

# ENVOY

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Precision is needed by Susie LaCroix to create her beadwork.

## Ojibway classes start beading

Once again the Ojibway Language classes have started a new quarter on beading.

Students can make a belt, belt buckle, head band, hair ties, earrings, moccasins; anything the student chooses.

The student designs the work and then gets materials from Panji, the Ojibway teacher.

Panji, and Ike, her aide, will help students with any problems or questions.

## Club plans spring pow wow

by Carrie Bongo

The Pow Wow Club is planning a school pow wow for May 21.

President Nicole Ammesmaki and Secretary-Treasurer Renee VanNett explained that the club is now trying to raise money to pay for the pow wow and for other activities the club is involved in. "Our fundraisers are going really slow right now," Ammesmaki said. "We should be earning more money than what we have."

Ammesmaki explained that the Ojibway School

Drum will be asked to be the host drum and Pete Gahbow will be asked to be the M.C.

They will be holding a princess contest and, hopefully, a brave contest, too. They will be asking Mary Cane, social teacher, to be in charge of the contests because she has been doing such a good job the last couple of years.

Other schools will be invited to come and join in the fun and parents will be asked to bring food donations.

## School celebrates Valentine's Day

A heart game, a video and basketball games with White Earth were among Valentine celebration activities Feb. 13.

The heart game started at 8:45 a.m. and was over at noon. The girls wore paper hearts. If they talked to a guy, the guy would get the heart. The guy with the most hearts won the game. The winner was senior Robert Lafave.

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# Editorials and Opinions

## Spectators behavior needs improvement

Basketball is a competitive sport usually played by all schools. It is an activity played for fun and for the show of a school's ability.

Recently at our home games there has been an awful amount of bad sportsmanship behavior. Certain girls feel it is necessary to show their rude conduct.

They pound on the bleachers making such a racket it is impossible to hear anything. They also scream loudly at the person on the other team shooting a freethrow.

By doing all of this, it shows bad sportsmanship for our school. It also makes the visiting team and parents uncomfortable and causes them

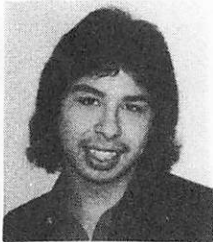
to look down on our school.

It is good to be rowdy at games, to show our school spirit, but only to an extent where we also make our school proud.

It would be nice to see a change in our rooting section.

## In the Halls

What is your opinion of the hot lunch program? Do the portions satisfy you? Does it bother you to stand in line so long? Do you think they serve enough varieties of food?



Abramowski

Smith

Rob Abramowski (grade 12): They serve the same thing over and over. The portions satisfy me when they have enough food. It doesn't bother me to stand in line. They don't serve enough variety, they always serve "skeds."

Roger Smith (grade 12): We don't get enough food. The portions don't satisfy me because they only give a little bit. It doesn't bother me to stand in line. They don't serve enough variety.

They always serve soup.

Michelle Main (grade 8): They serve too much soup. Sometimes they don't serve enough and then you have to go back and get seconds and it is embarrassing 'cause people think you're a pig. I don't mind standing in line. They should serve more pizza.

Shari Morrin (grade 8): It's cheap. There is too much soup. They serve enough. They should have two lines and serve more variety.

Mary Cane (teacher): The lunches could be

in the lunch line. They don't serve enough variety.



Cane

Benjamin

Tom Benjamin (grade 10): It could be better. They serve enough food. It doesn't bother me to stand in line.



Main

Morrin:

served more efficiently. The portions usually satisfy. I could be doing many more things with my time than waiting

## Envoy

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## Choices class

### Jeals with reality

by Susie LaCroix

There is a new class at the Ojibway School this quarter. It's called Choices. It is a class for the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade girls.

In the class they talk about rights for women, and look at how things have changed for women over the years.

The class discusses the need to take care of your family, how important it is to get an education, and what it is like to be a single parent. These are just some of the many things this class is about.

