"Chaos is found in greatest abundance wherever order is being sought. It always defeats order, because it is better organized." - Unknown
"CHAOS often breeds life, when order breeds habit." - Henry Brooks Adams
Retro-Mania Leads to...

Homecoming Week sets the high school ablaze with Fever!!

Flash! Snap! And then darkness. Mechanical failure left the Homecoming Court in the dark. So the deejay turned on his flood lights and the court marched on in the shadows. Then, if that wasn’t enough, while Stephanie Knebel was announcing Nic Lappe, her microphone went dead! It was time for an upgrade in technology here at HHS. After that, the dance blurred by with an appearance by a grizzly Josh Resmann in drag. Later on Joe Switzer and Tara Kleinhoffer were named King and Queen. Special Maid was Liz Driemeyer and Special Escort was Jim Crawley. This year the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies were Tim Weinacht and Stephanie Knebel. The dance was a groovy conclusion to the impressive defeat of the Mascoutah Indians at the Homecoming game the night before. But the night wasn’t over yet! And who was the girl in the bucket at Jay Bloemker’s house? We may never know!

Right: John McGinley, ’97, and Jeanie Probst count profits from T-shirt sales.

Right: Jessica Switzer, ’99, limbed her way from 4th hour lunch straight into the championship at the pep rally.

Above: Krystal Gruenenfelder, ’97, is giddy while sporting her favorite hat.
Left: Senior Court members Holly Kunz and Blake Rinderer acknowledge their adoring fans at the ever-popular Homecoming parade.

Above: Jeff “Wizard” Warnke, ’98, boogies down at the pep rally while singing karaoke.
Above: Mrs. Deets and Ms. Beyer "work it" at the pep rally while Mrs. Ramsey elbows Mrs. Mertes in the face. You go girls!!!

Left: Is it one of Charlie’s Angels or senior Renee Linenfelser? You make the call!!

Left: The pep rally turns to mutiny as Mark Chaseney, Shaun Vogele, and Andrew Holthaus escort rally announcer Jim Crawley (all ’97) off the premises.

Below: Robby Berg, ’97, who wore 70's ensembles every day of Homecoming week, delights the crowd with his spirited rendition of "Green Acres."
**Saturday Night Fever!**

**Right:** Vedrana Kostanjsek, '98, in a state of delirium, believes she's a super model and strikes a pose.

**Below:** Ryan Wirz, '98, and date Erin Strackeljahn, '99, enjoy the retro-mania.

**Above:** Sarah Nungesser, Joe Koisher and Angela Lienard (all '97) wait enthusiastically for coronation to begin.

**Above Right:** Ben Wombacher and Lisa Plocher (both '98) enjoy the fun-filled bus ride to dinner before the dance.

**Right:** Mandy Hoover, '99, and Dan Emig, '97, are overcome with glee during the Homecoming dance.
Far Left: Master and Mistress of Ceremonies. Tim Weinaghi and Stephanie Knebel.

Left: King and Queen Joe Switzer and Tara Kleinholffer.

Left: Senior Court Members, Shaun Voegele, Kim Plocher, John McGinley, Rita Durbin, Derek Holt, Mandy Schmitt, Trevor Bauchens, Alexi Waggoner, Jim Crawley, Kristy Larsen, Holly Kunz, Blake Rinderer, Tara Kleinholffer, Matt Gelly, Mandy Hemann, Nic Lappe, Liz Driemeyer, Mark Chaney, Angie Klaus, and Joe Switzer.

Left: Junior Court Members Joel Cryder, Lisa Plocher, Jim Warnecke, Krissy Diaz, Alex Scholl, Brooke Dillier, Jim Winet, Wendy Winet, Doug Burgett, Tara Anderson, Kevin McGinley, Jennifer Huelsmann.

Left: Sophomore Court Members Jessie Switzer, Aaron Durbin, Erin Drees, Justin Rittenhouse, Amy Plocher, Cory Parker, Jill Dalhaus, and Justin Fitterer. Freshman Court Members Cassandra Sherman, Nick Zaloga, Rachel Plocher, and Jared Goestenkors.
“People are afraid of the future, of the unknown. If a man (woman) faces up to it, and takes the dare of the future, he (she) can have some control over his destiny. That’s an exciting idea to me, better than waiting with everybody else to see what’s going to happen.” John H. Glenn, Jr.
Above: Liz Driemeyer, Mindy Smart, Leslie Barnes. Right: Mark Chaney.

The best senior days are the happy ones!
1. Stanley Chang, Scott Gilfhorn, Jeff Voss, and Joey Switzer.
2. Krystal Gruenenfelder and Robby Iberg.
4. Amy Kirchoff and Becky Thole.

5. A whole bunch of senior girls.
6. Derek Holt, Shaun Voegele, and Andrew Holthaus.
7. Dave Ziegler.
8. Angie Klaus, Holly Kunz, and Mandy Hemann.
1. Melissa Stokka, Susanne Micheal, Alex Raam, Jared Klaus, and Carrie Korte
2. Kelley Frey
3. Laura Osterwisch
4. Matt Renfro
5. Nicole Niggli
6. Kevin McGinley
7. Amber Troxell and Casey Winet
8. Joy Limestone
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1. Ryan Wirz
2. Damien Bolan
3. Jean Marie Gilman
4. Janeice Babic
5. Caleb Grinter
6. Justin Hug
7. Doug Burgett
Abert, Carrie
Ammann, Andrew
Ammann, Kevin
Anderson, Tara
Anna, Maurice

Austin, Emily
Babic, Janeice
Barron, Jason
Bauchens, Regina
Bauer, Brittany

Beard, Dustin
Beard, Jason
Becker, Amanda
Bellm, Jennifer
Bellm, Katie

Bolen, Damien
Bourland, Dameon
Boyer, Jennifer
Bradstreet, Melissa
Branger, Kelly

Budde, Thomas
Burgett, Douglas
Burrell, Amber
Carpenter, Vanessa
Cederquist, Michelle

Chapman, Angela
Christensen, Clinton
Clark, Donald
Conrad, Jenny
Corn, Bryan
Cowin, Angela
Crain, Edward
Cryder, Joel
Daiher, Andy
Dascotte, Jonathan

Diaz, Kristina
Diller, Brooke
Donnelly, Brice
Driesner, Katrin
Dohasek, Barry

Dunn, Jessica
Eilers, Angela
Eilers, Tonya
Ernst, Jacob
Essenpreis, Thomas

Fergesen, Jason
Finley, Rebekah
Foehner, Jill
Frank, Nicholas
Franzen, Amy

Frey, Jeremy
Frey, Kelley
Frey, Molly
Frey, Tricia
Fuqua, Lindsey

Gallatin, Emily
Gause, Amanda
Gelly, Grant
Geschwend, Kurt
Gibson, Courtney
Gilbreth, Justin
Gilmour, Jean Marie
Goestenkors, Ryan
Grady, Rehanna
Gray, Jonathan

Green, Trever
Gress, Randall
Grinner, Caleb
Gruber, Jennifer
Gruenenfelder, Regina

Gunderson, Jennifer
Hall, Emily
Hammer, Gail
Hammer, Robbie
Hansen, Michael

Haridas, Jason
Harmon, Thomas
Hediger, Polly
Heimsath, Kenneth
Heinemeyer, Alisha

Hemker, Lindsay
Henkhaus, Trevor
Hochuli, Melissa
Hollenkamp, Jason
Holloway, Dawn

Holtgrave, Michael
Holzinger, Dale
Huelsmann, Dana
Huelsmann, Heather
Huelsmann, Jennifer
Hog, Justin
Hustedde, Brent
Jakel, Elana
Jakel, Jennifer
Johnson, Jill

Johnston, Amanda
Kampwerth, Ryan
Kantner, Dustin
Katich, Michael
Kaufman, Gerald

Kelly, Shawn
Kirchoff, Joshua
Klaus, Jared
Kline, Nicole
Kuebel, Corey

Korte, Carrie
Korte, Kyle
Kostanjsek, Vedrana
Kovach, Jessie
Kreutzberg, Erika

Kuhn, Aimee
Lewis, Zachary
Lightle, Gina
Lilley, Deanna
Limestall, Joy

Luitjohan, Angela
Mahr, Jon
Maxfield, Joseph
McCannon, Timothy
McCaw, Linda
McFall, Jennifer
McGinley, Kevin
McNish, Jason
Melosi, Nicholas
Michael, Gretchen

Michael, Susanne
Michalis, Andrea
Miller, Brandon
Mize, Andrew
Morr, Jessica

Mulvey, Tenaya
Nagel, Diane
Nanney, Adam
Niggli, Nicole
Osterwisch, Laura

Pacatte, Katherine
Pacatte, Matthew
Parks, Amanda
Perigen, Jason
Plocher, Lisa

Port, Christy
Potthoff, Brandon
Ray, Ashley
Reidelberger, Chandra
Reidelberger, Joann

Riceman, Nicholas
Reinacher, Ryan
Reinhardt, Russell
Renfro, Matthew
Ribbing, Kelly
Ricke, Neal
Riepsoff, Gena
Rinderer, Rebecca
Ritter, Timothy
Rompala, Stefanie

Roniger, Beth
Rutz, Nickolas
Saathoff, Amber
Scaggs, Amanda
Scheibel, Nicholas

Schmidt, Kristin
Schmitt, Teri
Schoen, John
Scholl, Alex
Schrumpf, Lori

Schulte, Alicia
Schumacher, Roy
Seifried, Shannon
Seitz, Monica
Sherman, Matthew

Sievers, Alison
Smith, Billy
Smith, Tonya
Snowden, Michael
Spealman, Keith

Spencer, Stephen
Stief, Douglas
Stokka, Melissa
Stricker, Ryan
Stumpf, Crystal
Autographs
Shannon, sweet Shannon in those eyes so soft that smile you gave us to never forget Shannon, sweet Shannon An angel lost in time Shannon, its Shannon that smiles at us that beautiful laughter that lovely face of hers forever is not for ever we'll still give you those tears So gentle her voice We see you in the stars and that heart full of sunshine you've always shined down on us to love is the greatest to her is the best and we'll never forget We'll never forget..... Love, every one of us

Love,

Teah Burrus

Shannon was an intelligent girl with a bright and happy attitude. She was also my best friend. She always made people laugh and was a friend to everyone. She was always there for me when I needed her the most. Even though she was only 15 years old, I still looked up to her, and treated her like a sister. I am always going to miss her and I will remember her as the girl with the beautiful eyes.

Michelle Zink

Shannon:

Her enchanting eyes, always glistened with happiness. She was a dear friend, whose smile we're going to miss. Now Shannon is in Heaven, Her spirit still will grow. She'll always be watching over us, though we may be far below.

We love you Shannon

Rachel Rinderer
Sophomores

Casey Adolph
Theresa Ames
Charles Arrington
Elizabeth Atnip
Nicholas Baer
Dustin Barr
Jennifer Barth

Amanda Beard
Beth Bergman
Michael Bernie
Marie Bisso
Jessyca Blood
Jennifer Blunt
Jamie Bourland

Jeremy Bradford
Scott Brave
Todd Brendel
Kara Breuer
Cory Briggs
Alisha Broniec
David Brown

Sarah Brown
Jeffery Bruggemann
Chris Caldwell
Julie Capelle
Eric Cawi
Arthur Chaney
Casey Compton

Jennifer Compton
Felicity Coursey
Nicholas Cricelli
Jennifer Cross
Jill Dalhaus
David Dapkus
Jennifer Dauderman

Anna Donnelly
Erin Drees
Aaron Durbin
Nonie Ehlke
Leah Embry
Amanda Endicott
Jared Ernst

Marianne Ernst
Tammy Ernst
Sarah Everett
Jeremy Federer
Adam Fernandez
Anthony Finley
Justin Fitterer
Class of 1999

Nathan Reding
Jason Remelius
Ryan Rexroth
Josh Rials
Melissa Ribbing
Dustin Riechmann
Justin Rittenhouse

Michael Robinson
Robert Rogers
Lisa Rose
Jessica Ross
Michael Row
Kris Sackett
Jeff Sander

Jordan Savas
John Schaefer
Nathaniel Schleper
Lisa Schroeder
Gabriel Schrumpf
Chad Schuster
Amber Schwierjohn

Kim Schwierjohn
Elizabeth Severs
Tyrus Short
Nick Showalter
Geoffrey Siever
Petra Smith
Lauren Southwick

Eric St. Jhon
John Stahlhut
Ryan Starks
Michael Stein
Heather Steinkenig
Erin Strakeljahn
Tiffany Straube

Charlynn Struckhoff
Rebecca Stukenberg
Joelln Sudmeier
Jenny Swift
Jessica Switzer
Dustin Talleur
Sarah Tebbe

Sheila Tebbe
Crystal Thole
Kevin Thole
Melissa Thompson
Misty Tift
Brian Tilson
Melissa Timmermann

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Sophomores

Thomas Timmermann
Michelle Todt
Ryan Tolbert
Deanna Townzen
Jennifer Trame
Brandon Trover
Rick VanVoorden

Kristen Voegele
Kyle Vogt
Stephanie Voigt
Joshua Volz
Stephanie Vosholler
Jennifer Wagner
Kristen Walberg

Grant Walker
Heaven Walker
Timothy Walter
Ryan Wegerzyn
Matthew Weidner
Stephanie Weiss
Travis Wellen

William White
Justin Whitmore
Jason Wiegand
Heather Williamann
Sandra Wilson
Craig Woll
Marcus Wright

Matthew Wright
Leah Young
Hannah Youngman
Nicholas Zappia
Phillip Zappia
Nicholas Zeller
Jennifer Zobrist

Terri Zobrist
Tyson Zobrist
Amber Zurliene

NOT PICTURED:
George Atchison
Jason Burns
Teah Burrus
Scott Georges
Mandy Hoover

Gerald Kaufman
Ian Lackey
Thomas Piotrowski
Brian Stewart
Rebecca Thurman

Josef Walter
Jason Weiss
Derek Horn

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Hey Freshmen! We thought it would be appropriate to find yourself in the yearbook since that is what freshman year is all about. Freshmen went through many changes during the first year of high school. Freshman year is the most memorable year because of things like being initiated, being the youngest people in school, being in the crowded halls, and having fun with the seniors.

The object of the game is to find your picture!

Lawson, Sarah
Rogers, Donna
Huhn, Shaun
Klaus, Daniel
Stahlhut, Miranda
Holton, Jimmy
Starks, Darren
Horstmann, Ben
Schallenberg, Bryan
Pye, Brian
Touchette, Blaine
Vosholler, Justin
McMullen, Jennifer
Potthast, Breanne
Limestall, Sarah
Walberg, Barbara
Halvorson, Jonathan
Cruz, Joyce
Blakeney, Haley
McGinness, Gina
Uhe, Crystal
Pike, Jered
Hemker, LeAnn
Walker, David
Henkhaus, Jessica
Henderson, Laura
Haller, Kurt
Eymal, Todd
Corey, Jason
Collings, Kristy
Strasen, Aaron
Knebel, Zachary
Trame, Stephanie
Rompala, Kathleen
Wessel, Amanda

Carroll, Terry
Wellen, Chad
Mitchell, Jennifer
Straube, Melinda
Klostermann, Jennifer
Cox, Megan
Carey, Jim

Stateler, Ricky
Spencer, Garrett
Kapp, Angela
Ribbing, Kyle
Durham, Kyle
Keller, Amy
Galbiati, Thomas

Pish, Carlene
Munie, Carrie
O'Brien, Jarett
Porter, Dale
Gause, Katie
Emig, Anne
Arrington, Tara

Kampwerth, Nicholas
Wellen, Joe
Beard, Robert
Carey, Steven
Benitone, Heather
Babic, Peter
Gallatin, Ben

Wildhaber, Jeremy
Miller, Erin
Ingram, Natalie
Warnecke, Michael
Barrymore, Drew
Causey, Andrew
Barker, Janae

Haegele, Nicholas
Rosenthal, Amy
Bolk, Justin
Gutzler, Brett
Brown, John
Bradstreet, Shelia
Kutz, Daniel
Hoffmann, Erica
Henrichs, Ryan
Hultz, Anthony
Clayton, Shauna
Tebbe, Dena
Fohne, Khristen
Cline, Damaris

Barry, Dustin
Johnson, Kristin
Marti, Amber
Schlechte, Zachary
Reckmann, Rhett
Branger, Jackie
Danilovich, Michael

Holzinger, Tara
Rottmann, Justin
Kealey, Amy
Cayson, Sheena
Mueh, Michael
Bochantin, Amiee
Herzberg, Andrea

Otis, Rebecca
Harris, Chris
Shiffer, Kateri
Reckmann, Dennis
Schmidt, Chris
Holcmann, Shauna
Pike, Jason

Murphy, Amy
Meffert, Adam
Fite, Sarah
Thuememann, Jousha
Frey, Jessica
Rakers, Jake
Thomas, Danny

Hardee, Kelli
Eley, Catherine
Steiner, Brandon
Isbrecht, Amanda
Weakly, Brandon
Lienemann, Vanessa
Neudecker, Stephanie

Thomas, Ryan
Brooks, Amanda
McWhirter, Jeremy
Townzen, John
Becker, Matthew
Urban, Amy
Bugger, Joseph
Reidelberger, Robert
Goestenkors, Jared
DeSerlia, Matthew
Marks, Stacy
Schreiber, Rebecca
McPherson, Nathan
Boudouris, Bryan

Braundmeier, Nathan
Christensen, Olivia
Zaloga, Nick
Luitjohan, Kyle
Frank, Kimberly
Gruenfelder, Kara
Zbinden, Casey

Sybert, Cody
Byrd, Johnathon
Jackson, Joseph
Richey, Travis
Landers, Kathryn
Oliver, Brandi
Scherschel, Paul

Missey, Joshua
Wilson, Brian
Geschwend, Kristin
Yaunches, Sarah
Knebel, Nathan
Thole, Rebecca
Simmons, Stephen

Loyet, Zandra
Mugler, Michelle
Ernst, Katie
Alexander, Jayme
Goebel, Jeremy
Messerli, Andrew
Robards, Ty

Ferrell, Lucus
Manuel, Micah
Mills, Thomas
Stahlhut, Andrew
Campbell, Alison
Jenne, Michael
Stocker, Abbey

Barnett, Nick
Rachal, James
Gauen, Bethany
Reever, Elizabeth
Gardner, Dale
Blakey, Mark
Denton, Sarah
The first class of the new millennium

LEFT: Kristy Collings and Sheena Cayson wait patiently for P.E. class to begin.
BOTTOM LEFT: Tara Arrington is always thrilled to be at school.
RIGHT: Cassie Sherman and Anne Emig listen attentively to the instructor during Madrigal try-outs.

