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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is difficult to put into words the way it feels to be one of the teachers whose contract is not being renewed. There are moments where I'm very frustrated and angry. I feel like the child who has painstakingly stacked her building blocks only to have "big sis" come and knock them down. I know that I'm only a name on a list. I wonder what will become of the work I've done? At times I feel optimistic and hopeful. Perhaps this is a blessing. Maybe opportunity is knocking and all I have to do is open the door. Maybe I'll be happy somewhere else.

I don't want to begin the long process of filling out applications, typing resumes, and interviewing all over again, let alone the process of moving and getting acclimated to a new school. And then I feel fear and doubt. I worry that I won't find a job, or that I'll have to move somewhere out of state.

What will become of all the friends I've made? And sometimes I forget that I'm cut. I start to make plans for next year. I've already set goals for myself and for drama club. Then I remember and think, what will become of all the work I've done? So, you can see that I have a mixture of feelings. None of them can be put to rest because no one knows what's going to happen. It's the not knowing that's the hardest.

Sincerely,

Elaine Wiggins  
English and drama teacher

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# Tanning part of prom planning

**Laura Borlick**  
Staff Writer

Tanning has become an important pre-prom ritual, and with each passing year, it grows in popularity. The idea of tanning is not new, but the method is.

In the early 1980's the concept of tanning became tan at your own convenience and not at the sun's whim. So, the idea of a tanning booth where one could receive UV rays (ultraviolet rays) in a matter of a few short sessions came about.

Tanning causes melanin, or skin pigment, to rise to the surface of the skin. Melanin is the body's defense system against harmful ultraviolet rays. As a result of the melanin rising to the surface, a dark color appears, hence, a tan.

A sunburn occurs when a lack of melanin is present to protect the skin. A sunburn is red, hot and painful because the body increases the flow of blood to the skin in an effort to heal it. Severe burns can permanently destroy melanin-producing cells, making skin even more sensitive to UV rays.

UVA and UVB are the two kinds of UV rays present in the earth's atmosphere. UVB rays have, in the past, been used in sunlamps. They are shorter ultraviolet rays and do cause sunburns. The risks of UVB have long been known. Long-term affects of UVB sunlamps are most notably the likelihood of developing skin cancer and premature aging. Protecting the eyes is a must with UVB sunlamps; no eye protection could cause corneal burns and blindness in a short period of time.

UVA rays were seen as revolutionary to the tanning industry. UVA's are longer rays and do not usually cause burns. It meant that people could tan without the likelihood of being burned.

But the so-called "safe" UVA rays are not without harm. The rays penetrate the skin deeper than UVB and, therefore, can cause more long-term damage, like skin cancer and premature aging. UVA rays also may cause problems such as edema and vascular

damage.

"I go tanning six days a week," senior Amy Hoffman said. "I don't have any health concerns, as yet, because I don't go all year around. I started going in late March, but I will only go until May and then start going less."

"I only go tanning three to four times a week," junior Sara Nemes said. "My doctor said that I really should not be going because I don't tan easy and it damages my skin. But I feel that anything could happen on any given day so why not take the chance. I also spend so much on tanning that I looked into buying my own bed. But they are very expensive, at least two thousand for a lower priced one."

In 1986 the Food and Drug Administration released the results of a study on UVA rays used in tanning salons. It was found that the rays used can induce mutations of animal cells four times more than without the rays. But this has also been proven by using animal cells placed in the sun. All the study proved was that it is just as dangerous to go outside and tan as it is to pay to go into a booth.

**"I GO TANNING SIX DAYS A WEEK," SENIOR AMY HOFFMAN SAID. "I DON'T HAVE ANY HEALTH CONCERNS AS YET BECAUSE I DON'T GO YEAR ROUND."**

"I consider the risks," Nemes said. "Anything in moderation is safe, but I would not recommend going. I go because it makes me feel good about myself. If you want a tan, I say get self-tan (bottled lotion that produces a tan) because it is a lot safer."

"I go tanning simply because prom is coming up, and I want to look good in my dress," junior Jill Cunningham said.

Tanning sessions can cost anywhere from \$5 a session to \$6.50 a single session. It can take anywhere from 8 to 12 sessions to get a "good" tan. Most places package the sessions such as 10 for \$40 or 15 for \$50. At more expensive places, the cost can be as high as 6 for \$30 and 10 for \$50.

"It is very expensive to go," sophomore Erin Maenhout said. "It may not seem like it for one session, but when you consider that it takes 10 sessions to get a reasonable tan, it adds up."

Most tanning salons in South Bend/Mishawaka use American-made Wolff beds, but Swedish and German beds are available at certain places. And if a person does not want to use a tanning bed, standing booths are also available, at some salons.

Tanning is recommended two to three times a week, to maintain a tan, for anywhere from 20 to 30 minutes, depending on the salon. But if the person has never tanned before, they must work up to the allotted time.

The FDA mandates that a person tanning must use eye protection. Salons often provide either protective goggles or stickers for the eyes.

A tanning lotion is also recommended. It must be specifically for tanning booths, not for outside wear. It is advisable to wear at least an SPF (sun protection factor) of 15.

If this is a first time tanning, it is recommended to go every other day starting at 10 minutes in the bed. After that, work up in five-minute increments after two or three sessions.

Even though tanning beds now all use UVA rays, the chance of receiving a burn is still present. Over doing the first time or staying in longer than the recommended time, cause the burns.

Cosmetics are burn enhancers, particularly perfumes. Also included as burn enhancers are antidepressants, tranquilizers, anticonvulsants, antidiabetic pills and shots, and birth control pills.

(Information for this article was gathered from the *South Bend Tribune*.)

# Jobs mean work and rewards

Jessica Wamser  
News Editor

**T**urning sixteen, besides being able to drive, also means the opportunity to work.

Students usually turn to jobs for something to do, for the extra money, and for any benefits involved. Some benefits include earning minimum wage (\$4.25), receiving discounts on clothing and food items—depending upon place of employment.

