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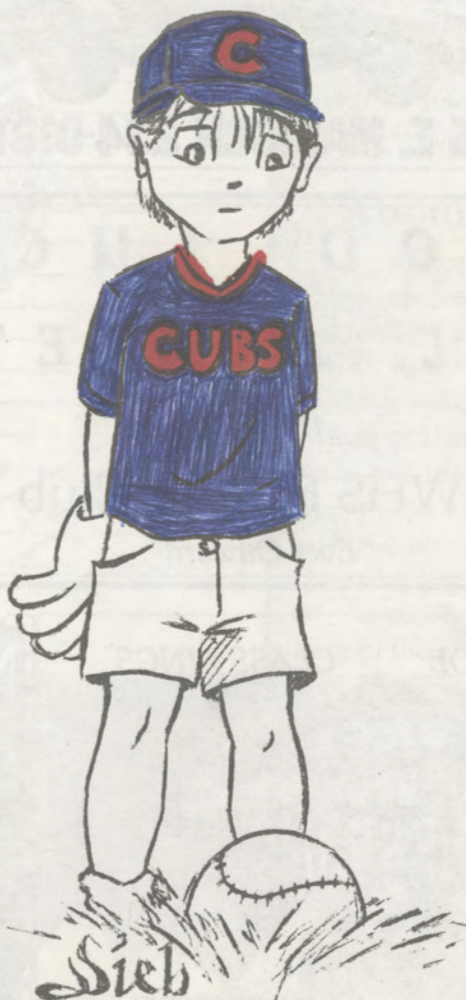
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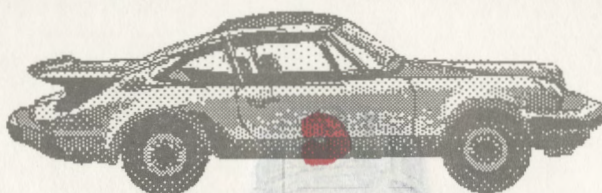
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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

You need to get better and more controversial topics for your Face-Off. Every time I read this column, it seems to me that both sides are saying the same thing, but in different words.

If the people writing it now can't seem to choose opposing sides, then choose a guy and a girl. There should be plenty of controversy between them.

Joseph Tiseo,  
Junior

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# Safety Committee adopts new policies

By Jessica Wamser  
News Editor

The picture at the conclusion of the 1993-94 South Bend Community School Corporation year was not pretty. Guns had been confiscated in all but one of the high schools.



**Dr. Virginia Calvin, superintendent of South Bend schools**

Calvin and the Safe Schools Committee decided that it was time to take action. The Safety Committee is comprised of both business and community leaders.

"Safety is our number-one concern," said Calvin.

Following an initial discussion of recommendations with the Board of School Trustees, the Board officially approved the following:

The purchase of 10 hand-held metal detectors, one to be placed in each middle school and high school. Random searches will be conducted weekly. Other searches will take place when there is probable cause or when a specific incident is reported.

"Hopefully, metal detectors

will make people think twice about bringing a weapon to school," said senior Jerry Beringer.

Carrying bookbags and gymbags during the day as well as wearing "outer" coats and/or jackets to class will also no longer be tolerated. Ninety-nine percent of guns identified were found in bookbags. Many of the guns are traced back to a relative or a member of the family. "We have made a step in the right direction by not allowing bookbags to be carried in school," stated Calvin.

Implementation of a Crime Stoppers program is also in progress. Information can be given, and the caller will remain anonymous. A reward will be established; students will receive up to \$25 in value for information that will lead to the confiscation of a weapon.

A series of educational seminars on safety at each high school and middle school are being developed. Assembly times will be scheduled by building administrators.

Each building principal in the corporation will be required to initiate additional steps that will be implemented in his school to ensure the safety of the students.

Each school must also establish an Advisory Committee representing a cross section of students, staff, parents, and community leaders to evaluate steps that have been taken at the school and/or corporation level concerning safety measures during the 1994-95 school year. At the end of the year, additional recommendations will be consid-

ered for district-wide implementation during the 1995-96 school year.

Information on closed lunch will continue to be gathered. A meeting will be held in December to discuss data collected. Calvin would like to see closed lunches for everyone's benefit. "We know for a fact that closed campuses are safer," said Calvin.

Not all students agree with this idea: "I don't think that we should have closed lunch because lunch time is a time for us to get out and unwind," said senior Leigh Ann Nawrot.

Additional safety measures being considered are that all middle school and high school students will be required to carry their photo identification card to all after-school activities.

"We're investigating stickers for cars because we have so many people coming on campuses, and we have no idea who they are," Calvin said. Towing may be a result of an unregistered car.

"I don't expect to make the rules and not receive some controversy, but I think there is more support out there to do this than

*"I DON'T THINK THAT WE SHOULD HAVE CLOSED LUNCH BECAUSE LUNCH TIME IS A TIME FOR US TO GET OUT AND UNWIND," SAID SENIOR LEIGH ANN NAWROT.*



not to."

If a student is found with a gun in his or her possession, he will be expelled for the remainder of the year. The student will be allowed to return the following year. He cannot be denied an education. "If we have more and more guns, I think the public will demand safer schools," Calvin said.

The new rules will benefit WHS. "We're attempting to prevent a situation before allowing one to happen," said Dr. Dianne Greaves, assistant principal.

Math teacher Paul Lacy had the following comments: "I think that no bags in the classroom is a good rule. The concern has been that students were using the bag to hide things that were not to be in the classroom, such as radios, tape players, food, and even weapons. I hear students complain that they have too many books to carry; my answer is if you plan your day carefully, you should never have to carry more than three books at any one time. Another benefit of the rule is that no longer will students be tripping over bags left on the floor between the rows in a classroom."

Because of the teen violence, parents have felt unsafe sending their children to school, but Vonni Fidler said, "The new rules help settle my worries about Christina."

Fidler also thinks that the School Board waited too long to take some action, but she is glad that they are finally telling our young people that the disruptive behavior will not be tolerated any longer.

Freshman Jillian Ortman said, "The School Board stepped in just in time. If they would have waited any longer, I don't know what would have happened." □

# Metal detectors added for security

By Katharine Chan  
Staff Writer

Last year at least one gun was found in every high school but one, in the South Bend Community School Corporation (SBCSC).

A 13-year-old Dickinson Middle School student brought a gun to school and accidentally fired it, wounding a classmate in the leg.

These and other incidents prompted Dr. Virginia Calvin, superintendent, and the SBCSC's Safety Committee to take drastic measures to stop the taking of weapons to school.

Calvin, along with the Safety Committee, voted to place metal detectors in all South Bend high schools and middle schools.

When instituted, students will be randomly checked for weapons (such as guns or knives) with a wand type of metal detector. The wand is found in most airports and used if there is reason to believe someone has a weapon.

Although these wands may not solve the problem of guns and knives in school, Calvin is optimistic about the message they

send; students will begin to think twice before they bring a weapon to school.

WHS security guard Amos Vann thinks the metal detectors are a move in the right direction.

He said that since students can be randomly checked, the ones who carry will be more careful before they bring in a gun or a knife.

As a WHS parent and a South Bend police officer, Lt. Dave Woods believes that metal detectors are necessary in South Bend schools and will make them safer: "...this really is a search of each student, so all students will

*LT. DAVE WOODS: "I THINK GUNS ARE MORE OF A SYMPTOM OF THE PROBLEM, AND METAL DETECTORS ARE NOT ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF TRYING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. THE REAL ISSUE IS DRUGS, A LACK OF MORALS, AND DECAY OF THE FAMILY."*

lose some of their rights in order to feel more secure."

Woods still has worries about sending his three daughters to school each day, though. "I think guns are more of a symptom of the problem, and metal detectors are not addressing the issue of trying to solve the problem. The real issue is drugs, a lack of morals, and decay of the family."

Although the problem of guns and knives may only be partially solved by these measures, metal detectors are a small step in trying to stop violence in school. □





Martin Owens

# FACE-OFF

## The Issue: Less freedom for more safety

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, Martin Owens or Kim Starzynski.