Plocher, Rachel Boeser, Jessica Huckleberry, Darcy Esmon, Jason Verfurth, Shannon Albergts, Aaron Hansen, Erin Harbison, Shana Eberhart, Jamie Duffin, David
Do you have an after school job?

Males- Yes 70%  
No 30%

Females- Yes 63%  
No 37%

Are your parents divorced?

Males- Yes 33%  
No 67%  

Females- Yes 22%  
No 78%

Does your religion play an active role in your life?

Males- Yes 53%  
No 47%

Females- Yes 55%  
No 45%

If so, what religion are you?

Males- Catholic 55%  
Church of Christ 3%  
Congregational 3%  
Lutheran 10%  
Baptist 3%  
Methodist 3%  
Non-Denominational 23%

Females- Catholic 55%  
Church of Christ 7%  
Congregational 4%  
Lutheran 5%  
Baptist 7%  
Methodist 4%  
Non-Denominational 18%

Are you sexually active?

Males- Yes 52%  
No 48%

Females- Yes 55%  
No 45%

If so, how many partners have you had?

Males- 1 person 42%  
2-4 ppl. 45%  
5 or more 13%

Females- 1 person 66%  
2-4 ppl. 19%  
5 or more 15%

Do you drink alcohol?

Males- Yes 63%  
No 37%

Females- Yes 63%  
No 37%

If so, how often do you drink?

Males- Special Occasions 24%  
Only on Weekends 37%  
All through the week 39%

Females- Special Occasions 45%  
Only on Weekends 45%  
All through the week 10%

Do you smoke cigarettes?

Male- Yes 45%  
No 55%

Females- Yes 55%  
No 45%
Do you do drugs besides alcohol and cigarettes?

Males - Yes 25%
No 75%

Females - Yes 15%
No 85%

If so, which ones?

Marijuana 67%
Acid 22%
Other 11%

Do you believe in abortion?

Males- Yes 43%
No 57%

Females- Yes 50%
No 50%

Have you ever been involved in a pregnancy scare?

Males- Yes 27%
No 73%

Females- Yes 41%
No 59%

Do you feel you can trust the adults at our school?

Males- Yes 34%
No 66%

Females- Yes 45%
No 55%

If you had a serious problem, who would you go to?

Males- teacher 14%
another student 75%
guidance 11%

Females- teacher 14%
another student 82%
guidance 4%

Sound Off!

--"It doesn't really matter what my opinion is in this school, because, one way or another, the administration will enforce only the changes it wants to. The administration always has and always will do whatever takes a mediocre amount of effort and the greatest amount of difficulties for the students." - anonymous

--"If man thinks a substance is bad for him he will not use it. Leave that man alone, and let him decide." - anonymous

--"You wouldn't get half of them to admit it, but about 60% of the people in this school smoke or have smoked pot. There's a lot of stuff that goes on here that teachers have no clue about." - Karla Terhark

--On abortion: "It was your decision, now it has become your responsibility." - Mike Hansen

--"The Guidance Department should be more competent and trustworthy; gossiping should be outlawed!" - anonymous

--"It upsets me that the community cares so little about the students education and the building safety. Everyone should realize we are no longer living in the dark ages; there are no such things as one room schoolhouse's and country school marms anymore." - Sheri McWhirter
Highland High School welcomed six foreign exchange students this year, and it was only a short time before all of them were made to feel like true Americans. These students quickly learned much about life and society in the strange and often chaotic country that is the USA. The foreign exchange students for the 96-97 school year were: Leticia "Lety" Maldonado Garzia from Mexico, Peter Johansen from Denmark, Manuela "Manu" Prazeres from Brazil, Tomoyuki "Tomo" Tadokoro from Japan, Alex Raab from Germany, and Elizabeth "Libby" Phillips from Great Britain.

The exchange students did more than just learn about and observe our country; they got thoroughly immersed in our American culture. The exchange students participated in many things throughout the year. Among them were: varsity sports, various clubs, chorus, and band. But most importantly, all of the exchange students for the year made new friends and created many special memories during their time here. All of the exchange students helped give the school some much needed diversity, and they taught everyone a lot about their cultures.
Top Left Corner: Manu Prazeres samples American cuisine with Amber Saatho during Foods. Left: Peter Johansen relaxes during Foreign Language Week's Exchange Student Assembly.

Above: Pictured during Foreign Language Week are: first row- Mrs. Bowen, Lety Garzia, Manu Prazeres, Tomo Tadokoro, Mrs. Deets, and Mrs. Thebus, second row- Alex Raab and Peter Johansen. (Not pictured is Libby Phillips.)

Above: Tomo Tadokoro strives for excellence during a meet for the Varsity Track Team. Left: Alex Raab converses with basketball teammates Tim Marks and Matt Barnett.
Top left: A group of freshman get together to discuss matters over lunch. Top right: Amanda Traube gets ready to dance. Below top left: Gina Lightle gets together with Nick Hoffmann to show that she cares. Bottom left: The Huelsman twins still have the time to have a moment together. Bottom right: Mary Mollet and Nicole Suhre play a game of cards to pass the time away.
Top left: Joe Switzer feeds Sarah Nungesser a little ketsup to wash down her fries. Top right: Stephanie Knebel shows her Honor Chords off during Graduation. Below top right: Shaun Voegele shares an intimate moment with his friends. Bottom right: Rene Metler wipes the sweat of another hard days work in the darkroom+. Bottom left: Jacob Wetzel expands his knowledge on the computer.
Below: Jim Crawley tries to get all of the student body to join in all the fun.

Above: Jonathan Halvorson sings his heart out during homecoming week when Student Council had karaoke day.

Above: Kristin Voegele gets on the microphone and gets ready to do some serious business.

Below: Mr. Grodeo, who is head of the Science Club, takes time out to intrigue his students.
By: Linda McCaw

Above: Becky Thole, LeAnne Underwood, Angie Klaus, Angie Wozniak, and Melanie Watson get together to sing with the Karaoke machine.

Below: Brad White lights the candle at the NHS meeting.

Above: Heaven Walker reads a story at the Reader’s Theater meeting.

Above: Sarah Maxfield gives a speech for the NHS meeting.
The Future Medical Careers Club, headed by Dorcas Fisk, has a main purpose to inform the members about all careers in the health care field. The club involves in many activities such as the Blood Drive, and touring Barnes Hospital. The Blood Drive, sponsored by the Red Cross, is an opportunity for students and faculty to donate blood and in return get free pizza and soda, and the experience of donating. The tour at Barnes Hospital gives the members an opportunity to take a look at the cadavers that the medical students work with. This club helps to recognize all the various medical careers and to help the members decide on a medical field they may be interested in.

Above: Advisor Dorcas Fisk encourages a donor that they will be alright while donating blood.

Right: Ms. McGee has no problems while giving blood.

Below Left: Mrs. Brenda Mertes, Mr. Jay Cryder, and Mr. Steve Laxon stuff their faces after donating blood.

Below: Krystal Grundenfielder helps Joey Switzer through the tribulations of giving blood.

Above: FMCC members Sarah Nungesser, Heather Pain, Alexi Waggoner, and Melanie Watson join together to take a break after the long day at the blood drive.
The main purpose of the National Honor Society is to recognize and encourage academic achievement and foster the characteristics of character, service, and leadership which are essential to citizens in a democracy. The members of NHS defeated this purpose by taking part in many activities throughout the 1996-97 school year. Some of these activities included: Fall Induction of New Members, College and Career Night, Christmas Toy Drive for HIS Kids, and the 8th grade orientation. The advisors that lead this wonderful group of young adults were Cary Iftner and Jackie Schneider. Officers were: Sarah Maxfield, President; Sandra Tasic, Vice-President; Stephanie Knebel, Secretary; and Brad White, Treasurer.
Come on people now, smile on your brother, everybody get together, try to love one another right now! Lifesavers is a large organization that contains a variety of students who have their hearts in the right place. The club presents several different purposes. The program teaches the students how to cope with difficult situations, help reinforce values, improve communication and listening skills, while also providing social activities that are based on a positive standing, and to train students proper leadership skills. The program was led by advisors Sherry Thomas, Cary Iftner, and Julia Daniels. Leadership roles taken by the students were the position of President-Sarah Nungesser and Joey Switzer, Vice-President-Matt Sherman, Secretary-Kristin Schmitt, Treasurer-Keri Wieduwilt, and Administrative assistant-Angie Eilers. The students are responsible for the help in organizing retreats and other oriented functions. Their last retreat of the year was said to be an overwhelming success. The group worked well together and had fun doing it!
Left: Andrew Holthaus learns about Secondary colors and Tertiary colors.

Art Club

Above Left: Jeff Johnson works diligently on his art project.

Above: Jennifer McFall sketches during Art class.

Left: Sheens Gyson, Lana Dreisen, and Amy Bauchentien are hard at work.
Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering

By Linda McCaw

Formerly known as J.E.T.S., the W.Y.S.E. (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) had a tremendous year. Matt Pacatte and Alison Sievers advanced through the district competition at B.A.C. and later moved on to regionals. Due to the terrific leadership of Ms. Deborah Massey, the W.Y.S.E. have succeeded greatly in their task to provide mutual support and information to students interested in science, engineering, and technical careers. The club consisted of the Club President Sandra Tasic, Vice President Amy Timmerman, Secretary Niki Suhre, and the Treasurer Mike Hansen.

In previous years the J.E.T.S. have enhanced the skills of just science and engineering, but as W.Y.S.E. they have broadened their horizons and began to deal in the field of technological careers. Having this in mind, it provides a greater challenge to those who participate in these rewarding activities. The members of this club were never recognized as quitters. They worked hard and were determined to succeed in whatever they did.

Some of the awards given at the 96-97 District Competition were:
Chemistry-Alison Sievers (1st place), Matt Pacatte (4th place).
Physics-Cale Ash (3rd place), Amy Timmerman (8th place).
Engineering Graphics-Dameon Bourland (7th place).

Congratulations!!

Right: Sandra Tasic sings a happy tune to show that she is proud of placing high in the competitions that were held.
Far Right: Matt Pacatte gets excited at the competition.
Confusion is the Competition

By: Linda McCaw

Congratulations go out to the 1996-97 Math team for an outstanding year. They spent a lot of their time competing against schools such as St. Louis University High, Visitation Academy, and Cor Jesu Academy. In total, their were 22 schools competing, which provided them with some tough competition. Overall they all did very well by ending the year in second place. The leaders of this amazing bunch were Lisa Brede and Pam Watts, both teachers encouraged and supported each member of the team.

Two of the top scorers were Alison Sievers and Sandra Tasic. Both of these girls had amazing scores and placed very high in the competitions that were held. Although they were the highest scores, the entire team walked away with trophies and the highest scoring senior walked away with a $1000 scholarship. The philosophy of this club was that competing allows students the opportunity to compete with students from many other schools and backgrounds. They, in fact, lived up to this philosophy and succeeded in taking home second place.
While not many activities occurred within the Science club this year, they did do several things. At the end of the 1995-96 school year, Sheri McWhirter was elected President for the second year in a row. Amy Timmermann took the role of Vice-President, and Leslie Barnes claimed the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Under the guidance of Mr. Brent Grodcon, the club took an all day field trip to the Forensics lab in Fairview Heights and the Animal Disease lab at Kaskaskia College in Centralia.

While at the Forensics lab, the club members learned how murders and robberies are investigated and solved. After lunch, the club ventured to the Animal Disease lab. Exotic diseases of cows to parakeets were explained there. Over all, the year may not have been jam-packed for the Science club members, but was beneficial and enlightening.
Encouraging the community was the target the HHS Ecology Club was aiming at this year. The purpose for the Ecology club was to inspire the Highland community to treat their environment with respect and care. **Mr. James Meyer** took on the responsibility of Head Advisor of the club. Mr. Meyer was followed by President **Sandra Tasic**, VP **Lindsay Fuqua**, Secretary **Sam Myint**, and Treasurer **Elana Jakel**. All of the club members were a huge asset to the organization. The club took part in many important activities. In March, the club gave a presentation at the Illinois River Project - Student Congress. The determination of the Ecology club made an immense impression on the community.
Top- "Mrs. Duncan, she made me like math, and I'd never really liked math before. She taught things so that we could really understand them, and she really cared that we did as well as we could. She didn't 'give up' like some teachers do with kids who don't get things easily. She is always willing to help students. I feel like she really motivated us to do well. She also let us have fun while we were learning, and she always had a pleasant and upbeat personality." -- unknown

Top- "I will never forget the time Mrs. Deets did a tiger jump in front of the dance team. She did a back drop at the girls basketball game in front of everyone. She is so funny and I will never forget the crazy experiences with her." -- Mindy Smart

Top- "I will never forget Mr. Thomas and his patience when I wrecked the Driver's ed car. He didn't yell at me or anything. He told me he would just have to get another car." -- Lori Guetterman

Bottom- "Mrs. Bowen, a teacher that was always there for me and a person I could go to if I had a problem. She helped me grow into the person I am today." -- Mandie Schmitt

Bottom- "Mr. Hawkins, he is the only teacher to teach me a considerable amount in math class." -- unknown

Bottom- "I'll never forget when Mrs. Meyer came into the room one day, spitting out water and stumbling around the room. This may seem odd to you, but it was the only one of Mrs. Meyer's crazy ways of teaching. She's great!" -- Beth Compton

Bottom- "Mrs. Thomas, for helping me through a lot of personal problems, and for caring about my problems." -- unknown
HHS had chosen students to interact with practicing scientists in various career fields. Along with their instructor, Mrs. Probst, they had the opportunity to exchange ideas with other students from different schools. These students got up on their Saturday morning to go listen to scientists and learn new things. Those selected students have heard a number of different presenters. They attended presentations on AIDS and Biotechnology Advances. They also heard a presentation by a retired astronaut. The Saturday Scholars had an opportunity to attend the University of Illinois for an open house in the Engineering and Agriculture Department. They all had a great year and learned many new and interesting facts about things that go in the world.
Surge of Rustic Anarchy!

