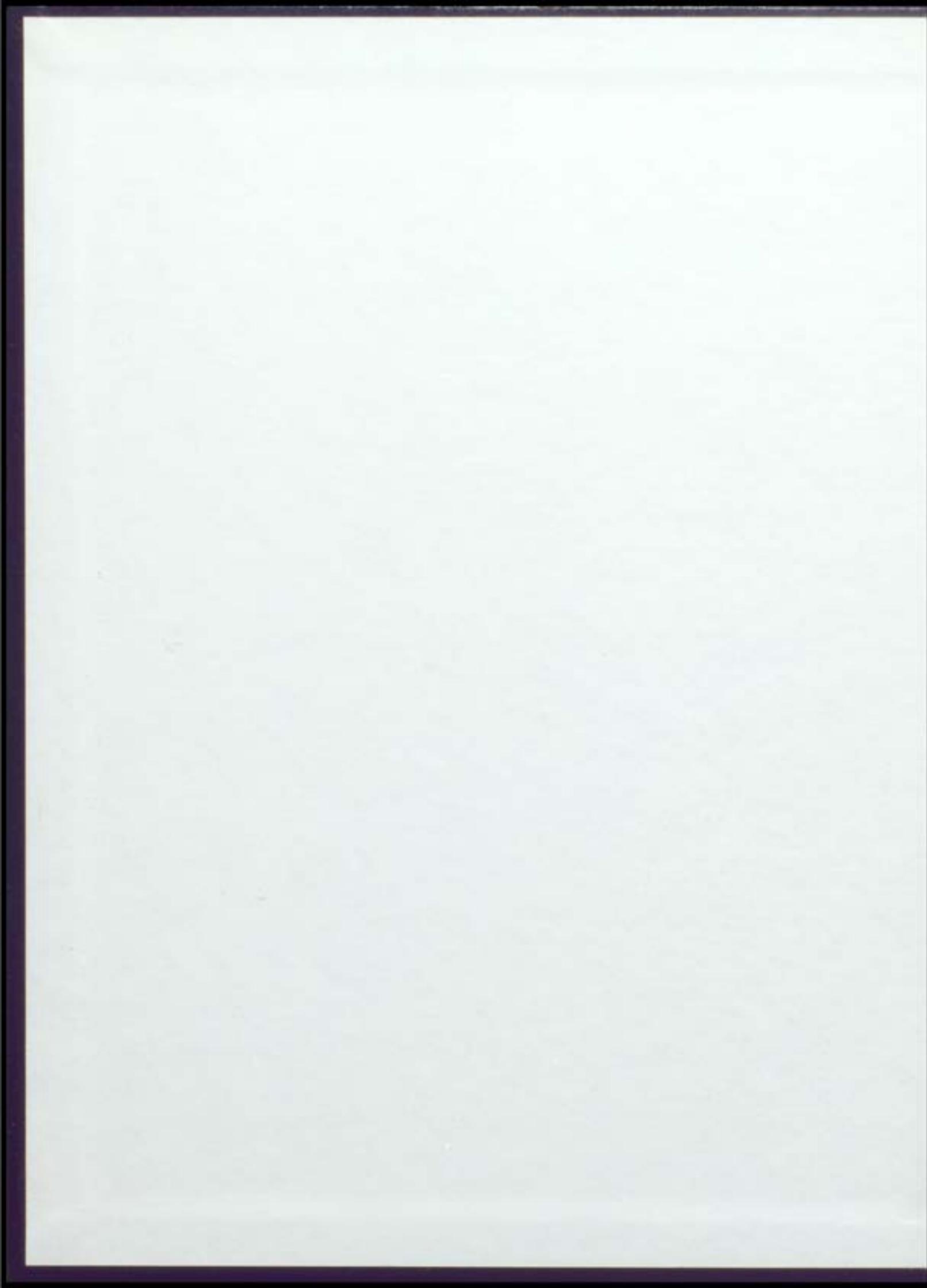
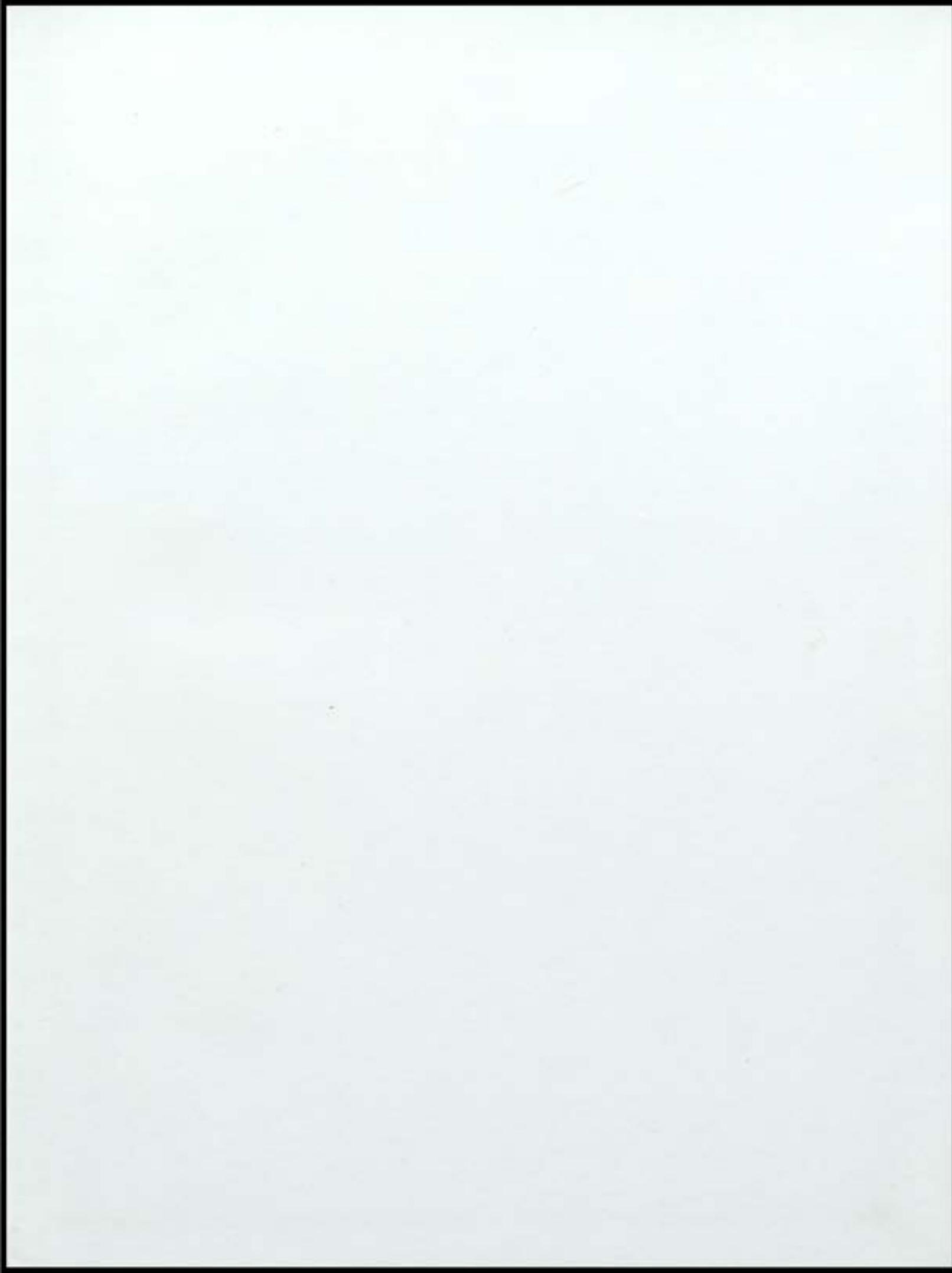


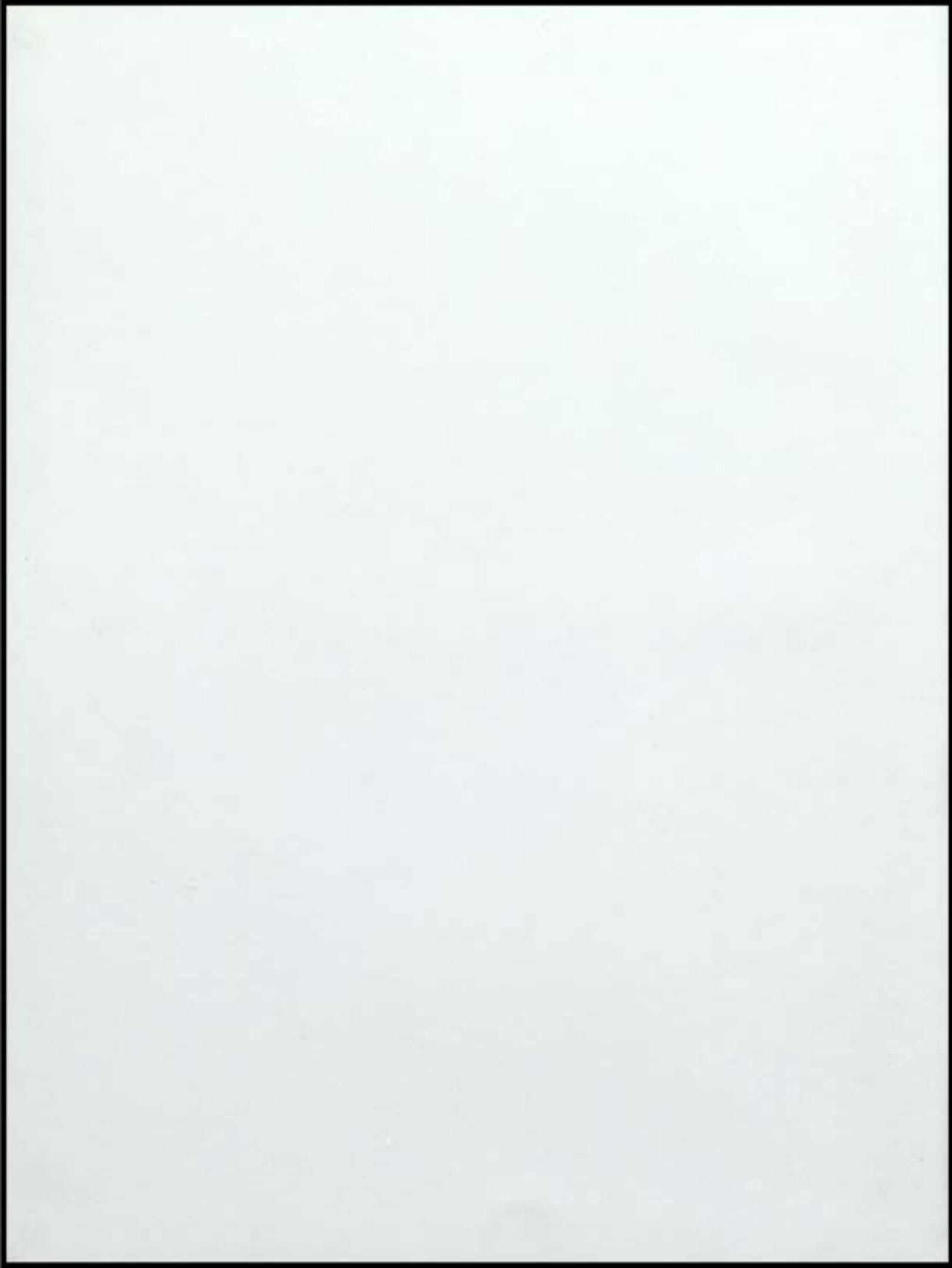
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Word for Word

Word: a unit of language, consisting of one or more spoken sounds or their written representation, that functions as a principal carrier of meaning.

SPIRIT WEEK

TRENDS

UNIQUE

DANCES

EXCITEMENT

NEW FRIENDS

TALENTS

LAUGHS

INDIVIDUALITY

FUNNY

EVENTFUL



SPREADIN' THE LOVE



Mac and
Brodie
Gallagher



Sam and
Katie
Gillespie



Ashley and
Tim
Jennings



Drew and
Kyle
Bradley



Matthew
and Lesley
Harper



Amanda and
Jared Jean



Tyler and
Kaitlyn
Harper



Seth and
Shelby
Gallivan



Tyler and
Megan
Tieman



Joe and
Ashley Wise



Jessica and
Jeremy
Sapp



Joanna
Sarver and
Kyle Moore



Carolyn
and Kyle
Woll



Michael
and
Rachel
Glaze



Olivia and
Hannah
Warren



Brooke and
Brandi Jean



Stephanie
Robeck and
Taylor Allen



Spirit Week

Monday- Class Color Day

Tuesday- Mardi Gras Day

Wednesday- Teacher Look-a-like

Thursday- Flashback Day

Friday-Spirit Day



Many students from each grade dress in their class color.

Freshman-Purple
Sophomores-Orange
Juniors- Blue
Seniors- Green

Guess Who?



Keri Rexroad and Cody Brumfield bring New Orleans to Bement by going all out for Mardi Gras Day.



Ashley Jennings painting Kayla Willmas's face on Spirit Day.

Showing our Pride



Greg Cahill and Mr. Brown dress alike on Teacher Look-a-like day. Can you tell which one is which?



Sarah O'Brien went back to the 80's.



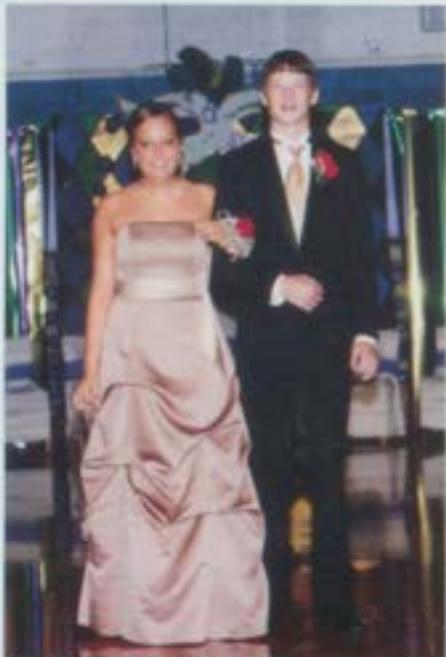
Cody Jividen and Derek Brinkley showing their spirit and getting ready for the big game.



