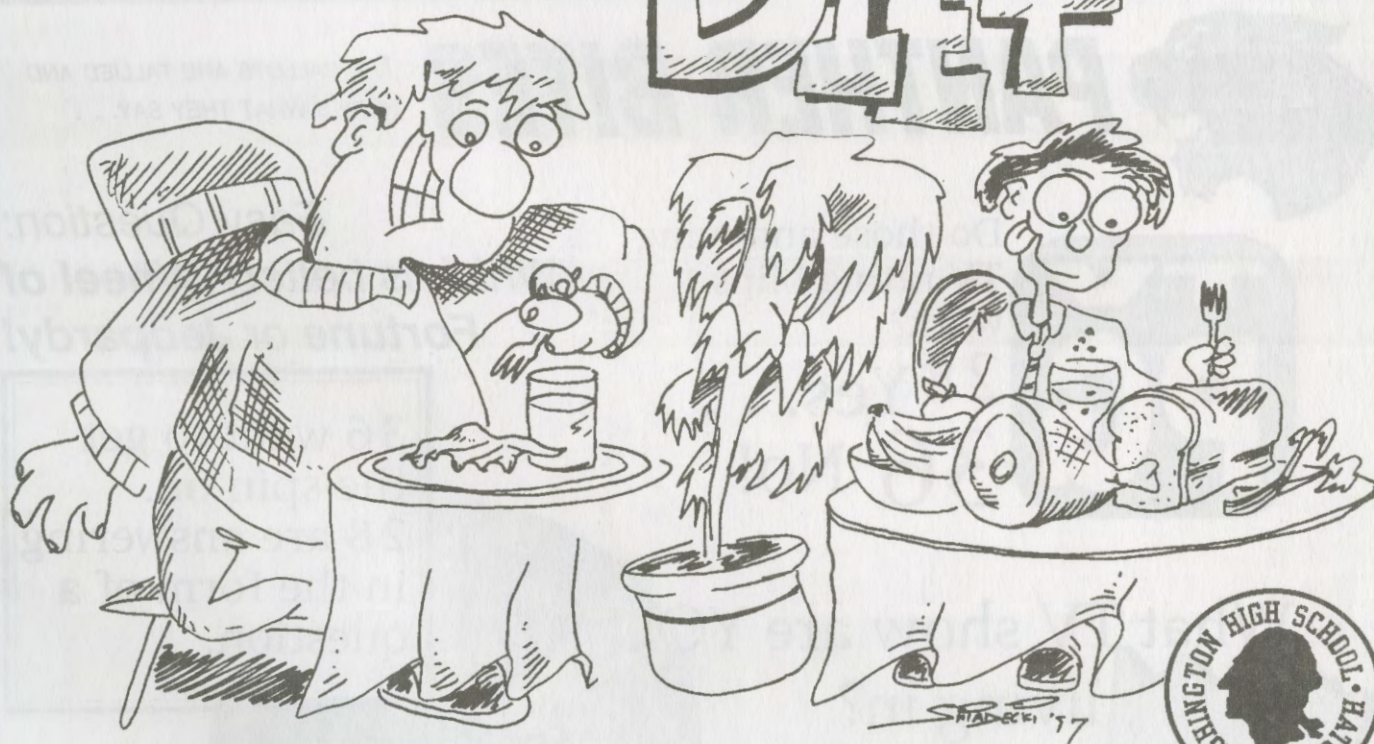


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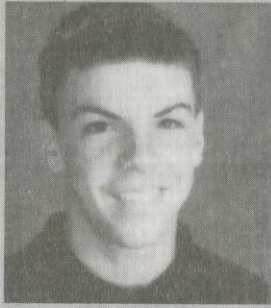
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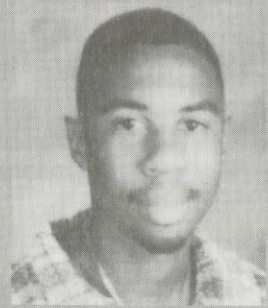
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"My grandma's strawberry cheese cake; it's the best!"

Eric Bilinski-Freshman



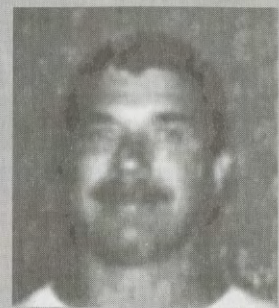
"Probably candy. Mike 'N' Ike."

Jamal Henry-Junior



"Skittles candy, because they're good."

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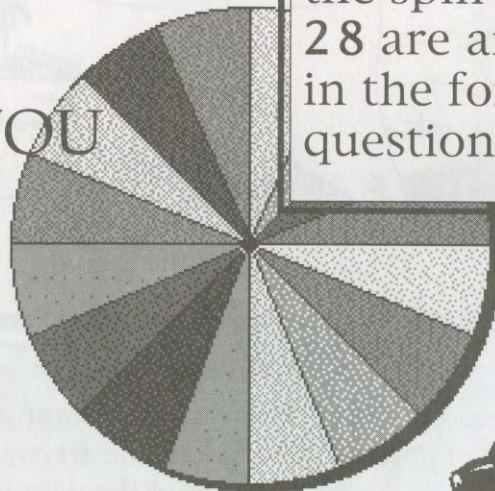


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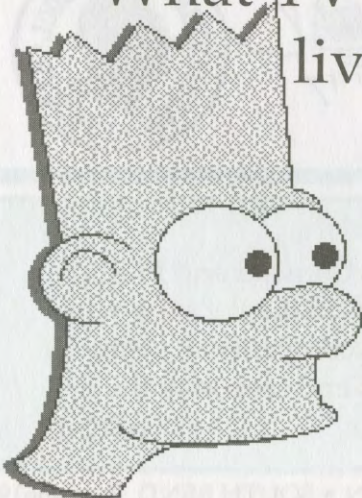
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Which is better? *Wheel of Fortune* or *Jeopardy!*

36 want to get the spin on.
28 are answering in the form of a question.



