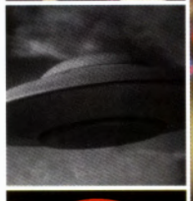
18 An Austin, TX man crashed his plane into an office tower, killing himself and an IRS worker, after years of unresolved tax disputes.

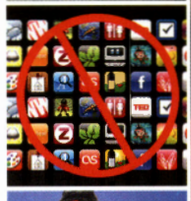
19 Adobe Photoshop, software that redefined creativity in the digital world, celebrated 20 years of success.

SNOW BLANKETED THE NATION, encompassing all 50 states on February 13 after a dusting on the Florida panhandle. Hawaii did not receive new snow, but had a base at the peaks of the state's highest volcanoes. Record snowfall affected many parts of the country this winter, from the Midwest where 50-year-old records for most days with 4" or more of snow cover were smashed by more than five weeks, to the mid-Atlantic states where record snowfalls from December to February broke 100-year-old seasonal snowfall records the first week in February. **BEYONCÉ WON SIX GRAMMYS**, including Song of the Year for "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)," and became the first woman to win six awards in the same night. Only Michael Jackson (1984) and Carlos Santana (2000) had won more awards in a single year. **APPLE'S iPAD RELEASED** on January 27 to mixed reviews. The new "digital tablet" brings Apple's sleek design and functionality to the masses for an affordable price. Weighing just 1.5 pounds, the iPad is lighter than a laptop, but users will be able to browse the web, access email, watch movies, read books and more. In addition, Apple created 12 innovative new apps for the iPad, which will also run almost all of the more than 140,000 apps available in the App Store. **BRITAIN'S UFO FILES**, made public to civilians in January, totalled more than 6,000 pages detailing sightings from 1994 - 2000. The fifth (and largest) release ever was intended to make access available to a wider audience. **MOBILE CARRIERS JOIN FORCES** to rival Apple's App Store. AT&T, China Mobile, China Unicom, Sprint and Verizon were among the first companies to unite, creating a centralized location for apps for a variety of mobile devices possible because of cross-platform development. The Wholesale Applications Community will represent more than three billion customers worldwide. **OLYMPIC SKIER BODE MILLER** won three more medals at the 2010 Winter Olympics (super combined gold, Super G silver and downhill bronze) bringing the four-time World Champion's record Olympic tally to five. **SUPER BOWL XLIV**, the most-watched Super Bowl and the most-viewed program in television history, saw the New Orleans Saints defeat Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17. The Saints, who became just the fourth team ever to win in their first Super Bowl appearance, won with a key defensive play on an interception by defensive back Tracy Porter, and a nearly perfect offensive game by QB Drew Brees.









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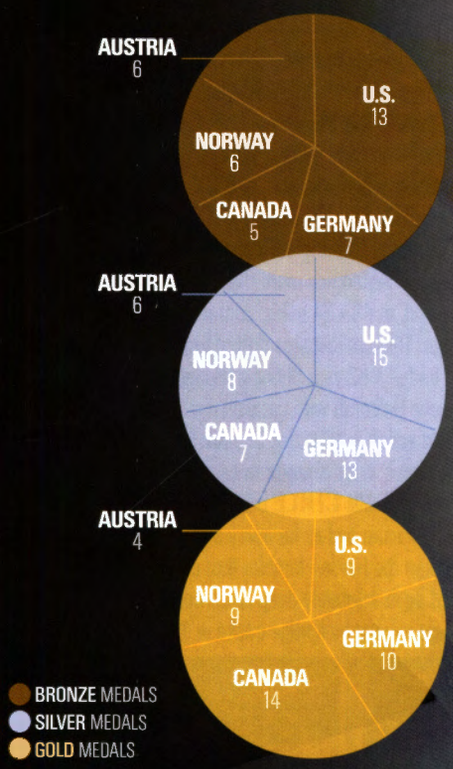

40.6 **DEGREES FAHRENHEIT**
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OF VANCOUVER IN FEBRUARY

600M **DOLLARS**
DIRECTLY SPENT ON HOSTING THE WINTER GAMES

12 **THOUSAND PEOPLE**
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CANADIANS WHO CARRIED THE TORCH FOR OPENING CEREMONY

WINTER OLYMPICS

PRE-OPENING TRAGEDY struck the games during a practice session on February 12 when 21-year-old Nodar Kumaritashvili, representing the Republic of Georgia in the luge, lost control of his sled and died. **VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA** hosted the 2010 Winter Games, bringing the competition to Canada for just the second time since its inception in 1924. Nearly 2,650 athletes from 82 nations competed in 15 sports and 89 separate medal events. **SPEEDSKATER APOLO ANTON OHNO** added three new medals to his previous five Olympic medals from Salt Lake City and Turin. Ohno broke Bonnie Blair's record, becoming the most decorated American Winter Olympian ever. **TWO-TIME WORLD CUP CHAMPION LINDSEY VONN** became the first American female to win Olympic downhill gold. Vonn skied all five of her scheduled events with a bruised shin, medaling in two. **SNOWBOARDER SHAUN WHITE** defended his Olympic gold in the halfpipe with a first run so strong he secured his victory. In a celebratory second run, he debuted a Double McTwist 1260 (which he named The Tomahawk). The new trick contributed to a record score of 48.4, increasing his margin of victory by 1.6 points.

