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Gymnasts train for patriotic production

By Melissa Manesiotis

Ingomar's annual Gym Show is the perfect time for talented gymnasts to strut their stuff.

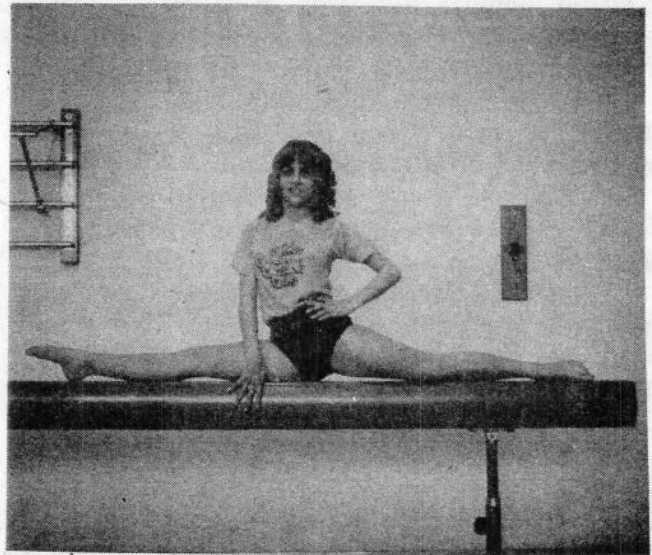
This year the show should look terrific when it's all put together; but, unless you yourself participate in the show, chances are you've never thought of all the hard work, energy, and sweat that are put into the many weeks before the actual performance.

Coach Frank said, "It takes awhile for the kids to get physically fit and what is made to look easy isn't!"

Besides such routines as beam, high bar, uneven parallel bars, vault and floor exercises, additional work has to be done on lighting, music, programs and decorating (the show will have a patriotic "America" theme so look for the red, white, and blue!)

Mr. Cervone, who is also sponsoring the gym show, said "All the work is worth it when you see the students performing."

The gym show will be held on Thursday, April 1.



Jackie Kromer does split on beam

Sixth grader finishes 5th at Buhl spelling bee

By Becky Campbell

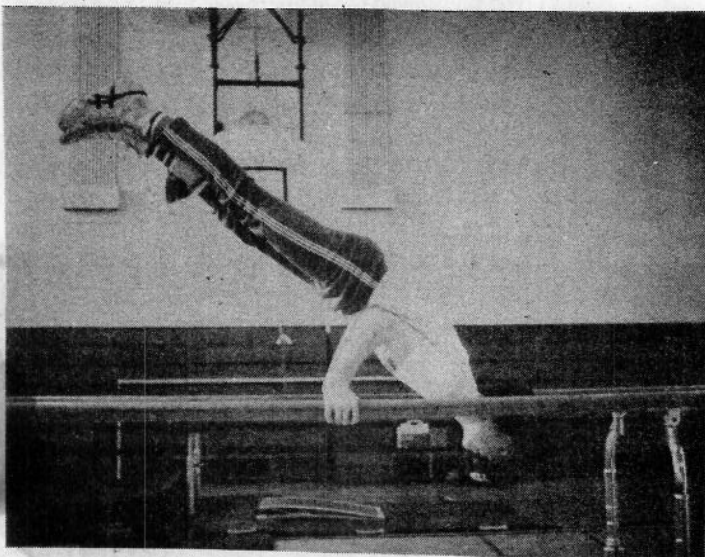
John Pazin finished as the fifth best speller at the Buhl Spelling Bee on Feb. 20. John correctly spelled dawned, placement, acquire, enthusiasm, and cookery. However, peccant was the word John missed.

The other two spellers, Michelle Mason and Ron Costolo, almost made it into the fourth round of words. The students studied booklets containing over 6,000 words for the Bee.

Mr. Bond, who organizes the spelling bee here at school, said, "We are all proud of the students who represented us."

Michelle Mason said, "I misspelled knell. I know I had studied that word; I just forgot about the silent k."

Ron Costolo, who said that he had studied quite a bit before the bee, missed the word inhibit.



Tim Genter practices his gym show routine

Four students chosen for district chorus

By T. J. Potocki

Four of our students made District Chorus after preliminary auditions. These talented singers are Bob Lanza, Sue Shultz, Beth Westerman, and Vail Weller. They sang with approximately 200 other students at Montour School District on March 12 and 13.

We interviewed these four students to find out more about their singing.

Press: When you auditioned, did you think you were going to make it, or were you afraid of not making it?

Vail: I hoped that I would make it, but I didn't have the faintest idea. It meant a lot to me, because I love music.

Beth: I wasn't really sure I was going to make it, but I had an idea that I might. You see, in District Chorus they only took what they needed and fortunately, I was what they needed!

Press: Do you want to have a singing career?

