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WHS to close after all**

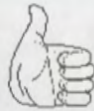


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Thumbs Up Thumbs Down



Thumbs up...

...to the janitors who cleaned up the mess from that bungee cord accident in the gym. It never should have happened, but the sight of those guys with mops and buckets was really inspirational in a morbid way. Maybe now the school corporation will spring for those new Regina steamer carpet cleaners.

...to Jill Wall who bought the *Memory Lane's* 500th copy. She won five hundred dollars; one dollar for each book the *Memory Lane* sold up to that point. Way to go! Who would have thought buying a yearbook could be so profitable?

...to life, man. We've got stuff like Cindy Crawford, Snickers bars, and Jerry Seinfeld. It can't get much better than this. Except

for maybe a million dollars to spend on anything you want!

...to Mr. Meuninck and his brand new rock band. Look out *Beatles* here comes *Meuninck and the Clay Heads!* They will be going on tour in '97. Be sure to catch their act.

...to the drama club's production of *Jurassic Park*. The cast and crew did a fantastic job of bringing to life those extinct beasts; in particular, Eric Bastine played a great T. Rex and Eric Kolacz was a marvelous Galimimus. Good luck on next year's production of *Aliens!*

Thumbs down...

...to the HATCHET for not having an April Fool's issue. One of the funniest, most entertaining moments of the year has been cut out for no good reason. Why do they want to deprive the world of a good laugh?

...to the comet that at this moment is streaking towards earth on a collision course. The good news is that you won't have to worry about those horrible finals. The bad news is you won't have to worry about anything else either.

...to the arming of the security guards. The halls were chaotic enough without bullets whizzing over our heads. What's next? Hall passes in the form of bullet-proof vests? Somebody should teach Taffie how to use that safety!

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There will be one last spirit week to celebrate this fantastic school year. April 3 will be **Plate Armor Day**; put on your heavy metal! April 4 will be **Spandex Day**, followed closely by April 5, **Nude Day**. April 6 will be **Body Cast Day**, and we'll round out the week with **Total Anarchy Day**. Show your spirit, except on Friday, when it's up to you what you do!

President Clinton's debate with Senator Bob Dole, previously to be held in the auditorium, will now be in the cafeteria.

Freshman Initiation Practice will be held on April 15, for all interested upper classmen and faculty.

The front parking lot will be closed from April 16 to April 20, due to **repaving and repainting**.

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Dear Editor,

I would like to applaud the new innovations made by the school system and namely those at Washington High School. The new video cameras in the lockers, hallways, and classrooms and the micro-phones in the bathrooms are ingenious ideas. No longer will students feel secure enough to start fights, cause trouble, vandalize or commit any other bad acts. They will know that they are being watched and every action is being recorded and placed in their permanent files.

I believe that it is about time the children of today realize that they are not free to roam as they want. They should be securely tied to their homes with little free time, if any. After all, idle minds are the Devil's playground. Children should be going to school to learn and should be working at home after the school day has ended. Thank you again for enforcing the ideals of my society.

Olde Fash End
President
Society of Child-haters

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- 1895 Women's Press Club Award
Mark Sniadecki
- 1895 SBCSC Award for Feminist News
Derek Dabrowiak, Brad Pianstki
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On the Cover: School Closing Cover by Weirdo

Editorial Policy

The HATCHET is a publication of Washington High School that generally comes out one month after the date stamped on the cover. Thank Goodness we don't sell dairy products.

The HATCHET has been established primarily as a means for staff members to express their creativity and get out of class. It is a school magazine which upholds all the ideals of the First Amendment and the *National Enquirer*.

The HATCHET would very much like to print obscenities, libelous material, and anything that disrupts the educational process and invades the privacy of individuals or groups. Unfortunately, there is only so much room on a page.

Letters submitted to the HATCHET will be looked over, laughed at, and discarded, unless they contain obscenities. The HATCHET reserves the right to completely change and twist the content of all letters in order to make the staff look superior to all life forms. Letters that are submitted must have the author's signature so that our forgery committee may use it to write very big checks for itself.

The HATCHET would like you to remember that this is a special April Fool's issue, you big schmuck.

First it was the two-dollar bill

By Kelly Wyant
Co-Head Honcho

Money is used as a medium of exchange (something traded for goods or services), a unit of account, and a store of wealth. In the past, objects like beads, cocoa beans, salt, stones, shells, and tobacco were used as money. Metals such as copper and gold make convenient, durable money. Today, most money is made from paper. The paper itself is of little value, but it is accepted in exchange.

The United States has more paper money than almost any other country. For years the government has been debating whether or not to change the dollar bill to a coin. There has also been a rising controversy over the number of denominations of bills in the U.S.

Federal Reserve notes, or paper money, have seven basic denominations: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100. Until 1969, Federal Reserve Banks also issued notes in four large denominations: \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000. Soon, some of the seven everyday denominations could be halted from production.

In President Clinton's economic growth plan, the one and five dollar bills will be eliminated, and the new and improved three-dollar bill will be instated. This bill will feature a picture of the White House on the back with Bill Clinton on the front, like a combination of the one and 20-dollar bills. This new bill will feature Clinton because of the advances he has made in the national deficit and budget balancing.

Junior Scott Siri said, "My wallet is always bulging with bills. By combining two bills into one, I can finally get my wallet in my pocket without using a rubber band to keep it closed."

Freshman Michelle Saville said, "I think it's about time we did a little consolidating in this

country. All that most people today think about is having more. It's time we concentrate on having the same amount, but in more compact factors."

President Clinton's plan is based on the environmental messages that are common in the country today. These messages are conveyed to every person via advertisement and rallies. "Recycle, consolidate, spend less, save more." These are some of the many notices made to the public.

Junior Jeff Poe said, "I applaud the efforts of President Clinton. Contrary to what many people think, he really is a swell guy who cares about more than just his wallet. He cares about the common man."

