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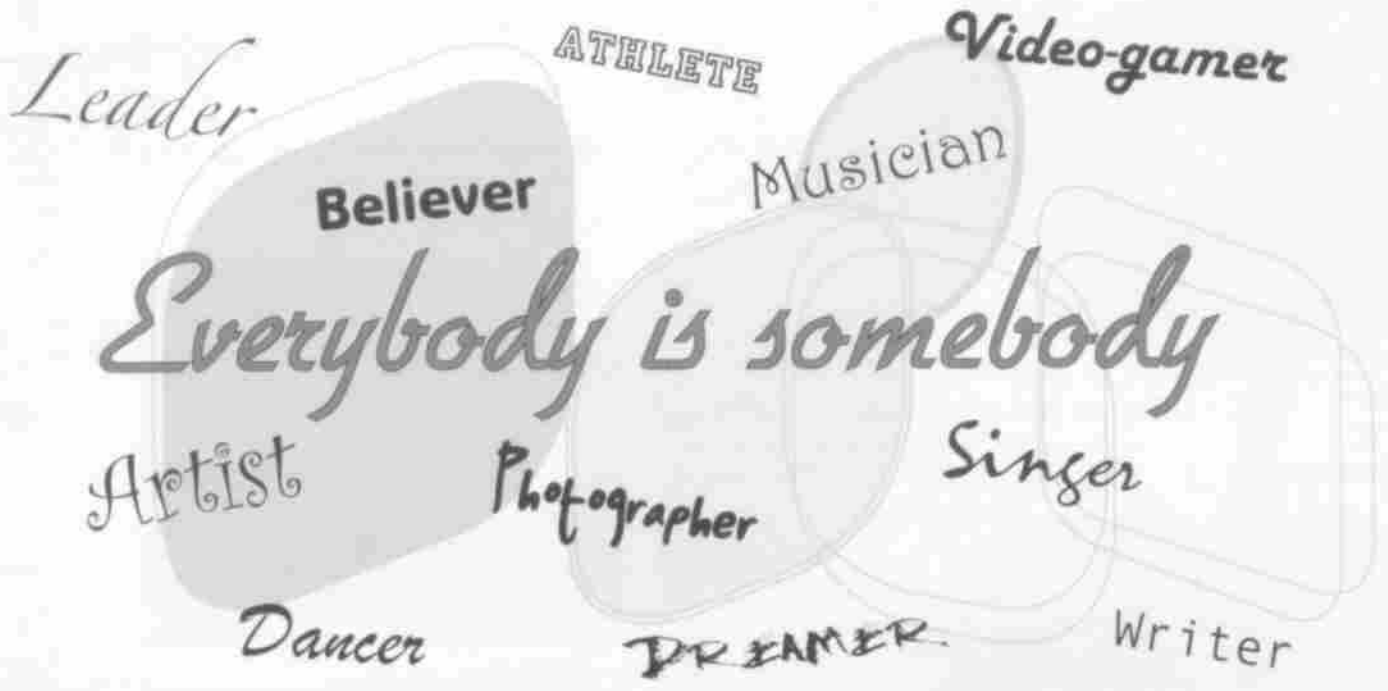
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>EXPRESSING YOURSELF,  
>SHOWING YOUR TRUE COLORS.....

PRICELESS

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**Erica Sherman, 9**  
 Fave color: purple  
 TV Show: Desperate Housewives  
 Hobbies: likes to hang out with friends

**Dana Schlachter, 10**  
 Plays clarinet in band  
 Quiet  
 Fave movie: A Walk to Remember  
 Fave TV Show: Life With Derek

**Heather Choate, 11**  
 Fave color: Pink  
 Hobbies: hunting, 4-wheeling, mudding  
 Movie: Twilight

*"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*



Junior Tyler Hedinger holds tight to his balloon before letting go during an earth and space project.



Sophomore Lucas Demuth concentrates on his drawing in art class.



Sophomores (clockwise from left) Marcus Beckman, Zach Hulsman, Ryan Welp, Alex Luebbehusen, Caleb Williams, and Nathan Bromm pose for a picture with their English teacher, Mr. Walston.

Seniors Justin Brown, Daron Jacob, Chad Knies, and Josh Vaal pose with "The General".

Sophomore Chelse Mandel gets a pass from Mrs. Hopf during study hall.



Seniors Phil Bockelman, Jeff Brier, Jamey Sturgeon, James Venekamp, and Kelsey Harmon congregate in the senior quad before classes.

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## *2008-09 has been an awesome year*

As principal of Forest Park High School, I am honored to say the school year 2008-2009 has been an AWESOME year. We have been blessed in so many ways with our student relations, parents' support, community financial support, central office, and school board support, and the list goes on... The senior class became the class for all others to look up to as an example of excellence. Over half the class graduated with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and provided us with a record setting nine valedictorians. Not only did the class excel with academics, but it also provided and participated in state basketball championships, marching band state championship, and established the highest ISTEP scores in Southern Indiana. This class produced the first girl to ever compete at the state cross-country finals in Terre Haute and advanced students to the state track and field events in Bloomington. This class also produced our first year of football as a team sport and advanced the first athlete to ever sign a scholarship to play football at the college level.

Art, music, dance, agriculture, robotics, drama, extra-

curricular activities, automotive, racing contests, FP has it all. Renaissance Club, Key Club, Student Council, Beta Club, and National Honor Society are a few of the many service clubs that allow students opportunities to give back to the community.

It is the students here who make all the difference. As members of the staff, we hope to give a "positive" sense of direction as to where our students should go. As staff members, we hope to provide a solid foundation for improving ourselves and others wherever we go. The FP family of students, staff, and community continues to embrace the motto, "Forest Park is a place where all young adults can learn in a safe, caring, and nurturing environment." May each of you be blessed as you enjoy a warm and sentimental review of school classmates, school events, and school spirit in this yearbook.

Thank you for a wonderful school community.  
GO RANGERS.

Jeff Jessee, principal



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Larry Tenbarge  
Becky Troesch  
Mary Uebelhor



Tara Uebelhor  
Doug Walker  
Ed Walston  
Paula Wendholt



Heather Weyer  
Joyce White  
Dee Ann Wylam



The night janitors  
are Ms. Karena  
Vonderheide, Mrs.  
Elizabeth Barnes,  
and Mr. Ken  
Barnes.

*"What lies behind us and what lies before us  
are small compared to what lies within us."  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*"Every student has something good within  
them. As a teacher it is my hope to bring it  
out of them."*

*-Mrs. Hauser*

# The story behind the TXT messaging

This yearbook started out differently than its previous year. At yearbook camp last summer, Ashley Wesselman, Kelsey Bohnenkamper, and Tammy Rice came to the agreement that they wanted to focus on something that everyone could relate to. Then, on break, they all took out their cell phones. That is when they decided that they wanted to incorporate the new vision statement along with a text messaging subject. They passed notes back and forth giving each other ideas when they were supposed to be paying attention to the speaker, but there were so many good ideas in their minds, the girls had to write it down. Then, they said they wanted a cell phone on the cover with text messaging on the phone. They agreed, and Mr. Ed Walston, their advisor, agreed to it.

This theme proved much more difficult to work with than anyone had previously anticipated. This was mostly because of the headlines. The students did not want the headlines to be all the same; however, even together, the girls did not have a wide variety of text messaging knowledge when it came to the acronyms. Then the journalism room acquired a new poster of the text messaging glossary. Every time a page was completed, the staff would refer to the glossary to see what they should use as headlines. To the teachers, parents, and students who are not up to date on the text messaging lingo, the text messaging glossary is laid out for you here.

## Text messaging glossary:

2B or not 2B = to be or not to be

2moro = tomorrow

2nite = tonight

AAYF = as always, your friend

ABT2 = about to

AIGHT = all right

AKA = also known as

ALOL = actually laughing out loud

AML = all my love

ASAP = as soon as possible

B/C = because

B4N = bye for now

B4YKI = before you know it

B4 = before

BAK = back at my keyboard

BB = be back

BB4N = bye-bye for now

BBL = be back later

BD = big deal

BF = best friend

BFF = best friends forever

BFFAE = best friend forever and ever

BFFTTE = best friends forever 'til the end

BI5 = back in five

BIF = before I forget

IDM = it doesn't matter

ILU = I love you

ILY = I love you

IM = instant messaging

JK = just kidding

JP = just playing

JW = just wondering

K = okay

KK = okay

KMP = keep me posted

L8R G8R = later gator

LMK = let me know

LOL = laughing out loud

LYL = love you lots

LYLAB = love you like a brother

LYLAS = love you like a sister

MIA = missing in action

MLAS = my lips are sealed

MYOB = mind your own business

NBD = no big deal

NE1 = anyone

NM = never mind

NM = nothing much

NMP = not my problem

NOYB = none of your business

BRB = be right back  
BTA = but then again  
BTW = by the way  
BTWITIALWU = by the way I think I am in love with you  
BWDIK = but what do I know  
C U L8R = see you later  
CMU = crack me up  
COS = change of subject  
CSL = can't stop laughing  
CYA = see ya  
Def = Definitely  
DGTG = don't go there girlfriend  
DIY = do it yourself  
DKDC = don't know don't care  
DND = do not disturb  
DUST = did you see that  
ETA = estimated time of arrival  
EZ = easy  
F2F = face to face  
FAWC = for anyone who cares  
FF = friends forever  
FMTYEWTK = far more than you ever wanted to know  
FOAF = friend of a friend  
FTR = for the record  
FWD = forward  
FYI = for your information  
FYSBIGTBB = fasten your seatbelts it's going to be bumpy  
G2G = got to go  
GF = girlfriend  
GFI = go for it  
GG = gotta go  
GL = good luck  
GNBLFY = got nothing but love for you  
GOI = get over it  
GR8 = great  
Grats = congratulations  
GRRRR = growling  
GTG = got to go  
HB = hurry back  
HIG = how's it going  
HO = hold on  
HSIK = how should I know  
IDC = I don't care  
IYD = in your dreams  
IDGI = I don't get it  
IDK = I don't know

NP = no problem  
NTK = nice to know  
NW = no way  
OAO = over and out  
PAW = parents are watching  
PDQ = pretty darn quick  
PLS = please  
POS = parents over shoulder  
QT = cutie  
QFT = quality friend time  
RBAU = right back at you  
RU = are you  
RUT = are you there  
Sk8r = skater  
SLAP = sounds like a plan  
SUP = what's up  
SUS = see you soon  
SWDYT = so what do you think  
TAFN = that's all for now  
TBC = to be continued  
TBH = to be honest  
TFLMS = thanks for letting me share  
THX = thanks  
TLC = tender loving care  
TMI = too much information  
TOY = thinking of you  
TTFN = ta ta for now  
TTG = time to go  
TTYL = talk to you later  
TY = thank you  
U = you  
U2 = you too  
UG2BK = you've got to be kidding  
VM = voicemail  
WAYD = what are you doing  
WAYN = where are you now  
WBS = write back soon  
WDYT = what do you think  
WE = whatever  
WFM = works for me  
WITW = what in the world  
WU = what's up  
WUWH = wish you were here  
XOXO = hugs and kisses  
YA = yeah  
ZZZ = tired, bored



# CLUBS

*U 2 could have lots of fun in the many clubs at FP. TU to all the club members for your hard work.*



Seniors Kayla Buechler and Dana Vaal help load the truck for paper recycling.

Seniors Logan Mohr and Travis Englert compete in the cereal eating contest at the Renaissance academic pep session.



The junior class team competes in the Don't Forget the Lyrics contest.

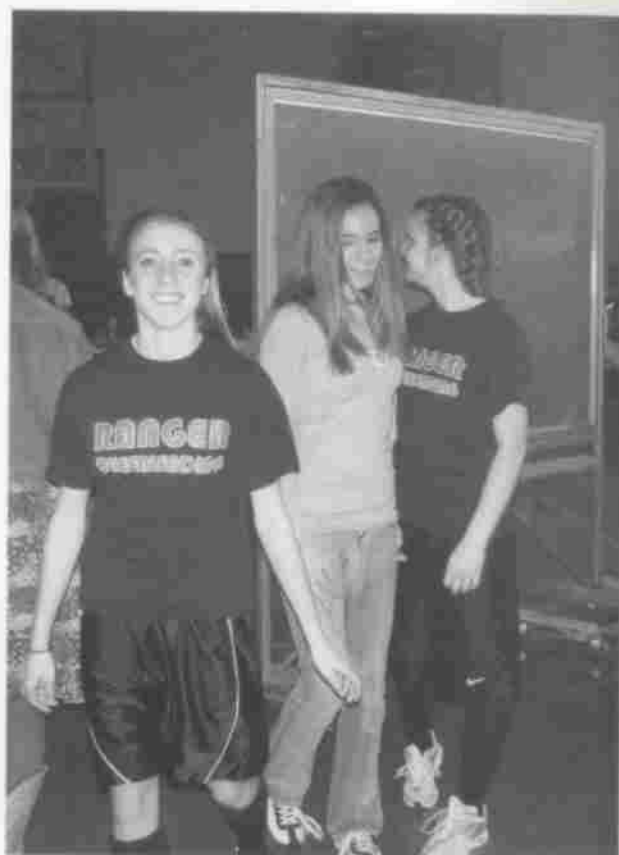
Sophomores Hillary Gutsell and Sarah Welp take care of FFA's rabbits.

# Promoting Xcelence

Freshman Adi Dilger looks to her fellow classmates for help during a game of Don't Forget The Lyrics.

In it's fourth year at Forest Park, the Renaissance Club is continually growing. Hosting academic pep sessions, promoting good attendance, and overall trying to raise school spirit are just a few of the goals this club has.

Students are rewarded for good attendance and get to participate in fun activities planned a few times every school year. They get a day off and can enjoy activities such as volleyball, card games, nature walks, and even video games or arts and crafts.



Picked by the teachers for classroom achievement, this group of juniors enjoy their snacks on Excellence Day.



Juniors Keshia Fleck, Amanda Braunacker, Carmen VanWinkle, and Emily Persohn prepare their plan of attack against their opponent in the dodgeball tournament hosted by the Renaissance Club.

Junior Ross Beckman strategizes during the dodgeball tournament

# Q & A



## HE said

Alex Luebbehusen, 10



"I'm in FCA because I think it's a good place to have religion in school."

## SHE said

Jordan Nord, 11



"I like being in the Art Club because I like Ms. Taylor in art class. I'm in it with my friends, because we're all cool like that."

## "Words of Wisdom"

*"Do what you love,  
Love what you do,  
And you'll never work  
A day in your life.*

*-Unknown*



Freshmen Andrew Englert, Heath Howe, and Jesse Horsting love being in SADD club because it makes them smile :)



*"FCCLA helps out in the community,  
but you also get to have a lot of fun  
and make new friends"*

*~ Amanda Souder, freshman*

*LOL- live out loud!*

Posing for a picture, these members are enjoying their day at State conference.



Charlie's Angels?



These members of FCCLA attended the State conference.

Although FCCLA is one of the lesser-known clubs at FP, the members nevertheless make it worthwhile. Painting pumpkins for the elementary schools, making blankets for local hospitals, raising money and shopping for the local food pantry, and making cards for nursing home residents are just some of the many activities this group partakes in. The sponsor is Mrs. Brenda Allen.

Teachers and staff enjoy their breakfast provided by FCCLA members.



FCCLA members dance their tails off at the State conference.



# FCA really impacts the school



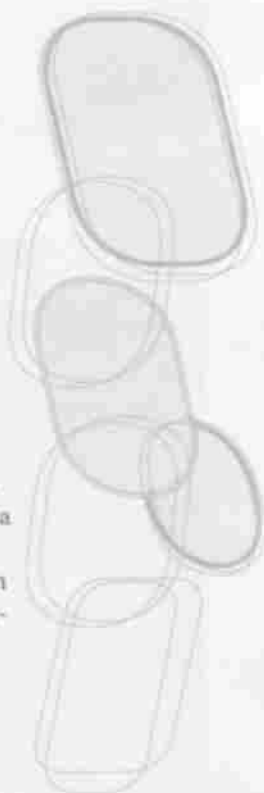
Gathering every Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Meyers's residence, members of FCA snack and have a good time, while also increasing their knowledge of Christ. Meeting every Friday in FP's auditorium, student athletes listened to a variety of guest speakers and learned how to fit religion into their everyday athletic lives. Vice-president Andrea Schroering said she thinks this is a good club for students to join because, "This club brings students to know Jesus, and really impacts the school."



Members of FCA are captivated by the speaker in one of their weekly meetings.



Officers are—junior Andrea Schroering, senior Jordan Myers, freshman Caleb Myers, and sophomore Caleb Williams.



*SADD says:*

# *Don't make destructive decisions*



The grim reaper comes to Mrs. Karrie Wolf's class.

SADD members have a group activity at a club meeting.



*The grim reaper*





Senior Jordan Meyers played the role of the grim reaper.

Victims of the Grim Reaper went back to class but did not speak and were "dead" to their classmates.



The Students Against Destructive Decision club was sponsored by Mrs. Emily Hauser. The members made it their mission to encourage their classmates to refrain from using alcohol, drugs, or tobacco. In October, they sponsored Red Ribbon Week. They also sponsored the "Grim Reaper" skit in which the spirit of death comes to classrooms during the school day to illustrate the number of teens who are killed in drunk-driving accidents each day.

Mrs. Michelle Meyers assists sophomore Kyle Wilgus to become one of the "dead" students.



# THX to our recyclers

Dara Niehaus and Jeff Brier work together to stuff all the recycled paper into a garbage bag.



The sponsor of the Recycling Club once again this year was Ms. Tammy Taylor. The Recycling Club is not one of the bigger clubs here at Forest Park; however, the few students who do participate in this club work hard to empty every recycling box in the school. Every classroom has a recycling box that is emptied once a month. The recyclers usually worked in a group of two or more so that one member could hold the bag while the other dumped the contents of the boxes. They each took a section of the school to take care of. Then, they had to make sure that all the full bags got into the bed of a truck so that they could be taken to the nearest recycling area. FP encourages everyone to recycle in order to preserve the earth and prevent it from becoming polluted.