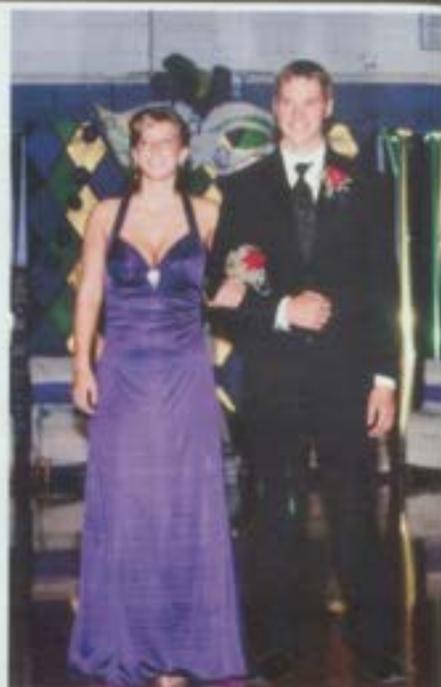
Paige Legue dressed up like Senora and even got the hair right.



Homecoming



Regina Bates and Paul Blythe



Emily Lietz and Nolan Bradley

Lauren Tucker-Hinton and
Michael Scott



Paige Legue and Drew Bradley

Ashley Verrando and Camron Smith



Mardi Gras 2008- BHS Homecoming Dance



Left: Paul Blythe, Camron Smith, Lindsey Pruitt, Drew Bradley, Justin Walsh, Michael Scott, Nolan Bradley, Jessee Quick, David Durbin, Regina Bates, Ashley Verrando, Paige Legue, Lauren Tucker-Hinton, Emily Lietz, Trinity Patterson, Abigail Lilly.



Left: Shelby Lust and Hannah Warren looking their finest at the Homecoming dance.



Above: Mac Gallagher, Shelby Lust, Makenzie Morten, Kyle Bradley and Noelle Horne at the homecoming dance.



Left: Jenni Romack, Elizabeth Glennon, Katie Gillespie and Sarah O'Brien

Homecoming Parade



above: Mrs. Hobson supervises Cassie working on the sophomore class top



The Junior Class top cruises through the parade



Above: Viktoria and Brittni show their spirit in front of the Junior class top.



Right: The Senior Class putting the final touches on their top in the IT building.

Relay for Life

This year, Piatt County Relay for Life was held at Bement High School. Despite the chilly weather, many students took part in this event to help fight cancer.



Matt Stephens tries to get a fire going for warmth.



Freshmen Katrina Lane and Jenna Salefski walking to help fight cancer.



Steven Bryan and Brock Ruple were members of the Lifesavers team.



Many booths were inside the cafeteria where it was warmer. Michael Glaze takes a break inside to release his inner Rock Star.



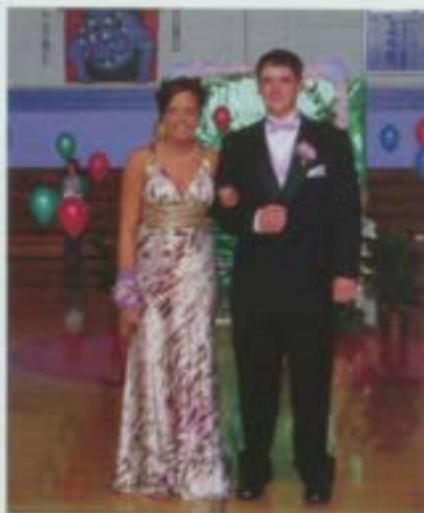
Taylor Smith and Ms. Sharp preparing for the long night ahead.

A Moment In Time

Prom 2009



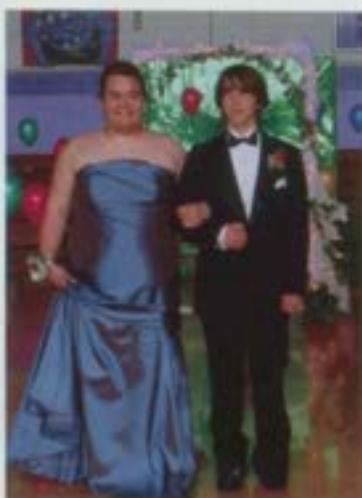
Lauren Tucker-Hinton
and Kyle Bradley



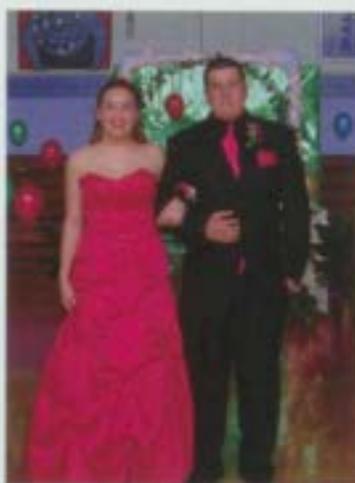
Regina Bates
and Dylan Clark



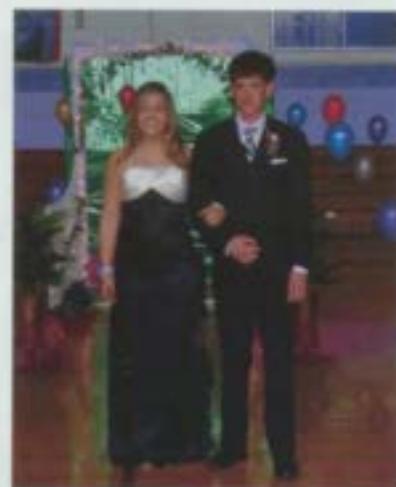
Students enjoyed a balloon release to
kick off Prom!



Amanda Jean and
Taylor Smith



Carolyn Woll and
Casey Knowles



Jenny Bentley and
Jesse Gifford

Prom was once again held at Kennedy's at Stone Creek. Promenade was also held in Walsh Gym prior to prom. Each couple was announced and many pictures were taken!

At prom you can usually find the guys hanging out on the balcony.





Class of 2010
Mr. Brown's Homeroom



Class of 2009
Mrs. Clark's Homeroom



Class of 2010
Mrs. Webb's Homeroom



Class of 2009
Ms. Anaya's Homeroom



It looks like the teachers had fun at Prom too! Mr. Brown and Ms. Benzek even showed off their dance moves!



Class of 2009
Ms. Benzek's Homeroom

CLASS of 2009



The BHS Class of 2009 is all smiles on Senior Day.

Front row: Matt Humphrey, Matthew Harper, Jesse Gifford, Seth Gallivan, Saxon Fritts, Adam Felt, Nolan Bradley, Drew Bradley, Ashley Bobbitt, Paul Blythe, Regina Bates, Erin Ashbrook

Middle row: Michael Scott, Jessica Sapp, Stephanie Robeck, Lizzy Pulido, Rajillia Nichols, Keri McIntosh, Annette Lincicum, Emily Lietz, Paige Legue, Austin Kopp, Ashley Jennings

Back row: Alysa Wiley, Olivia Warren, Ashley Verrando, Lauren Tucker-Hinton, Dustin Tipson, Skyley Taylor, Thomas Summar, Matt Stephens, Jordan Smith, Jessica Smith, Camron Smith, Josh Sepke

Below: Salutatorian Lauren Tucker-Hinton and Valedictorian Olivia Warren.



Cya

Regina Bates and
Emily Lietz



Ashley Jennings
receives an award
from Ms. Sharp



The Class of 2009
awaits the beginning
of graduation
ceremonies



Drew Bradley
receives an award
from Gene Schnierle

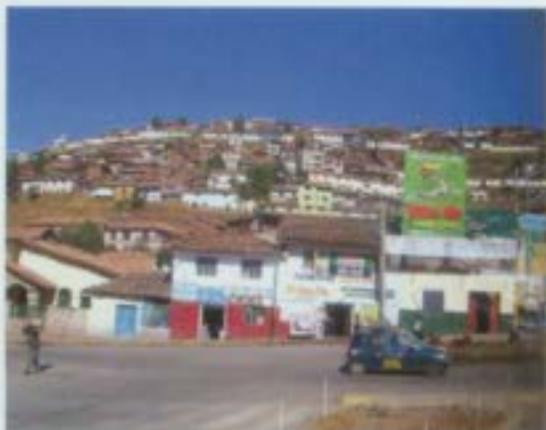


June 1st-9th, 2009

While in Peru the group traveled to Lima, Cusco, and Machu Picchu

Peru!

Below: The Amazing Machu Picchu



Above and to the Right: The city of Cusco

The Group included:
Senora Anaya, Jaki Hinton, Mac Gallagher, Makenzie Morton, Noelle Horne, Olivia Warren, Paige Legue, Clair Bryan, Seth Gallivan, Shelby Gallivan, Steven Bryan, and Ashley Jennings



Concentrate

Lessons

Assignments

Study

Scholarly

Educate

Serious





Erin Ashbrook
 "Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got."
 -Janis Joplin



Regina Bates
 "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

Paul Blythe

"So it goes."
 -Kurt Vonnegut



Ashley Bobbitt

"It takes life to love life."



Drew Bradley

"I tried being reasonable, but it didn't work."
 - Clint Eastwood



Nolan Bradley

"Just because I rock doesn't mean I'm made of stone."



Adam Felt



Saxon Fritts

"High school ...some of the best times you'll never remember."



Jesse Gifford

"You have to wonder at times what you're doing out there. Over the years, I've given myself a thousand reasons to keep running, but it always comes back to where it started. It comes down to self-satisfaction and a sense of achievement."
 -Steve Prefontaine



Seth Gallivan

"Because I couldn't stop for death, he kindly stopped for me. The carriage held but just ourselves and immortality."



Matt Humphrey

"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something, but I can't accept not trying."
 -Michael Jordan

Matthew Harper

"You won't get wise with the sleep still in your eyes, no matter what your dreams might be."



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SENIORS

Ashley Jennings

"Only when we are no longer afraid do we begin to live."



Ben Knapp



Emily Lietz

"Yesterday's just a memory. Tomorrow is never what it's supposed to be."
-Bob Dylan

Austin Kopp

"High school is like toilet paper, you only miss it when its gone."



Paige Legue

"Never let a day go by without a dream."



Annette Linicum

"Live life for today, not tomorrow."



Rajillia Nichols

"Character is who you are when no one is watching"



Keri McIntosh

"You cannot climb uphill by thinking downhill thoughts."



Stephanie Robeck

"We cannot change our memories, but we can change their meaning and the power they have on us."

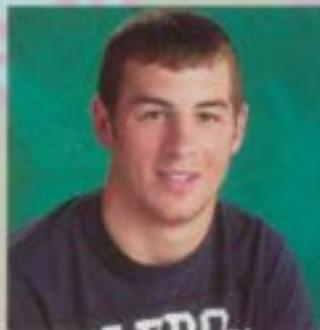


Lizzy Pulido

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."



Jessica Sapp



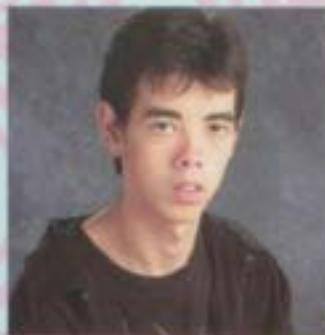
Michael Scott

"Any fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction."
-Albert Einstein





Josh Sepke
 "Smile big for everyone even when you know what they've done."

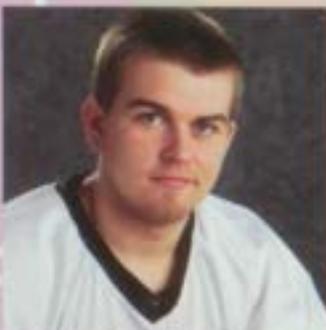


Donny Shankles
 "If you don't expect too much from me then you might not be let down."

Camron Smith
 "Either you define the moment or the moment defines you."



Jessica Smith
 "Never give up on something that you want bad enough."



Jordan Smith
 "Tough times never last, tough people do."



Matt Stephens

Skyler Taylor
 "Maybe we should start wanting what we have."



Lauren Tucker-Hinton
 "Happy girls are the prettiest."
 -Audrey Hepburn



Ashley Verrando
 "I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."
 -Henry David Thoreau



Olivia Warren
 "it's better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt."

Alysa Wiley



Alysa Wiley

Senior Homerooms

Left: Ms. Benzek's homeroom proudly displays the Pi trophy and their prize pie!
 Front row: Matt Stephens, Jordan Smith, Ashley Bobbitt, Keri McIntosh
 Back row: Saxon Fritts, Ms. Benzek, Jessica Sapp, Jessica Smith, Emily Lietz, Drew Bradley, Austin Kopp

Below: Mrs. Clark's homeroom
 Left to right: Mrs. Clark, Erin Ashbrook, Ashley Verrando, Michael Scott, Olivia Warren, Paul Blythe, Regina Bates, Nolan Bradley, Jesse Gifford, Ben Knapp



Class of 2009 Officers
 Paige Legue: Secretary
 Emily Lietz: President
 Lauren Tucker-Hinton:
 Treasurer
 Ashley Verrando: Vice-
 President



Senora Anaya's homeroom:
 First row: Senora Anaya, Donny Shunkles, Seth Gullivan, Josh Sepke, Skyler Taylor, Adam Felt, Matt Humphrey, Matthew Harper, Camron Smith
 Back row: Lizzy Pulido, Paige Legue, Lauren Tucker-Hinton, Ashley Jennings, Stephanie Robeck, Annette Lincicum



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Become President
Olivia Warren and
Paul Blythe



Join the Peace Corps
Matt Stephens and
Lizzy Pulido



Win an Oscar
Matt Stephens and
Olivia Warren



Be a beach bum
Adam Felt and
Lauren Tucker-
Hinton



Become a CEO
Seth Gallivan and
Olivia Warren



Win a Nobel Prize
Emily Lietz, Olivia
Warren, and Paul
Blythe



Win a Pulitzer prize
Emily Lietz and
Matthew Harper



Play college
athletics
Michael Scott and
Regina Bates



Laugh at anything
Jessica Smith and Drew
Bradley



Appear on COPS
Erin Ashbrook
and Skyler Taylor

Likely

O



Burn in 80 degree weather
Ashley Verrando and
Camron Smith



Stay together forever
Michael Scott and
Ashley Verrando



Argue with Mr. Elder
Thomas Summar and
Lauren Tucker-
Hinton



Fall asleep in class
Adam Felt and Erin
Ashbrook



Compliment you
Camron Smith, Rajillia
Nichols, and Josh Sepke



Trip themselves
Saxon Fritts and
Rajillia Nichols



Correct your
grammar
Emily Lietz and
Matthew Harper



Interrupt class
Ashley Jennings,
Drew Bradley, and
Stephanie Robeck



Skip school
Jessica Sapp and
Adam Felt



Most sarcastic
Seth Gallivan and
Ashley Verando



Has the funniest
laugh
Keri McIntosh and
Drew Bradley

The Class of 2010



(left to right): Hayley Hawn, Amanda Jean, Shelby Gallivan, and Kat Olmeda working together at Homecoming while Mr. Elder looks on



Shelby Lust showing her crazy side.

