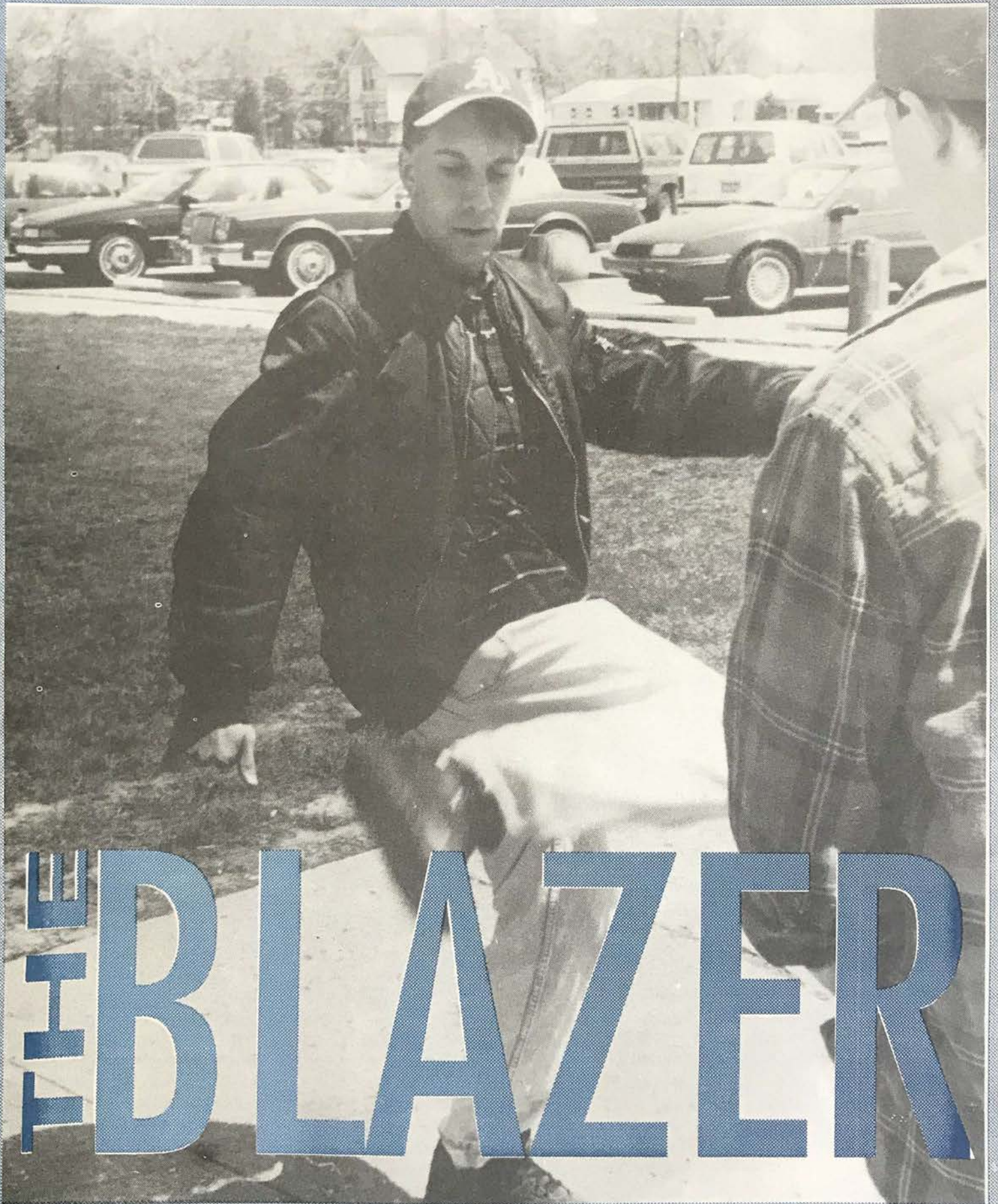


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ON THE COVER

Summer's a time for fun in the sun, and Jeff Barbera and his buddies found the time for a little hacky-sac. Pretty soon we'll have time to play all day.

Photo by Janni Darling

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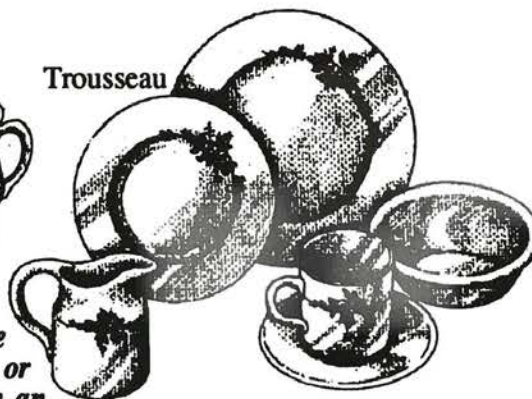
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This year's graduating class will soon face problems of the world

On May 30, 1992, the departing seniors of our school will celebrate an event they will remember for the rest of their lives. However, for the forgotten living on the street, it is but one of many endless days roaming amidst human misery. While we clothe ourselves in our caps and gowns, rival nations are arming themselves for war. As we listen to our commencement speeches, a mother screams when her daughter is caught in the cross-fire of two gangs wielding deadly

automatic rifles. Graduation is a time when families and friends come together, but America is being torn apart by a melting pot of races that is passed the boiling point and ready to explode. The graduating seniors have long lives ahead, filled with dreams of hope and promise. But for the depressed AIDS patient contemplating suicide, a tomorrow without hope or promise, is merely another day filled with night mares. Although many futures of this year's departing class look bright and advantageous, we cannot forget that it will be our generation's task to solve the difficulties facing

SEX, LIES, AND
MY OPINION



by Len Stefania

our country. Our generation faces numerous dilemmas, including such varied problems as crime, disease, war, and the environment. Also, it falls on our shoulders to make hard choices about abortion rights, energy consumption, and the ongoing proliferation of deadly weapons in our society. Other problems in our society take on a more human nature. For example, we must rescue the homeless from their poverty, and catch the welfare-stricken and their children before they fall beneath the poverty line and into the streets. We must defend ourselves from the enormous threat of drugs by attacking it on two fronts, both on the demand

and supply sides. In terms of our global community, our generation must strive to continue on the path of peace and unity. We cannot allow ourselves to be shaded against a certain group of people because of their nationality. Our generation must learn to unlock the prisons of prejudice, and rid ourselves of these feelings of hatred and animosity. We must come to realize that we are all one people, and that we are all children of the earth. Therefore, we must learn that war is not an answer to a problem, but merely the escalation of a problem. We must teach the world that we cannot bomb our neighbor's children. For it is today's new generation of leaders that must serve as tomorrow's hope.

The Disintegration Continues

Despite the many weak attempts to save the city, Flint is still falling apart.

What is wrong with the city of Flint? Once the greatest automobile empire of the world, Flint is now only a jumble of crime, poverty, and scattered remains of a once mighty empire. Flint holds one of the highest per capita crime rates in the world. Unemployment is everywhere. While many people have fled, the optimistic have stayed, only to be kicked in the face more. Who or what is to blame for this horrible mess?

Even with only a fraction of the workforce it once had, General Motors still has the rule of the city. At one point, over 60% of Flint's population either worked for General Motors or were indirectly connected to it. but with numerous plant closings and ever-increasing layoffs, many people have been forced to seek other jobs which are seemingly unavailable or suitable. Blue collar workers blame the white collar hierarchy for closing down their jobs and sending them to other places (such as Mexico) or replacing their jobs

with machines just to save money. Evidence of this widespread dissent can be found in Michael Moore's movie *Roger & Me* and Ben Hamper's book *Rivthead*. General Motors executives place the blame on the Japanese and the ever-increasing competitive market. They have also accused the blue collar labor force of decreased productivity due to slacking off during work hours and absenteeism. Many have also blamed the Union for demanding better pay and benefits for General Motors workers, thus increasing the cost of labor.

Downtown Flint was once a shopper's paradise. Stores of every kind were all within walking distance of each other. All that remains of this great commercial center is a few scattered stores and boarded-up buildings. While not as bad as other parts of Flint, downtown is far from being a safe place. With the introduction of

the three malls (one of which is almost deserted) located outside of Flint, downtown was left alone while shopping was transferred to the new locations or other cities. Near the malls, commercial zones sprang up and deserted the rest of Flint. With only a few specialty stores, Flint as a whole has little to offer today's consumers.

LEFT FIELD



by Ryan Sapp

Government has also taken much of the blame for Flint's decline. Continued lack of funds hamper the city's budget. Many of Flint's schools are in a state of crisis. Flint has also lacked leadership throughout the years. A weak mayor is continually elected each term. City council continues to squabble and therefore accomplishes little. One of the main concerns of many people is the continuous tax breaks given to General Motors, one of Flint's major sources of income. Police pay is low and adequate protec-

tion is not provided to Flint's citizens.

Efforts to revitalize Flint have failed miserably. While millions of dollars have been pumped in, little has ever come out of it. The multi-million dollar Autoworld was hyped up to be the biggest attractions to come to Michigan. After two years of dismal profits, Autoworld closed. Other attempts to reopen it were successful. Water Street Pavilion was an attempt to turn downtown into a cultural center and thus revitalize. After many years of sagging business, most of the restaurants and stores closed, leaving only an unattended ice skating rink. With no major sports teams of interest and no movie theaters inside the city, entertainment in Flint is nil. This may explain the reason why so many gang members roam the city.

What can be done to help Flint turn into the teeming city that it once was? A new, great attraction? More industrial factories and jobs? It's not an easy answer. Perhaps one of us will come up with brilliant ideas and at least turn back the vicious cycle that Flint is under.

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Four

Andrea Donatelli-
Sophomore: My Dad.
Because he works hard
for where he is in life.



Steve Hamaker- Junior:
Christian Laettner. I
enjoy watching him play
basketball and I admire
his talent for the game.



Whom do you admire most ? Why?

Mr. Workman- Principal:
John F. Kennedy. He dedi-
cated himself to public serv-
ice.



Rachelle Storey- Freshman:
My parents. For putting up
with me.



Eric Smith- Senior:
Bugs Bunny. He views the
world with charm and wit,
and the humility of a
wascaawy wabbit.

King verdict a corruption of justice

by Mike Palumbo

The recent videotape of four Los Angeles police officers beating motorist gave the public dramatic concern about the lopsidedness and double standard of police brutality.

Then the nation was shocked with another racist message when a jury of ten whites, one Hispanic, and one Asian looked at the evidence and let the cops off. Was this an act of police brutality? No, said the jury. It was simply responsible police work. One of the jurors, in a confidential interview with CNN, said, "Rodney King was in control of the situation at all times."

