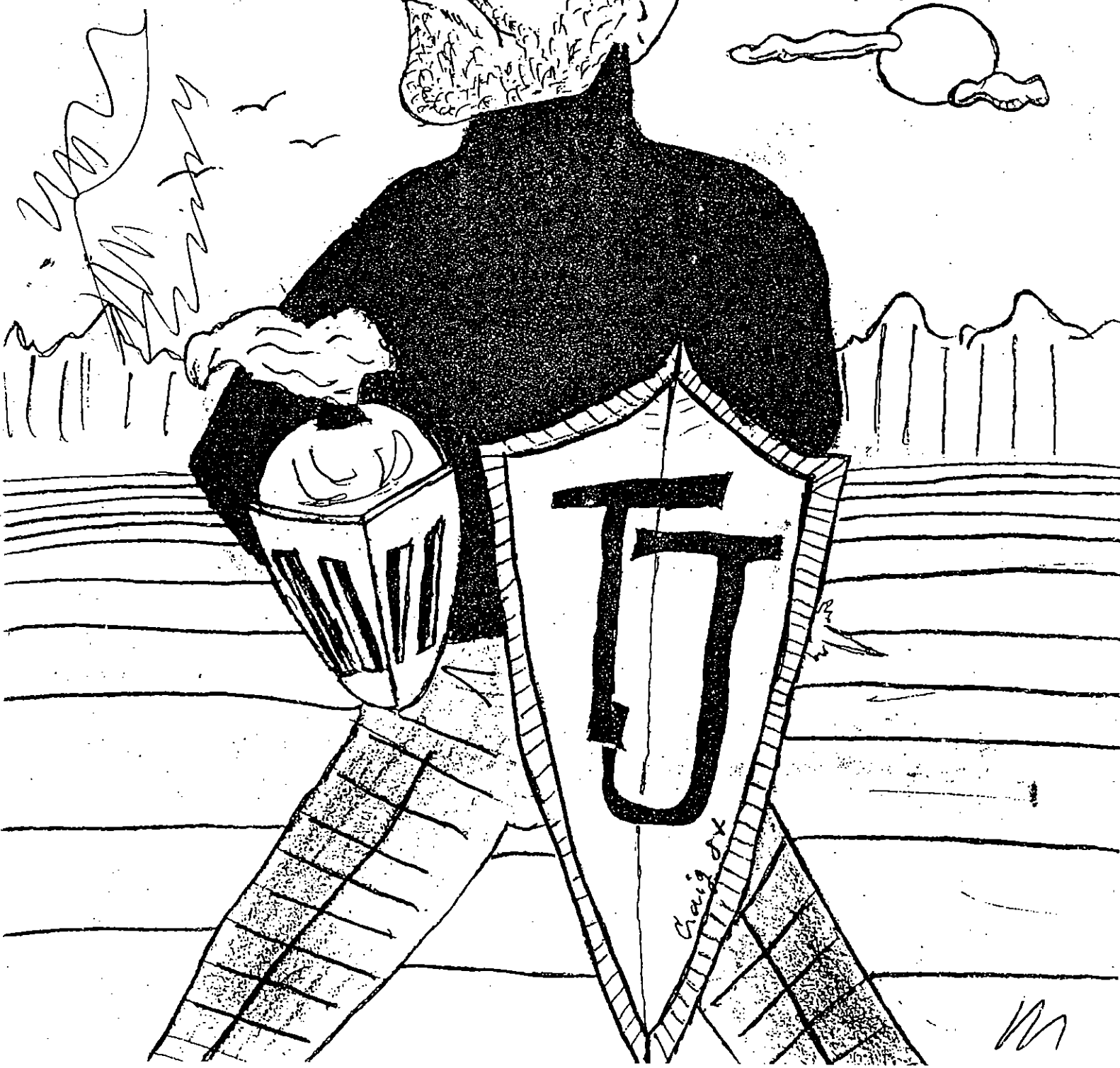


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FOR ALWAYS
by Donna Beaty

A informal student poll told me that the majority of the people who attended Homecoming this year thought the dance, with the theme "Always", was well organized, the music was good, and most had a great time. Needless to say that the attendance record was enormous with no tickets left over. The events for the night included dancing, remarks on the Homecoming game made by Coach Whitley, and the annual crowning of the court. The Royalty consisted of the following:

KING - Andre Richardson
QUEEN - Susana Rojas
12th Prince - Erik Schwalier
Princess - Cristina Gahan
11th Prince - Charles Thompson
Princess - Julie Allsup
10th Prince - Tony Dudley
Princess - Jenna Schwalier
9th - Prince - Pablo Tola
Princess - Angie Martinez
8th - Prince - Robert Adams
Princess - Melanie Lentz

To add to the decorations, the freshmen class banner was posted above the stage, and the senior's banner, which obtained second place, was on a nearby wall.

