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PantherWatch**December**

- 4- Valparaiso University's
Business, Nursing and
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Visiting Day
- 5- St. Joseph College
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- 6- Ski Club CANDY SALE (6-
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- 6- Oakland City College
Visitation Day
- 8- Class of '96 CANDY CANE
and FLOWER SALE
- 13- Baseball CANDY SALE
(13-20)
- 15- Choir Christmas Concert
7:30 in auditorium
- 17- Multicultural Dance
- 18- Oakland City College
Basketball Open House
- 20- Christmas Break (20-
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- 25- Merry Christmas!!!

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Letters to the Editor

Hates crowded halls

I hate the way people stand and talk where the 600 meets the 700 hallway during passing periods. People who are trying to get to class have to push their way through the crowd. It drives me crazy, especially when they get mad if you accidentally bump into them. They shouldn't be there anyway.

Kelly Retek,
Freshman

Needs a longer lunch

I am disappointed with how short the lunch period is. We do not have enough time. If we go out to a restaurant, we have to wait in line too long. Also, unless we have transportation, the time it takes to get there cuts down on lunch time.

Why don't I just eat in the cafeteria? I don't eat in the cafeteria because I have a taste for something else sometimes. Some people getsick of looking at what are called "hamburgers," sitting in grease water producing what I call a greaseburger.

Nic Boocher,
Freshman

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'94-'95 curriculum receiving input

by Katharine Chan
Staff Writer

The curriculum for the '94-'95 school year is a big issue in many people's minds right now. The SBCSC has just begun to decide what classes and activities are going to be offered for high school and middle school students.

Currently, the school board is trying to determine whether to cut teachers, sports, or halt some remodeling and/or reconstructions of various schools. Being on a tight budget, various aspects of what's needed and what's not must be considered.

During an open forum on Nov. 3, suggestions, complaints, comments, and questions were asked about the upcoming curriculum. The forum lasted for two hours and consisted of parents, teachers, and students. Mr. Michael Harding and Mrs. Jan Putz, assistant superintendents, headed the forum. They listened to comments then tried to answer some questions. Harding said that not all questions would be answered because they are just beginning to look into what is going on in the curriculum.

Of the sixty people in attendance, eleven of the thirteen students were from WHS. Sophomores Nic Kocsis, Emily Przybyz, and Steve Rosetto were a few concerned students who voiced their opinions.

Having heard rumors that the school board was planning on

eliminating honors and advanced classes, Przybyz commented: "Just the idea of them cutting the advanced classes is very scary." Subsequently, Harding assured everyone honors and advanced classes would be on next year's curriculum.

Kocsis asked Harding and

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*-SOPHOMORE
EMILY PRZYBYZ*

Putz questions about the budget, and mentioned the unnecessary spending the schools have been doing. Kocsis used the recently distributed cultural diversity calendars as an example of the money the schools have been wasting.

Many parents at the forum were upset because honors and advanced classes were considered "elite" groups at high schools. They believe that all students should have a chance to be in elevated classes. Someone later recommended that all should be in higher classes in middle school and then "filtered out." That way students would be pushed harder to strive for excellence. Harding and Putz agreed they would take that suggestion under consideration.

A local businessman protested about the money splurged on architectural designs for schools. He argued that schools are made for learning, not beauty. The newly-built Wilson Elementary and recently remodeled Navarre Middle were schools he used as examples. He asked everyone, "Do we really need these huge and beautifully designed buildings for institutions of learning? I think not."

The controversy over seven-period days also was discussed. A majority of the students agreed it would be a good idea because it would give them an opportunity to take more classes and earn more credits. But a senior from Adams disagreed. She said that some of her classes already aren't long enough. "Shortening the classes would be a disadvantage for

some college-bound seniors considering our classes are short compared to college classes."

A concerned mother brought up the fact that her daughter wasn't being challenged enough and how easy her classes were becoming. She believes students should write more research papers than just the one in their senior year. "Seventh and eighth graders should be pushed to do research papers. They need not be as complicated as senior-written research papers, but students should get a feel for writing one."

Although not everyone who attended the meeting complied with everything said, most everyone left feeling some degree of satisfaction.

The new curriculum is due out in print Jan.3.

Troop--a time for prayer

by Holly Beck and Jessica Wamser
News Editors

It used to be that teachers were able to teach as well as persuade students according to their own religious beliefs. But in 1962 from Baltimore, Maryland, Madlyne Muray O'Hair and her high school son, demanded that prayer be taken out of schools.

PROS

"I personally don't see anything wrong with it. The only problem is the legalities of the amendments. Some people are atheists and don't approve of it. This is the land of the free and we have to respect that. I'm between a rock and a hard place because I'm very religious. Our forefathers were religious, too, but religion is separate. Religion has and always should be our guide, but no a mandated or controlling element. Religion can't be imposed. It must be freely chosen."—**Mr. Sexton**, social studies and government teacher.

"I think prayer should be allowed in school. If you think about how the Constitution is written, the first amendment allows for freedom of speech and of religion; the original writers intended for school and religion to be together. They didn't want religion to be subject to government."—**senior Marcel Plante**.

"I think that we should start every morning with a moment of silent prayer. It would set a serious tone for the student. It reminds him of his relationship to something greater than him."—**Mrs. Drapek**, English teacher.

She argued her case in local courts, but the Maryland courts, because of lack of public support, overlooked her case. She asked the Supreme Court to review their findings and earned her right to be heard.

The difficult argument concerned those who desire to pray and

read the Bible in school and their right to do so. The Supreme Court decided that if a teacher or pupil wants to pray at his desk or say grace in a cafeteria before lunch, nothing in any court decision can stop him. But he must not be ordered to pray. The Supreme Court founded the Student's Bill of Rights for those who wish to express their religion and those who don't. The Equal Access Act, a section of the Bill, allows students the freedom "to meet on campus for the purpose of discussing religious issues. Students may pray alone or with others so long as it does not disrupt school activities or is not forced on others."

The Bill doesn't, however, enable teachers to express their religious beliefs through teaching. Teachers are allowed, though, to sponsor a prayer group in school, so long as it's student run.

Recently, students across the nation have recognized their rights and started prayer groups. Like many other schools, Riley has recognized their rights and have started a prayer group in 91-92. It is currently unnamed and the student involvement varies. Students at Marian have requested a permanent prayer group, but one has not been initiated. Prayer groups have not been started in Clay, Adams, and La Salle.

T.R.O.O.P. (Teens Rock'n On Our Planet) is a group of WHS students who get together every other Thursday to support one another in their Christian beliefs. People of all denominations are welcome to join the prayer group.

In T.R.O.O.P. meetings, the students have devotions first, followed by a discussion of Biblical subjects or anything else that may be of concern. They try to help one another spiritually. To close the meeting, they end

with a word of prayer, which includes thoughts of the students, the school, and the nation.

T.R.O.O.P. was initially started in 1991 by Cindy Holm, 1992 graduate. Holm used a devotional book called *Rock'n This Planet*. The book included ideas for starting a prayer group. The book also suggested several possible names for a prayer group.

CONS

"I don't think prayer should be allowed in school because school isn't a place to learn religion. You learn about religion in church. I think the T.R.O.O.P. program is okay as long as it doesn't take out of school time, and as long as it doesn't deal with school."—**junior Christina Hughes**.

"It depends on what you mean. I think there are different ways of doing it, and some are acceptable and some, I think, are not. If students want to meet as a group before or after school, courts have decided they have rights to a room like any other group would and that seems fine to me. All the problems came up last spring when people wanted prayer as part of the graduation ceremony. When you stand up and lead a prayer at a graduation ceremony, there's people out there who don't want to participate and feel they have to. I'm not so sure that's right."—**Mr. Killeen**, social studies teacher.