It is run by a couple of ladies from Heart of the Earth School in Minneapolis. The program will last two to three weeks for two class periods a day.

### Letters welcome

Envoy welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed, and may be edited for length. We'll gladly help with spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Contact any staff person for more information.

### Day, continued

The video they watched was "Short Circuit."

The students went to the gym after lunch for basketball games with White Earth. Fond du Lac won all four games.

## Students travel to Washington

by Teri Lafave

Four students and the social teacher, Mary Cane, left February 22 on the Close Up Program to Washington D.C. The students who went were Ed Misquadace, Teri Lafave, Denise Day, and Jean Skinaway.

This program is a fun way for high school students to discover more about the American government and how it works.

Grades, attendance, and behavior were looked at before the students were allowed to go.

## School offers drivers' training

by Tom Mcfatridge

Recently Drivers' training classes began again at Ojibway School.

The after-school class is open to all students ages 15 to 18 years of age. Students of this age must complete the course in order to get their license. The course is 30 hours long and is offered free to the students.

After the students are done with the classroom they take a test to get a permit. The permit costs four dollars.

Then the students must complete 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training. This costs approximately \$100. After this training, a written test and driving test must be passed and then a license is issued.

## FUTURE EVENTS

|            |                                               |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Feb. 23-28 | Close Up trip to Washington D.C.              |
| 23-26      | Training in Albuquerque for Gwen and Phil     |
| 24         | Boys BB at South Shore                        |
| 27         | Teachers Inservice, School dismissed at 1p.m. |
| 27         | Boys BB at Cronwell                           |
| 27         | Girls BB District Tournament begins           |
| 28         | at U.W.S. F.D.L plays at 6p.m.                |
| 28         | Girls District                                |
| March 2    | Track practice begins                         |
| 3          | Girls BB Districts at U.W.S.                  |
| 5          | Boys BB District tourney at U.W.S.            |
| 5          | F.D.L. plays at 6:15p.m.                      |
| 6          | Girls BB District tourney.                    |
| 7          | Boys BB District tourney                      |
| 10         | Boys BB District tourney                      |
| 12         | Girls Region BB tourney at Duluth Arena       |
| 13         | Boys BB District finals                       |
| 14         | Girls BB Region finals                        |
| 19         | Boys BB Region tourney                        |
| 20         | No School, Staff Birthday                     |
| 21         | Boys BB Region finals                         |
| 21         | Girls State BB tourney                        |
| 21         | Boys BB State tourney                         |
| 27         | Teachers Inservice School dismissed at 1p.m.  |

# Sports

## Boys' basketball having best season ever

by Robert Lafave

With a record of 8 and 5 and two games left in the regular season,

the FDL boys basketball team is having their best season ever.

The leading scorer is

Ed Misquadace with an average of 27 points a game. The person with the most rebounds is Dan O'Leary.

The team has two good starting guards and they are Stan Bird and Roger Smith. Bird can shoot from the outside. Smith doesn't score that much, but he is a threat on defense.

They let a couple of teams like Grand Marais and Finlayson, beat them by three or four points. When these teams came to the FDL gym, it was another story.

With districts right around the corner, they are hoping to win at least two or more games.

The team is coached by Joe Curran. This is his first year as a coach at FDL.