Many riots have been sparked by this incident. Some say that the verdict justifies the angry outburst of racial violence and all the looting that has been going on as of late. This seems to be a natural response from a violent and greedy society. Others see

pictures of blacks looting and trashing Korean-owned stores and conclude that blacks would rather loot from stores rather than work.

The verdict from the Rodney King case has critics on either side of the coin. In a time when we should be working together against crime, this verdict pushes blacks away from whites and pushes cops away from all civilians.

In all reality, you don't have to be a hateful person to feel outraged by the Rodney King trial verdict. One of the jurors who wanted to remain anonymous denied that race played a part in the jury's decision. Now if that had been a white person and he or she had behaved that way, the jury would have probably given the same verdict, right? Maybe.

In general, black people have more reason to fear black crime, or any

crime for that matter, because they are most often the victims of crime. African-Americans can't overlook the concerned whites in America and other good citizens of any any race who want to work with the police to get rid of bad cops and improve community-police relations. This only can be accomplished in a society where people are civil and respectable and not rioting and killing people.

The responsibility and the burden of bringing about a more civil society rest upon upon our politicians. If they would deligate more money to education, then people would be more aware of other races. Education is the key for a civil and happy society.

The city riots of the 1960's are much like the riots of 1992. They might lead the way to cooperation and hopefully a better, more civil place to live.

Fonger, Valasek win model search

by Tammy Lynn White

Nicole Valasek and Lisa Fonger have been chosen in the top 50 out of 600 girls on April 23 during the Manhattan Model Search at the Ramada Inn on Pierson Road. The Manhattan Model Search looks for girls with the model "look".

"It is an honor to be selected among so many girls," said Nicole.

"It was a great experience, and it was a good chance to meet a lot of new people," said Lisa.

The Manhattan Model Search visits close to 150 cities each year and selects the best models from each place to meet with several of the world's leading model agencies. Some of these include Elite, Spectrum, Name, H/V,

Gilla-Roos, Cameo, Company and Maxx-Men.

The girls have a chance to go to Detroit to meet with these prestigious agencies. They will also here guest speakers and a panel of top New York agents. The experience may lead to a future with a top New York modeling agency.

FHS finished 4th in Science- Math competition

by Dave McKone

The greatest minds in the Big Nine collided head to head in Big Nine Math and Science Competition at Owosso High School on May 6.

The contest consisted of 13 separate academic events. Twelve students were selected by our math and Science teachers to perform in the contests. The thirteenth event was a collaboration on the part of the students to complete a

group test. Nine of the students took standardized tests, while the remaining three tried their ability at performing laboratory experiments. The results of the thirteen events were added together, the totals deciding the winning teams. Flushing students participating were: Chris Lorenze, Physics; Ed Elsner, Physics lab; Scott Gifford, Calculus; Mark O'Dell, Trigonometry; Steve Considine,

Analytic Geometry; Dave McKone, Chemistry; Julie Bisguier, Chemistry Lab; Rick Tonda, Geometry; Lynette Daig, Biology; Tracy Boggs, Biology Lab; Jason Brooks, Algebra I, and Amanda Elsner, Algebra II. Tied for first place was Grand Blanc and Owosso. Powers placed second and Davison placed third. Flushing finished a close fourth.

Election results

Student Council

President - Angie Lawrence
Vice President - Amy Hamilton
Secretary - Carrie Webb
Treasurer - Adam Delaney

Senior Class

President- Jason Diehl
Vice President- Dave McKone
Secretary- Cindy Cales
Treasurer- Andrea Brenner

Junior Class

President- Dave Collins
Vice President- Mike Stewart
Secretary - Amy Clodfelter
Treasurer - Kristen Klipa

Sophomore Class

President - Cindy Vandenbosch
Vice President - Ashley Atkinson
Secretary - Amanda Petrowski
Treasurer - Lori Raquepaw

Schedule of Senior Events

May 27- Honors Convocation
High School Gym 7:30 PM

May 28- Senior Brunch
Walli's West 11 AM \$5

May 29- Second Semester
Financial Obligations Due

May 30- Commencement
Practice
Whiting Auditorium 9-11 AM

May 30- Commencement
Whiting Auditorium
Line up at 7 PM

May 30- Collection of Gowns
Whiting Auditorium
After Commencement
\$5 Late Fee for those turned in
on June 1. \$10 Fee after June 1

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Artist's Palette Purchase awards winners announced

by Dan Hemple

The annual Flushing Art Exhibit was displayed the nights of May 18 and 19. Among 250 paintings, few were less than excellent.

The students' ability and incredible diversity are seen in the deeply emotional watercolors of Andy Summerfield as well as in those by Steve Hamaker. Whereas the overwhelming acrylics by Doug Yott and Dan Hemple show the students' ability to create works of large scale while still being able to infuse them with their personal style.

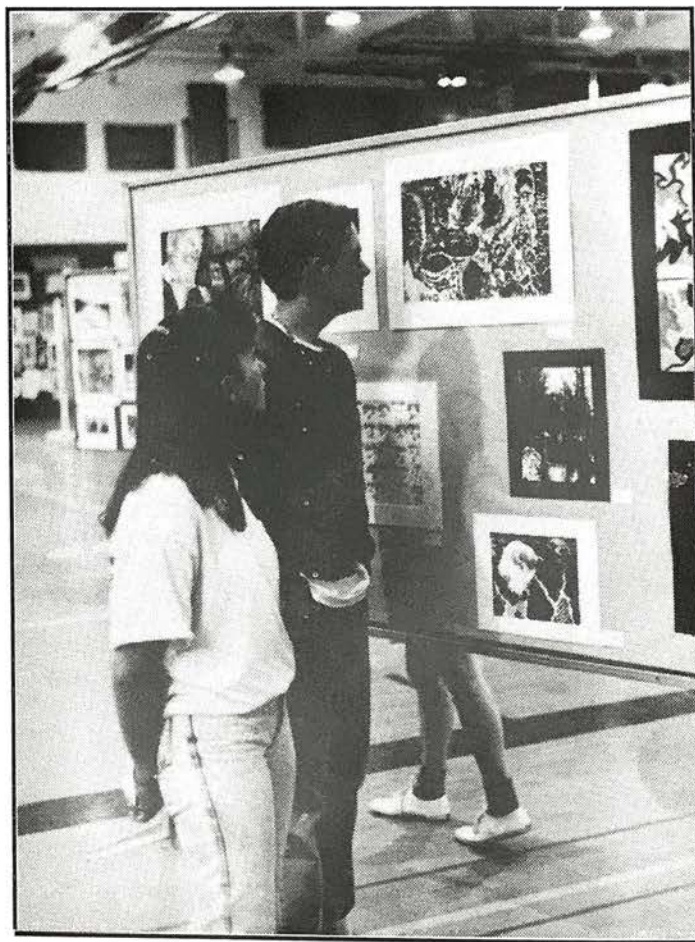
Mr. Wolfgang says, "This year's show was one of the strongest ever."

The show also included works by the elementary and junior high students of George Winkiel, Robert Barnes, Sue Leathley, and Bob Huebel.

Each year the administration along with the Flushing Women's Club select and purchase five pieces. They will frame each piece

Visitors to the annual art show included freshman Barbara Hostetler and sophomore Bill Tomcala.

Photo by Janni Darling.



and will be placing them in the classrooms and in the library. The five purchase winners are Denise Rintamaki, Steve Hamaker, Dan

Hemple, Doug Yott, and Becky Cross.

Students attend Shakespearian play

by Tim Jahr

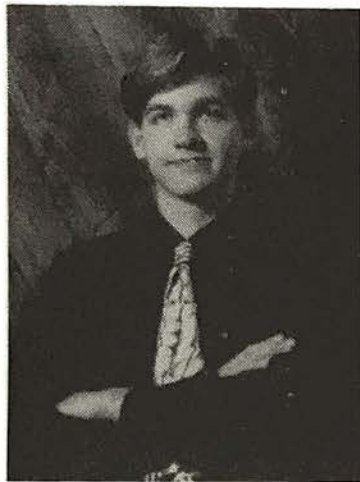
On Monday, May 20, about 220 people from our school visited Stratford, Ontario in Canada. The trip, which originated as a field trip for the freshman English class, was to go see a professionally acted version of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. The teachers decided to take this trip to show their classes another version of the play which the freshmen read in their English classes earlier this school

year. The five busloads of freshmen and other students, who were offered the trip to fill the last bus from their Drama, Shakespeare, and Modern English Literature classes, departed at eight in the morning. The play was performed by a group of professional actors. The actress who played Juliet was well known to the visitors from the PBS special *Anne of Green Gables*.

"The play was well acted, but it was different than I expected. I expected it to be set in Shakespearian times, but it was set in the 1930's," said Freshman Nikki Calendar. The play was acted out in the traditional Shakespearian language, but it was done in 1930's costumes. The play has been done in a number of time periods, including a 1950's setting, complete with motorcycles and leather jackets.

Presenting Flushing's Academic All-Stars:

May 1992



Mark O'Dell has earned a 4.0 GPA to graduate at the top of his class. Mark has one older brother Mike, a U of M graduate who lives in Ann Arbor. He plans on attending U of M Ann Arbor for the College of Engineering. Mark, who is the son of Jerry and Patricia, participates in several extra-curricular activities including Marching Band, Drama Club, I.T.S, and some plays and musicals even though he says he can't sing a note. His hobbies are car racing and watching Monty Python movies. During Mark's last year in Marching Band, he became famous for a very public relationship with Catherine as Henry V.

-by Holli Jones



Ed Elsner, the son of Nancy and Tomas Elsner has earned a 3.95 GPA. "It's an honor to be one of the best students in my class. It's something I've been expecting for years so the thrill isn't there," said Ed. Ed's involvements are extended a lot further than studies alone. He is co-captain of Quiz Bowl, Spanish Club President and past treasurer, a member of AFS International Club, the National Honor Society, the Student Council, the Math

and Science team, his Church Youth Group and Choir, GMI Engineering Explorers, and Computer Programming Team.

He is on the Academic All State Team. Ed has been awarded a scholarship of \$1000 to GMI from the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, and a \$1000 Doctor Robert W. Smith Scholarship from the American Society for Metals.

After graduation he plans on attending GMI Engineering and Management Institution for his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. After five years at GMI he plans on going after a master's degree at a different school.

-by Sara Nickel

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Jonquil Bertschi's interests include theatre, fish, and everything in between. Theatre credits include *My Fair Lady*, *Web of Murder*, and *Earth Connection*; Fish credits include Ahzim, Marilyn, and twelve as yet unnamed baby fish. Jonquil, who is the daughter of Alice and John Bertschi, is currently an active member of Drama Club, SLO, AFS, EAG, French club, and is a student council representative. She will attend Kalamazoo College in the fall, and study "something foreign." When she graduates, Jonquil plans to save the world.