Kim Starzynski

This school year several decisions on the course of action regarding school safety have been made by a committee comprised of various community leaders. The main problem that was addressed was that of guns in school. The following statements outline the mandate:

- No coats or bookbags allowed in the classroom. All such materials are to be placed in lockers at the beginning of the day and not removed until the conclusion of the day.

- The purchase of one hand-held metal detector for each high school and each middle school.

While these steps are an attempt to combat school violence, they are inadequate and will no doubt end in futility.

The primary reason why banning coats and bookbags will prove to be ineffective is obvious. If a student wishes to carry a gun on his or her person, that student is going to do so, with or without a bookbag or coat.

Secondly, students whose mentality is such that he or she would carry a gun, don't carry bookbags at all. Most of them either rarely go to class, or when they do, don't even have the required books and materials, let alone EXTRA books in a bag.

As for banning coats, not only will it prove to be ineffective in the long run, it will most likely hinder the ability of students to learn. Sitting in a below-zero classroom on a Monday morning doesn't seem like a good learning environment to me.

The decision to purchase metal detectors is even more ridiculous than that of banning coats and bookbags in class. Even yet more ridiculous was the purchase of hand-held ones instead of permanent ones. One high school (Wingate High School in Atlanta) uses similar metal detectors as those that were purchased by the South Bend School Corporation. They must use a random method of choosing students to scan every morning because scanning every student with a hand-held metal detector would take too long. In addition to this, the metal detectors can be fooled simply by placing the weapon under a belt buckle, or another such metal object.

According to a report by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, "Metal detectors have no apparent effect on the number of injuries, deaths, or threats of violence on school grounds." In fact, many studies suggest that metal detectors have a negative effect on student morale, turning a day at school into more like a day at Michigan City Prison.

The principal at Wingate High School stated: "I would have used it to buy more books.....Instead, we have an expensive security package that doesn't work half the time."

Instead of placing the emphasis on physically keeping students from bringing weapons to school, the emphasis should be placed on WHY students are bringing guns to school in the first place. According to several studies, peer mediation is a far more effective way to combat crime in schools. These programs allow students to settle their differences away from adults, without resorting to violence. Five thousand schools have implemented systems of peer mediation, and those schools that use them say they actually work at deterring violent crimes.

Many students in high schools across America go to school in fear every day. Safety has become the most important issue facing all schools today. Crimes in school have become an epidemic. More than 3 million crimes are committed in or around the nation's 85,000 public schools a year. An estimated 270,000 guns are taken to school each day. (facts from *The Scholastic Update* Feb. 11, 1994)

In an attempt to make schools safer, they have banned bookbags and coats and have instituted metal detectors.

Local school officials recognized that these problems, formally associated with large cities, are now occurring in South Bend as well. A Safety Committee, including superintendent Dr. Virginia Calvin, prosecuting attorney Mike Barnes, and other community and business leaders, was formed to address the growing issue of violence in public schools. One solution proposed is the use of metal detectors in all South Bend high schools and middle schools.

The type of metal detectors used will be the wand detectors. Random searches of students and lockers will be conducted. Unfortunately, not all students can be checked every day.

Metal detectors have been put into use in Wingate High School in Crown Heights, New York. Sylvester Williams, a senior at Wingate, said, "It makes me feel safer. I don't mind, unless it makes me late for first-period class." (facts from *The Scholastic Update* Feb. 11, 1994)

Other safety measures will also be introduced. Bookbags shall not be allowed on school grounds; 99 percent of all weapons in the South Bend system were found in bookbags.

Closed lunches are also being discussed. The final decision for lunches will be in December. If the measure is passed, closed lunches will start in Sept. of 1995. "It's not a popular decision...but we're talking about your safety, your life," was the conclusion of Calvin.

Many students ask why should they be subjected to this kind of treatment when they are not the problem students. The answer, unfortunately, is the problem students need to be controlled. If no security measures are taken, guns will continue to be brought to school. Safety is more important than not having the luxury of going to a fast-food restaurant or carrying all one's books in a bag.

It's about time action is being taken toward protecting innocent students. In the eyes of many concerned students and parents, better security measures should have been put into effect much earlier than the 1994-95 school year.



# Religion classes could help decrease violence

... A young girl walked across the room to her desk as the tardy bell rang. The shuffling of chairs and desks quieted when the teacher walked into the classroom. "Okay, kids, take out your notebook," instructed the teacher. The girl reached over to take her notebook out of her bookbag and realized the boy next to her was curiously looking around. Suddenly, the boy took a gun from his backpack and pulled the trigger. A shot rang out, and terrified screams echoed throughout the classroom. . .

## Editorial

In the past few years, violence in public schools has increased dramatically. Guns, racial slurs, and gang-related fights have eased their way into the school setting. Schools have needed to take more drastic measures by installing metal detectors and forbidding bookbags and coats in the classrooms.

Another measure that could be considered to decrease the violence in the schools is the addition of religion to the students' list of electives.

Obviously, the courses could not be required, due to the "separation of church and state," yet, private schools are safer as evidenced by virtually no reports of guns or violence. A religious framework in these schools is certainly one of the factors contributing to a more peaceful environment.

Principal David Kaser pointed out that another factor for their more peaceful environment is that parochial schools have enrollment restrictions, while public schools do not. (Why do public schools continue to think that they have to educate everyone? But that's another editorial.)

Parochial schools may have their share of problems, but they are not of the magnitude of the ones in the public schools.

The Bible, as the basis of many religions, would be a representation of moral solidarity. Students involved in a religion class would have a chance to view ethics and values from this same perspective.

Many families, however, cannot afford the expensive tuition of parochial schools which have religion built into their curriculum. Therefore, we should allow religion classes in public schools

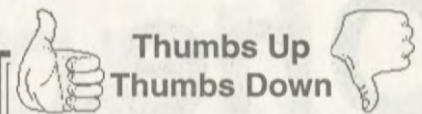
for those who want this education, but cannot pay the tuition.

The mere thought of a moment of silence in public schools, however, is a controversial subject. On the other hand, students have fought to keep prayer during commencement and religious history in the classrooms.

Recently, the *South Bend Tribune* printed a story about a young boy who was prevented from reading his Bible to his fellow classmates. He chose the Bible to fulfill a reading assignment given by his teacher. The boy and his parents decided to take legal action, but settled the case out of court after the South Bend School Board decided to adopt a policy in reference to the use of religious publications.

This policy acknowledges that religion and religious institutions have played an important role in our culture and are appropriate for objective study in the South Bend Community School Corporation's curriculum. The policy goes on to say that it allows for the study of materials having religious origin, as long as the material is of some instructional value to the class, but it may not be used for theological purposes.

Our public schools are in need of help. The teaching of moral values is desperately missing from our schools and could be the answer the School Corporation needs. □



### THUMBS UP-

...to the new teachers and staff—Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Bergeron, Mrs. Darnel, Mrs. Glanton, Mr. Karen, Mrs. Kraus, Major Livingston, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Shinkos and Mrs. Young. Welcome! We're sure your teaching expertise will be beneficial to the students.

...to the no bookbag and no coat policy. It may be an inconvenience for some students, but in the long run, it will make our learning atmosphere safer.

...to all students and staff who have been wearing green and white on Fridays; especially to Mr. Krueger, your cheery smile and bright green sweater really add spirit to our hallways! Mrs. Shinkos, where's your green?

...to the fired-up pep assembly. All the students were pumped, and it was great to see everyone cheering for the fall sports' teams! A special thank-you to the band and cheerleaders for getting the student body motivated.

...to the seniors for winning the first spirit stick. In past pep assemblies, the senior class has never been so involved and spirited! Continue to set a great example for the underclassmen.

...to the sophomores for winning the second spirit stick and hall decorations. You certainly deserved it! All your excited shouts and peppy screams really showed the rest of the Panthers how a spirit stick is to be won!