Natalie Abel and Hannah Backer use their muscles to hoist the full bags into a truck.



Ellen McFaul and Courtney Bender pour the heavy recycling box from the band room into a bag.



Theo Seimmetz makes sure that the bags are tight and will not go anywhere when the truck moves.

# U2 can have this fun experience in the robotics team



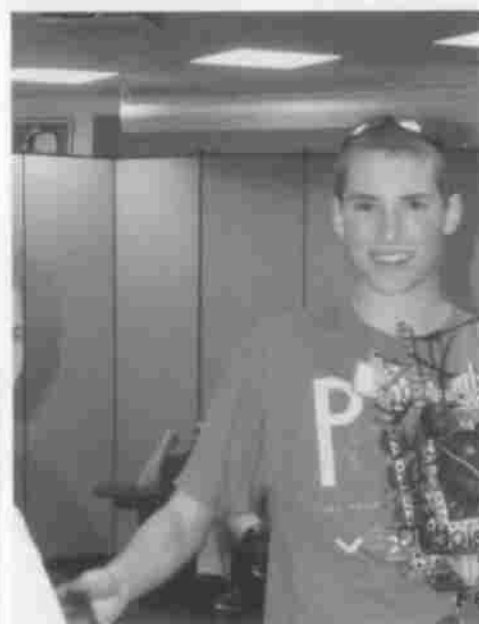
Nick Hurst and Andy Thacker stand with the guys from other schools that they were assigned to work with at the competition.



Mr. Jeff Johnson sponsored this years robotics team. It was the second year they were part of the list of clubs at Forest Park. There were three teams in the beginning. Not all advanced; however, they all represented Forest Park well. The teams had a great year.

Nick Hurst and Andy Thacker participated in a contest called "Top It Off." As part of this, they were required to use their vehicle to put some balls into plastic tubes until they were full. At this competition, Andy and Nick were paired with three guys from another school.

Max Verkamp, Jeff Brier, James Venekamp, and Brandon Hasenour participated in a competition called "Marco Polo." This consisted of one team member driving the vehicle without seeing it as another team member called directions to the driver. Jeff was the caller, and James was the driver. They all worked hard to build their robot, and it paid off when they took the first place trophy. Because of their success, they had to be interviewed by a few reporters.



Max Verkamp, Jeff Brier, James Venekamp, and Brandon Hasenour take pictures with their first place trophy.

Andy Thacker holds tight to his robotics vehicle before they show what it can do.

James Verkamp positions himself to where he cannot see his vehicle as he drives. Jeff Brier calls directions to him while he steers as part of the Marco Polo game. Max Verkamp watches the vehicle closely.



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Brittney Klem and Olivia Steckler work together to raise the Key Club banner.



2

Ashley Matthews stays focused and works hard at the spell bowl competition.



3

James Venekamp laughs with his fellow Key Club members.

4

Katie Demuth takes time to stop what she is doing and shares a smile.



Mr. Walston shows the correct spelling of the word "prestidigitator" to the participants of the spell bowl competition.

Key Club this year was sponsored by Mr. Chuck Bradley. This club is a service club. Some of their volunteer activities included helping with Santa letters at the Santa Claus Post Office, setting up and taking down the Christkindlemarkt, and conducting a lunch for FP students.

Mrs. Peggy Huff was the sponsor for spell bowl this year. Mr. Walston pronounced the words at the competition that Forest Park hosted. The spell bowl team did very well this year at all of their competitions.

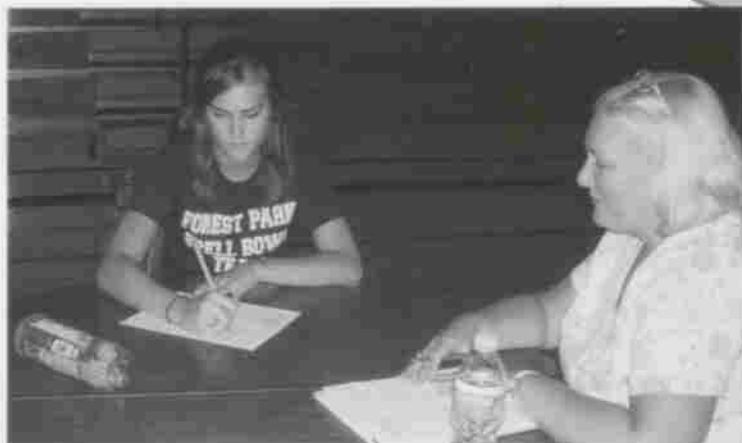
The students who participate in these activities do most of it outside of classes. Students in spell bowl must constantly study words most people don't even use. Key Club members learn to work together to make the world a better place by volunteering to help others. All these students are leaders and friends to everyone.

# Spell Bowl and Key Club do great things

## Xcelling OUTside of class



Jeff Brier helps carry in materials inside FP for the Key Club's activities.



Alexis Merkley thinks hard about the correct answer on her spell bowl test.



# Students make art and writing a BD

## TTG Write

Time to go write

### Future writers from FP



"I like to write poetry best."  
James Venekamp

"I plan to minor in creative writing."  
Tammy Rice



"I look up to Emily Dickenson."  
Jessica Adams

"Writing stimulates the mind."  
Brodie Gress



"Almost all my stories have romance."  
Tempa Affaurt

"Writing is expression."  
Natalie Abell



"I get to write about a world of my own and have people explore my world."  
Jessica Fromme

"Every time I finish one of Tamora Pierce's books, it makes me want to write a story like hers." Jessica Fromme

"In art, there is always room for improvement." Shayna

"I like writing about things in my life and parodies of what I like."  
Brodie

"I want to create something that I will be proud of for many years to come." Gina

"I like Mark Strand and Kevin Brooks. They really make you think about life." Natalie

All of these students were recommended by their teachers or classmates to be recognized as the most passionate artists and writers of their classes. They have worked hard and should be commended and wished the best of luck as they continue their passions.

"I hope to get my pieces into a famous art show."  
Amy

"Writing allows me to put my overactive imagination to use in a productive way."  
Tempa Auffart

"When I do a piece, my goal is for it to be fun and interesting but also to represent me." Darianne

"Writing is something I have been doing for as long as I can remember. I can't stop without feeling incomplete." Tammy

"Writing lets you show your true emotions instead of the false facade you show." James

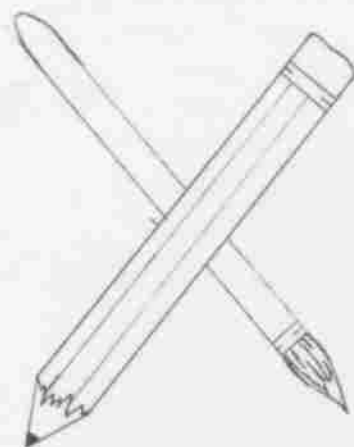
"Van Gogh is inspiring because his scenes are beautiful and they express emotion." Anthony

"In the future, I hope to keep art as a great hobby and never stop doing it because I love it so much." Rebekah

"I hope that art just helps me along to my future."  
Amelia

"Writing is such a great way to get away from reality." Jessica Adams

"If I go into architecture, I will continue art in my life." Phillip



## TOArt

Thinking of art

### FP Artists who may be famous



"I want to major in art or art therapy." Shayna Roos



"I like charcoal drawing the most." Phillip Bockelman



"Art is my way to relax and forget." Amy Wendholt



"I hope my art influences someone." Anthony Begle



"The world would be boring without art." Darianne Cherry



"Mrs. Taylor inspires me to do my own art." Gina Bettag



"You get to see a person's personality." Amelia Ebert



"Art gives me a way to stop worrying." Rebekah Thomas

# FFA AKA working hard and having fun

Andrea Wallhauser was president of the FP chapter of FFA this year, the first sophomore to hold this office. She said one of the highlights of the year in FFA was the state convention at Purdue. She said, "This is where you get to meet the other officers from all over the state, and you get to share ideas."

The club does service projects, such as

The officers from Forest Park's FFA chapter attended the state convention at Purdue University.



building the playground and walking trail at Ceder Crest Intermediate School. They also built a pole barn for the state FFA organization at Purdue.

The fruit sale is their big fundraiser each year, and the whitewater rafting trip is a nice reward for the top sellers.

Andrea summed it up by saying, "In FFA we have fun, but we also work hard."

This group of Forest Park freshmen attended the Greenhand Camp at Trafalger.



Craig Voges and Jordan Hedinger work on building a tree stand.

As a reward trip, these FFA members went whitewater rafting on the Ocooee River in Tennessee.



CN U imagine?

## Destination Imagination

The Destination Imagination team went to their regional competition on Saturday, March 14. They advanced to the state contest at Noblesville on April 25 where they won. At the national finals, they were third. Since only the top two teams get to go to the global finals, they did not advance this year. Nevertheless, they had a good year. Sophomore Brittany Klem said their skit was based on "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."



The DI team members put their heads together before a contest. They are Brittany Klem, Shelby Betz, Allison Fischer, Tempa Auffart, Alyssa Matthews, Ashley Matthews, and Travis Hasenour.

A Christmas tree was made of Mountain Dew cans hot glued together. After sitting overnight in a cold trailer, the glue turned loose and the can tree collapsed.



Allison played the part of Cindy Lou Who, and Tempa Auffart was the Grinch. Shelby was Max the dog.

DI members were introduced by DI coordinator Mrs. Sharon Gramelspacher at a pep session.

# BETA Club members attend convention Nov. 14-15

Beta Inductions were held November 3, 2008, in the school auditorium. The convention was held in Indianapolis this year. It was November 14 and 15, and 100 students attended. Some fund raisers that the Beta Club did were the spaghetti dinner which was March 13, along with the school musical. Also they did the Pennies for Shriners Hospital which took place at a football game. The officers were President Karla Knust, Vice-president Brad Ketzner, Secretary Kaci Gehlhausen, Treasurer Nicole Kerstiens, and Historian Kelsey Bohnenkamper.

The officers of Beta Club and NAHO-SO preside over induction ceremonies on November 3.

Senior John Klem lights a candle for the Beta Inductions.



Senior Casey Seaton hands out certificates for the inductions.

Seniors Alison Rahman and Casey VanWinkle get sworn into Beta.

Beta Club members for 2008-09.



Bristinne Mendel and Kalyn Wendholt help clean up after the Student Council cookout.

# STUDENT COUNCIL

## SPONSORS TWO HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS THIS YEAR

Student Council had two homecomings to host. First was football homecoming, which was new this year and was held October 17, 2008. FP played Tell City. The king was Casey VanWinkle and queen was Felicia Bolte. Homecoming for basketball was held February 6, 2009. FP played Mater Dei. The king was Kyle Gutseil and queen Katie Demuth.

Holiday Ball was also an

event that the Student Council helped prepare for. This year Holiday Ball was December 20 at the St. Anthony Community Center. The theme was black and white.

The officers were President Alexandria Kordes, Vice-president Camille Hagedorn, Treasurer Whitney Luebbehusen, and Historian Allison Rahman. The sponsor was Mr. Steven Dekemper.



Seniors Allison Rahman and Whitney Luebbehusen collected the money for the cookout.

The Student Council cookout had to be moved into the gym because of rain, but the food and friends still made the day special.

# Spotlight!

## ON: MUSICIANS

"I am passionate about music because it allows me to express emotions too vivid for words"



Tempa Auffart

"The musician that's most inspiring to me is Paul O'Neill or Thomas Holopainen."



Max Verkamp



Stephanie Merkel

"I hope to continue this passion throughout life by being in a community orchestra."



Jeff Brier

"To continue my passion for the rest of my life, I hope to join clubs in college in which I can play or sing."

"I love the emotion I feel when I play music and I love being able to bring those emotions to other people."



Shelly Sizemore

"Mr. Gayso is most influential to me. He's been a mentor, teacher, and friend to me. I wish to become a band director like him."



Kaitlin Emmert

"I am passionate about music because it's my life and it's something that I enjoy."

"I am passionate about music because music tends to open wounds of the human soul. And it's fun to play."



Mitch Blackgrove



Christian Mollenhauer



"ToGeTheR foReVer, wE cOmBINE  
We'Re ThE cLaSs oF 2009."

*The senior class has always been the class to look up to. The underclassmen idolize us and let's face it, that's how it should be. When something goes wrong, who do they look up to? The senior class, of course. When something equally amazing happens, however, you can bet we were the ones responsible.*

*No matter what the individuals decide to make of their lives after graduation, or what road they will travel, we will nevertheless always combine; we are the class of 2009.*

\*! \* 2 0 0 9 \*! \*



The senior class officers enjoy the new sofa donated by Styline. The officers are Whitney Luebbehusen, president, Britinne Mendel, vice-president, Kaci Verkamp, secretary, and Katie Demuth, treasurer.



*Hannah Beck*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

Be successful and happy!



*Courtney Begle*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

Some advice I have for underclassmen is don't procrastinate!



*Courtney Bender*

*What would you consider your biggest achievement?*

Getting through high school with decent grades and not making teachers hate me.



*Brittany Betz*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

To succeed at whatever I do.



*Philip Bockelman*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

Never back down!!



*Kelsey Bohnenkemper*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

Some advice I would give to underclassmen is watch out for Ms. Shobe's class.



*Rachael Bolden*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

Seeing my friends every day.



*Felicia Bolte*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

Don't procrastinate!



*Ryan Brames*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*



*Jeffrey Brier*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

I will remember when we won State for marching band. It was amazing!



*Justin Brown*

*If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be and why?*



*Cole Buechler*

*What would you consider your biggest achievement?*

Walking.



*Kayla Buechler*

*If you could change one thing in the world what would it be and why?*

I would go back to junior high and try harder in all my classes.



*Kevin Buechler*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

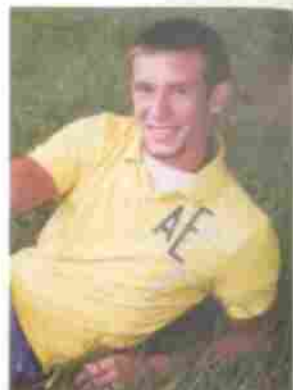
Funny, crazy, sarcastic, easy-going.



*Jazman Carrie*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

Read, dream, love, live, band, hope.



*Dexter Chibress*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

Ms. Shobe's class.



*Felicia Critchfield*

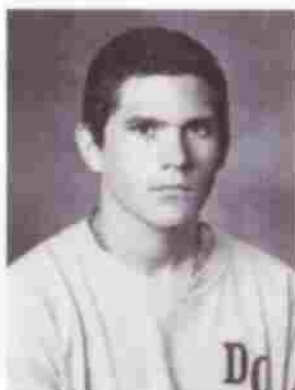
I plan to go to VUJC to major in dental assisting. After college I hope to get a job at a local dental office. I hope to get married and have more kids in the future.



*Shawna Cunningham*

*What would you consider your biggest achievement?*

I haven't quit school.



*John Davis*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

I will miss this school.



*Whitney Davis*

*If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be and why?*

Judging people because they may set off the wrong first impression



Best Eyes



Best Dressed



*Katie Demuth*  
 What will you remember most from high school?

Mr. Gonselman's attempt at jokes.



*Karrissa Dilger*  
 6 words to define you/your life:

Friendly, memorable, fun, ambitious, crazy, intense.



*Travis Englert*  
 What will you remember most about high school?



*Alyssa Heck*  
 What are your hopes for the future?

Go to college, get married, start a family.



*Melissa Frieckel*  
 What would you consider your biggest achievement?

...Hasn't happened yet...



*Brittany Gasaway*  
 If you could change one thing in the world what would it be and why?

Gas prices because they are bad.



*Kaci Gehlhausen*  
 6 words to define you/your life:

Sleep, school, work, music, friends, bacon.



*Kyle Giesler*  
 What would you consider your biggest achievement?

Getting a truck.





*Jesse Goldman*

*If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be and why?*

How people manage money.



*Kyle Gutzsell*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

Respect the upperclassmen.



*Camille Hagedorn*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

My classmates.



*Jesse Hagedorn*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

Have fun!



*Kelsey Hermon*

*What will you remember most about high school?*

Friends and fun times.



*Brandon Hasenour*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

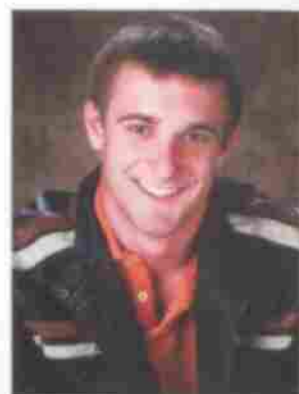
Relaxed, humorous, exciting, adventurous, stressful, enjoyable.



*Laura Hassfurber*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

To have a family and a good job.



*Brian Hecke*

*If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be and why?*

World hate--make peace.



Most Hyper



Shyest



*Alex Hopf*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen? Always give it your all in whatever you do. Never give up even though it will seem like the easy thing to do.*



*Amanda Hopf*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

*Fulfilling, joyous, fun, active, perseverance, interesting.*



*Justin Hirst*

*If you could change one thing in the world what would it be and why?*

*Lower gas prices.*



*Zaron Jacob*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

*Getting in trouble.*



*Emily Jacob*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

*I will remember winning soccer sectional.*



*Talaka Johnson*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

*To enjoy your four years in high school because the time goes really fast.*



*Nathan Jones*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

*Outspoken, funny, interesting, and different.*



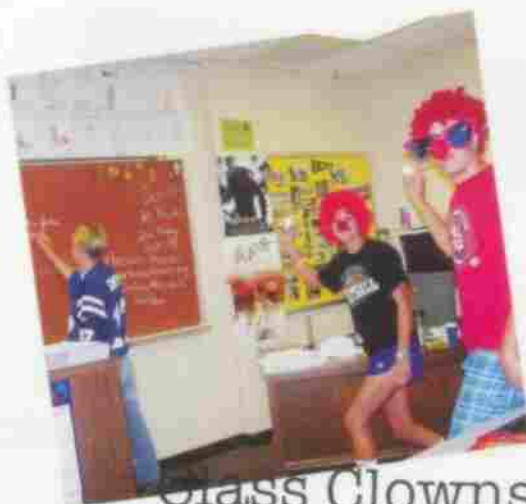
*Carrie Keller*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

*I hope to go to USI and become a social worker.*



**Most Athletic**



**Class Clowns**



*Nicholas Kempf*



*Gary Kern*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

Study hard and don't let seniorsitis set in.



