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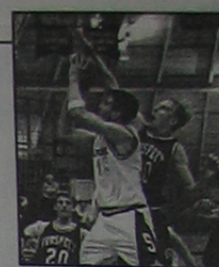
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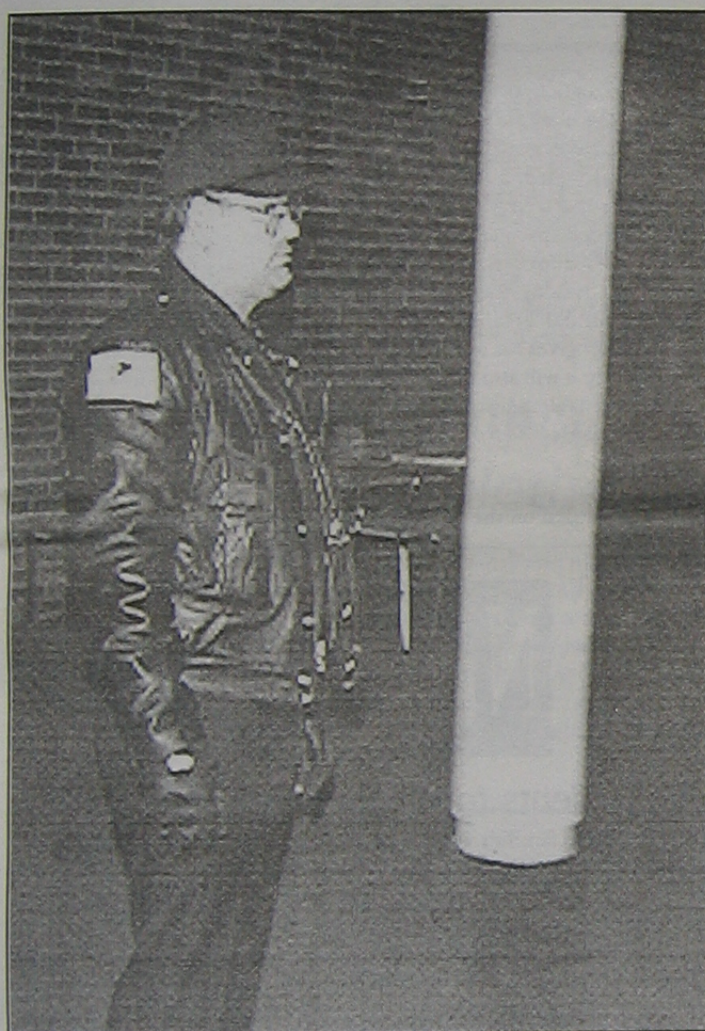


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Administration takes quick, decisive measures



Security guard Chris Edland patrols the building during a session of the Glenbrook Evening High School. Security was increased by the administration to maintain students' safety after the incident of a shooting near school grounds.

by Rhona Dass
Editor-in-Chief

As a result of the recent shooting occurring near school grounds, the administration has taken quick steps to maintain order on campus.

New safety measures include locking all school doors, except those leading to the main entrance and the autos courtyard and increased Glenview Police patrol officers after school and during the evening. The Administration also has the intention of increasing the lighting in the parking lots, when the weather is permissible. According to Associate Principal of Administrative Services Pam Taccona, there are no undercover policemen in school, contrary to student opinion. The increased number of adults in the school is attributed to construction workers and electricians working on the new addition.

Prior to the shooting, on the morning of Nov. 29, three students were engaged in what police speculate to have been a racially instigated fight. Although police suspect that there is a connection between the shooting and the fight, the issue is still under investigation, according to Taccona. The three students involved in the fight have been suspended, and according to Taccona, were not part of the shooting that night.

The sequence of events began around 7:30 a.m., on a bus heading to Glenbrook South. An Hispanic and an African American students' exchange of racial remarks lead to a fist fight on school grounds, involving a third student.

Police first received notice of the shooting through an anonymous phone call, around 9:30 p.m. The caller informed police that shots had been fired near GBS school grounds. Accord-

ing to a police report, however, no signs of a shooting were found by officers patrolling the area. The shooting was later believed to have taken place between the 3800 and 4000 blocks of West Lake Avenue.

At approximately 2:30 a.m., Lutheran General Hospital officials reported to police that a gunshot victim had been treated at their facility. The victim, a GBS student who was not involved in the morning fight, according to Taccona, had been wounded in the lower left leg. The victim was treated under a false name, age and address.

An ongoing investigation by the police led to the arrest of four individuals. According to Taccona, none of the suspects arrested are current GBS students. Persons responsible for the shooting, according to the police, face charges that include aggravated battery with a firearm, aggravated battery-great bodily, unlawful use of a weapon, aggravated discharge of a firearm and mob action.

Police speculate that the individuals who gathered the night of the shooting may have been friends with the students involved in the shooting that same morning. As part of the continued investigation, police expect to conduct more arrests.

The fight occurring on the morning of Nov. 29 has shifted the Administration and student body's attention to the existence of increased racial tensions on campus. In an effort to ameliorate the racial strain, already existing organizations at GBS, such as the Diversity Group and Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity (SEED), have increased focus on this issue. "We are trying to integrate the minority and sensitize the majority," said Taccona.

As of last week's incidents, however, according to Taccona, there have been no disruptive events.

SEED: SEEKING EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND DIVERSITY

by Scott Issen
News Editor

In order to make the Glenbrook South curriculum more inclusive and sensitive to the students' needs, a group targeted at incorporating multicultural ways into the curriculum was created. Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity (SEED) is the program applied toward this goal.

SEED consists of a group of 20 GBS teachers who meet on one Wednesday evening month to discuss

current issues in the classroom. Their meetings are reading intensive and

also include discussions on films and other areas of interest. The instructors hope to

"plant" new ideas in teachers' minds in order to decrease the amount of

racial tensions at South.

This program was created due to an overwhelming response from teachers who believe that multicultural issues are becoming

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Cheryl Hope

more and more significant in today's schools. SEED is co-instructed by English

teacher Cheryl Hope and social studies teacher Terry Jozwik. In the beginning, 45 teachers signed up to take the year long class, but only about half of that number are actually enrolled due to space restrictions.

"I believe that SEED is an exciting program," Cheryl Hope, co-instructor of the program said. "The world is changing and we want GBS to reflect it. We feel that this program does a successful job in addressing these issues."

Both of the instructors believe that this program is a success and hope that the teacher interest for learning new ways to integrate ideas and concepts into the classroom will continue.

Committee recommends new schedule plans

New Schedule Possibilities

by Scott Isen
News Editor

• 4 x 4 Intensive Schedule: This schedule includes four classes per day and a maximum of eight classes per year. Courses will meet daily for one to four nine week terms depending on the class.

• A/B Alternating Schedule: This schedule includes four courses per day with a maximum of eight courses a year. Classes meet every other day for two semesters. Some electives meet every other day for a semester.

• Hybrid Block Schedule: This schedule is customized and offers the advantages of the two other schedules.

After four years of planning and preparation, the Glenbrook Vision Scheduling Committee (GVSC) is preparing to send the superintendent a proposal which will include three recommendations for new schedules at GBS and GBN. They are advocating this change for the 1997-98 school year.

The three recommendations that the committee is proposing include a 4 x 4 Intensive Schedule, an A/B Alternating Block Schedule and a Block Scheduling Hybrid. The 4 x 4 schedule offers a maximum of eight courses per year, four courses per day with a long block of time for each class. Each course will meet daily for one to four nine-week terms. The A/B alternating schedule also offers a maximum of eight courses per year, four courses per day with a long block of time for each class. Under this schedule, most courses meet every other day for two semesters. Electives meet every other day for one semester. The hybrid schedule is a customized schedule that utilizes the benefits of both the alternating block and/or intensive schedules.

