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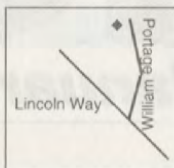


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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The schedule for finals only complicates our lives. The study period is completely useless. Having one lunch hour for everyone also adds more stress to our day. If the study period was eliminated and replaced with test time, we would feel less rushed to complete our tests, which causes us to make needless mistakes.

Jeff Poe  
Sophomore

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# Lang Conference continues son's legacy

**Laura Borlik**  
Staff Writer

The Lang Youth Conference was started in 1986 by the parents of Matthew Lang. Their son committed suicide shortly after graduation from Clay High in June of 1985.

Lang's parents, suffering from their loss, sought help at the Mental Health Association. The services that they received helped them deal with their grief. Out of appreciation, the couple chose the association as a memorial recipient. Their donations funded the conference for six years. This year the conference was funded by St. Joseph Hospital of Mishawaka and Linden Vale.

The purpose of the Lang Youth Conference, held at Ancilla College, is to

help young people learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide, physical abuse, and mental abuse. The conference is attended by students from all five South Bend high schools, Mishawaka, St. Joseph and Marian. Two boys and two girls from each grade are asked to attend.

Sophomore Janice Koch attended the Lang Youth Conference. "It was at a retreat center, and I loved it. What was so great is how we meditated and did relaxation techniques to start off; after that, it was like we knew each other forever. Everyone was so open-minded!"

At the conference the students are trained to listen to problems, not to solve them. The students will then provide an outlet for others as good listeners.

As a result of their experience at Lang, many of the students then go back

to their respective high schools and start counseling programs to help other students. "At Riley High School about 125 students are members of Friend Inc., a club that focuses on communication and self-esteem. The group was started as a result of a past youth conference," said Diane Priest Jackson, executive director of the Mental Health Association.

At WHS the student counseling group is Friends Always There (FAT). The purpose of FAT is to train students in the areas of active listening, communication, and suicide prevention. Social

worker Mary Lahey is the sponsor of FAT.

"Goals for FAT this year include getting people to know that we are there for them, and that we want to help them

and to listen. I hope students understand that we're normal and we have problems, too," Koch said.

Good mental health is important in everyday life. It allows people to think rationally and make good decisions. If a person feels bad or is upset, that will impair their decision-making ability.

Some of the most stressful problems for students are peer acceptance and peer pressure. "Just trying to make it in school is hard enough. You're trying to study and do extracurricular activities so you can become something in college; but doing things with your friends and having time to sleep is pretty demanding. It would be worse if you felt all alone," Koch added. "The most important part (of peer counseling) is making sure they feel like we helped them." □

## Tips form the FAT handbook

Available from the guidance office.

### WHAT TO DO

When a friend talks about suicide:

#### LISTEN

Let your friend tell you of his situation and his feelings. Don't give unsolicited advice or feel obligated to find simple solutions. Listen and try to imagine how you would feel in his place.

#### BE HONEST

If your friend's words or actions scare you, tell her/him. If you're worried or don't know what to do, say so. Don't be a cheerful phony.

#### SHARE FEELINGS

At times everyone feels sad, hurt, or hopeless. You know what that's like—share your feelings. Let your friend know he is not alone.

#### GET HELP

If you keep this secret you may lose your friend. Perhaps you and your friend can think of a helpful adult he/she would talk to. If not, talk to someone yourself—a parent, teacher, counselor, or Crisis Center and find out what to do. Don't take talk about suicide lightly.

*"GOALS FOR FAT THIS YEAR INCLUDE GETTING PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT WE ARE THERE FOR THEM, AND THAT WE WANT TO HELP THEM AND TO LISTEN," SAID SOPHOMORE JANICE KOCH.*



# New family, new friends

**Jessica Wamser**  
News Editor

Traveling to the United States on a foreign exchange program for some would be difficult, but senior Dominique Bai found it easy to let go of friends and family from Orpund, a small town in Switzerland, to experience something new.

Bai has visited the U.S. many times for family vacations and to meet her host family. "I've been to the U.S. before, so I was not scared to come here," said Bai.

Mr. and Mrs. Hummer and their two young children are Bai's host family. "My host brother and sister do not go to Washington. They attend Green Elementary School," said Bai.

Bai is not currently involved in any extra-curricular activities, but she would like to join the track team in the spring.

In Switzerland, students do not gather together to watch a hometown sport event. Sports are played only on certain days for one hour within one's own school. "I really liked going to all the football games with my friends because we don't do that in Switzerland," said Bai.

Bai admitted that most items such as food and clothing are much more expensive in Switzerland than in the U.S. "My family does not eat out often because it's so expensive." An individual meal would cost eight dollars or more.

Just like many countries outside of the U.S., English is a recommended course in Swedish schools. French and German are required for all students, also.

Schools are less populated in Sweden making elective classes fewer. "I like it here because of all the people and all of the classes," said Bai.

"I don't think the homework here is harder. It's about the same in Switzerland."

Another difference in the schooling is that the students in Switzerland only attend school for nine years before moving on to a college.

"I would enjoy living in the U.S., but I would miss my family in Switzerland too much. I will visit my host family, though," Bai said.

Bai does plan to further her education at an art school after returning to Switzerland in the summer. □

# Teen driving really hits home

**Laura Borlik**  
Staff Writer

Driving is a ritual teen-agers must go through to become adults. It is often a trying time, especially if your parents want to teach you to drive themselves instead of sending you to a driver's education program.

At the end of my freshman year, May of 1992, my parents were thinking about re-doing our dining room. For the past few years, my mom had grown tired of the carpet and wallpaper. She wanted to redo the whole room. Not dad. He thought that it could wait a few more years. So we decided not to do anything with it at that time—until I crashed the truck into the dining room, that is.

Don't laugh! It is not funny!

It started innocently enough. I wanted to practice starting with a clutch. Dad always said that my first car would be a stick. The only vehicle that we owned with a stick was my dad's truck.

So I climbed in while my dad gave me a few instructions about how to start it. "Push the clutch in. Put your other foot on the brake. Just turn the key. Don't grind the starter," he yelled from behind the truck. He had faith that I could handle things in the truck cab alone.

And I did everything that he told me to do. I pushed in the clutch, put my foot on the brake, and turned the key. The engine started, and that was all I had to do.

Then I took my foot off both pedals and started to get out. Only I couldn't, because I was moving. Not just me, but the whole vehicle.

