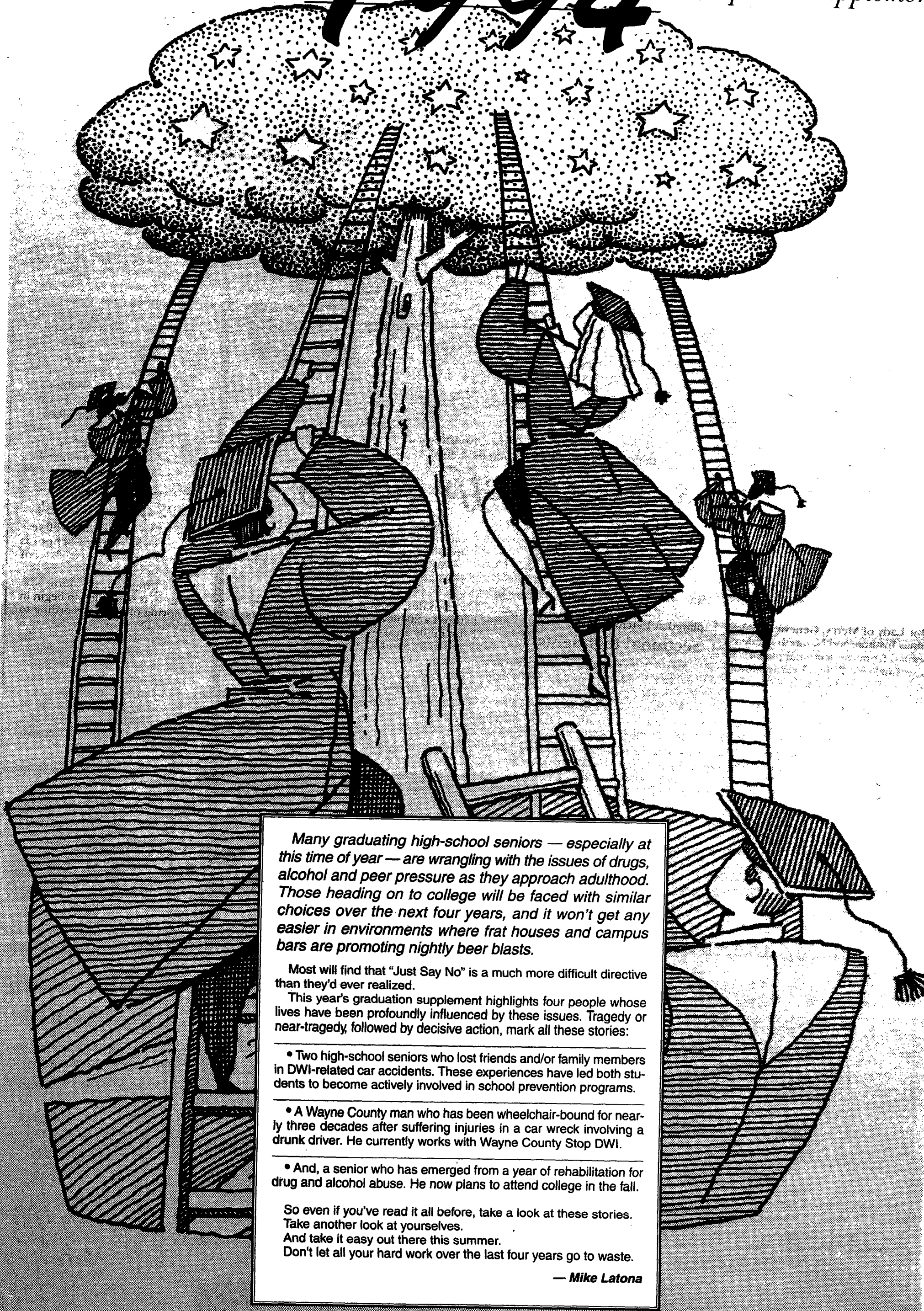


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Many graduating high-school seniors — especially at this time of year — are wrangling with the issues of drugs, alcohol and peer pressure as they approach adulthood. Those heading on to college will be faced with similar choices over the next four years, and it won't get any easier in environments where frat houses and campus bars are promoting nightly beer blasts.

Most will find that "Just Say No" is a much more difficult directive than they'd ever realized.

This year's graduation supplement highlights four people whose lives have been profoundly influenced by these issues. Tragedy or near-tragedy, followed by decisive action, mark all these stories:

- Two high-school seniors who lost friends and/or family members in DWI-related car accidents. These experiences have led both students to become actively involved in school prevention programs.

- A Wayne County man who has been wheelchair-bound for nearly three decades after suffering injuries in a car wreck involving a drunk driver. He currently works with Wayne County Stop DWI.

- And, a senior who has emerged from a year of rehabilitation for drug and alcohol abuse. He now plans to attend college in the fall.

So even if you've read it all before, take a look at these stories. Take another look at yourselves. And take it easy out there this summer. Don't let all your hard work over the last four years go to waste.

— Mike Latona