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A Time to Reflect



irroring her thoughts, Kristen arker's reflection on the brary table sets an apropriate tone for study.

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In 1871 Incarnate Word Academy was born; in our lifetime it will not die. This year was a time for us to laugh, but many had cause to weep. It was a time for us to gather, and a time to mourn the seniors' departure. 1996 was a year we will always embrace in our hearts and minds.

by Meghan Williams

To everything there is a season, under heaven.

Images of the world outside, reflections on life, are what Joseph Morales sketches during his art class while looking through the doors of the present school.



Flashback to Incarnate Word's past. This is the school's center wing, circa 1926. located on Carancahua Steet.

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Most students agree that life outside school is the best.

Many spend their free time playing on the beach, rollerblading, shopping, or watching TV.

Going out of town on longer breaks is fun, especially to San Antonio or Mexico.

Finding new ways to unwind when not at school shows that there is definitely life outside Angel walls.

by Lilia Gonzalez

Life Outside Tile Ontside



Times haven't changed much! Students still enjoy playing a relaxing round of golf after a stressful school week, as do these former students.



While volunteering at Bayfest, Kerith Vara, Lindsey North, and Faviola Hidalgo check their reflections on a radio station's van.



Taking a quick swing, John McGettrick enjoys a round of golf in Fuengirola, Spain, where he stayed for three weeks with friends and family over the summer.

Taking a rest on the top of Mt. Grose in Vancouver, Canada, Marchelle Levy smiles for a quick snapshot. Many students like Marchelle took trips out of town during summer vacation and during the new breaks created by the extended school calendar.



Making a break

Most every student looks forward to summer.

Many students have to get summer jobs, such Scott Hawkins (K.F.C.), Corrine Walker (Subway), and Cindy Perales (KZTV). Bryan Johnson quit his job after only three days.

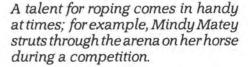
Work wasn't the only activity.
Dante Paiz "liked doing nothing."
Louis De Leon and Brandon Vargas
"experienced the most boring classes
at summer school."

Some took a vacation from vacation. Sara Miller went to the Virgin Islands while Krissy Brozo went to Africa.

When August rolled around, however, it was time to hit the books and quit clowning around.

by Marchelle Levy







Toughing it out in Africa, Krissy Brozo takes a short break--on the back of a camel! Krissy said she learned a lot about cultures during her stay in Africa.

That's LIFE in the '90's



Friends are what is truly important to teens in the '90's. Kevin Kinard and Gabe Olivo show that goofing off is a way to grow as friends.

Katie Sheehan touches up her makeup after lunch. Makeup seems to be a woman's best friend. Imagine living without it! Surviving in the '90's seems har without certain equipment.

Kim Veselka says, "My car is the key to survival. Without it I would not have a social life." Sound familiar?

Nimesh Dave has a different opinion. "I think that teenagers need a telephone to survive in the '90's because most can't live without one."

However, Edward Arellano has a more realistic view. "My parents are my sole possession because they help me make the right decisions. I couldn't live without them."

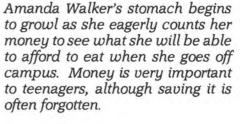
We all have something that is important to us. Maybe it is a security blanket or even a friend. Whatever it is, it's a part of life in the '90's.

by Sarah Stukenberg





There is always a long line at the pay phone. Meli Pineda tries to squeeze in a quick phone call during lunch while Chris Day and Scott Hawkins wait their turn.





As generation X, we focused not only on world problems but also on homework, study, grades.

Halls were filled with scurrying students. Worries such as "I didn't finish my homework" filled the minds of most students once in a while.

Whether we remember the green lockers, friends, teachers, or staying up all night to finish a paper, our lives as students will be remembered forever.

by Mary Reischman

School Days



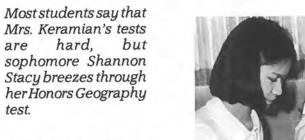
As timeless as competition itself, Sister Evelyn Morales, riling up a crowd in the late 1970's, shows that Angel cheers are forever a part of the game.



Amazed, Jeremy Long is taken aback by his own reflection in the Marine Science aquarium.

Instead of pumping iron in gym class, Brian Carr and Dan Guerra help each other study for first quarter exams.





Lunchtime study is a common sight at IWA. Rowena Apacible guzzles milk while preparing for English.



After finishing her French II work, Kristen Barker proves that it is possible to study for five tests at once.



What U Stress

Why in the world did we do it? Were we out of our minds? AP courses, lunchtime meetings, activities at all hours.

The average IWA student tried not only to do it all but tried also to be the best at it all. Occasional rest and school Masses were only some of the ways we sought to alleviate the pressure of our booked-up agendas.

Why did we do it? For one simple reason--we were stressed for success!

by Susan Smith





"No sweat," says Nimesh Dave as he studies for his upcoming French exam.

Goofing off

Students made school stress a little lighter by cracking jokes, cutting up, and basically making nuisances of themselves in and out of class.

Even though some of the kidding around came from the

teachers, the majority of the joking came from the students. They seemed to like riling up the class with some good old-fashion fun.

As Patrick Tinning said, "It's a part of IWA."

by Anjanette Cantu

Experts at playing around, Monty Mitra and Ashley Lewis seem definitely stress-free after first quarter finals.





Blind luck is what Ms. Jimenez's creative writing students had. They use play in a constructive way as they rely on senses other than sight to describe objects.

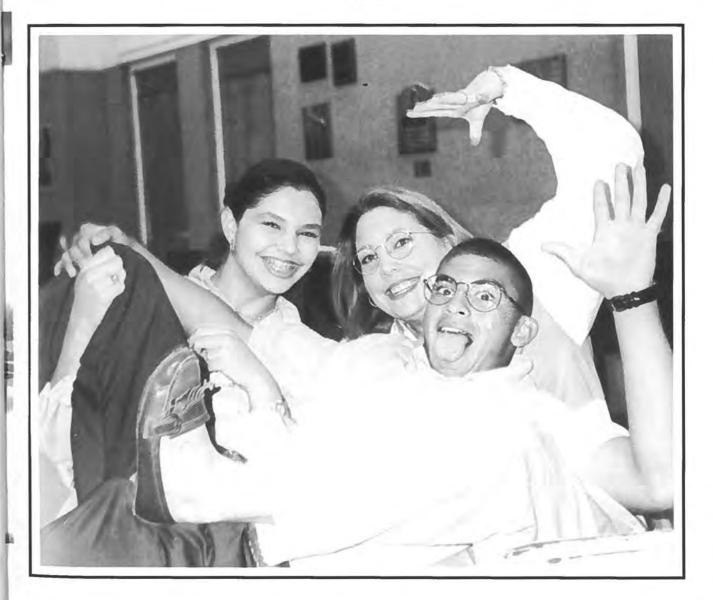
School proved too much for Theo Hasse, so he decided to stop to take a short nap in the band hall.





A no-cootie zone, established by Ms. Chapuran when her students began playing cootie tag, is mocked (in fun) by Patrick Tinning and Jimmy Reumuth as they pass imaginary cooties by touch.

Livening up the choir, Brandon Vargas lies on Kathleen Schauer and Andrea Garza during practice.





Band tunes on the patio helped set the atmosphere at the PTC fundraiser, Fiesta de Familia, on September 16.

The high school Angel band was comprised of (back to front, left to right) Mr. Harmon, Josh Oelschlegal, Armando Mendez, Brian Snapka, Arnie Garcia, Amanda Steward, Selina Silvas, Joseph Boll, Dyana Kossum, and Sadie Palmer.

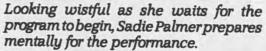




Members are not even distracted by an office aid, Patrick Tinning, while they're practicing.

The brass section waits its turn. Josh Oelschlegal, Brian Snapka, Selina Silvas, and Arnie Garcia know that practice makes perfect.







Playing a new tune

The band had a new attitude.
Mr. Harmon let the members
lay wearing shorts, which helped set
more relaxed atmosphere. This year
lso marked the start of a grading
urve in band, which meant higher
larks for those achieving all
equirements.

Mr. Harmon "decided to attend

the Pops in the Park contest due to last year's TAPPS fiasco" in which there was a problem with scoring. The new contest involves competing against set standards rather than against other bands, according to Mr. Harmon.

With this new outlook, the band played a new tune this year.

New notes

The choir reached new notes with its 33 members, the largest the group has ever been.

Mrs. Fowler seasoned her singers into successful vocal musicians who competed in TAPPS, Regionals, and State contests. Choir members also brought home awards in District Region, Pre-Area, and Area levels of competition.

The choir reminded us that, in the words of Susan Smith, "a day without music is like a day without sunshine."

by Ana Lopez



Camerashy students Christine Kirk and Melina Pineda laugh away under the direction of Mrs. Fowler.

Members Nichole Cassiano, Christina Arredondo, Theo Hasse, Christy Gutierrez, Leslie Escobedo, Edward Arellano, Kim Veselka, Bryan Gomez, and Justin Ricklis sing in angelic harmony.





Choir (L to R, B to F): Susan Sheehan, Nicole Cassiano, Christina Arredondo, Justin Ricklis, Jacob Kerwick, Nathan Eby, Theo Hasse, Susan Smith, Christine Kirk, Jenifer Mirabal, Kathleen Schauer, Carrie Owen, Kristen Barker, Monica Benavides, Christie Gutierrez, Edward Arellano, James Kollaja, Sabrina Calderon, Christina Moon, Phyllis Patterson, Corrie Thomsen, Emily Goodwin, Kim Veselka, Bryan Gomez, Brandon Vargas, Melina Pineda, Andrea Garza, Crystal Cruz.





Phyllis Patterson and CorrieThomsensing to a new scale during practice before C and lemas, celebrated by the Bishop.

Theo Hasse, Jacob Kerwick, Edward Arellano, Nathan Eby, Bryan Gomez, and Justin Ricklis sing to their heart's content.

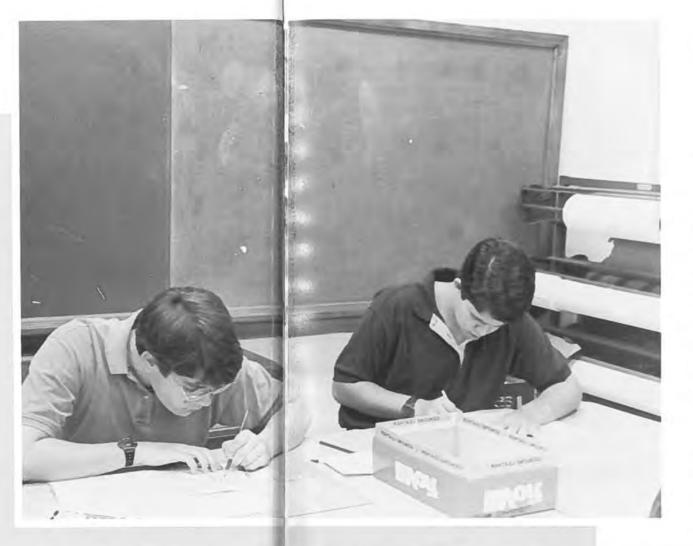
After receiving instructions, William Bannantine and David Caplan allow their imagination to take control during a project in art



Thespian Society (L-R, B-F): Maureen Sheridan, Kristen Barker, Rudy Reyes, Mary Reischman, Niki Plaivech, Hildreth England, Ashley Lewis, Meghan Williams, Mike Tabone, Monty Mitra, John Wilder.