By: Rene Mettler

What do irises, durocs, and IBM computers have in common? Simple, they're all involved with agriculture and the dynamic Highland FFA Chapter. “They are truly one of the best organizations at Highland High School,” says Superintendent, Mr. Jim Burgett. The chapter members have excelled to the top receiving awards at the FFA Fair, crops judging, livestock judging, parliamentary procedure, debate, public speaking, ag mechanics, recordbook, and the SIU in Carbondale Invitational speaking contests. The annual banquet was also a smash with over 200 people attending and a newly added slide show presentation. Senior President, Jason Boesor says, “FFA is leadership, learning, and fun all in one.” Not only do the FFA members have fun, they learn valuable lessons for their future. Senior Vice President, Blake Rinderer quoted, “We had a lot of fun and we actually learned something. We discovered a magical toilet, how many girl scout cookies Jones could eat, and how many traffic violations Schmitz could get away with in one week. It was an experience I will never forget.” Highland FFA has made many memories for its members and officers. Their strong leadership, cooperation, and citizenship will forever help continue the pride held at HHS.
It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog. That characterizes the members of the Highland High School Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. As VICA's three members strive to keep their club alive they still remain, achieving their goals. Vice President, Dale Holzinger participated in the VICA National Conference held in Kansas City, MO for his excellence in brick masonry. Also Keith Spealman is in his second term as a state officer and will be running for re-election in the fall, as the South Area Vice President. The members of VICA have worked extremely hard to get their club going again. President, Keith Spealman believes VICA is a great organization and quoted, "Join VICA, see the world."
Sign  X
The 1996-1997 school year was a memorable one for Ms. Patricia Swank's Speech Team. The club seemed to reach a turning point that sparked the members' attitude and determination. Whether they were presenting original monologues or recreating old classics, these creative individuals took Speech Team to a whole new level. Speech Team had the biggest turnout in over ten years due to the class of 2000. The energetic Freshman had many talented members such as Kara Gruenfelder, Jonathan Halvorson, and Adam Meffert. The motivated Frosh were always willing to do whatever it took to perfect their performances. The varied talent of the Freshmen mixed well with the experience of the upperclassmen. One particular upper classman, Sarah Maxfield capped her year off with a trip to State. This multi-talented senior earned this trip partly due to self-motivation and a strong work ethic. For the first time in Speech Team history, there was a Speech Tournament. The members, especially the freshman worked long hours preparing for the competition. Unfortunately, the club never got to participate due to Mother Nature providing a snow storm. After having a very rewarding year, there are high hopes for next year's members. Hopefully, with the heart of the soon to be Sophomores, Speech Team will be even more successful than last.
Theater without Chaos!?  
By: Linda McCaw

The show must go on! This was said about the 1996-97 Reader’s Theater group. The theater got off to a great start at their first meeting, and then several weeks passed before they had a chance to reconvene. Reader’s Theater reconvened toward the middle of April to share, once more, the feeling of inspiration that only Reader’s Theater could produce. Again, a large group of individuals came together to get taken away by the astounding tales, hilarious stories, and poems that would touch the hearts of everyone in the room. Ms. Swank showed that the theater withholds the power to express yourself as individuals. Each person that participated had a different tale to tell or poem to share, which allowed the other participants to feel what the theater was all about. In all, the year produced excellent results which will be noted for years to come.
Organization is a word that was commonly used by the Friends of the Library. The Friend of the Library Organization promoted HHS students to broaden their knowledge through the library. This organization consisted of Kelly Branger, Kara Breuer, Jonathan Dascotte, Kyle Durham, John Mills, and J.D. Townzen. Officers included: President- Sheila Zobrist, Vice President- Tonya Gardner, Secretary- Jill Wolters, and Treasurer- Adam Meffert. The library joined together with libraries across America to observe National Library Week from April 13-19. Various activities took place throughout the week such as a “Read-In” and several contests. Highland High School’s theme for the week was “It’s All in your Library, Believe it or Not.” The Friends of the Library supported the club activities throughout the year. They helped the librarians and the students to get through one more year at Highland High School.
El Chaos de Espanol
With field trips and activities, Deets exposes juniors and seniors to some "Spanish Chaos!" Layout by: John McGinley

One of the largest organizations at HHS in 1996-97 was the Spanish club. With membership open to all students in Mrs. Michelle Deets’ Spanish III and IV students, membership pushed 100 students. Along with Deets, who served as faculty sponsor, seniors Joey Switzer (president), John McGinley (vice-president), Donny Gunter (secretary), and Tara Kleinhoffer (treasurer) were elected officers of the club by its members.

Since this club was so large in numbers, it was nearly impossible to conduct activities as an entire club, so most activities were conducted as a class. The junior Spanish Club members made two trips to St.Louis, to see a production of Don Quixote, and to see a production of authentic Spanish flamenco dancers. The senior members took a trip to the St.Louis Art Museum, along with a weekend trip to Chicago, where the students toured the Mexican Barrio. In addition to these field trips, the Spanish Club also planned activities for foreign language week. These activities helped the students learn more about the Hispanic culture, which according to its sponsor was the mission of the club. The juniors and seniors who composed the Spanish Club created some serious “Spanish chaos” at HHS in 1996-97.

ABOVE: Seniors Jason Ripperda, Jim Crawley, and Sarah Nunguesser take in a view of the Hispanic barrio in Chicago, as they stand under an authentic arch.
LEFT: Seniors Don Gunter, Joey Switzer, Jim Crawley, Sarah Nunguesser, Melissa Gall, Jason Ripperda, Nic Lappe, and John McGinley take a break from the action at the St. Louis Art Museum.
BELOW LEFT: Junior Krissy Diaz and seniors Nic Lappe and Jeff Voss take a stroll through the Hispanic barrio during the Spanish Club’s Chicago field trip.
BELOW: Senior Brad Daedermann mixes American culture with Spanish as he has a relaxing lunch after viewing Spanish works at the art museum.

Spanish Club Officers:
Pres.-Joey Switzer
V.P.-John McGinley
Sec.-Don Gunter
Treas.-Tara Kleinhoffer
They didn’t exactly go to Paris or anything, but with many activities focusing on the French culture and comradery, Mrs. Elaine Thebus and her French club did more than just lean the beautiful French language, they experienced it. The club, which was led by student officers Stephanie Knebel (president), Jessica Durham and Maurice Anna (vice presidents), Natalie Gross (secretary), and Judy Myint (treasurer) took several educational field trips to the art museums/institutes in both St. Louis and Chicago. The club, which was open to a students who have completed one year of French, also raised money in the local bowl-a-thon, and Mrs Thebus even had the members over to her house in Belleville for a spring barbeque. The club members also made themselves available throughout the year to tutor first year French students. With these and other activities, Mrs. Thebus and her French club learned the French culture while having a fun time.
The 43 member Student Council this year accomplished quite a few productive and exceptionally surprising things. The elected panel of students headed by Math teachers Mrs. Probst and Mrs. Brede, for the first time in the Student Council history, had two outstanding students, Kristin Voegele and Carrie Abert, elected to district offices. Kristin was Vice President and Carrie was Newsletter Editor, which are prestigious positions considering they were in competition for them with 36 other schools. The Student Council went many places including Columbia for a Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Workshop, a Consultants Workshop in Collinsville, a District Convention at Lewis and Clark in Alton, and of course the State Convention in Chicago. The Council also accomplished many things at home decorating for Homecoming, decorating the commons for Christmas, selling "matches" on Valentine's day, and who could forget the two "Hat Days" that we had that raised money for H.I.S. K.I.D.S. All in all Mrs. Probst and Mrs. Brede could not have been any more satisfied with the way the students worked together to accomplish tasks throughout the year and are looking forward to another year of improvements for H.H.S.

Far Right:
Kristin Voegele and Carrie Abert take some time out of their busy schedules to relax and eat.

Right: L-R: Carrie Abert, Kristin Voegele, Aaron Durbin, Nick Zaloga and Jared Haselhorst dress up for a convention.
Student Council members are: FRESHMEN: Janae Barker, Erin Hansen, Shana Harbison, Jared Haselhorst, Ani Herzberg, Rachel Hooker, Joe Jackson, Amy Kealey, Eric Nannen, Rachel Plocher, Cassie Sherman, Nick Zaloga. SOPHI MORES: Aaron Durbin, Tyson Heisner, John Klaus, Jene Klostermann, Josh Kloes, Jamie May, Rene Mettler, Sam Myint, Drew Neudecker, John Schaefer, Kristin Voegele, Terri Zobrist. JUNIORS: Carrie Abert, Angie Chapman, Barry Duhasek, Jean Marie Gilman, Polly Hediger, Joe Maxfield, Kevin McGinley. SENIORS: Leslie Barnes, Jim Crawley, Liz Driemeyer, Rita Durbin, Angie Klaus, Susan Klostermann, Stephanie Knebel, Angela Lienard, John McGinley, Brandy Mertes, Nicholas Schatte, Mindy Smart.

Above: L-R: Aaron Durbin, Jared Haselhorst, and Nick Zaloga seem to be enjoying their duties as Student Council members...

Above: L-R: With blatant exuberance Holly Kunz, Stephanie Knebel, Angie Klaus, Rita Durbin, and Kristin Voegele decorate for Homecoming in the gym.
Around the nation.....

Baseball- THE HEAT IS ON- AGAIN!
After a nine year absence, the St. Louis Cardinals returned to post-season play. Under first year manager Tony La Russa, the new look Cardinals beat out the Houston Astros for the NL central division title. The Cardinals then swept western division champion San Diego in the Divisional Playoffs in 3 exciting games. St. Louis came to within one game of returning to the World Series, but blew a 3 games to 1 series lead against the defending champion Atlanta Braves in the NLCS. The entire St. Louis area came alive with Cardinal fever, packing Busch Stadium with Cardinal red for the playoff games against the Padres and Braves. The New York Yankees upset the mighty Braves in 6 games to claim the 1996 World Series.

Football- THE PACK IS BACK!
The Green Bay Packers returned to glory, winning their first Super Bowl since 1967, beating the Patriots in Super Bowl XXXI. In college football, Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel led Florida to it's first national championship. Locally the Rams fired Rich Brooks after a second consecutive losing season at 6-10. Dick Vermeil was named coach, returning to the NFL for the first time since 1982.

THE YEAR IN SPORTS, 1996-'97
JUNE '96- Colorado Avalanche defeat Florida for NHL title
- Chicago Bulls defeat Seattle for NBA title
SEPTEMBER '96- St. Louis Cardinals clinch baseball's NL Central Division title, first since 1987.
OCTOBER '96- Cardinals meet Atlanta in 1996 NLCS, lose to defending champs in 7 games.
- New York Yankees defeat Atlanta to win 1996 World Series.
DECEMBER '96- St. Louis Rams finish season 6-10, fire coach Rich Brooks, who is replaced by Dick Vermeil.
JANUARY '97- Florida Gators win national championship in college football.
- Green Bay Packers defeat New England in Super Bowl XXXI.
- St. Louis Blues fire coach Mike Keenan, who is replaced by Joel Quenneville.
APRIL '97- Arizona Wildcats win NCAA basketball tournament
- Tiger Woods becomes first African-American to win Masters golf tourney.
- St. Louis Blues lose to Detroit in the first round of the NHL playoffs in 6 games.
MAY '97- INDI car racing comes to St. Louis for first time
- highlights compiled by: John McGinley
CHEER/DANCE STATE QUALIFIERS
JV CHEER- FOUR TIME CHAMPIONS!
- For the fifth straight year HHS had an Illinois state championship team. For the fourth consecutive year, Cheryl Haselhorst and her Junior Varsity Cheerleaders ruled supreme at the ICCA state competition. The freshman, sophomores, and juniors that composed the squad worked very hard on a smoothly choreographed routine that earned Highland it’s 7th state title in cheerleading since 1993.
- Coach Terry Aeberscher and the Varsity Cheerleaders also qualified for the state competition at ISU, and despite a dazzling routine, were denied a return to the top of Illinois on questionable judging.
- Erratic judging also plagued the HHS Dance team, who made their second trip in a row to the IDTA state competition. After a scoring error was corrected, Mrs. Deets and her dancers grabbed a 3rd place in the state of Illinois. With three state qualifiers, Highland continued it’s reputation of being the cheer/dance capital of the Prairie State.

MARKS- KING OF SOCCER
- On top of breaking almost all of HHS’ soccer records, senior Tim Marks blazed new trails for Highland soccer, becoming the first Bulldog to be named to the all state team. Marks will take his soccer skills to the next level, receiving a scholarship to Springfield College.

SCHEIBEIL GRAPPLING, SCHMITT SHOOTS WAY TO STATE COMPETITIONS
- For the second consecutive year, Lady Bulldog’s basketball standout Mandie Schmitt represented HHS at the state competition for three point shooting. Schmitt advanced through several rounds of three-point shooting against the top female basketball players from southern Illinois during the IHSA state playoffs in March. Mandie was on fire from behind the arc during the competitions, advancing to the state finals at the IHSA Girl’s Basketball Finals at ISU’s Redbird Arena.
- For the second time in three years HHS had a wrestler qualify for the IHSA State Wrestling Finals at Assembly Hall at the U of I in March. Junior Nic Scheibel grabbed a third at the sectional competition, which qualified him for state. With one more season remaining, Scheibel figures to return to the big time in 1998.
Determined to recapture their title as State Champs, the Highland Varsity Cheerleaders started the 96-97 school year with high hopes and high expectations. To the public eye, it seemed cheerleading came and went with the basketball season. If they only knew that at the end of one season marked the beginning of another.

The insanity began in May with tryouts for next year's squad. Following tryouts, the novice squad attended Northern Illinois University for a team camp that assisted in molding the girls into a real unit. In August, when the State Fair rolled around sprains, bruises, tears, rips, and an overall injury prone team went with the package. After opting not to attend the State Fair because of injuries, the team would get their chance in the fall, with a trip back to NIU for another competition. The determined girls placed 1st in the NIU competition where it was equally as gratifying because it was so similar to the State Fair. To enhance their already full resume, the varsity girls learned a new dance from Sherry Ganog. Mrs. Ganog was the Memphis State dance and cheerleading coach. From early December to the middle of January, things got a little chaotic. On December 12, the varsity was asked to perform at the Kiel Center for the KMOX Shootout. Their awesome performance from last year surely prompted their return. The squad needless to say awed and mystified the crowd with their countless backtucks and endless front handsprings. They truly blew the frenzied fans away with their picture-perfect performance. Even when their coach, Terry Aebischer gave birth to Reid Marcus the next day, the focused squad persevered. With help from parents and especially from Marilyn Bloemker the HHS cheerleaders drew their attention to the Mater Dei Tourney. Coach Aebischer back in action, watched as the girls received 1st place. Two weeks later, the varsity squad performed at the annual Highland Shootout. Stand outs among other squads, the girls always put on a show for the loyal Highland fans. The cheerleaders then journeyed to Kincade, IL, for Regionals. The girls not one to disappoint, captured 1st place, and took home yet another Regional Championship. Slaves for perfection, the squad worked on every flip, turn, mount, dismount, and handspring. The preparation for State was gruelling and hours of endless work. With an addition of three twists by Jennifer Trame, Jessie Switzer, and Erin Drees, the Highland girls were sure to capture the championship. Led by senior leaders, Mandy Hemann, Kristi Larsen, and Angie Klaus, the squad prepared to blow away the competitors in Normal, IL on the campus of Illinois State University.

With one week to go, the frenzied team was taught an entirely new dance routine by HHS alumni and Memphis dancer Mindy Kantner. With their routine in sync, the squad was prepared for the State competition. The Highland Varsity Cheerleaders stepped foot on to the floor of the Bone Student Center, and performed a solid, next to flawless routine. The girls stellar performance did not capture 1st place, but in the eyes of many, they will still be #1. Despite the minor setback, the Varsity received 5th place which was a tremendous feat in itself. The varsity cheerleaders had a memorable year full of accomplishments that clearly defined the outstanding reputation that the cheerleaders held at Highland High.
Jessie Switzer, Angie Luitjoh, Wendy Winet, Christy Port, and Amber Hemann supported by remaining bases practice the Wolf-Wall Mount before the Friday night basketball game.

An ensemble of cheerleaders perfect a cheer before performing it at halftime.

Senior Kristi Larsen leads the girls in what mistakenly seems to be the African Folk dance, but is truly just moves to a dance.

LEFT: The varsity cheerleaders huddle together for a victory pic.


The cheerleaders take a break from NIU camp and act out the Brady Bunch movie.

Leaders Kristi “FRIED” Larsen, Angie “A.K.A.” Klaus, and Mandy “SCHMITT” Hemann pose for their Senior candid.
"These girls have sure got school spirit!" That was one thing that was said about the HHS JV Cheerleaders’ performance this year. They received the most points at Regionals held by HHS and qualified for the State Competition was held in Normal, Illinois where they earned the first place title. For the fourth straight year Coach Cheryl Haselhorst pushed the girls to strive for the best. All of their hard work paid off! "They said we had Potential!!! We showed them we had major talent", said Anna Donnelly and Jenny Compton. The JV Cheerleaders were faced with a great challenge having to repeat their championship performance. The girls did their best and proved to themselves that they could do it. Ryan Wegrzyn added to the excitement of the year when he became HHS’ first male cheerleader.

Above: The girls at the top; (from left to right) Allison Campbell, Terri Kohrmann, and Julie Capelle use each other for support as they reach for the ceiling. 
Right: The cheerleaders have a great time with there camp counselor at cheerleading camp.
Top Right: Sophmore girls; (from left to right) Jill Dalhaus, Jenny Compton, Amy Plocher, and Amber Schwierjohn show their enthusiasm at cheerleading camp for the new things they are learning.
Above: (Front to Back, Left to Right) Amy Plocher, Stephanie Neudecker, Allison Campbell, Diane Nagel, Jenny Compton, Beth Bergman, Crystal Uhe, Alisha Broniec, Ryan Wegrzyn, Shauna Holcmann, Terri Kohrman, Jill Dalhaus, Tammy Zeisset, Breanne Potthast, Anna Donnelly, Kristi Novak, Julie Capelle.

Above: Dena Tebbe shouts "WE are #1" to the observers of "The Great Highland Cheerleaders" at a game in Highland.

Above: At cheerleading camp, Jenny Compton, Shauna Holcmann, and Crystal Uhe show the world how strong girls really are.

