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* HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

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* NO SCHOOL for students
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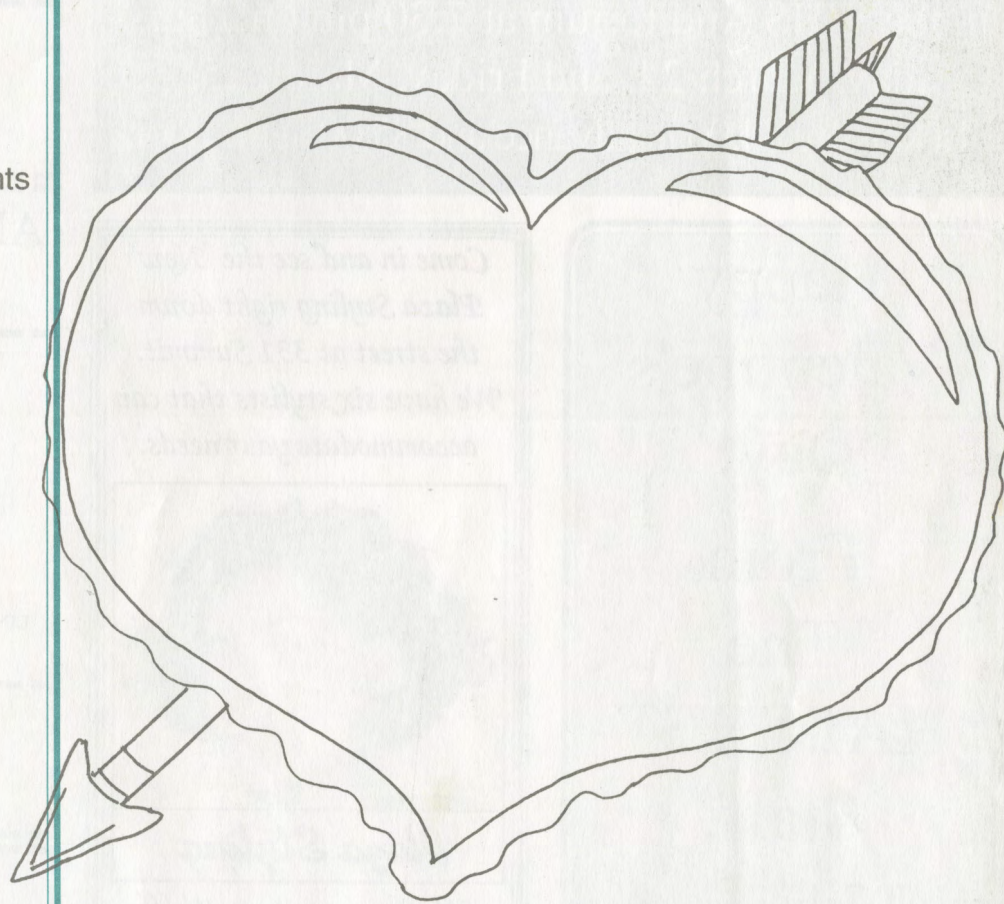
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I hate going through the hallways. There are always students standing in the halls so you can't get through. Then if you accidentally touch them when you are trying to get through, they hit you, shove you, or scream in your ear.

If you are late it is their fault, but we get in trouble for it. I've been lucky that I haven't been late so far.

Also, the only good thing about the green binders are that you get extra credit for carrying them to class, otherwise, they are useless. They are so big that you can't carry your books with them. I hope that we don't have to carry the binders around all four years.

Freshman
Todd Szucs

Dear Editor,

I am writing a complaint pertaining to the lunch period. I feel that the lunch hours are not long enough. You could spend up to thirty minutes waiting in line at some restaurants; especially for people who walk to lunch. I think the number of lunch periods needs to be increased, or the amount of time.

Freshman
Todd Bella

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The HATCHET is a monthly newspaper written and designed by the publications staff at Washington High School. It is a school news magazine which upholds all the ideas and ideals of the First Amendment to The Constitution of the United States of America, freedom of the press.

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Hamilton, two times a winner

By Jessica Wamser and Kim Jozwiak
News Editor and Staff Writer

Every year within each school, faculty members nominate teachers for their teacher of the year. The votes were narrowed down to the three teachers with the most votes. Out of those three, one teacher was nominated. All teachers should be commended for their academic involvement, but art teacher Mrs. Ann Hamilton has been selected teacher of the year for the 1993-1994 school year.

"I am honored to have been selected by the people with whom I work," commented Hamilton.

Most teachers only have one opportunity to become teacher of the year, but Hamilton was



Mrs. Ann Hamilton

selected at Edison, also.

Sophomore Greg Szymarek said, "I think Mrs. Hamilton deserves to be awarded teacher of the year because she teaches art

well."

Hamilton didn't always want to be a teacher, but she has always enjoyed art. During her sophomore year at Indiana University in Bloomington is when she was pushed to be a teacher: "My dad made me get a teacher's license because he thought that would be the only way to assure me of a job," laughed Hamilton.

She still was unsure if teaching would be the right path for her to follow, but when she graduated, she was offered a job. "It really worked out for me, and I have never wanted to change careers," she said.

Ever since she was a child, she has enjoyed art. She majored in art, and thought she was going to become a commercial artist. She has done some commercial art work for companies, but didn't find it as gratifying as teaching.

Hamilton has taught at many other schools before coming to WHS. Lincoln Elementary was where she taught first. Clay, Adams, Edison, and Riley were the other schools. This is her fifth year at WHS.

Throughout her years of teaching, she has taken classes at Notre Dame and the University of Michigan. She has learned many kinds of art including fibers and how to make furniture out of twigs.

In her spare time, she does her own art work. She has a 22

foot-long piece of art work hanging in Teacher's Credit Union in downtown South Bend. It is 10

"IN THE ART WORLD, THERE ARE NEW PROCESSES COMING OUT, AND I TRY KEEPING UP WITH THEM," ADMITTED HAMILTON.

panels of hand-dyed collaged leather.

During her 33 years of teaching, she has changed her teaching methods, but not decidedly. "In the art world, there are new processes coming out, and I try keeping up with them," admitted Hamilton.

Hamilton finds pleasure in teaching art. Not only do students learn from her, but she also learns from them: "Sometimes they think of things that I never would have thought of before."

For her, the toughest part of teaching is getting her students to understand that what she teaches is just an experience for them to collect. "When they leave my classroom, I want them to take away something new," said Hamilton.