There are approximately 616,500 words in the English language. No one really knows the exact amount.

(source: <http://hypertextbook.com/facts/2008/johnlings.html>)



Colin Auth



Kyle Bradley



Steven Bryan



Dylan Clark



Kayla Comatser



Britni Dean



Andrew Fagin



Mac Gallagher



Shelby Gallivan



Sam Gillespie



Rachel Glaze



Hayley Hawn

Juniors



The Junior Homecoming float.



Mac Gallagher and Steven Bryan try to figure out a puzzle for Math week.

This year "crunk" was added to the dictionary even though it has been around for many years.

crunk n. a type of hip-hop or rap music characterized by repeated shouted catchphrases and elements typical of electronic dance music, such as prominent bass.

(source: <http://www.askoxford.com/worldofwords/newwords/?view=uk>)



Noella Hurne



Amanda Jean



Casey Knowles



Shelby Last



Makenzie Morton



Kat Olmeda



Chris Pierce



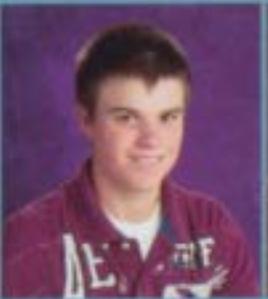
Skyler Reffett



Keri Rexroad



Viktoria Roemer



Ailer Rogahn



Dylan Schwartz

CLASS of 2011



Cody Bramfield gives his tough look for the camera.

Brittany Appleson
Chris Baines



Jenny Bentley
Derek Brinkley
Cody Bramfield
Greg Cahill



Michelle Clements
Tyler Dick
Greg Frey
Brodie Gallagher



Katie Gillespie
Elizabeth Olmson
Cassie Grant
Tyler Harper



Ashley Ishell
Brooke Jean
Brandi Jean
Jared Jean





AUTOGRAPHS

Brandi Jean, Tim Romine and Jared Jean enjoy their lunch hour.



Tim Jennings
Cody Jividen
Clayton Lilly
Macy Nelms
Sarah O'Brien
Josh Peeler



Nathan Propit
Jenni Romack
Tim Romine
Brock Rumble
Joanna Sarver
Taylor Smith



Charlie Thompson
Desi Utz
Courtney Weger
Carolyn Woll
Kennor Wright

CLASSES of 2012

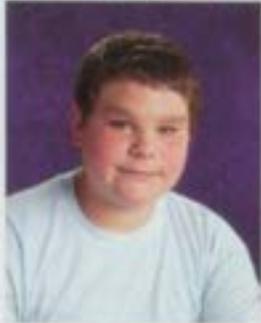
Below: Fidaa waits to get her face painted on Spirit Day.



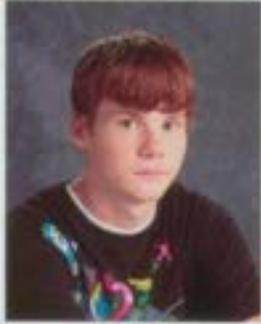
Fidaa Abudayya
Taylor Allen
Jesse Best
Abby Bryan
Felicia Danielson



Michael Glaze
Kaitlyn Harper
Lesley Harper
Eli King
Katrina Lane



Garrett Lowenstein
Kyle Moore
Kandice Mueller
Ritu Patel
Dane Price





Right: Kayla Wilmas bumps the volleyball

Below: Lesley Harper anxiously awaits the cast list for *Seussical the Musical*.



Jenna Salefski
Jeremy Sapp
Luke Smith
Cody Taylor
Ivy Taylor

Mackenzie Taylor
Megan Tieman
Andrea Veteto
Tyrel Voyles
Hannah Warren

Colin Wikoff
Kayla Wilmas
Ashley Wise
Joe Wise
Kyle Woll

Autographs

ADMINISTRATION



Dr. Darrell Stevens
Superintendent



Jani Hamilton
Unit Secretary



Bement Board of Education

Front Row: President Jeanne Strack, Dan Bates, Vice-President Todd Scott
Back Row: Linda Leitz, Secretary Kyle Rogers, Jeff Funk, Laura Gillespie



Doug Kepley
Bement High
School Principal



Linda Craney
High School Secretary



Anahi Anaya
Spanish



Diane Benzek
Mathematics



Andrew Brown
Computers/Business



Penny Browne
Resource



Sue Clark
English/Health



Jill Clodfelter
Social Worker



Angie Corum
Vocal Music



Debbie
Eichelberger
Art



David Elder
Social Studies



Cathy Flood
Tech Prep
Coordinator



Kathy Gentry
Science



John Hayden
Physical Education



Annie Hobson
English



Kent LeFever
Guidance



Sheryl McKibben
Librarian



Melissa Miles
Science



Julie Palmer
Resource



David
Poundstone
Resource



Kraig Rogers
Drivers Education



David Salefski
Industrial
Technology



Donna Sharp
Guidance



Linda Taylor
Technology
Coordinator



Anna Webb
Instrumental
Music



Jared Wolf
Math



Becky Zucco
Family & Consumer
Science

Faculty

Supporting BHS



Where would BHS be without our support staff?



David Guffey,
Custodian



Gene Slagle,
Custodian



Debbie Shonkwiler,
Custodian

Mark Somers and Matt Fay were unavailable for pictures.



The cafeteria staff works hard to keep all of us fed: Vicky Hayes, Evelyn Dick, Dennis Fuqua, Diane Slagle

ELECTION '08

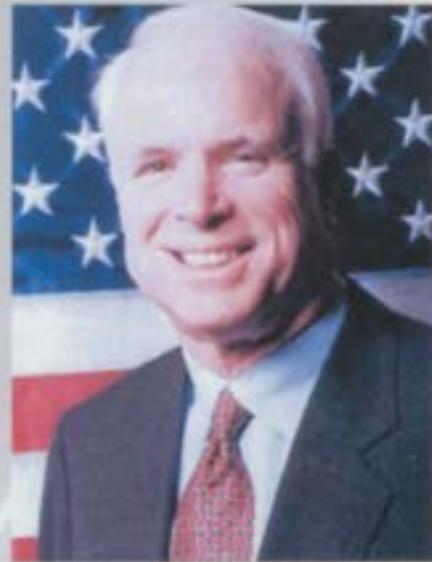
OBAMA



"Barack Obama can relate to a lot of people in the United States and I believe he's ready to give the U.S. what we need: change."

-Lizzy Pulido, Senior

McCAIN



"He has done far more for his country overall. Unfortunately, most voters disagreed."

Matthew Harper, Senior

Barack Obama was elected President on Nov. 4, 2008. He was the first African-American to be elected President. On January 20th, many classes watched the historic inauguration.



Dr. Stevens



Then (1995)

Dr. Stevens will be retiring after many years as Superintendent at Bement Schools.



Now (2009)

Mr. Hayden



Then (1999)

Mr. Hayden, PE teacher and football coach, will be taking a job at Clinton High School next year.



Now (2009)



Mrs. Webb, Band Director and Instrumental Music Teacher, is leaving to pursue further education.

SUCCESS



PRACTICE

ORGANIZATION

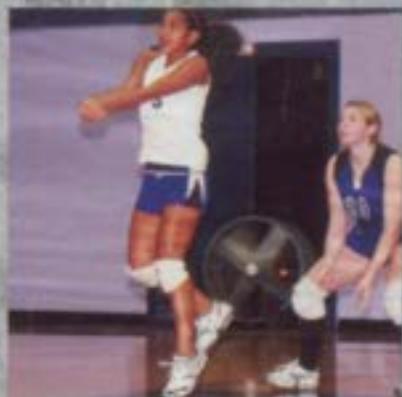


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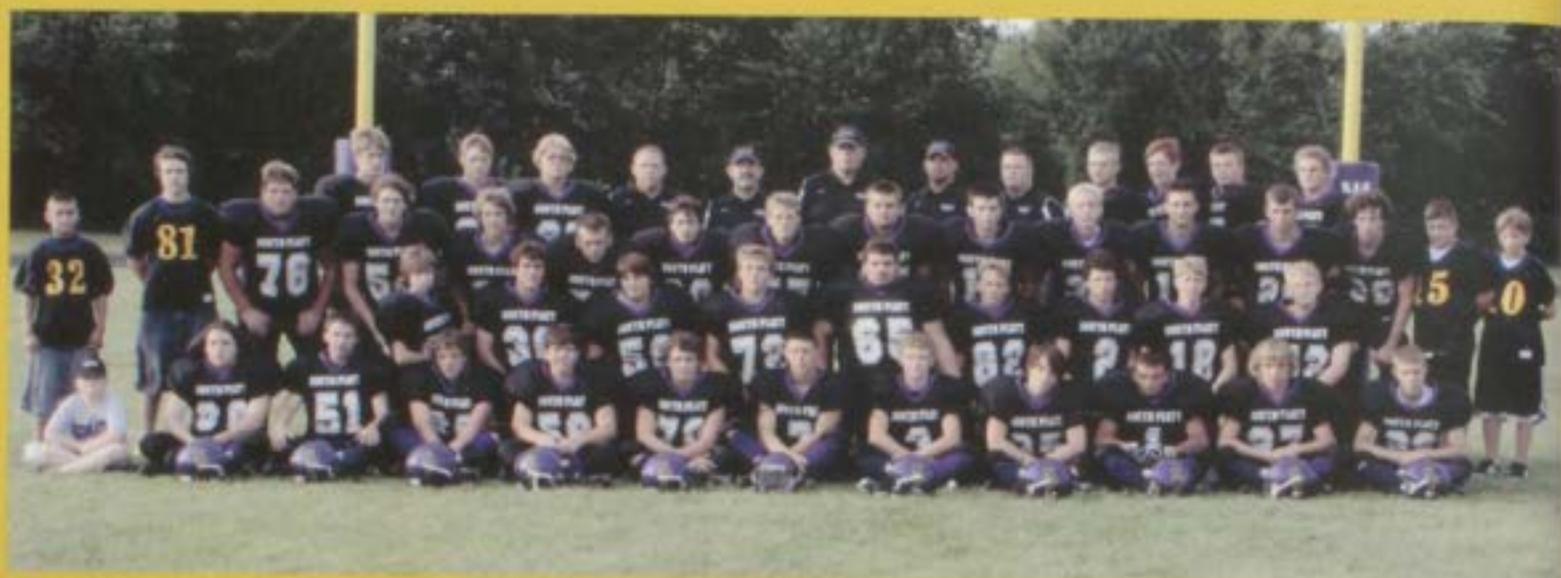
TEAMWORK



SUPERIOR



WILDCAT FOOTBALL



2008 South Piatt Wildcats (not as pictured):

Blake DeLong, Drew Bradley, Michael Scott, Jordan Smith, Josh Sepke, Jamie Howard, Scott Fifer, Tim Drake, Nolan Bradley, Cody Swisher, Eric Davis, Matt Lee, Colin Auth, Atlee Rogahn, Steven Bryan, Ben Helfrich, Randy Crist, Chris Erwin, Brock Rumble, Todd Bennett, Konnor Wright, Austin Gaskill, Kyle Sass, John Buhrmester, Cody Brumfield, Charlie Thompson, Josh Peeler, Pat Webb, Jared Jean, Chris Barnes, Casey Rauch, John Davis, Marcus Kliess, Kyle Moore, Phil Irace, Joe Wise, Corey Garrett, Luke Gabbard, and Jeremy Sapp.

Head Coach: John Hayden

Def. Coord.: Don MacCarthy

Asst. Coaches: David Elder, Jim Steele, and Chad Corum

Managers: Garrett Hayden, Steven Isbell, Connor Gross, Shane Hall, and James Peeler



Drew Bradley carries the ball down the field.



Konnor Wright receives the ball.



Congratulations to Michael Scott, Josh Peeler, Steven Bryan, and Colin Auth for receiving All conference awards.



Michael Scott scuffles past a defender.



Bulldog Volleyball

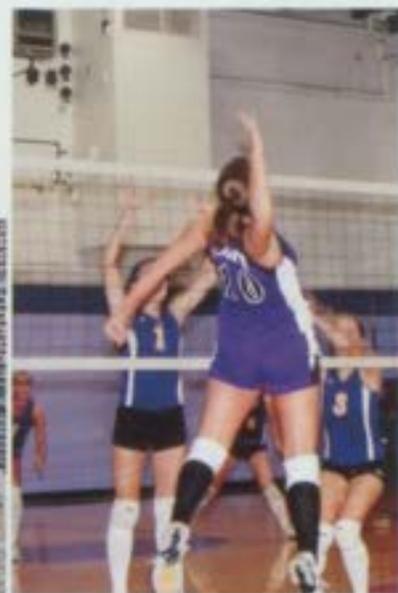
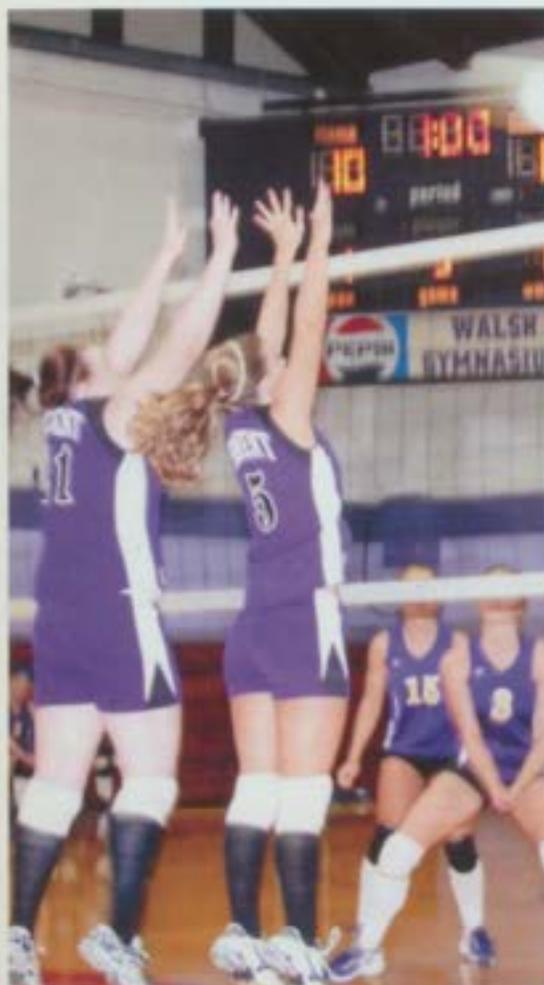


Varsity:(front row) Shelby Gallivan, Annette Lincicum, Emily Lietz, Makenzie Morton, Regina Bates, and Jessica Smith (back row) Shelby Luist, Stephanie Robeck, Lauren Tucker-Hinton, Jenni Romack, Coach Eccles, and Coach Pavetto

JV: first row: Kayla Wilmas, Shelby Gallivan, Ivy Taylor, Hannah Warren, Fida Abudayya, Rachel Glaze, Keri Rexroad second row: Brittni Dean, Taylor Allen third row: Coach Eccles and Coach Pavetto

Varsity Record

Judah	W
Windsor	W
Martinsville	L
Cerro Gordo	L
Tri-County	L
Heritage	W
Cerro Gordo	W
Monticello	L
Arcola	L
Atwood-Hammond	W
St. Thomas More	L
Okaw Valley	L
Shiloh	W
LOVC Tourney	6th Place
Lovington	W
Villa Grove	W
Maroa	L
Sangamon Valley	L
Arthur	W



Above: Senior Regina Bates pounds the ball at the opponent

Left: Sophomore Jenni Romack and Senior Emily Lietz go up for a block

Right: Freshman Ivy Taylor falls to her knees to dig up a ball



Golf



2009 BHS Golf Team

First row: Katie Gillespie, Kyle Bradley, Luke Smith, Viktoria Roemer, Brittany Appleman

Second row: Tim Jennings, Dylan Clark, Mac Gallagher, Paul Blythe, Tim Romine, Coach Rogers

We asked 4 students for their definitions of these golf terms. The correct definitions are below and student answers are to the right.