To decide whether a schedule should be implemented, the committee will evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each different schedule. One category includes how the schedule will affect students' life. Some questions deal with the students' accessibility to the curriculum (especially electives). They are also determining whether or not the overall school climate will change and how the new schedule will affect graduation requirements. Finally, they will address the impact that each concept has on co-curricular activities.

"Before we implement a schedule, we want to be sure that it is the right schedule for both of the schools," said Pam Taccona, Associate Principal of Administrative Services. The committee is also discussing the curriculum and whether or not the scheduling concepts will address the needs of the specific areas. This category also includes discussion

about the effectiveness of the students' developmental needs. They are also talking as to whether or not staffing at each school will be affected by the change. The GVSC is also investigating the financial implications of the plan. Finally, they are addressing the space problem. They need to see if the school's facilities will accommodate the

change in schedule.

The committee has many goals that it wishes to accomplish through their new scheduling concepts.

First of all, the new schedule should increase students access to various course offerings. It should also add chances to present activity-based, student-centered instruction. Next, the GVSC hopes that the longer class periods will increase the individual attention that the teacher gives his or her students. Finally, it will also try to decrease the overall hectic pace of the school day for students and teachers.

These schedules will be recommended on the basis of their

merit, accommodations and how they work in other schools. To investigate this possibility, members of the GVSC visited schools throughout the country to find out how the schedules affect the environment. For the most part, the students and teachers in those schools replied positively when asked if they liked their schedules.

Taccona also added that these schedules will eliminate free periods and it will change the way the guidance department works. She said that these new schedules will benefit the teachers who feel that the current schedule does not give enough time to present their lessons.

This recommendation has to be approved by the superintendent and the board of education before it can go into effect. The committee is advising that the schedule will go into effect for the 1997-98 school year.

Although the GVSC hoped to implement this schedule next year (1995-96), it feels that it is better to be sure on one schedule before implementing it. "I am not disappointed that the new schedule will not go into effect next year," Taccona said. "I think that more time will help to make the implementation process occur smoother."

Theme emphasizes quality of learning at GBS

by Akbar Ali
Staff Reporter

"Celebrate Learning" was introduced as the theme for this school year during National Education Week which was held Nov. 13-17.

The goal of the theme was to emphasize the quality of learning that takes place at GBS and also to stress the extraordinary efforts made by faculty, staff and students every year.

"Learning is our mission," said Betty Brockelman, Associate Principal of Curriculum. "This is why we are here."

The theme was chosen during the summer when instructional goals were set as to what

needed improvement in the Glenbrook South curriculum. The Advocacy program, for example, has been altered to give freshmen incentives for raising their grades. It also tries to help them develop their study skills which will help them during final exams.

Brockelman added that it is important to stress that everyone continues learning and hopes that this slogan tries to change the perception of learning that most adolescents have. According to Brockelman, to children, learning is an enjoyable and valued activity, yet as people grow older they seem to lose the perspective of learning they had as children. She hopes this theme will lead more people to value

the process of learning.

The theme also brings up the idea that the teachers and staff members at GBS are among those who are learning in the community. Brockelman said that this slogan reminds people that learning is a joyous and engaging activity that really never ends. It also recognizes teachers, staff and students for their excellence in learning. The goals of National Education Week were set by the administration in an attempt to recognize student achievements, focus the entire school's attention on the theme and to continue recognizing teachers as influential people.

"The goal of the school year," said Brockelman, "is to continue excellence in learning at GBS."

Team places fourth at national competition

by Sachin Jain
Staff Reporter

The Glenbrook South Horticulture Team came in fourth place overall in the nation at the 1995 Future Farmers of America Nursery/Landscape Contest.

The horticulture team consists of seniors Gary Lee, Jackie Parks and Mark Chwierut. The alternate member was junior Katie Hoffmann. The team attended the contest in Kansas City, Missouri with coach Jeff Yordy during November 8-10. The contest consisted of eight events including plant identification,

evaluating a landscape drawing, equipment maintenance, and plant disorder identification.

At this annual event, Lee finished

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placed fifth overall in the nation by excelling in the measuring practicum and plant identification events. Parks came in seventh place overall because she

evaluated a landscape drawing well. As a team, GBS scored a total of 2402 points in the contest, finishing 156 points behind the first place winner.

There were a total of 50 teams (the best from each state) at the Nursery/Landscape Contest. GBS represented the state of Illinois. According to Yordy, this was the second best finish in the contest ever by a GBS team. Other previous bests include finishing in sixth place in 1989 and third place in 1992.

"The team deserves this award for their hard work and I am very proud of them," Yordy said.

NEWS in Brief

Students to raise money for charities

Claus families will be seen throughout the school next week carrying cups to collect money for charities.

Every club has the opportunity to participate in Claus families. This project which will take place Dec. 18 through Dec. 22. Each family is composed of five students, with one student appointed as the leader. The leader of the Claus family is responsible for picking up cups at the Student Activities Office. The leaders must also turn in the cups (with the donations) at the end of the day.

Members of the Claus families dress up in unusual costumes daily. To collect money, the students may perform humorous or unusual stunts that include singing a song or juggling. All of the money collected will be donated to worthy organizations.

"I think that the Claus family program is a fun way for students to help give money back to their community and help people in need," said Student Activities Director Jim Shellard.

-Christine McNamara

Addition construction continues on schedule

The addition to GBS is coming along ahead of schedule and is expected to be finished in August 1996. This will be completed in time for the beginning of the school year.

The construction is being supervised by Associate Principal of Administrative Services Pam Taccona and by plant supervisor Mike Calucci who completes day to day inspections. They are managing the structural steel and face brick being put up as well as winter protection that is being used to enable work through the winter.

This construction is taking place in front of the building on Lake Avenue. There is also a temporary green house that is being put up for the use of the GBS Horticulture team.

The purpose of the construction is to handle the increased enrollment of students for the years to come.

"I'm excited about the increased opportunities the addition will give our students," Taccona said.

-Jackie Madon

Musical groups prepare for upcoming holiday assembly

by Jina Chung
Staff Reporter

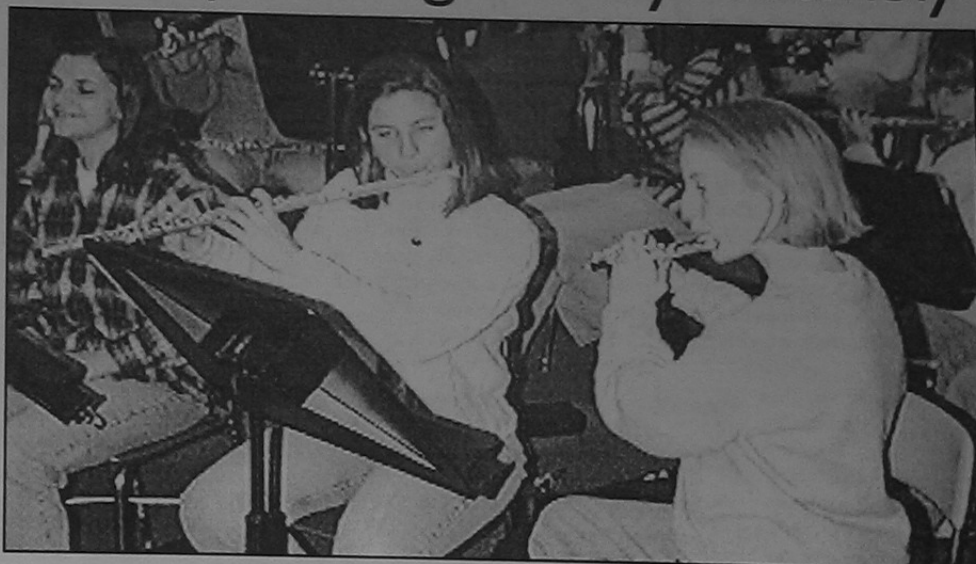
In keeping with tradition, the Music Department will celebrate the upcoming holiday season by performing at the annual holiday assembly on Dec. 20. This event will feature the Glenbrook Choirs, Symphonic Winds and Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra (GSO).