Holm's sister, sophomore Michelle Holm, has taken up the project for this year and hopes to give it the spark it needs to keep going. One of her goals for this prayer group is increasing student involvement: "Hopefully, the students who are already coming, if they enjoy it, can tell other students it's not the 'boring' group that people think it is. I've heard people kidding around about it. I didn't take it seriously because I know what I'm standing for and that is all that's important." ■



Kelly Wyant

FACE-OFF

The Issue: Gun Control



Kim Starzynski

This page is designed to present two opposing viewpoints on topical issues. The arguments are strong to create thought, controversy, and interest. If you have any comments, differing opinions, or questions, please write a letter to the editors, Kelly Wyant, or Kim Starzynski.

The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The 1968 Gun Control Act: Prohibits felons from owning firearms.

The Brady Bill: Requires gun dealers to wait five to seven days before completing a sale, giving the police time to determine whether a buyer is a convicted felon, an illegal alien, a drug abuser or a mental patient.

Fact: A minimum 30-day jail sentence is given for the first offense of carrying a concealed firearm without a permit. (Dec. 22, 1986, *Time*)

Fact: In 1989 the U.S. manufactured over 4 million non-military firearms. That's 1,376,000 pistols, 622,000 revolvers, 1,382,000 rifles and 688,000 shotguns. (June 3, 1991, *Fortune*)

Fact: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms levies an excise tax on guns (10 percent to 11 percent of the retail price) that goes to pay for the restoration of wildlife areas. (June 3, 1991, *Fortune*)

Fact: As of June, 1992, only 22 states had adopted gun-control measures. (June, 1992, *World Press Review*)

All guns are born innocent

Government officials have no right to tell the American public when and if they can keep a firearm in their home.

BANG!! This is the sound that rings out in millions of ears around the world. Now the American government wants to eliminate the noise from every memory in the United States. We need to take a stand to avoid having our opinions voiced by others who do not know exactly what we think.

Guns are "born" in response to the demands of hunters, marksmen, collectors, and citizens fearful for their lives.

So is the government trying to ban hunting and hobbies? What next—the discontinuation of stamps because they are capable of giving a person a very nasty paper cut that may be fatal?

Now the government wants to confine us to our cribs once again. It took many years before we were able to speak, and now we will not give up our rights.

This country was founded on one major principle—being free. Now the bureaucrats in office want to pull that principle right out from under our feet and leave us standing in a rioting, untamed jungle of people fighting for rights they once had. What will they do for us then? We keep crying, "Mamma, baby needs changing!" but this baby (the Constitution) has been changed enough.

The United States Government is trying to push the "everyone is doing it" syndrome on the American public. Again and again we hear that all the politicians favor gun control and so do all of the people. Actually, according to the April 10, 1989, issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, the results of state voting have shown (with the exception of Maryland) that voters strongly support the right to keep and bear arms.

Guns are not evil, although some people behind them are. About 70 million people own guns, and 25 million buy hunting licenses every year. Fatalities during hunting are less than those reported in revenge shootings. Exercising a little common sense will cure our country's problem of gun-related violence.

It is true that something needs to be done about violence. Anti-gun supporters and pro-gun activists both agree on this fact. Controlling the sales of guns to the public, however, is like limiting the amount of candy a child can eat. The child is only going to run and eat twice as much candy as he is supposed to have when his mother's back is turned just to prove he cannot be controlled.

People who really want to buy an illegal gun are just going to go behind the government's back and buy it on the black market or from a crooked gun salesman. Laws that prohibit sales are only going to hurt law-abiding citizens, while other people are going to buy them illegally.

Scholars, who devote careers to the study of the Second Amendment, agree that the right to keep and bear arms is a main point to our concept of democracy. If time honored laws are not recognized, the concept of a free country will virtually become extinct.

It is said that history repeats itself. Time and time again the human character has tried to be cleansed of its defects by meager attempts to control lifeless objects owned by the citizens. Now, this action is again a threat to our lives.

The government is also working on the project of controlling the use of illegal drugs in America. These plans have been in effect for over a year, but more and more people are turning toward drugs as a means of help. If control attempts have previously failed, they are likely to fail again.

Sure, some people argue that the Second Amendment was created to keep the militia alive, but where is our militia now? The pro-gun supporters are going to need a militia to protect their rights from overprotective government officials. What will the issue of owning a gun come to—the formation of pro-gun bearers into an organized "militia" in order to protect themselves from the injustice of being totally controlled?

Americans don't enjoy the prospect of someone having total control over anything. We like to feel that being free is still the number-one priority for the government.

Open season on the streets

The present emotion of the entire United States is fear. A person can't even go to the grocery store without having to worry about being mortally wounded by a maniac with a firearm, or being shot by a stray bullet meant as revenge toward someone else. No one should have to live in this sort of an environment, but no one seems to be controlling this rampant violence, not even the government.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) claims, "Guns don't kill; people do." It would be nice if this were the total truth. It is true that a person has to pull the trigger in order for the gun to fire, but the fact is psychopaths with itchy trigger fingers can get an extremely dangerous firearm within an hour. All a mentally disturbed person or criminal has to do to purchase a firearm is show a form of identification and have the right amount of money. After that, the mentally disturbed person or criminal is free to shoot at whomever he wants. The problem is they often fire at innocent people.

The major complaint against gun control laws is that law-abiding citizens will have to wait anywhere from five working days to two weeks to be permitted to own a firearm. The person must also provide a valid drivers license, answer a questionnaire, and sign a form stating that they are not a felon or mentally unstable. This information would then be used to conduct a background search. Gun control lobbyists claim that if a person really wants to own a firearm, he must be willing to wait longer to get one.

The waiting period is also recommended in order to stop spur-of-the-moment decisions to kill someone. According to a survey conducted by the *World Review Press*, 57 percent of deaths by firearms are committed following an argument with a family member or an acquaintance. If a person has time to think about what he is planning to do, then he will most likely change his mind.

The NRA fights every gun control law that the government attempts to pass. Gun control lobbyists claim that the NRA has too much control over what government officials do. These people couldn't be more correct. The NRA "buys" votes with 71 million dollars that pays 65 government officials to vote in their favor. This makes it next to impossible for concerned tax-paying citizens to get their voices heard. (facts from *U.S. News And World Report*, April 10, 1989)

One out of every 20 students in the United States carries a gun to school at least once a month. These students think that carrying a gun is the only way to protect themselves just in case they happen to be the target of a gang for that day.

A new gun control law currently being discussed would allow children under 18 to own firearms for hunting purposes only. If the minor is caught using the firearm for any other reason, the minor will have his driver's license revoked. Another law being discussed in Indiana and Michigan would require a student caught carrying a handgun to school to be put in jail for five days. Gun control lobbyists intend for this to law cut down on teenage crimes and allow other students to go to school without feeling threatened.

One thing gun control lobbyists and many citizens can't understand is why some people feel the need to own semi-automatic weapons. It used to be that only the military could own guns such as the Uzi or an AK-47. Now, ordinary citizens can purchase these highly dangerous weapons. The NRA and gun owners claim that a person should be able to own a firearm in order to hunt and for self-protection. Gun control lobbyists claim that no one needs a semi-automatic weapon that can fire up to 900 rounds per minute to shoot a deer or a trespasser.