*Nicole Kerstiens*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

I'll definitely remember all the times I shared with my classmates and friends



*Rachel Kerstiens*

*If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be and why?*

I would want...world peace!



*Max Kitten*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

Respect seniors.



*Janell Klem*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

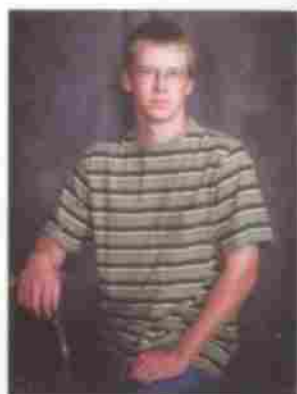
Funny, outgoing, silly, never bored, don't care about clothes.



*Jonathan Klem*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

Friends.



*Chad Knies*



*Biggest Party Animals*



*Ladies and Gentleman*



*Karla Krust*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

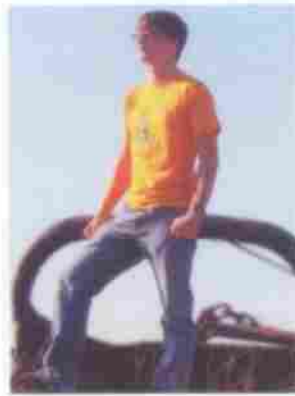
I never have a dull moment.



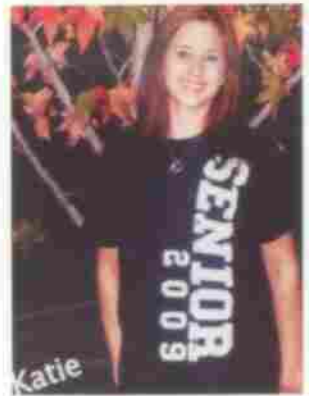
*Alexandria Korches*

*What advice do you have for underclassmen?*

Get out while you still can.



*Alexander Kowulchuk*



*Katie Kuhn*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

To be somebody.



*Elizabeth Lampert*

*What would you consider your biggest achievement?*

Getting accepted to IU.



*Kody Lane*

*What would you consider your biggest achievement?*

Actually graduating.



*Janae Lange*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

Fun, adventurous, happy-go-lucky, carefree.



*Kyle Lechner*

*What would you consider your biggest achievement?*

Winning State in band.



Most Changed





*Cassandra Leinenbach*

I will remember the friends I made throughout my high school career. CC helped me form strong bonds with amazing people whom I will miss.



*Ryan Leisman*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

Work hard, party hard.



*Carly Leonard*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

To be happy, rich, and successful.



*Tristany Lubbers*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

My hopes for the future are to graduate and go to college.



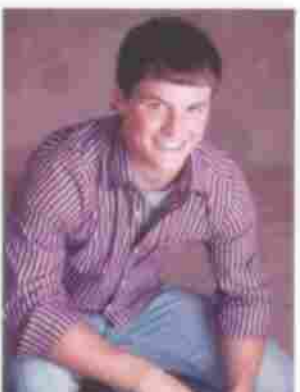
*Abigail Luebbehusen*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

Enjoy it because it goes by so fast.



*Whitney Luebbehusen*



*Logan May*

*What would you consider your biggest achievement?*

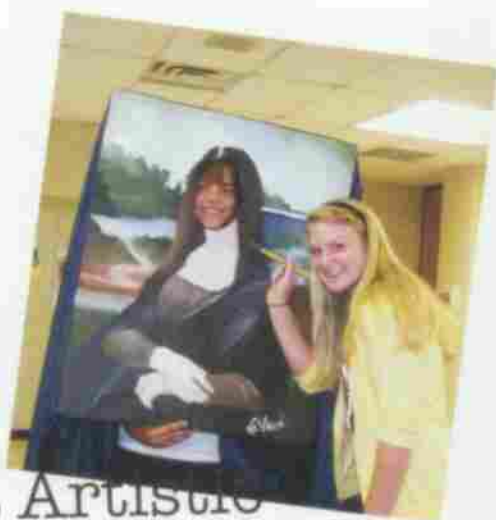
My biggest achievement would be to graduate high school and go into a job that I love.



*Ellen McPaul*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

To do well in and after college.



Most Artistic



*Bristinne Mendel*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

Funny, hardworking, competitive, understanding, loving, easy to talk to.



*Logan Mohe*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

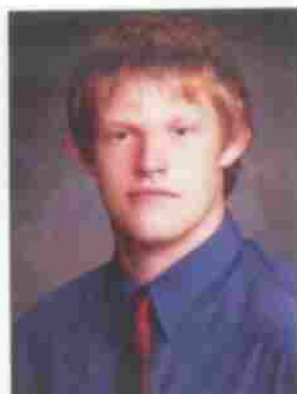
The thing I will remember from high school is the time I took a mini-van mudding.



*Chad Mullis*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

Crazy, weird, amazing, guitar, friends, fun.



*Jordan Myers*

*What would you consider your biggest achievement?*

Getting a college scholarship to play basketball at Southern Illinois.



*Emily Nonte*

*What is some advice you would give to underclassmen?*

Be on Ms. Shobe's nice side!



*Aaron Nordhoff*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

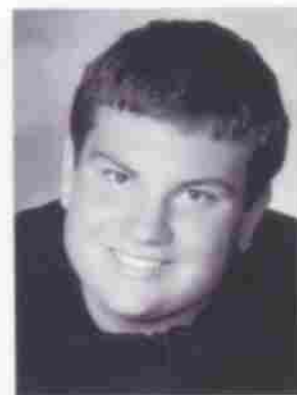
Don't do drugs.



*McKenzie Persohn*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

Every half day 10 other friends and I would have sleepovers and get up early to eat at Denny's in Dale.



*Kyle Popplewell*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?*

Go to school.



Most School Spirit

Katie Demuth  
and  
Jesse Hagedorn  
  
Best Laugh



*Andy Prind*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

The American Dream.



*Allison Rahmen*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

Athlete, laughing, loving, indecisive, sweet, outgoing, nice.



*Kristin Rasche*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

I will remember winning State for band.



*Lauren Reckelhoff*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

Weekends with my friends.



*Thomas Redman*



*Nicole Renschler*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

Work in a salon and go to VUJC for accounting.



*Tammy Rice*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

Writing, dreaming, loving, laughing, believing, changing.



*Graham Roberts*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

To be somebody.



Most Musical



Most Likely to stand out in a crowd



*Marc Rogier*

*What will you remember most from high school?* The time we took Max's little go-kart out and tried ramping Cole's driveway and Max almost killed himself.



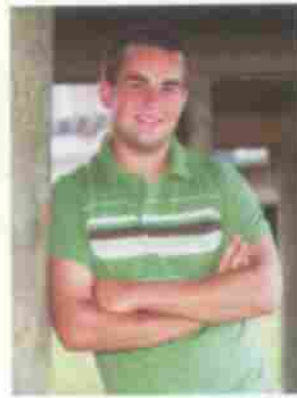
*Shayna Ross*

*If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be and why?*  
It would be to change the economy and lower gas prices.



*Jessica Roundtree*

*What will you remember most from high school?*  
I will always remember hanging out in the parking lot after band practice.



*Scott Schuetter*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

All the good times with friends.



*Kari Schwinghamer*

*If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be and why?*

Gas prices. They're too high!



*Casey Seaton*



*Michael Seaton*



*Jeremy Sermersheim*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

Go to Marian college to major in either marketing or pre-law.



*Bethany Adams*

*What advice would you give to underclassmen?*

Live life. Party.



*Ashley Andry*

*What would you consider your biggest achievement?*

Establishing a relationship.



*Whitley Becker*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

The academic pep sessions.



*Makayla Bickert*

*What is some advice you would give to underclassmen?*

Hang in there.



*Shelby Speedy*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

Trips to Denny's after band competitions!

Photo  
not  
available



*Jamey Sturgeon*

*Bradi-Jo Staggs*

*What will you remember most from high school?* All of my hard work, time, determination, and effort that I have put into my classes in order to be successful.



*Jessica Taber*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

Basketball sectional and cheer section.



*Regina Thomas*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

Go to college and get a job.



*Natasha Torstenson*

*What will you remember most from high school?*

Playing pictionary.



*Austin Uebelhoer*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

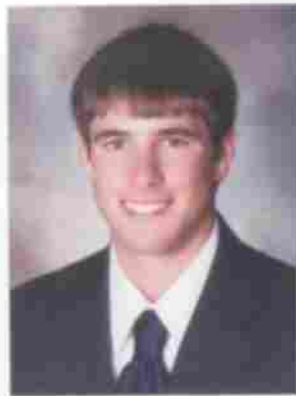
Crazy, hilarious, stressful, and busy.



Most Likely to be rolling in dough

Max Verkamp  
and  
Janae Lange

Most likely to be rolling in dough



*Kristin Uppencamp*

*Dana Vaal*

*Joshua Vaal*

*Casey Van Winkle*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

*6 words to define you/your life:*

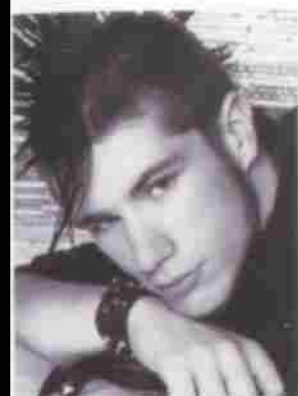
*What are your hopes for the future?* I hope to go to a 2-year college and get a degree in law enforcement. I hope to eventually become a police officer.

*What would you consider your greatest achievement?*

Graduate, go to college, get a job.

Fun, friends, memories.

Making it through high school.



*James Venekamp*

*Kaci Verkamp*

*Maa Verkamp*

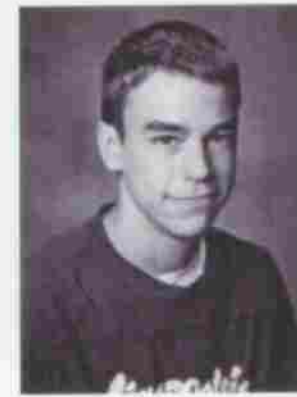
*Megan Voegert*

*What would you consider your biggest achievement?*

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*If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be and why?* I would not change anything because of the possibility of unforeseen consequences.

Qualifying for cross country state.



*Katelynn Wessel*

*Alex Wilson*

*Jordan Wright*

*What is some advice you have for underclassmen?* Don't procrastinate. And always open your notebook and date it as soon as you get in Mr. Shobe's room.

*What is a quote you live by?*

*What are your hopes for the future?*

You're invincible until God is finished with you.

My hopes for the future are to finish college and start a career.

SHIZZLE Weak Sauce That's Nuffy That's BIG time

**Seriously?**

BUCKETS

*I don't get it?!*



Hangout-  
friend's house

Sport- football



Ideal Jobs-  
Teacher, Nurse

Outdoor  
Activity-  
Swimming



Musical Group-  
Sugarland

Song- "Love  
Story" by Taylor  
Swift

Movie- Dark  
Knight

**That's how I roll**

**BUCKETS**

*Cash Money*

QUIET CHUCKLES

# That's what she said

Authors-  
Stephanie  
Mayer and  
Jodi  
Picoult

Color- Blue



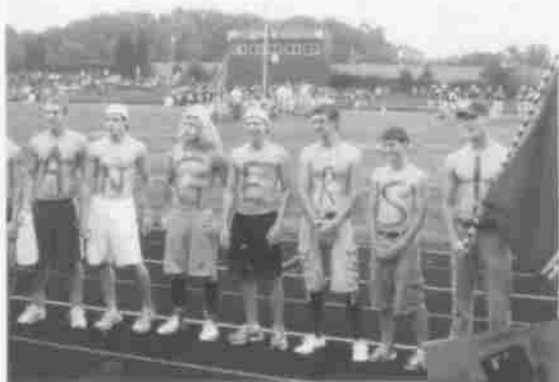
Creepster

LOL

Cafeteria  
Food- Chili

Season- Summer

That's embarrassing



Drink-  
Mountain Dew

Day- Saturday



YOUR MOM

OH REALLY?

What's uppski?

DUHH!





Ice Cream-  
Chocolate  
Chip Cookie  
Dough

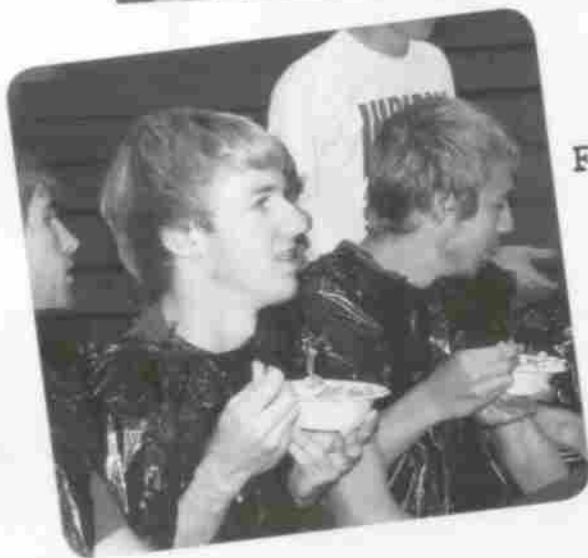
Video Game-  
Guitar Hero



Actor/Actress-  
Adam Sandler



Store- Wal-Mart



Food- Chicken



Hobby-  
Hanging out  
with friends

Teacher-  
Mr. Gunselman



# Juniors prepare to become the leaders at Forest Park




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Junior class officers are President, Justin Wendholt, Vice-president Emily Hildenbrand, Secretary Amy Wendholt, and Treasurer Andy Thacker.

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Jessica Adams  
Austin Aders  
Tyler Allen  
Jenna Altman  
Derek Andrews  
Cheyenne Arnett

Hannah Backer  
Natosha Beckman  
Ross Beckman  
Anthony Begle  
Morgan Blessinger  
Todd Bowles

Amanda Braunecker  
Stafanie Brockman  
Megan Bromm  
Bobby Byers  
Heather Choate  
Darlene Cooper



Top, junior Jamison Denning played the piano for the chorus to sing at graduation. Right, this group of juniors gets their picture taken by Mr. McCarty at the Holiday Ball.



Holly Cooper  
 Ross Dauby  
 Collin Daunhauer  
 Jamison Denning  
 Jordan Dilger  
 Kyla Eckert



Kristin Egloff  
 Kaitlin Emmert  
 Allison Englert  
 Jessica Ernst  
 Corissa Farina  
 Adam Fettes



Kory Fischer  
 Keshia Fleck  
 Kurt Fromme  
 Taza Garris  
 Cody Goepfner  
 Abbie Gogel





Brodie Gress  
 Johnathon Haddad  
 Jordan Hedinger  
 Tyler Hedinger  
 Tia Helming  
 Amity Hendershot



Shelby Henke  
 Colin Hildenbrand  
 Nicholas Hurst  
 Patrick Jensen  
 Kelly Joas  
 Nick Jochem



Morgan Johannemann  
 Mitchell Katter  
 Viva Kelley  
 Ethan Kerstiens  
 Kyle Kerstiens  
 Bradley Ketzner



Courtney Kissel  
 Bryce Klem  
 Alex Knies  
 Kaci Kreilein  
 Shawna Lampert  
 Seth Lemond



Allison Lindauer  
 Kayla Lindauer  
 Jacob Lubbers  
 Andrew Luebbehusen  
 Savanna Lueken  
 Alexis Merkley

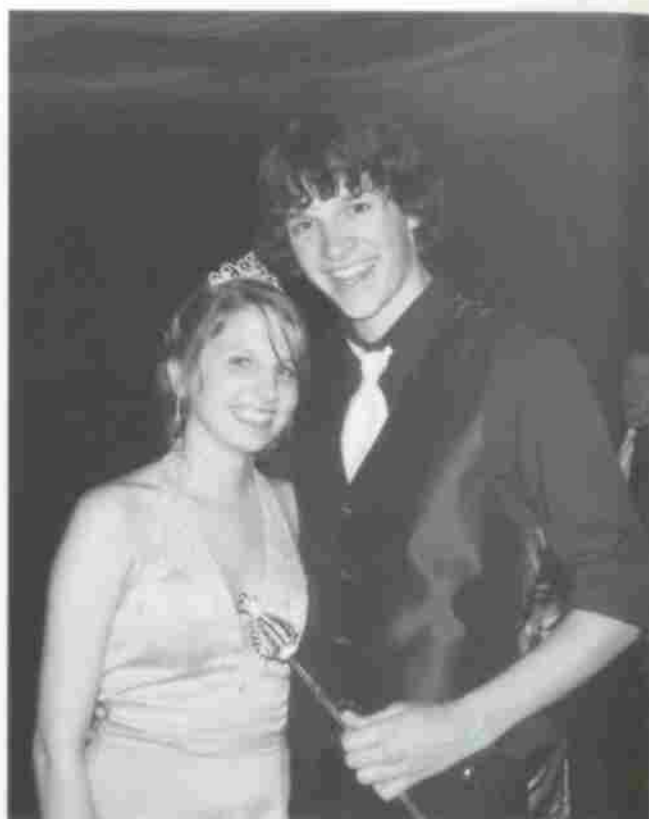


Katherine Meyer  
 Christian Mollenhauer  
 Rebecca Morgan  
 Therese Nilsson  
 Bryce Nord  
 Jordan Nord



Michael Opel  
 Kara Oser  
 Emily Persohn  
 Ashley Potry  
 Lance Rahman  
 Jessa Roeder

Right, Jessa Roeder and Cody Goeppner were crowned Junior Princess and Prince at the 2009 Prom. Below, juniors Chanel Tobin, Alyse Small, and Hannah Backer portrayed some of Jesus' followers in the musical Jesus Christ Superstar.



