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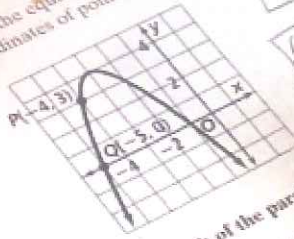
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2. Sketch a graph of the parabola with the vertex (3, 4); point (5, 8)
- Graph each quadratic function. Identify the axis of symmetry and coordinates of the vertex.

4.  $y = x^2 + 5$
6.  $y = -x^2 + 7x - 2$
8. Open-Ended Write a complex number with an absolute value between 3 and 8.

Identify the axis of symmetry and coordinates of the vertex.

7.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 3x + 5$

10.  $(3 - 4i)(5 + 2i)$

12.  $3\sqrt{-25} + 4$

14.  $(5i + 4) - (4i - 3)$

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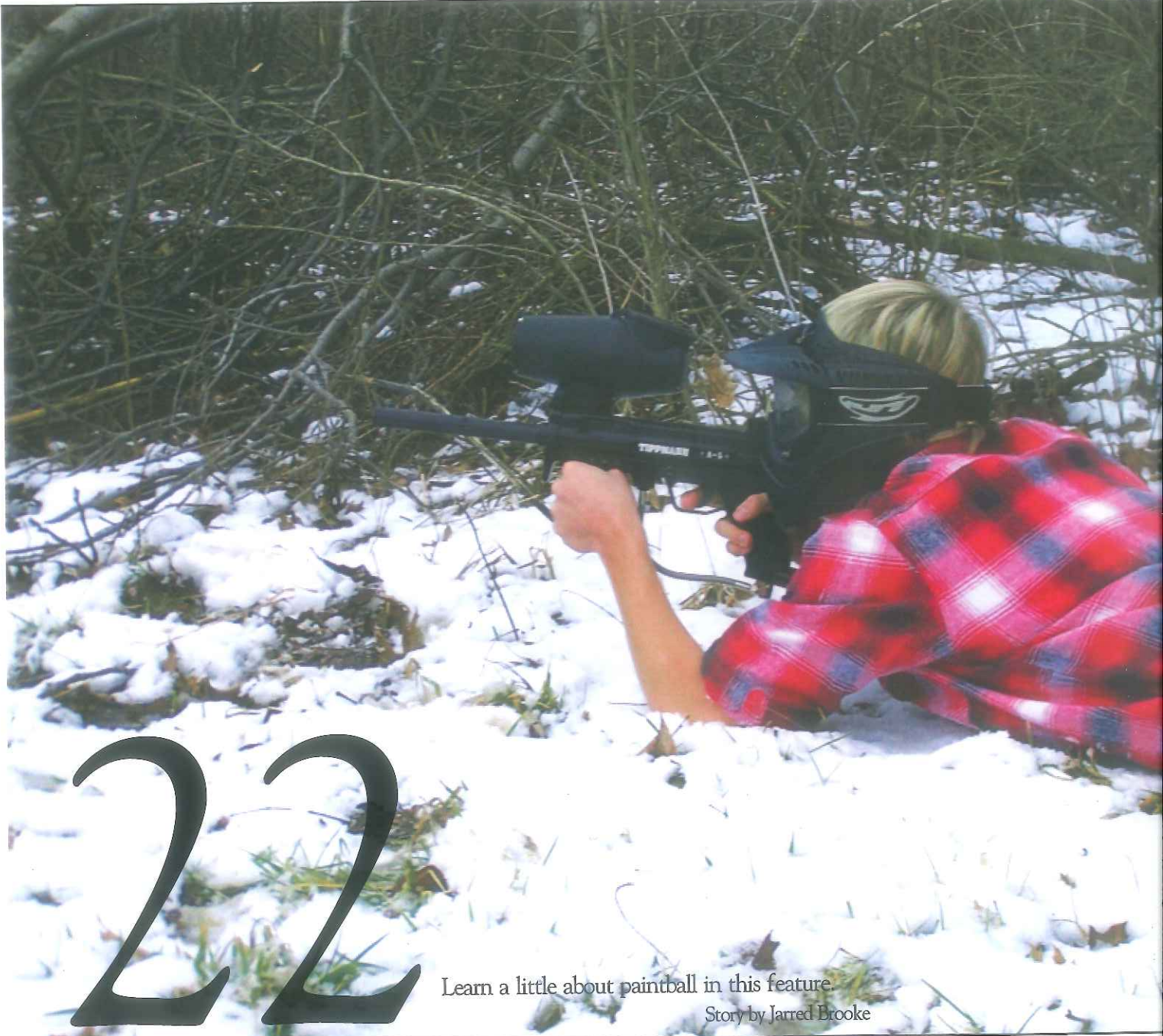
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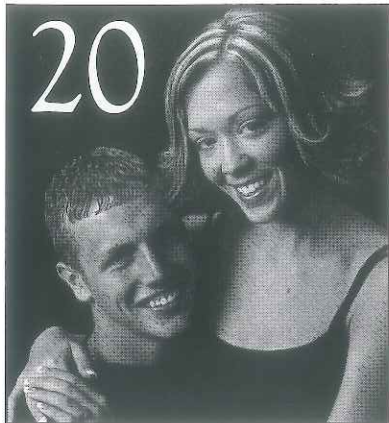


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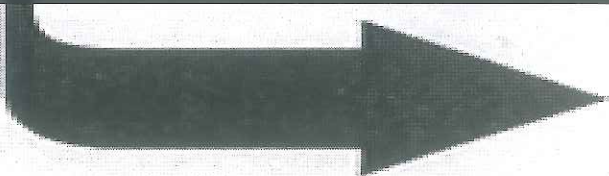
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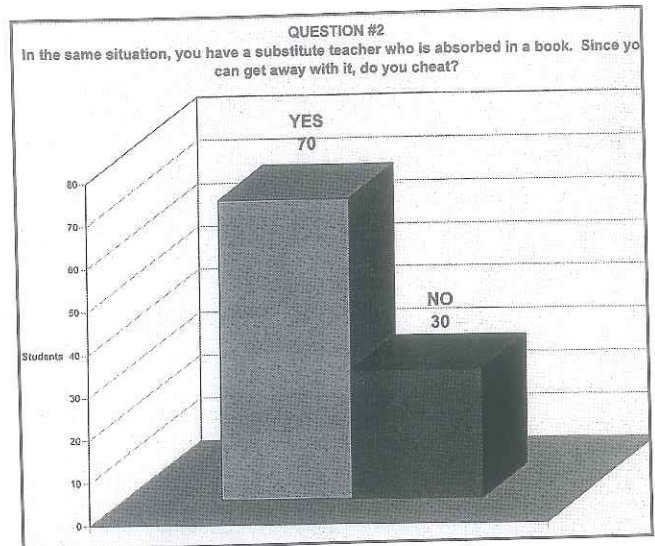
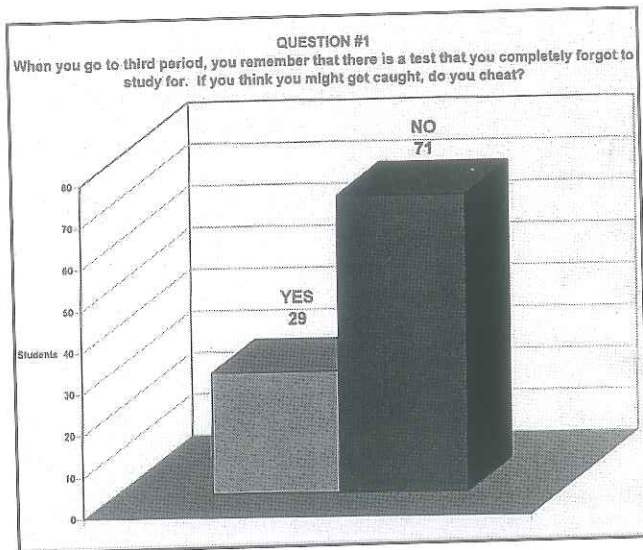
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# Stretching the T R U T H

Ask me no questions and I will tell you no lies ...

Kristin Crider ♦ Copy Editor

No one's perfect. At some point in your life, you've cheated on a test, copied answers, and feigned illness to get out of school. You've probably found a five-dollar bill and kept it. Undoubtedly, you have told a lie.

Thus, you can all relate to sophomore Brittany Teagle. No, Teagle isn't a pathological liar, a kleptomaniac, or a hypochondriac. But she has been known to occasionally bend the rules.

"One time [sophomore] Kory Mace took my paper and forgot to give it back," said Teagle. "I just told Senora Fox that I had to go to my locker, and I had to run around the whole school looking for him."

Teagle never found Mace and was forced to wait till the end of the day to turn in her paper.

Along with sporadic answer copying, Teagle also allows a common misunderstanding to benefit her.