-by Scott Gifford

Louis Andrew Stefanic (son of William and Harriet Jenkins) is eagerly awaiting graduation. Although he is, he'll miss the four years he spent in the High School. He was a member of EAG, SLO, AFS, French Club, and was a staff writer/columnist for the Blazer (his writings on the Blazer led to the formation of a Lou Stefanic fan club, an organization of underclassmen with similar views on such issues as gun control). He maintained a 3.79 G.P.A. overall. Lou enjoys driving around in his black Geo Storm.

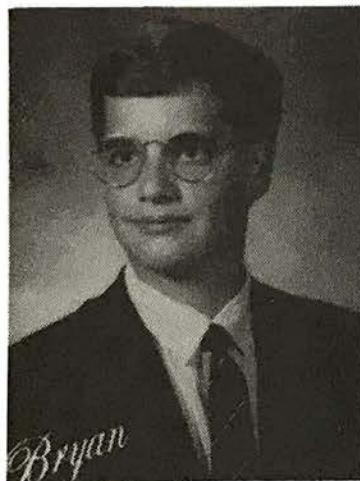
Lou has a eight month old brother named Joseph William.

Lou plans on attending U of M Ann Arbor in the fall, majoring in Pre-Med.

-by Melissa Rettenmund



Eight



Brian P. Johnson is one of the top ten in his senior class with a 3.75 grade average. Next fall he will be attending University of Michigan, Ann Arbor where he will be majoring in engineering.

Bryan has been a member of the Flushing Raider Marching Band, Orchestra, Student Leadership Organization, National Honor Society, Ski Club, Student Council, International Thespian Society, and the Spanish Club. His hobbies includes reading, fishing, baseball, and basketball. He also has a black belt in Hopkido. He lives with his parents James and Jane, and younger sister Krista.

-by Deidre Swann

Bryan

the best of the best from the class of '92

May 1992



Jennifer Ann Bentley has been a very busy student in high school. This year alone she was Vice President of SLO, President of Key Club, captain of the track team, a Student Council representative, a member of the school improvement committee, and a first chair in orchestra. With all these activities, when does Jennifer find time to sleep?

"I don't, I have to keep my priorities straight," she said.

Jennifer is planning on relaxing this summer.

"I'm going to look for a job, but I hope I don't find one," she added.

After that she plans to study at Western Michigan University, studying either Special Education/occupational therapy, or sports medicine. a job.

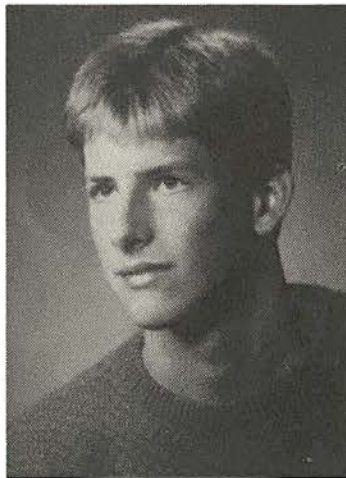
-by Scott Gifford

During his Senior year **Chris Lorenz** has been very active in various leadership organizations. Chris served as President of the senior class, a DARE role model, and a co-op student at AC Rochester. Chris' academic ability and his ambition earned him a scholarship from the Flushing Lions Club based on leadership and school involvement. Chris had the honor of returning to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar as a youth counselor after being the award recipient his sophomore year.

He was a member of AFS, SLO, E.A.G. (Environmental Activists Group), the French Club, and Student Council. "The reason I have been active in so many different organizations is that I like to have a say in the way things are done," says Chris. Chris's college plans include attending the U of M Ann Arbor, majoring in chemical engineering followed by the competition of a law degree. His ultimate career goal is to practice law specializing in Environmental Law.



-by Jennifer Adamson



Mike Pardeik has had a very busy and productive year. He has ended his high school career with a 3.940 GPA. Mike, who is the son of Janis and Dennis Pardeik, has been a member of the National Honor Society and has also held the office of treasurer in this group.

He was also involved in J.V. basketball and J.V. tennis, as well as a variety of intramural sports. Other extra curricular activities that Mike has participated in are the Environmental Action Group, Youth Fire, and the Spanish Club. He has also received awards for perfect attendance, honor roll, and academic letters. Mike has already figured out a few plans for after graduation. He plans to attend GMI upon finding a sponsor or he may attend U of M Flint and then transfer to Michigan Tech. Mike plans to major in Electrical Engineering.

-by Stacey Smithkey



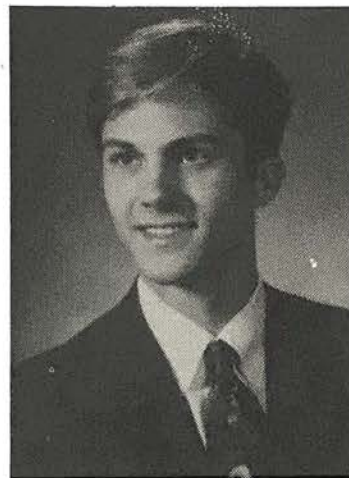
Jenny Marie Panula, one of Flushing's top ten, is 17 and living with her mother, Connie and stepfather, Fred Thompson. Jenny credits her mom and stepfather for supporting her a lot through high school and helping her out.

Jenny's grade point average is 3.84. She is hoping to attend Central Michigan University where she will major in special education and minor in music.

Among Jenny's extra-curricular activities are marching band for four years, wind ensemble for three years, orchestra for three years, orchestra pit for three years, and National Honor's Society for one year.

Jeff Pierce, son of Carl and Debbie Pierce, is perhaps the most active individual in FHS. Jeff has been a member of the SLO, Varsity Club, National Honor Society, Captain's Corp, and he is also Vice President of the Student Council and the President of the Environmental Action Group. Jeff was the captain of the Track and Ski teams and was a member of this year's cross country team. The Senior Class voted him "Most Active". Next year Jeff will study biology at Kalamazoo College. He would like to work in the genetics field or research on cancer and Parkinson's disease after college.

-by Kim Coombs



-by Tami Ragan

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Nine



Michigan Tech



- LOOK FOR: John Donnay and Jerry Pippot
- ALUMNI INCLUDE: Mark Erlenbech
- APPLICATION FEE: \$20
- LOCATION: Houghton
- ROOM & BOARD: \$2710
- DISTRICT RESIDENTS: \$1950 per qtr.

EMU



- LOOK FOR: Mary Marsh
- ALUMNI INCLUDE: Eric Kociba, Matt Clerhout, and Kristen Overweg
- APPLICATION FEE: \$20
- LOCATION: Ypsilanti
- ROOM & BOARD: \$2500
- DISTRICT RESIDENTS: \$1656 sem.

FERRIS STATE

- LOOK FOR: Chris Marsh and Beth Forcier
- ALUMNI INCLUDE: Jon Rousseau, Jennifer Lintz, and Keith Foley.
- APPLICATION FEE: \$20
- LOCATION: Big Rapids
- ROOM & BOARD: \$2538
- TUITION: \$1749 per QTR.

MSU



- LOOK FOR: Mike Palumbo, Brian Kot, Kent Young, and Laurie Walczak
- ALUMNI INCLUDE: Eric Kot, Molly Decker, and Bridgette Smith
- APPLICATION FEE: \$20
- LOCATION: East Lansing
- ROOM & BOARD: \$2634
- DISTRICT RESIDENTS: \$2546

WMU



- LOOK FOR: Ed Salim, Joel Soderman, and John Heystek
- ALUMNI INCLUDE: Dave Salim, Julie Gogas, and Ryan Noe
- APPLICATION FEE: \$25
- LOCATION: Kalamazoo
- ROOM & BOARD: 2781 sem.
- MICHIGAN RESIDENTS: \$1798 sem.

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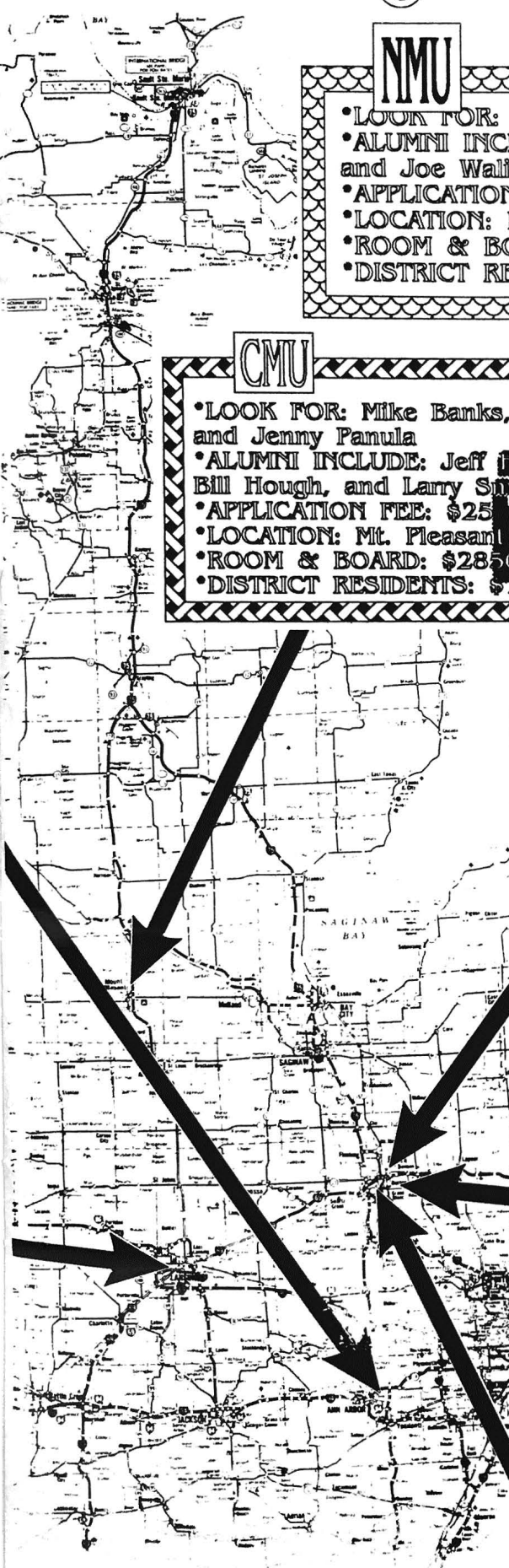
Ten



You can get there from here...

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by Jim Johnston and Ed Salim



NMU

- LOOK FOR: Kyle Dumas
- ALUMNI INCLUDE: Jennifer Sheffield and Joe Walicki
- APPLICATION FEE: None
- LOCATION: Marquette
- ROOM & BOARD: \$2985
- DISTRICT RESIDENTS: \$5905 sem.