Crime has seriously gotten out of hand. Gun control laws may not be able to prevent all crime, but they can make a big impact on it. The future of the entire world depends on a way to control guns.

Washington Gun Control Poll

- Do you believe that everyone has the right to keep guns in his home?
YES: 70% NO: 21% UNSURE: 9%
- Do you think that the public should have a say-so in the making of gun control laws?
YES: 74% NO: 11% UNSURE: 15%
- Do you think that homes that currently have guns in them are an invitation to disaster?
YES: 22% NO: 60% UNSURE: 18%
- Do you think that gun safety courses should be taken, and passed with high marks, before a person is allowed to purchase a gun?
YES: 72% NO: 17% UNSURE: 11%
- Do you think that gun control laws meet their intended purpose of preventing deaths?
YES: 14% NO: 70% UNSURE: 16%

Planning for the future begins now

What are you going to do with your life? What do you want to be when you grow up? Where are you going to go to college? These are just three of the many questions facing a student before he graduates.

Editorial

The answer to these questions depends on how the student prepares himself throughout high school. Believe it or not, the decisions a student makes in high school have a definite impact on his/her future.

As a student learns from his mistakes and struggles to make the right choices, he will gain a better perception of who he is which will help him decide what he wants to do and be in the future. Some students may choose to enlist in the military, others may choose work or marriage, but most will choose college.

For those students who wish to further their education and go to college, the best time to start planning is the minute you walk through the high school doors as freshmen.

Freshmen can start preparing for their future by taking challenging classes. Colleges do not just look at grades, but also at the level of courses you have taken.

Also, work hard and put forth an effort to receive good grades from the beginning. Many students later regret not trying as hard as freshmen, claiming that they ruined their grade point average. Your GPA is an accumulative score of your four years in high school, so be consistent and try to get the highest GPA you can.

Most four-year colleges and universities require that a student take four years of English; three to four years of math; two to three years of science; two years of the same foreign language; two years of social science; one year of fine arts; and a semester of keyboarding skills.

Another important aspect of your high-school career is extracurricular activities, athletics, and community involvement. Colleges are in search of the well-rounded student; try to incorporate yourself in as many activities as possible and assume leadership responsibilities. Set many goals for yourself and attempt to achieve each one of them throughout your four years of high school.

As for sophomores, continue to work hard and strive to do your best. Sign up for the PSAT, for you can never get too much practice at taking tests. Maintain your GPA and keep involved in school activities; much of what you learn from school is outside of the classroom.

Juniors should definitely take the PSAT and sign up for the SAT in May or June. Sign up with the guidance counselor and take as many practice tests as you can to prepare yourself. Also, you may want to take a look in

to SAT workshops; they are very helpful and will teach you how to score well on the test; or you might want to take etymology with Mrs. Hintz to further prepare yourself.

The SAT is currently made up of six 30-minute sections: two verbal, two math, a test of standard written English (TSWE), and another section of either verbal, math, or TSWE. The TSWE is included to help the college that you plan attending place you in an appropriate English course based on your ability.

Next year, however, the SAT will incorporate some changes. Students taking the test may use calculators, and the analogies will be omitted from the verbal section with the addition of a writing test.

Also, now is the best time to start viewing colleges. Decide whether you want to attend a four-year university, or a two-year occupational, trade, or technical school. Do as much research as you can on various schools to gain an understanding of what is available to you and what requirements may be needed. Find out about scholarships, financial aid, and general information about colleges by using the Choices Program in the computer and talking to vocational aide Mrs. Jean Hay.

As a senior, you should definitely have taken the SAT, ACT, or both. Avoid the deadly disease of senioritis, and make the last year of high school your best.

In your search for the perfect college, you must first start investigating different schools if you haven't already. Write to the college and request a viewbook and any other information you would like explaining a desired field of interest or sports program. Request information on financial aid and the availability of school scholarships, for every cent you can receive counts.

Second, schedule a visit if the school is nearby to gain a taste of the college life firsthand. Once you have completely reviewed different colleges, narrow down your choices and make a list of about five colleges that interest you the most.

After deciding on colleges, it is time to begin the application process. Check when the deadlines are and send in your application as soon as possible. It is a good idea to send letters of recommendation with your application even if they are not required. If an essay is required, make it interesting; reveal a part of yourself that is unique.

Next, set up an interview with the school to better acquaint yourself with it, and it with you. After you have completed these processes, all you can do is wait to find out where you have been accepted and then choose.

Each year of high school is an important step in planning for the years to come. Right now, you have the opportunity and potential to be anything you desire. Your future is in your hands, so don't procrastinate; start preparing for the following years of your life now!



Thumbs Up Thumbs Down



Thumbs up

... to all the students who made the honor role and the honor guild. It's great to see that so many students are concerned with their school work and behavior. For the first time, WHS had to split the honor breakfast into two separate days because of the approximately 700 students who have met the requirements for such recognition. Keep up the good work; let's see if we can make them order more donuts for the next honor breakfast.

... to the introduction of a basketball jamboree for both boys and girls. This gives everyone the opportunity to evaluate the different school teams and get an early glance at each school's ability for the 1993-94 basketball season. Good luck to both teams; show those Panther skills.

... the faculty and staff who contributed so much of their time and effort towards implementing an honor guild. Once again, WHS is an innovative and educational leader among area high schools.

... to Mrs. Janet Buda for her help on our school calendar. It is greatly appreciated, and we're looking forward to seeing the calendars soon.

... to the sports banquet. All athletes and coaches deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication. It is rewarding to be able to share all of our accomplishments in our various sports programs with our friends and family over dinner. Also, congratulations to those who received the MVP, sportsmanship, or Kiwanis Award.

... to the school assembly Nov. 12. The assembly brought to our attention the important effects that self-esteem and prejudice have on people, with a comical touch.

Thumbs down

... to the rude attitudes and pushing in the halls, AGAIN! Is it possible that the student body could become any more obnoxious? The lack of respect and just common courtesy is overwhelmingly prevalent in many students. Maybe we should apply the honor guild to behavior in the hallways; but then almost no one would make it, would they.

... to those students who expect teachers to have a supply of Puffs Plus on their desk at everyone's disposal. If you have a cold, carry your own Kleenex, or don't be mad if all the teacher has is a box of Cost Cutter tissue. If it's that bad, use your sleeve.

... to the requirements for the honor guild. The honor guild's purposes are good, but does it really mean anything if almost everyone in the school can make it? If it were harder to attain, it might be appreciated more. Maybe, out-of-classroom behavior or attendance should be included in the guidelines to make it more effective.

... to the elimination of humanity, drama, etymology, etc. classes.

Panther leaps to su

by Stacey and Stephanie Kaufman
Feature Editors

*Washington High School hats off to thee,
To our colors true we shall ever be,
Firm and strong united are we,
Rah-Rah-Rah-Rah. . .*

This is the song that Panthers chant throughout WHS's history. One leprechaun still holds it close to his heart.

Andrew Budzinski is a member of the Class of 1991. He recently embarked upon a bright future under the Golden Dome. He is a junior at Notre Dame and is majoring in telecommunications. Budzinski values the impact WHS had on him.

He participated in drama club, choir, and National Honor Society. He was a two-year president for choir and the vice president of the drama club one year. He was also an athletic trainer for three years. Senior year he was awarded the choir and drama award.

Budzinski thinks that it is very important to be involved in extracurricular activities. "I'd like to see the students get more involved. Going to classes is obviously important because that's where you earn your grades and everything, but 80 percent of what you learn takes place outside of the classroom. It would be nice to see students get involved in as much as they can."