What TV show are YOU living in?



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- 16 *The Simpsons*
- 19 *Seinfeld*
- 23 *Friends*
- 4 *Third Rock from the Sun*





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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editor,

I know that there wasn't very much spirit last week, but there were some people who did dress up for spirit week.

Some teachers had the nerve to tell those who had earmuffs and sun glasses on to take them off. They were only trying to show a little school spirit here!

Teachers should show a little more support of spirit.

Sincerely,

Lori Wood

Senior

Dear Editor,

There was certainly a damper on my spirit at the homecoming pep assembly. Myself and four of my friends were sitting in the front row, all with our t-shirts turned inside out. A new fashion trend? I think not!

We were told to turn our shirts around simply because they sported the "Abso-

lute Panthers" logo. I understand the administrators disapproving of the original logo, "Absolute Vodka," but for five senior girls in good standing to have to turn a WHS shirt around at a pep assembly seems ridiculous.

At the same pep assembly, I saw several Co-ed Naked t-shirts, six Budweiser t-shirts, and even a Hooters t-shirt. And these, mind you, are just the shirts I saw.

It seems to me that the faculty would be more concerned with shirts like these, along with the other disciplinary problems at WHS, than they would be with a shirt that has no sexual innuendos, and no reference to liquor. It's even spelled differently than the original "Absolut" logo. I'm afraid I don't see why it's necessary to ban these t-shirts from the very school they represent.

Sincerely,

Emily Alana Black

Senior

What's Your Call?

President Clinton has proposed to add \$300 to the Pell Grant, as well as tax deductions up to \$10,000 a year for college students. Some critics say that those who really need the aid won't get it because they currently pay little or no taxes. So, is it worth it for the government to invest all of this money into education?*

I believe that adding more money to the Pell Grant will help more underprivileged students who don't have enough money to get into college. Everyone deserves a chance to further his or her education. **Jessica Rogers**
Junior

*The Federal Pell Grant Program is a government-funded program that awards money to college students on the basis of financial need and does not have to be paid back to the government.

Healthy eating: it's

By **Nikki Kaufman**

News Editor

Photos by senior Michelle Rosplock

MOST STUDENTS can remember going through the lunch lines in elementary and middle school and receiving a lunch tray that would make any mother happy. These lunches had healthy servings from the food pyramid, and choices were limited.

In high school, however, students have a wide variety of foods to choose from, both healthy and unhealthy.

In the last three years, the cafeteria has been serving more food sometimes considered "junk food." The reason for this according to food manager Sarah Mesaros is that pizza, hamburgers, and nachos are what the students will eat.

In addition, the cafeteria is now allowed to sell high-fat items such as Snickers, Ding Dongs, and Cheet-o's.

Mesaros says that they are trying to lower the fat in school lunches; they are also trying to teach students to make

healthy choices, like salads, low-fat cheese, and skim milk.

New to the cafeteria are no-fat pretzels and frozen juices that are 100 percent vitamin C.

It's all about options; if a person is willing, he will be able to put together a well-balanced meal in the cafeteria.

Sophomore Brooke Baumgartner said, "Nutrition plays a vital part in my life because of the sports that I play. I have to be healthy in order to play the best that I can."

Girls in particular are becoming more aware of fat grams rather than calories. The body's metabolism burns calories off naturally. Such simple everyday activities such as sleeping or walking to class burn off calories. Calo-

ries are important; when the body burns them off, they are used as a source of energy.

Fat grams, on the other hand, go into "storage" and are only burned off after the calories are. This is why most diets have a low-fat content. It is harder to burn off the fat grams; with the normal metabolic rate in a person, fat grams must be worked off through a continuous exercise or activity.



After another lunch in the Panthers' Den, sophomore Courtney Brooks and freshman Keona Hall are ready to cheer.



Seniors Irene Yado and Adriana Garces and juniors Crystal Whittaker and Teresa Pace recommend nachos and milk for a delicious, well-balanced meal.



These boys are hungry for knowledge, but they realize they can't eat those books on the table. (seniors Tyson Thompson and Kintae Lark, and sophomore James Bear)

your choice

Freshman Stephanie Reichert said, "I always try to eat well and to exercise to stay healthy; sometimes it doesn't matter, however, because I'll end up eating a lot of junk food."

Senior Scott Siri said, "Go ahead and get the cheesy broccoli, the Ho-Ho's, or the Chic-Fil-A; life is short. You might as well taste as much of it as you can!"

Substitute teacher Tony Saddawi said, "I don't eat foods with a lot of fats or oils. I never fry my food or eat dairy products. I also jog five miles and work out lifting weights for two hours after that five days a week."

If that exercise regime is too extreme for one's taste, then try freshman Candice Dias' routine. She simply does a cheerleading workout and crunches at home to stay in shape.

Freshman Wilson Brinley said, "I eat whatever I want, whenever I'm hungry."

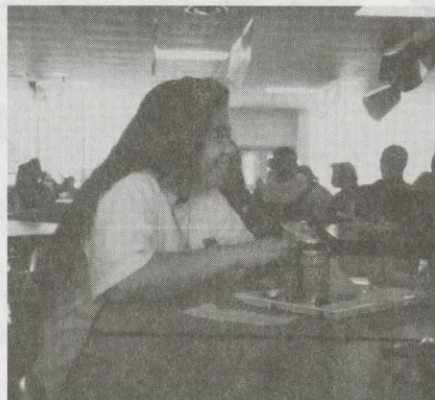
Junior Michele Daugherty said, "I think it is very important to stay in shape and to keep yourself in good health. I try to do the step-aerobics program at least three times a week. I also try to eat healthy foods low in fat, but candy is my weakness!"

One's idea of how to stay in shape may vary from another's; it is important to keep everything in moderation. Too much exercise can be harmful to the body's tissues and muscles.