...to Mr. Kaser and the class sponsors for recognizing the need to look at the entire homecoming process.

### THUMBS DOWN-

...to the disrespect many students show while watching Channel 1. Channel 1 is a very informative news show, and Mr. Swintz's communication class works hard to broadcast it every morning.

...to the blocked hallways, especially the 600-700 intersection. Every year we complain, and it never changes. "Move away from the wall," does not help. How about, "Keep moving?" What will it take to stop the students from conversing in the middle of the hallway. . . a bulldozer?



# One, two, three st

by Stacey Kaufman and Stephanie Kaufman  
Feature Editors

*Take me out to the ball game,  
Take me out to the crowd.  
Buy me some peanuts and cracker  
jacks,  
I don't care if I ever get back.  
So it's root, root, root for the  
players.  
If they don't win it's a shame  
For it's 1,2,3 STRIKES you're out  
At the old ball game!!*

**B**aseball is one of America's favorite pastimes. Not only does baseball provide recreation, but also careers and economic boosts. As of Aug. 12, when baseball players took the stand to strike, South Bend, along with many other cities, felt various emotions.

Not too long ago, the Stanley Coveleski Regional Stadium provided baseball for South Bend. This gave the community the opportunity to enjoy baseball without traveling too far. The "Cove" became the home of the South Bend Silver Hawks.

South Bend Silver Hawks', vice president and general manager John P. Tull, commented on the effects of this strike: "The strike is not good for baseball or the fans!"

Tull does not support the players or the owners in the strike. Instead, he

supports the fans.

Although Tull doesn't agree with the strike, he does understand from the organized union standpoint. He explained that the reason the union thinks the players deserve more money is because the owners get so much from tv revenues and

merchandising. But overall, the real question is whether or not they deserve so much money to play a game of baseball. "I'm not so sure!" Tull concluded.

Senior Ryan Nalepinski does not agree with the strike: "I think it's silly that the average player makes 1.2 million to play a game they should want to play for free. I would play it for anything."

WHS baseball coach Rick Tomaszewski thinks that the major league players of today are highly overpaid. "When an individual, like Ryne Sandberg or

Barry Bonds, can make more money per time at bat than most people in America earn in one year, I have a difficult time sympathizing with their complaints."

Nalepinski thought that capped salaries were smart because it would even out the teams as far as talent.

Tomaszewski is strong in his view that the owners should set the salaries for their players. He explained, "In the same way, we have the option to go to Kroger's or Martin's. If

we like the price or quality of Kroger produce, we buy from there, or vice versa."

Even the minor leagues are affected both negatively and positively. Negatively, the future of each player is at a standstill. If the chance should

*"Sadly, the players are definitely losing sight of the game."*

*- Coach T.*



**Stanley Coveleski Regional Stadium, home of the South Bend Silver Hawks.**

arise for a minor league player to advance, virtually no further level exists for which to rise. The major league is basically any minor league player's dream or goal, not only for



# strikes you're out!

the money, but for more fame.

Silver Hawks right fielder Andre Newhouse revealed his concerns: "If they don't come to a decision, the minor leagues definitely will be affected."

He explained that their wages come from the major league team, the Chicago White Sox. He is worried about the outcome once they run out of money as a result of not playing for so long.

On the other hand, Newhouse has seen some positive influences from the strike. "It's more publicity for us," laughed Newhouse.

The baseball highlights on the news were mostly filled with the major leagues; now the minor leagues have replaced its coverage. "I miss being able to watch and read about the pros in the news," commented Nalepinski.

Tomaszweski said, "The American public and the fans are the ones who are suffering."

This year will be the first time that America will not have a World Series.

A considerable increase in attendance at the Silver Hawks' games since the strike is another positive influence. "People can't watch the major leagues, so they come here," Tull said.

Nalepinski said that he attended a few more Silver Hawks' games than usual because his favorite pro teams

were not playing. Before the strike, an average of 3,700 fans attended each game; now an average of 4,400 attend.

The Michiana community has certainly felt positive influences. Baseball fans from other area cities, even as far away as Chicago, attended Silver Hawks' games. Tull attributed that along with these eager fans, came a little prosperity for South Bend, in the same way that any attraction might do.

Our restaurants were busier, our hotels accommodated more people, and our community basically felt a slight boost in its economy. "Our community is definitely benefitting in the long run," Tull stated.

Besides all the negative and positive influences that the strike has offered, a new issue has been revealed. The public wonders what has come of baseball.

Tomaszweski said, "The players of today do not play with the love, passion, and emotion as did players in the past. Ball players like Ted Williams and Willy Mays loved the game, loved the competition, and loved the fans. Now, it is too much of a 'money thing'. Players change teams as often as they

change their underwear. They sell themselves to the highest bidder."

Tomaszewski continued, "Sadly, the players are definitely losing sight of the game."

He reflected upon a situation years ago when baseball player Stan Musial from the St. Louis Cardinals gave back some of his earned salary. This was at a time when baseball salaries were \$180,000 a year. He did this because he

thought he did not live up to his and the fans' expectations for that year.

Nalepinski agreed that baseball has really changed. "Back in the 20's, everyone really loved to play. As a baseball player, I always pictured myself playing professionally, even if it wasn't



**Silver Hawks right fielder Andre Newhouse expresses how he feels about the strike.**

reality. Now, because of the strike, my dream has become even more dismal."

Tull eluded to the fact that the baseball strike should not have come to this point. The love of baseball is where it all began, and it may end in greed. He thinks that the players should love the game enough that the money does not matter, that they should even feel an obligation to their fans and for the sport to put their own priorities slightly behind them. "Unfortunately, greed takes over." □



# Panthers

By Christina Fidler, Jaime Kurzhal,  
and Suzanne Myers

Hippies? Cross-dressing? No, it's not the 60's, or the 80's, it's Panthers going *Out of this World* for Spirit Week, Sept. 12-16, 1994.

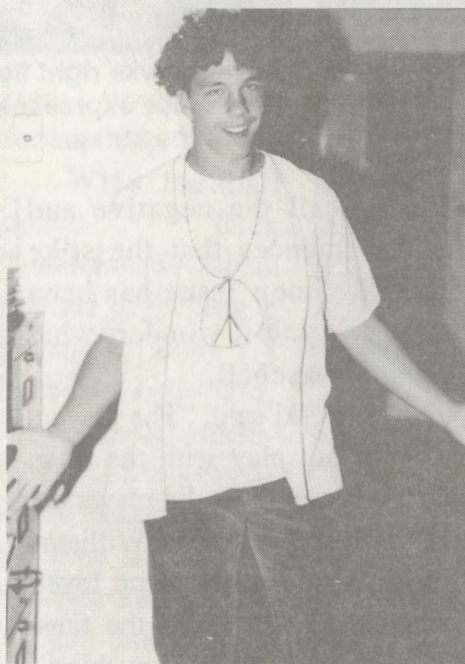
We know the juniors are way into spirit because of this group of groovy Panthers. Are hippie chicks **Carol Degeeter**, **Jamie Infalt**, **Lisa Martinez**, and **Stacey Lentych** ready to burn their bras in protest, or are they just searching for peace and love with polyester boys **Jeff Kaser**, **Adam Hooten**, and **Eric Bastine**?



Fake fur--fashion statement or fashion disaster? Either way, junior soul sister **Clara Brooks** is all set to groove a little Hendrix and Morrison at Woodstock.



Who in the world is this foxy mama? Whoops—it's not a foxy mama; it's foxy junior **Matt Andrzejewski** trying to show his feminine side on cross-dress day.



Wildman **Tom Hathaway** is really spiffy in his corduroys. "Wasn't I born to be a hippie?" asks this goofy junior.



Underneath these hat and shades isn't the handsome devil you may be hoping to find. In fact, you'll find a girl! Freshman **Lisa Hadary** had the right idea for her first Homecoming Spirit Week.