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THEN AND NOW

2000-2010, A LOOK AT THE LAST DECADE

4.5 BIL
AVG. # OF TEXTS SENT PER DAY
(400,000 avg./day in 2000)

300 MIL
AVERAGE GOOGLE SEARCHES PER DAY
(10 million avg./day in 2000)

247 BIL
AVG. # OF EMAILS SENT PER DAY
(12 billion avg./day in 2000)

TV WHAT TEENS ARE WATCHING

2000 GUYS: *The Simpsons* and *Friends*
GIRLS: *Friends* and *Dawson's Creek*/*The Simpsons*
2009 GUYS: *Family Guy* and *The Simpsons*
GIRLS: *The Secret Life of the American Teenager* and *Gossip Girl*

$7.25 MIN. WAGE
$5.15 in 2000

39% FACEBOOK
31% MYSPACE
28% YOUTUBE

PERCENTAGE OF ONLINE TIME SPENT ON THESE SITES BY 2009 TEENS
Yahoo (11%), MTV.com (6%), Hotmail (5%) in 2000

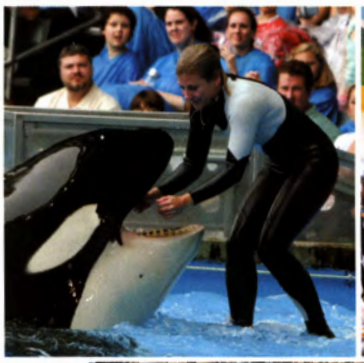
BEST PICTURE WINNER
2000 ***GLADIATOR***
2009 ***SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE***

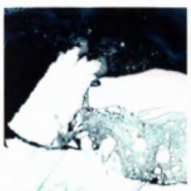
BEST SONG
2000 **"BEAUTIFUL DAY" – U2**
2009 **"SINGLE LADIES (PUT A RING ON IT)" – BEYONCÉ**

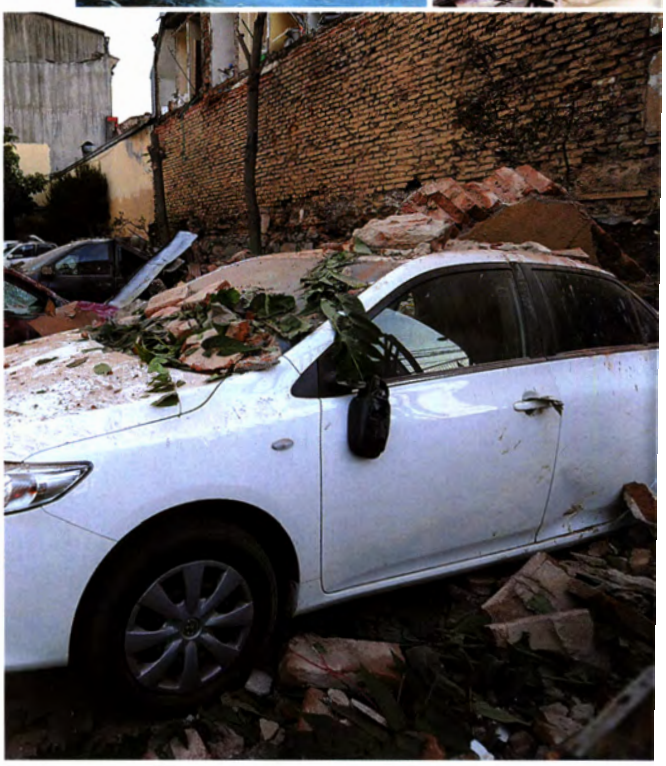
iPOD

2000 The first generation iPod was released. It boasted a 5 GB hard drive with the ability to hold nearly 1000 songs. **2009** The third generation iPod Touch was introduced. With a touch-screen interface, 64 GB of memory and the ability to download apps, it was deemed the ultimate in portable entertainment. **Cost of both: $399**

TILIKUM THE ORCA was not in the pool when SeaWorld Orlando's show, *Believe: The Sensational Shamu Show*, reopened just three days after the six-ton orca attacked and drowned veteran trainer Dawn Brancheau on February 24. The show featured trainers using hand signals to instruct the whales to leap, twirl and wave to or splash the audience. **AN OVERTIME VICTORY** in hockey gave Canada the Olympic gold the host nation craved on the last day of Winter Games. The 3-2 win over Team U.S.A. came 7:40 into the extra period when 22-year-old Sidney Crosby sent goalie Ryan Miller a surprise wrist shot. Miller was the series M.V.P. and Crosby, a native of Nova Scotia, became the youngest ever captain of a Stanley Cup-winning team in 2009, when his Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Detroit Red Wings four games to three. **CANADA'S JOANNIE ROCHETTE** captured viewers' hearts, competing in women's figure skating after her mother succumbed to a heart attack in Vancouver just days before. The 24-year-old from Quebec took bronze and became one of the most personal stories of the Vancouver Games. Korea's Yu-Na Kim became her country's first-ever Olympic figure skating medalist when she broke the 200-point mark and captured the gold medal. **AN ICEBERG COLLISION WITH ANTARCTICA** dislodged another massive block of ice from the continent in February. The original iceberg, known as B9B, measured 60 miles in length and had broken free from Antarctica more than 20 years ago. The new iceberg weighed in at roughly 700 billion tons and, at 48 x 24 miles, contained the equivalent of one fifth of the world's annual total water usage. The two icebergs drifted together off the east coast of Antarctica. **U.S. BOBSLED GOLD** ended a 62-year Olympic drought for America when two-time World Champion Night Train pilot Steve Holcomb with crew Justin Olsen and Steve Mesler and brakeman Curtis Tomasevicz dominated action in Whistler. The win meant Germany's Andre Lange, who took gold in the two-man race, failed in his attempt to capture five Olympic golds in as many attempts. **AN 8.8 EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE** on February 27 toppled buildings, left more than 300 dead and caused tsunami evacuations as far away as Hawaii and Japan. While the quake was significantly more powerful than the Haitian temblor that caused massive devastation in January, the damage was minimized by its relatively deep epicenter and strict Chilean building codes that followed massive damage caused by a huge quake in 1960.







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