Choosing a job is up to the individual, but teens are limited to place of employment. Most teens work at restaurants, grocery stores, and shopping malls.

Employers often look for hard working, trustworthy, responsible individuals. "Being on time is an important asset to my job," advised junior Phil Webber. Repeated tardiness could result in a permanent dismissal.

Some also think their teens aren't learning the value of the dollar, but are simply learning to spend it.

Some parents look forward to this stage in their teen's life because they get a break from constantly giving out money. Other parents think their teens should work to help pay for

college. A few parents think that by allowing their teen to have a job it will help them to prioritize their time better.

Webber said, "I can't set my homework aside and say I'll do it later because I don't have time. I have to get it done, so I can go to work."

Many parents, though, don't want their teens to work because they think they have the rest of their lives to work. They want them to concentrate on school and enjoy school related activities.

*WEBBER SAID, "I CAN'T SET MY HOMEWORK ASIDE AND SAY I'LL DO IT LATER BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE TIME. I HAVE TO GET IT DONE, SO I CAN GO TO WORK."*

"I don't see anything wrong with having a job. I'm not 16 yet, but I'm going to get a job as soon as I can," commented sophomore Gina Kitts.

Jobs aren't always a problem if the student works minimal hours a week. According to Jeffrey Newman, an executive director of the National Child Labor Committee, parents should impose limits on hours. He advocates no more than 12 hours during the week

and 6 hours more on the weekend. This allows the student to earn a little extra money and maintain their studies as well.

Ellen Greenberger, author of *When Teenagers Work*, insists that teens should put a certain portion of his or her earnings into a college or a marriage account to which they will not have access until after they graduate from high school. She believes this will help retain the values of working.

Once you know you've received the job, how do you make your job a success? According to Jan W. Greenberg, author of *The Key to Your Job Being a Success*, is knowing the rules. Before that first day on the job, speak to your boss to make sure of the following: 1) understand the specifics of what you are expected to do, 2) know your salary and other benefits, 3) know your work schedule, 4) tell your boss about any special needs you may have when you are hired, 5) try to anticipate any potential problems, 6) tell your boss if the job turns out to be different from what you expected, and 7) try to handle any problems yourself.

Holding a job might be difficult for some students, but it can be a good experience if the situation is handled properly.

"I think if you have time for a job, you should have one. It will only benefit you," said junior Robbie Collins. ■

# P a i n t

by Mary Fletcher

Girls think that all guys have to do is jump in the shower, comb their hair, remember the tickets, and pick them up. Well, ladies, the guys have news for you. It may only take them 20 minutes to get dressed, but it takes a lot more time to prepare. \*Special thanks to senior Eric Kurzhaf for modeling in these pictures.



Know where you're going on prom night! You won't need to strategically locate points of interest on a map, but if you want to be on time, be aware of one-way streets and tow-away zones.



Man your battle stations. If you're not renting a limo, make sure that the car you are taking is clean inside and out.

"I almost forgot the corsage!" Luckily, Flowers by Stephen, located on South Michigan Street, had a variety of styles to choose from in a convenient catalog.



Polka dots, paisleys, and tropical flowers. There are practically hundreds of fabrics to choose from. But how do you decide? Drag along your date, your friends, or your mom and don't forget a swatch of fabric.

A tip for next year: don't lie about the sample coat.



Thank Alexander Graham Bell for this invention. Dinner reservations, flower orders, car rental, and the latest prom gossip can all be done with ease.

# hears

## A guy's point of view of prom

\*Names have been changed to protect the "innocent."

### What makes you ask a girl to the prom?

Eugene: Tradition. Also, if you don't ask and she doesn't ask you, then you don't have a date.

Jack: Well, if I didn't have a girl friend, I would ask a girl to the prom if she was attractive, nice, and fun to be with.

Clark: Because you need a date, and you feel like a fool if you go to prom by yourself, so you ask a girl.

Bob: Usually, you ask your girl friend; but if you don't have a girlfriend, you would more than likely ask a friend you would have fun with.

### Do you know anyone who believes in payment for the amount of money spent for prom?

Eugene: Yes. That type of guy/girl should be up front about what he/she does, and should not expect anything on prom night. All girls should be careful who they go with, and if they don't know the guy that well, they should try not to be alone with him.

Jack: If a girl/guy feels pressured into doing things like that, prom and that situation will be a negative experience for both of them.

Clark: Yes. There's nothing wrong with it as long as the girl agrees with his decision and she is not forced into it. Girls, do not be pressured into anything, and if you are, tell someone.

Bob: Yes. They shouldn't think about it. If it happens, then it happens. You can't just think about that. That's not what is important on prom night.

### What do you expect to happen between your prom date and you most of the time at prom?

- a. sparks
- b. laughter

Eugene: A

Jack: B

Clark: B

Bob: B, laughter. You have to have a great time at prom. It's supposed to be one of those nights you remember.

### If money was no object, what would you do for prom?

Eugene: I would go out to a nice restaurant. Rent a limo, of course, and then go to prom and after-prom. Afterwards, we'd get on the private jet at the airport, and fly to Paris for the weekend.

Jack: Stay at an expensive hotel.

Clark: Buy a stretch limo, get a horse and carriage, go to Chicago all day, and go to different places, restaurants, etc.

Bob: Rent nice cars or limos for my close friends. Eat the best food money can buy. Throw a MAJOR bash for after the prom.

### What would you do if your date had on a "megaton" of makeup or perfume and it looked/smelled awful?

Eugene: Pretend I didn't notice if she thought it looked or smelled good. If she didn't look good, I would lie and tell her she did. If I thought she looked bad and smelled bad, I would tell her to take some off for after-prom.

Jack: I would grin and bare it.

Clark: I would probably not say anything although I would really want to.

Bob: Drop subtle hints toward her; there's no need to make her mad. You have to spend the whole evening with her. Try to communicate before prom, so that doesn't happen.

### What would happen if your date started crying or fighting with someone at prom?

Eugene: We would go outside and go for a walk or a drive and just talk for a while until she relaxed or stopped crying.