Hamilton doesn't see herself retiring in the near future, but plans to do her own art work. "I'd like to continue teaching, but as I get older, I'd like to have shorter loads—half-days," said Hamilton. ■

Babies and mothers find new home at Washington

By Kim Jozwiak and Jessica Wamser
Staff Writer and News Editor

Last year the Vocational Child Care (V.C.C.) program was housed in the portable behind Lafayette Elementary School, but the state would only allow the program to use the portable temporarily, until room was available in WHS. The state required that Lafayette only have a portable for a certain number of years, which was exceeded. The state, too, mandated that the students and babies relocate in the high school in order to become a part of the school.



Last fall, Mrs. Karen Olson and her students invited faculty and staff to see their new "home." They even had refreshments.

The kids now have a playground to experience outdoor fun with their moms. The funds for the playground came from the same federal grant that provided for the Child Care. The equipment includes swings, a slide, and a sandbox.

"The federal government spent more than \$25 billion in 1990 on families begun by teens," (Healthy Babies Project).

Schools were accorded the V.C.C. program by the number of pregnancies in the various zip code areas. LaSalle was the first high school to have a V.C.C. WHS is the second school to have the program. Plans are being made for these programs in other schools. WHS applied for funds from the federal government in order to provide hands-on experience for students who are interested in child care as a career.

Mrs. Karen Olson is the teacher in charge of the program. Olson is with the babies all day while students are only in the classroom for three hours of the day. Students have a choice of the first three hours and lunch, or lunch and the last three hours. These three hours are part of the regular school day and include English and government.

All students involved are able to earn three credits. But the program is just like any other class. Students take tests and have homework, too. Areas of study include discipline, health, nutrition, safety, and play as related to the child. A normal day for students in the class consists of playing with the children, cleaning up after them, and planning learning activities for them that enhance the child's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development. I enjoy being able to play with the children and teach them different things," admitted senior mother Brenda Brantley.

Eleven babies and thirteen students are currently in the program. Babies must be at least two months old, and students must be juniors or seniors. In order to have a child involved in this program, he/she must take it as a class. Two of the students aren't parents, but are interested in learning good child-care skills that will be helpful in the future.

Among those students is senior Albert Smith. He wanted to be involved in the program to be different. Being the oldest of seven children gave him the experience he needed for being a positive male role model. "I do everything a mom does, but in a fatherly way," explained Smith.

One of the benefits from the program to the school as a whole is the presence of a full-time nurse. South Bend schools pay a portion of the nurse's salary, and the program's grant pays the rest. The nurse spends time with the babies in the morning and at lunch time also. A need for a full-time nurse was for the children's safety.

Other benefits for the V.C.C. students are the ability to hear morning announcements and warm lunches. Before, the students had little idea of what was happening inside the school. Sophomore Jill Wall said of the inclusion: "I think it is great because the students can still come to school activities." Also, students' lunches were cold because they were brought to the portable from the cafeteria. But above all, the students now feel they are part of WHS.

"I feel the V.C.C. gives them an opportunity to come to school, and they won't have to worry about their babies: it also gives them an opportunity to learn to take care of children in the proper way," said senior Pedro Gutierrez.

The program is beneficial to the babies because it provides a positive learning environment that includes toys, equipment, guidance and the ability to associate with other children.

Three-fourths of teen moms 17 and under don't finish school. "If I didn't have the V.C.C. program, I wouldn't be able to finish high school," confessed senior Johnnie Moorner. ■



Kelly Wyant

FACE-OFF

The Issue: T.V. Violence

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.



Kim Starzynski

- FACT: By age 18 a youngster will have seen 200,000 acts of violence on TV, including 40,000 murders. (U.S. News and World Report, August 2, 1993)
- FACT: Kids aged 2 to 5 watch TV approximately 25 hours a week, 5- to 11-year-olds are in front of the TV more than 22 hours a week and those 12 to 17 are entertained by the TV for 23 hours a week. (Jet)
- FACT: In a poll by Parents magazine, programming was judged by subscribers as: 3 Percent excellent; 23% good; 46% fair; 16% poor; 9% terrible. (Parents, April, 1990)
- FACT: Cartoons such as the Bugs Bunny and Tweety Show air an average of 49 acts of violence per hour. (U.S. News and World Report, June 13, 1988)

Censoring our lives

The substance of American television has been drastically declining in the last few years. More and more television stations are airing violent and explicit programs. How can we make our children immune to the harsh "realities" of Television Land?

Normally, networks hire many censors who review shows before they are aired. Unfortunately, due to cost cutting, the number of censors has been greatly reduced. During the 1970's the number of analysts was reduced from 75 to 80 per network to 35 to 40 in 1988 at ABC and fewer than 30 each at CBS and NBC. (*Time*, Dec. 12, 1988)

With very few lookouts to watch what goes on TV, the responsibility of monitoring what is watched on the television is shifted to the parents at home. Many children think that it doesn't matter what their parents say they can or cannot watch on television, because they can always go to a friend's house to view the programs they want.

According to Mark Hooper, the video manager of a Sound Warehouse outlet in Memphis, "It's really the parents' job to police what their kids watch." (*Time*, June 1, 1987)

Parents have to worry about job security, managing money, providing shelter and an education for their children. With all of these tasks, parents have no time for monitoring what their kids are watching.

Television shows that have an abundance of violence tend to make people who watch them act more aggressively. This is especially true in the case of children. When young children watch TV, they are greatly impressed and influenced by the characters on the programs.

Many children have mutated turtles, who use vicious looking knives and swords to ward off the bad guys, as heroes. Still others have a rabbit who can fool a man into looking down the barrel of a shot-gun and surviving the blast with the only visible effects being two black eyes.

What are these antics teaching our children? It is no wonder that many adolescents feel "fire is cool" and then attempt to burn down the house. They have been fed violent acts via the television since the time they could walk. Sure cartoons are funny, but sometimes they can go a little too far.

Picture it. A lazy Saturday morning, the rain is beating harshly on the roof. The sun seems a million miles away and the child knows that there is no hope of playing outside today. He wanders aimlessly throughout the house, and finds nothing that captures his interest except the big screen TV in the family room.

He looks around insuring that he is alone in the house. Yes, it is just as he thought. Mom and Dad are at work and there is no one to spoil his morning vigil in front of the TV.

He sees a program that he absolutely enjoys, and it becomes habitual to watch it every Saturday. The show features mutant space travelers who shoot at other life forms with laser rays. Every few weeks he spies a new show that sparks his interest and adds another to his collection of space invader favorites.

Time passes and the boy grows into a man. Television has become addictive. His children are ignored and feel the brunt of his anger when he spends many hours in front of the TV absorbing all of the violence it has to offer. All because his parents were trying to make money so that he could have a better life, because networks didn't think that correcting the amount of violence of TV was a prime concern.