CMU

- LOOK FOR: Mike Banks, Becky Cross, and Jenny Panula
- ALUMNI INCLUDE: Jeff Miller, Bill Hough, and Larry Smithkey
- APPLICATION FEE: \$25
- LOCATION: Mt. Pleasant
- ROOM & BOARD: \$2850
- DISTRICT RESIDENTS: \$1662 sem.



UofM (Flint)

- LOOK FOR: Will Surface, Andy Nyquist, and Ann Parks
- ALUMNI INCLUDE: Rod Rangel, Steve Reese, and Tiffany Atwell
- APPLICATION FEE: \$30
- ROOM & BOARD: None
- DISTRICT RESIDENTS: \$1700 sem.



Mott Community

- LOOK FOR: Jim Johnston, Kevin Fitz, and Andy Lynch
- ALUMNI INCLUDE: Curtis Sparks, Brian Wagner, and Dave Craig
- APPLICATION FEE: None
- LOCATION: Flint
- ROOM & BOARD: None
- DISTRICT RESIDENTS: \$59 per Credit



Baker

- LOOK FOR: Peter Fellow and Tonya Ahrens
- ALUMNI INCLUDE: Greg Loucks
- APPLICATION FEE: \$20
- LOCATION: Flint
- ROOM & BOARD: \$1725
- DISTRICT RESIDENTS: \$3600 per QTR.



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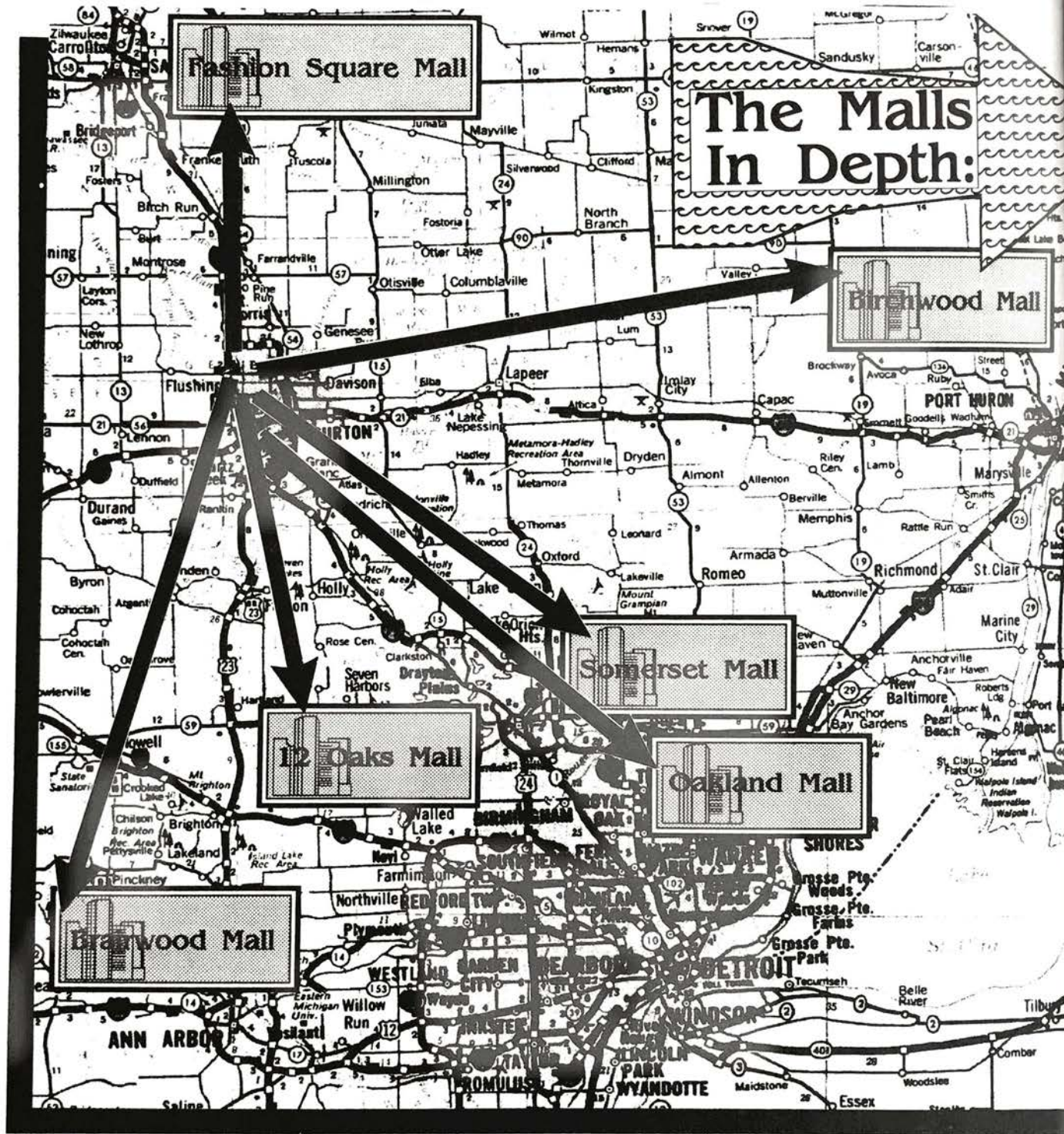
...and while you're on the road

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Tache

By Steve Schreiber and Brian Gasperovsky



Our Top Two Picks:

#1.

12 Oaks Mall, Novi

#2.

Somerset Mall, Detroit



For those of you out there that aren't going to college this year and need something to do we wrote this spread for you. We diligently traipsed about the globe searching for malls to critique for you. Here are six malls within reasonable

driving distance of Flushing. We did not critique Genesee Valley because if you haven't been there, you probably won't be interested in this spread anyway. Enough with the formalities and on with the show.

12 Oaks Mall, Off I-96, Novi-

Welcome to the granddaddy of all malls. The imposing structure with acres of parking lot, pay valet parking and its own water tower can easily be seen from the freeway. Enter through any door and you are greeted by a sea of people big and small. By far the largest mall of any we visited, 12 Oaks boasts four gigantic branches from its center axis all of which have two stories. Anchor stores include Lord and Taylor and Hudson's. Restaurants include Ruby Tuesday's and the normal complement of fast food shacks. With its innumerable amount of stores which include The Sharper Image, Banana Republic, and Aeroflat, this mall has something for everyone. Rest assured there are plenty of teenagers at 12 Oaks. One can look down any corridor and see a sea of different colored letter jackets from all the surrounding schools. In short, it is worth the hour and a half drive to get there.

know you're closer to Detroit and the "big" malls when you drive-up to the valet parking. It's a little darker lit than a normal mall and its three wings branch to go above and below the ground level before entering the anchor store. It also contains a four theater multi-plex to relax in. But by far the mall's crowning feature is its four story Hudson's store. Think the Polo section is too small at Genesee Valley? You get a whole 1/4 of a floor to drool over shirts with a guy on a horse on them. Or maybe there just aren't enough make-up and perfume counters for you around town. The Oakland Hudson's has its entire main floor is dedicated to cosmetics. As far as mall people go, the clientele of Oakland is not for those looking to pick up a high school date. While there are some teenagers shopping and hanging out, the upper middle class adults far out number them. So go if you love Hudson's but not if you're looking to make a love connection.

restaurants and an extremely large dining area. Though the main entrance is almost overwhelming, the rest of the mall is less than satisfactory. The major stores include Target, JC Penny, and Phanges, a store which is comparable to a cross between JC Penny and Target. Shoppers are of all age groups and classes, simply because this is the only major mall in the Port Huron area. If you happen to be in the Port Huron area, this mall can be worth the stop, but intentionally making the 60 minute drive to is a complete waste of time and gas.

Fashion Square, off I-675, Tittabawassee-

This mall is nothing to really look at in our opinion outside or in. Fashion Square is one of those malls that was built way back when with nothing special in mind and that was that. It's center court is nice enough, though rather sparse. It has the "normal" anchor stores Hudson's, JC Penny, and Sears, but it also has, unfortunately, Weichman's. Weichman's, its kind of a mall bound Value City. The mall does contain other mall shop "standards" like JB Robinson Jewelers and such, but nothing out of the ordinary. The mall does, however, have a uniquely designed Taco Bell sorry that's really all we can say for this mall. The people frequenting the mall seemed to be about a 50/50 split between adults and kids. To sum it up, go if you need something to do in Saginaw, but don't make a trip just to go there.

Briarwood, off I-94, State

Briarwood is a mall-walkers dream. The architecture and the layout of the building is extremely impressive. Though most of Briarwood is on a single floor, stairways leading everywhere really take you no-where, but it keeps the building visually interesting. For shoppers, Briarwood isn't a dream, but it has much more to offer than most. Many of the stores in this mall can be found in most malls, but many of these stores carry hard to find items and imported products in addition to their usual merchandise. Since Briarwood is located near the University of Michigan, most shoppers are college students. Overall, Briarwood is certainly worth the drive and it shouldn't disappoint anyone.

Somerset Mall, off I-75, Big Beaver Rd.-

Enter this mall and wow. Let's start by saying if you're intimidated wealth, don't go. Also if you're expecting thousands of shops, don't go. However, if you enjoy looking at things that you could never ever afford go here. You are now in the realm of free valet parking. You are now in the realm of seeing Piston John Sally as a fellow shopper. That's right John made a purchase and left right before our very eyes. New construction has made the mall a bit of a mess, but it will be completed in August. There was only one cafe open to eat at when we went, and it had moderate to high prices. But the real thing this mall has to offer is the super-expensive boutiques like Burberry's, Gucci, and Brooks Brothers that line it's two corridors. The mall boasts Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus as it's anchor stores. The clientel is old, ultra-rich, and snooty. Don't go to just hang out here; the guards in Polo shirts are likely to kick you out. However, if you would like to see stores that we didn't even think graced Michigan with their presence, this is the place. Also, if you think you want to buy something at Somerset, expect to pay top dollar and bring the "magic plastic".

Oakland Mall, off I-75, in Sterling Hts.-

You say you just can't get enough of Hudson's? Then with all the enthusiasm we can muster, by all means go to Oakland. However you get into the parking lot the front entrance is something to see. It's kind of an art-deco type of design with lots of iron girders and geometric shapes. However, you

Birchwood Mall, off M-25 north, Port Huron-

Birchwood appears to be very impressive with its large carousel behind a wall of glass as you approach the main entrance. Once inside, you enter a noisy atmosphere where people are eating and playing games in the tilt, conveniently located to one side of the carousel. The rest of the main entrance area is filled with fast food

A Message From the Writers

We hope you enjoy the malls and have a good summer. If you don't agree with our opinions, tough. They're ours and you can't have them. But if do agree with us by all means you may bow before us if you choose. Your humble public servants Brian and Steve.