Too little food would be harmful as well. Nothing is wrong with eating "junk food" from time to time; just be sure that more nutritional food is in the diet as well. □



For the moment, freshman Lindsay Althouse denies nutrition and enjoys her cherry sucker.



Junior Esmeralda Silva relaxes at lunch with her choices for the day.



Freshmen Melvin Williams and Carl Carr never got the chance to enjoy open lunch, but they've gotten used to eating the cafeteria food.

Nutritional Facts

Did you know that....

- A mere ounce of sunflower seeds, considered a "diet" food, contains 160 calories.
- Ounce for ounce, broccoli florets contain nearly eight times as much beta-carotene as the stalks. (But don't discard the stalks; like the florets, they contain calcium, fiber, vitamin C and other nutrients.)
- You're likely to lose more weight walking than swimming.
- "Good for you" muffins may be no better than "bad for you" Danish. A 3.3 ounce Mr. Donut corn muffin, for instance, has 354 calories, 15 grams of fat (the same as a 2 ounce Hershey bar.)
- Some foods (apple juice, cottage cheese, iceberg lettuce) are not nearly as healthful as you've been led to believe, while others (including pancakes and white bread) are greatly under-rated.
- Instant coffee has less caffeine than regular ground.
- Evaporated skim milk is actually creamy, a good low-fat, low calorie alternative to real cream.

(Thanks to home-ec teacher Judy Leatherman for this info.)

PANTHERS

BY MARK SNIADOCKI & ANGIE BLONDELL

Sophomore Jason Gorbitz, freshman Angel Reeder, and sophomore Sara Muia get down and get funky on the dance floor at St. Hedwig's.



Looks like senior Janice Koch is ready to shake a tail feather at the recent winter semi-formal.



Taking a break from dancing and resting their weary feet are junior Tina Brantley and sophomore Serene Williams.



Once the DJ "took it down," sophomores Billy Reaves and Brooke Baumgartner carry out the dance theme *Set the Night to Music*.

The winter semi-formal sponsored by Constance Green and the multicultural society was a success. Here are some highlights...

Assistant Principal Mike Sacchini and teacher Lauren McClenanan dance the night away with the rest of the Panthers.



Seniors Sara Rose, Emily Black, Becky Hughes, and Katie Shaumber are just part of a large crew that transformed a banquet hall into a hot dance floor.



Although going stag was encouraged, juniors Kevin Marek and Kathy Lute found that they had more fun going as a couple.



After peeking her head through a bunch of balloons, junior Tina Brantley released them above the dance floor.

Passion in career crucial

The word passion is usually associated with strong feelings of love for someone, but Lou Nanni of the South Bend Homeless Shelter used it to describe a strong love and belief in something.

"It's not important what you do, but how much you believe in what you do," said Nanni.

Editorial

So many people are unhappy with their lives and careers because they don't enjoy doing what they have chosen to pursue for the rest of their lives.

Nanni expressed that people shouldn't let others pressure or influence their decision on what paths they take in life. After all, it's their life.

It is almost natural for parents to give advice and suggestions to their children about what they should do with their lives. But parents should concentrate on giving more encouragement to their children about taking control of their lives and pursuing their dreams no matter how high or low they may be.

It shouldn't matter whether friends and family approve, but personal satisfaction and pride is what really counts.

Numerous students who enter college are pressured by the many fears that are driven into them by teachers and parents.

Sure, statistics may show that certain jobs are forecasted to be less prevalent in the future, but think which would produce more happiness and well-being: a despised career that was secure or a no-so-secure one that was enjoyed day after day.

It shouldn't matter how much a person earns in a year or how prestigious their position is; there should be no shame in their career if they believe in what they do.

Satisfaction is not guaranteed anymore, but it is sure to come with anything that one truly believes. □



Thumbs Up Thumbs Down

THUMBS UP

...to the Spanish students who attended the showing of *Evita* and didn't throw Skittles or popcorn and talk during the movie like those "other" kids from the "other" high school.

...to the quiz bowl team who has been on a four-match winning streak after beating Elkhart Central, New Prairie, Mishawaka, and Elkhart Central. Is this dramatic turn-around due to the two weeks of *Teen Jeopardy* that the team has been viewing?

...to the winter guard for taking first place at the February Seneca Falls competition. Congratulations! We'll be cheering you on at All-City winter guard and poms contest.

...to the Class of 1997 for capturing the homecoming decorations spirit stick. Summer certainly seemed a lot closer with all of the ocean waves and vines that decked the hall.

...to the Class of 1999 for showing such great spirit at the pep assembly. Bravo! How did you get your entire class to stay standing? You should pass some of your "spirit secrets" to the other classes; they need it.

...to the bowling field trip for Honor Guild students. It's a nice change from the usual breakfast with donuts and juice.

THUMBS DOWN

...to the rude people who talk down to those selling messages and flowers. Have you ever heard of manners? Even if you're not interested, remember that those people are only trying to help out and support their clubs and activities.

...to those who didn't dress for the "weather" during spirit week. With the sub-zero temperatures in some classrooms, the perfect time to don gloves and earmuffs was wasted.

...to the spirit-lacking seniors at the pep assembly. What happened to all of your enthusiasm? It's too bad you passed up your last chance at a spirit stick. Maybe you'll get another chance, if we have a spring pep assembly...

Student artists clean up, for once

By Mark Sniadecki
Layout & Design Editor

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

AGAIN, the time when every Panther is reminded that great victories can be won both on AND off the playing field. The Scholastic Art Awards were presented in the Century Center's Bendix Theatre, and once again Panther artists blew away the competition.

Of the 54 high schools and middle schools (public and private) that participated, WHS came away with the most top honors.

The 530 pieces of art work chosen for the exhibition (out of more than 3,000 submitted) were all awarded at least an Honorable Mention and were included in a special gallery at the South Bend Regional Museum of Art. The best pieces, as decided by a judge in each category, received either Silver or Gold Keys.

