

Ready to Take On the World

Do you know the answers to such questions as:

- What is the capitol of Hungary?.
- Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death,"?
- Who wrote the *Scarlet Letter*?
- What are the first five letters of the greek alphabet?

You may not know these answers, but there are people walking around this school who can not only answer these questions but many others like them. These are questions found in Quiz Bowl.

Quiz Bowl is a high school program based on College Bowl. It is part of the Gifted and Talented Program. Last year the idea was tested on Adams and Riley. Al Niemier says, "The students were excited about it...and they requested more meets and harder questions." When the program proved to be successful, it expanded to include Clay, LaSalle, and Washington.

This year each of the five schools will compete against each other twice. The meets will be held after school on alternating Mondays and Wednesdays. Home meets will be held in Room 138. On April 17, 19, and 25 the first annual SBCSC Quiz Bowl Tournament will be held to determine the 1984 Quiz Bowl Champion.

Each meet consists of three ten minute rounds. Once a toss-up question is answered correctly for

ten points, within the allowed time, the team is given a ten-point bonus question. The team then has ten seconds to decide upon an answer. Paul Steinhofers says that a bonus question is easier than a toss-up question because, "The team gets to collaborate on a bonus question."

Students are enthusiastic about Quiz Bowl here at Adams. The number of students in Quiz Bowl has greatly increased since last year. Quiz Bowl president, Chris Mantke, had the opportunity to participate in a similar program at IU this summer. He joined the team because, "It gives me a chance to use all the trivia I never thought I would get to use." Likewise, senior Brian Jones says, "It is something I enjoy and

can excel in."

Al Niemier and Judy Schyman-ski are co-sponsors of the 1984 Quiz Bowl Team. Officers are Chris Mantke, President; Vince Macri, vice president; Paul Steinhofers, treasurer; and Debbie Debrowiak, secretary.

Come out and support the Adams Quiz Bowl team. The meets are on the following days:

- 1-30 Adams vs Clay (H)
- 2-8 Adams vs Riley (T)
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- 2-8 Adams vs LaSalle (T)
- 2-22 Adams vs Riley (T)
- 2-27 Adams vs Washington (H)
- 3-7 Adams vs Clay (T)
- 3-12 Adams vs LaSalle (H)
- 3-26 Adams vs Washington (T)
- 4-4 Adams vs Riley (H)



An Adams' swim team diver Denise Lamborn shows her form.

Through the YMCA Community Service Branch, a new motivational program has been recently established. The program is known as the ACADEMIC CONTRACT PROGRAM (ACP). The major purposes of ACP are to inspire elementary through college, trade school, or business school level students to become more conscious of the value and

Branch Office for comparison with their previously signed contract.

Those students who meet or exceed their contract each grading period will be presented an award certificate for such accomplishment. They will then set goals for the next grading period and sign another contract.

Students who do not meet their contract will attend a counseling

Making the Grade

seriousness of committing action towards obtaining a better education (learning the maximum that each of their courses have to offer) and to motivate them to strive towards academic improvement and excellence through a contractual goal setting method.

Students involved in the Academic Contract Program are required to set a challenging but realistic goal of what letter grade that they will achieve in each of their academic subjects each semester. At the conclusion of each grading period, students will submit their report cards to the YMCA Community Service

session to determine the reasons for not reaching their goals. Whatever the reasons (need for tutoring, difficulty in getting along with teacher/classmates, improper study atmosphere, poor study habits, etc.) will be addressed and, with assistance of the YMCA Community Service Branch, acted upon. These students will also negotiate another contract for the next grading period and will be monitored for their progress during this time.

At the conclusion of the school year, all students who met or exceed their academic contract for two of the four grading periods will be honored at a reception with a special award.

The Academic Contract Program (ACP) is open to a limited number of students. Parents and students seriously interested in the program should contact Charles Martin at the YMCA Community Service Branch, at the beginning of each grading period.

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Rotarian



Lynne Shaw has been named the Junior Rotarian for the month of January. Lynne will attend the Rotary Club Luncheon every Wednesday for this month.

Lynne's athletic activities include the football team. He is also a member of the Culture Awareness Club. Congratulations Lynne.

Junior Kiwanian



Michelle Rouse has been named the Junior Kiwanian for the month of December. Michelle will attend the Kiwanis Club luncheons each week this month. Besides being active in church groups, Michelle is a varsity Cheerleader. She has been on the track team for three years. Michelle is president of the Culture Awareness Club and also serves on the SBCSC Student Leadership Group. Michelle is also a member of the Senior Class Cabinet.