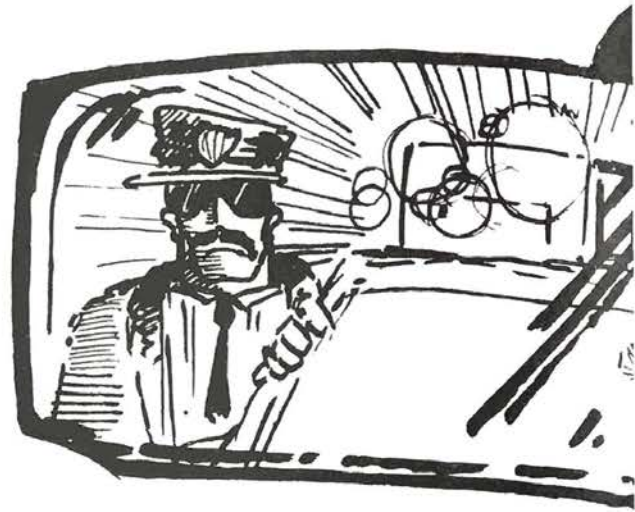
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Things that you might not want to do while driving by a police car....

1. Throw beer cans out window
2. Avoid the officer
3. Act suspicious
4. Driving too slow
5. Driving too fast



What to do if you see t

by Larry Bobo and Justin Kane



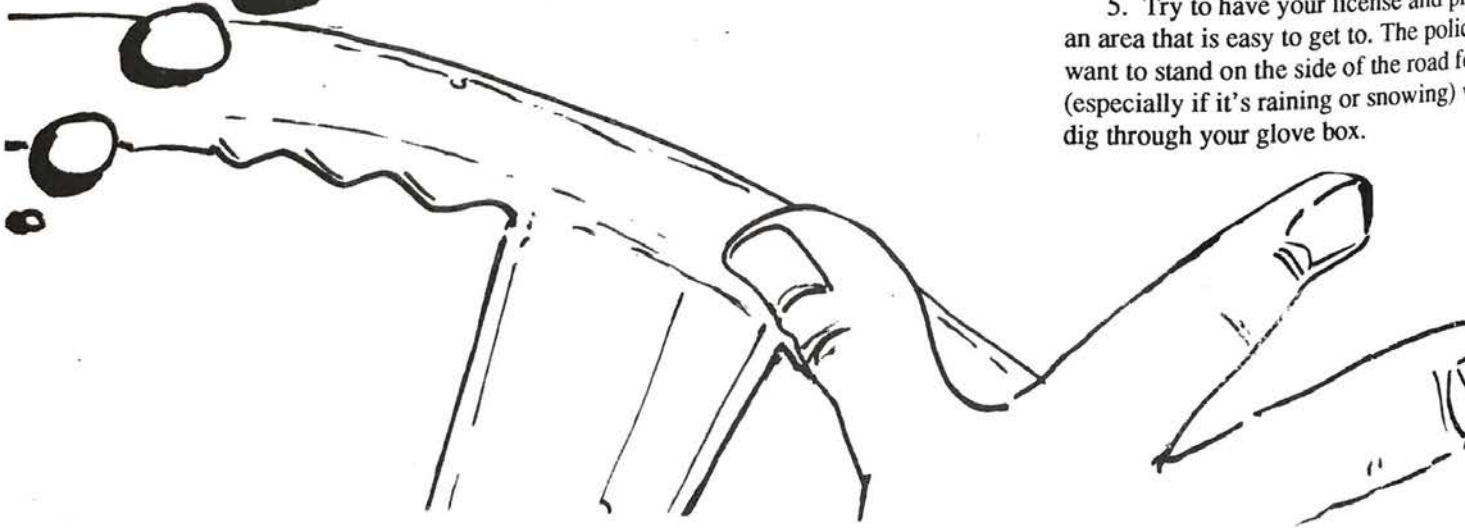
1. When you see his lights go on, pull over immediately in a safe area so the cop won't get into your vehicle.

2. When he approaches the car, hand over your license, down, radio off, and hands where he can see them. You don't want to think you're reaching for a gun. Be polite and respect.

3. Be polite no matter what. If you tell him to go to hell, you're going to get a ticket.

4. Politely ask the police officer what he needs. Hand it over and assure him he had the right to stop you. Even if you think he didn't have the right to stop you.

5. Try to have your license and proof of insurance in an area that is easy to get to. The police officer wants to stand on the side of the road for a while (especially if it's raining or snowing) so dig through your glove box.





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6. Don't try to tell him how to do his job. NO one likes that! Especially a police officer, because he knows what's right and what's wrong. You will get a ticket.
7. Listen to the police officer's side of the story. (If he decides to tell you one.)
8. When he asks for a good reason, don't tell him you trying to clean the dirt out of your tires. You will get a ticket.
9. If you think the officer is going to give you a ticket, then tell the officer that you're very sorry, and if he lets you go this time that you will never, ever do this again.
10. If the officer's pen hits the paper and he is writing, then forget it. Because once they start filling out a ticket, they more than likely will finish it. Don't beg the police officer. They don't like beggars. Just suffer!

graphics by Eric Smith

67 DISTRICT COURT		
Fines and Points for speeding & other violations		
miles over	finer	points
1-10	\$50	2
11-15	\$60	3
16-20	\$70	4
21-25	\$80	4
26-30	\$95	4
31-35	\$130	4
36-40	\$190	4
40-+	\$215	4

VIOLATIONS		
1. Unsafe start	\$50	0
2. Seatbelt violation	\$35	0
3. No proof of insurance	\$105	0
4. Following too close	\$50	0
5. Drove while license expired	\$40	2
6. Disobey traffic signals	\$50	3
7. Defective signal	\$50	3

Famous one liners to get out of a speeding ticket....

- 1. I had to go pee, officer.**
- 2. Low on gas, I have to coast to the gas station.**
- 3. I thought the speed limit was 105 mph, officer.**
- 4. Was I going that fast? I'm sorry officer.**
- 5. I'm going to be late for school. Can you escort me there?**

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Come to Flushing for

Photos and story
by Lisa Morris

Flushing is the cruise capital of Michigan according to the House and Senate in April of '90. There is approximately 70 members in the club. A & W is the Cruisers club house where they met once a month and talk about their cars. Owners of cars '64 and older can come to the cruise and be in the club. Cars include street rods, customs and restored originals.

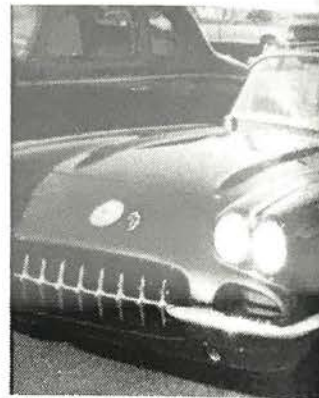


'56 Ford Crown Victoria owned by Ken and Pat Vanniman of Lapeer.



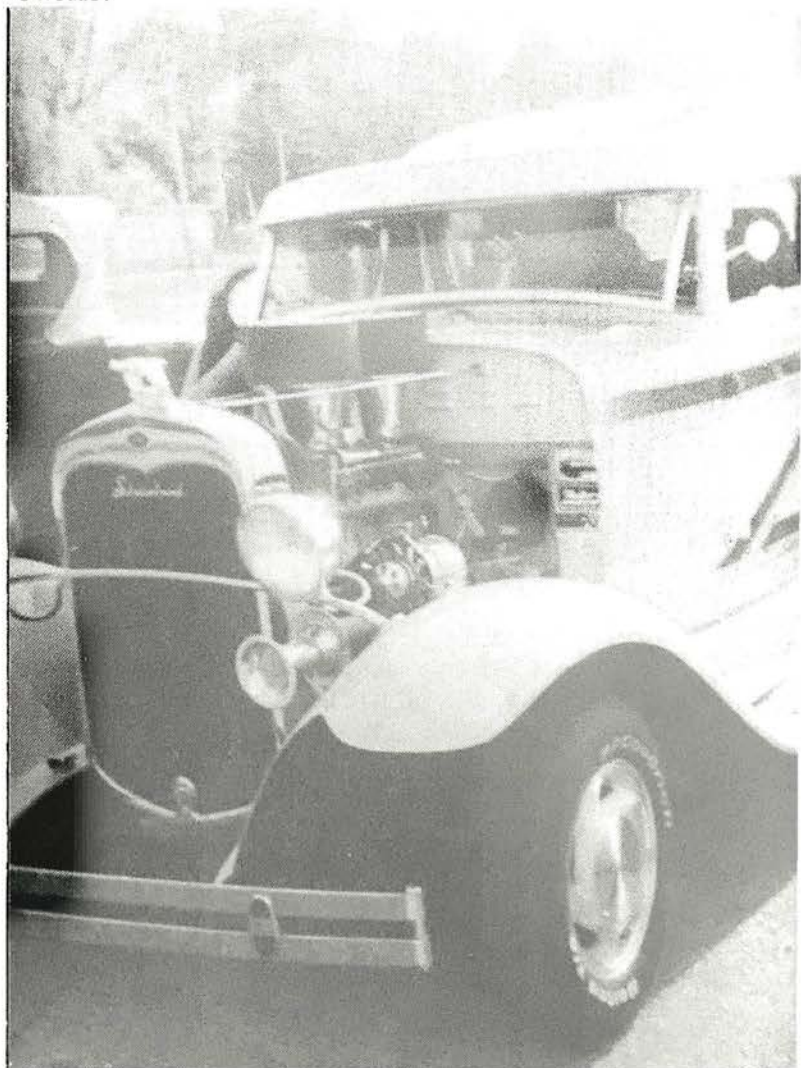
'57 Ford retractable hard top. This model was made for three years. This one has a rebuilt Cobra 302 H.O.

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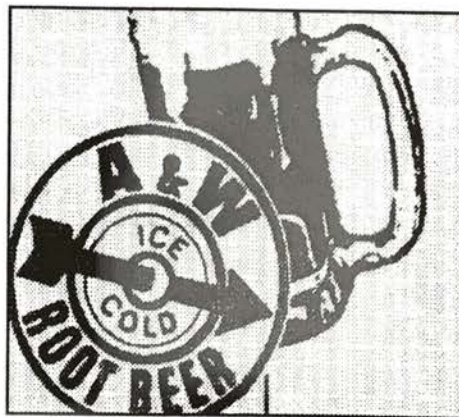
'59 Chevrolet Corvette engine. Greg Klingler

'31 Ford Model A with a rebuilt 350 Chevy engine owned by Dan Owosso.



Cruisin' at the A&W

The biggest cruise of the year happens June 20, at Flushing A & W. Since April of '87, people have come from all over Michigan and Canada to show-off their restored and customized vehicles that have been returned to their show room condition on the third Saturday of the months April through September. Come join the fun!



with a modified
from Davison is the

'72 Chevelle SS 454C.I.D.
original. Rob Melancon of
Flushing owns it.