The most prestigious awards—going to only five students—were the Hallmark nominations, sponsored by the greeting card company of the same name. From these five, one regional winner will be chosen for the Hallmark Honor Prize.

The "man of the hour" was junior Jason Lips, who walked away with a Hallmark nomination, three Gold Keys (drawing), and even an Honorable Mention (sculpture).

In the end, WHS students claimed a total of eight Gold Keys—more than any other school in the northern Indiana/southern Michigan region. These were taken by seniors Wasmer (sculpture), Michele Bovenkerk (ceramics), and Mark Sniadecki (drawing), as well as freshmen Cory Kerchner (drawing) and Teddy Kruszka (drawing).



Art teachers Ann Hamilton (shown), along with Tom Meuninck and photography teacher Barbara Shinkos, make up WHS's "art triumvirate."

WHS also made a good showing in the Silver Key department—the final count was five, which tied with St. Joseph's High School (South Bend) and was second only to Valparaiso High School. Students receiving Silver Keys were seniors Jim Shaefer (printmaking), Jessica Babbitt (ceramics), Jennifer Brenner (ceramics), and also junior Kevin Griffis (mixed media), and freshman Jason Kuspa (drawing).

Reactions of the participants to getting a piece in the show were similar.

"I was surprised and honored to be in the show," said Shaefer, who submitted several entries, "but I knew at least one-out-of-four would be in."

Lips humbly agreed, "I was very

honored to have gotten as much in as I did."

Art teacher Ann Hamilton once again had a hand in coordinating the show and said, "All students should be honored to have been selected by their teacher to participate in the competition. Once their works are matted and prepared to show, they will be used for other exhibitions. Part of the process of making art is having it viewed."

Between Feb. 6 and 7 all students involved with the WHS art department were bused downtown to the South Bend Regional Museum of Art to check out the Scholastics exhibition. The trip inspired some on-the-spot judging by students.

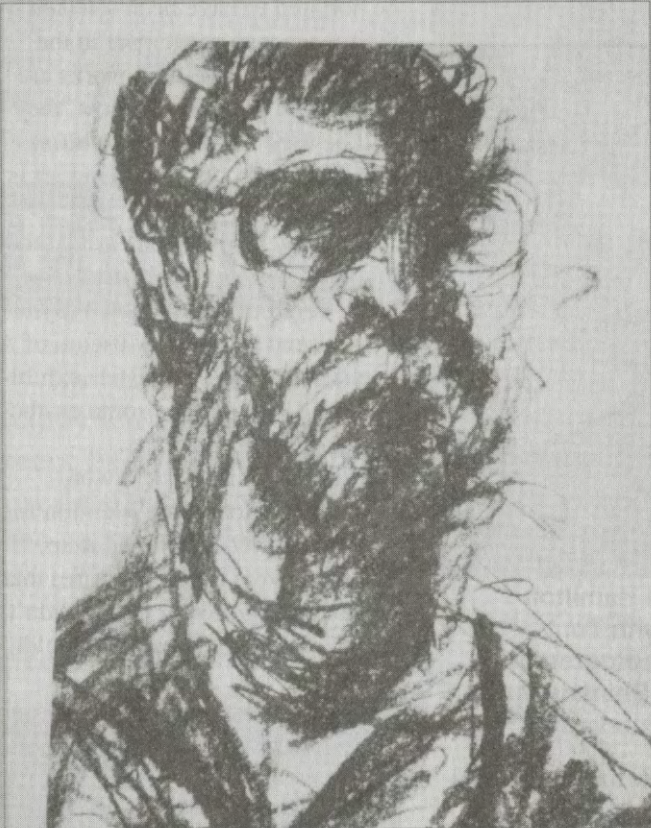
Junior Jamel Essick, who received an Honorable Mention for a watercolor piece, summed it up, "I feel there were a lot of pictures that should have gotten keys and didn't, and a lot that got keys and shouldn't have." □



A self-portrait by senior Jeremy Wasmer; it earned an Honorable Mention in the exhibition.

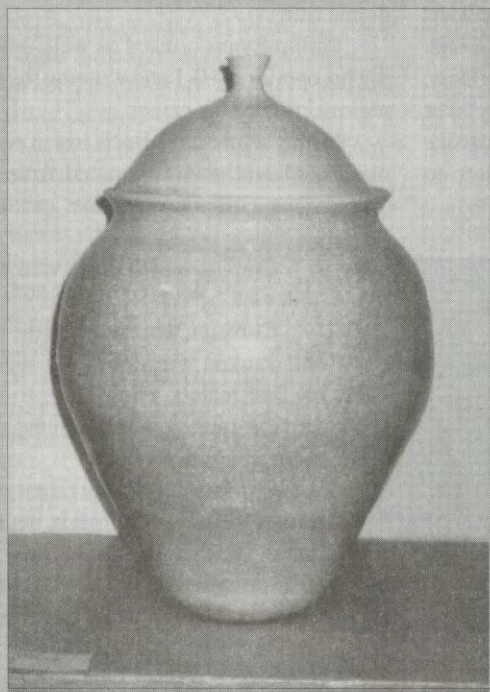
Art Gallery:

by Mark Sniadecki



(Above left) Junior Jason Lips' Hallmark nominated rendition of art teacher Tom Meuninck. (Above) Sophomore Jason Kuspa's Silver Key winning drawing. (Left) A sgraffito-pedestal plate by senior Jessica Babbitt, also a Silver Key winner.

Scholastics



(Left) Senior Michelle Bovenkerk's Chinese crackle-vessel with lid, a Gold Key winner. (Below left) Senior Mark Sniadecki's Gold Key winning oddity. (Below) Gold Key sandstone sculpture by senior Jeremy Wasmer.



Evans and Comeau head to Indy

By **Ryan Hanyzewski**
Sports Editor

The Panther grapplers headed into the sectionals at LaSalle with one word on their mind: three-peat.