Many thanks to all those who supported Homecoming and helped make it a night to remember....for always.

LAW EXPLORERS
by Shane Fleming

The Law Explorer post has been started up again and new officers elected for this year. The president is Bryan Hebert; vice president of the Royal Oaks is Edward Flores; and vice president of the base is Shane Fleming.

Law Explorers attend classes taught by members of the Security Police. Once their basic training is completed, students may accompany Security Policemen on their rounds.

Interested students are invited to meetings to explore the field of law enforcement. The club, sponsored by Mr. Paulin, meets during activity periods.

PARLEZ-VOUS...UH...FRENCH?
by Vanessa Duran

Ms. Carrion is the new French teacher at Torrejon after Ms. Dion's departure last spring.

Ms. Carrion is originally from Des Moines, Iowa. She graduated from Clarinda High School in Clarinda, Iowa, and went on to the University of Kansas in Emporia, Kansas. After she completed her studies there, she got her Master's Degree in Spanish at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Following that, she took one semester of French at the Sorbonne University in Paris, France.

Ms. Carrion is not new to T.H.S.; she was a substitute here last year. She also has fifteen years of teaching experience including having taught high school Spanish in Des Moines, Iowa. She has no definite DEROS date at the present time.

When out of school, Ms. Carrion enjoys reading, travelling, and listening to music. She likes eating seafood such as shrimp and prefers blue to any other color.

COMING SOON...
by Donna Beaty

As always, the students of T.H.S. are putting on a Christmas play. This year's production is called "Visions of Sugar Plums" with cast as follows:

Mr. Benson - Ernest Deleonardo
Mrs. Benson - Jenna Schwalier
Aunt Vinnie - Elena Foley
Eddie Benson - Chris Forthman
Kim Benson - Michelle Smith
Dena Benson - Donna Beaty
Bruce - Will Moore

To direct and make this production as perfect as possible, we have Sheri Saiter, and we can't forget the stage crew who is responsible for lighting, setting, and props.

Thanks to all those who tried out and showed their spirit. Wish us luck!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT
by Javi De Jesus

THE SCHEDULE CHANGE
by Scott Carrizales

Name: Jennifer Carlson
Nickname: Jef - Jefiner
Birthday: 19 April 1969
Zodiac: Aries
Best Moment: June 1, 1987
Worst Moment: Too many to choose from.
Pet Peeve: Red and pink together.
Ideal Clem: Michael C. Smith

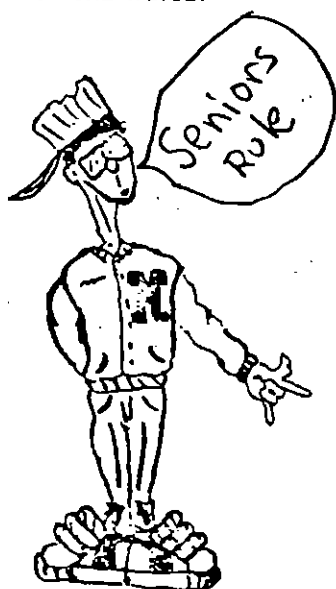
Favorites:

Song: Always
T.V. Show: St. Elsewhere
Movie: The Wall
Pastime: Just being with my friends and especially with Mike.
After Grad. Plans: Go to college and major in Art "6119".

Name: Michael Smith
Nickname: Mr. Smith
Birthday: June 18, 1970
Zodiac: Gemini
Best Moment: June 1, 1987 - meeting Jennifer
Worst Moment: 1987 New Years Eve
Pet Peeve: Being tickled
Ideal Clem: Jennifer Carlson

Favorites:

Song: Always
T.V. Show: Hotel
Movie: Top Gun
Pastime: Spending time with my first lady.
After Grad. Plans: Go to college and own the best hotel chain in the world.