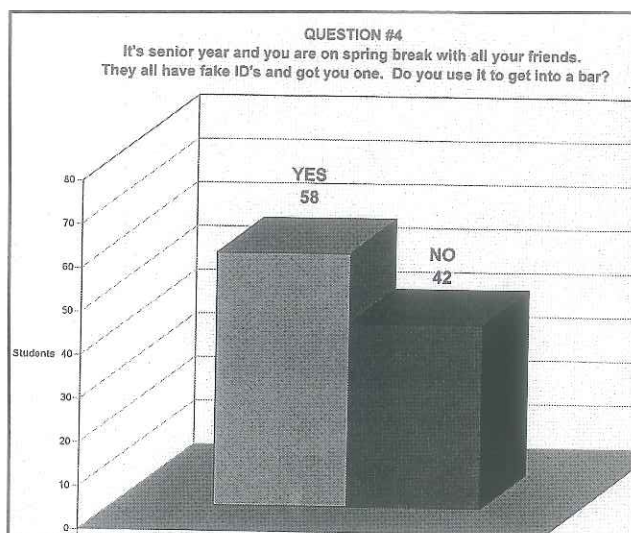
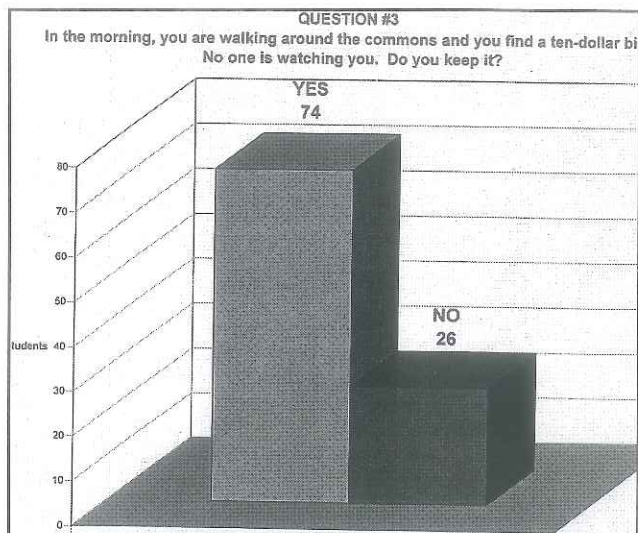
"Every time I go somewhere and people call me Emily, I just pretend that I'm my [older] sister. So I can swim by myself at the YMCA and do stuff like I'm eighteen," she said.

Teagle said that despite these instances, she is an honest, trustworthy person. Honesty is important to her because she



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understands that if you lie, the truth is usually found out and the consequences are worse than if you had told the truth.

Senior Rachel Whited's history of deceit began when she was only a youngster.

"When I was little, I took a crayon and I marked up all the walls and blamed it on my sister," said Whited. "She swore that she didn't do it, but I was just the poor, sweet, innocent child, how could I do it? So she got in trouble and I got like a Popsicle."

Whited is also familiar with the plunging feeling you get when you're caught cheating.

"In middle school, my friend, who shall remain nameless, and I got caught cheating on a test and then I started crying to avoid punishment. It wasn't funny at the time, but I'm laughing now," Whited said.

Whited happily remembers that her tears helped her to easily evade retribution.

The senior's biggest lie took place in her sophomore gym class.

"My gym teacher challenged me to a game of ping-pong. I was like, hey, whatever, I'm going to beat you. So we started to play and I got down. The score was 9-15 but when she asked me what the score was, I said 15-9," Whited said with a laugh. "Then I ended up winning. And now I feel kind of bad because she was a little distressed, but I'm sure I would have been victorious either way."

Senior Geoff Shafer appreciates having a reputation for being honest. Shafer said that since he normally avoids cheating and copying papers, his teachers are less likely to punish him severely for the occasional misdemeanor.

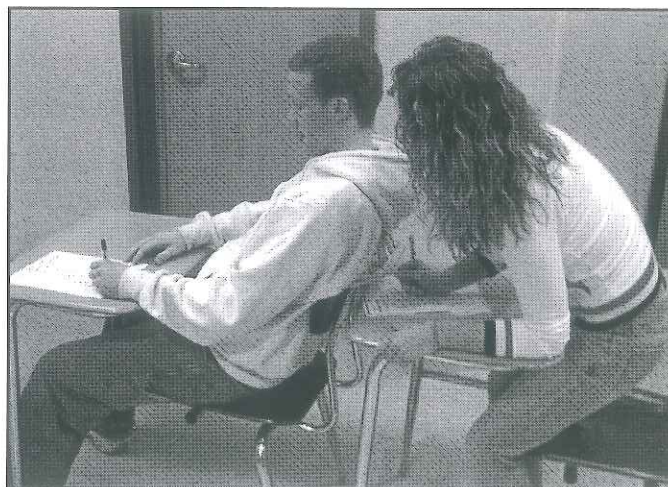
"I've gotten caught, like, a couple times before," said Shafer. "Teachers know how honest I usually am so they just warn me not to do it again."

While this should not be a guarantee that just by being honest, teachers will let you off the hook for occasional cheating, it does show that by building a reputation for habitually being truthful, people will trust you.

Shafer's largest lie was a recent occurrence.

"One time I was supposed to come home after swim practice and instead I just went and drove around Muncie and went shopping," Shafer said. "When my parents asked me where I was, I said, 'I just came back from swim practice.'"

Junior Brandon Huston, despite participating in the occasional bout of cheating, feels entirely differently about finding loose money. Though he admits that a short while ago he might have kept an unclaimed dollar or two, his feelings toward the matter have



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greatly changed.

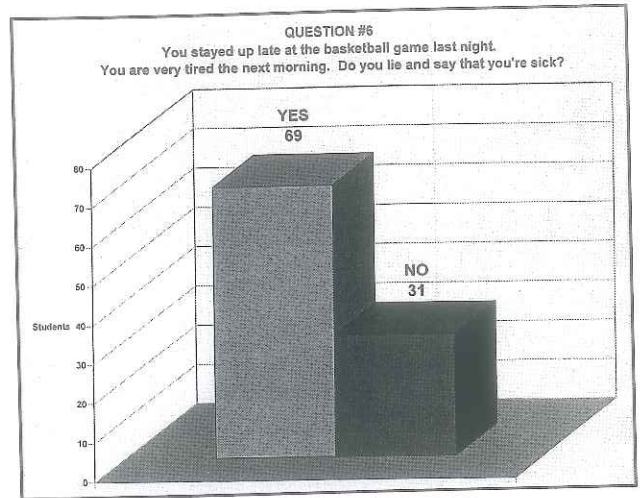
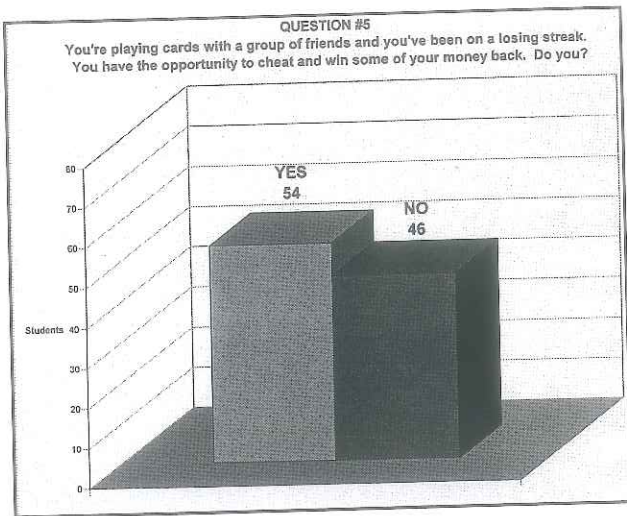
"Someone broke into my gym locker and stole the 25 dollars I had in there," Huston said angrily. "If you find money, definitely give it back. I can't stand thieves."

What is the difference between scooping up an abandoned dollar and theft? Most students felt that there was a great difference.

Teagle and Shafer both felt that it was perfectly acceptable to keep loose money as long as no one came forward and claimed it.

"If you know who the owner is, then you should give it





back, but if you find it and you don't know whose it is and no one is around, then you can just keep it because if you don't then someone else will," Shafer explained.

Whited and Huston both felt that taking deserted money was stealing, or at least should be frowned upon.

"I think you should return money because it's not right," said Whited. "I'm not down with stealing or keeping money."

**"I feel sorry for the teachers because they sometimes trust us too much when like half the class will cheat."  
- Geoff Shafer**

Whited and Teagle both said that they feel worst lying to their family. Shafer feels worst lying to anyone who believes that he always tells the truth. Huston said that he's a bad liar and can't fool anyone.

"I can't lie to my parents. My dad, he always knows; I just don't get it," he said.

Concerning feigning illness to miss school, all four students pleaded guilty.

"There are times when at school I'll feel perfectly fine,

but I'll go to the nurse and say like, 'I have a headache,' and then I'll just go home," Shafer admitted.

Whited said that she also may exaggerate when she has a headache in order to stay at home.

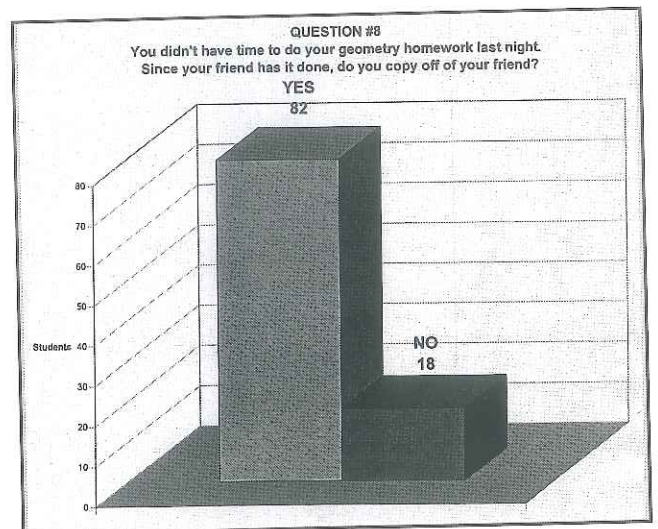
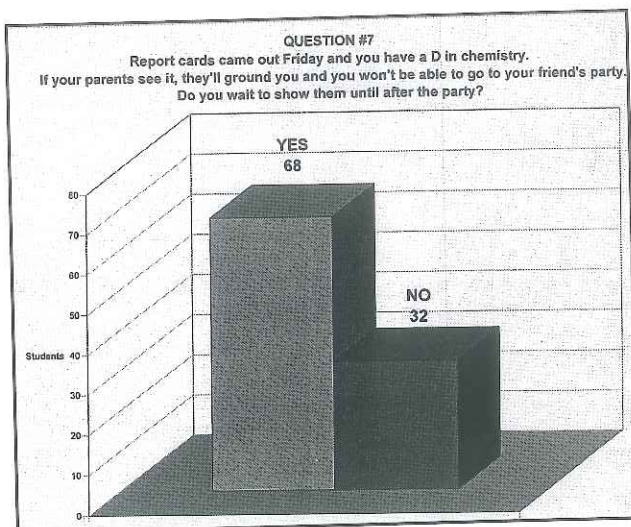
"I [call in sick] a lot. Usually just when I'm tired or worn out and I just call it a half day. My parents are lenient about it," Teagle said.

