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Retirement brings change in ways

Housemeyer looking for a slower pace

by Jason Kelly

The end of each school year invariably means a shake-up of the faculty and staff. This year is no different. Unfortunately for the students and staff at John Adams, long-time office secretary Marilyn Housemeyer plans to go into retirement at the end of the year.

After 23 years in the school corporation, the 1952 Central High School graduate is looking forward to a slower lifestyle, but admits that leaving was no easy decision. "Leaving a position you have enjoyed will take some adjustments," she explained, "and I will miss the students and friends on the staff."

Mrs. Housemeyer has been a very busy woman during the time she has been working for the corporation. Aside from her tremendous contributions to the school, and continuing education programs at eight different universities, she has also been involved with several professional secretaries associations. She has served for 18 years as a member of the National Association of Educational Office Personnel as well as putting in 21 years of service for both the Indiana and South Bend Associations of Educational Secretaries. "Being very active in the local, state, and national professional educational secretaries associations has provided many pleasant and challenging ex-



Mrs. Housemeyer takes a break from her typing to give a humble smile.

periences," she commented.

Throughout the time she has been here, Mrs. Housemeyer has helped make life easier for the students, faculty, and staff at Adams. Obviously, adjusting to life without her will be difficult, but she is admittedly looking forward to "good health, travel, golf, reading, and a slower pace of life." It will not be all rest and relaxation, however. She plans to donate some of her time to "part-time work or community volunteer programs."

Over the past decade and a half, Mrs. Housemeyer has been an invaluable asset to everyone involved with John Adams. She is very sincere about her care for the students in the school, and leaves us with this bit of advice: "There is no greater challenge or opportunity than to learn, make every effort."

Walsh thinks the time is right for a new lifestyle

by Megan Conway

The importance of typing and other business skills is sometimes overlooked. One might think of a typing teacher as someone to call off A-S-D-F J-K-L-; during drills, but our business department teachers do much more than call off home row. One of these valuable educators, Miss Mary Walsh, who has been a business teacher here at John Adams for 34 years, has decided to retire this year.

She came to John Adams in 1955. The classes were much different then they are now; that year she taught typing on manual typewriters. Over the years Miss Walsh has seen the great changes in technology from the manual typewriter to the electric typewriter to the computer, and has taken each in stride. She feels these changes have been excellent and really has enjoyed teaching on the computer.

Typing is not the only class Miss Walsh has taught. In her years at Adams she has taught a variety of business classes from shorthand to business law. Miss Walsh also was in charge of The Tower from 1958 to 1966. During those years it was a weekly newspaper done basically by volunteers since there were no journalism classes.



Ms. Walsh illustrates the proper technique to a typing student, Chin H. Chong

Miss Walsh has contributed a lot to the students of John Adams over the years. "She taught me one of the most important lessons I've learned in high school," said one student. "Always learn from your experiences." She has definitely earned a change from the rigors of teaching teenagers.

Although she is leaving Adams she will not be going into full retirement, instead she would like to make a career change to some form of office work. Before she begins work, however, as a retirement present to herself, she will enjoy a trip to the British Isles and Ireland.

Miss Walsh believes firmly that when the time is right, you'll know it. For her the time is right to move on to a change in lifestyle.

In Brief

Matt Trinh and Mark Bartholemew received scholarship awards from the South Bend Tribune in honor of their contributions to the Next Generation Page. John Adams as a whole contributed over 200 articles to the page, and 65 articles and photos were selected.

Brendan Addis and Kathy Strieder were given awards in the High School Journalism Contest sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi. The awards were given in light of individual articles the two had written.

Matt Radecki placed third in the State Media Fair on April 22. His high ranking was due to his extensive work on The John Adams Video Yearbook.

Andy Rassi received an honorable mention in the 1989 Scholastic Writing contest. His paper was entered as creative writing in the class of humor. Andy was one of 24,000 students nationwide to be selected for honors.

The Indiana State Mathematics Contest was held on Saturday April 29. 10 Adams students participated in the contest. They were Sean Beimfohr, Brian Chase, Sylvia Chen, Chin Chong, Megan Conway, Toan Hoang, Kieth Knudsen, Larry Liu, Jerry Lo, and Andre McNiell. Sylvia Chen placed first in the geometry competition and Chin Chong placed among the top three in the comprehensive competition. Designated scholars included Brian Chase, Sylvia Chen, and Chin Chong.

Mark Bartholemew took first place at the History Contest held at I.U. South Bend on Friday, May 12. As a team, John Adams took second place.

Matt Trinh and Steve Varga both placed significantly in the International Science Fair that was held throughout the week of May 8. Matt Trinh received a third place in the Health and Medicine category, along with a \$1,500 scholarship. Steve Varga earned a third place as well in the category of Astrophysics.

Renovations planned to eliminate 40's fixtures

by Jason Ritter

Most people have seen the large dumpster parked outside the porch here at Adams. But, what most people don't know who have seen it is what it is for. If you happened to walk by and look in at the right time and saw some porcelain sinks or toilets, then you got a pretty big hint. It is for the dressing room remodeling that is the first phase of some major renovations to take place in the future.

The current physical education dressing room renovations are the first in a series of upgrades to take place at Adams in the future. It and others will help eliminate some of the outdated original 1940's structures that were built with the building. This project includes changes like an entirely new shower and changing area, new lockers, restroom facilities, and even a new physical education office.

The entire area is now being cleared of the old fixtures and facilities, and even some of the old walls and structures are being knocked out to accommodate the upcoming changes. The project has a scheduled completion date of August 11.

Other long-range projects are scheduled in the future. The next major project

to be undertaken is the renovation of the school library. It will be done in much the same fashion as the dressing room, with the existing structures being removed to allow expansion and restructuring. This future project is aimed at making the library more functional and up-to-date for Adams students.

Another suggested renovation project is a combined one including The Little Theater and the stage and sound system in the Auditorium.

Proposed changes include such niceties as automatic rigging and new curtains and equipment in the Auditorium, along with an improved sound system for assemblies, sports, and meetings. The Little Theater will most likely be completely redone with a much needed ventilation system and a more appealing interior. This will hopefully make The Little Theater much more useful, especially for smaller-scale productions.

Other changes to take place in the future are the renovation of the principal's, attendance, and guidance offices and related rooms, new flooring throughout the building, and repainting of the entire interior of the school, which is already planned to take place this fall.



Freshman Marci Mechling is one of several underclassmen who play a major role.

