1996
it's all in your mind
n.l.s
Left: Senior Tony Paletti straightens his stylish coif for the camera. Middle: Trevor Bauchens and Jim Crawley show off their Bulldog spirit at the homecoming pep rally. Right: Mrs Meyer and Ms. Kay prove teaching is easier than singing.

Above: Robby Iberg and his gang demonstrate the kind of delusions too much tropical heat can cause. Below Left: Andy McCammon prepares himself for disaster. Across Right: Mike Lawson and Dustin Gimmy share their excitement, together. Below Right: Kevin McGinley and Jean Gilman share a tropical moment as they dance the night away.

Above: Brock Grandame, Brendan Diller, Drew Johanas and Robert Rogier demonstrate their surfing abilities. Below: A duck, a duck! Lisa Pye, and Michelle Thole give two hands up to the duck dance.
Beautiful flowing waterfalls, giant featuring volcanoes and palm trees swaying in the cool ocean breeze- it's a Tropical Paradise and for the student body and faculty at HHS it was the perfect way to kick off this year's homecoming week activities. It started with beach bums roaming the halls in their best surfing attire and serenading anyone brave enough to listen. It continued during their lunch hours and it was a week straight out of paradise for the beach bound bulldogs.

To get the ball rolling, the HHS student council provided their fellow students with a week long list of activities. Some which included a shirt and shades day, karaoke over lunch, beach bum day and a student bonfire. Another event initiated by student council was the pep rally, which featured "Kiss the Pig" contest. Student donations forced Chris Cox to be the lucky teacher to "Kiss the Pig" at the pep rally.

With their spirits still intact everyone showed up to support the varsity Bulldogs. They battled their homecoming football game against the Jerseyville Panthers. But the ultimate event was still to come. On Saturday night the students of HHS got out their very best and dressed up for a night of paradise. As the students entered the gym, it was decorated with flowing waterfalls, erupting volcanoes and towering palm trees to carry out the year's tropical theme. The "crowning" moment of the night came with the announcement of this year's homecoming special maid, special escort, king and queen. Special maid and escort were Megan Mannion and Joe Hoffman. The King and Queen were James Fritz and Anne-Marie Dixon. This brought an end to the week of splendor as everyone danced the night away to "Almost Paradise."
Tom Cooper and Sara Capelle
Josef Hoffman and Tara Madsen
Brock Grandame and Megan Mannion

Brendan Dillier and Heather Plocher
Tom Wells and Elaine Morris
Nathan Rueter and Sarah Korte

Jon Scaggs and Anne-Marie Dixon
James Fritz and Leslie Campbell
Adam Ford and Jyl Melosi
Mark Alemond
Jamie Armbruster
Jamie Aussieker
Christopher Basler
Cory Basye

Melanie Bergstrand
Justin Berry
Darren Bircher
Heather Boda

Sarah Brown
Todd Buggler
Laura Buss
James Campbell

Leslie Campbell
Sara Capelle
Matthew Causey
Staci Conroy
Thomas Cooper

Stephanie Crawley
Amy Crowell
Eric Deichmann
Jodi Dickshot
Michelle Diesen

Brendan Dillier
Anne-Marie Dixon
Jeffrey Dressel
Michael Dressel
Micah Jones
Kale Kakac
Daniel Kapp
Steven Kaufman
Bret Keeven

Patricia Kessels
Kim Knackstedt
Travis Knebel
Heather Koerkenmeier
Chad Korte

Nathan Korte
Sarah Korte
Sharla Korte
Esther Kuindersma
Maria Kustermann

Brandon Lackey
Lesley Laws
Michelle Lawson
Aimee Lecerf
Kyle Linenfelser

Ninamarie Luter
Tara Madsen
Megan Mannion
Regina Martin
Cory Matthews

Amber McKenna
Kelly McMillan
Matt McPherson
Randy McWilliams
Jyl Melosi
Andrea Meyer
Erika Michael
Natalie Michael
Michael Millsap

Joseph Missey
Michael Morence
Melissa Morr
Elaine Morris
Marlo Morrow

Cory Mortensen
Gwenn Nathan
Michael Nolte
Mikiko Oda
Denise Oestriinger

Duane Orlovski
John Pemberton
Chanda Perkins
Michael Peters

Jeremy Petrait
Eduardo Pinheiro
Amber Plocher
Heather Plocher
Alessandra Prado

Derek Price
Nazia Rahman
Chad Rauscher
Opal Ray
Chad Reinacher
Matthew Thole
Tracis Tiek
Kelvin Touchette
Jami Traub
Warren Turner

Sherry Vollmer
Michelle Voyles
Stephanie Walter
Sarah Warfield
Ryan Warnecke

Mark Wasson
Robert Watzenberg
Nicole Wegrzyn
Keri Weidner
Thomas Wells

Bryan Wernle
Chad Wernle
Chris Wernle
Krystal Westerlund
Deborah Wheeler

Holly Wilkins
Patricia Williams
Michael Willis
April Wilson
Shane Winkeler

Bobbi Wurth
David Zinkhon
Chad Zobrist
Derek Zobrist
Heather Zobrist
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Shandra Zobrist
Travis Zobrist
Jessica Crippen
Trina Dicus

Michael Kapp
Jeremiah Mahr
Jessica O'Brien
Shawn Rose
Angi Schwappach

Not Pictured
Brian Downey
Emily Oestringer
Jamie Nier
Antonio Paoletti
Ryan Basye
Jamie Frey
Brent Nicolaides
Travis Schmitt
Joern Wunderlich
In the Minds of the Seniors

Four years of memories at HHS are forever in our minds and hearts... memories such as...having to sing for seniors... Chuck Zweek jumping out of the window...all the state wins by the varsity and JV cheerleaders...Shane Beard setting the office on fire... Miss Kaplan - say no more!!...Carolyn Gusewelle forgetting the words to the Star Spangled Banner...dissecting a cat in Bio II... flower thief. Julie Rouggu... at Homecoming '94 witnessed by Trisha Jacoby and Angie Schwappach...sophomore year when Clint Tompkins and Greg Stumpf were in a life-threatening accident...Shellie Voyles and Erin Stieb eating lunch in the stairwell freshmen year because they were scared...Megan, Jyl, and Sarah skipping school at lunch time...field trip to the cemetery where pizza was served...Chicago art field trip...when the journalism field trip bus broke down...yearbook pizza parties for birthdays and deadlines...the band trip to Florida...speech group challenge...saying good-bye to retired principal Fred Singleton and welcoming new principal Steve Harsy...study hall as a huge class under the watchful eyes of Mr. Toennis...Mr. West and Mike Dressel...one-on-one...fire drills and bomb threats...Melanie Bergstrand encounters with trees and car and other stationary objects..."Barnum"...Lori Gutterman wrecking the Driver's Ed car...Melanie Hawkes, Susan Haberer, and Deb Wheeler sitting in Buzzie's singing "Rocky Raccoon"...Patti Kessels and friends having a food fight in the commons...tornado drills in the MPR...earthquake drills for a prediction that didn't come true...Grantfork Curves...Poms go to state...the basketball Bulldogs going to sectionals...Tom Wells being dubbed a "Knight"...Jaime Frey gone from HHS and not remembered when she returned...the Madrigals...people who left...people who came back...Mr. Vogelman in a skirt...trips to Mexico, Costa Rica, and Europe..."A Company of Wayward Saints"...Pep assemblies...90, 90, 96!!!...snow days...student of the week...Mr. Hester's pilot stories..."The Butler Did It"...volleyball tourneys...SEP...ISS...football playoffs...no hat rule...Coach Hooker...Coach Hawkins...Coach Bradley...Coach Dawn..."Oklahoma"...lifesaver retreats...Mrs. Highlander's pink...post prom parties..."A Good Year for Tomatoes"...Alternative music...Pearl Jam...Blind Melon...Kurt Cobain...death...speed limits in the halls...THE HALLS!!!...homeroom structures out of cards...Mrs. Deets' homeroom winning everything...Ms. Kay's costumes...lying to your parents and not getting caught...lying to your parents and getting caught...cops in the cafeteria...fried chicken days...AG with Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Jones...Mr. Werden...Blake Dylan Meyer buried at sea...Salem's Passionate Pit...Senior Homecoming 95...a well remembered experience for Aimee Lecerf, Jessica O'Brien, Carolyn Gusewelle and dates...Lesley Laws it's an A- enuf said...Heather Boda singing "I'm shrinking"...Lisa Jackson, Heather Boda, Lesley Laws, and Amber Hamilton's tee-pee-ing excursions...Homecoming night and the effects of Lisa Jackson's underwear on lights...pickup trucks...road kill...tractors...Mike Dressel's picture everywhere, smoke bombs, powder bombs..."Tom Miller come to the office"... Homework hotline -- did you ever call that line?...graduation in the gym not the stadium... friends...loves...4 years of life...
The Employees of
The Jefferson Smurfit Corporation
Highland Plant
(An ISO 9002 Certified Facility)
Congratulate
Our Class of '96

Joe Missy
Matt Thole
Jackie Robards
Derek Zobrist
Juniors
97, 97, 90, 90, 90, 7...

Here we come. The junior class is on a roll, responsibility has taken it's toll. Keep Every junior at Highland High School has had a very busy year. Their 11th year was filled with loads of activities and hard work. Us The hustle and bustle included college preparation, career nights, prom fund-raisers, and ACT tests. All this excitement really kept the Class of '97 on their toes. In It was a year for the juniors to shine and they did. Mind... Don't let their glow blind you in 1997.
Ninety Seven

Dennis Giger
Matthew Goldman
Natalie Gross
Dori Gruenenfelder
Krystal Gruenenfelder
Lori Guertman
Donald Gunter
Scott Gurley

Amanda Hermann
Jennifer Henderson
Nicholas Henschen
Tracy Hobbs
Edward Hoffman
Veronica Hohl
Christopher Holmann
Derek Holt

Andrew Holtzhaus
Nicole Horsemann
Tereh Huckleberry
Naomi Hufsteadler
Melissa Iberg
Robert Iberg
Jeffrey Johnson
Aaron Kamn

Mandy Kapp
97 97 97 97 97
Joanna King
Amy Kirchhoff
Angela Klaus
Lisa Klaus
Nicholas Klaus
Tara Kleinhover

Nicholas Klenke
Chad Klostermann
Susan Klostermann
Jeremy Knebel
Stephanie Knebel
Joseph Kosshor
Holly Kunz
Stephen Lang

Nicholas Lappe
Kristina Larsen
Kerri Lauber
Timothy Ledbetter
Jeremy Leitschuh
97 97 97 97 97
Angela Lienard
Renee Linenfeber

Contrina Lohman
97 97 97 97 97
Amanda Manuel
Timothy Marks
Jared Mason
Sarah Maxfield
John McCall
John McGinley

Kristy McNish
Sheri McWhirter
Brandy Mertes
Darla Meskll
Darren Miller
Melissa Miller
97 97 97 97 97
Mary Mollet
Right: Crystal Gruenenfelder rolls silverware at Pizza Hut where she works.
Below: Susan Klosterman works to finish an assignment in Mr. Tucker's class.

Middle Above: No, they're not breaking in a building! Natalie Gross, Nicole Branger and Heather Paine are peeking inside a tomb on the junior field trip to St. Louis.
Above: Mandy Kapp creates a tasty dish in cooking class.
Upper Right: Mandie Schmitt relaxes on the court.
Right: Sarah Maxfield relieves stress by acting in the school play.
Far Right: "...This year was very stressful because I took on a lot of responsibilities", said Michelle Cruthis.
Below: Crystal Donaldson and Becky Thole work hard to complete their chemistry lab before class is over.

So Close, Yet so Far Away!

For most juniors this year was stressful and annoying! Between research papers and ACT testing, the HHS juniors were on the verge of nervous breakdowns! However, many stressed-out students found time to relax and have fun in between their important school activities.

Above: Jeff Voss, Mark Chaney, Brandy Mertes, Nicole Branger, and Heather Paine share a solemn moment on the junior field trip to a cemetery in St. Louis.

Upper Left: From one extreme to the other, Aaron Schwarz and Trevor Bauchens display their unique and somewhat frightening haircuts.

Left: John McGinley works diligently on his homework.

Juniors
Most Likely to be an Accountant

Bret Keeven and Laura Tebbe

Biggest Cowboy / girl

John Pemberton and Kelly McMillan

Most Comical

Robert Rogier and Sara Korte

Most Musical
Jon Scaggs

Amy Crowel

Brock Grandam

Senior

Most Likely to be on America's Most Wanted

Mike Dressel

Angie Schwapach

Biggest Computer Freak

Kelvin Touchette
& Stephanie Crawley

Most Artistic

Jessica O'Brian
& Kyle Linenfelser
The 1996 Senior Class voted for their favorite candidates in a few select categories. And the winners are...

**Most Likely to be on a Star Trek Show**
Carolyn Gusewelle & Matt Causey

**Shortest Hair**
Amber Plocher & Ryan Basey

**Cutest Couple**
Tom Cooper & Sara Capelle

**Most Individual**
Emily Stoka

**Most Likely to be a Talk Show Host**
Chad P. Korte & Bobbie Jo Wurth
Come one, come all... And that is what they did. Readers Theater was something new started this year by Ms. Patti Swank. It was a chance for students, teachers and members of the community to come together in a relaxed atmosphere and share some of their favorite stories, poems and skits.

The Theater was held in the Multi Purpose room. However, it did not look or feel like school. The center of the room was transformed with couches, bar stools, coffee tables, bean bags, over stuffed chairs, throw pillows, incense, candles and lava lamps into the perfect coffee house atmosphere. Coffee, punch, cookies, and bagels were served as refreshments for the audience members to help themselves to during the show. There was no requirement that if you came, you had to read or act something out. Those that wanted to came to the front of the semi-circle of chairs, end tables, bean bags, and audience members to read things they had written or that was of importance to them. The others watched, listened, and enjoyed the show. Ms. Marian Beyer read a story of two corn stalks growing in the sun that she had written herself. Mrs. Jamie Bowen, Mrs. Marsha Moore, and Mrs. Heidi Fredericksen, and Mr. Joe Young were also participants in the Theater. There were many good readings from students including Mark Chaney. (Pictured to the side.) Mark read a poem about his feelings towards racism (he is pictured to the side trying to gather his courage to read it.) The first Readers Theater in April was so successful that another one was held in May with many of the same participants joining in for the second time. Their were many humorous skits performed in both Readers Theaters. Robby Iberg, Mike Thouvenin, Josh Volz, Andy McCammon, Barry Duhaske, Nazia Rahman, and Esther Kuindersma were among those who made us laugh. Over all it was a fun time.
Andy McCammon, the frustrated shop keeper, shakes his head in annoyance at Barry Duhasck, the persistent customer who asks for books that don't exist.

Above Left: Onlookers watch the thrilling performances. From back left: Chris Anglin, Nazia Rahman and Mother, Esther Kuindersma, Mikiko Oda, Geoff Miller, Rebekah Finley, Nikki Wegryn, Jared Sullivan, Sarah Maxfield, Erin Stieb, Jamie Aussieker, Kyle Linenfelser, and Mark Chaney. Above Right: Kyle Linenfelser depicts his version of Hamlet to the audiences’ watchful eyes. Left: Esther Kuindersma is a thief who does not want anything from Nazia Rahman's house. The two bicker as Nazia tries vainly to convince Esther to steal something from her.

