

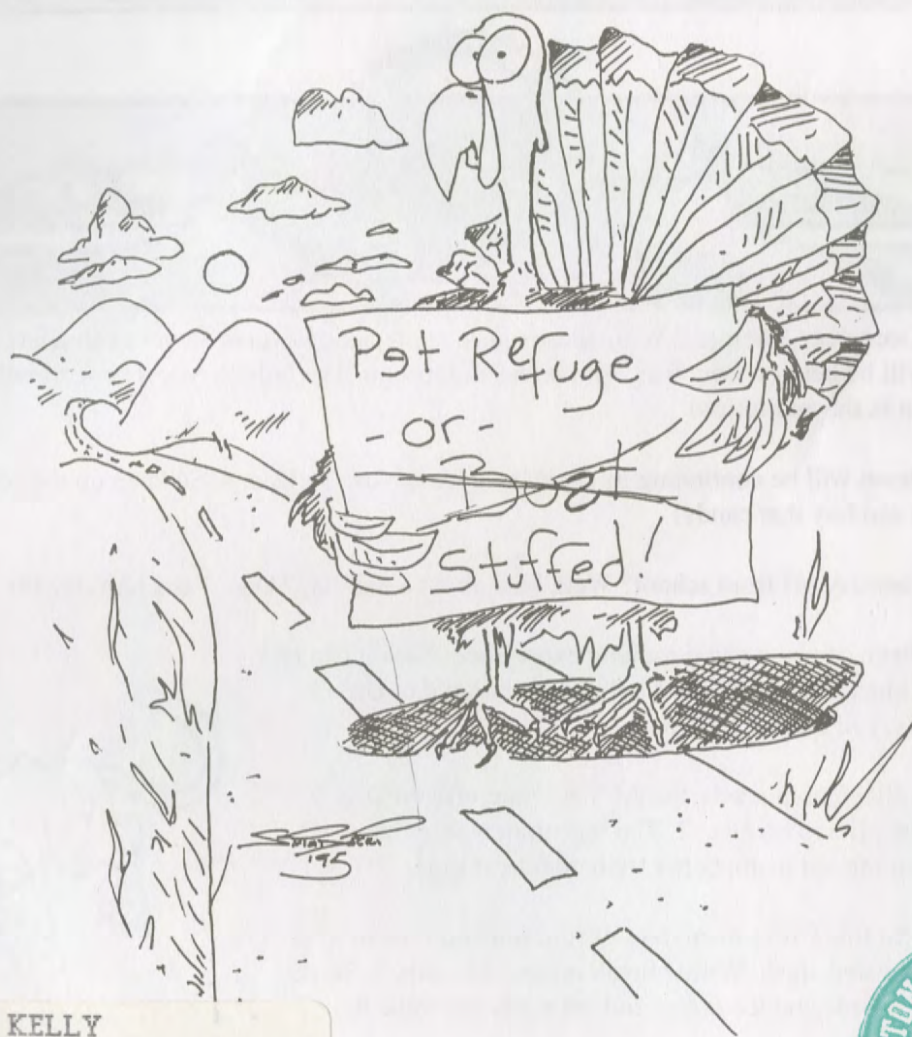
THE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

# HATCHET

NOVEMBER 1995

## Carry-out Critters:

Animals for adoption



RETEK KELLY  
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## Why do you enjoy having pets?



"I want to be a veterinarian, so having pets and working with them will help me reach my goal in the future."

Freshman  
Jeffery Bucher, Jr.



"Because when no one else loves me, my kitty does."

Sophomore  
Erin Roe



"My mom is a foster parent for animals, so our family has two dogs, two birds, two rabbits, and five cats."

Junior  
Julie Ewing



"I used to have a duck. I liked having him because he stuck by my side. It was like having a dog, only nosier."

Senior  
Joe Tiseo

## December

Get ready for December, Panthers! Write these music appreciation events on your calendar. The winter band concert will be held on Dec. 6 at 7 pm in the auditorium. The holiday vocal concert will be held on Dec. 12 at 7 pm in the auditorium.

The wrestling team will be continuing its candy sale from Nov. 7 - Dec. 4. So keep up the support of the wrestling team and buy that candy!

Ready for another day off from school? Well, how about a half day? Dec. 7 is a half day for students.

Choosing a college can be a nerve-racking experience. Now it can be made easier at Manchester with their college visitation day Dec. 2. For more details, call 800-852-3648.

Also for your college prep needs, the ACT is being offered Dec. 9. The SAT will be offered on Dec. 2. The registration dates have passed, so if you missed them, better try harder next time.

Are you ready for this? Seventeen days of fun, sun and surf, or as it may be fun, snow and slush. Winter break is Dec. 22 - Jan. 7. So get out those snow boards and ice skates and get ready for some fun.



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**Good move to WHS**

Dear Editor,

As a transfer student this year, I would just like to say how happy and pleased I am with this school. So many people have opinions about St. Joe being "so much better," or "so much more challenging."

Well, I am here to prove them wrong. I am greatly impressed with Washington, and I feel that my education will be fulfilled to the highest standards possible.

Not only am I learning from great teachers, but at the same time, I can feel comfortable in this school. Coming here to a new and strange atmosphere, I was welcomed warmly and friendly by both staff and students.

And a special thanks goes out to the Class of 1997—what spirit you have shown me! Not only am I now proud to be a student at Washington High School, but I am especially proud to be a junior.

So, to everyone at Washington, I would just like to say thank you for making me proud to be a Panther.

*Heather M. Deha*

junior

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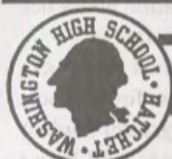
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# Block-8: another first

by Katherine Chan  
News Editor

Once again WHS has produced another 'first' among many firsts. WHS is the first South Bend high school to be adopted as an Indiana 2000 school, institute an advisor/advisee program, and implement a respect code program. WHS has also been the model high school for the SBCSC's new attendance policy, and the first and only South Bend high school to show Channel 1 news broadcasts. For the 1995-1996 school year, WHS began with a new type of scheduling called Block-8.

WHS's Block-8 schedule consists of a total of seven classes. Students are scheduled for a green day, which has three classes and a seminar period, and a white day, which has four classes. Green and white days are organized so they alternate. This type of format gives students a "taste" of a college-type schedule by having different classes every other day.

One change that Block-8 brings to WHS is the length of classes. Six 55-minute classes have been changed to four 85-minute classes. In a recent teacher's poll concerning Block-8, approximately 73 percent of teachers agreed that the 85-minute block is less tiring than the 55-minute classes.

Passing periods were also extended from five to seven minutes. The extension of passing periods provides time for students to get to their next class with less stress and more of a "stretch" break.

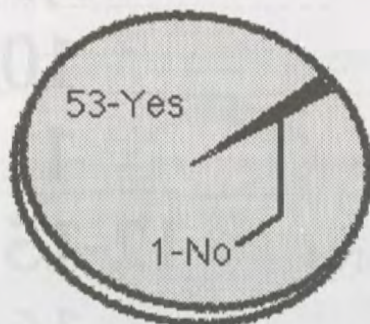
Some doubts expressed by a few teachers about the longer class periods, Donna Krol said, "Initially I was concerned about having students with 'attention deficit disorder' for [being in class for] such a long period of time, but it has not been a problem." Ninety-three percent of teachers agree that their students have been staying on task with Block-8.