# Young artist on death row

By Michele Perez  
Staff Writer

**T**he state of Illinois found Manuel Salazar guilty of the murder of a police officer.

According to his lawyer, Marlene Kamish, "Manuel Salazar is a victim of an unconstitutional police stop, police brutality, a violent breach of international law, and ineffective legal representation."

On Sept. 12, 1984, Salazar was pulled over while riding in a car with four of his friends. Three of the friends were Latinos, and the other was African-American. According to a subsequent police report, the police became suspicious and pulled the car over, because "Negroes and Spanish were seen in the car together."

Once they were pulled over, Kamish said that Salazar ran from the police officer because he had a gun in his gymbag. Salazar had been target practicing by the river. Kamish said that the officer never knew that Salazar had a gun. The officer chased him with his own gun drawn.

They then reached a fence, where, according to Salazar, the officer put his gun in the holster and began to beat him. Salazar managed to push the officer off him.

Salazar said that the officer then drew his gun and swore that he would kill him. The two struggled over the gun. In the struggle, the gun went off, fatally wounding the officer.

Manuel claimed he was only resisting assault, and that the gun was in the officer's hands when it went off.

•Gunpowder burns were found on the officer's hands proving that this was true.

•No ballistic report on the officer's gun was ever provided to the post-conviction defense.

•The autopsy would later show that the officer had been drinking, either before or while on the job.

•There was also a knife found strapped to the officer's leg. The officer was not supposed to have any such knife with him on duty.

Kamish said that Salazar was terrified and badly wounded. She said that he then fled to a friend's house. Sworn testimony from three witnesses at the house confirm Salazar's testi-

mony of police brutality.

Salazar's friends claim that they heard on the streets that there was a "Shoot-to-Kill" order made by the police on Salazar.

Salazar and his family were unsure what to do, but decided to take Salazar to Mexico. In

was quickly sentenced to death. Kamish said that he was sentenced to death after the attorney presented a poor case, that excluded a good deal of evidence in Manuel's favor.

•Kamish also said that the jury was not told that the Officer was hired in Joliet against the wishes of a polygraph examiner, and only after having applied to seven other departments. The same attorney took his case on appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court, but they affirmed the death sentence.

On Jan. 12, 1994, the Illinois Supreme Court heard the postconviction appeal. In front of the courthouse, 500 people marched in support of Salazar. It is anticipated that the court will soon issue its opinion on whether he should be given a new trial.

He has the support of numerous persons and organizations. Amnesty International began a postcard writing campaign, and galleries across the globe began hosting exhibitions of Salazar's artwork.

"Salazar is an artist whose work is of incredible vision and skill," according to Professor Susan Kraut of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

He said that his family and supporters, his faith in God, and his painting are what have helped him through the years of death row. Ms. Amelia Munoz, WHS bilingual resource specialist, said that it is vital that news of this caliber be given

attention by the media and society as a whole.

The United Church of Christ announced Salazar's case as one of its national priorities, stating that it was a case of "racial discrimination in our judicial system," and that Salazar should become a "household name as a victim of police brutality." □



May of 1985 Salazar said that he was seized from his bed in Mexico by armed men. He was then forcibly taken to border guards at Laredo, Tx.

•Salazar was removed from Mexico without any legal proceedings, which is in serious violation of an International Law between the U.S. and Mexico. "This law states that the extradition of an individual known to be subject to the penalty of death, which is illegal in Mexico, be left up to the discretion of the Mexican government," said Kamish.

Once back in Joliet, an attorney called Manuel's family and offered to take his case. He and his family accepted the offer.

•They did not know that the attorney had a long history of working for and with the police department. The attorney was also, at that time, charged with bribing a police witness in another case.

At the attorney's suggestion, they agreed to move the case from Salazar's hometown to Bloomington, Il. In this town Salazar ended up with an all-white middle-class jury. Salazar



Manuel Salazar  
(1966- )



# Last-second field goal downs Irish

**By Isaiah Dockery**  
Sports Writer

After Notre Dame's season opener against Northwestern, many people were afraid that Notre Dame's lines wouldn't hold up against Michigan. Virtually every analyst across the nation said that the Notre Dame-Michigan rivalry is won in the trenches. If that were true, then Notre Dame would still have an undefeated team. Yes, Notre Dame did win in the trenches, but lost in some more important areas.

Notre Dame had three turnovers, all three from people one would least expect of letting the ball slip through their fingers. Two were from Heisman candidate Lee Becton, and one was from "The Super Sophomore" quarterback Ron Powlus. All three turnovers were turned into field goals by the Wolverines.

Another factor that contributed to their defeat was the luck factor. Bobby Taylor, who is the leading candidate for the Jim Thorpe award, blocked a 29-yard Remy Hamilton field-goal attempt. Before the ball could hit the ground, Michigan fullback Che Fosters snatched it out of the air. He ran it for a few yards and a first down (Michigan only needed one yard for a first down). Two plays later, sophomore runningback Tim Biakabutuka (Touchdown Tim), ran the ball in from nine yards out.

To end the game, it came down to who had possession of the ball last. Michigan scored

a field goal, with 2 minutes and 15 seconds remaining on the clock. The field goal gave the Wolverines a 6-point lead, and gave Notre Dame the urge for a heroic last-minute comeback. On the kickoff following the Wolverine field goal, Michael Miller returned the ball 55-yards to the 36-yard line. On first down, Derrick Mayes made a diving effort and pulled down an overthrown pass to the 19-yard line.

After a four-yard run by Becton, and a pass interference call on Deon Johnson, Notre Dame had the ball three-yards from the goal line with a little more than a minute left in the game. Powlus found Mayes in the end zone, for what appeared to be the tying touchdown. The play was called back, because Becton was flagged for illegal motion.

On the following down, Powlus hooked up with Mayes on what proved to be the best play of the night. Mayes used his 36-inch vertical leap to pull the ball down with one hand. Stefan Schrockner added the P-A-T (point after touchdown) to give Notre Dame the lead.

For any Irish fan who remembers the Boston College game, you know that a minute is enough for any team to drive through the Irish's, "Bend until you get enough yards to kick a field goal" defense. Todd Collins found all the holes in Notre Dame's defense and drove the Wolverines down field. N.D. linebacker Bert Berry had a chance to sack Collins and end the game, but he forgot the first step to sacking a Q.B.; you must grab their arms (It prevents them from getting the ball away).

As sophomore Todd Bella said, "If (Bert) Berry would have grabbed (Todd) Collins' arms, then the only thing he could have done is fumble the ball or be sacked. Either decision would have ended the game with Notre Dame victorious."

Collins was able to get the ball off to an open receiver, who got the ball out-of-bounds to preserve the clock. Michigan sent in sophomore field goal kicker Remy Hamilton. He successfully booted a 42-yard attempt through the uprights, making the second consecutive opponent comeback in Notre Dame stadium.

Senior outside linebacker Jeremy Nau's words were enough to give one a sense of how the Irish felt after the game: "I had my head in my hands and almost cried when we kicked the extra point," the senior said referring to the Irish comeback that almost won the game. "Right now, I feel like crap."

Though Coach Lou Holtz won't admit it, the loss to Michigan doesn't drop the Irish out of championship consideration. It was an early loss, and the teams ahead of the Irish still have a good chance of losing a game. It would take the "luck of the Irish" for those teams to lose, but if Notre Dame is impressive in Orlando (against Florida State on Nov. 12), then they could lead the polls by the end of the season.

**Bo Don't Know Irish:**

Ex-Michigan head coach, Bo Schembechler predicted the Irish to lose to Michigan State. Bo predicted it to be the upset of the week, if not of the year. □

## Swimmers closer to win, but still disappointed

**By Kathryn Shaumber**  
Sports Writer

The past four years have been a disappointment for the girls' swim team.

The last meet they won was Aug. 28, 1990. They beat Rochester with the score of 107-58.

This season began with disappointment as well when the girls suffered a one-point loss to Rochester and ended in a tie with Bremen.

"It was really great to tie with Bremen," sophomore Amber Bammerlin said. "We have never been that close before."

The team has also been defeated by Mishawaka, Riley, and Penn.