Independent thought is essential in almost any project, especially in Steven Snapka's visual sketch.





The fine arts were alive and well on campus.

Drama was enjoyed by the members of theatre classes, the cast of the fall play, and the Thespian Club, which was "for people who enjoy theater--watching, writing, and acting," said sponsor Mrs. Hasse.

The main objectives of the Thespian Club this year were to produce *Godspell* and to raise money for new equipment.

Art, band, and vocal music classes were also vital to the development of the Angel artisitic tendencies.

by Cody Casterline





Ashley lewis rises above the pack during practice for the fall play, <u>Godspell</u>.

Not just playing, Leslie Meyer works on blocking and lines, preparing a scene in Mrs. Fowler's theatre class.

Working overtime

Deadlines were a common concern in the Journalism class and Quill and Scroll club. "It's hectic--one deadline done, 100 to go!" said Susan Smith.

It was never a sit down class or club. Everyone was moving and working together to create the monthly newspapers and this yearbook. Many students, especially editor Meghan Williams, had to work after school and weekends, too.

These efforts, positive attitudes, and cooperation have created what you hold in your hands.

by Rachaelyn Dempsey

Working independently, Holly Cady labors over a news story.





To keep up with new techniques, Kiersten Adame and Marchelle Levy listen to an assistant journalism professor from Del Mar.

Quill and Scroll members Mari Pyle, Kristen Barker, Matt Pyle, and Susan Smith work with Ms. Chapuran to keep the production rolling.





Aurora and Crown creators (L to R, B to F): Matt Pyle, Kiersten Adame, sponsor Joanne Chapuran, Mary Reischman, Nimesh Dave, Cody Casterline, John McGettrick, Mari Pyle, Anjanette Cantu, Sarah Stukenberg, Rowena Apačible, Laura Kocian, Marchelle Levy, Joseph Morales, Lilia Gonzalez, Holly Cady, Susan Smith, and Meghan Williams.

Working toward a better book, Herff-Jones representative Oscar Garza works with Mary Reischman and Anjanette Cantu.





TAPPS music is tough to learn, but Susan Smith seems to be doing great. That is the face of a winner.

Practicing for TAPPS calculator is stressful. Niki Plaivech is taking it in stride as she prepares for the big competition.

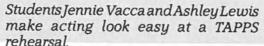




Deep in thought, Rachel Williams studies earnestly to prepare for T A P P S competition.

Racing against time, Lindsey New practices for the calculator team.







That's using your head!

Competition, not just for sports, helped refine mental powers.

Students performed well at many academic meets. Additionally, several students were identified as outstanding. For example, Chris Birnbaum and Anthony Lickteig were National Merit Semifinalists.

Another contest combined writing and science skills. Lindsey New and Shannon Stacy won a chemistry essay contest.

Through academic challenge, students showed the power of the mind.

by Andrea Garza

With honors

Character, scholarship, leadership, service, and a 90 or above G.P.A. are some of the requirements for a National Honor Society (N.H.S.) member.

Matt Pyle, a new member, was "proud and happy that such an honor" was given to him.

Some NHS activities
were tutoring fellow students,
sponsoring the award
ceremony at the end of the
year, and producing the
literary magazine. The most
important activity, though,
was being an example for
other Angels.

by John McGettrick



With the help of NHS member Monty Mitra, Sean Alexander studies for an upcoming Algebra test. Tutoring is one of the many duties NHS members undertake.





NHS members (L to R, B to F): Mary Reischman, Chris Day, Brian Snapka, Marsha Snapka, Jeong Ahn, Anthony Lickteig, Carlos Garcia, Monty Mitra, Chris Birnbaum, Joseph Saenz, William Bannantine, Andy Bonelli, Katherine Gaston, Matt Pyle, Hillary Johnston, Maureen Sheridan, Hildreth England, Theresa McHugh, Kristen Wakashige, A.R. Klekers, Monica Briones, Rudy Reyes, Tatiana Gutierrez, Mrs. Casey.





Member J'Amy Duran ponders while judging English posters.

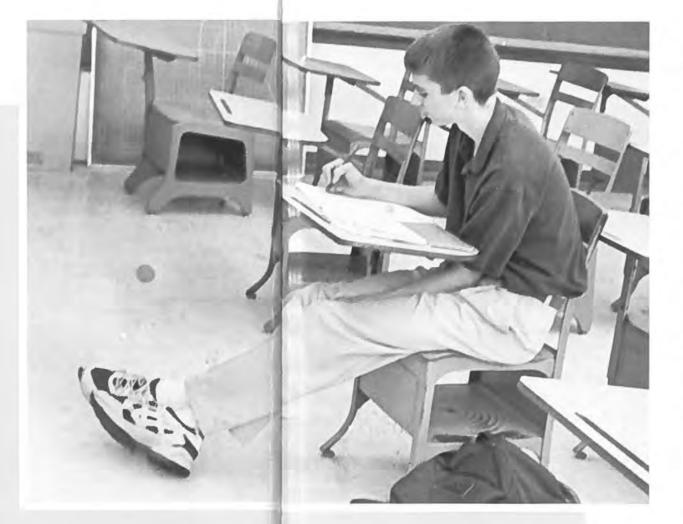
Mary Reischman, Monty Mitra, and NHS sponsor Mrs. Casey look for a possible poster contest winner during English Week.

NHS president H i l d r e t h England helps tutor freshman Cathy Chopin. Peer tutoring was one of the NHS members' responsibilities.

Matt Pyle prepares for the TAPPS competition. Most Mu Alpha Theta members participated in TAPPS or UIL meets, if not both.

Making math easier to understand, Nathan Mathews tutors Jamie Rose. Tutoring is probably one of the most important responsibilities for a member.





Adding it up

Maintaining a math grade above 90 was no easy task. Mu Alpha Theta honors those who were able to keep to this standard.

Keeping with tradition, members tutored students who needed extra help in math subjects.

Besides tutoring, the members of Mu Alpha Theta competed in math competitions in academic meets, especially U.I.L. and TAPPS.

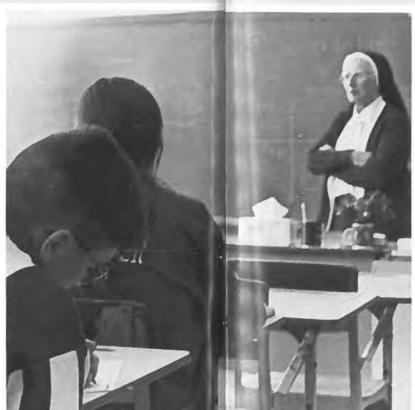
Mu Alpha Theta members seemed to love math.

by Mary Reischman

Taking time to relax after the meeting, Theresa McHugh, Mari Pyle, and Kristen Wakashige finish their lunch before going back to the world of learning.



As the students listen attentively to their sponsor, Sr. Catherine gives extra important information to the members during a meeting.





Mu Alpha Theta members (L-R, B-F): Marsha Snapka, Anthony Lickteig, Carlos Garcia, Chris Birnbaum, William Bannantine, Andy Bonelli, Monica Briones, Matt Pyle, Tatiana Gutierrez, Hildreth England, Michael Tabone, Theresa McHugh, Monty Mitra, Kristen Wakashige, Nathan Mathews, A.R. Klekers, Jimmy Reumuth, Rudy Reyes, Sr. Catherine (sponsor).

Learning about life

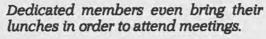
During lunchtime meetings, Nike Career members were searching for answers to the age-old question, "What will you do with your life?"

Speakers from various professions talked to the club about their occupations. Students then got an idea of what the various careers or

jobs entailed.

Nike experienced speakers ranging from a restaurant manager to an attorney.

Vice President Erika Payan said, "Nike is one club which is definitely worth giving up lunch for."







Discussing ideas presented by the guest speaker, the manager of Chili's, Andy Torres and Vanessa Roberts take the information to heart while Daniel Guerra gives his undivided attention.

President John Wilder helps to direct the meetings, making sure they flow smoothly.





Nike Club (L to R, B to F): Marchelle Levy, Daphny Dominguez, Katherine Gaston, Matt Pyle, Erika Payan, Sharon Krnavek, Meli Pineda, Theresa McHugh, Marsha Snapka, Ana Liza Thompson, Stephanie Gonzales, Juanita Ramirez, Vikash Patel, Annie Palacios, Nimesh Dave, Jennifer Villarreal, Joseph Saenz, Jana Muniz, Trey Stearns, Monica Briones, Mrs. Pyle and Ms. Allie Young (cosponsors), Carlos Garcia, Mari Pyle, Hillary Johnston, Rowena Apacible, Patrick Carr, Susan Sheehan, Rachel Williams, Shannon Stacy, Alberto Garza, Chris Collins, Vanessa Roberts, Mikel Abreu, Angela Perez, Jessica Chodosh, Maureen Sheridan, Mike Tabone, Anjanette Cantu, Allison Davis, Ashley Allen, Amelia Giovannone, Lindsey New, Rachaelyn Dempsey, Chris Collins, Andrew Torres, Dante Paiz, Kristen Wakashige, Rudy Reyes, Kristen Barker, Susan Smith, Adrienne Bosquez, Candice Paiz, Jennifer Montgomery, John Wilder.

All eyes are upon a speaker from Southern Careers Institute as the members plan for their futures.





While digging for service, members empty a rusty barrel full of sand on Padre Island during the beach clean-up.



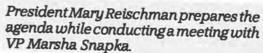
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Natalie Pena, Rachel Williams, Sadi Palmer, Adrianna Lynch, Jennifer the holiday food drives, and Montgomery, Kim Witliff, Mrs. Keehan (sponsor), Jana Muniz, Ashley Aller ying gifts for programs like Adopt-Christie Gutierrez, Jonathan Carlson, Giovana Barastain, Shannon Staci Mindy Matey, Rudy Reyes, Kristen Barker, Cristin McClure, Vanessa Roberts Rowena Apacible, Susan Smith, Amelia Giovanne, Lizette Solis, Lindsey the activities in which members



Vanessa Roberts and Corrie Thompson are on a food break during the Ocagon club's district meeting.

Raising money with the Bowl-A-Thon is a focus. Mrs. Keehan displays a sign-up sheet for this project as Jana Muniz, Carlos Garcia, and Joseph Saenz prepare participate.







Kindness takes shape in Octagon Club

Random acts of kindness were

Participating in the annual Port Family and Youth City were a few

participated.

"The Octagon Club is probably the club that stands out most at IWA," said Kristen Barker. "Just about everyone is really focused on helping other people. We're a real caring bunch of kids."

by Susan Smith

Commitment

for LIFE

"We are basically a group of students who promote life, mostly by our views against abortion," said President Vikash Patel.

Students for Life, a group dedicated to preserving all life, showed their concern through their activities.

Members participated in a life chain to protest abortion. To experience life as a deaf person might, they wore earplugs for a day.

Sr. Pat, the sponsor, and the members "shared life through their care."

by Cody Casterline



Jennifer Montgomery waits patiently for Adrianna Lynch to finish reading so that she can read the resposorial Psalm.

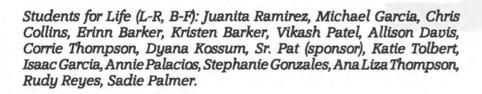
Students For Life member Sadie Palmer participates in Mass by reading from the scriptures.





