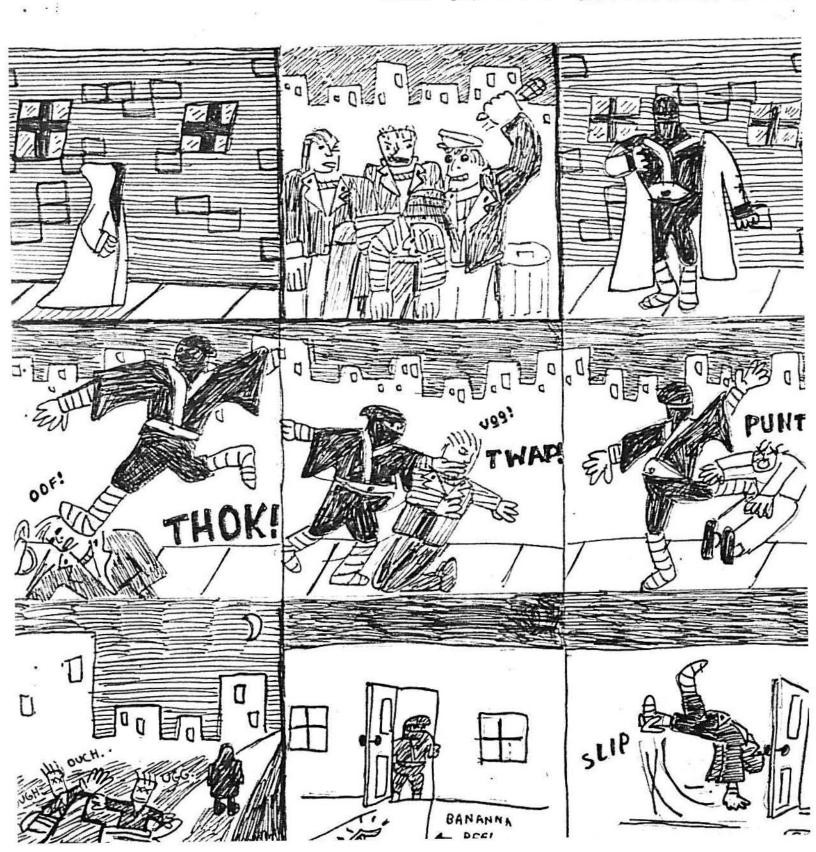


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BY SEAN ROSS

AND MARTIN BALLENGER @ 198



THIS IS " AN ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE YELLOW SPRINGS NEWS JUNE. 20, 1984. IT'S ALL ABOUT WBIZ 文文文文

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Cartoonists, writers, editors—

Young people with this kind of talent'

WBIZ is:

- a) a rock and roll AM station
- b) a noun in an extraterrestrial lan-
- a monthly magazine written, edited, and published by seven Morgan Middle School students.

You are correct if you chose c), although if you ask the WBIZ editors exactly what kind of magazine they publish they may

"It's a cartoon magazine," says Chris Joseph, WBIZ editor-in-chief.

"It's a cartoon and story magazine," says WBIZ business editor Matthew Huntington, who also writes the magazine's science fiction saga, Neptune Base.

"It's a lot of things," says Ben Bebko, sports editor, who points out that recent issues of the magazine included cartoons, stories, surveys, sports scores, computer graphics, games, drawings, and occasional letters to the editor.

But most members of the WBIZ editorial staff - which also includes Andy Beverly, Travis Lewis, Sean Ross and Nathaniel Donat - love to draw cartoons, and the magazine "is a place to put our drawings," says Andy Beverly.

Before WBIZ, Andy, Chris, Travis, Nathaniel and Sean put their cartoons in notebooks, on homework assignments, on walls in short, almost anywhere they could find. Andy filled four books with the adventures of Joe, his cartoon alter ego, and Chris has created a whole family for his

extraterrestrial siblings, Namon and Tark, which he began drawing in 1981.

Joe, Namon, and Tark now appear in each WBIZ issue, along with Cheaster (a dog) and The Oozles (furry little beasts), drawn by Nathaniel Donat, and Wumby, drawn by Travis Lewis.

Ideas for his characters' continuing escapades "just come out of my head," says Chris Joseph. The other artists agree. Plot lines sometimes reflect television's influence - "Where's the beef?" is a popular punch line - as well as the frustration and humor of learning to use new technology.

For example, one of Sean Ross's cartoons features a computer gone berserk; in another, Chris Joseph's Namon, shown walking to the beat of a Sony Walkman, completely misses his destination.

But the daily happenings at Morgan Middle School inspire Andy Beverly. He says, "I try to use the jokes I hear at lunch." He also uses what he sees: one day at noon the digital watches of four students beeped simultaneously, and a few seconds later a straggler's watch beeped. When Andy drew the situation in his Joe series, the strag-gler's face blushed, illustrating one more of the limitless ways an adolescent can feel ostracized.