Last year was hard for the team with no seniors to look up to for leadership; now the underclassmen have 5 seniors for inspiration. The team has 19 swimmers, but this is only 3 more than last year.

"This is the best team in the last five years," Coach Kristi Walz commented. "We

have much more talent, dedication, and hard work this year."



Photo by Christina Eiler

**Freshman Jocelyn Orlowski needs concentration as she practices her inward tuck during practice.**

Walz's goals for the team are the following: to at least win two or three meets; to continue to improve on times as well as strokes; and to get a larger number of swimmers to try

out for the team each year.

"Winning meets and improving times go hand-in-hand," Walz said.

Senior Sara Nemes said, "I hope to keep lowering my time in the 100-backstroke. Also, this is my senior year, and I would like to see the team win at least one meet." Nemes added that the team could work harder.

The team began practice in mid-August, five days a week, four hours a day. Now they practice two hours after school each day.

Returning swimmers are seniors Nemes, Heather Alerding, Rebecca Kelsey, Heather Woods, Kathryn Zurawski; juniors Eniko Hunyadi, Jill Wall; sophomores Bammerlin, Elizabeth Baker, Tara Kenjockety, Stacey Page, Kimm Robak, Kathryn Shuamber; and freshmen Jennifer Hess, Stacey Kuharic, Keyna Langhoffer, Jocelyn Orlowski, Teresa Pace, and Jennifer Stoneburner.

The assistant coach is Dave Woods.

The Panthers' next meet is Oct. 1 at Mishawaka at 9 am. □



# Building season for boys soccer

**By Mike Whitlock**  
Sports Editor

The boys' soccer team looks to improve on last season's 0-17-1 record. The young team will look to gain experience this year to build a strong program for the future.

Boys soccer moved to the fall to have an entire state tournament at the end of the year. This will spark more interest in the sport and also attract athletes to continue their game in college.

"I am looking forward to a good season with our new coach. This team will be promising in the future because of all our young players," said senior tri-captain Phil Weber.

Doug Knowlton replaces Richard Briggs as head soccer coach. Knowlton brings an aggressive style to the team.

This year's team is led by senior tri-captains Weber, Jamey Miller, and Tyler Donlon. The core of the team, however, consists of mainly underclassmen.

Knowlton said, "I expect our seniors to set solid examples for our younger kids. For that we must establish ourselves not only this year but for years to come."

The team is currently 1-5-1. The season opening jamboree featured WHS. The Panthers looked impressive with a 1-0 win over

LaSalle and a 1-0 win over the powerhouse St. Joe. Both goals came from junior Peter Bandera who attacked the opposing defense and beat the goalkeeper to the rights of the goal.

The season opener against Marian had the Panthers stumbling 4-0. WHS came out strong the next game forcing Wawasee to a 1-1 tie. The following game the mighty Panthers came out on top by defeating Northwood in the pouring rain 4-2.

This placed the Panthers 1-1-1 with a showdown against Northern Indiana power Adams Eagles. Despite the 8-1 loss, WHS's defense shined.

"We held the Eagles scoreless for the first 20 minutes and frustrated them with good ball control and poise," said Miller.

WHS took a turn for the worse by losing their next three games: Penn, 5-1; Riley, 4-1; and Elkhart Central, 4-2.

Other members on the team include seniors Tsuneyoshi Watanabe, Marco Garcia; juniors Thomas Hathaway, Billy Payne, Colin Nuner, Phil Egierski, Rick Jaronik, Nate Reeder; sophomore Justin Shonkwiler, Jesse Perez, Zach Smith, Javier Rocha; and freshmen Cody Donlon, Kevin Griffin, Devin Nuner, Kenneth Kelly, Drew Griffis, and Ryan Kring.

The boys' next game is against Adams at School Field on Oct. 1. □

# Boys searching for smashing hits

**By Mike Makowski**  
Sports Writer

The boys' tennis team has been trying to get into the swing of things for a victory during the season. So far this hasn't been possible. They have been making a team effort, but they can't seem to reach over that hill.

The reason for this is the loss of three key players to graduation. This leaves the team young, inexperienced, and searching for confidence.

Some of you diehard tennis fans may recognize the new coach for boys tennis. She coached the girls' tennis team last year, Kim Glick.

Glick said, "We're basically a young team which has room for improvement. They are all pretty good kids, and they give it their all."

Freshman Jamal Henry has won the two out of the three match victories for the Panthers. His first win was against St. Joe, and his second victory was against Mishawaka. Henry said, "I try to have fun while I'm playing; if I win, it is a bonus for the team."

The combination of Andy Miller and Kevin Dixon won the other match at the Riley Cat Invitational at Leeper Park.

Freshman sensation Henry guides the Panthers at the No. 1 singles. Senior co-captain Chris Vargo holds on to the second seed, while freshman Brian Schoonaert guides the Panthers at the No. 3 singles for varsity.

Senior co-captain Miller and junior Dixon head the doubles' team, with junior Joe Tiseo and freshman Paul Czajkowski playing at the No. 2 doubles.

Miller said, "We may not be super talented like the powerhouse Penn, but we all play to our maximum." □

# Girls sparked by youth

**By Mike Whitlock**  
Sports Editor

The girls' soccer team is determined to improve upon last season's history-making year with young aggressive play.

Last year the girls went 5-8, including three consecutive victories. This year's squad has something of its own to prove.

The 1994 team has a new look from striker to goalie to new coach. Ron Zielinski filled the head coaching spot left vacant by Richard Briggs.

Zielinski, a WHS graduate, said, "Our major goal is to build our young team, so we can compete against the established teams such as St. Joe, Penn, and Adams."

WHS graduated nine seniors and has two seniors not playing from last year's team. Five juniors return, along with three juniors playing for the first time. Also, six freshmen will provide the young sparks for the team.

Senior co-captain Monica Estrada, the starting goalie, was the *South Bend Tribune's* Athlete of the Week. Estrada recorded 57 saves through the first 5 matches.

Estrada said, "It is an honor to be recog-

nized, but all I try to do is to help my team."

Junior co-captain Becky Wilfing will provide the offensive power. Both captains are team leaders on and off the field.

Wilfing replied, "We lead the team by strong team play on the field and by having a good attitude at practice and off the field."

The Panthers have stumbled out of the blocks with seven straight losses. The inexperience on the team has kept WHS from succeeding. The Panthers, however, are working more together as a team.

Zielinski said, "Despite the slow start, the girls keep coming back to tough it out at practice or against their next opponent."

Other members of the team include seniors Michelle Hickey, Anna Muhkesoe; juniors Olivia Cano, Carol DeGeeter, Megan Korpel, Stacey Lentych, Lisa Martinez, Tricia Ort, Kisha Perry, Kelly Rupert, Stephanie Schwander; sophomores Roslinda Leyva, Jennifer Salinas, Wendy Mitchell; and freshmen Bobbi Densmore, Susie Ferency, Melissa Hagedorn, Robbi Lindgren, Suzie Myers, and Nichole Woods.

The girls' next game is against LaSalle at Clay Field on Oct. 3. □



Freshman Jamal Henry concentrates on his first serve.

Photo by Eric Basline



# Panthers start season with high expectations

**By Greg Bovenkerk**  
Sports Writer

The football team started off the season with high hopes and big expectations. In the coaches' poll, they were ranked 8th in the state in class 4-A. The Panthers were out to prove they were no. 1.

Junior Adam Hooten said, "We are not going to look ahead, but we feel that we should succeed and excel throughout the year."

The Panthers' first contest of the season was expected to be one of the toughest. They faced no. 4 ranked Munster. This was a revenge game for the team. They had lost to Munster the year before 27-24 in double overtime, and they weren't going to let it happen again.

The Panthers came out fired up, and they looked impressive for the first game of the season. Led by junior Randy Shelton's three touchdowns and two by promising sophomore tailback Ivan Blount, the Panthers routed the Mustangs 35-0. What was most impressive about the win was the Panther defense stopped cold the Munster offense.