Youthful tennis team provides hope for future

by Jane Gardner and Julie Short

The John Adams Girls' Tennis Team got off to a slow start this year with a loss to Plymouth in the season opener. With each match the girls gained experience which is extremely vital to this young team. Their record now stands at 1-6. "We are a young team, but the girls are improving with each match," said coach Cleo Kilgore.

Playing high school varsity tennis was a new challenge for many of the girls on the team. They were faced with long serious hours of practice along with the new competition.

Coach Cleo Kilgore felt that the losses could be attributed to the lack of experience with many of the young players. For many of the team members this

was their first year of playing high school tennis.

At number one singles is freshman Kelly Keiser and at number three singles is freshman Kristi Miller. Playing number one doubles is sophomore Rachel Friend, and junior Susan Smith. Making up the second doubles team is junior Julie Short and freshman Marci Mechling. The junior filling the number two singles spot is Jane Gardner. The other members of the Eagles tennis team includes Gretchen Long, Jessica Kapsa, Meredith Mickels, Misty Annis, Sarah Hayes, Tia Newbill and Katrina Kemble.

The girls are looking ahead to Sectionals. Hopefully, by tournament time, the girls will have gained more confidence and acquired enough experience to be a good contender.

Softball

A force to be reckoned with in the N.I.C.

by Ann Naffziger

The John Adams Girls' Softball Team has proved to be a team to contend with in this year's N.I.C. race. Not only is the team currently 11-3 overall, but they are also 4-1 in the conference, good for a tie in the first place. Also sharing the top spot with Adams are Washington, La-Salle, and Elkhart Central. Third year coach, Mary Wisnewski, claims that, "We control our own destiny in the conference race because we still have to play the three teams we are tied with for first place."

Conceivably, the team could be 13-1 or even 14-0. All three losses were by

ing, senior Jill Cutter at first base, junior Michelle Sharpe at second, senior Amy Golden at shortstop, and sophomore Ann Naffziger sharing time at third with Moloney. The outfield ranks consist of senior Vera Marcello, sophomores Carrie Foster and Anne McNarney with Duman also getting playing time. Also, providing help on designated days are several players from the successful junior varsity team.

Amy Golden credits the team's drastic improvement to a much improved team chemistry. After some tense moments at the beginning of the year, personal differences have been put aside. Foster explains, "The nucleus of this team is the same as last year, but for some reason we

"We have the potential to win the conference and to win the Sectionals. Right now I'm trying to get the girls to believe in themselves. I think if they start to believe in themselves, we're going to be a hard team to beat in the next couple of weeks."

—Coach Mary Wisnewski

one run, and twice the opposing team tallied the winning run in the bottom of the last inning. After recently beating Michigan City Elston by the skin of the team's collective teeth, the players have proved that they can scrape out a victory in the close ones and still win big in others.

Even after losing star pitcher Amy Golba to graduation, the Eagles have already registered as many wins this year as all of last year's combined. A trio of hurlers have combined for Adams' success on the mound. Senior Megan Moloney, junior Molly Duman, and freshman Leslie Wienert have shared the duties. The Eagles return a veteran infield with senior Mari Whitcomb catch-

are getting along better allowing us to be better competitors.

Whitcomb sums up the Eagles' positive outlook by contending that this year's group goes into each game expecting to win, rather than merely hoping, as was sometimes the case last year. Moloney points out that, "When our hitting is off, our pitching can win it, and when our pitching and defense are suspectable, our hitting picks up the slack."

"We have the potential to win the conference and to win the Sectionals. Right now I'm trying to get the girls to believe in themselves," states Wisnewski. "I think if they start to believe in themselves, we're going to be a hard team to beat in the next couple of weeks."

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Lucky five-wood clears creek for a meeting with destiny

by Mary Kate Kelly and Laura Down

The day was Thursday, April 27, 1989. The sun shone brightly over Eberhart Golf Course where Jack Goodman and three golfing companions were playing the back nine holes. Clad in his off-brand golfing shoes and "I love teaching T-shirt," Mr. Wilbur "Jack" Goodman would not be mistaken for Arnold Palmer or Jack Nicklaus. He and his partner, Dan Crosley, had lost the first five holes. It was not until hole fourteen that the Crosley-Goodman team met with any success and won their first hole.

But hole fifteen presented a new challenge. In approximately 100 times of playing golf at Eberhart, Mr. Goodman had only hit the green once. On most occasions, he couldn't even drive the ball over the creek that separated the tee from the green. But this was his lucky day.

Taking into consideration the wind factor, Mr. Goodman chose his five wood over the more commonly used seven iron, in hopes of driving the ball over the creek.

He looked down the 143 yard, par 3 fairway, placed his ball, and took his position. With one graceful swing of his club, the ball soared through the air. "It's over the creek!" cried an elated Jack Goodman jumping up and down.

"It's going to the green!" yelled his companions. But this ball was destined to do more- to fulfill his wildest dreams and fantasies and drop into the hole after that



Photo by Sarah Szumicki

Mr. Goodman lines up in the Adams fairway for a reenactment of his hole-in-one. one mere stroke from his lucky five wood. "Unbelievable! Incredible!" shouted an amazed Jack Goodman.

This remarkable hole-in-one entitled Mr. Goodman to a \$25 savings account from First Source Bank, all the glory he had dreamed of, and a mounting of "the ball" for his mantle. However, as a close friend reminded him as he gloated about his golfing success, "Man blames fate for other accidents but feels personally responsible when he makes a hole-in-one."

Track: carries storied tradition into Sectionals

by Jason Kelly

Over the years, the boys' and girls' track teams at Adams are traditionally among the area's best. This season has proven to be no different. Randy Isaacson and Carl Hamilton have led the girls' and boys' teams respectively to a great deal of success in 1989.

Losing half of last year's state finalist relay team, Shelley Biggs and Lara Johnson, as well as distance runner Charlotte Austgen to graduation, didn't leave much room for optimism as the girls track season rolled around. Returning, however, were two of the area's finest sprinters, Cathy Cane and Kasi Bolden, along with top distance runners Angela Davis and Sue Austgen. Hurdlers and throwers Julie Rickoff, Julie Auten, and LaTasha Taylor also add power to this year's team.

Despite its tough schedule, the team has fared very well in 1989. The highlight of the season thus far has been the team's

number one finish in the South Bend City Meet on April 22nd. "Winning the city meet was really exciting," commented junior Julie Auten, "Hopefully we have more excitement to come." With the Northern Indiana Conference Meet and Sectionals just around the corner, the 1989 Girls' Track Team hopes that their early success can continue.