My father had left the truck in gear, and when I took my feet off the pedals so suddenly, it popped the clutch.

Popping the clutch propelled the truck forward a few feet and then killed the engine. I would have been fine had I been outside. But no. I was in the garage. In our garage there is a curb, then a stairwell, and finally the wall. I went up on the curb, over the stairwell, and into the wall. In all fairness, I did not go all the way through the wall; I just put a huge dent in it.

I'm not sure how I got out of the truck, or even how we got the truck out of the wall. I think dad just put it in reverse.

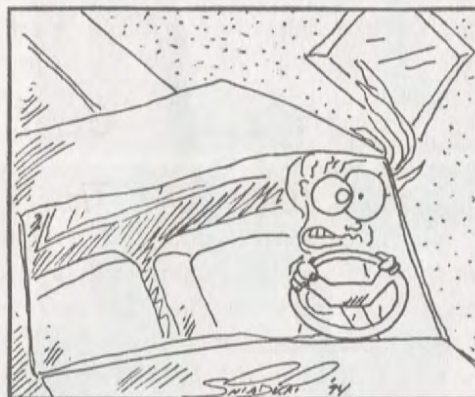
After we got the truck out of the wall, I ran into the house to see if the inside was damaged at all. I was lucky. Had I been two feet over, I would

have hit my mom's china cabinet. The wall was just buckled in. The wallpaper and the carpet were torn. Needless to say, we now had to redo the dining room.

I don't remember getting into trouble. My mom got her dining room redone. My parents were glad I wasn't hurt, or the truck wasn't damaged. And my dad admitted it was as much his fault as mine for not telling me that the truck was in gear.

Now almost two years later, I have my driver's license and also my own car. Yes, it is a stick. My family will not let me forget what happened though. At all the family get-togethers that story comes up, and it seems to get funnier each time—for them.

I don't even think the story is funny at all. Well, maybe just a little. □



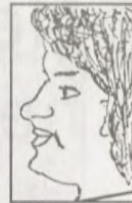




Katharine Chan

# FACE-OFF

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, Katharine Chan or Kim Starzynski.



Kim Starzynski

## The issue : Should teen fathers pay child support?

Almost a million teenage girls become pregnant every year. Although only about half of these teenagers actually have the babies, it is still a frightening number. Some of the babies are given up for adoption, but most babies are kept by their mothers.

About 67 percent of the pregnant couples do not get married (*Channel One Teacher's Guide*, Jan. 1995). Most of the time, the mothers usually care for the baby on their own, or with the help of family, but leave out the baby's father.

Under the current health bill, the fathers aren't required to be named on the birth certificate; therefore, the government is unable to force the father to pay child support. But the father shouldn't be required to pay child support.

If the mother wants to keep the child, instead of giving it up for adoption, then she should have the resources to support and care for her child. The father should only contribute through his own free will.

Many teen fathers can't even support themselves, without having to worry about money for baby clothes and food. Staying in school or earning money for their own family may be one of their more important concerns.

Also, some teen fathers would contribute money and other essentials to the child and mother, if they were made part of the pregnancy from the beginning. They may become shunned by the mother or kept away from the mother by parents.

Just being remembered as "the guy who got her pregnant," could cause the teen to become discouraged about trying to learn to be a father. He may later abandon the mother and child. This leaving would be both an emotional and financial loss (*Psychology Today*, Dec. 1985).

Including the fathers in their pregnancies would be a wise choice for expectant mothers. The majority turn out to be responsible and caring parents, parents willing to contribute money and time to their child (*Psychology Today*, Dec. 1985).

Paying child support shouldn't be a teen father's responsibility, unless he is willing. If the mother feels the father should help with the raising of his child, she shouldn't ignore his feelings about the pregnancy. The mother shouldn't be totally dependent on him either because the father could be having financial troubles also. And the mother should keep in mind giving up the baby for adoption as an alternative, because the baby's welfare and safety should be put above all else. □

Teenage pregnancies are no longer a big revelation. People have seem to come to terms with the fact that babies are having babies. Teens are having unprotected sex in greater numbers and, too often, are not paying the consequences themselves; but this must and is changing.

Teen fathers, however, are still getting the better end of the deal. Most do not have to get up in the middle of the night when the baby cries. Most do not have to stay at home every night because they can't afford a baby-sitter. And until recently, most did not have to pay for their babies.

President Clinton proposed a plan to have the fathers pay their fair share. In June of 1994, he announced the terms of his plan. The main focus is on welfare. Welfare benefits would be cut off after two years. Efforts to collect child support would be enforced. Also, in some states, before any welfare is given to the mother, she must provide the name of the real father.

As a result of a teenage girl having a baby, it costs taxpayers \$25 billion a year in food-stamp, welfare, and Medicaid payments (*Newsweek*, June 20, 1994).

Some say that the fathers shouldn't be forced into such a big responsibility, that they do not have the resources to pay for the costs of child support.

But, these fathers took on a big responsibility when they decided to have sex. Every teen has to know the possible consequences and risks.

Advocates of fathers being a part of their child's life have strong reasons. First, the mother cannot be expected to support the child by herself. She cannot be working all of the time, because she has to take care of her baby. The father needs to help pay for the cost of raising his child.

Second, the child needs the love and attention of both parents. As the child grows, he or she will ask about daddy. This perceived abandonment could cause lifelong emotional problems.

Finally, teen fathers must bear equal responsibility in raising their children. A child is precious and must be loved and cared for by both parents. They helped bring the child into the world, and now they need to take responsibility for their actions.

But, many teen fathers, unfortunately, don't know what being a father means. Some may think that "Oh well, I got some girl pregnant; now she has to live with it." Others actually have their hearts in the right place and want to help, but think they don't have the resources to help.

For those fathers who want to help, the 1991 Young Unwed Fathers Pilot Project, and other similar projects, can be of service. These organizations focus on the counseling, education, and support needed to increase the financial and developmental contributions that teen fathers must make to their children (*Channel One Teachers' Guide*, Jan. 1995).

Teen fathers can and must get a job to provide for their babies. Instead of buying whatever they want or doing whatever they want, they can help pay for their child. Raising a child may not be the easiest responsibility in the world, but the child deserves and needs the support of both parents.

