



Walt Disney's *Newsies* is a musical based on the true story of the 1889 newsboy strike in New York.

Newsies "strike" my interest

BY CATHIE MIDKIFF

Childhood memories are full of favorites. Senior Kristie Whitter recalls her favorite cartoon, the Muppet Babies, and Heath Payne, also a senior, grew up reading his favorite book, *The Little Engine That Could*.

My childhood favorite movie was the Disney musical *Newsies* starring Christian Bale, Robert Duvall and Anne Margret.

The *Newsies* are a ragged bunch of orphans and runaways making a living selling newspapers on the street for a penny a page. When newspaper tycoons, Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst raise the price of papers for the "distribution apparatus" the *Newsies* dare to strike against ruthless foes.

Jack Kelley, played by Christian Bale, who also starred in last summer's *American Psycho*, leads

the *Newsies* in their struggle against mobs, beatings, arrests, and even spares a little time to fall in love.

Newsies is based on the true story of the 1889 newsboy strike in Manhattan, New York. The movie was an inspiration to me as a child, and continues to be my favorite. *Newsies* adds new meaning to old sayings: "Good triumphs over evil," and "Where there's a will there's a way."

Newsies has gained hundreds of dedicated fans since its release in 1992, and still has all of its appeal of yesteryear. If it's a movie with inspirational lessons, a well scripted plot and a talented cast that you're looking to rent, then *Newsies* is your find. Does it "strike" your interest? Make it your favorite, too.

Lifehouse is a band everyone can like

BY JOE CLARK

No Name Face, the debut album from Lifehouse, is topping the charts with its mellow alternative sounds.

The style of their music is much like that of Creed and Pearl Jam. Touring with Pearl Jam may have a little to do with Lifehouse slightly mimicking their sound.

The songs on the album are great even though they all have the same laid back feeling to them. They're still easy to listen to, as well as relate to.

Of the twelve songs on the album some songs tend to stick out more than others.

With lyrics like "I started chas-



ing after you; I'm falling even more in love with you", the song "Hanging By A Moment" is one anyone can connect with.

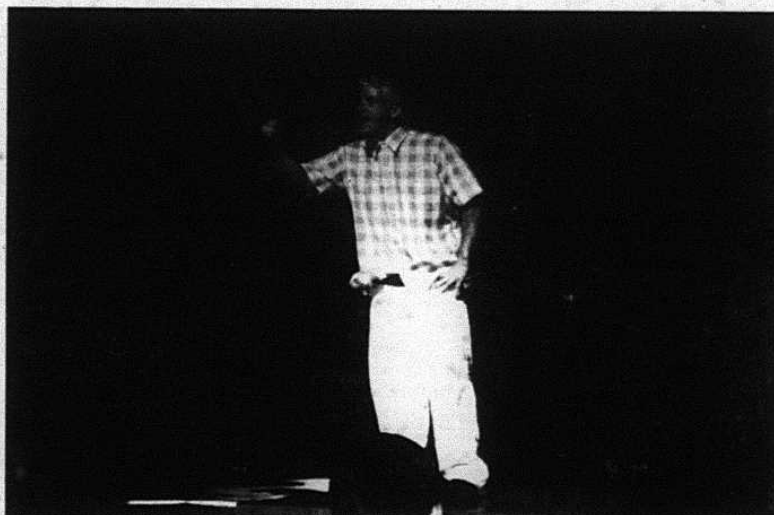
"Breathing" is similar, but the

only difference is the speaker can't be with the girl, so he just wants to be close to her-- "Cause I want nothing more than to sit outside your door and listen to you breathing..."

"Trying" is one of the faster, more up beat songs on the album. Listeners may be surprised to hear a harp in the background, which is a unique change to what we usually hear from alternative bands.

Lifehouse is a band everyone can like. For those up beat listeners to the mellowed out individuals who prefer soft music, I recommend trying this album to everyone.

Honors class performs *Spoon River*



Junior Kane Holbrook performs a dramatic monologue from Edgar Lee Masters's *Spoon River Anthology*. Ms. Allene Cornelius's Honors English III class performed their production last Friday night. A performance for students was given Tuesday during 4th block.

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