In his fourth season at the helm, Coach Carl Hamilton has led the boys' track team to another successful season. The 1988 campaign was somewhat disappointing because of low numbers on the team, but many runners returned who, along with a few newcomers, have created a very successful combination. Returning seniors Prescott Woodard, Gus Giger, Steve Frye, and Chad Taylor have more than made up for the loss of four-year letterman Lance Harris. Juniors George Davis and Bill Smitley, along with sophomores Anthony Day, Gabe Golba, and Ian Gluck, and freshman David Craig make up the

nucleus of this experienced team.

Strong performances by the area's best 200-meter runner, Prescott Woodard, sprinters Chad Taylor, Anthony Day, George Davis, and David Craig, and distance runners Gabe Golba and Ian Gluck, have collected a great deal of points on the track while junior Bill Smitley, Woodard, Giger, and Taylor have done the job in various field events. "We have some of the best sprinters in the area," said sophomore Ian Gluck, "and when our distance and field events gain more experience, we should be tough."

If the team's performance in the South Bend Classic, the Goshen Relays, and the Warsaw Invitational are any indication, the team should fare very well in the Northern Indiana Conference Meet and Sectionals. Gluck summarizes the feelings of the entire team when he says, "I think we should go a long way in the post-season." Don't be surprised if his premonition comes true.

Golf

Looking for return trip down state

by Jason Kelly

Last season was the most successful year ever for a John Adams golf team. Defending last year's trip to the state finals will take quite an effort from the experienced team.

Adversity faced the team early in the season. Not only was every team in the area looking to knock off the powerful Eagles, but an untimely suspension also caused the loss of a key figure in the team's dominance.

Veteran coach Jerry Flanagan has reason to be optimistic, however. Seniors Joe Dennen, Kevin Kaeppler, and Bobby Bushman provide experience from the long 1988 campaign which should play an important part in the tournament. "Replacing Steve Ziolkowski (the team's number one player in '88) wasn't easy, but we have several returning lettermen who can pick up the slack," said Kaeppler,

"If everyone plays the best that he can, there is no reason that we can't get back down state."

—Coach Flanagan

the grandson of legendary Adams' golf coach Earnest Kaeppler.

Despite being ranked among the state's top ten teams, the Eagles got off to a slow start in 1989, but began a slow turnaround by finishing third in the Kaeppler Invitational behind perennial powers Riley and St. Joe. With the line-up intact, the Eagles have continually improved throughout the year and with big tests coming up in the LaPorte and Marian Invitationals, the team is beginning the running stretch in preparation for the post-season.

Competition is getting tougher and tougher in the area and making a return trip to the state finals will take an unmatched effort on the part of the veteran team. Riley is improving, and St. Joe has been in the top ten all season. Defeating those two powers will be tough. Coach Flanagan, however, remains optimistic, "If everyone plays the best that he can, there is no reason that we can't get back down state." Because of the rugged competition in the area, the Eagles don't have the unblemished record that they had last year, but the strength of their schedule will serve as excellent preparation for the all important post-season.

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Summer

As the year winds a



Art by Dale Jacquay

by Dan Bonham

As the temperatures rise, and we begin to look forward to the end of the school year and the freedom it brings, many students feel somewhat dismayed at the arrival of the summer jobs. Although the jobs bring money and "a sense of achievement and responsibility" as adults refer to it, most teens don't let a day of the summer go by without some complaint of the hassles that their jobs supply them with. For many, the discomfort of the summer job begins now as the search for the best jobs begins. Once this is accomplished, there is never long term satisfaction as the teen realizes that he or she must follow through with the commitment by getting up every day to work.

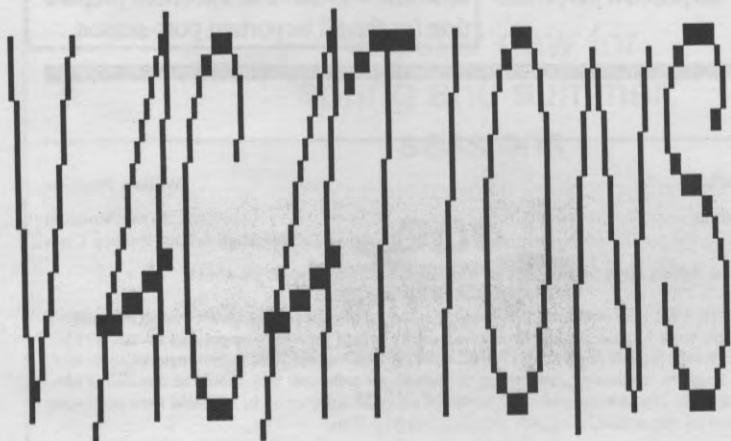
The question is inevitable. Just as you begin to slow down the pace of your schoolwork so that you can gear down for summer, that nagging voice is heard. "When are you going to start looking for a job?" Most often this is a command rather than a question. The experienced procrastinator, usually juniors and seniors, will manage to sidestep the issue until spring break. During this short oasis near the end of the year, the last thing a person wants to do is look for a place to work during the summer. If, however, he or she will realize that a job must be found during this reprieve in the school year. The jobs landed after spring break are most often found stuffing french fries in some fast food place. These jobs are great if you want to work weekends for minimum wage. Wherever a job is found, it is apparent that the teen must actually

perform what has been avoided since last August...work.

This brings about another issue. The general rule of thumb is that the harder you work, and the more work you do, the more you get paid. Not many want to get up every weekday so they can work from six a.m. to two thirty. But, let's face it, the days of watching Wooky Wookpecker and The Price is Right have been over for quite a while. It must be accepted that if we want to make something for ourselves, we need to break away from the skate-rats and nintendo crazies. Anyway, the workday isn't as bad as it sounds. Forty hours a week for nine weeks won't dill anybody. Besides, it might actually make a lot of students look forward to school in the fall. And the money that is earned isn't something to forget about. It can be used for something extremely worthwhile such as rac new skating clothes or the latest in home entertainment equipment.

It is true then, that the summer jobs are looked upon originally as some horrible obstacle to avoid or overcome. As the summer progresses, however, many begin to feel the satisfaction of their accomplishments. Finally, as the summer ends and the school year begins all over, we will finally be able to smile as we acknowledge that our "sense of achievement and responsibility" has begun to develop.