The diagram for the new money is finished (see photo), and the process of making the molds for coins and screens for bills will begin within the next few weeks. The finished product is expected to hit the market in late July from the mint. This will be after a short conversion period during which the old money will be switched for the new version of currency. Centers for money exchange will be set up in local supermarkets and all bank drive-thru's, since the wait in line is never long in these places. □



The new three-dollar bill.

Board "frees" students from protective rules

By Katharine Chan
Exposer of Corruption

After the recent board meeting to discuss student safety, the SBCSC has announced that South Bend high schools are being too overprotective with their students. In order to give students a more relaxed atmosphere to work in, instead of the "stuffy" environment that they come to day after day, Superintendent Dr. Virginia Calvin has made a change to the board's recent ruling on student safety.

Calvin and the other members of the SBCSC have agreed that students are restricted to function properly in their academic performance by the many rules that limit students' creative freedom.

Beginning this month, students will be required to wear their coats and bring their bookbags to class. Refusal to comply with either rule will result in a warning the first time, detention the second, and listening to

the school song non-stop for two hours the third time. Any failure to follow the rule after the third time will add an hour to the third punishment.

Teachers have been extremely responsive to this quick turnaround of this two-year-old rule. Biology teacher Arnold Horowitz, an avid opposer of the no coat/bookbag rule from the start, said, "It's about time the school board got their act together and realized students need the bookbags to carry all of the books and homework they have. The temperatures in this school fluctuate so much in the wintertime that if students don't have their coats, they can develop hypothermia."

Students are also grateful for the recent deletion of the no coat/bookbag rule. "Actually I wear my coat and bring my bag to class everyday. I didn't know there was such a rule. But I guess since the school board got rid of it, I think it was a bad rule," said junior Janice Koch.

In order to save money, the SBCSC will be deleting all aspects of heating

from the high schools. But this will not be a new idea at WHS since the heating already doesn't work.

Sophomore Olivia Jacobsen-Reighter said, "I'm glad we can wear our coats to class... now I can avoid wearing bulky sweaters in the winter and wear my leather biker jacket instead."

The school board is also going to revoke their closed lunch ruling that was set for next year. In fact, in a recent interview with Calvin, she mentioned that in order to save millions of dollars, the school board is going to close all of the high school cafeterias and force all students to dine-out or brown bag their lunch. "We could use the money we save to buy new orchestra and band instruments, not to mention buying new pianos for each school. Repaving the tennis courts and providing other improvement is also a possibility.

This way local businesses will benefit from the profits and students can enjoy their lunches." □

New animal embarrasses SBCSC

By Brad Pianstki
Head Honcho Wanna-be

Because of the latest technology in the field of microbiology, such as the electron microscope, many new species of animals and bacteria have been discovered. Among the most recent found in the South Bend Community School Corporation, is what scientists refer to as a locker mite. This new insect inhabits lockers in every school throughout South Bend. Apparently this tiny insect is a source of profound embarrassment because of its unusual activities.

These insects have constructed colonies in many lockers throughout these buildings. Because of the close proximity of the lockers, they easily spread to new territory. The insects are very similar to the well-known termite. Termites live in colonies and damage the wood they live in by ingesting it. Obviously termites are visible to the naked eye, unlike the new locker mites, but they are also the closest relation and easiest to compare with this new insect. Mites appear to have come from a rare cross breed of termites and dust mites.

Because of the lack of wood in the schools, (because of new building materials such as concrete, metals, etc.), this cross

breed has mutated to "locker mites" and is now feeding off the paper very commonly found in its habitat. They have grown smaller jaws and better digestive systems in order to break down the paper they eat. Science department head Burt Gates said, "If someone were to think about it, this is not an incredible jump in the evolutionary chain. Cross breeds happen all the time in nature and paper is after all made from the pulp of

tion slips for homework never received and bills for missing books. Students have been systematically punished for telling the truth. Although the corporation would love to let these little "mix ups" slide by, students may not be as eager.

Students would most certainly protest if nothing were done, but something is going to be done. School Board official Don Watson stated, "On April 15, 1996, each student will receive a formal apology in the mail for any past confusion about school work that resulted in a disciplinary action." Each of these letters will be personally signed by all school board members.

This is the reason each pupil in the corporation will be receiving the letter on April 15. For each member of the school board to personally sign these letters, it will take more than a week and a half to finish. For all you students

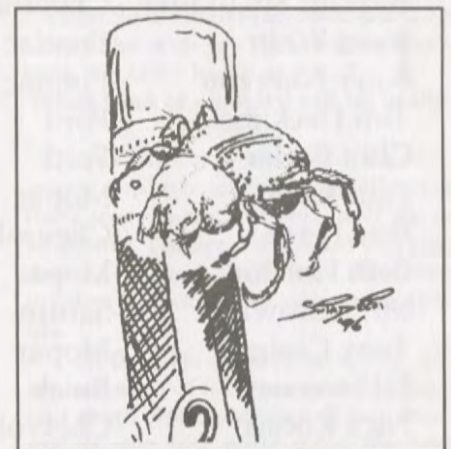
who feel angry because of just some situation, be expecting a letter in the mail. □

"I THINK THE PROBLEM IS GETTING WORSE BECAUSE I'VE LOST ENTIRE BOOKS."

-JEFF POE, WHS JUNIOR

wood." Apparently these adaptations lead the student whose locker is infested, to come up with sayings like, "I don't know what happened to my homework," or "I don't know how my book got so messed up," or sometimes even "My homework was there yesterday; I just don't understand." WHS junior Jeff Poe stated, "I think the problem is getting worse because I've lost entire books."

This is the reason for the school corporation's embarrassment. For many years the teachers have been giving out deten-



Artist's sketch of a locker mite

Drag racing comes to WHS

By **Tim Hecklinski**
Flasher

After many long months of debate, principal David Kaser has finally agreed with sponsors, Summit racing and Castrol Oil, to bring drag racing to WHS. This time, however, there won't be any top-fuel funny cars or nitrous-fed bracket racers. The racing is all up to the student body. That's right, you just might be out there! That is, if your name is selected.