The new schedule has been a topic of conversation and controversy during the first few weeks of the school year. Actually, the controversy started last year when the switch from the rotating six period schedule was announced. After petitioning, protesting, and complaining failed; students, teachers, and parents gave in to the proposal from DODDS and the new principal Mr. Scheier.

Last year, a pole was taken of the student body. Over 350 students were questioned as to which schedule they preferred. The results were as follows:

Stay with old 6 period rotating - 89.7%
Switch to the new 7 period rotating - 7.2%
Indifferent - 3.1%

This poll clearly shows that the students preferred last year's schedule over the one proposed for this year. This year, I conducted a survey of my own. My survey, which was a little less inclusive, questioned over 60 students and 10 teachers. My results were as follows:

Switch back to last year's - 85.19%
Stay with this year's - 8.64%
Indifferent - 6.17%

The numbers can stand for themselves, but they don't seem to mean much. It looks like the new system is here to stay. In the conducting of my survey, I asked some random students to comment on the what they thought about the new schedule.
"Last year's was deffer." - Corey Fox and Aaron Wright.

"I like this one better but it's more tiring." - Mr. Morris

"I think it stinks this year!!!" - Dee Dee Correll

"It confuses me." Stephanie Skogstrand

"You get a 30 minute extra lunch each week and shorter classes." - Lou DeBarracua

"I had more breaks last year." an anonymous teacher

"I like 1-7 without rotating the best." - Jenna S.

"I didn't like last year's and I don't like this year's." - Mr. Whitley

"I didn't think it would work but I chaged my mind when this year started. I really don't care as long as it rotates." - Carlos Davis

"Next year's." - Don Christman (Senior)

"I think it's harder. They're adding an extra subject and taking away study hall." - Eric S.

PRIVATE EYES

by The Spy

NEW VIRUS DISCOVERED

There seems to be a virus roaming around the Knightlife staff members this month. This unique virus has been the cause of the members' incapability to turn in their articles on time. Only a few members of our staff remain immune to this terrible virus and have been able to meet the deadlines. We hope this is a temporary thing, and that our dear staff is feeling better after (hopefully...or else!) recovering from the symptoms of their illness.

BABIES, BABIES, BABIES.

Ever hear about babies at school? Well, there were nine roaming the school a couple of weeks ago. I can't seem to figure out how these teenage parents arranged their children's births on the same day: Wednesday, October 28th. Maybe Ms. Orr has a clue, but you'd think that a certain student (J.S.) would have picked a day other than her birthday to give birth!!

About 50% of the new babies survived their first week of life, to their young parents' content, but most parents had troubles. Tara had a nervous breakdown dealing with early parenthood after her baby was assassinated by her friend's elbow. Derika was noted for her extra happy face when carrying "baby" around (what a loving mommy...but you should have seen her face when she almost dropped "baby"!!!). Among some of the awards given to the parents where: Apin's "Most Forgetful" after he couldn't remember where he left his baby (he later found him in the refrigerator among his other "egg" friends). Tahia's baby got "Most Original" (I couldn't figure out where his face was!). Mike's baby obtained the "Funkiest/Most Modern" award. After his birth, Mike lost no time to get his baby a mohawk and those funky black shades he never took off (the baby's lifespan was predicted not to surpass one week - due to constant smoking!!). Where is your fatherly love, Mike? Tanya's baby was awarded "Toughest Baby" after surviving in the Intensive Care Unit incubator for two days (poor baby cracked while taking a walk with D.B., B.N., and G.D.). I wonder where Tanya's attention was at the time of the accident!! And...the one I saved for

last....Jenna's baby was awarded the "Smashed Egg Badge of Courage" for dying for a good cause after being sandwiched by two of his mother's school books!

THE AGE OF LOVE

Love...love...love is a many splendored thing that seems to have stationed itself at T.H.S. (permanently or temporarily, I can't say). Have you noticed how many smiling and happy couples roam the school nowadays? Five, ten, fifteen...or more?!? Well, get this. A co-spy from a different department told me that the world-famous Getro Moldyn Meyer wants to film its latest movie, Cupid High School, at Torrejon. It's supposed to be a love story (ha!). Keep up the good work, maybe we'll all become millionaires!!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAIR?