Students For Life President Vikash Patel and Vice-president Barker Kristen participate in the Students For Life sponsored schoolwide Mass.







Bringing the gifts to Fr. Sembler during the Thanksgiving Mass are members Chris Collins and Dyana Kossum.

Clowning around after winning a trophy at the Citizen's Parade for the Retarded, Hillary Johnson is joined by Dan McReynolds, Mari Pyle, Theresa McHugh, and Maureen Sheridan.





Organized

for success

It was a busy year for the Student Council. Tremendous effort and countless hours were spent planning and carrying out the numerous activities that the Student Council organized.

Many of the student activities at IWA, such as Red Ribbon Week, Prom, Spirit Day, Student of the Month, and Teacher Appreciation Day, happened thanks to the hard work of the Student Council members.

by Susan Smith

Students helping students in the bookstore is a common sight. Student Council VP Mari Pyle assists Bryan Brazell during registration at the beginning of the year.

Vanessa Dunn and Michelle Northcutt remindstudents through posters to buckle up.



Not only did Ruben Garcia, Matt Pyle, and Theresa McHugh help in beautifying Port Aransas during the beach clean-up, but they also helped deodorize it by finding and disposing of a dead fish.





Student Council members (L to R, B to F):Dante Paiz, Theresa McHugh, Maureen Sheridan, Chris Day, Mari Pyle, Arnie Garcia, Matt Montgomery, Anthony Lickteig, Jorge Rodriguez, Leslie Meyer, Brandon Trevino, Mary Reischman, John Wilder, Chris Collins, Marsha Snapka, Amanda Walker, Anjanette Cantu, Joey Vela, Faviola Hidalgo, Alberto Garza, Sabrina Calderon, Laura Kocian, Emily Goodwin, Mike Tabone, Jennifer Montgomery, Susan Sheehan, Melina Pineda, Kim Veselka, Michelle Northcutt, Sarah Stukenberg, Kristwn Hall, Christie Gutierrez, Cristin McClure, Lindsey New Amelia Giovannone, Vanessa Dunn, Niki Plaivech, Hilary Johnston, Kim Witliff, Vikash Patel, Annie Palacios, Ana Liza Thompson, Vanessa Roberts, Mindey Matey, Daphny Dominguez, Lizette Solis, Rudy Reyes, Hildreth England, Kristen Barker, Cindy Perales, Katherine Gaston, Tatiana Gutierrez, Melanie Villarreal, Kelly Caldwell, Erin Barker, Mrs. Keehan (sponsor), Corey Hardeman.

Debating the future

Preparing to participate as informed citizens, many students took part in political clubs.

The Junior Statesmen of America (JSA), learned "how our political system runs," stated Vice-President Andy Bonelli. Most of the JSA members also belong to the Young Democrats or Republicans. The Young Republicans "focused on spreading Republican ideals and ... providing a forum for political debate," said Vice-President Matt Pyle.

The Young Democrats also enjoyed debating which, according to Susan Smith, "gives me a chance to open my mind to new ideas."

by Laura Kocian

Matt Pyle leads a Young Republican's meeting.





Young Republican and Democrats (L to R, B to F): Susan Smith, Rachel Williams, Trey Stearns, Amelia Giovannone, Michael Pack, Alberto Garza, John Wilder, Kim Wittliff, Susan Sheehan, Nathan Eby, William Powers, Mark Buck, Matt Pyle, David Hart, Alison Davis, Jorge Rodriguez.

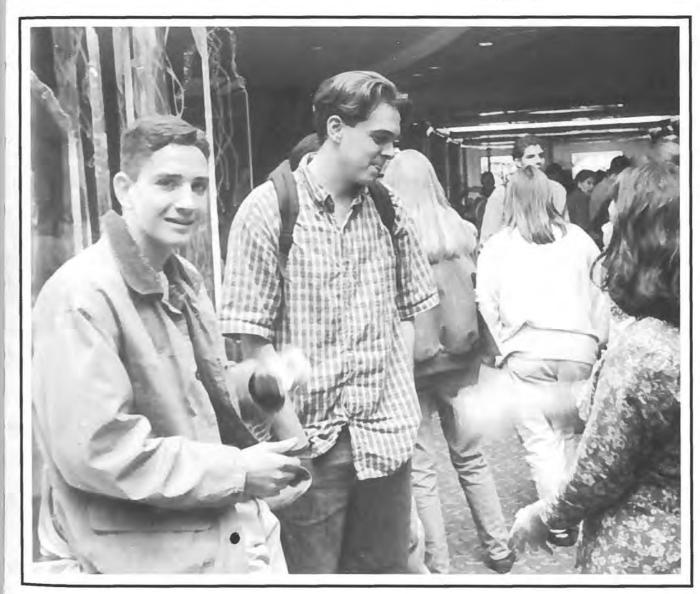
JSA members discuss club issues at a lunchtime meeting.





JSA Club (B to F, L to R):
Jenny Vacca, Alberto
Garza, Clarissa Flores,
David Caplan, Mrs.
Keramian (sponsor), Andy
Bonelli, Monty Mitra,
Anthony LIckteig, Alison
Davis, William
Bannantine, A.R.
Kleckers, Dr. Harris
(sponsor)

In between seminars, Anthony Lickteig and David Grote mingle with students from other schools.





Teamwork is a major factor in the PALS program. Middle School and High School PALS play a game that teaches that working together gets the job done faster.

PALS group members (L to R, B to F):Jonathon Carlson, Sara Miller, Matt Montgomery, Mrs. Isabel Cavazos (sponsor), Marco Passeri, Kathleen Schauer, Krissy Brozo, Monica Benavides, Adrianna Lynch, Jennifer Montgomery, Liz Skelly, Keri Torres, Rueben Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Molly Fritz, Crystal Cruz, Leslie Meyer, Alberto Garza, Adrienne Bosquez, Sabrina Calderon, Christina Moon, Rachaelyn Dempsey, Ana Lopez, Susan Smith.

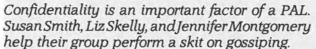




Marco Passeri and Krissy Brozo present a poster of their group to their fellow PALS.

Listing their ideas, Matt Montgomery and Sarah Miller's group discuss ideas on what the beliefs of a PAL should be.







Being a 'PAL'

Everybody needs someone to talk to, and this is what the Peers Accepting, Learning, and Sharing (PALS) program was all about. It was implemented at the high school this year by Mrs. Cavassos.

Some students were veteran members, as it is an established program at the middle school. "Being a middle school PAL differed a lot from being a high school PAL," sophomore Alberto Garza said. "In high school, the problems we were dealing with were much more severe."

PALS were there to help with problems, big or small.

by Susan Smith

Spirited Support

Part of the sports teams' successes were due to the spirit and support displayed by the cheerleaders.

Undaunted by a midseason switch in coaches, the Angel cheerleaders practiced hard in order to better spur our teams on to victory.

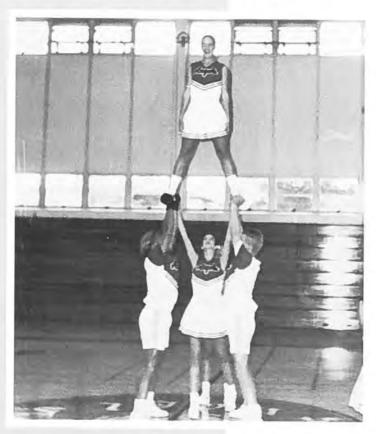
"We knew we were going to have to practice hard this year, because almost half our squad is new, so there was a lot of teaching going on," said captain Melanie Villarreal. "Still, we had an awesome season!"

by Meghan Williams



In a new formation, Katherine Gaston and Melanie Villarreal lead the cheerleaders in a pep rallu.

Dan Norris, Katherine Gaston, Brian Snapka, and Mika Mathews raised the cheerleaders to the top.





Angel Cheerleaders (L-R, T-F): Valerie Reyes, Candice Paiz, Dan Norris, Brian Snapka, Adrienne Bosquez, Stephanie Gonzales, Stacey Probert, Katherine Gaston, Mika Mathews, Marchelle Levy, Cindy Perales, Daphny Dominguez, Shannon Stacy, Tatiana Gutierrez, Melanie Villarreal.





each other, Daphny Dominguez and Marchelle Levy show the bonds of friendship during cheer breaks.

Leaning against

Cheering to the crowd, these leaders make the spirit of the gym come alive.



Asleep on the job in World Geography class, Jacob Kerwick is awakened by an irate Mr. Dubose.

At times, cramming is allowed in class. Angela Perez and others study for Sr. Pat's test in Religion.



Study buddies! Katherine Gaston and Tatiana Guittierez study quietly together.





Vocabulary is a common morning cram, as seen with Joseph Morales, Kathleen Schauer, and Melina Pineda.



Jason Beers, Giovana Berastein, Zach Fritz, and Sam Crecelius study for that big test.

Cramming

Thirty minutes before the English exam, and you've barely gotten a chance to study. What are you going to do? Cram!!!!!

For many students, this sounds familiar. Procrastination is usually the cause. "Cramming is something every student should have experienced once," said Matt Montgomery.

Mika Mathews said, "Cramming is a bad habit that is hard to break; I just try to be prepared."

Plenty of students have this habit--look around the halls at 7:45 a.m. and you'll find a perfect picture of cramming.

by Marchelle Levy

Clicking with cliques

Freshman Jonathan Carlson didn't like the fact that there were "not many hippies at IWA." He said, "I'm a hippy and I hang out with people I can relate to."

Cliques on campus helped give a sense of identity, yet sometimes caused isolation for those who weren't stereotyped. Most students, in theory, did not like being segregated. Gio Berastain said, "I think it's stupid people stick with their own kind."

Will these groups continue past high school? Maybe things change in college or maybe it's just the way life is.

by Sarah Stukenberg

Maggie Barandiaran, Joey Vanzant, Selina Silvas, and David Caplan are in a world of their own when it's lunch time.



Just hanging out is cool with these guys. Chris Dobbins and Jonathan Carlson enjoy each other's company.

Patrick Horne seems happy by himself. Sometimes it's nice to get away from all the groups.



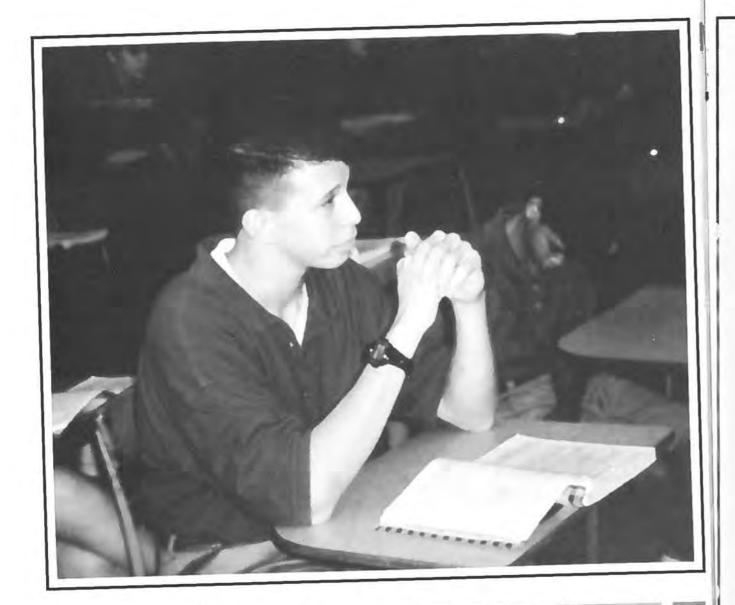




Kevin Kinard and Adrianna Lynch are special friends. Here, they help each other and the environment at the beach clean-up.