The Panthers headed to the final round of sectionals with a 20-point lead over the Clay Colonials.

"Clay is never out of it until the match is over. One year they beat us by a half a point when we thought we had won," said Coach Carl Evans.

WHS sent 11 of 14 wrestlers to the final round and thus assured them a spot in the LaPorte regional.

The match turned around when freshman Mike MacKenzie took on Tony Martinelli of St. Joe.

The match was tied at 11 as the match neared its conclusion. Martinelli managed a takedown to take a 13-11. MacKenzie managed an escape, but it was not enough, as he fell one point short of a sectional championship his freshman year.

WHS was defeated in the next three matches; and as the Panthers were not putting any points on the board, Clay was steadily gaining points.

After a lot of back and forth on the scoreboard, the score was knotted at 174; sophomore Chris Glenn took the mat against Chuma Udongo of Clay.

Udongo had Glenn down by the score of 8, and it looked as if Clay had a chance to run away with the sectionals.

Glenn reversed his opponent and pinned the Clay wrestler to put the Panthers up by six.

Junior Phillip Evans pinned his opponent in the second period and despite tough losses in the next two weight classes, the Panthers wrapped up the sectional title by the final score of 186-174.

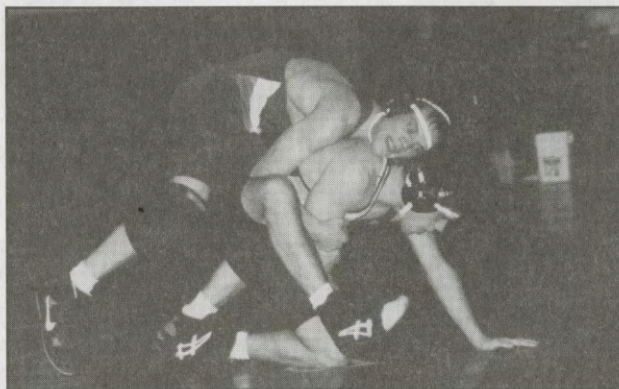
Other wrestlers who were headed to the regionals included sophomores Tony Heeter, Nick Johnson, and Jimmy McKinnis, as well as junior Tito Rivera, and seniors Isaac Evans and Eloy Alvarez.

The following Saturday, a bus full of fired-up Panthers headed to LaPorte High School hoping for a shot at going to the semi-state tournament.

Hopes were destroyed quickly for seven of the 11 wrestlers, as they fell in the first round and were eliminated from the tournament.

Glenn, Bach, Comeau, and Phillip Evans were the four to advance to the second round.

Eight wrestlers are in each weight class; if a wrestler wins his first match, it only takes one more win in the next two matches to make it to semi-state. The top three wrestlers go from each weight class.



State qualifier junior John Comeau works to stay in control against his Riley opponent.

Glenn lost a tough match to Penn's Nic Boehnlein and was forced into a do-or-die situation against an opponent he had beaten already this season from Rochester. Glenn was behind 6-5 late in the match and with his opponent gripping his arm, not letting him loose for the escape that would have sent it into overtime, Glenn was eliminated from the tournament.

Bach was pitted against the third-ranked wrestler in the state from Mishawaka, Brad Harper.

Bach put up a good fight but also fell a little bit short. He then took out all his aggressions on his next opponent, defeating him 9-1 and earning himself a spot in the semi-state tournament.

Comeau was the next to wrestle defeating his opponent 4-1; his next match would be for the regional title, the first of his career.

Phillip Evans also defeated his oppo-

nent easily in the semi-final round and would have to defeat the same Clay wrestler whom he defeated for the sectional title one week earlier for the regional title.

Comeau was the first of the two to wrestle in the finals. Comeau cruised to a 9-2 victory and in the process, won the regional title.

Phillip Evans cruised as well, defeating his opponent 10-1 and winning the first regional title of his career.

In the semi-state, Bach lost a tough match 6-4 and was eliminated from the tournament. This put an end to a spectacular season by Bach.

Comeau and Phillip Evans were both victorious.

Comeau, who defeated the seventh-ranked wrestler in the state in his first match, would have to face the fifth-ranked wrestler in the state in the next match.

Comeau and Phillip Evans were both victorious in their second match, and both went on to the finals of the semi-state.

After knocking off the seventh and fifth-ranked grapplers in the state, Comeau would not have it any easier as his next match would be against the fourth-ranked wrestler in the state.

This was Comeau's day as he knocked off all three of his ranked opponents, and in the process of all these upsets, Phillip Evans also won the semi-state title.

In the state tournament there are 16 grapplers from each weight class.

Each wrestler has one match on Friday night, and if victorious, they advance to the elite eight on Saturday.

Comeau and Evans both won their matches and advanced to the Saturday round.

When it was all said and done, Comeau and Phillip Evans finished fourth and fifth respectively.

"I am proud of the entire team. We had a record-breaking season and were ranked in the top 20 for the first time in school history," said Carl Evans. □

The waiting is over

After 32 years the boys' basketball team is crowned sectional champs again

By **Ryan Hanyzewski**
Sports Editor

For the first time in 32 years, the Panthers were crowned sectional champions.

WHS knocked off Adams, LaSalle, and Riley on their way to the crown.

"I was so proud of these kids. They played their hearts out and they really deserved it," said Coach Milt Cooper.

It was definitely not an easy road to get there.

The Panthers took their 7-3 record into the game for West Side pride against the LaSalle Lions.

WHS jumped all over the Lions early and led by seven points after the first quarter and increased the lead to 12 at the half, 51-39.

Cedric Moodie scored 12 of his team-high 23 in the first quarter.

The Panthers struggled in the third quarter as senior All-American Moodie was held scoreless and WHS was outscored 25-12 in the third.

Sophomore Quentel Howard kept the Panthers' heads above water by pouring in six in the period that belonged entirely to the Lions.

In the fourth quarter, the rivalry became even more tense as the leads changed hands four times in the final quarter.