Has this question become aggravating lately? Well, what can you expect when there's no hair left in about a 2 by 2-inch area of your head above the ears? This seems to be the latest fad roaming T.H.S.-needless to say it looks pretty cool-but next time consider the the rule of GRADUAL CHANGE. Don't have everyone get their hair cut the same weekend!

TWIN AWARD

I have decided to award C.W. and S.M. the Twin award for their successful attention grabbing style of dressing alike. Dare to be different!!

SCOUTER By: Craig HEARTLEY



WHO'S WHO?

by Tanya Hansen

Match the description of the person or his/her most embarrassing moment with the corresponding names. Answers are on the last page of the Knightlife. Have fun!

1. This person was born August 3, 1970, in Massachusetts, loves lasagna, and prefers music by Metallica to any other. Watch out, brown nosers! He/she can't stand you.
2. His/her very first trip to the U.S. is regarded as one of his/her most embarrassing moments. I mean how would you feel if you arrived at a foreign country for the first time and you have a group of people greeting and hugging you? That may not sound too bad until you find out (or should I say, THEY find out) you're not the person they were waiting for in the first place!
3. Our next guest had trouble recovering from a fall when he/she got a cramp while going up the stairs in the auditorium in order to reach the stage where he/she would receive an award. The excuse was "I got a cramp in my leg." Sure you did!!(smile.)
4. Football lover has had a share of stomach flipping moments, too. He/she was going after a football tackle, but slipped, and missed it completely while the other team scored a touchdown. Now, isn't that EMBARRASSING?!
5. Mr./Mrs. Perfect had trouble when he/she was sttuttering during his/her campaign speech.
6. Now, here's a good one. During his/her senior year in high school (hint), this person ran a stop sign and hit a police car. The worst part was that he/she was leaving the school parking lot for lunch 15 minutes early. So, he/she got nailed with a ticket, and got nailed for skipping class. It was the only police car in town....
7. Being caught on his/her hands and knees under the table at the homecoming dance by a group of class of '91 girls was enough to make this person obtain the "Reddest Face" award.
8. Our Junk Food Freak did a nice little show for the seniors. He fell smack on his face in front of

three of them while chasing someone.

9. And now, for our final occurrence. This person had a really nerve boggling experience. While in Japan, he/she decided to go to the Officer's Club. At arrival, this person took his/her coat off and...SURPRISE...this person's skirt (hint, hint) was down to his/her knees (well, not quite that far) because he/she had forgotten to zip it up!

CHOICES

- A. Charles Carlson
- B. Andre Richardson
- C. Mr. Whitley
- D. Erik Kim
- E. Ms. Orr
- F. Mrs. Foley
- G. Karen Allsup
- H. Mike Smith
- I. Apin Crosby

SO SAID ED
by Eddie Mathenia

Hello my fellow students of THS. I'm Eddie Mathenia and hopefully we will be together every issue. I'll be writing my opinion, I repeat, my opinion, on different subjects.

This first issue I thought we should touch a matter of utter urgency. I think we should talk about the most common type of abuse. HOLD IT! I'm not going to give you a sermon on drugs or alcohol; no, I'm going to talk about something of much more importance. I'm going to talk about the abuse of....eighth graders.

Think for a moment. I bet you that at least once this year you have heard the word (or have been called) squirrel or ankle biter, by an upper classman. If so, you can consider yourself a victim of "8th grade abuse."

Now, don't let it get you down. We are simply victims of Torrejon High School tradition. They probably don't mean any harm (HA-HA). It may be a matter of revenge--they too were abused once. So, take it in stride, after all we will get OUR chance too! So next time they call you that, just laugh to yourself and say "next year."

BYE-BYE!!

WHAT IF...

by Karen '88 Evans

What if you could be any other race than you are now, what would it be? And why?

I think I would be black. I would finally have something they say I need...a butt!!

-Cathy Mayo-

I would be an Indian, so I could grow my hair long.

-Erik Schwalier-

I would be black, so I could rap with the boys and be fresh. WORD!

-George Davis-

I would be African like Karen, so that I would have the ability to talk smack too fast for anyone to understand.

-Jennifer George-

It would be very cool to be an Indian, but since Erik already mentioned it, I think I'll be a bit more original and say; an Australian Aborigine with a bone in my hair, and a little shrunken head dangling from my neck!

