

THE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

# HATCHET

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## Senior wisdom: advice for freshmen





## How can class spirit be increased?



"Make it easier for people to participate. Usually people don't have much spirit because they feel left out."

Senior  
Michelle Rodriguez



"Have more spirit days and give prizes, so they'll participate."

Junior  
Quiana Williams



"Give awards for having good spirit and have more pep assemblies."

Sophomore  
Brad Wilson



"Have more school activities in which the students can participate."

Foreign Language Teacher  
William Perry

## OCTOBER

Break out your western duds and brush off that cowboy hat! In honor of **spirit week**, Oct. 2 is *Bonanza Day*. Come to school dressed as your favorite film star/starlet! *Movie Star Day* is Oct. 3. Watch out, Greg and Marsha Brady; the students of WHS will be competing for the best dressed of the 70's era on Oct. 4--*Brady Bunch Day*. Quick! Run to K-mart and stock up on pocket protectors! Oct. 5 is *Revenge of the Nerds Day*, so tape up those glasses and hike up those pants! Oct. 6 is traditional *Green and White Day*. Dress with your best Panther spirit.

Panthers! Get your appetites ready, because October is full of **candy sales**. The Drama Club candy sale lasts from Oct. 2-9. Project Teach will be supplying the school with sugar from Oct. 16-20. The Air Force JROTC will be selling bars out of uniform from Oct. 23-27. The Choir/Orchestra will take a break from their many hours of practice to sell candy Oct. 30-Nov. 6.

Okay, juniors and seniors, clear the cobwebs and dust bunnies out of your heads, and make room for all the little bits of information you'll need to take the **SAT and Act**. The SAT is offered Oct. 14 and the ACT is offered Oct. 28. See the guidance counselors for more information and booklets. Good luck!

On Oct. 17, a representative from **Bethel College** will be in the library at 9:30. If you are interested in meeting with the representative, see your guidance counselor in order to sign up.

It's that time of year, Panthers! **Homecoming** is Oct. 6 against Central. Come to the game and support Panther football. After the game, the homecoming dance will be held in the new gymnasium from 9:30 to 11. Bring your sweetie or your friends to "cut a rug" with at the dance.



Artist: Todd Davis



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Dear Editor,

Put your hands together in support of the Washington High School Panther Pride Marching Band.

As a community you can support the band by joining the band boosters. We want to help the band grow and be a tremendous success. We would like to see some of their equipment updated and the trailer that transports their equipment and instruments to and from contests, parades, and other functions painted.

The band proudly represents our school and community when they travel. We would like to show our "Pride" by displaying the school name and logo on the trailer.

At the present time, we lack the funds to help the band, so we are asking for your help and support. As an individual, you can join the boosters for just a \$5 yearly membership. The booster club meets the first Monday of every month at 7 in the band room. Come share your ideas and support.

Panther Pride is what it says: proud to be a member and proud to represent Washington High School.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Wyant  
Band Parent

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# Drama Club has big plans for '95-'96

**Nicki Kaufman and Erin Coleman**  
Staff Writers

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he 33 members of the drama club are putting their best feet forward for the fall play *Barefoot in the Park* which will be presented on Nov. 9 and 10 in the WHS auditorium. The

theatrical performance mixes slap-stick comedy with a little romance that will satisfy the audience completely.

Senior Bonnie Boone is the lead Corie Bratter, a young woman who was just married to the love of her life six days ago. Boone said of her leading role, "I'm parallel to Corie because I'm very sensitive to love and I'm dramatic about it. Getting the role my senior year makes me want to put more time into it."

Opposite of Boone and helping to lead *Barefoot* to center stage will be junior Derek Dabrowiak. These two are already working hard to make it their best performance. "Even though the cast is small, it's going to be a great performance. It's very funny and that's good," said Dabrowiak.

The play's supporting cast includes seniors Eric Bastine, Jeffery Kaser, and juniors Erik Kolacz and

Janice Koch.

Kolacz who plays Mr. Velasco, a 58-year-old Hungarian nut who lives in the attic upstairs said, "I'm very happy to get this part. The play is very funny and laid back. We have a fun cast, and I really enjoy working with the people."

This is director Laurie Kraus' second year at WHS. She hopes to add this year's play to her previous successes: *Arsenic and Old Lace* and *Dirty Work at the Crossroads*.

Kraus said, "I picked to do *Barefoot in the Park* because it has a very interesting set, and it deals with a small cast. It's also a very 'grown-up' comedy, and comedies are always fun to do."

Kraus also commented about her hopes for this year in drama; "My focus is to do an excellent musical in the spring and for the fall play to go as well as the two plays did last year. We also want to raise a lot of money for the club."

The drama club will join with the swing choir to stage *South Pacific* in the spring. Tryouts for the musical will begin in December.

The drama club also has a lot of ideas for other activities. They are looking forward to perhaps seeing some professional shows and returning to the Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre where they took a trip to last year.

Koch said, "The drama club is doing well this year. I hope a lot of people join us, so we can get some more good ideas flowing." □

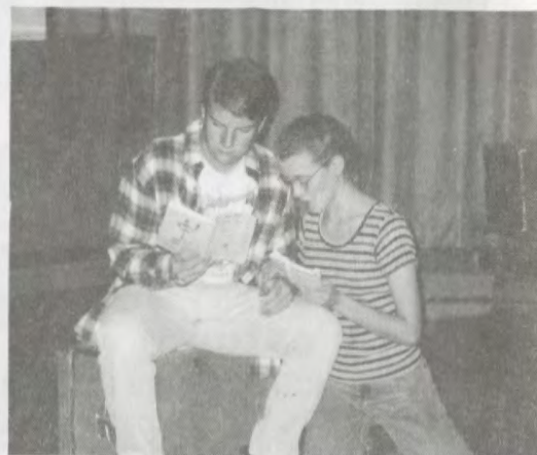


Photo by Nicole Kaufman

**Co-stars Derek Dabrowiak (junior) and Bonnie Boone (senior) study their lines; they have a little more than a month to get it right.**



Photo by Nicole Kaufman

**Veteran actors Janice Koch and Erik Kolacz (juniors) take a break from their roles to regroup.**



# "The Sac" is back at Washington

**Keyna Langhofer and Kathy Lute**  
Staff Writer

Forever true to green and white, Michael Sacchini has come out of the Lions' den to rejoin the Panthers. After 24 years at LaSalle, he requested a change of schools.