Birdie: a score on an individual hole that is one stroke below par

Bogey: a score of one over par on any individual hole

Eagle: a score of two strokes below par on any individual hole

Pin: another name for the flagstick

Birdie



"1 under par."
- Mitchell Clements

Bogey



"It's what you get when you hit it 3 times."
- Abby Bryan

Eagle



"When the ball flies really high."
- Kaitlyn Harper

Pin



"I have no clue."
- Ritu Patel

Cheering on those Cats!

South Piatt Cheerleaders



Cheerleaders tend to goof off while the football players warm up. Here Jenny zips Amy and Emily up in the same jacket.



(above)
First row: Jenny Bentley, Kelsey Birch, Noelle Horne, Jessica Walker, Makenzie Morton
Second row: Ashley Verrando, Emily Lietz, Shelby Gallivan, Alyssa Dukeman



Bement Boys Basketball

Mac Gallagher goes up for a rebound.



Josh Sepke attempts to block a shot.



Drew Bradley brings the ball up the court and starts a play.



2008-2009 Boys Basketball

Back Row: Rajillia Nichols, Assisant Coach Aaron Hinds, Greg Cahill, Josh Sepke, Greg Neidel, Austin Kopp, Colin Auth, Brock Rumble, Dane Price, Assistant Coach Andrew Brown, and Head Coach Kraig Rogers.

Front Row: Konnor Wright, Chris Barnes, Matt Humphrey, Casey Knowles, Mike Schott, Brodie Gallagher, Atlee Roghan, Drew Bradley, Mac Gallagher, Camron Smith, Kyle Woll, and Colin Wikoff.

South Piatt '08-'09 Girls Basketball



Katie Gillespie shooting for a basket!



Coach Molfelt, Ashley Wise, Paige Delong, Mickey Monts, Shelby Helfrich, Katie Gillespie, Coach Lyons, Jordan Yeakley, Abby Bialeschki, Amy Cromchack, Kristin Cromchack, Brittini Dean, Katrina Freeman

The South Piatt girls basketball team was small but mighty. These girls had a great season.



Ashley Wise goes for a bounce pass.



Brittini Dean gives a wave for the ball to be passed to her.

CHEERLEADERS



Ashley clapping her hands and trying to get the crowd pumped up for the Varsity Boys Basketball Game.



Emily clapping her spirit along as her senior year goes by.

Ashley Verrando, Sheby Galivan, Noele Home, Makenzie Morton, Brittni Dean, Emily Lietz, Ivy Taylor, Jenny Bentley, Taylor Allen

WILDCAT BASEBALL

SOUTH PIATT



BEMENT



2009 Baseball Team (not as pictured):

Drew Bradley*, Blake Delong, Josh Sepke*, Wade Willoughby, Kyle Bradley*, Dylan Clark*, Nicholas Davis, Eric Davis, Matt Lee, Nick Smith, Atlee Rogahn*, Austin Gaskil, Todd Bennett, Mitchell Clements*, Phil Irace, Corey Garrett, and Coach Tim Manselle.

*Bement Players



South Piatt Softball

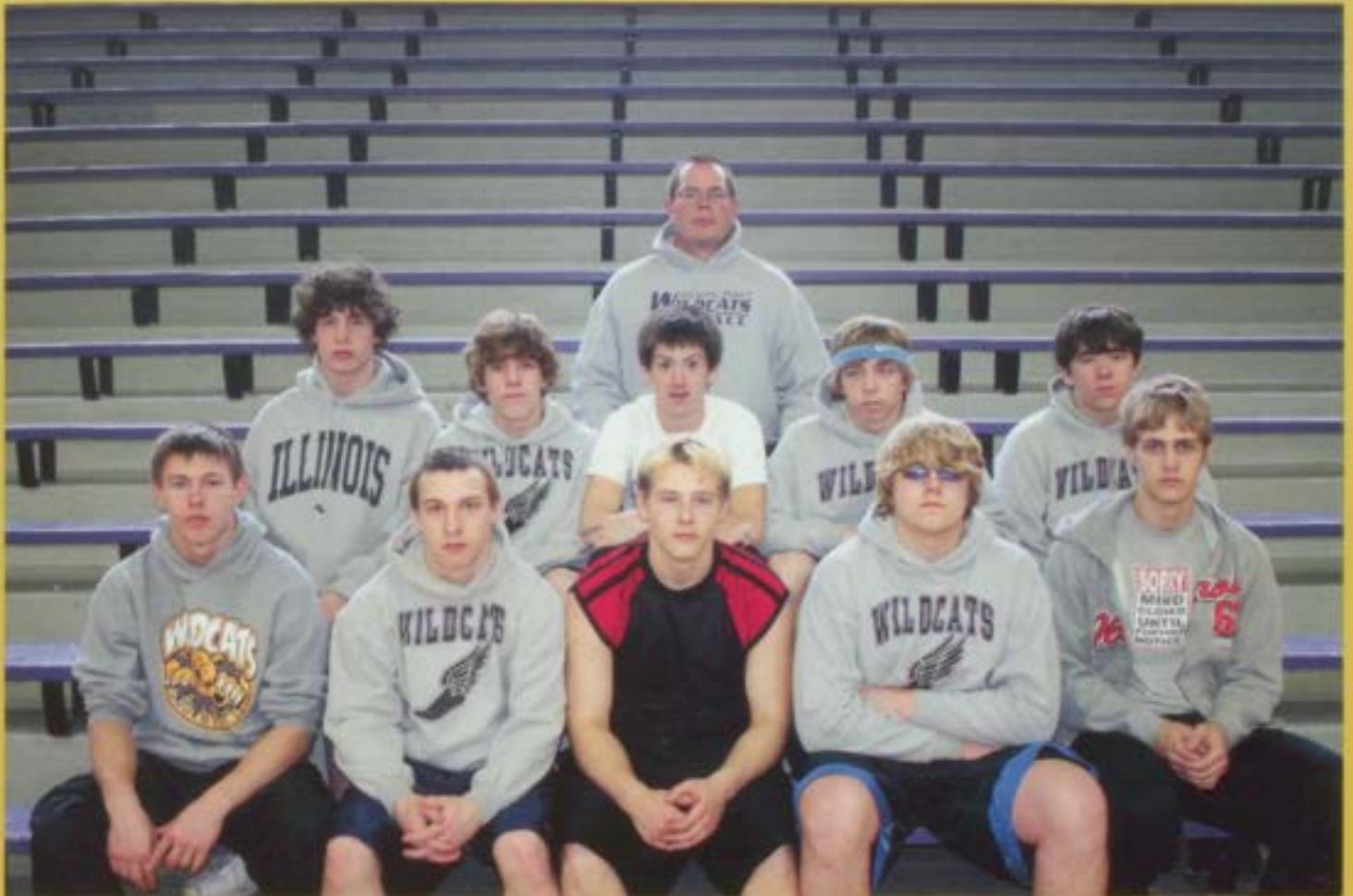


Not as pictured: Jenny Bentley, Megan Tieman, Ivy Taylor, Mickey Monts, Shelby Gallivan, Shelby Lust, Kayla Wilmas, Katrina Freeman, Teresa Norman, Amy Chromchak, Kristin Chromchak, Kayla Shumaker, Sarah Snodgrass, and Shelby Helfrich.

Below: Shelby Gallivan kills time in the field, Coach Taylor watches the batter and Megan Tieman shows off her game face



Boys Track



2009 Boys Track Team

Top: Coach Elder

Middle: Randy Crist, Steven Bryan, Jesse Gifford, Chris Barnes, and Jared Jean

Bottom: Scott Fifer, Casey Rauch, Josh Peeler, Cody Brumfield, and Brock Rumple

For more
information
on the Boys
Track Team
see page 45.



Congrats Brock!

Sophomore Brock
Rumple broke the
school record in
triple jump.

Girls Track



Left: Katie Gillespie and Sarah O'Brien show off their form before practice

The South Piatt girls track team is pictured below (not as pictured): Emma Arwine, Katie Gillespie, Rachel Glaze, Kayla Griffin, Ashley Isbell, Amanda Jean, Brooke Jean, Sarah O'Brien, Viktoria Roemer, Jenni Romack, Courtney Weger, Jordan Yeakley and Coach Swaim



CONGRATS

This year senior Jordan Smith has broke many BHS Lifting

Records including:

Bench Press: 405 pounds

Towel Bench: 385 pounds

Incline: 335 pounds

Front Squat: 405 pounds

Box Squat: 635 pounds

Pound for Pound: 1545 pounds (This is a total of all max weights minus body weight) Jordan was also the first at BHS to enter the 1500 Pound Club.

"Jordan worked his tail off to break these records. He lifted before school, during PE, and after school. I am proud of him. It shows hard work does pay off. He is currently working to break his own records."

-Coach Hayden



1st and 2nd place LOVC Track



Brock Rumble 2nd place 200m Dash.



Brock Rumble and Steven Bryan 1st place 4X100



Steven Bryan, Jesse Gifford, and Chris Barnes 2nd place 4X800



Sarah O'Brien 2nd place Long Jump



Sarah O'Brien and Courtney Weger 2nd place 4X100 and 1st place 4X200

Arithmetic
Chemistry



Art



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English

Music

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Committed

Students



SOCIAL STUDIES



Social Studies

taught by Mr. Elder

U.S. History

Social Problems

Government

World History I & II

Geography

Illinois History



On February 12, Lincoln's 200th birthday, Mr. Elder conducted a reading of the Gettysburg Address at 9:30 a.m.

COMPUTERS/BUSINESS

Computers

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Keyboarding I & II

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Web Design

Business

taught by Mr. Brown

Intro to Business

Business Enterprise

Accounting



Members of the Doghouse

Back Row: Mr. Brown, Matt Humphrey, Tyler Tieman, Konnor Wright, and Kyle Bradley,
Front Row: Shelby Lust, Annette Lincicum, Ashley Jennings, and Desi Utz





SCIENCE



Science Classes
Taught by Mrs. Miles and
Mrs. Gentry

General Science

Biology

Chemistry

Chemistry Connections



Matthew Harper and Josh Sepke test their bones for calcium during an experiment in Chemistry Connections.



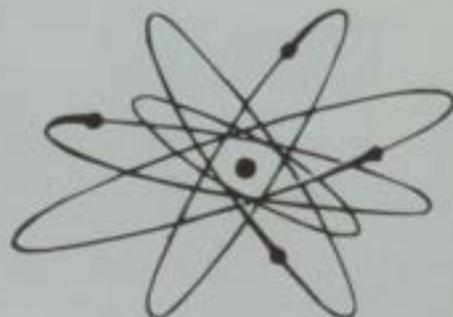
Mrs. Miles and Chemistry student Matt Stephens work on balancing a crucible.



Paige Legue, Senior, starts to dissect her pig in Chemistry Connections.



The General Science class took a field trip to Allerton.



ART

Art Classes

taught by Ms. Eichelberger

Art I, II, III, & IV



Art is a form of expression. High school students express themselves in many different ways as technology becomes more prevalent in our lives. Here's more information:

"Teens have established significant presence on social networking web pages: 615 of 13 to 17 year olds have a personal profile on a site such as MySpace, Friendster, or Xanga." <http://www.netsmartz.org/safety/statistics.htm>

According to a new AP-AOL Instant Messaging Trends Survey, nearly three in four teens who use instant message say they send more IMs than emails. cellular-news.com/story/20866.php

Band is
directed by
Mrs. Webb.

MUSIC

Choir is
directed by
Mrs. Corum.

Many events take place in the Music Department each year. *Seussical the Musical* was this year's spring production.



ENGLISH

ENGLISH CLASSES taught by Mrs. Hobson

Many times in English, we study famous literary quotes from the past. BHS Students were polled and here are the top 10 quotes of 2008 from news, entertainment and sports.

10. "Sometimes I go home and I feel full, too many bananas. More than one. I feel like a monkey now." Carlos Zambrano, Cubs pitcher, on his diet of water, Gatorade and bananas to stop pain in his right arm.
9. "The fundamentals of America's economy are strong." John McCain in an interview with Bloomberg TV
8. "It's kind of freaky knowing you're diving into somebody's grandpa." Coco Crisp, former Red Sox outfielder, on the team's decision to stop fans from spreading cremation ashes at Fenway Park.
7. "Yes we can!" President Barack Obama's campaign slogan
6. "Maybe you're the problem." David Letterman suggesting to Lauren Conrad a possible reason why she has issues with all of her Hills friends.
5. "I think if I was President, I could talk the foreign countries into getting along and they would really like me. And I would throw great parties at the White House." Paris Hilton.
4. "Why so serious?" Heath Ledger in *The Dark Knight*
3. "Go Green" Environmental slogan
2. "What's the difference between a pit bull and a hockey mom? Lipstick." Sarah Palin
1. "I can see Russia from my house!" Comedian Tina Fey impersonating Alaska Governor Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live.