Vail: I hope to have a music oriented career, but I'm not sure if it will be singing. My mother was a singer and I have learned a lot from her.

Beth: Definitely! I enjoy singing and would love to have it be a part of my future career.

Press: When do you practice?

Sue: All the time alone.

Bob: Mondays after school.

Vail: I practice at home while I accompany myself on the piano, and after school in Girls' Ensemble.

Beth: I practice as much as possible, usually with my mom and on Monday mornings.

Press: Do you have any favorite type of music? If so, what?

Sue: No, I like to sing all kinds of music.

Bob: Yes, I like rock music.

Vail: My favorite type of music is rock music. My favorite group is Journey but I also like the Cars and AC/DC. My parents make me listen to classical music when I'm in the car with them, so I can get exposed to both.

Beth: I like rock music (soft rock). It slows me down and it's good to relax with. I also like country rock.

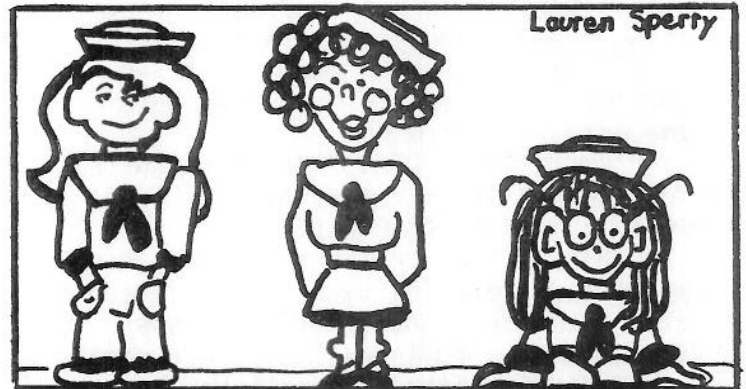
Press: What do you get out of singing in chorus?

Sue: Singing in chorus is fun and I enjoy it. It helps a lot for the future and voice training (blending voices).

Bob: I feel like I have accomplished something after a concert.

Vail: I like singing in chorus because music is a fun way to learn things, and I have been brought up with music lessons for a long time so it has become easy for me.

Beth: I get a lot of smiles and support. I enjoy performing for others and overall it's just fun.



Anchors away for spring fashions

By Debbie Monks

Sail into summer with new fun fashions which go to every length to please. Length varies including mini-skirts, three-fourths pants, knickers, bloomers, and of course, long pants.

Mini-skirts have jumped into popularity again. With a sweatshirt or sailor shirt, they're perfect for summer casuals.

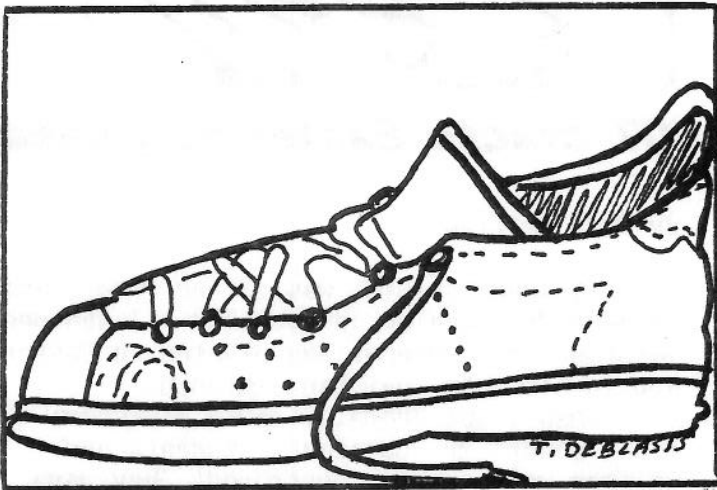
Nautical clothes have made it big here. Sailor shirts in blue and red with their v-neck ribbon collars are a taste of old-fashioned fun.

The new pants from St. Lopez make waves here, too. These spiffy sailing pants are white with red or blue bands at the hips and one thigh.

The new fresh colors are red and blue on white. This year it's really easy to get into the mood of spring fashions.

EDITOR *at large*

Pencil fights, untied laces: latest pet peeves



By Beth Morris

Several new "fads" kids are involved in today could be classified as pet peeves.

Take pencil fights, for instance. How many people have asked you for a pencil today? Probably a lot. Most likely, these borrowers used all their pencils for fighting and in the process the pencils were broken.

There are many techniques students use, but there is one main idea: to break pencils. Pencil fights also aggravate teachers and entertain the students, unless you get your pencil ripped-off by a participant in this noble sport.

Another fad that drives a normal observer crazy is untied shoelaces which can cause a lot of problems. First, they drag in puddles and get dirty. Then the little aglets (the plastic tips) get pulled off by people treading on them. The most drastic thing that can happen is that the wearer may trip and break two legs.