Former assistant principal Dr. Dianne Greaves was appointed as the new principal of LaSalle, leaving a vacancy at WHS that needed to be filled.

When asked if he would like to come here, Sacchini responded, "I would love to come to Washington."

As a graduate of South Bend Central High School, he went on to Ball State University to achieve his dream of becoming a teacher. After three years at Harrison Elementary, he transferred to WHS. Sacchini taught history, health, and social studies, while making time to be an assistant for the football and wrestling teams. He also was the acting sponsor for the Class of 1969. They gave him a Class of '69 ring which he still wears to this day.

After several years at WHS, Sacchini moved to West Side rival LaSalle, where he continued teaching. In 1972, he was asked to take on the job of Human Resource Coordinator, a type of counselor for the students. "What could I say; I didn't



**Returning with spirit, Mr. Sacchini, the new assistant principal, patrols the halls.**

want to stop teaching." The principal reminded Sacchini, however, that he could better help the students he loved if he opened himself to the entire student body. Faced with this realization, he took the position and touched an entire school. When he was asked to be the assistant principal of LaSalle, Sacchini was again reluctant to change positions. But his concern for what is best for LaSalle was again a top priority.

It's been 10 years since he took that appointment, and now Sacchini

has returned to the school where he began his high-school teaching career.

He has been tied to WHS from the beginning: "My boy graduated from here and played baseball and football; my wife was a cheerleader and the 'Queen of Washington' in the early 60's. I've always been loyal to Washington, even though I was at LaSalle High School and our teams competed."

Sacchini is not the only one pleased with his change. Foreign language teacher William Perry said, "I like him; I think he's a great guy." English teacher Leann Swintz remarked, "There are two qualities I see in Mr. Sacchini; he is very positive and friendly, and he wants to help teachers and students reach their goals." Principal Dave Kaser's opinion is that, "Mr. Sacchini is a great guy. I have known him for many years. He likes being in schools and working with young people."

The students are happy, too. "From what I've seen and heard, he is just what WHS needs," said senior Ben Flis. Sophomore Crissy Borkowski agrees, "He is really nice, very active in the school, and kind to the students."

Welcome back, "Sac!"



Photo by Tim Hecklinski

## 1995-96 "Rookies"

Front Row:

Mrs. Lisa Jarrett, Mrs. Mary Ann Dentino, Mrs. Eve Woodward

Back Row:

Mr. Ted Lilly, Mr. Brendan Gardiner, Mr. Tim Hardt

Welcome to Washington High School, home of the Panthers!



Photo by Tim Hecklinski





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 editor.



Kim Harness

## The Issue: School uniforms

In the spring of 1987, a teenager in Baltimore was shot for a pair of \$95 sunglasses he refused to give up (*Newsweek*, Nov. 30, 1987). Certain large cities such as New York, Chicago, LA, and Detroit have a new type of street crime that is being called "Starter Jacket Murders."

More and more teenagers are being attacked and sometimes killed for their clothes. In certain areas of some cities, the "cooler" the clothes, the deadlier it may be to own them. For these reasons, certain public schools across the country have initiated strict dress codes or are requiring uniforms.

Individuality may seem to be restricted, but students can always find other ways to express themselves. Academics and extra-curricular activities are just a sample of the ways many teens can distinguish themselves.

Critics of uniforms may include freedom of expression in their argument, but certain freedoms come with age and experience. "We allow children greater and greater access to the rights of citizenship as they grow in their ability to reason, but the important point is that we do control them until they begin to demonstrate that they can behave wisely" (*NEA Today*, Sept. 15, 1994).

Also, uniforms emphasize that the purpose of school is to learn, not to display and array of clothing as if in a fashion show. Principal Robin Oden of Detroit stated, "We're talking about [some] kids whose parents make maybe \$25,000 to \$30,000 annually if they're lucky. I can't tell you how many kids took me aside privately and thanked me for banning all those expensive clothes."

Uniforms eliminate competition to be best dressed and stresses the race in academics. Joe Clark, a former principal of a high school in New Jersey, states, "They have Calvin Klein jeans on their behinds and nothing on their minds...there was a dress code implemented with the objective being to try and redirect the priorities of inner-city youth, who seem to be preoccupied with clothing, thus not allocating the proper time to the issue at hand—academic achievement."

Gang violence is also a problem decreased through mandatory uniforms. Since many gangs have adopted certain types of apparel such as team jackets or athletic shoes, gang rivalry can be reduced.

One Detroit high school restricts fancy clothing including fur coats, gold jewelry and ceratin name-brand trinkets (*Newsweek*, Nov. 27, 1989). Frank Hayden, the Detroit School Board President said, "There's absolutely no doubt having a dress code has saved lives. In terms of the number of students killed for clothing, it has decreased tremendously. In the last couple of years I don't know of a child who has been shot or killed for an article of clothing."

Rebecca Asher, a former New York private high-school student, actually prefers uniforms. "I think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. Having a school uniform bonds students together. It immediately gives everyone, regardless of age, race, or social standing, something in common. At the same time, each person stands out because of [their] distinctive personality; excellence of character becomes more important than excellence in dress..."

Uniforms are also democratic. Everyone is united, and no one can say he or she has better or more expensive clothes.

Clothing expenses are reduced with uniforms. The average set of three uniforms costs about \$100 to \$120. Compare these prices to \$250 to \$300 spent on new clothes at the beginning of every school year. Uniforms don't go out of style; they can be worn year after year and also handed down.

By placing less importance on clothes, an important principle is stressed: judge by character and personality, not by appearances. □

When a student enters the doors of WHS, she/he expects to observe other persons decorating the scene with a vast variety of clothing. This is a privilege that not all schools allow their students to experience. Many attempts are being made to conform and restrict how students present themselves.

Los Angeles, Detroit, Baltimore, and Houston are prime examples of how efforts to restrict dress are taking effect. Schools in these cities are forcing their students to abide by rules restricting what they wear. Reasons given by their school officials for the drastic conformation are to "...enhance the climate for learning," (*Newsweek*, Nov. 27, 1989) and "...redirect the priorities of inner-city youth..." (*Readers Digest*).

If schools can't solve their problems by reaching the nation's student body and controlling the violence they create, they shouldn't look for easy solutions to a rough dilemma.