Personals -on sale next week

Good luck with finals next week

Home Game Tonight - Elkhart Central

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All The World's A Stage

By: Mary Slatkosky

To often it's heard that high school students don't apply themselves toward achieving desired goals. In Jennifer Frieden's case this story isn't true. Jennifer is fast becoming one of South Bend's finest actresses at the tender age of 17. She has appeared in numerous shows through the years, with her latest being Charleys Ant put on by the John Adams Jesters.

In order to become better at her craft, Jennifer attended the Northwestern National High School Institute for six weeks this summer. Northwestern University is considered one of the best colleges in the country in the performing arts. Consequently, Jennifer has applied and been accepted to Northwestern, and plans to attend next fall majoring in the performing arts.

In order to be a well rounded student, Jennifer maintains a 3.6 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also involved in the drama club, president of the Adams Thespians, Vice-President of the

Concert Choir, and is choreographer for John Adams show production group. Maintaining such a schedule would swamp many students but Jennifer balances her time well. A typical day starts for her at 6:45 A.M. When Concert Choir begins. After that it's a full day with the added attraction of homework. After school she has rehearsals and in the evenings her many lessons start.

Jennifer's first lesson of ballet at a young age prompted her to expand her interests. She now takes three dance classes a week plus acting and voice. Her instructors have included Bernadine Oliphant for voice from IUSB, and Irene Pyle Millar a noted and respected drama instructor.

The need to branch out and reach for higher goals had led Jennifer to apply to the Arts Recognition and Talent Search. It's a national organization that recognizes outstanding high school seniors in the arts. There are five categories that a person can enter. They are dance, visual, music, arts, literary arts, and the

theatre. Jennifer chose to enter the theatre. In order to apply, Jennifer had to till out an extensive application and videotape two contrasting monologues. The finalists from this group are designated Presidential Scholars of the Arts. The twenty finalists last year performed with Cecily Tyson for the President at Kennedy Center.

Two of Jennifer's biggest fans have been her parents. Jack and Jan Frieden have been extremely supportive throughout all of her endeavors. "Having such supportive parents has been an asset to me," claims Jennifer, "They've always given me every opportunity to work and develop in my study for the performing arts."

With such a good start toward her future, Jennifer keeps herself on an even keel toward success. "I feel that through my study of the performing arts I've been able to develop myself as an individual," Jennifer says with a smile. With such a positive attitude toward herself and her grades, Jennifer's long awaited dream to be in the theatre may soon become a living reality.

Photo by Mark Orlando



Jenn Frieden in a recent scene from CHARLIE'S AUNT.

by Virginia Petersen

Lee Lodyga, Erin Laughlin, and Lisa Costello are Adams students who are participants in the television production "Beyond Our Control." How did it get started? What is it like today?

"Beyond Our Control" started out as a production with simple game shows. The man who improved upon this was Dave Williams. Williams had been working at WNDU and had the idea of making the Junior Achievement show a half hour variety show. At first, the students acted while the advisors operated the equipment and wrote the scripts. However, they soon let the students operate the equipment and write. This production became known as "Beyond Our Control".

As a Junior Achievement enterprise, "Beyond Our Control" teaches marketing and sales as well as acting and television production. Their product is the television show, and they sell commercial time.

"Beyond Our Control" is produced by high school students working in many different areas. Some students write scripts,

while others act. Many students are in the field of technology working the cameras and other equipment. Another important area of "Beyond Our Control" is sales, where they sell commercial time. "We are not just a television show," said Lee Lodyga.