He thinks that student involvement in activities has really declined since he was in school. "If every single student would just participate in one activity, whether it be athletic teams, band, drama club, or NHS, it would make WHS the best school in the corporation."

Budzinski is not only known as a former student of WHS, but now most

recognize him as the leprechaun cheering wholeheartedly on the sidelines of every Notre Dame game. He said the requirements for trying out as the leprechaun were that they had to be under 5'9" and had to be able to grow the beard.

The tryouts also consisted of an interview, and an Irish jig that was taught and then performed in front of a crowd. They had to make up their own dance to the same Irish jig, and then they were given a "game situation" where they pull a situation out of a hat. They had 30 seconds to think about it. Then they had three to five minutes to show how they would react to it in front of approximately 300 people who come to watch the tryouts every year.

Budzinski's situation was that a Penn state fan is yelling at you and trashing Notre Dame-what do you do and say?

He commented that 12 others tried out which was the most that had in a long time. Only three tried

out last year. He also said that he wasn't that nervous for the tryouts because he felt prepared. He was nervous, though, for the first pep assembly. "Once I got out there and said a few things and the crowd started cheering, then it was just fine."

"I don't think it would have been possible at all to be the leprechaun had I not been involved in the drama club."

Being involved with drama gave him the opportunity to get up in front of an audience. Budzinski said that being involved with any group in school teaches

social and communication skills. "Communicating with people is one of the most important skills you can have."

Budzinski remembered football games as his fondest memories at WHS. He played football his freshman year before becoming the trainer for the team. He remarked that the most memorable day of his entire four years at WHS was the game where they played Penn, and they were beating them until the last minute of



Notre Dame leprechaun, Andrew Budzinski, Irish football team.

the game. "There was tremendous school support at the time, and practically the whole school came out to watch the team play that day."

Penn won by one point, and then the lights went out. He also enjoyed the Friday tradition after every football game when everyone would go to Burger King.

Budzinski commented that when he attended WHS, the school support for athletic teams, academic teams, and everything in general seemed to be at its

"THE PEOPLE AT WASHINGTON REALLY CHANGED MY LIFE."

-ANDREW BUDZINSKI

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peak.
Budzinski said that football coach Scott Bovenkerk was the teacher who influenced him the most. Before he came to WHS, he wasn't very goal oriented, and he wasn't sure what he wanted to do in life. Even though he had "Bov" in health class, Budzinski said that most of what he learned from Bov came from outside of the class. He taught him about setting goals for himself and achieving those goals. A quote

changed my life."

He recalled many people telling him that he should go to St. Joseph's High School if he wanted to get into Notre Dame, because they could prepare him better. "That's a bunch of bologna! If you're dedicated enough and if you work hard enough, it won't matter what school you go to. It all depends on what you're willing to do and how much work you're willing to take on."

He said that the English department at WHS is "superb." He has never had a problem writing a paper at Notre Dame, and he usually gets a pretty decent grade on them.

It is evident that WHS provided Budzinski with many memorable and beneficial experiences. Notre Dame has offered many experiences as well. Everywhere the football team goes, Budzinski, with his Irish cheering squad, follows right along. He said that the best experiences are meeting the "fascinating" people.

He enjoys meeting cheerleaders from other schools. At a Michigan game, he met Spike Lee; at a Stanford game, he met "Norm" from *Cheers*. He has also had the chance to meet various former coaches and Heisman trophy winners from Notre Dame. "I grew up watching them play and idolizing Notre Dame, so for me it's really a thrill to get to meet these different people."

Budzinski thinks that to most of the students there he's "just another student who happens to get to do this on Saturdays," but he also said that people will stop him and ask him for his autograph on occasion. "I like it a lot; I like the attention; and signing autographs is fun," admitted

Budzinski with a shy laugh.

Through all of the attention, Budzinski hasn't forgotten what WHS has done for him. In order for the students

now to benefit from WHS in the same way he has, he left a bit of advice: "I would tell the students as far as their academics and classes are concerned to work their heads off, because your four years in high school are the most important years of your life. They will determine where you go to college. And how you do in college is going to determine what

you do with the rest of your life. You've got to work hard!" ■



Andrew Budzinski has ND spirit even outside of his leprechaun costume.

photo by Stacey Kaufman

photo by Rich Clarkson-Sports Illustrated



... gets a lift from cheering on the

from Bov that Budzinski still reflects on to this day is "Today I gave everything I had, and what I've kept I've lost forever."

Budzinski explained that every day of your life you have to give everything you have; if you don't, that day is gone and you can't go back to give anymore.

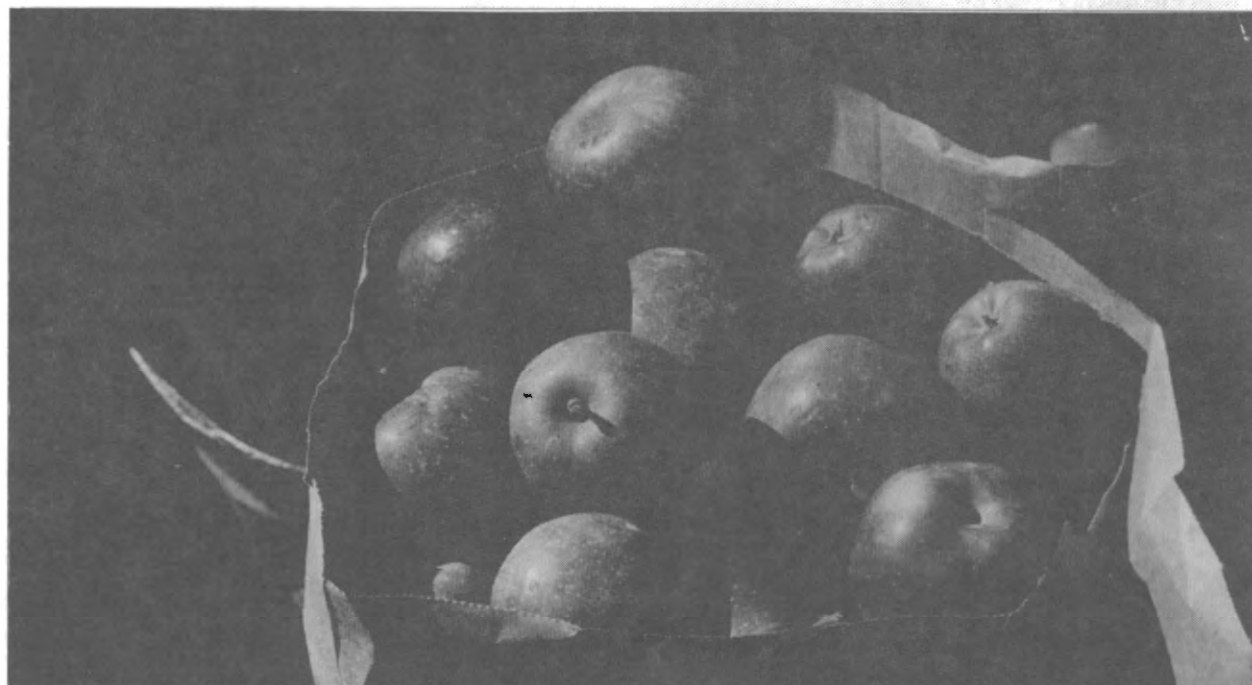
"Setting goals for yourself is one of the most important things you need to do in your life. If you don't have goals for yourself, you won't go anywhere."

