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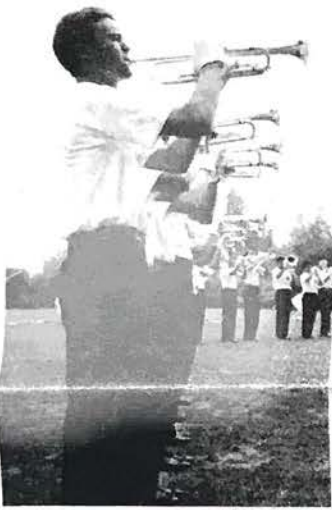


photo by Don Wilson

Band camp ends each year with a performance for parents and friends. Trumpet player Rick Dunning blows his horn to this years show "Poet and Peasant Overture"

## One More Time

by Dana Wilson

The laughter all stopped when drum major Alan Hammond called the band to attention. The familiar words, "One more time," from an instructor made the members cringe. Even though the heat was unbearable, the words meant focusing on the show and the next three months of competition.

The week of August 12-18 was spent by the Raider Marching Band at Camp Cavell in Lexington, Michigan. Each day included eight hours of practice on drill, marching, and playing, both in sectionals and full band. The purpose of this rigorous schedule was to learn the show for competitions and to make improvements early in the season.

## Flushing Schools are a model "Drug Free School Zone"

*Drug offenders within 500 feet of school grounds face three times the normal penalty*

by Kirk Weber

Flushing High School has joined forces with the county prosecutors office, the Flushing City Council, Flushing Police Department, Flushing Township Board of Supervisors, the Flushing Township Police, and the State of Michigan, to create a drug-free environment in every school. At the Flushing Schools Board of Education meeting on Tuesday night August 21, 1990 the board of education adopted a resolution declaring "Drug Free Zone's" around each district school. Also making an unexpected appearance was Don Riesig, Director of Substance abuse for the State of Michigan. He is the so called "Drug Czar" of Michigan.

"I've been working with the State since March," said Gary Whitmire, Assistant Principal of Flushing High School. "Pretty much we have been involved in giving suggestions for the program."

The law calls for greater penalties for those who traffic in illegal drugs within 500 feet of any school property effective immediately. Individuals convicted of delivering a controlled substance to a student will be punished by imprisonment for a minimum of two years and up to three times the normal penalty.

Flushing is now a model school for the rest of the schools in the state. Suggestions from Flushing will be taken into consideration. The intention of this legislation is to create drug-free schools. Public Safety officers will increase surveillance near schools. School staff members are being trained to better recognize drug-

related activity. The school curriculums will contain increased drug awareness programs for students. Arrests will be made for violations of this law, even when small quantities of illegal substances are involved. The prosecutor will not reduce any charges and will aggressively seek long terms of imprisonment for anyone convicted of violating a drug-free school zone. Finally, signs will be placed on all school grounds in the community stating it is a "Drug Free School Zone".

The six schools in Flushing will be included in the new law. Mr. Gary Whitmire, Lt. Christopher Lewis from the Michigan State Police Department, Chief Lin Sabin and Sgt. Eddie Dolgan from the Flushing Police Department, and Chief Douglas Kennedy and Officer Brian Fairchild from the Flushing Township Police Department have worked together to establish the action.

"This is a combined effort between the State, Police and Flushing Schools," said Whitmire. "It is our hope that all schools in the state will have a Drug Free School Zone."

Governor James Blanchard has issued an Executive Declaration to observe August 26 - September 1, 1990 as "Drug Free School Zone Week". Flushing Schools plan to support this Michigan Alliance for Drug Free Schools and Communities sponsored program.

"There is a demonstrated need for the continuation, institutionalization and enhancement of the spirit of cooperation which exists between law enforcement

officials and professional educators with respect to substance abuse prevention," said Blanchard. "School personnel cannot act as solitary agents in preventing drug-related activity in and around their facilities without the support of the entire community."

"Drug Free School Zone Week represents the groundwork with which to ensure that our law enforcement and educational communities work together to make certain that every child in Michigan has the opportunity to attend a school which is free of drugs, violence and intimidation."