These con artists agreed that high school students are lying more and more of ten.

There are less people being honest because it's like when one person lies then they get used to lying and they won't be afraid to lie a lot," Shafer commented. "I feel sorry for the teachers because they sometimes trust us too much when like half the class will cheat."

So while Shafer believes that teachers today aren't picking up on the levels of dishonesty present among the students, students such as Teagle are fully aware of the increase.

"I think [honesty levels] are changing because high schoolers keep doing worse things and they seem to lie about everything in some cases," said Teagle.





## CANCELLATIONS

1/6/05 Ice Storm  
1/7/05 Ice Storm  
1/10/05 Ice Storm

Cancelled school days will be made up at the end of the school year on May 25, 26, 27.

## TWO HOUR DELAYS

1/11/05 Ice Storm  
1/13/05 Ice Storm / Flooding  
1/14/05 Ice Storm / Flooding  
1/21/05 Snow  
1/31/05 Fog  
2/8/05 Fog

Days that have 2-hour delays do not have to be made up at the end of the year.



The early January ice storm disrupted school for several days.

# SNOW DAY!!!

Dan Klingenberg and Josh Chambers ❖ Photo Editor and Staff Writer

It's 6:00 a.m. Monday and your alarm goes off too early, or at least it seems like it. The radio stays on and the DJ runs through the list of delays and cancellations, but you never hear Delaware Community Schools. You fight your way to the shower. After getting ready for school, you flip on the TV and the news is on. At the bottom of the screen, the first thing you see is Delaware Community Schools – 2-hour delay.

Fog, snow and ice are all major causes of school delays and cancellations. Since January 1, Delaware Community Schools has had three cancellations and six two-hour delays. Why do some days get delays, others get cancelled, and even the days that look the worst, no delay?

Mr. R. Stephen Gookins, the superintendent and the man who decides when to cancel or delay school, has it even worse than any student or teacher. Regardless of the weather, he gets up every morning at 4 to check the weather conditions. He watches the news and looks at the weather fronts. If necessary, he drives in the conditions himself and talks to other superintendents for their weather conditions.

Mr. Gookins then recalled a recent stormy morning in which he tracked the weather:

"I contacted the superintendent of Blackford County to see how the conditions were there. Then I went and drove



south on the edge of the storm to decide the path of the storm. From this calculation I was able to discern that Delta was not going to have much snow and that the storm was heading more south than expected. Then, I contacted the superintendent of Blackford and relayed this information. Delta ended up having a full day of school while Blackford closed due to the report I gave them."

After he has watched the news, experienced the conditions, and talked to other superintendents, he meets with Transportation Department Director Don Walburn to determine whether to delay or cancel school.

The main concern when determining if we will have a delay is that the roads will be safe for the buses and student drivers.

If a decision is made to delay or cancel school, Mr. Gookins goes online to the TV stations' websites and in a special, password-protected section he changes the school status to 2-hour delay or cancelled.

"The amount of snow does not matter. The road conditions, drifting, and temperature are the most important [factors]. You could have 2 inches of snow with heavy drifting and be closed, but have 5 inches of snow and no drifting and be on time," Mr. Gookins said.





(Clockwise from top left) Kristen Beaty, freshman, sports a bucket hat and sunglasses; Destiny Walker, senior, poses in a cardigan and floral top; Missy Brown, sophomore, wears layered necklaces and a Bohemian skirt; and Mieke Davis models turquoise jewelry.

Story and Photos  
Kristin Crider

◆  
Staff Writer

# From The Runway To The Hallway

**Bucket Hats:** Bucket hats will be popular in a number of prints and materials. Some popular looks are tropical floral, fruit prints, cloche styles, belted bands, molded knits, and polka dots.

**Sunglasses:** Sunglasses are going to be very large and eye-catching this year. Inspired by the 70's, they are a necessity for every girl.

**Layered necklaces:** Layered necklaces with gold tones are going to be trendy for spring. Stone and jewel colors are bright pinks, blues, and yellows. Animal prints, leather, wood, and bone will come into play with a tribal fad inspired by Africa.

**The Bohemian Look:** This eclectic look involves long, flowing skirts or shirts, lots of bangles and jewelry, tie-dye printing, embroidery, and sashes. All contribute to create a foreign, borrowed sort of look.

**Make-up:** Spring make-up is very easy to emulate. It starts off with fresh, glowing skin and thicker, bolder eyebrows. Eyeshadow will be found in a number of shimmery pastels. Lips and cheeks will be a rosy pink. Overly tanned skin is out,

replaced by a natural, healthy glow.

**Hair:** As opposed to the stick straight or high volume styles that we've recently been exposed to, natural, manageable hair is in. Braids are also going to be quite fashionable this spring.

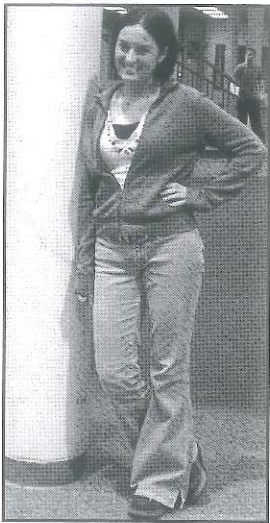
**Jewelry:** Turquoise and coral are going to keep on being widely seen. Chandelier earrings will continue their popularity. Brooches and cameos will still be seen adorning dresses, jackets, shirts, pants, and purses.

**Cardigans:**





Cardigans are going to be a perfect cover-up for spring. Often featuring cute appliques or embroider, they come in a multitude of colors. Cropped jackets will also skyrocket in status.



**The Floral Look:** Bright, subtle, feminine, oversized, or detailed, floral is going to be the pattern of choice this spring.

**Embroidery:** Detailed work and new materials are going to pop up this spring like crocus. Look for crochet, lace, macramé, silk, chiffon, metallic, tie-dye, embroidery, and knitwear.

## Boots: Cute or Ugly?

"I think they're overrated and I think they're ugly. They give girls 'cankles'." – Katie Alexander, sophomore.

"I started wearing them last year, and I think that they're very cute and they're very comfortable." – Lindsay Rosander, junior.

"What are those?" – Scott Carruthers, sophomore.

"I wear them because they're really warm and comfortable." – Suzie Webster, senior.

"I think they're kind of weird. It's like a real weird style right now, especially when they wear them with skirts." – Todd Darroca, senior.





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# Teacher Feature

Josh Chambers

Mr. Paul Orchard, history teacher

In Paul Orchard's former career, a typical day on the job could include something as dramatic as working undercover to expose sex-crime offenders, participating in high speed chases, helping to defuse a potentially life-threatening suicide attempt and discovering gunshot victims who had been fatally wounded.

Orchard has not always been in the teaching profession; he has been involved in many professions. Among them are barn raiser, police ranger, construction, and assistant football coach at Ball State. Orchard was also very interested in photography. He is also an assistant football coach at Delta and has been for 15 years.

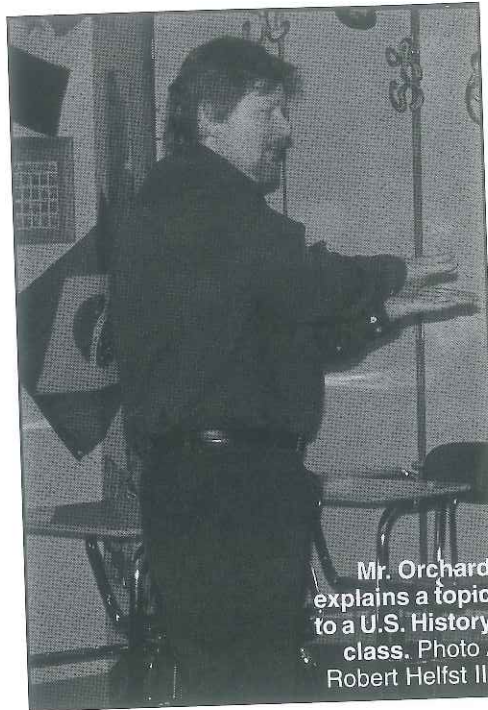
A police ranger is someone who deals with domestic calls and narcotics. Orchard was a part of the third largest police force in Cleveland, Ohio.

Orchard recounts one of his most memorable moments of a ranger. "One night I was following a person suspected of [considering] suicide and as I reached his apartment, I found him lying on the ground, dead. Next to him I found the gun he had used," said Orchard.

When Orchard was involved as a police ranger he was confronted by a very unusual situation. One night a family came to him and claimed they had just seen what they thought was "Sasquatch" (also known as Bigfoot). So, Orchard was sent out into the woods to go find this creature with nothing but a stray dog as an early warning system and a flashlight. Even though he never found the creature they described, he never had been asked to do anything as strange as to find the "Sasquatch".

Orchard, who is from Cleveland, attended Ball State University with a full scholarship for football. Orchard played defensive end and corner for the Cardinals. He attended Ball State because he liked the campus and the college atmosphere that was present.

At first, Orchard was majoring



Mr. Orchard explains a topic to a U.S. History class. Photo / Robert Helfst III

in physical education and had a minor in history. He wanted to become a P.E. teacher for middle school or high school. He soon changed his mind and decided to be a history teacher.

"History comes easy to me, and it was always my favorite subject in high

school," said Orchard. He said he enjoyed the interesting stories, intriguing pictures, and films of events in history.