Clockwise from top: Erin Stieb laughs as she stumbles over the words in a poem by May Swenson. Heaven Walker reaches for Juliet as she recites Roméo's famous balcony scene lines. Mikiko Oda reads a poem in her native language, then in our beloved English. Sarah Finley tells a spooky campfire story of a dead man in a furnace.
Right: Jackie Robards and Lori Guetterman work hard to make their deadline for the yearbook.
Below: Sarah Finley finally lets go of her frustrations on John McGinley

Above: Mandie Schmitt and Jim Crawley are signing how happy they are to be students at H.H.S.
Above Right: Mrs. Deets hangs out and talks "foreign student life" with foreign exchange students Eduardo Pinhero, Alessandra Prado, Esther Kuindersma, and Mikiko Oda.
Right: Hollie Feldman and Niki Schleper take a break and pose for the camera.
The year 1995-1996 was a year full of major happenings at Highland High School. The football team made it to the second round of the playoffs. The Highland High Soccer Dogs made it to the sectionals in the playoffs. The new year also brought about major changes and additions, such as Homeroom. Homeroom was a class that was added to the schedule. There were a certain number of Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman homerooms. Most days students used this as a study hall but, on certain days you were taught life skills. There were also contests among the homerooms. One particular contest was the toy drive. Students were asked to bring in toys to be donated to H.I.S. K.I.D.S. The Homeroom with the most toys won a pizza party. Mrs. Deets senior Homeroom won. The other major happening was this year marked the 20th anniversary of the high school being built. The last major happening this year was the school bond referendum. The school board wanted to raise the taxes to build a new middle school, make additions to the high school and raise the tax for the educational fund. The community voted no. The students who got very upset at this decision, formed a protest. They deemed one day “wear a dollar bill on your shirt” and the same day a sit-in was held. So 1995-1996 school was a major year for Highland High School.
"In's and Out's"

of Highland High

By: Leslie Campbell and Heather Koerkenmeier

The Fads That Tortured Our Lives

The average number of socks worn in junior high was three at a time!

Unit Outfits - Make a skirt, belt, or top out of the same piece of material.

Remember cutting off the circulation in your feet by tight rolling your jeans?

Tara Madsen,
Heather Tedrick,
Julia Schmitt, Bobbi Wurth,
Taree McGee, Holly Wilkins,
Natalie Michael

Remember the days of

HIGH

Crimped hair was "In"

HAIR?

NEON CLOTHES WERE HOT

Above: Blast from the past, army gear and 70's ensembles hit the streets.

Skateboarding Fever!
Above: You could fly away with those "wings" from junior high

Above: The "spiked" and "tails" look was so cool, Joe!

Left: Jyl Melosi was such a tease!

Left: "New Kids On The Block" were the rage (for about six months).

Below: Steve Schmitt and Brian Downey dig the neon close along with Angela Schwappach and Trisha Jacoby.
Leslie Campbell and Steve Schmitt

Lisa Janz, Erin Stieb, and Amy St John

A group of Senior girls gather around on their last day of school

Jason Frey, Joe Hoffmann, Drew Johannes, Nathan Rueter, and Ryan Tebbe

You look just like him Doug Burgett

Jennifer Wagner, Erin McKenna, Laine Bixo, Heaven Walker, and Sarah Tebbe

Trisha Jacoby and Erika Franzoi are Friends Forever!

"Hi!!" says Mary Mollet
Friends In Mind

Barry Duhasek and Emily Stokka

Lisa Daiber, Trisha Jacoby, Erika Franzoli, and Brianne Murphy

"Barbie and the Rockers" - Liz Driemeyer, Leslie Barnes, Nicole Horstman, and Mindy Smart

"Study time," says Sara Capelle

Oral Comm. friends just hanging around. "No Put-downs!"

Mike Willis, Are ya thirsty?

Joe Maxfield

"Say Cheese!" Laine Bisso and Nonie Ehlke

"Hurry up and take the picture. I gotta go bad!" says Doug Burgett.
Two Down And
MORTS

Two To Go
Sophomores
CANDY SALES

Look out! Candy salesmen came around and gathered money for the 1997 prom for the second time. People pulled out their pocketbooks and wallets to help the sophomore class out of the red so they could afford prom. For many years sophomores students have sold candy, so it was not a hard task for them. The prizes for the sophomore class were cash rewards, which seemed to get their attention. This made the candy sales a great success.

THE MASKED WEINER

Beware! The Masked Weiner and his faithful sidekicks (the Drunken Conservative Irishman and the Deadly Ameba.) are on the loose. This was one of the biggest sophomore pranks during the 1995 school year. The names of the guilty shall not be mentioned for secretive purposes unknown mankind.

The Masked Weiner was the actual ring leader in the taking of the skeleton and the pumpkin in Mrs. Fredericksen's room during the month of October. The purpose of taking these unusual condiments was to play a good prank on their favorite teachers.

Mrs. Fredericksen stated that she was in a state of denial when she found out that her skeleton and pumpkin had been abducted and a ransom note was left behind. The warning to these jokers from Mrs. Fredericksen is: "I know who you are and where you live!"

Kurt Geschwend
Courtney Gibson
Justin Gilbreth
Jesse Gilman
Ryan Goedeke
Rehanna Grady
Jonathan Gray
Trevor Green

Randall Green
Casey Grimer
Jennifer Guider
Regina Gruenberg
Jennifer Gunst
Emily Hall
Cali Hamm
Robbie Hammer

Michael Hensel
Jason Hendalski
Thomas Hermann
Michelle Hevelosky
Polly Hedges
Kenneth Hemsath
Aleasha Henneman
Lindsay Herkiewicz

Travis Hendusky
Roger Herndon
Melissa Hockthorn
Jayson Holtencamp
Daleen Holloway
Michael Holtgraves
Dale Holzinger
Dana Huebner

Heather Muelchhain
Jennifer Huelshahen
Justi Hug
Brent Hustvedt
Elena Jakel
Jennifer Jakel
Jill Johnson
Amanda Johnston

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Sophomores
Sophomores

Erika Kreutzberg, Andrea Michaelis, Crystal Cartwright, and Beth Roniger gather together to get their picture taken.

Erika Thomas smiles as the photographer takes a picture.
As Amanda Parks is working hard in Spanish class Lindsey Fugua takes time out to smile.

Tom Harmon tries to pay close attention to the teacher while Doug Burgett strikes an intellectual pose for the photographer.

Paul Knebel grudgingly shows his school picture.

Joe Maxfield, Andy McCammon, and Regina Gruenenfelder get ready to practice for the play by posing for the camera.

Emily Gallatin works hard to try to get an Aim Spanish class.
CONCERTS

Tina Schultte, Aimee Lercerf, Sarah Finley and Kirk Linenfelser like country

Eddie Turner rock'n in the computer lab

Chad Korte is red hot.

Matt Harris is heavy metal!

Carol Meffert shows her country side.

Your shirt is so cool, Kerri Weidner!!
Lynn Frey, Amber Plocher and Mary Signer proved they were at their favorite shows.

Hey Shelly! show your shirt!

ALICE IN CHAINS
AEROSMITH
CLINT BLACK
GARTH BROOKS
BROOKS AND DUNN
METALLICA
VAN HALEN
ALANIS MORISSETTE
ERIC CLAPTON
GIN BLOSSOMS
NINE INCH NAILS
LED ZEPPELIN
PANTERA
TORI AMOS

BLOW THE MIND

Don't touch my shirt. My rock doesn't say.

Read about Smashing Pumpkins on LeeAnna Burton's back.

Dave George shows he can rock.

Debbie is still happy she saw a great concert.

You are too happy Sammy, ugh--John.

Tim Ritter shows off his shirt... is that school appropriate?!!

COST: $20-60
PLACE: KEIL, AMERICAN THEATER, AND RIVERPORT
SHIRT PRICE: $15-20
NOISE LEVEL: THE LOUDER THE BETTER
The Freshmen

Amber Zurliene
Tori Zobrist
Tyson Zobrist
Jennifer Zobrist
Nicholas Zeller
Mandy Zbinden
Phillip Zappia
Nicolae Zappia

Hannah Youngman
Chis Wuebbles
Matthew Wright
Marcus Wright
Amanda Woody
Scott Winacky
Sandra Wilson
Heather Willmann

Jason Wiegand
Justin Whitmore
William White
Travis Weiten
Stephanie Weiss
Matthew Weidner
Ryan Wegryn
Timothy Walter

Josef Walter
Heaven Walker
Grant Walker
Kristin Walberg
Jennifer Wagner
Stephanie Vosholler
Joshua Voiz
Stephanie Voigt

Kyle Vogt
Kristin Voegele
Ricky VanVooriden
Randall Vail
Brandon Trover
Jennifer Trame
Deanna Townzen
Ryan Tolbert

Michelle Todt
Thomas Timmermann
Melissa Timmermann
Brian Tilson
Misty Tiff
Rebecca Thurman
Melissa Thompson
Kevin Thole

Crystal Thole
Sheila Tebbe
Sarah Tebbe
Dustin Talleur
Jessie Switzer
Jenny Swift
John Sutton
Rebecca Stuckenber

Charlynn Struckhoff
Tiffany Straube
Erin Strackeljohn
Desiree Stephens
Heather Steinkeong
John Stabihut
Eric St. John
Lauren Southwick
Class of

Petra Smith
Geoffrey Siever
Tyrus Short
Nicole Shaw
Justin Shaw
Jessica Seay
Kim Schwierjohn
Amber Schwierjohn

Chad Schuster
Ria Schumacher
Gabriel Schrumpf
Lisa Schroeder
Nathan Schieper
Staci Schart
John Schaefer
Jeffery Sander

Kristina Sackett
Jessica Ross
Amy Rosenthal
Lisa Rose
Darin Romano
Robert Rogers
Michael Robinson
Justin Rittenhouse

Dustin Riechmann
Melissa Ribbing
Joshua Rags
Ryan Rexroth
Jason Remelius
Nathan Reding
Tenley Razmus
Andrew Rankin

Lacey Randant
Michael Rakers
Brady Quade
Rachel Price
Crystal Price
Chad Predmore
Julie Plocher
Amy Jo Plocher

Sarah Pirok
Wendy Pfister
Timothy Petry
Amanda Petersen
Shannon Parsons
Cory Parker
Rebecca Quitten
Nicholas Oswald

Shaun Osborne
Matthew Nolte
Emily Newman
Andrew Neudecker
Jeannie Nagel
Samuel Mynt
Adasa Murray
Stacey Murphy

Cory Munie
Katie Mucklow
Casey Sue Mosby
Emily Mollot
Erica Minney
John A. Mills
Blake Mills
Kristen R. Miller

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"Hi-Ho-Hi-Ho, it's off to work we go!" Covered the general opinion of 1999 Freshman class as they made the exchange from middle school to high school. They found many new experiences as they explored their new territory. One of these wonderful experiences was Freshman Initiation. Though Initiation had been banned many Seniors had their "fun with the freshman. Two Freshman (Jackie Kutz and J.C. Lairson) when interviewed told of their experiences with the 1996 Seniors. 'We barked 'Jingle Bells' carry lunch trays, do the 'Conga' around the commons and sing 'We Love You Seniors.' That was an event most Freshman had come to fear. A freshman (Jackie Kutz) was quoted as saying "Don't make fun of the seniors...Praise them."
FACES IN THE CROWD

AND IN OUR MINDS
A Look Back At Twenty Years

Right: Mrs. Born teaches her class with the open-classroom concept.

Below: Sherry Fletcher relays a message on the intercom.

Above: Students play air hockey in the commons during lunch.

Above: Students enjoy the luxury of bean bags in the media center.

Above Right: The old television studio.

Right: Students mingle during a class break.

Far Right: The original media center.
Left: Mr. Thomas talks to a janitor on his walkie talkie.

Below: Matt Inlow builds a tower, out of notecards, during homeroom.

Above: A crowd of seniors gather in the gym for an assembly.

Left: Adam Ford and Joe Maxfield work diligently in the bio lab.

Above: Shaun Voegele works hard in the computer lab on the ever popular research paper.

Left: Jeff Warneke is so excited about being at school.
Above: Mr. Harsy smiles at the camera while saying in his head, "Let's hear it for the winners!"

Top Right: Mr. Lanxon sits down to take a break after a hard day's work.

Above: Mr. Burgett speaks at the sit-in.

Right: Mr. Harsy, Mr. Thomas, and some students sit and listen closely at the sit-in.
The bosses take control again! It may have taken one year to get used to the new system, but Principal Steve Harsy did it! Even though he made some pretty strict rules, that most students didn't like, he seems to have had most everything under control. With the help of the Assistant Principal, Mr. Barry C. Thomas, everyone was accounted for. Mr. Thomas also helped write out all the S.E.P.'s for the trouble makers and the students with too many tardies. New Assistant Principal Steve Lanxon took over Joe Schaefer's tasks. Mr. Schaefer returned to the classroom. Behind everything is the big boss Superintendent Mr. James Burgett, he had the difficult task of asking the tax payers for more money to improve the schools in the district. It may have taken awhile, but the administration at Highland High School is starting to work like a well oiled machine, at least until someone throws a monkey wrench in to the system.
They Choose, We Lose!

In order to deal with the necessities of the overcrowded public school system the Board of Education came up with a plan that would provide the needed capital for the students' needs. Unfortunately, all three issues were voted down in the November vote. In response, some students in the journalism class came up with the idea to stage a sit-in in order to demonstrate their frustration. Debbie Wheeler and Sheri McWhirter emerged as the rally organizers and handed out flyers and hung up posters to publicize the event. And on "We need to remember that it's the students that will be hurt by the decision." - Mrs. Linda Nelson

November 15th at 3:30 P.M. in the commons at HHS, more than 200 high school students, teachers and administrators gathered to express their feelings.

Mr. Gifforn, a member of the school board, and Highland News Leader's Jim Gallatin attended the rally and took notes. During the event, several students spoke to the crowd. Anne-Marie Dixon said, "I think it's pretty sad that criminals can get a better education than we can. The issues always seem to come down to money." Perhaps she's right, and hopefully things will change in the future.

Below: Lighthearted sophomore Nikki Kline is going to experience the financial cuts for the next two years.

Below: Early graduate Anne-Marie Dixon upset over the referendum failure, even though she isn't going to personally deal with the backs.

Above: "Grantfork people should take into consideration that their kids will be going here one day." - Joey Switzer

Right: "I am personally Ted with a passion. We need to improve our schools for ourselves and for our children" - Becky Wright.
Left: Nic Dimig spoke at the sit-in about his disappointment over the upcoming financial cut backs.

Below: Mrs. Brede, Ms. Fischer, Mrs. Probst, and Mrs. Mertes join the group of concerned students at the sit-in.

Above Left: "The failure of the referendum has and will result in some unpleasant consequences for students and teachers. However, the people have spoken. The defeat is a commentary on the entire structure of public school financial support."

-Mrs. Suzanne Meyer

Above: Senior Emily Stokka won't have to deal with the cuts, but she attended the group of concerned students and faculty at the sit-in.

Left: Junior Sheri McWhirter, one of the sit-in organizers, speaks to Superintendent James Burgett, Board of Education member Stan Gifhorn, and Highland News Leader's Jim Gallatin.
Steve Lang gives his approval of Mrs. Duncan's class.

Every student at H.H.S. was required to take three years of math. This means that on any given day in the math department there was a variety of students of all ages. The math department had seven teachers each of whom were ready to expand minds with new numbers and new ways to do the same old problems. Sometimes those same old problems can be confusing, but don't fear. One of those seven teachers are always ready and willing to help. Mr. Brede, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Hester, Mr. Iftner, Mrs. Massey, and Mrs. Probst were always willing to help with smiling faces. They're guaranteed to get your mind out of the clouds and into the numbers.

Above: Mrs. Duncan asks her class, "Do you understand?"

Above Right: Mrs. Massey tries to wake her class.

Right: Scott Brave takes one of those infamous Mr. Cox geometry tests.
Deborah Massey
Algebra II
Seq. Alg & Geom.

John Hester
Geometry

Chris Cox
Algebra I
Geometry

Larry Iftner
20 years ago

John Hester
20 years ago

Larry Iftner
Algebra II
Honors Alg II

Margie Duncan
Algebra II
Applied Math

Jeanie Probst
20 years ago

Jeanie Probst
Pre-Calculus

Joel Hawkins
Algebra I
Geometry
Raising the Standard

This year the Social Studies Department didn't just read History, they made it!!

By Sheri McWhirter

Between a new addition, a field trip stow away, some crazy projects, and a couple of master's degrees, the social studies dept. raised the standard for future history-making years!

Some crazy things happened this year! Mr. Cryder found a moldy snack in his desk, left by Mr. Vogelman. A stow-away was found on the St. Louis field trip right before a waiter dumped milk shakes all over Ms. Kay and Mrs. Martz. Aaron Schwarz was found guilty of murder in the John Brown Mock Trial while the Government class elected a president. Brandy Mertes played a convincing Teddy Roosevelt and Terah Huckleberry was a supreme Ida Tarbell in the hectic debate round of Meet the Press. And how could we forget when Mr. Cryder ripped his pants while bending over to pick up some chalk! Everybody met Ms. Kay's parents when her father came to speak on the Depression and WWII while Ms. Kay met Margaret Thatcher!