Head coach Scott Bovenkerk said, "We did what we needed to do to get it done; now we'll get our heads straight for next week."

Week two for the team was a big test. A powerful Mishawaka team with a strong run-

ning game came to School Field. The Panthers were beaten 21-7. The lone score for the Panthers came on a 29-yard run by junior Jason Wilson.

The third game on the Panthers' schedule was against LaSalle. The Lions brought with them all the hype of all-state senior running back Courtney Davis.

But the Panther defense was up to the challenge. They held Davis under 100 yards and the LaSalle offense to only 15 points. The Panthers came out fired up in the second half and won on a 44-yard touchdown run by Blount. Hooten sealed the victory with an interception with only 44 seconds remaining.

Junior Matt Andrzejewski said, "I felt like the Mishawaka game woke us up. It proved we were not that good, and that we had to battle for our winnings. The LaSalle game put us back on track, taking one game at a time."

Michigan City Elston was next up for the Panthers as they also brought a much heralded running game. The Panthers started off dead, and the Red Devils scored on their first two possessions. They took a 12-0 halftime lead. The Panther team that came out in the second half seemed like a whole new team.

They cut the lead to 12-7 on a 4-yard touchdown run by senior Michael Phillips. In the fourth quarter the Panthers took control.

The defense shut down Elston's offense completely, and WHS's offensive line (seniors Josh Johnston, Brian Kazmierzak, Matt Ladewski, Jeff Ort, Brian Bowers, and Ryan Ewing) opened up huge holes for the Panther running backs.



Photo by Eric Basline

**Junior Eric Siebenaler wraps up the ball carrier during practice.**

The final touchdown came on a 4th-down pass from senior Greg Bovenkerk to junior Matt Wood with less than 2 minutes left on the clock. With that dramatic 14-12 win, the Panthers' record improved to 3-1, with the hardest part of the team's schedule remaining.

The Panthers' next game is against the Riley Wildcats on Oct. 7.

## JV football gets off to rough start

**By Andrew Zima**  
Sports Writer

The JV football team got off to a rough start with a tough 38-7 loss to Mishawaka in the opening game of the season. The Panthers started out with a good kickoff return and then gained a first down. But then they fumbled, and it all seemed to go downhill from there. The only score came on a late touchdown run by junior Terrance Malone.

The Panthers' first victory was against LaSalle. They beat the Lions 14-13 in a tough battle. The Panthers' first score of the game came on a Malone touchdown run.

Malone said, "I felt great, because it tied the game. I got through the line, and I got hit about four times; the next thing you know, I'm in the end-zone on my back. I got up and thanked my team for the great blocks. Eloy Alvarez gave me a great block, too."

They were losing 13-6 in the fourth quarter and got it down to the one-yard line for first and goal. They failed two quarter-

back sneaks and were facing third and goal from about the one.



Photo by Eric Basline

**Sophomore Eloy Alvarez tries to dance his way by junior Mark Pickens.**

On third down, they tried another Drew Jeffrey sneak and scored. But they were still down by one, and Coach Vince Burkhart decided to go for the two-point conversion to get the lead. They scored the two points and then had the lead 14-13.

Although still enough time for LaSalle to score, the vicious Panther defense held them.

After the game, Jeffrey said, "It was exciting. We stopped the Lions from driving with 40 seconds left. We sacked the quarterback, but LaSalle called time out to stop the clock. The Lions tried and failed three passes. Then at the end I kneeled down and ran out the clock."

The third game of the season pitted WHS against Michigan City Elston. The Panthers demolished the Red Devils 20-0.

Sophomore Roger Dean punched in two touchdowns against the Devils, and senior quarterback Mark (Bulldog) Grzeskowiak averaged six yards a carry.

Burkhart commented on his goals for the season: "I would like to play as many people as possible and to get experience for the sophomores." He added that he was looking forward to the season and had some key players like Jeffrey, Malone, Dan Hersom, and Eddie Kelsey.

The next game is Oct. 3 at Elkhart Memorial at 4:30.



# Volleyball team takes big blow at preseason tourney

By **Sandy Osowski**  
Sports Writer

The girls' team began the season on the right foot when they entered the preseason tourney against the Adams' Eagles with the win of 9-15, 15-8, and 15-12. The next round of play pitted the LaSalle Lions against the Panthers; the Panthers shut the Lions down 15-2, 15-7. Next was the championship round against the St. Joe Indians. The Indians, however, came up with the win.

"It was a disappointing game because we didn't play up to our potential. We weren't working together, and we had a lot of mental errors," commented senior Kathy Borysiak. This loss put the Panthers at 3-1.

Coach Tressie Jurgonski said the goals of the season are "to win the sectional and improve in the conference." Each girl has her own personal goal for the season.

Jurgonski said that the girls have done much better than teams in previous years, putting in a lot more effort and playing together as a team. Sophomore Cortney Litka said, "I think that we are playing very well as a team this season."

Some strengths of the team are strong powerful hitters and setters. Weaknesses include keeping up good form while serv-

ing and preparing for the powerful spikes from opposing teams.

"Our passing and serving are where we struggle the most, but all-in-all, if we work together and if everybody puts in a little extra, we'll have a good chance," said junior Jamie Infalt.



Photo by Eric Basline

**Junior Erin Maenhout reaches to dig the ball during practice.**

Adding to the Panthers' offense this year are senior captain Mary Lukaszewski and sophomore Litka, who has had some major blocks.

Their two toughest opponents will be Penn and Mishawaka. Infalt commented, "I think Penn will be a tough opponent because they have two strong outside hitters and several strong blockers who could

hurt us."

Jurgonski said that Mishawaka would be one of the girls' toughest opponents because of the Cavemen's strong servers and hitters.

The Panthers went on to beat John Glenn and St. Joe, but then fell to Marquette by the score of 12-15, 7-15. The Lady Panthers came back to defeat Jimtown, LaVile and Clay, but lost to LaPorte.

The members of the varsity team are seniors Dominique Bai, Borysiak, Karyn Calbetzor, Lukaszewski, Sabrina Opachewski, Liz Shearer, Charlena Vandeviere, Amy Wimberly; juniors Infalt, Erin Maenhout; and sophomore Litka.

The members of the JV squad are juniors Andrea Mcnerney, Jill Turczynski, Chris Wroblewski; sophomores Noelle Chiddister, Jessica Babbitt; and freshmen Courtney Nawrot and Sarah Wood.

Members of the freshman team include Chrissy Borkowski, Sarah Ewing, Sara Giszewski, Amber Gustafson, Jamie Kurzhall, Alicia Ladewski, Melissa Litka, Jill Meert, Karen Mezzei, Mindi Monroe, Angela Retek, and Amanda Spence.

The Lady Panthers' next game is at home Oct. 4 against Memorial at 6 pm. □

## Base training pays off for cross country team

By **Ryan Hanyzewski**  
Sports Writer

The cross country team has gone back to basics with a new process called base training. Base training is the running of long distances to build up endurance rather than running a lot of short sprints.

"Base training has really helped us in our meets to prepare for all of the long-distance running," said senior Leigh Ann Nawrot.

Without any official captains, the boys' team is led by junior Kevin Keppler and senior Mario Besserra. The girls' team is led by seniors Melanie Whiteman, Liz Muia, and Leticia Besserra.

"The reason for not having any captains is because I am new here, and it would not be fair for me to come in and just appoint captains," said Coach D. J. Hanback.

Two newcomers who can come in and help immediately on the boys' team are freshman Andrew Nalepinski and junior Dean Burkus.

Coming off a tough season last year, the Panthers' overall goals for this season are to finish in the top three in the city and to be very competitive by the time sectionals roll around on Oct. 15.

To prepare for sectionals, senior Ryan Duddleson said, "The main idea in cross country

is to peak at the right time. I'm running hard enough right now, so I can achieve that goal at sectional time."