-John Hollyfield-

I would be Australian, so that I could be like my role model - Simon Collins.

-Mike Smith-

I would be a black Jamaican, so I could jam all day long, and be cool all the timeah, with good ole Reggae musica, oh, and kick back wit de brois.

-Don Dunkle-

Well, I think I would probably be Black American, so that slamming a basketball, running a football, flagging down fly balls, doing scissor kicks, and what not....would all be second nature to me!!(SMILE)

-Matt Glaysher-

I would be white, so all I could do is shake my head all day long, and complain about my split ends, and cancel a date by saying "I need to wash my hair!"

-Linetta Grant-

Indian, so I could own a 7-Eleven in California and sell Big Gulps.

-Chris Weeks-

I would be Mexican. I could get a body wave, wear a netted cap, and carry a switch blade.

-Corey Fox-

Black, so I can rap with the boys and no one would look at me like I was white. I would wear penny loafers and look like Michael Jackson, like my friend, Chris Weeks.

-Sean McKenna-

I would love to be black, because then I could be a rich boy like Andre Richardson, Charles Thompson, and even Craig Heartley!!

-T.J. DesMarais-

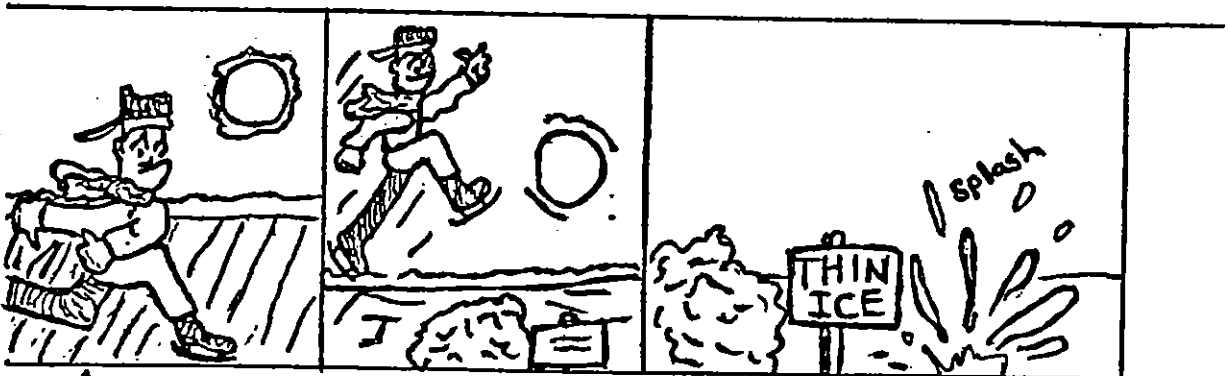
And the dumb answer I saved for last again...

"I would be the 100 meter dash..."

-Cristina Gahan-

Christan...**PUFF**, disappear!!!!

What would I be? Well, I'd be white.. so that I could be in a horror movie and wear super high heeled shoes, and trip and fall when someone is chasing me. I would, also like to be white, so I could have long hair just like Susana Rojas and Cristina Gahan. Then I could swing my hair around like a wild monkey at the dances. Just like them!



SCOOTER BY: Craig Heartley

DEDICATIONS

To: Alisa Wrestchko
From: Tom Taylor
"You Are The Girl" - by The Cars

To: "My Senior"
From: "Your Sophomore"
"Lost In Love"

To: Tanya
From: George
"Is This Love" - by Whitesnake

To: Knightlife Staff
From: Your Editors
"Let's Work"

To: Bang
From: Chicken Salad Lover
"Never Say Goodbye"

To: Jason
From: Me
"I Think We're Alone Now"

To: Afghan Hound
From: Me (B.F.)
"Nothing But A Hounddog"

To: Jelly
From: Kenna
"Mr. Lee"

To: Masahib
From: Freckle
"Let The Good Times Roll"

To: Nicole Ostrum
From: Tus Mejores Amigas.
"Never Say Goodbye"

To: Mike Strauss
From: A Sophomore
"Just Want To Get To Know Ya"

To: Pablo Tola
From: Michele Johnson
"I'm In Love (with you)- by Lillo Thomas

To: Pablo Tola
From: Michele Johnson
"If You Only Knew How Much I Love You" - by

Patti Labelle

Note - There were MANY more dedications to P.T. from M.J. but we can't print them all. Nevertheless, we think P.T. gets the message (smile).