"The people at Washington really

*Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame,
Wake up the echoes cheering her name,
Send a volley cheer on high,
Shake down the thunder from the sky,
What thou the odds be great or small-ole Notre Dame will win over all,
While her loyal sons go marching onward to victory.*

Panther Pics

by Ms. Miller's photography class



Gyllne Delikata (Golden Delicious)

by senior Victoria Nilsson



Butterfly in Hand

by junior Lacie Napier

Basketball coach brings experience to team

by Mike Whitlock
Sports Writer

Basketball coach Milt Cooper began his preparation for this season last year. He has been coaching for 13 years, and he is ready for the challenge of Panther varsity coaching.

After watching films from last year's games, Cooper had mixed emotions. He was impressed by the talent on the team. Seniors Shawn Lee and Brian Outlaw's ability to shoot from the outside left a mark on the new coach. Cooper was also impressed by senior Kodell Jackson's inside game, and sophomore Matt Wood's ability to run the offense from the point-guard position.

On the other hand, Cooper was unhappy with the lack of heart. He felt this was the reason for the lack of hustle and the inability to get back on defense. One of his personal goals was to instill positive mental attitude in the basketball program.

Cooper, a big believer in the mental game replied, "Once Napoleon said that mental is to physical as four is to one."

WHS lost only two seniors, Dennis Williams and Damion Grimes. Returning starters include seniors Jackson, Lee, Outlaw, Craig Lauver, and Rickey Ward.

Because the Panthers are not big, quickness could be the decisive factor.

A running offense should be expected because of the lack of height. Lauver and Wood will run the offense, while Outlaw and Lee can light it up from the outside.

Since the Panthers will greatly depend on the fast-break offense, the inside game won't be a major factor. Jackson and Ward, however, can provide the inside punch, while senior Jim Wiskotoni adds a tough mentality and winning spirit to the team.



Photo by Eric Bastine

Giving his all for the team, junior Mike Whitlock attempts to take a charge on senior Rickey Ward.

WHS was also blessed when senior Diablio Pates transferred from Clay. Pates can create major offense from the inside and

outside, while also proving to be a great asset on the boards.

Jackson, happy with the new offense, said, "I'm excited about our new offense because it is an up-tempo, UNLV-style offense that creates easy buckets."

WHS faced many setbacks even before the season began. The first blow came when the Panthers lost a promising young star to academic ineligibility. Sophomore sensation Chris Parchman is also out for the season following knee surgery. He was already questionable because he may go to live with his mother in Germany. Hopefully, the dice will roll the Panthers' way.

The Panthers' quickness will also be a major asset on defense. Trapping, pressing, and aggressive defense will factor into the Panthers' success.

Other varsity players include seniors Rod Martin, Jon Calbetzor, and juniors Mike Makowski, Mike Whitlock, Mike Phillips, and Damon Peak.

The varsity opened the season in the first ever Basketball Jamboree at Clay High School. The Panthers rallied to beat LaPorte 18-14, and lost in the second quarter to Clay 23-11. The other schools who participated were Adams, East Chicago, New Prairie, and Riley.

The JV will have a big task to overcome since they only have six players. Despite the lack of players, they have speed and size. JV's decisive factor for victory will be their aggressive play.

JV coach Mr. McCullough said, "Its going to be a tough year, but we are looking forward to having fun at game time." ■

Swimmers give all they've got

by Craig Langhofer
Sports Writer

Another grueling year for the boys' swim team has just begun in the natatorium. Last year's record of 9-5 was the best WHS has seen in over 20 years. With more hard work and determination, the team is looking forward to another great season.

For the past four years, the swim team has consistently bettered its record. With hard work and dedication, this year's team is hoping to continue the tradition.

Coach Reggie Glon, using his Marine experience, plans to put the swimmers through the most rigorous four months of training of their lives. They will need it after the loss of last year's seniors Jason Babbit, Chad Traxler, Lupe Ponce, Jeff Elick, Jason Elick, Victor Soria, Mario Soria, and Brandon Manzer.

The key returners, senior Craig Langhofer, juniors Jacob Matthews and Josh Cesavice, and sophomore



Photo by Eric Bastine

The swim team practices their starts trying to better their previous times.

Colin Nuner, know that the lack of experience on the team will be a deciding factor in upcoming meets.

"This team is young, but they are still very competitive," said Glon.

The lack of swimmers is definitely not a problem. With over 25

members, Glon is hoping that the increased number of men out for the team will create more team competition for positions, making everyone better.

The team spends every practice preparing to create the endur-

ance needed to win their individual events. Sometimes, after not swimming for a year, it feels like the endurance will never return.

"Building endurance is the hardest part. Every day of practice I feel like I want to barf my guts out. I go home tired, hungry, and smelling like chlorine. Some days I wonder why I let myself go through this, but there is nothing like finishing a race and knowing that all that work was worth it," commented Nuner.

All-around swimming ability, depth, and the training of returning swimmers to take the place of last year's seniors are Glon's aspirations for this year. "Despite our inexperience, we are still going to remain very competitive with other teams," said Glon. "If everybody does his part and swims his race, this year should prove to be very successful."

The team will have a month to prepare for their first meet. This should definitely prove to be a valuable asset. ■

Wrestlers look to cause mat burn

by Jason Whitmer
Sports Writer

The smell of must, the searing heat of the wrestling room, the pressure of losing and keeping weight off, the skin-tight uniforms, the battle cry of "blood, sweat, tears." Yes, fellow Panthers, the wrestling season is underway and a banner year is the forecast.

Last year's team surprised everyone as the squad pinned their way to a 14-7 dual meet record, a sectional championship, and a respectable finish in regionals. This year's team can be expected to repeat last year's achievements and perhaps use their skills to cause mat burn down state.



After getting senior Rod Forrester to the mat, sophomore Tim Dyszkiewicz attempts to pin him.

The team returns with the loss of a few key members. Although they had only one senior, the grapplers lost Wesley Van Bruane (sectional champ last year) because he moved, and a lot of other guys have developed Michael Jordan syndrome and decided to hang up the tights.

The loss of their presence could prove fatal if the Panthers don't receive reinforcements quickly. Before their retirements the team seemed solid as a rock; now the lineup will have to be altered somewhat, chipping the hard enamel and weakening the force.

Coach Evans commented on the drastic situation: "I can't understand why anyone who was practically handed a varsity spot could just walk away from it. But sometimes you have to do what you have to do; I'm really going to miss those guys, though, and I'm awfully sure the team wishes they were back,

too."

On the lighter side, the Panthers possess three individuals who are ranked in the state. Senior Carl Levy is ranked #10, senior Adrian Velez is ranked #10, and Knute Orange is ranked #3. Last year Orange made the coveted trip to Indianapolis to participate in the state finals. All three were sectional champions, and all three will be looked upon to lead the team to the top.

As of now, Levy is out with an ankle injury sustained during the football season, but will be returning to the lineup soon. Other key members on the injured reserve are two-time regional qualifier junior Jeremy Johnston (knee), and returning letterman junior Jason Whitmer (muscle strain in rib cage area). Johnston

plans to be back in action in two to three weeks, and Whitmer hopes to be healthy by the first varsity match, Nov. 30, against John Glen.

Junior Matthew Huff commented on the many setbacks: "I think the injuries and lost per-

sonnel could hurt us in the beginning, but blood, sweat, and tears is what it is all about. We've had our share of all three, and we came out on top before. It only leads me to believe we will again."

Look for strengths and surplus in the lower weights to compensate for the few dents in the Panther armor. Because of the experience of last year's sectional championship, the squad possesses a burning desire to win and will not accept defeat; look for them to be one of the area powerhouses. Teams to beat include Mishawaka, Penn, longtime rival Clay, and Elkhart Memorial.