For those parents concerned about the amount of violence on television, disgusted by the lack of censors and the time the kids spend in front of the TV, they can take matters into their own hands by setting time limits for the amount of TV their kids watch.

Also, for that pesky little problem of too much violence, technology has come a long way. The Time Slot systems that give each member a certain amount of time to watch TV before it switches off when the time is up. These cost \$129.95. For information call (800) 845-5911. ■

Outcry on the airwaves

By age 18, a child will have seen 200,000 acts of violence on television, including 40,000 murders. Parents need to protect their children from such violence, realize the influence these shows may have on children, and begin to take action against them. Television can have great impact on children. For instance in the 1950's when shows such as *Donna Reed* and *I Love Lucy* were popular, school problems in school were chewing gum, running in the halls, cutting in line, and littering. By 1993, when shows such as *NYPD Blue* and *In the Heat of the Night* were popular, school problems included suicide, assault, drug and alcohol abuse, and pregnancy.

Thirty years ago, researchers exposed two groups of boys to different amounts of TV violence. One group, who watched large amounts of violence, became more aggressive. The other group, who watched a small amount of violence, showed no attitude change. Thirty years later, the researchers brought the young men back, now fathers, and studied their arrest records.

They found that the group exposed to larger amounts of violence had been convicted of more serious crimes and were more aggressive under the influence of alcohol. The same group often used violence to punish their children. Their children also preferred more violent programming.

Too many children think that real-life situations can be solved in a half an hour to an hour. For other children, however, the problems can run much deeper. Some can watch a violent TV show, and accumulate anger that will erupt unexpectedly.

In July of 1993, the Federal Communications Commission finally recognized the problems that violence can bring. They have devised a warning system to alert parents as to what their children may be viewing.

Congress has also made an attempt to control the amount of violence a child watches. They have threatened television stations with warning label standards (*U.S. News and World Report*, July 12, 1993)

Of course, if the child is watching TV alone, the warning will go unheeded. Parents need to pay more attention to what is invading their child's mind. If the parent cannot be at the television set at all times (most parents do not), Congress has created a law that requires all new television sets to be equipped with a feature that allows parents to block out certain shows (*U.S. News and World Report*, July 12, 1993)

Black boxes are devices that can be added to television sets to block unwanted shows. The television set is plugged into the black box. The child may think that he can just unplug the television from the device, but the plug is automatically padlocked into the black box.

Black boxes allow the parent to allot a certain amount of viewing time, and block certain time slots. Two brands of black boxes, Supervision and TV Allowance, use passwords. Children can only turn on the TV by punching in their password on a keypad.

Another black box is called TimeSlot. This program works with a plastic card which the viewer slides through the box. After the time allotted to a certain card is used, the card will no longer turn on the TV (*U.S. News and World Report*, Sept. 20, 1993)

Violence will probably never be removed from TV, but children can be protected from it if their parents are willing to go through some inconvenience. No one should allow the future of America to be jeopardized by the television stations race for good ratings. ■

Washington High School T.V. Violence Poll

1. Do you think that violence warnings before television programs would effectively stop people from watching them?
YES 11% NO 78% UNSURE 11%
2. Do you think that cartoons are too violent for children to watch?
YES 17% NO 64% UNSURE 19%
3. Do you think that music videos are full of too much violence?
YES 24% NO 54% UNSURE 22%
4. Do you think that the violence on television influences people in their everyday lives?
YES 35% NO 39% UNSURE 26%
5. Do you think people spend too much time watching television?
YES 60% NO 23% UNSURE 17%

Pro-choice or Pro-murder?

Saturday, Jan. 22, marked the 21st anniversary of the controversial decision made in *Roe vs. Wade*. In this 1973 case, the Supreme Court legalized abortion nationwide.

Editorial

The legalization of abortion changed many state laws that previously made abortions illegal, such as in Indiana.

With the legalization of abortion came controversy. Protests and marches by pro-life activists have continued to demonstrate their adamant opposition to the Supreme Court decision. The pro-lifers argue that it is the unborn child's right to have a chance to live. In opposition, the pro-choice activists believe that the mother has the right to decide upon the fate of her child.

Whether pro-life or pro-choice, the facts still remain the same; abortion is murder, and it is legal. Just because *Roe vs. Wade* made abortion legal, does that mean it's right? Unborn children should not be allowed to be victimized by the law.

The only situation in which the mother should have a choice upon aborting a child is if the child was conceived as a result of rape or incest, or it threatens the mother's psychological or physical health.

True, a mother should have control over her own body, but once she is pregnant it isn't just her body anymore, it is another life. An unborn fetus is just as alive as anyone else, and with that life comes rights. An unborn child has the unalienable rights of liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and of life. The mother shouldn't have the right to take away that life and terminate an unborn child before it was ever given a chance to live.

As responsible citizens of the United States, each person is held

accountable for his actions. By becoming pregnant, the mother has an obligation to the unborn child to nurture it and give it birth. A mother must accept the consequences of her actions, including unplanned pregnancy. By having an abortion, the mother is running away from her problems by killing an innocent baby.

If the mother does not want the child, another option exists, adoption. Many husbands and wives, who are unable to have children, are eager to adopt a child to make their family complete. Instead of aborting the unborn child, a mother should give it up for adoption and give life to a new family.

With abortion clinics so readily available, women may decide to have an abortion without clearly thinking it through. By aborting their baby so early, they may live to regret killing what could have been the most important thing in their life.

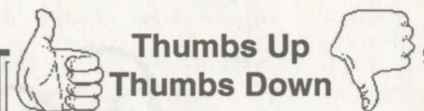
To combat this problem, the Supreme Court upheld in *Planned Parenthood vs. Casey* that a woman should receive counseling by her doctor about the alternatives to abortion, followed by a 24-hour waiting period.

Also, this Supreme Court case upheld that minors must notify their parents before having an abortion, and that doctors must keep records of the abortions they perform.

Even though the *Casey* decision rejected a proposed regulation to notify the spouse before having an abortion, it was still a step in the right direction.

Abortion is a delicate subject that needs to be readdressed. According to Tom Glessner, executive director of the Christian Action Counsel, 4,400 babies are aborted each day.

We must fight to stop this statistic from growing by confronting the issue and making changes before more innocent babies are killed. Listen to the unborn child and give him the right to live. ■



Thumbs up

... to the end of the semester. Time flies by when you're having fun, right seniors? Only one more semester left, so make it your best. Try to avoid the deadly disease of senioritis. You've made it this far; don't give up now.