The Governor has established the Michigan Alliance for Drug Free Schools and Communities, which is comprised of representatives from every level within the professional, educational, and law enforcement communities, and which has developed and recommended specific guidelines concerning law enforcement activities conducted on school property. Two bills are currently in the act of being passed. One is in the State Senate, and one is in the State House of Representatives. Each bill is concerned with further strengthening the penalties for offenders caught in a "Drug Free School Zone".

The possibility of increasing the distance from the school boundaries from 500 feet to 1000 feet is very conceivable. Presently offenders caught with drugs across the street in the woods or at the church on the corner of Carpenter and McKinley roads would face the stiffer punishments.

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OUR VIEWS

# Freedom of speech is still important in America

The first amendment right of freedom of speech is one of the primary reasons this country is united. Newspapers depend eminently on the right of freedom of speech. It is also why the rap group 2 Live Crew has the right to sing what they want to sing. The Miami-based group's double album *As Nasty as They Wanna Be* was ruled obscene by a federal judge in Fort Lauderdale. It is the first musical recording ever banned by a court. The music relies heavily on countless descriptions of oral sex and genitalia, and creates an adverse image of women. Despite the novel lyrics, at the time of the banning it had sold 1.7

million copies, and was heading toward the 2 million mark. Shortly after in Hollywood, Florida two members of the group were arrested for performing at an adults-only nightclub. A \$1,000 fine and a year in jail is the penalty facing both cases.

The group took the correct measures to make clean versions of their songs. They also personally took the precaution of putting warning labels on all records to sell in stores. Many states have laws allowing only adults 18 years or older to purchase records containing obscene language.

The band argues three main

points. They say the coarse language in the songs is part of a black cultural tradition of profanity, exaggeration and humor that has transcended into rap music. Lead singer Luther Campbell created the second argument when he charged race has been a factor in the harassment of his group. Why is it, he asks, that the same record stores that are prohibited to market his albums still carry the crude dirty talk of the white-comedian Andrew Dice Clay? The final point of argument is the ever vital right of freedom of speech.

Nobody is forcing the public

to buy or listen to indecent music. We have the right to purchase or listen to what we want, as long as we are adults. Much like we have the right to view an "R" rated show with profanity. People under the age of 18 are restricted to buy certain records. Clean versions of the songs are the only kind radio stations and music video shows play. After that it is up to the parents, similarly with movies, alcohol, drugs and cigarettes, to see to it their children are prevented from using these items. Adults on the other hand should have the right to decide themselves.

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## Drafting is serious thought

by Kirk Weber

It has happened four times this century. Every three decades has had at least one draft. The last two decades a draft has not transpired. Simultaneously three decades have never gone without a draft.

Drafts. Many young men's lives have changed drastically because of drafts. Will the lives of graduates in the 1990's change because of a draft? Maybe Canada will have some new inhabitants within the next ten years they weren't counting on.

Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait stirs the idea of war, and with warfare occur drafts. The unwilling induction into the armed forces many times fright-

ens, exasperates and terminates young American lives. Now, when many high school graduates will go to college and begin a career, the thought of a draft puts a big dent into numerous plans.

Keeping up on current affairs is important. However, observing a military conflict you could participate in sends a chill down your back. If you don't want to go to war, you better hope peace is resolved in the world whenever there is a skirmish. Or at least view it in such a way when your at draft age.

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A law requires all 18 year olds to register with the draft board.

## OTHER VIEWS

# Sportsmanship urged at sporting events

Dear Student Body:

During the coming school year, we want to be involved in the school events that you are interested in and to enjoy those events. We also urge you to exhibit exemplary behavior on these occasions to show your pride and school spirit. These activities will present opportunities for you to grow academically and socially.

Our school has joined a statewide campaign to promote good sportsmanship called "Good Sports Are Winners!". The purpose of the program is to make everyone more aware of the need for high levels of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity on the part of all involved at our events.

In a word, "respect" best sums up the level of behavior you should exhibit when representing our school at an athletic event. Your behavior is viewed by your

friends and fans, opposing fans, the local community and the media. It will be remembered long after the game is played, and with more impact than the final score could ever indicate. Good sportsmanship will show the most positive things about you and our school.