With WHS trailing by one with under 10 seconds remaining in the game, Moodie was fouled going for a rebound and was put on the line for two shots and a chance to win the game.

The first free throw rimmed out, and all Moodie could do was tie the game.

The second shot missed as well and with the LaSalle cheering section screaming, thinking they had won, senior William Avance tipped in the miss and shocked the visiting Lions.

Senior Edmund Kyle and Avance each poured in 19 for WHS.

The Panthers then travelled to Clay to take on the defending sectional champions.

The game was tight early as the score was within one at the end of the first; but the game just slipped further

and further away from the Panthers as the Colonials went on to win by 18 points.

Kyle led WHS with 20 points, and Avance scored 18.

The Panthers then won their next three games rather easily.

Moodie exploded for 43 as WHS blasted Tippy Valley 94-65.

The Panthers then travelled to Mishawaka, and what should have been an easy game was not easy at all.

Trailing 51-50 after three quarters, Moodie took his game to a new level, scoring 10 of his game-high 29 in the fourth quarter. The Panthers pulled out a 67-62 victory.

Avance poured in 19, and Kyle and Henry scored 13 and 12, respectively.

Next up for WHS was Buchanan.

It was ugly from the beginning, as the Panthers jumped out to a 30-6 lead after the first quarter.

Then it happened: a tailspin.

This is the part of the season where the Panthers fell apart. Three straight road losses to Northridge, Elkhart Central, and even Culver Military had every WHS fan worried that the Panthers would just crawl under a rock and hide.

After losing to Culver, it did not get any easier. The Panthers headed to the Penn Palace to take on the Northern Indiana Conference champions.

A three-pointer at the end of the first quarter by Moodie tied the game at 23.

Penn owned the second quarter as they led by eight points.

Penn led by seven after three, and this was the time that the Panthers took their game to the next level.

Henry and Moodie led the Panthers with 24 and 26 respectively.

WHS controlled the tempo and the game in the fourth quarter and won the game by the score of 88-82.

WHS then came back home for a tough game against 14-2 Brandywine.

WHS humbled Brandywine from the start, jumping out to a 42-17 lead and cruised to a 100-71 victory.

Moodie scored 38 and Avance added 24.

With a lot of momentum, the Panthers headed into sectionals which they have not been able to win since 1965.

The games would all be played at Washington's Great Western Forum where the Panthers were a perfect 9-0 coming into sectionals.

Adams was the first victim. WHS jumped out to an early lead and controlled much of the first half.

Like always, the Panthers had to make it interesting as the Eagles came roaring back into the game before WHS pulled away and advanced to take on their cross-town rival, LaSalle.

The LaSalle game was tight throughout, and in front of a packed gym, the Panthers put on a show.

Kyle led the Panthers with 27, and Moodie followed with 26.

This set up what would be a great cat-fight for the sectional final, the Panthers and the Wildcats one more time. Riley won at Riley, WHS won at Warsaw, but the game was never played in "Panther Country."

WHS came out hot, jumping out to a 30-14 lead after one quarter.

Senior Todd Bella sparked the Panther run with a perfect 4-4 from beyond the arc and scored 14 points in the first quarter.

Riley went on a 16-0 run and led 43-40 at the half.

Moodie came out and drilled a three-pointer to start the second half to tie the game at 43.

Bella continued to bomb Riley, as he finished an outstanding 9 of 11 from deep and 34 points.

"People key on Cedric every game. I knew I had to step up and take some of the pressure off of him," said Bella.

Moodie pitched in 27. WHS counted down the seconds to the buzzer and as soon as the horn sounded, the crowd rushed onto the court to congratulate the Panthers.

"He came out unexpectedly. I expected him to play his role. I have never seen him play like that," said Moodie in regards to Bella.

When asked if he cared who they played next week, Moodie said "We could play the Bulls for all I care, as long as we are in regionals."

"I am just happy for the seniors, this could have been their last game, and I am just glad we finally brought the title back to WHS," said Henry. □

New members added to Hall of Fame

By **Ryan Hanyzewski**
Sports Editor

WHS was honored again this past month with the inductions of 10 new members into their Hall of Fame.

This makes 30 members in the Hall of Fame.

"It is a neat opportunity for WHS to go back and recognize these people and it is a small way to show our gratitude toward these people and to honor them," said principal David Kaser.

The 10 new inductees were Dr. Ernest Hecklinski, Ernie Dobrzykowski, Ed Szucs, Ernest R. Zalejski, Spandward Mitchem, Tom Roggeman, Bob "Beans" Van Camp, Floyd Kerr, Mike Miller, and Alan Rzepka.

Dr. Ernest Hecklinski played football, basketball, and baseball. He led the team to a conference championship and an undefeated season in 1940. His senior year he was named team captain and won the Kiwanis Award.

Ernie Dobrzykowski played basketball and football from 1942 to 1945. The football team went 19-0-1 and won a state championship during his years at WHS. He was the starting full back his junior and senior year and was given all-conference and all-state honors his senior year.

Ed Szucs was the starting left tackle on the same team that went 19-0-1 and were named the mythical state champs. He was named as the most valuable lineman. Szucs

then attended the University of Purdue.

Ernest R. Zalejski became the first sophomore in school history to break into the starting line-up in football. In Zalejski's three years at WHS, the Panthers went 28-1-1. He holds the all-time scoring record at WHS with 56 touchdowns and over half of them came from over 50 yards.

Zalejski went on to play at Notre Dame and then for the Baltimore Colts.

Spandward Mitchem played football and basketball at WHS. As a senior at tight end,



Former Panther stars inducted into WHS Hall of Fame.

Mitchem was first-team all-conference and second-team all-state. Mitchem was also the leading scorer in basketball.

Tom Roggeman coached Panther football for 11 years. Roggeman produced 77 wins to only 17 losses and eight ties for an 82% winning percentage. He also led the Panthers to a mythical state championship in 1969. He is currently in the Indiana High School Hall of Fame.