... to the winter sports athletes and the undying school spirit. Thanks to the "basketball heads," cheerleaders, and other supportive fans for acting so crazy. You make the games fun, encourage the basketball team, and intimidate the opponent by your great show of school spirit.

... to the mock election that took place in Mrs. Constance Green's government classes and throughout the school. This project showed students how a real campaign and election are held. By running for election, campaigning, registering to vote, and voting, students gained a better understanding of the voting and electoral process that they may participate in once they reach 18 years of age.

... to the cold winter weather. Put on a pair of thermal underwear, grab your skis, ice skates, or inner tubes, and take advantage of this frightful, but wonderful weather.

... to the two days that we were relieved from school. It's a shame that we weren't able to take advantage of our two-day break, however. With freezing, sub-zero temperatures, all a student could do was stay at home and keep warm.

... to the one-minute warning bell. Now students have an idea of how much time they have to get to class. This prevents students from having to go to lockout or deciding to skip class. But, did you ever notice how some students are not used to this new policy? As soon as the bell rings, you can see at least 10 people take off who thought that it was the real bell. Maybe in a month from now, everyone will figure out this new procedure.

Thumbs down

... to the cold rooms and hallways. Sometimes it feels as if it must be warmer outside. How are students supposed to learn, and teachers to teach, if they can't keep their teeth from chattering? It would be amazing if some warm air escaped from the furnace once in awhile.

... to the parking in the parking lot, again. The parking is creatively designed, but annoying. It's great that so many students can create their own spot; who cares if you triple park someone or block an aisle.

... to the school's imposed dress code. No hats at school functions? Why? Prohibiting students from wearing hats is not going to prevent crime, and it is a violation of our constitutional rights. What's next—grey uniforms?

Love Lines

To: James Luchowski

I love you! Forever and always!

From: ????
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Jessica

Hope you and Ryan have a special Valentine's Day! Stay sweet!!

From: Marcy
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: My G.T.O.

Happy Valentine's Day!

From: One of the G.T.O.
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Donna

I am happy we are best friends. I hope you spend your Valentine's Day with that special someone (Triple E).

Your best friend, Nisha
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Terron P.

I am glad we met; you have grown to be someone special to me and here is a special message.

Love, Monique Shaw
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Marcus

We have been friends for awhile. I hope one day we can be more than just friends.

From: Nisha
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Rod Forest

Rod, I just want to tell you that I really like you and I wish we could talk.

From: Your secret admirer
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Chrissy Ann

Rick told me to tell you that he wishes you a Happy Valentine's Day! Ron said. . .nothing. Happy Valentine's Day! (HA! HA!)

From: N.D.
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: "I see"

It's *absolutely* wonderful!

From: Me
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Stephanie and Stacey

I hope your Valentine's Day has a little love in it! All the candy in the world couldn't compare to how sweet you are!

Love-n-Friendship, Jessica
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: My Homies

Happy Valentine's Day to Tiffany, Jodi, Devin, Eboni, Marlene, Keisha A., Sherrika T., and to the rest of my friends.

From: Nita Boo
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Marcy

Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm glad I'm sending this message to you! Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Love-n-friendship, Jessica
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Jamie Lynn

Happy Valentine's Day. Well, we're both loners. Thanks for listening to me, I really needed that. If you ever need anyone to talk to, I'll always be here. 3rd hour -- T-DOW!!

From: Christina Renee
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Bob

Have fun with super citizen. Don't forget the playground. Bring your dinosaur someday and we can all line dance.

From: Nockey
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Erin Burkus

Thanks for all the free lunches. Good luck with your new man!!

From: Megan Nungesser

To: Kimdra, Shilo, Tiffany N., Angie, Suzi, Christy C., Tim, Nora, Dean, Christina F., and everyone else I hang around with including all my lunch buddies

I hope you have a great Valentine's Day. As for Shilo, you're not going to get your fifty cents. Dean, you'll never find out who "Tim" is. Kimdra, thanks for keeping an eye on Tim and for being a great friend. Now you all owe me fifty cents!

From: Marie B.
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: All My Friends (You know who you are.)

Happy Valentine's Day. Wish the girls' track team 'Good Luck' this season, so that maybe we can win some meets.

From: Your bud, Michelle
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Missy and Patty

Hope you guys have fun this Valentine's Day! Remember loyalty is the word of the day!

From: Megan Nungesser
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Marsha Da'Warn William - Ellis

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear "Lil Bobby"--Happy Birthday to you. Don't do anything I wouldn't.

From: All your senior homies (Tamika Donaldson)
♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Ryan

What better day than Valentine's Day to let your sweetheart know how much you care! I love you!

Love always, Jessica

Happy ♥ Day!

Love Lines

To: Richard
Can we talk?? Happy Valentine's Day!!

From: Jenni

♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

To: Julie Brenner
Happy Valentine's Day, Brenneo! I hope you and your Osco admirer get together soon. Happy Heart Day, Miss Brenner!

From: Sarah

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To: Rodney
I just wanted you to know that I love you and it's been a wonderful 1 year and 5 months.
Love always, Michelle

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To: Clint Butler
I am glad we are together. Believe it or not we have been together for one year on February 19th. I hope there will be many more years just like the first. Happy Valentine's Day.
Love always, Terrie Lynn

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To: Adrian Velez y Manuel Herbert
¡Hola chicos! To my one of a kind Spanish buddies. You guys are great. . . even though you write on my shoes!
From: ¡Alegría!

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To: Adam Meller (Bunny)
Another Valentine's Day together. I hope it's as special as the others.
From: Erin (Angel)

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To: Dean and Stefan
Happy Valentine's Day to the two cutest guys I know. Stay sweet and cute 4-ever!
From: Ms. Cupid

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To: Lisa, Andrea, Jessi, Diana and Julie

Happy Valentine's Day...to my lunch buddies! Maybe I'll make you guys some chocolate cupckaes! (with pink frosting!) Mmmmm! Thanks for all the money you guys give me for lunch. By the end of the year, I'll owe all of you a hundred dollars!

From: Sarah Bandera

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To: AK, Amy, Josh, SI, Neil, Dean, Megan, Eric, Squelch
Can't we all just get along!! This is my late Christmas message! Peace.

From: Tim

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To: P-Curl
You know who you are, Jeffrey!! You better turn around sometime soon!! Happy Valentine's Day!

Friends forever, Christina and Kristi

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To: Shannon Dobrucki
Happy Valentine's Day, honey! If somebody would have told me 3 months ago we'd be back together, I wouldn't have believed them. I'm glad we are. I hope nothing will come between us again. I want this time to be different. We've had lots of good times and I know there will be many more. By the way, I think it's time we relocated, midnight confession is no longer open. Lots of love!