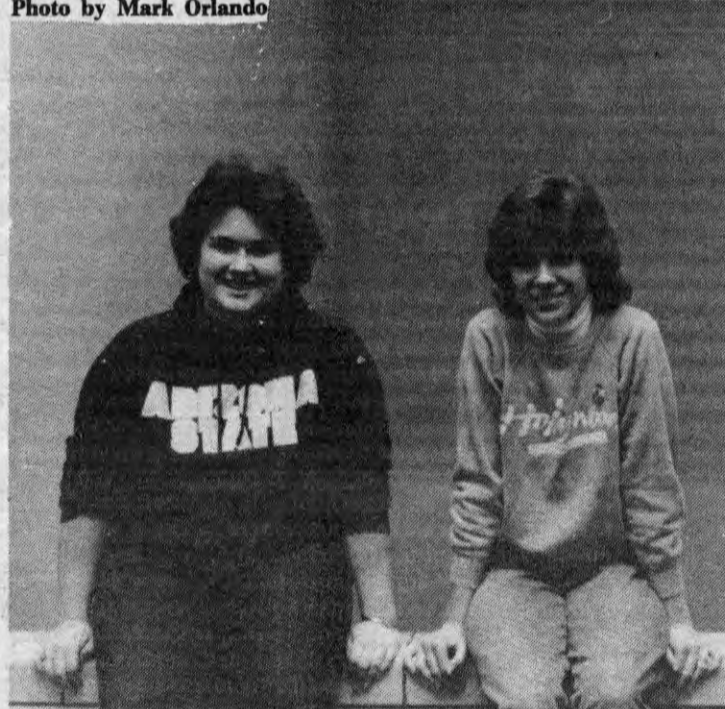
The program is divided into two sessions: a summer session and a fall session. During the summer session, the shooting is done outside, but they do the work in the studio in the fall session. Each session consists of 13 shows. The first 12 shows are a half hour long, and the last show is an hour long.

A great deal of time and effort goes into the show. Every week the participants have a meeting to take care of sales and to audition for their parts. They return the following Saturday morning to set up the studio and begin producing. "For as much fun as it is," said Lee Lodyga, "it's a lot of work."

"Beyond Our Control" has had its changes. Moving from an adult directed to student directed production, and it is still going strong.

BOC Under Control

Photo by Mark Orlando



Lisa Costello and Erin Laughlin - Adams' link with T.V.

Cabbage Patch Fever

by Steve Hartman

There are many things in this world which need to be eradicated: war, poverty, inflation, world hunger, and Gerry Faust. But there is something in this world which is much more sinister because it is targeted at the children. It is the invasion of the Cabbage Patch Kids. Those ugly rag-dolls that are creeping into homes everywhere.

These dolls are becoming the

new status symbols. People are being judged on how many Cabbage Patch Dolls their kids (or themselves, as the case may be) own. Children are even beginning to trade them instead of these dolls are so popular. Some say it is because of the adoption of the old standby, baseball cards. The voices of young hagglers can be heard in elementary schools throughout the nation. "I'll trade you this bald one with the flat face

first anniversary of the purchase. I

guess that makes people think they got a real baby. Some people can be fooled so easily. Maybe Detroit should try this. Lee Lodyga can even do a commercial saying, "Our cars aren't made...they're born. That's why we're the best!"

Another reason given for their popularity is that they are "ugly, but in a cute way."

Where this madness will end,

nobody knows for certain. But sooner or later people will get tired of shelling out \$20 to \$30 for ugly rag-dolls, or even hundreds of dollars for those dolls worthy enough to be considered "collector's items." But until then, we must learn to cope.

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NIC ON THE LINE

by John Patton

Tonite in the Adams' gym, the Eagle's basketball team faces another powerful NIC foe. This time the game is against Elkhart Central. The B-team starts at 6:15, and the varsity follows that game. It will start around 7:45. The varsity is number one in the NIC following the victory last weekend against Michigan City Elston. Elston was ranked number 8 in the state.

Adams got off to one of the best starts of the year with an excellent first quarter. Elston failed to do many things right, and Adams took advantage of the Devil's misfortunes opening up a 19-10 first quarter lead. Two quick baskets and Adams had their largest lead of the night with a 23-10 score. Then Elston caught fire and quickly narrowed the lead to two by halftime. The game was cat and mouse the rest of the way. Raymond Richardson and Kevin DeCraene each scored a basket to open up a four point lead with just under two minutes to play in the game. Elston quickly tied the score on two baskets. Adams then called a timeout with 0:24 on the clock. The play was going to Kevin DeCraene, but he wasn't open. DeCraene finally got the ball with three seconds to go in the game. He was 22 feet from the basket, but he caught nothing but net with his shot. Elston couldn't call timeout in time and Adams won. The victory leaves Adams with an unblemished 4-0 conference record going into tonites game.

Adams second game of the

Tough To Beat

by Mary Slafkosky

A successful season and a well balanced team always go well together. That's one reason why the John Adams girl's team has been so successful. A well balanced blend of talent and leadership has led the way through tough battles on the court, and came out on top on two of them. They were able to beat Washington and Marian while losing to NIC foe Riley.