Sometimes one clique attracts others. Sam Crecelius's guitar tunes bring others to enjoy the atmosphere on the patio.





Joey Vela daydreams about the past weekend. Getting in focus and concentrating on class is quite difficult sometimes, especially on Mondays.



Imagine the most dreaded and exciting Monday in your high school career--Freshman Orientation! Sr. Martha tries to instill IWA values into the freshmen class on this day.



First period is always the hardest. Getting there is even harder. Theresa McHugh can hardly keep her eyes open as she fumbles with her bookbag by her locker.



Monday morning means a busy office. Bobby Vela pleads with Ms. Espinoza for a tardy slip while Meghan Williams waits patiently.



Sleepwalking through the day is quite common. Just ask Jacob Kerwick who seems less than happy to be at school.

It sure is Monday!

The dreaded Monday morning seemed always just around the corner. Somehow, we all got through it. What was your secret?

Kristen Mathis ate "lots of stuff vith sugar in it for breakfast" which ept "me laughing and stress-free or the whole day." Connor Farrell probably wouldn't have made most Mondays if it weren't for his sister, who "beats me with a pillow until I wake up."

Luckily, Mondays only came once a week and provided a good reason to slack off.

by Sarah Stukenberg

Dressing for success

At first frustrated by the new dress code for underclassmen, many students soon changed their minds once school started.

Mindy Matey thought the dress code was "not as bad as I thought it would be, but I think we should be allowed a little more variety, especially the juniors who have already invested in two years' worth of clothes for the old dress code."

To many students the dress code was not a problem at all. John McGettrick liked it "because I get to wear shorts," while Ashlee Howe liked not having "to pick out a new outfit everyday."

by Laura Kocian

Seniors, who follow a more liberal dress code, express individual style. Erika Payan and Sharon Krnavek show their fashion flair.



With a style all his own, Joe Gonzales follows the code but wears his backpack backwards.





Luckily for Adriana Contreras, shorts were allowed in the dress code. They sure helped with her cast!



Students wore a variety of shirts to spice up the dress code. Michael Pack, Ford Allen, Corinne Walker, Ashlee Howe, and Dax Davila show off their style.



Jeans at school? Some of these students, Sarah Norris, Ashley Allen, Stacey Caldwell, Aubrey Goodrich, and Cristin McClure enjoy spirit day when jeans are allowed (when worn with an IWA spirit shirt, of course).

Looking back, we may not remember history tests, but we will remember class clowns and cafeteria food fights with French fries flying.

Time spent with friends at the beach or watching a movie will also be treasured.

These reflections will stay with us forever.

by Holly Cady

Views of People 560bjs



To have been in the first graduating class would have been quite an honor. Little did 1913 graduate Katie Dunn know how long the school would last or how productive it would be.



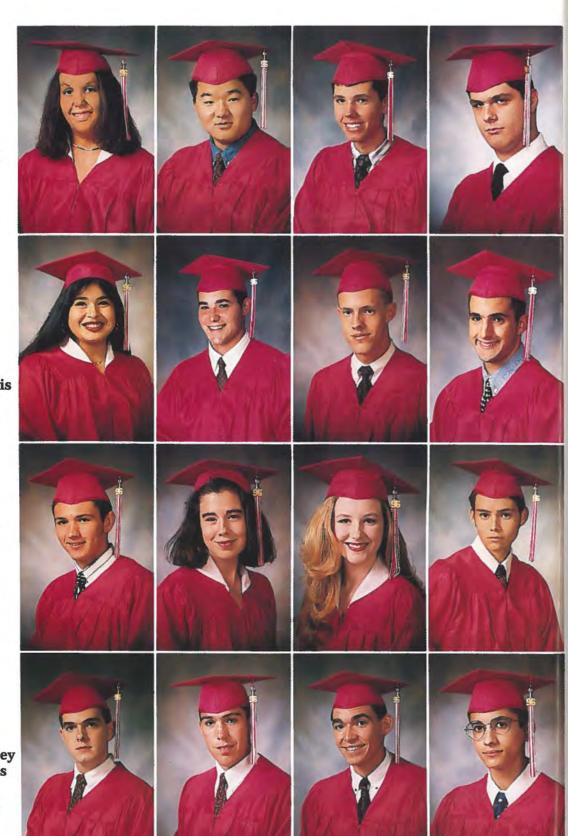
Checking his reflection, 1996 graduate Jeong Ahn prepares for the senior cap and gown photos. Many seniors considered this teasing-they couldn't wait to wear the outfit at graduation.

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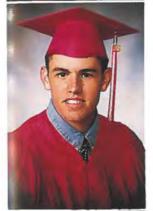
Sabrina Calderon Patrick Carr Michael Coffeen Dax Davila Cameron Davis

Christopher Day J'Amy Duran Hildreth England Bill Garza Micah Giffin

David Grote Jason Guernsey Scott Hawkins Joseph Hill Kevin Kinard











To many, including Dax Davila, life after high school will be "scary but fun." To others, it will be a chance to live life to the fullest.

Many seniors are nervous about being on their own.

According to
Anthony Lickteig, "Life
will be challenging and
exciting, something
we're all ready for."

by Anjanette Cantu



Anthony Lickteig, preparing for his future, and others listen attentively to Mrs. Casey during the college night held in the school library on September 20.

Dining out during the day

Becoming a senior meant more than just the fourth year of high school, it also came with special privileges. Of all the bonuses, offcampus lunch seemed to be the favorite.

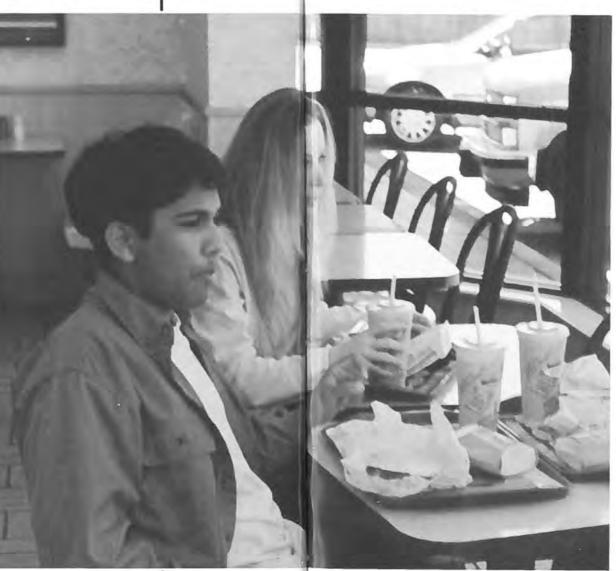
After eating here for three years, getting to choose where to eat was a nice change. Matt Montgomery said, "Going off-campus during lunch makes the day go by faster."

By not abusing the privilege with tardies to fifth period or with improper conduct, the seniors of today will ensure off campus lunch for the seniors of tomorrow.

by John McGettrick



The bill is the down side of going out to lunch. Ed Taft and Nathan Mathews don't seem overly excited about paying the for the meal.



McDonald's was a favorite off-campus lunch location, probably because of its meal deals. Monty Mitra and Hildreth England seem to be enjoying it.



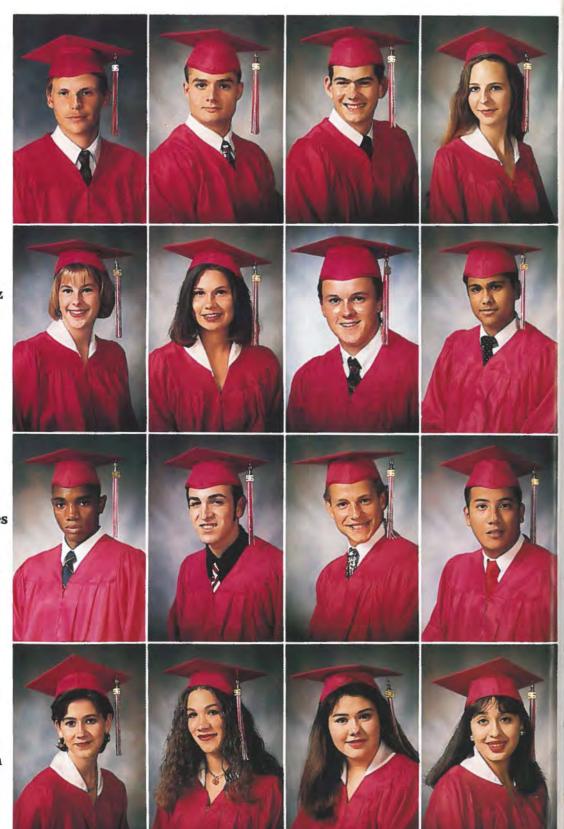
Preparing to jet away from the Angel campus, Matt Montgomery seems to like the close, assigned parking for seniors, another privilege of the class of '96.

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Matthew
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James Kollaja
Sharon
Krnavek
Anthony
Lickteig

Jenny Luhan Lorie Martinez Nathan Mathews Monty Mitra Matthew Montgomery

Kelly Moore Joseph Morales Dan Norris Gabriel Olivo Jessica Olvera

Carrie Owen Erika Payan Cindy Perales Melina Pineda Niki Plaivech











With helping hands

Helping out is a tradition for seniors, and those who volunteer follow this path.

Participating in the beach cleanup was one way to help, and many seniors were involved.

Using off periods as a teacher/office aid was a way to help the school.

Hopefully, this volunteering won't end after the high school years.



Donating their knowledge to the fourth grade boys basketball team, seniors Kelly Moore and Jason Guernsey teach the basics.

Circle of Friends

School began with new acquaintances and close friends.

As freshmen, new friends and opportunities were blossoming everywhere.

We gradually weeded out our broad selection of friends and discovered our closer relationships until friends had become an integral part of our existence.

As the circle closes, relationships rather than contacts define our friendships. This select group of confidants grows into a secure footing where pretension is shed and character is formed.

by Susan Smith





Even when forced to eat on campus, senior friends flock together in the lunchroom. Jerry Valadez, Jason Guernsey, Liz Skelly and Stephen Sanchez socialize during lunch.





While working hard in art class, senior Cameron Davis takes time out to smile for the camera with his friend Krissy Brozo.



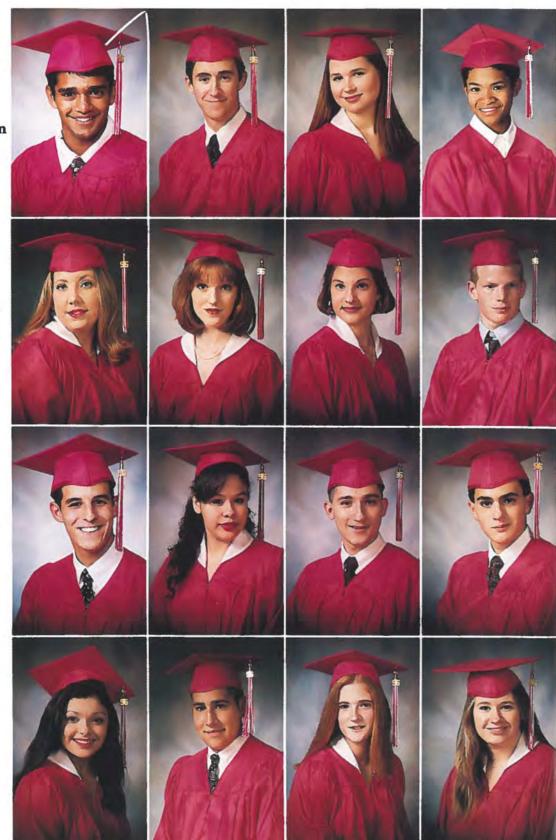
Good friends Cameron Davis, Phillip Read, and Dax Davila take a breather together before fleeing the scene of school.