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by Kaye Farmer and Mark Bartholomew

As the school year draws to a close, and summer becomes a reality, many students are beginning to plan their summer activities. And as usual, traveling and trips abroad are on the agenda. Vacations are a time for both family and friends to spend valuable time together

and usually provide the fondest memories of the summer.

The hot spot for '89 seems to be California. The sunny beaches, Disneyland, and all the famous Hollywood stars attract thousand of tourists every year.

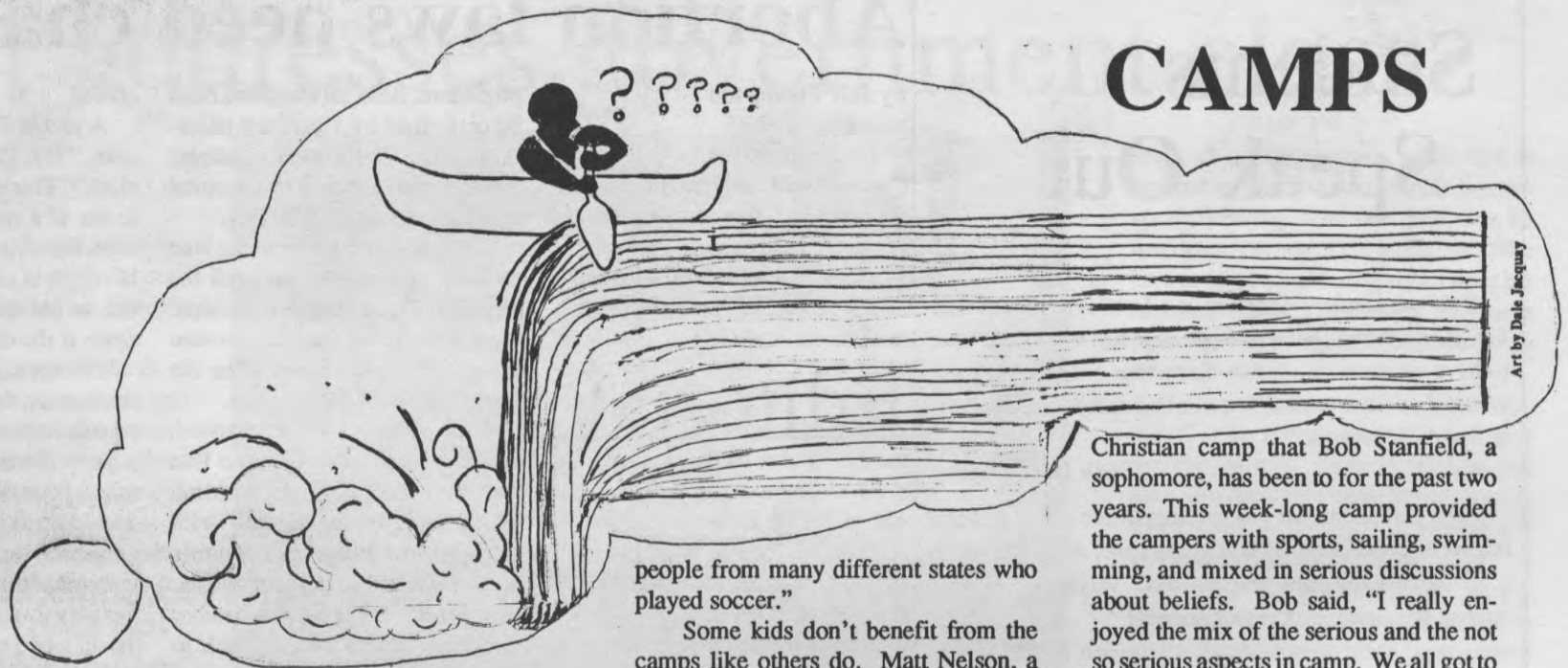
This summer junior Laura Down will be relaxing on the beach in Beverly Hills soaking up the sun, while keeping her eyes open for hot Hollywood stars. On the other hand, junior Mark Bartholomew

will spend most of his time colleges such as Stanford and in the Bay area. "I love the cisco area. The best part is down at the Fisherman's would be great if I could go there."

Chicago or Lake Michigan in line. Freshmen Tricia Mec "I guess the only place I will be Chicago." Shopping

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CAMPS



Art by Dale Jacquay

by Paula Winicur
Feature editor

When you were a child, summer may have meant many things to you. Camp could have been one of those things. But now that you are a mature and independent teenager, summer camp could sound a bit childish. Contrary to this belief there are many summer camps filled with young adults and teens. They all give the teenager a chance to get away from home for a while and a sense of being on his or her own.

There are many types of camps one can attend. One choice is a regular camp open to everyone in certain age groups. Camp Eberhart is one such camp. The campers have organized activities like nature hikes, swimming, or sailing, and they get to choose a major activity for themselves from archery to water skiing to horseback riding. When Jennifer Crosson, now a senior, was 13 she went to Camp Eberhart for a month and enjoyed the experience. "Being in the cabins was fun. There was no parental discretion and despite the rules there was lots of loud music, loud noise, and general ruckus," she said.

Another popular type of camp is for people who are athletically inclined. Sports camps tend to be very intense and help a student learn about a particular sport. The Indiana Soccer Camp at Stanley Clark runs through drills and scrimmages for its kids. "Each kid got special attention from an IU soccer player which excited us and pushed us to work harder," said Jay Zych, a junior, who attended the camp when he was eleven. Two years ago sophomore Meredith Knepp went to the Indiana Soccer Camp at IU for a week. The kids were separated into teams and taught ball handling skills such as the Coerver and Van Balkem moves. "We learned a lot of skills and techniques and met different

people from many different states who played soccer."

Some kids don't benefit from the camps like others do. Matt Nelson, a sophomore, went to the IU basketball camp when he was 13 years old. This camp consisted of running a lot and playing basketball. Matt didn't enjoy his experience there. "Bob Knight only showed up once because he was in jail and the restrictions were too tight. It was hot, sweaty, gritty, and uncomfortable," he said.

Fine arts is a major sometimes chosen in college. But it is a very competitive field and also very intense. Some camps specialize in fine arts and give the camper a chance to see what being in college is really like. At Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp there are many fields to explore. Band, orchestra, choir, piano, theater, dance, art, photography, and creative writing are a few possibilities to choose from. Susan Smith has gone to Blue Lake for the past two years to study piano. Last year she was chosen to accompany the choir on this summer's trip to Bavaria, Germany. She enjoyed the camp because "it was probably a lot like college. We all had our different classes but we roomed with dancers and tuba players."