From: Kristi Marie

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To: Brett
Aren't you glad I'm here for you. *I am!*

From: Hey, yo

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To: Feegee
To a very special person in my life. I'm glad I met you. Thanks for all the good times and I hope everything goes well for us. Thanks for the dinner at Arby's

From: Your "Sweetheart"

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To: Stacey Kaufman
I hope you have a Happy Valentine! You're a great friend, and you deserve all the love in the world!

From: Marcy

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To: Brent Ortman
Happy Valentine's Day! I love you very much and I always will. I hope nothing comes between us, what we have is very special to me. This is our third Valentine's Day together and I hope there will be many more.

Love, Tricia

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To: Stephanie Kaufman
Have a Happy Valentine! Hope your day is sweet! You're a wonderful friend!

From: Marcy

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To: Hol
"Did you ever love me?" "No." You're a great friend, Holly; have a Happy Valentine's Day!

From: Princess Diane

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To: The Love of My Life
Happy Valentine's Day. Just wanted to say how much I love you on this special day. I love you for who you are and I love you for finding the beauty in me. And I also love you for teaching me how to love.

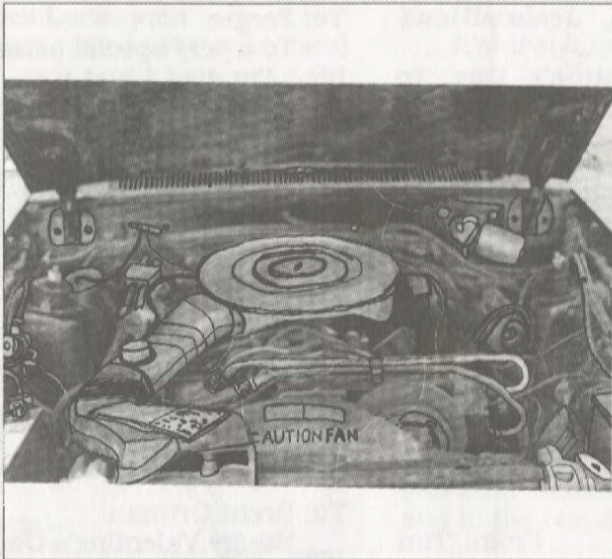
Love, Gena Kedik

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HAPPY ♥ DAY!

Panther Pics

by Ms. Miller's photography class



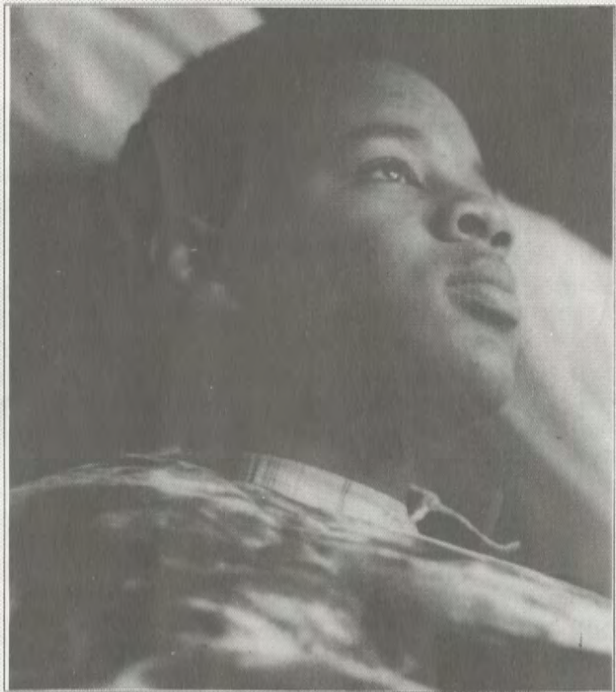
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by senior Michael Szynski



Milkweed Pods
by sophomore Matt Morris



Free
by sophomore Beth Holston



Day Dreams
by sophomore Nick Focosi

Panthers

by Mary Fletcher

Math teacher and ski club sponsor Mrs. Shirley Golichowski finally had a chance to take her kids to show their stuff on those white-packed slopes Jan. 9, 1994, at Swiss Valley Ski Resort near Jones, Michigan.



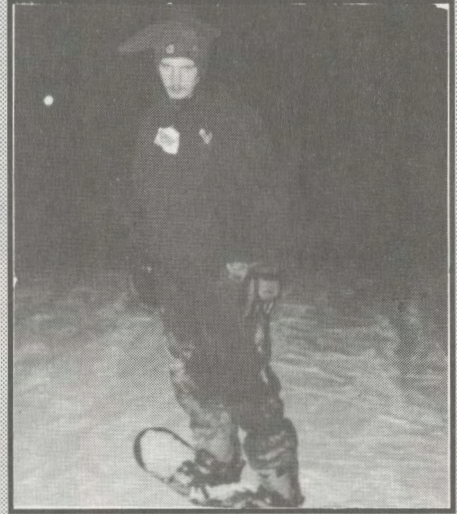
Panthers were joined at Swiss Valley Ski Resort on a fine, chilly day by hundreds of happy skiers. Many could not wait to glide (or wipe out) on the icy mountains.



Sophomore Gena Steinke floats by a poor fallen soul. It is rumored that she joined him in the freezing snow right after this photo was taken.



This ski lift is welcomed by tired legs and bruised egos. Luckily, no fatalities of ski club members falling off the lift were reported, and they arrived home with minor aches and pains from the day's adventure.



Looking cold but quite tough, Ricky Kedik has an aura of concentration before heading down the slopes on his snowboard.



HATCHET staff member and sophomore Kim Starzynski is numb and tired after a day of braving the slalom at Swiss Valley. She could not even keep her skis on long enough for this picture.

Atop the mighty mountain

by Mike Whitlock
Sports Writer

As of the December issue the boys' varsity basketball team was 1-1, and yet to play any conference games. Now the Panthers are 5-4, but they are in first place in the Northern Indiana Conference (N.I.C.) with a 3-0 record.

The Panthers started the trek to the top of the mountain on Dec. 10 by traveling to Adams. Senior Kodell Jackson had an average game by scoring 26 points. Yes, average because the superstar averages 25.0 points per game and is the leading scorer in the city; second leading scorer in the area. The guards, however, put on a show from the three-point line featuring senior Shawn Lee's five threes to clip the Eagles' wings. WHS won 77-71 in a thriller.

The next night, WHS hosted Marian. The Knights played the Boston College role by defeating the Panthers, who were coming off a huge win. The Knights came from 20 points down to win the game, 71-70 in double overtime.