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Edward Taft Keri Torres Jerry Valadez Bobby Vela Kim Veselka

Melanie Villarreal Jason Wachnowsky Amanda Walker Meghan Williams









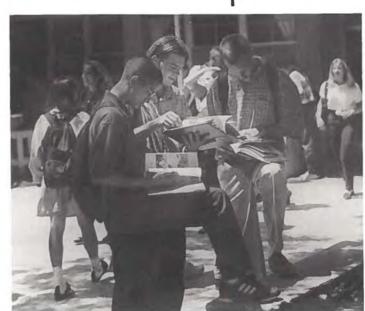
The best of times

"High school years
have been the best time of
my life. I've met lifetime
friends." Melanie
Villarreal summed up the
opinion of many seniors.

The seniors said goodbye to high school and moved on with their lives, but memories of this year will last until they're old and gray.

As Melina Pineda said, "Your senior year is the best year of your life."

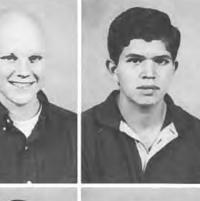
by Anjanette Cantu



Memories of underclassmen years are shared in August as Joseph Hill, David Grote, and Michael Coffeen look over the 1995 yearbook.









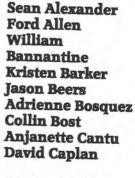


















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Michael Garcia Ruben Garcia Andrea Garza **Katherine Gaston Stephanie Gonzales** Lilia Gonzalez **Emily Goodwin**

One step behind

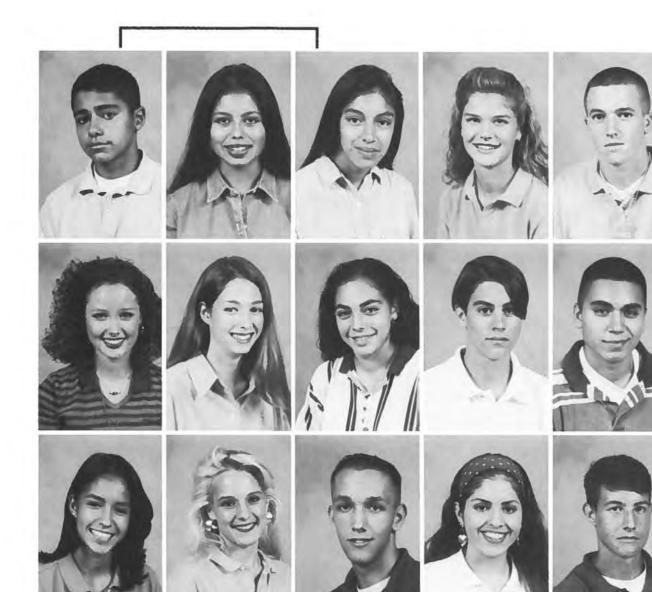
Juniors were caught in the middle. Old enough to be responsible, we were too young to eat off campus. We followed the new dress code, unlike the seniors.

The juniors were one step behind, looking forward to senior status. by Rachaelyn Dempsey



Patel studies; trying to keep up with a social life, Alison Van Der Wall chats. Juniors congregated in the halls most mornings until the dreaded bell rang.

The keys to getting ahead, interest and determination, hard qualities to master, are shown by Isaac Garcia and Andrea Garza in keyboarding class.



















Marchelle Levy Ashley Lewis Belissa Lippert Nathan Marek Juan Marmoleio **Mindy Matey** John McGettrick Theresa McHugh Sara Miller







Jana Muniz **Michelle Northcutt** Michael Pack **Annie Palacios Kyle Parks** Vikash Patel Natalie Pena Mari Pyle

Every minute counts!

School seemed eternal until...whew! Dismissal.

Spirits soared as we hit the hallway. Chris Collins often stopped at the snack bar before shooting hoops; Natalie Pena rushed to play practice; Joe Gonzales skated at the T-heads.

We made every second outside school count!

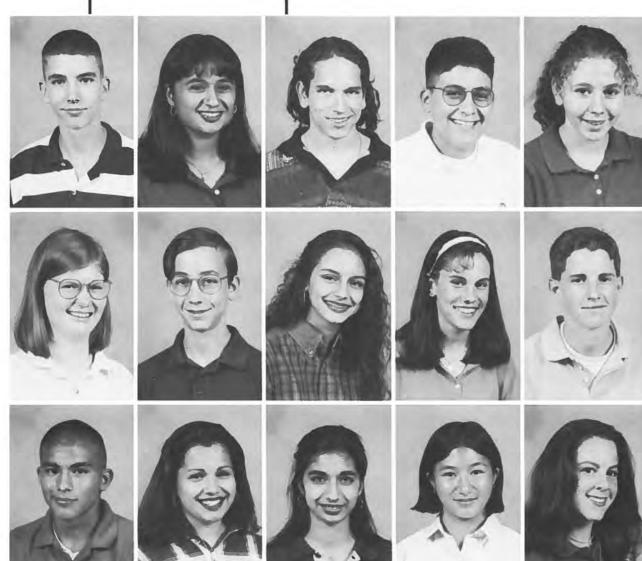
by Rachaelyn Dempsey





Taking time to unwind, Chris Collins, Ford Allen, Isaac Garcia, Tony Marmolejo, Jason Guernsey, and Patrick Tinning play a quick game of 3 on 3. After school many take time to enjoy activities.

Going to the movies is one way for junior Jennifer Wallace to relax after a hard school day.



















Get what you can

Juniors often heard, "When I was your age, I worked" by parents, so a few were forced out into the job market.

Since dream jobs are hard to come by, juniors often resorted to jobs they disliked.

While waiting for that ideal job, workers had extra spending money and fewer lectures from parents.

by Rachaelyn Dempsey





Hot bread seems to satisfy most customers at Subway. Corinne Walker shows that for some juniors, working isn't all that bad.

Hurrying to the gym after school, Ashley Lewis and Jenny Vacca use some of their hard-earned money to get what they want mostfood! A lot of junior money went into the after school snack bar.

Climbing up

Sophomore year meant another move up the ladder toward senior status. "Being treated better" is what Matthew Scott experienced.

Though treated better, sophomores were still held back from some of the excitement like eating offcampus lunch and attending prom.

One thing was for sure, though, sophomores were ready for the next stage.

by Joseph Morales



Heading up the ladder to success is easier with computer skills. Chris Dobbins explains a concept to Joseph McCumber.

































Sonia Arriaga Giovana Berastain **Lorie Beste Patrick Brazell Ashley Bryan Mark Buck**

Holly Cady Stacey Caldwell Brian Carr Jessica Chodosh Christopher Collins Adriana Contreras

Sam Crecelius Luis De Leon John Detmer Christopher Dobbins Dante Dominguez Vanessa Dunn

Expressions

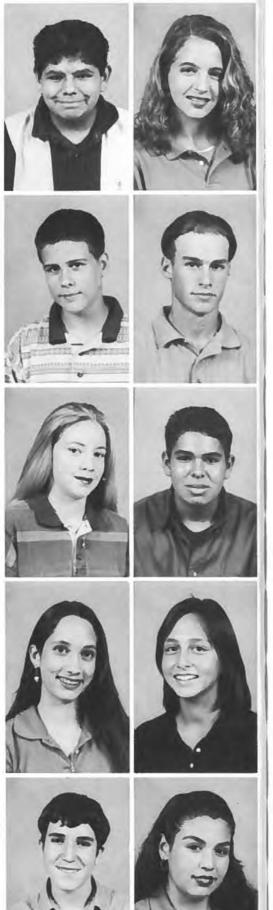
As a collection of individuals, sophomores found ways to express themselves.

Classes such as foreign language and religion helped by opening up worlds of ideas.

Whether appreciating cultural heritage, exploring new ideas, or trying to make a difference in the world, sophomores showed their personal taste through action.



Dancing in traditional Phillipine style, Rowena Apacible performs at Bayfest.























Gettin' wheels!

Being sixteen and having a driver's license equalled "freedom" according to Holly Cady.

This independence meant no more waiting for rides to show or being forced to go in the parents' minivan.

The down side was the process of getting the license. Though bored stiff at driver's education, it really was worth it in the end.

by Joseph Morales



Ready to zoom home, Vanessa Dunn likes not having to wait for a ride.































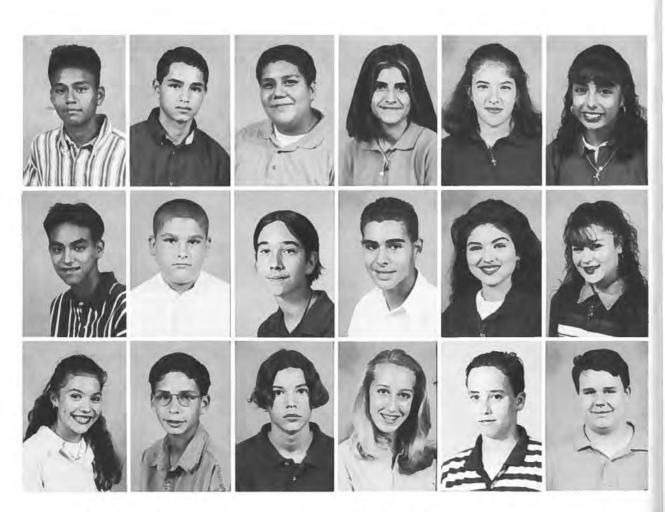
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Brenda Valadez Ioev Vela Rachel Williams Kimberly Wittliff Cody Casterline





Jesse Anzaldua Carlos Araiza **Ernest Arellano** Maggie Barandiaran Erinn Barker Monica Benavides Joseph Boll Jason Bundick **Tvler Burdick Kelly Caldwell** Arnold Cano **Cody Cargile** Jonathan Carlson Fernando Casals Nichole Cassiano Noriessa Charles Catherine Chopin **Heather Clark Robert Collins** Sarah Cruse Crystal Cruz Frankie Davila **Hunter Dean** Kristen Dill **Andrew Farias Connor Farrell** Brendan Feeney **Carlos Flores** Joseph Flores **Molly Fritz**

Freshman Jitters

On the fist day of school, freshmen may have pictured being stuffed into lockers by upperclassmen. Of course, they soon realized this never happened.

They quickly adapted to the new environment and realized those "Big Mean Seniors" aren't so bad. After all, upperclassmen were once freshmen, too.

by Marchelle Levy

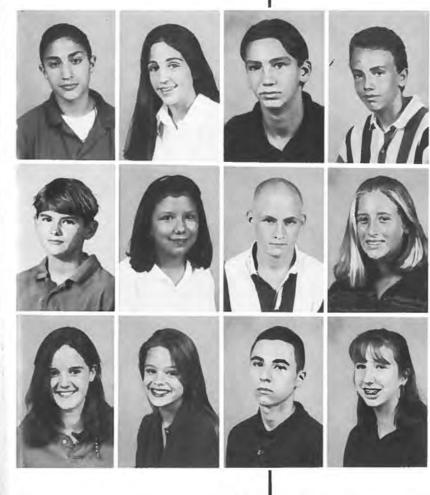




Ernest Arellano, Sam Tisdale, and others work together during the freshman retreat in September. This day helped to reduce some freshmen stress.