It's going to be hard to top this year's social studies department!

Above: Ms. Kay demonstrates that the world is really round!

Above: Do you think Mr. Moore, the psychology teacher, can explain Steve Schmitt's unusual behavior?

Middle Above: Mr. Holt strikes a pose.

Right: Trisha Frey works diligently in Mr. Cryder's class.

Below: Nic Baer flips through articles for World Studies.

Middle Below: Mr. Vogelman and Fredrickson are the best of friends!
Left: Ms. Kay photographs famous tombs on the field trip to St. Louis.

Below: Jason Frey is completely absorbed by what Mr. Cryder has to say.

Above: Mary Mollet is happy to be on the St. Louis field trip even though it rained all day.

Left: Aaron Schwarz leads the way with Chad Klosterman on the AP American History field trip while Jeff Voss follows.

Ms. Kay
AP American History
AP European History
Modern World Hist.
Government

Mr. Holt
AP Economics
American History
Consumer Economics

Mr. Vogelman
American History
Government
Consumer Economics

Mr. Fredrickson
Ancient World History
Modern World History
Government

Mr. Cryder
Ancient World History
World Studies
Geography
Exploring the World of HHS Lit.

Top Left: A dedicated group of English III students brave the elements to pose for the camera on their field trip to the cemetery. Top Right: senior Jon Scaggs brings a whole new interpretation to English IV literature. Left: Jeff Dressel is overcome by the power of distraction in his English IV classroom. Interesting!! Above: seniors Shandra Zobrist, Laura Buss and Jyl Melosi practice their English IV presentation.
Sure, there will always be great literary minds like William Shakespeare and Edgar Allen Poe with their tales of remorse and thwarted love, but will these men ever have the futuristic vision of today's literary minds, like those at HHS? Of course not, they're dead! But the passion and interest for literature are still alive and kicking' with in the halls of HHS.

While the freshmen found out that After the Rain you take a trip to the local funeral home, other classes followed their morbid lead and spent a little leisure time graveyard hopping in the St. Louis area cemeteries. While things seemed to look a little "stiff" the English IV classes came to the rescue as they splashed a little life into things with their field trip to the St. Louis Fox Theatre where they were introduced to Charles Dicken's A Christmas Carol. And if new life was what this department was looking for they certainly found it with the development of several new extra curricular activities like Reader's Theatre. This was an organization that encouraged young actors, playwrights, and literary interested folks to share their works in a semi-public setting with fellow students who have developed these same interests. All proving once again that the next Hemingway or Austen may well be on their way within the realms of HHS!

Above: Sarah Brown moves to the beat of a different drum while entertaining the English IV classes with her presentation of modern literature with a little help from her friends.
Thinking of Experimenting?

Imagine the world without any new creations. Just think of how out of date it would be if nobody experimented with the unheard of ideas. Don't worry though, new theories were tested every week in the HHS Science Lab. Each of the many science classes perform different skills they learned in the course they were taking. Using the lab gave students a better perspective of how working with different things can result in a whole new product. During the 95-96 school year the Science Department offered students the opportunity to be involved in many competitions such as the Science Olympiad and the Blackburn College Competition. The classes also made visits to Shell Oil, the Science Center, SIUE Chemistry and Physics Labs, Six Flags, and the St. Louis Zoo. By exploring a wide range of places, it gave students the opportunity to see how things work outside of the classroom.

Above: Jeff Voss, Keri Weidner, and Shandra Zobrist clean out test tubes in preparation for an experiment at the SIUE chemistry lab.

Above Right: Jessie Winet, Shanna Uhe, and Melissa Straube discuss their assignment in Biology II.

Right: On the Chemistry II field trip, Staci Conrad, April Wilson, Matt Thole, and Tim Ledbetter determine the results of their experiment.
Above: Adam Ford seeks help in Biology II from Joe Maxfield.

Far Left: Sarah Nungesser, Kyle Linenfelser, and Stephanie Crawley ride the Moon Cars on the Physics field trip to Six Flags.

Left: Brad White mixes solutions at the SIUE chemistry lab on the Chemistry II field trip.
"Je parle français." These are the words that are often heard in the French Department on a daily basis. Students are taught the language and culture by Mrs. Thebus. The students learned how to speak the language correctly, and they also learned about the French culture. It is important to learn a different language so that when the students get out into the real world they know how to speak another language besides English. It is also good to have an understanding of another culture. This lets students know that there are different cultures "out there". This year there was a French III class. Most students agreed that Mrs. Thebus has a very cool French Mind.

Above: Heather Plocher, Laura Tebbe, Natalie Michael, and Gina Martin take delight in sampling the foreign foods.

Middle: Eduardo Pinheiro, Mrs. Thebus and Esther Kuindersma talk "Foreign Language".

Right: Andre Watzenberg samples the American doughnut.

Mrs. Elaine Thebus
BS: SIUC
French I, II, III
Spanish I
Advisor: French Club
The Spanish Department was very well staffed this year with four excellente professoras. They did many interesting and fun activities with the Spanish students like: having weddings, taking them on field trips, and making various pinatas. But next year they will be losing one of the four due to the referendum. Senora Sherry Blastenbrei left HHS at the end of the year. She will be missed by all the teachers, students, and administration. The Spanish Department enriched students with Spanish culture and history and the appreciation of it.
With the help of Mrs. Fisk the brave young women of the F.M.C.C. and the students in Health/Medical Occupations worked hard to better themselves so that they can help their community. With the proper training these women will become doctors, nurses and technicians. Collecting 192 pints of blood at the '96 Blood Drive they have already done something to help the people in need in the community. The Health/Medical Occupations did their part by keeping a watchful eye on the students blood pressure.
CRASH, BOOM, BANG!!! This was everyone's worst nightmare. That's why Ms. Harrison and Mr. Stillwagon were at H.H.S. to help teach teens the correct way to drive. When you enter the class you often say to yourself, "This is the one class I HAVE to pass." As well as being taught in the classroom, students also watched movies, had guest speakers and watched demonstrations. The guest speakers were very informative and talked to the students about the correct way to drive and, most important, about DUlS. They also showed informative, harsh movies, and slides about wrecks; not necessarily to scare the students, but just to keep them alert. Country Companies also presented a "Stopping Distance" skid demonstration in the high school parking lot. After the classroom part of Safety, there was Behind the Wheel, where behind the wheel experience and driving with a teacher occurred taught by Ms. Harrison, Mr. Stillwagon, or Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. If students passed all that, they waited anxiously for their vouchers. Finally on the 16th "special day" a student got the license.

Left: Neal Rieke, trying his hardest to pass safety, asks Ms. Harrison an important question. Left middle: Mr. Stillwagon grades his safety papers during his spare time.

Above: The class listens hard to Ms. Harrison, for the directions to their important exam. Below left: Jessica Crippen and Tom Budde work hard on their safety test. Below right: Matt and Marcus Wright strain their brains so they make sure they can pass.
Above: Jamie Poss and Gail Hammer Practice Marching.

HHS Flag Corp

Gail Hammer, Jill Hess, Nicki Horstmann, *Crista Jacober, Amanda Jimenez, Patricia Kessels, Stephanie Knebel, Renee Linenfelsler, Jamie Maedge, Laura Osterwisch, Jamie Poss, Jennifer Schmidt, Teri Schmitt, and Mindy Smart

* Flag Captain

3: Michelle Cruthis is hamming it up.
4: Posing for the camera before a game are: Michelle Cruthis, Stephanie Knebel, and Crista Jacober. 5: The flags in their beach clothes at the homecoming. 6. Captain Jacober looks really excited about getting her picture taken. 7. Coach Melissa Grygiel marching in the go old days!
Concert Band

Flute I:
Amy Kirchhoff
Lesley Laws
Jamie Maedge
Jenny Conrad
Tara Anderson
Amanda Manuel
Dawn Holloway
Petna Smith
Stephanie Voight
Cara Ernst
View Flute:
Julie Plocher
Janeice Babic
Niki Suhre
Amy Timmermann
Jamie Poss
Mary Mollet
Liz Driemeyer
Nicole Niggli
Jill Foehner
Ian Linenfelser
Clarinet III:
Tammy Ernst
Patricia Kessels
Jennifer Schmidt
Staci Conrad
Clarinet IV:
Emily Austin
Gail Hammer
Amanda Jiminez
Amy Crowell

Trumpet I:
Carolyn Gusewelle
Trumpet II:
Shandra Zobrist
Trumpet III:
Sherri Koehnemann
Trumpet IV:
Matt Inlow
Drew Neudecker
Horn I:
Mandy Zbinden
Horn II:
Angie Eilers
Horn III:
Rene Mettler
Horn IV:
Joe Missey
Perc:
Leslie Barnes
Mike Nolte
Matt Pacatte
John Schaefer
Kevin Thole
B.Clarinet:
Teri Schmitt
Wendy Winter
Mindy Schwend
Contra:
April Wilson
Saxophone I:
Renee Linenfelser
Lori Schrumph
Randy Gress
T.Bone: Matt
Richey
Tuba:
Jeremy Federer

Jazz Band

Trumpet:
Tom Budde
Mike Hansen
Sam Myint
Alison Sievers
Matt Thole
Saxophone:
Stan Chang
Anthony Jimenez
Tenor Sax:
Jeff Pinkel
Bari Sax:
Dusty Zimmermann
Flute:
Stephani Walter
T-bone:
Jake Wetzel
Tuba:
Todd
Brendal
Bass Guitar
Ian Lackey
Percussion:
Brendon Cronin
Leslie Barnes
Kevin Thole
Brock Grandame
Mike Nolte
John Schaefer
Matt Pacatte
Piano:
Doug Burgett

Mr. Joe Young chorus teacher
Alternative school classes met from 12 P.M. to 5 P.M. with Mr. Steve Moore at the helm of this 'alternative' environment. Some students attended just this class, others finished their day in this setting. Mr. Moore explains the philosophy of the setting by stating, "quid pro quo - something for something."
Great Minds of Art

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Pictures by: Trisha Jacoby & Erin Stieb

Looky Here the Highland High School Art Department, headed by Mrs. Patstevich, offered a fine curriculum covering a wide selection of courses. Drawing 1 and 2, Design 1 and 2, Crafts, Independent Art, were offered along with a few others. Mrs. P., as fondly referred to by most of her students, tried to keep a wide variety of projects available in each course so if someone didn't like one, they were bound to like the next. She strove to make the students do the best work possible and would accept no excuses for anything less. In doing this she challenged students to look at their work and improve what they had created.

Shaun Voegele and Trevor Bauchens show Trevor's "other side" for the camera.

The head of the team, Mrs. Patstevich, shows us a new view on Art.

Mark Almendr showed his partyl with as he became the object of art.

Tom Cooper shows the darker side of Art as he glowers at the camera.

Helping us Reach the Doors of the Mind
What was that wonderful aroma invading the halls of HHS? Who made all those neat outfits? Why are people carrying around eggs with faces? It’s Home Ec! Home Ec offered Foods and Nutrition classes where students cooked and ate food, and learned to eat healthy. Adult Living helped students deal with the fact that everybody grows up someday and will have adult responsibilities. In Clothing class, they learned to make their own clothing. Parenting taught how to be a good parent. This year in Parenting the students had to carry around eggs with faces pretending to be their children --preparing for --the real world!

This year's Home Ec classes kept Mrs. Plett and Mrs. Bretzlafl on their toes. They took field trips to Aviston Lumber to find supplies for their “Dream Home” and trips to day care centers in Highland. Sounds like this year's Home Ec students were very busy and learned about being in the real world.

Above: Heather Plocher gives Mrs. Bretzlafl a special treat made in Foods.

Above: Rhonda Cates models her dress made in clothing.

Above: Mrs. Plett ventured out of the Home-Ec department to teach Ms. McGee's home room how to sew a button.
Michelle Zink tries to beat her best typing speed which is 49 words per minute.

Amanda Johnston checks to make sure she has everything right, while Jessie Kovach begins to print out her assignment.

Cheryl Wolfe (then)  Cheryl Wolfe (now)

Jeffery Faulkenberg  Theodore Cipicchio  Dr. Arlen Baker (then)  Dr. Arlen Baker (now)

CONGRATULATIONS went to Amber Hamilton for being the fastest typist of the 1995-1996 school year. She is just one of the many students who entered the Business Department as a mere typist and walked out as a record holder for the school year. Keyboarding is just one of the few business classes Highland has offered over the years to students to increase their knowledge of the real world. Some of the other classes consist of: Computer Concepts, Business and Technical Concepts, and Info. Processing. Some of the goals that the teachers expected from their students was to become better at their skills and to continue to follow the learning process throughout life.

Tyson Heisner tries his best to complete his assignment before the bell rings.
**Below:** Chad Reinacher and Brad Neuman work on the steeple for the church to be put in the town square during Christmas time.

**Right:** Chad Zobrist works on leveling the church steeple during class time.

**Above:** A group of Ag students visit the Purina Mills plant in

**Above Right:** Jason Boeser and Jeremy Kneble take a break during the FFA banquet.

**Right:** Jeff Potthast, Matt Goldman, Mr. Schmitz, Justin Hug, Mr. Jones, Jason Boeser repairing the stable for the Nativity Scene for the town square.
The Cream of the Crop

by Heather Koerkenmeier

The Agricultural Department of HHS was fast growing. This department specialized in hands-on classes and experiments. Agricultural courses ranged from Intro. to Ag to Agribusiness Management to Ag Machinery Service. Mr. Schmitz and Mr. Jones taught these courses with first-hand knowledge. Along with teaching, they both are the sponsors of FFA. An agricultural course such as Intro to Ag is designed to explore the many opportunities in agriculture. Another class that Ag students took is Agribusiness Management. Agribusiness Management is designed for students planning to enter the management phase of ag and to continue their education. Then for the machine inclined students there’s Ag Machinery Service. This course concentrates on electrical applications using service manuals and repairing ag equipment. New last year to the Ag department was Ag COOP. Ag COOP is a class only for Seniors. They go to school half of a day and work the other part of the day. There was something for everyone down the Ag hallway.

Industrious Minds

Industrial Education of HHS had growing minds last year. Industrial Education worked with subjects from, computers to welding. These courses prepared students for the future. This department was headed by Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Tucker. Mr. Schaefer came back last year to the department after being Assistant Principal for 15 years. Classes ranged from Intro. to Industrial Education, to Manufacturing to Drafting/CAD. Intro. to Industrial Education, a freshman class, consists of the basics of working with sheet and bench metal, and the introduction to electricity for everyday living. Manufacturing, otherwise known as welding, was a jr./sr. class. This class enabled students to become more familiar with design, bench work operations, and welding. CAD was a computer-assisted design techniques. It helped the students to establish a student-owned enterprise. They designed and engineered a product to be mass produced. So whether you were interested in welding or computers, you could have found yourself in the Industrial Education Department.
"Dress out today!" These were the three most dreaded words for high school students. P. E., although not a favorite class, was a required class to graduate from HHS. As students recall, white socks, a shirt with your last name on the back, shorts or sweat pants, and non-skid tennis shoes were the required dress.

Every year the P.E. department did different activities to lighten up the not-so-happy atmosphere. If students were in conditioning P.E. their maximum weight would be set and they would work towards this ideal to get the grade. In regular P.E. students received grades on appearance and participation. They participated in: bowling, washers, badminton, volleyball, and other sports.

Even though the gym was not "cool" many students didn't mind getting in shape.
**Let Your Conscious Be Your Guide**

By: Leslie Campbell

**When asked what was most enjoyed most about their positions?**

"New experiences and challenges every day along with the privilege of working with the kids."

Mrs. Sherry Thomas
Guidance Counselor

"The variety of things I do and people I work with."

Mrs. Carey Iftner
Guidance Counselor

"I enjoy many things about working in Highland Highschool, but mainly the contact with students."

Mrs. Jill Gatcombe
Social Worker

"In regards to my RESCUE job I enjoy planning the parent meetings and meeting parents in our community."