The Glenbrook Choirs, which include Master Singers, Chambers, Bel Canto, Concert Choir, Freshman Glee Club and Titan Chorus will be feature Hanukkah, Christmas and other festive seasonal songs. This performance will also include their traditional song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," which will be a combined number featuring the orchestra and band.

Choral director Martin Sirvatka said, "This assembly will feature three different views of the holiday season. I would like the audience to leave this assembly in a good mood and full of spirit."

The Glenbrook Symphonic Winds will also be participating in this holiday event by playing seasonal songs. Unlike the choirs and orchestra, the band does not have a specific song that they play every year. One song in particular that will be played this year is "Fresh Aire Christmas." GBS band director Greg Wojcik, expressed his opinion on the assembly by saying, "It's a fun assembly to perform in. It gets me as well, as the whole school, in the holiday spirit. I think it's the best assembly that takes place during the school year."

The GSO will play some of the traditional songs such as "Christmas Festival" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth." This assembly also provides the students with an opportunity to hear the songs that are available on the Music Department's Christmas CD. GSO director Carl Meyer said that he is very excited about the orchestra playing because it is an exceptionally good group this year. He said that the holiday assembly is a great way to mentally start winter break.



Sophomore Annie Przybylo and seniors Nancy Dziurdzik and Sarah Burch rehearse for the upcoming winter assembly. This assembly, which will take place next Wednesday, will feature a variety of holiday oriented songs performed the Music Department.

Dr. Walter Lamble, Music Department instructional supervisor said, "The goal of this assembly is to entertain students and teachers at a festive time of year."

In past years, the concept of the holiday assembly was ap-

proached in different ways including a light-hearted tone, a serious tone, skits and songs. It was agreed by most of the music directors that the assemblies have improved over the years. This year, the Music Department decided the key was to just

provide high quality music. Lamble hopes that this year's assembly will be the best one yet.

"I think we are on the right track," Lamble said. "We like what we do and our audience likes what we do, so we must be doing something right."

Speech team competes successfully, wins meets at Palatine, Crystal Lake

by Princess Reyes
Staff Reporter

South's speech team is having a successful year.

On Nov. 18, the team placed first overall in a tournament which was held in Palatine High School and many members were individual winners as well. On Dec. 2, the team again placed first in the Crystal Lake South Tournament.

The team is coached by two returning and three new coaches this year. Debbie Middleton, the head coach, is also coaching some of the speaking events, including declamation, radio, impromptu and extemporaneous speaking. Scott McDermott coaches all the dramatic events, such as Dramatic Interpretation and Duet Acting, while Andy Simon coaches the humorous events. Oratory and Special Occasion Speaking are coached by Karen

DeMars, while Prose and Verse are coached by Andy Kohl, Middleton's student teacher.

"We have far surpassed our expectations this year. We have a great team and team spirit is at an ultimate high," said Middleton.

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Debbie Middleton

"Speech has been a positive experience for me. I've met many great people from GBS and from other schools, as well. I've learned a lot about speaking, poise, acting, talking to new people and getting up early,"

said sophomore Laurel Felt.

"I'm very happy to be a first year member of the GBS Speech Team. Through our success at our first few tournaments, we have established ourselves as one of the top teams. We're earning more respect with every tournament," said senior Anthony LaMonica.

Speech is a major commitment until spring. Most tournaments have three preliminary rounds, and some have semifinals and finals, depending on the location. Coaching sessions usually take place either during or after school.

"It's worth giving up your Saturdays for. It's an activity that is fun and teaches you a lot at the same time," said junior and varsity member of the team Aylin Talgar.

"We are of course looking forward to our annual trip to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in the spring," said Middleton.

Special Event

Clubs celebrate winter holidays

by Jenny Aldrich
Staff Reporter



This year, GBS students will be able to experience cultural diversity and a wide variety of ethnic cuisines at Christmas Around the World.

This annual event will take place all day on Dec. 23, in the Northeast Cafeteria. Representatives from all the language classes will sing, perform skits and allow students to eat unique foods from their specific cultures. Students will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about different ethnic backgrounds.

Members of the clubs prepare a range of meals and dedicate their time to perfecting the food's presentation. Members of these clubs will be selling the cuisine in order to collect funds which they will donate to charity.

ties and keep for their own purposes.

Those personally responsible for this event include the following: foreign language teachers Sue Salay, Devra Lipsky-Doman, Emmerich Koller, Dan Doak and Susan Leibowitz.

Last year the International and Asian Cultural Clubs raised a significant amount of money that was used to benefit charities and to enhance their own funds.

According to Jessica Griffiths, a senior member of International Club, "Christmas Around the World enables students to be introduced to many different cultures, and familiarizes students with their specific practices regarding the holiday season. The real goal of Christmas Around the World is to increase cultural awareness and respect for those who live lives very different from our own."

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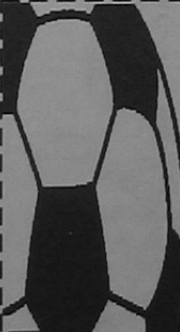
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Survey reveals student, teacher views about academic dishonesty at South

by Christopher Kim
Assistant News Editor

Academic dishonesty is considered to be a serious offense by GBS and the board of education. The board has shown its concern of this issue by continually strengthening penalties for those particular students who disobey this policy.

A recent survey that took place during the week of Dec. 4, by the Oracle staff discovered students' feelings about cheating. According to the survey of 85 random students from all four classes, there were a total of 72 (85%) students that claimed that they had cheated on several tests and homework assignments. The remaining 13 students (15%) said that they had never once attempted to cheat on any form of academic material.

"I really don't find the numbers to be surprising. Students don't seem to take [the policy] seriously," said Danita Fitch, foreign language teacher.

At the beginning of the school year, teachers read the GBS policy on academic dishonesty at

the beginning of their classes. According to science teacher Tom Henderson, the students really do not think about the consequences of the policy.

"I believe the desire to get better grades is the bottom line. Students don't really seem to think about the consequences of cheating," said Henderson.

Students who are found cheating could receive failing

grades for their course selections. At the same time, the student may even be removed from his or her other academic classes and honor privileges. In the case of repeated offenses, the student will be recommended to the Major Disciplinary Review Committee for deposition. According to foreign language teacher Dan Doak, the current academic policy is appropriate.

The Oracle survey implies that nearly nine out of 10 stu-

dents at GBS are currently cheating on assignments and tests. The survey also showed that 53 people have cheated on a test or quiz. Twenty-one students have cheated on a project, whereas 54 people have cheated on homework. The survey also indicated that nine students have cheated on an essay or term paper.

The survey also revealed that 24 students have cheated between one and five times. Eleven students admitted that they cheated between six and 10 times in their life. The survey also showed that 33 students cheated on different things more than 10 times.

"When a student is cheating [on anything], I believe the policy is the last thing they think about," said Henderson.

According to the survey, academic dishonesty is definitely a growing problem at GBS. The policy's effectiveness is not holding the students back on cheating. "Unless the students themselves begin to feel the consequences, the cheating probably won't stop," Fitch said.

Academic Dishonesty Survey Results

- 85% of the students have cheated at least once during their academic life
- 28% of the students cheated between 1 to 5 times
- 13% of the students cheated between 6 to 10 times
- 39% of the students cheated more than 10 times

Scott Isen

South surpasses canned food drive goal

by Laura Tivers
Staff Reporter

GBS set a new record in collecting cans this year with a grand total of 56,331 cans.

With the support of the entire student body, GBS was able to help the less fortunate during the holiday season. The cans will go to the Onward Neighborhood House in Chicago.