Left: Some of the cheerleaders are having a blast at cheerleading camp over the summer.
HHS Poms

The HHS Dance Team competed throughout the beginning of the summer of 96, through the spring of 97. Being coached by, Mrs. Deets, the squad was made up of six seniors, six juniors, two sophomores, and two freshman. They were led by captains, Elizabeth Dreimeyer and Renee Linenfelser, both seniors. Throughout the year, they struggled to complete their season in triumph. The HHS Dance Team started off the summer at Universal Dance Association Camp, where they received a second place on their home routine, and an outstanding leadership award. One month later, through many exhausting practices, the dance team competed at State Fair, where they took first place. Their next competition started around the same time that the basketball season started their season. At this competition they took first place in the Aerobic Funk category, and were overwhelmed with excitement after finding out that they had beaten their rivals from past years. As their practices progressed, the squad decided that the more Regionals they attended, the better the chances for victory in the future. The dance team attended two additional Regionals, placing first, two consecutive times. This lead to qualifications for supersectionals, where the squad received second in Aerobic Funk and fourth in Pom Dance. Though the squad wasn’t used to placing second and fourth they were still more than satisfied with the job they did. They also knew that the competition was getting more difficult, but soon all of their hard work was going to pay off. The girls received a third in Aerobic Funk and seventh in the Pom Dance category. It wasn’t what they hoped, but in their hearts they knew winning wasn’t the only importance. To sum up the year the girls learned that with hard work and patience a first place could be produced. They also found that with strength and cooperation they could work as a “team.” That’s just what they did.
Above: The girls try their hardest to show the judges how fun their dance was. Above right: Mrs. Deets is the coach of this fun-loving bunch of girls.

Far left: The girls show their excitement after winning the Illinois State Fair.

Left: Michelle Cruthis, Amanda Johnston, Liz Dreimeyer, and Tami Jakel show us how to break it down.

Left: Back Row: Tara Anderson, Amy Keely, Elizabeth Dreimeyer, Amber Burrell, Renee Linnekaiser, Janae Barker, Michelle Cruthis
Middle Row: Melissa Stokka, Jean Marie Gilman, Amanda Johnston, Mindy Smart, Amanda Vanigter, Tara Kleinhoffer, Tami Jakel
Bottom Row: Leslie Barnes, Erin Strackeljahn
HHS Football Cheerleaders pump up the stadium like crazy!

With the help of the screaming Football Cheerleaders, the crowd lift the team up to new highs during the '96 season. The HHS Football Cheerleading squad was coached by Cheri Capelle and lead by senior captains Tara Kleinhoffer and Amy Kirchhoff. After tryouts and a little practice, the squad attended a summer cheer camp. In Oct. the football cheerleaders joined the basketball cheerleaders to host the annual cheerleading clinic. A few out of the ordinary things did stumble onto the track with the cheerleaders during the season. Performing a dance with the HHS Dance Team choreographed by Tara Kleinhoffer and Kim Vosholler, was something new to the stadium. The repetition of senior night, due to low attendance, was also out of the ordinary. Repeating senior night was a bit humorous but hopefully won’t happen again. Throughout all the chaos during the season and the games, the Football Cheerleaders organized the crazy crowd every time!

Right: To add a little fun to practice, the girls mounted senior Kim Vosholler.

Above: Caught in the spirit of the game, the football cheerleaders mounted their team to victory.

Right: Capturing the attention of the crowd, was easy when the cheerleaders performed a dance routine.

Above: While taking a break, the football cheerleaders bunched together to stay warm.

Left: Soaked with sweat after practice the squad gathered for a team picture.

Above: After following through with four years of cheerleading, seniors Tara Kleinhoffer, Kim Vosholler, and Amy Kirchhoff, hope their future is what they've been waiting for.
Duplicating the successes of the 1995 soccer ‘Dogs was going to be a formidable task for the 1996 edition of HHS soccer. Senior Tim Marks was the lone starter returning from last year’s IHSA Sectional finalist. But to the pleasant surprise of many, Coach Meyer captured something that last year’s clubs couldn’t, the MVC title.

The 1996 soccer ‘Dogs had contributors from the two Seniors, Marks and goalie Matt Barnett, all the way to Freshman Justin Cryder. In another words, everyone helped out. Normally after having only two seniors doesn’t bode well for a club, but the two strong seniors Marks and Barnett more than upheld their responsibilities. All-MVC performer Matt Barnett had to fill Joe Hoffmann’s shoes in net, a formidable task. But with 3 shut outs and 119 saves in over 1160 minutes, Barnett left his own mark on the field in ’96. As for Marks, who was voted All-state by Illinois coaches and was first team MVC, you can’t say enough about his skills and accomplishments in the past four years. He led the club in goals (33), assists (17), and total points (50). He had 8 multiple goal games, including a record 5 against East Alton-Wood River. Marks owns almost all HHS offensive records, and will be considered one of the best players Highland has produced in it’s soccer history. The juniors were led by All-MVC performers Dusty Kanter (16 points) and defensive specialist Joel Cryder. A major key to the team’s success in 1996 was the addition of sophomore T.J. Goeke, who transferred from Breese-Mater Dei. Goeke was second on the team in points (20), goals (12), and assists (8), good enough for second team all-MVC honors. Along with Goeke, several sophomores received all-MVC honors, including Dusty Barr and Jason Wiegand. Freshman Justin Cryder was also a big asset, finishing in the top 5 in all team offensive categories. This performance earned him an honorable mention to the all-MVC team, a great accomplishment for a freshman. The ‘Dogs had a good mix of experience and youth in 1996.

The season got off to a strange start, with HHS forfeiting a game to Wesclin, because they played the game with an ineligible player. HHS then played a great game against perennial rival O’Fallon, but ended up on the wrong end of a 1-0 score. At 0-2 HHS had a sense of desperation when they took on the hated Triad Knights. The soccer ‘Dogs routed defending MVC champ Triad 4-1, serving notice that this team could play with anyone. This victory propelled HHS to win 12 of thier next 14, putting them on the top of the MVC with Triad. One of the losses was a typical physical and emotion filled 1-0 to those same Knights of Triad. The highlight of the winning streak was the 3-2 overtime victory over eventual state finalist, the Collinsville Kahoks, extending Highland’s improbable three game unbeaten streak against CHS. After a dissapointing finish in the Alton invitational, HHS wrapped up a share of the MVC title, with an overtime victory against Civic Memorial. This was the ‘Dogs first MVC title since 1991.

Top Right: Sophomore Nick Oswald prepares for a throw-in against Althoff. Right: All-Stater Tim Marks broke almost every HHS offensive record in his four years as a Bulldog.
HHS opened IHSA playoff action with the highest regional seed in team history, at #4. HHS needed a second half rally to thwart MVC rival Mascoutah in round. In the regional final, home field advantage was not enough to hang with metro east power Granite City for two halves. After only trailing by one at half, HHS surrendered to the more experienced Warriors, losing 3-0, which ended the season for the soccer ‘Dogs at 15-7.

With the successes of this and recent teams, HHS is becoming one of the powers of metro east soccer. And with the large number of top notch frosh, soph, and jr. performers, it can only spell out more successes for Coach Meyer and the growing soccer program at HHS.
Defensive Minded

JV’s 11 Shutouts and an 11-3-3 record make HHS soccer future bright.

by John McGnley

Photos: Ms. Taree McGee

How will HHS soccer coaches Meyer and Marks replace the offensive explosiveness of all-stater Tim Marks and the excellent goal keeping of Matt Barnett at the varsity level in 1997? Whatever methods the coaching staff may try, one thing they can count on is defensive help from the players that composed this year’s JV squad. This large collection of freshman, sophomores, and some juniors posted an impressive 11-3-3 record, and they did it with defense. This defensive minded group only allowed 10 goals all season and tossed 11 shutouts during the course of the ’96 season, an exceptional accomplishment.

After a lackluster 2-2-1 start, HHS coasted through late September and through October to post a 9-1-2 record in their last 12 games. The ’Dogs battled twice to hard fought ties with the hated Triad Knights, and a 1-1 decision with Belleville Althoff. Two of the losses came at the hands of metro-east powers O’Fallon and Collinsville, the third loss to Jerseyville was the lowpoint as the Panthers squeaked out a 2-1 win, despite only mustering a meagly 3 shots on goal. Ten of Highland’s 11 wins were by 2 or more goals, a testament to their successful season. Freshman Matt Smart was named team MVP by coaches Marks and Cryder. Sophomore Aaron Durbin led the JV with 10 points: (5 goals, 5 assists).

As for offensive shootouts, then the JV soccer ’Dogs were not the team for you. But with a gritty, hard-nosed defense, these young ’Dogs won the support of HHS fans. Hopefully, they can use this same style next year at the varsity level to defend the HHS MVC soccer crown.

Top: Mike Frey prepares to tee-off with a thundering kick.

Above: Jason Hardas, Jason Koerkenmeier, and Ian Linnenfelser listen closely at a tough practice.
1996
JV Soccer
11-3-3

HHS 9 - Wesclin 0
O'Fallon 3 - HHS 0
HHS 0 - Triad 0
HHS 8 - East Alton-W.R. 2
Jersey Co. 2 - HHS 1
HHS 2 - Roxana 0
HHS 4 - Civic memorial 0
HHS 0 - Triad 0
HHS 2 - Mascoutah 0
HHS 2 - Roxana 0
HHS 1 - Althoff 1
HHS 6 - East Alton W.R. 0
HHS 4 - Columbia 0
Collinsville 1 - HHS 0
HHS 3 - Mascoutah 0
HHS 1 - Jersey Co. 0
HHS 3 - Civic Memorial 1


Above: Tyson Zobrist gains control of the ball with great footwork.

Right: Aaron Durbin shows some hustle, as he fights for possession against Belleville Althoff
Setting Goals

by: Jennifer Schmidt

This year's Highland High School Varsity Volleyball team was quite successful. The team was proud to say that they beat Triad on their Senior Night. Their season highlights included breaking Highland High School history three times. The first was in East Alton/Wood River Tournament. HHS had a 1st place finish including triumphs over East Alton/Wood River and Civic Memorial. The second time occurred when the team placed in the annual Gibault Tournament. Their hard work paid off with a 3rd place win in this tournament. The last apex came when the team attended the Mater Dei Invitational. This tournament invites only the most promising teams in the state, and this year the Lady Bulldogs recorded their first win. Although the team lost to Triad during Regina Finals, they pulled off a great season. Coach Ramsey quoted, “We are a young team with a lot of talent. We expect big things for the next few years. Look out MVC.”

Hillsboro 0-2
Staunton 1-2
Southwestern 2-0
Wood River 2-1
Civic Memorial 2-0
Wesclin 1-2
Gibault 0-2
Waterloo 2-0
Valmeyer 2-0
Central 0-2
Jerseyville 2-0
Roxana 2-0
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Edwardsville 1-2
Mater Dei 0-2
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Quincy 2-1
Triad 1-2
Greenville 2-0
Central 0-2
Freeburg 0-2
Granite City 1-2
Marissa 0-2
Mascoutah 2-1
Triad 2-1
Collinsville 2-1
Triad 1-2

Above: Jill Johnson waits to smash the ball into her opponent's face as setter Crystal Knackstedt gets it to her.
Far Above: Erika Kreutzburg passes the ball after Crystal Donaldson's great save.
Below: Jill Johnson gets over the net while Crystal Knackstedt waits for the ball to be returned.

1996-1997
Lady Bulldogs
Varsity Volleyball

Front Row: Crystal Donaldson, Crystal Knackstedt, Brandy Mertes, Rene Mettler
Middle Row: Danielle Koisher, Jennifer Trame, Jamie May, Jill Johnson, Amber Burrell
The 1996 school season was a very promising one for the JV Volleyball team. With eleven challenging girls Highland drug down and knocked out their opponents. A record of eleven wins and four losses expressed to the public exactly what the HHS JV Volleyball team and their coach Dawn Stiener were made of. The team had their own highlights of the season, one was beating the butts off the Mater Dei Knights. *(Go Dogs!)* The other thing that can definitely not be forgotten, is the riveting performance the girls gave in the MVC conference. The record of 6-0, showed a sure promise for the future of the Highland High School Volleyball team!

*Left:* Sophomore Jessie Frey, prepares to send the ball flying over the net.

*Right:* Sophomore Jennifer Dauderman, watches as her teammate Renee Mettler reaches to smash the ball.
Granite City        1
Hillsboro         2
Staunton          1
Wesclin           3
Central           2
Jerseyville       1
Roxana            1
Civic Memorial    1
Edwardsville      3
Mater Dei         0
Waterloo          1
Wood River        1
Greenville        1
Mascoutah         0


Above: Stephanie Trame, a sophomore watches and learns as her older sibling Jennifer bumps the ball.

Above: Danielle Koishor an HHS sophomore, is ready and waiting. (Look behind her, she missed, oops!)
1996 was a tough season for the HHS football program. Players, coaches, and fans were never sure which team would run onto the field during the nine week season. This was truly a Jeckyl and Hyde team. It was hard to believe that the same team that soundly defeated larger Centralia and Marion squads; the same squad that annihilated MVC nemesis Civic Memorial 40-7 and bombed an always dangerous Mascoutah 42-14; was the same one which lost four tough games in a row in the middle of the season. Included in these losses were embarrassing defeats at the hands of MVC doormats Roxana and East Alton-Wood River. The 21-15 defeat in East Alton was the Oilers' only victory in 1996. Three more heartbreaking defeats to Waterloo, Jerseyville, and archrival Triad, the first loss to the Knights since 1986, pushed the final HHS record to 4-5, HHS' first losing season since 1987, coach Mike Hooker's first season as head coach.

As Coaches Hooker and Joel Hawkins said throughout the season, the fact that this team was three of four big plays away from being 7-2 or 8-1 was the most frustrating aspect of 1996. HHS was in every game they played up to the very end, the difference was that the opponents always made the big play in the fourth quarter to distance themselves from the Dogs', something HHS was always known for in the late '80's and early '90's.

The 1996 Bulldog squad was composed of an even mix of Juniors and Seniors. As for all Hooker teams, the most important part of the offense in 1996 was the running game. Five players split time in the backfield including Srs: Derek Holt and Shaun Voegele along with Jrs: Jared Klaus, Craig Woll, and Matt Widman. Holt led HHS with over 700 yards on the ground, which earned him all-MVC honors. Clearing the holes for the 'backs were all-MVC performers, Srs: Chris Holcmann and Tim Weinacht. Senior Mark Chaney came back from an injury in 1995 to anchor the line as center. A collection of juniors and seniors composed the other tackle and guard positions. Senior Nic Lappe got the nod as the starting quarterback. Junior Jimmy Warnecke, who pushed Lappe all season for the position, saw a considerable amount of time too. Lappe's favorite target all season was Sr. Chris Fischer. “Fish” as he was called, worked very hard in the off season on his receiving skills. The worked payed off as the 'Dog's leading receiver was an all MVC performer on both sides of the ball. Juniors Ryan "Goose" Goestenkors and Zack Lewis were also targets for Lappe and Warnecke. The cannon leg of Sr. Tim Marks garnered all MVC kicking honors. Marks connected on several field goals of 40 or longer in 1996, an amazing feat for a high school kicker.
As Defensive coordinator, Hawkins had to be pleased with his team's performance. Led by all MVC performers Jr. Craig Woll (LB), Sr. Chris Fisher (DB), Sr. Jason Ashford (DE), Sr. Chris Holcmann (DT), and Sr. Derek Holt (DE); HHS held opponent's offenses under 20 points 6 times, a great accomplishment. Other defensive standouts included Sr. Tim Weinacht (LB), Jr. Nic Shiebel (NG), Jr. Jared Klaus (LB), Jr. J. D. Wesselmann (DT), and Jr. Andy McCammon (DT).

1996 was a tough season for the football program. This team was better than it's record indicated. But with a talented crop of returning players, and incoming juniors that posted an impressive 6-2 JV record, HHS figures to get back on track in 1997.

Row 1 From Left: Matt Weidner, John Sutton, Andy Daiber, Jason Remelius, Joel Cryder, Matt Widman, Jared Klaus, Craig Manville, Andy McCammon, Jason Beard
Row 2: Mark Chaney, Jimmy Warnecke, Craig Woll, Jason Weiss, Derek Holt, Chris Holcmann, Tim Weinacht, Nic Lappe, John McGinley, Jay Bloemker Row 3: Coach Lanxon, Coach Hooker, Jake Ernst, Andrew Holthaus, Jason Ashford, Matt Limestall, Carsten Western, Chris Fisher, Ryan Goestenkors, Shaun Voegele, Coach Hawkins, Coach Warnecke Row 4: J.D. Wesselman, Zack Lewis, Nick Henschen, Randy Gress, Peter Johansen, Alex Raab, Tim Marks, Alex Scholl, Nic Scheibel, and J.C. Lairson

Above: Junior Jimmy Warnecke warms up on the sideline, as he prepares to relieve Nic Lappe in the HHS season opener against Waterloo. Left: Junior Craig Woll lunges for the first down, as Chris Holcmann and Jared Klaus clear the way. Above Left: Seniors Chris Holcmann and Chris Fisher lead the 'Dogs onto the field.
Newly created JV Football team finishes with bang, despite tough circumstances.

Considering the unusual circumstances they had to overcome, the 1996 JV Football team was a testament to the hard work and determination of coaches Michaelis, Holt and the sophomores and freshman that finished 1996 with an impressive 6-2 record. The adversity facing the coaches and players was the absence of a freshman team due to budget cuts. This caused the large number of sophos to be paired with an unusually small number of frosh to form the huge J.V. squad. The large number of players were, at first, a chore for the coaches to handle. After the “dog days of August” the JV team started 1996 with two unimpressive losses to Waterloo and Triad. Just as it appeared the circumstances would get the best of them, the team surged ahead of expectations, winning their last six games. 1996 turned out to be a success for the new JV team.

Below: The Bulldog’s running game is off to the races during their victory over Marquette.