The date has not yet been set, but

Kaser has informed his sponsors and the South Bend Police Department that the event will be taking place in late May. WHS's famous Bellewood Street will be the strip, while the teacher parking lot will provide a fantastic pit area.

Among the officials helping with the races will be English teacher Brendan Gardiner, working the timing clock, and security guard Amos Vann as pit supervisor. TV announcers will be math teacher William Roberts and security guard "Taffie"

Mallard. Business teacher Robert Banaszak will also be on hand, as head of the concession stands.

The races will follow all rules and regulations of NHRA drag racing and should provide lots of entertainment for students. South Bend police have also agreed to hold a demolition derby before the event, and Kaser is still considering the idea of a tractor pull on the WHS baseball diamond.

"I love the idea," said assistant principal Mike Sachinni. "I always loved to watch drag racing on TNN. Now the student body and I can all experience the thrill of drag racing!"

"I can't wait," said junior Clint Butler, "Even though the races are a good two months away, my friends and I still practice during lunch. It's good to prepare for the big show!"

Tickets are to go on sale in May, and all proceeds will be donated to charity.

The races are as follows:



This innocent-looking car could be Robbie Putz's next victim in the drag races in May.

Willie Walters	-Oldsmobile	vs.	Ernie Lansford	-Ford
Richard Spaulding	-Chevrolet	vs.	Richard Borkowski	-Oldsmobile
Ryan Whitt	-Pontiac	vs.	Drew Jeffery	-Mopar
Steve Naragon	-Pontiac	vs.	Eric Bastine	-Ford
Tim Hecklinski	-Ford	vs.	Dillion Antkowiak	-Ford
Clint Butler	-Ford	vs.	Robbie Putz - (what ever isn't wrecked)	
Paul Koch	-Mopar	vs.	Joe Tiseo	-Geo
Pete Perez	-Chevrolet	vs.	Adam DeMeyer	-Ford
Beth Holston	-Mopar	vs.	Kelly Wyant	-Chevrolet
Mr. Horowitz	-Saturn	vs.	Mr. Killeen	-Volvo
Tony Craig	-Mopar	vs.	Dean Burkus	-Buick
Jill Sweeney	-Buick	vs.	Jamie Paczkowski	-Oldsmobile
Nick Kocsis	-Chevrolet	vs.	Ron Kocsis	-Ford

Closed lunches - questions answered

By Kathy Lute
Staff Peon

This article was written for all those worried about the upcoming changes for lunch. As everyone knows, next year the South Bend public schools will have closed lunches. Many students are concerned about what exactly this will mean. Here are the answers to the most frequently asked questions.

Why are we going to have closed lunches?

School administrators decided it would be safer if students were not allowed to leave school grounds. Being able to go out into the real world presents a threat to students' health because it allows them to eat the life-threatening, artery-clogging fast-food. Students also are endangering themselves by innocently crossing the streets unsupervised. The roads surrounding WHS are filled with crazy Transpobuses and out-of-control senior-citizens.



Practicing her toga tactics, Mrs. Drapek helps demonstrate Roman fashion.

Will there be enough food?

Lunchroom workers have already begun planning new menu items. Of course, we will still have the same choice between the traditional pizza and turkey and gravy, but one more option will be available. For those students who loved the sack lunches their moms made them in elementary school, authentic paper bag lunches will be available to buy. They come filled with peanut but-

ter and jelly sandwiches, a bag of chips, a juice box, and a surprise dessert, maybe a Ho-Ho, for example.

If school lunches are not "your thing," several restaurants have agreed to come in and sell their food. Principal David Kaser stated, "We're trying to mold our cafeteria into something like Scottsdale Mall's food court. There will be a variety of foods to make everyone happy." Changes can already be seen with the addition of the orange booths in the cafeteria and the blue picnic tables in the courtyard.

Fazoli's, Hacienda, and Steak and Shake will provide their entrees for students. Sophomore Kevin Marek said, "I think the businesses are a great idea. Now I won't have to drive anywhere to eat my favorite foods."

After eating their well-balanced lunch, students can buy dessert at Mrs. Fields' cookies or Gloria Jean's. Randy Luthringer (sponsor of the Greenway) is concerned about this, "Otis Spunkmeyer is popular now, but once Mrs. Fields comes into the picture, we might lose business."

How is everyone going to fit in the cafeteria?

To add space in the cafeteria, the English office and book storeroom will be taken out allowing more room for tables. Amiable English teacher Mike Foley has agreed to keep the 1,000+ books in his room. "I would be honored to have all of those classics in my room. I think it will inspire my students to pick up a book and read more often," said Foley.

Teachers have volunteered to sponsor activities for the students during lunch. Coach Scott Bovenkerk will be instructing line dancing in the auxiliary gym, Spanish teacher Joel Krueger will teach folk songs in his room and English teacher Louise Drapek will give students an opportunity to learn hands-

on about the clothing styles of the past. "I intend to let students dress in everything from Roman togas to Japanese kimonos," said Drapek.

Social studies department head John Killeen said, "I'm glad we (teachers)



During lunch, students will be able to sit in the airy courtyard.

get to host activities. This gives me a chance to show all my educational movies that I do not have time for anymore, because of the block-eight time limit."

Music department teacher, Virginia Long-Cecil, plans on taking advantage of the time available during lunch. "The students will be allowed to come sing during their lunch period. This will help make up the 20-105 minutes that have been cut out of class time each week because of the new schedule."

How many lunches will we have?

Next year, instead of the current two lunch periods, three 35-minute lunch periods will be provided. The third lunch period may split up a class or overlap with the other two lunches. Freshman Carly Northam said, "I hope the middle lunch overlaps because then I could be with my friends that don't have the same lunch as I do."

What kind of security will be in the cafeteria?