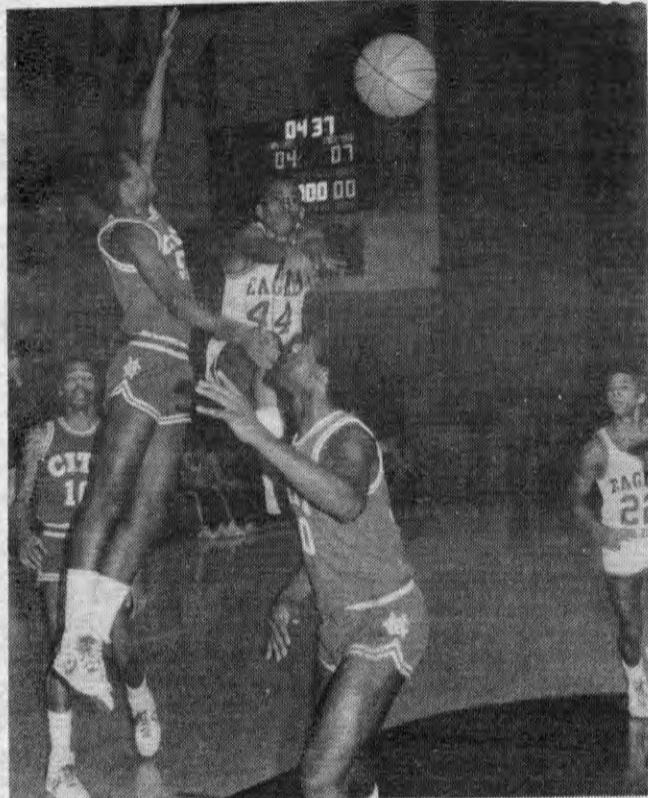
The Washington game proved to be an easy task for the girls. They led by as many as 21 points throughout the game when Coach Nemeth went to his bench to give the rest of the girls a chance to play. There is a lot of depth to the team that many coaches dream about having. Coach Nemeth has been able to juggle his line-ups and still come out with a winning combination.

Always a strong player, Gina Nowicki has shown what it takes to play a tough forward position. Rae Hetterson and Diane Grundy are both fast and incredible ball handlers. Kelly McMahon, Meg Sweeney, and Tammy Brittain are all controlled players that always seem to make things happen at the right time. Two incredibly improved players, Judy Molnar and Colleen Lennon, are showing that they're as tough as anyone out there. Both are aggressive and give quality to an already superb team.

Teri Landon and Shelly Coussens also contribute to the team and its never ending search for victory. Unfortunately the Riley game proved to be the obstacle in the winning form of the girls. They never seemed quite in the game losing by a wide margin. The next night however the girls pulled it together for an impressive win over Marian High School.

The B-team is also doing well under the direction of Kelly Adelsperger. Excellent playing has come from Marissa Randazzo, Lisa Billups and Dionne Richardson.

The girls take on many more tough opponents and would appreciate a little fan support. Seventy five cents isn't an astronomical amount to pay to see a winning group of people. Come out and support the girls. There won't be any cause for disappointment when the game ends.



Sophomore Raymond Richardson passing the ball in a 58 - 56 upset of 8th ranked Michigan City Elston.

weekend wasn't as successful. They lost to an extremely quick Gary Roosevelt team at Gary. The final score was 73-58.

This year's team has the potential to beat any team in the state. They have shown this by beating three ranked teams in the course of the year. Of those three upsets, two of them were by large margins. Adams has proven themselves to be no push over.

The support by the students at

the Elston game was well appreciated by the players in providing them with that extra push. That kind of support is what they need the rest of the year. Go out to the games and cheer the Eagles on to the NIC.

Photo by Mark Orlando

Get A Kick

The 1984 version of the indoor soccer Eagles, which plays Saturday nights at Turner Gym, is off to a flying start. Although a very young team, the Eagles have a strong corps of seasoned players to which the pressure can fall on. Seniors Benson Yang, Chris Foley, and Andy Beyrer, veterans from last years championship indoor team, head a highly successful program which has been invincible to most every opposition that they have faced in

years past. Although sustaining a painful loss to 10 seniors from last year's squad, a sea of freshmen and sophomores on the team seem eager to pick up the lost slack. Indoor soccer is played in a basketball gym where there are no out of bounds, creating a faster and more exciting stream of play. The soccer club would like to put forth an invitation to anybody who would like to play. Contact Benson Yang, Kurt Roemer or Chris Foley if interested.