Right: Jeff Siever lines up at the split end position, hoping to haul in a big catch.

Right: The defense led by J.C. Lairson (#77) walks to the sidelines after a defensive stand.
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Above: Matt Wiedner gets set at the cornerback position on defense. Weidner was the Bulldog's top rusher during the season.

Above: The defense gets ready for the next play. After surrendering 60 points in their first two games, the JV squad closed out 1996 with two defensive shutouts.
Persistence, Determination, and Perfection were just few of the many words used to describe HHS's 96-97 Girls Tennis Team. While Coach Brenda Plocher was at their side, the girls made a real breakthrough with an overall record of 8-2 in their last 10 matches. The highlights were the second place victory at the HHS Invitational, and second place at the MVC Tournament. Individual accomplishments were recruiting Brooke Diller and Jackie Kutz, Jessie Dunn and Susan Klostermann's first doubles season record of 10-3, and Jackie Kutz's Fourth Singles Season Record of 9-3. This year's girls tennis team had a terrific season.

Right: Amy Timmermann hits the ball to the opponent across the net.
Below: Kim Plocher and Stephanie Knebel show their pride at the MVC Tournament.

Photo by: Melissa Gall

Above: Susan Klostermann prepares for the incoming ball
Far Right: Lauren Southwick and Erin McKenna work as a team.
Right: Brooke Diller, a new recruit this year, serves across the court.
Girls Tennis

HHS 0   Edwardsville  7
HHS 1   O'Fallon       6
HHS 2   Greenville     9
HHS 3   Marquette      4
HHS 7   Collinsville   0
HHS 4   Triad          3
HHS 7   ESL Lincoln    0
HHS 1   Jerseyville    6
HHS 7   Roxanna        0
HHS 5   Mascoutah      2
HHS 4   Bethalto       3
HHS 6   Wood River     1
HHS 0   Alton          7
HHS 4   Waterloo       3

Top: Amy Timmermann, Melissa Timmermann, Jackie Kutz, and Coach Plocher
Middle: Kristin Voegele, Stephanie Keneble, and Susan Klostermann
Bottom: Shanna Uhe, Kim Plocher, Brooke Diller, Jessie Dunn

Above: Melissa Timmermann desperately lunges to attack the ball.

Above: Ready for the serve, Sophomore Melissa Timmermann awaits the ball.
Right: Coach Plocher advises one of her team members.
Above: They’re off at the shot of the gun during a meet at Highland High.

Right: The Highland girls keep up with the pack during the Highland meet.

Right: Erin Strackeljahn, Melanie Watson, Heather Pain, Natalie Gross, Jene Klosterman and Sarah Fite celebrate after a great finish.

Right: In front is Ben Horstman, Damien Bourland, Michael Jacober, and Dustin Talleur. In back is Coach Mark Geppert, Jeremy Wildhaber, Greg Walker, Shawn Kelly, and Caleb Grinter.
They Ran Through it All and Finished with Two MVC Titles...

Who's insane enough to run...for fun? The Highland High School Cross Country team is! The HHS X-Country teams had an outstanding season. Both the boys' and girls' teams finished first in the Mississippi Valley Conference. The girls' victory was a little more exciting than the boys' because they won by only one point. The one point victory gave the girls along with Coach Geppert a season to remember. For three of the runners, it was the last time they would run in a high school conference meet. Seniors Melanie Watson, Natalie Gross, and Heather Pain will be missed. However, the entire boys team will be back in action next season. All Conference runners this year were: Caleb Grinter, Greg Walker, Shawn Kelly, Dameon Bourland, Jene Klostermann, Natalie Gross, Erin Strackeljahn, and Heather Pain. This team will be a hard one to replace next year.

Below: Erin Strackeljahn and Melanie Watson move the soccer goal for the meet.

Left: Natalie Gross looks into the crowd after a hard run.

Far Left: In front is Natalie Gross and Erin Strackeljahn. In back is Coach Mark Geppert, Sarah Fite, Jene Klosterman, Heather Pain and Melanie Watson.
Be the Ball...

By: Linda McCaw
Pictures By: Mandy Hemann

With only two seniors the team still had a good season!

Fore! The crowd watched in awe as the ball sailed a great distance through the air. The Highland High School Boy’s Golf team had a reputable year. Despite starting the season out at 0-4, they finished with a record of 13-13. Donny Gunter did a tremendous job by qualifying for sectionals. Gunter and John Klaus made all-conference as well. Coach Faulkenberg stated: “This team was very competitive all season with only two seniors. They could be very good next year if they continue to improve!” Zen and the art of playing golf means --be the ball.

Above: Donny Gunter gives a giddy smile at the thought of making all-conference, being a sectional qualifier, and placing first in his flight at the Greenville Invitational.
Right: Nic Rutz looks over a long putt with lots of concentration.

Right: Ryan Wirz attempts to sink a putt in a match at the Country Club.
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*Above:* Dameon Bolen and John Klaus stand tall at the thought of rebounding from an 0-4 record to finish 13-13.

*Left:* Ryan Rexroth smiles after hitting the ball into the water.

*Above:* Nathan Voegele hopes to get one more hit from the ball so it will go into the hole.
Just one of the exciting things that happened!

The girls' golf team traveled a long way since three years ago, when golf was first open to girls at Highland High School. Their overall record for 1996 was seventeen wins and one loss. Their one loss was difficult to accept, because they lost by two strokes to Edwardsville. But with one loss the girls never gave up their goal to get to state, which they accomplished. The girls with supportive parents traveled 2 1/2 hours to Normal, Illinois to give their best shot for a State Championship at Illinois State University. They finished 10th place out of sixteen teams, which is excellent for the first year at state.

Not only did the girls go to state, but they also accomplished many other things. They received first at the Ramsey Scramble, where they also got their own record of ten under par. At the Sacred Heart Blazer Classic in Springfield they won 3rd, and scored a big first place finish at the Edwardsville Invitational. They also swung their way to the top at their Regional and they receive 4th at Sectionals.

Everyone on the golf team succeeded in improving their own game during the course of the season, especially Kristen Schmidt and Tiffany Jakel, who were named “Most Improved”. The “Most Valuable Players” for the year were Amy Franzen and Jennifer Jakel. Next year the girls will be better than ever because there was no seniors graduating and a return trip to state is possible.

Top: Swinging her way to the top, Jennifer Jakel shoots a perfect shot to the green.
Right: Amy Franzen watches her ball soar after she hit it.
Far Right: Kristi Novak replaces her club in her bag after completing nine holes of golf.
**HHS Girl’s Golf Scoreboard**

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**Bottom row:** Nonie Ehlke, Kristi Novak, Tiffany Jakel, and Kristen Schmidt. **Top row:** Coach Jeff Flaukenberg, Jennifer Jakel, Jean Marie Gilman, Amy Franzen, Katie Pacatte, Coach Ron Franzen.

**Top left:** A group picture after a big win. **Above:** Tiffany Jakel plans her strategy on how she plans to sink her ball with just one stroke. **Left:** The girl’s golf team celebrates their 10th place victory at state during the Homecoming Parade pep rally.
Talented, but small wrestling squad grapples to winning season, Scheibel advances to state tourney.

by: John McGinley

Coach Joe Michaels and assistant Chad Young were not blessed with an army of talented wrestlers for the 1996-97 season, the turnout for the squad this year was very low. However, led by the talented and experienced upperclassmen, the Bulldogs were able to "grapple" their way to winning record.

Finishing with an 8-6 match record, good for 5th in the wrestling power MVC, individual accomplishments were definitely the highlight of the 96-97 season. HHS had four wrestlers qualify for the sectional wrestling match in Granite City. Seniors Trevor Bauchens and Jason Ripperda, along with juniors Nic Scheibel and Jared Klaus all finished respectfully at the two day match. Bauchens was also crowned MVC champion in his weight class.

Scheibel was most impressive, taking third at the sectional, which qualified him for the state tournament in Champaign. HHS' second wrestling state qualifier in three years.

Besides Bauchens, Ripperda, Scheibel, and Klaus, other upperclassmen enjoyed success on the varsity mats. Senior Shaun Voegle was selected as captain, along with co-captain Bauchens and Matt Weidner. The fourth senior wrestler was Aaron Swarz, whose season was cut short by a string of injuries. Other varsity grapplers included juniors Steve Spencer and Andy Daiber, along with sophomores Weidner, Drew Rankin, and Chuck Arrington.

The 1996-97 Wrestlers overcome low turnout as well as weather too. January’s barage of snow and ice caused 7 cancellations of matches. Overcoming these obstacles, and finishing with a winning record made the wrestlers of 1996-97 a successful bunch!
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- IHSASectionals-
  T. Bauchens, J. Ripperda, J. Klaus, N. Scheibel

Nic Scheibel- State Qualifier

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**1996-97 Bulldog Wrestling**

FRONT ROW (from left)- Carrie Abert, Mike Mueth, Anthony Hultz, Chuck Arrington, Tom Klostermann, Mark Wright, Matt Wright, Steve Spencer, and Heather Steinkoening  SECOND ROW- Libby Phillips, Dustin Gimmy, Matt Weidner, Aaron Schwarz, Brent Jacober, Trevor Bauchens, Jared Klaus, and Shaun Voegerle. BACK ROW- Coach Michaelis, Drew Rankin, Nic Scheibel, Jason Ripperda, T. Andrew McCammon, Andy Daiber, J.C. Lairson, Ben Wombacher, and Coach Chad Young

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**Above** - Senior Aaron Schwarz prepares to grapple with his opponent in the Jerseyville invitational.

**Above Left** - Steve Spencer tries to fight his way out of a most compromising position.

**Left** - Sophomore mighty- might Chuck Arrington gets aggressive in his match at the HHS Gym.

**Above** - Any guess who's hair this is? Senior MVC Champ Trevor Bauchens floors one of his opponents during the 96-97 season.

**LEADERS OF THE PACK**- Shaun Voegerle, Jason Ripperda, Trevor Bauchens, and Aaron Schwarz were the four senior grapplers in the 96-97 season. “Rip” and Trevor advanced to the sectional tournament to close out their HHS wrestling careers.
CAUTION STUDENTS AT WORK! Students at HHS spend about thirty-three and a half hours a week attending classes. When you add in a couple of hours of homework and a sport or a club, the average student puts in over 40 hours a week. This in itself can be a lot to handle, but quite a few students at HHS have other major time commitments: JOBS! Stop by any fast food restaurant in town, if you need proof. Students have not only invaded the restaurant job market, but many established employment in other areas. Washing cars, secretarial work, and checking groceries are just a few more ways HHS students have found to make some extra money. These students learn responsibility and the meaning of the old adage: "Time is Money".

Right: Tim Ledbetter happily responds to someone's Big Mac attack.

Below: Jason Hollenkamp deftly demonstrates his talent for maneuvering numerous shopping carts at once.
Left: Chad Klostermann has a little too much fun slicing pizza.

Below: Nichole Ripperda anticipates going home as she begins her work.

Above Left: Alisha Heinemeier carefully logs-in an order at Pizza Hut.

Above: Jeremy McWhirt makes use of his green thumb at his after school job.

Left: Regina Gruenenfelder takes out the papers and the trash.
"Determination," was be a good word to describe the '96-'97 Varsity Basketball team. The team was coached by Jeff Faulkenberg, who had a difficult task of trying to duplicate the successes of last years’ "Sweet 16" team. The team started out the season with two strong wins against Wesclin and Civic Memorial. Then, later the team participated in the annual Mater Dei Tournament, where they took tenth place, but not to worry, the Bulldogs came back and won the consolation trophy at the Belleville East Tournament not long after. The team also won 2nd place in the Mississippi Valley Conference with a record of 9-3 in MVC play to finish off the year. The All-Conference winners were: Matt Barnett, (1st team), Tim Marks, (2nd team), and Jim Winet (Honorable Mention.) The team’s overall record was 15-12 after a 4-7 start. The '96-'97 Varsity Basketball team was a team that everyone is sure to remember, and like every good team they worked together to make it a good year!

Above Right: Jim Winet gets ready to pass the ball to a fellow teammate.
Below: Justin Rittenhaus dribbles down the court.
Left: Damien Bolen goes for a spectacular lay-up.

Below: Dusty Kantner tries his best to steal the ball from the other teams players.

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Back Row: Denny Ammann, Matt Gelly, Doug Burgett, Brandon Potthoff, Blake Rinderer, Lee Fuqua, Mr. Cryder, and Mr. Faulkenburg. Middle Row: Ryan Goestenkors, Justin Rittenhouse, Tim Marks, Alex Scholl, Alex Raab, Matt Barnett, Damie Bolen, and Zach Lewis. Front Row: Jim Winet, Devon Faulkenberg, Jordan Faulkenberg, Dillian Faulkenberg, and Dusty Kantner.
Crazy Hoops

By: Donny Gunter

Below: Doug Burgett jumps to slam the ball through the hoop while Brandon Potthoff looks on.

Squad Succeeds with Determination and Desire

The JV Boys Basketball team had hopes of finishing the season above the .500 mark after finishing last season with a remarkable 17-1 record. The Bulldogs went from an all juniors team last year to juniors, sophomores and a freshman this year. It turned out the team ended the season with an even .500 record. Leading the way for the Bulldogs was sophomore Tyson Zobrist. Coach Cryder commented,

"Tyson Zobrist was the most consistent player this season." The Bulldogs finished the season with an 8-8 record overall and were 6-6 in the Valley Conference. The highlights of the season were: a 23 point blowout over rival Triad, and the Dogs' win over previously undefeated Jerseyville in overtime. The Bulldogs were coached by second year veteran Jay Cryder.
Basketball

9 WINS 7 LOSSES

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47 @ Bethalto 56
38 @ O'Fallon 40
51 @ Jerseyville 65
45 @ Edwardsville 61
59 @ Wood River 28
56 Jerseyville (ot) 55
50 @ Triad 51
32 @ Roxana 42
67 Triad 44
66 Wood River 32
39 Waterloo 27
73 Mascoutah (ot) 80
60 Roxana 45
57 @ Wesclin 30
42 Bethalto 45
39 @ Mascoutah 36

JV Basketball Bulldogs (left to right) On floor: John Klaus, and Jared Lingermann (2nd row) Damion Bolen, Ryan Goestenkors, Ryan Rexroth, Brandon Pothoff, and Brandon Trover, (3rd row) Manager Denny Ammann, David Brown, Tyson Zobrist, Zach Lewis, Doug Burgett, Dusty Kantner, JV Coach Jay Cryder, and Varsity Coach Jeff Faulkenberg

Above: Mr. Jay Cryder is the coach of the HHS JV Boys Basketball team.

Above: Junior Doug Burgett is ready to steal the ball from the opponent.
Throughout the 1997 girl's varsity basketball season there were many reasons to believe the strong reputation of the Lady Bulldogs would be injured. Besides adapting to their new coach, Dawn Steiner, the team faced everything from broken wrists to head injuries and even a flu epidemic. The Lady Bulldogs did not let these minor setbacks stand in their way. Their record of 14-14 proved this true. Highlights of the season include: becoming consolation champs in the Mascoutah tournament, hosting the annual Highland girl's basketball tournament, and co-captain Mandie Schmitt joined the 1000 point club. The ending of this season included the most memorable moments of the year. After attaining the regional title the girls finished the season in a sectional championship game. The post season was especially exciting for Mandie Schmitt, who competed in the state 3 point contest at ISU. The 1997 season was literally a survival of the fittest and the Lady Bulldogs proved worthy of accepting the challenge.
Above: Stephanie Trame jumps up to block the shot.

Left: Brooke Dillier reaches for the ball.

Above left: Jeff Johnson joins faculty who come out to give the Lady Bulldogs fan support, which is an important aspect of any sport.

Above: The girls salute their senior teammates Rita Durbin and Mandie Schmitt.

1996-1997 Season Highlights:
Consolation Champs in Mascoutah Tournament
1997 Regional Champions
Beat long-time rivals Jerseyville
record: 14 - 14

“This group played like a team—from their heart.”
Coach Dawn Steiner

Awards
New scoring record - 1382 points
Mandie Schmitt
Hustle - 110%
Jene’ Klostermann
Most improved
Jamie May
The JV Squad had GAME!!

The JV Girls Basketball team this year was definitely one to be proud of, and Coach Theresa Tucker was. The team, according to her was one that, "worked well together and worked hard." The JV girls practiced hard, as did the freshman and Varsity every day after school from 3:00-5:00. Their workouts and warmups were both physically and mentally challenging, but they paid off. The JV girls were 11-6 at the end of the season, and 5-1 in the conference. The girls played together as a real team and had very good reason to be proud of the hard work and effort that they put out day in and day out. Sports are not just about winning and triumph, but about playing well together and learning from one another how to improve the game, and the JV girls definitely had it!

Top Right: Stephanie Trame ever so casually handles the ball during warmup practice before a game as her teammates practice shots in the background.

Right: Coach Theresa Tucker intensely coaches the JV girls at a dramatic time out.
Sitting (L-R): Erin Hansen, Jennifer Koishor, Jennifer Zobrist, Courtney Hochuli.
Top row: Terri Schmitt, Danielle Koishor.

Below: Jennifer Zobrist looks on as Jennifer Koishor wipes the abundant amount of perspiration that an active player produces.
MVC CHAMPS!!