SPECIAL DEDICATION OF THE MONTH

To: My Very Special One, Mickey Mouse!
From: Bugs Bunny

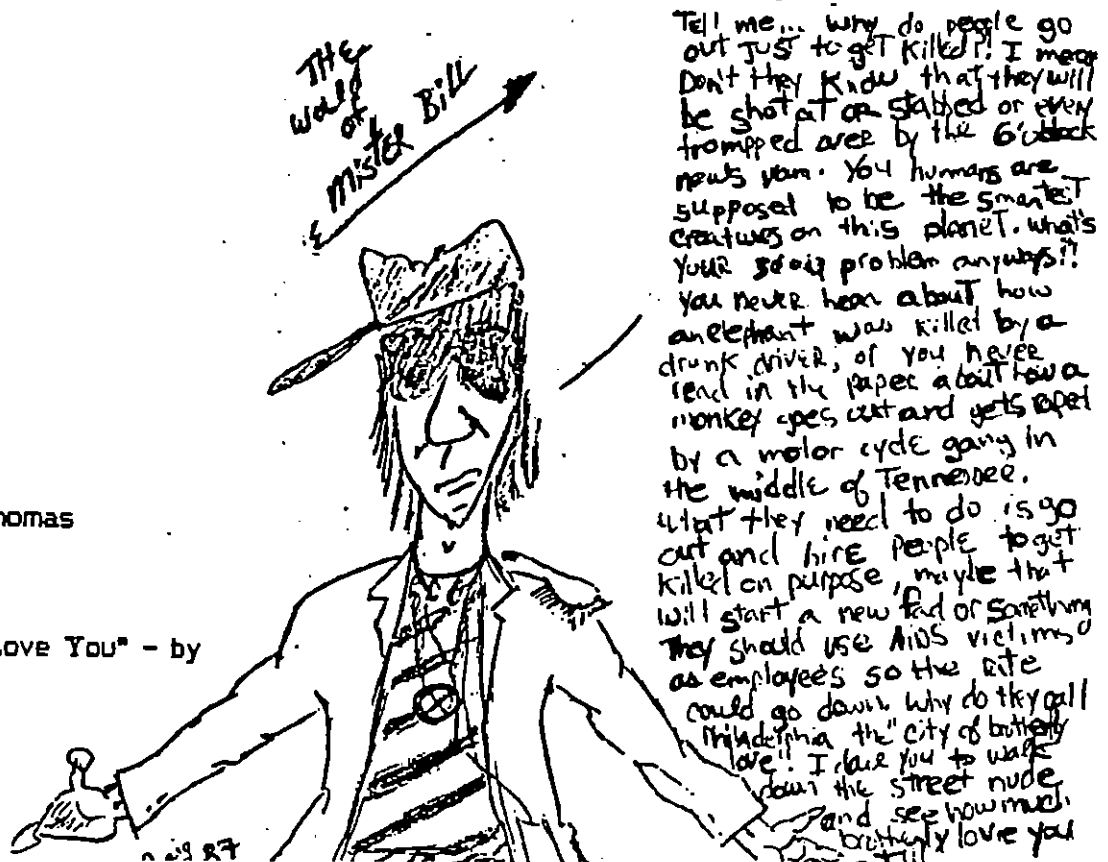
"When I Fall In Love"

When I fall in love
It will be forever
Or I'll never fall in love

In a restless world like this is
Love is ended before it's begun
And too many moonlight kisses
Seem to cool in the warmth of the sun

When I give my heart
It will be completely
Or I'll never give my heart

And the moment I can feel that
You feel that way too
Is when I'll fall in love with you.



1987 FOOTBALL SEASON ROUND-UP by Craig Heartley

Last issue, I wrote about the first three games of this year's football season; now for the second half of the season review.

The White team was on the road for their fourth game. This game was against Rota, where the White Knights came out on top 20-12. The Red team also had a good game against ZAB by beating them 32-6. Their touchdowns were scored by everyone in the backfield including the splitend, John Roberts. Again, with the fifth game, the White team was on the road; this time beating the Toros 25-0. Touchdowns were scored by Willie Clark, with an interception by Robert Jones, who scored on a 30-yard run back. The Red team tried to hold their own on their home turf, but were overcome by the Rota Admirals 25-0.