Spanish

SPANISH CLASSES taught by Ms. Anaya

Spanish I, II, III, & IV



Matthew Harper cutting paper to make a pinata.



Katie Gillespie smacking the pinata to get all of the candy for her class.



Jared Jean goofing off with the blind fold.



MATH

Math Classes

taught by Ms. Benzek
and Mr. Wolf

Pre-Algebra

Algebra I & II

Geometry

Geometry Concepts

Advanced Math

Physics



Physics student Dylan Clark races his car down the hallway.



Ashley Verrando paying close attention to Ms. Benzek



Left: Jared Jean stands in for his sister Amanda to give her officer election speech. Amanda was elected President of the Math Club for 09-10. Right: Josh Sepke and Matthew Harper represent the senior class during Math Week.



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Treasurer- Paige Legue
Secretary- Amanda Jean



2008-2009 Math Club members (not as pictured):
Michael Glaze, Lesley Harper, Megan Tieman, Hannah Warren, Colin Wikoff, Kyle Woll, Chris Barnes, Jenny Bentley, Mitchell Clements, Katie Gillespie, Elizabeth Glennon, Jared Jean, Sarah O'Brien, Jenni Romack, Steven Bryan, Noelle Home, Viktoria Roemer, Regina Bates, Ashley Jennings, Lizzy Pulido, and Jessica Smith.

MATH WEEK



Freshman homeroom
doing a tangram.



Ms. Benzek's homeroom
won Math Week and got a
Pi Trophy.



Mu Alpha Theta members: Steven Bryan, Olivia Warren, Emily Lietz, Rajillia Nichols, Makenzie Morton, and Matthew Harper.

FCCLA

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FCCLA members 08-09 (not as pictured)
Taylor Allen, Jenny Bentley, Brittini Dean, Seth Gallivan, Katie Gillespie, Rachel Glaze, Michael Glaze, Elizabeth Glennon, Jared Jean, Noelle Horne, Shelby Lust, Sarah O'Brien, Kandice Mueller, Rajillia Nichols, Stephanie Robeck, Viktoria Roemer, Matt Stephens, Cody Taylor, Ivy Taylor, Olivia Warren, and Hannah Warren.

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2008-2009 Officers
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Vice President: Makenzie Morton
Treasurer: Paige Legue
Secretary: Jenni Romack
V.P. of Membership: Shelby Gallivan
V.P. of Publicity: Regina Bates
News Representative: Amanda Jean
Sponsor: Mrs. Becky Zucco

FCCLA WEEK

For the first time in years, the girls won FCCLA week beating the boys 11-5.



Austin Kopp prepares to chug a bottle of water during the relay race to conclude FCCLA week



Sophomore Cassie Grant shoving marshmallows into her mouth while participating in "Chubby Bunny"



Mac Gallagher, Skyler Taylor, and Dylan Clark having a laugh while playing Captain's Calling.



STUDENT COUNCIL

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Verrando

Makenzie Morton
and Shelby Lust

Taylor Allen
and
Kayla Wilmas



Camron Smith and
Lauren Tucker-Hinton

Ashley Jennings
Shelby Gallivan and
Atlee Rogahn

Chris Barnes and
Cassie Grant

Not Pictured: Abby Bryan, Jenny Bentley, Eli King,
Noelle Horne, and Rajillia Nichols.

BLOOD DRIVE



Olivia Warren
taking time out
of class to give
blood.



Eli King, Taylor Allen, Shelby
Lust, and Noelle Horne, all
student council members, help
with the blood drive .

THE GREAT CHAIN RACE



During the Holiday season, the student
council raised over \$500. The seniors won
the Great Chain Race and the money
went to a local family in need.

Chorus



First row: Ashley Bobbitt, Desi Utz, Carolyn Woll, Brittany Appleman
Second row: Kayla Conatser, Ashley Jennings, Fidaa Abudaaya, Ariel Fogerson, Brandi Jean, Lesley Harper, Ashley Isbell
Third row: Joanna Sarver, Viktoria Roemer, Colin Wikoff, Taylor Smith, Nathan Propst, Brittni Dean, Olivia Warren
Not pictured: Mrs. Corum, Brooke Jean, Donny Shankles

Marching Band

This year's field show theme was The Wizard of Oz.



This year's drum major was Olivia Warren; a.k.a Dorothy.



2008 Marching Band (Not as pictured): Lauren Rumple, Taylor Smith, Megan Tieman, Tristan Brennan, Garrett Lowenstein, Jerod Wells, Olivia Brady, Ethan Morton, Cody Brumfield, Kendra Guffey, Viktoria Roemer, Allison Vaughn, Ashley Jennings, Emily Stoerger, Hannah Warren, Paige Legue, Kyra Voyles, Jenny Bentley, Olivia Warren, Ashley Isbell, Anna Hendrix, Alyssa Hendrix, Morgan Runge, Taleb Trusner



Ashley Isbell, the lion, was part of the color guard. The color guard dressed up like many of the characters from the Wizard of Oz.



IT Club

After their annual cookout, the IT Club poses for a picture.
Front row: Michael Glaze, Cody Jividen, Derek Brinkley, Tyler Dick, Jesse Gifford, Matt Humphrey, Kyle Bradley, Josh Peeler, Atlee Rogahn
Back row: Austin Kopp, Greg Frey, Dane Price, Greg Cahill, Thomas Summar, Dylan Clark, Michael Scott, Jared Jean, Clayton Lilly, Mr. Salefski, Kyle Woll



Drama Club

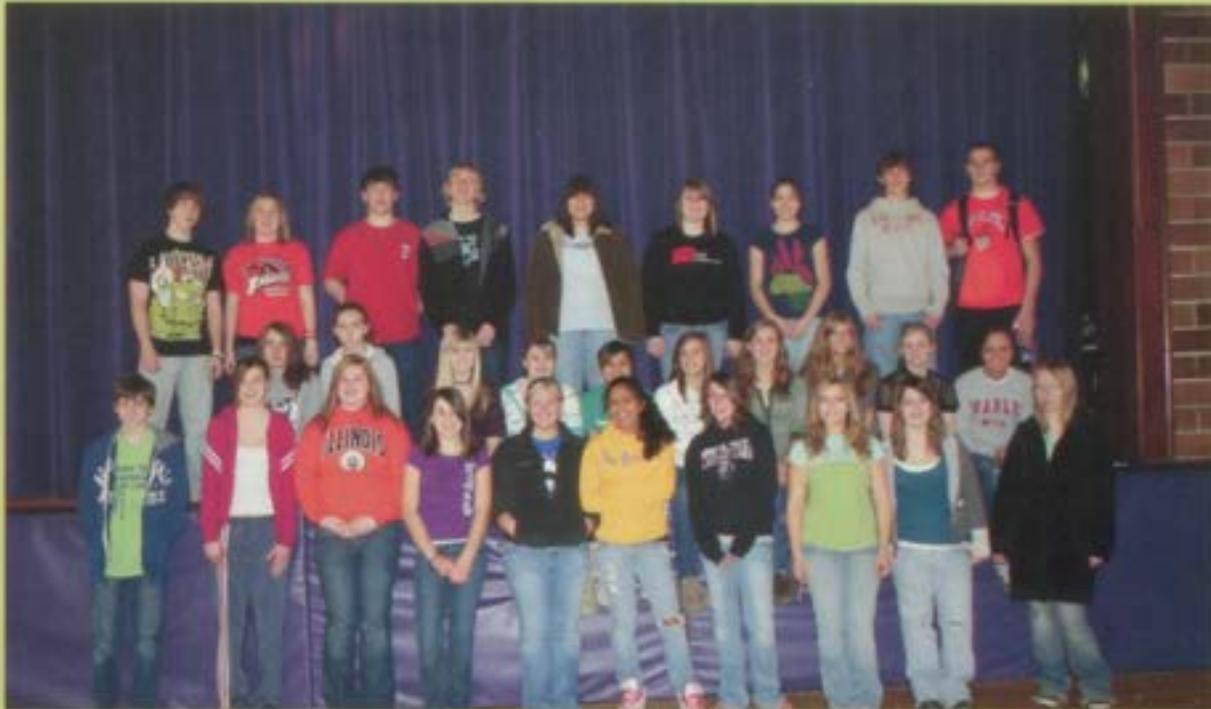


2008-2009 Drama Club (Not as pictured): Joanna Sarver, Brandi Jean, Brooke Jean, Cassie Grant, Brittany Appleman, Taylor Allen, Hannah Warren, Paige Legue, Matt Stephens, Lizzy Pulido, Carolyn Woll, Brittini Dean, Kayla Wilmas, Lauren Tucker-Hinton, Jessica Sapp, Desi Utz, Keri Rexroad, and Viktoria Roemer.



2008-2009 Officers
President-Olivia Warren
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Spanish Club



Front row: Kyle Moore, Katie Gillespie, Jenni Romack, Megan Tieman, Ashley Jennings, Lauren Tucker-Hinton, Cassie Grant, Jenny Bentley, Ariel Fogerson, Brittany Appleman

Second row: Andrea Veteto, Jenna Salefski, Paige Legue, Hannah Warren, Ivy Taylor, Taylor Allen, Makenzie Morton, Emily Lietz, Ashley Verrando, Regina Bates

Back row: Taylor Smith, Carolyn Woll, Jared Jean, Jeremy Sapp, Lizzy Pulido, Olivia Warren, Kayla Wilmas, Steven Bryan, Josh Sepke



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ART CLUB



Michael Scott, Jesse Gifford, Viktoria Roemer, Brittni Dean, Ashley Verrando, Keri McIntosh, Taylor Allen, Lizzy Pulido, Mrs. Eichelberger, Caseie Grant, Ashley Bobbit, and Paige Legue. Not pictured: Skyler Taylor



Scholastic Bowl



Varsity Scholastic Bowl

(front row) Makenzie Morton, Paige Legue, Olivia Warren
(back row) Josh Sepke, Matthew Harper, Ms. McKibben
(not pictured) Viktoria Roemer



JV Scholastic Bowl

(front row) Hannah Warren, Jenny Bentley, Megan Tieman
(back row) Lesley Harper, Michael Glaze, Chris Barnes, Ms. McKibben



JV Scholastic Bowl:
Lesley Harper tied
for 5th place in the
conference scoring
34 tossups!!

National Honor Society



2008-2009 Members Back Row: Jenni Romack, Steven Bryan, Emily Lietz, Shelby Gallivan, Paul Blythe, Tim Romine, Camron Smith.

Front Row: Katie Gillespie, Olivia Warren, Rajillia Nichols, Jenny Bentley and Makenzie Morton.

New Inductees



2009 New Inductees for National Honor Society

Back Row: Katie Gillespie, Jenni Romack, Shelby Gallivan, Paul Blythe, and Tim Romine

Front Row: Jenny Bentley

Zero Hour

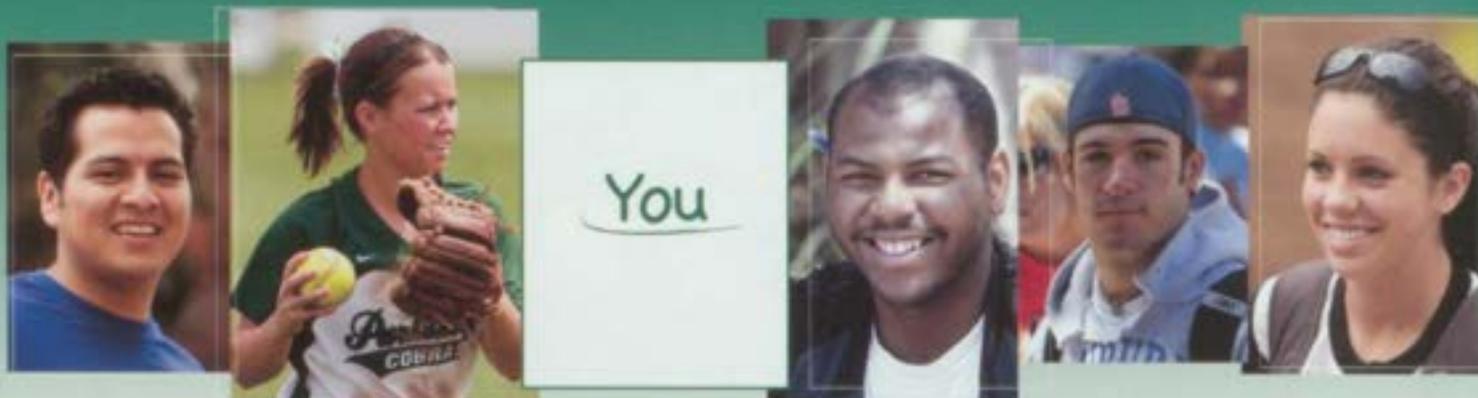


2009 Zero Hour Back Row: Cody Brumfield, Brock Rumple, Jordan Smith,
Josh Peeler, and Jared Jean.

Front Row: Mr. Hayden, Atlee Roghan, Chris Barnes, Jeremy Sapp, Dane Price,
Charlie Thompson, and Tyler Harper.