After the loss, junior Damon Peaks said, "Friday's game drained us so much emotionally and physically that we came out flat Saturday, and Marian took advantage of our lack of intensity."

On Dec. 17 the Panthers invaded Elkhart's Northside Gym. Elkhart Memorial was 1-3 and 0-0 in the conference at the time. The game was within three points throughout the first 31 minutes. In the final minute, however, Memorial tallied a six-point lead. WHS never gave up and tied the game sending it into overtime.

Sophomore Matt Wood's clutch free throws with eight seconds to go in overtime gave the Panthers a 80-79 win. Jackson, who scored 24, and Lee, who scored 26, were at it again by combining for 50 out of WHS's 80 points. Senior Ricky Ward also

reached double digits, proving that WHS had the offensive threats and the comeback ability of a great team.



Photo by A.J. Wadzinski

Sophomore Matt Wood, with the ball, starts the Panthers fast break offense against the Marian Knights.

The following night the Panthers had their own way against an outmatched Westville team. Even though Jackson was out with an ankle injury, Lee scored 23 points including 3 three's. Senior Diablo Pates threw in 25, while senior Jim Wiskotoni added 15 to send WHS to a 98-65 victory and a 4-2 record (2-0 in the N.I.C.).

During Christmas vacation most students slept in and crashed all day long. The basketball team, however, prepared for their holiday tournament game against Clay at Notre Dame's JACC. Clay, who is currently 8-1 and ranked #17 in the state, had the luxury of a WHS team colder than the weather

outside. While none of the Panthers' shots would fall, it seemed like Clay was shooting a golf ball. Eventual holiday-champion Clay won the game 69-35; they couldn't stop Jackson, however, who had a game-high 24 points that was hampered by an injured ankle.

The Panthers' next battle was for "West Side Pride" against LaSalle. Everything that would be expected when WHS plays the Lions happened: trash-talking, a packed gym, a fight, TV stations, and, of course, a Panther victory. WHS held off the frisky Lions to win by 12 points, putting WHS in first place in the conference with a 3-0 record.

The next night the Panthers experienced another let down. This time to non-conference opponent, Michigan City Rogers. WHS started slowly and played catch-up all night. The Panthers, however, trailed by only two points at the end, when Lee's miss was tipped by senior Brian Outlaw. Unfortunately, the tip was unsuccessful and WHS lost a nail-bitter. Currently, the Panthers stand at 5-4 overall and 3-0 in the conference.

Head coach Milt Cooper, who had mixed thoughts on the year, said, "If we play non-conference games with the same amount of intensity we do conference games, we could be a great team, not just a good team."

The JV team is currently 5-5, 1-2 in the conference. Unlike the varsity they have success against non-conference opponents but lose the buzzer-beaters to conference teams. JV head coach Robert McCullough is very excited about the rest of the year because he thinks each person on JV can average over 10 points per game. His players have responded with at least 5, averaging 14 points per game.

Both JV and varsity continue their year with a home conference game against Elkhart Central on Feb. 4. ■

'93-'94 football season comes to close

by Greg Bovenkerk
Sports writer

To all of you football fans, I have some bad news: the end of the football season is approaching. It is less than a month away! Now control yourselves. Let's recap the '93-'94 college and pro football seasons. First, the college bowl games.

It started on Dec. 17 and went on until Jan. 1—ahh, what a great two weeks. We started off with the Las Vegas Bowl and ended with the Orange Bowl—the National Championship game in which Florida State won its first National Title, with much controversy, of course. All in all, the 1993 football

season ended up pretty good.

Two WHS grads participated in bowl games over the holidays. Mike Freel was the starting center in the Las Vegas Bowl for Ball State, while Mark Andrzejewski, who plays for Notre Dame, was in the Cotton Bowl. Both of these young men made WHS very proud.

You may have thought that the college season was over—but it's not. A number of all-star games will be played during January.

The pro football season is almost over also. It ends in February with the Pro Bowl. The playoffs are over and Super Bowl XXVIII is in the record books. The NFC took their tenth straight Super

Bowl with Dallas defeating Buffalo in a rematch of last year's Super Bowl, 30-13.

The Cowboys became only the fourth team to ever win four Super Bowls, while the Bills became the only team to lose four straight Super Bowls.

The NFL season is over, and now all that's left are a few college all-star teams. Remember, only a few games left until they close the books on another great season in the world of football. But they—look on the bright side—only five more months for football players until next season is upon us. Along with that, the NFL draft is in there as well. Cincinnati will get the top pick, but who knows how much it will help them. ■

Panthers earn respect despite setbacks

by Jason Whitmer
Sports Writer

As the wrestlers enter the third period of their bittersweet season, their goal has shifted from NIC champs to sectional, regional, semi-state, and state champs. The Panthers have experienced success often, and have earned respect from such powerhouses as Riley and Mishawaka.

But despite a 13-3 overall record and a 2-2 conference record, the Panther grapplers have been wrestling problems more often than opponents, though still earning a great deal of deserved respect.

In the beginning it looked like the conference title was just around the corner, then came the heartbreaking loss to longtime rival Clay. Now the team's conference record was 1-1, and it looked as though their dream was gone. Not so, the team regrouped and trounced the Riley Wildcats in a thriller. The win revived the team's hopes, but it wasn't meant to be.

The team then began preparing themselves for the heralded Mishawaka Invitational. The tournament consists of 32 of the state's top teams. It's a two-day tournament in which the eight best wrestlers in each weight class are honored with medals, but only one team comes away a champion.

The team entered the tournament with the goal of winning it all, but their moral was somewhat hurt when they realized they were without a 103 lb. man, a 171 lb. man, and their varsity 160 lb. man due to a sudden illness. Nevertheless, they managed to pull off a 12th place team finish. Despite an injured shoulder, senior Knute Orange captured a second-place medal; senior Carl Levy brought home a fourth-place medal despite an injured ankle; and senior Ron Ciesielski locked up a fourth-place medal.

The following week the Panthers faced

the mighty Mishawaka Cavemen, currently ranked 15th in the state. The Panther wrestlers controlled the Cavemen until the 152 lb. weight class. The final score did not reflect the heart that went into their valiant effort. The final score read 38-19; but the squad forfeited the 103 lb. class (six points), replaced 152 lb. Orange (injury), who had recently beaten the 152 lb. Caveman, with freshman Issac Evans, and replaced senior Ryan De Lee (sick) with freshman Zack Smith. Nevertheless it was a conference loss, and the Panthers were out of the conference picture.