## Boys' basketball statistics

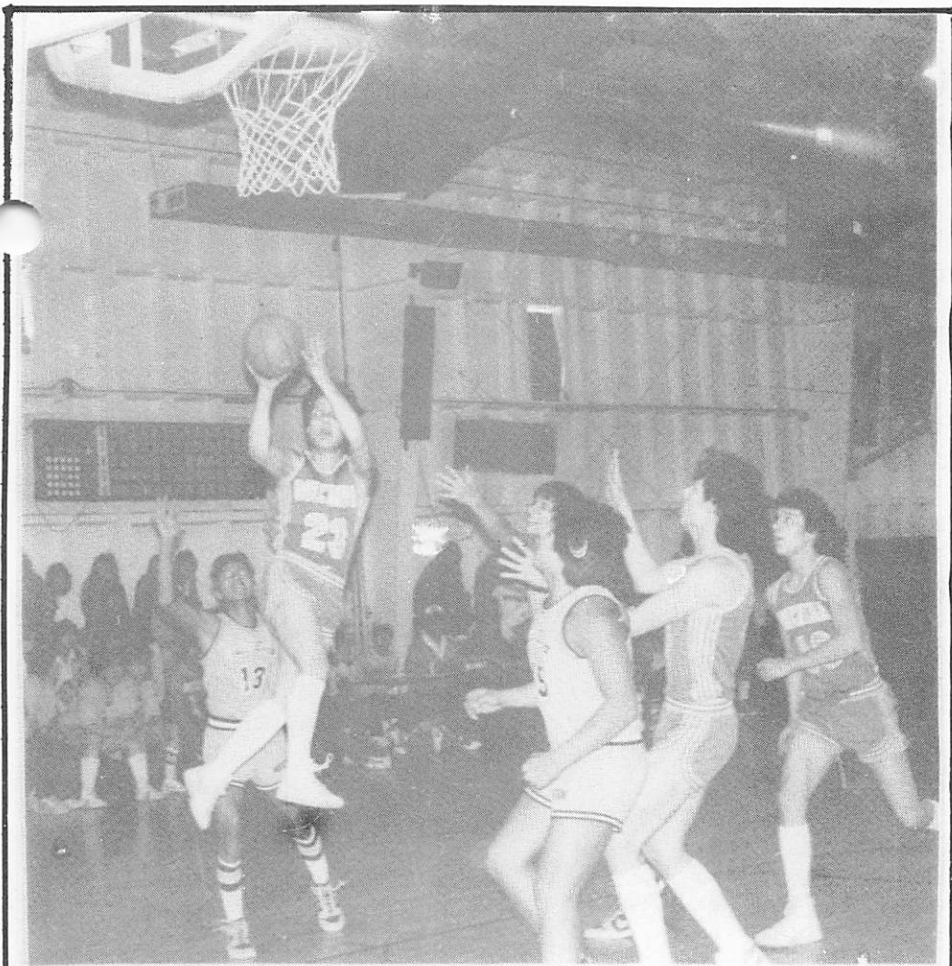
| Team Played  | Score(FDL-Visitor) | FDL Top Scorers      |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Barnum       | 54-49              | Ed M. 26, Dan O. 11  |
| White Earth  | 64-63              | Ed M. 44, Dan O. 12  |
| T.M.         | 53-51 (OT)         | Ed M. 19, Dan O. 11  |
| Finlayson    | 56-55 (2OT)        | Ed M. 23, Dan O. 20  |
| South Shore  | 53-57              | Ed M. 23, Dan O. 15  |
| Carlton      | 44-76              | Ed M. 15, Kelly D. 9 |
| White Earth  | 59-56              | Dan Q 17, Stan B 15  |
| Cotton       | 49-67              | Ed M. 22             |
| Finlayson    | 78-75              | Ed M. 38             |
| Floodwood    | 58-51              | Ed M. 27             |
| Bug School   | 70-63              | Ed M. 30, Kelly D.19 |
| Grand Marais | 58-62              | Ed M. 25, Dan O.19   |
| Grand Marais | 58-54              | Ed M. 23             |

## Girls' BB information

| Team Played  | Score (FDL-Visitor) | FDL Top Scorers         |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Barnum       | 24-60               | Jean S. 8, Brenda 6     |
| Albrook      | 15-48               | Brenda L. 6, Raina A. 5 |
| White Earth  | 31-25               | Brenda L. 7             |
| Floodwood    | 27-44               | Brenda L. 10            |
| Tower Soudan | 25-75               | Brenda L. 14            |
| Two Harbors  | 7-46                | Tara K. 3               |
| Albrook      | 21-61               | Jean S. 10              |
| Wrenshall    | 28-51               | Brenda L. 10            |
| Carlton      | 35-62               | Renee V. 13             |
| White Earth  | 30-36               | Renee V. 14             |
| Orr          | 62-27               | Brenda L. 10            |
| Bug School   | 53-98               | Brenda L. 26            |



Russ Diver, an eighth grader drives the ball down court while a defensive player of the White Earth team tries to stop him.