Just because the most macho kid in class doesn't tie his shoelaces and wastes money on pencils, doesn't mean you have to. Next time don't go along with them. Dare to be different!

However, if you are into OPEN rebellion, don't let us step on your toes or laces.

Sport Comment



Co-ed gym classes up in the air

By Michelle Saltman

I over heard three girls talking about co-ed gym classes, and one said, "I'd love co-ed gym classes so that we could spend more time with the boys."

One advantage to co-ed gym classes would be that the girls would want to impress the guys and the guys would want to impress the girls. Everyone would do their very best.

A disadvantage would be that the girls and guys might feel inferior to each other. If a student were bad at sports, he or she would be embarrassed.

Another advantage may be getting to look at the cute guys and pretty girls.

Here's what a few classmates think of co-ed gym classes.

Andy Schultheis said, "Yes I'd like co-ed gym because the girls would get more involved in gym."

Jennifer Zabkar said, "The girls would act shyer and be afraid of looking dumb."

Tracy Beatty said, "The girls wouldn't get involved in gym with the boys."

Scott Churan said, "The boys would fool around and we wouldn't get any work done."

Spring festival coming

By Sue Maas

The breeze moves gently, and the sun spreads its first warm rays of the year. As the nice weather arrives in May, so does the Spring Festival at the high school.

On May 16, at North Allegheny's Newman Stadium, the Spring Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Included in this festival will be such booths as mud-wrestling, an arcade, face-painting and much more.

This festival will benefit such groups as basketball, student council and cheerleading. It will take the place of the American Freedom Rally which was held last year.

Skaters strut their stuff at North Park party

By Holly Gumbeski

The skating party, held on Wednesday, Feb. 10, was quite a change from the regular dances. It gave students the chance to see some of the different styles and techniques used by their friends and teachers. For instance, whizzing by at 100 miles per hour were Bryan Braumuller or Rob Patterson. These skaters are the typical hockey players or speed skaters just flashing their style.

Skating in one of the four corners, different people (especially girls) tried to impress someone with back crossovers, jumps, spins, etc.

The ones who really wanted to be noticed would skate in the center of the rink. Then there are the people who hold onto the side so much they begin to blend in. One slower skater, Mrs. McKnight, had good reason to avoid speeding. Her baby is due in May. My best advice to the people who fell was to get up as quickly as possible, or suffer the consequences of being sprayed by someone.

During intermission, Mr. Moser's voice came over the public address system calling out various numbers written on the students' ticket stubs. Students having one of these numbers won gift certificates for Game-arama, National Record Mart, or McDonalds. The party had a real great turn-out with lots more people attending than last year and good behavior.

Gill Perrone said, "It was fun because you got to socialize with your friends." Lisa Fischer said, "I had a great time because I got to skate with someone I like."



007 cracks Easter egg case

By Matt Griffin

I, super sleuth, was called from class to meet Mr. Cahalan in Room 202. I had been informed that someone had planted an Easter egg in his room that had exploded.

When I got there, I saw a disaster; the essay papers Mr. Cahalan's students had written were totally destroyed! They were soggy and yellow on his desk, right next to the shattered egg shell.

When I entered he was muttering, "Who could have done it?"

"Excuse me, Mr. Cahalan, could you tell me everything that happened before the egg exploded?" I asked.

"Yes, Yes, well, um, O.K., let's see. I was working on grading these papers at my desk so I could get a head start on it before Easter vacation. Just when I was rubbing my eyes, it exploded. I'm afraid it has ruined my suit," he said, pointing to some wet spots on his jacket.

I shivered in the close-windowed, 40° room.

As he walked away, I could see other fairly large wet spots on his back.

Facing Mr. Cahalan, I stated, "I think you ought to do some homework on getting your facts straight and also tell the students why you destroyed their papers!"

SOLUTION

Mr. Cahalan never could have gotten egg on his back when he was at his desk. He had fabricated the exploding Easter egg so he wouldn't have to work over Easter vacation on the essays. However, he gets an "A" for thinking of a most creative way of getting out of work.

Students reveal what they will miss most/least

By Beth Morris

In the springtime a student's fancy turns to summer vacation and sleeping in. Though it will be great not having to get up too early in the morning to catch the bus, there will be some things we will miss a lot, and others not at all.

In a recent poll, students spoke out on what they will miss the most or the least when school is out.

What will you miss the least?

- Brad Shust: Homework
- Kirsten Hauser: Binders
- Chris Rausch: Todd Rubino because he is such a pain
- Mark Bell: Having Scott Felker spit on me
- Dana Sohngen: Mr. Meyer (eighth grade)
- Amy Helm: Going to classes
- Gigi Wainwright: Getting up early
- Eric Garver: Mrs. Zick.....just because
- Carrie Jenkins: Mr. Wilson's mini quizzes
- Glen Archey: Science with Mr. Frank
- Carlen Grinager: Mr. Glaspey's funny jokes
- Mr. Frank: Glen Archey, because he's my favorite son
- Sue Keil: Mr. Cahalan because he paces
- Robert O'Connor: Mr. Frank's lousy jokes
- Lauren Sperry: Gary Dille because of his tendency to nag

What will you miss the most?