Bob "Beans" Van Camp became the head coach in track in 1962, and his teams won the sectional and city titles in '66, '67, and '72. Van Camp was named head varsity football coach in 1970 and compiled a 80-29-1 record over 11 seasons. In his 11 years the Panthers won five conference crowns, two sectional titles, and climaxed his career in front of 15,000 people at School Field as the Panthers won the FIRST real class AAA state championship.

Floyd Kerr was a three-sport letter-winner. Kerr starred in basketball, earning all-sectional, all-regional, and all-state honors in 1965. WHS was the runner-up in the Fort Wayne Semi-State.

This was the last team as WHS to win a sectional title.

Mike Miller played football, basketball, and track during his years at WHS. Miller broke school records in the 100-yd. dash, the 220-yd. dash, the long-jump, and the 880-yd relay.

For three seasons Miller won the sectional and regional long-jump, and placed no lower than fifth in the state all three years. He also starred on the state champs in 1973 and scored the winning touchdown in the state championship game.

Alan Rzepka was a three-sport athlete and was the first in Washington history to letter in three sports all four years of high school.

Rzepka was first team all state for the championship team in '73. He was also a member of the baseball team that went to the state finals in 1974.

Rzepka also earned Mid-American conference honors in 1978. □

Freshmen step up big for boys swim team

By **Monica Niemi**
Sports Writer

Coming into the year, Coach Dave Woods didn't know what to expect from his team.

With 10 of last year's swimmers gone, WHS's chances of having a prosperous season appeared slim. But thanks to some new freshmen and a good deal of hard work, the Panthers swam fast and left their mark at the Mishawaka sectionals last weekend.

"We came in fourth overall," said Woods, "I think that was the best we've done in the past six years."

Despite facing challenging opponents, WHS managed to qualify for finals in every event, except the 100 breaststroke.

Among those swimmers was freshman Joey Reaves, who took 9th in the 200 I.M. and 5th in the 100 backstroke.

"It felt good to beat all those older swimmers," Reaves commented.

Senior Josh Northam finished 4th in the always competitive 50 free.

Also finishing in the top 12 were sophomore Jim Bammerlin in the 200 and 500 freestyle; sophomore Bryan Ziolkowski in the 50 free and 100 fly; and senior Harry Densmore and freshman Sean Cesavice in diving.

Junior Kevin Marek and freshmen Jacob Day and Jason Critchlow participated in the relays.

"I feel good!" said freshman Benji

Woolet, when asked how he liked sectionals.

This was the last meet for Scott Eichstedt, Northam, and Densmore, the team's three seniors.

Densmore said, "In my last year, I had hoped to place better than I did. I took 7th out of 14 other divers in the sectionals. Jason Gorbitz took 14th. Sean Cesavice took 10th. I feel the team did their best, and they will be even stronger next year."

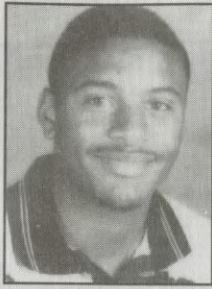
"It will be hard to replace Josh in sprint freestyle, and Harry's always been a solid diver," said Woods.

Woods hasn't given much thought to next year, but he definitely wants to win more meets.

"It was a good season, and I'm sorry to see it end," he said.

The Panthers' final record was four wins and 12 losses. □

Sports Profile



Name: Phillip Evans
Birthdate: Oct. 19, 1979
Nickname: Phil
Year: Junior
Sports played: Football and wrestling
Awards and achievements: Burger King Athlete of the Week, Chuck's Challenge, Finished fifth in the state wrestling tournament, and won the Mishawaka Invitational.
Sports role model: Jerome Bettis
Non-sports roll model: My father
Favorite sports teams: Chicago Bulls and the Pittsburgh Steelers
Favorite food: Pizza
What I love about school: Being with my friends
What I hate about school: Closed lunch and the boring classes
My parents were right when they told me: If God is for me, who can be against me?
Hobbies: Drawing and playing Nintendo
Favorite musician: 2Pac
What turns me off: People who think they are better than others
Advice to others: Never quit; there is always a way.
Number of tattoos: None
Best advice I've ever received: Never give up.
In 20 years I see myself: Successful, with a good paying job, living in a house I built myself
Pre-game rituals: Pray and get pumped up
Clubs at WHS: Peer mediation, F.A.T., and the Y.O.U. club

Girls season comes to end

By Sara Page
 Sports Writer

All things, both good and bad, must come to an end. The girls swim team swam their final meet last weekend at the Mishawaka Sectionals.

Although WHS's season hasn't been the most spectacular of the teams in the N.I.C., the Panthers worked hard and accomplished many goals, coming in 7th overall in the sectionals.

The only members ribboning were seniors Katie Shaumber and Hitomi Terai, and freshmen Sara Page and Monica Niemi in the 200 medley relay with the time of 2:21.85. Other members qualifying in the consolations were senior Katie Shaumber in the 100 butterfly and Hitomi Terai in the 100 backstroke, and freshman Monica Niemi in the 100 backstroke.

"Each individual has talent, but we need to put the individualism aside and work more together as a team," commented Niemi.

Coach Kristi Walz said, "In my mind I had three major goals, we achieved one: individuals vastly improved this year."

Two Panther records, 100 backstroke and the 200 freestyle relay, were up for grabs this season, but neither were clinched due to the low turnout and health of the swimmers. "I feel we could have won several additional meets had all the team been healthy," said Walz.

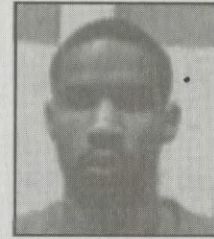
Senior Katie Shaumber said, "I wish we [Page, Terai, and Niemi] could have gotten the chance to get the record in the 200 free relay, but I had a lot of fun and met my personal goal at sectionals. I hope the team will fill in the gaps of the leaving seniors."