For too long, people, other than the parents, have been paying for the babies of teen parents. Now it is time, especially for teen fathers, to live up to their responsibilities. □



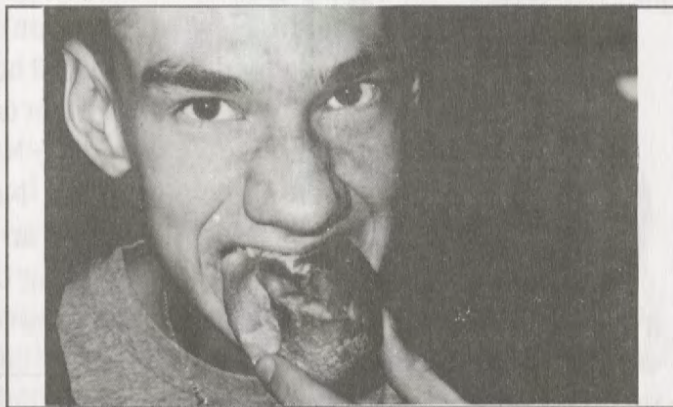
# Panthers

By Christina Fidler

After publishing "all the news that's fit to print," the HATCHET staff enjoys pigging out at an all-you-can eat buffet.

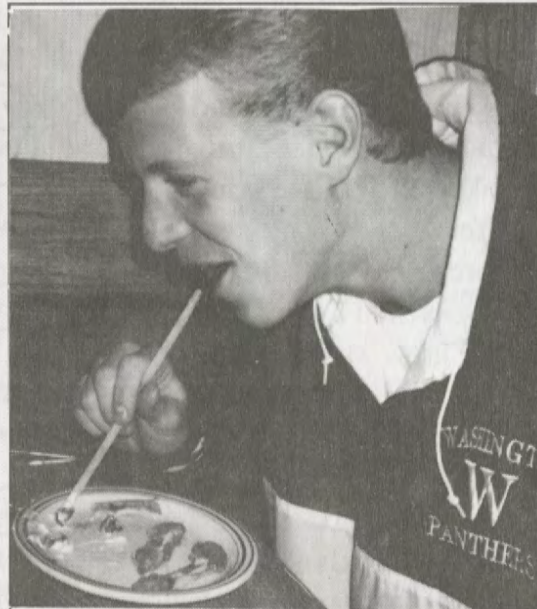


Sophomore **Isaiah Dockery** took "all you can eat" literally with his combination of chicken and ice cream.



Senior **Mike Whitlock** may be tall and skinny, but when it comes to putting away the food, he has no problems.

Junior **Eric Bastine** shows what good table manners he has by sucking Jell-O® through a straw.



Watch out, Bastine! Looks like senior **Greg Bovenkerk** might have the lead in the Jell-O® contest!



Camera-shy sophomore **Brad Pianstki** is forced by his group of friends to take this picture (junior **Steve Rosetto**, sophomore **Derek Dabrowiak**, junior **Kelly Wyant**, sophomore **Katie Shuamber** and junior **Jennifer Rogers**).



# New Year: ringing

by Stacey Kaufman & Stephanie Kaufman  
Feature Editors

**J**anuary 1 was first designated as New Year's Day by the Romans. In 153 B.C., the newly elected consuls decided that a "new cycle" should begin on January 1, since that was the day they took office. Hence, an agricultural and seasonal festival became a civil celebration.

From 153 B.C. until 1995, the new years have rung in loud and clear. The tradition of celebrating with noise makers and bells to bring in the New Year began long ago. Ancient cultures believed that as the old year weakened and passed on, evil spirits grew stronger and more dangerous. For safety, the demons had to be driven off. They believed that noise would help to drive the demons away, so they used shouts, drums, cymbals, gongs, whistles, and in later years, church bells, gun powder, and firecrackers.

As the years have passed the celebration of the new year has become an even bigger event. Since the first ball drop in Times Square in 1908, to the year 1995, modern technology has elaborated this holiday to extremes. Now, New Year's Eve just would not be complete without

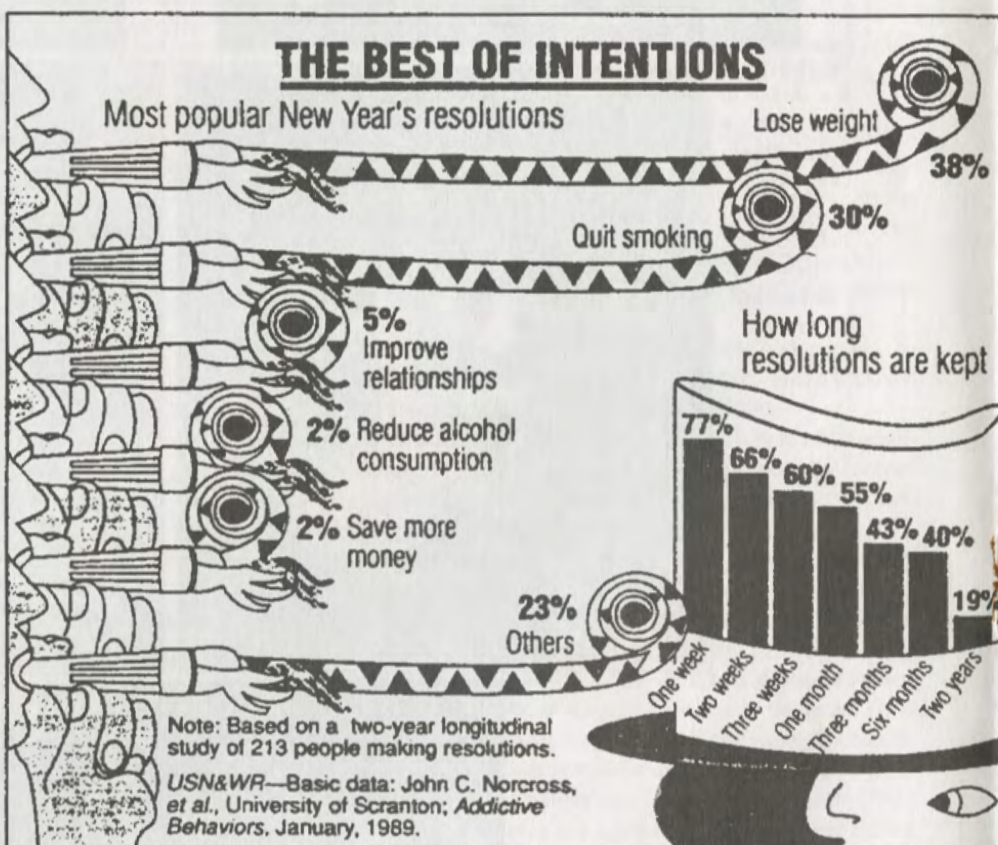
the fireworks, parades, numerous television countdowns, and of course 12 hours of football. Another important tradition of the New Year are those New Year's resolutions.