WANTED: The wrestling team is in search of a few good men. Varsity and B-Team slots are wide open at 103, 112, 160, and 171 pounds. If you think you can hang with the big boys, come out and show us what you have. Anybody can talk, but only the tough survive. ■

Sports Profile

Ryan De Lee

Senior

Awards and Achievements—Bausch and Lomb Science Award, HOBY Representative, All-Academic football team ('92), South Bend Tribune Prep Profile ('93), Ranked in top 20 of class ('91-'94), WHO's WHO, Rotary Club ('93), Quill and Scroll Award ('93).

Age—17

Class Rank—1

Role Model—Mark Andrzejewski

Favorite Class—Sciences

Favorite Food—Pizza or Taco Bell

Favorite T.V. Show—Seinfeld

Favorite Book—All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Sports Played—Football, wrestling, soccer

Future Plans—Attend Stanford or North Carolina, play soccer, and major in sports medicine.

Clubs at WHS—Spell Bowl, Quiz Bowl, Academic Decathlon, National Honor Society, Latin Club

Greatest Accomplishment—"Standing on the football field in the first game of my junior year.

Playing first team defense was and still is the greatest feeling on earth."

Most Proud of—"My little brothers telling me one day that they want to be like me. It just made me feel good."

Most Embarrassing Moment—"Giving a birthday card to a girl I really liked my sophomore year, and having her say, "Thanks, Brian!" I was crushed."

Advice to Others—"Always do your best; don't sell yourself short."

Other Hobbies—"Reading, going out with my girlfriend."

His Summary of Football Team—

"What can I say? Those guys are the closest family I'll ever know. The locker room after the Hobart game was one of the most disappointing and emotional experiences of my life, but I can think of nowhere else I would have rather been. I'll really miss football, but not as much as I'll miss all of the guys." ■

Striving for a three-peat

by Kisha Perry
Sports Writer

Can the girls' basketball team win the sectionals for the third time in a row this year? Head coach Jack Disler certainly thinks they can. Starting the year out with hard practices five days a week, Coach Disler sees much more strength in this year's team.

Winning the holiday tournament, NIC, sectionals, regionals, semi-state, and the state championship while having the best season record, are all high goals that Disler plans to reach with his five starters back: senior captains Tasha Reed, Jodi Johns, and Erin Taylor, and juniors Zayed Henry and Melanie Whiteman.

Other varsity players include juniors Bridget Martin, Jill Cunningham, Liz Shearer, Charlena Vandevier, Kathy Borysiak, Resha Phillips, and freshman Nicole Drabecki who also plays JV.

Disler has coached 34 years, six of them at WHS. He thinks that this year's team is mature and has much better depth.

Because of a lack of height, Disler's strategy is based on re-

bouncing and blocking out. Full and half-court presses will be used to go along with the quickness of the team. These two presses are what won the sectionals last year with a record of 12-9. Planning to have the best record in the city, the varsity started off the year by winning both games in the jamboree against Adams and New Prairie.

Taylor, one of the top rebounding forwards on the team said "We should win many games if everyone plays 100 percent each game." Taylor also added that she keeps the team playing together by making everyone feel that they are needed.

Johns, a strong forward and center, plans to come back into the season strongly, despite a leg injury that caused her to miss most of last season. Her goals are to help the team win the regionals, and maybe even state. Johns said, "In order for the team to work together and be competitive as we have been in the past, we need to motivate ourselves and remember our goals."

Reed, a forward and guard said, "I plan to keep the team playing as a unit because team

work will take us all the way." Reed's advice to her team is, "Practice makes perfect, and we

and Nora Bueno, sophomores Kisha Perry, Brigitte Buda, Jamie Infalt, and Shana McCullough,



photo by Eric Basine

Striving for perfection, senior Tasha Reed attempts a shot against team mates freshman Cortney Litka and junior Charlena Vandevier.

didn't win two sectional championships in a row for nothing."

Also, Disler thinks that the B team coached by Jim Dembinski, and the freshmen team coached by Gordan Bethel should both have good seasons, despite health problems and a lack of players.

JV players include juniors Karyn Calbetzor, Monica Estrada,

and freshmen Cortney Litka, Annil Hamilton, Jenny Smith, and Nicole Drabecki.

Disler said, "Michigan City Elston, Mishawaka, and Elkhart Memorial will be our toughest opponents, but with the hard effort that is put into practice, the girls are going to have a successful season."

Panthers have mixed emotions of '93 season

by Greg Bovenkerk
Sports Writer

The 1993 football season proved to be a roller coaster of highs and lows. Although some players have mixed emotions about the '93 campaign, the team did improve from last year's season, and there was never a dull moment when the Panthers took the field.

The Panthers suffered their two most heartbreaking losses early in the year. First, to the (at one time #2 ranked) Munster Mustangs in double-overtime, and then in the fourth game of the year to (then undefeated) Michigan City Elston at the last second. Other losses came to Elkhart Central, Riley, Penn, and Hobart, who played in the state championships at Indianapolis over Thanksgiving.

The Panthers got big wins early in the season against Mishawaka and LaSalle. The team got back on the winning track with a victory over Elkhart Memorial. Then, in the first round of sectionals, WHS faced west-side rival LaSalle for the second time in the year. LaSalle jumped ahead of the Panthers

and took a surprising 21-6 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Panthers came out in the second half knowing that if they didn't get it going, they would be packing away their equipment much earlier than expected. The defense shut down the powerful LaSalle offense, while the offensive line of WHS took control when the Panthers had the ball. The Panthers came from behind to best the Lions again. The score was 22-21.

Hobart ended the Panther season in the Brickie Bowl for the third time in five seasons. The lone highlight was an 80-yard touchdown run by senior Rickey Ward. The final was 49-7.

When asked how he thought the season went, senior Carl Levy had mixed emotions. He said, "We didn't achieve all of the goals we set for ourselves at the beginning of the year, but we did do better than in years past." Levy had to miss the entire season with a dislocated ankle and a broken leg. He was greatly missed throughout the year. Not only was he a great

running back, but he also brought great character to the field with him every time he played.

Senior Brian Outlaw felt the same as Levy saying, "We could have done better, but we did do better than last year."

Throughout the year there were many great individual performances. This was shown in the All-Conference awards. The Panthers placed six players on the All-Conference team at eight different positions. They were: Ward—first team running back, honorable mention linebacker; Outlaw—first team wide receiver; senior Adam Lagodney—honorable mention defensive lineman; senior Rod Forester—honorable mention defensive end; senior Tate Lane—honorable mention offensive guard; sophomore Matt Wood—second team defensive back, honorable mention punter.

Coach Scott Bovenkerk said, "The seniors did a great job for us this year. Their leadership set quite an example for this year's juniors who will be seniors next year."

NBA preview

by Eric Bastine
Sports Writer

In the West we'll start with the Pacific Division. The Pacific, being the division with the most competition, is also the toughest to predict. The Seattle Supersonics surprised everyone last year when they came within one game of reaching the NBA Finals. This year, they just might do it. Their only problem will be that they won't be able to surprise anyone. That won't phase them in division play, as they battle with Phoenix down to the wire.

The Sonics have put together a great team based around Gary Payton and Ricky Pierce, and they are led by 24-year-old "veteran" Shawn Kemp. The addition of guard Kendal Gill, who was acquired from the 76ers for 34-year-old gunner Eddie Johnson and guard Dana Barros, will just add more depth to an already strong team. When they traded Derrick McKey to the Pacers for forward Detlef Schrempf, they could have almost solidified a trip to the NBA Finals. With this mix of talent and experience, Seattle could be the best all-around team in the game.