HHS girls capture crown for 1st time ever!

"TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More." These words had an impact on the varsity softball team. They used teamwork and determination to create a winning season. Between the practices, games, and craziness of injuries they managed to have fun and get along. The team of 12, was led into battle by the very intense, Coach Jody Ramsey. She taught teamwork and determination, which they used to have a monumental season. "We met some goals that we had set. We wanted to win conference and we did. I had some talented players who worked hard and used their talent to the best of their ability," said Coach Ramsey. It was a terrific trio of senior girls who led the way for a new wave of players. The three seniors were: Becky Thole, who commanded the bag at first, Mandie Schmitt who kept the opponents in line at third base, and Crystal Donaldson who maintained the focus by snagging balls hit her direction in right field. The team also consisted of six juniors, two sophomores and one freshman. During the season the team not only won second place in the Marissa tournament but the girls also captured the first MVC title in HHS softball history. These girls learned to work together and developed a good season into a great one. This team clicked more than in past seasons as proved by their statistics.

Right Above: The team cheers one their teammates on to hitting a homerun.
Right: The catcher, Danielle Koishor, awaits the ball for the third strike.
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Second Row: Heather Huelsmann, Jennifer Jakel, Crystal Donaldson, Kristen Schmidt
Back Row: Becky Thole, Danielle Koishor Shauna Holemann, Jackie Kutz, Mandie Schmitt and Brooke Dillier

Far Left: Mandie Schmitt prepares for the ball.
Above Left: The Highland batter stares down the opponents' pitcher.
Below Left: Becky Thole watches for the ball hit in her direction.
Balls "r" Flying

by: Melissa Stokka

The Highland JV Softball Team started out with somewhat of a losing streak. But, not to worry, they recompensed for their losses later in the season when they united together and won just as many games as they had lost. Their prior record was 10 and 10, and the Highland softball girls were led by their number one player Becky Schrieber. Becky, having almost a 500 batting average, and being the team’s main catcher, led the team to many of wins during the season. The team was also under the leadership of three captains: Crystal Knacksted, Jamie Maegé, and Sherri Koenermann. These three girls are the sophomores. The rest of the team is made up of all freshman. The team suffered injuries during the year - Eileen Holthaus’s blast in the eye caused from the ricochet of the ball because of her own bat. Then there was Jackalyn Elliot’s sprain to her wrist causing her to miss most of the season. The outfielders on the team were: Jenni Branch, Jessica Baeser, Jackie Branger, and Eileen Holthaus. Jessie Frey started out among the outfielders, but was later positioned at third when Shauna Holcmann moved up to varsity. The best defensive player of this team was Sherri Koenermann, who played shortstop for the 96-97 season. Overall, these girls made improved and were an outstanding group of girls, and a pleasure to coach.

Above: Sherri Koenermann, already exhausted, decides to give her bat a rest.

Right: The JV team huddles as a motivation speech is given and their spirits rise.
SOFTBALL

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Above: First row, left to right: Coach Jodi Ramsey, Jackolyn Elliot, Anie Hertzberg, Coach Brenda Plocher.
Third row: Jennifer Branch, Jessica Boeser, Eileen Holthaus, Jessica Frey, Aimee Bochantin.

Above: As Crystal Knackstedt warms up her bat, Sherri Koennemann gives the ball a whack!

Left: Coach Brenda Plocher cheers on her player as she rounds third.

Above: Whoa, Becky Scheiber! What a pitch!
Making Tracks...

And Breaking Records.

Establishing a 15-1 season is a difficult task. Winning 2nd place in the MVC Conference marked a successful season. Setting two new school records was remarkable. Fielding a state qualifier was rewarding. Yet, this summed up the '97 girl’s track season. Erin Stracklejahn set a new mark in the triple jump, and Jene Klostermann raised the ante for long and high hurdles. Jene also qualified for state in hurdles. Conference individual champs were:

Jene Klostermann - 100 hurdle - 300 hurdle, 200 dash, and long jump. Natalie Gross - 3200 run, Jessie Frey high jump, Erin Stracklejahn - triple jump. Sectional champs: Jene Klostermann - 100 hurdle. Jene was named the MVP. This memorable season was produced by Ted Cipicchio and Jody Plater.
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Above: Dianna Hemmann is out in front by a nose as she breezes over the hurdles.

Above: Coach Cippicchio anxiously waits the final results.
New Head Coach Baele leads Boys Track Team to first ever MVC Championship.

The Highland High School Boys Track program faced a change for the 1997 season; gone was coach Henry Vogelman, and in was first year H.H.S. teacher Loren Baele. While capitalizing on the knowledge of Assistant Coach and former H.H.S. Track standout Kenny Hammel, Baele shaped a winning team for the new season. Several members played key roles for the team. Chris Fisher was the only returning letter-winner from the senior class, as he specialized in the long and high jumps. Several juniors were also extremely valuable to the team. The returning letter-winners from the junior class were: distance runner Caleb Grinter, high/long jumper Doug Burgett, and sprinters Nick Scheibel and Jared Klaus.

The Boys Track Team had a great year under new Head Coach Baele and Assistant Coach Hammel. Two most notable achievements were both the first ever major invitational win at Red Bud, and the first ever MVC Championship for the Boys Track program. Following the end of the regular season, juniors Grinter and Burgett advanced to sectionals, and Grinter went onto state. The 1997 Boys Track Team had an outstanding year, everyone on the team was commended for all of their hard work and accomplishment.
1997 Track

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Members of the 1997 Boys Track Team were: Sitting [1-r]: Dan Emig, Dameon Bourland, Danny Klaus, Geoff Sievers, Ben Horstman, Tomo Tadokoro, Jared Klaus, and Blaine Touchette. Kneeling: Michael Robinson, Dave Walker, Jason Remelius, Matt Nolte, Andy Daiber, Craig Manville, Dustin Talleur, Gabe Schrumpf, and Zach Knebel Standing: Coach Baele, Nic Scheibel, Tom Petrowsky, Chris Fisher, Caleb Grinter, Ryan Goestenkors, Matt Limestall, Brent Hustedde, Justin Hart, Doug Burgett, and Coach Hamel.

Above: Senior Chris Fisher high jumps during a meet.
Left: Coach Baele looks over results with freshman Dave Walker.
Above Left: Chris Fisher puts his best face forward while stretching for a meet.
The 1997 Highland varsity baseball season was full of surprises. Following the departure of a very strong senior class in 1996, the dogs were left searching for leadership. The Bulldogs did not disappoint. Six talented seniors stepped up to take charge of a relatively young varsity roster. Among them were Tony Ammann, Derek Holt, Nic Lappe, Matt Barnett, Andrew Holthaus, and Matt Wessel. Under the helm of head coach, Joel Hawkins, the younger players experienced baseball at a higher level and learned a lot more about the game.

Sophomores John Klaus, Jason Wiegand, Mike Frey, Tyson Zobrist, and Dusty Barr all contributed to the team’s success. The junior members of the team consisted of Jim Winet, Joel Cryder, Matt Widman, Brandon Potthoff, and Dusty Kantner. The juniors had a great season and they made it clear that they would lead their team to victory in the years to come. It was very apparent in the season that the Varsity Bulldogs were a tight-knit group. The team pulled together to have one of the best teams in recent history. When asked how this year’s team compared to last year’s team, Coach Hawkins was quoted as saying, "This team is better all around than last year’s. The players themselves were not better, but the team was. Never have I seen a group as close as these guys are. They pick each other up when they’re down and they really rally around each other. Also, in my twelve years as a coach here, I have never seen a team who could hit the ball better.” The Varsity Bulldogs truly did surprise this year. They ended the year with a record of 24-12 and captured the MVC Crown. They also beat Highland’s perennial rival, the Triad Knights, to win the Regional Championship.
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Front row (left-right): Jim Winet, John Klaus, Dusty Kantner, Matt Widman, Jason Wiegand. **Middle row:** Joel Cryder, Dusty Barr, Mike Frey, Tony Ammann, Andrew Holthaus, Derek Holt. **Back row:** Nic Lappe, Matt Wessel, Matt Barnett, Brandon Potthoff, Coach Joel Hawkins.

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Above: Junior Brandon Potthoff delivers the pitch. **Left:** Junior Dusty Kantner anxiously waits to bat.

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Above: Senior Derek Holt checks the signs from the pitcher. **Above Left:** Junior Joel Cryder reaches full extension on a throw to first. **Left:** Senior Matt Barnett steps up to the plate at the new diamond at Glik Park.
Above Right: Jeremy Hensen "gears up" for another inning behind the plate.


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The J.V. Baseball Bulldogs’ season bodes well for the future.

The 1997 Junior Varsity Baseball Bulldogs enjoyed a superb season. Under the tutelage of coach Jay Cryder, the J.V. Dogs finished with a respectable record of 12 and 11 (6 and 4 in the MVC). They enjoyed a big victory against Breese Central in their season opener, but struggled to get past the “500” mark early on. By the middle of the year, they had put an end to that problem, winning, at one point, eight out of nine games. They definitely served to whet the appetites of fans as they showed a great deal of promise for the next couple of years of Bulldog baseball. One of the most astounding wins of the season came against Taylorville at home on May 10th. The JV Dogs gave up fourteen runs in two innings, but showed determination and discipline in coming back from the large deficit and actually winning the game 18 to 17. Coach Cryder called it a “very successful season” and added that his team was a very “hard-working group.” Clearly this “hard-working group is headed for many more “successful seasons.”

Above Left: The Bulldog dugout plots a big fifth inning against Taylorville.

Left: The Dogs hustle off after a “one-two-three” top half of the inning.
The boys tennis team is definitely tenacious. They practiced nearly every day after school to perfect their skills as tennis players. Skill and hardwork are the key elements in a successful team. These qualities are definitely present in the HHS boys tennis team. "I feel we have some of the best kids in school on our team. They all have demonstrated a desire to improve their skills in tennis while maintaining good academic standing," commented coach Pat Bradley.

The team consists of Jason Ashford, Sam Myint, Bryan Bourdouris, Jonathon Halvorson, Devin Heisner, Tyson Heisner, and Phil Zappia, who are all varsity starters. The other members of the team include Kirk Linenfelser, Drew Neudecker, Justin Fitterer, Dale Holzinger, Adam Fernandez, Nathan Mcpherson, Justin Bolk, Steve Carey, Paul Scherschel, and Aaron Albregts. Jason Ashford is the sole senior and captain of the team. Their team record is 9 wins and 7 losses. Their conference record is 3 wins and 3 losses. Sam Myint took fourth at sectionals and qualified for state. According to Bradley, one of the good characteristics of the team is that the players have a lot of speed, and have the ability to cover the court well. Bradley's last comment was "Because we have so many young players on the team, we can look forward to some great tennis in the years to come."

Above: Coach Pat Bradley and her husband.
Top Right: Sam Myint prepares to send the ball to space.
Bottom Right: Tyson Heisner pursues the play with "perfect precision."

Top Right: Phil Zappia puts body and soul into his game. Bottom right: Bryan Boudouris waits patiently to score. Far Left: Jason Ashford sets up for a killer serve.
Organization in the Departments?
by: Libby Phillips

department n. a separate part or division of a complex system; a branch of a business, government etc. -departmental adj. pert. to a department; organized into departments.

opening n. 1. a beginning. 2. an open space; a gap, breach, clearing etc. 3. a business opportunity; vacancy.
Or has it turned Chaotic?
Few people were more dedicated to organizing chaos than the administrators of Highland High School, headed by Mr. Steve Harsy in his third year as principal. Assistant principal Barry Thomas handled student attendance while Steve Lanxon again took charge of student activities. Athletic Director Brad Hyre coordinated the year of HHS sports. Plus, secretaries Gail Braundmeier, Tina Diesen, Sherry Fletcher, and Terry Frey did everything! School Superintendent Jim Burgett and staff made the year run as smoothly as possible regardless of rain, snow, sleet or hail, and plenty of treacherous precipitation fell during the year.
The 1996-97 school year was full of chaos in the English Department, regardless of class or grade level. Everyone faced trials and terrors at the hands of the delightful English Staff.

The class of '2000 suffered through their first major dose of Shakespeare with "Romeo and Juliet," but a new twist was the release of a movie that modernized the classic. This enabled a field trip to the Galleria, and no one seemed to complain. The class of 1999 faced more Shakespeare, more writing and more English fun.

The class of 1998 experienced what every junior must: THE DREADED TERM PAPER!! Luckily, there were only a few fatalities, and the capable librarians helped to make things as painless as possible. The class of 1997 had many choices to further their English prowess, the classes ranged from Basic Novels to A.P. English IV. The seniors took field trips, with some classes heading to the Fox Theatre or taking the Group Challenge at the Y.M.C.A.

Spanning four grades with many diverse course offerings, the English Department may be chaotic, but it is all worth it for such a great language!
Left: Mrs. Frederickson is giddy with excitement as she lectures her English II class back after her maternity leave; Brandon Kruep is obviously excited to see her back.

Below: Mrs. Meyer looks physically ill while reading junior Zack Lewis’s paper as Alisha Heinemeyer deems herself unpresentable for a picture.
PERIODIC CHAOS IN THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

By: Melissa Stokka

The chaos that causes stress for the future chemists and biologists originates in the science department of Highland High School. Because of the many experiments needed for the student’s full understanding of science, the chemistry lab is located in between all science classrooms for easy access.

The science department consists of a spontaneous staff of six individuals: Mrs. Jodie Ramsey, Mrs. Gina Hirsch, Mrs. Brenda Mertes, Mr. Brent Grodeen, Mr. James Meyer, and Mr. Clifford Parker, who with the help of their student teachers, completes the 1996 and 1997 staff. Throughout the course of the school year students were given the opportunity to attend annual science competitions. Students of select classes were also given the opportunity to attend a variety of field trips.

These field trips involved Mr. Meyer’s Ecology Club. The club attended the Illinois Water’s Project where high schools throughout the state were able to test, evaluate, and keep track of different water qualities. Also, some Chemistry I students chose to attend a number of field trips such as venturing to Shell Oil, or to the Science Center. Mr. Parker’s physics class coaxed Mr. Parker into allowing them to spend their field trip at Six-Flags. In the midst of the craze-driven field trips, students were not denied the benefits of the science department’s wonderful teaching processes.

Above: Keri Weiduwilt and Tara Anderson are proud to spend every weekday morning in the science department.
Right: Mr. Parker is heading out for the day as Vedrana Kostenjek hollars to him how inspiring his class was.

Below: Jonathon Port contemplates the conclusion to his experiment.
Above: As Mr. Meyer lecturers to his Chemistry class, some of his students find the overhead very amusing.

Above: Jason Wiegand and Jason Ashford figure out a way to tie up their lab assignment.
By: Brandy Mertes

This year history has repeated itself in the Social Studies department, the staff once again came up with creative and interactive ways to teach the curriculum. The government classes learned about the election process by holding one of their own. The department also held a “mock” election, to see who would be president if it were up to the students and faculty at HHS. A mock United Nations was formed, and met about various current difficulties. Sociology students were prompted to create a society without families, and be even more unique than Huxley was. Students assumed the identities of various historical figures in several “Meet the Press” activities. Mr. Frederickson fearlessly, well almost, lead his students into the new Mac Lab to experience ... THE INTERNET!!! And last, but definitely not least, Mrs. Kay’s annual A.P. American History Pumpkin Decorating Contest was a great success!
Barbara Kay
A.P. American History
Modern & Ancient
World History
A.P. European History

Steve Moore
Psychology
Sociology
Alternative Classes

Ron Holt
American History
Geography
A.P. Economics

Henry Vogelman
American History
Government

Matt Frederickson
Ancient World History
Modern World History
Government

Jay Cryder
Geography
World Studies

Keith Toennies
Ancient World History
Modern World History
Study Hall
Learning another language is definitely a feat that can frazzle your mind. Mastering the art of the foreign tongue can prove to be quite challenging. The people enrolled in these classes have to be given credit for the hard work they put forth in learning a foreign language. The fearless leaders of this department are Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Deets, and last but definitely not least, the tri-lingual Mrs. Thebus.

Mrs. Thebus taught French I, French II, and Spanish I. Mrs. Bowen taught Spanish II and Mrs. Deets taught Spanish III and IV. Aside from de-tangling the minds of confused H.H.S. students in class, the foreign language department also takes a number of field trips during the year.

Last Summer for the first time a trip to Italy was offered through the foreign language department. In December the French II class took a trip to the Art Museum in St. Louis. In March the Spanish IV students took a trip to Chicago. Some other activities of the foreign language department include projects, fashion shows, folk dancing, and believe it or not, cooking. The H.H.S. foreign language department gave the students the full cultural experience.

Above: Mrs. Thebus and Mrs. Deets seem to be running away from their students.
Top Right: “Ohh La La”, the beautiful Scott Brave poses for a French fashion show.
Middle: Mrs. Thebus observes her class working in groups.
Bottom: Amber Head and Brianne Murphy show their happiness that they are out of school and on a field trip.
Below: Jason Ripperda, John McGinley, and Rita Durbin kick back after a field trip to the art museum.

Middle: The fearless leaders of the foreign language department: Mrs. Deets, Mrs. Thebus, and Mrs. Bowen.

Left: Dianna Hemann and Katie Mucklow are happy to be on a French II field trip.