The New Year can be looked upon as an opportunity for a new beginning or another chance. Individuals have titled this challenge as

toward the next year, hoping for another new beginning because their resolution has failed.

Senior Sonia Bueno said, "I don't make resolutions because I never keep them."

But, never fear; there are ways to solve this ill-fated problem. People are just going about it all



\* Taken from U.S. News and World Report

New Year's resolutions. Yet, before the New Year has made its way into the first month, many start looking

wrong. First, it is important to realize that you will be more likely to keep a resolution if



# g in loud and clear

you tell someone else. Psychologist Steven Hayes conducted a study that evaluated the outcome when people tell other people of their goals and when they don't. The study concluded that individuals who told others about their goals did significantly better in obtaining them than those who did not. Hayes believes that private commitments are rarely successful, unless they are goals that are extremely important. So in order to accomplish those resolutions that are tedious and difficult, a little social pressure may help.

Freshman Jenny Hess agrees that outside pressure helps to keep resolutions. This year, she made a bet with her mother that she could lose ten pounds. She has already lost five. Hess believes that resolutions are indeed valid. "You always need some kind of goal, and the new year is a good time to start one," said Hess.

Biology teacher Burt Gates thinks that New Year's resolutions can work as well. Gates said, "It depends on self-discipline and how much you care about it. It depends on your level of motivation."

Senior Stacey Bokon said that unrealistic resolutions never work. A couple of years ago she pledged

to start exercising but found she didn't have enough time. Since then she hasn't made any new resolutions.

John Tassey, assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, has his views on what you shouldn't do while making resolutions: Never put a deadline on when the resolution should be complete. Don't gear all resolutions toward external, physical attributes, such as losing weight. Don't let resolutions be approved by parents, in-laws, children, and informal acquaintances. And don't make so many resolutions at one time that you can't even remember them all.

"People who make a lot of resolutions or plans for change are setting themselves up for failure. Instead of doing ten things inadequately, they should pick one or two things they can do thoroughly," said Tassey.

As the chapter titled 1994 has ended it is time to mark the beginning of a new chapter. Indeed, the old year has brought about many learning experiences. Hopefully, the pages in this new chapter will be filled with good intentions and promises. □

## FAREWELL AND HAIL

By: Thomas Curtis Clark

*Old Year, going, take with you  
All our failures, sorrows, too;  
Memories of bitter years,  
Old regrets and futile tears;  
Fret and envy, greed and spite.  
Take them with you, pray, tonight.  
Pride too lofty, dreams too crude,  
Hate, with all its venomous brood,  
Discontent, our subtle foe.  
Old Year, take them, as you go.*

*New Year, bright as dawning  
youth,  
Bring us faith and love of truth,  
Kindly thoughts of one and all,  
Charity for those who fall,  
Strength to help and zest to cheer,  
Hope to banish doubt and fear.  
Bring us quietness, content,  
When your brimming months are  
spent.*

*Old year, here is our farewell.  
New year, hail! We wish you well.*





# Support for Proposition 187

*This is part one of a two-part series exploring both sides of the issue.*

With national and state debt at skyrocketing numbers, more and more Americans are feeling the crunch. In the state of California alone, \$2.4 billion was spent in public funds on its estimated 1.7 million illegal immigrants.

## Editorial

Pete Wilson, California's newly re-elected governor and strong supporter of Proposition 187, said, "It's very wrong and unfair to reward people with public benefits for breaking our immigration laws, and especially to do so at the expense of needy legal residents."

Prop 187 is a measure which proposes to deny most state benefits, including non-emergency health care and public education, to illegal immigrants. On election day, Nov. 8, Californians approved the measure by a vote of 59 percent supporting it and 41 percent opposing. It is currently on hold by court order while it is being protested by a number of groups.

The large number of illegal residents currently within California—some estimate within a third to half of the national number of illegal residents—makes for a situation in desperate need of a remedy.

Imagine being unable to afford medical care, only to see a clinic around the corner, a clinic which provides free care to illegal immigrants. School districts budgets are being cut. The children of illegal immigrants come to the U.S. and are enrolled in public schools knowing little or no English. In California public schools, one out of six students was born outside the U.S. This requires special curriculums,

which adds to the strain of a tight budget. These are just some of the realities that Californians are faced with everyday.

The issue comes down to a question of why the immigrants choose to move to California. Do they come to strive towards the American dream, or do they come knowing they can have their dreams realized courtesy of the government?

Many Californians think it is the latter, so they are taking action. The most drastic of their feelings is embodied in Prop 187. Many Californians realize that the proposition will be deemed unconstitutional due to the 1982 Supreme Court ruling in Plyer vs. the state of Texas. This ruling states that immigrant children have equal rights to an American education and can not be barred from attending school.

Despite this fact, many are still pushing for the measure because it is the first step in the right direction. "While our own citizens and legal residents go wanting, those who choose to enter our country ILLEGALLY get royal treatment at the expense of the California taxpayer," reads the ballot description of Prop 187.

Taking into consideration the weakness of California's economy, the fact that those who are the target of Prop 187 have entered illegally, and the fact that many legal Californian citizens are living uninsured, in poverty, and on the streets, Prop 187 is the beginning of a struggle—a struggle between those who are working for the well-being of their state, and those who are ideologically working for the well-being of the immigrants. In the end, those who focus too much on this being a land built by immigrants will come to see a land destroyed by immigrants. □



Thumbs Up  
Thumbs Down



### Thumbs Up

-to the New Year; may it be filled with peace, joy, and many dreams for all.

-to the end of midterms. After winter break it was hard to re-adjust to the school routine, but many have done so successfully, and their grades reflect all the time they spent studying.

-to the students who have managed to brave the cold weather, come to school, and walk in the ARCTIC hallways without turning into a walking popsicle. Finding time to study for midterms was very difficult after spending the duration of the week defrosting brain tissue.

-to the winter sports teams who crawled out of bed during the cold mornings of winter break. While many of us were snug in our beds dreaming of warm weather, they braved the harsh winds to strive to bring us home a win.

-to the students who are able to survive the treacherous hallways in the mornings. The halls are incredibly slick, and those first few steps into the school can be very dangerous, almost as bad as the trek through the parking lot.