Jack: Well, that depends on why she's crying or fighting. I would try and make her feel better or just take her home.

Clark: I would beat her down. Just kidding. I would take her out of prom, and try to calm her down. If she started fighting, I would take her away from prom, but would not come back.

Bob: Try to work things out the best I could.

### What would your dream prom date wear?

Eugene: Cindy (Crawford) can wear anything she wants.

Jack: A long, elegant black and white dress.

Clark: Short and off the shoulder.

Bob: Nothing too short. Nothing too long. No big poofy, poofy shoulders. It really doesn't matter.

### Why do guys complain about the cost of prom?

Eugene: Because guys pay for more on prom night and the day after prom. Girls do more before prom.

Jack: Because guys pay for everything!!!

Clark: Because guys have to pay for everything, and girls just take it for granted.

Bob: Most guys don't like to get all dressed up, and spend the money for it. The most it should cost is \$200. Some girls spend that much for a dress. I'm not complaining; I'm just ready to get crazy that night.

### How much time do you predict spending to get the car ready?

Eugene: About an hour.

Jack: 22 minutes and 48 seconds.

Clark: About 30 minutes.

Bob: I'm going to take a brand new car, so it shouldn't take more than an hour at the most.

### DO'S

1. Make reservations month ahead of time.
2. Try on your tux before the day of the prom.
3. Be sure you have your tickets with you before you leave home.
4. Dance. Don't just sit at a table and think you're going to be laughed at.
5. Just have fun.
6. Tell your date how pretty she is.
7. Keep an open mind and an adventurous attitude.
8. Act like a gent; she deserves one night without fighting.
9. Pay for everything.
10. Be nice to the servers. If you're nice to them, they're nice to you.

### DON'TS

1. Pressure girls into doing something they clearly aren't ready to do with you.
2. Eat foods that will upset your stomach or people around you.
3. Get drunk and act like a fool.
4. Drink and drive.
5. Take your date home after curfew.
6. Complain about the music. That's what the majority wanted; you didn't have to buy a ticket. Dance anyway.
7. Don't just make plans. Ask first. They like that.

Guys

### DO'S

1. Act like a lady.
2. Dance, and have fun.
3. Eat more than a salad and water for dinner.
4. Wear your hair down if you usually wear it that way.
5. Be yourself, but snaz it up a little.
6. Communicate, but talk about things he's interested in, too.

### DON'TS

1. Be naive.
2. Eat foods that will upset your stomach or anyone around you.
3. Cry if someone has on the same dress as you. Compliment her on her good taste.
4. Get drunk and act like a fool.
5. Drink and drive.
6. Flirt with other AVAILABLE guys unless your date is.
7. Fight with people over things you'll regret ever doing.
8. Complain about the music. Dance anyway.
9. Wear too much makeup.

Girls

# All dressed up with

by Stacey and Stephanie Kaufman  
Feature Editors

*You're all dressed up, but this time you have some place to go... The Prom! Planning the dress, renting a tux, and making dinner reservations, hair appointments, and, yeah, finding a date. By the time the special day has finally arrived, you want to be so... After hours of preparation, your date has arrived. You just finished your hair, and you look out the window and see a motorcycle. As you try to hide the rage inside, you calmly let him inside. Luckily, he says all of the right things and puts the motorcycle behind you; the wind-blown look won't look that bad.*

*After all, the night has just started and you decide to make the best of it. After snap-happy Mom and Dad tell you it is time to head for the restaurant. When you get there, you realize both of you thought the other one was in charge. Realizing there is no chance of getting seated for another four hours, you have to try another restaurant. So as you sit at the table with your eyes trying to pretend it is romantic. It is not working. All you can see is a flash of bright light from taking so many pictures. Your hair is hanging in your face. By the time you get to prom, you are so mad at your date that you don't even want to see him. So much for that perfect night!*

It can happen. To some people a disaster like this can ruin the rest of what was supposed to be the perfect night. Although it may not seem as though such tragedies could be prevented, they certainly can. You can also learn how to toss them aside and move on, making the rest of your important night perfect.

The first step in preventing such mishaps includes an in-depth lesson on etiquette. A lot of the rules on etiquette are actually just common sense. For example, forgetting dinner reservations is an absolute preventable mistake. It is also a good idea to double check on your reservations to make sure there are no misunderstandings. This way you won't end up dining at McDonald's.

Now, to prevent eating your salad with your dinner fork, simply start at the outside and work your way in. It is also important to know that the waiter usually serves from the left and clears from the right.

When the time comes to order and you want to get your waiter's attention, you need to close your menu and lay it on the table. This signals the waiter that you are ready to order. When ordering, don't

worry about having to ask for translations on the names of the food. The waiter is used to it and your date is probably wondering the same thing. If you still need time deciding on what you want, that is perfectly fine; don't be rushed. Just nicely say, "We'd like another minute please." Don't let a rude waiter ruin your night, and don't be rude back. Your date will not be impressed.

Your waiter will most likely check on you a few times throughout your dinner to see if everything is okay; just say, "Yes, it's great." If your mouth is full, just nod and smile.

If nature calls during the meal, wait until there is a break in between courses. It wouldn't be very nice to leave your date sitting alone with a plate full of food. Anyone would feel awkward in that situation.

When you are done eating, place your knife and fork side by side on your plate, not on the tablecloth. Leave your plate where it is; pushing it away from you is considered vulgar.

It is very important to know that 15 to 20 percent of the bill is standard at most good restaurants. Some restaurants may automatically add a service charge to the bill. In this case a tip is unneces-

sary. It would be wise to check it out before leaving a tip on the table.

Now that you have learned the proper table etiquette, onto plain gentlemen and lady-like behavior. Gentlemen, hopefully, it is not your habit to honk the horn upon your arrival to pick up your date. But, if it is, prom night would be the perfect night to show your date that you do know how to act like a gentleman. It would be nice to arrive at the door, ring the doorbell and





# h some place to go

Planning started months ago—buying  
s, and transportation decisions, and, oh  
want everything to be perfect. But will it  
window to see your date hopping off of  
ings and he was on time, so you quickly

and take a photo album full of pictures, it  
large of reservations—none were made.  
s you sit at McDonald's, you close your  
so many pictures and your wind-blown  
want to talk to him, let alone dance with

out greet your date with maybe a sweet,  
"You look lovely!"