A policeman will be on duty constantly during lunch time. He will guard the doors, so no escapees will try to sneak out. The security guard will also dub as a food inspector, checking lunches randomly for poisonous toxins.

Hopefully, this article has answered most of the questions you have had about closed lunches. If not, don't ask us, we just write what we hear (please refer to Editorial policy). □

It sounded like a good

By Nikki Kaufman and Erin Coleman
Staff Peons

Recently the halls of WHS have been littered with rumors of various content such as: the cheerleading lifters wearing the girls' uniforms, a fight taking place between two peer mediators, the far from arousing aroma from "block dressing," and holding the '96 prom at the zoo! This article was written to get the truth out on the all these rumors. Once you find out what really happened you'll see that these really did sound like good ideas at the time.

UNIFORM DISPUTE

The cheerleading lifters are a group of guys that help lift the cheerleaders during their routines, hence the name lifters. The lifters felt they do just as much as cheerleaders and wanted the recognition, even if it meant wearing the uniforms, which consist of skirts, shells, and sweaters.

Senior Chad Wlodarek said, "This was my second year being a lifter and I really felt that with all the practice time I put in that I should have been able to receive recognition for it. I would have been proud wearing those uniforms all the time."

Sophomore Nichole Fenimore said, "The guys really are a big help to us, but I don't feel they should get to wear our uniforms. It's just not natural."

Most of the girls who were asked felt the same way, while surprisingly enough nearly all the male population in the school supported these lifters.

A few guys' opinions changed when one day Freshman Derek

Hooten got a few cat calls from a group of unknowing students. Remarkably, they mistook him for a cheerleader. One mistaken student said, "I really thought he was just a new cheerleader or something. It didn't occur to me that he wasn't a she!"

The situation caused a lot of embarrassment for all the parties involved and hence ended the lifters' drive to be just one of the girls.

MEDIATION BRAWL

A week ago during a peer mediation session, freshman Lindsay Maller and senior Jeff Kaser were caught fighting. They were mediating two other students that were on the verge of fighting themselves. One of the disputants ran down the



Photo by Nikki Kaufman

Sophomore Keyna Langhofer's friends appear to be repulsed by her haggard appearance.

hall screaming for help after Maller jumped up onto the table, picked up a chair and hurled it at Kaser's head. Kaser, in return, started yelling obscenities at the presumably calm freshman.

Although she is ashamed, advisor Mary Lahey said, "It really doesn't surprise me to see these two go at each other like they did. I had my doubts about them from the be-

ginning. How could I not, with Jeff's impetuous temper and Lindsay's stubborn character. They never agree with anyone. I should have listened to my instincts."

It all happened so quickly that the other two students are not even sure what happened. One student said, "We were discussing our problem, and making good headway when Jeff started yelling at Lindsay, telling her she was doing everything all wrong. I guess Lindsay just snapped, and the next thing we knew she was on the table, everything was a blur after that."

The other disputant left the room screaming. She ran all of the way to the principal's office. Luckily, Mr. Kaser was just walking out, and the security guards reached them before anyone was seriously hurt.

When asked why she did it, Maller said, "Jeff has always given me problems. He just finally went too far, a person can only be harassed so much. When I had my outburst I had reached the point where we couldn't turn back. I'm not sorry for what I did."

Kaser said, "I usually keep my temper and am a nice guy, but what she did was uncalled for. As Mrs. Lahey said, I shouldn't have egged her on like I did, so I can't say it was all her fault."

BLOCK-8 CHAOS

Many problems have also arisen from the Block-8 schedule. Students still show up for the wrong classes at the wrong times. It is especially bad when members of the student body, who drive or walk to school, come stumbling in the doors two minutes before first hour begins; they are often the ones who get mixed up about what day it is.

Another fault of the schedule is when people wear the same clothing

idea at the time.....

two days in a row; this is known as "block-dressing." If this continues our school will contain an odor far from alluring! Students said that they do this because they don't see the same people on consecutive days, so no one will care.

Janitor William Frederick Hans the XV said, "It is the worst thing in the galaxy to try and deodorize the halls of the school, especially the 700 hall."

In response, freshman Jeff Wonka complained, "I thought it was disgusting, but when my girlfriend did it, I thought I was going to gag! Luckily she was smart enough to wash her clothes first, or things would have been over between us."



Freshman Lindsay Maller takes out her frustrations on senior Jeff Kaser.

Many teachers have complaints that the amount of class time during the week is just too little. Mrs. Long-Cecil said, "This fall our choir barely had enough time to organize our music for the concert. I blame it all on the 8-block because we've lost about an hour of rehearsal time per week."

EVENING OF ANIMALS



Ooh, baby! It's easy to see why these guys got more attention than they wanted. (freshman Derek Hooten, freshman Chris Glenn, senior Chad Wlodarek, freshman Tito Rivera, and junior Javier Rocha.)

The determination to have a prom unlike any other in South Bend, brought about the idea to hold the prom at Potawotami Zoo. Though the idea was simply absurd, it was the prom committee's first choice because it was a place that no other school would think of.

It was arranged that the entire zoo, with the exception of the bear den and monkey cages, would be open the evening of May 17, for the 1996 Junior/Senior Prom.

A live band was planned to be set up in the buffalo field. The snack bar would be giving out nachos and cheese and slurpees. Before the "crowning" the Guard would perform to the music of Bon Jovi.

About their supposed performance, Senior Amanda Martensen said, "I tried to get all of the girls to wear their uniforms to prom, because otherwise it would be just too hard to change from our prom dresses, to our uniforms, and back again. Unfortunately, some of the girls aren't as down-to-earth as I am."

Another problem that arose was the fact that an amazing amount of people are allergic to animals. In response to this,

senior Shadoe Allen Dardin Fisher-Price said, "I was so upset when I heard the rumor that we were having prom at the zoo. I'm allergic to rhinoceros skin, lion's toenails, vegetarian pirranah, and just about anything that walks with four legs. Not only would I be miserable, but so would my date. He would have to wear a raincoat just for when I had a sneezing fit."