"It's a totalitarian concept," says Irwin Hyman of the National Center for the study of Corporal Punishment in Philadelphia. "It's another militaristic, punitive way of making kids behave."

Prof. Howard Sloane at the University of Utah believes a dress code policy "affords an evasion of responsibility by teachers who can't come up with workable solutions for disciplinary or learning problems. It's pathetic! Any success it (mandatory uniforms) has will die out within a month." (*Newsweek*, Nov. 30, 1987)

The concept of a strict dress code (in which the student can wear only what their school will permit them) is not a stranger to South Bend Schools, even though this is not a policy at WHS.

Lauren Feece, a sophomore currently attending St. Joseph's High School, explains what she thinks about a highly-restricted dress code: "Because I attend a private school, I am subjected to all requirements for the standard of dress at my private school; instead of improving the environment I learn in, it creates unnecessary complications. When I should be studying in class, I worry about whether or not my clothes comply with the dress code."

Having uniforms or strict rules on student attire forces students to wear what the school chooses and not what they feel most comfortable wearing. This not only disrupts concentration, but infringes on a student's rights. Neil Burstein, a Washington clinical psychologist, says, "They (students) are at a stage where they're trying to separate individually and become independent. They need to make some decisions."

As intelligent and capable individuals, students should be allowed to decide what they want to wear and how it affects their environment. Conformity is unacceptable; uniqueness is omnipotent. □



# Panthers

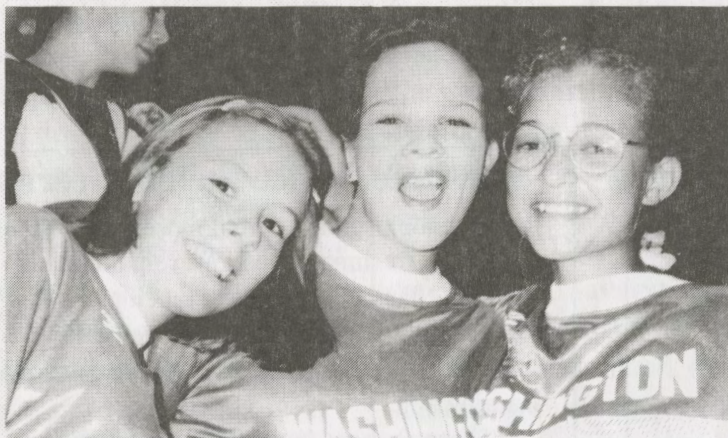
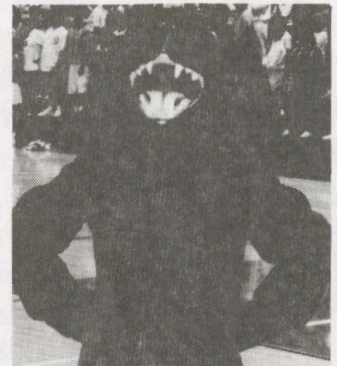
By: Tim Hecklinski

Five good reasons to fear the Panthers...



◁ Proud victors of the spirit stick, the junior Class of 1997 show how they earned it.

▷ Yes, the Panther is back again and stands in the way of all those who dare intrude!



◁ Sophomores **Melissa Hagedorn, Jaime Kurzhal, and Suzi Myers** shine for the camera at our first pep assembly. Are they really this happy in the halls?

▽ Freshmen **Mandy Tompkins** and **Carrie Robak** stand out in their crowd. The rest of the class is too absorbed in the festivities to notice a camera in their midst.



◁ Ahhhhhh! Well, let's just say that juniors **Kelly Retek** and **Janice Koch** might be going overboard! But it is a pep assembly, and there are no limits to the Class of '97.





# Class of 1996 gives

By Jennifer Hess and  
Olivia Jacobson-Reighter  
Feature Writers

"This isn't the office!" I heard a freshman exclaim as I rounded the corner on my way to English. "The main office?" I asked as I stood in front of the exit doors in the 700 hall.

"Yes," she sighed, so of course, I took the time to show her the way.

I'm probably not the only one to have had an experience like this with a freshman. In fact, I'm sure all of us have at least seen one freshman staring at a schedule and trying to walk down the hall at the same time.

Seeing the freshmen has been a reminder to all of us of



Dean Burkus



Kevin Dixon



Matt Dixon



Ryan Evans

our first days at WHS.

We've asked the seniors to look back upon their freshman year—the confusion, questions, and expectations—and help us to make a few suggestions to the Class of 1999.

Keeping up good grades doesn't have to be as hard as it may seem. "You have to want to succeed for yourself and no one else," said Demetra Shell. Being successful in school requires students to give time and dedication to achieve in their classes.

Jeff Greskowiak said, "Making a schedule to fit in homework and fun helps make things run smoothly." Dave Lute keeps his grades up by using his time wisely.

Falling behind in work can happen, so can low grades. Tabitha Hill suggested asking for extra credit: "The teacher appreciates the extra effort, and it could help bring up your grade."

For many people, good grades are a must. These students are often faced with the question



## Freshmen voice their concerns

Although school started more than a month ago, some freshman questions remain unanswered. Many changes have taken place this year, such as Block-8, the introduction of seminar, shorter lunches, and the absence of a warning bell.

These changes have made the transition from Navarre even more difficult than it has been in the past.

Barbara Bandera wants to know how the upperclassmen feel about the new Block-8 schedule.

Jeff Oltmanns asks, "Are the classes harder as you get older?"

Khamphou Phothavong wonders, "What are we going to do when we can't go out for lunch next year?"

Shalonda Howell worries about how to get her classes scheduled for the upcoming years.



# advice to Class of 1999



Jeff Greskowiak



Jeff Kaser

of how to fit in extracurricular activities without sacrificing academics. Anna Cruz said, "Sometimes you just have to make more time." Kevin Dixon said, "With me being in sports, I knew I had to pass all my classes to play."

Although being committed to activities outside of class can be stressful, they can also be exciting and beneficial. Jeff Kaser commented that colleges look at extracurricular activities as well as grades on applications.

Sometimes it's hard to stay on task when a class becomes uninteresting. Anna Bates tries to stay alert and ask questions to keep her interested; Matt Dixon brings a book to read.

Asking questions is probably the best way to stay tuned in; it helps to keep the student involved in the class.