Now, ladies, it  
is your turn to  
show some  
courtesy by  
returning  
his gesture  
with  
some-  
thing  
like,  
"Thank  
you. You  
look nice,  
too."

Now,  
you  
are  
both  
off to  
a good  
start.

Hope-  
fully, this  
guide towards  
etiquette and  
behavior will

ow have a positive influence on your prom  
act night. If you're still a bit leary or  
to unconfident over your newly-learned  
nd skills, try this quiz to test yourself. ■

## WHS Prom Quiz

1. You are eating dinner and you notice that your date has a very obvious piece of food on his/her face. What do you do?  
a.) Start laughing and when he/she asks what you're laughing at, tell him/her the waiter just ran into a table.  
b.) Say nothing hoping he/she will eventually use a napkin.  
c.) Very nicely tell your date and then laugh at the idea together.  
d.) Start wiping your face and, hopefully, he/she will get the message.

2. To the ladies:  
You have just arrived at the prom site. Your date gets out of the car, walks around and heads for the entrance. You realize he's not going to open your door for you. Do you...  
a.) Smile sweetly and motion him back to open your door.  
b.) Quickly get out making it look as though you didn't expect him to.  
c.) Stay in the car and decide not to get out even if it takes the rest of the night.  
d.) Get out slamming the door behind you, so that the people around notice what he has forgotten and he then feels totally embarrassed.

To the men:

3. Your date has just come back from the ladies room and you notice that her dress is tucked up in the back of her panty hose. Do you...  
a.) Quickly run over to her and subtly pull her dress down for her.  
b.) Sit back and laugh with the rest of your friends.  
c.) Decide to pretend you don't notice hoping someone else will tell her because you are embarrassed as well.  
d.) Simply whisper to her about the problem when she sits down.

4. While you are dancing with your date, you realize it is about the 50th time he/she has stepped on your feet. Do you...  
a.) Abruptly yell, "Stop stepping on my feet."  
b.) Smile and take the pain.  
c.) Mention it to your date and laugh about it together.  
d.) Tell your date that you are getting tired and need a break for a while.

points

- 1.) a = 1, b = 3, c = 4, d = 2
- 2.) a = 4, b = 3, c = 1, d = 2
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Add up your points from the quiz and find out how your etiquette ranks: (total = 16)

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# Teens confront violence

Violence on the street, hatred among people, kids killing kids . . . What's wrong with the world today? Every way we turn, we are faced with violence.

## Editorial

Violent behavior is prevalent in our homes on t.v., on the streets, and even in our schools. It is frightening that students have begun to accept violent behavior and are now turning to unnecessary means to solve their own problems.

Worried about teenagers' increased use and acceptance of guns and violence, South Bend Judge Jeanne Jourdan formed a task force and a mission: "This is My Neighborhood: No Shooting Allowed."

Recently, a group of teens from all area high schools were asked to join this task force and form a "Teen Think Tank" to combat the problem that our society now faces with guns and violence by examining the causes of violence and identifying possible solutions.

Members of the Teen Think Tank agreed that violence is generated out of fear and low self-esteem. People are becoming more insecure about themselves and getting a gun temporarily fills the void that their insecurity has created, giving them the illusion that they have control. With a tight grip on their AK, they falsely achieve a tighter grip on their life.

We, as concerned citizens must help these people realize that guns will not solve their problems. We must talk with them individually and make sure that various support groups are available to prevent them from turning to violent behavior in order to settle their problems and feelings of inadequacy.

The teen think tank argued that guns are frequently being used as a source of power and authority, rather than a means of protection. Instead of having the traditional fist fight, students are now turning conflicts into gun wars.

This violence must be stopped. After discussion and theories from Notre Dame and IUSB professors, the teens

split into groups to think of solutions to our problems of violence.

Each group, under a Notre Dame law student, proposed different solutions for their topic of violence. Topics were police power, psychology of violence, neighborhoods and conflict resolutions, politics and economics, and peer pressure.

One suggestion given to decrease violence in the schools was to decrease the number of guns in the students' hands by having city trade-ins where guns could be traded in for gift certificates from the supporting companies who would kindly donate money to this gun relocation program. This program will take the guns out of the hands of young people and replace them with harmless items. For instance, Spiece donated money to a gun relocation program so that people could trade their guns in for certificates to buy athletic wear from Spiece stores.

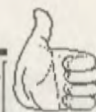
To further combat violence in the schools, an anonymous phone line was suggested. By using this "Crime Stopper" method, a student could give an anonymous tip to the administrators if he saw a student with a weapon on him or in his locker, without feeling in danger because he told.

Furthermore, our country is in desperate need of stricter punishment for violent offenders. What ever happened to "an eye for an eye?" Students aren't afraid of committing crimes because they can easily get away with them. With harsher punishments enforced, people may become more afraid to commit crimes and think twice before acting.

This would not call for more police power, but more help from every-day citizens in preventing crime and a harsher criminal justice system.

The police can only do so much. Therefore, it is our responsibility to combine and fight for the freedom of our country and our safety, the freedom from violence.

Violence must be eliminated before it spreads and further contaminates the world. Like a disease, it plagues our nation, permeates our bodies, and will continue to do so until we unite to fight it. ■



Thumbs Up  
Thumbs Down



### Thumbs up

. . . to the cast of *The Music Man*. It was a terrific performance! A lot of hard work and dedication was put into the production of this play. The singing was magnificent and the dancing was up-beat.

. . . to Phatie's first home run in the history of his four-year baseball career. The wind must have been gusting at a high speed that day, huh? Well, it takes time and practice for all athletes to accomplish something as spectacular as a home run. Congratulations!

. . . to all spring sports' teams! WHS is lucky to have so many talented young athletes. Keep up the spirit, dedication, and team work. Also, thanks to all those fans who cheer our teams on to victory.