### Thumbs Down

-to the ever-present snow in the parking lot. Year after year it seems as if the complaint is the same: too much snow in the parking lot! Not only is the lot, dangerous to walk in, for fear of slipping, but many drivers can not handle their cars in weather, much less in a snow-filled parking lot.

-to the lack of spirit shown by many of the students at the recent basketball games. Even though the senior "basketball heads" of 1994 are gone, that is no reason for students not to go to the games; or when they do, to express so little spirit. Let's not become a school full of sheep! There should be at least one person in this school who has an original, spirited idea. The cheerleaders do not work hard at every game just to have the fans sit lifeless in the stands.



# Art Gallery

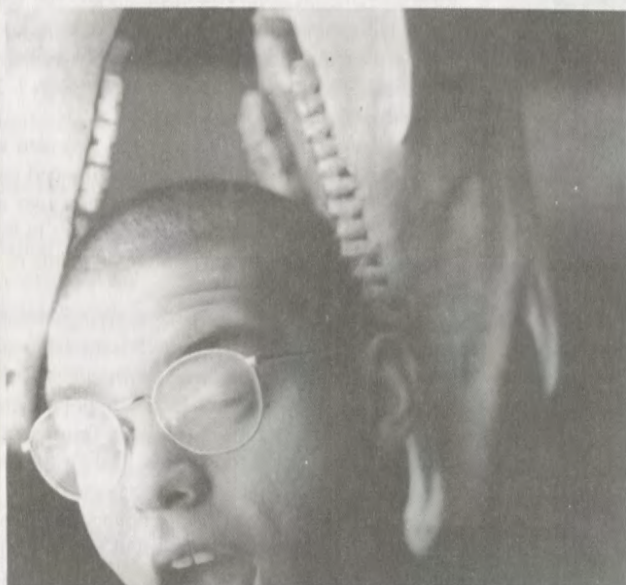


Photo by senior Ryan Duddleson



Photo by senior Cheri Stoyhoff



Photo by junior Tim Hecklinski



# Season snowballs into avalanche

**By Mike Whitlock**  
Sports Editor

The boys' basketball team began their season by winning two of their first 10 games. The Panthers have been hit by a snowball effect that turned into an avalanche. After winning two games, WHS lost the last four by an average of 20 points or more.

The Panthers gained some ground by defeating Adams and Westville. The Holiday Tournament, however, started the turn for the worse in the basketball season.

Head coach Milt Cooper said, "Sometimes we play as individuals and not as a team. To be successful in basketball, or life, you must work well with your surroundings."

WHS slowed down the snowball effect by defeating Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) opponent Adams. The Panthers played together to rout the Eagles 89-52. The fuel for the fire came from 10 three-pointers, five of them from sophomore Cedric Moody and four from junior Matt Johns. Moodie ended with 21 points, while Johns scored 16, and junior Matt Wood cashed in 16, including a high-flying alley-oop dunk.

Moodie said, "We just want people to know we're no joke. We're a good team and want respect. Tonight, we wanted to prove it."

The Panthers made a clean sweep of the weekend by beating Westville 81-53. WHS was sparked by nine three-pointers, seven of them by Moodie. It was a blowout from the beginning, as

the Panthers jumped out to a 12-0 lead and finished with a 28-point victory.

This put WHS's record at 2-4 going into the Warsaw Holiday Tournament. The tournament featured three ranked teams: No. 5 Clay Colonials, No. 9 Warsaw Tigers, and No. 17 Riley Wildcats.



Photo by Christina Fidler

**Sophomores Joe Parker and Shawn Ross play tough defense on sophomore James Scott at practice.**

The Panthers faced tournament host Warsaw in the first round. The Tigers roared as they jumped out to a 30-8 lead in the first seven minutes of the game. WHS was ice-cold as they only hit 26 percent of their shots. Home-court advantage loomed large as the referees hit head coach Cooper with a technical foul in the first quarter, and senior Mike Whitlock

was rung up with 3.4 seconds left in the game. Currently No. 1 ranked Warsaw went on to win 95-51.

With Riley losing to Clay, the consolation game matched the Wildcats against the Panthers. WHS shot themselves in the foot by committing 33 turnovers and losing sophomore Edmund Kyle in the fourth quarter due to foul trouble. Riley added to the snow storm by crushing the Panthers by 32 points. Warsaw went on to beat Clay and win the tournament in the nightcap.

The season turned into a code red avalanche when Elkhart Memorial booted the Panthers on their home court. The Chargers started fast and never looked back. WHS failed to hold the lead once in the game, and Memorial went on to win by 20 points. The Panthers' NIC record fell to 1-2, while their overall record was 2-7.

Disaster continued when WHS travelled to Michigan City Rogers. The Panthers jumped out early to a 10-point lead, that was only two at halftime. The 3-7 Raiders came out firing in the second half, as they beat WHS by 10 points in a hard-fought battle.

The JV currently sits at 4-6, struggling through an up-and-down year. The Panthers started the year strong, but suffered a mid-season drought as they lost four out of five games. The low point came when the JV lost twice in their Holiday Tournament and placed 4th out of four teams. The JV look to rebound and end the year on a good note.

Head coach Robert McCullough said, "Even after suffering as of late, our goal of being a .500 team is still in our sights." □

## Girls start new year with win

**By Sandy Osowski**  
Sports Writer

The girls' basketball team currently sits 9-6. The girls have experienced both up and downs throughout the year.

The Panthers played LaSalle in the first round of the Holiday Tournament and suffered a tough loss. The girls put up a fight but still came short, 46-61.

Sophomore Annil Hamilton commented, "There wasn't any teamwork at first, but late in the game, we realized that we needed to work together. We also didn't run our offense, which hurt us in the long run."

In the second round of the tournament, they played LaVille. Coming from behind, the Panthers beat LaVille 49-36.

Coach Marilyn Coddens said, "The team has improved in all facets of the game: shooting, ball handling, passing, and defense. But we must continue to work on all parts of the game."

The girls started the new year right with a win against Marian. The Lady Panthers worked hard on offense and played good defense to keep the Knights at a minimum with the win 62-46.

They then went on to beat Elkhart Memorial 59-39. The Panthers have demonstrated good team defense, which has kept them ahead. Junior Jodi Jurkowski said, "It felt good to beat Memorial. We have a lot of good competition ahead,

so we just need to work hard and not let our wins go to our heads."

The Lady Panthers traveled to Elkhart Central to take on the Blazers. They lost 38-57. Sophomore Nicole Drabek commented, "Our team was just going through the motions on our offense. We weren't setting good picks for our teammates to get open."