In the mods 5-7/ 5-8 class competition, science teacher Chris Hilvert's 5-7 class came in first place with 16,042 cans. In the club competition, Interact club was first place with 3,103 cans. The senior class came in first with 24,780 cans. They were followed by the freshman with 12,490 cans. The juniors came in third place with a total of 11,933 cans while the sophomores came in last place with 7,125 cans.

According to Student Activities Director Jim Shellard, the canned food drive was very successful because everyone helped out. Almost every mod 5-7 and mod 5-8 class participated in this year's food drive because of the encouragement given by teachers.

"It always makes me feel good when I see students participating in service to others," said Shellard.

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District 225

Newly-elected board members state upcoming ideas, goals for the future

by Madhuri Pydisetty
Staff Reporter

Out of the four candidates running for a seat on District 225's Board of Education, three were elected following the Nov. 7 elections.

The board consists of seven members, each serving a term of four years. Two of the elected candidates, Susan Isenberg and Arthur Wulf are fresh faces who hope to bring new ideas to the board. Irwin

Lyons, former board president, was the only member running for reelection. Isenberg won with a total of 2,237 votes, followed by

2,054 votes for Lyons, and 1,914 votes for Wulf. The fourth place candidate was Steven Diamond.

The school board will face several important issues in the near future. One issue is the consideration of new scheduling formats for the two district high schools. Another issue is the future renovation at GBN and how these additions will be configured. Getting the computer system up to speed

and planning the 1996-97 budget are additional issues that they will face.

Isenberg strongly felt that the board needed some female representation with the departure of its last two female members. She also wants to maintain high academic standards, but use fiscal responsibility. She wants the board to be more cohesive, extend itself out to the community, and find a way to incorporate local businesses and industry involved in the schools.

Lyons feels that his duty is to continue to fine tune the district. "I hope that we will form a good team," Lyons said.

Wulf ran for the board to ensure the

best quality of education for both schools. "I think that there are some challenges coming up in the future in education and I wanted to be involved in them," he said.

The three newly elected board members all feel that a team effort is necessary for the board's success. "We [the board members] each have our unique personalities, and we all bring different experiences and talents to the board," Isenberg said.



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Editorial

Administration reacted fairly to violence

Despite conflicting rumors about the recent flare-ups of violence that have occurred at South, this much is known for sure: two Glenbrook South students fought in the bus lobby on Wednesday, Nov. 29. Later that night, someone reported a gunshot near the school. An apparent shooting victim was admitted to Lutheran General Hospital and later released.

The shooting didn't occur on school grounds. It actually took place on West Lake Avenue by the administration building. But the administration acted quickly and properly to prevent any similar incidents from occurring again, whether on or near school grounds.

In case you haven't noticed, there are only a few ways in which students can enter the school now after 8:30 a.m. These entrances are manned by security officers to make sure anyone entering the school should be there.

In addition, a letter was promptly sent to parents, explicitly explaining what had happened and assuring them that all steps necessary would be taken to prevent fur-



ther incidents.

The administration could have ignored the incident and chosen not to act, hoping no one would notice. Instead, their actions were swift and appropriate, and, although the heightened security measures may be an inconvenience, they are certainly worth it if they keep South safe.

Hopefully, students will come to accept this inconvenience as a necessary evil.

...BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Should the doors to the school be locked at 8:30 a.m. and manned by security guards throughout the day?

Drop off your signed response to room 223.

'Torch' Editor Responds

Editorial showed lack of balance, fairness

Jason Goodman,
Co Editor-in-Chief of the
Glenbrook North
newspaper, the *Torch*,
responds to
an unfair
portrayal of
North by the
Oracle.

On behalf of the Glenbrook North community, I would like to express our sincere displeasure with your comments about the differences between South and North, and how it was stated that South is better. The comments were apparently stirred by the publication of the results of the recent IGAP scores, in which South performed better than North. I have a couple problems with this statement.

The fact that you are putting down students just like yourself shows the insecurity you have. Although your school may have performed better on the rather insignificant tests, by rubbing it in you have erased any sense of pride you might have had for yourself and your school. You should have done the mature thing, and let it go. You have resorted to pointing out the weaknesses in others for your own self-gain. Next time, try pointing out the positives of your own school instead.

To combat your statements and stand up for my fellow students, I would like to inform your classmates that North performs better than South on our ACTs, a much more important and essential exam. I hesitate to mention this because I do not want to lower my standards to your level, but I feel it is necessary.

For the past two issues, you have resorted to using these IGAP scores against us. No more, I say! Some things are better left unsaid. Why piss everyone off, making them angry with you?

Putting all differences aside, I would like to congratulate you on your otherwise successful year. Good luck throughout the rest of the school year, and I hope that we can provide some journalistic competition for you.

Jason Goodman

Jason Goodman

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Letters to the Editor

Thumbs up to lunchtime pep rally

As a parent of two band members, I was offended by the "Thumbs Down..." to the band for playing in the cafeteria" in the November 10, 1995 *Oracle*. First of all, the band was asked to play to boost school spirit for the football team. The band members gave up their lunch to play. If you don't like the idea of a band playing during lunch, you should have said, "Thumbs Down...to the idea of a pep rally during lunch mods."

Secondly, I think the band deserves a "Thumbs Up." The band puts in long hours in August before school starts and all fall working on their music and halftime show. The band lends excitement and spirit to the homecoming parade, to pep rallies, and to football games.

I say "Thumbs Up..." to the band for their hard work, school spirit, and enthusiasm."

Jeanene Dueber

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Criticism showed lack of spirit

I cannot disagree more with the "Thumbs Down..." opinion of the November 10 issue of the *Oracle* about the band playing in the lunchroom for an "impromptu pep rally."

We, the administrators and myself, felt that time was of essence, we had to, and should do something for both the team and the fans.

We went to the instructor of the Pep Band, who immediately and graciously came through for us, as he usually does. True, the cafeteria is the designated place for lunch. However, we do many other things in it besides eat, such as announcements, elections speeches and the Titan Olympics.

May I also very publicly thank the Pep Band, true Titans all, for playing continuously, without a break during that very cold day at Wheaton-Warrenville South and staying with us the entire game.

Carolyn Glass

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Wrestlers deserve better coverage

I have just seen the latest issue of the *Oracle* and I am very upset over the omission of the wrestling team from your winter sports preview. It is very frustrating when you are attempting to build up a program and a periodical which is supposed to cover all aspects of GBS life neglects to acknowledge your presence in the school. Not only did you omit wrestling in the winter sports preview, you also didn't care to mention in the article on Mr. Harris that he is also the freshman wrestling coach--and a good one at that.

It is especially important to get the word out now to freshmen because wrestling is one of the few sports which does not cut and everyone can compete in, regardless of size. If it had not been for the publicity which was around at the time, I know that I would not have gone out for wrestling after I was cut from basketball my freshman year.

I also realize that you are short on reporters, but that is not an excuse for ignoring one of the hardest working teams in the school. It seems as though you can only cover the more popular or more successful teams. How can the wrestling team reach the next level of competition without support throughout the school? I would greatly appreciate it if, in the future, you would cover the athletic teams of our school equally.

Kurt Heliemann '96

Kurt Heliemann '96

Thumbs

to...

...the heightened security measures. Yes, they're a pain, but they'll make South safer.

...the end of the hard part of the college admissions process for seniors (have fun, juniors).

...sophomores who park in the parking lot. It's funny to see those orange stickers on your moms' station wagons.

...the college football national championship actually being decided on the playing field.

...anyone who bravely volunteered to donate blood for the Key Club Blood Drive.

...all the letter writers in this month's issue of the Oracle.

...the fact that winter break is only a scant week away.

...the McDonald's Monopoly game. Man, that thing is FUN!

to...

...the wanker who pulled the fire alarm on Monday in the freezing weather. Are you happy, Mr. Sadistical freak?

...seniors who only talk about applying to colleges.

...the frigid conditions in the school. It's called heating—look into it.

...the holiday season. Bah, Humbug!