The fact that the girls would be wearing high heels was a major problem. The zoo keeper complained that he did not want any ruts put in the fields. He then said that the girls could wear slippers, but that didn't go over well.

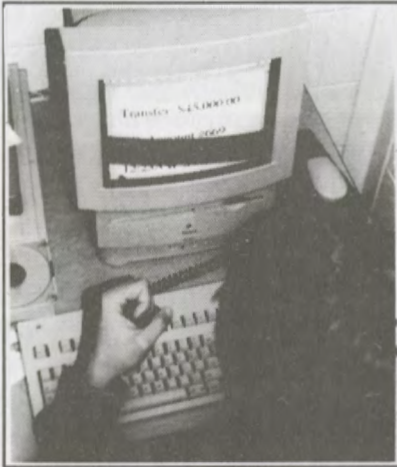
The buffalo field also needs to be cleaned up, and in order to have the prom there, our students would have to do the cleaning themselves. Junior and prom president Eric Kolacz said, "It's really upsetting that we won't be able to hold our prom at Potawotami because we couldn't get enough willing students to carry around pooper-scoopers the week before. It really would have been the experience of a lifetime!"

** Authors' note: We hope that this clears up some of the rumors that have been spread. If not, then don't ask us, please we got all our information from the staff of Memory Lane.*

Panthers

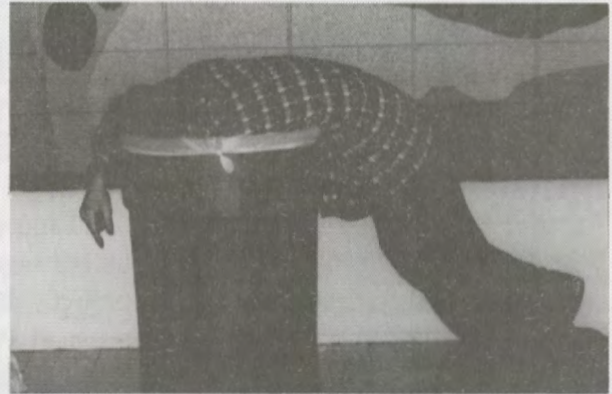
By Gary Zapf

Hidden cameras help solve crime.



△ This photo was taken from the HATCHET office on March 14. Although the culprit's name cannot be revealed at this time, the suspect was sentenced to 20 years in the Michigan City Prison for embezzling money from the school corporation. Now with all of their money stolen, maybe they'll have to close down all the schools?

▷ Although the school corporation will deny it, school lunches can be hazardous to a student's health. Senior Tim Hecklinski was found dead in this trash can, an apparent victim of food poisoning.



◁ Now we all have someone to blame for the terrible fire drill that took us out into 10-degree weather. It's senior Anna Cruz! Anna was sentenced to five years in Michigan City for the illegal usage of a fire alarm during the cold and flu season.



◁ Scandalous activities are not only for the students. Although Mr. Perry and Mr. Swintz seem to just be having a good conversation, those papers in Mr Perry's hand are, in fact, blueprints for nuclear triggering devices.

▷ Senior Eric Bastine is either plotting his next attack or attempting to renovate his locker.



Spring training to begin

By **Kim Starynski**
Staff Peon

Conditioning will start this week for all seminar classes. The decision came after much thought. Students who are involved in many activities and have many class projects are becoming fatigued as a result of running from teacher to teacher during seminar.

Teachers and administrators have decided that it is in the best interest for students to get in shape. Every seminar, students will be led in a variety of activities. Students will sign up for the types of activities they would enjoy. Teachers will volunteer to lead aerobic classes, track and field events, and even yoga.

"Students come in huffing and puffing and then five minutes later leave to go to a meeting," said English teacher Lorie Kraus.

Science teacher Burt Gates is worried about his students, "They need to exercise. I don't want my students collapsing at my

feet."

Conditioning will consist of vigorous leg exercises and upper-body toning. The upper-body exercise will also help hurried students through crowded hallways. This will hopefully help those who are frustrated from fighting the 600/700 hall crowding.

Many students are excited about the start of conditioning.

"I can't wait to start conditioning. Trying to make up a Physics test, and then running to a student council meeting, and then to a Calculus test, is really wearing me down," said freshman Lisa Clark.

Conditioning will also be beneficial to those students who stay in their assigned seminars. The teacher in the class will lead students in a series of jumping jacks, sit-ups, and a few laps around the room. The purpose is to keep students awake for the long 85-minute period.

"I normally don't go anywhere during seminar, so I usually end up dozing off.

Exercise during that time is a great idea. Plus, it will get me in shape for prom," said junior Terry Ullery.

Some students, however, do not like the idea of physical activity during seminar. These students would prefer to stay seated.

"Personally, I would prefer to get involved in a game like Heads Up—Seven Up or something like that. Maybe someone will volunteer to bring in Monopoly," said senior Michelle Montana.

Gym teacher Kristine Walz may be volunteering to supervise the pool.

"I hope I get the approval for the pool," said Walz, "I believe that swimming is a great way to build up your cardiovascular health. That way students won't lose their breath from all the running back and forth to seminar."

"I would like to see some sort of organized sport like water volleyball, but I can also see students playing Marco Polo," said junior Harry Densmore. □

Class of 1999 to host prom

By **Kathryn Shuamber**
Staff Peon

Some students have been angered with the WHS School Improvement Committee's decision that the freshman class host prom this year.

The committee decided to make the change so that students would become involved in the school program at an earlier age.

Additionally, junior English teacher Sandy Weyer said, "The juniors have been too busy with their research papers to work out any ideas anyway."

"I don't think that it was nice of them to let the freshmen host prom this year, or any year at all," said sophomore Howie Feltercut. "This means that our class won't have a great prom."