Styles and methods of teaching have been altered by some teachers in order to keep students' attention. Seventy-seven percent of teachers agree that the 85-minute block has allowed them to use a greater diversity of classroom instruction.

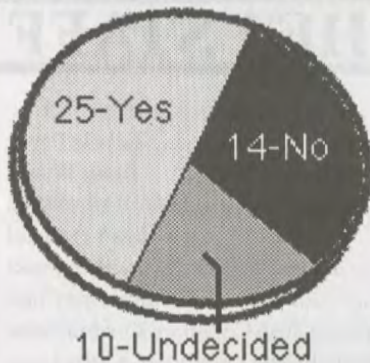
A few teachers divide their 85-minute class periods into 20-45 minute intervals, others do more group learning, and most have varied their instruction time more. Learning disability teacher Mary Schmanski has been able to plan more one-on-one time

## What are teachers saying about the new system?

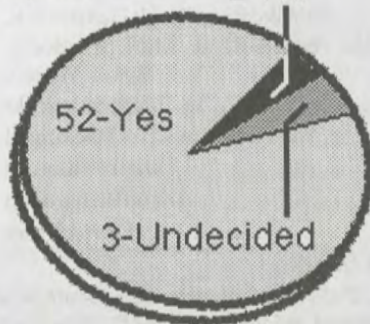
**Students stay on task for a major part of the 85-minute block:**



**I have fewer disciplinary problems with the Block-8:**



**I would vote for Block-8 again:**



with students in addition to working with individual student weaknesses.

Principal David Kaser said, "I think the change has been good for WHS, for teachers and students. One reason we switched to Block-8 was in talking to several schools an advantage that was expressed was less stress for teachers and students. After we visited schools and talked to teachers with Block-8 scheduling, we decided to adopt it."

With Block-8, students are allowed an extra class because of the seven class periods. The extra class is considered a great advantage. The open seventh class allows students to take an elective that they might not have been able to fit into their schedule before.

Art teacher Tom Meuninck said, "It gives students a chance to experience the world of art by giving them the extra class hour."

Trish Killeen, an Edison Middle School teacher, traveled to the Houston, Texas, area to observe three middle schools and one high school which were on the block scheduling. Killeen talked to teachers and students about their feelings toward Block-8. She was the first to communicate information about her findings on Block-8 to WHS staff.

Killeen said, "... [opinions were] extremely favorable on all sides: fewer discipline referrals to the office, greater student involvement, higher test scores, and lower number of failing grades. Students liked the new schedule because of having more time for homework, not seeing the same teacher each day, and having more time for teachers to explain material."

Head of the English department, Mike Foley, along with a group of other WHS teachers, also visited schools in Yorktown and Connorsville, IN to observe schools that have converted to Block-8. "Teachers were most impressed and convinced with the idea that Block-8 lowered the 'stress level' ...classes were more relaxed. The whole atmosphere just slowed down...students liked the idea that they didn't have to prepare for as many classes each day," commented Foley.

English teacher Leanne Swintz commented, "It is easier to concentrate on one type of class in a given day. More quality work seems to get accomplished."

Dissenting comments were few, but Virginia Long-Cecil, head of the music department and the choir and orchestra direc-



# for Washington High

tor, does not like Block-8 because of the fact that approximately an hour of rehearsal time is lost every week. This may seem like an insignificant amount of time, but for a performing band, orchestra, or choir, it adds up to be a quite a bit of practice time lost.

This is particularly true when the musical group has at least one performance per grading period. Long-Cecil says that eight to nine hours are lost at the end of the nine weeks that can't be gained back.

On a more positive note, teachers have also noticed that students are more disciplined. A little less than half of the teacher polled agree that there are fewer discipline problems with Block-8. A number of teachers also added that they have noticed fewer problems in the hall. The reduced number of passing periods could account for this; since there are fewer passing periods, there is fewer chance for conflicts.

Seminar, which is also 85-minutes, is on a green day; its purpose is to give students a chance to catch up on homework, make up tests, or receive extra tutoring from a teacher.

Some club meetings are held during seminar which eliminates the inconvenience of coming to school early or staying after school.

Seminar also allows some groups to meet or to go classroom-to-classroom selling and distributing items. For example, DECA makes cookies, and the Class of 1997 picks up accumulated paper for their paper recycling drive.

Pep assemblies, college interviews, and all school assemblies are also held during seminar, so time in class is taken away from neither the teacher nor student.

Even though the majority of students like Block-8, many find the seminar period the downside of the system.

Sophomore Alexandria Densmore said, "It is boring, but it does give us time to do our homework." Densmore also finds the constant switching of classes during seminar a hassle. She thinks that the multitude of passes that she sometimes needs to ask for to go to a certain class is a burden. She believes it would help if students were allowed the choice of a seminar teacher. "The people who are in yearbook and HATCHET,

etc...should be with their sponsors. It would eliminate some of the passes," added Densmore.

Twenty-five percent of students polled dislike seminar though. Most find it extremely helpful when they have an overload of homework. Sixty percent of teachers favor seminar.

Chemistry teacher Eileen Fitzpatrick said, "It gives more time for students to come for help if they are having problems or to do make-up work and to make up tests."

*"I think the change has been good for WHS, for teachers and students," said principal David Kaser.*

Susan Paulin, a business teacher, also enjoys seminar. "I have a great seminar class. The majority of my students come to seminar prepared to do something...many students take advantage of the opportunity to use them."

Block-8 may have been designed with science classes such as biology or chemistry in mind. The extra time provides students with the time for labs without trying to rush through an experiment or splitting it into two days.

Chemistry teacher Cathy Baker commented, "I really like Block-8 because we have more time to begin a topic, complete a lab, and discuss [the lab] after we're done... as for my second-year chemistry class, their labs are set up for college-type schedules, and we can finish them in one or two days rather than a week."

Physical education classes also benefit a great deal from Block-8. Since it takes about 10 minutes to dress at the beginning

and end of every class, students may have had little time for physical activity. With the 55-minute class periods, at least 65 minutes are left for activities with Block-8.

Sophomore Michelle Goodsell said, "[I like Block-8] because you don't have to put up with the same teachers and students every day."

"Block-8 allows students to receive their lessons in class, and if needed, questions can be asked in class. I also get more study time and more time to prepare for class," said senior Chris Parchman.

Many students have also commented that their grades and study habits have improved with Block-8 and the seminar period. Less stress and worries were also included as an advantage of Block-8.

Senior Laura Borlik said, "Block-8 is great because if you work, you can worry about work one night and schoolwork the next."

With Block-8, students may not have a certain class for a span of four days—even more during a weekend or vacation days.

Students are receiving almost double the amount of homework compared to previous years, but the extra assignments compensate for the alternating class days. Forty percent of teachers have increased

their amount of homework assigned each day.

Only 22 percent of students polled prefer the six class-per-day schedule over Block-8. They think that the classes are too long, and that the time span between the meeting of classes is sometimes too great. "When I have math, I [occasionally] forget [the lesson] by the next time we meet," said junior Janice Koch.

Athletes are at an advantage with Block-8. Senior Erin Maenhout said, "I think Block-8 helps more for athletes. It feels good to know that if you have a late running game, you have that extra night to complete the assignment."