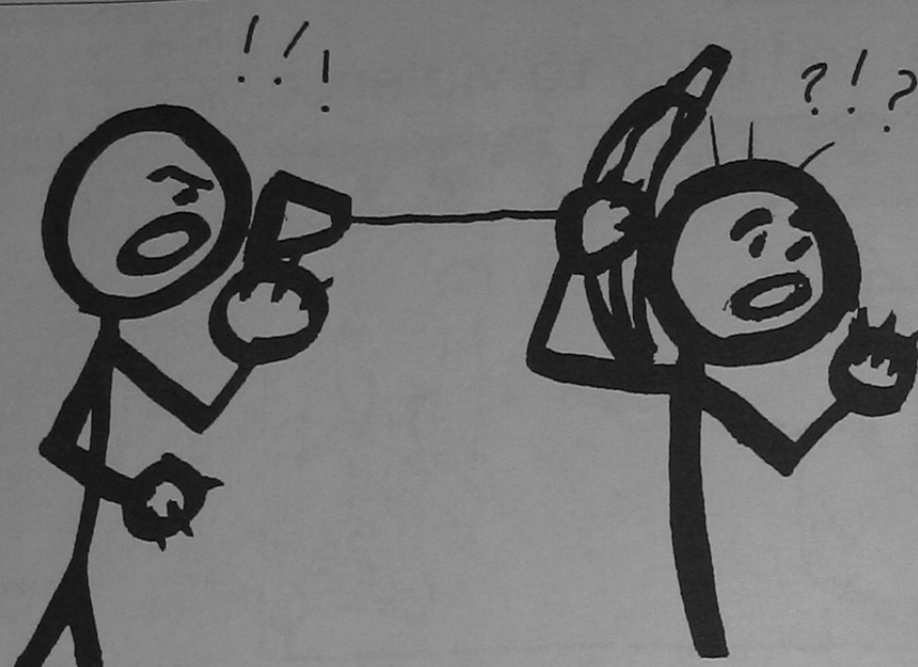
...people who still can't figure out how to walk in the hallways.

...people who wear shirts from a concert the day after the concert. What are you thinking, if anything?

...people who 'miss' the toilets.

...those propagandistic banners that command us to 'celebrate learning.' Or what?

...people who drive like they have the same traction in winter as they do during the rest of the year. Slow down, Mr. Andretti.



Communication problems shouldn't stop conversations

Though useless phrases clog our vocabulary, misunderstandings aren't entirely unavoidable



by Scott Isen
News Editor

It seems that in recent months, there have been many misunderstandings in my life that occurred because of a miscommunication. I don't know if people decided to close their ears and ignore the comments of others, but there have been extreme gaps in conversations.

I have been involved in many situations that proved that there are communication problems. After I changed for gym last week, I was waiting for my teacher to come when to the weight room when a student said that we should report to the main gym for class. The class went up there (myself included) and then was ushered back to where we were before.

Then there was the time when I was waiting to see a friend who came to visit from college. I left her a note to wait for me because I was taking a test and she left. Another occasion that proves there was a miscommunication occurred at school. My teacher asked me to rewrite my paper and said that it was due the next day. I thought that the teacher said that I could rewrite it if I wanted to. The next day, my teacher asked for the assignment because it was due. She said that I was in trouble even though I misunderstood what she said.

Then there are the times when you communicate (or at least try to) with your friends. Many of my friends experience misunderstandings because of poor communication.

I feel this way because words like "huh," "what," and "how" seem to clog our conversations (more than once in a few seconds) and

it makes me think that we have a problem. Sometimes I feel like I am talking to a wall or a group of walls with blank expressions because all I hear is "What did you say, Scott?"

Another problem sign is when you have to repeat yourself over and over to communicate your ideas.

Admittedly, I also have problems listening to others. It isn't fair to blame my friends or parents because it is just as much my fault. I admit it—I have selective hearing. I don't want to hear my parents say "clean your room" or my teachers saying "tomorrow we will be having a test..."

Another time that I have problems grasping information is when I have to remember necessary information to do well on tests. I also have difficulty when it's Monday, the day after I slept six hours or less, or during finals week.

It is easy to diagnose communication problems. The hard part is solving them. I think that there are many solutions to these miscommunications. First of all, people need to spend more time listening to one another. If the person doesn't ask what

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you said, then he or she probably heard you. Looking directly at the person also shows that you are listening, which will in turn help you to understand the person better. Finally (only if extremely necessary),

you can have the person repeat what he or she said. This does get annoying if done excessively or maliciously, but it can stop communication problems.

Another way to alleviate miscommunications is to try to listen harder. I understand that sometimes people may mumble or talk with an indiscernible accent, but it is better to try to figure out what they said on your own. If you at least try, the person who is talking to you will be able to finish what they are saying instead of having to constantly repeat themselves.

I hope that the number of miscommunications in my life decreases. Otherwise, I may become embarrassed because I had the idea that we were supposed to wear bathing suits to the movies.

College admissions process isn't the sum total of one's life



by Brad Kimmel
Associate/Opinion Editor

I guess you could call this a crossroads of my life. This week (probably by the time you're reading this) I'm due to find out whether I get into my first choice school. I've applied early decision, and if I get in, I'm going there (if the money's right, of course).

I've put a lot of thought into this decision—after all, it's where I'll spend the next four (or more) years of my life.

But something about the entire college admissions process seems hollow to me. At each and every step, who I am seemed to take a back seat to what I've done.

Numbers, numbers, numbers

Starting with the PSAT, and ending with our fourth or fifth time taking the SAT or ACT, our entire lives have been reduced to numbers. Yes, they're a necessary way of measuring our abilities against those of other students. But I can't help but be skeptical about a system that reduces the sum of one's knowledge to a scale of 200 to 1600 or one to 36.

What about a measure for creativity? Drive? The ability to persevere despite adverse conditions? Of course, such a test had yet to be devised. (Actually, there is a name for it—it's called "real life.")

People kept congratulating me for performing well on my standardized tests. But what did they really mean? Weren't they just a measure of my ability to correctly fill in bubbles? I acknowledged their congratulations, but inside I knew there was more to me than a number.

The best of friends...

Competition, whether friendly, mean-spirited, or indifferent, increased when the college admissions process. I remember the looks students would give each other upon hearing standardized test scores. Class rank became the dominant motivation for selecting courses and performing well in them (as opposed to the abstract and idealistic notion of doing one's best simply for the sake of doing it). I'll admit, I too got caught up in the fever. The few weeks previous to this one have found me in a wide range of emotions, from edgy to irritable.

How is it that my life has come down to one letter of acceptance or denial? Does an admissions committee's decision change what kind of a person I am? I hope not.

People told me to keep it out of my mind, but I couldn't—not after the buildup that started freshman year and snowballed throughout high school.

For most seniors (myself included) this is a very stressful time. Teased with hints of freedom, high school becomes a very confining place. Perhaps it's the density of the schedule or the monotony of the same familiar routine every day. Whatever the reason, many seniors now feel that getting into the "right" college is their ticket to happiness.

Hopefully it is, but, by this logic, getting rejected is the key to a crappy senior year. Should it be? Shouldn't we just be happy knowing we've done our best and that anyone not wanting us to attend their school doesn't deserve us anyway?

The point is this—one letter doth not an entire person make. And if you see me moping around in the hallways, do me a favor and remind me of this.

'Days' for important causes miss the point



by Rhona Dass
Editor-in-Chief

When was the last time you set a day aside to celebrate eating? When did you last take a day to recognize the importance of breathing? Sounds stupid, doesn't it?

Why is it, then, that we feel compelled to set aside one day to plant a tree, to preserve the earth, or to show ones appreciation for a parent on Mother's or Father's Day? As far as I'm concerned, such issues should be acknowledged on a daily basis.