When choosing classes, Dean Burkus takes the hardest classes he can handle, so he will have



Brigitte Buda



Jamie Infalt



Dave Lute



Demetrius Minor

good experiences to prepare him for college. Lute agrees; he takes classes to prepare him for Notre Dame.

Looking into the requirements and coordinating their classes can help students planning to attend college.

Taking the most challenging courses would be beneficial for all students. This can prevent boredom and help in the future.

Lunch is a break for everyone, a time to get away from class and relax. Although the cafeteria may not sound inviting to some, many students don't like to eat fast food or to worry about being late. Eating in the cafeteria also saves money—food and gasoline wise.

On the other hand, some students would rather be completely away from school and go out to eat. Students have many places to choose from even if they walk. "We try to go different places because one place gets boring," said Jamie Infalt. This is a good idea for those who love variety and don't particularly like hamburgers and fries every day.

Going out to lunch requires responsibility from the student. Staying out of trouble is impor-



Demetra Shell



Randy Shelton

tant. "I follow my own mind; I don't follow anyone," said Randy Shelton. Ryan Evans added, "You can often control how much trouble you get in by the type of people you hang out with." Kaser said, "If it's wrong, don't do it just because everyone else is. It's not worth getting in trouble for."

What was most regretted by seniors was not taking their freshman year seriously. "I regret taking my freshman year lightly, because it establishes your GPA," commented Demetrius Minor. "Study hard in school and learn as much as you can; I didn't my first two years, and I regret it," said Burkus.

The seniors and the rest of the WHS family want the freshmen to feel at home. □

*Freshmen, try your best at everything you do. Work hard this year and don't slack off. My four years here went by fast, so live it up.*

*Be involved in everything that interests you. I know you'll have a great four years filled with fun and excitement. Good luck in all you do.*

-Brigitte Buda



# Standing up against crime

How does one know when crime has gone too far? When has violence invaded a community? One could look at the mere statistics, or one could dig even deeper and look at the everyday state of things. On the West Side, it is safe to assume that everytime a news report details the latest killing or act of violence, our ears tune in closely. We listen to find out if we know the people involved, both victims and perpetrators. Even if we do not know those involved personally, we are familiar with the streets where the crime took place.

## Editorial

Sadly, as residents of the West Side, it seems that more often than not, it is our streets, our friends, or our families who suffer the crimes being reported in record numbers.

"If we do not wage this battle [against violence] successfully, we will face a juvenile crime Armageddon," St. Joseph County Probate Judge Peter J. Nemeth recently told the South Bend Tribune. This statement may seem quite drastic, but considering the recent all time-high crime rate, it is not. Each day at WHS and on the West Side, it becomes more evident that crime is rampant.

What has been overlooked, however, is the effect that this crime can have on the "rest of us." Those of us who come to school every day and are not wanted for this or that crime can sometimes be forced into com-

promising positions. When confronted with criminal activities every day, it is sometimes hard for us to choose to do what is right in combating crime. It is easier to stand by and not do anything, figuring that whatever that sort of person does, really has nothing to do with us anyway.

This attitude is not, nor ever was, acceptable. Criminals have crossed the line between there and here; what they do has reached into all aspects of our everyday lives.

This past summer, Shanna McCollough, who would have been a senior this year, died tragically. She was allegedly shot to death by Rodney Morton. McCollough was someone who came to school, was active in sports and other activities, and was college-bound. She was one of us. She also knew Morton personally. According to police investigation reports, Morton asked her to provide him with an alibi. McCollough reportedly was prepared to tell the truth, however, and not provide him with a false alibi. This, according to friends of McCollough, cost her her life.

She lost her life in an effort to do what was right. This, however, should not discourage any of us from making an effort to do what we know is morally right. McCollough was not going to do something she felt was wrong, and she had the strength and courage to stand by her convictions. This, rather than the tragedy of her death, is what should remain the focus of her memory. The rest of us, as responsible students and citizens, need to take a stand, like McCollough did, for what is right. She will remain an inspiration. □



Thumbs Up  
Thumbs Down



### THUMBS UP

...to the new faculty and staff. WHS welcomes all, and hopes the year at WHS is filled with new friends and pleasant experiences.

...to Mr. Perry and Mr. Watson for braving the crowded halls of WHS armed with only their wheelchairs and walkers. Hang in there; only a few more weeks until you are free at last!

...to the new assistant principal, Mr. Sachinni. We were sorry to see Dr. Greaves leave, but are happy to see Mr. "Sac" return to the best place in South Bend after so many years of absence—Panther Country!

...to the pep assembly. The start of the 95-96 school year began with a bang. Most of the students were very enthusiastic and spirited during the assembly, especially that crazy Panther. A special congratulations to the Class of 1997, who have rarely lost the spirit award at a pep assembly since they arrived at WHS. Keep up the good work!

### THUMBS DOWN

...to the seniors and freshmen. Your lack of spirit was both embarrassing and senseless. Seniors should be especially spirited; there's less than a year left of high school! Freshmen should learn to be more observant; virtually everyone else was standing, why weren't you? Get a clue!

...to the seniors (No, we're not picking on you), who feel they have enough seniority to send some poor freshman towards the 900 hall when he asked for directions to Mr. Pikuza's room. Let's grow up; we were freshmen once, too.

...to the ever-increasing traffic at the intersection of the 700 and 600 halls. If students don't grasp the concept of courtesy soon, we may have street signs to obey along with those green datebooks to keep track of, which supposedly keep us organized.

...to the notebook hall passes. What's next, personal identification cards to open the restroom door? Middle school is very passé to young adults in high school. Give us a chance to grow and mature before condemning us to being 13 throughout the rest of our high-school careers.



# ART Gallery

by Tim Hecklinski



◁ *Cave Life 101*,  
pen drawing by  
junior Mark Sniadecki

▽ Untitled pencil  
work by sophomore  
Tyson Thompson



△ *Revise*, double photograph by senior Tim Hecklinski



◁ *Shine On*,  
photograph by  
senior Tim  
Hecklinski for  
Rick, Dawn,  
and Danielle;  
we miss you!



# Injuries destroy hopes for titles

**Eric Bastine**  
Sports Editor

## Injury.

This is a word that can only mean a rapid descent for a high-school player or team. This is the case for this year's Panther football team.

Senior Steve Booher commented on the situation, "I think the injuries have affected the team greatly. We have all been working hard since the start of the summer to put a championship puzzle together and, all of a sudden, the pieces are falling out."