Not pictured: Tim Jennings, Josh Sepke, Kyle Bradley, Konnor Wright, and Colin
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Jordan,
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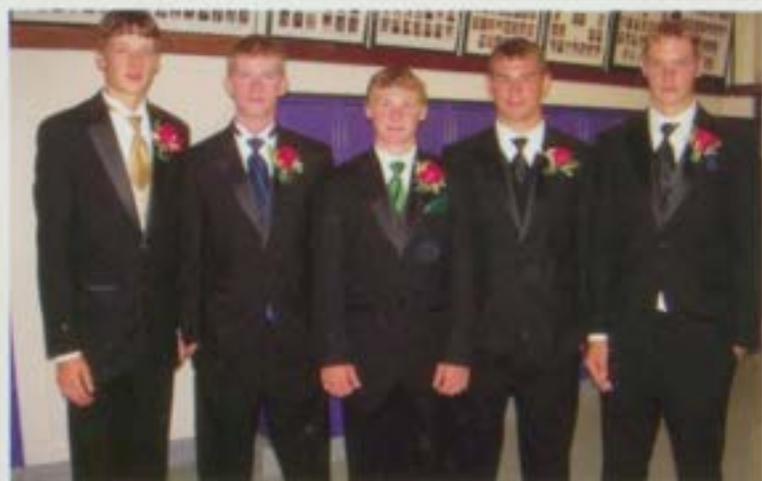
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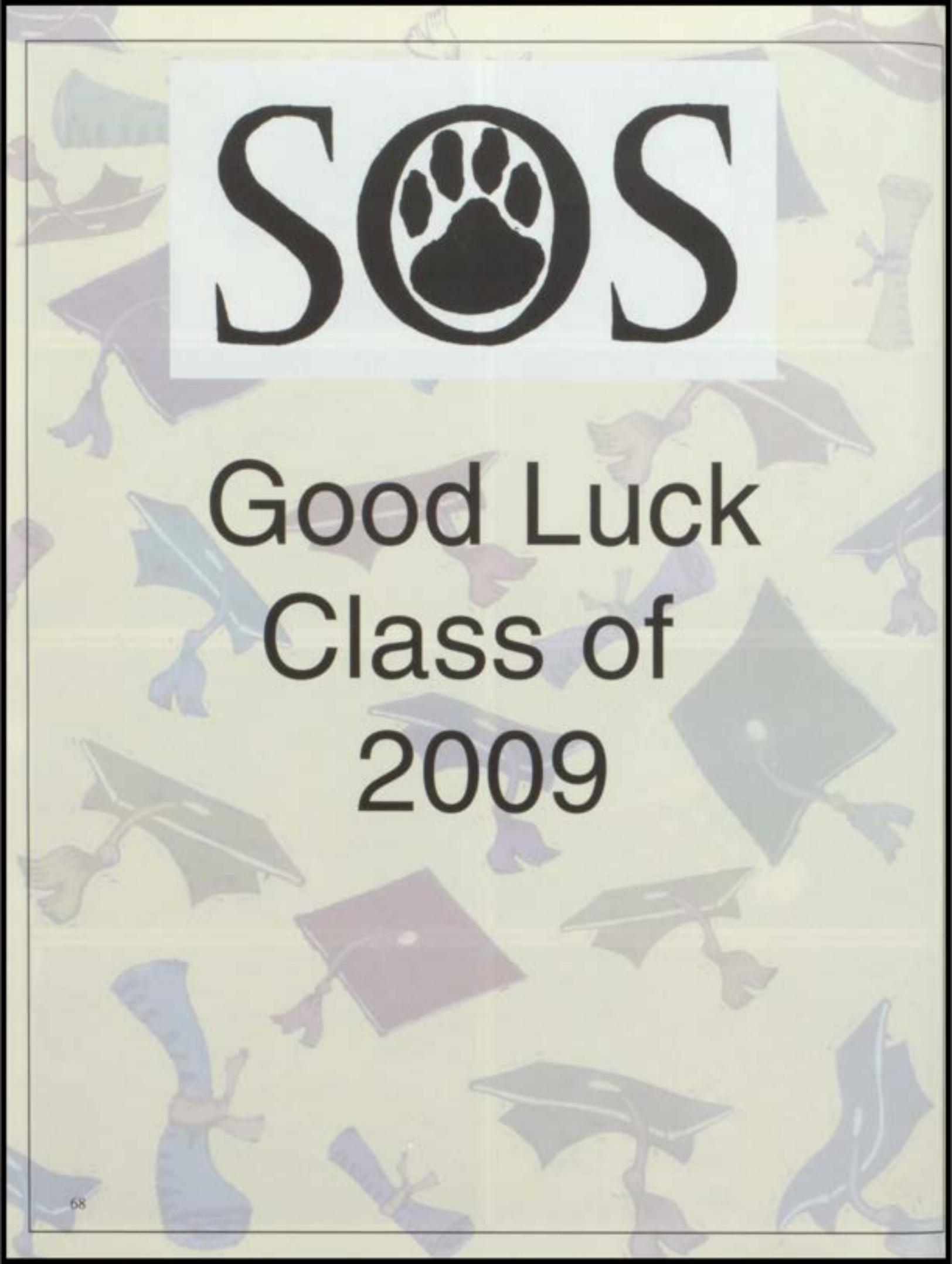
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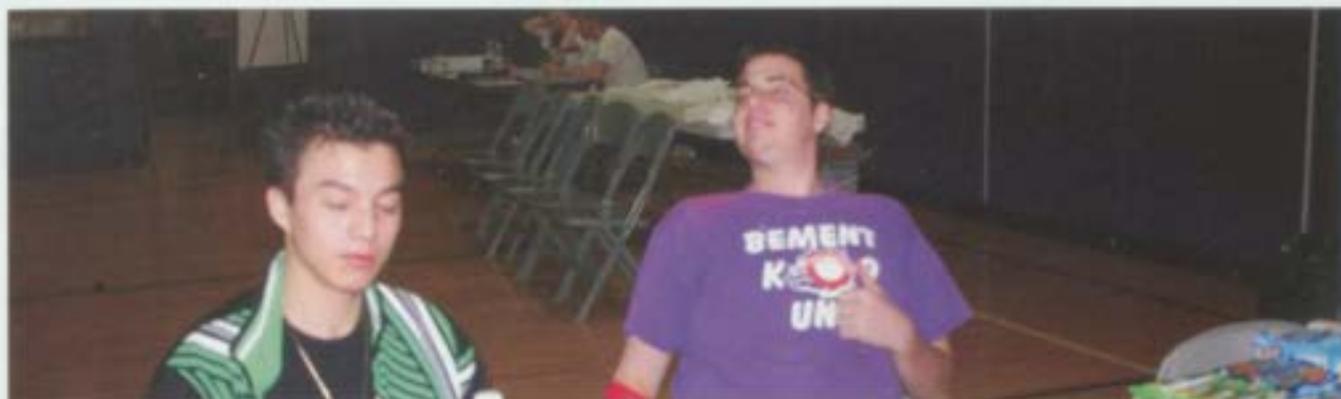
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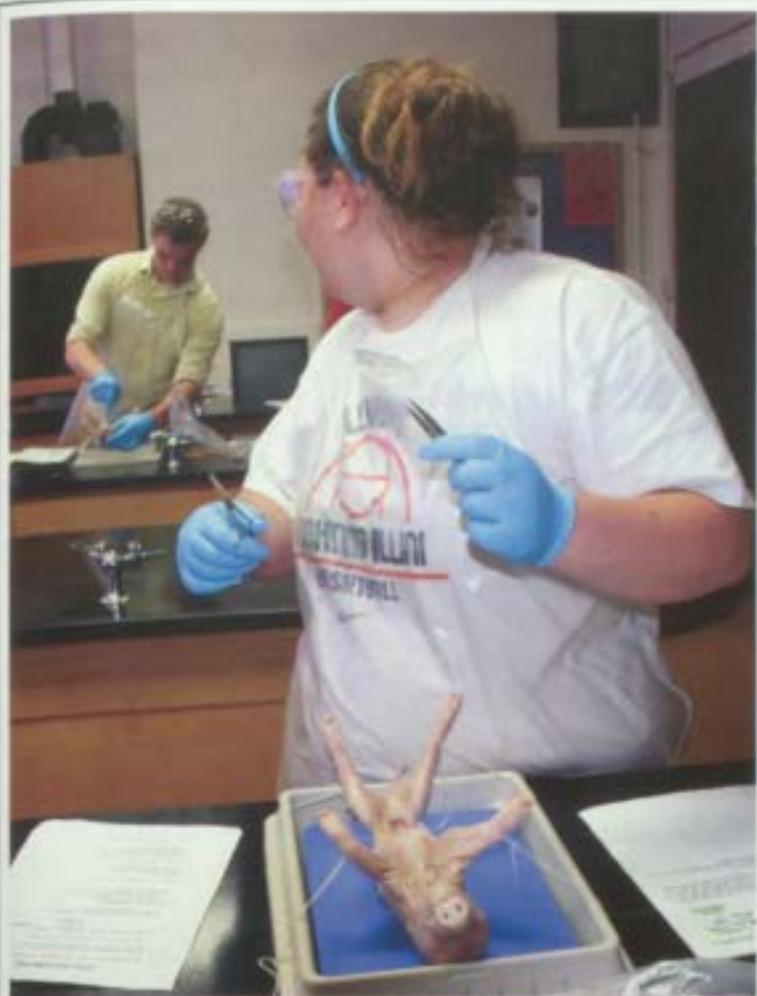
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08-09 Yearbook Staff



The yearbook staff is proud to have completed another great yearbook. As with all publications, we do our best to make sure the yearbook is error-free. Mistakes do happen, and we apologize for any mistakes that might have made it through our editing process. We would like to give a special thanks to Gene Schnierle for taking many of the photos that make this yearbook possible. This edition of the BIM was produced entirely online at www.yearbookavenue.com and is the first full-color edition.

Pictured above from left to right: Shelby Lust, Makenzie Morton, Brittini Dean, Katie Gillespie, Shelby Gallivan, Elizabeth Glennon, Sarah O'Brien, Amanda Jean, Viktoria Roemer

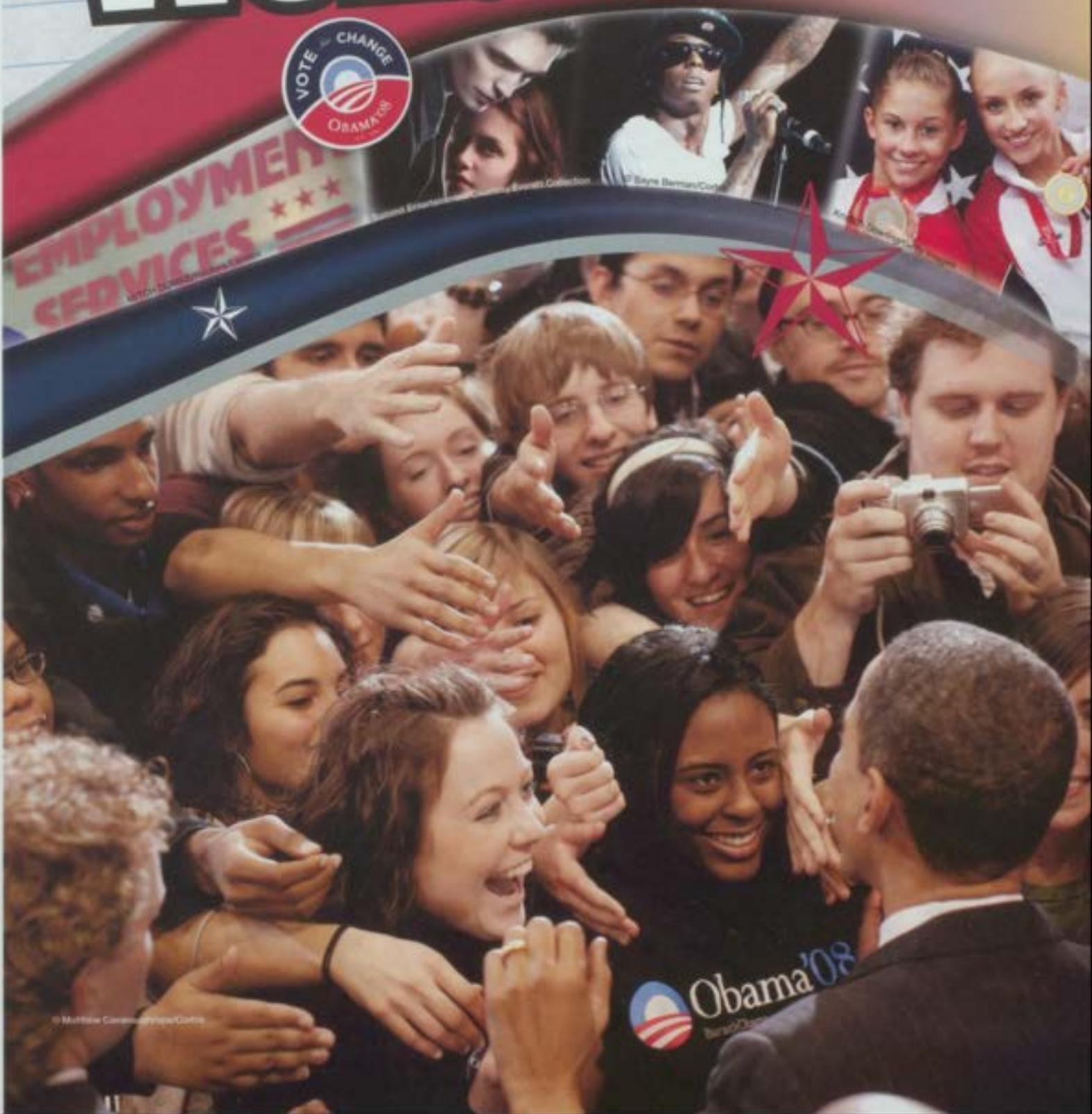
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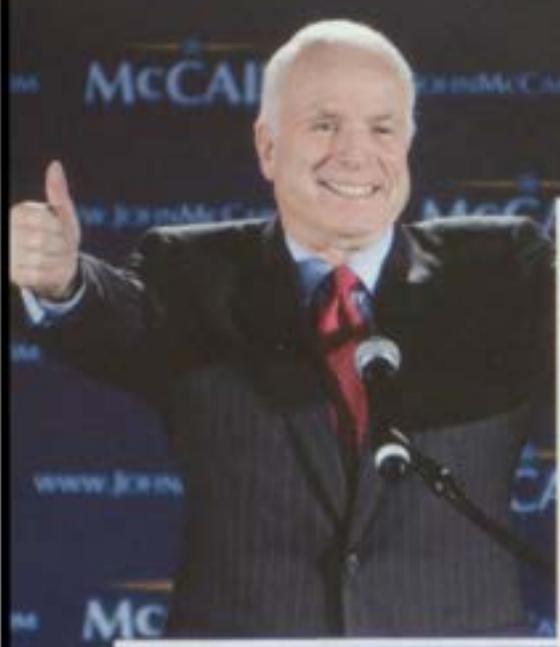
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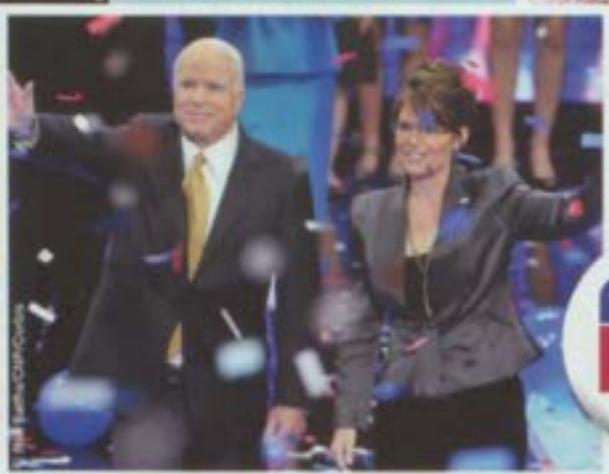
EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES



Obama '08



Arizona Senator John McCain wins the Republican nomination for president and names Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate. Palin is the Republican Party's first female nominee for vice president.