White team took the victory of the 1987 Homecoming game by beating Red 40-12. The first quarter was the most exciting. The Red team scored their first touchdown on their first drive with a touchdown pass from Matt Glaysher to Eric Acuff. Their second touchdown was scored on a running play late in the game by Esau Ward. The White team's touchdowns were scored by Willie Clark, Chris Miles, and a two-point conversion by Stevon Kirksey. But, the most exciting play of the game was by the White team when Erik Schwalier blasted the Red team quarterback, Matt Glaysher, who was attempting to pass, but fumbled the ball right into the hands of Matt Gordon, who ran it all the way back for a touchdown. All and all, this season was far most the best!!

Here are the final standings.

1. T.J. White - 6 wins and 0 losses.
2. Rota Admirals - 4 wins and 2 losses.
3. T.J. Red - 2 wins and 4 losses.
4. Zaragoza Toros - 0 wins and 6 losses.

VOLLEYBALL REGIONALS by Stephanie Skogstrand

The 1987 Volleyball Regionals were held in Rota. Unlike previous years, this tournament was a double-elimination one.

On October 15th, the T.J. Red and White Volleyball teams went down to Rota ready to play. The next day (the first day of regional competition) Red played two games. They won against ZAB Red and lost against Rota White. On the second day they were defeated by Rota Blue in the most exciting game of the season, and were, therefore, knocked down into 5th place.

T.J. White survived a little bit longer. On the first day they were defeated by Rota White which was going to make a comeback very hard. Nevertheless, White team fought hard to win the next day. They won two out of the three games they played as exhaustion settled in. They ended up with third place.

At the end of Regionals, rankings from first to sixth place were announced as:
ZAB Black, Rota White, TJ White, Rota Blue, TJ Red, and ZAB Red.

This year's M.V.P. was Fatina Price from ZAB Black, but TJ got two players awarded as All-conference given to Katrina Holloway and Karen Evans.

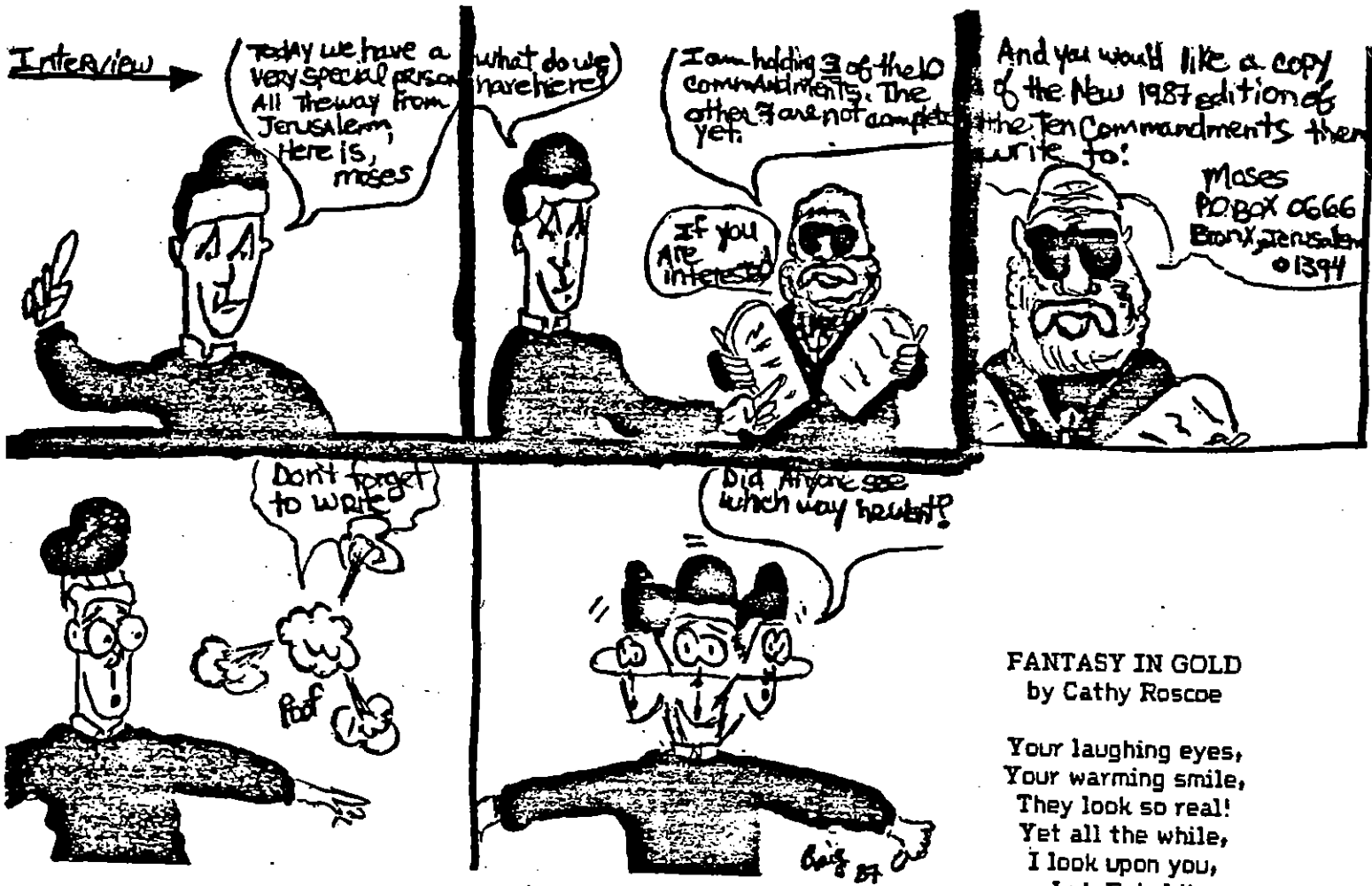
Even though the TJ Knight girls didn't come out on top, they are ready to rise above this year's standings and STOMP those Toros next year.