Lauren Schlachter  
Michael Schmieders  
Andrea Schroering  
Alyse Small  
Ethan Smith  
Micaela Spayd



Alex Stenftenagel  
Seth Tempel  
Andy Thacker  
Cassandra Thayer  
Trent Theising  
Chanel Tobin

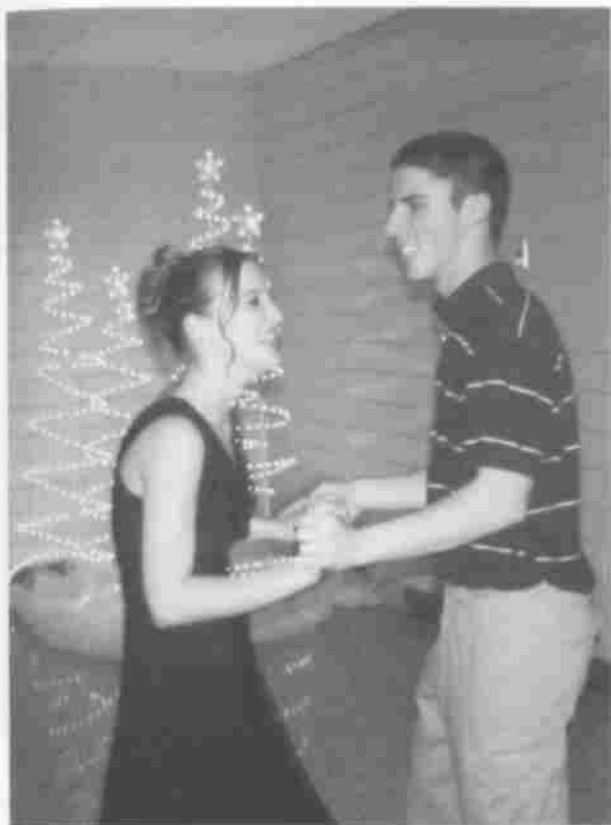


Tonya Toby  
Justin Ubelhor  
Tabbitha Uppencamp  
Brooke Van Winkle  
Carmen Van Winkle  
Hannah Verkamp



Craig Voges  
Jenna Wagner  
Alyssa Waninger  
Brittney Welp  
Colin Welp  
Heather Welp





Left, junior Heather Choate and her date dance the night away at the Holiday Ball.

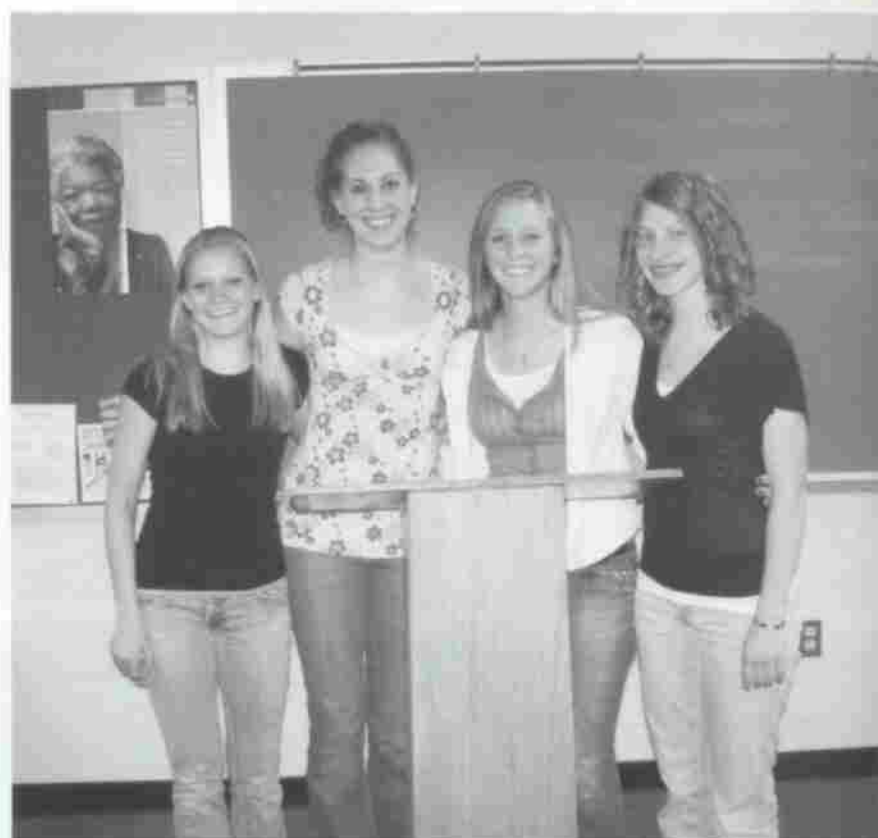
Below left, juniors Amanda Braunecker and Carmen VanWinkle get ready to attack in the dodgeball tournament.

Below, junior Ethan Smith portrays Simon Zealot in the musical Jesus Christ Superstar.



Amy Wendholt  
Justin Wendholt  
Logan Wendholt  
Ashley Wesselman  
Brandon Weyer  
Matthew Wilmes

## Sophomores look up to FPs juniors and seniors



The sophomore class officers seem to have Maya Angelou looking over their shoulder. The officers are Athena Haake, president, Khloe Vonderheide, vice-president, Lisa Knust, secretary, and Olivia Hopf, treasurer.

Natalie Abell  
Dustin Allbright  
Alex Altman  
Ty Anderson  
Tempa Auffart  
Lauren Barth



Claire Becher  
Marcus Beckman  
Brandon Bogle  
Jesse Bogle  
Kyle Bogle  
Gina Bettag



Shelby Betz  
Chelsie Bieker  
Jessica Bohnert  
Nathan Bromm  
Audra Buechler  
Justin Buechler





Savonna Carrie  
 Darianne Cherry  
 Brandon Chumbley  
 Gary Cunningham  
 Brittany Daunhauer  
 Morgan Davis



Tyler Deich  
 Lucas Demuth  
 Allison Fischer  
 Kathi Fromme  
 Felicia Gehlhausen  
 Larissa Gregory



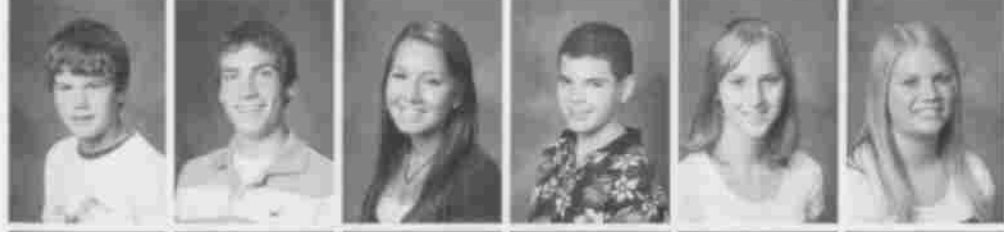
Landon Greulich  
 Melissa Greulich  
 Jacob Grundhoefer  
 Hilary Gutsell  
 Athena Haake  
 Mitchell Haas



Marissa Hasenour  
 Travis Hasenour  
 Austin Hauser  
 Taylor Heilers  
 Andrew Helming  
 Wesley Hembree



Jason Herbig  
 Brittany Hopf  
 Olivia Hopf  
 Sarah Hopf  
 Jordan Houchin  
 Ethan Houchins



Justin Huff  
 Zachary Hulsman  
 Sarah Joas  
 Branden Kelley  
 Abbie Kemper  
 Taylor Kempf



Brittney Klem  
 Devinn Knies  
 Kelli Knust  
 Lisa Knust  
 Whitney Kuhn  
 Ashley Lampert



Dennis Lampert  
 Sarah Lampert  
 Reece Leonard  
 Ethan Linne  
 Alex Luebbehusen  
 Brandon Lucken



Shaelyn Luker  
 Chelse Mandel  
 Alyssa Matthews  
 Ashley Matthews  
 Matthew Messmer  
 Jessica Morgan



Dara Niehaus  
 Lauren Niehaus  
 Jeremy Nixon  
 Joshua Nixon  
 Tyler O'Keefe  
 Justin Olinger



Tanner Opel  
 Katelin Page  
 David Petry  
 Laura Pund  
 Jill Rahman  
 Krista Recker



Sophomore Alyssa Matthews plays the tympani as the band plays "Pomp and Circumstance" for graduation. Right, sophomore Dara Niehaus and senior Jeff Brier team up to empty recycling boxes.





Benjamin Rickelman  
Jonathan Russell  
Meredith Ruxer  
Molly Sanders  
Kyle Schipp  
Dana Schlachter



Ryan Schneider  
Brent Schue  
Kaci Schwinghamer  
Kyle Schwinghamer  
Kaci Seger  
Ariel Sherman



Brent Sherman  
Michelle Sizemore  
Brady Speedy  
Jonathon Staff  
Kayla Steffen  
Theodora Steinmetz



Shoneen Stenfenagel  
Amanda Thacker  
Jordan Theising  
Joshua Thomas  
Alysia Torstenson  
Lee Uebelhor



Sophomore Audra Buechler collects a reward at the academic pep session. Left, FFA members Austin Hauser and Andrea Wallhauser clean up after the teacher lunch for FFA Week.

Jamie Vaal  
 Chelsea Voegerl  
 Jenna Voegerl  
 Khloe Vonderheide  
 Andrea Wallhauser  
 Grant Welp



Kristy Welp  
 Ryan Welp  
 Sarah Welp  
 Beth Wendholt  
 Cody Weyer  
 Edward Weyer



Jordan Weyer  
 Lori Weyer  
 Theodore Weyer  
 Zachary Whitecotten  
 Kyle Wilgus  
 Caleb Williams



Above, sophomores Claire Becher and Brittany Daunhauer lead the Conga line at the Holiday Ball.  
 Right, sophomore Devin Knies plays a scene with senior Katie Demuth in Jesus Christ Superstar.



*"It's double the giggles and double  
the grins, and double the trouble if  
you're blessed with twins."  
~ Author Unknown*



Charlie and Felicia Weyer



Alexa and Colin Wollenmann



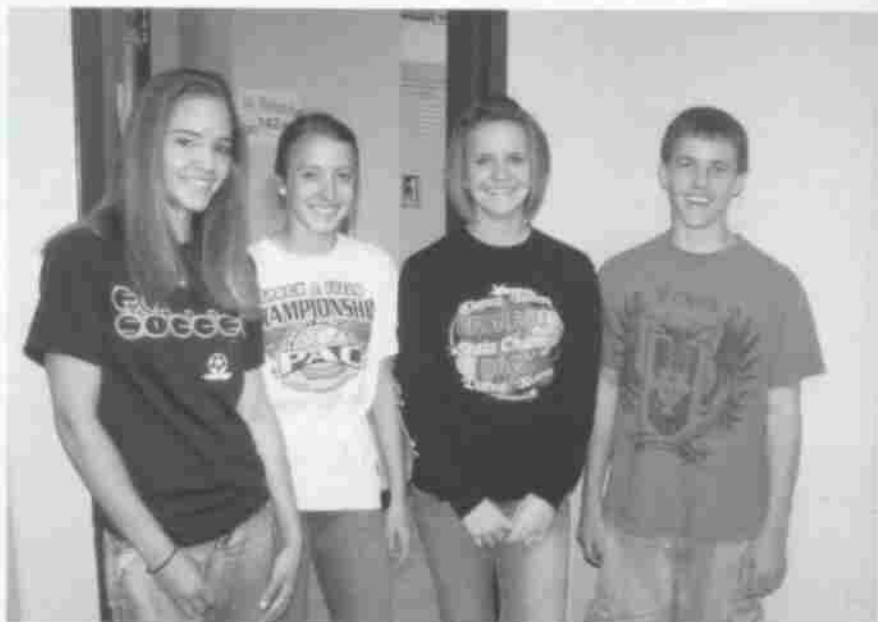
Alyssa and Ashley Matthews



Kaci and Kyle Schwinghammer

**T W W II NW S**

# Freshmen begin journey through high school



Freshman class officers are Allison Hoffman, president, Adi Dilger, vice-president, Aaron Schaeffer, secretary, and Kevin Brown, treasurer.

Casey Abell  
George Allen  
Kyla Altmann  
Dillon Andry  
Kelsie Andry  
Bryce Barkley



Emily Bayer  
Mustang Beckham  
Kendall Begle  
Alicia Bender  
Shelby Bettag  
Jhett Bieker

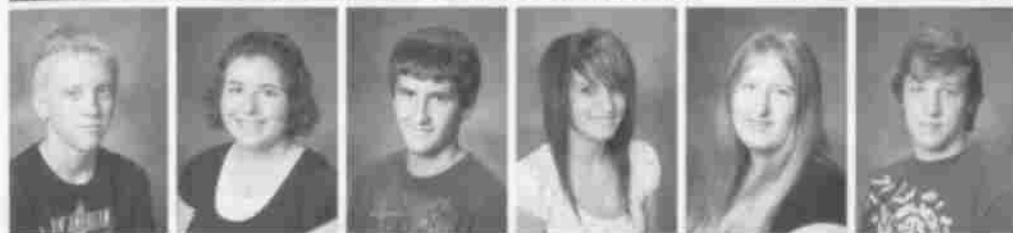


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Jennifer Dearborn  
Michael Demuth  
Adalyn Dilger  
Amelia Ebert



Andrew Englert  
Danielle Farina  
Anthony Fischer  
Chelsea Freyberger  
Jessica Fromme  
Jason Gasaway



Dakota Geyer  
Tyler Gress  
Tyler Haddad  
Daniel Harder  
Dillon Henke  
Allison Hoffman



Brenna Hoffman  
Samantha Hopf  
Tiffany Hopf  
Zachary Hoppenjans  
Jesse Horsting  
Heath Howe



Keshia Huff  
Michael Huff  
Tyler Huff  
Rhashaun Hurt  
Molly Johannemann  
Walter Jordan



Mason Kelly  
Nora Kiewitt  
Kayla Kippenbrock  
Noah Klem  
Nathan Kloeck  
Ashley Knies



Lynk Kordes  
Sabrina Kordes  
Alexa Lange  
Kelsey Lange  
Michelle Leisman  
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Laura Lueken  
Christopher Luker  
Janelle Mehling  
Stephanie Merkel



Erica Messmer  
Jacob Meyer  
Caleb Myers  
Brodey Nordhoff  
Evan Olinger  
Cody Oxley



Jesse Petry  
Matthew Powers  
Jayme Roos  
Nicholas Rountree  
Erin Schaefer  
Connor Seger



Katelyn Seibert  
Lindsey Sermersheim  
Erica Sherman  
Amanda Souder  
Shelby Stallman  
Olivia Steckler



Right, freshman Charlie Weyer makes the handoff in a football game in summer PE. Far right, Alexa Wollenmann sang during the Renaissance pep session which had a CMA Awards theme.





Riva Stenftenagel  
 Rebekah Thomas  
 Shawn Uebelhor  
 Olivia Uebelhor



Victoria Van Winkle  
 Chad Vonderheide  
 Ethan Wehr  
 Cody Welp  
 Katelyn Welp  
 Shania Welp



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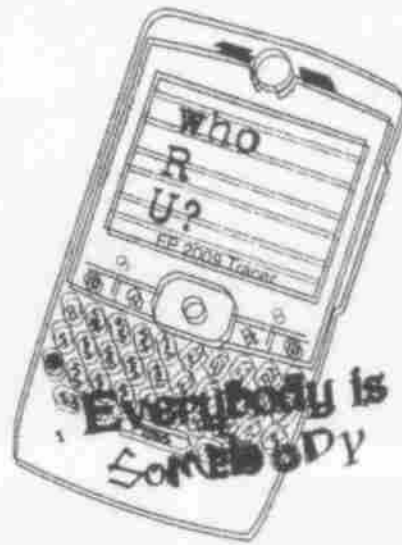
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 Samantha Wright  
 Chad Zink



Freshmen Amanda Souder and Erica Sherman have fun in the hotel room at FCCLA convention.  
 Freshman Cody Oxley practices the art of deception during a game of touch football.



# Academics



GTG do my homework

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## *Stop the presses!* Big job is NP for this group

A small group of journalism students had a big job this year to produce *The Lookout* and *The Tracer*. They learned about writing, planning and designing a publication, advertising, editing, photography, and making a budget. They also had fun making their deadlines and celebrating each task they completed. And they learned about documentaries by acting out *The Blair Witch Project* in the woods in the dark.



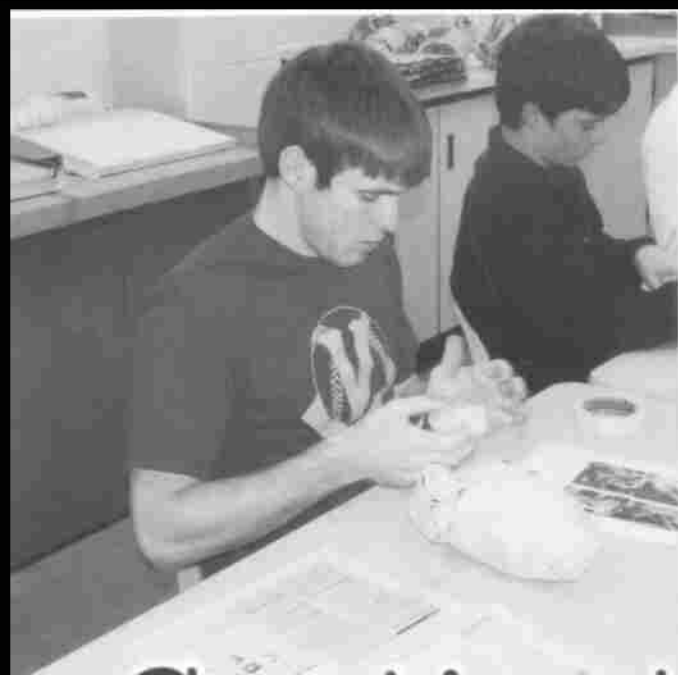
Top, senior Tammy Rice passes the Advanced Journalism crown to junior Ashley Wesselman.