"The Best"

by Adam Friend

Led by a balanced offensive attack and consistent defensive play, the 1983-84 freshmen basketball team has compiled an impressive 8-1 in conference play and a 12-2 overall record. Already this team has had more wins than any freshmen team since 1975. The '75 team later went on to become the varsity members of the 1978 team. That team was ranked number one in the state with an unblemished 24-0 mark. With one game remaining against a tough Mishawaka team, the Eagles look to close out a superb regular season. Adams will be co-favorites along with St. Joe to win the freshmen basketball

tourney, which begins on January 31st. at Clay Middle School. Adams will be bracketed against such foes as Clay, Washington, St. Joe, and LaSalle.

"We've accomplished a lot this year," Coach Coffey explains. "We should be 14-0, but 12-2 isn't bad either. I was especially pleased with our last performance against Elkhart Northside." Also Coffey remarked, "If we play to our potential were better than any team in the area, and the tournament will be our last chance to prove it."

On January 31st. go out to Clay and support the freshmen basketball team as they bring home the City Title.

Record Breaking Performance

by P. H. Mullen

Last Thursday, Ricky Dennen, a nationally ranked swimmer, put himself in the Adams' record books by becoming the fastest person to ever swim 20 laps in the J.A. pool. Early in the meet he barely missed the 200 free record by 4 heartbreaking tenths, but then rallied back to a record setting time of 4:43.1 in the 500 free. The old record of 4:44.3 was

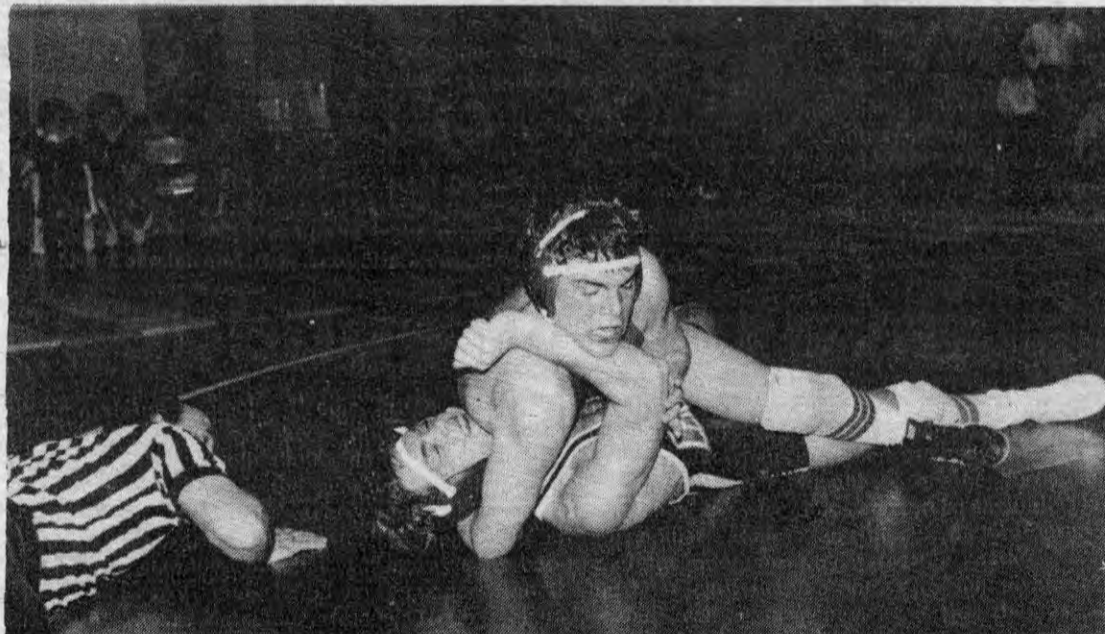
set almost 10 years ago to the day by Dan Harrigan who also holds the 200 free pool record.

Anyone thinking this task was easy needs only to think back to the 1976 Olympics where Harrigan captured a bronze medal in swimming. Harrigan now seems to be a stroke or two behind Dennen, who plans to lead his team to a state ranking. Also he plans on going for the 500 free

state record along with the state championship which he was runner-up in last year.

Congratulations, Ricky, in keeping with the fine traditions of Adams' swimmers. Stay away from sandlot football and concentrate on state; the whole school is backing and rooting for you.