Photo by Christina Fidler

**Senior Liz Shearer tries to pass senior Zayed Henry during a drill during practice to prepare for the upcoming game.**

This put the Panthers at 8-5 for the season and 4-2 in the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC).

WHS then went on to play LaSalle and lost 49-57. In the Lady Panthers' last home game the girls

played Jimtown. A last-second shot by senior Zayed Henry tied the game to put it into overtime. Extra effort from all the girls helped them to clinch the game, 65-64. Henry threw in 32 points.

Coach Coddens said that Henry is an outstanding player, who will go on and play in college next year. Seniors Melanie Whiteman, Liz Shearer, and Jill Cunningham also demonstrate leadership qualities and a strong work ethic.

Coddens commented on the preparation for sectional: "We need to work hard on defense as well as offense, so that by sectional all the girls are ready to play."

Coddens continued: "We cannot think about the sectional until our regular season is over. By continuing to work hard during the season, we hope to be ready by then."

Drabek also said, "I believe we have great talent on our team; all we need to do is put it together."

The JV team also began the new year with a win against Marian 39-22.

They next went on to beat Elkhart Memorial, 35-12. This put their record at 5-5 for the season. They are 2-2 in the NIC.

Then the Panthers played Elkhart Central, but the girls fell short of the win 33-47.

In their next game at home the Panthers beat LaSalle, 25-17.

In the last home game of the season, WHS played Jimtown. The Panthers had a tough time with the Jimmies, but they managed to pull it off with the win, 28-27. □



# "Blood, Sweat, Tears" continue to roll

By Ryan Hanyzewski

Sports Writer

The wrestling team is having a great season, and they will be attempting to win sectionals and the city championship this month.

The Panthers are currently 13-3 and have a definite shot at becoming the sectional champion.

"Our goal as a team is to win sectionals, but we have some individual wrestlers who really can do well in the postseason," commented Coach Carl Evans.

On Dec. 15 the Panthers took the mat against a city rival, the Clay Colonials.

WHS started off the match down 18-0 due to three forfeits against them.

With the team in a hole, the Panthers called on junior Nick Focosi who came through with a 9-4 win by decision. Junior Nate Reeder followed with a victory, and WHS cut the 18-point lead in half.

With tough losses to seniors Matt Huff and Jason Whitmer, the Panthers were in a lot of trouble; but then senior George Miles and junior Matt Andrzejewski came through with 14-1 and 16-3 wins by decision respectively.

Following two more tough losses to freshman Phillip Evans and junior Tim Dyskiewicz, senior Eric Siebenaler won his match by a 9-5 decision.

With the match out of reach, senior Matt Ladewski registered a victory by a pin.

Following a tough loss to Clay, the Panthers had a triple dual at St. Joe.

The Panthers had a very impressive showing, defeating both St. Joe and Marian.

The Panthers defeated the Marian Knights by the score of 54-21, and the St. Joseph Indians by the final score of 31-27.

The Panthers had six champions in the triple dual. At 112, junior Jose Navarro went 2-0; at 119, Focosi went 2-0; at 126, Reeder went 2-0; at 142, Whitmer went 2-0; at 215, Siebenaler went 2-0; and, finally, the heavy-weight Ladewski went 2-0 and also placed first in the triple dual.

The Panthers then

travelled to Mishawaka to take on 31 of the best teams in the state. WHS respectfully placed 15th at the huge invitational.

With one invitational out of the way, the Panthers then travelled to Lake Station and placed second out of five teams.

The Panthers began the day with three easy wins. They defeated Lowell by the score of 45-15; they won over Michigan City Rogers, 51-3; and they beat Hammond Morton by the final score of 55-3.

After walking through three matches, the Panthers ran into a very tough Hammond Clark opponent. The Panthers were overwhelmed, 48-26. The Panthers had three champions in the tournament, Navarro, Phillip Evans, and Dyskiewicz.

In one of their final tune-ups before sectionals, WHS hosted the NIC championship.



Photo by Christina Fidler

Senior Jason Whitmer and junior Nate Reeder battle for position during practice.

As expected, Penn won the superdual, but the Panthers finished in third place with a 2-2 record.

WHS started with a 50-15 loss to the Penn Kingsmen and lost again to Elkhart Memorial by the score of 41-24.

In trouble with an 0-2 start, "Blood, Sweat, Tears" bounced back to win the next two matches. They first defeated Michigan City Elston by the score of 42-22 and slaughtered LaSalle 60-9.

Individual champions for the Panthers' junior varsity were Isaac Evans and Josh Comeau. On the varsity are three individual champions, Whitmer, Miles, and Andrzejewski.

With sectionals coming up, the same feeling exists throughout the wrestling team--the Panthers will do very well in the sectionals this season.

"I think we will come out very strong, and we will definitely have to rely on pins to win it. Our team will go out strong and wrestle our best to win the sectionals this year," commented Focosi.

Siebenaler is a little more confident saying, "We'll get first in sectionals this season."

## Sports Profile



Name: Jason Whitmer

Age: 18

Year: Senior

Class Rank: 7

Nickname: Whitmer

Role Model: Bo Jackson

Favorite Class: Business/Law

Favorite Food: cookies

Favorite TV Show: Home Improvement

Favorite Book: *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Favorite Time of the Year: Spring

Clubs at WHS: NHS

Sports Played: Football, cross country, baseball, wrestling

Future Plans: To become an accountant

Awards and Achievements: Freshman-of-the-year baseball and wrestling; third in the Blazer Rookie Classic; sectional champ wrestling, third in Regionals, and Semistate Qualifier; All-NIC outfield; NIC triples leader; team leader--runs scored, triples, walks, and on-base percentage; letterman--cross country; three-time letterman in wrestling and baseball, seven times Scholar Athlete; President of NHS

Greatest Accomplishment: I upset the seventh-ranked wrestler at 130 lbs. from Rochester in Regionals last season. The win gave me third place and a trip to the semi-state.

Hobbies: Bowling, 4-H, sports card collecting

Most Embarrassing Moment: Our baseball team was playing Clay at Clay Park, and I was playing left field. I thought there were three outs, and I started running in while screaming like an Indian. Everybody got quiet and started staring at me. I then realized there were only two outs. This happened twice in the same game.

Advice to Others: Don't quit, and always keep your head up.