We urge you to take a few moments to review the guidelines for sportsmanship, we expect our students to follow at athletic events. We hope that your positive examples will help set the tone for those around you, so we may all enjoy games our athletic teams are involved in.

We hope you find the upcoming year to be a rewarding one.

Mr. Dennis Noe  
Athletic Director/Ass. Principal

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The board will review content proposed for publication and will decide by a majority vote the opinions expressed and supported in the editorials. It also retains the

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The Blazer welcomes letters to the editor. Letters may be delivered to the journalism room (121) or in Adviser Ms. Sharrow's office mailbox. Unsigned letters will not be published, although the name may be withheld for an acceptable reason. Letters will be edited for grammar and spelling. The Blazer will not print letters judged libelous, obscene or in poor taste.

It is the Blazer's responsibility

to strive for the highest standards of accuracy, completeness, and careful research in its presentation of material. It is our policy to address all persons fairly. Errors of fact should be called to our attention, and corrections will be printed in the subsequent edition.

We will forbid any advertisement which makes reference to illegal products or services such as alcohol, tobacco, or other controlled substances. We retain the right to refuse other advertisements regarded inappropriate to the Flushing High School community.

We recognize our freedom of speech under the First and Fifth

Amendments which guarantee these freedoms. Members of the staff are guided by the *Michigan Interscholastic Press Association* and *Quill and Scroll*. This code of ethics outlines the principles of responsibility, precision, fairness and self-government. This editorial policy reflects these basic philosophies.

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# The 2 Live Crew is Banned in the U.S.A.

*Debate rages on over The 2 Live Crew's right to be As Nasty As They Wanna Be*

by Jeff Grieve

The Crew's last album, according to my predecessor, the honorable Ben Balog (who I never had the, um, pleasure of meeting), was a bunch of stolen guitar riffs laid over some heavy bass. I thought it was quite creative, since not many people would travel to all the bathroom stalls and write down the lyrics. It would have received three Bloody Doogies out of a possible four.

Now to the album that's being reviewed, *Banned in the U.S.A.* This album is mild compared to *As Nasty As They Wanna Be*.

Luther Campbell (who use to be Luke Skywalker, but is now just Luke because Darth Vader wouldn't raise his children that way) talks a lot about freedom of speech but doesn't do much to explain his cause. He does flip you off on the inside cover, though, just in case nothing in the music offends you.

This LP gets its point across, but not very loudly. Only the bass is loud on this one. I agree that we should be able to say what

we feel, but the four members of this group are only able to feel one thing, if you know what I mean. I liked *As Nasty As They Wanna Be*, but this album is wimpy. The 2 Live Crew should stick to offending people. Nobody does it better. The whole thing gets a zero on the rock scale, a two on the pop/soul scale, and a 6 on the rap scale. All in all, it receives 2 bloody Doogies.

## BIG DAVE GOES TO THE MOVIES

*Sutherland fairs well in summer's biggest hits*

by Dave Finger

**Young Guns 2**  
Rated PG-13  
Three Fingers

Next to *Die Hard 2*, *Young Guns 2* was the one movie that I most eagerly awaited seeing this summer. Ever since I heard it was in the planning stage last year, I was dying to see it. Hearing that Lou Diamond Phillips broke his leg in an accident while filming the movie only made me more eager to see it. I went to the first showing on the first day. Well, I was slightly disappointed, but not much. *Young Guns 2* was really good, but it just didn't have the magic that made the first a classic. Although it did have its share of unexpected surprises as the first (like when Charlie Sheen got killed), it just was a lot more predictable. This time around you knew what to expect, not because of any flaw in writing or directing.

In *Young Guns 2* William H. Bonnie, aka Billy the Kid, leads his band of outlaws around New Mexico while dodging the cavalry. Soon, one of Billy's close friend's and fellow outlaw, Pat Garret, leaves the gang to live a straight life. Eventually Garret turns lawman and starts tracking down Billy and his gang.

The single strongest thing about *Young Guns 2* is the acting. Kiefer Sutherland, Emilio Estevez, Lou Diamond Phillips, Christian Slater, and William Petersen all had excellent acting performances, and I can honestly say this movie had the best set of actors of any movie all year.