Freshman Kevin Keen agrees. "I am in sports, and it is harder to do all of your homework so I do it in seminar. Also, I wouldn't have to miss a practice to stay after school and take a test that I missed." □

*Do you have an opinion concerning the Block-8 scheduling? Write a letter to the editor and speak your mind.*

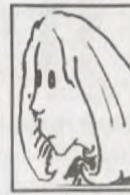




Brad Piancki

# 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: Vegetarianism

It is in man's nature to hunt, eat, and gather meat. Ever since the first man ate raw flesh, people have been attracted to meat. Some people resisted this primal instinct, unfortunately, and soon became known as vegetarians.

Many vegetarians think the production and killing of animals to sustain human demand for meat is wrong. To the contrary, much of the killing of animals complies with nature's system of keeping the population of species, the strength of a specific animal, and the eating habits of the animal contained in order to balance out the ecosystem.

Already the ecosystem is very weak due to various toxins and poisons man has incorporated into it. "According to the Environmental Protection Agency, farmers now use 845 million pounds of pesticides annually" (Environmental Magazine, Jan/Feb 1992). If everyone were to turn to vegetables as a reliable source of nutrition, the demand for vegetables would consequently rise; therefore, these figures could increase by at least 200 percent.

"Reports state that the proportion of crops lost to pests has increased nearly 20% since chemical pesticides came on the scene around 1945" (Environmental Magazine, Jan/Feb 1992). This happens because insects build up immunities to the various pesticides when they are gradually introduced into the ecosystem.

Already the effects of pesticides have shown themselves in human poisoning, harm to fish and wildlife, livestock losses, ground-water contamination, and the destruction of natural vegetation. If the number of pesticides were to increase, the effects would be disastrous.

This, of course, is in the assumption that the environment could withstand the harm mankind would be doing if they were to become vegetarians. Already, "Ninety percent of what our beef cattle consume cannot be utilized in any other way. This includes grass, straw, and grain screenings." (This would become useless bulk which cannot be utilized by the farmers producing the crops essential to survival.) "In addition, about 40% of the fertilizer required to produce our crops comes from livestock manure" (Environmental Magazine, Jan/Feb 1992). These resources would not be available with the destruction of the cattle industry.

Man's "progress" to this very day has strained the environment to the brink of extinction. It can take no more strain.

The answer to this problem is simply to get rid of the extremes of eating and to strive for moderation. "Meat fits into a healthy diet, as long as you strive for balance" (Redbook, March 1993).

Certain kinds of meat are leaner now than they used to be, thanks to new breeding and feeding programs. Pork had 31% less fat in 1990 than in 1983, according to a University of Wisconsin study.

"Nutritionally, meat packs a wallop: It provides abundant amounts of crucial vitamins and minerals, including B vitamins, iron, and zinc. You can get zinc and iron from seafood and poultry, but meat generally weighs in with more.

Many plant foods are mineral-rich, too, but most of the minerals they contain aren't as readily absorbed by the body as those found in animal foods. Meat has the edge over vegetables because it contains stearic acid, which aids in the absorption of iron. What's more, stearic acid helps make any iron in your meal—including that contained in vegetables—more absorbable," (Redbook, March 1993).

The object of this article is not to persuade those persons dedicated to a flesh-abundant diet to convert to vegetarianism. It is merely an attempt to inform the student body that there is an alternative to the mass slaughter and consumption of animals.

Vegetarianism is a healthy, environmentally friendly way to prevent the cruel and unnecessary deaths of many animals. Going vegetarian can improve one's overall well-being by eliminating the majority of saturated fats present in a meat-inclusive diet. A diet high in flesh, especially beef, pork, and lamb, increases the risk of heart disease and several cancers, especially those of the breast, prostate gland, and colon (Sierra Club March-April, 95). Vegetarians also tend to weigh less, have lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and live longer than their meat-eating counterparts (Essence, Jan '95).

Meat does more, however, than just clog the arteries. It has a tremendous effect on our land and water resources. Approximately 50 percent of the land in the United States is devoted to agriculture; about 80% of that is used for grazing and growing feed. A similar situation is taking place in the tropical rain forests, where more than a third of the 150 acres of jungle cleared everyday is used for large-scale cattle ranching.

For every burger produced from Central American rain forest, 55 square feet of thriving forest life is sacrificed. Cattle also use an extraordinary amount of water. About 50% of the water consumed in the U.S. goes to livestock. And while soaking up that half of the water supply, the livestock also pollute a significant amount of the supply that remains.

The typical cow produces 20,000 pounds of manure each year, more than half of which combined with other livestock-industry wastes accounts for over half of the water pollution in the U.S. (Sierra Club March-April '95).

While repressing one's meat-devouring tendencies can increase bodily condition, the greater benefits of a predominately vegetarian populous would be rewarded to the animals. The animals raised for mass-meat production are often the victims of poor living conditions and blatant cruelty. The nation's second largest stockyard, South St. Paul, is currently the target of a one-woman investigation. Becky Sandstedt of Minneapolis has launched an all-out war against South St. Paul which is located a few miles from her home.

After viewing a television special about the diseased animals that end up in stockyards with healthy herds, Sandstedt decided to visit the stockyard near her home. She visited the stockyard and witnessed horrifying scenes: cattle with festering eyes and half-rotted faces, hogs with tumors the size of baseballs, cows frozen to the ground or tethered to chains (People Weekly Aug. 19, 1991). Since then, Sandstedt has been dedicated to exposing these monstrosities to the public.

Some still refuse to accept the cruel and unnecessary treatment of animals as valid reason to refrain from eating meat. Persons use the excuse that animals are going to die anyway, so why should it matter how they are treated during their short lives. Humans are also animals, and just because we happened to evolve to be more intelligent, it does not give us the right to create and dispose of life however we please.

Being a vegetarian myself, I am frequently ridiculed for my fleshless diet beliefs. The myth that one cannot live without a hamburger is exactly that, a myth. Having been a vegetarian for three and a half years now, it is inevitably clear that, one, I have not died from lack of meat and two, it is possible to be a vegetarian without eating tofu or the dreaded soyburger.

It is important to receive the proper balance of nutrients in one's diet, but this can be achieved through a variety of rice and bean combinations accompanied by various fruits and vegetables.

To paraphrase the sentiments of a primitive vegetarian, "Vegetables good; meat evil."



# Panthers

By Tim Hecklinski

## Who is Otis Spunkmeyer?



◁The man behind the emergence of Otis Spunkmeyer, business teacher **Mr. Luthringer**. Yes, that's a cookie he's eating.

▷Junior **Melanie Erby** buys a few cookies to make up for the lunch she's holding in the other hand.



◁Senior **Laura Borlik** eyes down a fresh-baked tray of chocolate chip cookies. All of the Otis Spunkmeyer cookies are cooked right inside Mr. Luthringer's class and come pre-made, so baking them for 15 minutes is all that needs to be done.

▽Senior **Keisha Foster** and junior **Mike Horvath** sell the Spunkmeyer cookies during lunch.

▷Junior **Mike Horvath** ponders about stealing all of the cookies for himself now that he has a chance!





# Animal shelters help

By Kim Starzynski  
Feature Editor

Many believe that an animal shelter is just a place where runaway pets get adopted.

If someone is in the market for a new pet, the shelter can provide help.