This issue caught my attention especially when GBS reserved a day to commemorate the nationally established World AIDS Day. Although it was nice to see students walking around with red ribbons, confirming their familiarity with a deadly disease that has taken away the lives of millions, the lack of concern displayed the next day was disappointing. If anything, the ribbons seemed like an ephemeral fashion accessory. The harsh reality is that people are suffering from this disease, every second of every day.

Similarly, Earth Day is yet another incidence in which a significant global concern is undermined. Many of us sit back each and every day and pollute the atmosphere with destructive actions everyday, and planting a tree on April 22 is supposed to compensate. The Earth should be celebrated daily, not necessarily by planting a tree (though that wouldn't hurt), but by practicing environmentally sound habits, such as turning the water off when we brush our teeth.

Another circumstance that prompts the celebration of something that should already be applauded is the display of the gigantic "Celebrate Learning" signs. Shouldn't we have already been acknowledging the fact that learning is important? Do students seem that unmotivated?

On a more traditional note, why do we need to set aside a day to give thanks? Are we not thankful on any other days? Sure it's a good time to get together with family, but by having Thanksgiving Day, it seems as if we are forced to be thankful (not that I'm ungrateful for what I have).

Even though there are many problems in this world, a concentrated, sincere effort in certain causes is crucial. Insincere concern provides no solutions and merely overshadows the reality of the situation.

Is Jolly Old Saint Nicholas evil?



by Lilian Tsai
Features Editor

A few days ago, I heard the remake of "The Drummer Boy" sung by the Beach Boys on the radio and lived to tell it. The holiday season is officially here.

And along with the holiday season comes the time when that man from the North Pole once again invades our world.

You know, the man with the red nose, a twinkle in his eye and chubby red cheeks who travels in the sky in a sleigh pulled by reindeer, bellowing at the top of his lungs, "Ho ho ho!" (No, not Ed McMahon.)

To children around the world, Santa Claus is known universally as that kind old man who gives them free gifts whether they really deserve it or not; a kind of warped savior. In many aspects, he is a very fascinating man. Throughout the year, Santa works endlessly on making dolls and fire engines for good girls and boys. He has a neat, efficient staff of little elves that he gets to boss around, and he has amazing powers, just like Superman!

All Santa has to do is stick his finger up his

nose and he shoots up a chimney like a rocket. For those of you who don't have chimneys, have no fear! Jolly Old Saint Nick manages to break into your house. And if you don't celebrate Christmas, don't worry. Santa Claus can still enter your house.

Yet, when you think about it, Jolly Old Saint Nick is in many ways scary and bit freakish.

He has a belly that jiggles like a bowlful of jelly, and he beckons you to sit on his warm lap at the mall. Kris Kringle sees you when you're sleeping and he knows when you're awake! He makes a list of names, checks it twice and he's gonna find out if you've been naughty or nice.

Santa (Satan?) makes demands for you to leave milk and cookies for him, and if you are bad throughout the year, he'll graciously leave a lump of coal for you under the Christmas tree. Santa's also cruel to animals—he makes nine reindeer pull all five hundred pounds of him along with his heavy sack of presents, not to mention that fancy sleigh.

And he's everywhere! Santa's at the street corner, the Woodfield mall, on TV, and the Randhurst mall...

'Tis the season to be jolly! You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout I'm telling you why, Santa Claus is coming to town.

TOP 8 REASONS SANTA MAY BE SATAN

1. Makes little kids sit on his lap in the mall.
2. Climbs down your chimney to deliver gifts—also known as "breaking and entering."
3. An all red suit. Coincidence? We think not.
4. Keeps elves as virtual slaves in his basement (sure they're for toys, pops).
5. Their names are anagrams—try it yourself!
6. Lives in North Pole, but keeps house heated to a hellacious 175 degrees Fahrenheit.
7. Will deliver toys to children on naughty list—for a price.
8. Thought to be connected to sinking of the Maine.

High school ends too soon for seniors

As soon as students--particularly seniors--start to feel good about their situation, they must prepare to leave their comfortable surroundings for new faces, new classes, and an entirely new way of life--college



by Alpa Shah
In-Depth Editor

Do you all realize what is happening here? It's December! Winter. Almost 1996. And for seniors, less than six months of high school left. Whoa.

I can't believe how time flies. Wasn't I just out playing freeze tag with my friends? Didn't I just lose my first tooth? Wasn't I just winning at "Chutes and Ladders"? (My mistake—that was yesterday. Sorry.)

In some respects, I feel as if it's taken 20 years for me to finally reach 16. I've always yearned to be older—first, aching to be in second grade, then junior high, then far far away from junior high, then a senior. I couldn't wait until the day I was given my license, until my last year of high school before I left home and ventured boldly forth into (fanfare): college. And now, suddenly, that time has come.

Wait! I can't leave yet! I'm still a kid! An immature silly child who enjoys watching "Tom and Jerry" and eating ice cream cones and whining! I don't wanna go away! Don't wanna don't wanna don't wanna!

But in all seriousness, if I examine my life right now, I realize that I am immensely content being this age and this year in school. For perhaps the first time in my life, I'm not dwelling on the past, nor am I longing for the future. I'm concentrating on the present, which I feel is the most advantageous position to be in. Rarely can a person say that she is living for the moment, yet I find myself writing those very words and oddly enough, actually believing them. I am living in the now! (Garth would be proud, I think.) As the old Jesus Jones song goes, "Right here, right now, there is no other place I'd want to be..."

Yet just as soon as I've settled into my niche, become comfortable with my life, feel warm and snugly and secure with my friends and my environment, I must be uprooted again. New faces, new classes, and a new home. And no matter how exciting the prospect of life after high school seems, I can't help feeling a strong connection to these past four years—a connection I do not want to break.

No matter how hard we try to delay it, time marches on, so I can only hope that from this point on, I will continue to live in the present. And as a wise elder, my advice to you is to do the same. Enjoy your time at GBS—as I have begun to discover, it is much too short.

Older brother's departure to college didn't solve problems

Ironically, a large distance and a long period of separation may be just the thing to bring two bitter siblings closer to each other than they've ever been



by Brian Christensen
Assistant In-Depth Editor

Every single morning I would stand at the front door at 7:30 in the morning with my coat and backpack on, yelling up the stairs for my older brother to come down for school. Instead of seeing him coming down the stairs dressed and ready to go, he instead came out of his room, sleepy-eyed and heading for the shower.

There was nothing that made me madder than having to run across the school parking lot in order to make it to first period because my older brother wanted his extra twenty minutes of sleep.

I was sort of willing to look past the wet tow-

I was even willing to overlook his friends drinking right of the milk carton when they came over.

els that he consistently left on the bathroom floor, and I was even willing to overlook his friends drinking right of the milk carton when they came over.

And I figured that all my problems would be solved once my brother moved away to college. I would have total control of the car and I could leave or come home from school anytime I wanted. There would be no more fights with him about who had to let the dog in, and I wouldn't have to wait forty minutes to get into the bathroom because he had a penchant for long periods of flossing.

I thought my life would be perfect with him

gone, and that I'd never miss him. There was actually a time when I thought that the 500 miles that separated us made it all too easy for him to find his way home again.

But then I realized that a simple conversation or a letter sent through the mail doesn't quite cut it as far as being brothers. It's the little annoying habits that I had to put up with for so many years that I have come to miss.

I'd gladly trade the wet towels and the faded shirts to get one of his little smirks when we'd pass in the hall or for the way he could drive and tie his shoelaces at the same time. It wouldn't be so bad for him to hide outside my room again and throw things at me when I'm studying, and I think I could take it if he sets my alarm clock back an hour.

And maybe when he comes home he can finally show me how he managed to make it to school only using two of the four wheels.

Vegetarian trend stems from health reasons

by Brian Christensen
Assistant In-Depth Editor

Vegetarianism is an ancient practice that has existed for centuries, among certain Hinduism and Buddhism sects, based on the premise that all animal life is sacred. Killing animals conflicts with their beliefs of ahimsa, or non-violence. During the Western Movement (1809), members of the Vegetarian Society, founded in 1847, spread the movement throughout the rest of Europe and finally reached the United States for the first time in 1850.