The team quickly rebounded with the



photo by Cheryl Stoyrnoff

Semi-state qualifier, senior Knute Orange continues to practice in hope of bringing home a state title.

same battered squad, minus a 160 lb. man, and finished second out of six teams in the Lake Station Super Dual. Their only loss came in their first match against a very strong Lowell team. Coach Carl Evans commented on the team's performance: "You always hope for first, but I believe Lowell was tougher than Mishawaka. If we were at full force, I believe victory was imminent. When you're as battered as we are, you have to be pleased with the way the team rebounded and won the following four matches."

To accompany the second place finish, eight of the eleven Panther wrestlers returned home with either a first, second, or third place medal from the Super Dual, and almost everyone made himself happy by purchasing his very own, personalized McDonald's medal. ■

Sports Profile

Name: Zayed Henry

Year: 11

Awards and Achievements: MVP in basketball, South Bend Tribune All-Metro team, Second team player of the year 91-92 season, All Sectional player, All Tourney, First and Second team player of the year 92-93 season, placed in the top 20 of the Minority Scholarship Program, Athlete of the Week in South Bend Tribune, two Sectional Championships.

Age: 17

Class Rank: 75

Role Model: Michael Jordan

Favorite Class: English, Math

Favorite Food: Reese's Peanut Butter cups, macaroni

Favorite TV Show: Living Single

Favorite Book: Miss Jane Pittman

Sports Played: Basketball, Softball

Future Plans: To attend college at the University of Toledo on a basketball scholarship and get a degree in recreational therapy.

Clubs at WHS: Key club, Friends Always There, and president of the Class of '95.

Greatest Accomplishments: "To be selected to the S.B. Tribune All-Metro Team and All Star team my sophomore year."

Most Proud of: Being a freshman and winning sectional two years in a row.

Most Embarrassing Moment: "One day when I was at home, my aunt was visiting, and I was playing around with this old chair. I stuck my head through the hole in the chair, and my head got stuck. I got scared and started screaming. I had the chair bouncing all over the place."

Summary of the Sports at WHS: "I think that the sports at WHS are very competitive. With the continual entering of new student athletes, I think there are a lot of future stars and accomplishments that will be made. Through all the hard work and dedication, those accomplishments will be met."

Run and Shoot

We understand that our article made many heads turn last month; however, we did receive a few complaints that we were not exactly like the Pinned and Homer column we idolize. This month we will attempt to be more like them, but please, give us a break, we're new at this.

First we will tackle a few serious issues. What is the world coming to when a skater cannot leave the ice without being attacked. As Nancy Kerrigan was leaving the ice following a practice for the U.S. championships, an unidentified man attacked her with a metal bar (the collapsible billy clubs officers use). Now it has been revealed that the perpetrators of the act are the husband and bodyguard of Kerrigan's rival on the ice, Tonya Harding. They have since allegeded Harding in the controversy. It is sick that people take a sport so seriously that they have to purposely injure their opponents just to win an event.

College basketball has had its ups and downs this month. Many exciting games have taken place, with the #1 team being knocked off twice. First, Arkansas lost to Alabama, then North Carolina rose to the top, only to stumble against Georgia Tech. Duke would have been ranked #1, but the night after North Carolina's loss, they fell to Wake Forest.

On the down side, the NCAA refused to grant schools one more scholarship to raise the number from 13 to 14. The Black Coaches' Association (BCA) says that this is taking the opportunity of an education away from more than 300 student-athletes. The BCA also says that this will deprive more minorities this education. Many other coaches have spoken out about this issue also, saying it is hurting the kids.

The situation is made more

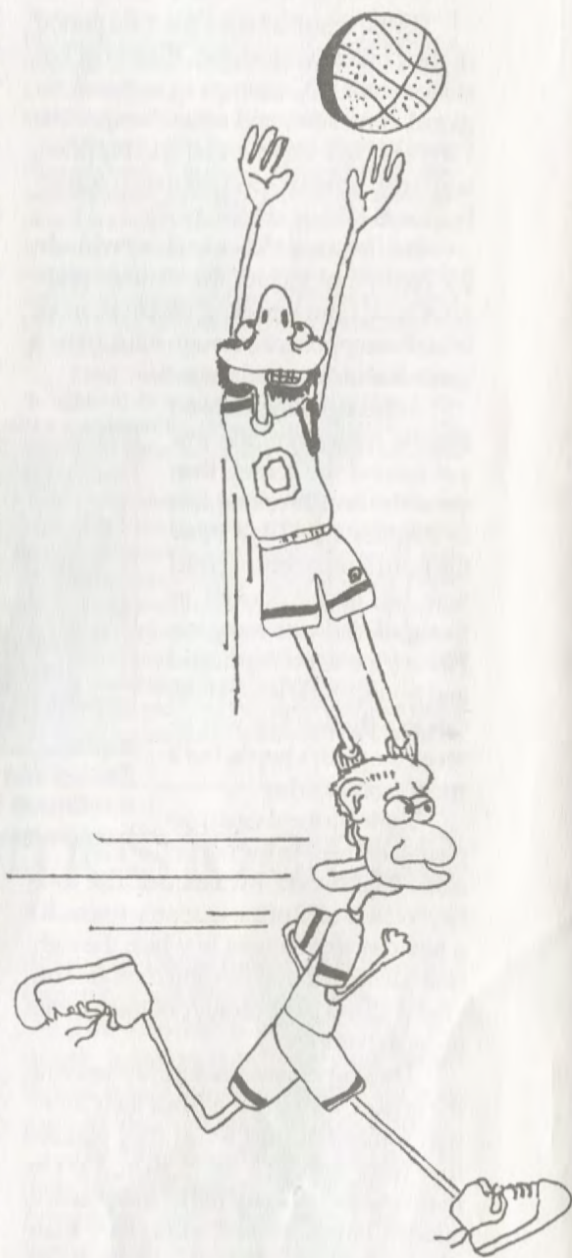
touchy by the fact that women's basketball has 15 scholarships to use, the number the men had before the NCAA made cuts a few years ago. The issue has raised such a conflict that the coaches are talking about a boycott of NCAA games. No clarification has been given as to what way the boycott will be carried out. Let's hope everything gets cleared up before the game is hurt.

We said we would like to be more like Pinned and Homer, and here is where it starts. Run has been proven to know absolutely nothing about college basketball. The idiot thought Michigan should be ranked #1. Well, obviously he was wrong. Shoot has also been proven to be an idiot. Notre Dame had no chance at winning the National Championship in football. Florida State proved they were a good team, however, Shoot still feels Notre Dame is the best.