"Cats, dogs, guinea pigs, mice, birds—we have just about everything," detailed Shannon Hunter-Halana, director for the St. Joseph Humane Society.

A multitude of pets can be found at shelters. Seniors Erin and Dean Burkus got their pot belly pig, Porky, from an animal shelter. "He's actually a cat at heart because he always ate cat food," commented Erin.

Shilo Thomas visited an animal shelter to get her ferrets, Frodo and Bear. "When we adopted them, we found that the former owners had let mites get into Frodo's ear. I'm glad that we were able to adopt both of them and nurse Frodo back to health."

The adoption process takes 24 hours. The waiting period is to insure

that the animal is healthy and that the person wanting to adopt doesn't change his mind. The shelter wants to make sure that the animal will not make a return trip or just be left on the street.

Adoption is not a free process. Dogs are the most expensive pet to adopt. The cost is \$50, and if the dog is at least 45 pounds, the shelter requires a property check. The yard must have a fence large enough to contain the dog. Female cats are \$30; male cats are \$25. Smaller animals, such as mice and hamsters, only require proof of a cage and a donation. The cost of the dogs and cats goes toward the cost of spaying/neutering.

When an animal is brought in to the shelter, it is put into quarantine for seven to 10 days. This is required so the shelter can evaluate the animal's health and disposition.

After the quarantine is over, the animal is considered "in adoption."

The animal is allowed to stay as long as it takes to get adopted. The only time an animal is put to sleep is if it becomes sick or if its disposition changes.

An "avid" chip is placed in the neck of each adopted animal. This chip

can be scanned for identification purposes. This is the shelter's way of checking if the adopted pets are

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being taken care of properly.

Many pets that have been taken care of properly are the pets of teachers and students of WHS.

"I wanted to adopt a dog; instead, I got a cat that acts like a dog," said home-ec teacher Peggy Warner of her cat Whiskers. "He waits by the door for me just like a dog."

"I'm happy that I got my cats from the Humane Society because who knows what might have happened to them if I hadn't," said senior Michelle Montana. "They're always waiting for me when I get home; I think they're grateful."

The shelter has a high success rate of getting animals adopted. Last year they took in approximately 14,000 animals. Almost all of them were adopted.



"I wanted to get a dog; instead I got a cat that acts like a dog," said Mrs. Warner.



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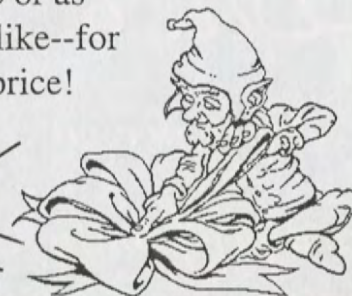
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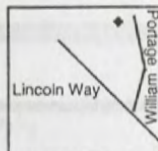
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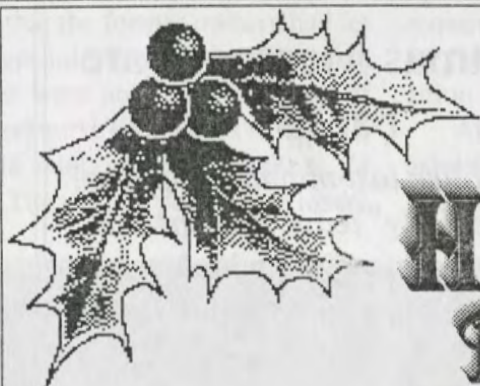
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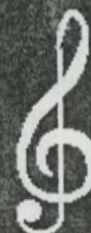


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Michele Montana's cats, Romeo and Juliet, lounge side by side.

"We do so much more than just take in and adopt out," commented Halana.

The shelter also provides a place for wildlife. They recently raised a baby deer until it was old enough to be on its own. A tarantula found a new home at the Michigan City Zoo as a result of the Humane Society's efforts.

The animals don't just sit around hoping for someone to look for them. The shelter promotes the animals in many ways. They take them to the 4-H Fair, the Women's Festival, and the Ethnic Festival. *Channel 22 News* also helps out by having a *Pet-of-the-Day* segment. Also, on the weekend, the top three favorites are featured on the Saturday newscast.

Day care teacher, Karen Olson's daughter, Kelly, volun-

teers at the St. Joseph Humane Society. She broadcasts most Saturday mornings with *Adopt A Pet*. She commented that anywhere from 10 to 80 people call in about the featured pet. Callers can get information about the shelter even if they are unable to adopt.

"Many people have misconceptions and misinformation about the shelter. Broadcasting *Adopt A Pet* gives me a chance to educate the public," said Kelly.

The shelter is heavily involved in other activities with the community, also. They provide "pet therapy" for the elderly. The program is designed to pro-

vide the elderly with a change of pace. The program is especially therapeutic for those who cannot go outside or who are bed-ridden.

"The elderly seem to respond well to the animals," commented Halana.

Pet education is also a priority of the shelter. People can come to the shelter in order to learn how to better take care of their pets. Some schools may soon get a chance to participate in pet education.

A variety of vol-

unteer opportunities are available. Volunteers can help advertise, clean, educate, fund raise, and help in adoption. They are also needed

for pet education and pet therapy.

Volunteers are needed whenever possible and age is not a limit. If the volunteer is under 18 years of age, however, a parent must grant permission.

Another concern of the shelter is cruelty to animals. People can call in reports of suspected animal abuse.

The shelter will investigate each report. If they feel that an animal is being treated badly, they will take it to the shelter to find it a better home.

Many animals are mistreated and need the help of kind people. Animals have been begging for what the Humane Society provides. □





# Not "Un-American"

Currently in the U.S., people who do not speak English, or who speak languages other than English, are being regarded as less American than those who speak English only. Those who are passing out judgement think that speaking more than one language is "un-American."

## Editorial

Language is something which, whether learned through educational or cultural background, will contribute to America's future success. Some would deny this and claim that multiculturalism—multilingualism—is going to tear our country apart and goes against American ideals. If skill, education, and diversity in cultures are not American ideals, then what are they.

Learning to speak a new language in the U.S. is not limited to immigrants learning English. Many colleges recommend, if not require, taking foreign language in high school and college. Those who work a great deal with the public, such as police officers or doctors, are more likely than ever to have to learn another language. American business people, with a greater number of overseas and international partners and clients, are also studying different languages.

Some of these people are studying languages to expand their horizons and learn about something new and different. Still others recognize that knowledge of a new language, just like knowledge of computers or of people, is an important skill. These people are able to seek new languages out, whether as an enrichment in knowledge or an enrichment in skills, because as Americans they have the

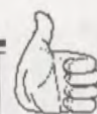
right and opportunity to do so.

Some Americans know and speak a language in addition to English because it is part of their culture. Therefore, different languages are not something which can be erased from the American scene.

While some would claim that language equals loyalty, i.e. the language one speaks is equivalent to the country to which one's loyalty lies, this is not true. One's language(s) can, however, equal one's culture. People from different cultures and backgrounds always have, and always will, make up the U.S.