IF YOU TRAVEL TO THESE DEPTHS OF THE WORLD, LEARN THESE SKILLS FOR YOURSELF. THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS. LIVE, LEARN, AND REMEMBER. YOUR GUIDES ARE ERLENE BRENNER AND LINDA PLETT.

Right: The intrepid explorer Lety Garzia is discovering an unknown substance.

This is part of an ancient map that leads the way to the mystic place.
Remember these faces.
These are two of the best and only guides that will help you on your quest. They themselves have been skillfully trained in these crafts. They will extend you beyond your limits and teach you the tricks of the trade. If anyone, these are the ones to trust, but you must heed the ancient warning; "Follow always what they say."

Below: Matt Goldman, Jeremy Kneble, Jason Boeser, and others stare in astonishment at Nichole Branger while she is possessed by a ancient cooking god.
Far Below: Tayna Gardner learns the mystic art of back-stiching.
Dirty Business

by: Brandy Mertes

The Industrial Education Department took on a big project this year, bigger than anyone realized it was going to be. The department purchased and semi-constructed a greenhouse, to enrich the horticulture program. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans. However, the students and faculty refused to let 45 m.p.h. winds keep them down. They vowed that they will resurrect the greenhouse later in the year. On top of all the excitement going on outside, the faculty had another successful year indoors. The students, with guidance from the staff, have once again completed an array of welding and construction projects.

Above: Josh Kirchhoff turns the heat on his pipe welding project.
Right: Jason Boeser looks up, up, up at the 2" by 4" that Adam Durbin nonchalantly holds in the air.
Below: Katie Schrumpf, Matt Gelly, Melissa Miller, John Gibbons, Blake Rinderer, and Mandy Kapp look in amazement at the computer in Mr. Jones’ room.

Far Right: Nick Frank wields the bandsaw in welding class.
Right: George Atchison deftly displays the importance of precision, in welding.
Left: Nick Klenke watches Blake Rinderer and Mike Barth diligently work to stabilize the framework of the greenhouse.

Below: Shawn Kelly makes sparks fly in welding class.

Mr. Larry Jones
Department Chair
Ag Bus Op, Co Op, Ag Bus Mgt, Ag Science

Mr. Joseph M. Schaefer
Manufacturing I & II
Industrial Orientation

Mr. Donald Schmitz
Ag Power E, Ag Science
Ag Intro
Ag Hort I & II

Mr. Loren C. Baele
CAD/Drafting I & II
Industrial Orientation II
Counting the Craziness
by: Melissa Gall

is the square root of 56? Ask any math teacher and odds are they could tell you. The teachers in the math department used their incredible stamina and outstanding teaching skills and gave each student a chance to explore their intellect. The teachers used their creative minds and taught a trying and sometimes confusing subject. They taught everything from sequential algebra to calculus. The knowledge acquired by each student, will help them become successful in the future. The six teachers included Mrs. Lisa Brede, Mrs. Margie Duncan, Mr. Joel Hawkins, Mrs. Deborah Massey, Mrs. Jeannie Probst, and Mrs. Pamela Watts.

These wacky teachers used their excellent teaching skills combined with a little bit of fun to captured the minds of every student at HHS. Lee Fuqua said of Mrs. Duncan, “She must take a caffeine pill in the morning because she was always crazy and you never knew what she was going to do next.” The math teachers had their hands full with the students of HHS but they never became too frazzled or confused. Their excellent tactics kept the students sane while they managed to make a hard subject easy.

Above: Mrs. Duncan uses some zany tactics to teach her class.
Right: Contrary to the way it seems Mrs. Massey’s class is actually awake and paying attention.
Mrs. Lisa Brede

Mrs. Margie Duncan

Mr. Joel Hawkins

Mrs. Deborah Massey

Mrs. Jeannie Probst

Mrs. Pamela Watts
Perseverance. That is one thing the classes of the SED department had. The subjects available ranged from Resource (guided study hall), Job Skills (work study program), Science, American History, Sequential Algebra, Math 1 and 2, Transitional Math, Geography, English 1, 2, 3, and 4 and Health. A new program that was started just recently was Team Taught. This allowed two teachers in the same class which enabled more one-on-one teaching with the students. SED classes knew how to have fun and learn at the same time. Mrs. Korte took her class to an Amish village to observe the lifestyles of others, while Mrs. Weiss' math class went to Six Flags to learn about Physics. To learn about college life, SED students had the opportunity to go to BAC and SIUE. The students in the SED department have determination and perseverance.

Top Right: Justin Weiss asks for help from Mrs. Plocher during class so he can fully understand the assignment.

Above: Mrs. Miller displays her new gift in the classroom during the baby shower that was given to her by her students.

Right: Mrs. Plocher gives Bob Reidelberger a hand on his homework during studyhall before the day is over.
NOT DRIVING CRAZY, OR BEING TOO LAZY.

By: Donny Gunter & Sheri McWhirter

SAFETY IS THE CLASS THAT PEOPLE FOCUS THE MOST IN, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ONE THING AND ONE THING ONLY: THE MAGIC NUMBER OF 16 AND THE DAY THEY GET THEIR LICENSE. THE PEOPLE WHO HELP DECIDE IF IT IS TIME TO GET YOUR LICENSES OR NOT ARE MR. STILLWAGON, MS. HARRISON, AND MR. KANTNER.

P.E. is a very important part of your school day. It is a class that some people like and some people hate. But either way the teachers of these classes are going to try and get you in the best possible shape they can get you in. There are two different types of Physical Education: Conditioning P.E. and Regular P.E.

In conditioning P.E. you work your muscles by lifting weights and running, and in regular P.E. you learn different types of sports and the rules they require.

Above: Stephanie Neudecker finds physical pain caused by pull-ups incredibly hilarious.
Right: Tim Marks horse-around in P.E. during the basketball unit.

Below: Mr. Kantner enlightens his class to the functions of the human digestive system.
Ms. Jody Harrison

"I have always had a love for sports and physical activities and the outdoors—what a better profession, P.E." Ms. Harrison teaches regular P.E. at the school. She also teaches safety and behind the wheel to students prepared to get their licenses.

Miss Jody Plater

"I like anything that helps promote health and awareness to young people." Ms. Plater responded when asked why she chose to teach P.E. She has taught P.E. at HHS for three years and she also helps the football and track teams by being a trainer.

Frank Stillwagon

Mr. Stillwagon missed half of the school year due to medical leave. He teaches Conditioning P.E., Safety, and Behind-the-Wheel.

Mr. Kenny Hammel

Mr. Hammel was a fill in this year for a couple of months while Mr. Stillwagon had surgery. Mr. Hammel adapted very well to the first job as a teacher. Mr. Hammel had a very comfortable relationship with his classes and the students really seemed to like him.

Mr. Rich Kantner

Mr. Kantner teaches Conditioning P.E. as well as Health.

Photo: Melissa Iberg and Rhonda Cates "pump-up" in Conditioning P.E.
Chaos Can Be Healthy!

By: Kevin McGinley and Melissa Stokka

Health was a required class for every sophomore during the 96'-97' school year. Any person who thought Health would be an easy class was quickly shown that it was far from easy. The students learned all the major aspects of health, and studied the body's systems and organs. Students also learned about things which cause bad health. Another main part of Health gave every student a chance to learn C.P.R. and first aide. Students then had the option to become certified by the Red Cross. Because trying to keep a teenage body healthy always leads to chaos, the Health teachers had to work extra hard to educate. All things accounted for, Health was chaotically healthy!

Above: Mr. Kantner explains a body system to his very interested 7th hour health class.
Above Right: Jennifer Dauderman, Scott Brave, and Brian Tilson take notes during one of Mr. Kantner's exciting lectures.

Mr. Rich Kantner
Ms. Jody Plater
Medical Occupations was a relatively new class at Highland High School. Medical Occupations teachers **Mr. Hyre** and **Mrs. Fisk** worked hard to convey their medical knowledge to every student in the class. In Medical Occupations I and II, students learned an abundance of medical terms, as well as a detailed look at almost every type of medical career. In Medical Occupations III and IV, students learned more medical terms, dealt with such topics as anatomy and physiology, and also learned a great deal about athletic training and physical therapy. With such a wide array of topics covered, students in these classes received a great foundation of knowledge and a look into the exciting and often chaotic medical profession. And finally, any person who didn’t believe that careers in medicine are chaotic, as everyone in Medical Occupations would agree, has never seen an episode of E.R.!

**Above:** Mr. Kantner pauses while working hard to grade his class’s “evaluations.”

**Above Left:** Tammy Ernst and Tony Gleason are planning a Health study party while listening intently to Mr. Kantner.
When one thinks of artists, Renoir, Picasso, DaVinci, and Warhol comes to mind. In the world of art, conformity and uniformity were not characteristics that defined an artist. In fact, the more unique and creative the work of art was, the more renowned the artist was.

In the Art Department at Highland High School, Ms. Ann Pastrovich provided an atmosphere which supported creativity and had a structured enough environment to let the students flourish. From simple sketches to water color paintings, the art students did a little bit of everything. Not only were traditional art classes held, but a computer graphics class incorporated design and flexibility on a computer. The art classes emphasized a combination of the students’s natural talent with the new techniques acquired from the instructor. At times, the art room would look a bit disheveled. With construction paper bits that adorned the floor, glue stuck to things other than paper, and students who battled for that last piece of yellow felt, things would seem to be a muck. Not to fear, these would only be the tell-tale signs of artists at work. Many students enjoy and thrived in The Art Department. From freshman to seniors, the students at HHS exhibited their artistry in the halls and on bulletin boards around the school. Such students as Tara Holzenger and Dameleon Bourland contributed their creations as well.

The Art Fair was held in early May and displayed artworks from the art students and students in other classes. Other classes were able to try their hand at drawing or painting and then submit them to the Art Fair. The Art Fair was an excellent venture that incorporated art students and the school. The Art Department, with all of its young artists like, Robby Hoffman and Julie Zurlune was sure to succeed in the development of truly great art students that maybe one day would be the next Salvador Dali.

"The projects we do in art class, especially water color paints enrich the mind and the soul."
- Jeff Johnson

Above: Chris Sackett, Michelle Zink, and Amanda Traub finish up their masterpiece with precision and accuracy.

Right: Junior Ben Wombacher and Senior Andrew Holthaus intensely work on a cut n paste project for mentor Ms. Pastrovich.

Above Right: Sophomore Angela Witcher mounts the latest works of art from her fellow peers.
It was the first day of the second semester. The second bell toned. A trickle of students filed into their first hour class. One looked to the department adjacent to the senior locker stalls. GUIDANCE. A stream of students lined up to confer with a counselor about altering their existing class schedule. Whether it’s discrepancies with the class, teacher conflicts, or just an overall change of heart—students barraged the patience counselors with their every request.

The guidance counselors at Highland High School included, Mrs. Sherry Thomas, Mrs. Carrie Iftner, and a new addition, Ms. Julie Daniels. The Guidance Department assisted in many aspects of the school, including freshmen orientation, scheduling, and promotion of the club Jimmy G’s Kids. Guidance also took part in helping seniors with college information and scholarships. The Highland High School Guidance Department made it their goal to provide the students with a sense of security but to also make sure when leaving High School, one was a happy, responsible, productive individual. The Guidance Department was one of the very important keys to what made Highland High School a successful and productive institution.

Top Right: Carrie Iftner and newcomer Julie Daniels compare notes on the Freshman Orientation schedule.
Bottom Right: Sherry Thomas and Carrie Iftner help Erica Thomas and Jenny Bellm decide what classes to take their senior year.
Business in today's society, is the key to success. Keyboarding, Product Marketing, Info Processing, and Accounting, are just some of the business classes offered in the Business Department at Highland High School. Dr. Baker, the head of the Department, was also the master mind behind the CO-OP program. CO-OP gave a selected group of students a chance to experience the working world, and earn High School credits for it. The students that are chosen to participate in the CO-OP program attend school for half of the day, and spent the rest of the day at their various jobs. The CO-OP program gives its students a chance to acquire responsibility and useful skills that are vital to the work force. Michelle Cruthis, a participant of the CO-OP program, commented "CO-OP gave me a great opportunity to organize and advance my working skills." When asked about her thoughts on the Business Department, Mrs. Wolfe responded with, "I believe that the Business Department is teaching the latest programs available in the business world today." When Dr. Baker was approached about his opinion of the Department, he replied ever so enthusiastically, "I-CAN is the most challenging program that I teach, but it is the most rewarding." His last comment was, "There's no monkey business in this Business Department."
Above: Mandy Hemann and Jessie Winet work diligently on their assignment.
Left Clockwise: Dr. Baker, Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. Faulkenburg and Mr. Cippiecio.

Just like Master Card you can master the possibilities in the Business Department.
The Highland High School Marching Bulldogs ended their season on a great note! They started the year by working hard to raise enough money to attend the Liberty Bowl and perform in the half time show. On December 26, 1996 at 4:00 A.M., the Marching Bulldogs began their trip to Memphis Tennessee. They were not just there for fun, they were also there to compete in a parade competition. Their performance was outstanding! Highland had the best guard, best percussion, best general effect, and best music. They took first place overall, despite all the rain and sickness.

The Marching Bulldogs marched and competed numerous times throughout the year. During the summer they marched in many local parades: Memorial Day, Grantfork, New Douglas, Alhambra, Pierron Homecoming, as well as the Schweizerfest parade. The Marching Bulldogs also attended a field show and parade competition at the University of Illinois. What a great year for the Marching Bulldogs!
Left: Nicky Horstmann and Leslie Barnes finish marching in their last Homecoming Parade at HHS.

Below: A glance at the half-time performance, in which the Marching Bulldogs performed.

Above: A group of senior flag members sit and wait for their big performance, as they try to keep warm.

Left: The award winning Bulldogs, marching down the streets of Memphis in the pouring down rain.

Below Left: Liz Driemeyer and Renee Linenfelser just found out their performance was best overall.
Concert Band:


Top: Freshman Kyle Luitjohan and Senior Jeff Pinkel prepares back stage for their performance.

Bottom: The Concert band performs under the direction of Melissa Grygel.
That Sounds Great!

By: Joseph Maxfield

If you happened to pass by the downstairs corridor to the Highland High School band room in 1997, you, no doubt, enjoyed some of the pleasant musical stylings of the many talented young HHS musicians. The concert band and jazz band, under the direction of Melissa Grygel, wowed audiences at their Spring concert because of the dedication and hard work put in by all involved. It was safe to bet that even if one happened to stroll by the music hallway when the bands were not having a formal practice that someone was in the bandroom anyhow practicing one of their pieces. This commitment paid off, as the band had a successful concert at the middle school and an exiting time at the Memorial Day Parade. Also, many of the band members received awards at the annual Fine Arts Ceremony. The Outstanding Bandman Awards went to Mary Mollet, Niki Suhre, and Jake Wetzel. Wetzel was also honored with the John Phillip Sousa Award as well as the Rosenthal Memorial Scholarship. Rounding out the big winners were Stan Chang and Jeff Pinckel who won the Louis Armstrong Jazz Band Award.

Jazz Band:

Top: Highly decorated senior Jake Wetzel plays a solo that won him first place honors at Band Contest.

Bottom: The jazz band excites the crowd at its spring concert with a swinging version of the theme from Sesame Street.
Far Right: Mrs. Reubhausen directs the choir while "tickling the ivories."
Right: The fourth hour choir warms up for their winter concert.
Below: The seventh hour chorus sings without the use of their mouths.

Highland High School
4th Hour 96/97 Chorus

Musical Muddle
by: Emily Gallatin

"Music should be fun," was what Mrs. Reubenhausen really stressed when she talked about her '96-'97 chorus. This being her first year at the high school, since her move from the upper elementary last year. Mrs. Reubenhausen tried to liven up the chorus by having them perform in many area events. Their vocal ability was revealed in performances such as, Our Lady of the Snows Shrine, the Pepe, and Fine Arts Banquet, the solo, ensemble contests, and even threw in some caroling around Christmas time. In addition to all of those performances some of the real "go getter" students auditioned for the IMEA contest and the Mississippi Conference Festival. All of the students did very well including Nicole Niggi, who finished as one of the top singers in the Mississippi Festival. Even with all of these performances and auditions a select few, known as the Jazz choir, managed to find time to sing the Star Spangled Banner at some of the basketball games. They also performed at the Coffee house for the public's enjoyment. Both the Jazz choir and the chorus joined together on May eighth to bring us, the always wonderful, Spring Concert. The year was an overall success and the students had fun while in progress.

The HHS 7th Hour
96/97 Chorus

Below: A group of girls practice a song before Mrs. Reubenhausen comes back into the room.

Above: Back Row: Allison Campbell, Amy Keely, Adam Meffert, Jason Pike, Dennis Reckmann, Pete Babic, Janae Barker, Rachael Hooker, Julie Zarbiene, Bethany Gauwin Middle Row: Sara Braggemann, Anne Emig, Kelly Ribbing, Katie Ernst, Stephanie Kerin, Sarah Yautches, K-T Landers, Alicia Schulte, Becky Thole Bottom Row: Mrs. Reubenhausen, Barbie Walberg, Amy Holzhauer, Carrie Munie, Nicki Williams, Kate Cox, Cassie Sherman, Heather Steinkoenig, Becky Stukenberg, Carrie Abert, and Not Pictured: Andy Messerli
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Top right: Mrs. Highlander and Mrs. Meffert work together to get the job done. Bottom left: Lety Maldonado looks for a book. Bottom right: Manuela Prazeres spends her time in the library reading about America.
Studyhall...