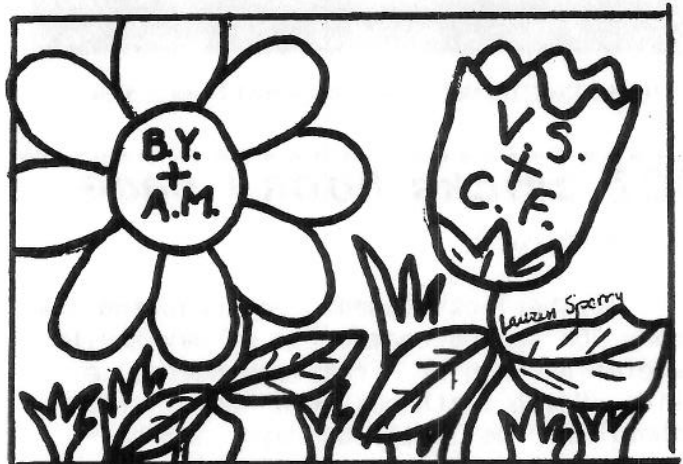
- Lisa Fischer: Alan Shuckrow, because he gives good tennis lessons
- Tim Sexton: Vicki Stamper, because I love her
- Lisa Muhlenkamp: My friends
- Mr. Frank: Robert O'Connor in his extra large gym shorts
- Amy Wenzel: Tim Genter, because he's cute
- Tiffany Abel: Everything except the food
- Lori Westfall: Herr Maltz's stories
- Sue Kempf: TR being right across the hall
- Scott Felker: Dave Smith taking temper tantrums
- Jodi Swierczynski: Toby's grey cords

- Lesley Rodemoyer: Bad looking guys
- Karena McCarthy: Nothing
- Julie Evans: The entertainment and the guys
- Brian Chebatoris: The cafeteria food
- Michele Krepp: JT because.....I don't know
- Sue Mahoney: Mrs. McKnight in a larger than normal size

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Great gossip galore

Spring romances blossom



By Joanne Heintz

Do you know who is going with whom? Well, if your local gossiper is sick, this is where you can find out the latest gossip.

In the sixth grade CH and NL are going together. Other couples are: BB and JK, HH and MD, and LP and SW.

In the seventh grade, SA and RL are hitting it off pretty good. LS and AR, AP and BR, and LM and BC are going together.

In eighth grade, the couples who are going together are: KS and MB, KK and TS, CW and TT, and GP and MB.

Unfortunately, there are many break-ups: JB and MR, BY and BD, JC and LV, CJ and CS, and WS and SS.

MM and TH have been going together for a long time and DD and BK have been going together since September. These are the loves of the year. I wonder how they've stayed together so long. The average length of a romance here at Ingomar Middle School is only one week!

The money man: Dave Koslowski, treasurer

By Mandy Cooper



Dave Koslowski checks pencil machine

007 cracks hooky case

By Joe Milcoff

I, Sherlock Student, was enjoying the sunny 70° spring weather on my way to the cafeteria, when Mr. Frank approached me and said, "David Smith has been absent from school for the last four days and has not brought an excuse in. I think he has been playing hooky."

"Well, I will need a description to identify this subject," I replied.

"O.K.," Mr. Frank replied as he proceeded to describe David. I quickly spotted the described person and hurried over to start the questioning.

"Excuse me, but are you David Smith?" I asked.

"Yep, what do you want?"

"I need to ask you a few questions. Why didn't you bring in an excuse for the days you were absent?"

"I was listening to KDKA and heard there was no school so I went to the football game."

"David, would you mind coming with me to see Mr. Frank. This time tell the truth."

How did Sherlock Student know that David was lying.

Answer: David said he heard school was cancelled on KDKA and went to a football game. WWSW is the official radio station and why would he go to a football game on a 70° spring day?

Alas, we come to the end of the year. We also come to the last (but certainly not least) student council officer, the treasurer.

Dave Koslowski was selected as treasurer out of a number of people because Mike Noles (previously voted as treasurer) had moved.