The Suns, on the other hand, lack depth. Even though they had an excellent season last year, the bench has thinned out, and the team and Charles Barkley's back are aging. The Suns will equal their outstanding win total from last year, but will be outshined by the Sonics for the division title. Inspirational leader Danny Ainge could be in his last year, and the loss of 1992 rookie phenom Richard Dumas to drug-related incidents only puts a dent in the Suns' bench. I'm not saying that Phoenix does not have talent or that they have no chance of winning the title, because they have both.

I am saying that, like every other NBA team, they have weaknesses. The Suns' and Supersonics' super seasons will produce a battle down to the final buzzer in the Pacific Division, with the youth of Seattle prevailing by one game.

Now, Portland, probably one of the most consistent teams in the league over the last five years, is now one of the most unpredictable. The Blazers have experience, athletic ability, and a strong nucleus of players, but the play-off luck has not been there. Eliminated by San Antonio last year and even after making the finals two out of the last five years, they were defeated in both attempts.

Portland is still one of three NBA teams to win 50 games in each of the last four seasons, including a 51-31 record last year. Forward Harvey Grant, who was acquired from the Washington Bullets via trade for center Kevin Duckworth, can bury the perimeter shot and will add a much needed scoring punch. Veterans Clyde Drexler, Terry Porter, Rod Strickland, and NBA Sixth Man award winner Cliff Robinson, all averaged over 13 points per game last year. It should be an interesting year for the Portland Trailblazers.

Getting the last play-off spot in the Pacific this year will be the mind-boggling Golden State Warriors. I say that because this team almost every year in the pre-season looks as if it will contend for maybe even an NBA title, but usually it is injuries that dampen the Warriors' hopes.

Once again this year, that is the case. For example, when All-Star guard Tim Hardaway went down in a freak knee accident, his season was over, and basically, so were the Warriors' chances at the NBA crown. Chris Mullin injured his hand and will be out of action for at least a month. Number-one draft pick Chris Webber had an appendec-

Pacific Division

Seattle	63-19	-
Phoenix	62-20	1
Portland	55-27	8
Golden St.	50-32	13
LA Clippers	48-34	15
LA Lakers	36-46	27
Sacramento	32-50	31

tomy and was out most of the preseason.

So as you can see, injuries have affected the Warriors and have probably kept them from the league's elite. They still have enough talent to win a decent number of games, but they will have to work as a team. Billy Owens is an impressive young star who works great in this scoring of-

Midwest Division

Houston	58-24	-
San Antonio	50-32	8
Utah	48-34	10
Denver	45-37	13
Dallas	32-50	26
Minnesota	22-60	36

fense. The Warriors just have too much talent, even without Hardaway, not to make the play-offs. They are an exciting team to watch and, even with all of their troubles, could surprise some people.

There is some competition out in Los Angeles. The Clippers surprised a lot of people when they made the play-offs last year. The Lakers, on the other hand, were not impressive at all as they squeaked into the post-season last year. The Magic is long gone for the Lakers, and they are left with a young team with little experience.

The Clippers, however, are a team on the rise. They are led by star forward Danny Manning, who averaged 22.8 points a game last season. Center Stanley Roberts is a budding All-Star who possesses great low-post moves. Guards Mark Jackson and Ron Harper complete a strong back court. Look for the Clippers to mature this

season and be back in the play-offs in '94.

The Lakers, meanwhile, need help. They will probably have their worst season in over 10 years. Sedale Threatt is the heart of the lineup. The team's three-point shooting leader, Anthony Peeler, is starting to improve his overall shot selection. Rookies George Lynch and Nick VanExel should provide some bench scoring, but plain and simple, this will not be the Lakers' year.

Last, but not least, is the Sacramento Kings. This could very well be the Kings' last year in the basement. Five of their players averaged over 14 points a game last year. Guard Mitch Richmond led the charge with a 21.9 average. They do lack an everyday center, therefore, power forward Waymon Tisdale is forced to play center when Coach Gary St. Jean goes with his small lineup. If Sacramento can find a center and a little bit of experience, they will definitely climb out of the cellar.

Now, finally, the Midwest Division, where the Houston Rockets will lead all season long. This is not a weak division; Houston is just a very good team. Period. Center Hakeem Olajuwon is a perfect foundation for a team to build around. At the beginning of last season, fellow center Shaquille O'Neal led a group of short-sighted young players to suggest that a new era of centers had begun. To that, Olajuwon and company went out and terrorized the NBA. Then there was no doubt that their domain was still intact.

Guards Vernon Maxwell and Kenny Smith each averaged 13 points per game last season. Throw in Olajuwon's 26.1 a game, and the Rockets won 55 games. The Rockets are a well-rounded team. This will be the year to see if they can stay among the league's elite, or if they fall back into the pack.

Coming in second behind Houston will be the San Antonio Spurs. They made a great move in the off-season by snagging Dennis Rodman for Sean Elliot and a no-name. Rodman and all-star center David Robinson will work well together, each snagging rebounds left and right. Guard Dale Ellis will aid Robinson in the scoring department, a place where the Rodman/Elliot trade has hurt the Spurs drastically. San Antonio does not have a star-studded team, but they can win basketball games. Keep an eye on them.

Now Utah is a star-studded team who seems unable to climb to that final step, that being a good showing in the play-offs, which the Jazz have not been able to do in the past. They have the best offensive combination in the NBA with league assist leader John Stockton dishing it out to power forward Karl Malone. Every time they take a trip down the court, you would think they would be untouchable, right? Wrong.

Unfortunately for the Jazz, this does not happen in the NBA. So they are left to try other things, and that is where they are hurting. Besides Jeff Malone and newly-acquired Tom Chambers, Stockton and Malone have basically no support whatsoever. Still, they find a way to win and that, in fact, has earned them third place in their division.

Now, Denver, a very young team hopes that the front court that they now possess will lead

them into the next century. That may sound extraordinary, but it could prove to be true. Center Dikembe Mutombo made an incredible impression two years ago as a rookie, and followed it up with a mediocre season last year. He still grabs rebounds, but the 7'-2" Zaire native will leave most of the scoring up to forward LaPhonso Ellis and rookie Rodney Rogers. Both of them can answer the demand. Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, formerly Chris Jackson, averaged a team high 19.2 points a game last season and should boost that to over 20 this year. The Nuggets, being young, will contend in a couple of years. They just need time.

Everyone knows the kind of year the Dallas Mavericks had last year, and most sports writers predicted them to do the same this season. So the Mavericks responded by making a decent move in the off-season. They picked possibly the best all-around player available in the draft, former Kentucky standout, Jamal Mashburn. He will be an immediate starter and impact player for the talentless Mavericks. Derrick Harper works well with Jimmy Jackson in the backcourt, and center Sean Rooks is starting to emerge as a complete player. With the productiveness they have added, there is no way that the Mavs cannot improve on the record they earned last year.

There's always that distinction—being the worst team in the NBA, a title that nobody wants to possess. But this year the torch will be passed to the Minnesota Timberwolves. They have talent, skill, and experience; they just can't put it all together. You know if a guy that nobody knows named Doug West leads the team in points scored, you are in trouble. Christian Laettner is a great player who is hurt by a poor supporting cast. Chuck Pearson, who was acquired in a trade with Indiana last year, was insignificant in his term with the Wolves. Maybe Minnesota will make some improvements soon; as of right now, the future does not look too good.