MikaMathewsandEmily Yuras take time out for their morning breakfast during a cheerleading activity.





Arnie Garcia Jesse Garcia Carlos Garcia **Leslie Garrett** Sergio Garza Jacqueline Gillenwater Bryan Gomez Lauren Gonzales Gabe Goodman Casey Graham **Ioe Grote Amber Guernsey** Christie Gutierrez Kristin Hall Jacquelyn Hallmark **Korey Hardeman** Michael Hrncir Nicole Jaimes **Karsten Kavakos Kallieste Koclanes David Kubicek** Juan Landivar Jeremy Long **Edward** Lucio **Manuel Macias** Rafaela Martinez Mika Mathews Paige McCurdy Armando Mendez Leslie Meyer

A Matter of Taste

Change can be scary, but most freshmen seemed to prefer high school to middle school.

Nichole Cassiano likes high school better because "there are more people to meet" and it "is more exciting than middle school because it is more challenging."

Freshmen liked the new atmosphere of high school.

by Laura Kocian





Freshmen learned a lot on their retreat in September, but Kelly Caldwell, Jeremy Long, and Frankie Davila still found time to socialize.

At the freshman retreat, Lauren Gonzales, Jenifer Mirabal, and Nicole Jaimes worked diligently together to enhance their religious and social bonds.















Carl Pleasant Clare Renfro Doni Sambitan **Barbara Schauer** Judith Sheridan Selina Silvas Steven Snapka **Lizette Solis Amanda Steward**





Sam Tisdale **Katie Tolbirt Brandon Trevino Kerith Vara** Sansuray Vaughan Susan Wardle Lisa Williams **Emily Yuras**

Young and old alike

Contrary to freshmen fears, the majority of them were friends with the upperclassmen.

"Most of the seniors are pretty nice to me," said Crystal Cruz.

Walking through the halls, freshmen were often seen socializing with seniors.

Senior/freshmen friendships worked well within the school. by Laura Kocian





Hippies at heart, Jonathan Carlson and Erika Payan find a similarity in the idea of peace.

Showing off their bond of friendship, Cindy Perales and Crystal Cruz hang out together before class.

Sr. Martha O'Gara
Principal
Sr. Henri Amador
Religion
Sr. Catherine Brehony

Asst. Principal/Algebra/Calculus
Sr. Patricia Ann Burns
English/Religion

English/Religion

Mrs. Clelia Casey
Academic Dean/English

Mrs. Isabel Cavazos
Personal Counselor
Ms. Joanne Chapuran
English/Journalism
Mr. Robert Dodd
Physical Education/Health
Sr. Eileen Mary Doherty
English/Religion
Mr. Tracy DuBose
Geography

Ms. Colleen Duzich

Marine Science/Physical Science

Miss Mary Esther Espinosa

Registrar/Algebra

Mrs. Kathleen Fowler

Choir/Theatre/German

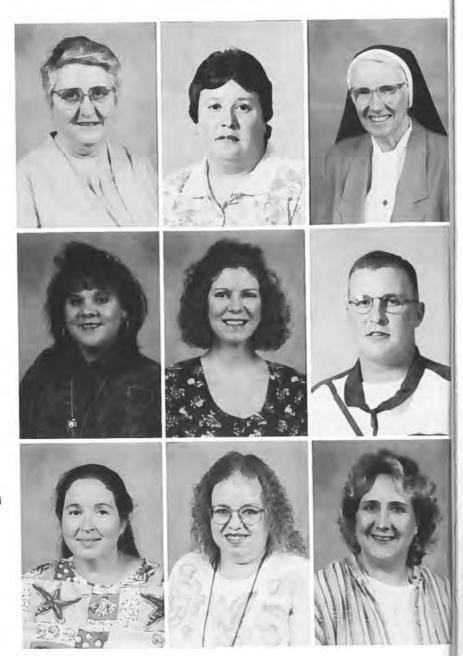
Monsignor Alvin Tengler

Office

Mr. Reynaldo Garcia

Physical Ed./Health/History

With amazed faces, teachers watch a drug-sniffing dog being instructed by his police trainer during the first in-service of the year.

















Still learning

When we have days off, guess who often have to stay in school? TEACHERS.

Teachers have in-services, days spent listening to speakers, talking in groups, and learning new techniques that can be of use; for example, The Diocesan Catholic Educators Conference (D.C.E.C.) held at the Bayfront Auditorium on November 3. Coadjutor Bishop Roberto Gonzalez was the celebrant. Mrs. Quintero felt the conference was very interesting and said, "I won free books and I especially enjoyed Ms. Guererro, a speaker who explained the Hispanic culture through music and dance."

Working together to achieve success are the goals of both teaching and in-services alike.

by Lilia Gonzalez



Imitating fireworks to show that teachers are like sparklers, Mrs. Duzich and Mrs. Hernandez participate in the DCEC keynote speaker's activity. Mr. Matt Harmon
Band
Dr. Timothy Harris
Psychology/History/Religion
Mrs. Andrea Hasse
English/Theatre/Speech
Mr. David Hemphill
Physical Education
Mrs. Debra Hernandez
Biology

Sr. Lou Ella Hickman
Library
Mrs. Gail Huie
Latin
Mr. Herman Jackson
Computer Science/Business
Mrs. Marianne Jackson
Library
Ms. Anna Jiminez
English/Creative Writing

Mrs. Anne Keehan
Geometry/Algebra
Mrs. Gayle Keramian
Government/Geography
Sr. Mary Ann Korczynski
Algebra/Geometry
Mrs. Maria Elena McMinn
Spanish

Mrs. McMinn and her husband got to see an erupting volcano, Santiago, which had been active for a couple of weeks. The couple took a vacation in Nicaragua.















Relaxing

Grade papers, make up tests, plan assignments--these are only a few of the things teachers have to do during many of their weekends. Once vacation comes around, it's time to have some fun and relax--sometimes at home, sometimes through travel.

This summer Mrs. McMinn went to Nicaragua to visit her relatives. She was especially glad her husband could go because it was all a new experience for him. The best part of her vacation was "when we spent time at a beautiful beach resort and watched the sunset; it was like a soap opera for my husband."

Throughout the year, teachers work hard at getting things done. Summer trips, like Mrs. McMinn's, help them relax after a hard year's work.

by Lilia Gonzalez



On a break from their snowmobile trip, Mrs. Keehan and her husband seem to be enjoying their vacation in Lake Tahoe. Mrs. Virginia Passeri
Spanish
Mr. Raymond Perrone
Physics/Trig/Pre-Calculus
Ms. Cheri Pfeiffer-Wood
Biology
Mrs. Sandra Quintero
Chemistry
Mrs. Lynda Richter
Secretary

Sr. Judith Marie Saenz
Religion
Mrs. Adrien Shelton
Art
Mrs. Nancy Sulik
French
Mrs. Virginia Waller
Algebra
Ms. Allie Young
Academic Counselor

Without the help of a stepladder or onlooker Joey Vanzant, Dr. Harris stretches as far as he can to arrange the Advent decorations.







Blushing times

We all have our embarrassing moments and teachers are no exception.

One such moment for Dr. Harris occurred during class. "I was sitting on a desk while lecturing and I fell off backwards, hit the podium, the podium fell, and I hit my head on the floor. I was a bit dizzy, but my class didn't know."

Not all teachers have their embarrassing moments during class. Mrs. Keehan was leading a rosary for her son's eighth grade graduation. She was saying the mysteries and had

forgotten one. She stood in red-faced silence while she tried to remember it.

Ages young
and old, everyone
has red-faced
moments.
by Mary Reischman



Showing off her stage abilities, Mrs. Hasse hides behind a table with her fun side showing.

Sports was a big part of many students' lives. While some games were won and others lost, the important thing was being part of it all.

Whether playing on a field or cheering from the sidelines, sports provided an outlet for the Angel spirit.

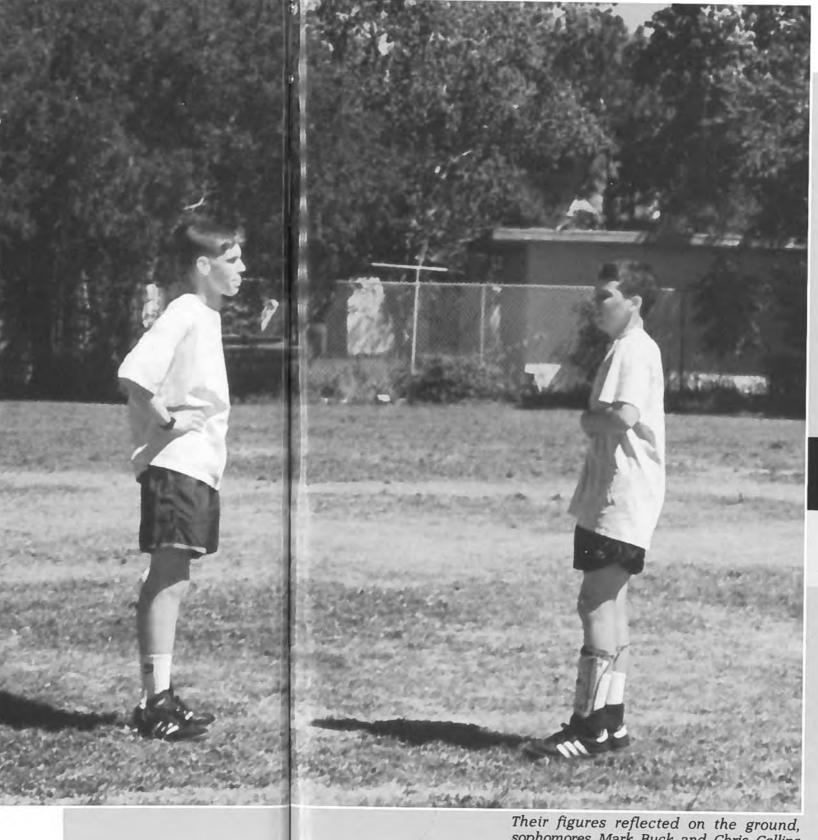
Most of all, sports gave the students a chance to see and to create some action.

by Holly Cady

Sports Spirit Sports Spirit



IWA basketball players of today can probably see themselves as a reflection of #24, Ms. Smith, a basketball player Incarnate Word in the 1970s.



sophomores Mark Buck and Chris Collins take a relaxing break after a hard soccer practice.

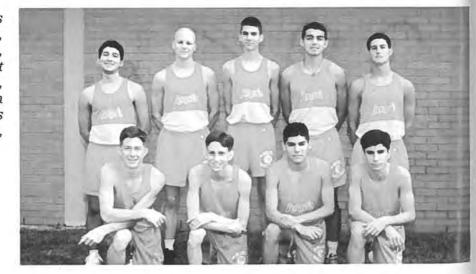
Giving it all he's got, Ruben Garcia places 22nd in a tough run at the state meet.

Warming up for the big run, John McGettrick practices his stride. He finished 10th overall to help the Angels.



Angel Cross Country team (L-R, B-F): Jerry Valadez, Ford Allen, Matt Pyle, Ruben Garcia, Kyle Parks, John McGettrick, Chris Collins, Dante Paiz, Mikel Abreu.