. . . to the student teachers who have done a great job thus far. You have increased our mind's capacity for knowledge and given us the motivation to learn. Now, if you believe that, I think you need to take a crash course in the psychology and benefits of flattery. But seriously, all of you have done a great job, and we appreciate the time that you were able to spend with us.

. . . to the warm weather. We have finally seemed to escape the sub-zero temperatures. But now we must face another problem—going to class. The sun is so inviting that it makes it hard for us students to sit in a classroom when every time you look out the window you ask yourself, "Why am I here?"

. . . to all those students who made the honor roll or honor guild and were able to attend the delicious honor guild breakfast. Once you sink your teeth into that donut, you begin to realize that all your hard work and studying finally paid off.

. . . to the Class of '95 who has put much effort into making this year's prom one that will remain in our memory for years to come.

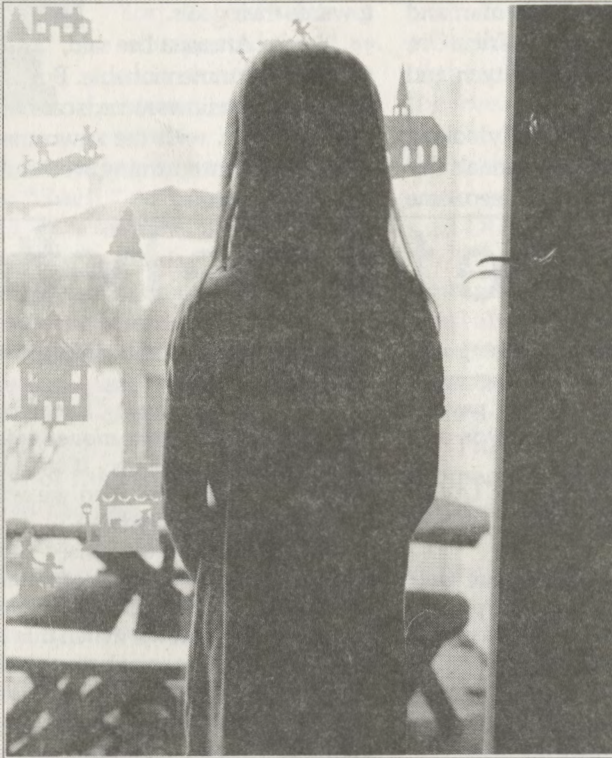
### Thumbs down

. . . to the recent budget cuts and lay-offs in the South Bend Community School Corporation. It seems that once everything is running smoothly, it is changed. It's not right that so many fine teachers are going to be laid off, and classes that we need are going to be omitted from next year's curriculum. What's going to happen next?

. . . to all those students who have begun to skip school. Yes, the weather is nice, but that is no excuse to miss out on a fine education. Not much time remains in this school year, so stick it out. Summer vacation or graduation will be here before you know it.

# Panther Pics

by Ms. Miller's photography class



**Athena**  
by senior Victoria Nilsson



**Falling to Pieces**  
by junior Jennifer Putz



**Tulips**  
by senior Rick Folkner



**Echolalia**  
by freshman Kami Fischer

# Girls' track team seeks respect and improvement

by **Nate Reeder**  
Sports Writer

This year's girls' track team is looking at an extra year of seasoning and many newcomers as a good opportunity to win. Last year's squad had a few standout performers, but not many "W's."

Coach Schmanski said, "We have improved a lot since last year, and we're improving already this year. We hope to have a good season and help the girls out for next year."

But with last year's worries over, a

new breed of Panthers is born. The standout newcomers, including freshmen Courtney Litka, Theresa Baker, and Annil Hamilton, sophomore Becky Wilfing, and juniors Kay Patrowicz and Leticia Bessera, are going to give a great boost to the already-seasoned letter winners. They include juniors Melanie Whiteman and Becky Kelsey, and sophomores Tricia Ort, Michelle Staszewski, Stacey Lentych, and Gina Stienke.

The Lady Panthers are already looking for many girls to make it to regionals this year, but Clay and LaSalle could keep some

of them from making it. They seem to be the teams to beat this season. But the Panther's team is still young, and anything can happen with good, young talent. This year and the next few years are looking up for the girls' track team, considering their good mental attitude and willingness to work towards their goals.

Junior Aneasha Lee said, "Last year's record was unmentionable. But we tried hard, and sometimes records can be deceiving. This year, with the newcomers and most of our team returning, we should have a lot better season." ■

# Girls tennis, a change for the better

by **Craig Langhofer**  
Sports Writer

Spring is finally here, and with the warm weather come birds, love, and rebuilding that tan; but for some of the young ladies at WHS, it means work. Yes, tennis can now be considered a sport where sweating is natural.

New coach Kim Glick, a Notre Dame graduate, has brought an unfamiliar practice and a different attitude to the tennis team.

"Compared to last year, our practices are different. I would not say it's a harder practice; we just have a lot more conditioning," reported senior Kelly Anderson. "No more goofing around. If you are not out there to play, then you leave. The control is

better, and we now have a winning attitude before, after, and during practice."

Hopefully, all this work will pay off. Last year, the girls' tennis team won only one match, against Jimtown.

Their season opener against LaVille was a little despairing, however, as they lost 0-5.

"I feel that everyone did quite well, but we just did not have that extra push to get over the hill," said sophomore Stephanie Schwander. "We are not going to dwell on the past; we have already improved a lot from last year and plan to prove it."

They did just that; in their second contest, they blew Jimtown away, 5-0, not allowing them to win a single match.

"The team played outstandingly well"

was junior Marcy Ross's simple statement concerning the win.

Glick commented, "I feel that we played great. We need to move our feet and need a lot more practice. If the girls are willing to work hard, then we will continue improving everyday."