Ms. Cindy Plett
Social Worker

The mission of the Highland High School guidance department was to produce responsible, productive, citizens who are prepared for the future. In order to do this the guidance department provided quality people and programs in conjunction with family and the community. The guidance counselors maintained a balance between personal counseling, academic/vocational counseling, and other guidance activities. The guidance department had a full year of activities planned for all students in HHS. They offered a variety of activities for all types of curriculums. The counselors give a Freshman Orientation, IGAP testing for sophomores and juniors, and held events like Career Day for the seniors. These are just a few of the many opportunities the Highland guidance department provided for its students.
The most diversified department in 1995-96 was the special education department. According to Mrs. Korte, the mission of her department was to, "Provide an education in the least restrictive environment for all educationally challenged students". To accomplish this, Korte, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Plocher, and Mrs. Weiss taught regular SED classes, along with team teaching in all sequential, transition, and basic classes, in science, English, math and health. The SED teachers kept their students busy with field trips to the St. Louis Science Center, the annual job fair in Collinsville, and tours of various Highland businesses.

Mrs. Korte's consumer education planned a complete party, which included a budget, a shopping excursion, and meticulous planning. When asked what her goals were for her students, Mrs. Weiss stated, "To allow for all students to become productive and happy taxpayers."

Mrs. Snowden helps a student with their health homework.
Teacher Feature
Highland's leading Minds in a
Blast from the Past.

by: Jess O'Brien

In a poll taken by the students these teachers where chosen for these honors.

Zaniest Teachers:
Above Mrs. Wolf & Mr. Moore

Shortest or Least Hair:
Mr. Cippichio & Mrs Blastinbrie

Longest or Most Unusual Hair:
Mr. Cox & Mrs. Deets

Most Likely to Write a
Pink Slip:
Mrs. Pastorvich & Mr. Stillwagon

Creative Teaching Style:
Mr. Volgelman & Mrs. Meyer

Most Likely to Reprimand you
in 6 or 7 Languages:
Mr. Meyer & Mrs. Thebus

Most Likely to Answer a Question
with an Unusual Answer:
Dr. Baker & Mrs. Duncan
CLUBS

Organizations

Individuals

People

Sponsors
The Lifesavers of H.H.S. was a club to help students and peers with their personal lives and problems. The Lifesavers were involved in school and community activities. The Optimist Bowl-A-Thon helped raise money for the group. They were trained by guest speakers at retreats to learn the right way to help peers. Anyone could come to the Lifesavers for help with their personal problems, and Lifesavers listened and gave their best ability to try to help. There were serious times in Lifesavers as well as a lot of fun times. All in all, the H.H.S. Lifesavers have "Lifesaving Minds."

Below: Sarah Tebbe sits down to try to help and give advice to her hurting friend Heaven Walker.
The purpose of the JETS is to attract a greater number of talented and diverse students to careers in engineering and science by making them aware of opportunities available through activities and programs.

Members of the JETS participate in many Group Challenges/Individual challenges at regional, divisional, and state levels, the JETS members practiced really hard and they were some real smart individuals.

Fellow JETS members Stephanie Crawley and Chad P. Korte made it to state in a graphics engineering competition, in which Stephanie placed 7th and Chad placed 8th, Job well done.

The advisor of the JETS was Ms. Deborah Massey and she has been the advisor of JETS for 2 years, Ms. Massey enjoys being the advisor of the JETS team, the JETS are a group of really talented individuals and they take real pride in what they do.

During the 95-96 school year the JETS team had some rotten luck, because every time that they went away for a competition they would have the worst weather to travel in, but they went in and gave it all they had.
Kyle Linenfelser practices for an upcoming competition by taking a test.
Thinking of the Future

copy by: Jackie Robards

The Ecology Club was a group of students who were concerned about the future of the earth. Their goal was to keep the environment clean for generations to come. Some of the activities they were involved in this year included maintaining the paper recycling project, and attending the Annual Illinois River Project Student Congress, where they presented a display called "The Return of the Eagle." The club was directed by Mr. James F. Meyer. The officers included: President-Sandra Tasic, Vice President-Sarah Raine, Secretary-Lindsey Fuqua, and Treasurer-Elana Jakel.

Above: Ecology Club advisor, Mr. James F. Meyer, says the club hopes, "To promote better care of our local environment."

Above: The Ecology Club members that attended the annual Illinois Rivers Project Student Congress. Top row: Liz VonHatten, Lindsey Fuqua, and Elana Jakel. Bottom row: Kenny Riddle and Sam Myint.

Below: Liz VonHatten and Lindsey Fuqua scan the horizon hoping to see a majestic eagle in Peoria, Illinois.
When it comes to expanding horizons, **Mr. Brent Grodeon** knows how to do it! With the goal of encouraging an interest in science, the Science Club moved forward with a field trip and activities. Along with Club President **Sheri McWhirter**, **Mr. Grodeon** planned activities throughout the year.

For the annual field trip, the group visited Washington University to learn how to operate and understand the Internet. Also, on the field trip, the club members went to the St. Louis Zoo. Other club officers are VP **John Zweck**, and Secretary/Treasurer **Nazia Rahman**.

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**Magnify the Mind**

by: Sheri McWhirter

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Below: Leslie Barnes gets excited over using the Internet.

Below: Senior Nazia Rahman reads a book while en route to the St. Louis Zoo.

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**Left:** Front-Leslie Barnes, Sheri McWhirter, Amy Timmermen. Middle-Mindy Smart, John Zweck, Nazia Rahman. Back-Mr. Grodeon, Ryan Pittenger.

**Below:** Mindy Smart eats an ice-cream cone for lunch at the Washington University campus on the field trip.
Espanol es muy divertido! The Spanish Club was a group of students who had either completed, or were currently taking Spanish III. They expressed an interest in furthering their knowledge of the Spanish speaking world. The Spanish Club offered them the opportunity to expand their minds by seeing the world through someone else's eyes. In the '95-'96 school year, the Spanish Club was involved in many activities. They started out the year by hosting (along with the French Club) a breakfast for the foreign exchange students. The senior members of the Spanish Club were offered the opportunity to go visit a Spanish speaking community in Chicago. There they were exposed to a culture that speaks only Spanish. To communicate with these people, the students had to employ their knowledge of the language. The trip to the latino barrio was an educational experience for all who went.

Below: Keri Weidner gets friendly with the statue on the Spanish Club field trip.
"Oui Oui". That is just a tiny example of what you would hear spoken from the mouths of the French Club members. One activity that the French Club did was a field trip, but the main goals of the group was to learn more about the French culture and to promote cultural awareness. The advisor to this group was Mrs. Thebus. The officers for the 1995-1996 school year were: President, Adam Ford, Vice President, Natalie Michael, Secretary, Stephanie Knebel and or Robert Rogier, and Treasurer Judy Myint. These people and many more make up the French Club. French Club was a success because "French minds think alike".


Middle: French club members relax on the field trip.

Left: A group shot of the French club at the Menard house.
KEEP HHS CLEAN AND MAINTAINED

For most 2:55 P.M. meant the end of their work day during the '95-'96 school year. But for one group 2:55 was just the beginning of hard work. The HHS maintenance staff logged more work hours than any other group at HHS during the evenings. Everyday problems such as locker catastrophes, lunchroom crisis, and the numerous "code reds" from Mr. Thomas' walkie talkie were all solved in a day's work for the team. They also worked late into each night to ensure that the next day was a clean one. Although overlooked by many, the time and effort of the custodial staff contributed to a clean and well maintained school environment for the school year.

Jim Dillow is "on the job"!

Ed Crager, Larry Diveley and the infamous Tom Miller take time from their work to pose.

Above and left: The maintenance workers enjoy the FFA breakfast.
What room in the high school was overcrowded and smelled like sweat and dirty gym socks? The answer was --the weight room. This annex to the gym was used repeatedly by athletes and conditioning students under the supervision of Mr. Matt Fredericksen and Mr. Rich Kanter.

Above left: Desiree Stevens counts her fingers as she finishes her reps.

Above: Mike Lawson gets spotted as he shows his strength.

Left: One, two, three, Craig Woll increases his biceps size.
...AND THE BEAT GOES ON

BY: MICHELLE CRUTHIS

Forward march, one... busy year was definitely the theme for the HHS Marching Bulldogs. Work and dedication was put into many field shows and marches that were performed throughout the year. The marching band was directed by Melissa Grygiel and was made up of freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Music wasn't the only thing the students were involved in, many of them were athletes who worked extremely hard at what they did.

The band season started off in the summer of '95 with a week of band camp, where the dogs their halftime shows. The summer also included seven parades: Memorial Day, Schwiezerfest, New Douglas, Grantfork, Mulberry Grove, Collinsville Italian Fest, and HHS' homecoming parade. The marching band attended two field show competitions during the season, one at Eastern Illinois and the other at the University of Illinois. At the end of the year, after all was said and done, the Bulldogs celebrated with a Fine Arts banquet.

Illini Marching Festival
1995

Above left  Tara Anderson, April Wilson and Joe Missey are leaders of the band.
Above:  Lesley Laws, Amy Crowell, and Amanda Manuel play in the wind section.
Left:  Sam Myint shows Drew Neudecker how much he appreciates him.

Above:  Michelle Cruthis, Crista Jacober, and Joe Missey love band camp.

Left:  The marching band at EIU
Below:  Riding the band bus is cool!

Club Officers
President:  Jake Wetzel
V. President:  Niki Suhre
Secretary:  Crista Jacober
Treasurer:  Shandra Zobrist
"Phone tree will start at 5 a.m., and the bus will leave at 6." This was the all too common phrase that the ever vigilant Speech Team members had to hear. Every year these brave souls fought their way through wind, rain, sleet, and a snow storm or two to compete for the ultimate goal--First Place!

This year's team was headed by two four-year veterans--seniors Jamie Aussieker and Sarah Finley. Just behind them were a strong platform of juniors--Sarah Maxfield, John McGinley, and Lisa Pye. The underclassmen didn't forget to leave their marks on the area competition. The sophomores were Barry Duhasek, Kevin McGinley, and T. Andrew McCammon. Heaven Walker was the sole freshmen making up this dynamic team.

HHS' speech team had its moments to remember when the bus broke down in sub-zero temperatures on the way to a tournament, and when Jamie got hit on by the guy from Granite City just because she borrowed his lucky golf pen. Leading this group of speech crusaders was the familiar Ms. Patti Swank who, like this team, started out a rookie, a couple of years ago, and has worked her way into an experienced coach.

Even though this group was not one of the most popular in the school, it was one that had extreme pride in its accomplishments. As someone once said, "Pain is temporary, pride is forever." The '95-'96 team was proud because they used speech team leaned skills in other areas such as the fall play and spring musical and they were always thinking on their feet!
ART CLUB

RIGHT BRAINED—SO IT'S ALL IN THE MINDS !?!?!

Splat-splatter, brush-whisk, sketch-draw. All these and more made up the Highland High School Art Club. These dedicated art students established, with the art insight of Mrs. Pastrovich, a club that helped students to acquire new and useful art skills. They involved many new projects such as painting the gym or the McDonald's drive-through wall so that all may see the support and talent the Highland Art Club holds. The Art Club also took a field trip to Kansas City to visit Crown Center and Hallmark. The students, when asked, found this to be a valuable experience minus the six-hour ride to and from. This is one of the many experiences they had the opportunity to partake in.

Debbie Wheeler takes on a new angle as thing seem just a little bigger than life.

The Art Club sponsor in a blast from her past Mrs. Pastrovich smiles at the camera.

From right to left Gwenn Nathan, Debbie Wheeler, and Trevor Bauchens set out to paint the town with brush in hand.

From left to right: Jamie Near, Angie Schappach, and Dan Georges lock into the Finer Arts.
Bad Year For Tomatoes, Good Year For Fall

In her second year as director of the fall play, Mrs. Fredrickson chose a very colorful and entertaining production. "A Bad Year For Tomatoes" was presented November 17 and 18 at the Middle School Auditorium. It received high acclaim from all who attended.

The story featured junior Sarah Maxfield as a burned out television actress who moves to the New England countryside to escape the pressures and personalities of show business. The "unique" comedic characters she encounters while residing in New England convince her that no matter where she is located, she can't escape strange personalities. The New England yokels were played by: senior Jill Hess, junior Lisa Pye, sophomores Joe Maxfield, Andy McCammon, and Regina Gruenenfelder, and freshman Michael Robinson.

According to McCammon, the play and its "crazy" characters, both on and off the stage, brought the cast and crew close together, "Never before have I been associated with a cast and crew so much like a close knit family. Each component was vital: The undeniable wit of Mr. Fredrickson, Mrs. Fredrickson's firmly guiding directorial hand, and student director "sweet" Caroline Gusewelle, and her numerous soda expeditions. All of these combined to produce a wonderful show for those who attended." Sarah Maxfield added, "It was a bad year for tomatoes, but a good year for a great production."

Cast

Myra Marlowe - Sarah Maxfield
Tom Lamont - Joe Maxfield
Reba Harper - Lisa Pye
Cora Gump - Jill Hess
Pinee - T. Andrew McCammon
Willa Mae Wilcox - Regina Gruenenfelder
Sheriff - Michael Robinson

Director

Heidi Fredericksen

Student Directors

Carolyn Gusewelle
Erika Thomas

Above: "Pinee" Andy McCammon sits attentively during a grueling rehearsal.
Below: Jill Hess and Sarah Maxfield become "Myra" and "Cora during..."
Creative Minds
by: John T. McGinley

One word can describe a Thespian: creative. The HHS chapter of the Thespians was active in all aspects of HHS fine arts during the 1995-1996 school year. Thespians could be found in the fall play, the spring musical, on the HHS speech team, or participating in the Madrigal Dinners. These were a few of the activities that a Thespian participated in during the year. According to the advisor, Mrs. Fredrickson, the purpose of the Thespian troop was to promote appreciation of and involvement in the arts. In addition to performing in productions, Thespians also attended a variety of theatrical performances all over the metro-St. Louis area, during the course of the year. The Thespians were also active in raising money for various charities. Sophomore Thespian Andy McCammon summed up his feelings on what is essential to being a Thespian, "As a Thespian, I am always eager for the opportunity to commit myself to the exciting prospect of actually becoming a given character, and being able to share this character with an audience of many."
The 1995-96 Highland FFA Advisors and Officer Team

Advisors: Mr. Larry Jones and Mr. Don Schmitz

President Jason Boeser, Vice President Kelly McMillan, Secretary Jeremy Lietschuh, Treasurer Jeremy Kneble, Reporter Jeff Potthast, Sentinel Blake Rinderer.

The 1995-96 Highland FFA Chapter

First Row: Julie Rougly, Katie Schrumpf, Sarah Warfield, Mandy Kapp, Chanda Perkins, Heather Koerkenmeier, Dustin Riechmann, Brian Tilson, Lindsey Fuqua, Matt Frey; Second Row: Aimee Kuhn, Mr. Jones, Jeff Potthast, Kelly McMillian, Jason Boeser, Jeremy Leitchuh, Jeremy Knebel, Blake Rinderer, Mr. Schmitz, Marty Landmann, John Gibbons; Third Row: Matt Goldman, Pam Wilson, Maria Simpkins, Travis Wellen, Trevor Henkhause, Doug Stief, Ryan Kampwurth, Justin Hug, Mike Barth, Craig Henschen, Dave Ellis; Fourth Row: Matt Wessel, Emily Hall, Jessie Winet, Brandy Quade, Cory Munie, Matt Weidner, Katie Bellem, Renee Mettler, John Schoen, Troy Holleunkamp, Nic Zeller, Larry Willeford, Travis Kneble; Fifth Row: Jenny Frey, Heidi Razmus, Melissa Miller, Darrin Giger, Nic Gould, Chad Zobrist, Travis Zobrist, Darrin Bircher, Cale Schmidt, Chris Wernle, Ronnie Frey, Jake Ernst; Sixth Row: Kenny Riddle, Grant Gelly, Russell Reinhardt, Nick Duffin, Matt Fitterer, Jeremy Petrait, Chad Rauscher, Jason Hug, Adam Durbin, Jake Duffin, Devin Zobrist, J.D. Wesselman, Joey Oestrienger, John Pemberton, Matt Gelly, Josh Resmann.