Varsity cross country runner Dante Paiz endures the elements on his way to a strong finish at the Malaquite Beach Invitational.





Junior Matt Pyle enjoys the scenic view as he strides along the beach.

Out in the cold

State Meet

Results:

10th John

11th Dante Paiz

22nd Ruben

28th Mikel

31st Kyle

39th Matt

Garcia

Abrue

Parks 33rd Chris

Collins

Pyle

McGettrick

Boys Cross Country

Imagine running in cold, windy conditions for three miles. That's what the Cross Country team had to endure at State this year.

With six state championships in a row, the winning tradition was strong; however, it was a little different when the Angels went to Waco to defend their title this year.

The Angels placed second behind Nolan High School but displayed a great effort.

The season was an overall success as the Angels performed well in other meets. Chris Collins said, "It was tough doing all the training but it paid off in the end."

by John McGettrick



While running with a steady pace, Ruben Garcia moves up in the pack at the state meet. The Angels placed 2nd overall behind Nolan High School.

Before the race. Anjanette Cantu, Karina Guerra, Juanita Ramirez, Marina Pineda, and Kristen Wakashige form a strategy for the run.

One behind the other, Amber Guernsey and Kristen Wakashige push each other to a 27th and 32nd finish, respectively, at the state meet.



Lady Angel Cross Country (L-R, B-F): Amanda Walker, Amber Guernsey, Mari Pyle, Adrianna Lynch, Jenny Luhan, Kristen Wakashige, Lorie Martinez, Ashley Allen, Judy Sheridan.







Lorie Martinez struts her stuff at the state meet. Lorie led the team with a 15th overall finish.

Shaping up

for a good season

When thinking of Lady Angels 15th Lorie sports, basketball probably comes to mind. This is not the only girls 18th Jenny sport, however. There is also Cross Country.

State Meet

Results:

Martinez

Luhan

27th Amber

Guernsey

29th Mari

32nd Kristen

Wakashige

35th Judy

Sheridan

Walker

56th Amanda

Pyle

Many Lady Angels participate in cross country to help prepare for basketball.

The Lady Angels ran well all season with Lorie Martinez and Jenny Luhan leading the way.

The team came in fourth place at State even though they all ran hard. The girls got conditioned for the upcoming basketball season and had fun in the process.

by John McGettrick



Leading the pack, Judy Sheridan runs around the corner, heading for a 35th overall place.

Great players are made through practice, as Dan Norris, Sara Hill, and Travis Theriot, and Coach Garcia know. The players demonstrate that they really use their heads.



Corey Hardeman practices his moves. Although new to the team, his efforts did not go unnoticed by teammates or fans.





Angel Soccer (L-R, B-F): Korey Hardeman, Jamie Rose, Anthony Lickteig, Dan Norris, Ajay Rayasam, Brandon Vargas, Chris Collins, Travis Theriot, Mikel Abreu, John McGettrick, Kyle Parks, Sarah Hill, Mark Buck, Jesse Anzaldua.

Lessons in **Teamwork**

Soccer

The goal for the soccer team this year was to reach the playoffs.

While unsuccessful in their goal, they still maintained a high level of teamwork which paid off in the end. According to Coach Garcia, "The team did well overall; they were young but did a great job."

With twelve returning players next year, Kyle Parks stated, "We expect to do better next year because our team will have more experience."

by Anjanette Cantu

Scoreboard

W: 4

L: 6



Anthony Lickteig, Corey Hardeman, Kyle Parks, and Brandon Vargas set up the net before practice. The Angel tennis team breaks into doubles to practice against one another. Carlos Garcia and Andy Sambitan are ready for the return.



Waiting and watching intently for the serve, Cristin McClure and Krissy Brozo get some practice.





Angel Tennis (L-R, B-F): Krissy Brozo, Theresa McHugh, Scott Hawkins, Dan Norris, Kiersten Adame, Joseph Morales, Sarah Norris, Cristin McClure, Alberto Garza, Andy Sambitan, Bill Garza, Paige McCurdy, Christina Moon.

Causing a Racket

Angel Tennis

This year's tennis team seemed to be up in the air more often than the tennis balls were.

When the team was first formed, problems with the offcampus practices and off-campus coach caused fall tennis to be cancelled.

The spring tennis team, however, got the game underway and allowed students and coach to play well.

by Anjanette Cantu

Cristin McClure practices her backhand for the upcoming competition.

Seasoned success

Varsity Basketball

This Varsity Basketball season started off with a bang and continued with its ups and downs.

The boys Varsity won their first game against the Aransas Pass Panthers 69 to 45. With their new coach, Robert Dodd, they had a great season. The highlight was beating rival Hyde Park 75 to 50.

The girls also began with victory, crushing King 70 to 62. The Lady Angels and Coach David Hemphill had another season to be proud of. Their highlight was defeating their toughest opponent, St. Michael's.

by Melanie Villarreal

District Record:

Angels W: 4 L: 7

Lady **Angels** W: 12 L: 0



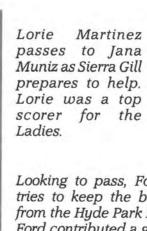
Varsity Angel Basketball (L-R, B-F): Ruben Garcia, Jason Guernsey, Ajay Rayasam, Jerry Valdez, Kelly Moore, James Kollaja, Ford Allen, Joey Gurnsey, Tony Marmolejo, Dante Paiz, Kyle Parks, John McGettrick, Matt Pyle.



Senior Jenny Luhan shoots score against a Cornerstone Warrior. Her determination wa a big part of the Lady Angel' success.







Looking to pass, Ford Allen tries to keep the ball away from the Hyde Park Panthers. Ford contributed a great deal to the team.



Varsity Lady Angel Basketball (L-R): Jana Muniz, Mari Pyle, Jenny Luhan, Lorie Martinez, Elizabeth Skelly, Amanda Walker, Ashley Allen, Jennifer Montgomery, Sierra Gill.



Team players:

Junior Varsity and Freshman boys basketball

It was more than red, more than white, and took more than our guardian angel to help us fight.

The boys JV and Freshman teams put in a lot of work to help in their success.

The season started out well and ended even better.

Coach Dodd summed up the goals of the teams when he said, "They exemplify being an angel. They're not always the most talented, but they'll play more intensely than anyone else they play. This leads to success and winning on the court."

By Holly Cady

scoreboard

Junior Varsity:

W: 6

L: 12

Freshman:

W: 7

L: 14



Boys JV Basketball (L-R, B-F): Jamie Rose, Joey Vela, Korey Hardeman, Andrew Rodriguez, Patrick Jordan, John North, Isaac Garcia, Curtis Laich-Rock, Mikel Abreu, Chris Collins, John Detmer, Andy Torres.



Scoring against the Panthers, Dante Paiz helps the Angels at a tournament held at T.M.I.



As they jump for the top, Joey Guernsey and Dante Paiz show their talent. Both play for Varsity when needed.

Matt Pyle may challenge the cheerleaders with this jump during a game against Cornerstone.





Freshman basketball (L-R, B-F): Bryan Gomez, Jeremy Long, Guy Palmer, Steven Snapka, Jesse Garcia, John Mosley, Joseph Michael Flores. Hrncir, Andrew Ferias. Jason Bundick, Robert Collins, David Kubicek, Sergio Garza.

Hard work:

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W: 1

L: 10



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Tony Marmolejo, John McGettrick, Jana Muniz, and Amanda Walker loosen their calf muscles for the beginning of a hard workout.

John McGettrick sprints ahead to the finish line to help the Angels in their success.



Trackmembers run around the soccer field which will eventually be turned into a track field for the Angels.





During the mile relay, Amanda Walker speeds up to hand off the baton safely to Ashley Allen.





Ford Allen soars through the sky while doing the long jump in a competition.

Sprinting for the top

Angel Track teams

Determination and skills brought the track teams success throughout the season.

Each practice was grueling work, yet this did not keep the Lady Angels from striving for the best and achieving their goals. "It was great to see all the strenuous work pay off by seeing the improvements made week by week in our team," said Jenny Luhan.

As for the boys, "Team work was our biggest achievement this year," said Chris Collins.

Sure, only the insane would run in the hot sun, but it was this craziness which caused success.

by Monica Briones



The Angels spread out to warm up for their first track team practice of the year.

Cameron Davis shows his strength as he seems to make his bat disappear while connecting with the ball.

Junior Varsity player Pat Horne pauses before taking a swing at an instructional device.



Coach Garcia went over his gameplan while the Angels gathered together before taking to the field.





Senior pitcher Dax Davila warms up before taking the mound.





Bryon Johnson followed through with his swing while taking batting practice.

Taking charge:

Angel Baseball

Making it all the way to the Regional Finals last year, the Angels had a tough reputation to live up to this year.

With only three returning starters, the Angels had to have help from young players to win.

According to Phillip Read, "Winning the Flour Bluff tournament showed us that the young players were ready."

Despite playing with an inexperienced team, the year was a success for the Angel men. The new players learned the ropes of Varsity play and prepared to teach others in the future.

by Matt Montgomery



Angel Baseball (R-L, B-F): Brandon Vargas, Chris Day, Bryan Johnson, Phillip Read, Cameron Davis, Dax Davila, Jason Wachnowsky, Joseph Saenz, Coach Gator Garcia, Brandon Trevino, Korey Hardeman, Trey Stearns, Jimmy Ellis, Sam Tisdale, Travis Theriot.

From age to age, people have gathered together to witness special times in their lives. IWA is no exception.

Although many of the traditional dances were not held this year, students made up for the void in other ways.

From the Welcome Dance to the special Masses and retreats to graduation, students celebrated times given special meaning.

Special Events

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The Alumni Style Show was a tradition in the making in this photo. This annual fundraiser has a history of success.



Spanish I constructed mock grave sites for the Day of the Dead festivities.

While posing for the camera Nimesh Dave sports a rabbit mask that he made in class for Mardi Gras.





French Students enjoyaslice of their King Cake during the Epiphany Celebration. Nimesh Dave, who found the bean in his slice, was crowned King for the Day.





On Mardi Gras, the French class learned about New Orleans traditions and festivities of this holiday. Susan Smith and Rachel Williams show off the masks they made for the celebration.

Worlds of Experience

Parlez-vous Français? Hablas Espanol? This year the Language clubs were busy planning projects and trips.

French students were busy celebrating the Epiphany and Mardi Gras, while Spanish students recognized the heritage of their language in their Day of the Dead festivity. The all-new German class had excitedly begun planning for their trip to Germany next Spring Break.

During Future Freshmen Week, the language clubs performed skits and dances to persuade the upcoming "fish" to join their clubs.

These busy foreign language students enjoyed themselves. Their motto seemed to be "Carpe Diem."

by Susan Smith and Trevor Rosen



Spanish I class seemed to be draped with dead bodies, but don't fear! It's just a celebration of a hispanic tradition called "Day of the Dead".

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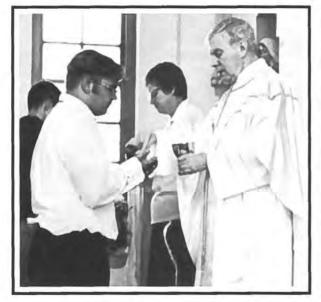
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from Fr. Brown.

Jason Beers reverently receives communion Altar servers like Rene Gonzales and Rudy Reyes are extremely important in Masses.





Music, provided by Matthew Scott, Sister Henri, and Adrian Romero, helped encourage more participation in Mass.