Another fine arts camp is the Indiana University Summer String Academy in Bloomington, Indiana. For the past two summers David Beem, a junior, has gone there for four weeks to study cello. In this college environment the students study their instrument, have lessons, work in groups, attend concerts, swim, live in dorms, and are basically free to live like college students. "I was in the field I'd like to pursue and I was surrounded by music. I received different ideas besides those my teachers have drilled into me. It was like wearing shades on either side of my eyes and looking down a long hallway filled with nothing but my major interest," he said.

Camps that had a certain religious basis seem to attract many students looking for a summer activity with people like themselves. Epworth Forest is a

Christian camp that Bob Stanfield, a sophomore, has been to for the past two years. This week-long camp provided the campers with sports, sailing, swimming, and mixed in serious discussions about beliefs. Bob said, "I really enjoyed the mix of the serious and the not so serious aspects in camp. We all got to say what we were thinking at the right times."

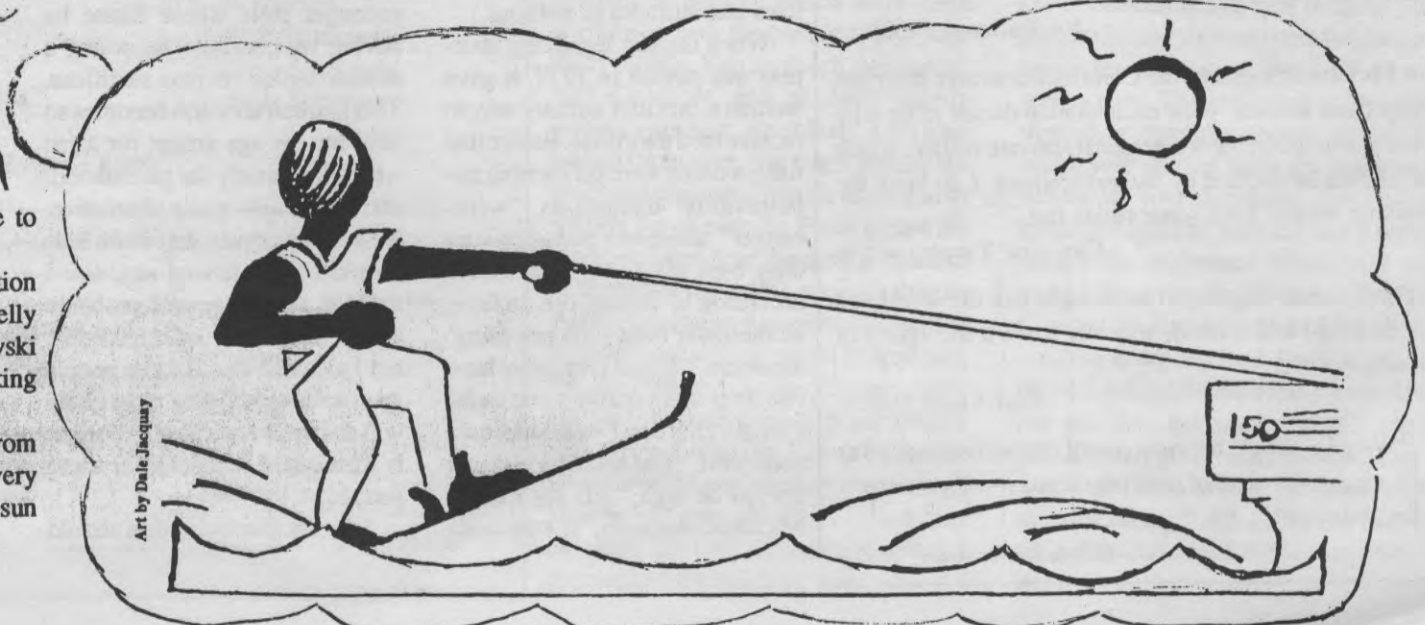
The Goldman Union Camp Institute is a Jewish camp with two sessions for four weeks each. Mike Wolosin, a sophomore, has gone there for the past four years and has enjoyed the experiences. There are many athletic sessions, swimming, programs on Judaism, and talks about feelings and insights. Each group gets to put on a play at the end for the whole camp. "I go to camp mostly for the people - not the activities. Some of the best friends I'll ever have I've made at camp," he said.

Another choice for those who think they're too old to be a camper is being a counselor. Many camps like Camp Eberhart and Camp Ideal, look for teenagers who deal well with younger kids to staff at camps. Some camps even have continuing cycles so if you go to the camp as a young kid you can be a counselor when you get older.

Lisa Primus, a senior, went to Camp Young Judea, a Zionist organization camp, for 4th-9th graders, then to another camp, Tel Yehuda, which is for high school students. She has worked as a counselor since her sophomore year. These camps have the usual camp sports activities along with arts and crafts mixed with Jewish education and culture programs. She tried to sum up her many experiences in a few sentences. She said, "You get really close to people when you live with them twenty-four hours a day, away from parents and the pressures of normal daily life. It's amazing what you can learn about yourself and the people around you in such a short time."

Camps are an interesting alternative to the average summer life. They are anything but childish giving a teenager the chance to get away from home and gain a bit of independence at the same time. You may think summer camps are not for you, but think again, you may be wrong.

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looking at Berkeley and tanning at the beach are sure to appeal to many South Benders.

A little bit of a different vacation will be flying lessons for junior Shelly Cleveland. Junior Suzanne Borowski plans to visit her sister who is working with the Peace Core in Africa.

A summer vacation away from South Bend may be just what every student needs. Enjoy the fun and sun this summer.

Students Speak Out

"I do not condone abortion as a form of birth control. Someone who has been irresponsible has no valid reason to have an abortion. If they (pregnant women) play the game, they have to pay the price and accept responsibility for their actions."

-Trish Davis, senior

"The complaint that pro-life supporters use is that life begins at conception. If that is the case, does this make a newborn baby nine months old? Maybe we should change the aging process of society!"

-Ben Banik, junior

"Abortion is murdering the defenseless; it should be outlawed in all cases with the exception of a rape victim. Many precautions are available to sexually active women—why not practice safe sex and protected sex?"

-Stephanie Cirkovich, freshman

"It is the parents' right to determine whether or not to terminate the pregnancy. The government should not have the power to outlaw this liberty."

-Grant McDougal, junior

"The mother is the one that ultimately takes responsibility for having the kid. It's her pain, her money, and her health that's at stake. It's easy to say no until you're faced with the situation yourself."