'55 Chevy Belair, all original. This car was stored in a Baltimore museum for 13 years before it was sold at auction. Ann Sullivan from Saginaw is the owner.



The coolest cars in the High School student lot

Matt Bleck 1986
Maroon\Trans Am

Dan Borowy 1985
Blue\Trans Am

Mark Brownrigg 1979
White\Z 28 Camaro

D.J. Chapman 1981
Black\4x4 Truck

Justin Kane 1991
Black\Syclone

Rob Melancon 1972
Yellow\Chevelle SS

Jaft Sammons 1979
Brown\Blazer

Steve Schreiber 1991
Yellow\Geo Storm

Chris Sefcik 1971
Black\Lemans

Brian Valasek 1969
Blue\Charger



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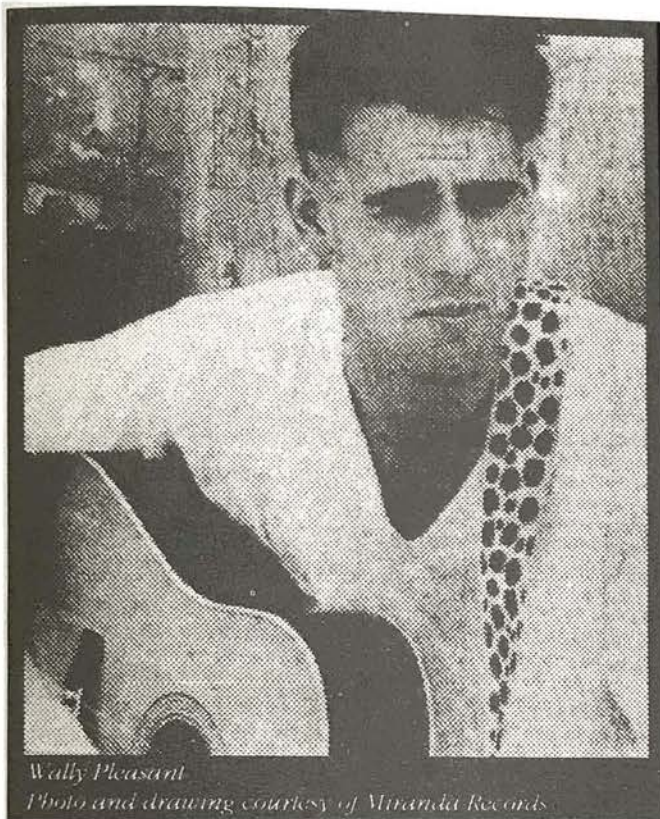
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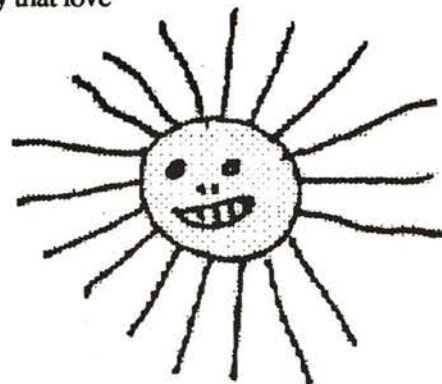
MSU Student Wally Pleasant Sings Songs About Stuff



Wally Pleasant
Photo and drawing courtesy of Miranda Records

Who would have guessed that local talent could be so good. Let's face it, Michigan is the place that garbage acts such as Madonna and Bob Seger lived. As if he's on a crusade, MSU student and former Davison resident Wally Pleasant has released *Songs About Stuff*, a 14 song journey through his crazy but ordinary life. Though his music is extremely basic, Pleasant's hilarious lyrics make this album very addictive. The topics covered on *Songs About Stuff* range from the problems in Detroit to the bad haircut he had. The entire tape is filled with humor like in "She's In Love With a Geek,"

he explains "They say that love is blind, now I know that is true, cos this guy's



The Blower

got a face that resembles the hind end of a baboon!" In some songs he impersonates other performers, like in *Hippies Lament* he does a cheesy Bob Dylan as he mumbles "I boycott all music approved by Tipper Gore, and I boy-

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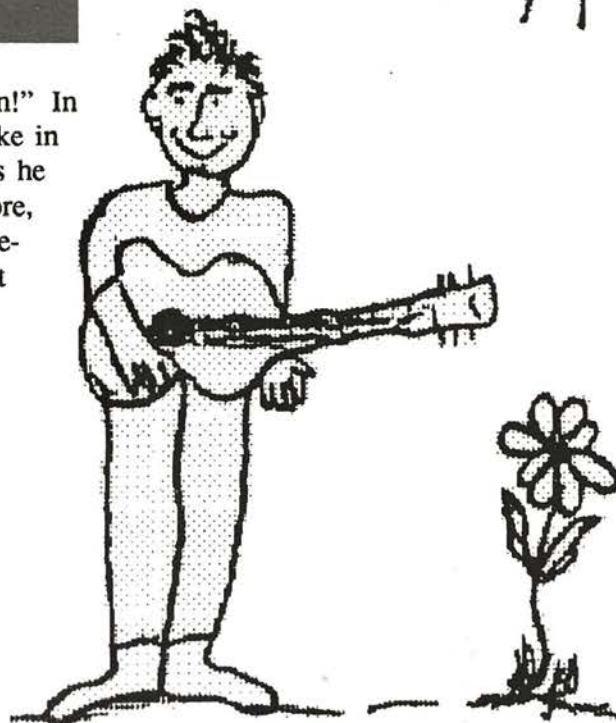
cott the president because he war, and I I forgot other songs, his friend because of why RCA him to their life while



by Brian Gasperosky

doesn't boycott Pepsi but what for..." In he explains that can't get a date evolution, should sign Abel, his he's in

college, and his definition of cool. Overall, Wally isn't a great singer, he doesn't play a mean guitar, but this album is definitely worth buying because his songs are some of the funniest things you'll ever hear anywhere.



Mustard

10 Bands that Nobody Listens To...

Toad the Wet Sprocket. This band, which gets its name from a Monty Python skit involving an electric triangle player, is a good example of a vocal style known in the musical world as "inaudible." It is probably a good idea to read the lyrics soon after listening to the music; otherwise you may catch yourself singing bits and pieces of a catchy tune that turns out to be about a man who kills his wife and buries her in the back yard.

Phranc. A one-woman band, she's not really anything unusual; she's just, as she puts it, "your average, everyday Jewish-American lesbian folk singer." Her music is, frankly, among the best folk rock since the 60s, and her lyrics are a perfect combination of humor and depth. Song topics range from the socially relevant "Take Off Your Swastika" to an irreverent song about an author who was "never called an a---" to a completely irrelevant song about Toys R Us.

Robyn Hitchcock & The Egyptians. This is a band with a penchant for the strange. One of the most unusual things about the lyrics is a technique Robyn uses to make it easier to rhyme lines: sticking names in. From nowhere, lines such as "Please don't call me Reg" and "Ask for Dean" pop up. Also, Robyn introduces songs in very unique ways in concert. On a live album, he introduces "Brenda's Iron Sledge" as I crawled underneath a bucket, but there was no one there but a block of cement, so I left and forgot my head.

Gronemeyer. A German singer whose style ranges from pop to Doors-esque, he is most talented with lyrics. The words to his songs are very insightful and well-written, but almost impossible to understand. This is because they are in German. The

language barrier is also probably a primary reason for slow U.S. sales. Even without the lyrics, however, the music is good. And maybe with a good German-English dictionary...

Rubber Bands. Different notes can be played by using different-sized rubber bands, or by stretching them. They are a little quiet, so the best way to play them is holding one end in your teeth and stretching with one thumb. The other hand is then free to pluck with, and the vibrations go straight through your head to your ears.



Tiny Tim: *Nuisance from the 60's or one of its greatest gifts?*

Men Without Hats. Most people thought Men Without Hats dropped off the face of the earth after their early 80's hit Safety Dance. Fortunately, this is not the case. Although an exact count is almost impossible, as there are no organized fan clubs, or fans for that matter, they have probably released about 5 albums altogether. The best part of the music is the contrast between the beepy, electronic music and the lead singer's deep, almost gothic vocals.

The Rutles. A parody of the Beatles created by Eric Idle, member of the now-defunct comedy troupe Monty Python, The Rutles sing such classics as "Cheese and Onions," "Ouch!," and "Piggy in the Middle."

No need to be offended, Beatles fans--George Harrison appeared in their documentary, *All You Need is Cash*. The soundtrack to this movie was nominated for a Best Comedy Album Grammy in 1978.

Robyn Hitchcock & The Egyptians' logo, a *Thoth*, from the *Egyptian Book of Thoth*.





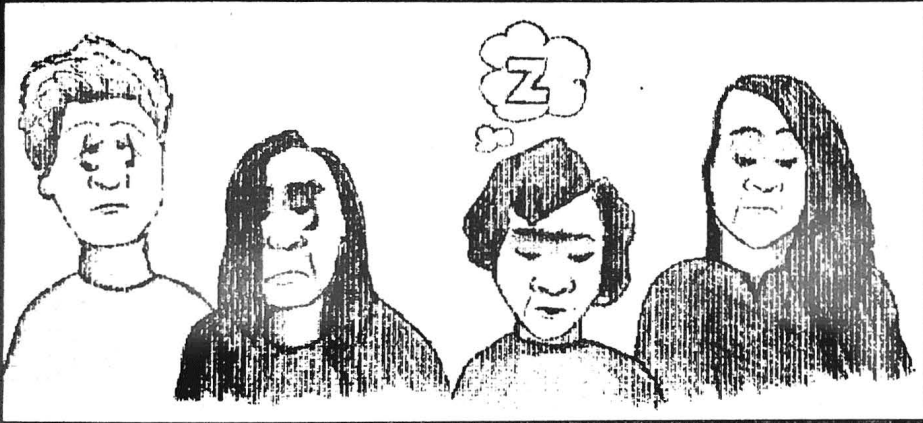
Tiny Tim. Easily the most annoying man on earth, Tiny Tim's piercing vibrato meshes with the high-pitched string instruments to form a sound difficult to listen to for more than a few minutes. Still, he kind of grows on you...

Billy Bragg. He considers himself a folk singer, but he just doesn't have the traditional folk sound. He's mostly acoustic, and sings with a thick British accent. He has very strong political opinions, and sings a lot of pro-socialism and anti-war songs, as well as songs about love "so strong it moves objects in my house." The guitar is very good, and once you get past the accent the lyrics are superb.