Above: Rene Mettler smiles after she received third place at State in the Creed Speaking contest. Congratulations on a job well done.
Expanded Minds

by: Linda McCaw

Way to go Co-Op! The 1995-96 Co-Op students went to Chicago to compete against other entrepreneurs in different business competitions. All of the students did a great job. Michelle Diesen won the Recipient of the Business Professionals of Americas-Illinois Association Scholarship and also placed first in the State of Illinois Entrepreneur contest. The remaining Co-Op students received very high awards ranging from 3rd to 10th place. "All 19 of our Highland High School students conducted themselves as true business professionals throughout the conference. I am proud of each and every one of you. Thanks for being the best." Dr. Baker.

Michelle Diesen takes time to play in front of the camera.

Krystal Westerland is getting ready to go to work thanks to Co-Op.

Jason Hug relaxes with his fellow classmates before going to work.
Left Top: Fed Driemeyer stares at the camera wondering if he can really write a four page research paper.

Top Right: Lori Guetterman and Holly Kunz work together to try to find ideas for their upcoming research paper.

Left Middle: Keri Weidner and Jamie Boulard spend their time together at the library during study hall.

Above Right: Jeff Ross wonders what card is going to be played next, as he plays a game of euchre during study hall.

Left: Joey Switzer, Joanell Johnston, and Jeremy Leitsuh diligently work together to try to finish their English project.
one thing

Week with contests, a read-in, and programs

Here, library participated in National Library
Week-A-thon which came at the climax of the

teachers' after-lunch recess. The idea here was the

party, and a Hostessen's Day party for the

library's audience. Many students take part in

throughout the year. They sold book covers all

library club also participated in many activities

besides working in the library all year here.

President, and Secretary-Donita Gardner.

Athletic Director, Joyce Heathcott. The president-

Gardner, and the secretaries were Misses.

The library was headed by Misses. Karen

Reading Minds
Emerging diseases, finding the cause of a plane crash from evidence at the crash site, and new technology all seem like fun and interesting topics to wake-up to on a Saturday morning, right? Well, maybe not for those of us who prefer "Earth Worm Jim" to top off our morning conversations, but for the group of exceptional students at HHS, better known as the Saturday Scholars, it proved far more interesting than old cartoon re-runs. This group of HHS juniors and seniors who possessed a strong interest in both math and science were invited each Saturday morning to hear professionals, currently working in the field, discuss various related topics. These workshops ranged anywhere from studying head injuries to dissecting a sheep's brain on a trip to the St. Louis Physical and Anatomy Workshop.

Hey, after a morning like this who needs to be saved by a worm in a super-powered space suit anyway?

Scholar Bowl

HHS Whiz Kids Put More Than Wheaties In Their Bowl As They Lead The Way To A "March Madness" Competition.

Left: Kyle Linenfelser and Dave Zinkhon are poised for their next question.

By: Lisa Jackson

There's the Super Bowl, the Orange Bowl and even the ever popular toilet bowl, and while each of these have very fine characteristics all their own, none are as academically challenging as the Scholar Bowl. Scholar Bowl, sponsored by Barbara Kay and Jeanie Probst, was an academic team that competed in the subjects of math, science, history, literature and fine arts. Team members were chosen on the basis of academic interest, competitive skills, and volunteerism. Both the j.v. and varsity teams competed in the SIU-Carbondale Scholastic HQ and the Westminster College Academic Bowl, among other tournaments. Each of these matches lead up to one glorifying and highly competitive event held in March against other neighboring schools with similar talents, though surely, there are none topping those of HHS students.

Above: Susan Klostermann doesn't show any signs of nerves as she prepares for her round at the Scholar Bowl. Left: Scholar Bowl students Front row, left to right...Jamie Aussieker, Sarah Maxfield, Sheri McWhirter, Kelvin Touchette, Stephanie Knebel, sponsor Barb Kay. Second Row... Sponsor Jeanie Probst, Brett Keeven, Dave Zinkhon, Kyle Linenfelser, and Mike Gunderson.
"The purpose of student council is to give students the opportunity to increase their leadership abilities through activities relating to the students at Highland High School", Mr. Chris Cox. The 95-96 student council ideally consisted of seven members from each class, although the junior class only held one person as their representative. This year marked the first time the students had to run for office.

The candidates were presented to their classes and gave a quick speech on why they should be chosen for a position on the student council. With the sponsors, the student council accomplished many activities that supported the school and the community. A few of the highlights were the annual Homecoming celebration, a can-food drive, the Christmas Adopt-A-Family, and the Anti-Drinking and Driving Campaign.

Right: The teachers show their stuff in the volleyball tournament sponsored by the Student Council.
Deb Wheeler is painting peoples faces during lunch on Homecoming week.

The Kiss the Pig Contest turned out to be a great success for the Student Council.

Chris Basler got his face painted at lunch.

Sarah Korte, Tara Madsen, Stephanie Crawley, and Anne-Marie Dixon singing in the Commons.

The Student Council riding in a truck for the Homecoming Parade.

OFFICERS

Advisors - Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Brede, Ms. Fisher, Mr. Cox

President - Andrew Johannes

Vice President - Josef Hoffmann

Secretary - Brandy Mertes

Treasurer - Stephanie Crawley
Above: Front row left to right: Nicole Niggli, Erin Steib, Kara Breuer, Stephanie Crawley, and Amber Plocher. Second row is Sheri McWhirter, Jill Foehner, Amanda Parks, Nazia Rahman, and Jason Heim. In the third row is Alison Sievers, Jenny Conrad, Rebekah Finley, Tim Ritter, and Mrs. Paumier. In the last row is Ed Cavaliere Pinheira, John Mills, and Esther Kandlersma. Not pictured is Justin Berry, Tracy Bolton, Jared Castagna, Brian Corn, Tommy Essenegro, Lisa Holzauer, Gina Lightle, Andy Mize, Marlo Morrow, Chad Predmore, Lori Schrumpf, Maria Simpkins, Andy Snowden, Angie Schwappach, Emily Stokka, Erica Thimas, Deb Wheeler, and Anne Zeigler.

Middle Above: Tim Ritter waits impatiently for the bus ride to St. Louis to get over.

Above Right: Debbie Wheeler cools off with the kids on a hot day at the Zoo.

Left: Rebekah Finley took this shot of Erin Steib and Sheri McWhirter during a photo shoot.

Below left: Gwenn Nathan poses for Sheri McWhirter at the Zoo.

Below: Lynn Frey and Amber Plocher relax while on the field trip.

SAY CHEESE! Then FLASH, the memories are frozen in time forever. That's what the members of the new Photography Club did this year. Before anything could be done, Mrs. Paumier organized the whole idea and officers were elected. The outcome of the election was: President Sheri McWhirter, Vice-President Amanda Parks and Secretary/Treasurer Alison Sievers. Throughout the year, the members learned the uses of photographic equipment and techniques, and were provided with the opportunities to apply the skills. These opportunities included: portrait shooting sessions, outdoor shoots, and a field trip to the St. Louis Zoo and Missouri Botanical Gardens.
Amy Cromwell, Joe Hoffman, Kyle Linenfelser, Jamie Aussieker, Kelly McMillon, and Mike Gunderson are taking a break from playing with the toys for HIS Kids to pose for the camera.

Joe Hoffman is relaxing from his hard day at school by goofing off.

Above Natalie Micheal is all dressed up for Career Night held by the NHS.

The purpose of the National Honor Society was to recognize and encourage academic achievement while developing other characteristics essential to citizens in society. The NHS members conquered this purpose by doing many things such as induction, the class of 2000 orientation, and college/career night. They also had a Christmas Toy Drive where they got the help from the student body to collect toys for HIS Kids. NHS members also gave up their time and worked at the concession stands during basketball games to earn money for everything that they did during the year.

The officers of NHS were comprised of outstanding students, including the president Jamie Aussieker. The Big V.P. position was held by Kyle Linenfelser, and Kelly McMillon took over the secretary job. The treasurer was no other than Stephanie Crawley. The two advisors were Mrs. Iftner and Mrs. Schneider.
How do you feel about the stereotypical tendencies of HHS?

"We're all different, but we're all people. Immaturity keeps us apart." - anonymous

"We're all the same and who knows a farmer/prep/stoner is really your best friend."

-Jim Crawley

"I don't like that even guidance stereotypes everyone." - Larry Willeford

We're All Illusions of the Mind

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pictures by: Sheri McWhirter

The destruction of individuality originates in stereotypes. Some such stereotypes are alive and well in HHS. When asked their thoughts, some HHS students had something to say.

If in any way, how have these stereotypes personally affected you?

"I just try to enjoy myself by being different and trying to be a leader, not a follower."

-Joey Switzer

"My coach benched me & 2 friends because of our friends & we were treated differently."

-Nikki Kline

Do you feel that certain cliques deserve the stereotype they have achieved? If so, which ones and why?

"No. Some preps get stoned as much as the stoners, some stoners don't even do drugs, and 3/4 of the 'farmers' don't even live on farms." - anonymous
**Awards**

by: Jennifer Schmidt

**Scholarships**

George Bickline- Kale Kakac  
Lion's- Josef Hoffmann  
Rotary- Josef Hoffmann  
Dana Diebert-Sara Capelle  
Nazia Rahman  
HEA Larry Shutte- Leslie Laws  
Jill Frey- Sarah Korte  
Tandy Technology- Bret Henschen  
  Bret Keeven  
  Josef Hoffmann  
  Natalie Micheal  
  Michelle Diesen

Optimist- Jamie Aussieker  
L.G. Beaird- Amy St. John  
Wally Hug- Natalie Micheal  
American Bank of Highland-Michelle Diesen

**Athletic** - Laura Buss  
  Stephanie Crawley  
  Matt Ermovick  
  Jason Frey  
  Jon Scaggs  
  Tom Wells  
  Bobbi Wurth  
  Brendan Dillier

MAPCO- Chad Zobrist

**AWARDS**

Society for Acedemic Achievement-  
  Jamie Aussieker  
  Christopher Basler  
  Stephanie Crawley  
  Amy Crowell  
  Michelle Diesen  
  Christopher Frey  
  Brett Henschen  
  Jill Hess  
  Josef Hoffmann  
  Bret Keeven  
  Kyle Linenfelser  
  Megan Mannion  
  Natalie Micheal  
  Kelly McMillian  
  Nazia Rahman  
  Christina Shulte  
  Laura Tebbe  
  Kelvin Touchette  
  David Zinkhon  
  Keri Weidner  
  I Dare You-  
  Kyle Lininfelser  
  Jamie Aussiker  
  Jennifer Scholl Memorial-Sandra Tasic

  Math Department-  
  Melissa Timmerman  
  Alison Sievers  
  Natalie Micheal  
  Ryan Warnecke  
  Amy Crowell  
  Kyle Linenfelser  
  Josef Hoffmann

  Scholar Bowl-  
  Kyle Linenfelser  
  Mike Gunderson  
  Bret Keeven  
  Dave Zinkhon  
  Kelvin Touchette  
  Jamie Aussieker  
  Attendance-  
  Sarah Finley  
  Highland Women’s Club-  
  Jamie Aussiker

  Bob Lang Memorial Art Award-  
  Debbie Wheeler  
  Art Dept. -  
  Trina Bates  
  Angie Schwappach  
  Brendan Cronin  
  Brock Grandame  
  Miki Oda  
  Mary Siegner  
  Stacy Tabor  
  Gwen Nathen  
  Mark Alemond  
  Tom Cooper  
  Erin Stieb

  Art Dept Cont.  
  Jessica O’Brien  
  Holly Wilkens  
  Debbie Wheeler  
  Jamie Nier  
  Keri Weidner  
  Tim Ritter  
  Cory Briggs  
  Outstanding Bandsman-  
  Mike Nolte  
  Journalism-  
  Lisa Jackson  
  Louis Armstrong Jazz-  
  Jake Wetzel

Right: Michelle Diesen and Kyle Linenfelser receive awards at the awards banquet.

Right: Holly Wilkens, Brock Grandame, and Erin Stieb are honored for their artistic abilities at the awards banquet.
"Where's my press pass?", was hear coming out of the journalism room during 7th hour. This familiar phrase was heard echoing down the English department halls. This year's crop of talented journalists had a variable plethora of ideas and talents. For the first time there was a sophomore on staff. Linda McCaw graced the team of juniors and seniors. Seniors Erin Stieb and Debbie Wheeler attended yearbook camp in the summer where the yearbook theme and cover art was designed.

Co-editors Lisa Jackson, Anne-Marie Dixon, and Sheri McWhirter were overseers for this endeavor. Also leading this bunch of artistic students was the well-known Ms. McGee. She was the phantom teacher a lot of the time, letting the students go with the flow of original ideas for their layouts. Each part of the yearbook had its own editors and designers to give it a unique look. The teams were made up of editors and assistant editors who had to confer on the section they were in charge of. "We are not just making a yearbook, we are running a business," Ms. McGee said. A business it was -- all yearbook money is raised by the staff, the school does not supply any funds.

The students would all agree that this was not just an easy credit, but something they had to work to earn. Just remember how much hard work and determination went into this yearbook and remember that the '96 staff did it for you!
1995-1996 HHS

Sports

A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Football Playoffs
Soccer Regionals Champs
Basketball Sweet 16
Girl's Basketball Reg. Champs
Girl's Track State
Poms State
JV Cheerleaders State Champs
Varsity Cheerleaders State
Boy's Baseball Regionals

Athletes of the Year

Laura Buss
cross country
basketball

Nathan Rueter
football
basketball

by: John McGinley, Shaun Vrgele, and friend
The "Stop Mt." at the Kief.

"If you push it now, it will get easier later!" Quoter remains anon., but even though it was a funny phrase for the Highland Varsity cheerleaders it stood its ground. The 95-96 cheerleading season was definitely the hardest yet, and the pressure was pounding forth. No matter what they did, someone was watching and that meant they had to give 150% at all times. Although the season had its moments, it presented many opportunities to the varsity squad that they'll never forget.

Highland's cheerleading season lasted all year long, starting at tryouts in April, then coach Terry Aeubisher selected her squad. This year the lineup was: Seniors: Flyer- Sara Capelle, Flyer- Megan Mannion, Base- Natalie Michael, Base- Heather Plocher, and Base- Sarah Warfield. Juniors: Base Michelle Cruthis, Base- Angie Klaus, Base- Michelle Zink, Ankle Base- Mandy Hemann, and Ankle Base Kristi Larsen. Sophomores: Flyer- Christy Port, Base- Susanne Michael, Base- Lisa Plocher, Base- Keri Wieduwilt, and Base- Wendy Winet. Freshman: Flyer- Jessie Switzer and Ankle Base- Jennifer Trame. When the 1995 school year ended and most kids took off for vacation, the cheerleaders began to work. It started when the new squad attended a UCA camp in Kentucky with some of the top squads in the nation. It was good for the girls because they got the chance to show the rest of the country how tough Highland Varsity was. On Aug. 19, 1995 the HHS Varsity cheerleaders competed at the Illinois State Fair to defend their traveling trophy. As for State Fair, *!@#$%^&* happens. In Dec. one of the greatest opportunties in life came knocking. The girls were invited to perform at the KMOX- Coca-Cola Shootout, at the Keil Center in St. Louis. The squad pulled off a flawless routine Dec. 7 in front of 14,000 frenzied fans. At Mater Dei, the Varsity squad took 2nd in the cheerleading competition. The tournament won't be forgotten and nor will judge Calvin. During the Christmas tourney, coach Aeubisher and her team were invited by the president of Fontbonne College to perform at their shootout in Missouri. The shootout was an excellent chance for the Dogs to give Missouri a taste of Illinois' finest. During the year the girls also performed at the Highland Shootout and the HHS girls' tourney. In Feb., Highland hosted its third annual Regional Competition. Since the squad attended it's own regional, they were not able to place, but recieved the highest pts. The regional advanced the Dogs on to the ICCA State Championship Competition held Mar. 9, at ISU. The squad did not place at state that day but two seniors took home scholarships. Mannion won a $500 scholarship and Capelle a $1000 scholarship. The year was full of important memories that the 95-96 Varsity squad will never forget and always carry close to their hearts!!

Layout & Copy by: Michelle
**Top Center:** The girls cheering at the Keil Center.