Well, by now the election is over. That's right, the big school election is finally over. You can finally walk down the hall without seeing a hundred signs asking you to vote for two candidates who some of us know absolutely nothing about. And what for? Why did we cut down 30 trees to make these signs? To elect a president. But a president of what? The winner will not have any power in the school; all they get is a few extra points in their government class. Hope they learned more about government in this election, because it didn't make much sense otherwise.

Well, we're running out of room. Hope we have satisfied everyone this month. In the future, we will talk more about comical events rather than this serious stuff, but our sponsor said we should cover everything. Sorry.

By the way, don't be surprised if a lot of this information is old by the time you receive this issue. ■



Swim team staying afloat

Craig Langhofer
Sports Writer

Coach Reggie Glon's little marines are staying up with the competition, just barely. With three wins and four losses, the team is in need of some victories in order to obtain a record greater than .500, which they are so hopeful of reaching.

Their losses have been very close ones though, especially with St. Joe, who, despite their small numbers, were a force to be reckoned with. The meet turned out to be a very exciting one. The first half St. Joe showed their potential, leaving WHS in the dust.

But the Panthers made a dramatic comeback, after Glon's inspirational half-time speech. The last event decided the final outcome, St. Joe winning by two points.

"It was the 2nd's and 3rd's that we needed to win the meet, they just weren't there," commented Glon after the meet.

Unlike the close, unpredictable St. Joe meet, the first meet of the year was far from close. It provided to be disappointing, but at the same time

rewarding, as they competed against Bremen and Tippy Valley in the yearly dual meet. The Panthers easily defeated the small band of Tippy Valley swimmers but not before losing to Bremen. Bremen's ability left the Panthers out in the cold, who regretedly ate too much turkey during Christmas vacation, as many swimmers fell



Junior Josh Cesavice strives to improve his time in the butterfly during a recent meet.

short of their personal best times.

"I feel that most of the team

slacked off during break and got out of shape. If we would have worked harder, we could have defeated Bremen. But that is all in the past, and we are just going to have to make it up later in the year," said junior Nick Cline.

LaSalle was next on the Panthers' list, and it definitely was a kill. The Lions, who were desperately short of swimmers, received a whipping as the "Green Wave" rolled over them in a 120 to 70 victory, taking back the bragging rights of the West Side and adding another valuable win to its record.

Since the season is quite young, the team can still make or break its record.

"The team can be as great as it wants to be. If we believe in ourselves and have the courage, the determination, the dedication, the competitive drive, and if we are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for things that are worthwhile, it can be done," said Glon in response to his outlook on the rest of the season.

The majority of the meets are yet to come and the Panthers are hopeful in achieving their goals and keeping the over .500 tradition. ■

Sectionals in sight

by Loukisha Perry
Sports writer

The girls' basketball team is still striving to win the sectionals this year. With a 7-6, record the Lady Panthers defeated Riley, Triton, Adams, Central, Marian, and St. Joe twice. Although the Panthers had some impressive wins, they took losses against LaPorte, New Prairie, Memorial, Penn, and LaSalle. They also lost to LaVille in the Holiday Tournament.

Coach Jack Disler said, "LaVille hit very well against us. We did not play well, and we needed to hit our shots and score more points."

In a tight game against LaSalle, the Panthers struggled for a victory, but couldn't seem to reach their goal. Senior Jodi Johns said, "The game was very competitive. We tried our best, but we just couldn't seem to hit our shots."

Coach Disler added, "We got a lot of shots in the LaSalle game. We shot the ball 26 times, but we only hit 11 field goals. The final score was 43-39.

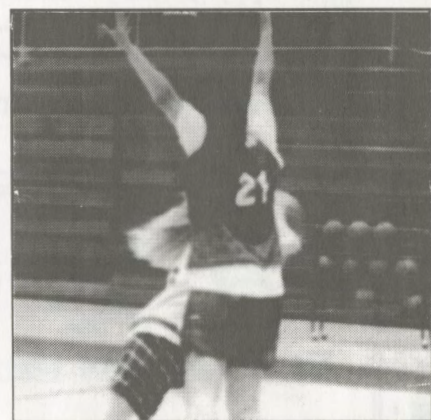
This year has not been as successful as I thought it would be, but we hope to improve and win the sectionals."

An upcoming challenge facing the team is Michigan City Elston.

The JV team has the record of 6-6 and 4-3 in the conference. The girls beat West Side rival LaSalle by the score of 35-23. The team was led by freshman Nicole Drabecki with 11 points and freshman Cortney Litka with 9 points. Juniors Charlina VanDeveire and Bridget Martin each had 10 rebounds.

Coach Jim Debinski said, "The team played hard all four quarters and everyone contributed."

The JV also defeated Clay. The team was led by VanDeveire and sophomore



Junior Melanie Whiteman looks to make a pass against sophomore Jamie Infalt during preparation for sectionals.

Kisha Perry who each had eight points. Litka had six points and junior Karyn Calbetzor had five points. ■

PASSING TIME

Should Tonya Harding be allowed to skate in the Olympics?



"No, because she told her ex-husband to do it."

-Freshman
Jennifer Brenner



"No, because I think she is lying and wants money."

-Sophomore
Jeff Kurzhal



"If she did do it she shouldn't be able to compete. If she didn't do it she should be able to compete."

-Junior
Jennifer Finn



"Tonya tried to take Kerrigan's chance away. It's only fair if Harding gets her chance at the Olympics taken away as well."

-Senior
Kim Scope

Entertainment Scene

Craig Langhofer
Sports Writer

Today many children have to deal with their parents separating and then have to go through the heartache of being forced to live with the parent who, according to the courts, "provides a more suitable living environment." The comical movie *Miss Doubtfire* deals with just this subject.

Robin Williams plays the part of a middle-aged man whose profession is being the voices of cartoon characters. His nonchalant, happy-go-lucky attitude eventually causes his wife to leave him,

taking the three children with her by court order.

The father is crushed, only being allowed to see his children once a week and under surveillance he cannot handle. His desire to be with his children leads him to dress up as a woman and become a maid for his wife. Using wits and quick thinking, he is able to disguise himself so well that his own wife and children cannot tell.

The comical acting ability of Williams is combined with the seriousness of the divorce and the loss of the children by a

parent creating a film that many parents as well as a younger audience are able to relate.

The ending is not one that can be predicted easily, taking out the "and they lived happily ever after" but yet acceptable. It shows that even though two people can disagree, a compromise can still be met if both sides give a little.

The film is highly recommended for everyone. Even though it is more appealing to an adult audience, it can still be amusing to most children, especially if they are able to relate to the situation. ■

DIMENSION X by Mark Sniadecki

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