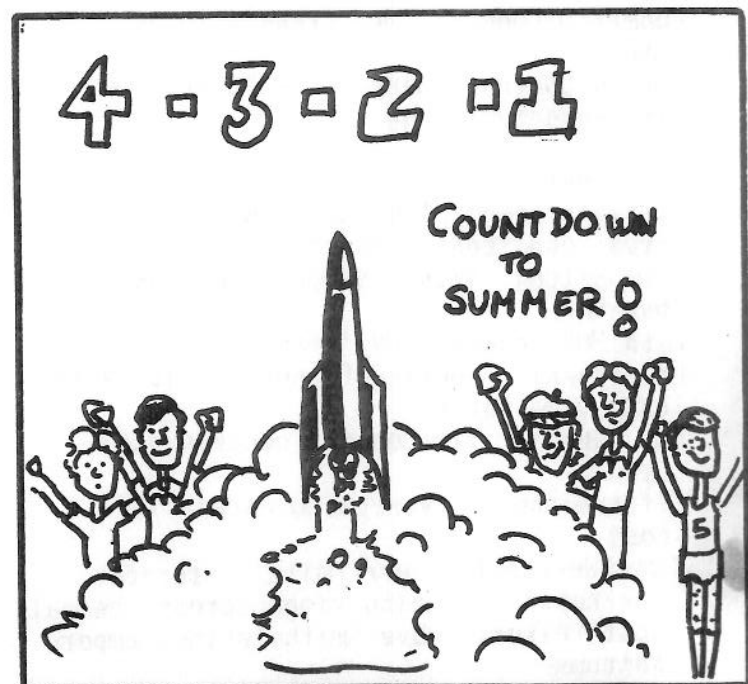
As treasurer, Dave has to refill the pen and pencil machines, collect and sort the money from these machines, write receipts for money, and help run campaigns.

When Dave is not collecting money or helping other officers, he likes to ski, play soccer, golf, and hit a couple of rounds of racquetball.

Dave said, "I like being treasurer because I like to work around money and I enjoy working as an officer on student council."

Dave also seems to be at ease in the public. He had a part in the skit that student council prepared to kick off the magazine campaign. He also took part in a student council assembly in the gymnasium which was designed to increase student spirit.

Everyone thinks handling money would be fun, but Dave knows it's a lot of work and responsibility.



PROFILE: Mr. McCann discusses role as coach

By Becky Campbell

Mr. McCann, an eighth grade history teacher replacing Mr. Cahalan, came to us from the Intermediate school. He is the varsity football coach and a very interesting person.

Q: How or why did you come to IMS and what are your plans in the future?

A: To be honest, I came here because there were no teaching positions open at the high school. Obviously, I'd like to work where my players are, but I really like the staff and students at IMS and would be happy to return in the fall.

Q: How do you like teaching 8th grade history?

A: I know I'm one of the few high school teachers that has an M.B.A. and would most like to teach economics, marketing, business law, etc. to senior high students since that is my field of expertise. However, I do love American History and Mr. Buffone has been extremely helpful in my adaptation to teaching younger students.

Q: What do you like most about coaching?

A: I truly enjoy the intellectual challenge of the game and the psychological and motivational aspects of coaching. I also enjoy the challenge of building a first class football program from one that was in ruins. The bottom line is that I enjoy football players, the future leaders of our society.

Q: What do you get out of coaching?

A: Ulcers, goosebumps, pampered kids, courageous kids, frustrated parents, supportive parents, ego destruction, ego gratification, band music, the smell of fall in the air, the thrill of victory and continual questioning of my choice of careers; P.S. twenty three cents an hour.

Q: Did you play football in high school and college? Where and what position?

A: I was an all-state linebacker from Ohio and went on to play center at the University of Louisville.

Q: Are you involved in any other



Coach McCann

sports?

A: I am helping with the varsity baseball team at the present time and I think we have a good shot at winning the section.

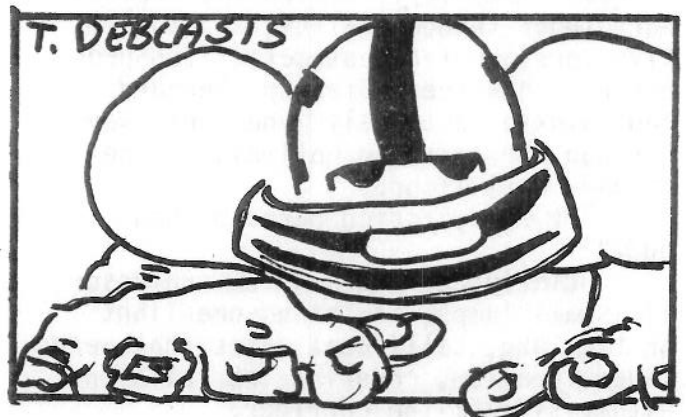
Q: Is it true you also have musical talent?

A: Dormant talent. I did play the piano for six years when I was younger.