Orchard said that one of his favorite parts of history to teach is the Civil War, because he knows so much about this time period. Other areas he enjoys teaching are both World Wars, the fall of Communism, and the Cold War.

Those who have taken a class taught by Orchard have mixed feelings about his class. Some of them like it a lot and think the class is fun; others struggle with the material.

"The relaxed atmosphere of Orchard's class makes it comfortable. It is not too difficult if you complete the homework and take good notes," said sophomore Rob McReynolds.

Orchard believes that his classes are challenging, but not terribly difficult. He gives a lot more short answer and essay tests than multiple choice or true and false exams. He said that through this method he eliminates most cheating and challenges the students to know the material better to receive a good grade.



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# Bob Dylan – Chronicles Vol. 1

The rock 'n' roll visionary provides insight into his long and storied career in this release, scheduled to be the first of three volumes.

## Sights and Sounds

Your guide to the hottest releases in music and literature.

Jerrick T. Adams

### What to look out for this month ...

#### CDs

**Amos Lee** - His eponymous debut album will be released March 1. Lee performs an eclectic mix of folk and soul and will be touring the nation this spring with Bob Dylan and Merle Haggard.

#### Other releases:

**Massacre**, by 50 Cent (March 8)

**Stage and David Bowie Live**, by David Bowie (March 15)

**Lullabies to Paralyze**, by Queens of the Stone Age (March 22)

#### DVDs

**South Park** - The complete fifth season of South Park was released February 22. In this set, the boys discover a government secret and accidentally get sent to Afghanistan among many other hilarious adventures. Full-screened format.

#### Other releases:

**The Incredibles** (March 15)

**Bambi** (March 1)

**The Complete Ninth Season of Friends** (March 15)

For more information regarding upcoming releases in film, literature, and music, visit [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), the source for the information listed above.

Bob Dylan's recent memoir (*Chronicles, Vol. 1*) is not the straightforward, tell-all piece that so many readers so desperately craved. No, that would be far too simple for a man such as Bob Dylan. Rather, Dylan paints an intricate, sparse, yet ultimately gratifying portrait of his life (or rather, certain parts of it).

In this volume, which is intended to be the first of three such memoirs, Dylan leaps wildly through the many different periods of his storied and colorful career. At the onset of the book, Dylan writes of his arrival in New York City in 1961, long before the flood commenced that would drown him in fame and celebrity. Here, the reader meets a baby-faced young man from the wilderness of Minnesota, one completely bowled over by his discovery of this scene and this new world. The streets that Dylan walks are romantic, and the reader can truly feel the sense of community that must have existed in the "beat" community that he was a part of.

Without any apparent regard for chronological order, Dylan leaps forward 10 years in his life. The romanticism and idealism that existed in Dylan in the memoir's first chapter are by now tarnished by disillusionment. The Dylan we meet is conflicted, angry, and trying desperately to shed his image. "Demonstrators found our house and paraded up and down in front of it chanting and shouting, demanding for me to come out and lead them somewhere — stop shirking my duties as the conscience of

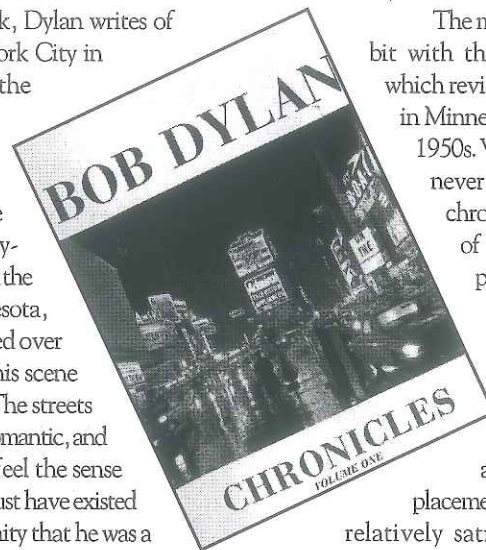
a generation," writes Dylan.

Dylan leaps forward another 10 years and writes from the perspective of the washed-up star. Dylan confesses that for years he'd simply been going through the motions; consciously recording mediocre albums and giving half-hearted performances. However, Dylan explains to the reader his elaborate new performance plan and the sometimes grueling recording of what many critics considered a return to form, *Oh Mercy*.

The memoir stumbles a bit with the final chapter, which revisits his time spent in Minneapolis in the late-1950s. While the memoir never provides a truly chronological portrait of Dylan's life, the placement of this final chapter is simply baffling. However, once the reader accepts the placement, the content is relatively satisfying, though

Dylan's portrait of New York is far more successful.

The memoir represents the man who wrote it excellently. It is every bit as mysterious, idiosyncratic, and secretive as the man himself. However, for the dedicated reader, the memoir will undoubtedly prove deeply satisfying and revealing. His prose is every bit as strong as his poetry, and readers of Volume 1 are sure to anticipate the release of succeeding volumes.





# Fighting: It's Not the Answer

Hillary Bradburn ❖ Layout and Design

Crowds block the locker bay. All through the area the chant of "FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!" is heard. No one can really see what is going on except for some students who have a bird's-eye view of the fight from up high on the lockers. Suddenly, a teacher rushes in to break up the altercation. Mostly everyone, eager for some good action, moans and goes on their way.

This is an all-too familiar scenario for Delta students. The school has had more fights this year than usual. But why?

"Kids feel like it's a way to solve problems. They fight to make things feel better," said Assistant Principal Mr. Chad Briggs, whose responsibility is to discipline students who fight.

Others, however, have a different opinion.

"I think kids fight just to get attention," said freshman Brittany Clements.

When questioned, students who have participated in fights claim the disagreement began over a boyfriend or girlfriend. Others say that they started a fight because someone "was talking about me behind my back."

Whatever the case, fighting is beginning to be a problem at Delta.

Some students, however, do not see it as a problem, but a form of entertainment.

"Fights are cool," said freshman Justin Wilder.

Other students would argue that fighting is something that is not good for anyone.

"They [fights] aren't useful. There are better ways to solve

things than fighting," said sophomore Jessica Futrell.

Or they think the fights at Delta are just plain boring.

"Delta fights are pathetic. If you want to see a real fight, go to Southside," said senior Jessica F. Thomas.

Fighting could get a student in a lot of trouble. According to the handbook, a student could get up to 10 days of out of school suspension or even expulsion for fighting.

"That doesn't always happen," said Briggs. "It depends on the case."

Some students do not seem to learn anything from the whole experience. When asked what he learned from it, senior Don Kirby said, "Not a dang thing. I still fight." Freshman Dustin Meeks also said he had learned nothing.

No one can really pinpoint what type of students usually fight or why they fight, but measures are being taken to stop fighting.

"Counselors, administrators, and teachers are all working hard to help kids," said Briggs. They are trying to help students solve their problems the right way, so their problems will not escalate into a huge fight.

And it is easy to resolve anger in a better way than fighting. If a student is upset, they can talk about the things that bother them to a friend or trusted adult.

"You can't keep emotions inside," said Briggs.

So, with a little more patience, understanding and kindness, this problem can be eliminated.

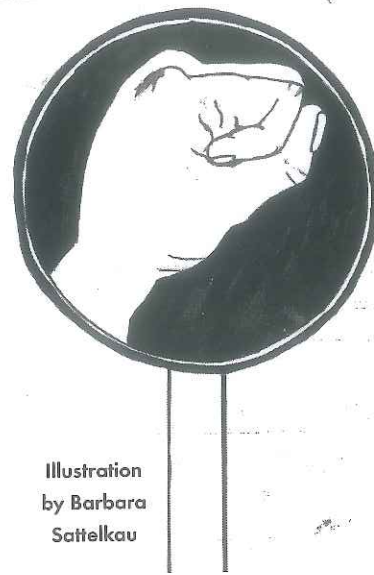


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# Mitch and the \$\$\$

Robert Helfst ♦ Staff Writer

Due to a proposal made by Gov. Mitch Daniels, our school may not receive an increase in state funds we had planned for. How will this affect our school? According to principal Gregory Hinshaw, we are prepared to weather the storm.

"Mr. Gookins [Del-Com superintendent] is foresighted enough that he has managed the finances of the corporation extremely well and as a result of that, Del-Com is in a pretty good financial position. He estimates that we'll probably lose a quarter of a million dollars in the next two years," Hinshaw said.

Thanks to our school corporation's Rainy Day Fund, a pool of taxpayers' money saved for situations such as these, we could survive the potential budget cut for several years. The effects of the cut would not be felt deeply.

Hinshaw explained: "At this point for us there is nothing that says, 'The sky is falling'. We might scrutinize field trips a little more; we might scrutinize professional days for teachers, things like that, a little more. I don't know that this is going to be a huge impact, at least here in the short term for us."

The reason Gov. Daniels made this proposal is because Indiana has a constitutional provision that states that we are not allowed to have a debt; we can't borrow money. According to Hinshaw, this stems from our investments in canals, which bankrupted the state when railroads were realized to be the better mode of transportation.

The state is currently in a \$645 million deficit. Daniels has proposed many things in an attempt to balance the budget. One such proposal was a 1 percent income tax increase for those who made more than \$100,000 a year, but that likely will be rejected by the general assembly.

He hasn't so much as cut the budget as he has reallocated funds that most schools had planned on receiving.

Delaware Community Schools Superintendent R. Stephen Gookins said Gov. Daniels' proposal makes sense from a business point of view.

"The pain is that we had planned on receiving this money, and that was in our budgets, and now somebody's saying, 'Sorry, you're not going to get it,' after the fact," said Gookins. "I'm not sure I agree with the part about getting the notice after the fact."

Gookins said the general assembly had appropriated money to schools but now they don't have the money they had earlier promised. Daniels won't have the general assembly re-appropriate money from another fund.