Now that we have gone through every division and every team, it's the time everyone's been waiting for—the play-offs.

First Round

New York over Washington, 3-0
Chicago over Indiana, 3-0
Charlotte over New Jersey, 3-2
Orlando over Cleveland, 3-2
Seattle over Denver, 3-0
Phoenix over Portland, 3-1
Houston over Golden State, 3-0
Portland over San Antonio, 3-2

Second Round

New York over Orlando, 4-1
Charlotte over Chicago, 4-3
Seattle over Portland, 4-1
Houston over Phoenix, 4-3

Conference Finals

New York over Charlotte, 4-2
Seattle over Houston, 4-3

NBA Finals

New York vs. Seattle

This will prove to be one of the better finals of the last few years. The Knicks will win the first game in Seattle. The Supersonics will then respond by winning the next two, to take a 2-1 lead in the series. New York will take a 3-2 lead back to Seattle to decide the NBA champion. Seattle wins the sixth game to tie the series and makes a dramatic fourth quarter comeback in game seven to win their first NBA title since 1977. "Youth and quickness prevail over power" will be the headline as the NBA season comes to a close. Who would have thought that after losing a star like Michael Jordan, the league would have such an exciting season. ■

College football '93

by **Jim Wiskotoni**
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The game of the year is over in college football. And once again the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame are standing alone atop the polls. After defeating previously ranked #1 Florida State, the Irish took the final step to the top.

The Irish entered the marquee match up ranked #2. Not many "experts" gave the Irish a chance to upset the Seminoles. Once again, however, the Irish prevailed, proving that you should never underestimate the Irish, or Lou Holtz.

Notre Dame went into the game as 6 1/2 point underdogs, Lou's favorite situation. Holtz has always thrived on the underdog role. The Seminoles strutted into Notre Dame Stadium with all the confidence in the world, but left with their heads hung low.

Now that Notre Dame has assumed the #1 ranking, and Florida State has fallen only to #2, the question is, is this just round one? At this point, Notre Dame would meet Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl for the National Championship.

All this comes from an Irish team that lost nine seniors to the NFL last year. At the beginning of the season, the Irish were supposed to have one of their weakest teams in years. Throughout the season the Irish have overcome the odds to prove that a group of no-name players are often better than the teams with the big-name stars.

At the beginning of the season, Notre Dame was ready to hand the starting quarterback position to freshman Ron Powlus. Unfortunately, Powlus went down with a broken collar bone and is out for the season. Holtz was forced to give senior Kevin McDougal the starting spot. All McDougal has done since then is lead the Irish to a 10-0-0 record and into position to win a national championship.

The running game was to be led by junior Lee Becton, a "decent" running back. All Becton has done is rush for 100 or more yards in his last five games and will look for 1000 total yards in the season finale against Boston College.

College football has been full of upsets all year. Teams that are usually mediocre have turned into powerhouses. Teams that are normally powerhouses have turned into mediocre teams. Virginia Tech has developed into a tough team, along with Kansas State. Michigan has gone from one of the best teams in the country to a .500 team.

In a recent upset, the LSU Tigers defeated the Alabama Crimson Tide, ending a 31-game streak without a loss for the Tide.

In a stunning defeat that turned tragic, Wisconsin upended Michigan. In the aftermath, the Wisconsin fans celebrated the victory and got out of control. As the students rushed the field, a restraining fence collapsed, causing injury to over 80 people. Students were trampled, as well as adults and children. Fortunately, no one was killed, and everyone is expected to fully recover from the injuries sustained in the incident.

Many were admitted to hospitals, and some stayed for three to four days. Fans must take into account the safety of others as they celebrate victories in the future. If this mayhem continues, fans will be restrained from the field by large fences and more security.

Big games are coming up at the end of the season. The rankings could change drastically in the next few weeks. Florida State still has games remaining with North Carolina State and Florida. An upset would cause a major

Top 25

1. Notre Dame (10-0-0)
2. Nebraska (10-0-0)
3. Florida State (9-1-0)
4. Miami (8-1-0)
5. Ohio State (9-0-1)
6. West Virginia (9-0-0)
7. Auburn (10-0-0)
8. Tennessee (7-1-1)
9. Texas A&M (8-1-0)
10. Florida (8-1-0)
11. Wisconsin (7-1-1)
12. Alabama (8-1-1)
13. Penn State (7-2-0)
14. UCLA (7-3-0)
15. Arizona (8-2-0)
16. North Carolina (9-2-0)
17. Oklahoma (8-2-0)
18. Indiana (7-3-0)
19. Virginia (7-3-0)
20. Boston College (7-2-0)
21. Colorado (6-3-1)
22. Wyoming (7-2-0)
23. Kansas State (7-2-1)
24. Southern Cal (7-4-0)
25. Washington (6-4-0)

shake-up in the rankings. Florida will pose a big challenge for the Seminoles. Any time you have to play the Gators in the proverbial "swamp," you are in for a fight. The "swamp" is the nickname given to the Gator's homefield, where they are one of the best teams in the country.

Watch for an upset in the future, namely in the Miami/West Virginia game. The Mountaineers are a lot better than people think, and they will definitely be ready to play the Hurricanes.

The bowl situation is clearing up. Louisville has already signed to play in the Liberty Bowl. Nebraska has already clinched a berth in the Orange Bowl. Ohio State can win the rights to play in the Rose Bowl with a win against Michigan. The winner of the USC/UCLA game will also play in the Rose Bowl.

Note: All records and rankings are as of the week Nov. 14-20. ■

PASSING TIME

Do you agree with President Clinton's NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) plan?



"Yes. It will bring more imported products to the United States."

-Freshman
Josh Kaser



"No. A lot of people in the United States could lose their jobs, and this causes more people to be on welfare."

-Sophomore
Sherry Samueles



"No. It takes jobs away from the American people."

-Junior
Greg Kroi



"Yes. The long-term effects will produce more jobs, and more money for the economy."

-Senior
Mindy Snedaker

Entertainment Scene Irish vs. Seminoles

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Have you seen *Rudy*? If you haven't, it will see weird because of the familiar sights and references to South Bend. Rudy has made our city well-known throughout the country. Also, you will probably know some of the people shown in a few scenes. Sophomore Connie Wroblewski, for instance, is now a movie star.

This movie is based on the true story of Daniel E.

"Rudy" Ruttiger. Rudy's dream was to go to Notre Dame and play on the football team. No one believed in him—no one except his best friend. Eventually, his dream comes true; but if you want to know the rest of the story, you've got to go see it yourself.

Right now *Rudy* is only #5 on the movie charts, so go support Notre Dame and South Bend.

When people say dreams never come true, tell them to go see *Rudy*.

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How many of you N.D. fans saw what was called, *The Battle of the Century*, the Seminoles vs. the Irish, #1 vs. #2? If the movie *Rudy* isn't enough, the victory on Nov. 13 (31 to 24, Notre Dame) made South Bend well-known. But humble Lou Holtz clearly stated that this doesn't mean that Notre Dame is the better of the two, just that they were the best

team in the stadium.

Florida State's coach Bobby Bowden said that he "warned" his team about the tradition of Notre Dame. I guess #1 couldn't even overcome it.

Holtz replied that the Seminoles were and are an outstanding team, but he kept telling the Irish that they have to want it from within to make it. And you know what they say—the best never rest; Notre Dame didn't. So what does that make us? #1

DIMENSION X by Mark Sniadecki



Pleased by results of the green binder promotion, the administration's next move was to give each student a live panther.