The team has experienced some setbacks within the unit. Senior captains Diana Polomo and Michelle Hagedorn were lost soon after the Jimtown match due to injuries. Glick sees this as a challenge that will only make the team stronger. "We will have to readjust to fill in the open spots, but the more we play at these positions, the better we will get. This year is definitely going to be a building year, and all the team can do is improve." ■

# Boys' track team off to slow start

by **Greg Bovenkerk**  
Sports Writer

The 1994 track season got off to a slow start for the boys' team. A late start and many underclassmen have made the first part of the season an interesting one for first-year coach, Reggie Glon. Glon took over as coach when ex-coach Eddie Vann never showed up for the start of the season.

The team's numbers are up from last year. The team consists of more than 30 members, with the majority of them being underclassmen. The team's youth should become beneficial later in the year and next year.

The Panthers started off the season with their toughest opponents. Clay, Elkhart

Central, and Riley gave the Panthers their first three losses of the season. The team then came back and picked up a much needed victory against Marion. Then at the Goshen Relays the following Saturday, senior Richard Green got a third place in shot put with a toss of 48' 6 1/4". Since then, Mishawaka got the best of the Panthers in an NIC dual meet.

The team's youth and inexperience has shown early, but through each meet and each race, the team matures and improves. Junior Matt Huff said "Our team is young and the late start didn't help, but we should improve by the end of the year."

Meets against LaSalle, Marian, and St. Joe are next on the Panthers' schedule, and Coach Glon should have the team pre-

pared to compete well with those opponents. ■



Photo by Eric Bastine

**Junior Josh Cesavice flies high while practicing the pole vault before the meet against Elkhart Memorial.**

# Driving for victory

by Amanda Griffis  
Editor-in-chief

**T**his years' golf season started with an unexpected twist as the team experienced many new firsts.

The surprises began with the return of "Rock." After last year's debut as golf coach, Coach Roger Rathburn was ready to go pro. All he needed was the classic country-club look complemented by the traditional golf visor.

He successfully made the transition from coaching football to coaching golf, which was expected, because of the striking similarities between the two sports.

This is the first time in years that they found a dedicated coach who was willing to stick with them past the first year.

"No one else would take the job," said Rock. "I almost had the cafeteria ladies talked into it. However, after they came out to the golf course to see the team, they all required hernia operations because they laughed so hard. Fortunately, they all had medical coverage."

At the start of the 1994 golf season, the team was again faced with something that they were never faced with before: an abundance of players. Twenty skilled golfers tried out for the WHS hackers, but only ten made the team.

Consisting of great power hitters who make John Daly look sick, juniors Kevin Kaminskas and Matt Ladewski lead the team along with sophomore standouts Dan Kopczynski and Mitch Otolski. Also in the varsity, ranks senior Amanda Griffis who can't crush the ball as far as the guys and is more of a finesse player.

Sophomore Kevin Dixon and freshmen Ryan Hanyzewski, Josh Kaser, Derek Dabrowiak, and Aaron Morgan combine to make the fabu-

lous fivesome. These junior varsity players love to tear up the fairways, wade in the water hazards, and send their balls flying toward the green each day at practice and in every meet they play. "I'm glad I'm a part of the golf team because I get to golf for free. At practice, I like to try to hit the ball out of the water. I've even thought about investment in some of those floating golf balls" said Dixon.

In the season tee-off against Jimtown, the Panthers' concentration and determination was not dampened by the cold rain and weather when they defeated the Jimmies by 19 strokes.

The following meet against Bremen also helped boost the team's spirit as they destroyed the Tigers by a score of 179-201, a record 21-stroke victory.

Starting off with a two-win winning streak, another first, the team was confident after defeating Jimtown and Bremen, and were ready to take on anyone.

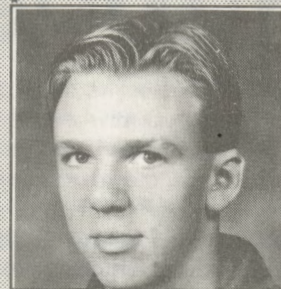
Next on the schedule was a tri-meet against Penn and Clay. Prepared to give a well-choreographed victory dance, Rock was looking forward to upsetting the Kingsmen. But, he will have to save it for next year as the hackers had their first taste of defeat this season when they lost to both Clay and Penn.

"Coaches never enjoy losing; nevertheless some good things happened. The team realized that they are beatable and I am convinced that they will work even harder this winter in anticipation for next year. I will also work hard over the winter months on my special victory dance," said Rock.

After losing to Elston and Memorial, the team was disappointed as their season record began to nose dive.

Luckily, they were able to recover as they defeated Bethany Christian, Argos, and New Prairie setting their record at 5-5. ■

## Sports Profile



**Name:** Matthew Wood

**Age:** 16

**Year:** Sophomore

**Awards and Achievements:** Lettered in three sports his freshman year in football, basketball, baseball, and in football and basketball this year. He was named second team player for defensive back and All-Area Defensive Back, Honorable Mention Punter for the N.I.C. of the year 92-93 and 93-94 seasons.

**Class Rank:** 3

**Nickname:** Woody

**Role Models:** Father

**Favorite Class:** English

**Favorite Food:** Pizza

**Favorite Book:** *Bo Knows Bo* by Bo Jackson

**Favorite time of the year:** Summer, because I really like to be outside in the sun.

**Sports Played:** Football, basketball and baseball.

**Future Plans:** I would like to go to college and major in business and, hopefully, play at least one sport.

**Most Proud of:** Lettering in all three sports as a freshman, and being elected as sophomore class president.

**Greatest Accomplishment:** When I was 12, I won the Punt, Pass and Kick competition in Indianapolis for the state at the Hoosier Dome. I was also named All-Area Defensive Back.

**Summary of the sports at WHS:** I think by participating in sports at WHS, you not only learn the sport you are playing, but you also learn how to get along with people of all kinds. This helps because in the future those people who were on your team become friends and co-workers. ■

# Striving to succeed...again

by Mike Whitlock  
Sports Writer

The 1994 boys' baseball team is striving to continue a 14-year winning tradition. Since head coach Rick Tomaszewski took over the head coaching spot, WHS's baseball record is 291-150, a .659 winning percentage.