SOCCER CLUB STARTS UP by Javi De Jesus and Willie Burks

This year, the Soccer Club has many new and talented players. Mr. Beers is the coach of the team and Guy Vanderman, a T.H.S. graduate, comes out to help the team.

The team, with more practice, will be able to be strong and organized, but the season has just started for the club and the team members are pretty rusty. The Soccer Club has lost many of last year's players, but with the new players the loss shouldn't be noticed.

Hopefully, the team will have luck in their upcoming games to make this year a good one for the T.H.S. Soccer Club.



FANTASY IN GOLD
by Cathy Roscoe

Your laughing eyes,
Your warming smile,
They look so real!
Yet all the while,
I look upon you,
Lo! Behold!
Surrounding you...
An aura gold!

It sparkles in the sunlight,
'Fore the watching eyes of me,
Are you real, my handsome knight,
Or are you fantasy?

So many nights I've longed to hold you,
To my breast so white,
But are you real or are you fantasy,
My handsome knight?

There you sit upon a horse,
Of noble strength and speed,
Take me far away with you!
Your love is what I need!

But you just sit there,
Handsome, strong...
You've disappeared!
Why, all along,
I doubted your existence,
'Cause you're just too good to be,
And now I know my doubt was true!
You're just a fantasy!

WORD FIND
by Stephanie Crosskey

IJOHOMECOMINGFRENCH
GMIGKSPANISHCHORUSB
NESNTNEDARGHTHGIEVE
IDRIEVISOPHMORENJHS
VIQLNPZGJHIWLZINSSX
IAJENLKTHEGOJOCTORK
GCGDIINFETHERYQLOUD
SESOSSIVEBSSMPEFULO
KNAMHSERFJCOAMARDBB
NTORREJONBHAREGLAR
AEPIEAHESROINUJTHNA
HRCPLLABROOFZUBEDE
TUOANCHEERLEADERSXY

ALGEBRA
BAND
CHEERLEADERS
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FOOTBALL
FRESHMAN
HIGHSCHOOL
HOMECOMING

KNIGHTS
MEDIA CENTER
MODELING
NJHS
ROTC
SENIORS
SOPHMORE
SPANISH
THANKSGIVING
TORREJON
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Answers to WHO'S WHO.

1. Erik Kim
2. Mrs. Foley
3. Andre Richardson
4. Apin Crosby
5. Mike Smith
6. Mr. Whitley
7. Karen Allsup
8. Charles Carlson
9. Ms. Orr