"The injuries have really hurt us this year because we lack depth. With only 45 players it hurts more when players get injured. If we had 65 players, like in past years, we could afford to have an injury here and there because we always had some one to step up," said Head Coach Scott Bovenkerk.

It seems like small change for what could have been. Predicted to be one of the best teams in the conference, the Panthers had hoped to be a strong contender for the Northern Indiana Conference title and possibly for a chance to go down to Indianapolis for the state finals. These dreams are now tarnished, but certainly not extinguished from the hearts of the troubled football players. Three early defeats to Concord, Mishawaka, and Clay, all very tough opponents, put a dent in the dreams for an undefeated season.

Concord, who came out strong in the opener at Jackson Field, scored twice in the closing seconds of the first half and opened up a 12-0 lead. The Minutemen never looked back in the second half, and senior Matt Wood's quarterback sneak in the fourth quarter wasn't enough as Concord came away with a 12-7 victory.

Senior linebacker Adam Hooten had hard feelings about the loss: "It was a game we should have won. When they scored those touchdowns in the last two minutes of the first half, it killed our momentum. Now we have to erase the past, pick it up a notch, and get ready for Adams next week."

Erase is exactly what they did. In the second game of the season, the Panthers came out fired up and erased any chance Adams had for an upset. They pushed the Eagles all over School Field in a strong 25-0 victory. Senior receiver Ryan Evans scored the first touchdown on a short pass from

Wood, who also ran for two more touchdowns in the contest.

Junior Ivan Blount added the other score. Also, the first touchdown was set up by senior Brent Ortman's 48-yard punt return and senior receiver Pete Perez hooked up with Wood for a 69-yard pass play in the game.

Wood commented on his pass to Evans: "I knew it was the first play for Ryan (since returning from an ankle injury), so I did everything I could do to get him the ball. It was a great catch."

Nonetheless, the Panther Gang Green defense shut down Adams and their highly-regarded quarterback in recording the shut-out.

Game three of the season brought another letdown. With senior offensive linemen Booher and Tim Dyskiewicz nursing their knees due to injuries, it left Wood to lead the offense behind a dilapidated offensive line. That element was demonstrated early on as Wood was tackled by a Clay

accepted a Clay pass and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown. Andrzejewski also added the extra point and within one play had brought the Panthers within striking distance. Clay's defense, however, shut down the Panthers for the rest of the game and thus the final score of 21-7.

The next week the Panthers traveled to Steele Field in Mishawaka to take on the talented Cavemen.

On the first play of the game, Wood connected with Evans for a 50-yard pass play. The very next play, the Panther drive stalled as senior tailback Randy Shelton carried up the middle for what seemed like 10 yards, but, when stretching for the first down, Shelton fumbled the football. Mishawaka recovered and although the Cavemen didn't capitalize on that possession, they would have many other scoring opportunities in the game, as they jumped out to an early 15-0 lead.

Wood led the offense down the field and again hit Evans, this time for a touchdown, cutting the Mishawaka lead to 15-6. Evans was the star of the game for the Panthers. He collected five receptions for 80 yards in the contest. Evans also has two touchdown receptions in three games since returning from his injury.

The Panthers couldn't use the momentum created from the touchdown and went into the locker room trailing 22-6.

In the second half, WHS couldn't seem to move the football and was held scoreless as Mishawaka added one more touchdown. When the final gun went off, the Panthers found themselves buried in a 29-6 defeat.

The team hoped to rebound from the losses to Clay and Mishawaka with a win against LaSalle.

"I think our players will play well. We are playing our west-side

rival and a lot of our guys know players from LaSalle, so it makes it a more intense football game," said Coach Bovenkerk.

Failure is a word that is never discussed for a team at WHS, and this year's football team definitely has the same attitude. They will return to their winning ways—and sooner than many may think.

Tomorrow night the Panthers have a first-ever contest against Indianapolis Arlington, who come up to School Field to do battle with the hungry Panthers. □



Photo by Eric Bastine

## Junior Ivan Blount sprints around the defense during practice.

defender and sustained a game-ending shoulder injury on just the second drive of the game.

Wood also completed the Panthers' only pass of the game, a 32-yarder to Ortman. Clay, on the other hand, was relentless on offense and jumped out to a 21-0 lead against a usually reliable but injury-plagued defense.

The defense did, however, contribute the only points of the game for WHS. Senior defensive back Matt Andrzejewski inter-



# Pre-season champs start shaky

By **Ryan Hanyzewski**  
Sports Writer

The Panthers varsity volleyball team began their '95 campaign with an impressive pre-season tournament victory.

In the past two years, whoever has won the pre-season tournament has gone on to win the sectional.

"If we stay focused and play as a team, I don't see any reason why we cannot win sectionals and maybe even more," commented junior Cortney Litka.

In order to win the pre-season tournament, the Panthers had to win three games. They cruised through the first two games defeating Riley and Clay.

Then the trouble came; they had to play the defending sectional champions, the St. Joe Indians. It took the Panthers three sets, but they defeated the Indians and won the championship.

The captains for this year's team are seniors Jamie Infalt and Erin Maenhout.

Coming off the championship, the Panthers went soaring into the regular season, but were quickly grounded with four straight losses.

"We are an up-and-down team with very good athletes, but a lack of experience hurts us," commented Coach Tressie Jurgonski.

The first meet was at home against the John Glenn Falcons. After winning the first game 15-8, the Panthers dropped the next two, 11-15 and 9-15.

Infalt led the Panthers in kills and aces with five of each. Cortney Litka led the team with eight assists, and Maenhout added 10 digs.

The Lady Panthers' next contest was against the St. Joe Indians. After being defeated in the first game, 8-15, the Panthers rebounded to win the second game, 15-7.

With victory in sight, the Panthers took a 4-1 lead in the third and deciding game. They, however, could not hold the lead, as the Indians won, 10-15.

Infalt again led the team in kills with five, as well as digs with 10. Sophomore Alicia Ladewski led the Panthers with two blocks. Sophomore Sarah Wood led the way with four aces. Litka and her sister, freshman phenom Ryanne Litka, put in five assists apiece.

"Ryanne is a great athlete, but what most impresses me is that she listens well and works

very hard to get where she is," said Jurgonski.