**Middle Left:** Playing around at the Highland Regionals.

**Bottom Left:** The V. Squad smiles as they get ready for state competition.

**Middle Right:** HHS miniature cheer leaders: Mindy, Ashley, and Lauren.

**Bottom Right:** Posing for a picture at cheer camp.

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**Practice Schedule:**

Mon: 3:15 - 6:30  
Tues: Game  
Wed: 3:15 - 6:30  
Thurs: 6:30 - 10:30  
Fri: Game

Whatever else it takes

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**First Row:** Megan Mannion  
**Second Row:** Natalie Michael, Sara Capelle  
**Third Row:** Angie Klaus, Sarah Warfield, Wendy Winet, Heather Plocher, Lisa Plocher  
**Fourth Row:** Michelle Cruthis, Kristi Larsen  
**Fifth Row:** Susanne Michael, Christy Port, Mandy Hemann, Jennifer Trame, Keri Wieduwilt, Michelle Zink, Jessie Switzer.

**Below:** The girls prepare for competition with a pasta party.

**Below:** The Varsity squad at the annual sports banquet.
They don't let winning go to their heads.

The J. V. Cheerleaders practiced through two grueling hours every day of the season under the watchful eyes of Cheryl Haselhorst. The junior varsity girls were a group of extremely talented and enthusiastic young women who loved the sport of cheerleading. On Saturday March 9th, 1996 the JV cheerleaders and coach Cheryl Haselhorst traveled to ISU where they participated in the state cheerleaders competition in which they won 1st place for the 3rd year in a row. Everyone was very proud of these ladies for a job well done!!

"The funniest moment was seeing the girls at the sectional finals with their hair in curlers wrapped in bandanas! They were beautiful."

-Cheryl Haselhorst

Top Right: Emily Gallatin is the quintessence of spirit as she cheers. Right: As Alicia Bernice cheers she thinks to herself, "isn't the game over with yet?"
Far Right: Tammy Zeisset looks very exhausted from all of the cheering.
Left: Blowing kisses at the other team was not expected of the girls.
Below: Amy Plocher looks puzzled as she cheers.

Below: Sherry Kehnemann keeps on her toes and head up high as she cheers on the ‘Dogs.

Top: Sherry Koechnemann makes faces at the other team.


Left: Freshman Cheerleaders from left to right: Erin Strackeljohn, Anna Donnelly. Back Row: Sarah Tebbe, Beth Bergman.
Raise Your Spirits!!

Pictures By: Louise Hemann
Copy By: Leslie Campbell

Wow, the football cheerleaders raised the school's spirits this year, throughout a winning season for the football dogs. After the annual try outs in April the girls started their intense practicing in late May. They prepared for the yearly summer camp, which was in Lexington, Kentucky this year.

The annual cheerleading clinic in October was a noteworthy success. An estimated 200 young local girls, ranging in age from first through eight grade came out to show their Bulldog pride. The cheerleaders, lead by captains Anne-Marie Dixon and Erika Michael, raised spirits throughout the entire season with the help from Bulldog mascot Ryan Wegrzyn. With help from the spirited fans of HHS the Bulldog Stadium was a roar of excitement and energy during the '95 football season.

"I have really had a wonderful time cheering in high school. We had a great squad this year, and we accomplished many things; along with many memories I'll never forget!"

-Erika Michael

"I had a great time this year working with the squad and being able to make new friends."

-Anne-Marie Dixon
Left: The cheerleaders started homecoming week off with the annual pep rally at the square.
Below: Kim Vosholler smiles brightly at the spirited crowd.

Below: Freshman Terri Kohrmann, junior Tara Kleinhoffer and sophomore Meredith Stumpf observe the crowds reactions to the game. Far Below: Beth Compton is in shock over the Bulldogs defeat.
Above- Junior Nic Lappe goes for another Bulldog touchdown.

Above Right-Senior Tom Wells looks on at practice and wonders, "Will we ever get this right?"

Above- Senior Micah Jones goes up for a catch at the first round of the IHSA Playoff against Triad.

Above- Senior Micah Jones goofs around at a Thursday practice.

Left- Senior Jon Scaggs gives the camera a Bulldog smile during practice.
Mr. Moore’s voice blared over the field at Bulldog Stadium, “Another Bulldog First Down!!!” For this Bulldog season the boys definitely had hometown support. With a Senior heavy team, the ‘Dogs used the experience to their advantage. With the starters consisting of Nathan Rueter at Quarterback, Darren Bircher at Center, Receivers Nic Lappe, Chris Fisher, Tom Wells, Matt Ermovick, Derek Holt, Craig Woll, Micah Jones, and Adam Ford, Linemen Chad Zobrist, Jon Scaggs, Chris Holcmann, Randy McWilliams, and Jacob Eldridge, Highland had a strong wall of guys to stop the other teams with.

With a more than an adequate supply of talent, the ‘Dogs battled their way to the second round of the State Playoffs only to be stopped by the Civic Memorial Eagles. This is only the second time in Highland High School history that the ‘Dogs advanced to the second round of the IHSA State Playoffs.

With a strong Defensive scheme coordinated by the new Defensive coach, Joel Hawkins, the ‘Dogs gave it their all. “Coach Hawkins is the best coach I have ever been coached by,” stated senior Jacob Eldridge, “He made the team feel like a family, like it’s supposed to be.”

Last season, along with Coach Mike Hooker, there was a new face on the practice field, student teacher Phil Deist. When asked what he thought -over-all- of the team, he said, “Big, athletic, strong. They wore out the other teams.” He also stated that, “We didn’t lose to C.M., we ran out of time.”

With the killer season and a great coaching staff, the H.H.S. Varsity Bulldogs took the “bull by the horns” and made a name for themselves in H.H.S. history.

Varsity Football 1995

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The Freshmen Football team did not have a good quarter, half, game, or season. They finished with a record of 4 and 5. Mr. Holt summed it up with, "It was not a good year." Mr. Holt, Mr. Michaelis, and the boys may not of had a good season this year, but they will strive to be winning Dawgs next year.

The Sophomore football team may not have been smokin' this year either but, their fire wasn't out. They completed the season with a record of 5 and 4. The good news is, they were only shut out once by Jerseyville with a score of 14 to 0. Mr. Hawkins said, "If this group of boys works hard, they will have an excellent football future.

ABOVE: The Freshmen Football Team gets down in the dirt during practice.

TOP: Freshmen Craig Manvile walks away from a hard practice. BOTTOM: Jeff Sander and Adam Fernandez walk into football practice wondering what to expect.

YOUR HELMET!
Putting Their Minds in the Game

Varsity Volleyball has Rebuilding Year

by: Sheri McWhirter

What a success! That is, in terms of a rebuilding year. When asked if the volleyball team was successful this year, Coach Fischer stated, "Statistically speaking, no. But anytime you see improvement, I consider it a success." A rebuilding year it was for the Lady Bulldog spikers. The only remaining starting player from last year's season was senior Stephanie Crawley, who won 1st Team All-Conference honors as well as being named to the Waterloo All-Tournament Team this year. She changed her position to starting middle blocker from her familiar outside hitter placement of last year. Other returning seniors were Lynn Frey and Michelle Lawson (backrow specialist), both of whom had reputable seasons. Returning to her varsity level position this year as a junior was Crystal Donaldson, defensive specialist. Other juniors on varsity were Erin Weber (starting setter), Jamie Poss and Brandy Mertes. A first time varsity player with a prominent season was Jill Johnson (Soph.) who was an All-Conference Honorable Mention.

The Lady Bulldogs made major improvements over the season, contrary to their record of 7 and 23. Nevertheless, with a young team, learning was the main priority. The girls had their highlights throughout the season. One of which was their Jerseyville game in which they won 2 out of the 3 games in the match and played more aggressive than any other game. Coach Fischer said she's looking forward to next year when the girls will play like they did against Jerseyville.

Left: Back: Coach Steiner, Erika Kreutzberg, Jill Johnson, Polly Hediger Erin Weber, Coach Fischer Middle: Stephanie Crawley, Crystal Knacksteadt, Nicole Niggli, Jamie Poss Front: Michelle Lawson, Lynn Frey, Emily Hall, Crystal Donaldson

Top Right: Jennifer Trame spikes the ball.

Above: Stephanie Crawley serves the ball at the Mater Dei game.
Left: Senior Michelle Lawson sprawls to save the ball.

Left: "This year we had a young team and we built up our abilities for next season." said junior Crystal Donaldson.

Above: Lynn Frey jumps for a block.

Left: Coach Fischer instructs the team during a time out.
Bump! Set! Spike! The Freshman and Junior Varsity Volleyball teams spent many hours in the HHS gym practicing these plays under the direction of their coach, Dawn Steiner. The players learned the importance of working together as a team and practicing hard so they could play their best. Despite their efforts, the Junior Varsity team walked away from the season with a 5-10 record.

Above: Freshman Crystal Knackstedt scores an ace during practice.

In The Game


Above: Junior Brandy Mertes looks hopeful as she heads for the locker room before the game starts.

J.V. Scoreboard

Greenville..............0 - 2
Granite City............2 - 0
Hillsboro..............0 - 2
Staunton..............1 - 2
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Jerseyville............2 - 1
Roxana...............2 - 0
Civic Memorial.......1 - 2
Mater Del.............0 - 2
Waterloo.............0 - 2
Wood River...........2 - 0
Edwardsville........0 - 2
Mascoutah..........0 - 2
Triad.................0 - 2
It’s All Off Your Head

Hairless Dogs Kick Their Way To Best Season Ever

Copy By: John McGinley
Photos By: Highland News Leader

Excitement was one thing that was never missing from Coach Meyer’s 1995 soccer dogs. Led by a talented and colorful crop of seniors, the ‘Dogs fought their way to the best finish in HHS soccer history. At the end of the regular season Highland stood at 9-3 in the MVC, good for second place behind arch-rival Triad; and 13-6-1 overall. Two hard-fought defeats against the Knights killed the ‘Dogs’ hope of an MVC Championship. The tie came against area powerhouse Collinsville. This was despite being minus seniors Matt McPherson and Steve Schmitt who were suspended due to a fight against the Wood River Oilers the game before. HHS opened the playoffs by booting Altamont 10-0. Then it was on to Collinsville for a rematch with the Kahoks. In a game few gave Highland a chance to win; the Dogs shocked CHS 2-1 on goals by Junior Tim Marks and Senior Brendan Dillier.

The victory was preserved by Senior Joe Hoffman who only allowed one Kahok shot go by. The improbable win prompted almost all of the players to shave their heads in celebration, an idea conceived by senior Chris Basler. The win was the first HHS victory over Collinsville ever. The win also clinched the regional championship for HHS. But these ‘Dogs were not content with a regional championship.

In the sectional semifinal at SIUE stadium, HHS put away long-time nemesis O’Fallon 1-0. The shutout was keeper Joe Hoffman’s ninth of the season, an HHS record. The win was Highland’s first in the sectional round. Their season came to an end on October 28, with an emotional 3-0 loss to state qualifier Edwardsville, in the cold at SIUE. The soccer ‘Dogs were loaded with talent in 1995. Ten HHS soccer players achieved first team, second team, or honorable mention honors in the MVC. Selected to first team were seniors Joe Hoffman, Brendan Dillier, Todd Bugger, and junior Tim Marks. Second team honors went to seniors Marshall Sims, Brock Grandame, Mike Kapp, and Tom Cooper. Honorable Mention went to seniors Ronnie Frey and Matt McPherson. Brendan Dillier also earned News Democrat first team all area honors. Tim Marks was selected as second team all-area, while Joe Hoffman and Brock Grandame garnered honorable mention from the Belleville News-Democrat.

This was a season of firsts for HHS soccer. The soccer ‘Dogs helped place HHS on the map of metro east soccer powers. When asked the key to the ‘Dogs success this year, Steve Schmitt said: “Most of us have been teammates since we were little. Being as familiar as we were with each other really aided our success”. Brendan Dillier felt proud of the team when he said: “This season showed everyone in Highland how exciting soccer can be. This was probably the best team HHS will see in years”.

Above: Ronnie Frey eyes up the goal as he dribbles past the defense.

### 1995 SOCCER BULLDOGS

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COLLINSVILLE 2-1 W
O'FALLON  1-0 W
EDWARDSVILLE 0-3 L

**ALTON INVITATIONAL**
**IHSA STATE PLAYOFFS**

**1995 RECORD:**
16-7-1

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Above: Brendan Dillier fights for possession in the 'Dogs sectional final game against Edwardsville.

Top: Brendan Dillier looks on as Chris Frey readies himself for the pass.

Middle: Steve Schmitt (L) and Mike Kapp (R) sweat out an intense practice.

Bottom: Joe Hoffman focuses in on one of his school record 9 shutouts in goal.
Use Your Head!

by: Lisa Jackson

HHS Soccer Bulldogs make headway in the '95-96 season

Struggling through disappointment, like losing 1-0 to Jerseyville after completely dominating the game, the 1995-96 Soccer Bulldogs showed their talent while remaining optimistic and garnered the kind of highlight any red-blooded Bulldog could enjoy; Beating rival Triad 2-1 on their field. With a record like 12-6-2, hard work plus true dedication was the formula for a winning Highland team. Helping to pave the way for a successful season was MVP Dusty Kantner, who led the J.V. squad in scoring with 13 goals and 2 assists. Their mark of excellence was not made, however, without a dash of humor to coincide. This was provided courtesy of the Heisner twins. As coach Terry Marks confessed"... the comical highlight of the year was probably my own problems with trying to keep the Heisner twins straight."

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Above Right: Junior Matt Barnett strikes a pose after just scoring a goal.

Above Left: The JV Bulldogs take down a member of the opposing team on the road to a win.

Below Left: Some unusual moves are unleashed during a practice session.

Previous Page: A scuffle breaks out over who will return the ball to their team.
If one were asked the meaning of "love", only a tennis player would respond with saying: Love is the term used if a player has no points. Even though, throughout a season there is not always a lot of love between team members, they never fall apart. This year Highland was introduced to a new edition of the Girls' Tennis team. 

**Brenda Plocher** was brought in as a first year coach at Highland High. The most difficult decision as a coach was determining positions. "The team was young with little varsity experience," commented **Coach Plocher**. For the team this was considered a "building year" for the upcoming seasons. The team's goal this season was to finish 500 overall. They fell short of this goal by only one match. **Jessie Dunn** and **Amber Saathoff**, sophomores, commented "The season was more difficult than last year but, we stuck through it." When asked the meaning of the word team, **Coach Plocher** responded, "Team means that each and every player has a role in determining the outcome of the event. It means working together, supporting one another, and striving as one unit to reach goals once thought impossible."

**Season Highlights:**
- Jamie Aussieker 1st Singles
  Season Record = 18-5
- Only two senior starters
  - Kim Plocher/Amy Timmerman
  3rd Doubles
  Season record = 11-1
- Heather Tedrick/Susan Klosterman 2nd doubles Season Record = 14-6

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Above: *Melia Timmermann awaits for the arrival of the ball.*

**Opp.** | **Score**  | **Winner**
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Edwardsville | 7-0 | Edwardsville
O'Fallon | 7-0 | O'Fallon
Greenville | 7-0 | Greenville
Marquette | 5-2 | Marquette
Collinsville | 5-2 | Highland
Triad | 4-3 | Triad
ESL Lincoln | 7-0 | Highland
Jersyville | 4-3 | Highland
Roxana | 5-2 | Highland
Mascoutah | 4-3 | Mascoutah
Bethalto | 4-3 | Highland
Wood River | 7-0 | Highland
Althoff | 6-1 | Althoff
Waterloo | RAIN | RAIN

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Right: *Melissa Hochuli hits the ball with much strength.*

Above: *Top: Shanna Uhe, Jamie Aussieker, Heather Tedrick, Emily Sanders, Susan Klostermann, Melissa Timmermann, Amy Timmermann, Amber Saathoff  Middle: Jenny Poss, Kristen Voegele, Amy Plocher, Steph Knebel, Lauren Southwich, Melissa Hochuli, Amber Troxell  Bottom: Staci Scharf, Anna Donnelly, Shannon Gall, Kim Plocher, Melissa Gall, Stefanie Rompala, Jessie Dunn*
Below: Heather Tedrick jumps while trying to hit the tennis ball.