Two Nice Girls. This band is made up of, obviously, three women. It is another folk band, with a sound similar to Phranc's; in fact, Two Nice Girls sang backup for Phranc on her last album. However, their lyrics are a little more down-to-earth, and they play a much wider variety of instruments than Phranc's single acoustic guitar.



Men Without Hats' self-explanatory logo.



Toad the Wet Sprocket in one of their more energetic moods.

Shopping for Obscurities

One of the reasons almost nobody listens to these bands is because their music is so hard to find. If you are interested in hearing them, however, there are three good ways to get them.

- Specialty stores, such as Wyatt Earp, offer hard-to-find music and imports, but often have a small selection. However, what they do have is usually reasonably inexpensive.
- Mail order is the other purchasing option. Catalogs may have as many as 10,000 titles, but shipping cost can be anywhere from 10% to 24%, depending on the size of your order.
- A friend with a double-deck tape recorder and a good record collection, however, is by far the cheapest, and often offers the best selection.

Discography

A list of most of the bands and some of their most notable releases.

Toad the Wet Sprocket
 --Bread and Circus
 --Pale
 --Fear

Phranc
 --Folksinger
 --I Enjoy Being a Girl
 --Positively Phranc!

Robyn Hitchcock & The Egyptians
 --Gotta Let this Hen Out (live)
 --Queen Elvis
 --Perspex Island

Men Without Hats
 --Folk of the 80s, part III
 --Pop Goes the World

The Rutles
 --All You Need is Cash (sndtrk)

Tiny Tim
 --God Bless Tiny Tim

Billy Bragg
 --Back to Basics
 --Don't Try This at Home

--Kim Oermann
 --Scott Gifford

...but Everybody Should.

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Twenty-one

Sitcoms: Off the beaten laugh track

STEVEN HOOD
THIEF OF PRINCES



by Steve Schreiber

Hello again! Yes, here I am to complain for the last time this year (sniff) about the world of entertainment. Today's topic is that never-ending line of network sitcoms. Am I the only one who's getting sick to the point of nausea over the sheer number of these shows out there? I would guess that at least 90% of the shows by the networks are sitcoms. You know the kind of show I'm talking about...*The Cosby Show*, *Step by Step*, *Full House*, and so on. All of them quality entertainment, I'm sure. I love it all: the wisecracking

kids, the zany next-door neighbors, the flustered Yuppie parents, and the obnoxious cackle of the laugh track.

Network television has always had its share of sitcoms, but now you can't turn on the set without seeing one of these laugh-packed little buggers. Since Bill Cosby made a mint by transforming his stand-up routines into a sitcom format, networks have been scrambling to copy the format. This trend has certainly paid off well for Roseanne Arnold, Jerry Seinfeld, Candice Bergen, Will "The Fresh Prince" Smith, Burt Reynolds, Bob Saget, Craig T. Nelson, Tim Daly, Richard Mulligan, Ted Danson, Charles Dutton, and Tim Allen.

Now I'm not saying all sitcoms are bad by any means. I do have my own favorites, but there just isn't much else on network TV these days. My

three favorites are...

1. *Seinfeld* (NBC)
2. *Murphy Brown* (CBS)
3. *Home Improvement* (ABC)

Notice that I say network TV, because there are literally thousand of non-sitcom shows on cable. This may be why networks are losing viewers and cable is gaining. If this is true, other viewers must feel the same way I do. Maybe if we all rise up in rebellion together and watch more cable, the networks will get the message and change their programming. If not, I don't know about you, but I'm content to stick with cable and to hell with the networks. And thus...

THE GOLDEN SCHREIBER AWARD goes to "the big three"...ABC, CBS, and NBC, because if they don't get the message, they're outta here, baby.

Big Dave Goes to the Movies

Lethal bore: *LW3* relies on tired plot, pales in comparison to first two films

by Dave Finger

Lethal Weapon 3
Rated R
Two and a half fingers

Well, all you die hard *Lethal Weapon* fans, the movie you've all been waiting for since you walked out of the theater for *Lethal Weapon 2* is here. And naturally, being a die-hard *Lethal Weapon* fan, you thought it was the best movie since, well, *Lethal Weapon 2*. However, not being such a die-hard *Lethal Weapon* fan, I was not totally impressed. *Lethal Weapon 3* was a good action flick, but it lacked that special something that made the first two *Lethal Weapon* movies so great. It was sort of a minor league version of the first two. The violence and action scenes match the first two,

but the plot didn't compare (but, hey, who really cares). The bad guys weren't as interesting. In the first two movies, you got into seeing the bad guys fry. In this movie, it seemed like the bad guys were there just to take up space.

The movie starts with Riggs (Mel Gibson) and Murtaugh (Danny Glover) being demoted to patrol men for accidentally blowing up a building. They immediately stop an attempted bank robbery. As it turns out, the two involved in the bank robbery were part of a large crumb ring headed by a dirty ex-cop. Apparently, they were involved in a scam to steal confiscated guns from the L.A.P.D. and selling them back to the criminals. As usual, Murtaugh is one week away from retirement.

The movie, even with all I said

about it, was fairly good. The action was non-stop, and the project probably cost millions. It's just that in comparison to the last two, it is not all that great...unless, of course, you're a huge *Lethal Weapon* fan. But if you are a real *Lethal Weapon* fan, you're probably not concerned with this review anyways; you probably went to see this movie the first day it came out.

Well, that's all folks. After three years, this is where it all ends. From *Batman* to *Cry-Baby* to the commercial for *Wild Hairs Can't Be Broken*, it all comes to a screeching halt right now. I've really enjoyed writing this column. It's been a great three years, folks, but it's time for me to pull a Johnny Carson. Good luck to y'all and thanks.

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Nothing beats a spud:

Films perfect for "couch potatoes"

Being a couch potato in the 1990's is a difficult chore. Too many movies bombard viewers with challenging questions and tough moral issues. A true couch potato doesn't need to think. He just wants to pop a tape into the VCR and let his brain turn into lime Jell-o. Here, then, are some movies ideal for discriminating spuds...

CELLULOID JAMS



by Joe Blevins

QUICK CHANGE: Virtually any Bill Murray movie (except *Where the Buffalo Roam*) will do. He has a breezy, genuinely charming screen presence which makes his films fun to watch. Bill-maniacs can check out *Meatballs*, *Stripes*, *Scrooged*, *Ghostbusters*, and *Tootsie*, too.

UHF: In a just and fair world, this movie, the less-than-eagerly anticipated acting debut by musical satirist "Weird Al" Yankovic, would have outgrossed *Terminator 2*. Instead, it played to half-empty theaters. Despite the sub-moronic plot, the film is packed with tender comedy vittles. In one scene, the theme song to *The Beverly Hillbillies* is sung to the tune of "Money For Nothing." Isn't that funny enough for you people?

STRANGE BREW: Like *Wayne's World*, *Strange Brew* sprang from a skit on a TV comedy show. In this case, the skit was SCTV's "Great White North," which featured Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas as beer-drinking shlubs from Canada. Rent it, you hoser.

MR. DESTINY: One of James

Belushi's few likeable films, this breezy fantasy tells the story of an average guy who gives up his humble existence for a shot at fame and fortune. Naturally, complications arise. Michael Caine co-stars.

WITHOUT A CLUE: Michael Caine's presence also graces this engaging comedy, which parodies the Sherlock Holmes stories. In this variation, Watson (wonderfully played by Ben Kingsley) is the real genius; Holmes is a drunken actor who takes all the credit. Other twists on the Holmes legend can be found in films like *They Might Be Giants*, in which George C. Scott plays a nutcase who thinks he's Holmes, and the self-explanatory *Young*

Sherlock Holmes.

MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL: This might be the funniest movie ever made about insane knights and kings who go around killing everything they see. God himself makes a cameo. The movie has everything: songs, three-headed knights, bloody (I mean it) violence, witches, repressed teenage girls, castles, imaginary horses, and annoying French guys.

MONTY PYTHON LIVE AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL: Some of M.P.'s best skits are given the live treatment in this scorchingly funny concert film. Highlights include such classics as "The Argument Clinic" and "Minister of Silly Walks."



Terry Jones, Graham Chapman, John Cleese, and Eric Idle star in Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Photo courtesy of Cult Movies 2 by Danny Peary.

Platters, Pundits, and Plans...

"Weird Al" & TMBG: Rock's jokers

by Joe Blevins

"Weird Al" Yankovic
Off the Deep End

They Might Be Giants
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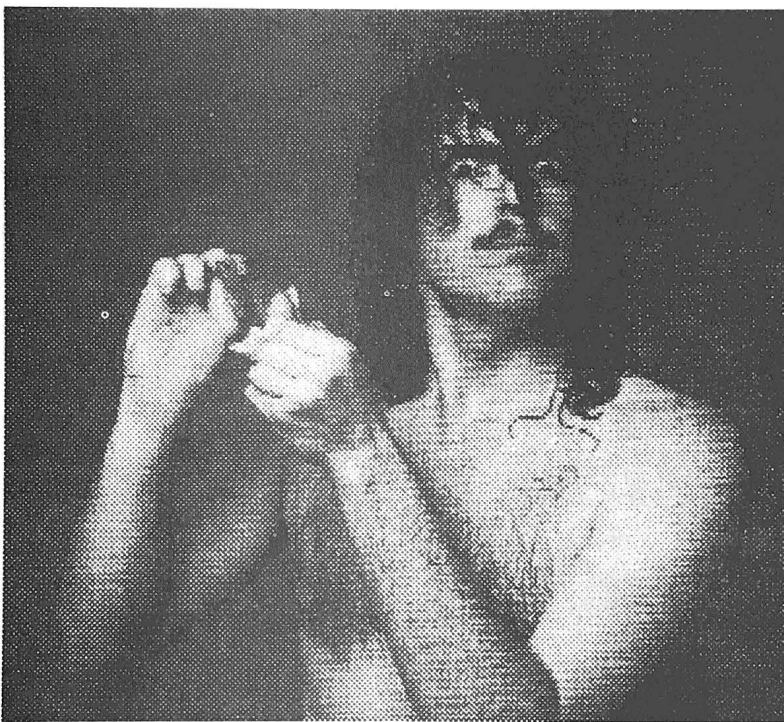
Al Yankovic's seventh album (not counting *Greatest Hits*) is as funny and irreverent as any album he's ever recorded. You'd think that a three-year layoff, combined with the departure of longtime producer Rick Derringer, would have taken its toll. *Off the Deep End*, however, emerges as perhaps his most consistent album since his 1983 debut effort.

"Smells Like Nirvana," the disc's hyperkinetic first single, delves into relatively uncharted territory by taking aim at incomprehensible rock lyrics. Normally, his parodies tend to be about food ("Girls Just Want to Have Lunch") or television ("Ricky"). Al has in no way abandoned those topics, though. These are covered elsewhere on *Off the Deep End* with "The White Stuff" and "I Can't Watch This."