Prayer is one of the many things that separates IWA from other schools. Jana Muniz, Belissa Lippert, Andrea Garza kneel after Communion.

Spirited studies

Founded by IWBS sisters in order to promote learning and Christian morals, IWA is known for religious practices such as weekly Masses, prayer, and religious celebrations.

"I think it's a great privilege to attend school Mass, and that's not allowed in public schools," said Susan Sheehan.

Religious holidays were often celebrated by decorating classrooms or hallways. In addition to these activities, this year each class (one per quarter) attended a retreat for spiritual enlightenment.

The religious tradition continued to grow.

by Cody Casterline



On February 2, Bishop Gracida was the celebrant for Candlemas, when the candles to be used in the following year are blessed.

Togetherness



Although many were hesitant to bob for apples, Michael Pack sinks his teeth into fun.

Dancing the night away, John McGettrick and Jessica Smith take time out for one another at the Welcome Dance.

School wasn't always bad, especially when we focused on togetherness and friends during dances. The Welcome and Halloween dances were the perfect examples.

The Welcome Dance will be permanently stuck in many of our memories. During the Halloween dance, fewer were found on the dance floor; instead, they were found outside bobbing for apples and joking around. Many of the dances were also fundraisers.

All in all, dances were the time to unite with our friends and take time from our busy schedules to relax.

by Rachaelyn Dempsey





A brave few, Christy Gutierrez, Nicole Cassiano, and Crystal Cruz act as though they could dance all night under the watchful eye of Leslie Meyer.



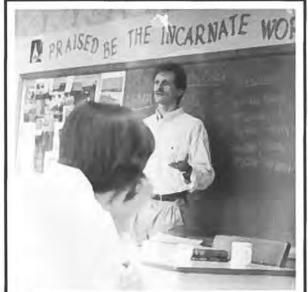
At the Halloween Dance, costume contests were held in different categories. Werewolf Collin Bost, above, won for Scariest Costume. Other winners included Marchelle Levy, Daphny Dominguez, Jacob Kerwick, Corey Hardeman, Vikash Patel, and Hillary Johnston.



Taking a rest at the Welcome Dance, Sarah Norris and Cristin McClure pose for a picture.

The father of students Meghan and Rachel Williams, Del Mar English Instructor Don Kozlosky, gives insight about College English while speaking to seniors.

In Sr. Korcynski's Geometry I class, Kim Witliff, Patrick Horne, Adrian Romero, Leslie Meyer, and Rachel Williams listen attentively to Math Week guest speaker James Pfeiffer.





Alumnus Gerald Saenz, brother of Joseph, comes back once more to teach the Algebra I class a little more on life outside IWA, especially about his experiences at Harvard.





Talking to Ms. Jimenez's Creative Writing class, Father Sembler takes time out to teach students like Candice Paiz a little more about literature and life.

Out of the classroom

Sometimes what we learned in school was abstract, but during special emphasis weeks, such as English and Math Weeks, students got the chance to see how people apply classroom subjects in the workplace.

During these weeks, poster contests provided motivation and learning as the results were displayed in the hallways.

Many speakers talked to classes with enthusiasm about their careers, the importance of studies, or their school or life experiences.

The weeks were successful in taking learning a step further than the classroom.

by Rachaelyn Dempsey



Putting up Math Week posters is the fun part--taking them down is another story, as helper Monty Mitra knows.

That's LIFE



Special events reminded us that life everyday is precious.

The 400th anniversary of IWBS foundress Jean de Matel's birth was remembered with a Mass at the Cathedral and a reception at the convent. The 125th anniversary of IWA in 1996 was celebrated through several affairs.

Every year the PTC sponsors a fund-raiser, Fiesta de Familia. Other fund-raisers were for sports, including BBQ's and Germanfest. Food, entertainment, and socializing brought joy.

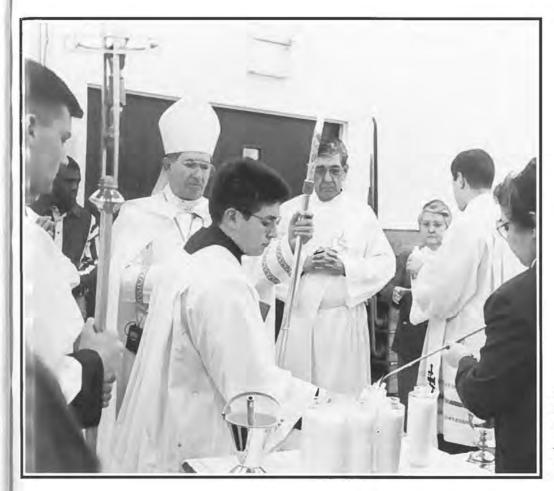
These and other events honored not only special occasions, but life in general.

by Joseph Morales

Religion Classes listened intently as Mr. Pheiffer spoke on the topic of student/parent communication.

The ashes on theirforeheads professing theirfaith, Troy York, Michelle Northcutt, and Carlos Araiza gatherafter the Schoolwide Mass on Ash Wednesday.





Rudy Reyes and Sr. Judith assist the bishop in the preparation of the candles for the Candlemas.



The sophomore retreat was a chance for students to interact with those they normally would not. Nathan Eby, Travis Theroit and Joseph McCumber practice teamwork as they prepare to present their skit.



As an advocator of pro-life, Cody Casterline adds an angel to a wreath, codemning abortion.

RING, RING!!! It's time to sing. Look at the sun and have some fun. School is over and summer has just begun.

For some students summer is a vacation filled with reading and relaxing fun. Teachers take a break from grading and reading essays. Others are getting ready to leave home and continue their education.

Closing the year leaves memories. We will remember some classmates, priceless experiences, and occasional heartaches, but we'll never forget the school year of 1995-1996.

by Mary Reischman

At the Closing

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As true yesterday as it is today, the Sisters of the Incarnate Word are ever helpful. Here, Sister Philomena McCormick assists a student with course work.



Her image echoing infinitely, Hillary Johnston looks at herself from all sides.

Memories fade, yet photos are worth a thousand words. When reflecting on this year later on in life, will you remember the events and styles of the day?

Throughout the year, students were working hard to

Memories

Living life in Angel style

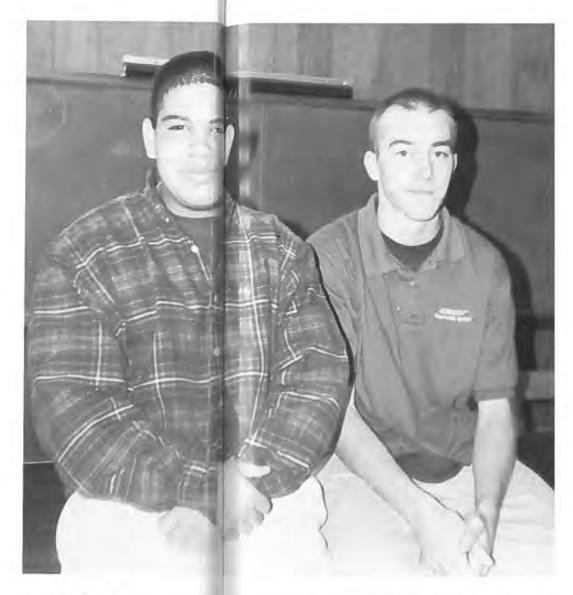
keep up with what is "in" and "out" of fashion.

This year brought a new dress code, yet students managed to combine individual taste, fashion trends, and still stay within the required dress code.

In the world at large, angel jewelry was "in"; at IWA, just being an Angel was fashionable.



Second semester Angels included Mason Hill, Roland Rodriguez, Satesh Janaki, Trou York, Trevor Rosen, Paige Wagner, Leslie Escabedo, Mr. Jason Jones, Mrs. Alice Rodriguez, and Ruben Rodriguez.





sandles, were popular.



Students display some of the Purses, as shown by Laura Kocian and Sarah shoe styles which were Stukenberg always add to a lady's outfit. This year fashionable this year. Cowboy the black and beautiful patent leather purse made and hiking boots, in addition to a comeback, but who knows how long this trend will last?

In the past, many male students disliked the rule about guy's hair being cut above the collar, but this year, many guys went above and beyond this code. Andy Jimenez and Jeremy Erwin sport the VERY short haircut which was VERY trendy this year.

Reflections on the year

*125th anniversary of IWA *400th anniversary of IWBS foundress, Jean de Matel

*Plans for the IWA track finalized

*Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America"

*War in Bosnia

*Oklahoma City Federal **Building bombed**

*Pope visited Central America and North America

*New Coadjutor Bishop Roberto Gonzalez O.F.M.

*Peace effort in Ireland

*Renewed IRA attacks

*Presidential preliminaries (? vs. Clinton)

While republican presidential hopefuls were battling in the presidential primaries here in America, many countries were literally battling. The fights in Bosnia and Ireland added tension to the world.

Settings

Expressing ourselves in our world

Here at IWA, however, students celebrated positive events, most notably the school's anniversary. Within all of the world's strife, the IWA community seemed a safe haven, a place to explore our tastes, styles, and perceptions. We got to know each other and ourselves throughout the year.



Helping each other is always in style for an Angel. Monica Briones explains chemistry to Lilia Gonzales and Rachaelyn Dempsey.





Shauna Montez



Misty Ellis



Tiffany Kolaya

Getting help from his teacher, Joseph Saenz explores geography. Mr. Michael Ashburn became the Geography teacher second semester.

Favorites of the year

Movie:

School: 12 Monkeys

Seniors: Seven Juniors: 12 Monkeys Sophomores: Heat Freshmen: Friday

Song:

School: Wonderwall

Seniors: Bullets with Butterfly Wings

Juniors: Wonderwall

Sophomores: Hypnotize the Moon

Freshmen: Wonderwall

TV show:

School: Friends
Seniors: Friends
Juniors: Friends
Sophomores: Friends
Freshmen: Friends

Music group:

School: Bone-Thugs N Harmony

Seniors: Oasis Juniors: Bone

Sophomores: Clay Walker

Freshmen: Bush

Place to eat:

School: Chili's

Seniors: Elva's and McDonald's Juniors: Chili's and Taco Bell Sophomores: Chili's Freshmen: Olive Garden

A Time to Reflect

The time has flown from August through June.
It passed in a flash.
We developed new friendships, old memories.
We shared laughter, tears, special times.
An exciting future

IWA.
Yet,
Our history
has just begun.
by Holly Cady

the doors of

lies ahead for those who have

passed through



Relishing in the reflections of the sun, Jessica Olvera reflects on her day as she finally escapes the confines of the school building.



Double, doubling their refreshment, Bill Garza and Adrienne Bosquez blow off the nogum rule during lunch.

Continually capturing moments, life, on film, photographer Kiersten Adame gets a quick picture of herself



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Lov e, Mom &Dad

Mary Reischman



We are so proud of who you are. May you always walk in the grace of God.

> Love always, Mom and Dad

Twenty years from now,

you'll be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. Begin NOW! Begin where you are with what you are . . . a most

extraordinary person with extraordinary accomplishments. I take great pride in having you as a daughter.

Congratulations! Love always, "Kiersten's Mom"

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P.S. Remember-when FATE shuts the door, come in through a window.

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time does pass to quickly.
You are very special to us,
your so alive and full of
excitement. You have always
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We are very proud of you.
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We love your very much,

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Your hard work will open many doors.

Love, Aunt Betsy

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