The number of immigrants in the U.S. has risen in the recent past. In fact, according to the Census Bureau, in 1994 8.7 percent of Americans were born in other countries, the highest percentage since before World War II (*U.S. News and World Report* Sept. 25, 1995). Of these a great percentage are Hispanic, and studies have shown that first-and second-generation Hispanics have learned English just as quickly as Italians, Russians, Greeks, Romanians, or Japanese immigrants did in the past. So although some would believe that immigrants are coming here and deliberately not learning English, it is simply not true. English is the dominant, if not official, language of the U.S. and immigrants know that in order to succeed and prosper in this land, they must learn to speak the language of this land, a land of immigrants.

In believing this, they are threatening the U.S. with their "us and them" attitude. By separating themselves, and trying to separate others, into different groups of monolingual English speakers and multilingual English speakers, they are endangering American ideals. In turn they are proving themselves to be un-American. □



Thumbs Up  
Thumbs Down



### THUMBS UP

...to the student council clean up. Their dedication to the community and the environment is inspiring to us all. Keep up the good work, and, hopefully, others will follow your lead.

...to the more than 600 parents at conferences, over 100 more than last year. The support of parents has been overwhelming this year, and we hope to see this support grow in years to come.

...to the play, *Barefoot in the Park*. The production was a joy to watch. The characters were extremely well-cast. Janice, where did you get that robe and that wig? Bonnie and Derek, did you ever come up for air? The hard work and dedication put into this event was evident. We are looking forward to the spring production.

...to Channel 1. The quality of our morning announcements has improved greatly. Gone are the mumblers of yesterday, replaced by articulate individuals. Keep working on those cue-cards, however. Practice, practice, practice! Good job, Mr. Swintz and Mrs. Weyer and their talented crew.

...to the formation of the peer mediation group. They provide a positive way to deal with problems rather than fighting. This method of problem-solving should be instilled in every school to teach us to grow. Thanks for your leadership, Mrs. Lahey and Mrs. Krol.

...to Mr. Mike Sacchini, for being a panelist on WNDU Channel 16's town meeting for violence in the schools.

### THUMBS DOWN

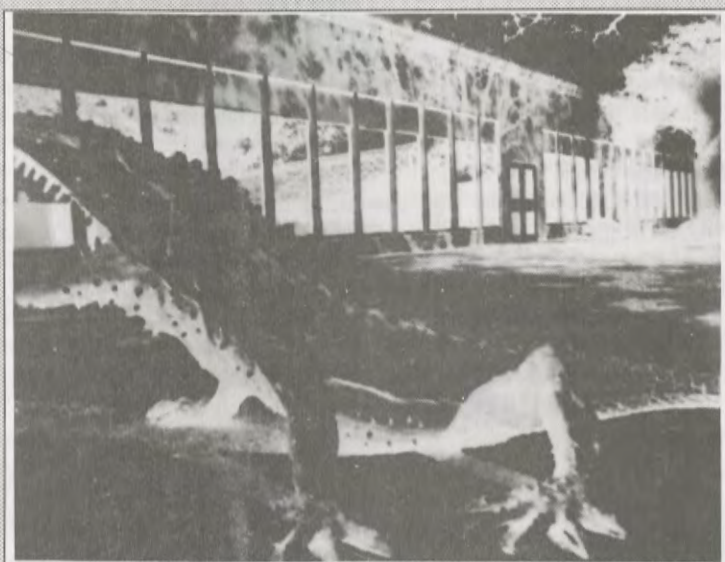
...to the governmental shutdown. What a wonderful way to teach the young people to compromise and solve the problems they face. Just pack up the toys and send everyone home! What happened to "get a government job and you'll be set for life?"

...to the early snow and drop in temperatures. The normal temps for this time of year are mid-50's, but we are now experiencing mid-30's! Give us a break, as if the halls of WHS aren't cold enough already.



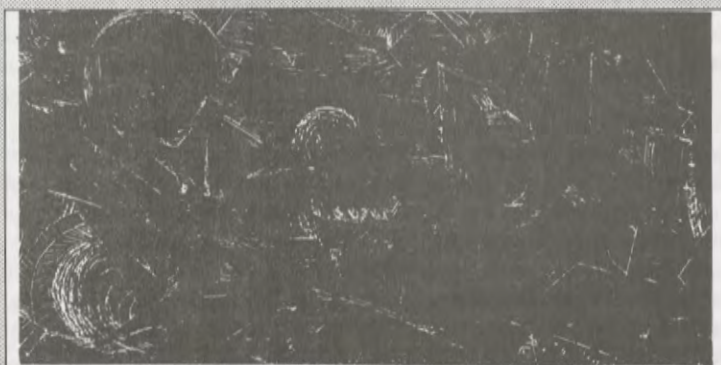
# ART Gallery

by Tim Hecklinski



◁ Pinhole Camera  
photograph by sophomore  
Stacey Kuharie.

▽ Scratch Drawing by  
sophomore Jeremy Maller.



△ Pencil Drawing  
by junior Scott Siri.





## Official Unofficial Awards and Achievements

**By Eric Bastine**  
Sports Editor

As the football team ended this year's season unceremoniously, they were left to ponder what could have been. That, unfortunately, is a given. But, a list has been compiled that will silence all the doubters, turn some heads, and definitely raise a few eyebrows.

And now, ladies and gentlemen, (drum roll) the official unofficial awards and achievements for this year's Panther football team.

**Most Valuable Player:** Senior quarterback/safety Matt Wood: Last year, Wood capped off his outstanding junior campaign with All-State honors as a defensive back, an award he should again receive this year. Wood intercepted eight passes for the defense while playing his free safety position. But this year, Wood decided to play quarterback, too. While doing that, Wood threw five touchdown passes, rushed for 250 yards, and scored a team-best eight touchdowns on the ground. Wood was also named the Northern Indiana Conference's Most Valuable Player. If this isn't valuable, nothing is.

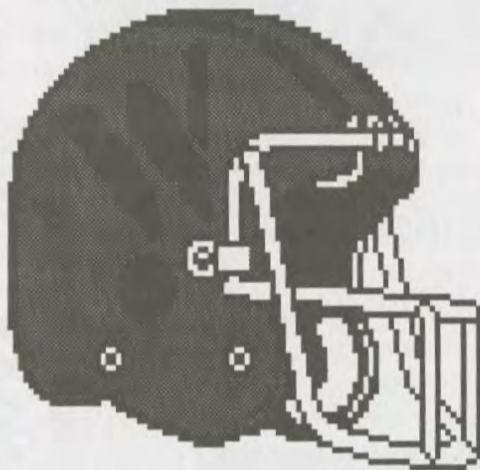
**Defensive Player of the Year:** Tie. Linebacker Adam Hooten and defensive tackle Eloy Alvarez: Hooten, a senior, made 150 tackles this year to add to his school-record total that he accumulated over his three years on the team. Hooten also forced three fumbles and recovered one this year. Alvarez, a junior, dominated the line this season as he recorded 15 tackles for a loss, one sack, six forced fumbles, 101 tackles, and threw in two blocked extra-points. One of which was the difference in the Panther's victory over Elkhart Central. Oh yeah, he blocked a field goal, too. Look for Alvarez to put up some big numbers next year.

**Offensive Stat of the Year:** This one is by senior receiver Pete Perez. His season totals included two catches, 70 yards, and a 35.0 yard average. Ironically, Perez caught a 69-yard pass from Wood against Arlington. Interesting,

huh?

**Defensive Stat of the Year:** Senior defensive back Matt Andrzejewski recovered two turnovers for the team this year, an interception and a fumble. They were both returned for touchdowns.