Tournament Results:

HHS Invitational:
- Highland 2nd Place
- Tournament Champions at 2nd Doubles

Robinson Invitational
- Highland 2nd Place
- Tournament Champions at 1st Single & 3rd Singles

MVC Tournament
- Highland 3rd Place
- Tournament Champions at 1st Singles & 3rd Doubles
- All Conference at 2nd Doubles & 4th Singles

Sectional
- 3 Victories

Above: Amy Timmerman finishes with a big win.

Left: Kim Plocher gets aggressive on the court.
BANG! There off! Highland High School Boy’s and Girl’s Cross Country ran through another accelerating season at HHS. The girl’s had a terrific season placing first in eight of their twelve meets. The highlight of the girl’s season was when they won the Madison County meet over Collinsville, their arch rivals. This confidence boost paved the road to winning the IHSA Regional Championship. The girl’s then went on to placing sixth in the IHSA Sectional meet; missing the chance to run in the state meet by one point.

The boy’s team which consisted mainly of freshmen and sophomores, went through an untested season. However, they still managed to place first in the Freshman/Sophomore County meet. Two talented runners Caleb Grinter (sophomore), and Tyson Zobrist (freshman) were among the top five individuals selected to compete in the IHSA Sectional meet. Boy’s Cross Country has promising talent that will be beneficial to the team in future years.

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Highland High School
Boy’s and Girl’s Cross Country

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Above: Heather Pain overtakes her opponent with a determined effort.

Top left: Laura Buss paces herself for the final stretch.

Bottom left: Exhausted from the race, Caleb Grinter walks through the "chute" to be placed.

Back: Mark Geppert, Brent Jacober, Tyson Zobrist, Shawn Kelly, Greg Walker Chad Fergesen, Mike Morence, Laura Buss

Middle: Caleb Grinter, Jared Boston, Dustin Talleur, Melanie Watson, Jene Klostermann, Amber Zurilene, Heather Pain

Front: Jeremy Federer, Mike Jacober, Mandy Zbinden, Erin Strackeljahn, Shandra Zobrist, Natalie Gross, Heaven Walker.
Look out! The guy’s and girl’s golf team came at you with full force in the fall. The boy’s team finished with a record of 16-8. The girl’s had an outstanding finish of 16-1.

The girls were swinging their way to the top in the tournament at Lincoln Greens Springfield; where they placed third of fourteen. In the Edwardsville Invitational they finished third out of eleven. The girl’s had a terrific finish at their Regional. They finished second out of nine teams and missed state by an overwhelming one stroke.

The boy’s putted their way to sixth place at the Greenville Invitational and eleventh place at the Edwardville Invitational. They placed fifth place in the Conference Tournament and eleventh place in their regional.

Everyone of the golfers did an excellent job, but some stood out in their golfing game this year and won special awards. The girl’s Player of the Year was Amy Franzen and Nonie Ehlke received the Rookie of the Year award. The Dottie Mochrie award went to Jean Marie Gilman and Jennifer Jakel. Chad Schneider was honored by being named the MVP in boy’s golf.

Three girls on the girl’s golf team excelled during this year by being named to All-Area. Amy Franzen got the honor of being named to first team All-Area. The two girls who received second team All-Area was Jennifer Jakel and Jean Marie Gilman.

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The boy’s golf team consisted of (bottom) Andy Amman, Donny Gunter, Nick Rutz. Mike Katich, Bret Keeven, John Klaus, Chad Schiender, and Jermy Fenton. Top Phil Zappia, Ryan Wirz, Josh Kloss, Jeff Trame, Coach Jeff Flaukenberg, Jet Driemeyer, Ryan Rexroth, Matt Plocher, and Nathan Voegel.

Jean Marie Gilman replaces the flag after a competitive and tiring round of golf.

John Klaus practices his swing before entering an intense game of golf.
ARE YOU READY FOR A MIRACLE?! The HHS Poms, lead by coach Michelle Deets, had a winning season in 1996. Squad members were seniors: Heather Koerkenmeier, Mallory Scott, Elaine Morris, Cindy Jeckstadt, Sarah Korte, and Tara Madsen; juniors: Liz Driemeyer, Renee Linenfelser, Mindy Smart, and Tara Kleinhoffer, and sophomores: Amanda Johnston and Melissa Stokka. These twelve talented girls brought home a first place trophy from UDA summer camp at ISU. Along with the first place, the girls brought home the Leadership Award, chosen by the other squads at camp, and the Spirit award. At camp three girls were chosen out of 500 to try out to be instructors, two of which were Highland's Koerkenmeier and Madsen. HHS Poms then went to State Fair, where they won a third place trophy. They made guest appearances at the Highland Optimist Shoot-Out and McKendree college basketball games.

HHS took center stage at their first regional competition at Belleville Althoff. They received second place, the third highest score of the day, and qualified for Super Sectionals. This is where the girls first met the Purple Pazzazz, from Civic Memorial, and their flamboyant coach. At another regional the HHS Poms brought home two first place trophies and became Regional champs, the first ever for HHS. Madsen also won the Dance Off sponsored by Benton High School. At Super Sectionals the girls received second place, missing first by a few points. At the State competition, the girls brought home the third place trophy. HHS Poms ended the year with a banquet at Michael's restaurant. The 1995-96 poms set a precedence that will be hard to beat.

Right: HHS poms dance their way to a third place at State.

Above: Tara Kleinhoffer and Renee Linenfelser practice their facials for the camara.

Above: Elaine Morris at camp—need I say more?

Right: HHS poms show off their trophies and awards the recieved at camp.
Left: Liz Driemeyer, Mindy Smart, Sarah Korte, Renee Linenfelser and Heather Koerkenmeier support their dogs during a halftime dance.

Below: HHS poms got a little crazy on "Crazy Hair Day."

Middle Left: Melissa Stokka and Amanda Johnston, the sophomores, take a break from a hard day at camp.

Middle Right: HHS poms show their stuff at State in Peoria.

The 1995-96 HHS Pom Squad

Front: Liz Driemeyer, Melissa Stokka, Mallory Scott; Middle: Tara Madsen, Tara Klienhoffer, Amanda Johnston, Heather Koerkenmeier; Back: Mindy Smart, Elaine Morris, Cindy Jekstadt, Renee Linenfelser, Sarah Korte
Slam Dunk! The boys varsity basketball team had an outstanding season that will definitely go down in HHS history! The season started out strong and finished on a even higher point.

The dogs began by triumphing over Okawville to claim their first Mater Dei Holiday Tournament Championship since 1965. From that point on there was no stopping these rough and tough dogs. They placed third at the Belleville East Invitational Tournament, the first ever for HHS. They shared the Mississippi Valley Conference with Mascoutah. However, trounced them when it counted, beating the Indians in the semi-sectional game.

The Dogs advanced to sectionals for the consecutive second year. At Salem the crowds went WILD as the dogs stomped on rival Triad for the third time in a row. With this win the Bulldogs advanced to the Sweet Sixteen! Playing a hard fought game against Belleville East, the Dogs comeback failed and they were defeated in the SIU-C Arena by the Lancers. This was a fantastic season and one that will definitely be remembered by the school, fans, and community as a year with a mind set for victory!

"Who let the dogs out!" Brendan Dillier and Ryan Haselhorst run out with a bang in preparation for the game.

Above: Dogs huddle up for some words of wisdom as excited fans cheer them on.
Left: Senior Joe Hoffmann wards off the enemy with a powerful jump towards the basket.
Below: Newcomer junior Lee Fugua shows his skills at a home game.

"Great kids and great team work led to a great season"


**Highlights**

Ending the season with a record of 25 wins 6 losses, establishing a new record!

Mississippi Valley Conference Champions! Regional and Sectional Champions! Super Sectional Champions! & Sweet Sixteen Champions!

Tom Wells: named 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-Area, Special Mention All-State By the Illinois Coaches Association

Nathan Rueter: 2nd Team All-Conference, Honorable Mention All-Area

Jason Frey: Honorable Mention All-Conference, Honorable Mention All-Area

Coach Faulkenberg named IBCA Dist 19 Coach of the Year

Above: Senior Tom Wells intimidates opposition with his death stare.
Defending HHS' IHSA Sectional Basketball Championship in the 1996-’97 season will be the goal of the members of this year's junior varsity and freshman basketball players.

The j.v. Squad started 5 experienced juniors: shooting guard Matt Gelly, center Matt Barnett, point guard Blake Rinderer, small forward/shooting guard Tim Marks, and point/shooting guard Lee Fuqua, a transfer from Red Bud, IL. This was Mr. Jay Cryder's first season as j.v. Coach, succeeding Mr. Steve Lanxon. Mr. Cryder was coach of the freshman last year. The Dogs used their experience and talent to post an outstanding 17-1 record. The only loss was to Civic Memorial early in the season, a loss the Dogs avenged by routing CM in their second meeting of the season. In fact, the j.v. Dogs closed the season on a remarkable 15 game winning streak. In addition to the 5 junior starters, the 7 sophomores saw quality minutes coming off the bench. The sophomore j.v. players consisted of: forward Zach Lewis, forward Brandon Pothoff, forward Doug Burgett, guard Dusty Kantner, guard Jim Winet, and playing for his older brother was guard Joel Cryder. Next year, varsity Coach Jeff Faulkenberg will have a difficult task in equaling the many successes of this year’s 25-6 Varsity squad. But, with the hustle and determination that the 12 j.v. Basketball players displayed this year, in route to their remarkable 17-1 finish, a return trip to Carbondale may not be out of the question for HHS Basketball fans in 1996-’97.

The freshman struggled to equal the successes of the j.v. Team. The frosh were under the direction of first year Coach Mark Geppert, who replaced Cryder. This was a year of learning for the 16 boys who formed this year’s A and B teams. After suffering through a mid-season seven game losing streak, the A team closed out the season strong, winning five of their final eight. During the streak, they advanced to the finals of the Staunton Tournament. The A team closed the season close to .500 at 8-11. The B team finished just above .500 at 6-4. The Freshmen will be back and ready to improve at the j.v. level in 1996-’97.J.V.
J.V. RECORD:
17-1
ONLY LOSS TO CIVIC MEMORIAL: 57-51

FRESHMEN RECORD:
A TEAM 3-11
B TEAM 6-4

Below: Junior Matt Gelly dribbles through the double team in the JV victory over Edwardsville.

BULLDOG COUNTRY

Left: Sophomore Doug Burgett pulls up for the jumper as Lee Fuqua, Alex Scholl, and Joel Cryder get ready to rebound.

Right: Junior Tim Marks squares up for a three-pointer.

Left: First year coach Mark Geppert directs the freshmen players.
The Highland Girls Varsity Basketball team were Regional Champs for the 95-96 basketball season. They were coached by Rich Kantner. Kantner led the Lady Bulldogs to a final record of 16 and 10, and a second place finish in the Mississippi Valley conference. Laura Buss finished her high school career as the teams leading scorer, with 13 points per game. She also led her team in blocked shots. Mandie Schmitt was the girls leading 3-point shooter, she broke the record for 3-pointers. Jene Klostermann led the team with the highest free throw percentage of 81 percent. The leading Lady Bulldog rebounder was Jill Johnson, who averaged 8.8 rebounds per game. The leader in steals was Brooke Dillier, she threw in 2.8 steals per game. Three of the Lady Bulldogs qualified for the Mississippi Valley Conference All-Conference Team. Mandie Schmitt was chosen for First Team All-Conference, and Belleville News Democrat All-Area 2nd team. Laura Buss was picked as First Team All-Conference, and Jill Johnson received Honorable Mention.

During the 1995-1996 basketball season Mandie Schmitt advanced to the state for Three-Point Queen Of The Hill contest. On February 29th Schmitt went to Redbird Arena at Illinois State College in Bloomington. In class AA Schmitt finished in the top sixteen.

By: Lori Guetterman
Left: Sophomore Jill Johnson and Senior Laura Buss patiently wait until they can grab the rebound.

Below Left: Sophomore Brooke Dillier passes her opponent on her way to scoring.

Below: Junior Mandie Schmitt gives the sign to tell her teammates what to do next.
Swoosh! was a sound heard often on the court of the freshmen girl's basketball games. They completed the season with an outstanding record of 12 and 2. Their only two losses were to Triad and Belleville East. However, the freshmen didn't stand for the 50-32 loss in December to Belleville East so they came back in January and defeated them 43-38. It's obvious the team has a lot to be proud of, but it doesn't end there. Three girls went beyond their duty: Jene Klostermann, Jamie May, and Jessica Frey were called to the varsity basketball team. There they succeeded and went on to earn a letter.

The j.v. basketball team had a rough ride. They closed their season with a record of 8 and 9. The girls tried hard, but just came up short. All in all, both teams worked hard. There is no doubt that HHS will continue to hear good things about these girls and their success on the court.

ABOVE: Danielle Koishor and Jennifer Zobrist warm up half time of a freshmen girls game.

In The Shot!

BELOW: Jamie May takes a close shot to the basket during a pre-game warm-up.

ABOVE: Molly Frey watches on eagerly.

ABOVE: Gail Hammer tries to slow up the game pace.

herself against a Central competitor.

'Dogs use Young. Team to take the win.

Copy by: Sarah Finley Pictures by: Erin Stieb and Sarah Finley

Pin him!!! Pin him!!! This phrase was heard many times this year at Highland Wrestling meets. With only two seniors: Micah Jones and Chamous Duhachek, and only five juniors: Mark Chaney, Jason Ripperda, Shaun Voegele, Trevor Bauchens, and Aaron Schwarz, the team had a large base of underclassmen. The record of the team this year was not the best but, they did leave themselves a good crop of wrestlers to work with.

Many honors were bestowed on the team. Among the many honors were: Junior Nic Scheibel received First Team All-Conference and Junior Jason Ripperda and Senior Chamous Duhachek received Second Team All-Conference and Senior Micah Jones received the Kathy Durbin Memorial Award for excellence in wrestling and life. Junior Jason Ripperda got most improved wrestler and Sophomore Nic Scheibel received most promising wrestler. Others that were recognized as Scholar Athletes were: Junior Aaron Schwarz, Sophomore Dameon Bourland, Freshman Mike Bernie, and Freshmen Drew Rankin. Dogs that lettered were: Seniors Chamous Duhachek and Micah Jones, Juniors Trevor Bauchens, Jason Ripperda, Aaron Schwarz, and Shaun Voegele, Sophomores Andy Diaber, Jared Klaus, Nic Scheibel, and Steve Spencer, and Freshmen Chuck Arrington, J.C. Lairson, Mike Lawson, Drew Rankin, and Matt Weidner.

Along with all the honors received, the team had a new coaching face: Chad Young. A HHS alumni, Coach Young graduated in 1991 and was also a star wrestler.

With all the young talent and new input, look out next year for, "THE BAD BOYS OF WRESTLING".

Above: Junior Shaun Voegele takes off his singlet after a successful match.
Right: Junior Jared Klaus gets down for another match.

Below: Two Highland wrestlers go at it at the inter-squad meet.

Above: Senior Chamous Duhachek humiliates yet another opponent
Minds Set For Victory
by: Lori Gutterman, Kara Barr and Jaime Caldwell

The Highland Lady Bulldog softball team finished their season with a 12-13 record. Several team members were chosen for All-Conference selection: Bobbi Jo Wurth and Mandi Schmitt - 2nd team, Danielle Koishor, Heather Huelsmann, and Keri Wieduwilt - Honorable Mention. The team closed the season with a BBQ, in which team awards were given out: Bobbi Jo Wurth - MVP, Mandi Schmitt - Best Defense, Brooke Diller - Best Offense, Michelle Lawson - 110%, Danielle Koishor - Most Improved. This young team have their minds set for another great season next year.

Above: Bobbi Jo Wurth, Erin Weber, and Heather Huelsmann keep their eyes on the game they are about to win.

Below: Bobbi Jo Wurth winds up to pitch a rocketing fastball across the plate.

Above: Brooke Dillier stares as she prepares to hit the ball.

Below: Danielle Koishor takes a break from the game and tries to relax.
Think YOU Can beat 'em?
Think Again!

by: Lori Guetterman

The 1996 J.U. Softball team had a great season, they ended their season with a 19 and 2 record. They were coached by Mrs. Brenda Plocher. This team had a successful year. It was a Memorable year. They will remember Coach Plocher jumping up and down when the ball was hit, and everyone will remember what happened when the third strike went by. Jennifer Huelsmann was the team motivator, she always kept everyone cheering. Kristen Voezele and Jackie Kutz were the comedians of the team. No matter what kind of mood the team was in they could always make them laugh. They were so good nobody could beat them. The team would like to give a special thanks to Coach Plocher for making a great year.

