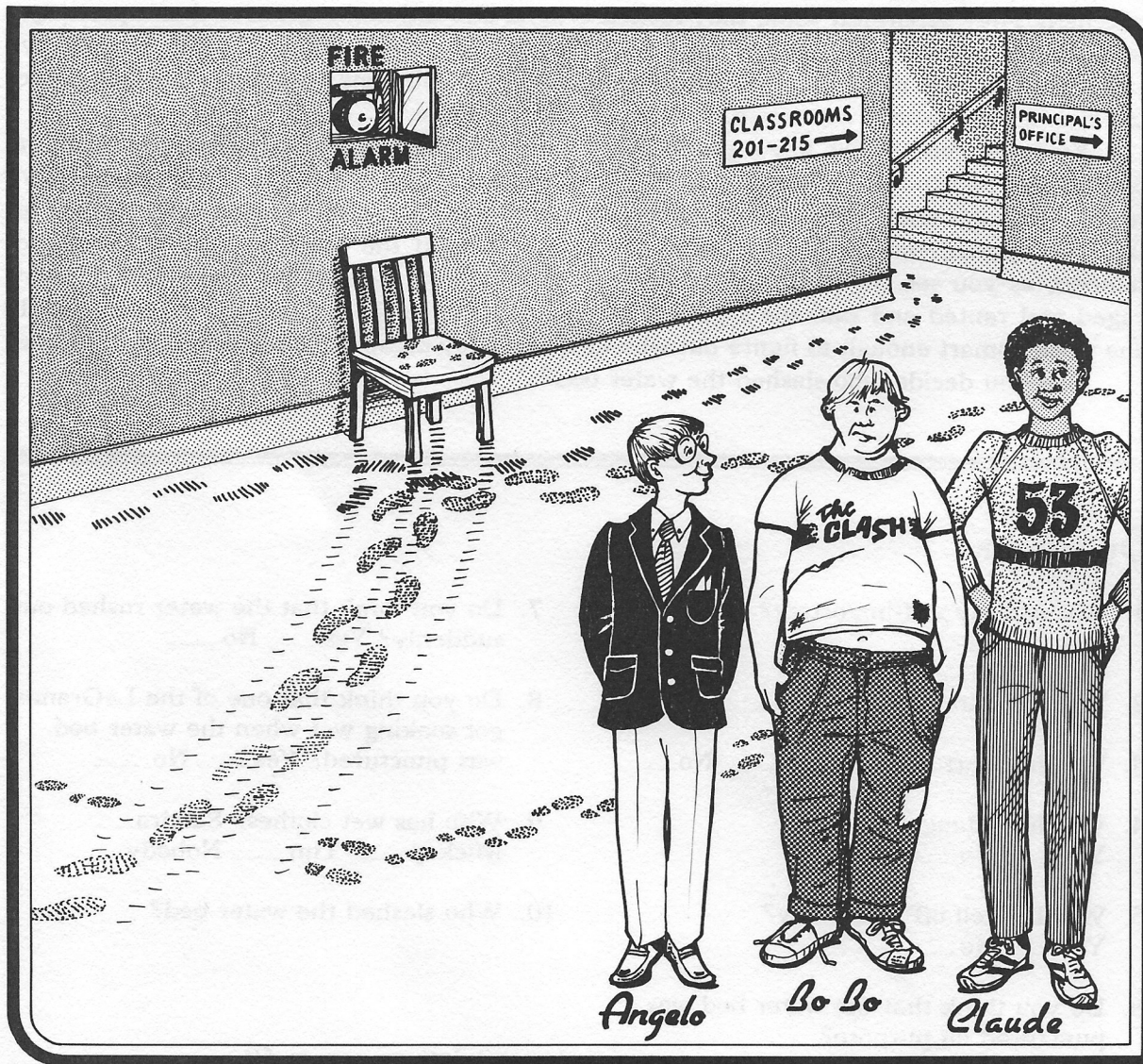


# FALSE ALARM



After Molly Pitcher Junior High had been emptied by a false alarm rung at the box which is shown, the principal, Guy High, Jr., narrowed the investigation down to the three boys who are pictured.

Bo Bo Bustum, the school bully, who was a little slow in the head, said, "Angelo did it. I saw him standing on the chair and pulling the alarm."

Claude Casement, whose father had once played in the outfield for the Cleveland Indians, said, "Angelo did it. I saw him climb up on a chair right next to the alarm. That way, he could reach the alarm. He must have done it."

Angelo Pittapat said, "I didn't even know that the alarm was there. It was my birthday and my parents took me to a concert in the afternoon. The chair? I never saw it, either."

If you were the principal, whom would you accuse of ringing the false alarm?

---

## Questions

1. Label the footprints "A" for Angelo, "B" for Bo Bo, and "C" for Claude.
2. Was the chair moved, and if so, by whom?
3. State the order the three boys arrived in: First\_\_\_\_\_ Second\_\_\_\_\_ Third\_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you believe Angelo's story?  
Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ If you don't, why don't you?
5. Do you believe Bo Bo's story?  
Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ If you don't, why don't you?
6. Do you believe Claude's story?  
Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ If you don't, why don't you?
7. Describe each of the boys' gaits—whether they walked, hopped, skipped, or ran. Angelo\_\_\_\_\_  
Bo Bo\_\_\_\_\_ Claude\_\_\_\_\_
8. Who set off the alarm?

*Solution on page 69*