"If this is a long cut [3-4 years] we'll have to look at some things that we might have to cut back on. Some extracurricular items. We'd do everything in our power to retain educational programs," Gookins said.

The effects of the cuts could be harsher at other school corporations. There

would possibly be staff cuts, program cuts, larger class sizes and no new construction. We are able to repair our swimming pool thanks to the Rainy Day fund. If we were forced to cut programs at our school, we would remove those with the least amount of interest or that served the least amount of students."

Gookins made clear: "We'll survive. We're all right. Financially our school corporation is in reasonable financial conditions and we can withstand a shortfall. I certainly don't want it to be a lengthy one however. If we're talking 3 or 4 years, that could be painful, but we can survive this one year under the governor's proposal. Beyond that ...."

"We'll survive. We're all right...If we're talking 3 or 4 years, that could be painful, but we can survive this one year under the governor's proposal."

- Superintendent R. Stephen Gookins

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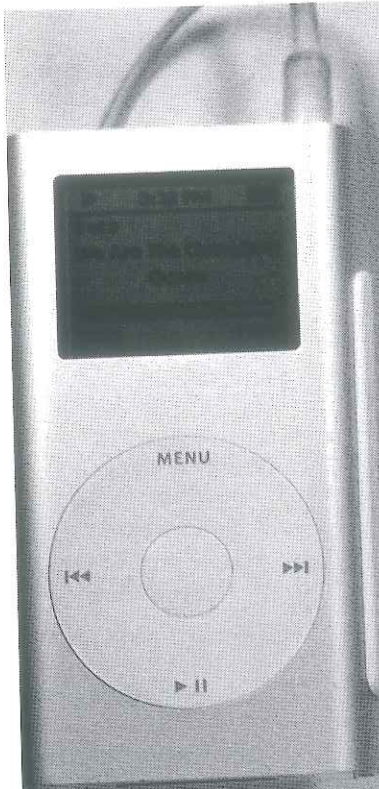
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# THE iPod REVOLUTION

Jerrick T. Adams ♦ Editor-in-Chief

Songs that were once experienced at 45 revolutions per minute, that existed on vinyl records and singles, can now be held in the palm of one's hand or stored in one's pocket. Not only that, but hundreds more can also be stored in that same amount of space.

Needless to say, things have changed.

Digital music, only years ago, was an outlet reserved for those wealthy enough to afford it. Now, it is one of the primary means of obtaining music, providing serious competition to more traditional media, such as the compact disc. The iPod, the most popular brand of portable music players, is becoming increasingly common. An estimated 25 million portable music players were sold in 2004, 10 million of

which were iPods. Also, legal online sales of music downloads reached 140 million songs last year, seven times the amount that was sold in 2003. Some estimates state

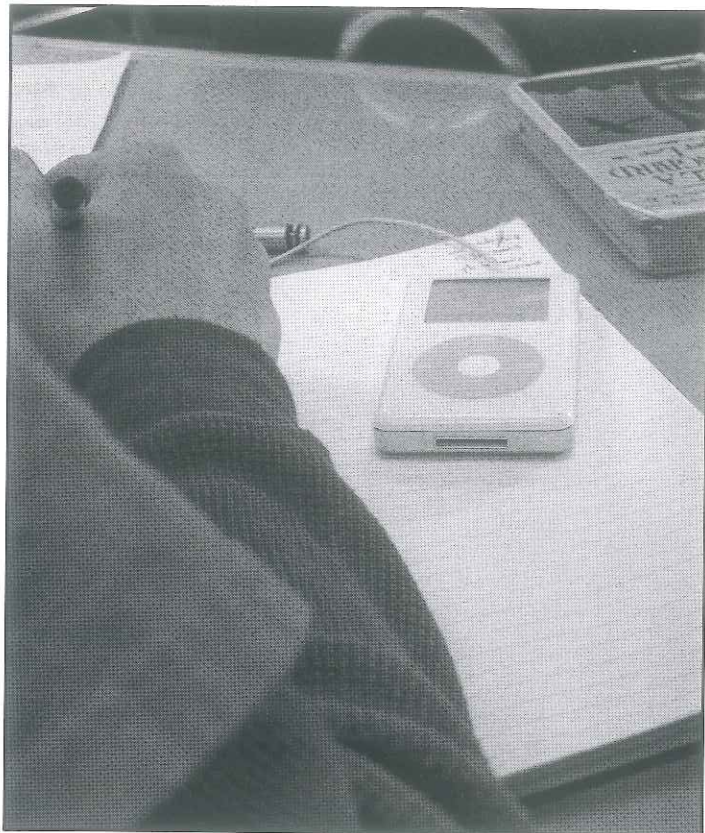
numbers upwards of \$300 million in digital music sales. Granted, illegal downloading is still highly prominent and digital sales only make up approximately two percent of the music industry's

I think digital music is already very common. ... an MP3 player or an iPod isn't considered the luxury it was when it came out. Lots of people have them. —Adam Papp, sophomore

total revenue. Still, the numbers are quite formidable. Album sales, however, have been in decline for some time, which raises the question: Is the compact disc going the way of the record, the 8-track and the cassette tape?

"[Digital music] definitely is becoming bigger, whether or not it will be someday bigger than the CD is





**A student listens to an iPod during class. Although prohibited by the handbook, many students still carry iPods to school and listen to them during the day.** Photo / Jerrick T. Adams

financially] but they still sell tons of merchandise and make a lot of money touring. I think illegal downloading is one of the main way people our age get music.”

Hughes is certainly not alone. According to the Recording Industry of America, file-sharing remained high in 2004 — approximately one billion song files are traded illegally each month. While great strides are being made in the legal sell and transfer of digital music, illegal file-sharing still plagues the RIAA, who sued more than 7,000 alleged downloaders in 2004.

Other media still are becoming big hitters in the music industry in the digital age. Sales in music DVDs and cell phone ring tones have grown increasingly popular and, in spite of illegal downloading, legitimate downloading is still growing at an incredible rate.

However, despite blockbusters by Usher, Norah Jones, Eminem and U2 in 2004, CD sales, which have enjoyed modest increases, are still caught in a slump.

According to students, such as Papp and Hughes, the CD cannot compete with the availability of free music or cheap legitimate downloads.

anyone’s guess,” said sophomore Adam Papp.

Papp is one of many who owns a portable music player. His MP3 player still lies alongside his portable CD player, however. He’s not yet transitioned entirely to digital music.

“I still buy CDs occasionally, if I’m at the store and it’s convenient or if I just really enjoy the album or artist and want the actual copy,” said Papp. Like many students, he also downloads music illegally.

“I hope digital music doesn’t become bigger than the CD. If it does, I’ll actually have to start paying for it instead of burning it whenever I want. ... I think digital music is already very common. Not quite THE norm since CDs are still everywhere, but an MP3 player or an iPod isn’t considered the luxury it was when it came out. Lots of people have them.”

Papp notes a very important factor in the growth of digital music. When the MP3 player and the iPod were first released, they were not priced at a rate that the common man could afford (prices ranged from \$399 to \$499). However, prices have gone down and, as a result, the portable music player has become more common (The 40-gig iPod, which can store up to 10,000 songs, sells for around \$399 and the 20-gig iPod, which can store up to 5,000 songs, sells for around \$299).

Papp also notes a very important hindrance to the growth of digital music. If it is so easy to download free music illegally, why pay for it?

Freshman Jenny Hughes said, “Like many others, I download illegally because it’s cheaper. Sure, it hurts [the artists

## How music has changed over the past 50 years ...



**The record** - Vinyl records were available in two main formats; the single (two songs, one each side) and the LP (which could hold an average of about 10-12 songs).

**The 8-track** was a predecessor to the cassette tape. Divided into four programs, each program held about 3 - 4 songs. You could choose programs, but one song was often split over two.



**The cassette tape** was the first portable medium for music. You couldn’t easily skip tracks, however, and they were sensitive to extremes.

**The compact disc** is the medium for music that you are most accustomed to. The sound quality is superb and the CD is portable. They must be stored carefully in order to prevent scratches.



**The iPod** can store up to 10,000 songs (40-GB) and is very portable. Sound quality, however, does not match that of the CD.



# STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS

Marshall Richardson and Kailey Good ❖ Staff Writer and Ads Director

Approximately 150 students were recently surveyed over what they felt was the best Delta and the community had to offer. Students were asked what they felt were the best and worst in 20 categories, including water fountains, school lunches and stores in the mall. These are the results.

## Neatest Desk:

Winner: Mr. Moulton  
 Runner-up: Mr. Scott  
 Third: Mr. Devine

## Messiest Desk:

Winner: Mr. Zgunda  
 Runner-up: Mr. Wray  
 Third: Mrs. Fox

**I'm not surprised  
 Moulton won  
 because he's the  
 man!**

—Mr. Steve Wray,  
 Algebra teacher

## Best Fountain

Winner: Small Gym  
 Runner-up: By Child  
 Development Room  
 Third: Girls' Locker Room

## Worst Fountain

Winner: Large Gym  
 Runner-up: By the Band  
 Room  
 Third: Chem. Hallway

## Best and Worst School lunches:

Best - Country Fried Steak  
 Worst - Pizza

## Best Job

Winner: Movie Star  
 Runner-up: Musician  
 Third: Pro Athlete

## Worst Job

Winner: Fast Food Worker  
 Runner-up: Trash Collector  
 Third: Port-a-Potty cleaner

## Best Bathroom

Winner: Chem. Hallway  
 Runner-up: Front Entrance  
 Third: English Hallway

## Worst Bathroom

Winner: By the Band Room  
 Runner-up: English Hallway  
 Third: Boys' Locker Room

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 lunch line lasts  
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 lunch period.**

—Ben Thomas, senior

## Warmest Room:

Winner: Mrs. Goodman  
 Runner-up: Mrs. Fox  
 Third: Mrs. Carpenter

## Coldest Room

Winner: Mrs. Ridley  
 Runner-up: Miss  
 Harshbarger  
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# STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS

WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY ABOUT IT ALL ...