The number of vegetarians in the United States has grown recently. More than 12 million Americans claim to follow a vegetarian diet; that's one-third more than a decade ago, according to *Vegetarian Times Magazine*.

One of the main reasons that people switch to a meatless lifestyle is that vegetarianism is a low-fat, lower-calorie alternative, that is especially high in micronutrients that help prevent and heal diseases. Also,

people switch over to vegetarianism because of environmental reasons. Plant food takes fewer resources to grow than raising livestock does. Experts warn, however, that just because you are vegetarian does not mean that you are healthier than someone on a diet that consists of meat. "You can eat an unhealthy animal-based diet and an unhealthy vegetarian diet," said Dr. Dean Ornish, director of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute in Sausalito, California. If people substitute fat-laden snacks for meat, then they are not eating healthy.

Many people worry about not getting enough nutrients from a meatless diet, which nutritionists say is not a major concern. "What is important to emphasize is, yes, you do need to make sure you're getting all the right

nutrients - especially at the teen's age - but it's not as difficult as people think. You take a little time to learn about nutrients and incorporate them into your diet," said Judy Krizmanic, who wrote *A Teen's Guide to Going Vegetarian*.

People who are vegans (vegetarians who also don't eat animal products, such as eggs and cow milk) and don't get calcium from cow milk should consume soymilk fortified with calcium and vitamin D.

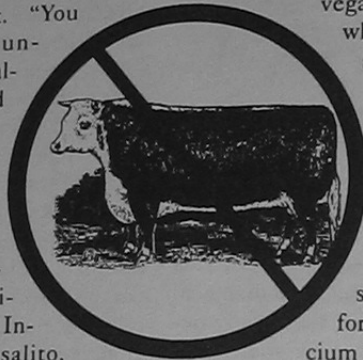
Other calcium sources include tofu, orange juice, and green leafy vegetables. Vitamin B-12, which is found in red meat, can be obtained by dairy products. Also, daily multi-vitamin supplements can give a vegetarian all the nutrients he/she needs.

The fastest growing segment

of the American vegetarians is teenagers. "A lot of adults are changing their diets because they are watching cholesterol or fat," said Krizmanic. "But what is happening with kids is that they are mostly coming into it because they have heard about the way animals are raised for food or made some connection with the environment and what they are eating."

In fact, fifteen percent of the nation's 15 million college students eat vegetarian meals every day, according to the National Restaurant Association. The association calculates this figure is two times as great as the number of vegetarians in the general population. This has lead many colleges to add vegetarian or vegan meals to their menus, such as the University of Dayton and Antioch College.

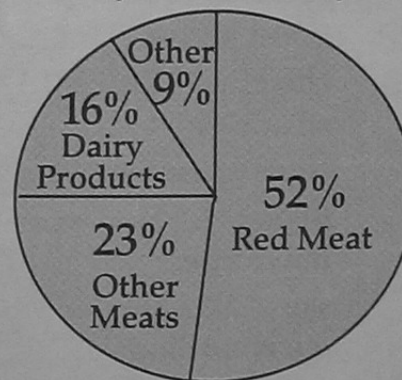
Vegetarianism is a growing trend in American society. As more and more young people become involved in this type of lifestyle, the country may move away from its meat and potatoes tradition.



South students say...

1. Do you know a vegetarian?
Yes: 86%
No: 14%
2. Have you ever tried vegetarianism?
Yes: 24%
No: 76%
3. Are you a vegetarian?
Yes: 7%
No: 93%
4. If you are a vegetarian or have ever tried to become one, what was your reason?
Religious: 27%
Ethical: 49%
Environmental: 24%

If you are not a vegetarian, which foods do you avoid, if any?



Poll of 100 GBS students

Why do teenagers turn veggie?

"Religious reasons."
- Ryan Prizlaff, '98

"They don't like how animals get treated or they are grossed out by eating them."
- Katie Ziemba, '98

"The moral issues are way too deep to look past for most vegetarians."
- Pat Gallagher, '99

"I think a lot of people don't eat meat because they think it's fatty and will clog their arteries."
- Melissa Klarman, '97

"People become vegetarians to be healthier and to lose weight."
- Erin Abrahams, '99

"They don't like to eat anything with a face."
- Dave Coons, '96

"Because they want to be skinny or they want to protect the animals."
- Rosie Denisi, '98

"Ethical or health reasons."
- Charlie Olson, '97

"So that we can save the animals from being slaughtered."
- Dara Kapson, '98

"I hate to eat other creature's body organs."
- Kinnari Patel, '98

"It's against some people's beliefs, and it's generally good for you, if you do it right."
- Natsumi Sakurai, '97

"Because of health reasons or to protect the animals."
- Dave Casey, '99

"They probably feel bad about pulverizing animals."
- Anthony LaMonica, '96

"Because they think it is fattening and they feel bad for the cows, chickens, turkeys, or pigs."
- Carrie Nasello, '97

"For mostly health [reasons], but they also have trouble eating animals after they see them."
- Jeff Levy, '98

"Most of the people that I know have become vegetarians due to ethical or moral

reasons."
- Christina Brodbeck, '96

"So they don't get fat."
- Jim Pomillo, '97

"I think people choose to become vegetarians because they do not believe in brutally killing animals for food."
- Bianca Greenwald, '99

"Because they don't believe in slaughtering animals."
- Andrea Chang, '97

"Because carrots taste better than dead things."
- Jay Peters, '99

"They like eating like rabbits."
- Drew Davids, '98

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A recent survey polling one hundred Glenbrook South students reveals that although only 7% are true vegetarians, most one out of every five students grows one.

Meatless food industry grows from the ground up

by Brian Christensen
Assistant In-Depth Editor

Paul Wenner, who has been a vegetarian for 30 years and started Wholesale and Hearty Foods in 1985, realized that there was a potential market for vegetarian meals. The company, which produces vegetable-and-grain-based Gardenburgers, just sold its 100-millionth vegetarian burger to such restaurants as T.G.I. Friday's.

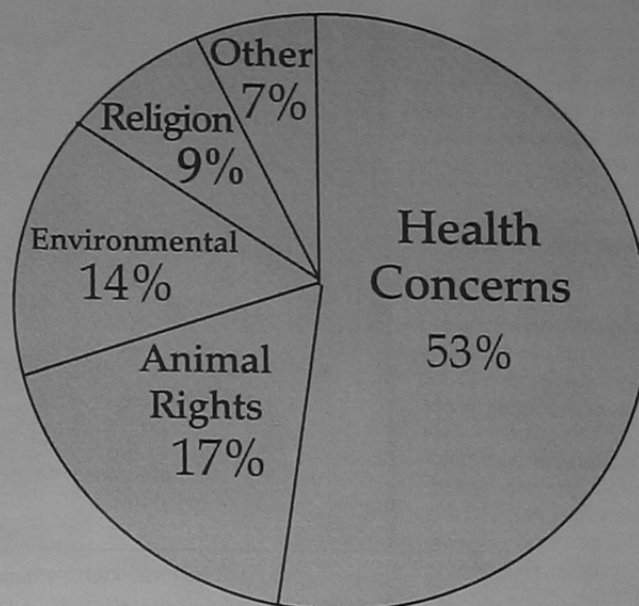
Wenner isn't the only vegetarian entrepreneur. Many natural food companies have found their niches in traditional restaurants and supermarkets. "Our time has come," said Larry Tsai, who is the marketing director for Fantastic Foods, Inc., a California-based vegetarian foods company that sells its now-famous Nature's Burger patty to Disneyland and various supermarkets. "We've been around for almost 20 years, but we only started hitting the map two or three years ago," Tsai told the Los Angeles Times.