After falling to the Jimmies of Jimtown, the Panthers took on Michigan City Marquette. The Panthers were overmatched, losing two games in a row, 6-15 and 5-15.

Infalt and Ryanne Litka had a kill apiece and Infalt had three aces as well. Sophomore Courtney Nawrot had four digs, and Cortney Litka had two assists.

After four consecutive losses, the Panthers took out all of their frustration of the losing streak out on the Culver Military Academy.

The Panthers demolished them 15-2 and 15-9.

Infalt and junior Jenny Brenner led the team with five kills, and Infalt also poured in seven aces. Maenhout had four digs; the Litka combo had six assists apiece.

The Panthers then kept right on rolling on the winning track with a sweep of LaVille, 15-13 and 15-13.

Infalt again led the Panthers with three kills, two blocks, and three aces. Ryanne Litka also had three aces.

The next contest for the team is at home against the LaSalle Lions on Oct. 3. □

## Soccer team looking forward to great season

By **Drew Griffis**  
Sports Writer

This could be the year the soccer team makes it over the hump. The Panthers have a chance to become the first to have a winning record. With the talent and experience the team possesses, they're looking forward to a great season.

The Panthers scored their first victory (6-4) against Wawasee. Senior tri-captain Peter Bandera led the team with three goals. Sophomore Devin Nuner netted two, and freshman Shannon Althouse scored the final goal.

"I think we're going to surprise some of the better teams this year. We are no longer a team that can be walked all over; we're a team that must be contended with," said Nuner.

Next up was Northwood. The Panthers took the game 4-2. Junior Zach Smith hit the back of the net twice, while junior Jesse Perez and Bandera each scored a goal a piece.

The Panthers then went to School Field to take on Adams, the third-ranked team in the state. With confidence running sky-high after two straight victories, they held the Eagles score-

less for the first 30 minutes with great defense. The team was now thinking upset only being down 1-0 at halftime. The Eagles, though, were too much to handle, as they scored two goals in the first 15 minutes of the second half. The Panthers did not win the game, but they did earn respect.

"If we could play every team like we did Adams, we would be one of the stronger teams in the area," said Bandera.

The next game they took on Community Baptist. Bandera netted the only score of the game, as the Panthers won 1-0 in the defensive battle.

Then on a cool September night, the Panthers went to Jackson Field to play their greatest rival, Riley. They had confidence that they could beat the Wildcats, whom they had never beaten before. Sophomore Kevin Griffis said that he thinks this is the year they'll finally beat Riley.

Spirits were high as the beginning of the battle approached. Riley struck first, scoring a goal midway into the first half, and led 1-0 at halftime. The Panthers took the field fired up and hungry for a win in the second half.

Bandera tied the game at one on a great

corner kick with 25 minutes left in the second half. The team had many more chances to score, but they could not put it in. The Wildcats then scored their second goal with only 10 minutes to go. The Panthers did not score again, and the game ended at 2-1.

"Riley is our biggest rival; I think that was the motivation we needed to play on Riley's level and have our best game of the season," commented Coach Doug Knowlton.

Two days after the heartbreaking loss to Riley, the Panthers took on Elkhart Central. The sixth-ranked Blue Blazers were too much to handle as they defeated injury-plagued Panthers 3-0. Sophomore Scott Weber had a season high 13 saves and held Central scoreless in the second half.

"I feel by the end of the season the team will jell, and we'll be playing better than we are now. We always seem to step up our level of play in big games. We're going to surprise a few teams in sectionals," said Coach Knowlton.

The boys' soccer sectional begins Oct. 10. Clay, Riley, LaSalle, Adams, and St. Joe are the teams the Panthers will be battling with in sectionals. □



# Low numbers killing cross country

By **Ryan Hanyzewski**  
Sports Writer

The boys' and girls' cross country teams have had to face one major problem over the past few years.

This problem has to do with the lack of numbers on the team. The boys have five guys on the team; that is the minimum number a team can have to be able to compete on the varsity level. The girls only have four on their team, which forces them to forfeit each match.

The reason for this is that cross country is scored by the first five members of each team to cross the finish line.

"If we had just a few more guys come out for this team, I really think we could compete for the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) title," commented freshman Kevin Keen.

The cross country team also has had to deal with going from coach to coach over the past few years. The new coach this year is Jeff Ransbottom.

Ransbottom is a local runner who competes in many local events. He recently won an event that featured two five-kilometer (km) races.

"The goals this year are to improve on last year's record, improve our times from meet to meet, and defeat our cross-town rival, LaSalle," said Ransbottom.

Helping the Panthers achieve these goals is senior and captain Kevin Keppler. He has placed first in two events so far this season and has piled up a number of top-10 finishes.

Despite Keppler's outstanding start, the cross country team has yet to win a meet. They have, in fact, compiled an 0-13 record.

# First win in five years

By **Katie Shuamber**  
Staff Writer

The girls' swim team began this season with a win against Rochester High School. This is the first meet—the girls have won in five years.

First places went to junior Amber Bammerlin, 100 free; senior Jill Wall, 50 free; and junior Katie Shuamber, 100 butterfly;

The Panthers also denied LaSalle the win. First places in this contest went to Shuamber, sophomores Jocelyn Orlowski, Keyna Langhofer, and Wall, all in the 200-medley relay. Second places went to Wall, Bammerlin, Shuamber, Langhofer, Orlowski, and juniors Tara Kenjockety and Stacey Page.

"It feels good to have finally won a meet. I knew it would happen soon, because of the way our team was growing. I'm just glad it happened while I was on the team. It gives a great sense of accomplishment," said Kenjockety.

Coach Kristi Walz said, "It takes a total team effort to win. I am very happy that we beat Rochester, and that I have a team that tries hard in practice and a team that wants to win."

Senior Eniko Hunyadi said, "I feel that we went out there and wanted to win. We did our best and gave it 100 percent of our ability."

The Panthers were unable to hold onto the winning spirit, however, as they were again defeated by Riley, Bremen, and Mishawaka high

schools. When asked how the season is going, Keppler said, "It is going okay, because we are still rebuilding, and several of our runners are newcomers to the sport."

The season, however, started off on a better note. The Panthers defeated three teams (Riley, LaSalle, and Buchanan) in the pre-season stampede at Rum Village.

Two major bright spots occurred in that event. To nobody's surprise, Keppler placed a strong 15th out of more than 100 runners.