Photo by Christina Fidler

**Seniors Jessica Wamser and Liz Muia run hard for conditioning out in the country near Greene School.**

The girls started their season with two wins in a row over Marian and Bremen. Next they went to New Prairie and finished fifth out of six teams. "We really ran well, but the competition was pretty good," said Muia. Central, LaSalle, and Mishawaka were next, and the Lady Panthers defeated LaSalle. Then they lost in a close

meet to LaVile. The Panthers defeated LaSalle again, thanks to strong performances by Muia and senior Leticia Besserra. Their record is now 5-9.

The boys started their season with a three-team meet taking one out of two by defeating Bremen. Next the Panthers finished third out of six teams in New Prairie. They then defeated LaSalle while falling to Central and Mishawaka. Next was a loss to a tough LaVile team. WHS then defeated LaSalle again, thanks to a second-place finish by Besserra and a fifth-place finish by Keppler. Their overall record is an even 7-7.

"Even with a 7-7 record, we are better than what our record shows; we really run hard and to the top of our potential," said senior Jeremy Breden.

The girls' team is made up of all seniors: Besserra, Whiteman, Nawrot, Robbie Collins, Orlowski, Muia, and Jessica Wamser.

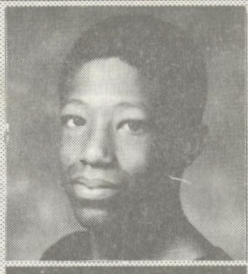
The boys' team is made up of seniors Ryan Nalepinski, Josh Zent, Duddleson, Besserra, and Breden. The juniors are Keppler and Burkus, and freshman Nalepinski.

The cross country teams' next meet is the city meet Oct. 6 at Erskine golf course starting at 4:30. □



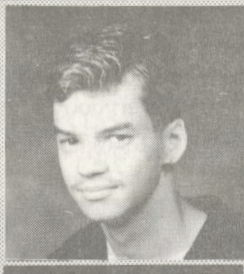
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Do you think baseball players are being paid too much and why?



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Tyson Thompson-



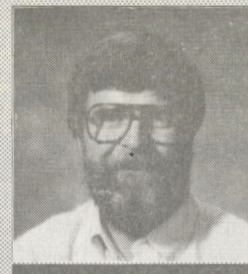
"Yes, they aren't playing for fun; they're playing for money."

Junior  
Todd Davis-



"They make too much in comparison to what they do; the money is unreal!"

Senior  
Stacey Bokon-



"Of course they are; they're taking too big of a bite out of the Ball Park Frank. There is nothing left for the fans!"

Ceramics Teacher  
Tom Meuninck-

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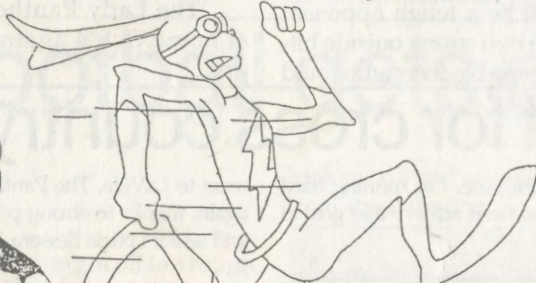
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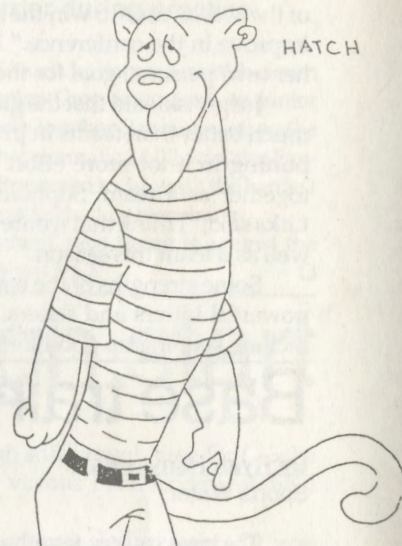
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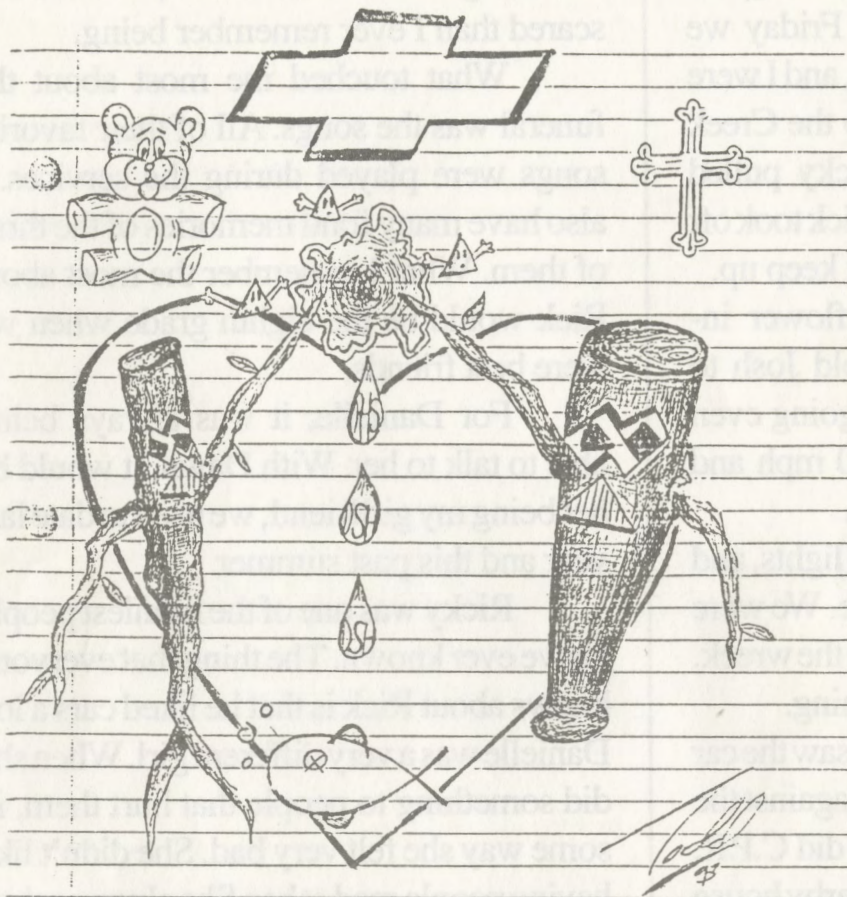
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by Mark Sniadecki





# In memory of three friends



## About this special insert

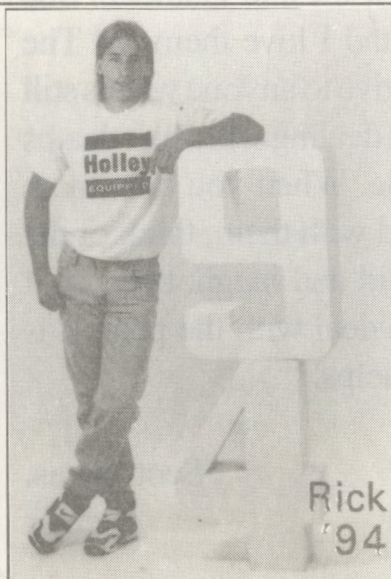
This special insert was prepared in response to the many student requests that they be given an opportunity to share and express their feelings about the deaths of three special friends.

The HATCHET staff has also included some statistics on teenage driving in hopes that other lives will not be lost.

Thank you to SADD Sponsor Spencer Aronson and SADD president Stacey Bokon for gathering this information.

## About the cover

Junior Todd Davis drew this artistic representation of his thoughts and feelings of the accident that involved Ricky Scott, and Danielle and Dawn Hughes. The teddy bear represents Danielle, because she always had her bear with her. The Chevy bowtie is for Ricky, because he loved his cars. The cross is for Dawn, because she loved crosses of any kind. The teardrops have all three of their initials in them.