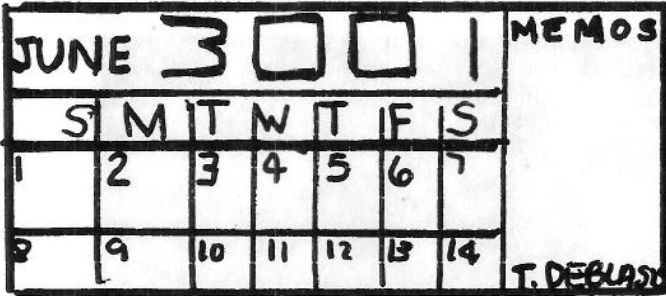
Q: Is it true that your homeroom students tease you about having chicken legs? Why?

A: Apparently, they feel my upper body is out of proportion with my legs from seeing them in the faculty basketball game. I'd like to think of them as racehorse legs but Laurie McWilliams leans toward chicken legs.

Mr. McCann is an interesting person. If he doesn't come back here in the fall to teach, we can see him on the football field on Saturday afternoons.



WHAT IF...? Archeologist digs into IMS rubble



By Cathleen Horner and Michelle Neely

In the year 3001, archeologist Professor Harold J. Digger, and his assistant Bernard P. Artifact, along with their trusty remote control OOMXP robot, Twinkie, found primitive human dwellings.

It started out as a blustery August afternoon. Harold Bernard and Twinkie sat down to eat their tuna fish and peanut-butter popsicles. They sat down on what appeared to be a rock and WHOOSH!.. That's how it all started; they had sat on a crumbling chimney and had fallen through, into the kitchen of Ingomar Middle School.

All at once Bernard reacted to the mass of nuts and bolts surrounding him. He called to Professor Digger, and together the two of them worked on the tedious task of putting Twinkie back together.

Soon afterwards, Professor Digger stared in wonder at their surroundings. What he saw were the remains of a great "Stampede of Students" who protested cafeteria food, after tasting last year's leftovers.

Most unusual, was the fact that whatever they saw was strange and new to them. An old rusty egg beater was a great discovery! Of course, Professor Digger thought of this as a primitive version of an automatic food processor. Then the professor, Bernard and Twinkie cautiously made their way through the darkened hallways of the ground level floor.

"My word," cried Bernard "how odd!"

Quickly Bernard and the professor lit small lamps, to shine some light on the long, tall metal cases that were lined in a row, covering the walls on either side of the corridor.

"Ah-ha," cried Bernard, "suppose these little notches were airholes, then this would be a chamber that contained a living thing."

"My conclusion - a torture chamber!" added Professor Digger, "We are probably in a primitive prison!"

As they continued to venture down the halls, they came upon large swinging doors, and upon entering, spotted round, dirty-orange colored objects. Looming above their heads were web-like tubes which neither of them could identify.

"You know," said Professor Digger, motioning a hand toward their new discoveries, "I have never carved a pumpkin in my life; now's my chance!"

At once he plunged his hand through the contents of his back-pocket and recovered a rusty jackknife. With a thrust of joy and sheer excitement, he stuck his jack-knife into the top of the ball. With the sound of a bomb, pieces of rubber and cloth scattered in all directions.

Unfortunately, the professor and his assistant left, putting off a planned excavation until a year later, when the professor felt up to it. Slowly, day after day, little by little, the building was uncovered, revealing what had been white brick, which was now mud-coated, with plants sprouting from cracks in the walls. Professor Digger stared at the building and sighed. Little had he known, years before someone else had stood there and sighed at the same thought of going into that building another day.....



Woman's place is in the house and the principal's office

By Mandy Cooper

An efficient-looking, business-like person has just become an important part of the office staff. She is Dr. Calabrese, who has taken the place of our assistant principal, Mr. Schwoebel. He took the place of Building and Grounds Supervisor for Mr. Linton, who is on sabbatical leave. We caught up with a busy Dr. Calabrese to ask her a few questions.

PRESS: What was the hardest thing to adjust to as assistant principal?

Dr. Calabrese: Because of the hospitality extended by Dr. Duchi and the teaching staff, the adjustment has not been difficult. Many students, too, have visited my office for social visits which I enjoy. These chats help me to become acquainted with students on an informal basis.

PRESS: What did you earn your doctor's degree in?

Dr. Calabrese: I graduated from Duquesne University with my Bachelor's (B. S. Ed.) and my Master's (M. Ed.) degrees. On December 16, 1981, I completed the Doctor's (Ph.D) degree at the University of Pittsburgh in the department of Curriculum and Supervision.

PRESS: Where did you work before you came here?

Dr. Calabrese: I worked at Church Hill Area School District (now Woodland Hills) and Plum Boro Schools as a Reading Specialist and English teacher. I also have taught grades 5 through 9 for 10 years.

Just before I came to N. A. in 1976, I worked for Macmillan Publishing Company as an Education Consultant and most recently I was Curriculum Coordinator at the Intermediate High School.

PRESS: What is it like to be the first woman principal in our school?