The other up-note was Keen who placed 10th among all freshmen in the meet.

WHS, however, is constantly improving it is times. This can be mostly be credited to the extensive practice schedule set up by Ransbottom.

The boys run anywhere from three to six miles a day around the school area. They run up and down hills to improve their endurance, and they run sprints on the track to improve their speed.

The toughest opponents for the team will be the fifth-ranked Blazers of Elkhart Central, and the eighth-ranked New Prairie Cougars. Mishawaka and Penn also put up strong bids to be the best teams in the area.

The girls are also coming along well for the cross country team.

Against Mishawaka, junior Julie Ewing and sophomore Jillian Ortmann placed sixth and seventh respectively.

Both the boys' and girls' teams are in need of more runners, so anyone with the desire of hard work and to stay in shape is wanted.

Other members of the boys' team are freshman Tim Pehlke and sophomores Jeremy Maller and Andy Nalepinski.

The next meet for the cross-country team is the City Meet on Oct. 5.

schools.

Losses of last year's seniors caused weakness in strokes such as the backstroke and the breaststroke. With the more experienced girls in the freestyle, this gives many of the new swimmers a chance to compete in the events that generally lack the experience needed to win more meets.

"More of our newer swimmers, like the freshmen, are filling up these events and that's where our lack of experience comes in," commented Walz.

Walz thinks that in time the team will have more experience and be able to replace all of the graduating seniors.

The goals and expectations Walz has set for this season consist of winning three or four meets and having swimmers improve with their times: "We need to have constant improvement. I feel that our time drops have to be better, and the drops are not there yet."

The girls began the season with grueling four-hour practices a day during the summer. The practices ran at two-hour intervals.

Other returning girls are sophomores Jenny Hess and Jenny Stoneburner.

New to the team are sophomores Jenny Kring, Tricia Nyikos, Tara Nyikos; freshmen Julie Andreae, Beth Chabot, Allison Cordell, Jayme Fisher, Kristi Heggedus, Lindsay Maller, Carly Northam, Dawn Sieczkarek, Jessica Spitnale, and Stephanie Wroblewski.

The Panthers' next meet is Oct. 3 at Knox High School.

# Girls soccer off to good start

By **Nicole Woods**  
Sports Writer

The streak has been broken. After 23 consecutive losses, the girls' soccer team tied Trinity 1-1. A full team effort and a game-tying goal by senior Stacey Lentych brought this match home for the Panthers.

With 17 returning players, and many new assets to the team, the Panthers are looking forward to a good season. Strong defenders, such as returning senior Carol DeGeeter, work to keep the ball away from the goal.

Strong forwards, such as returning seniors Becky Wilfing and Kisha Perry, go up the field to score. Perry was second-team all Northern Indiana Conference last year.

"I would like to see us improve our shooting on goal, and to see the team be more aggressive," said co-captain Wilfing.

In a hard defensive battle against Penn, the Panthers tried to do just this, and the team showed great improvement over last year. Even though they lost 0-9, that didn't get them down.

The Panthers' next battle was against Riley.

"The girls did a really good job. Point-wise we lost, but in effort we did an excellent job," said Coach Ron Zielinski. "We kept the score down for the majority of the game. It was a step up for the girls."

Not many people believed that it was possible for the Panthers to do so well against such a highly-ranked team. The girls proved them wrong. Senior co-captain Stephanie Schwandner said, "I'd like to see us end the season with a better record than last year's. We want to beat Riley in the future. We came close this year, and next year the team will win."

The Panthers are working hard and giving everything in practices and games, but they are still looking to improve.

"We need to improve ball skills and most of all passing," said Wilfing.

The future, though, looks bright for girls soccer. The team has seven sophomores and two freshmen this year, and a number of freshmen coming in next year. With room to improve, the Panthers expect many wins.

The team's next game is Oct. 2 versus LaSalle at School Field.



# Hall of Fame great for South Bend

**Eric Bastine**  
Sports Editor

On Aug. 25, 1995, our city received a gift. It was given to help the city grow. It will gain money and supply more jobs. It provides the city with a tourist attraction and, perhaps most importantly, it gives the people of South Bend a source of entertainment. This gift is the College Football Hall of Fame.

Plans began two long years ago to move the Hall of Fame from Ohio to South Bend. Mayor Joe Kernan and his panel of experts went to work on the plans for an attraction that would finally, after many trials, (but not necessarily failures), put South Bend on the map. Of course, we have Notre Dame, and we have the Silver Hawks, too, but it seems the Hall of Fame will tip the scales.

Don't get me wrong; numerous other great universities and many minor league baseball teams exist across the country, but in the entire United States, there is only one College Football Hall of Fame, and we've got it. The spectacle that exemplifies all the magic and drama of college football is now located in South Bend.

Now, I don't know about you, but if I were visiting from Texas, I surely would take some time out of my busy schedule to visit the Hall of Fame.

Recently, a high-school football team from southern California played a game against another high-school football powerhouse in Chicago. The day after the game, the team traveled to South Bend just to visit the Hall of Fame.

Another recent exploration of our new tourist attraction was by a tour group traveling from Wyoming to the East Coast. They made plans to get off the toll road and make a special visit to the Hall of Fame. These are two very good examples of the excitement and love for the game that is running wild throughout the Hall of Fame.

I visited the Hall the day after it opened with a friend of mine. It wasn't really crowded, so we had room to walk and maneuver our way from one exhibit to the next. I, of course, had my favorite exhibits, but the one that stands out is the Stadium Theater. I was completely awestruck by this exhibit. I sat down in what looks like bleachers in a football stadium in a theater-like room. But the bonus is that eight screens are wrapped around the room in 360 degrees. This adds an effect that is rarely duplicated. I'm not going to spoil it, but I'll tell you that the combination of props, college football highlights from the 1890's to 1994, and loud bone-crushing music adds up to one spectacular event.

For those of you who haven't made it downtown to see the Hall yet, try to plan a visit. It is definitely worth the six bucks, and it gives the die-hard football fans a chance to see their favorite players and schools in action; visitors will be shocked that so much excitement can be packed into one building.

This is what Mayor Joe Kernan and his panel of experts wished for the city. They got what they wanted and did a very fine job getting it. My hat is tipped a thousand times for the excitement and fun that these people have brought to our city of South Bend. □

# Tennis team off to rough start

**By Brian Schoonaert**  
Sports Writer

The boy's tennis team's high hopes for the season are quickly being dashed.