Front Row- Jackie Kutz, Jennifer Huelsmann, Jennifer Jakel, Jessica Seay, Sheri Koehnemann, Wendy Winet, Crystal Knackstedt
Back Row- Coach Brenda Plocher, Tiffany Jakel, Desiree Donaldson, Erika Kreutzberg, Mandy Hoover, Jamie Maedge, Kristen Voezele, Liz Atnip

Right- Jackie Kutz, Kristen Voezele, and Jennifer Jakel get together to show their team support.
Left- Jamie May and Crystal Knackstedt smile as they happily await a fun-filled practice.

Left- Jackie Kutz patiently waits for to get some action in the game.

Below- Jennifer Jakel stares at the camera as she puts her mind on the game.

Right- Lori Guetterman tells the camera how easy it was to win their last game.

Left- Jennifer Huelsmann sprints towards a fly ball to end the inning.
Coach Joel Hawkins' baseball team proved they had the talent and gumption to go the distance in 1996. This team had a record of 18-15 and made it to the second game of the regional playoffs. The outstanding playing of six seniors along with some strong juniors and a trio of sophomores helped establish this team as a respected one in MVC conference. Pitcher Brett Henschen and leading hitter Ryan Tebbe were named to the All-MVC Team. Jason Frey established himself as a real 'dog and pulled down a baseball scholarship to Southwest Missouri Univ. Infielder/pitcher Ryan Warnecke outfielder/pitcher Nathan Rueter and outfielder Ron Frey turned in solid performances. Juniors Tim Marks, Derek Holt, Matt Wessel, Tony Ammann, and versatile Nic Lappe contributed to the staying power of the baseball 'dogs. Three underclassmen rounded out the team by making their mark this year: Dusty Kantner, Jim Winet, and Joel Cryder. This is a team that is outstanding in the minds of HHS.

1st R: Joel Cryder, Jimmy Winet, Dusty Kantner, Tony Ammann, Nic Lappe, Jason Ripperda, Ronnie Frey, Andrew Holthaus.
2nd: Denny Ammann, Ryan Tebbe, Tim Marks, Nathan Rueter, Jason Frey, Bret Henschen, Matt Barnett, Matt Wessel, Ryan Warnecke, Coach Hawkins

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Coach Hawkins gives Joel Cryder helpful hints.

Above: Ryan Warneke gives his all while Tony Ammann looks on.

Above: Nic Lappe patiently waits for a ball.
RAIN!!! This year’s freshman and j.v. baseball teams had a tough battle. Unfortunately, they lost it. It wasn’t against a team in general, it was against the rain. The j.v. baseball team had to cancel 5 games due to the rainy weather, and the freshman team had to cancel 9 games. Although the rain washed out most of their games, the teams tried their hardest. The final score for the j.v. team was 6-13, and the freshman team was 8-8. Good job to all the boys on the both baseball teams!

vs. the Rain

By: Linda McCaw

Jason Koerkenmeier discusses the game while Dustin Barr hides from the camera.

Front Row: John Klaus, Jason Wiegand, Cory Parker, Mike Lawson. Middle Row: Mike Frey, Jason Koerkenmeier, David Brown, Casey Adolph, Dusty Barr, Jeff Bruggemann. Back Row: Jacob Gutzler, Tim Walter, Matt Weidner, Tyson Zobrist, Coach Joe Michaelis.
Running Through Your Mind
By: Mandy Hemann

If the girl's and boy's track team wasn't running through your mind this year, they sure will be in the next few years because of their new track stars. Caleb Grinter was outstanding this year with his speed and dedication. He received the Ron Rehkemper Memorial Award for being the 1995-96 Most Valuable Athlete in track from coaches Henry Vogelmann and Pete Tucker. In girl's track the spotlight was on two young freshman Jene Klostermann and Erin Strackeljahn. The two made the top five in the season point leaders. Klostermann finished on top with 213.5 points and Strackeljahn came in third with 140.375 points. Both of them were picked for the 1st team All-Conference.

Even though the track teams finished with great records and bright futures some of the credit goes to the seniors who pulled the team through in the rough times and who encouraged the team to win and make their school proud of the Bulldog Track Teams.

Top: Ryan Rexroth is taking his good old time stretching before the meet.

Above: Rita Durbin smiling big while taking a break after a vigorous run.

Left top: 1996 HHS girl's track team
Left: 1996 HHS boy's track team
Left: Coach Vogelmann is acting like he really likes Adam Ford, but he really wants to strangle him.

Middle: Greg Walker is trying to get in shape by jumping rope.

Below: Heather pain is just a few steps from the finish line and the win.

Above: Erin Strackeljahn is warming up for a long and tough practice.

Middle Left: Tying his shoes, Chris Ficher is preparing to take his biggest run ever.

Left: Sara Capelle is just lounging around at a track meet.
Wham! That was the sound that could be heard when the boy's tennis team took to the court. The boy's tennis team had a fairly good season. Most players agreed it was a hard season but a good one. These "Master Minds" were coached by Pat Bradley. Through hard work in matches and practices the team is hoping to go all the way to state next year. This year the team lost 4 great players. All of these players were graduating seniors and they all will be greatly missed: Robert Rogier, Joe Hoffmann, Cory Mortensen, and Joe Missey. Hopefully these guys will continue to be "Master Minds" in whatever the do.

Above: Boys Varsity Tennis Members: Sam Myint, Jason Ashford, Nathan Voegele, Cory Mortensen, Robert Rogier, Joe Hoffmann, Jed Driemeyer, Eduardo Pinheiro, Joe Missey.
Above: The jv team -- Phil Zappia, M.J. Rakers, Devin Heisner, Drew Neudecker, Brandon Kruep, Kirk Linenfelser, Adam Fernandaz. Back Row: Jared Castagna, Dale Holzinger, Nick Zappia, Cory Briggs, Sam Myint, Chad Predmore, Justin Fitterer.

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"It was out by this much!"
Dance, Dance, DANCE!
by: Shaun Voegle

Right: Mandy Hemann, Michelle Cruthis, Sarah Korte, Megan Mannion, Tara Madsen, and Natalie Michael make up the "It's Raining Men" ensemble.

Right Middle: FLASHBACK! Tom Cooper, Steve Schmitt, Robert Rogier, and Kyle Linenfelser deny the fact that they were dancing fiends in Junior High. This photo proves them wrong! Possibly they endured massive head injuries and are still suffering from amnesia.

Below: Megan Mannion, Tara Anderson, Jessica Switzer and Sherri Koehnenann love to stay at the YMCA!

To keep themselves busy outside of school, many people took up dancing this year and in past years. Not only do these dancing machines work during the school year, but they practice all year long to make a perfect performance for their competitions and recitals.

Above: Sarah Korte plays the guitar on Megan Mannion's costume.
The Highland Hoosiers Hoop it up!

Weinheimer Basketball League was filled with much fun and excitement. Fans could always expect a laugh when attending one of these games. And believe it or not, the teams actually drew in a crowd! At least two or three fans from each team could be spotted in the bleachers. Even unknown characters would appear at the games and play. One such person was Santa Claus! It was later found out that the fat and rosy "power forward" was actually the infamous Jonathan Scaggs. We're all looking forward to catching a glimpse of next year's fabled few HHS athletes who will stroll through those doors, lace up their "chucks", and dawn another storied season of Weinheimer Basketball.

Far Above: The back row consists of: Ryan Tebbe, Darren "Shaq" Rottman, Nic "Poopsy" Lappe, John "Red" McGinley, Mike Gunderson, Don "Baby" Gunter. In the front row: Joey Switzer, Andrew Holthaus, Nic Melosi, and Jason Hollenkamp. These fine few make up the #1 team from the Weinheimer Basketball season.

Above: In the back row: Brock Grandame, Jason Ashford, Robert Rogier, and the honorable team mascot John Scaggs. In the front: Matt Hodge, Andrew Johannes, Adam Ford and Chad Schneider.

Right: When "White Zombie" was asked what the fondest memory of this year's Weinheimer Basketball season was, the only thing said was, "Ryan trying to sleep!" This team will go down in history as the only team to ever lose every game!
"Once in the highlands, the highlands of Scotland, two weary hunters lost their way." Tommy Albright and Jeff Douglas, two young men from New York, find themselves in this situation. Lost and contemplating their predicament, the two witness the awakening of the mystical town of Brigadoon. The inhabitants of this 18th century village gathered for a day in the market place, and begin to discuss the wedding of Jeannie Maclaren and Charlie Dalrymple. Tommy takes an interest in Jeannie's sister Fiona, and Jeff becomes Meg Brockie's object of lust. The day goes wonderfully until Harry Beaton, Jeannie's rejected suitor, threatened the fate of Brigadoon by trying to escape breaking the magical spell. Night falls on the village and Tommy and Jeff must return home to New York. Tommy is forced to leave Fiona forever or become part of Brigadoon, the town that sleeps for a hundred years, only to wake for one day. The two young men return home to New York to more on with their lives and put their adventure to Brigadoon behind them. Tommy is unable to face the day without Fiona so, he returns to where Brigadoon once stood. There he is magically taken into the mist of the Highlands to be with his love forever.

This was the theme for this year's musical production. "Brigadoon" was directed by the notorious Mr. Joe Young and student director senior Christina Schulte.

"The singing was good, but the leads weren't as strong as they could have been. Andy's lines made the play fun to watch. The dancing could have been better."

So. Emily Gallatin

"I think the cast did a great job, but to me the more fast paced funny plays are better."

Jr. Michelle Cruthis

"I think it was good for a high school play."

Fr. Jamie Bourland

Above: Barry Duhasek serenades his love.

Above: The cast of Brigadoon.
"It was funny, the singing and dancing were good."

So. Alex Scholl

"It was good, Andy M. was funny. The scenes were very well put together."

So. Jimmy Warnecke

The Cast

Tommy Albright
Jeff Douglas
Sandy Dean
Meg Brockie
Archie Beaton
Harry Beaton
Jean MacLaren
Fiona MacLaren
Jean MacLaren
Angus MacGuffie
Stuart Dalrymple
MacGregor
Charlie Dalrymple
Maggie Anderson
Kate
Mr. Lundie
Frank
Jane Ashton

Anthony Jimenez
T. Andrew McCammon
Ian Linenfelser
Jill Hess
Michael Robinson
Joe Maxfield
Michael Thouvenin
Janeice Babic
Sarah Maxfield
Josh Volz
Robert Iberg
Doug Burgett
Barry Duhasek
Mindy Smart
Brandy Mertes
Steve Moore
Kyle Linenfelser
Gwenn Nathan

Right: Male leads Anthony Jimenez and Andy McCammon, look in amazement at the lost land of Brigadoon.

Above: Fun loving Jill Hess, tries to get on this younger man's good side.

"I thought that the musical was excellent, the cast really did a great job."

So. Teri Schmitt

"The musical was better than last year but, it could have had a more fun story line."

Sr. S. Warfield

Above: Sarah Maxfield and Michael Thouvenin make a lovely father daughter scene.

"It was good."

Fr. Mike Bernie
Some Prom-goers were found "Somewhere Out There" at the Party in Collinsville!

by: Sheri McWhirter

The Junior class pulled it together, set it up, and then tore it down! Between putting the decorations together during school and rushing in and out of the Collinsville Convention Center in one day, the juniors were frantic and disturbed! But they pulled it off and prom night was spectacular!

Mr. Grodeon, Ms. Kay, Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Probst got all decked out for the party and their duty of keeping an eye on the door.

They made sure that nobody snuck out for a smoke or commingled with the Edwardsville Prom-goers.

As for the music, it was definitely different! During the "Boot Scootin' Boogie" and the "Electric Slide," Nicky Schleper country line danced 'til she dropped and Mandy Hemann got her bare feet stomped by the guys during "Jump" by Kris Kross. Paul Knebel, Joel Cryder and Doug Burgett will go down in history as the most gracious soda boys ever at Prom.

Right: Jamie Caldwell, Michelle Thole, Brel Keeven, Nic Schatte, Sandra Tasic, Sarah Maxfield, Angela Mondodos, Susan Klosterman, Mary Mollet, and Nikki Suhre.

Above: Jim Crawley busts a move.

Above: Jamie Poss, Donnie Gunter, and Drew Neudecker cut loose close to the speakers.

Right: Shaun Voegele and a male friend check out their hotel receipts.

Below: Jill Hess and Kyle Linnenfels stare lovingly into each other's eyes on the dance floor.
Left: Jon Scaggs sports the top hat and paisley vest at the dance.
Below: Tara Madsen, Bobbi Jo Wurth, and Laura Tebbe are all smiles.

Above: Kris Sackett and Michelle Zink enjoy themselves at prom.
Left: Chad Klosterman does a double take to see if that's Mark Chaney or Lucky Luciano.

Above: Miki Oda and her date have a drink by the soda bar.
Left: Trevor Bauchens and Angie Wozniak have a good time with his popular cane.
Right: Kyle Linenfelser and Anne-Marie Dixon are all smiles after the ceremony.

Below: Ms. Kay and Mr. Hawkins enjoy the steaming atmosphere in the gym during graduation.

Above: Melanie Bergstrand and Alessandra Prado share a hug.

Above Right: Megan Mannion struts her way out of the gym after everything was over.

Right: Chad Wernle, Chad Zobrist, Chris Wernle, Nic Goulg, James Fritz, Darren Bircher, Chad Korte, Matt Ermovick, Tom Wells, Jon Skaggs, and Cale Schmitt smile for the camera and show off their diplomas.
Was it All Just a Dream?

By: Sheri McWhirter

It was finally over! It wasn't just a dream! It was reality! The Class of 1996 finally graduated!

Because of the threat of rain (which never actually occurred) the ceremony was moved into the gym. The temperatures were boiling and the crowd turned into a sea of fanning programs, but everything ran smoothly. The five valedictorians were: Natalie Michael, Bret Keeven, Michelle Diesen, Brett Henschen, and Joe Hoffmann.

Now, after four years of "torture", the seniors have headed into the real world.

Above: Robert Rogier, Jason Frey, Andrew Johannes, and Brock Grandame celebrate in the commons after the ceremony.

Above Left: Tara Madsen shows off her pearly whites.

Left: Elaine Morris, Laura Tebbe, Heather Koerkenmeier, Jyl Melosi, and Sara Capelle are happy that it's all over.
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Thank you for all the joy you gave us.

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Adam,

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To Kelly, our future Regis:

May the experiences which have brought you to this milestone in your life serve as a strong foundation for a very successful filled future! We are proud of you!

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To Shandra,

Best of luck in all you do, and may all your dreams come true!

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Deborah Alisa Wheeler,

Congratulations! You have always been a very hard worker, and a wonderful person with incredible talents. Thank our Heavenly Father for all your blessings and blessings to come.

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May your future bring you happiness and success. We are very proud of the young woman you are, and super daughter you have been. We love you and hope you continue to achieve all your goals.

Love,
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To our son, Jason,
It's hard to believe you've gone through twelve years. We thank you for always being a part of your life. We love you, and have always been proud of you. Thanks for eighteen great years, and we look forward to many, many more!

Love,
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Niki,
It seems like only yesterday, when you were a child at play. Now it's time for graduation, and then, continuing your education. Be proud of all the work you've done; in our books you're "1".

Love always,
Mom, Dad, & Natalie

Randy & Andre came from different countries and soon were brothers. Except, respectfully, Polly and Sigrid are your impressive mothers. We, together with Randy and Wolfgang, your noble Dads want everyone to know that we're proud of our handsome lads. We consider our sons to be remarkable and cherished gifts. Hopefully everyone that reads this dedication will get the drift. Upon graduation from HHS, we've heard you both say, "mean people suck." Well, sometimes in true and with those people we say, "Good luck!" You're astute persons, so out of the nest you go with a gentle shove Believing in you, God bless you, and take with you our love.

Natalie, Were proud of all your hard work & accomplishments. Whether it be dancing, cheer or your school work, you were always determined to be one of the best. Keep it up! Great job!

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