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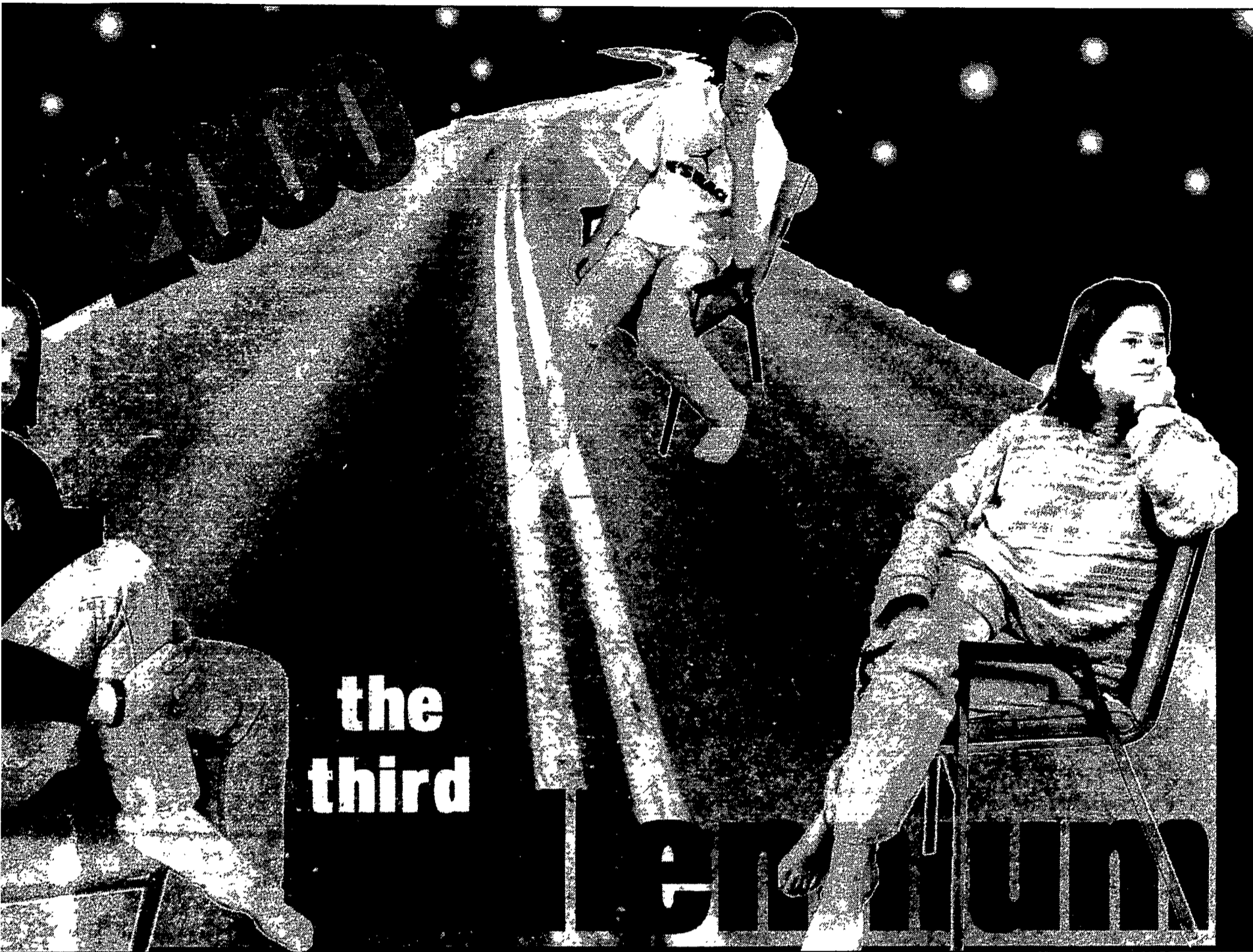


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Heather that many problems must be addressed, warned that the solutions will require a time frame well beyond 2000.

"I'm basically an optimist, but also somewhat of a realist," she stated. "In history class they'll ask you what you would like to see in the year 2000. People say no nuclear weapons; world peace; end hunger; no more homeless. But that's only four years away, and people don't realize that."

"I don't think 2000 should be a deadline for anything," Bryan added. "They should just set the goals and a time limit to do things right."

"If we can all unite, that would solve so many problems," Margaret remarked. "But that's not going to happen unless human nature

changes. People are going to say that this is a new millennium, and might want to make all these great changes. But human nature is hard to change."

Although skeptical, Margaret also remains hopeful that positive results will emerge from the pope's emphasis on the millennium.

"If the pope can change a few people, then all the better," she said. "Because change can start with a few people."

The most important factor, Mike said, is to make a continued effort.

"You don't know if Jesus is going to come tomorrow or in a million years, so you've got to live your best life every day," he commented.

Bryan from Wayland agreed. "It's important that we're motivat-

ed to think of the future — what we're going to do in the coming years," Brian said.

At the same time, Cory Derrenbacher reminds us, don't forget to lighten up a little bit and *celebrate* the millennium.

"The world can't be perfect, and a lot of people are unhappy about what's going on. But it should be enough that the world's been around 2000 years," said Cory, 15, from St. Mary's Church in Dansville.

In other words, don't feel guilty about being a party animal when the ball drops at midnight on Jan. 1, 2000!

"To experience the anniversary, and know I was a part of it — it'll be awesome," Cory said. "I know I'll enjoy it."

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