Starring: Kiefer Sutherland, Lou Diamond Phillips, Emilio Estevez, Christian Slater, William Petersen, Blathazar Getty, Alan Ruck, and Jon Bon Jovi as this dude who gets shot five seconds after showing his face on the screen

**Flatliners**  
Rated R  
Three Fingers

Right now if you want to see a horror movie you have a choice of two, *Flatliners* or *Arachnophobia*. If you want to see a real horror movie and not a movie about killer spiders who get smashed by Roseanne's husband, then you have a choice of one.

*Flatliners* is about a young med school student who, along with four of his classmates, get as close to death as a human can possibly get. Soon three of the four classmates try it, unknown to them that when they return from Flatline they bring back someone from they're past. Someone they did some sort of injustice to.

If there was any weak point in this movie it was the inability to be really scary. Although Billy Mahony, the boy from Nelson's (played by Kiefer Sutherland) past was extremely scary, none of the other characters from the past were really scary. I mean, Joe's (played by William Baldwin) being haunted by women he secretly videotaped in the middle of sex without them knowing was not only not scary but stupid. Still, good old Billy Mahony more than made up for any moments in the movie that were less than scary.

Starring: Kiefer Sutherland, Kevon Bacon, William Baldwin, Julia Roberts, and Oliver Platt

**My Blue Heaven**  
Rated PG-13  
Three Fingers

*My Blue Heaven* is a fairly good, fairly funny comedy about a x-gangster who gets relocated to a small California town through the FBI witness relocation program. While awaiting trial (he's testifying against major drug dealers) he takes advantage of his legal "immunity", getting himself in trouble while always having a naive FBI agent bail him out.

The funniest aspect of this movie is how Vinnie makes no secret of his true identity, instead of trying to hide it. Although the movie is somewhat predictable as long as you don't use your brain and figure the plot out while watching it, you'll enjoy it. It is very entertaining and the acting performances from Steve Martin, Rick Moranis, and Joan Cusak are great.

Starring: Steve Martin, Rick Moranis, and Joan Cusak

### Other Movie Ratings

1. *The Jungle Book* - Three and One-half Fingers
2. *Die Hard II* - Three and One-half Fingers
3. *Back to the Future III* - Three Fingers

Four Fingers and a Thumb- Excellent  
Four Fingers- Great  
Three and a half Fingers- Very good  
Three Fingers- Good  
Two and a Half Fingers- Above average  
Two Fingers- Fair  
One and a half Fingers- Bad  
The Bird- Really, Really, Really Bad

## FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CHAIR

# The way Trammell plays game, should put him in Hall of Fame

by Kirk Weber

Four-teen years ago a skinny 19 year old shortstop played, ironically, 19 games for the Detroit Tigers. He batted only .186, and didn't collect a extra base hit or a run batted in. The starter Tom Veryzer hit only .197 in 125 games. So, the Tigers were willing to take a chance with a promising rookie the following season.

The next year, 1978, Alan Trammell was the starting shortstop for Detroit. The rest, as they say, is history. Alan Trammell will some day be elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame. If Trammell bats over .300 this season he will become merely the sixth shortstop to achieve .300 six times in his career. The other five players are all in the Hall of Fame. After the 1989 season Trammell's career fielding average was .976. Which is currently the fourth best ever. The record is Larry Bowa's .980. Trammell has also won four

Gold Glove Awards for fielding.

Some time in 1991 he will collect his 2,000 hit. Of the 15 Hall of Fame shortstops, the average player obtained 2,232 hits. If Trammell plays only another three years he should gain around 2,300 hits. As far has home runs, the typical Hall of Famer comprises 88. Trammell is presently a few shy of 150 homers. His .288 career batting average is just two points beneath the common Hall of Famer average of .290. By the time he retires most of his career statistics will compare kindly to those already in the hall.

Most of Alan Trammell's career he has been considered one of the best shortstops in baseball. Now he should be regarded as one of the finest to ever play his position. Remember the next time you watch Trammell perform you're watching a future Hall of Famer.