"I Can't Watch This," a parody of Hammer's inescapable "U Can't Touch This," is particularly significant after the dismal failure of Al's last project, *UHF*. The fact that neither the film nor the album, both fanatic valentines to television, made so much as a dent commercially seems to have soured Al's opinion of television entirely. On his 1985 album, *Dare to be Stupid*, he sang, "I can't live without my cable TV." Now, his sentiment is quite different: "HBO and Playboy/Showtime and MTV/I might like 'em more after my lobotomy." Boldly, he declares, "Gonna throw my set away."

Yankovic's originals, as always, provide some of the most demented and cruel humor on the album. "I Was Only

Kidding" and "You Don't Love Me Anymore" (incorrectly identified as "Don't You Love Me Anymore" on some copies of the cassette version) join "One More Minute" and "Good Enough For Now" among Al's best anti-love songs. "Trigger Happy," however, is the album's overall high point. Amid a surf rock arrangement reminiscent of early Beach Boys material, the Yank-meister belts out a mocking ode to the National Rifle Association. In these conservative times, recording "Trigger Happy" was a relatively risky move, considering that the most controversial subject Al had covered beforehand was gum disease.



"Weird Al" is back. Photo by Kirk Weddle

Another act probing the outer reaches of pop music insanity is They Might Be Giants. Alas, they might never be commercial giants. But, damn it, they should be, especially with such imaginative material. *Apollo 18* will probably not be the album that makes stars out of the Brooklyn-based duo of John Flansburgh and John Linell. It's too fiercely literate and diverse in its styles to be chewed up like audio bubble gum. While other alternative acts like R.E.M., the Cure, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers are

being scooped up into the warm lap of the mainstream, the Giants are perfectly content to be semi-popular in their own surreal Oz.

The art appreciation anthem "The Statue Got Me High" has been released as the album's first single, although none of the album's 18 tracks stand out as potential hits. Of particular interest are the "Fingertips" medley, "Dinner Bell," and "The Guitar," which can best be described as a Paul Simon song from Hell.

Be forewarned: *Apollo 18* is not the kind of album you would play at a party. I personally love it, but I bet half your guests would leave.

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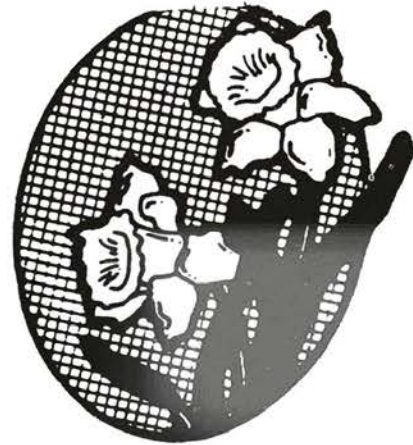
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ANOTHER LOOK



by Eric Smith

... one last look...

I. Flushing High School
 it t'would appear
 Your prison-like qualities
 accumulate year after year.

II. Thy policy of attendance
 for us creates gloom
 and the 13th absence
 brings imminent doom.

III. Thy guardian banshee
 lacking grace and finesse
 should surely be asked
 to mind her own business.

IV. And now: a gate
 locks us inside
 this tomb of decay
 In which we abide.

V. But thy barbed-wire fences
 and growling guard-dogs
 will not save you
 from Jason Boggs.

IN CONCLUSION...

VI. In prison, our prison
 we bid thee farewell
 and shalt contain our joy
 when we hear
 that final bell!

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Varsity serves up winning season

-by Sonja Slagor

Flushing Boys' Tennis, led by Captain Scott Jackson and Co-Captain Mike Walker, finished the season with a bang. The number one doubles team, Mike Walker and Dave Raymond made it to the semi-finals at their regional tournament in Carmen-Ainsworth. FSRC and Swartz Creek also held Regional tournaments.

The season score was 14-8. Big Nine All Conference Honorable Mention went to number one doubles Mike Walker and Dave Raymond, number two doubles Kyle Dumas and Seth Penzel, and number four singles went to Jun Tajima.

The team will lose seven seniors this year, over half the team. Up-coming talent to watch for next year includes Juniors Rick Boyer, Dave Raymond, Steve Schreiber,

and Seth Penzel.

The team had six outstanding wins over Swartz Creek 6-1, Lapeer West 6-1, Kearsley 6-1, Mt. Morris 6-1, Ann Arbor 6-0, and Saginaw Nouvel with a win of 7-0.

The team tied for fourth in the Big Nine with Carmen-Ainsworth with 5.5 points giving them a total of 11.5.

Coach Nelson was extremely proud of his team this year. "The Varsity team had a fine season. Fourth place in the Big Nine tournament, third place in the Flushing Invitational, and sixth place in the state regional tournament. Our goal was to improve our tennis each time out and our kids now know what it takes to be successful tennis players," he said.

Sensational season for girls' golf

-by Courtney Parker

Top five in the state with three loses in the Big Nine. Who could ask for a better season? Surely not Mr. Paul Martin, coach of the girls golf team. The team has only two returning varsity members, but the girls have pulled together and showed they have the talent, ability, and team work. The team is mostly Juniors with one sophomore, Erica Crumm, playing fifth man.

Leading the lady Raiders is Amy Loviscek, Junior, who has been a medalist in many meets, including the two biggest meets against Grand Blanc. The other return member is Holly Brier, Junior. She is a key strength to the team, always shooting consistently. Denise Rintamaki, Junior, just started playing golf last season, but has stuck with it and proven herself a great golfer. Coming up from J.V. last year

to play Varsity this year are Amie Slocum, Laurie Pierce, and Angela Lawrence.

Flushing placed second in the Davison Invitational, beating all Big Nine schools, losing only to East Lansing. "We did exceptionally well" said Coach Martin. The Raiders had a disappointing loss to Powers but defeated Kearsley. They both shot a 198 but there was a fifth golfer tie breaker. While in that match, Amy was medalist, shooting a 40. Four days earlier, Flushing played Midland in cold temperatures and steady rain. Midland shot a 240, Midland Dow shot a 254, and Flushing shot a 219. Amy was also medalist, shooting a 41.

All the duel meets are over, with only the tournaments to go. The lady Raiders are on their way to Big Nine Champs and maybe even State.

Wait till next year

Varsity Baseball sets sights on next year after disappointing season

-by Ed Salim

Disappointing and frustrating were words that Coach Mike Yeagley used to describe this season's varsity baseball team. "We didn't play as well as I hoped. Lack of hitting and an abundance of errors really hurt us," said Coach Yeagley.

The Raiders (5-9 in the Big Nine, 7-12 overall) look to finish strong in their last three games of the season.

An inconsistent defense cost the Raiders their state qualifying game against Carmen-Ainsworth 6-2 on May 14. Matt Stratton and Tim "Pizza" Brown had the only

two Raider hits of the game with Brown getting both RBIs.

The Raiders got their most exciting win of the season in the Greater Flint tournament against Davison 5-1 in 10 innings. Tim Brown pitched seven strong innings but was unable to get the win, which Mark Burba picked up. Sean Tackas scored the winning run on Matt Bleck's double.

The Raiders can aim their sights to next season with the young ballclub they have.

The Blazer

Twenty-nine

Track runs into successful season

-by Wendy Schmoak

Girls track

Girls track better watch out for Flushing next year. The talent that will be returning is unbelievable. Last year, Sarah Maxwell set the school record with a 50.16 in the 300 hurdles. This year, Freshman Sarah Lorenz beat Maxwell's record with a 53.2. Lorenz also runs in the half mile and quarter mile. Lorenz said her goal next year is to run a 2:30 in the half mile.

Another consistent runner is Mollie Kress. She runs in the 100 meter dash, half mile, and the quarter mile. Her goal is to make it to State.

The girls admit that they are very nervous about going to Badar on Saturday, May 31. With the girls running consistently and Sarah Maxwell coming back next year they will be tougher to beat.

Boys track

The two mile relay team is only nine seconds off the school record of 8:15. Some students that are recognized for running very well this year are the long distant runners Kent Young, Senior, Todd Merideth, Senior, Steve Tunnicliff, Junior, and Matt McKone, Sophomore. Senior Jeff Pierce and Junior Tony Liguori, quarter mile runners, and Seniors Brian Kot and Tony Davis in the half mile, have also been running fairly well.

Performing well this year in short distance running is John McDermott. He made it to the semi-finals for the 100 meter dash in

the Scotti Classic tournament at Alma College.

Another student gaining recognition is Joe Hudkins. His record in the 300 meter dash is 41.5 and the school record is 41.1. Hudkins has been running 41.5 and 41.6's all season.

Although the team is doing well, the injuries have kept the team from being the best they could be.



Amy Clodfelter takes the plunge in the long jump-
photo by Jani Darling



Kent Young races to the finish line in the 1600-
photo by Jani Darling

Hard work pays off for Varsity Softball

-by Shannon Foster

The varsity softball team is making its way to districts with an 11-3 record, tied with Kearsley, Owosso, and Davison for first place in the Big Nine.

Coach King said, "We are a good ball team." Pre-district, which will be held at Kearsley, are Thursday May 21.

"Kearsley has beaten us twice out of the three times we've played them, but we are strong enough to beat them," said King. If they win against Kearsley, they will play on May 30 for districts.

Kathy Makidon, senior, center field, co-captain said "The way we have been playing, we could beat anyone in the state."

"It has taken us a while to get where we are at. The hard work and dedication has finally paid off," said Kathy Kinder, senior, short stop, co-captain.

LOOK OUT *below*

by Matt Bleck

"It was a ride of a lifetime," said John Donnay, a senior. John took the plunge off the 160 foot crane located in Bay City. He was attached only by bungi chords. "It was one of the best birthday presents I've received," said John.

The event was promoted by WIOG, 102.5 FM. The cost for one jump off the crane was 70 dollars, and John said it was well worth it.

John received the present for his 18th birthday and plans to skydive sometime in the future.

John recommended that anyone that wants to must try it. "It is well worth the money, and it is an experience I'll never forget."

When asked if he would do it again, John responded, "In a second." "The next time I'd like to jump off a bridge into water or something," said John.


The bungi chords were attached to a harness around his chest. John rode up in a balloon basket attached on the crane. When they reached the desired height they stopped the basket. "They told me to walk out on the platform, count to three and jump. It was the coolest sensation I've ever felt."

John had his brother Dennis videotape the occasion.

The minimum weight limit was 100 pounds, and John stated that you basically sign your life away. "I signed my life away, there must have been 20 pages, and I had to initial everything." When asked if he was worried about the chords breaking, John said, "No, not really. It would just be a longer fall, with a faster stop."



Debbie Wellette takes a swing for Varsity Softball- photo by Jani Darling

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