**Defensive Hit of the Year:** WHS had just scored their second touchdown of the game against Arlington. Right after the kickoff, Hooten received the play and turned to run on the field. In his way was a small, frail, and padless referee. Hooten plowed him over and the zebra went down for the count. Hooten commented on the stick, "I never saw him. I felt bad right away, but when I saw that he would be OK, my mind was back in the game."



**Total Mistake-Free Football:** Junior center Ed Kelsey snapped the ball to Wood 499 times this season. They did not fumble one snap.

**Catch of the Year:** During the LaSalle game, a ball was wildly thrown towards the sidelines. Who other to make the spectacular over-the-head catch than head coach Scott Bovenkerk. Unfortunately, the Panthers got neither a completed pass nor an interception on the play. Hey, maybe Bov should have been playing tight end this year.

**Most Improved Player:** Senior Terrance Malone: He stepped in at cornerback and intercepted three passes, had 35 tackles, forced a fumble, and recovered a fumble. He also returned seven kickoffs for a 17.7-yard average—best on the team.

**Best News Coverage:** After a convincing 25-0 victory over Adams, gracing the front page of the sports section in the *South Bend Tribune* was senior linebacker Adam Demeyer's backside. I, personally, have a signed copy at home.

**Play of the Year:** Wood's quarterback sneak that gave the Panthers a 21-20 win over Elkhart Memorial. The spectacular last-minute drive gave the Panthers a first and goal inside the 10-yard line. Three straight runs got the ball to the one-yard line, bringing up fourth down. After a timeout, Wood faked the handoff to senior Randy Shelton and sprinted around the left side for the winning score. Andrzejewski's extra point gave the Panthers a dramatic, come-from-behind victory.

**Blown Call of the Year:** In the sectional game, the Panthers' season ended with a troubling 3-6 loss to Clay. The loss, however, wasn't as painful as Clay's long punt return in the third quarter, a return that made the difference in the loss for the Panthers, and a return which should have been called back due to a clip by a Clay player on senior Matt Johns. Nonetheless, the zebras let it go, and the Panthers were unable to respond to this horrible call. It was a clip, I tell you, it was a CLIP!!

**Most Consistent Player:** Hooten: over his three years on varsity, while playing nose guard at first, then linebacker, averaged 15 tackles in every game he played.

Well, there you have it—The HATCHET'S 1995 football awards, in full and complete form. (We use no censors.) There may be some you don't agree with, and there may be some that we left out, but we try our hardest to please everybody. But we don't want any trouble, so, please, no letter bombs. □



# Senior swimmers comment on upcoming season

**By Brian Schoonaert**  
Sports Writer

The Panthers' swim team is working hard this season to improve over past seasons. Practice started at the beginning of the month as new and old swimmers get ready for the 95-96 season. The team is very optimistic about the season because of the momentum they gained from several key victories last season and because of the freshman swimmers who should be of great help to the team.

This new talent, combined with the returning sophomores and juniors and led by the experienced senior swimmers, should make the Panthers a force to reckon with this year.

The following seniors share their thoughts for the season:

**Kevin Dixon:** "I have several goals for the season. For the team I would love for us to have a better record than last year. Personally, my goal is to go under a minute in the 100 fly. That and the 500 free were my favorite events last year. I like the 100 fly because it's the glory stroke of swimming. I love the 500 free because no one else likes to swim it."

**David Lute:** "My goal for the season is to make it to the second day of sectionals and place in the top 12. My favorite event last year was the 400-yard freestyle relay. The four of us who swam that had a lot of fun doing it, and we usually won. I'm also looking forward to watching the freshman swimmers. We have a lot of them this year, and they improve everyday. With coach Woods guiding us, we should have a very successful season."

**Eric Bastine:** "My goal for the season is for our team to finish above .500. Personally, I'd like to get a personal best each time I swim. Some of the freshman do have some potential to contribute heavily this season. Coach Woods is a really good, experienced coach. I hope that the younger swimmers begin to realize this."

**Adam Hooten:** "My personal goal for the season is to get a better time in the 50 free. As for the team, I would love to see us go over .500 this year."

My favorite race last year was the 200-free relay. I liked it because there were three other swimmers up there with you, so you always had someone to talk to during the race. I'm looking forward to getting to know the

freshman swimmers. I'm sure that we'll be really good friends. As far as coach Woods goes, all I can say is that he is the coolest."

**Colin Nuner:** "My goal for the season is simply to break a school record. Hopefully it will be in the 50 freestyle; it's the shortest and fastest event there is. As far as the freshman swimmers go, I think they need to pay more attention to the coach and experienced swimmers a little more."

**Thomas Hathaway:** "My goal for the season is to break the school record for diving and to also go down to state. I feel some of the freshman swimmers are doing very well. We have a good coach, and if we can get more swimmers, we will be able to go all the way to the top in sectionals."

**Matt Dixon:** "I have two very simple goals for the year: a winning season and to have a good time with my friends. Of course, I would love to do well in the 200 freestyle. It's my favorite event because it gives you a little more time to swim but not so much time that you'll die. I like the freshmen a lot. There are all ready a few standouts in the group who show a lot of talent. With Coach Woods' guidance, we should have a very good season." □

## One goal remains--win it all!

**By Ryan Hanyzewski**  
Sports Writer

Hard work, sweat, weight loss, and the battle cry of "blood, sweat, tears" can only mean one thing--wrestling is back.

Coming off a very impressive season, in which they were sectional champions, the Panthers have one goal in mind: "To win it all."

"We are very capable of repeating as sectional champions as well as having a very impressive season," commented senior Nate Reeder.

Head coach Carl Evans said, "We have a lot of goals we would like to accomplish this year. We would like to start by just performing well, but my personal goals are to beat Penn, recapture the sectional championship, win the regionals, and possibly take two or three wrestlers down state."

There is no doubt a team will be facing a few key losses after winning a sectional championship.

The Panthers will have to fill a lot of holes with the losses of Matt Huff, Jason

Whitmer, George Miles, Eric Siebenaler, and Matt Ladewski.

The Panthers could be in a lot of trouble if these holes are not immediately filled, but with all of the newcomers, most are expected to be filled by the opening match.

The wrestlers with a chance to step up into the varsity level for the first time are freshmen Tony Krol, Tony Heeter, Chris Kelly, Jeremy Gorbitz, and Vincent Minor, and also sophomore Kyle Bach.

"This is probably the most talented freshman class I have ever had as long as I have been a coach here," commented coach Evans.

The freshmen will especially help them in the 103 lb and 112 lb weight classes where last year the Panthers had no one to fill the spots and were forced to forfeit.

This freshman class will be a good support to a very strong nucleus of the returning sectional champions as well as a sectional runner-up. The returning sectional champions are seniors Reeder, Nick Focosi, and sophomore Philip Evans. Senior Matt Andrzejewski was the sectional runner-up,

despite wrestling in a class 20 pounds heavier than his own weight.

When asked about his goals for '96 season, Andrzejewski summed it up in just four words by simply saying, "I'm going down state."

An injury to Andrzejewski during the Elkhart Central football game will keep him out of practice in the beginning, but he is expected to be as strong as ever and ready to go by the opening match.