Above left, senior Whitley Becher was in charge of all the corny comics in *The Lookout*.

Above center, sophomore Michelle Sizemore played an important role in the class even though it was her first year.

Above right, Kelsey Bohnenkamper uses the computer to create a year-book layout.

Left, "Stop the presses!" Members of the elite journalism group were, from left, Michelle Sizemore, Mr. Ed Walston, Whitley Becher, Tammy Rice, Ashley Wesselman, and Kelsey Bohnenkamper.



Left, senior Casey VanWinkle adds to his paper-mache sculpture.

Below, during the last week of school, the senior art students put up displays of their work.

Below left, Mrs. Taylor helps students with their work.



# Captivating the eye

## Living 4 beauty



One of the main goals of artists is to captivate the viewer's eye and convey a message to the viewer. Some people are naturally born with this talent, while others must strive to learn it. Art classes at FP were taught by Mrs. Tammy Taylor. Students could study two-dimensional art, three-dimensional art, and visual communications.



Sophomore Shelby Betz creates a horse sculpture.



Junior Andrea Schroering puts the head on her project.



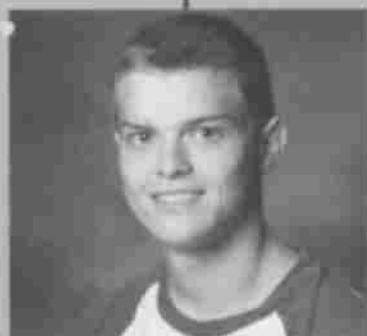
Sophomore Lori Weyer concentrates on the shape of her artwork.

# ARTISTS

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2. Anthony Begle (11), "I find Van Gogh most inspiring to me because his paintings don't only show beautiful scenes, they also express emotion."

3. Amelia Ebert (9), "In art, you are free to express yourself. In turn, you get the chance to see a person's personality."

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1. Philip Bockelman (12), "I like charcoal drawing the most, but I also like woodworking."

4. Gina Bettag (10), "Mrs. Taylor is someone who really inspires me because she never tells us something is wrong."

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5. Darianne Cherry (10), "The world would be boring without art. Art is everywhere and brightens everything."

6. Shayna Roos (12), "I am passionate about art because it makes me feel good when I'm doing it, and because I believe I have some ability to continue it."

7. Amy Wendholt (11), "Art is my way to relax and forget my troubles. It helps me express myself in a unique way."

# A Musician's Journey ends on a gr8 note

The Marching Rangers set out on a journey this year with their band directors Mr. Chad Gayso and Mr. Chuck Bradley.

It took them through regular competitions to district and regionals where they earned golds. At semi-state the band was attacked by the stage and the chairs they used as props, but made it to state.

The journey ended at state finals in the new Lucas Oil Stadium where they claimed first place! This was the first time they won under Mr. Gayso's direction. It was also the first time they won in seven years.

Left, the band performs their show for the last time in the Lucas Oil Stadium.

Senior Katie Demuth instructs Kaitlyn Emmert, junior, on violin during the Musician's Journey show.



Mr. Bradley rests in one of the chairs during a break at practice.



Senior Alyssa Fleck practices tossing before a competition.



Junior Alyse Small warms up with the drumline.

Members of the pit warm up before District.



Colorguard members, equipped with mirrors and friends, apply their makeup on the buses.



The band waits for awards on the field with the other bands.



The pit crew draws a stick person on the fender to represent each member they hit with the trailer.

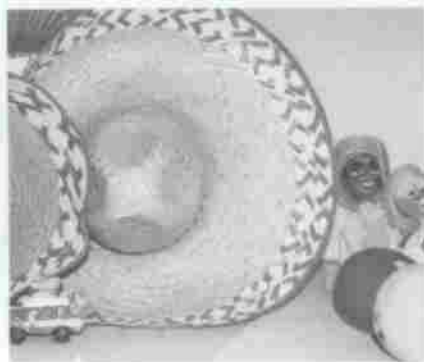


Mr. Gayso stands on top of the box truck to give his speech after state.

Austin Uebelhor, senior, leads the band through their journey.

# Foreign language class takes you up and beyond

Hats and dolls add a festive feel to the Spanish room.



Spanish this year was offered by Mrs. Vicki Beach and Mrs. Emily Hauser. Students learn the language and different cultural events such as history of Mexico and different foods and holidays. The German classes this year were offered by Mr. Larry Tenbarger. This class also teaches students to learn about the culture of Germany and different religious holidays. Each class has their own food days and field trips to help students connect with the country of choice. German students this year were also offered a trip to Germany for the summer to learn more and to see all the things they had learned throughout their studies of Germany. These classes show students a new way of life and give them a variety of knowledge that will last a lifetime. Word of advice--GET INVOLVED!



Sara Joas and Jacob Grundhoefler stay focused during German class.

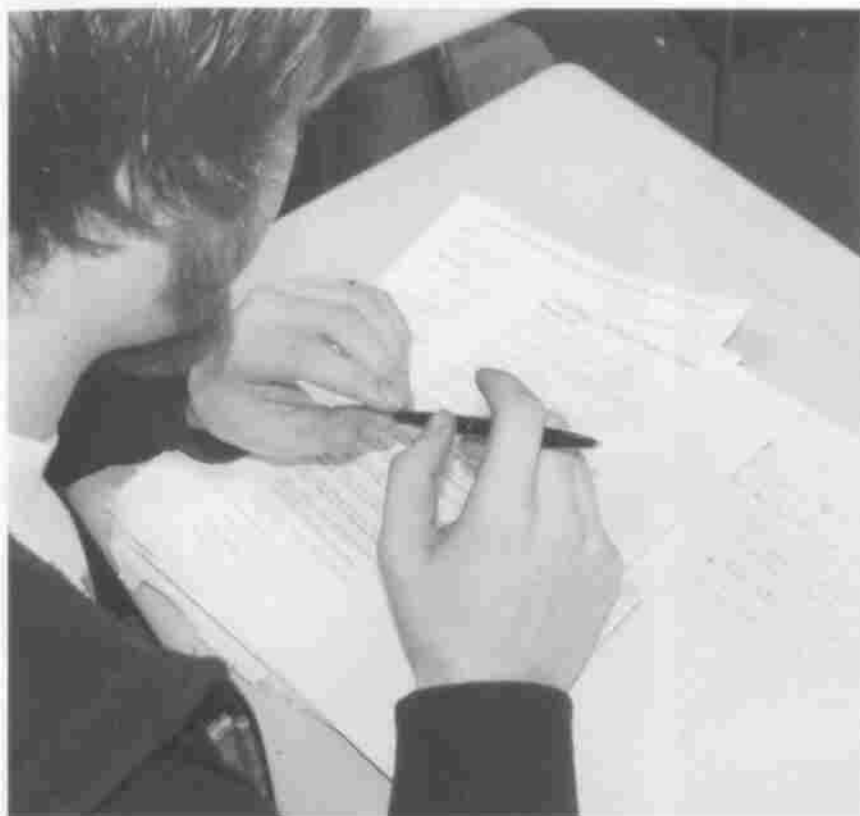


Mr. Tenbarger gets animated for his German students.



Emily reads her Spanish text book.

# English isn't always serious but there are lessons learned

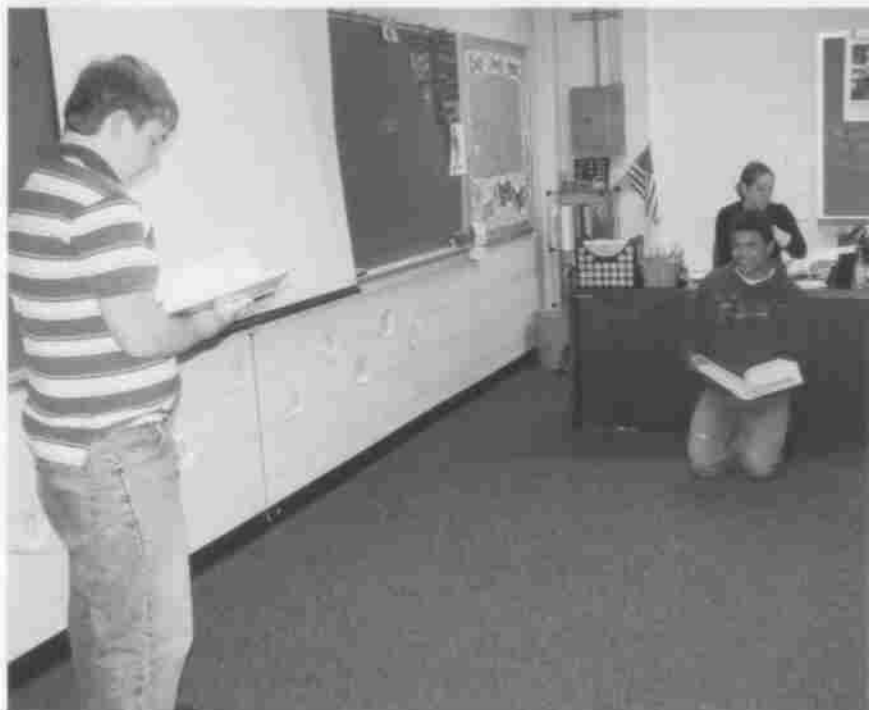


English this year for the freshman class was taught by Mrs. Sara Pund. They read the play Romeo and Juliet by the famous William Shakespeare. The sophomore class was taught by Mr. Ed Walston. The class read the famous novel To Kill A Mockingbird. The junior class was taught by Mr. Rock Emmert. The class learned how to write reports and read Emerson and Thoreau. The senior class was taught by Ms. Leslie Shobe who prepared them for college and their new lives after high school.



Top left, Seth Temple looks over papers during English.

Top right, Mr. Emmert goes over instructions with the class.

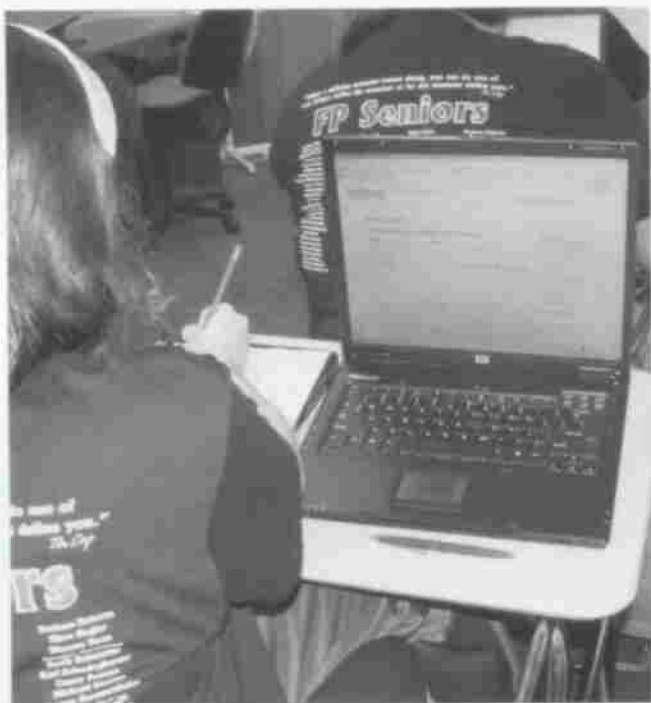


Left, Jhett Bieker and Rhashaun Hurt act out parts in the play Romeo and Juliet.



# U must socialize B4 U graduate

History of the United States and the world, psychology, government, and economics are the subjects covered in social studies classes. The classes at FP were taught by Ms. Marty Niehaus and Mr. Brady Gunselman.



Top right, this group of seniors sings The Preamble to The Constitution for extra credit.

Above, Mr. Gunselman's students use the laptops to do research.

Right, Ms. Niehaus has collected notebooks to be graded.



Ms. Niehaus has her U.S. history class hard at work. Should we knock on the door?

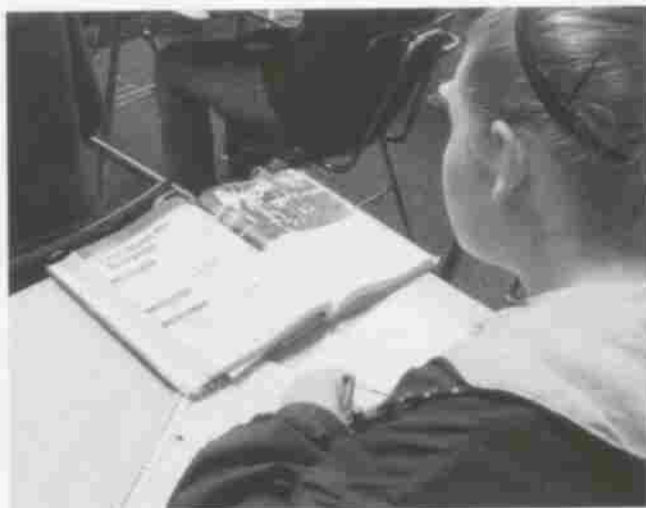




*Of course it is UR business*

## *WDYT?*

At our school, we are in the business of learning about the real world. Business classes were taught by Mr. Jared Howard and a new teacher this year, Mr. Jeff Durlauf. Students could learn about future careers, business law, accounting, and computer applications.



Top, Mr. Durlauf helps his accounting students check their homework.

Left center, Mr. Howard talks to his career planning class about their projects.

Above, students follow along in their textbooks.

Left, seniors Lauren Reckelhoff and Felicia Bolte work on their assignment in accounting.



## Technology makes the world go round

When the economy is in a slump, what could be more important than industry and technology? Forest Park students could study engineering, transportation systems, construction, and management. The classes were taught by Mr. Jeff Johnson and Mr. David Fromme.



Top, seniors Jeff Brier, James Venekamp, Brandon Hasenour, and Max Verkamp show off the robot they built for competition.

Above, Mr. Johnson presents an award for one of the industrial tech classes.



Sophomore Gary Cunningham makes sparks in the metal shop.

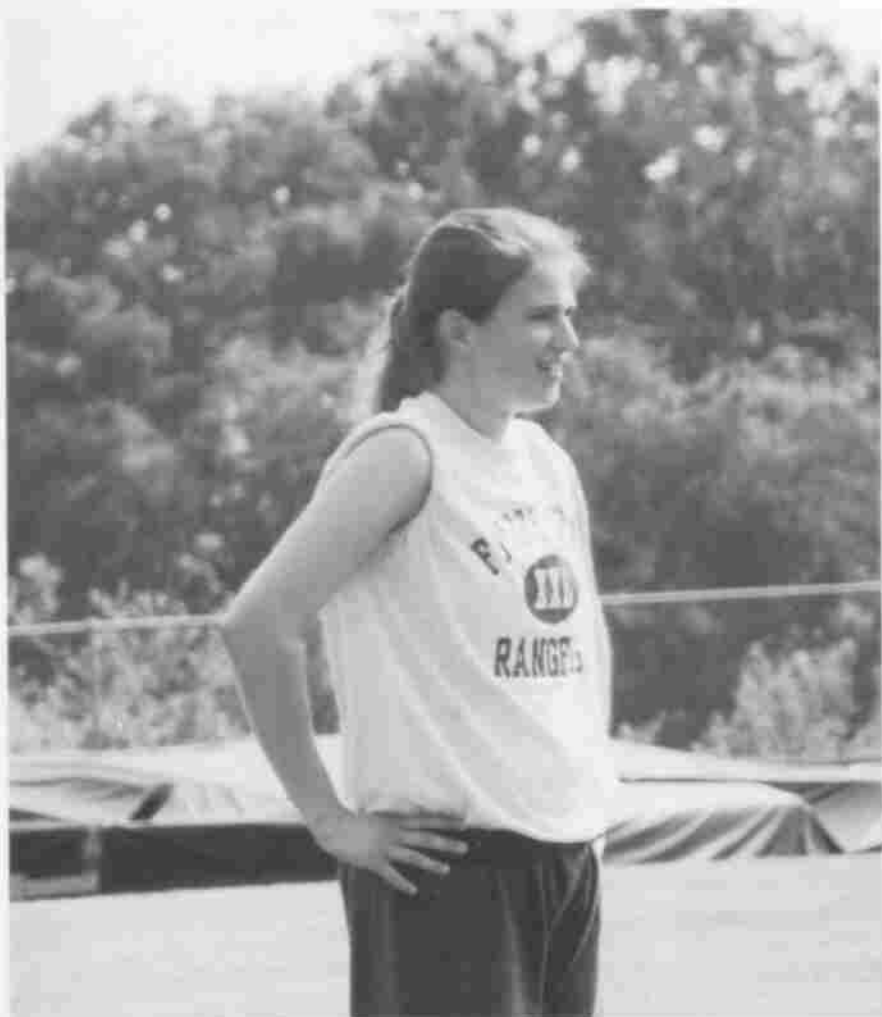


Senior Chad Knies does some welding for "The General," his S-10 pickup truck.

## *Learn 2B active and healthy in PE*

Health and physical education are classes that teach lifestyle lessons. If you exercise, eat right, and refrain from unhealthy activities, you will have a long and happy life. The health and physical PE classes were taught by Mrs. Vicki Beach and Mr. Perry Nash. Summer PE was taught by Mr. Matt Fuhs and Mrs. Judy Mehling.

Left, sophomore Dara Niehaus is ready for whatever comes next.



Left, a little touch football doesn't make sophomore Kyle Wilgus sweat.