Here are some of your quotes regarding your choices.

Hot Topic is the best place to find "hot" stuff when you're not broke ... like me.

—Kyle Quinlan, senior

The scariest thing is that the people who try out for American Idol and live under the misconception that they have talent also have driver's licenses and are out on the road with us!

—Mrs. Mary Opel, instructional assistant

Taco Bell is what ties the day together.

—Mike Fair, senior

Fast food worker is a bad job because you see what goes into the food, and you don't get paid [well].

—Travis Deardorff, Sophomore

## The Best (and Worst) of Pop Culture

### Best and Worst Restaurants:

Best - Taco Bell  
Worst - McDonald's

### Best and Worst Radio Stations:

Best - NOW 93.1  
Worst - 102.5 WMDH

### Best and Worst Television Shows:

Best - The O.C. (Fox)  
Worst - American Idol (Fox)

### Best and Worst Shopping Facilities:

Best - Hot Topic  
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# LONELY **but not** ALONE

Depression can lead to feelings of hopelessness, despair

Steve Hopkins ♦ Staff Writer

Alone. Empty. Hopeless. The three words that continually find their way into the heads of kids and adults alike who suffer from depression.

For some students right here at Delta, the loss of joy in their life can lead them to the bottom of the depths of sorrow.

Jill (not her actual name) is one such student who struggles with depression.

"I feel like the whole world is blacked out. Something is there, but I just can't see it," said Jill. "I am very lonely and lacking an important relationship with someone."

Jill believes that the main reason she feels the way she does is the death of a close friend who passed away unexpectedly.

She was out of state from the start of last school year and did not get to spend time with him for the last four months of his life.

"I am very upset that I never led him to Christ," said Jill. "I helped my other friends do this, but never him."

"My biggest fear is that he is in Hell and he hates me," said Jill. "I feel so guilty about his death."

Jill went out of state to try to mend her relationship with a relative. They had never really gotten along and the trip did not work out, either.

"The feeling inside is just one of despair," said Jill. "And I just don't know how to get it out."

Jill has talked to people about her problem before, but not on a regular basis.

"I am a stubborn person," she said. "I like to be independent and am much more big-headed than most girls."

Hurting herself has entered Jill's mind. She has tried to commit suicide once before by overdosing on pills.

"I am battling cutting my wrists," said Jill. "It is kind of like an escape. You can tease your mind into thinking that when the cut heals, the pain will be gone. It takes what you feel inside and makes it completely physical."

At the current time, she does not feel that she is suicidal.

Writing is Jill's best way of coping with her problems. She writes a lot of poetry and short stories.

Jill hopes that she can get better, but wants to take her recovery one day at a time.

"I am talking a lot more about what is going on inside me," she said.

The one thing Jill realizes



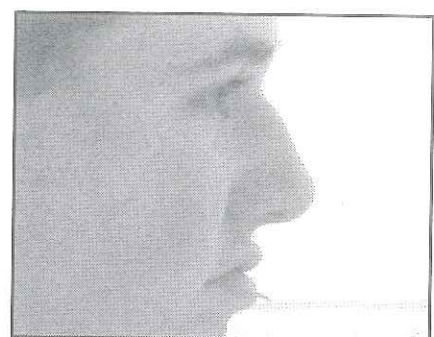
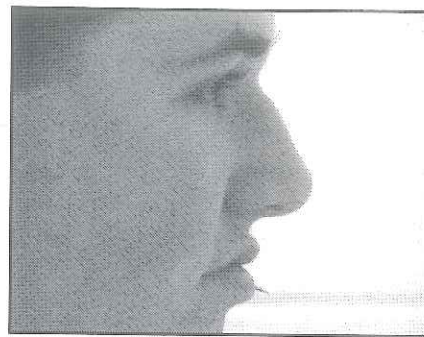
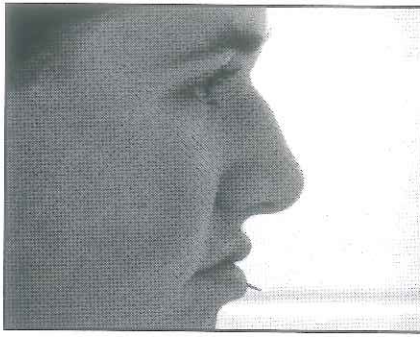
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now and emphasizes is that she is not alone.

**Dr. Crider says, "Be skin smart. Don't tan."**

**Michael K. Crider, M.D. P.C.  
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## Robert Helfst III ❖ Random Rantings

In my time, I have watched many a strange, even pointless, music video. But recently, on CMT, I viewed one with a bizarre, but not pointless, premise.

John Mellencamp's *Walk Tall* is an uplifting anthem about overcoming adversity and being strong. The video follows one who does so, a little man...quite literally, a **LITTLE MAN**. The video takes the story of segregation between blacks and whites in the pre-civil rights movement era, and changes it to the "tinies" and the "talls".

*Walk Tall* follows a "little" man, a "tiny", on his daily work, delivering milk. On his route, we are shown scenes if a white "tall" shining a black "tall's" shoes and the "tiny" being turned away from a food vendor, who points to a sign reading "NO TINIES SERVED". Later, a group of "talls", both black and white, harass and beat up the "tiny" and destroy a portion of his milk bottles. They all look like they've never heard the words "shower" or "shave" while the "tiny" looks to be a clean-cut, upstanding citizen. Then John Mellencamp gets a cameo when he helps the "tiny" to his feet, helps him load the rest of the milk bottles into his awesome motorcycle with a sidecar, and smiles as he rides away.

One of the men who harassed the "tiny" has a beautiful wheelchair bound daughter. The "tiny" delivers milk to her house one day and falls in love with the attractive girl. He at first thinks that she too is a "tiny" because they were conversing over a row of hedges, but he then realizes that she is a paraplegic. Several scenes of them dating ensue, while the "tall" bystanders look on in disgust at the fractured fairytale of Beauty and the Beast.

The father somehow finds out that she's been seeing the height-challenged milkman, and he doesn't like that. An extremely graphic scene is shown during the driving chorus in which the roughneck beats his daughter and then locks her in their house. He then continues to round up the buzzed "good ol' boys", and drive to the "tiny" man's small house trailer. Using Molotov cocktails, the ignorant bigots set the trailer afire. The girl breaks out of the house and rolls herself to the trailer only to see her father barbarically rejoice with the rest of his buddies in the destruction. She begins to cry more, thinking her love was killed in the blaze. He rolls up on his awesome motorcycle behind her, lifts her out of the wheelchair, gingerly

sets her in the sidecar, and whisks her away from the cruel, segregated, bigot-ridden town. The father sees her, and chases after them, only to be left in their dust, flabbergasted. That the "tiny" didn't retaliate shows that although he is smaller, he is truly the bigger man who can Walk Tall.

A verse of the lyrics reads: *so be careful what you believe in/ There's plenty to get you confused/ And in this land called paradise/ You must walk in many men's shoes./ Bigotry is an enemy to us all./ Grace, mercy, and forgiveness/ Will help a man walk tall./ So walk tall./ Yeah walk on./*

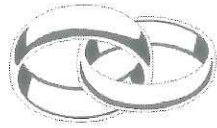
While just listening to the song, or reading the lyrics, it is an anthem for the downtrodden underdog, which fits the video quite well if you think about it. The main character is downtrodden...and under the height of those who trod on him. It's just that the whole premise of this video is so...strange and outlandish that it's hard to take seriously at first. It seems more like something you'd find in a science fiction novel. It is graphic and the three violent scenes are shocking are not for the weak of heart.

This is a brilliant song with an interesting video. John Mellencamp is still one of the best, and he delivers with this. If you would like to hear a powerful, uplifting song with a good message, and watch a three-minute long video with better developed characters than some two-hour movies, look for *Walk Tall* by John Mellencamp on CMT.

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# Goin' to the Chapel...and We're Gonna Get Married

Sean Hays ♦ Staff Writer

It's your senior year and you've been dating your girlfriend for a couple of years. Things are getting pretty serious and thoughts of marriage arise.

"Son, you're too young to be getting married. Are you crazy?" , says good 'ol Pops.

"Dad, I love her and I seriously see myself being with her the rest of my life," you reply.

"Well, son, just follow your heart, I guess. Just do what's best for you," your dad says.

"Oh my little man is growing up," your mom says sobbing.

With the blessing from your parents, now it's on to your girl's parents. You're nervous about asking her father, because at times he can be a little bit intimidating. Finally you get the nerve to ask.

"Hey, I need to talk to you," you say nervously.

"Ok son, what about?" he asks.

"Well, your daughter and I have been dating for a couple of years now and things are getting pretty serious," you say.

"She's the best thing that's ever happened to me and I honestly truly love her," you continue.

"So I want to know if I could have your blessing on having your daughter's hand in marriage?" you ask, trembling.

He sighs, "Well son, I have to tell you that I do think you two are too young, but I can tell you will take care of my daughter to the fullest extent, so yes you have my blessing." You can't believe what you have heard and are ecstatic. Now all you have to do is propose and buy the ring.

At Delta High School, some students have gone through this scenario, with some variations. Seniors Cassie McIntire and Tara Lucy are both engaged and are two of many across the country

Cassie McIntire and her fiancé, Clyde.



that have answered the question, "Will you marry me?" with a "Yes". In addition, senior Wiley Grant has made a "promise" with his girlfriend.

McIntire met her fiancé through a former friend of hers two years ago. She said that within three months they fell in love and he popped the question.

"He had everything planned in one week," McIntire said.