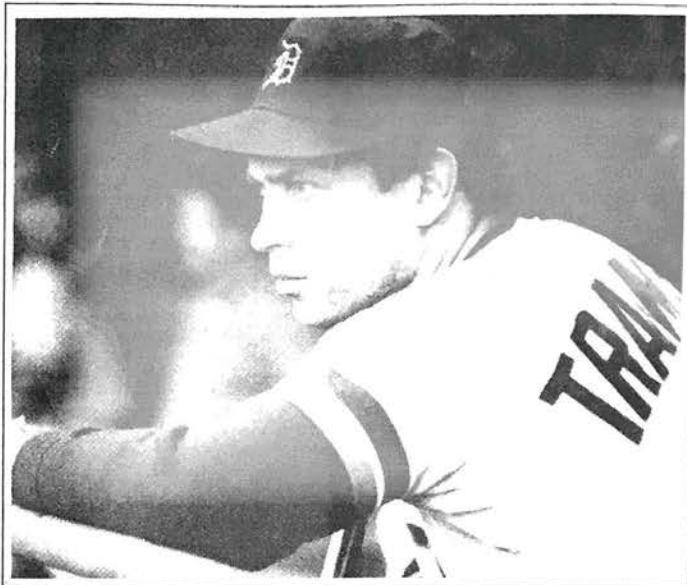


Photo by The Sporting News

Future Hall of Famer Alan Trammell is the best Tiger shortstop of all time.

### Pro Rated Trammell Compared to Hall of Famers

	Years	Ave	Runs	Hits	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Trammell	18	.288	1225	2325	384	59	181	965
Famers	19	.290	1167	2232	374	113	83	989

## THE BACK OF THE PLATE

# Rivalries are heartbeat of college football

by Kevin Weber

There are so many rivalries that at times it seems there isn't a game listed on a given Saturday that could not be described as a rivalry. Every team has at least one arch-rival, some several. They usually crop up within a conference, frequently because the schools are neighbors.

Whatever the reason for bitter rivalries, they exist all over the nation's gridirons and they add a certain something to college football. They give students reasons to rage and party and alumni something to savor. However, there are so many rivalries I had to narrow them down to possibly the seven biggest ones.

### Harvard-Yale

Harvard and Yale is probably the oldest rivalry in college football history. These two schools began playing each other in the autumn of 1875. At the Yale Bowl on a Saturday afternoon in November of 1983, Harvard and Yale met to play the one-hundredth game in their Ivy League rivalry. Approximately 70,000 fans cheered as more than 60 former Harvard and Yale captains were brought onto the field before the game.

### Army-Navy

This year the Army and Navy rivalry will celebrate its hundredth anniversary. In 1890, the Naval Academy at Annapolis,

Maryland, dared West Point's Military Academy to a game of soccer style football. The fact Army had no football team at the time was hardly a reason for them to not take up the challenge.

### Alabama-Georgia

Alabama-Auburn. Georgia-Florida. Alabama-LSU. Georgia-Georgia Tech. These schools have other rivals because they are two of the winningest college football teams of all time. That means that when they hook up with one another it often means a SEC championship is on the line. And when championships are on the line rivalries are made. This one began in 1895 and is still intensely heated.

### Texas-Oklahoma

"It's college football's equivalent of a prison riot- with coeds," wrote Sports Illustrated's Dan Jenkins, this is the annual war between Texas and Oklahoma. They first started their rivalry in 1900, and now it's a part of the Texas state fair. Played in the Cotton Bowl every year, it's often as hard a hitting a game in the stands as it is on the field.

### Notre Dame-USC

It began in 1926, and has done much to improve the state of college football. Two legendary coaches, Notre Dame's Knute Rockne and Southern Cal's Howard Jones, started it. It is possibly the biggest cross-country rivalry in the history of college football.

### Michigan-Ohio State

Bo Schembechler and Woody Hayes made this rivalry reach tremendous levels. Today it is possible the biggest rivalry around often deciding the Big Ten Championship. It began in 1897.

### USC-UCLA

Often deciding the PAC-Ten title and the right to go to the Rose Bowl. This rivalry will enjoy 61 years of football lore this season. It has also had its share of Heisman Trophy winners add to the excitement of this game.

Rivalries are the heart of college football. And as you know you can not live with out a heart. So, as long as rivalries beat on, college football will beat on.

### The Longest Undefeated Streaks

Washington	63	1907-17
Michigan	56	1901-05
California	50	1920-25