-Megan Moloney, senior

"Who are we to play God? If people are not caring enough to use protection, they should grow up and take some responsibility. Why should the living, breathing human being have to suffer for the stupidity of his parents."

-Tom Wolter, junior

"When women get pregnant, they should accept the responsibilities of having the child."

-Tony Day, sophomore

"Women have worked a long time to have the rights that they have today. We should not lose a woman's choice to have or have not an abortion. If my daughter got herself pregnant, I would want her to have a choice and I would not want that choice to be taken away from her."

-Colleen Horan, freshman

"...at times having children is unhealthy or unaffordable, along with being detrimental to one's own life or career. After all, 'the rich get richer and the poor get more children', according to F. Scott Fitzgerald."

-Adrienne Werge, junior

"...I believe the state should have the right to step in after the first trimester. After this time, it (abortion) is unsafe."

-Kaye Farmer, junior

"What if Albert Einstein's mother, Martin Luther King's mother, or George Washington's mother had aborted? Use self-control, 'the pill', or other control methods. Also adoption—there are plenty of people who want kids but can't have them."

-Joe Furlong, freshman

"I believe it's against the Constitution to take this right away from women. What each woman decide to do with what she helps create is a personal, private matter, which should not be decided by the government. I do think the husband should have some rights too."

-Christine Yarger, senior

"...if a child is going to be brought into the world and not be loved and wanted, why not spare it the agony of an empty life..."

-Kurt Leege, junior

"We give people the right to kill themselves everyday with cigarettes, alcohol, and other drugs—why stop now with abortion?!"

-Dawn Doverspike, junior

Abortion laws need changing

by Jeff Thompson
co-editor in chief

On April 26, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in the Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services case which concerns a Missouri law restricting the right to an abortion. The fierce debate that has proved to be the hottest issue in

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the modern era has been constantly debated and argued all over the country. This issue established itself after the Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973. This decision made abortions legal in the U.S. Ever since then state legislatures could regulate, but could not ban abortion which has kept abortion from being a major issue in most legislation races.

Current guidelines set by the high court prohibit states from restricting a woman's right to abortion during the first trimester (first three months of pregnancy) and allow limited regulation during the second trimester. But once the fetus is visible, the time when the baby can capably live on its own the court has the power to ban abortions. I don't agree with this law at all. I feel once conception has occurred, the baby is considered living in not only the third, but the first and second trimester, and any attempt in killing it, is an act murder, which renders all abortions illegal.

Indiana has passed various laws regulating abortion. Unless a woman is in danger, she must sign a consent form that lists possible complications arising from the

procedure. Also, all abortions must be performed by a licensed physician and second trimester patients must have an abortion in a hospital or a licensed surgical facility.

The question to reverse the Roe decision is up in the air until the Supreme Court makes a decision. Sandra O'Connor, the first women Chief Justice will prove to be the pivotal factor of the decision.

If abortion was to be banned, women would, as before the Roe decision, result to illegal abortion which includes procedures with "bleach, coat hangers or knitting needles," according to Time Magazine, leaving some women dead or rendering them to not being able to have children.

American companies at the same time are making kits that could perform 25 suction abortions for every kit, and the "abortion pill," called RU 486, which discharges the egg as in a normal period, has been introduced in France.

It seems as though there are more products being introduced into the market, sad to say, so even if the court did ban abortion, there would be other safe alternatives that someone could turn to if they desperately needed it. Drugs are illegal, but that doesn't seem to be stopping anyone. A ban on abortion would also certainly result in a further increase in illegitimate births at 23% a Year.

Indiana, along with 20 other states according to Newsweek magazine is likely to restrict abortion if the Supreme Court overturns Roe vs. Wade. If they do overturn it, it would be a step in the right direction at least where morals are con-

cerned.

A recent Time Magazine cover asks, "Will the court turn back the clock?" This is something they need to do. If a woman becomes pregnant, then it is her responsibility for having it in the first place, and it is due to her carelessness and ignorance if she didn't want it.

I'm not saying it's totally up to the woman; the man should play an equally responsible role too. As long as someone is responsible for what might potentially happen.

Although, I do believe rape and pregnancy that may hurt the mother in the process of the nine months of carrying it, or the delivery itself, are the only two exceptions. Any other reasons are just excuses for not being careful. Especially in the current era, where prophylactics are now televised to encourage their use. Along with other contraceptives, including spermicides, diaphragms, oral contraceptives, I.U.D. and sponges, proves that there's no excuse for not having protection during intercourse.

In the last few months Bush has prepared the single solution to abortion. He reports that adoption is the simple solution to all of this. "Adoption Agencies report that are too many couples waiting for too few babies," stated Newsweek, "but a huge increase could strain the system."

Ultimately, the court must decide whether they have the right to involve themselves in what could be a woman's most personal, intimate decision of her life.

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Legal abortion must remain a woman's choice

by Rachel Friend

Today, our country is divided by a civil war between two strong activist parties. Abortion, a controversy that has been disputed for decades, is stirring the emotions of millions of Americans. Pro-life activists claim that abortion is murder, while pro-choice activists are arguing that the decision to abort should be the individual's choice. Either way, within weeks, a decision will be made by Supreme Court justice Sandra Day O'Connor which may change the lives and attitudes of millions.

When the law legalizing abortion was passed in 1973, it gave women a safe and sanitary way to receive their abortions. Before that time, women were performing unbelievably dangerous "wire-hanger" abortions and receiving dirty back alley abortions which, according to sophomore Stefanie Komaskinski blows the pro-lifers' argument. "Would they rather have two lives taken during some awful illegal abortion?" Komaskinski continued. "The abortion rate will always be high," ads sophomore Michiko Sakaguchi, "It's the death

rate that is going to fluctuate if abortion becomes illegal again."

Teenage pregnancy is a major problem in this country, but with the option of abortion many unwanted babies are prevented from being born. Teens can get carried away with their emotions just as easily as adults, but often times in the teens' case their knowledge of pregnancy is very inferior. Sometimes the teens have not been taught the proper methods of birth control and other times they believe false myths about pregnancy. These girls endanger their whole future by having sex, because becoming a mother forces obvious sacrifices. This is when abortion becomes so vital for our age group; for teens who feel unready for parenthood, abortion is now a safe alternative. It could be argued that these kids should not be having sex, and I agree that some people probably aren't yet mature enough for sex, but I also feel that if these people want to have sex, they most likely will do it no matter what. Abortion is therefore a necessity for these people.