Ricky Scott



Dawn and Danielle Hughes



## ST. JOSEPH COUNTY SUMMARY

Driving while Intoxicated (DWI) arrests have decreased 1.2% since 1991. Total crashes have increased from 54.05 per 1000 licensed drivers in 1991 to 57.99 in 1993, while alcohol-related crashes have increased slightly, 2.88 to 3.2. Persons injured in crashes have increased slightly from 1.98 per 1000 licensed drivers to 2.21. Fatalities have decreased from 41 to 24 (41%) since 1991. Alcohol-related fatalities have decreased from 17 to 7 since last 1991. Driver inattention, Unknown, and Failure to Yield Right-of-Way are the three primary contributing circumstances cited most often. Most crashes (55.54% in 1993) occur in urban areas and involve property damage only. Fatal crashes, however, are more likely to occur in rural areas.

Most crashes occur between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. while Friday is the most popular day for a crash. Of all days and time periods, the largest percentage of crashes occur on Friday between 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm. Males under 21 years of age make up approximately 8.6% of all drivers involved in crashes, females in the same age group account for 6.15%. The largest percentage of drivers involved in crashes are males between 21 and 34 years old (20% in 1993). Across age groups and gender, the largest percentage of drivers are involved in crashes between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. Crashes are uniform across months with an increase in November and December.

While the percentage of drivers involved in fatal crashes who use safety restraints has decreased from 41.18% to 36.11%, the percentage of drivers who were restrained in all crashes has increased from 58.56% to 61.75%. At the same time, the percentage of "unknowns" has decreased from 30.13% to 26.27%. Females across all age groups are more likely to use their safety restraints than are males.

Motorcycle crashes have decreased from 96 to 75 (21.8%) since 1991. As can be expected, most of these crashes involved injuries or death. Crashes involving bicycles have decreased from 97 to 74 (23.7%) since 1991. Most (70.27% in 1993) of these involved persons under 21. Against expectations, those under the age of 21 accounted for only half (1993) of the pedestrians injured or killed in crashes involving pedestrians.



## Remembering the last hours

For a couple of days, we talked about going to Potato Creek and spending the night in Rick's camper, so on Friday we went. Josh Holston, Todd Davis, and I were in Josh's car. We were going to the Creek when we saw Ricky's car. Ricky pulled over and told us to follow him. Rick took off real fast, but Josh's car couldn't keep up.

Rick turned down Mayflower instead of going down Oak. I told Josh to follow, so he did. Rick started going even faster. Josh was doing about 50 mph and Rick was pulling away from us.

We were watching the tail lights, and all of the sudden, they were gone. We were so far behind that we couldn't see the wreck. We thought he turned or something.

Once we got up closer, we saw the car up the tree, and Danielle leaning against the car. I thought she was OK. Josh did C.P.R. on Danielle, as Todd went to a nearby house and called 911.

While they were gone, I tried to find Dawn and Rick. I could see Rick, but I couldn't find Dawn. Once the firemen, police, and E.M.T. arrived, we moved away. Then, one of the cops told us Rick and Dawn were dead, and Danielle probably wouldn't live.

I don't think the accident happened for a reason; it was just an accident. I think it helped me to talk to all of my friends more, but I'm still having a hard time dealing with their deaths. The hardest part for me to deal with was the night of the accident. When I

saw the car, Danielle hurt, Rick dead, and not being able to find Dawn, I was more scared than I ever remember being.

What touched me most about the funeral was the songs. All of their favorite songs were played during the services. I also have many fond memories of the three of them. What I remember the most about Rick would be the eighth grade when we were best friends.

For Danielle, it was always being able to talk to her. With Dawn, it would be her being my girlfriend; we used to date last year and this past summer.

Ricky was one of the funniest people I have ever known. The thing that everyone knows about Rick is that he liked cars a lot. Danielle was a very different girl. When she did something to people that hurt them, in some way she felt very bad. She didn't like having people mad at her. She always asked me, 'Are you mad at me?'

Dawn was a lot like Danielle. She was very sweet, and I love them all! The message I would give to anyone who is still having a hard time dealing with their deaths is to talk to people. When you talk about things that you did with them, think of the stupid stuff you did and laugh, because it helps everyone to deal with the pain. It is hard to do, but it helps.

Scott Bates,  
Senior



There was a twist of fate one terrible night.  
 Three friends died in another's sight.  
 A terrible wreck and their lives ceased.  
 So much pain is now at peace.  
 Dawn, Danielle and Ricky, too.  
 Who would've known that their lives were through?  
 They were just 14, 16, and 18 years of age.  
 So many people feel so much rage.  
 It's unexplained, a total mystery.  
 Could what happened to them, happen to me?  
 It hurts so much, deep inside.  
 They were too young; they shouldn't have died.  
 So many years of life ahead.  
 Is it really fair that they're dead?  
 Just let us know that they're okay.  
 It will take some of this pain away.  
 We'll remember you all forever more.  
 We'll meet you someday, on that other shore.

Beth Holston  
 Junior

#### The Times We Had

As time passes  
 Our love will always grow.  
 We wish we knew what had happened,  
 But we will never know.  
 As we look for the answers,  
 Our sorrow will show.  
 As our sorrow turns to anger,  
 We wish we could go.  
 And our love remains constant as  
 We wander around the site.  
 We hope you remember  
 Our times together,  
 Good and bad.  
 Because we will always love  
 And remember  
 The times we had.

In loving memory of Dawn Hughes,  
 Danielle Hughes, and Ricky Scott.

A friend in mourning,  
 Ernest Paul Lansford III  
 Junior

Time is the healer of pain,  
 and in time, we'll look and smile at the memories.  
 Someone said that the length of eternity could be  
 measured if everyday you went to the graves and  
 took one grain of sand.  
 By the time you emptied the graves, eternity has just  
 begun.

"Farewell, farewell, wherever you fare, until your  
 dreams lead you to the journey's end."

J.R.R. Tolkien-*The Hobbit*

Paul Koch  
 Junior

Love, anger, and understanding:  
 Three emotions that have never before had to mix,  
 But now they have become the same thing.  
 No matter how much you think about someone,  
 or how long you know them,  
 you'll never know how much you love them  
 until they're gone.

Mona (Dawn), Chicken (Danielle), 773 (Ricky)  
 REST IN PEACE

Rick Borkowski  
 Junior

The hardest thing for me to deal with was being  
 at the hospital with Dawn and Danielle's family.  
 The most touching part about the funerals was  
 putting Rick's casket on the flatbed he used to  
 transport the car he used in the Demo's.

Since the accident, we all take more precautions  
 and drive slower. I make everybody in my car wear  
 their seatbelts. I always did, but now I make  
 everybody else.

Josh Holston  
 Senior

Ricky,

You were a very special guy. Whenever I had a  
 problem I could always come and talk to you. Your  
 suggestions on many subjects, such as how to  
 attract attention, were not always carried out, but  
 they were always received with a smile. That smile  
 helped me to face each new day with optimism and a  
 light heart. I am angry that I will never be able to  
 share a smile with you again. I miss you. Thank you  
 for all you did for me, I hope this insert is  
 acceptable as something I can do to repay you. We  
 love you!

Danielle,

I'm sorry for the distant way I treated you at  
 Rick's birthday party. I was upset that you came  
 with Scott. I should have known it was your sister  
 he really loved. I didn't give you a chance to show  
 me who you really were, I just drew my own  
 conclusions. Luckily, I realized my mistake while  
 it was still possible to make it up to you. I still feel  
 really bad for the way I acted when we first met.  
 Once again, I apologize.

Dawn,

I would've liked to have known you better. If  
 things had turned out differently I'm sure I would  
 have. I am sorry for all of the things you missed out  
 on in high school and the rest of your life. Now I  
 look on everyday with appreciation. I hope you  
 lived every day the way you would've liked.

I miss you all very much. Your deaths affected  
 me greatly; I now appreciate life more than I once  
 did. The times I shared with you will always be  
 remembered fondly in my heart. You all have  
 brought "the gang" closer together. We now spend  
 more time talking, hanging out and hugging than  
 we ever did before. We miss and love you all!

Kelly Wyant  
 Junior