Waves of Change

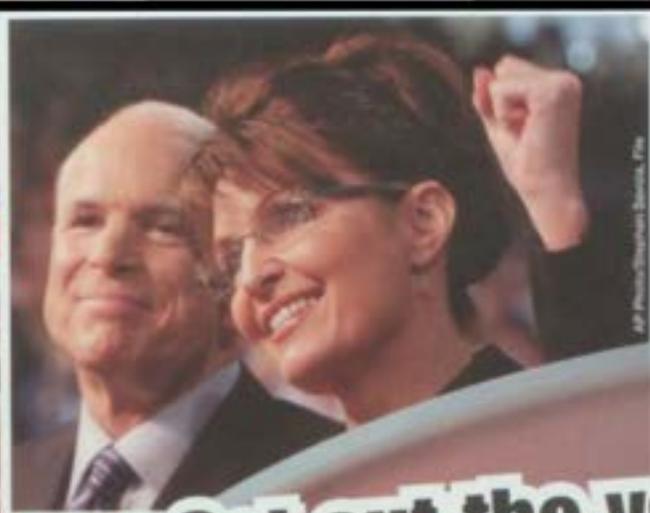


Politics in pop culture



Democratic Senator Joe Biden of Delaware becomes the 47th vice president of the United States. A member of the Senate since 1973, Biden brings long-time Washington experience to the Obama administration.





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Get out the vote!



Campaign volunteers



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I Voted

First-time voters

Obama's grassroots organization and innovative Web campaign is credited with inspiring young and first-time voters to participate heavily in the election.



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The values, fashion and personal vitality of the Obama family resonate with Americans. Public interest in the first family rivals that of the interest in the Kennedy family in the 1960s.



Barack Obama makes history as the first African-American to win the presidency of the United States. The former Illinois senator promises an era of change that captures the imagination of voters nationwide.

Electoral Votes

Obama 365
McCain 173

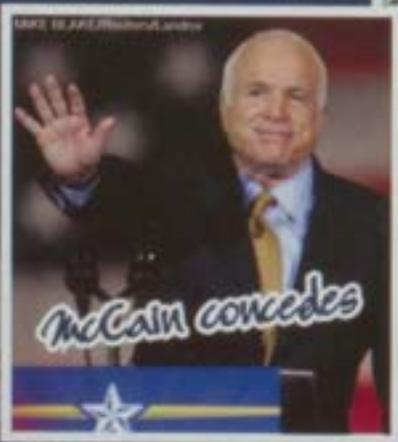


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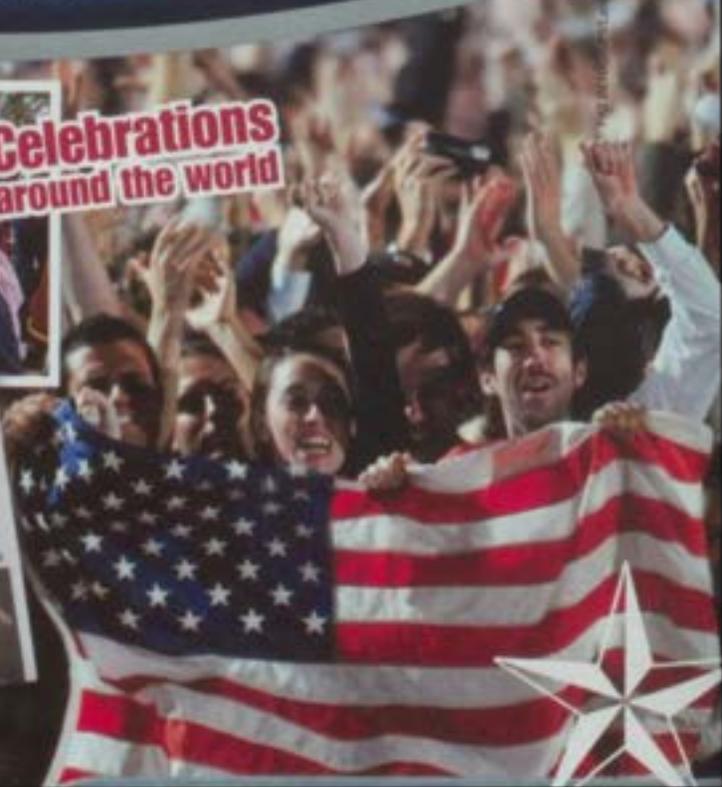
Obama Wins

McCain/Palin ran a strong campaign, winning 22 states. But they are defeated 53 vs. 46 percent in the general election and by a substantial margin in the Electoral College.

Celebrations around the world



McCain concedes



Obama's Cabinet nominations

REUTERS/Landow



In January 2009, president-elect Obama attends the ultimate power lunch in the White House, meeting and getting advice from President Bush as well as former Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

Getting prepared for office

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Souvenirs

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During the inauguration ceremony, Milla Obama captures the moment from a unique point of view.



AP Photo/Photo: Matthew Meneses

The inaugural parade

PUNAHOU MARCHING BAND
ALOHA

Inauguration 1-20-09

Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States before millions in Washington, D.C. Obama's inaugural address calls for a "new era of responsibility" in the face of economic decline and a pledge to choose "hope over fear."

"We have chosen hope over fear..."



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NYSE Euronext

Stocks plummet as years of excess in the U.S. housing market and lax supervision of financial institutions contribute to the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

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Unemployment rate hits 16-year high in January 2009



Economic Crisis

▲ With buying power declining in the consumer marketplace, companies nationwide are forced to lay off workers. The national unemployment rate hits 7.2 percent in December and is rising steadily. The hardest hit states are Michigan, Rhode Island, California and South Carolina.

World News

Specialty coffee sales drop

Credit cards

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Windermere
of Estate

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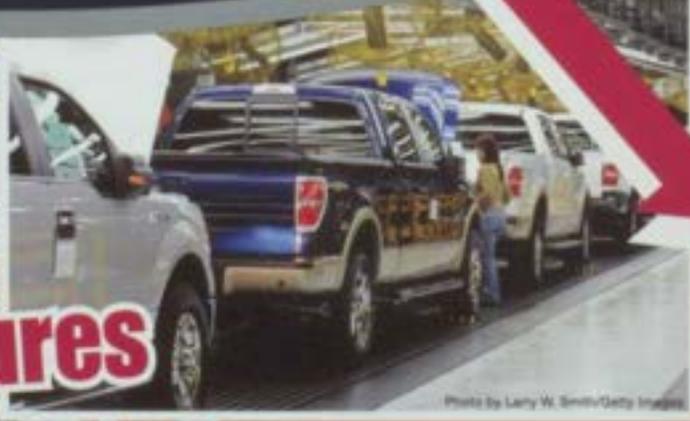


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▲ Detroit's struggling "Big Three" automakers, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, request and are eventually offered a bailout package of just over \$17 billion in December.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS



Many retailers are forced to file for bankruptcy or go out of business after being unable to rebound from the harsh economy and a very disappointing fourth quarter of 2008.

Teens work part-time

Gas prices up and down



The world's "hot spots" center around the Middle East. Israel mounts a major offensive against Hamas in Gaza, the United States continues to oppose the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq, and in August, Russia attacks its southern neighbor, Georgia, in a dispute over western influence in the area.

Support our Troops



"Miracle on the Hudson"

In January 2009, after both engines fail due to ingesting birds, US Airways Flight 1549 ditches in New York's Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew members are saved, thanks to the skill and courage of pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger.





Reusable bags

Changing our World

Environmentally conscious consumers use items such as reusable cloth shopping bags and Klean Kanteen water bottles that don't leak harmful chemicals like BPA.



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HYBRID SYNERGY DRIVE

What is your carbon footprint?

100g

CO2

Tight money and high gas prices push auto manufacturers to investigate super fuel-efficient and electric cars. The Chevrolet Volt is an early contender and the tiny "Smart" car is already on American roads.



Chevy Volt

Public bicycle sharing systems, already popular in Europe, roll into American cities like Washington, D.C., to help fight traffic congestion and reduce pollution.



CLEAN ENERGY

Photos by Ernest Mares-Gutty Images



▶ In September, Google and General Electric partner to develop clean technologies. Modernizing the national electric grid to enable wider deployment of wind, solar and geothermal energy will be an early priority.



Environmentally friendly MacBooks

Courtesy of Apple, Inc.



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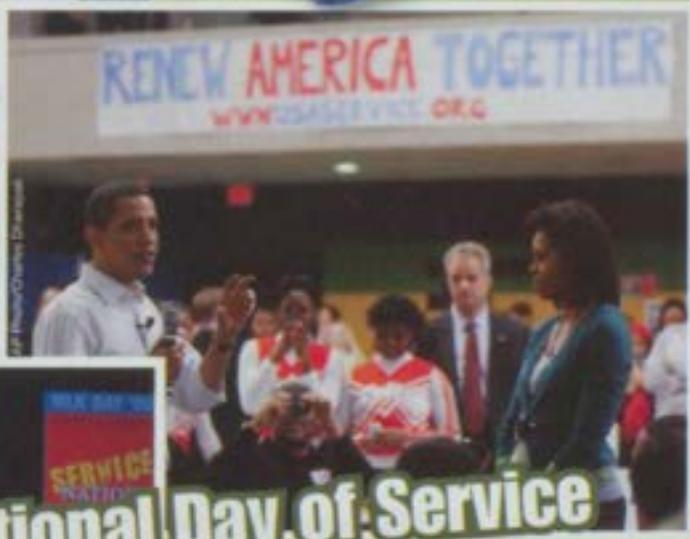


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▶ Brad Pitt launches the "Make It Right" project to build 150 green-sensitive new homes in the New Orleans Lower 9th Ward, which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Pitt contributes \$5 million to the project.



▶ The green cleaning movement gains momentum nationally as environmentally safe non-toxic cleaning products are used in many homes, as well as state and city institutions.



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National Day of Service

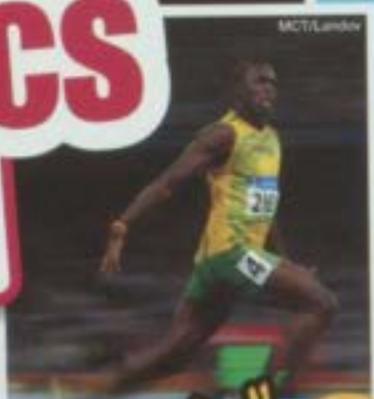
▶ President-elect Obama asks all Americans to volunteer their time on the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, January 19, and to continue throughout the year. More than 12,000 service projects take place across the country.



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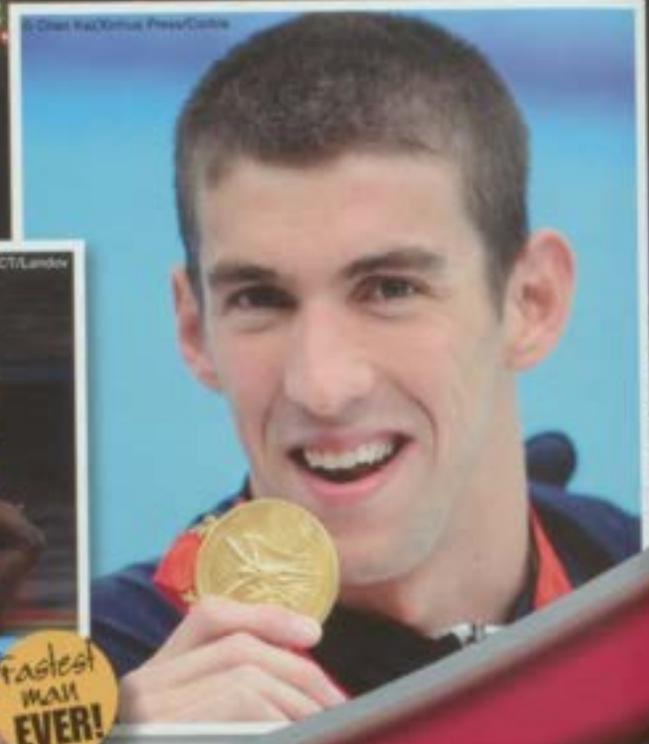
Summer Olympics

The Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics showcase some of the most amazing performances in Olympic history.



Usain Bolt

Fastest MAN EVER!



▼ American swimmer Michael Phelps makes Olympic history with eight gold medals. Phelps sets three world records in his five individual wins.