I do not think abortion should

be used as a method of birth control, but if people are going to use it as such, a safe abortion should be available. Abortions performed without legal surgery have already proven themselves extremely dangerous. Everyone has heard gruesome stories about desperation abortions young girls have performed on themselves; chances are illegal abortions will grow in number again if legal abortions are banned.

Junior Wendy Biggs sums up what many women believe when she comments, "Abortion is a woman's choice. If the courts decide 'Pro-life' then they're robbing women of their rights." And what about women's rights? Junior Susan Smith believes, "If the courts think they have the right to get involved with the decision of a woman's abortion, what else do they think they can tell us? First they will outlaw abortions, then they'll be say we can only have so many number of children. Where will they stop?" Hopefully, women's rights will be upheld by a pro-choice vote this June, and we will never have to face such a situation.

Hiler addresses government class

by Jay Zych
feature editor

John Adams students got a little insight into political life recently, as congressman John Hiler visited Mr. Fiwek's government class.

The Republican congressman from LaPorte visited to talk to students and answer any questions about the government, and to speak with them about becoming interested in a political career.

Hiler started off the conversation with information about himself. Out of a total of 24 committees, he belongs to the

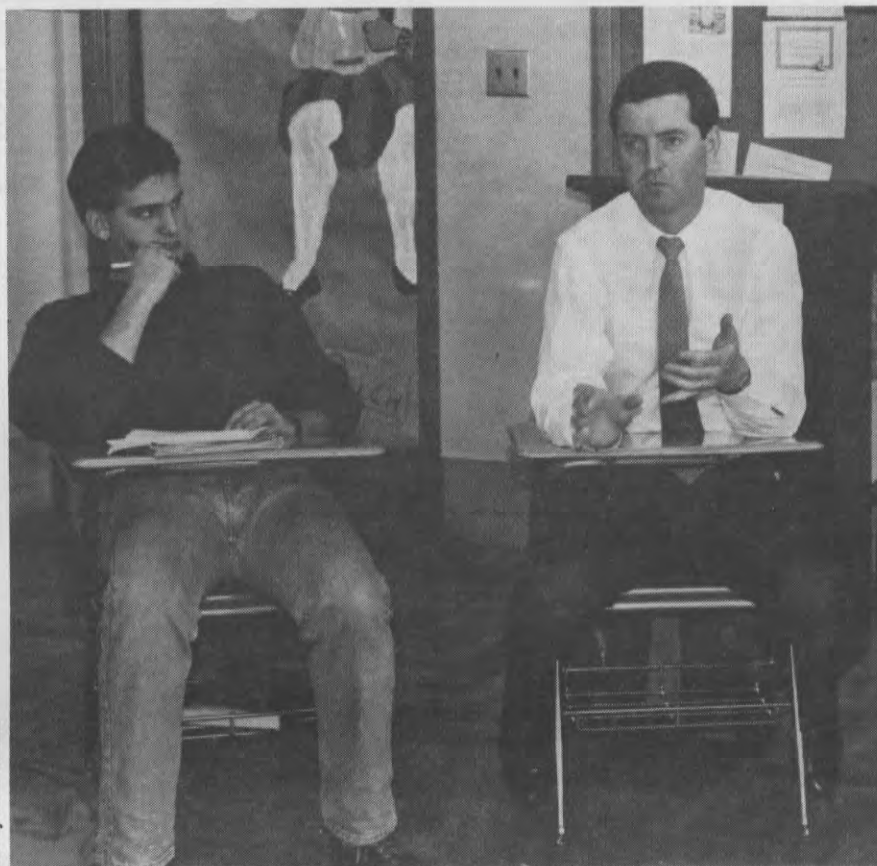
"It's not very often that a man in so high a position is so down to earth."

—Chris Curtis

Banking and Finance committee, the Small Business committee, and the House Administration committee. The Finance committee is mainly interested in the Savings and Loan crisis, while business loans are also a hot topic in the Small Business committee. The House Administration committee currently concerns itself with election reform.

The congressman then spoke about speaker Jim Wright and the 69 ethical violations cited against him. Hiler considered this a big problem because "...this is one of the highest offices facing ethical scrutiny." Hiler later stated that it is "the same as Watergate. I would think that his party would come up to him and say 'Mr. Speaker, you've had your day in court.'"

The discussion then turned to the current controversy on civilian use of as-



Third District Congressman Hiler fields questions from some students from Mr. Fiwek's government class. He visited Adams on Monday, April 24, to hold an informal discussion about several political issues with the class.

sault rifles. Hiler stated: "The major problem in this issue is definition. How do you draw the line at an AK-47 and not at, say, a Mac-10?" Hiler called the issue "media hype" and went on to say that "96% of all gun related deaths were by handguns, which only leaves 4% for assault type weapons."

When talk turned to Oliver North, Hiler was quick to point out that "North thought he acted in the interests of the president" and that North was "a victim

of something that was actually political."

The conversation went on for a while longer bouncing from point to point, covering everything from the homeless to Exxon's oil crisis at Valdez, Alaska. Hiler explained the intricacies involved with these issues and how they relate to the American public.

When the students asked questions about home life, Hiler revealed that approximately 40% of his work is in Indi-

ana with his constituents, while 40% is committee work and the rest is time spent debating bills. He said that he decided to become a congressman when he was 16 years old and prepared for his chosen profession by earning a degree in business marketing, where he learned to deal with people.

By coincidence, the day just happened to be Hiler's birthday, and as a surprise, several students brought out cake. This definitely made the discussion less formal, as students sat around and discussed common concerns.

"I think the discussion was worthwhile because I got to see what life is really like as a congressman" commented senior Chris Curtis "It's not very often that a man in so high a position is so down to earth."

Senior Mary Loranger, added, about the visit that it was "it was inspiring to meet a man like John Hiler who had come to such a high position. It was a very interesting discussion, and I was impressed that such a busy man took time off from his schedule to speak to students."

The session ended with a question on Hiler's future aspirations, to which he replied "I enjoy what I'm doing and hope to continue it in the future."

The Tower would like to apologize to Juniors Susan Smith and Paul Laherty, concerning the last issue, from Feature page 4. Their placement as 2nd place for dramatic duo in the novice division, at the State Thespian Conference had been inadvertently excluded.

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Fear proves greatest enemy in driving tests

by Brendan Addis
sports editor

Throughout everyone's life, there are certain moments which have a great impact on them. For instance, the feelings felt when going to take the driver's test should vividly stand out in everyone's memory. "I have my permit. I have the registration to the car. Oh no! What if something goes wrong with the car? Maybe my turn signal won't work, or..." These are often the nervous thoughts running through students' minds on the way to the license branch.