The decision comes just two months before the prom is to take place. "I can't understand why they would make such a decision without anyone's input from the junior class," reported an angry Todd Szucs; "and to top it all off, the theme isn't very good."

The theme for this year's prom is speculated to be "A Hurling Good Time."

"This theme was chosen because past proms have focused on romantic subjects, and we wanted this prom to be different," said freshman Amanda Malijan. "So many theme ideas were all the same to us. I like this new idea for the prom."

The evening will be like no other. Science

teacher Larry Laskoski has graciously offered the use of his farm.

The song for the night will be Old McDonald Had a Farm. Students will square dance all night with Spanish teacher Joel Krueger calling out the steps.

The prom will be decorated with tipped-over cows, pitchforks, scarecrows, and a few tractors.

The games include bobbing for apples, buffalo-chip tossing, mud-pie eating, and hay baling.



Prom attire from years past will no longer be appropriate "down on the farm."

"No other prom that I know of has ever had games before," said science teacher Cathy Baker.

"I'm so glad that the freshmen decided to make their prom different."

The attire for prom night will be denim overalls, bandanas, straw hats, plaid flannel shirts, and big wading boots. "There is no reason to dress up in order to a great time," Lee said.

Of course, prizes will be awarded to the best dressed couples.

Hay rides will also be available to take prom-goers to dinner at Harry's Pitchfork Cafe located just down the road, where if the wind blows just right, diners can smell the aroma of the animals from nearby farms.

Students may have their pictures taken amidst bales of hay and scarecrows. Cows and horses will be available with which to pose.

The prom colors have not been decided upon, so the nominations are listed below for everyone to vote. □

Ballot for prom colors:

red/green plaid _____ orange/copper _____

Please detach and return to Mrs. Richardson in room 711 by April 1, 1996.

WHS teacher to be on shuttle

By **Mark Sniadecki**
Master of Computers



Burt Gates, biology teacher

WASHINGTON—NASA has given the go-ahead on a special project wherein a high-school science teacher will be allowed to join astronauts on a trip into space.

This will be the first in a series of teacher-in-space missions, designed to bring greater, more up-to-date knowledge to American classrooms.

“The mission will be purely scientific,” said NASA official Ami Cressy, “though the space shuttle will be carrying with it a spy satellite.”

After a long process of sorting through applications from around the country, our own biology teacher, Burt Gates, was selected. On April 1, 1996, he will travel to Huntsville, Alabama, where he will begin training as an astronaut.

“I’d like to land a position as pilot,” said Gates in an interview en route to Huntsville, from the plush interior of a NASA limousine. “The

crew and I will spend most of the time running tests; I’d like to see how various organisms respond to the lack of gravity.”

Besides a biology teacher and seven crew members, the shuttle will also carry several live specimens for experimentation, including the HIV virus, E. coli bacteria, the common mushroom, daffodils, sardines, frogs, turtles, a couple pigeons, and Jackie Chan.

“To accommodate this extreme load, we’ve had to modify the shuttle and increase the fuel supply,” commented Cressy.

Some concern—mostly superstitious nonsense—has been circulating through the media that this is a doomed mission. This is not the first time an educator has been chosen to accompany astronauts into space. In January of 1986, another high-school teacher—and the crew of the Challenger—died when that shuttle exploded shortly after lift-

off.

After the accident, the NASA flight program was put on hold; it wasn’t until two years and a government investigation later that shuttle flights resumed. Gates, however, doesn’t seem too worried.

“I’m very confident in the technicians and crew,” said Gates. “If anything does go wrong, I’m sure my class will be waiting on the beaches of Cape Canaveral to catch me.” Indeed, Gates’ classes seem very enthusiastic about the event.

“Right now, we’re helping him pack,” commented biology student Jill Wall. “He told us he’s taking a case of lemon-scented Pledge, so he can show the astronauts ‘how to really clean up all that space dust.’”

A definite launch date hasn’t been established yet, but it should be within the next month. All eyes will be on the sky, keeping a look out for a Panther in the upper atmosphere. □

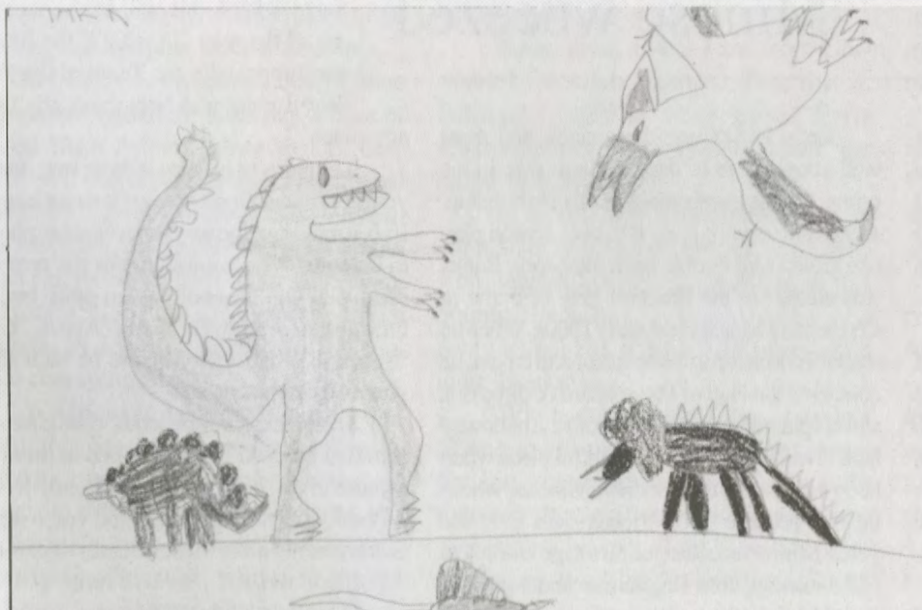


Sophomores Karen Mezzei, Tara Nyikos, and Kyle Bach don't really know what they are doing since Mr. Gates left; they just think they look really cool in goggles.