Good Luck !!



Eagle wrestler, Tim Long, makes a move on a Central wrestler. Long won the match, but the Eagles, struggling through a rebuilding season, lost.

Photo by Johannes Hacker

Where Were You??

by Betsy Killeen

The issue of whether or not to hold school on January 2 developed into such a political football that no one could take responsibility or the initiative to quit passing the buck and call off school. The culprit is easy to spot; it is the school board. But almost everyone involved in this issue is at fault with the emphatic exceptions of the entire faculty and staff of the SBCSC and 20% of the students.

It is futile to say that it reflects bad character, bitter relations, and all around poor leadership on the school board's part, but, in the meeting before Christmas break, the board simply didn't get to the issue or vote on it. But, certain board members, including Chuck Lennon, recommended that teachers and students give up another holiday in exchange for the January 2nd date. Besides wondering exactly where the school board members were on

January 2nd, one must dismiss the notion that we must give up a holiday in exchange as ludicrous.

Giving up a day of Spring Vacation would have proved as pointless as coming to school on Jan. 2nd. did; no one would have come on the Monday or Friday of spring break, and it would have ruined travel plans for those leaving and returning on the two weekends of Spring break. Coming on the Monday or the week after June finals would have been equally pointless. As to the idea of giving up President's day or any other federal holiday, that idea is the heart of the issue.

The school board should not set itself up as God over the federal government on the issue of holidays. When the post office, banks, business, and government offices are closed, public schools should also be closed. After all, the taxpayers support the schools; if a day is clearly a

community holiday, public schools should not be in session. Twenty percent of the students attended school; or rather, eighty percent did not. With figures such as that, one cannot simply say that parents are not doing their job-not 80% at any rate. The figures clearly proved that the South Bend Community did not support holding school on a federal holiday.

Of course, the appointed board was not considering the community-only the teachers' contract. Why on earth must the taxpayers and their children suffer for the Board and the NEA's pedantic buck passing and rigid stands on one school day. The misery that both sides caused couldn't have been worth the cost of heating the buildings for 20% of the students.

Every year brings an issue; one year its integration and another its pink-slipping. This year its an elected school board. By

disregarding the community's wishes and pedantically enforcing the contract to the letter of the fine print, the board could commit political suicide. When the board rigidly refuses to budge on such a minor issue, they go one step further to putting an elected-at-large school board in office. Such a school board would not represent the diverse elements in the public school system and would be unfortunate for the SBCSC.

But on issues such as when to hold school or curriculum decisions, the community must be considered. They are paying for their children's education, and they have the right to play a role in certain aspects of the education. A board that is not answerable to the community is never going to keep the wishes, and spirit and support of the community at heart.

In light of the board's unbelievable petulant enforcement of Jan. 2 date, it is no small wonder that the community is outraged and demanding an elected-at-large school board. The board did nothing but prove the community's point. One has to admire Dr. James Scammon's proposal of a half-elected/half appointed school board. That way, the balance would still exist and the board would be answerable to the community.

In spite of the poor student attendance, faculty and staff attendance was normal-if not better than normal. So, the local media, which often seems suspiciously supportive of the administration, was unable to dig in its heels. It could not show that teachers were irresponsible and flagrantly disobedient of the contract.

King's Killer Car

Graphic by Matt Booty



by Jim Halterman

Stephen King must have had a wild imagination to come up with such ideas as pets buried only to return in a resurrected form, or a car that gets revenge for its ridiculed owner.

King has been horrifying readers everywhere since the publication of Carrie in 1974. Since his first success, King has written eight novels, two short stories, a screenplay, and a nonfiction account of horror, the entire subject of horror.

Lately, King's books have been able to make the transition to movie theatres through Carrie, The Shining, Cujo, The Dead Zone, Christine, and the 1984 release Firestarter.

Christine is a red chrystler that belongs to a high school student nerd named Arnie. After buying Christine, Arnie becomes a hip but strange macho man.

The gang that once bullied him gets what is coming to them via Christine. Christine the Killer Chrystler crushes, blows up and runs down the gang to their deaths.

Along with the new Arnie comes Leigh, Arnie's girlfriend. Christine becomes insanely jealous of Leigh and attempts to kill her. Leigh and Arnie's best friend plan her downfall. An exciting climatic scene follows.

King has done it again, although the usual horror, (blood and gore) is absent, the film is still scary enough to hold interest.

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