# Don't mess with Mother Nature

Science is Mother Nature's way of saying, "You'd better understand what makes this old world go 'round or you may not get a second chance." Science classes were taught by Mrs. Dana Harris, Mr. Aaron Sickbert, and Mrs. Karrie Wolf. Students could study physical science, life science, biology, Earth and space, and chemistry.



Top right, sophomore Whitney Kuhn watches to see how the experiments will turn out.

Above, Kayla Lindauer writes her notes.

Right, the experiment goes up in flames over the bunsen burner.



Junior Tyler Hedinger uses a balloon to do an experiment about jet propulsion.

## Future consumers learn valuable family skills



Family and consumer science teaches practical skills like nutrition, family roles and responsibilities, and child development. The classes were taught by Mrs. Brenda Allen.

Top left, senior Kayla Buechler concentrates on her cooking.

Top right, junior Shelby Henke can scramble eggs without looking at the pan.

Left center, junior Kelly Joas knows what a whisk is for.



Bottom left, who says guys can't cook? Senior Casey Van-Winkle and his partners know their way around the kitchen.

## *Numbers make the world go round*

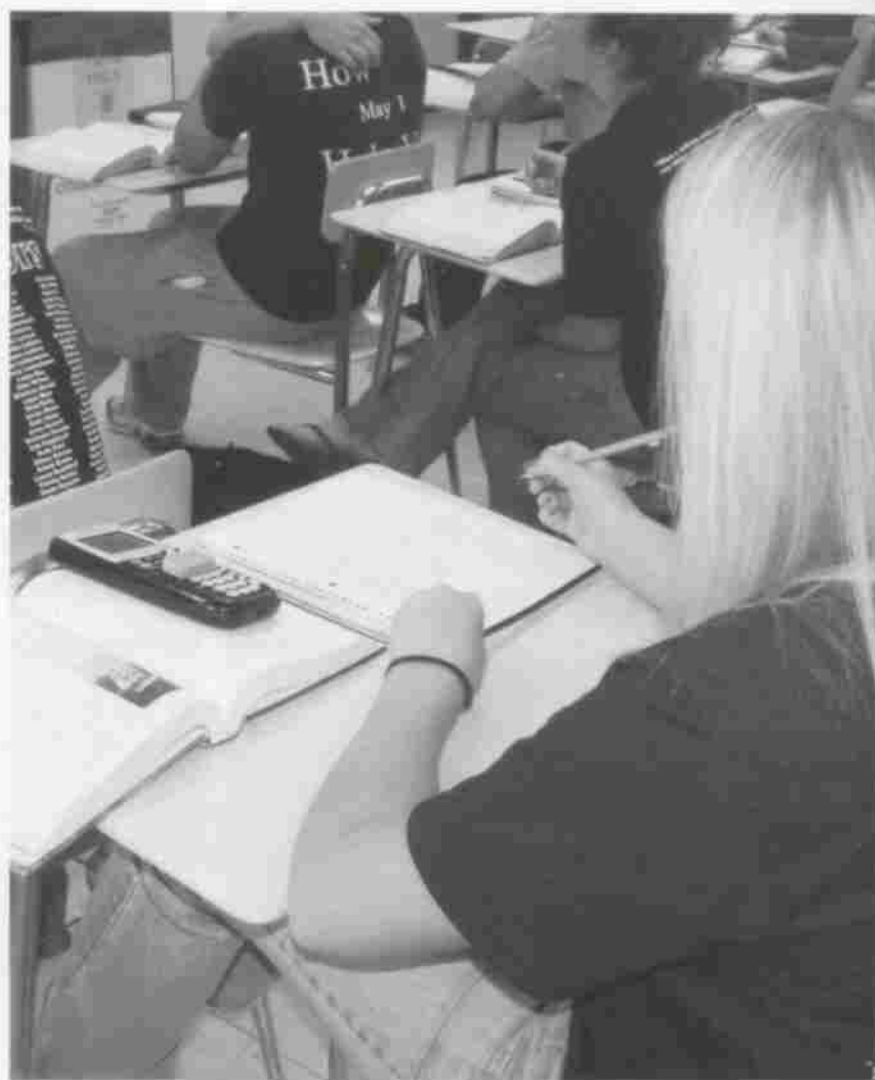
The numbers that make the world go round were taught in classes like algebra, geometry, business math, computer math, and calculus. The classes were taught by Mr. Don Prusz, Mr. Jacob Berg, Mr. Karl Hinson and Mrs. Sharon Gramelspacher.



Top, Mr. Prusz explains a complicated formula in pre-calculus class.

Above, sophomore Felicia Gehlhausen works on her kite for geometry class.

Right, the graphing calculator is an essential tool for advanced math classes.



## ICE students keep workplace skills warm

Students in interdisciplinary cooperative education class learned about things like interviewing for a job, work ethics, benefits such as insurance, and management skills. Mr. Jarred Howard taught the classroom portion and then checked on the students at their workplaces.



Top, senior Justin Brown stocks the dairy case at Holiday Foods.

Above, senior Regina Thomas gives a friendly smile as she checks out customers.

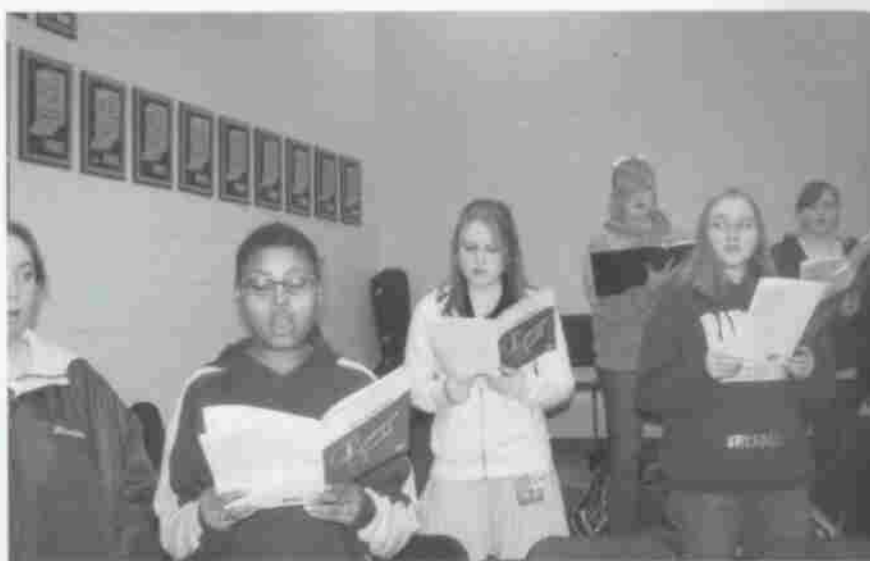
Left, senior Logan May does clean-up work at one of the factories.



# What do U learn in chorus?

Chorus students don't just learn to sing. They also learn math, literature, history, and self expression. Chorus students performed a Christmas concert, a spring concert, and a variety show. They also provided the foundation of singers for the spring musical. The chorus classes were taught by Mr. Chuck Bradley.

Right, Talaka Johnson leads her section in a classroom rehearsal.



Above, senior Felicia Critchfield concentrates on the music.

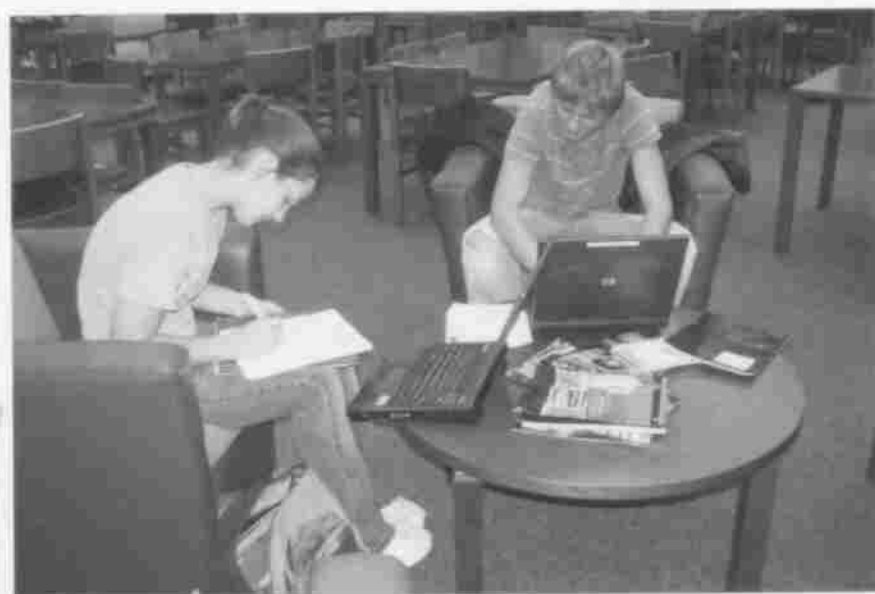
Right, the chorus members sing "Jesus Christ Superstar."





Far left. Kevin Buechler gets tuned up for guitar class.

Left, seniors Ryan Leisman and Michael Seaton work on a project in ag mechanics.



Below left, juniors Tonya Toby and Alex Knies work on homework in the library.



Above, sohomore Brittany Hopf thinks Mr. Walston's corny joke is actually funny in her English class.



Left, Mrs. Heather Weyer works with Kristy Welp in Mrs. Peter's room.

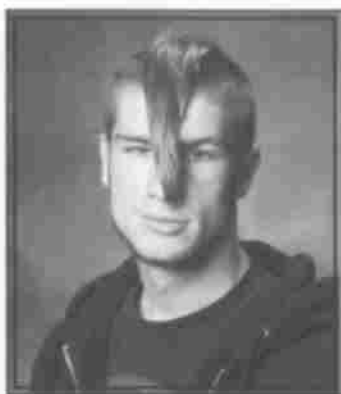
# Student life



Nothing 2 do? There's lots 2 do at R school. Clubs, dances, special activities, U name it...



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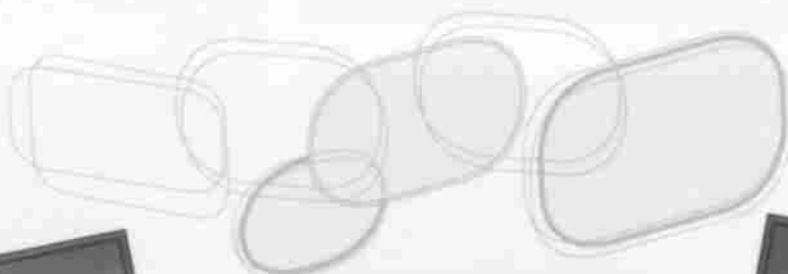


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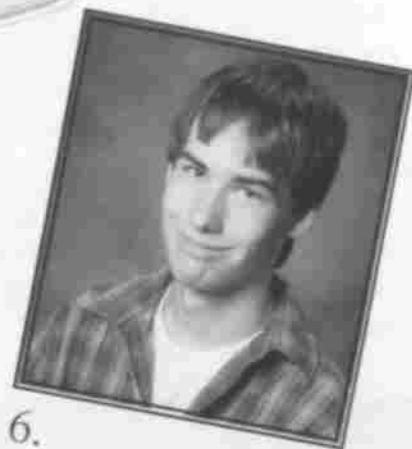
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## Passionate about: **WRITING**



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1. "Just like singers, dancers, painters, musicians, and designers all express their emotions in their work, so do writers." (Natalie Abell, 10)
2. "Writing lets you show your true emotions instead of the false facade you sometimes have to show the public." (James Venekamp, 12)
3. "I look up to Emily Dickenson because she has so much pain and passion in her poetry. Our writings are very similar." (Jessica Adams, 11)
4. "Writing is entertaining and allows me to put my overactive imagination to use in a productive way." (Tempa Auffart, 10)
5. "Writing is something I have been doing for as long as I can remember, and it's something I can't stop doing without feeling incomplete." (Tammy Rice, 12)
6. "I've always thought of writing as something that stimulates the mind--looking for words that really reflect what I believe." (Brodie Gress, 11)

# *Back 2 the 70s*

Junior Cody Goepner, portrays Jesus dying on the cross.

## Jesus Christ Superstar is spring musical

Featuring junior Cody Goepner and senior Katie Demuth, this year's musical went back to the 70s, otherwise known as the hippie era. The play went through the last two weeks of Jesus' life; his crucifixion, the trials and betrayal, Garden of Gethsemane, and the Last Supper were portrayed by a variety of students in a manner of acting not seen since that long-ago era of tie-dye, free speech, and rebellion.



Director Mr. Chuck Bradley talks to the cast before the performance.





Top, senior Jeff Brier plays Pilate in the musical.



Senior Katie Demuth plays Mary Magdelene in the musical.



Senior Max Verkamp plays one of the high priests.



Senior Gary Kern is another of the high priests.



Sophomore Devinn Knies and Senior Katie Demuth.



The chorus line sings "Simon Zealots."

*What was ur fave part of being in the musical?*

*"Showing my passion for music on stage and acting with new people while having fun is the greatest feeling."*

**Ethan Smith, 11**

*"The story behind the musical can have a big impact on the cast and audience. Seeing the reaction is the most exciting part!"*

**Cody Goepner, 11**

*"I just like the sense that everyone's like a big family."*

**James Venekamp, 12**

# U R cordially invited...

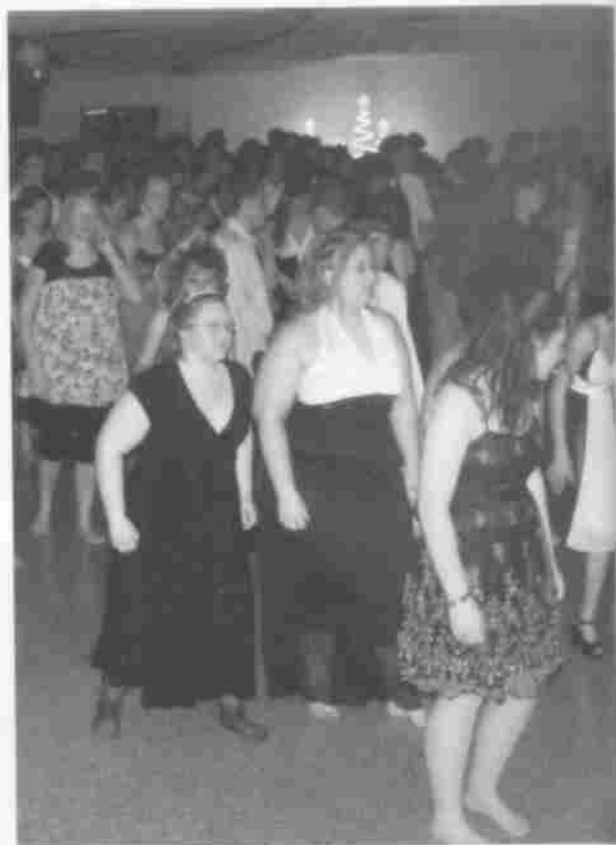
Freshmen Tiffany Hopf and Jessica Fromme participate in the Cha-Cha.

## Holiday Ball

Decked out in their black and white semi-formal attire, students in all high school grades at FP had the chance to attend the annual Holiday Ball, held at the St. Anthony Community Center on December 20, 2008. Hosted by the Student Council, much time and preparation was put into making this event a success.

The song list given to the DJ for this year's dance included Rihanna, and a few rock songs, but mostly, it was a mixture of R and B and country.

Getting started as early as 8:00 in the morning, the decorating committee spent a lot of time and effort to make this event the success it continues to be.



Seniors Alex Cordes and Beth Lampert quench their thirst during a lull in the dancing.



This group of seniors enjoy their last Holiday Ball ever.

# From foreign lands:

## XCHANGE STUDENTS BRING DIVERSITY 2 FP



Patrick Jensen

Forest Park was host to two foreign exchange students this year. Therese Nilsson came from Sweden and Patrick Jensen from Denmark.

Bringing a little bit of diversity to Forest Park this year, these two could be seen participating in a variety of different activities throughout the school year. The musical, football, track, and soccer are just a few of the events these two took part in. All in all, Patrick said of his exchange experience this year, "It's perfect."



Therese Nilsson

### HE said...

"I chose to come to America because it was the biggest dream of my life to go to the States. My favorite thing here is football. It's fun and hard. In Denmark it's too easy. Also, people in America are a lot friendlier."

### SHE said...

"My favorite thing about America is the people. They are so much fun and "different" than Swedish people. Getting involved in a lot of different activities throughout the year introduced me to a lot of fun people. I love American pancakes (especially the chocolate chip ones)!"



# Forest Park has its first Football Homecoming in school history

King Casey VanWinkle and Queen Felicia Bolte smile for the camera. Bouquet bearer Gracie Graves and escort Evan Tretter.



Casey helps crown the school's first football homecoming queen.

The homecoming court smile for their picture.



# Katie and Kyle are crowned basketball homecoming royalty

This year Forest Park had its first ever Football Homecoming. The Homecoming King was Casey VanWinkle and Felicia Bolte was crowned Queen. This was an historic event for the class of 2009, the first year for varsity football at FP. The traditional Basketball Homecoming was also held. The King this year was Kyle Gutgsell and the Queen was Katie Demuth. The Homecoming celebrations are a long-standing tradition at FP.



Crown bearer Sara Kitten and Ball bearer Evan Tretter.

Kyle places the basketball homecoming crown on Katie's head.

King Kyle Gutgsell and Queen Katie Demuth smile for the camera.

Katie Demuth and Kyle Gutgsell watch the game from their throne.



The homecoming court get excited for their big night.



Prom prince and princess, juniors Jessa Roeder and Cody Goepner.



Prom king and queen, seniors Jeff Brier and Amanda Hopf.



Senior Carly Leonard cools off in front of one of the giant fans.



Seniors Cole Buechler and Jonathan Klem laugh at everyone else dancing during a brief break.

Upperclassmen let loose on their night to remember.