Sports

The Olympic Opening Ceremony



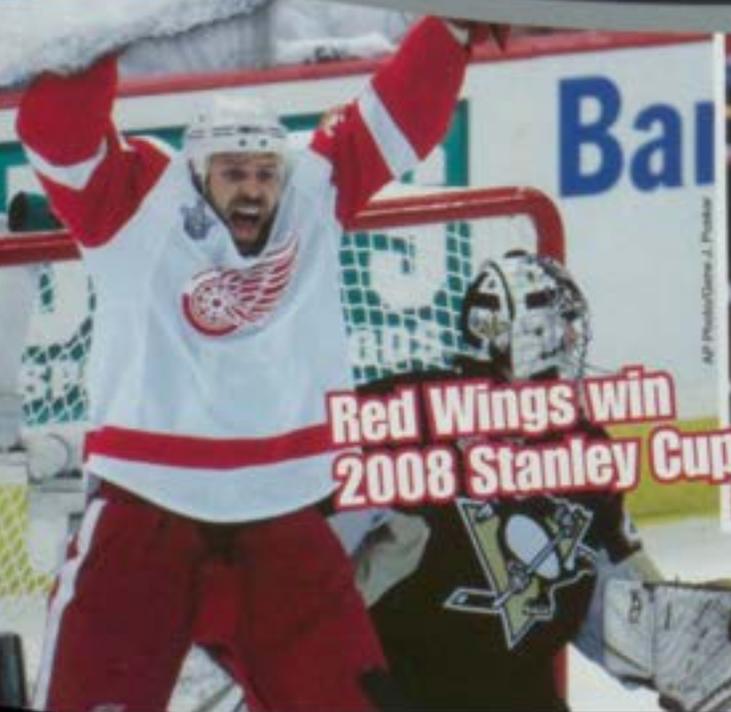
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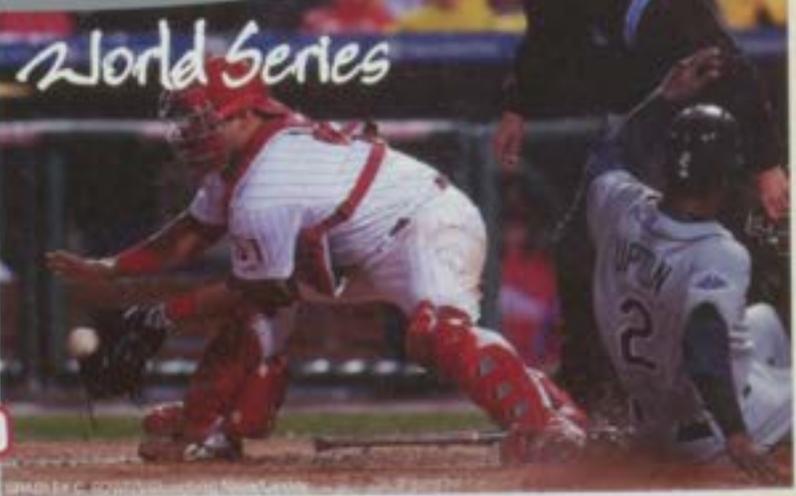
Tiger Woods



Karen Jones



Red Wings win 2008 Stanley Cup



World Series

▲ The Philadelphia Phillies win their second World Series with a five game victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. The fifth game takes three days to complete after a rain delay.



▲ The Chinese gymnasts take the team title, but Americans Shawn Johnson (floor exercise) and Nastia Liukin (all-around) take individual gold medals for the U.S.

Gymnastics



Venus and Serena Williams

Brock Lesnar

Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford

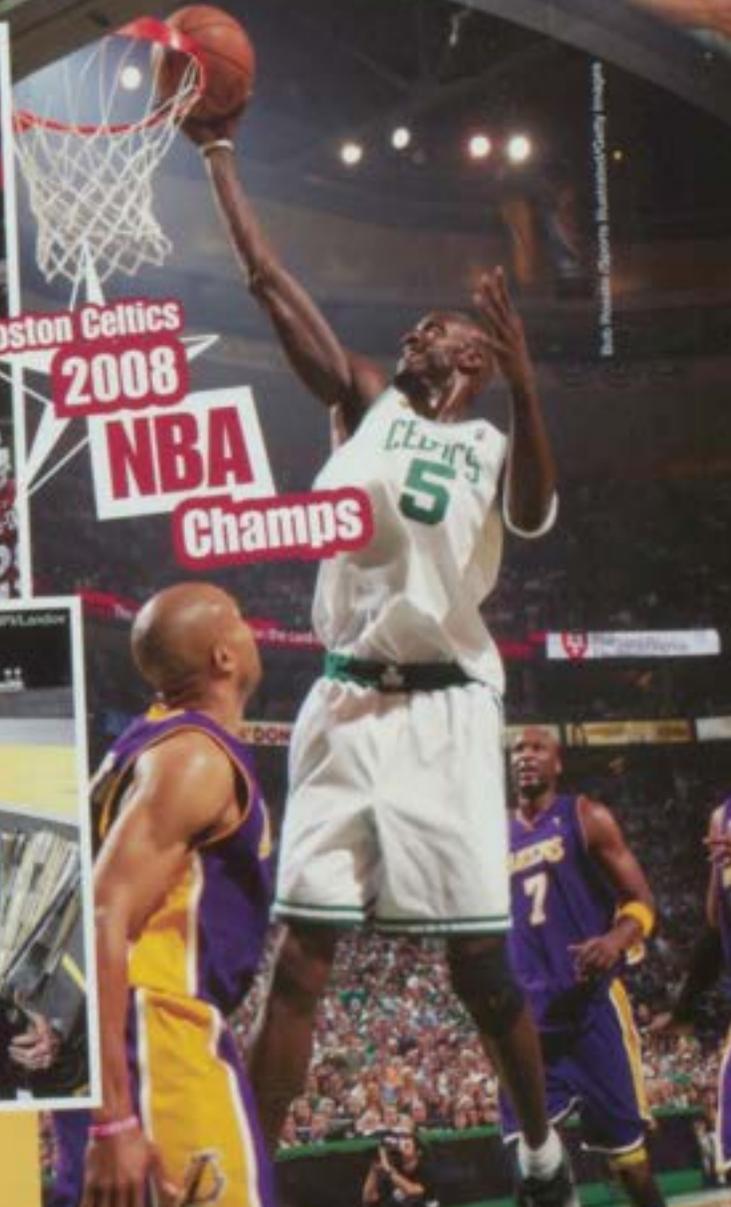


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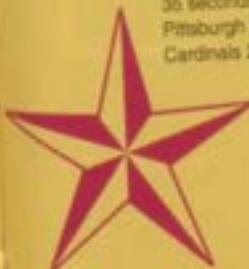


Super Bowl XLIII

Boston Celtics 2008 NBA Champs

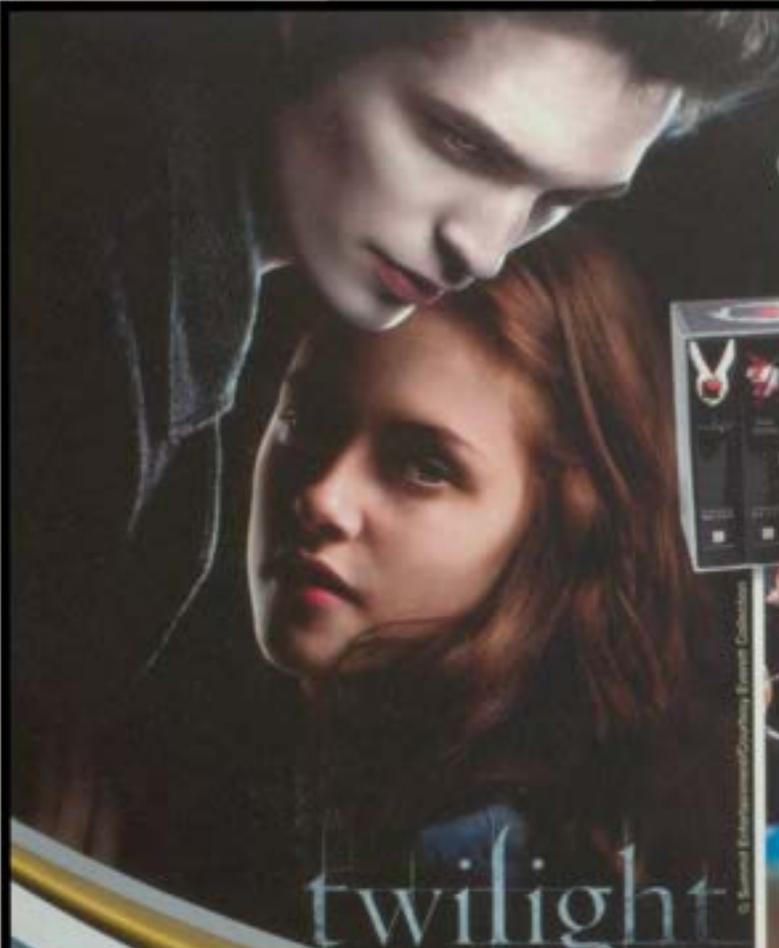


▲ MVP Santonio Holmes makes a tip-toe catch in the corner of the end zone with 35 seconds remaining to lead the Pittsburgh Steelers past the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII.



▶ Jimmie Johnson captures the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship for the third straight year in his famous #48 Lowe's Chevrolet Impala SS.





Stephanie Meyer's runaway best-seller, *Twilight*, becomes a hit movie starring Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart as Edward and Bella.



Tina Fey

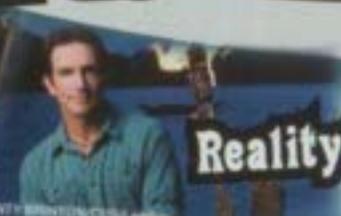


Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

twilight Entertainment



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Reality TV



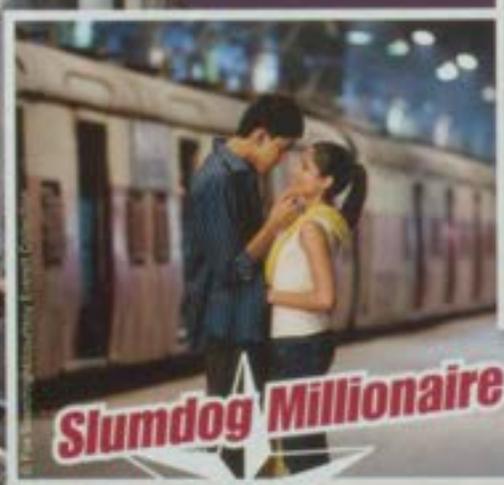
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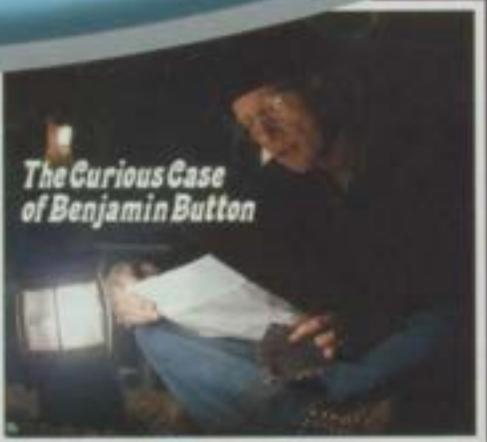
Grey's Anatomy



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Slumdog Millionaire



The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Slumdog Millionaire, a surprise entry from India about teen life in Mumbai, and Brad Pitt's *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, about a man who ages backwards, monopolize Academy Award nominations with a combined total of 23.



MTV/Jeff Lopez

MTV spins off the reality show *The Hills*, following Laguna Beach star Lauren Conrad and her friends to Los Angeles.



Paul Blart: Mall Cop



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Australian Heath Ledger, in his last film role as the Joker in the Batman epic *The Dark Knight*, wins a posthumous Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama.

Bedtime Stories





Lil' Wayne

▶ Rapper Lil' Wayne takes home four Grammys, including Rap Album of the Year for *The Carter III* and Best Rap Song.

MTV



▶ Due to low ratings, MTV's flagship show *Total Request Live* shuts down in November after a 10-year run.

Music



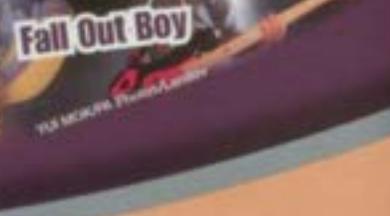
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Bon Jovi



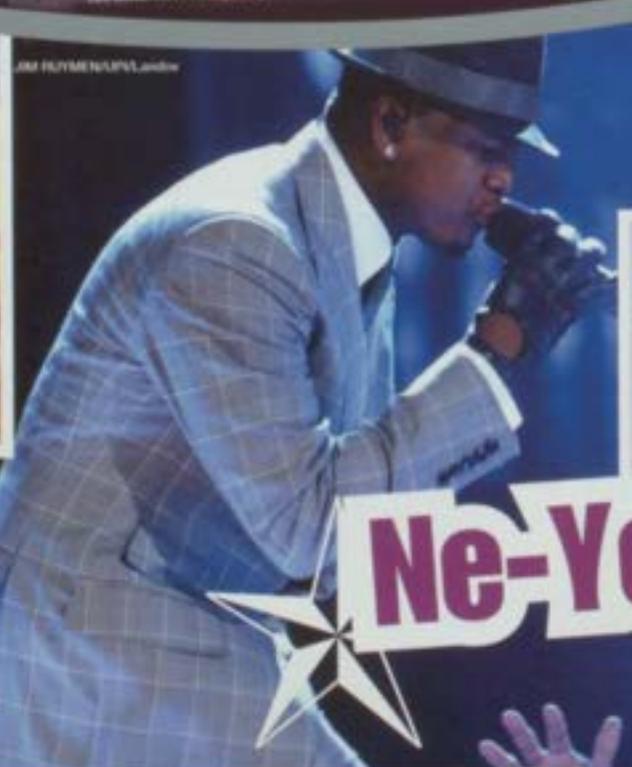
Leona Lewis



Fall Out Boy



▶ Britney Spears rebounds from years of personal challenges with her fifth No. 1 album, *Circus*. She becomes the only act in Nielsen SoundScan history to have four albums that debut with 500,000 or more copies sold.



Ne-Yo

▶ R&B singer-songwriter Ne-Yo brings out his third album, *Year of the Gentleman*, which debuts on the *Billboard* 200 at No. 2. The album garners six Grammy nominations.



Beyoncé



▶ The video for William's song "Yes We Can" gamers more than 1.3 million hits on YouTube and becomes an anthem for young voters during the presidential campaign.

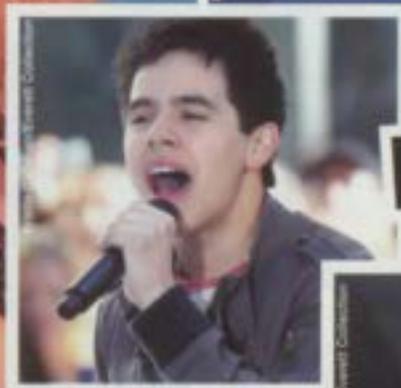


Classic Rock



▶ Fox's American Idol adds a fourth judge to the popular show. Grammy-nominated songwriter Kara DioGuardi joins regular panelists Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell.

Taylor Swift



David vs. David



▶ Rocker David Cook, with 58 percent of the fan votes, beats balladeer David Archuleta in the 2008 finale of Fox's American Idol.



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◀ Texting becomes the new writing. Teens everywhere learn to double-thumb miniature keyboards and invent a new language of abbreviations and signs.



Digital TV

The nation converts to all-digital TV in 2009. The Department of Commerce offers government coupons to make the conversion more affordable.

Social Networking



Lifestyle

Slippers to wear every day



Argyle & Plaid



CONVERSE



Designer Purses & Shoes

Big Sunglasses



◀ Top style trends this year include baggy pants, oversized sunglasses, designer purses, black nail polish and plaids.

Black Nail Polish



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