Summary of Sports at WHS: Our baseball and wrestling programs have proved competitive throughout my high school career. The baseball team earned a conference championship and won the Adams Invitational. The wrestling team won a sectional championship, were two times Culver Military Super Dual winners, two times Lake Station Champions, four times St. Joe Champions, and two times WHS Champions.



# Bowden, Osborne happy with voting system

By **Isaiah Dockery**  
Sports Writer

During the '93 college football pre-season, magazines ran articles describing the careers of coaches Tom Osborne and Bobby Bowden, two of the most successful coaches in college football history. The only thing missing from their impressive resumes was a national championship crown.

Both coaches had incredible seasons that year. Nebraska finished the regular season undefeated along with West Virginia. Florida State, which many argued was the team of the century, lost only to Notre Dame (which also had one loss that year).

The undefeated status held by Nebraska and West Virginia would normally be enough reasoning to place them in a bowl game face-off for the national championship.

The voters, however, thought that Nebraska and Florida State were the appropriate teams to play for the title.

Few were shocked by the bowl plac-

ing. Analysts said it was because of Bowden's persuasive words and great attitude toward the voters.

West Virginia's dream for a national championship was destroyed when they were slaughtered by Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

Nebraska's hopes went sailing wide left, as did their last second field-goal attempt against Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

Notre Dame pulled out a close victory over Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl.

That's when the problems with college football voting system became evident. Two teams that weren't even supposed to be champion contenders, were then the front-runners for the title.

Even though Notre Dame had defeated Florida State, the Seminoles were awarded the national championship. That added a new twist to the way voters decided the championship.

In '89, Notre Dame lost to Miami, but beat No. 1 Colorado, 20-7, in the

Orange Bowl. Notre Dame and Miami had the same record, but since Miami had defeated N.D., Miami was awarded the national championship.

The person who wants a play-off system the most has to be Penn State coach Joe Paterno. Paterno has had four seasons in which he went undefeated without winning a championship. This year he failed to win it, because of his new affiliation with the Big-Ten Conference.

The bowl system is set up so that the two teams with the best record face off for the championship. The only exception is for any members of the Pac Ten or the Big Ten Conference; the leaders of these two conferences meet in the Rose Bowl.

The play-off system was brought up at a recent NCAA convention. For the next three years the Tier-1 system will be installed to match up all the top contenders in the Sugar, Fiesta, Orange, and Cotton Bowls for the next three years.

The voting system, in all likelihood, will be the procedure for picking the national championship team for many years. □

## Weekend filled with blowouts

By **Andrew Zima**  
Sports Writer

The first game of the weekend divisional playoffs pitted the Cleveland Browns against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC Divisional Playoffs. The Steelers romped over the Browns, beating them in every aspect of the game. Cleveland had 17 rushes for a total of 55 yards against the "Steel Curtain" defense. On the offensive side, Pittsburgh had 51 rushes for 238 yards. Pittsburgh had the ball 42:27 to Cleveland's mere 17:33. Barry Foster carried the ball 24 times for 133 yards in the win. The final score was 29-9.

Saturday's other game was the Chicago Bears and the San Francisco 49'ers. Chicago jumped off to an early 3-0 lead after the 49'ers fumbled. Kevin Butler hit a field goal to put the Bears up. But from there, it was all San Fran, the score ending 44-15. Steve Young had 143 yards passing, a touchdown throw, and a touchdown run. The Bears rushed for a whole 39 yards and were sacked four times. William Floyd had three touchdowns for San Fran.

The game got to be so bad, that Young was pulled by the end of the third quarter, and then called his parents from a stadium phone in the fourth. Young has been known to call his parents during blowouts.

Sunday's first game was yet another blowout. To start off the game, Kelvin Williams returned the opening kickoff 36 yards for the Cowboys. That's the way the game went, as Dallas beat up on Green Bay 35-9. Emmitt Smith touched the ball a total of eight times, before he limped off of the field in the first quarter after he felt a "twinge" in his sore left hamstring that he had just rested for three weeks. At this time, Smith was questionable for playing in the NFC championship against the 49'ers. Cowboy Blair Thomas rushed for 70 yards. Troy Aikman had 337 yards in the air, and Brett Favre had 211 yards passing. Green Bay's Robert Brooks had eight receptions for 138 yards, and Dallas' Jay Novacek had 11 catches for 104 yards; Michael Irvin had six catches for 111 yards; and Alvin Harper had two recep-

tions for 108 yards, including a 94-yard TD pass from Aikman.

The best game of the weekend was in San Diego. Miami had the lead for the entire game, except for 35 seconds, the 35 seconds that counted. The Chargers stole the game away from Miami with 35 seconds left to go in the game. The game-winning drive ended with a Stan Humphries' touchdown pass that tied the game, and the extra point made the score 22-21.

The Dolphins had a chance to take the lead back, but Pete Stoyanovich missed a field goal that would have won it. Even though Miami had the lead for most of the game, San Diego dominated statistically. San Diego had 466 total yards, while Miami had 282. The Chargers had 202 yards rushing; Miami had 26. San Diego's Natrone Means carried the ball for 139 yards, and Humphries had 276 yards passing. For Miami, Dan Marino had 262 yards passing including three touchdown throws. Keith Jackson caught two of Marino's touchdown passes and had 109 yards on the day. □



# WHS hosts boys' b-ball sectionals

Every year the South Bend city schools compete against each other in the South Bend Sectional. The site has been Notre Dame's JACC for the last 25 years; however, WHS will host the 1995 Boys' Basketball Sectional right here in "The Great Western Forum."

The South Bend coaches and athletic directors agreed to move the site to a city high school. The coaches wanted to move the fans closer to the playing surface for

more excitement. They agreed that the JACC was too spread out, and they wanted a closer area.

Head basketball coach Milt Cooper said, "By playing at a high school gym, we will bring back the hysteria and excitement that was lost in the big spread-out JACC."

WHS will benefit by gaining revenues from parking and concessions that Notre Dame pocketed. "The Great Western Forum"

holds just under 3600 people. The highest attendance in the last 25 years was around 4000, so get tickets fast. WHS will also benefit from playing on their home court in front of their loyal supporters.

Sophomore guard Todd Bella said, "It is a great advantage to be playing on your home court, when it really counts as in sectionals."

Senior fan Mike Lagodney said, "Fans are more likely to support our team at our gym in our school."

## Records looking to be broken in '95

By Kathryn Shuamber  
Sports Writer

The boys' swim team is looking to break some records this year with powerhouse times. Senior swimmer Josh Cesavice and junior Adam Hooten are looking to break some old records, Cesavice in diving and Hooten in the 50 freestyle.