Dr. Calabrese: Though Mr. Schwoebel is a tough act to follow, I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with Dr. Duchi and the IMS staff. Being the first woman principal at IMS is a first step in assuring other women a similar opportunity.

PRESS: Do you have any hobbies?



Dr. Paula Calabrese—assistant principal

Dr. Calabrese: Yes, I especially enjoy my summer vegetable garden. I like the physical exercise, but more especially, I prefer vegetables to meats and nothing can beat fresh garden tomatoes, green beans, and peas. I also enjoy genealogy (working on the family tree), reading and writing.

Dr. Calabrese is a remarkable person. She has wide-spread interests and is definitely the right person for the job as assistant-principal of our school.

A recent article in the Pittsburgh Press reported that Pennsylvania ranked last among all the states in the number of women in school administrative jobs. So we're fortunate to have Dr. Calabrese as our assistant principal.

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FAT-TIRED FUN:

Odyssey provides kicks

By Scott Lowery

It was almost 4 p.m. on a cold day in the month of March. I asked my mom if I could go outside and run down her small, fragile poodle on my large, powerful Odyssey.

Most common people and my friends think that the Odyssey I always brag about is a home video-center like Atari. Well, friends, an Odyssey can cruise at 45 mph. Let me see you cruise your Atari or Odyssey video games around your yard at 45 mph. Pretty tough, eh?

An Odyssey is a very simple piece of machinery.

It has all the things a car has: four tires, a steering wheel, gas, brakes, parking brake, headlight, and, I almost forgot, the engine.

It would be kind of tough to ride it without an engine.

What does it have besides the basic parts of a car? The steering is more simple and it has four all-terrain tires that can actually float on water.

The Odyssey can climb hills and go through creeks and streams.

You can have an absolute ball sliding your Odyssey in a doughnut.

Chasing old Fido, your dog, through the woods is an experience all in its own.

The engine is 250cc in size, and pumps out 25 horsepower.

Record buying guide

Beware of 'Centerfold' -buy 'Paris in the Spring'

By Jim Hayes

J. Beils Band - Centerfold - (Emi 7" Single)

I hate records with mechanical clapper in the background. I also hate records with a senseless chorus that has absolutely nothing to do with the rest of the disc. Any group that has to rely on a chorus like this is obviously afraid that they won't have a hit, so they use this technique to brain wash young immature minds into buying this record.

The only decent thing about this noise disguised as a record is Seth Justman's production job. Justman has an awful lot of talent. Too bad he's wasting it on this group.

Rating: E

Public Image Ltd. - Paris in the Spring (Virgin- 1p)

This record is totally simple: a bass and a drum and a guitar and a mentally deprived and emotionally disturbed punk singer doing Frank Sinatra imitations. This record is no million dollar, two-year production job like Centerfold but a \$1.39, ten minute production job that sounds good.

All the tracks are sentimental tunes with lyrics that mean absolutely nothing. These lyrics are saved by John Lydon's thick British accent which makes the lyrics near impossible to decipher (which is good because they're probably offensive).

Another flaw in this record is John's guitarist, who needs to learn a few chords before the next long-player. On the other hand, John frequently fires people so he's probably long gone by now.

Rating: B+

For your listening pleasure:
"Best of the Hunkies" and "Dead Kennedys"

The vehicle can go over anything with the seven inches of ground clearance it has. You can jump things, but I wouldn't recommend it with just front suspension; the rear has none.

I recommend the Honda Odyssey to anyone; it is a very exciting vehicle.

PROFILE: *Roller skating expert exhibits top form*

By Jami Lombardo

A lot of IMS students have hidden talents nobody knows about.

Our talent scouts have searched around and have found one. She's in 8th grade and her name is Colleen Stevens. Colleen's unknown talent is roller skating. Roller skating is something most students have tried but Colleen spends a great deal of time training and seems to enjoy her sport.

Press: How old were you when you began skating?

Colleen: I was about seven or eight years old.

Press: What made you take skating seriously?

Colleen: My dad wanted to start back roller skating because he was on a roller derby team when he was fifteen.

Press: How often do you practice?

Colleen: Just about three days a week, sometimes less, sometimes more.

Press: Have you skated in competition?

Colleen: Yes, most of the meets are in Erie, so I go there. This year the regionals will be in Texas, which I hope I can go to. At the regionals all skaters from Pennsylvania and Canada will be there.

Press: Do you like skating with a partner or by yourself?

Colleen: Most of the dances I enjoy doing with a partner, but it's hard to find a guy your own size who knows the dances. I like skating to disco music by myself.

Press: Do you plan to continue skating?

Colleen: I'd like to keep on skating until I get out of school; then I'll try to become a pro. After that I'll probably skate for fun.

We uncovered one of the many hidden talents at IMS. If you know of anyone else, please let us know.