Tomaszewski's career has featured seven Northern Indiana Conference (N.I.C.) championships (1980, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1990, and 1992), along with four sectional championships (1982, 1985, 1986, 1989,) two regional championships (1982, 1985), and one semi-state championship (1985). Tomaszewski's highlight was being state runner-up in 1985.

Tomaszewski said, "We did not always have the greatest physical athletes, but our championship teams were made up of the smartest, hardest competitors around."

This year's team, along with all of Tomaszewski's previous squads, is sparked by good, hardworking kids. The fuel for the fire comes from elite group of seniors, including tri-captains, Dan Mathews, Lance Robbins, and Tate Lane; Jeremy Lentych, Manuel Herbert and Brian Blondell have also accepted and performed in the leadership role.

The Panthers started the quest for the top with a home date against the Marian Knights. WHS knocked off Marian, then swept up St. Joe in a double-header. Next, WHS handled John Glenn in a non-conference meeting. This placed the Panthers 4-0, ranking the Panthers 16th in the state of Indiana.

Mathews was Burger King's Athlete of the Week, while Robbins was the *South Bend Tribune's* Athlete of the Week.

Robbins replied, "The personal achievements and notoriety are good, but it takes a whole team to win a game or win the state championship, my ultimate goal."

This set the Panthers as the favorites in the Adams Invitational. WHS, two-time defending champions, were

knocked off by St. Joe. The three-peat hopes were up-rooted; then, to add insult to injury, WHS lost the consolation



Photo contributed by Rick Tomaszewski

**Senior Dan Mathews trots home to score a run against Marian. The Panthers opened their season against the Knights and won 8-3.**

game to Wheeler. The Panthers lost one of their major goals, an Adams Invitational title.

In baseball, however, one has to bounce back the next day. The Panthers looked to recover in their Northern Indiana Conference opener against Clay. The cold weather must have froze WHS's bats, because Geoff Moore, Clay's pitcher, had a no-hitter going into the seventh inning. The Panthers finally broke the ice and rallied, but fell short.

WHS then took on rival Adams. The Eagles flew high as the final score glared, 20-4. The Panthers bounced back by defeating Riley at the Cove for WHS's first conference win. This placed the baseball team at 5-4 (1-2 in the N.I.C.).

The following day, the Cove hosted a double-header between McCutcheon and WHS. The Panthers came out dead, and did not play much better than dead. Both mental and physical mistakes nagged them throughout the two games, and both games ended up in McCutcheon victories.

Penn then invaded WHS, and took a 7-1 lead in the early part of the game.

The Panthers never gave up. Mathews' 3-run homer, and Blondell's solo home run sparked the come back as WHS won 11-7.

WHS felt the hard times again as they suffered back-to-back conference losses to Michigan City Elston and Mishawaka.

The Panthers responded with a 20-2 crushing of West Side rival LaSalle at the Cove. WHS was sparked by sophomore Matt Wood's five hits and junior Jason Whitmer who reached base six times. The Panthers scored seven runs in the first inning and nine more in the second inning, while Blondell pitched a great game to lead WHS.

The Panthers currently sit at 7-8 (3-4 N.I.C.). WHS has stumbled coming out of the gates, but they still have half a season to play, including tournament time floating around the corner.

The JV is currently 3-7 (1-6 N.I.C.). Head coach Terry Litka has hopes to improve not only the players' physical skills but also their mental baseball skills.

Other members on the varsity include juniors Matt Gruber, Mike Whitlock, Ryan Duddleson, Tyler Donlon, Ryan Nalepinski, Kyle Retek; sophomores Matt Andrzejewski, Brent Ortman, Demetrious Minor, Greg Szymarek, Kyle Whitaker, Ryan Evans; and freshman Andy Cenush. ■

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# Summer brings softball

by **Zayed Henry**  
Staff Writer

Spring is gone and summer's nearing, and we all know what that means: softball season. The softball team has hopes to better last year's semifinal loss in the state tournament.

With most of last year's team returning, the Lady Panthers have the products of a winning formula. They currently hold a 5-4 record overall with a 2-1 record in the Northern Indiana Conference (N.I.C.). WHS's hopes of a N.I.C. Championship and further success in the post-season tournament are becoming more realistic each day.

As reigning Sectional Champs, the Lady Panthers will face a tough schedule as well as competing in one of the hardest conferences in the state. Along with the title "defending Sectional Champs," comes a bulls-eye. All teams the Panthers tackle will be ready to knock the champs off.

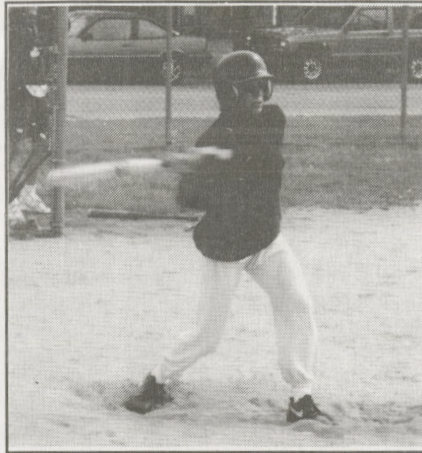


photo by Eric Basline

**Senior Jennifer Ciesielski takes a cut during practice.**

Junior Nikole Green said, "The dedication and hard work contributed by the Lady Panthers so far will help lead us through another successful season."

The Lady Panthers got off to a slow start,

losing to Penn, St. Joe, Niles, and splitting a double-header with Dowagiac. Since that time, they have battled their way back to a winning record by scoring victories in three of their last five games, with defeats over N.I.C. teams Clay and Michigan City Elston.

The strong pitching of junior Amy Wimberly and senior Jennifer Ciesielski has powered the team. Along with the pitching has come the defense. The players in the field have backed up with good defensive plays to stop the Panther opponents from scoring any more important runs.

Other members on the varsity include seniors Meridith Andrzejewski, Kelly Hay, and Jaques Black; juniors Bridget Martin, Zayed Henry, and Karen Calbetzor; sophomores Jamie Infalt, and Erin Maenhout; and freshman Nicole Drabeki.