In the heavier weight classes, the Panthers are anchored by seniors Andy Delchambre and Tim Dyszkiewicz, as well as junior Eloy Alvarez in the heavyweight position.

The Panthers are looking forward to the holidays as Focosi is scheduled to return for the Mishawaka Invitational just after Christmas.

Other members expected to be on varsity are sophomore John Comeau, junior Issac Evans, and senior Josh Comeau.

The Panthers' next match will be Thurs., Dec. 7 at Adams. □



# Young guns are ready to fire

**By Drew Griffiths**  
Sports Writer

The girls' basketball team is looking forward to another winning season under second-year coach Marilyn Coddens.

It will be a tough task for the Panthers to improve upon last year's season, but they are up for the challenge.

"I feel this season will be better than past years, and we will have a lot of team work once we get going. We have a lot of underclassmen who will help us improve," said senior Kisha Perry.

The team has many holes to fill. Last year they lost key players, including Melanie Whiteman and first-team all-conference player Zayed Henry.

"I think this will be a good season despite losing Zayed and Melanie, because we have a lot of returning players and because no one expects us to be good," commented junior Courtney Litka.

The girls also lost this year's starting forward, junior Annil Hamilton. She tore a muscle in her knee and is having surgery, but she may be back in time for sectionals.

The team is young still and has many

players who can fill these holes in the future. This may be a rebuilding year, but the Panthers are still one of the teams to beat.

"This team may be just as strong as last year's team, but they are very different. This team has many leaders; any of them can score at any given time, unlike last year when we relied on Zayed to do most of our scoring," said Coddens.

"We have a team this year and everyone has the ability to score. We also have matured as a team to improve our scoring, and we will depend on each other to score rather than on just one or two people," said Perry.

The Panthers will be led by strong guard play from senior co-captain Perry and junior Nicole Drabecki. Senior co-captain Jody Jurkowski and Courtney Litka will add height to grab those rebounds, and sophomore Tasha Johnson can score with the best of them.

The other players to watch out for are juniors Anjanette Donaldson, Sandy Osowski, and Winetta Neely, as well as sophomore Sarah Wood.

The varsity and junior varsity combined have eight juniors and 10 sophomores.

"I look for the team to be competitive this

season and very competitive in the next few years," said Coddens.

She added that there are many strong teams in the area this year like Mishawaka, Clay, and Elkhart Memorial, but she still anticipates having a winning season.

The first action the girls saw this year was at the jamboree. The team had a tough night, losing to Clay and Adams respectively. But jamborees don't tell the whole story.

When asked if the jamboree was any indication of how the season will go, junior Sandy Osowski replied, "No, it was a time for us to get all of our pre-season jitters out, and to know what we need to work on for our upcoming games. We will use the jamboree to prepare for other opponents."

The Lady Panthers played their first game of the season at Northridge. Their opponents got lucky and upset the mighty Panthers by a score of 52-42. Johnson led the team with 15 points, Drabecki added 11, and Litka scored another seven.

"We played well even though we lost," said Coddens. "This team knows the system better this season; now we just need to execute."

## Wood to play baseball at Clemson

**By Eric Bastine**  
Sports Editor

On Nov. 14, WHS held a press conference to announce that its three-sport star, senior Matt Wood, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Clemson University. Wood, who in the spring will become the first 12-letter winner in WHS history, has also played basketball and football for the Panthers.

"When I visited Clemson, I felt real comfortable with the coaching staff and with the players. They also have one of the top baseball programs in the country," commented Wood.

He was named the Northern Indiana Conference's and the HATCHET's Most Valuable Player this fall while playing quarterback and safety for the Panther football team. He received All-State recognition at defensive back last season, while setting a school record for interceptions in his career with 20.

In basketball Wood averaged 14 points per game in his junior campaign, and he will be counted on to score some points for this year's talented squad. He is listed as a pre-season honorable mention All-State

forward this year.

Wood excelled in both basketball and football, but baseball is always where his heart has been.

"I have always been around baseball," said Wood. "Football came around, and I had a lot of fun playing, but baseball is really what I want to do."

Last season, Wood was first-team All-NIC at shortstop and was named the NIC's Most Valuable Player for baseball. This year, he is a pre-season All-State shortstop and has earned pre-season All-America honors in *High School Baseball U.S.A. Magazine*.

He should break many school records this year. Some of the categories include hits, doubles, triples, home runs, R.B.I.'s and runs scored.

Wood began the season last year as the ace of the Panther pitching staff, only to go down with a elbow injury after starting the season with a 3-0 record.

"Pitching's over," Wood said. "It's not worth risking it. I'll be playing either third base or shortstop this season."

Wood was being recruited heavily by schools such as Notre Dame, Purdue, Indiana, Michigan State, and Tennessee for

football. But he passed it all up to do what he loves to do the most.

Many people believe that Wood is a football player and that he should play football, that it was bad for him to pass up a chance to play football for Notre Dame—a dream for many all young players.

Even his sister, sophomore Sarah Wood, said, "I always thought he would go to Notre Dame to play football. I think he is a football player."

"Playing football for Notre Dame is a wonderful dream. It's a great dream to have, but it's just not for me," explained Wood.

But Wood does play baseball, very quietly and very well. Things won't be too quiet this year for Panther opponents with Wood packed in this year's powerful baseball lineup.

Look for a big season from Wood and his teammates. And those who think Wood should be putting on the pads next fall, just come watch him swing a wooden stick this spring. You will begin to understand his decision.

And as Wood's athletic career unfolds, expect much applause from supportive sister Sarah as she watches brother Matt become a star.



# Free agency not just for players anymore

**By Derek Dabrowiak**  
Assistant Editor

"To the winner goes the spoils."

This has been the motto of the National Football League owners for the past decade. Franchises of all sizes have been packing up their teams and moving them to the cities that will offer the most lucrative deals. It began with the Oakland Raiders' move to Los Angeles 12 seasons ago, and concluded this last month with the Cleveland Browns' announcement of their deal with Baltimore.

A total of four franchises have relocated five times to different cities because they were supposedly "not making enough money." (The Oakland-Los Angeles-Oakland Raiders have moved twice.) It was the city of Baltimore in 1983 that was robbed of its coveted Colts when they bolted for Indianapolis in the middle of the night.

In this era of not only player but team free-agents, what has happened to the owners' sense of loyalty to the fans? The "Dog Pound" has been a mainstay in Cleveland for what seems like forever.

Up until the announcement of their move, the Browns were drawing the fourth best crowd in the league, over 70,000 fans per game. The question now arises as to what the owners' real intent is when they move their team. Is it for the team's benefit or theirs?

Many fans blame the recent trends on greedy owners, like the Cowboys' Jerry Jones. Jones, who besides owning the team also owns the stadium in which they play, and has signed multimillion-dollar endorsement deals with both Nike® and Pepsi®. This gives him the extra millions needed to sign high-priced talent to multiyear deals, and to also give them outrageous signing bonuses. Last season Jones gave a signing bonus to Deion Sanders worth 13 million dollars.

Other owners in the league now

think that the only way to compete is to find ways of acquiring this extra revenue, and are, therefore, auctioning off their teams to the highest bidding city.