She said that she was at her aunt's house watching the firework's show, when he proposed.

"He had Marsh make a cake that said, "Will you marry me?" After I saw it, he got down on one knee with his little girl and proposed. I was so happy that I started crying," she said.

McIntire said that she was so thrilled and happy that she didn't even tell him "Yes" until after they stood there for about 10 minutes.

"It was so sweet because I had no idea," she added.

Like McIntire, Tara Lucy met her fiancé through a friend.

"My best friend had been dating his best friend and they introduced us. I knew right when we met that he was someone special," Lucy said.

## WEDDING BELLS

**Cassie McIntire**- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Tara Lucy**- Possibly in the next 2 years. December 23<sup>rd</sup> possibly.

**Wiley Grant**- Plans on getting married 2-3 days after his West Point graduation.



Lucy added they had been dating for just over two years and they both knew they eventually would get married.

Lucy said the proposal was a moment in her life that she will never forget.

"On New Year's Eve we were dancing in the dark and he got down on one knee and asked me," she said.

"I immediately started crying and hugged him," Lucy added.

How did their parents react?

McIntire said her fiancé asked her dad before anyone else and that her parents love him. Lucy said both sets of their parents were excited for them.

"His parents and my parents could already tell that we would be getting married," Lucy said.

Cassie and Tara have some advice for others in their situation:

"Just follow your heart," Lucy said.

Lucy added if you're ready for a commitment, marriage, then you will know it. She also said if you know it's right for you, then don't listen to what anyone else says.



Tara Lucy's engagement ring.

"Just be sure you are ready," McIntire said.

She added if you have any doubts at all, don't lie to yourself because it will only hurt your relationship.

"You can always have a long engagement. That's really all I can think of because it's your choice. You just have to be honest with yourself," McIntire said.

She added just because you're engaged doesn't mean you have to work any less. She said if anything your love is tested harder.

Senior Wiley Grant isn't really engaged to his girlfriend, just "promised," meaning getting engaged later on.

"I met my girlfriend while working at the Country Village Pool," he said.

"She also worked at the pool, and one night we were working together and we just hit it off," Grant added.

Grant said he popped the question early one morning. He said that he called his girlfriend with his cell phone and got down on one knee outside of her window. He told her to look out, and he asked her.

Grant said he hasn't told his parents yet.

"Before I leave for West Point, I will propose again for the 'final' proposal, and then I'll tell my parents," he said.

Grant has advice for others in his situation.

"It's hard with parents and everything. I'd say just make sure you're 18 so they can't stop you," Grant said.

"And really, if you're sure that she's the one, everything will line up on its own, so you shouldn't fret."

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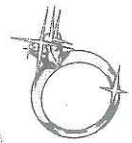
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## Teens waiting to wed

The number of married teenagers has surged nearly 50 percent during the 1990s to today, according to CBSNEWS.com. Marriage remains uncommon in this age group, 15-19 year olds, with 4.5% hitched in 2000. But many researchers are surprised with the increase reported by the Census Bureau.

Regardless of the trend, many are waiting longer to get married. For men, the average age of first marriage was 26.8 in 2000, up from 26.1 in 1990, and 22.8 in 1950. Among women the average age of first marriage was 25.1 in 2000, up from 23.9 in 1990, and 20.3 in 1950. Information provided by CBSNEWS.com

Figures released last year from the National Center for Health Statistics found nearly half of marriages in which the bride is 18 or younger, end in separation or divorce within 10 years. For brides, 25 and older, half as many marriages break up.

According to David Popenoe of the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University, there's been a slight trend toward conservatism among teens. "Less premarital sex, more fear of disease," he said. "It could conceivably have something to do with welfare reform. But it's a surprise," Popenoe added.

According to researchers at the National Center for Health Statistics this young generation of teens is the first to live their whole lives with AIDS as a major public health concern. Some counselors have suggested wedded teens are taking to heart the "abstinence until marriage" theme, taught by some sex education classes.





# P I Y Paintball



Jarred Brooke ❖ Staff Writer

As paint flies by him he makes a break for cover, a big tree nearby. As he jumps over downed branches and stumps, he feels a sharp pain in his back. He was hit and out of the game.

Andrew Truesdale plays paintball every weekend during the spring and summer. He has a speedball course at his house and also plays at Xtreme Chaos in Portland, River Valley in Yorktown and at friends' houses.

He uses a Tippmann A-5 marker with an E-Grip, a electronic grip to change the gun from semi to fully automatic, double trigger, which is a trigger with a place for your index and

middle fingers, drop forward, this makes the CO2 container sit even with the bottom of the gun, and a rear velocity sight.

Paintball isn't a cheap game once a player buys a marker [gun] which could run them around \$200 they have to have a protective mask which is around \$20, and a hopper, these hold paintballs, that will cost about \$10.

After a player has those supplies they need CO2 tanks, which cost \$25 for a 12oz. After they have the tanks they have to get them filled for around 25 cents an ounce. One of the most important things they will need is paint, which costs \$10 and they will get 100 paintballs in a packet. For more money they could get more paint and can play longer.

Paintball rules change from field to field. Most of the tournament fields play a capture the flag game. This is where two teams have 5 or 10 players on each and they start at a starting gate. When the whistle is blown the players on the two teams run from the gate to bunkers placed around the field. The main goal in this game is to score points by either eliminating the opposition or

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capturing the flag and placing it on the starting gate.

In tournament play the markers must be turned down to shoot 260 feet per second. If they are higher at any time the player will be penalized. There will be officials on the field during the tournament match to check for hit players and for gun speed.

People who play in woods and just with friends don't usually follow these rules. They usually play their own games like elimination, president, or free for all.

Elimination is where there are two teams of however many they want and they play until one of the teams is eliminated and they don't have to capture a flag. The players are eliminated after a certain number of times they are hit. This number is set before the game states.

President is a game where the players make two teams of equal numbers. One of the teams has to escort a player without a gun (the president) across the playing field. While the other team has to try to shoot the president before he makes it across the field.

Free-for-all is just like it sounds it is a game where there are no teams. This game is every man for them selves. A player is not out until they run out of paint or CO2.

"No matter how you play paintball is fun," freshman Drew Lambert.

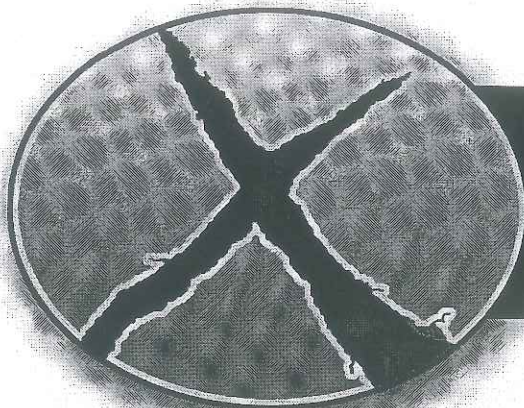
If you just want to play one time and not buy all the supplies paintball fields will rent the gear for the day for a lower cost.

"Paintball is fun but it can dig deep into

your wallet at times," said freshman Brody Carter an avid paintball player.

**"I play paintball because it is  
a adrenaline rush and it is  
an outdoor activity,"**

**—Andrew Truesdale, sophomore**



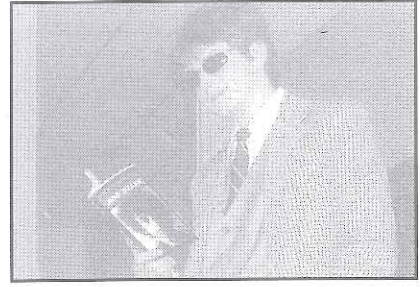
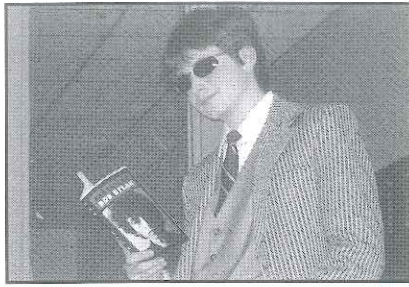
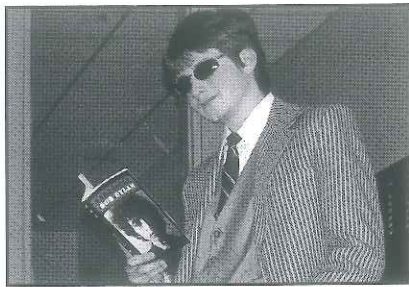
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## Jerrick T. Adams ♦ My Back Pages

It's a rare thing for any piece of media to move me in any sort of profound way. Films often leave me cold. Television rarely tickles my funny bone, much less tugs on my heartstrings. Literature, as much as I enjoy it, rarely touches me. I find that I view it with a detachedness ... I rarely sympathize with the plight of any given character. Until recently, that is.

I finally found the book that could move me, the book that I couldn't put down, the book that I could connect with and call my own.

*On the Road*, by Jack Kerouac, isn't typical. One cannot summarize the plot, to do so lessens its impact, cheapens and soils it. This novel captures the romanticism of the American dream in terms of surreal poeticism. Its characters race across this nation, sleeping 'neath the stars, upon the grass of a land that was once free. A land once owned by its inhabitants. These characters that the reader is introduced to feel like old friends, people that he's known all his life. The mad Dean Moriarty, the quietly poetic Sal Paradise ... these are people I've met in my life; more importantly still, people I feel I share a deep connection with.

Before this novel, prospects for the near future seemed bleak. It truly was the winter of my discontent. I would gaze to the sky and see nothing but a cold, grey, unfeeling canvas spread out before me, as far as the eye could see. The mandolin wind, so sharp and cold, cut through me whenever I dared venture outdoors. Yes, things were desolate.