ART Gallery

By Alicia Ladewski

▷ This masterpiece was created by sophomore Michele Daugherty



◁ Crayon dinosaurs by junior Mark Smiadecki



Cubs, Sox put money on Banks, Mino

By **Derek Dabrowiak**
Head Hancho Wanna-be

Retirement. This used to mean a person has reached a certain age where he has quit his job and moved to Florida. This applied to all professions, including athletics. A number of well-known athletes have retired since the decade began: Larry Bird, Michael Jordan, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Nolan Ryan, Carlton Fisk, Ryne Sandberg, and Walter Payton, to name just a few.

Retirement has recently had a prefix attached to it. Many athletes are now becoming unretired. Yes, that's right, unretired. This trend was exemplified most recently by the unretirements of both Jordan and Johnson. Both have had great success with their comebacks, with Jordan's being the most remarkable (note the Bulls' amazing record). Bird unretired for a spot in a Miller Lite commercial, but promptly re-retired afterward. These successes have inspired even more athletes to consider unretiring.

Recently, a press conference was held to announce the unretirements of two of Chicago's greatest sports figures: Minnie Mino of the Chicago White Sox and "Mr. Cub" Ernie Banks, who are now both well into their sixties.

It was Mino who tried unsuccessfully about three years ago to become the first major leaguer to appear in five different decades. This request was blocked by Commissioner Fay Vincent. Baseball no longer has a commissioner, however, so Mino decided to take another stab at getting his name in the record books.

He contacted Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of the Sox, six months ago and asked if he would let him play again for the team. Reinsdorf, being both the public-relations man and the tightwad, inked Mino to a contract for the 1996 season, paying him the major league's minimum salary for a veteran.

Mino will platoon either in right field

or at designated hitter. He began spring training back in December, much earlier than the regular major leaguers. When asked how he felt after a particularly strenuous workout, Mino wheezed, "I've...never...felt better...in...my entire...life. Who said Big Mac? I heard somebody say Big Mac."

Manager Terry Bevington, who managed South Bend's team, commented, "It's great to see Minnie back in a Sox uniform. He gives us that power source we've been looking for in the clean-up spot in our lineup. I think he will be a great asset to the team."

I've...never...felt...better...
in my entire...life.
Who said Big Mac?
Did somebody say
Big Mac?
-Mino wheezed

Ernie Banks was the greatest and most well known Cub of the '50s and '60s. In his prime, he was a perennial All-Star at shortstop. Although never making it to post-season play (the Cubs were terrible back then, too), Banks was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown back in the early 1980s. When he made his decision to come out of retirement, he contacted the Hall of Fame board of directors, and his plaque was removed from the hallowed hall. It will be placed in its rightful place when he re-retires. He then phoned Mino, whom he had become good friends with over the years. Mino encouraged him to go and talk to Cubs manager Jim Riggleman about playing major league ball again.

Riggleman agreed to give Banks a try-out thinking, much like Reinsdorf, that it would be great not only for public relations but also for apparel sales. To his surprise, Banks was in great athletic shape for his age. He looked almost as good as he did in his hey-day. Riggleman, with the approval of his bosses at the *Tribune* (the *Chicago Tribune* owns the Cubs), signed Banks to a contract that extends through the 1999 season.

"I feel that if Ernie could have been playing all these years, he still would be the dominant player he was in his prime," said Riggleman. "If he had remained active, we might not have gotten beaten back in '84 or '89."

The head honchos at the *Tribune* soon learned about Mino's contract with the Sox, and they contacted Reinsdorf about holding a press conference to announce the unretirement of both of these greats. Reinsdorf finally agreed to hold a joint press conference after he was assured of top billing, and the date and location were set up.

When asked how he felt after the press conference, Banks replied, "I'm just glad to be back in a Cubs' uniform. I think this will be the year we go all the way. So what if the Braves are supposedly the Team of the '90s. We'll meet and beat them any time, any place."

It remains to be seen if these two stars of yesteryear can still compete in the major leagues. If so, it may pave the way for even more players to unretire. Who knows, maybe the next one seen playing baseball again will be Joe DiMaggio or maybe Hank Aaron. Even "Shoeless" Joe Jackson might be seen shagging balls in the outfield.

I hear there's a baseball diamond surrounded by corn being planned at this very minute right here in South Bend. It was probably inspired by this same voice which is convincing all of these athletes to unretire.

If you write it, they will read.
Hey, who said that?!



Real life *Field of Dreams* comes to WHS

By Ryan Hanyzewski
Psycho's Slave

"If you build it, they will come," is the famous saying from the movie *Field of Dreams*.

In the movie, Ray Consella (played by Kevin Costner) hears a voice in his mind to construct a baseball diamond in his corn field.

It wasn't long ago that Panther baseball coach Rick Tomaszewski was sitting at his house flipping through the channels, when he reached HBO; he paused, and everything grew silent.

With the team failing to win a sectional in the past few years, Tomaszewski got an idea. Maybe if he plowed the field and planted corn all around it, his team could be more successful.

Plans for the field are currently un-

der way. Once completed, however, Tomaszewski's "field of dreams" will be a reality.

"This is really going to help the way we play; it will be a more traditional atmosphere to play in," said Tomaszewski.

When asked how it would feel to play in a corn field, the team had mixed emotions.

"It will boost us to the next level; we will surely win sectionals with our new diamond," said junior Todd Bella.

"I don't see how playing in the middle of corn is going to improve our chances of winning sectionals," said senior Demetrious Minor.

An additional benefit to having a field surrounded by corn is that it will not damage someone's car if that person is fooling with the radio while proceeding to fly off the road. That

person will hit a corn stalk rather than a fence post.

This will especially benefit junior Derek Dabrowiak who experienced hitting the fence post first-hand at the beginning of this past February.