Top left: Sandy Wilson and Jennifer Dauderman spend their study hall in the library to get caught up on some research. **Top right:** Scott Brave helps his friend with his homework in studyhall. **Bottom left:** Matt Nolte prepares for his test next hour. **Bottom right:** Heather Pain works on her homework while Stephanie Knebel begs for restroom privileges.
The 1996-'97 IRIS staff featured a lot of newcomers, a lot of talent, and a lot of chaos! Layout by John McGinley

If you wanted chaos, then the Journalism room was the place for you in 1996-'97. What was the job of the 24 students who took this class in 4th and 7th hours? Simple, to produce the yearbook you're reading right now. As the advisor, Ms. Taree McGee will tell anyone, this class was ran like a business. Students were given their own work loads, and it was their job to accomplish their assignments and meet their deadlines, while also helping those around them. 1996-'97 saw a jump in the enrollment on the yearbook staff to over 20 students. The large numbers, coupled with only two computers made for some hectic moments. The new faces were helped along by second year members, among them were Sheri McWhirter, who served as the yearbook's no-nonsense editor. Other second year staffers included: Jamie Caldwell, who served as assistant editor, Lori Guetterman, who did a great job running the difficult business department, Mandy Hemann, who worked hard all year on the ads, and Linda McCaw, who served as the "computer master". Shaun Voegele, ran the darkroom, and Jennifer Schmidt, Michelle Cruthis, and John McGinley used their creativity as section editors. First year students came into their own in the second semester, showing talent as budding journalists. The training they received by the second year students will ensure that next year's yearbook will be as good as the one you're reading now.

This year, Ms. McGee did something new, entering the second year journalists in a yearbook contest at SIUC. Highland was well represented, as Shaun Voegele snapped two of the three best photos in Southern Illinois, while John McGinley beat out close to 30 competitors to win the sports writing contest.

Don't think that the IRIS staff didn't believe in having fun though. With numerous parties to celebrate deadlines and birthdays, the 1996-'97 IRIS staff did a good job of mixing business, pleasure, and chaos.
LEFT: Ad manager Mandy Hemann discusses business with a potential advertiser.

ABOVE LEFT: Computer specialist Linda McCaw gives some advice to Emily Gallatin on her layout. 

ABOVE: Assistant editor Joe Maxfield sports a smile as he completes an assignment.

LEFT: Photo staffer Barry DuHasek is overcome by chemical fumes, escaping from the dark room.

BELOW: With deadlines approaching, Don Gunter gets down to business in the computer lab.

HHS IRIS
1996-'97
"Organized Chaos"

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"To be or not to be,"
was the burning question in all of the minds of the madrigal cast in 1996. The singers of the past were not going to let this fairly young tradition die. Thanks to the dedication of Mrs. Meyer and many others the tradition lived on. The Madrigal Dinners of 1996 brought forth many changes, the biggest being a new director, Mr. Bradley. The entertainment was provided by a cast that consisted of King Steven and Queen Suzanne, 16 singers, a jester (Doug Burgett), a serving wench (Jean-Marie Gilman), and a beggar woman (Tiffany Breuer). The audience’s eyes were transfixed on a stage set by bittersweet love songs combined with a comical script written by Mrs. Meyer. The goal of the cast of this year’s madrigals was to make this year unforgettable. From the start the goal was reached by selling out three separate performances. After several community appearances the cast was more than prepared for opening night. All three performances did prove to be unforgettable, as will the tradition of the Madrigal Dinners of Highland High School.

Above right: Becky Thole takes on the role of a serving girl.
Above: Doug Burgett is seduced by the beggar woman, Tiffany Breuer.
Right: The Madrigal singers enjoy their break.

Insert: King Steven and Queen Susanne ponder the night's performance.
Above: The cast of the 1996 Madrigal Dinners.
Left: Brandy Mertes relaxes after performing for the Chamber of Commerce.

Left: The brass ensemble adds to the atmosphere of a 16th century castle.
Right: The STAR WARS TRILOGY is bigger than ever in 1997!

Below: Nick Showalter, Felicity Coursey, Sarah Lawson, Bryan Leroy, Nick Hoffman, Randy Vail, Neal Knebel, Jared Pike, Lucas Ferrell, Tom Harmon, Ryan Tolbert, Angie Kapp, Demaris Cline, Amanda Cartwright, Crystal Price, Mike Stein, and Matt Becker make up the group known as the "Chain Gang."

Above: Vice-President of the United States of America, Al Gore visited Collinsville High School for the Democratic Convention. Right: Police officers and Police dogs scoured HHS on two different occasions to come up with only one arrest.
The year was full of Chaos, with moves toward Organization.

by: Sheri McWhirter

McGinnis is accused of murdering his lawyer who fought for custody of his children in a divorce suit with his wife. McGinnis had been on the run for several months before being picked up by police in Vandalia.

A little closer to home, tragedy struck the First Baptist Church in Highland. The church burned to the ground in an electrical fire that started in the basement. The congregation has been holding services in the Multi-Purpose Room at HHS since the blaze. Members are hoping to rebuild soon.

At HHS, a new rule prohibiting the possession of chains on a person aroused high tensions from a group of students. The group left campus on a march of protest naming themselves “The Chain Gang.” Despite their efforts, it appears that chains will remain forbidden.

For the first time in years, Highland High School had a drug sweep on Friday, April 11 during 3rd and 4th hours. Junior Jason Perigen was arrested in the parking lot for the possession of cannabis and other drug paraphernalia. Perigen was expelled from school in accordance with the HHS Handbook.

That wraps up the year in news. Stay tuned to the IRIS Yearbook for next year’s installment of national, federal, and local news.

What’s Your Take on Clinton’s Re-election?

Nic Lappe
“I think it’s a bunch of B.S.!”

Kevin McGinley
“It’s sad that our president is white trash.”

Sarah Nungesser
“I don’t know, but I wonder what Hillary’s going to do with her hair this year.”

Stephanie Trame
“I would have run against him if I was old enough.”
In School Suspension

The whole point behind In-School-Suspension was to punish students for breaking rules or being disrespectful. Apparently, ISS was designed to deter students from breaking rules by spending a day in "isolation." The benefit of ISS was that it kept the students in school and allowed them to do their school work for credit. History showed that the program worked. Many ISS students had fewer ISS's as they progressed through school.

Ms. Beyer was the one in charge. She monitored the students during their time in isolation. And contrary to popular belief, she was not Darth Vader after all! In fact, she was just doing her job; supervising the unruly.
Senior Superlatives

by: Nicky Horstmann
design by: Mandy Hemann

Next cover models for GO and Glamour: Nic Lappe and Mandy Hemann

Most unique personality: Trevor Bauchens and Judy Myint

Most likely to marry for $: Aaron Schwarz and Angela Lienard

Most likely to live off their parents: Joey Switzer and Jamie Ellers

Future writers for the Enquirer: John McGinley and Casey Wieser

Most likely to become army generals: Ken Garrison and Jessica Durham
Future Presidential Candidates: George W. Bush and Dickie Armitage

Future Pantene models: Tim Weinacht and Angie Klaus

Take offense to blonde jokes: Jeff Voss and Kim Vosholler

Most Unique Laugh: Mucklow and Leslie B.

And the Crown goes to... Sarah Maxfield and Robby Berg

Biggest Flirts: Jim Chestnut and Melissa Straube

Leaders of the next HEAVEN'S Gate: Mark Chaney and Lisa Pye
The IRIS Staff Says
Thanks to the Patrons!

With the 1996-97 school year ended, the IRIS Yearbook Staff wanted to thank all of the local businesses who purchased ads which helped finance the production of the book. A special thank-you goes out to Voegle Studio and the Highland News Leader for the use of photos, paper, and chemicals. Without their help, the book would have never happened. Also, the Journalism Staff wanted to show appreciation to all faculty and students who invested in this unique history book of Highland High School. It's our sincere desire that all will enjoy this book for years to come.

Above: Senior Robby Iberg created all artwork in the '97 IRIS. Thanks Robby!

Right: Seniors Mandy Hemann and Sheri McWhirtner had the two most difficult jobs on staff: Ads Editor and Editor-in-Chief.

Above: Nicky Horstmann was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who had trouble on their layout. Thanks for your generosity Nicky!


Right: Tim Weinacht, Mark Chaney, and Mike Voegle take a break at prom. The IRIS Staff thanks Mike for all he does for the yearbook. We appreciate it!!
Above: Dave Ellis is playing with his infamous drumstick!

Above: Mr. Trennies collects the trash from the freshmen during a locker clean-out.

Below: Jared Klaus, Barry Duhasek, Rehanaa Grady, Jimmy Warnerke, Tenaya Mulvey, Molly Frey, Alisha Heinemeier, and Amanda Vaniger share a comical moment.

Below: Angie Wozniak, Holly Kunz, Kristy Larson, Brandy Quade, Angie Klaus, and Mandy Hemann are on their way to Homecoming.
Right: Derek Holt, Andrew Holthaus, Trevor Boucherns, Tim Marks, Melissa Stolka, Suzan Michael, Brooke Diller, Barry Duhasek, Amanda Becker, Nic Rutz, Joel Cryder, Alex Raab, and Alex Scholl are having a good time at Prom.

Below Right: Mark Chaney, Tim Weinacht, John McGinley and Nic Lappe strut into the ballroom.

Below: Doug Burgett sings lead vocals for "Whistle," the band that played at Post-Prom.

Above: Jeff Johnson isn't happy with his hand while Ryan Wirz looks confident about the euchre game at Post-Prom.

Above Right: Wendy Winer, Christy Fort, Emily Gallatin, Amanda Johnston, Jean-Marie Gilman, and Tara Anderson get decked out for Prom.

Right: Andrew Holthaus crowd surfs before Mr. Jones and Mr. Schmitz could break up the fun.
Laser-Light-Show Prom planned as Organized Chaos

By: Sheri McWhirter

It was more than a night to remember! The laser-light-show prom with the theme song “Unchained Melody” was a definite success! Being in the large ball room at the Collinsville Convention Center was far more comfortable than the 1996 prom’s crammed dance floor. Even though the dance was held in a larger ball room, the place still heated up. It got so warm that several juniors, including Jared Klaus and Dameon Boland, felt the need to strip down to their bow-ties and keep on dancing!

Crowd-surfing was quickly overruled by Mr. Schmitz and Mr. Jones. Even Shaun Voegle, who was taking pictures for the yearbook from a friend’s shoulders, was asked to return to his own two feet. The junior class sponsors were no-nonsense lookouts who kept a tight control on the unrestrained behavior of Highland High School students who were out for a good time and the creation of a night of remarkable memories.

At post-prom, the euchre tournament proved to be difficult, the competition was considerably taxing. The velcro wall failed to meet up to expectations. Tim Marks was the only one to “stick” for any significant amount of time. During “Singled Out”, announcer Joey Switzer revealed Mark Chaney’s identity when the whole point was the contestant was supposed to be anonymous until the date had been chosen. And finally, the grand prize drawing materialized at 4:25 AM. The family of Shannon Parsons was kind enough to donate the Riviera that was given away. The car was to be Shannon’s when she got her driver’s license. Due to Shannon’s tragic death, the Parson’s presented the car to the post-prom committee. Everyone was extremely grateful, especially senior Brandy Mertes who was the grand prize winner.

For the seniors, it was the last HHS dance to attend. Nevertheless, the juniors will be back next year when the class of 1999 sponsors the prom of ’98. The sophomores have a challenging act to follow because prom of ’97 was tremendous!
Organization of the future looms ahead with a look back at the Chaos of high school

By: Sheri McWhirter

It was a long, hard endeavor, and it's all over now. Four years of high school were completed by the class of 1997.

Freshmen year began in August of 1993 and drudged on until June of 1994. For some, it was a year of fun, while for others, it was a living nightmare. Between P.E. and Romeo & Juliet, freshmen year was jam-packed. With sophomore year came Safety, and the world opened up for everyone with a car. Next was the third year of high school which came with American History, the Constitution test, ACT testing, the term paper, college applications, and the scramble for scholarships. It was the busiest year by far! By the time June of 1996 rolled around, the class of 1997 was ready for summer! Finally, in August of 1996, the senior year began. For some, it was time to relax and enjoy high school while others continued to keep their noses to the grindstone. The year ended with an impressive history! There was a stupendous Homecoming, two drug sweeps, and laser-light-show prom!

Eventually, June 1st transcended and it was time for the seniors to say good-bye. The ceremony was in the gym due to poor weather. The ceremony passed without a hitch thanks to a stupendous speeches by Mr. Burgett, Valedictorian Sandra Tasic, and Senior Class President Joey Switzer. Co-Valedictorian Joanna King also gave a speech on remembering high school. It was a perfect way for the seniors to bid farewell to HHS.

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"I was glad Sandra and Joanna (the co-valedictorians) thanked the teachers in their speeches."

Ms. McGee

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Do You Really Want to Leave HHS?

Joey Switzer
"All I want to do is go fishing!"

Mark Chesney
"I want to leave the rules and regulations, but not my friends."

Rita Dohlin
"Let's just say Dorothy's famous line 'there's no place like home,' is not exactly what comes to mind."

Tim Weinaucht
"I had many a good times here, but now I'm ready for bigger and better things."
Left: John McGinley is packed up and ready to go on the last day of school.

Below: Shaun Voegle peeks out of his car to say good-bye on the last day.

Left: Mr. Holt has found a magazine article that expresses the feelings of the seniors.

Above: Krystal Gruenenfelder shows her true feelings about high school.

Left: Mr. Parker's 2nd hour Physics class: Brad White, Tim Ledbetter, Sheri McWhirter, Nikki Suhr, Nick Schatte, Mary Mollet, Michelle Thole, Brienne Murphy, Nick Klenke, Jeff Voss, Stephanie Knebel, Amy Timmermann, Jen Schmitt, Renee Linenfelser, and Sandra Tastic.

Above: Joey Switzer gets excited when he sees only one day left on the senior count down.
Right: Valedictorian Sandra Tasic gave a stirring speech on looking into the future.

Below: Nicky Horstmann, Leslie Barnes and Sarah Maxfield sing the Star Spangled Banner at graduation.

Above: The head of the class before receiving their diplomas.

Above Right: Joey Switzer gives his emotional and message which impacted his fellow graduates.

Right: The seniors went nuts with silly string when they were officially graduated.
Below: Shaun Voegle, Derek Holt, Tim Weinacht, Nic Lappe, John McGinley, Hans Holzmann, and Mark Chaney reminisce on their football days together.

Below: Mr. Burgutt gives Jennifer Zeller her diploma.

Above: Tara Kleinhofler grins while receiving her diploma from Mr. Burgutt.

Left: Brian Beard, Bob Barth and Trevor Bauchens plan a little mischief while waiting to proceed into the gym.

Left: German Foreign Exchange Student Alex Raab files into the gym to receive his Honorary Highland High School Diploma.
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"Way to go, Joanna."

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Melanie--
We’re so proud of you and your achievements. Good luck
and much happiness as you begin your first year in college.

We Love You--
Mom and Dad
Ryan, Caroline, Tim, and Rachel

To Felix “Doug” Frassato,
We are so proud of you and wish you the best of luck.

Love,
Your Family

“A dream is but a dream
until a hopeful heart believes
and strives, intent to make
the dream come true.
The journey starts with one bold step,
the moment that you
know if something is to be,
it’s up to you.”

Amanda,
Congratulations! We love you
and the terrific person that you have
become. We are very proud of you
and all of your accomplishments.
May life bring you much happiness and success!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Amber, Ashley

Dan,
We are very proud of you. Always
keep your goals in sight. Your future will
be bright. Don’t forget your shades.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Annie, John

Susan, our architect-to-be:
Keep striving and working for
what you want in life. Don’t
lose sight of your goals. We’re
very proud of you and love
you very much!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Amy,
Peggy, & Jennifer
(Bailey, too!)
Melissa,

You are a very special person who has touched our lives. We congratulate you for a job well done and may your future bring you happiness and success. Remember we love you very much and will always be here for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Tiffany & Chelsie

Amanda was born on a rainy afternoon in Beaumont, Texas. I knew then she would bring a rainbow and joy to our lives. Amanda has always been a ray of sunshine to anyone she meets. Her beautiful smile, her sincerity, and her spirited attitude has always reflected her inner soul. Amanda will achieve many great accomplishments in her lifetime, but her greatest attainment has always been her shining smile from within. Wishing you the best always.

Mom

Amanda, the daughter with a smile.
Can steal your heart with perfect style.
Your life will be magic like a waving wand.
And we will stand proud right here in
Northfield.

Peggy Jennings (Gramma)

Congratulations Leslie!

May your future bring you as much happiness as you have given to us in the past.

We Love You,
Mom, Dad,
& Lynda

Nic,

Congratulations! We are very proud of you and wish you good luck in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Renee, Kim, Joel,
Jimmy and Danny

We're so proud of you! Good luck with the future and keep on smiling!

Love,
Mom & Dad

We are so proud
of you!

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