The team got off to a rough start. They lost to Penn by a score of 1-4 and to St Joseph, 0-5. The Panthers, however, still have hope for the season.

"Our team has a lot of young talent, and we work well as a team. We just don't have a lot of experienced players this year. My goal for this year is simply improving our team," said senior co-captain Kevin Dixon.

Senior Demitrious Minor had similar comments: "We are all very competitive and play hard in every match, but we definitely need to improve. Of course, this is my first year playing, so I would just like have fun and play well."

The new coach is Daryl Boykins, an experienced player who coached the girls' tennis team last year.

"We have a new coach this year who is

really dedicated to the team. We hope to learn from him and improve our game," added Minor.

Boykins also spoke of his team's need to improve. He said, "We're a very disciplined group, and I don't have any problems getting the guys to work, but we must improve our play. If I could get everybody to take a couple of lessons this winter, we should come back a much stronger team."

The Panthers do have talent, especially in returning sophomore Jamal Henry, who plays in the number-one spot.

"My personal goals are to make first team all-conference and have a winning record. But as far as the team goes, I would love for us to have a winning season, and I think that's a real possibility," said Henry.

Henry's latest victory was at the expense of Clay, where he won in straight sets.

The team, on the other hand, lost a hard-fought battle to the Colonials in a close match.

The Panthers begin sectional play tonight and continue on Oct. 2. □

## Sports Profile



**Name:** Ryan Evans

**Age:** 17

**Year:** Senior

**Nickname:** Guido

**Sports Played:** Baseball and football

**Role Model:** Michael Irvin

**Hobbies:** Fishing and billiards

**Favorite Class:** Weight training

**Favorite Food:** Pizza

**Favorite TV Show:** *Seinfeld*

**Favorite Book:** *To Kill a Mockingbird*

**Favorite Movie:** The Police Academy movies

**Favorite Music:** Everything but heavy metal

**Favorite Sports Team:** Dallas Cowboys and Florida State

**What Turns Me Off:** People who think they're better than everyone else.

**Person I'd Like To Meet:** Michael Irvin

**What I Love About School:** My friends

**What I Hate About School:** It's way too early.

**Proudest Moment:** Receiving the Joe Boland award in 6th grade

**Prized Possession:** My fishing rods

**Greatest Accomplishment:** All-NIC in baseball

**Most Embarrassing Moment:**

There's too many to pick one.

If I Won The Lottery, I'd: Buy two tickets to Cancun

**Awards and Achievements:** Pre-season All-State in football and All-NIC in baseball

**Best Advice I've Ever Received:** If you don't try something, you will never succeed at it.

**Advice To Others:** Never give up on your dreams, no matter what they are.

**Future Plans:** Go off to college



# MONTHLY MUSIC REPORT



\* Mixing the unusual combination of progressive alternative, reggae, ska, and some elements of rap, makes *311* one of the most unique sounds available. The band is packed with talent and consists of two singers, Nick Hexum and S. Martinez; drummer Chad Sexton; bassist P. Nut; and guitarist Tim Mahoney. *311* first broke into the music scene in 1990 and soon released their first album, *MUSIC*. They don't come from well-known music scenes, such as Berkley or Seattle but hail from Omaha, Nebraska. They're not the type of band that you will see on *MTV* every day, nor can you find their albums in a lot of music stores. They do, however, do a lot of touring; I was fortunate enough to see them perform in Atlanta about a year and a half ago. *311* also



has two other releases, *GRASSROOTS*, and their latest release, (self-titled) *311*. If you like a mix between alternative and reggae, I suggest that you try to get ahold of a *311* album and experience it for yourself. -T.H.

◆ It's the best of what's around. If you like upbeat, inspired music, you'll

definitely want to check out the Dave Matthews Band. They've got a sound quality that has no parallel, combining your usual guitar and drum rhythms with strings and brass. Originally from South Africa, David Matthews and his band (Carter Beauford, drums; Stefan Lessard, bass guitar; Leroi Moore, sax; and Boyd Tinsley, violin) have enjoyed steadily mounting success since their formation in 1991. Their independently-produced debut CD, *Remember Two Things*, probably won't appeal to anyone but whole-hearted fans of the Band; but their new major-label album, *Under the Table and Dreaming*, is one of the best collections I've heard all year. -M.S.

## THE USHERS

*The opinions voiced in this column are not necessarily those of the HATCHET staff. We'd also like to stress that Bob and Gary are real humans, though any attempt to uncover their identities may lead to severe head trauma, inflicted by a large hired thug named Knuckles.*

By Bob Palatino and Gary Zapf  
Two Guys

**BOB:** It's the future. The polar ice caps have melted. Kevin Costner is mutating into a polliwog, and the Exxon Valdez oil tanker is still seaworthy after 600 years. We're here to tell you why *Waterworld*, one of this summer's more popular movies, is all washed up.

**GARY:** O.K., don't get me wrong, *Waterworld* was a fantastic movie: great special-effects, fantastic acting by both Costner and Dennis Hopper (also starring in *Speed*), and a plot that got you hooked on the movie. But, when you look at the fact that *Waterworld*, the most expensive movie ever made, cost a mere 300 million dollars to make, you might just change your views on the film! Not to mention that it was a very time-consuming movie; do you recall the one impressive scene of Costner diving down to the underwater city once known as Denver? Fantastic effects, right? Not realizing that this one, four-minute scene took



over a year to complete!

**BOB:** You're absolutely right, Gary. While it was good movie all around, it wasn't as spectacular a film as you would expect from a budget of three mil. I wonder how much they spent on the 400 jet skis they blew up in the first five minutes?

**GARY:** The acting was a definite thumbs-up. Hopper played a spectacular role as a leader of the Smokers, a group of futuristic pirates who live off

of salt-infested cigarettes. Costner also did a great job, considering that his role as the Mariner was a change from his usual "good-guy" attitude; he played a more silent, grim, and heartless character.

**BOB:** On a final note, Gary and I are not saying to avoid this movie like the plague just because it drained the bank. It's a great action flick, and deserves a chance. □

### Bob & Gary's Top 5

#### Most Confusing Flicks

1. *A Clockwork Orange*
2. *Pink Floyd: The Wall*
3. *Natural Born Killers*
4. *Pulp Fiction*
5. *Total Recall*