## Up, up, up...

Robert Lafave aims for the rim during the White Earth-Fond du Lac game February 13. Students were dismissed early to go to the gym to watch both the girls and boys battle White Earth.

## Office announces honor rolls

by Carrie Bongo

Twelve students made the A and B honor rolls for second quarter.

Every student who has a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.66 is listed on the B honor roll.

Those students with a grade point average of 3.67 to 4.0 are listed on the A honor roll.

The grade point average is based on all classes taken.

### A Honor Roll

Nicole Ammesmaki  
Brenda LaPrairie

### B Honor Roll

Teri Lafave  
Stan Bird  
Rob Abramowski  
David Gitzen  
Willy Reponen  
Jr. Bird  
Raina Aubid  
Jamie Couture  
Tara Kangas  
Jean Skinaway

## Class raises funds for class rings

by Karen Martineau

The eleventh grade class has been holding fundraisers for the past few months to raise money for their class rings.

The first fundraiser they held was to sell

popcorn, coffee, and hot chocolate at the football games. They made approximately \$80.

Next they sold cookies for two weeks. They made approximately \$675.

The third, and probably

the last, fundraiser is selling candy bars, (crisp or almond) for a dollar each.

The class needs approximately \$1200 for the entire class to buy all their rings.

## Science teacher attends workshop in Virginia

by Karen Martineau

Charlie Karp, science teacher, attended a workshop on January 30 in Virginia at the Coates Hotel.

The seminar was given by Dr. Alan McCormack,

of the University of Wyoming. McCormack used to be Karp's advisor.

Karp was able to share teaching ideas with many teachers from across northern Minnesota.

Of the many demonstrations, Karp said, "I won't reveal the secrets to any of them."

McCormack is nationally known and has published many books.

# Pregnant teens face decisions

by Susie LaCroix

Teenage pregnancy has become, in the latter half of the twentieth century, one of the major public health and social problems of our time.

One out of ten teenage girls in the United States becomes pregnant every year and almost half result in births; 30,000 of them to girls under 15 years of age.

This is a problem, not only because teens aren't ready to be parents, but also because there are several health risks involved. Compared to women in their twenties and thirties, the number of premature infants born to teens is higher. Infant death rates and death among teens themselves has increased, too.

The health of young teen mothers can be a problem because they are not informed of the many ways to take care of themselves during pregnancy.

Once pregnant, teens must decide whether to keep or give away the baby. Many factors affect this decision. One teen mother decided that "I just wanted it." Her parents weren't happy at first, but eventually they got over it. The father was scared, but helped with the baby for nine months, she explained.

This same teen said her schooling wasn't cut out. She worked part-time and went to school while her mother gave her support and babysat.

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the teen mother said that she and the father, both decided to keep the baby. It took a year of the mother's schooling, but, later, she got it back. The teen's mother was, she said, "Surprised, excited, and kind of unhappy." The father worked and supported both the mother and the baby. They got a lot of support from the baby's grandparents, too.

Deciding to keep the baby is only the first in a long list of decisions that need to be made. Often the father will be scared and leave the teen mother facing a dismal future of welfare dependency.

In most cases it causes the teen to leave school. Though there are girls that work their way through and end up with a high school diploma and sometimes go on to college.

The parents of the teen are a whole different struggle. In some cases, the parents don't understand so the young mother is deserted. There are parents who are real supportive and help the mother until she can take care of the baby herself.

Being a teen mother can affect the baby. In some cases because the parent is so young and inexperienced, the baby is denied some of the things it should have.

Pregnant teens are struggling and the rate of pregnancy continues to rise.

(Drawing from Anokahi 1977)