Once at the license branch, all of the feelings of anxiety which have been suppressed over the past few days suddenly surface. You approach the counter, take a number, and sit down quietly waiting your turn. Your body's nervous system takes over, you begin getting the chills and shaking a little bit while you sit waiting for an eternity. From across the room, you can hear the disappointment of the person preceding you each time he misses a question. Abruptly your number is called, and you are asked to approach the machine to take the written exam. Rachel Friend explained, "I was a nervous wreck. I read the Driver's Manual three times the night before the test, and I had people who had taken the test quiz me. But, all I could think of when I approached the machine was, what if I

fail?"

After passing the written exam, you are asked to wait while the examiner prepares for the driving portion of the test. David Klotz added, "When I was told that the driver examiner would be right out. I pictured him putting on headgear and pads to protect himself from the absolute worst." This is just a farfetched apprehension, though, caused by nervousness. The examiner is really just a normal person, who is very encouraging, unlike the evil tyrant everyone imagines.

He is aware of your petrified condition, and he takes this into account as he takes you through the test. With white knuckles bearing and eyes bulging, you prepare for any signs of potential danger. Sheer fear of failing keeps all of the senses alert. The instructor guides you through a carefully chosen course in which your driving skills are easily evidenced by your decisions. You realize towards the end of your test that it really wasn't the nightmare which you expected. Brian Hoedema commented, "As I parked the car, I could feel the sweat dripping down my face. I was scared to death that I had failed while I waited for her decision, but when she told me I passed, I felt great relief knowing that I would not have to face the embarrassment of failing." All in all, the fear of taking the test is much worse than the test itself.

Air conditioning not just a luxury

by Rachel Friend

O.K. School City . We students have finally come to accept the fact that you're making us go to school from late in August until mid-June. Of course, we can all remember the good 'ole days when school began after Labor Day and finished right after Memorial Day, but since you won't budge on the amount to attend, we students deserve a little bit in return for our extra hard work. Keep in mind, also, that the faculty has been forced to work more in recent years that they used to so what is it that would make everyone a little happier during these additional weeks? Air-conditioning!

Towards the end of April, and continuing well into September, an incredible summer heat-wave hits South Bend. It almost seems, at times, as if all the heat gathers inside the doors of John Adams, and nearly suffocates the students. In such a big building, with just a few spread out fans, the heat can get quite aggravating at times. Although it is hard to believe, the heat can even effect one's work, for example, when trying to take major tests sometimes even finals, the heat can cause dizziness and headaches, making it difficult to concentrate. If the goal of having us attend school these extra days is to be achieved, it would



seem that School City should make every possible effort to see to it that we can excel.

It would only seem fair that if two of four high schools in South Bend have air conditioning then the other two deserve this benefit. Clay and LaSalle already have air conditioning, and Riley may be moving to the already air conditioned building of Jackson Jr. High. This leaves

only Adams and Washington as being the only two high schools in the South Bend area without air conditioning; a fact that needs some serious attention. It is obviously severely unfair that our school should be one of the only public schools in the city without the luxury many other students may even be taking for granted.

I know air conditioning a school is

not going to make a drastic difference in anyone's high school career. It does seem, however, that if a change can be made to improve our comfort, there's no reason steps should not be taken to do so. The weather does get cruelly hot during the first days of June and the last of August, so if school must be conducted then, couldn't air conditioning be considered?

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Each year three out of every 100 women aged 15-44 have an abortion. Eighteen and nineteen year-olds have an abortion rate twice that of the national average.

A Time survey showed that 47% of 1000 Americans favored the law to be

It's sad to say that it seems as though there are more products being introduced into the market to perform at-home abortions...they're illegal, but that doesn't seem to be stopping anyone.

stricter, 48% opposed the law to make it more difficult to have an abortion, and 5% were unsure. 50% of the people believed abortion was wrong, 43% didn't agree, and 7% were unsure.

The abortion rate for other races compared to whites from 1973-83 is more than two and a half times greater. In

1985, out of 6.3 million who became pregnant, one in four had an abortion. About two-thirds of that were under the age of 25 and 80% were unmarried.

For those who have already found themselves in trouble, locally, woman can get abortions at the Madison abortion clinic for \$250 for anyone who hadn't had their last menstrual period 12 weeks or sooner. According to the Wall Street Journal, "states can't require that women

under the age of eighteen obtain parental consent to have an abortion. Mature minors must be allowed to bypass their parents and obtain a judges permission for an abortion." Luckily the government can protect the right of secrecy for minors who don't want any one to know of their pregnancy.

R.E.M. Dissolving their own myth

by Matt Nelson
opinion editor

Mentioning the rock group R.E.M. a couple of years ago probably would not have turned many heads. In an era in which the radio waves have been stifled by glamorous heavy metal and an onslaught of bubblehead pop nymphets, there has not been much room for a country rooted rock band from Athens, Georgia. However, with the release of the group's fifth album, Document, and their latest, Green, R.E.M. has been getting a little more time in the limelight. Songs like "The One I Love," "Orange Crush," and "Stand" have received considerable playing time. This sudden attention, though, will most likely prove more detrimental than profitable, as radio stations continue to exploit one of America's great underground bands.

It is true that many of these songs are not typical of R.E.M. The song "Stand" contains several guitar "hooks" and gimmicks that have contributed greatly to its success. Guitarist Peter Buck commented in a recent Rolling Stone article that he felt, "it was time to make some money." Although this top 40 hit has certainly

done that, it may have brought on some adverse effects.

The rest of the songs themselves are not the problem, however the company in which they are played is. A song such as "Orange Crush," an outcry against the Vietnam war and government policies, may find itself on a playlist squeezed between the latest from Tiffany or Milli Vanilli. As a result, the group is thrust into the category of pop music by many and is almost sure to follow the same path as the Irish "mega-band," U2. With a movie, the radio, several videos, etc... this band sold out in much the same manner and lost their magic.

The album Green contains the most top 40 releases thus far and, although a powerful album, connotes R.E.M.'s downfall. In an interview on MTV, the band's lead singer, Michael Stipe, stated, "We don't try to preach to our audience. We just try to get people to realize that if they stop and look around a little, there may be some things that they don't like." Being a long time fan of R.E.M., it's ironic that if I do stop and take a look around, one of the first things that I realize I don't like is the progress of his band.

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