The Panthers' next game will be an NIC matchup against the Adams Eagles on May 9th at home. ■

## Brief look at NBA and pro-baseball

by **Jim Wiskotoni**  
Sports Editor

This has been one of those months in sports where nothing has happened seriously worth writing about. This month I will just breeze over all the sports that are in progress.

Let's start with the NBA; the regular season is coming to a close, and the play-offs will be starting soon. Most of the play-off positions have been filled. With New York, Atlanta, Chicago, and Orlando already clinching berths, four remain in the Eastern Conference. Fighting for those four spots are Indiana, Miami, New Jersey, Charlotte, and Cleveland. Seattle, Houston, San Antonio, Phoenix, Portland, Golden State, and Utah have all locked up their bids in the Western Conference, leaving only one available. Only two teams, Denver and the Los Angeles Lakers, have a chance at the last spot, with Denver leading the race at this point.

The Lakers were on a tremendous streak at the end of the season since Magic Johnson returned to the team as head coach. He has led the Lakers, thought dead in the play-off hunt, on a charge back into contention. Even with his great success, he has said that he will probably not be back to coach next season. The Lakers could really use him next year.

As basketball is winding down, baseball is getting into full swing. This year, the season opened on a peculiar note, as the first game was held on a Sunday night rather than on the traditional Monday afternoon.

The Cincinnati Reds were in the opening game as usual. Owner Marge Schott had no problem with having the game on Sunday, until she found out it would be on Easter Sunday! This was not because of any religious beliefs, but because businesses would not be open, and they would be unable to hold their annual parade through the city.

For Cubs' fans, the first game saw

a glimmer at the end of the tunnel. New lead-off hitter Karl "Tuffy" Rhodes led off the bottom of the first with a homerun, putting the Cubs ahead 1-0. All seemed well for the Cubs as Tuffy hit home runs in his next two at-bats as well. The ending was familiar to Cubbie fans though, as the New York Mets beat the Cubs 12-8.

Baseball has added two divisions this year along with realigning the teams. Atlanta has moved from the west they dominated for the last three years, to the east, which they should dominate for some years now. The Cubs have been put in a division that even they may be able to win, the central, the weakest of all six divisions.

On a totally different note, the Final Four is over and Arkansas has been crowned the 1994 college basketball national champions. North Carolina failed to repeat, as many people predicted they would. Congratulations to the Hogs, and their numero uno fan, President Clinton. ■

# PASSING TIME

What teacher have you admired the most this year and why?



"Mr. Putnam, because he's a good teacher and he makes sure you understand everything he teaches."

-Freshman  
Jason Lula



"Mrs. Weyer, she makes things interesting."

-Sophomore  
Michelle Rodriguez



Mr. Alspaugh, because of him my grades have been up in math this year.

-Junior  
Brenda Scott



"I admire Mrs. Coddens the most because she has helped me learn a lot and become a better student."

-Senior  
Tara Tidey

## Entertainment Scene

by Amanda Griffis  
Editor-in-chief

At the Chicago Auditorium, eyes were mesmerized and hearts were pounding as Andrew Lloyd Webber's production of *The Phantom of the Opera* grasped the audience's attention and received thunderous applause.

Based on Gaston Leroux's novel, *The Phantom of the Opera* is a story of an ingenious, disfigured man who hides behind a mask and is referred to as the "Opera Ghost." He falls in love with a beautiful singer at the Paris Opera House named Christine Daae, and desperately yearns for her love. She, however, is in love with someone else and

this torments him.

Performed in Chicago, the Phantom's part was played by Rick Hilsabeck. This man's enchanting voice is out of this world. It's not possible to hear anything more beautiful and captivating than his charming voice. It carried the audience through the Phantom's emotions and let them experience what the Phantom was experiencing.

As for Sarah Pfisterer, who played Christine, her voice had the same paralyzing effect as it reached high enough notes to shatter glass.

The music was unbelievable, but luckily, a soundtrack is available to

purchase to remind the audience of this performance.

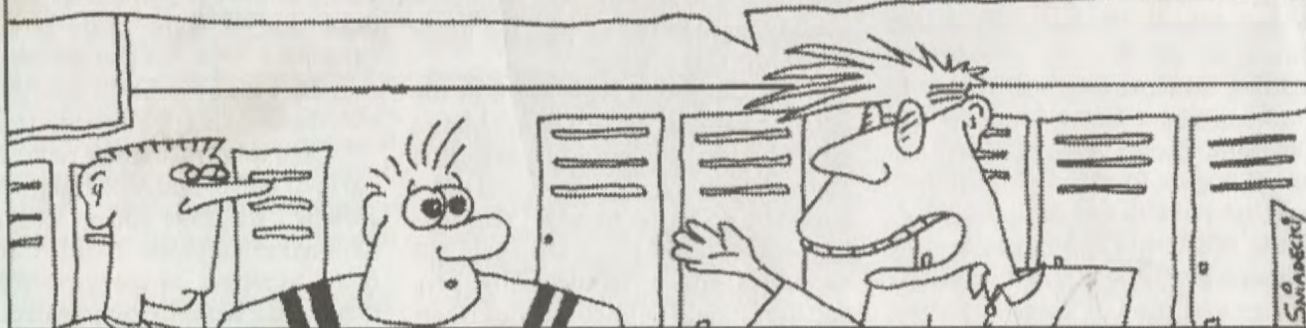
Other cast members gave a great performance as well. The choreography, dance, and costumes were spectacular, as were the special effects.

During one scene a luminated chandelier fell from the ceiling and shocked the people sitting beneath it. Great explosions and smoke also added to the performance.

*The Phantom of the Opera* is a must-see performance. Tickets are \$50 a piece, but it is well worth the cost. Don't miss the opportunity to experience the magic of *The Phantom of the Opera*. ■

### ***DIMENSION X*** by Mark Sniadecki

As far as mentality is concerned, there are no sophomores, juniors, or seniors; there's just second- year freshmen, third- year freshmen, and fourth- year freshmen.



High School Philosophy