The diving record is 237 points. The closest Cesavice has come in a meet was 229 points against LaSalle. Hooten's time in the 50 freestyle is under 24 seconds, and the record is 23.1 seconds. He swam that in the tri-meet against Tippecanoe Valley and Bremen High Schools.

"I want to break the diving record. It's the oldest record still up there. I'm trying to get as many points as I can in each and every meet, and I hope to go down to state after sectionals are over," said Cesavice.

Before Christmas break, the Panthers stomped on LaSalle with the score of 106 to 77, but then were defeated by Clay 119 to 67.

"I feel that our captains, seniors, and juniors have done a good job in leading the team to scoring well," said Coach Dave Woods. "We can always count on Josh Cesavice to take first place in diving."

During the break, the Panthers swam in a tri-meet against Bremen and Tippecanoe Valley High Schools, (a tri-

meet is swimming against two teams at the same time).

The Panthers lost to Bremen with the score of 77 to 25, but came back to beat Tippecanoe Valley, 54 to 47.

Woods also thinks that in the middle of the season, most of the personal goals he has for the team as well as for himself, are being met: "Goals are never-ending;



Sophomore Josh Northam practices more on his form rather than his speed during this drill.

there is always constant improvement."

After the team swam almost two hours everyday during break, Woods planned an over-nighter, as a time when the guys could get together and have some fun while practicing.

The Panthers came to school early in the evening and had dinner, watched

some movies, practiced, and even got in a little game of water polo.

When they came back from the break, it was time to get back to work.

First on the list for the Panthers was to swim against St. Joe. It was a very close meet, but the Panthers still lost by the score of 98 to 96.

Back at home the Panthers trailed Elkhart Memorial throughout the meet, but came back to win, 96 to 87.

The boys' and girls' swim teams had an auction to raise money for much-needed swimming equipment. The auction was held in the coach's office before the recent Boosters' Club meeting. Dr. Marty Langhofer, the father of two swimmers, volunteered to auction off the swimmers in true auction style.

The bidding started at five dollars a piece, and the swimmer was sold to the person who bid the most money.

Sophomore Stacey Page brought in the most money; she was bought by her boyfriend for \$50.01.

The swimmers are now required to do odd jobs for the person who they were sold to or just to be "theirs" for two hours. Some swimmers were being treated to dinner.

The auction proved to be a success; they raised over \$700 for both teams.

Woods hopes that the team's record, 4-5, will improve by the end of their season. The next home meet is on Feb. 2 at 6:30 pm against Adams. □



# PASSING TIME

## What do you look forward to in 1995?



"I'm looking forward to not being a freshman anymore!"

Freshman  
Naomi Munoz



"I'm hoping to become a better athlete."

Sophomore  
Jessica Babbitt



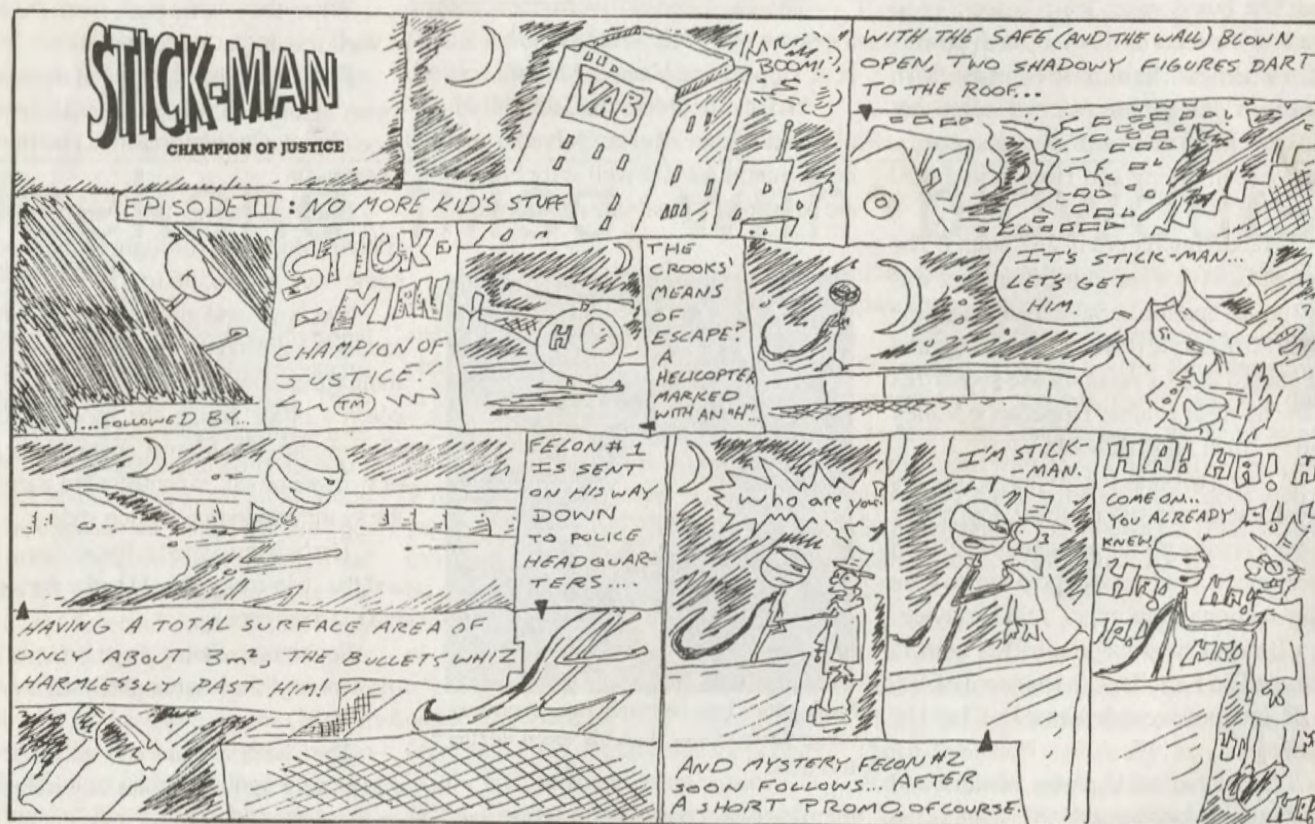
"I'm looking forward to finally being a senior!"

Junior  
Christy Laurence



"I look forward to my graduation and going to college."

Senior  
Brian Bowers



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