The team may have only won two meets, but everybody improved tremendously. The Panthers are stronger than their record indicates.

Senior Stacey Page commented, "I had a lot of fun including freshman initiation, senior night, all of our roach friends in the locker room, and swimming with my sister, Sara, in my last year. It's been real!"

The Panthers' record was two wins and 12 losses. □

Sports Profile



Name: Cedric Moodie
Birthdate: Nov. 20, 1978
Nickname: Ced or Corleone
Year: Senior
Sports played: Basketball
Awards and achievements: McDonald's all-American, honor roll, Who's Who in sports, and becoming the all-time and single-season scorer at WHS
Sports role model: Allen Iverson
Non-sports role model: Mom and dad
Favorite sports teams: Los Angeles Lakers and the Dallas Cowboys
Favorite food: Steak
Favorite musician: 2Pac
What I love about school: Being with my friends
What I hate about school: Homework
What is good about closed lunch: Nothing
My parents were right when they told me: Do what I have to do to be successful
Biggest fear: Not being able to succeed in what I do
What turns me off: Girls who smoke
Person I'd like to meet: Allen Iverson
Advice to others: Be real and don't follow in the footsteps of "playa hatas" (also known as phonies)
Best advice I've ever received: Believe in God and life is only what you make of it.
In 20 years I see myself: Wealthy with a family of five and my boys at my side
Pre-game rituals: Pray before every game and then listen to 2Pac.

THE USHERS

By Bob Palatino and Dennis Gdansk

Two Guys

The opinions voiced in this column are not necessarily those of the HATCHET staff. We'd like to stress that Bob and Dennis are real humans, though any attempt to uncover their identities will result in an unpleasant visitation from a large hired thug named Knuckles.

BOB: A long time ago in a movie theatre far, far away... well, actually, we just went to Scottsdale.

DENNIS: The dinky mall south of town, just to clarify. Anyways, as the mood lighting dimmed, we were instantaneously transported to the world of wookies and weirdos.

BOB: In case you've lived in a cave for the last 20 years, we're talking about the second installment in George Lucas's Star Wars Trilogy, *The Empire Strikes Back*. This latest version contains about 5% new material—less than the percentage of real fruit juice in a Hawaiian Punch can. Nevertheless, it is something to see on the big screen.

DENNIS: They incorporated two new scenes (the big, scary, white abominable monster-thingy eating what appears to be a month old Big Mac, and also the fly-through sequence in Cloud City, which reminded me of a scene from *Beverly Hills Ninja*).

BOB: Unbelievable as this may seem, there are still people who haven't seen ANY of the Star Wars movies; most of these people can be witnessed standing outside the theatre with a group of their friends saying things like "Star Wars, Star Trek, same difference." Wrong! Wrong! Wrong! For the benefit of less experienced readers, we'll now sum up this movie.

DENNIS: We begin on the frozen tundra of Lambeau...sorry Hoth. The rebels have been driven there by the Empire.



While chillin' on the chilly planet, Big Daddy Darth finds where they are, sends in troops, and a Desert Storm like invasion occurs. Bob...

BOB: This is the movie where we begin to discover just how messed up the Skywalker family is. We don't realize the serious implications of Luke (Mark Hamill) and Leia's (Carrie Fischer) big kiss until *Return of the Jedi*. After leaving Hoth, Luke pays a visit to the Jedi master Yoda, who is over eight-hundred years old, looks like a gremlin and is voiced by Frank Oz. Meanwhile, Leia escapes with the ever-popular Han Solo (Harrison Ford).

DENNIS: You very much thank, I will. I've been hangin' around that little green guy a little too long. You know, I see some resemblance between the two of you, Bob.

BOB: Laugh it up, fuzball.

DENNIS: From there you are transported to the city in the clouds which is controlled by Han's old buddy Lando Calrissian (Billy Dee Williams). This is a truly kosher place, but trouble lurks on the horizon. Luke senses this and leaves the mucky swamp to fly there, R2D2 beeping all the way. He arrives and guess what, the Big Black Bad Heavy-breathing Guy is back.

BOB: Luke finds Han frozen like an Eggo waffle, Leia and the sasquatch taken prisoner, and Darth Vader ready for a fight. They have a great duel; Vader uses the Force to throw air conditioners and things at Luke's head, and finally manages to beat the little Jedi wannabe. Now, I would tell you what happens next,

but I think it's movie review taboo to reveal what Vader tells Luke at this point (as if you don't know).

DENNIS: To make matters worse, Luke loses a hand, and winds up hanging from the end of one of those antennae that people who are too cheap to buy cable buy.

BOB: Somewhere in Cloud City, a man is banging on his television, screaming "What happened the @%&! to the Colts?"

DENNIS: At least they didn't preempt it for Heidi. Anyways, I do believe were out of annoying little plays-on-words for this month. Now that I think about it, Spock and Yoda do look alike, don't ya think? Maybe if Yoda wore heels....

BOB: Engaging hyper-drive now. . . leaving Dennis back on Earth. . .

DENNIS: May the Force be with you. ☐

George's To-do list:

- Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears. The drama's production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* opens **March 6** and continues until **March 8**. Come support the Thespians.
- If you're going through post-Valentine's Day-chocolate-withdrawals, then the multi-cultural society and the student council can help. The multi-cultural society is sponsoring a candy sale beginning **March 3**. The student council's candy sale runs **March 10 to the 17**.
- For all those music connoisseurs, there are a number of fine performances in March. The jazz band plays **March 17**. The strings festival is **March 19** and the district band concert is **March 25**.
- If you want to hear angels, come hear the combined choirs of all five S.B. high schools at the All-City Choir Festival on **March 13** with guest conductor, Steve Zegree, starting at 7pm at Adams.
- Panthers, the North Central visitation team is evaluating our school from **Mar. 11-14**; let's show these visitors how great our school, students, and staff are.

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