Colleen Stevens loves roller skating



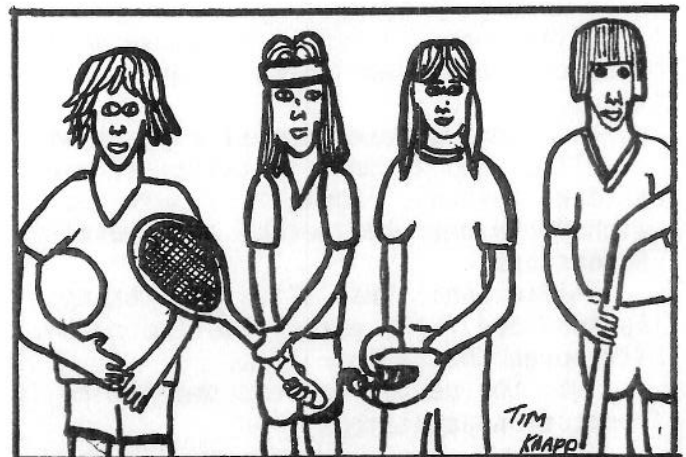
Spring intramurals arrive

By Joe Milcoff

Spring intramurals start on Tuesday, April 13. Sign-up will be held during an activity period prior to Easter vacation.

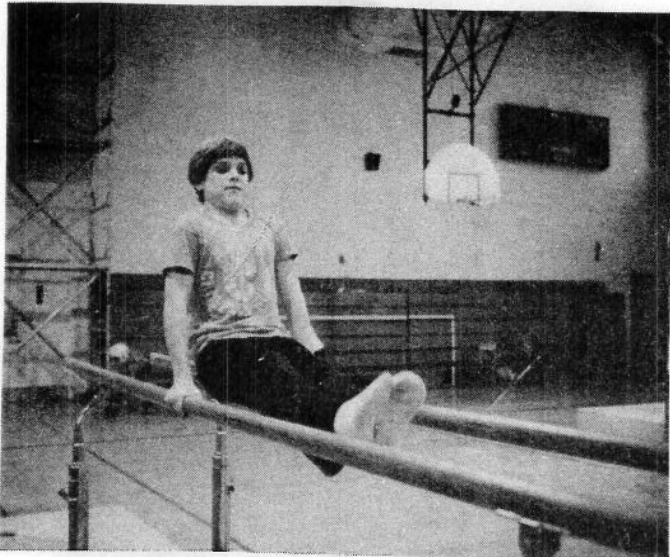
The sports that are available include: softball - 6, 7, 8th grade; volleyball - 7, 8; street hockey - 8; tennis team - 7, 8.

Mr. Frank will sponsor softball, Mr. Buffone - softball and hockey; Mr. Cervone will sponsor tennis, Miss Norton - volleyball.



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Gymnasts discuss making the team



Tim Sexton works out on bars

By Lisa Fischer

The annual gym show has come up again. Everyday after school, students take the time to practice on the apparatus they like best.

Beth Westerman, who is working on the beam; Keith Carter, who is doing a routine on the high bar; Alice Ann Timchak, who is working on the uneven parallel bars; and Tim Sexton, who is doing a routine on the parallel bars, are four students who will be performing on April 1.

Q: Why are you trying out for the gym show?

Beth: I love gymnastics, and performing for people, and I like doing my best at what I enjoy.

Alice Ann: I enjoy doing gymnastics because I learn new tricks at every practice.

Q: Do you take gymnastic lessons?

Tim: No, I don't practice at home or take lessons. Sometimes I work out with my brother who teaches at Jewart's Gymnastics.

Alice Ann: Yes, I've been taking lessons for 7 1/2 years, and I'm on the Pittsburgh North Star Team.

Q: Do you get nervous performing in front of an audience?

Keith: Not really, you just have to get used to it.

Tim: Yes, but I think I feel better knowing someone is watching.

Beth: Last year I was really nervous but I loosened up after awhile, mainly because of the support and help from others. After we worked together, we became great friends and got to know each other really well.

Good luck to these four talented performers.

What makes Johnny run?

By Laurie Phelan

"Ok, class," says the gym teacher, "for the next few weeks we'll be running in gym class." Instantly everyone groans.

To most people running is a unit in gym class that is soon over and forgotten. But to some people it's not enough. They elect to join track. We decided to interview some of the students who have signed up for track to find out what makes them run.

Genifer Grubb: I run track to stay in shape for other sports; plus I like to run.

Clare Tremmer: Because I have always been a fast runner, I like competition and I'm interested in athletics.

Michele Krepp: It's good exercise and it's fun.

Leigh Giovengo: To stay in shape for cross country and I'm interested in running.

Dawn Collins: I like the competition in track and cross country and it helps me meet new people.

Eric Hunkele: To get in shape and meet new girls.

So as you can see a lot of people enjoy running and just do it for fun.