# Prom or Bust!

Taking a journey this year, FP's Prom went under the sea. Traditionally held in the Ferdinand Community Center, Buechler Arena was the new location for this event. Students could choose to simply enter through the doors, or take part in the "grand march." Those wishing for the latter walked down the stairs of the "sea wreck" and had the chance for photo opps. from parents and family members eagerly awaiting to see their children on the "red carpet." After a few DJ mishaps, the party was underway and upperclassmen got their chance to let loose and enjoy the beginning of a potentially long night.

Seniors Logan Mohr, Max Kitten, Andy Pund, and Kyle Giesler are showing their approval of this year's prom.



## Top Ten

Top ten reasons to...  
enjoy Prom!

1. Fun memories
2. No underclassmen allowed
3. You can eat whatever you want to when it's over
4. Post Prom
5. Dancing skills NOT required
6. Two words: Cha-Cha
7. Spending \$ you'll never get back
8. Making memories you'll never forget
9. Enjoying teachers' company OUTside of class
10. It's **AWESOME!**



Katie Demuth



Kaci Verkamp



Max Verkamp



Camille Hagedorn



Nicole Kerstiens



Laura Hassfurth



Alex Kordes



Max Kitten



Austin Uebelhor

*Valedictorians*

# *2009 seniors become graduates*

May 23, 2009, marked a very special day for Forest Park's graduating class of 2009. At 1:45 the seniors lined up in the commons, at 2:00 they marched into Buechler Arena, and at 3:00 they marched out the door as graduates. The band and chorus each performed a song with their senior members performing one last time.

Class President:  
Whitney Luebbehusen



Class of 2009

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Friends Tristany Lubbers, John Davis, Talaka Johnson, and TJ Redman are ready to march into the gym.



The class of 2009 is lined up and ready to get graduation over with.

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*Speak louder than words, so what will you do with your life?*

*No more restrictions are holding you back; you have succeeded where others before you have failed.*

*Just remember, there is no such thing as a free lunch.*

*are there to encounter, overcome, and learn from.*

*outside of high school waiting to be explored and discovered.*



Janell Klem and Melissa Friedel chill out before graduating.



Chad Knies, Brian Heeke, and Ryan Leisman are ready to start celebrating.





# A Yr of 1sts

**Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them -- a desire, a dream, a vision.**

**-MUHAMMAD ALI, AMERICAN BOXER**



Who R U?

**Basketball player**

**SOFTBALL PLAYER**

*Swimmer*

**SOCCER PLAYER**

**FOOTBALL PLAYER**

**GOLFER**

**Wrestler**

**Bowler**

*RUNNER*

*baseball player*

**Volleyball player**

*Dancer*

**Cheerleader**

*Tennis player*



Boys' tennis:

# Wow! what a season!

The boys' tennis team said on their web page, "Wow! what a season!" They were undefeated in 14 matches going into the final game of the sectional where they were defeated by perennial nemesis Jasper. They won the Pocket Athletic Conference with an 8-0 record.

Logan Mohr, Casey VanWinkle, and Brad Ketzner chill out between matches.



Logan Mohr backhands the tennis ball across the net against his opponent.

Right, sophomores Josh Thomas and Matt Messmer set a good pace.

Far right, junior Nick Hurst finished eleventh at regional.

Senior Casey VanWinkle charges to the net to intimidate his opponent.



The Lettermans Club made signs to boost the team's spirit for sectional.



## Boys' CC team advances runners to regional

The boys' cross country team had an outstanding season, placing first or second in five of their 14 competitions. In sectional, sophomore Josh Thomas was fourth and junior Nick Hurst was sixth. In the regional competition, Nick was eleventh and Josh was twenty-sixth.

# Like....OMG!

Lady Rangers win first ever sectional title

With three seniors leading the way, the Lady Rangers soccer team made history by capturing the program's first ever sectional title. Beating Jasper by a score of 1-0, they advanced to regional, where they lost to Bloomington North by a score of 5-1. Nevertheless, the team had an amazing year and will likely be remembered for a long time at FP for their great achievement.

*"Play hard, play strong,  
play for each other."*



Running onto the field, the Lady Rangers celebrate their first sectional title.



Senior Emily Jacob focuses on the ball before passing it to her teammate.

## "Quote"

**Rache Belden, Sr.**

"This season started out kind of rough. But in the end, we worked hard and pulled it together to win sectional...finally."



## "Quote"

**Kyla Eckert, Jr.**

"It felt amazing kicking the winning goal. I never thought that I would make history let alone score the main goal. I just felt like I had to do it for the seniors."

*"Lace up your  
boots and get on  
the pitch. It's  
time to play some  
futbol."*



## Ranger boys fall short



Junior Alex Knies takes a moment while waiting for the action to start again.



Senior Jeremy Sermersheim passes to a teammate during warm-up.

Forest Park defenders clear the ball down the field.

This year's boys' soccer team was led by two seniors, Jeremy Sermersheim and Philip Bockelman. Although the boys had a 5-8-4 record, they tried their hardest against such opponents as Jasper and Heritage Hills. Going into sectional play, they were pumped and ready to beat their opponents. They held on close, but in the end they lost to Heritage Hills, 0-1 by a PK. The team hopes to recoup next year and try for the title.

# FP Basketball comes RBAU before U know it

The head coach of this year's varsity basketball team was Mr. Tom Beach. Sadly, this was his last year coaching here at Forest Park. Mr. Perry Nash was the assistant coach. It was his second year as assistant coach, and it was also his last year coaching here at FP. He said that the group of players on the team were a really great group that worked hard every day. The practices the boys went through six days out of the week for two hours each day were described as intense, detailed, and energetic. The main focus at the practices this year was on every player to do his job. The team had another great year this year, and FP is anticipating a good turnout for next year's team as well.

Trent Theising attempts to get around the blocker to take it to the basket and score.

## Jordan Myers

"Work as hard as you can and don't take anything for granted. If you don't work hard, you never know how good you might be."



Collin Welp works hard to protect the ball from the defender who is working just as hard to get the ball from him.



Kyle Giesler runs down the court through a sea of rivals toward the home team's basket.





Casey Van Winkle prepares to pass the ball to a teammate who is not being guarded.

## Scoreboard

Tell City	W 77-74
Loogootee	W 70-64
Washington	W 76-65
NE Dubois	W 54-47
Southridge	L 50-44
Crawford County	L 60-71
Barr Reeve	L 48-62
Perry Central	W 74-57
South Spencer	W 68-52
North Posey	W 65-39
Jasper	L 74-65
South Knox	W 65-54
Tecumseh	W 63-53
Mater Dei	W 73-62
Wood Memorial	W 66-56
Southridge	W 54-57
Heritage Hills	W 72-37
Boonville	L 63-67
Pike Central	W 70-46
Gibson Southern	W 67-61
Sectional-Perry Central	W 58-55
Sectional-S. Spencer	W 61-31
Sectional-Mater Dei	W 69-60
Regional-Con. Christian	W 68-66
Regional-BTown Central	Loss



Grant Welp looks for an open teammate while his opponents close in around him.



# Girls' basketball

## Rangers score their way 2 the top

The girls' basketball team finished the season 12-10. The team members this year worked hard to be successful. Coach Marty Niehaus said when you're part of a team you're part of a family. This year the girls' varsity basketball team advanced to semi-final of sectional where they lost to North Posey. The girls had an inconsistent year but the team kept pushing hoping to end on a good note. The girls had good memories from this year whether it was on the court, eating at Denny's, or listening to Taylor Swift before the games, they were a sisterhood. The whole team was excited for the end of their season.

The team gets in a huddle to get amped for the game.

Sophomore Sarah Hopf jumps into the air to make a basket during warm up's.



During half time the ref gave the ball to the young child to make a shot.

Mrs. Karrie Wolf, Ms. Marty Niehaus, and Mr. Tony Hasenour discuss the game.





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Forest Park and Jasper High School coaches and team captains have a pre game chat.

2

Forest Park's Sarah Hopf and a Jasper opponent go up for the ball.

3

The girls work their way down the court while they try to steal the ball from the other team.

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Ms. Nehouse congratulates the FP girls' basketball team of their success at the school pep session.



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Coach Niehaus brings the girls in for the teams plan for the next play.

The girls run onto the court as the lineup is announced.



# How to properly train for RUNNING events

## Injuries

>It's very important to come back slowly from an injury, and you shouldn't rush the process. Cut way back on running or eliminate it entirely until you recover from your injury.

>Biking and swimming are good aerobic exercises to get you off your feet but keep you in shape.

>Adjust your goals and expectations so that you don't get frustrated and injure yourself again. Enjoy your rest; it's actually good for you.

## Hills

-Effort increases as you run up a hill

>>>The best way to run a hill is to maintain effort and forget about pace while on the hill. Trying to maintain pace on the hill is like surging and varying the body's perceived effort, which will only tire you prematurely in the long run.

- The mental factor

>>>Many see hill repeats as an opportunity to practice conquering or attacking the hill. One tactic is to approach the hill as a friend rather than foe.

## Hot weather tips

- Slow down early - The later you wait to slow down, the more dramatically you'll slow down at the end and the longer it will take to recover from the run.

- Wear lighter garments - Loose-fitting clothes allow heat to escape. Don't wear cotton clothing. Sweat soaks into cotton, causing it to cling to your skin, increasing heat buildup.

- Pour water over yourself - Up to 70 percent of the heat you can lose goes out through the top of your head so regularly pour water over your hair.

- Drink cold water - Not only does cold water leave the stomach of a runner quicker than any type of fluid, it produces a slight physiological cooling effect - and an even greater psychological cooling effect. But don't drink too much.

# 1st state finalist in CC

November 1, 2008, marked an historic event for Forest Park's cross country program. Senior Kaci Verkamp made the trip to state finals in girls' cross country in Terre Haute by placing thirteenth at the Brown County Semi-State competition.

As a team, the girls placed thirteenth at Semi-state; however, Kaci was the lone runner to advance from there. This placing was the second highest placing ever for FP in girls' Semi-state history. Losing three seniors, the team nevertheless has many other runners that will help fill the shoes of those leaving.



Sophomore Athena Haake attempts to catch the other team.



Junior Alyssa Waninger races to the finish line.



Senior Kaci Verkamp parades by the high school before departing for State Finals.



Sophomores Athena Haake, and Kelli Knust and senior Kaci Verkamp show off their medals.

# Girls' tennis...GFI

Ending the season against a local rival and powerhouse, the Lady Rangers gave it their all. With a 7-7 record, they finished the year by giving it their all against the Jasper Wildcats, losing by a score of 5-0. Seniors participating in this year's sectional were Allison Rahman, number two singles; Nicole Kerstiens, number three singles; and Alyssa Fleck, number one doubles.

Right: The Tennis team gets their attitudes up for their next match.



Senior Alyssa Fleck gets ready for the ball to come to her.

Senior Allison Rahman hits the ball at a tennis match.



Coach Vicki Beach gives the tennis team a PEP talk before a match.



Senior Camille Hagedorn practices her skills.

# Upset causes gr8 joy

Fighting a battle of her own off the court, FP's volleyball team was without their usual coach this season. Although Mrs. Jamie Giesler was missed by the team, FP nevertheless went on with their season, with Mrs. Vicki Beach as a temporary coaching replacement.

Going into sectional with a decent record, the Lady Rangers knew their chances were balanced. Beating rival Mater Dei 3-1 in the sectional championship, they advanced regionals. They proved victorious in the first game, winning 3-0 against Tri-West. However, the team later lost to Brownstown Central 0-3 in the regional championship, ending the 2008 season.



Senior Beth Lampert serves the ball at a volleyball match.



Seniors Rachel Kerstiens and Beth Lampert show good school sportsmanship after a volleyball match.



Huddled up for a meeting with replacement coach Mrs. Vicki Beach, the team sports orange headbands in support of Jamie Giesler.



Ranger girls  
take the lead in  
the hurdles.

# Redemption

Finally, incredibly, girls win sectional!



The Ranger girls' track team  
brings home the sectional  
championship trophy from Perry  
Central.

Coach Emily Hauser talks to the Lady Rangers track team before a successful track meet.



Senior Karla Knust was the girls' top pole vaulter this year. She set a new school record of 8' 9".



Senior Jenae Lange clears the high jump bar with good form.



Losing was not an option for this year's girls' track team. Going undefeated into sectional, they redeemed themselves from last year's one-half point loss. Picking up valuable wins, they advanced to regional against much bigger schools and opponents. They did not advance as a team, nevertheless, freshman Adi Dilger (400), sophomore Athena Haake (800), and the 3,200 meter relay team consisting of senior Kaci Verkamp, juniors Alyssa Waninger and Carmen VanWinkle, and sophomore Kelli Knust, qualified for state. They also won the Pocket Athletic Conference championship.



The Lady Rangers track team work hard at practice to get as many titles as possible this year.

Their hard work paid off as the Lady Rangers receive ribbons from sectional.







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## **Boys' track team wins sectional**

The FP boys' track team won their sectional with 118 points, beating out county-rival Northeast Dubois who had 97. The Rangers were led by senior Dexter Childress who won four events including a record setting performance in the pole vault. He also won the two hurdles events and the 200 meter. Senior Nathan Jones won the shot put, also setting a sectional record. Senior Cole Buechler also contributed to the win by placing second in the 110 hurdles and the 400m and fourth in both the 200m and the long jump. Other Rangers advancing to regional included sophomore Matt Messmer in the 300 hurdles and the 3,200 relay team of Matt Messmer, Jesse Begle, Brandon Chumley, and Nick Hurst. Dexter Childress finished his senior year with an eighth-place finish in the 300 hurdles in the state finals.

Left, senior Dexter Childress warms up for the pole vault.

Below, senior Nathan Jones throws the shot to get ready for competition.



Below left, Coach Karl Hinson talks to the student body at the pep session after sectional.

Below, sophomore Kelli Knust helps set up the hurdles during a track meet.

Below right, the senior track team members present the sectional trophy to Mr. Jessee.

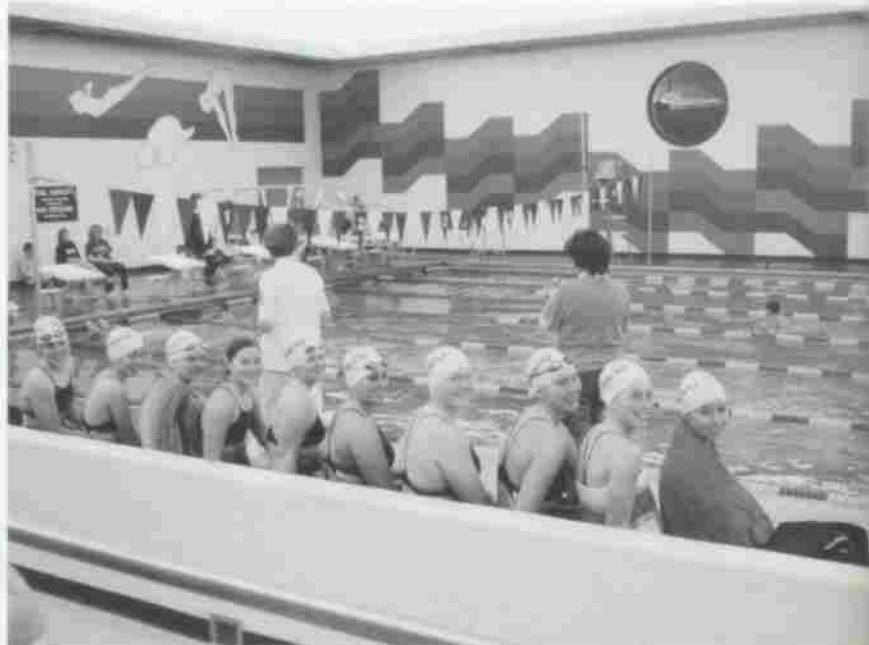


# making a SPLASH!

With ten girls on the team this year, FP's swimming program is slowly gaining momentum. Although this group of swimmers were not fortunate to make it out of a very competitive sectional, they nevertheless had a lot of fun. Since she has been in swimming the longest, her teammates would agree that the leader on the team was senior Laura Hassfurther.



Senior Laura Hassfurther prepares for her event.



The team poses in their full swimming attire.

*"We may not have a pool of our own, but we still practice just as hard and do our best at swim meets."*

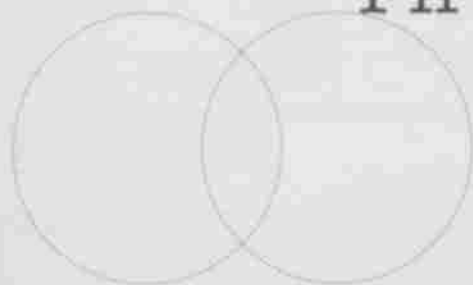
*~Laura Hassfurther*



Senior Felicia Bolte swimming in her event.

# It's NOT the lanes, it's U

## First sectional title is sweet



Bowling, what most people think of as a fun activity to do with your friends, this group of athletes takes to a whole new level. Although it is not an officially sanctioned sport in Indiana, the FP bowling club has been in existence for nine years and counting. With much drama involved, both boys' and girls' teams nevertheless enjoyed the season.

The boys ended with a last minute adjustment to the lineup, and placed fifth at sectional. The girls won their first-ever sectional in a roll-off against number one ranked and rival Jasper, and placed fifth at regional. Senior Emily Nonte also advanced to regional in the singles event, where she was only five spots away from going to semi-state.

Emily said, "Bowling is more than a club. It's a sport! And hopefully more people will join in the future so it doesn't die out at Forest Park."



Top, sophomores Brandon Begle and Ben Rickelman rest between games.

Above, these are the seniors from both the boys' and girls' teams after the sectional game.

Above right, senior Emily Nonte releases the ball for a strike.

The senior girls' team members Shelbie Speedy, Courtney Begle, Emily Nonte, and Kelsey Bohnenkamper, make a funny pose for the camera, along with Coach Debbie Powell.