I had read about *On the Road* before in the liner notes to a Dylan album. I figured it must be pretty good if it had influenced Dylan in such a profound way. So when I noticed the book on sale at Bookland for the paltry sum of \$7.99, I figured why not splurge and make the purchase. I did, but the book went unread for quite some time. That is, until the great ice storm hit. Electricity, and with it television and music, were cut from my grasp and I was left without means of entertainment. I noticed the book

lying on my bedroom floor and decided that, in order to maintain my sanity, I'd read.

So I did ... I read and I read and I read. I couldn't put this thing down. It held me by the collar of my shirt and refused to let me go. I found myself engrossed in the adventures of Moriarty and Paradise, burning a trail across the nation in search of divine enlightenment in the form of the perpetual kick. This made sense to me. This was the sort of thing I had been searching for; that I had been trying to articulate to my friends for so long. There is a sense of exhausted exuberance, mysticism, romanticism, and enlightened detachedness. This was it; this was me.

With the realization came a shift in philosophy. There is a particular passage that summed up perfectly a mentality I had been forming within my mind for sometime. Happiness isn't at the end of any road ... happiness is on the road.

"Our battered suitcases were piled high on the sidewalk; we had longer ways to go. No matter, *the road is life.*"

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## Unusual Facts

\* "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand \* There are more chickens than people in the world \* Almonds are a member of the peach family \* All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of a \$5 Bill \* Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer \* Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated \* Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey \* Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur \* On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag over the Parliament Building is an American Flag \*

## Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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<b>27</b> <i>Polar Bear Day</i> <hr/> <i>Ralph Nader's Birthday</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Floral Design Day</i>	<b>01</b> <i>Jack Johnson releases CD In Between Dreams</i>	<b>02</b> <i>Birthday- Jon Bon Jovi and Dr. Seuss</i>	<b>03</b> <i>National Anthem Day</i> <hr/> <i>Birthday- Jessica Biel (7th Heaven)</i>	<b>04</b> <i>End of Grading Period / Boys' Basketball Sectionals</i>	<b>05</b> <i>ISSMA Jazz Festival</i> <hr/> <i>Gymnastics Sectionals</i>
<b>06</b> <i>Frozen Food Day</i> <hr/> <i>Dentists' Day</i>	<b>07</b> <i>Babe Ruth hits his first professional home-run in 1914</i>	<b>08</b> <i>Deana Carter releases CD The Story Of My Life</i>	<b>09</b> <i>Cabin Fever Day</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Alexander Graham Bell transmits first phone message</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Movie release- Hostage and Robots</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Coca Cola first sold bottles in 1894</i>
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# The Last Word

Steve Hopkins

A teachers' meeting held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> dealt with a topic important to all students: extra credit.

The ruling was this: extra credit should be tied in some way to curriculum, but at the time being, the teacher has the final say.

Mr. Gregory Hinshaw, principal, says that he wants teachers to "reevaluate" the way they distribute extra credit.

"Extra credit can be given in the form of a review game, test corrections, and things similar to that," said Hinshaw.

According to Hinshaw extra credit should also be in the single digits as far as percent of a student's final grade.

After hearing this, I wonder if a "reevaluation" of a thought process sets clear enough guidelines for teachers to follow.

I would like to be able to see all sides of the story, but since there is not a clear line drawn, it is hard to choose sides.

I agree with Hinshaw that extra credit should be less than 10 percent of the grade, but I do not necessarily agree that it should be directly tied to curriculum.

Extra credit should not be given to a kid that can stand on his head and say his ABC's backwards, but I do not see a problem in giving extra credit to kids that do something that benefits the school, community, or other people.

This does not mean that you can hold the door for the teacher and expect to get 10 percent added to the next test. Let's be reasonable. Our noses can only be so brown.

**Some teachers award extra credit to students who work concession stands at athletic events, bring in tissues or attend school board meetings.**



**You [can't] hold the door for the teacher and expect to get 10 percent added to the next test. Let's be reasonable. Our noses can only be so brown.**

I do feel, however, that bringing in tissues, working concessions, attending a school board meeting, or donating money for something like Toys for Tots are simple actions that benefit others and deserve a little reward in return.

I have heard that extra credit can be compared to receiving a tax return.

I am pretty sure that people don't just give money freely to charities and churches and then purposely not make it a tax write off.

I have even seen advertisements in church bulletins asking people to donate money, reassuring them that it is a tax write off.

If we are to be prepared for the real world, I feel as if our environment should parallel what is out there.

In short, good deeds should be rewarded with an appropriate amount of recognition academically.

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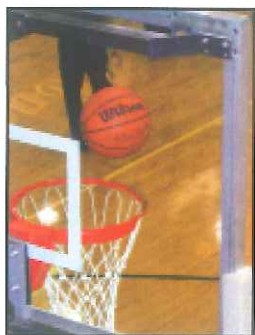
*There is more to a basketball game than basketball*

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**Clockwise from upper left:** Abe May plays the trombone before game. David Freeman watches and tapes the game from his perch above the court. Bryce Bow gets into his zone before the game as his mom looks on. Cheerleaders Skyler Medows and Cierra Jackson cheer on the crowd before the game. Demi Selvey and Sarah Miller laugh at a picture on a senior day poster. Through the glass, a bank shot in warm-ups. Helping to play the funky music, Jacob Jackson jams.



**Center:** Coach Keller tells the team the plan during a timeout.



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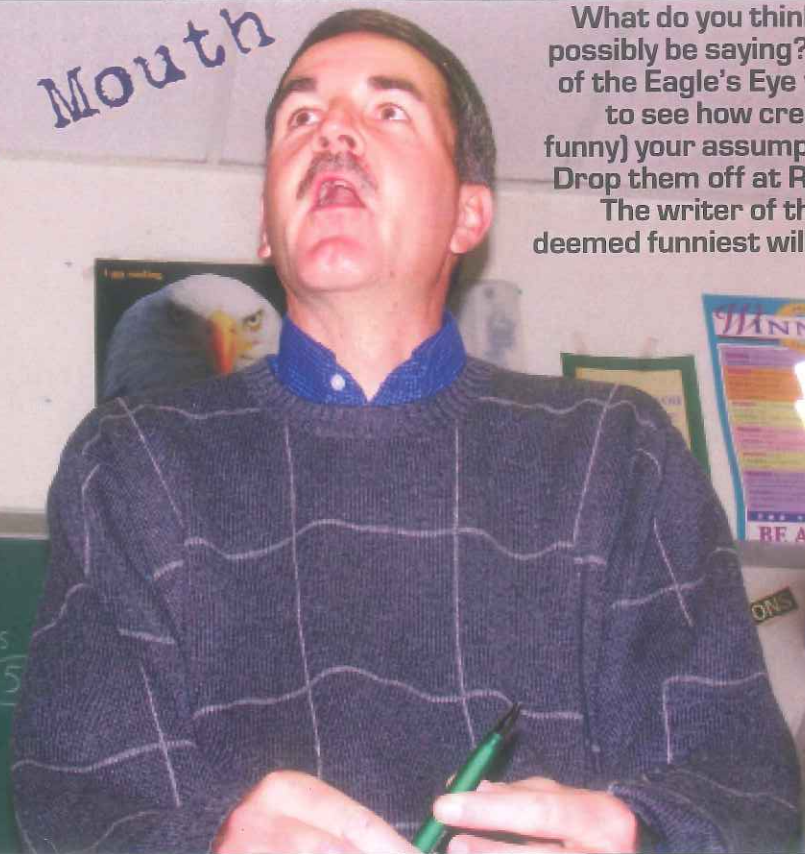


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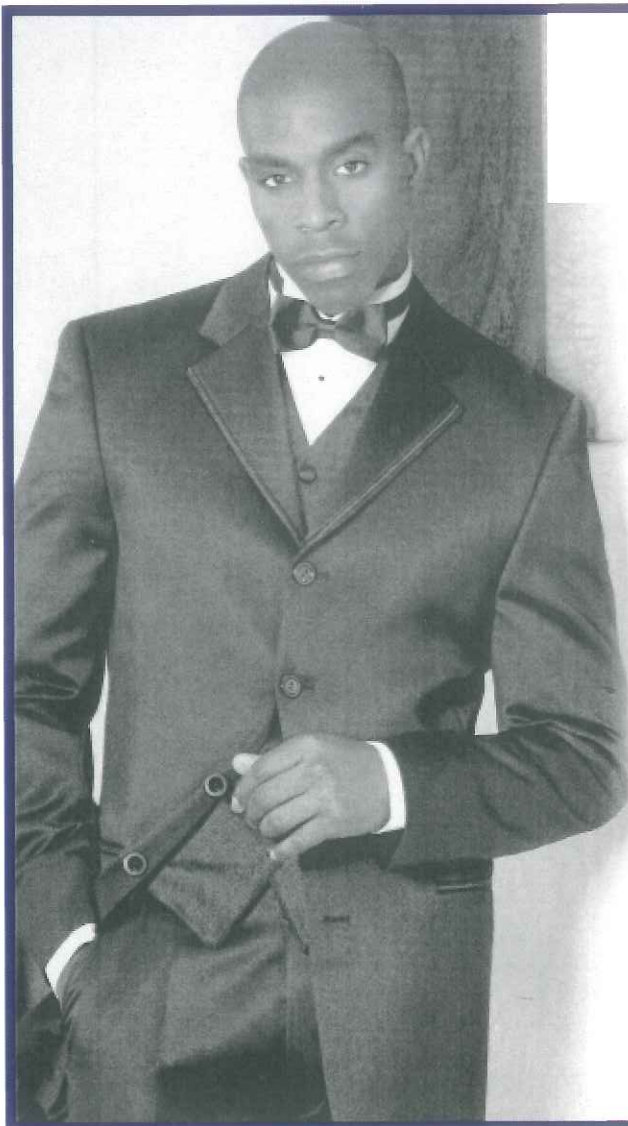
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