Having a magazine home for his cartoon characters is "almost too good to be true," says Chris, who has always wanted one. In January, 1983, he penned most of the first WBIZ issue, adding a few of Andy Beverly's cartoons. Other members of the WBIZ staff came on board in the next few months and since May, 1983, they have published the magazine monthly.

And since that time the magazine has been financially solvent - the Dark Star Bookstore sells enough 45¢ copies to cover the 30¢ per copy publishing expense.

Aside from some editorial and typing assistance from Chris's mother, the WBIZ artists and writers receive, by choice, no help from parents, school officials, or other adults. "I like the responsibility," says Matthew Huntington, and, in an editorial, Chris Joseph wrote: "We young adults are learning drawing, business management, how to handle money, writing skills, and how to bring entertainment to lives.

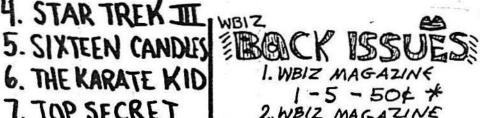
The staff members agree that WBIZ, although not now a money-making proposition, is well worth the effort.

"It's fun," says Travis Lewis.

"I like trying to make people laugh," says Andy Beverly.

"I like being a part of it," says Ben Bebko, "because it's unusual to see young people with this kind of talent."

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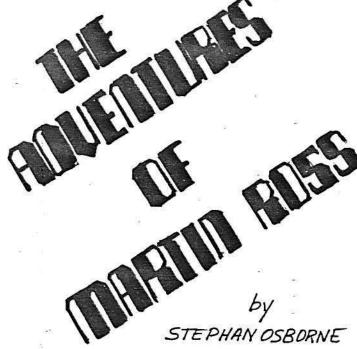
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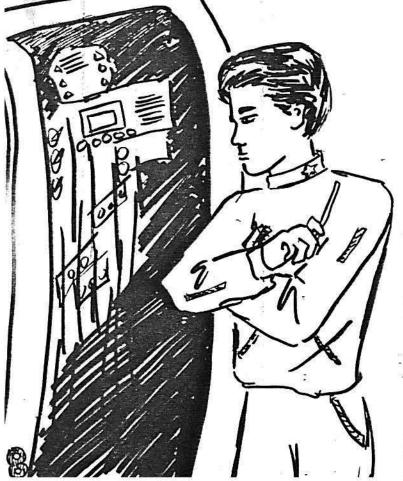
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[Martin - a 16 year old member of the Nu Sect's Army interstellar exploration program - has been chosen to test Senan Ostoff's weird new interplanetary spaceship. Martin and Marie, his close friend, approach the strange white and orange ship]

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portal of the ship, gazing thoughtfully



into the small compartment that was the cockpit.

"C'mon, Martin. You've been gazing thoughtfully long enough, and plenty of time to get cold feet. If we die, we..." She stopped as Martin's helmeted face whirled in her direction. She shoved him, and he stumbled into the cabin.

It was exactly the same as the room he had drilled in, but Marie eyed it with interest.

"You don't know all this gadgetry?"

"This is a relatively low budget
operation. The less time used teaching
someone, the less money used."

Martin grunted. "That makes sense.

If you spend billions of dollars on something that blows up before it reaches the launchpad, what good does it do you?"

"Exactly." Her voice said, far off.

Martin switched on the radio connected to mission control.

"Mission C?" he called through it.
"Yo! Hi!, Martin!" said a familiar
voice.

"Robert?"

"You betcha. I'm the drill director.
I'll be ordering you around. OK, T minus
11:01:00." His voice was directed at
someone else. "Cue the liquid helium!"

Martin was occupied for the next 11 hours, and 39 seconds running tests and operating sections of the ship. There was not much fuel needed, but there was a big fuss when an oxygen leak was found in the hydrogen tank.

Relative to the amount of LO_{X} used by a typical space shot, the quantity of hydrogen is pifflingly small. But in a fusion reactor, the heat of the hydrogen

is so great, if oxygen had leaked in, the hydrogen would ignite, destroy the reactor, and ergo, the ship.

This caused some nervousness in Martin, and as he glanced around at the indicator dials, he could see that something else was terribly wrong.

Suddenly he was aware of the countdown.

"14...13...12...11...10..."

Calm down, he thought. Might be nervousness. Find what's wrong, pinpoint it.

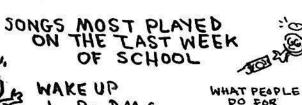
He saw the dial. Panic!

"3...2..."

"Wait a minute!" he screamed.

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