The Browns are the latest scapegoat for the fans' anger. This will last only until another team announces that it too is relocating. Some of the other teams contemplating moves are the Houston Oilers (soon to possibly be the Nashville Humidity); the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (a 95-mile move east to Orlando); the Arizona Cardinals (yes, Bill Bidwill is threatening to move the team again; this time to Los Angeles to replace both the departed Raiders and Rams); and the Cincinnati Bengals and the Seattle Seahawks (to who knows where). The Chicago Bears (yes, even the Bears) want to move 22 miles southeast to a northern Indiana suburb, while the Detroit Lions want to either get a better lease at the Silverdome, or move back to Detroit, which they abandoned in 1975.

Who should be held responsible for stopping these recent trends? The commissioner, Paul Tagliabue? Or how about the government stepping in? The correct answer to this question is the commissioner. He should have put a stop to this or at least devise some way to restrict it before it became the chaotic state in which it now exists.

Expansion can also be found guilty of provoking the problem. Most of the cities currently trying to lure an established NFL franchise lost out in the contest for an expansion team. They see acquiring an established franchise as the next best option. The league is currently considering expanding again, and should, therefore, consider what to do with the cities that are not awarded a franchise. If a solution is found to this problem, the free agent problem might be solved as well.

If the current trend continues, NFL will come to stand not for National Football League, but instead for Not For Long in this city. □

## Sports Profile



**Name:** Matthew Andrzejewski

**Birthdate:** August 28, 1977

**Year:** Senior

**Nickname:** A.J.

**Sports Played:** Football, wrestling, and baseball

**Awards and Achievements:** All-Conference honorable mention for football, team MVP for wrestling last season

**Role Model:** My brother Mark

**Hobbies:** Playing Super Nintendo and my computer

**Favorite food:** Anything I eat at *Monday Night Football* parties

**Favorite TV show:** *Seinfeld*

**Favorite Musician:** John Michael Montgomery

**Favorite Sports Teams:** Chicago Bears, Bulls, and Notre Dame

**What I love about school:** Athletic comradery between athletes

**What I hate about school:** People who rap in the hallways

**Greatest athletic moment:** Kicking the winning extra-point in our win over Elkhart Central.

**My parents were right when they told me:** Never quit anything you start.

**Prized Possession:** A watch I received from my girlfriend.

**Most embarrassing moment:** "Breaking my neck" in football against Memorial.

**If I won the lottery, I'd:** Invest in stocks and bonds and eventually build a casino in Las Vegas.

**Biggest Fear:** Not being able to make it in life.

**Wildest Dream:** Being a place kicker for the Chicago Bears.

**Pre-game rituals:** Warmup, pray, jump around, pray, warmup more, and pray more.

**What turns me off:** Smoking and drinking

**Person I'd like to meet:** Dick Butkus

**Best advice I ever received:** Be yourself, because if you try to be someone else, you won't make it.

**Advice to others:** Strive for goals and never sell yourself short.

**In 20 years I see myself:** as a successful businessman with a lot of money and kids.



# THE USHERS

By Bob Palatino and Gary Zapf  
Two Guys

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.

## Jim Carrey Special Issue

**Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ; 1994**

GARY: This is one of the greats! No one can match Carrey's mad example of charisma in this movie. Ace embarks on a one-track mission to save the Miami Dolphins' mascot, Snowflake. BOB: The funny part is, we know he's a genius, even though he acts like a mental patient whose taken too many caffeine pills.

GARY: We aren't going to say much about this one: odds are, you've all seen it about a hundred times.

BOB: Yeah—we'll tell you more later on, as we review *Ace 2: A nut in its natural habitat*.

**The Mask ; 1994**

BOB: I hate to disappoint you folks at home, but Gary hasn't seen this one yet.

GARY: I'm sorry, man. I don't know what's wrong with me.

BOB: Anyway, this movie (Jim Carrey's second hit of the year) is another example of what you can do with some free electrons and a big gray box with IBM stamped on it.

GARY: Computer graphics.

BOB: Yes, computer graphics. After *Terminator 2* and *Jurassic Park*, finally someone is using this technology for humor (don't get me wrong, I love *Jurassic Park*). The whole movie is centered around the powers of an ancient mask which wildly exaggerates the wearer's actions, and amplifies their deepest emotions.

GARY: Like what happened the time you drank that turpentine?

BOB: Precisely! It's funny, too, because you can't tell which are Carrey's actual expressions and which are digitally generated. Remember the scene where his eyes bug out and his tongue shoots out like a party favor? That was him!

GARY: He's lying.

**Dumb & Dumber ; 1994**

GARY: This was a great movie! Jeff Daniels did a total character change from his role in *Speed*. The movie is based on Lloyd (Carrey) and Harry's (Daniels) adventure across the U.S. to deliver a briefcase back to a woman who Lloyd



falls in love with.

BOB: Your basic moron-who-can't-take-a-hint character; he really looks the part, too (Carrey's chipped tooth is nice touch). Of course, Daniels doesn't look too bright, either.

GARY: When Lloyd and Harry arrive in Aspen, Harry falls in love with the woman who Lloyd is destined to marry. Not to mention that the briefcase they were carrying happens to break open and what else would be inside but... a million bucks. BOB: They spend it all; and being dumb but kind, they write an I.O.U. for everything—the suits, the suite, the Lamborghini... Anyway, it turns out that the cash was ransom money for (insert shocked music) Mary's husband! We won't tell you how it comes out—in case you haven't seen it—but I will tell you that Lloyd has his revenge. Sort of.

**Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls ; 1995**

GARY: Siskel and Ebert gave it thumbs down, but millions are flocking to see it. We're here to tell you why *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* is worth spending your money on. The movie is not really a sequel to the first *Ace Ventura*, and the two story lines have nothing to do with each other. While

hanging from a tightline rope at the start of the movie, Ace loses grip of a raccoon he is trying to save. (A throw-back from the movie *Cliffhanger*) Ace cannot cope with his loss and joins a Tibetan monastery.

BOB: The real story begins when Ventura is recalled to Africa to track down a

peaceful tribe's sacred animal—the “great white bat” (it turns out that Ace hates bats). The conflict is that this tribe and another more violent tribe are planning an intertribal marriage which unfortunately can't proceed without the sacred animal (did you get all that?)

GARY: In most slapstick comedies, the sequel is usually not as good as its earlier counterpart. Unfortunately, I feel that this movie falls in that category. However, there are some great scenes in the movie,

including the part where Ace parks his jeep by flipping it upside-down into a one car spot. Another great scene is when Ace clocks the “monopoly guy” and slings him around his neck.

BOB: I did the same thing with the concessionist after the movie let out.

GARY: Sure you did.

BOB: Anyway... if you pay attention to no other part of this movie, you have to watch as Ace invades the village of the savage tribe—especially the duel with their best warrior.

GARY: Alrighty then.

BOB: Alrighty then.

## Bob & Gary's Top 10 Mr. Killeen Movies

1. *Shaka Zulu*
2. *Ben Hur*
3. *Shogun*
4. *Spartacus*
5. *Around the World in 80 Days*
6. *The Man in the Iron Mask*
7. *The First Olympics*
8. *Ivanhoe*
9. *Dream West*
10. *The Civil War*

BOB: Mr. Killeen has been bringing us these and other quality films since the Kennedy administration. We take this opportunity to thank him profusely.

GARY: Look for the *Shaka Zulu* soundtrack in stores soon!

BOB: See you next month, everybody! □