"I only wish the corn has been there a few months earlier; the damage on my car would not have been as severe," commented Dabrowiak.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of the new field is that when principal David Kaser told the school board of Tomaszewski's plans for the baseball diamond, they said they wanted WHS to host sectionals.

"It is a dream come true for us to showcase our new facility to the entire school corporation," said Kaser.

On a final note, Tomaszewski said he will be donating all of the corn grown to a homeless shelter. □

Suprise! Boys win tennis sectional

By Brian Schoonaert
Psycho's Slave

Major controversy has been focused upon all area high-school tennis programs.

Every program in the area, (except for WHS's), is either on suspension or probation. They have been stripped of all their regular and post season victories.

On March 5, the South Bend Police Department raided the Coaches' office of St. Joe High School. Once inside, they discovered that the entire varsity team had been given huge cash bribes as incentive to win. Also, several players had been sent to tennis camps in England. The camps were paid for by St. Joe. As a result of the police findings, St Joe was relieved of its sectional championship.

"We received several complaints about the St. Joe team from Washington coach Darryl Boykins. Boykins thought the team was far too good to be a high-school team," said Marion Cassnar, who is in charge of the police investigation.

After St. Joe was denied the champi-

onship, the victory was going to be awarded to Clay, but just before it was presented to them, it was discovered that five of the Clay varsity players were from Germany, and lived in this country without Green cards. It seems that Clay had brought these players in to the U.S. in hopes of winning the state championship.

"Nine, nine, nine!! I not from Germany I from, uh, Elkhart. Yah, that it, Elkhart," said a very upset Fritz Rossenhiemer, who played under the name Bob Smith.

He along with Aldoff Stalin, a.k.a. John Doe, and Joseph Hittler, a.k.a. Bob Rob, were all deported for living in this country illegally. Clay would have gotten away with it too, if not for the once-again alert Boykins.

"When we played Clay, I didn't notice anything right away, but when the big guys (Germans) came in with German flags on their uniforms, I knew something wasn't right," said a very observant Boykins. By this time, South Bend police became very suspicious and decided to check into every area

tennis team.

One by one, every team in the South Bend/Mishawaka area was offered the sectional crown, and each and every team had to turn it down. In Riley's case it was discovered that half of their players were over 21.

LaSalle was evicted for rigging their matches by using a special kind of ball that jumped over their opposition's rackets.

Finally, the championship was presented to Washington. Even though the Panthers finished the season with a 0-20 record, they were the only team that passed the police investigation.

"I knew we weren't as bad as our record showed," said sophomore Kevin Marek.

Eventually, every coach admitted that they brought in ringers in order to keep the real area power house (WHS) from winning the sectional crown.

Currently a state-wide investigation is under way to see if any other teams should be stripped of their victories. When this is all over, WHS could be state champs. □

HOROSCOPES

By Tara Kenjockety

Staff Psychic

An explanation of the format: this is an original, personalized form of the Zodiacal signs intended for use by WHS students and staff. To find your astrological sign and fortune, look under the month of your birth. -M.S.



January--Swintz (the wiseman)

Watch *Channel One* this month; something that deeply concerns you will come up.

February--Octoblockus (the blessed gift)

You have seven minutes passing to find your destiny; expect trouble every other day.

March--Wes (the redeeming chance)

Something very interesting will happen in one of your classes this month, so don't miss a one.

April--Flags (the performers)

Take a trip west this month.

May--Nyikos (the twins)

You will experience *deja vu* twice this month. You will

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June--Memorous Laneus (the historian)

Take time to appreciate your friends.

July--Bagheera (the panther)

You will grow black fur, big and nasty teeth, and claws. Get a shave and a manicure.

August--Ms. Pat (the spirit)

You're up for sainthood this month.

September--Rookie (the student teacher)

Keep your eyes open; you'll learn something new this month.

October--Sac (the returning spirit)

You will love your job this month, as long as you maintain a cheerful disposition.

November--Taffie (the guardian)

You will be caught doing something wrong this month; watch your step in the halls.

December--Spunkmeyer (the cookie)

You're low on dough, but your morale rises.

THE USHERS

By Bob Palatino and Gary Zapf

Two Guys (who can't type)

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 will result in an "unpleasant" visitation from a large hired thug named Knuckles.



OZ '96: Another dumb remake

BOB: Well, folks, it had to happen sometime. The waiting was starting to get to me; I don't know how much longer--

GARY: What Bob is trying to say is that Tim Burton's new movie *OZ '96* is just the next in a long line of remakes that has been hitting Hollywood lately.

BOB: That's right, Gary. And what a movie this is! While it has absolutely, positively no Oscar potential whatsoever, its all-star cast makes it hilarious, while special-effects wizard Stan Winston's creatures make for a few unbelievable scenes.

GARY: I liked when the flying monkeys tried to persuade Dorothy--played by Alicia Silverstone--to play the organ for them.

BOB: That was cool! Hey, did you recognize the dog they used for Toto? It was Eddie, from TV's *Frasier*. Speaking of

television sitcoms, this movie is also the big screen debut for Jerry Seinfeld; he plays the loud-mouthed scarecrow, following Dorothy in search of a brain.

GARY: There are even more surprises. Brad Pitt does a major change from his usual role as the leading heartthrob. He really looks the part as the Cowardly Lion, and his growling is pretty convincing.

BOB: Very true, but the best performance has to be that of the Tin Man, played by the perennial favorite Arnold Schwarzenegger. We won't tell you how he kills the Wicked Witch of the West (who, incidentally is played by Roseanne Barr-Arnold-Connor-Helgastranowski-whatever), but we will say that it involves a lot of gunpowder.

GARY: Well, we're about out of time for this month. Say good-bye, Bob.

BOB: Good-bye, Bob. And April Fool's, folks! □

**Bob & Gary's Top
Movies About Millionaires Who
Create Theme Parks Full of Geneti-
cally Engineered Dinosaurs Who Go
on a Rampage and Kill Half the Cast**

1. *Jurassic Park*