# New experiences 4 all

## Rangers play first varsity season

After playing as a JV squad for the last three years, the FP football team played their first official varsity season in 2008. With a 4-6 record, the team had a few decisive victories; however, they also had their share of losses. Playing against many bigger schools and often more veteran teams, the Rangers took their losses with determination to prove any nay-sayers wrong.

They were not necessarily favorites to win sectional, but they nevertheless gave their first foe, South Spencer, a run for their money. Although they did not advance, they kept the game close, losing only by a slim margin, 15-7. Taking their first sectional appearance and loss in stride, the Rangers still have a long road ahead of them, and can only hope to improve with the passing years.

The pep band attempts to get the crowd pumped during the game.

The Rangers huddle up as a team at the start of the game.

Coach Terry Wagner lets the team know exactly what they need to do on the next play.





Far left, senior manager Travis Englert fills water bottles while equipment manager Mike May gets ready for the game.

Left, junior Justin Wendholt and senior Nathan Jones lead the team onto the field on senior night.



Far left, Nathan Jones and Trent Theising lead block for senior Dexter Childress in the game against North Posey.

The Rangers attempt to block an extra point in the game against North Posey.

# Girls have up-n-down season

The Lady Rangers softball team ended an up-and-down season with a 16-11 record, not bad considering the difficult schedule they played. Coach Glenn Knies said, "Early in the year, we took some lumps, but every team we lost to was ranked." The girls beat Tell City 8-1 in the regular season, so they were optimistic when they drew Tell City for the opening game of sectional. But in the sectional the girls just could not get the hits, losing to TC 3-1. TC went on to defeat North Posey 6-4 for the sectional title.

Junior Andrea Schroering swings at a perfect pitch.



Junior Amy Wendhold gets into a defensive stance.



Below left, Coach Durcholz advises a player on her next move.

Below right, the outfielders await their turn during warm-ups.



# #1 falls short of title

Starting the season ranked number one in class 2A, the Ranger baseball team had a number of successes eventually leading them to sectional. Favored along with rival Mater Dei as top contenders, the Rangers defeated their first two opponents, South Spencer and Tell City, advancing to the sectional championship game still ranked number one. The boys fell to rival Mater Dei. Despite the upset, the baseball team had a very successful season, giving Coach Jarred Howard his best season record yet at FP. The boys finished the season with a 24-3 record.

The team celebrates their win against their opponent.



Senior pitcher Justin Hurst hurls the ball.



Senior Max Kitten prepares to swing.



Senior Casey VanWinkle rounds second base as the first base runner is thrown out.



# 1st at State sure feels gr8!



Above, the dance team members show off their hip hop attire. Below, the dance team gets congratulated for winning state at a school pep session.

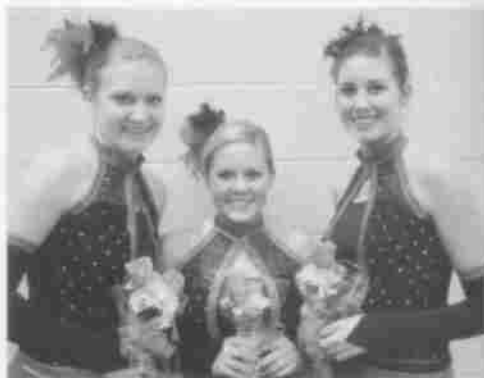


The girls perform their kick routine at state.

Senior Carly Leonard is featured in the hip hop routine.



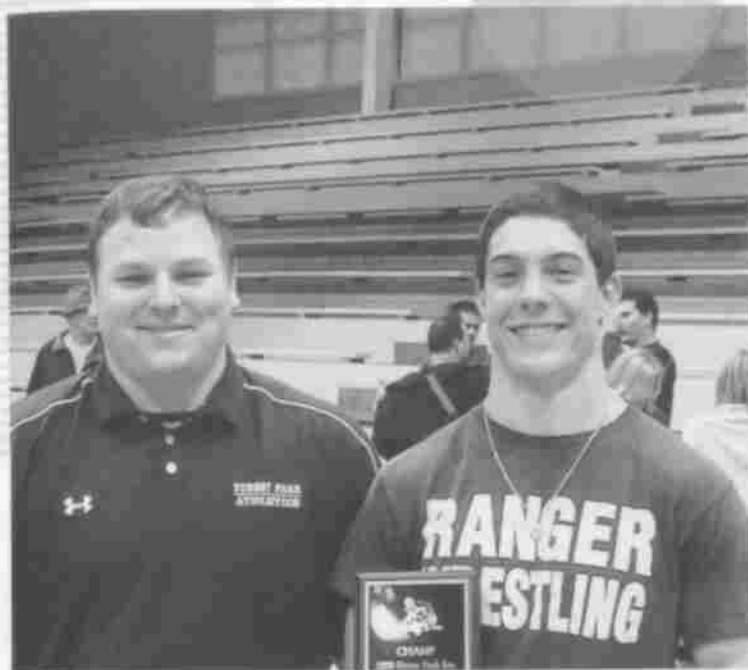
The team performing at halftime of a basketball game.



Seniors this year were Janae Lange, Carly Leonard, and Alex Kordes.



Junior Craig Voges poses for a picture with Coach Kyle Greulich and Craig's plaque from semi-state.



Senior Nathan Jones watches the match from the sidelines and waits for his turn to wrestle.

The wrestling team members learn some new wrestling moves at practice.



Coach Greulich recognizes the team members at a pep session before their sectional.

## *Dancers win state championship for pom routine*

The FP Dance Team received gold medals at the state finals for their advanced pom routine. The dancers also won silver medals in advanced hip hop and bronze for elite kick. Their pom performance went undefeated in their 2009 dance competition season. This unsurpassed season could only be possible thanks to the 13 girls' hard work along with dance team Coach Denise Heileders who dedicated much time and effort to the team's success.

## *Wrestlers fourth at sectional, Voges advances to semi-state*

The wrestling team finished the season with a record of 8-24, but the numbers do not reflect the many successes during the season. The team was fourth at sectional, and junior Craig Voges advanced to semi-state by placing second at regional. Craig said, "The highlight of the season (for me) was when I beat Stetter, my rival, at sectional to win the title. Stetter was heavily favored."

## RANGER GOLFERS GOING GREEN

In the fall, the girls' golf team had a productive season placing third at Quail Crossing for the Pocket Athletic Conference. Junior Alexis Merkley was named All Conference.

In the spring, the boys' golf team had to settle for ninth at the sectional played at Jasper Municipal Golf Course. Junior Bryce Nord paced the Rangers with an 86. The other sectional competitors were Jon Staff with a 90, Brandon Weyer, 101, Travis Englert, 106, and Jacob Grundhoefer 115.



Sophomore Jon Staff has the coolest sunglasses on the golf team.



Junior Bryce Nord reads the green before putting. Top, senior Travis Englert gets ready to tee off at Christmas Lake.

# SPORTS

## WOLF COUNTRY GIRLS GOLF TEAM



Top left, senior Alex Kordes hits a good drive.

Center, sophomore Brittany Daunhauer chips onto the green.

Above, Alexis Merkley was the top seed for the Ranger girls for most of the season.

Left, these are the Ranger girls who competed in the sectional. They are Brittany Daunhauer, Jordan Nord, Alexis Merkley, Alex Kordes, Jenae Lange, and Laurie Weyer.

## Sports team rosters

**Boys' tennis**--Alex Altman, Marcus Beckman, Nathan Bromm, Lucas Buechler, Brodie Gress, Landon Gruelich, Brad Ketzner, Alex Luebbehusen, Jake Meyer, Logan Mohr, Jon Staff, Casey VanWinkle, Chad Vonderheide, Ryan Welp.

**Boys' cross country**--Jesse Begle, Kevin Brown, Brandon Chumbley, Jason Herbig, Nick Hurst, Gary Kern, Jon Klem, Brian Lindauer, Matt Messmer, Justin Olinger, Josh Thomas.

**Girls' soccer**--Andrea Schroering, Gina Bettag, Natosha Beckman, Victoria VanWinkle, Adi Dilger, Lindsey Sermersheim, Kyla Eckert, Carmen VanWinkle, Emily Jacob, Kayla Altman, Karissa Dilger, Olivia Uebelhor, Kayla Steffen, Ashley Knies, Kate Meyer, Lauren Niehaus, Racha Bolden, Ashley Lampert, Shelby Bettag, Therese Nilsson.

**Boys' soccer**--Philip Bockelman, Bryce Nord, Ethan Kerstiens, Adam Fettes, Kurt Fromme, Jordan Dilger, Jeremy Sermersheim, Alex Knies, Seth Tempel, Matt Wilmes, Andrew Luebbehusen, Kory Fischer, Brent Sherman, Mitch Katter, Brandon Weyer, Ethan Linne, Jacob Grundhoefer, Austin Weyer.

**Boys' basketball**--Kyle Giesler, Grant Welp, Casey VanWinkle, Trent Theising, Nathan Bromm, Kyle Wilgus, Colin Welp, Jordan Meyers.

**Girls' basketball**--Morgan Blessinger, Carmen VanWinkle, Amy Wendholt, Andrea Schroering, Jordan Theising, Jessica Ernst, Khloe Vonderheide, Beth Lampert, Sarah Hopf, Emily Persohn, Amanda Braunecker, Amanda Hopf.

**Girls' cross country**--Audra Buechler, Athena Haake, Olivia Hopf, Jordan Houchin, Kelli Knust, Cassie Leinenbach, Bristinne Mendel, Jordan Theising, Regina Thomas, Kaci Verkamp, Alyssa Waninger.

**Girls' tennis**--Natosha Beckman, Kendall Begle, Amelia Evert, Kristin Egloff, Alyssa Fleck, Camille Hagedorn, Sami Hopf, Nicole Kerstiens, Kaci Kreilein, Alexa Lange, Kelsey Lange, Allison Rahman, Theo Steinmetz, Chelsea Voegerl, Lori Weyer.

**Volleyball**--Ellen McFaul, Morgan Blessinger, Lauren Barth, Hannah Verkamp, Beth Lampert, Khloe Vonderheide, Amanda Braunnecker, Camille Hagedorn, Rachel Kerstiens.

**Girls' track**--Kyla Altmann, Racha Bolden, Jennifer Bromm, Adi Dilger, Karissa Dilger, Kyla Eckert, Kathi Fromme, Athena Haake, Kelsey Harmon, Amanda Hopf, Sarah Hopf, Jordan Houchin, Abbie Kemper, Kelli Knust, Whitney Kuhn, Janae Lange, Ellen McFaul, Theresa Nilsson, Laura Pund, Jill Rahman, Lauren Reckelhoff, Carmen VanWinkle, Hannah Verkamp, Kaci Verkamp, Alyssa Waninger.

**Boys' track**--Casey Abell, Tyler Allen, Jesse Begle, Jhett Bieker, Ben Braunecker, Jeff Brier, Kevin Brown, Cole Buechler, Dexter Childress, Brandon Chumbley, Collin Daunhauer, Anthony Fischer, Tyler Gress, Jason Herbig, Nick Hurst, Patrick Jensen,

Nathan Jones, Jonathan Klem, Matt Messmer, Tyler O'Keefe, Kyle Popplewell, Andy Pund, Casey Seaton, Ethan Smith, Andy Thacker, Josh Thomas, James Venekamp, Max Verkamp, Zach Whitecotten, Caleb Williams.

**Swimming**--Laura Hassfurther, Kelli Knust, Shoneen Stenftenagel, Felicia Bolte, Kaci Kreilein, Abbie Gogel, Lauren Reckelhoff, Kari Schwinghamer, Taylor Kempf, Kaitlin Emmert, Sarah Welp, Coach Tina Hassfurther.

**Bowling**--Shelby Henke, Courtney Begle, Corissa Farina, Emily Nonte, Kelsey Bohnenkamper, Shelbie Speedy, Shawna Lampert, Coach Debbie Powell.

**Football**--Marc Rogier, Justin Wendholt, Dakota Geyer, Tyler Allen, Ben Braunecker, Ross Beckman, Miles Leonard, Grant Welp, Casey VanWinkle, Ethan Smith, Nathan Kloeck, Carig Voges, Casey Abel. Dexter Childress, Caleb Williams, Alex Wilson, Nathan Jones, Justin Buechler, Dustin Albright, Bryce Klem, Lance Rahman, Alex Hughey, Patrick Jensen, Austin Aders, Anthony Fischer, Jhett Bieker, Lee Uebelhor, Jeff Brier, Kody Lane, Jason Gasaway, Tyler, O'Keefe, Rhashaun Hurt, Mitch Haas, Kyle Popplewell, James Venekamp, Jamey Sturgeon, Andy Thacker, Lynk Kordes, Jesse Hagedorn, Kyle Schwinghamer, Trent Theising, Caleb Meyers.

**Softball**--Gina Bettag, Amanda Braunecker, Morgan Blessinger, Amy Wendholt, Kayla Steffen, Andrea Schroering, Kari Schwinghamer, Bristinne Mendel, Jordan Theising, Kayla Lindauer, Jessica Ernst, Emily Persohn, Laura Hassfurther.

**Baseball**--Logan Mohr, Casey VanWinkle, Justin Hurst, Kyle Giesler, Max Kitten, Marc Rogier, Jesse Hagedorn, Craig Voges, Justin Wendholt, Ross Beckman, Mitch Lampert, Marcus Beckman, Kyle Schwinghamer, Brent Sherman, Grant Welp, Kyle Wilgus, Nathan Bromm.

**Cheerleading**--Gina Bettag, Shelby Bettag, Shayna Roos, Felicia Bolte, Jennifer Bromm, Ashley Knies, Allison Rahman, Megan Bromm, Lisa Knust, Krista Recker, Kaci Kreilein, Hannah Verkamp.

**Dance**--Alyssa Waninger, Janae Lange, Alex Kordes, Carly Leonard, Micaela Spayd, Allison Lindauer, Erin Schaeffer, Kalyn Wendholt, Darianne Cherry, Taylor Heilers, Kayla Altman, Adi Dilger, Rebekah Thomas, Coach Denise Heilers.

**Wrestling**--Nathan Jones, Jordan Hedinger, Craig Voges, Ethan Smith, Josh Thomas, Mitch Haas, Justin Olinger, Chad Vonderheide, Bryce Barkley, Nathan Kloeck, Casey Abell, Anthony Fischer.

**Boys' golf**--Travis Englert, Jacob Grundhoefer, Alex Luebbehusen, Bryce Nord, Jonathan Russel, Jon Staff, Brandon Weyer, Matt Wilmes.

**Girls' golf**--Brittany Daunhauer, Alex Kordes, Janae Lange, Carly Leonard, Alexis Merkley, Jordan Nord, Jessica Taber, Sarah Welp, Lori Weyer.

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*To leave the world a bit better  
To know one life has breathed easier because you lived.  
This is to have succeeded.*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dance team members received their highest scores ever in the state finals.

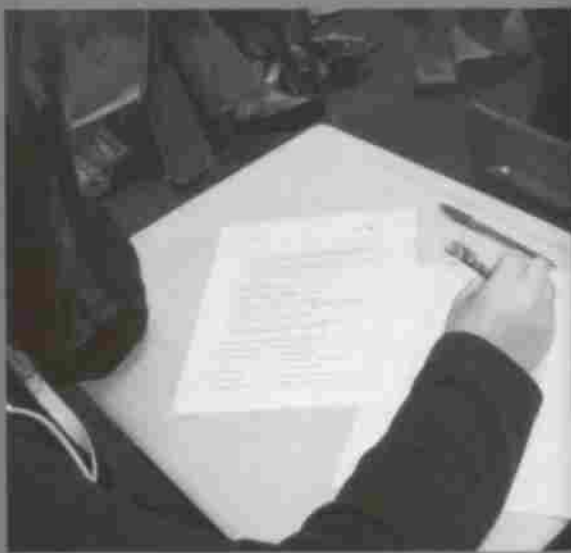


Kaitlin Emmert and Katie Demuth perform "The Musician's Journey" at district contest.



Members of the bowling team present the sectional

126 trophy to Mr. Jessee.



Academic success was demonstrated with outstanding scores on ISTEP tests.

Four new teachers joined the faculty for 2008-09, Mr. Jacob Berg, Mr. Jeff Durlauf, Mr. Steven Dekemper, and Mrs. Dana Harris. The football team played their first varsity season. The Business Professionals of America club was created. Mr. Barack Obama was elected President of the United States. The Marching Rangers made the "Musician's Journey" to become state champions. The ISTEP scores were better than those of any other school in the southwest Indiana area. The dance team made history by earning their highest score ever and winning state championship for their advanced pom routine. The girls' soccer team won their first sectional. The volleyball team won their sectional to honor Coach Jamie Giesler who is recovering from cancer. The bowling team won the first sectional in school history for their sport. Both boys' and girls' track teams won their sectionals. For the girls, it was the first sectional win for new Coach Emily Hauser; for the boys, it was the first sectional win in five years.

Outstanding senior athlete awards went to Casey VanWinkle and Kaej Verkamp.



Members of the Class of 2009 walk out the doors of EP after graduation.

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Above, the FP dance team breaks some dishes.  
Above right, the dance team won a state championship for  
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Thank you!



We worked really hard to make this a year when everybody at Forest Park was represented in the yearbook. We hope you enjoy finding pictures and captions about yourself and your friends, and we hope, when you look at this book 10 or 20 years from now, you will find an accurate history of the 2008-2009 school year.

We were working with a very small yearbook staff this year, so we had to have some help. Thank you to Mrs. Rhonda VanWinkle, Alex Kowalchuk and Hannah Beck for taking some pictures for us. Also thank you to the Ferdinand News and to several parents for the use of some of their pictures. Thank you to Mr. Louden who helped us keep track of everything happening in the sports section. Thank you to all the teachers, sponsors, and coaches for helping us get information to tell the story of this school year.

When you look through this yearbook, we hope you will see that FP is a place where everybody is somebody.

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