Products that used to only be available in health food stores, such as veggie-burgers, tostadas, and pizzas with soy cheese and soy meat, soy milk, and egg and dairy substitutes, are now available in large supermarket chains. In the past, vegetarian meals were kept off supermarket shelves because the grocery stores were not willing to devote valuable space to risky items.

But as the demand for vegetarian meals grows, supermarkets recognize how valuable this market could be. "Supermarkets have been coming to us instead of us going to them," said Ken Becker, vice-president of Imagine Foods, Inc., a Palo Alto company that produces meatless burgers and rice-based desserts.

Although the size of the vegetarian foods industry is hard to measure because it is unclear about what constitutes a vegetarian meal, it is clear there has been a rapid growth in the consumption of "natural" foods. The momentum behind this switch to vegetarianism is backed by the baby boomers, who are more health conscious than the previous generations, according to *Vegetarian Times Magazine*.

While many meals are made just for vegetarians and vegans, other companies aim their products at consumers who are traditional meat lovers who want to cut back their fat and cholesterol intake. There are many kinds of products that look, smell, and taste like meat, but aren't. Besides the bacon-flavored bits that top salads, Lightline Foods, Inc. have made meatless sausages, deli slices, and hot dogs named such things as "Foney Baloney" and "Fakin' Bacon". Even baseball fans at Candlestick Park can even order tofu "not dogs". The food industry giant



The above graph gives reasons as to why people become vegetarians. Statistics are taken from the Los Angeles Times.

Pillsbury has also joined the "veggie-craze". The company now markets Archer Daniels Midland's Harvest Burger under its Green Giant label in almost all major supermarket chains.

The National Restaurant Association conducted a survey recently that showed that 36% of Americans would order non-meat dishes on a consistent basis when eating out if such dishes were made available. The IHOP, the Hard Rock Cafe, Hamburger Hamlet, and many other diners offer veggie burgers, according to the Los

Angeles Times. Wendy's and Taco Bell have made significant improvements in offering meatless dinners, as has McDonald's.

Fast food chains will probably offer more vegetarian entrees in the future, predicts Jennie Collure, vice-president of the North American Vegetarian Society. "Fast food places are prone to the 'veto effect'. If a family is looking for a place to stop for lunch and there's a vegetarian in the car, they'll end up skipping those places that don't have a meatless option."

Veggie vocab

- Lacto-vegetarian: consumes milk and cheese but not eggs
- Ovo-vegetarian: consumes eggs but not dairy products
- Lacto-ovo vegetarian: consumes eggs and dairy products but not meat
- Semivegetarian: avoids certain meats, fish, or poultry
- Vegetarian: avoids all meat, poultry, and often fish
- Vegan: avoids all foods of animal origin, even eggs and dairy products

Source: Los Angeles Times

Vegetarianism takes root at GBS

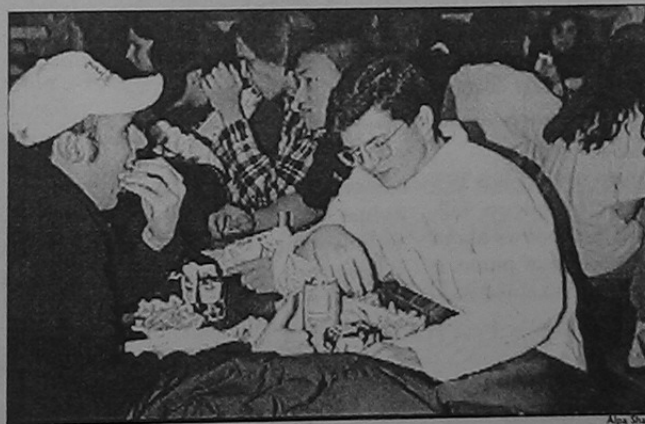
by Marius Andreassen
Staff Reporter

Chomp. Chomp. Have you ever been enjoying a delicious hot dog and suddenly noticed a drastic change in the consistency of the meat? What was that lump? Who knows?

Such an experience may cause you to become a vegetarian. Whether they are friends or relatives, almost everyone knows at least one vegetarian. Our society has adapted itself to accommodate the growing number of vegetarians. Restaurants commonly feature a vegetarian meal or an entire vegetarian section.

Why would a person ever want to deprive themselves of a juicy steak, you ask? Sarah Burch '96 says she became a vegetarian because of the infamous movie *Faces of Death* and the novel *Diet for a New America*. Other vegetarians don't avoid meat for animal rights; rather, like Deborah Diamond '97 stated, "I just don't like it."

Along with the die-hard veggie-heads, other people live the life of a part-time vegetarian and only avoid certain kinds of meat, such as hot dogs. If you're thinking of becoming a veggie beware of the possible difficulties. Avoiding meat



Many students, such as seniors Tim Dose and Dave Coons, eat more vegetarian meals than they realize.

means you have to look for alternative sources for the necessary nutrients. Also, going out to restaurants and family meals may present difficulties due to limited food selections. How-

ever, because of the increasing ease of living as a vegetarian and the acknowledgement of this lifestyle as healthy, there have been a growing number of vegetarians in America.

They've heard every excuse that's in the book...

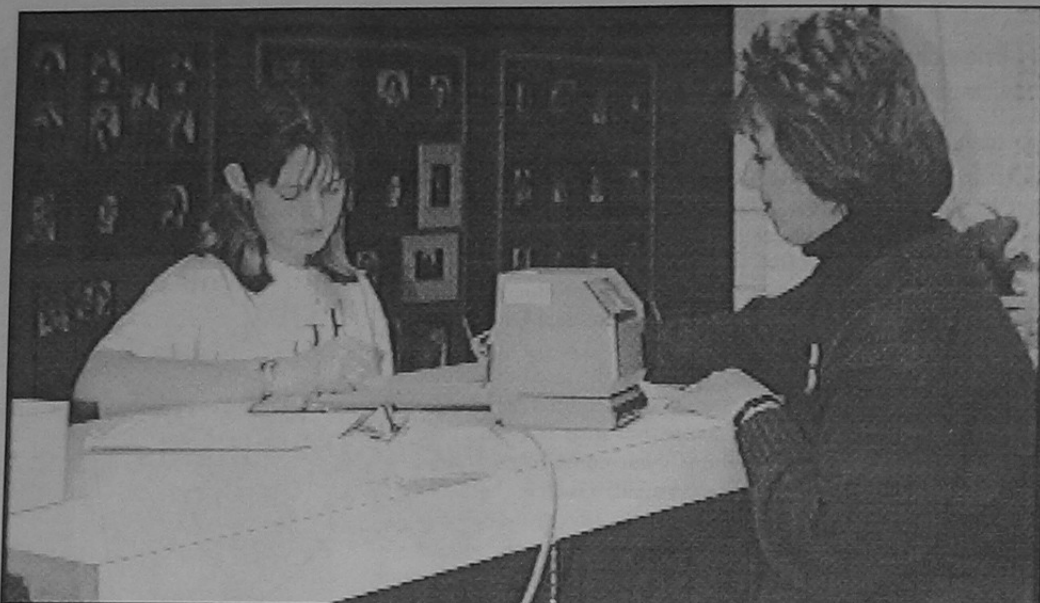
by Jeff Ouyang
Asst. Features Editor

Around the corner from the Dean's Office, is that little hole in the wall that every student knows, the Attendance Office.

In this little office, all absences, whether truant, excused, or tardies in Glenbrook South are handled.

At first glance, the office may appear to be simple and even insignificant, but in reality, the office plays a crucial role in the school. The attendance office holds the responsibility of keeping track of where each student is during the school day, whether in class, at home, or out to lunch. It is where students go to sign in and sign out the school and get passes when they are late to class. Without the office, students would probably be running amok and most would not even bother to wake up and go to school.

Although the office has proven itself to be very efficient, students continue to try to outsmart the system. Every day starts off with a cornucopia number of students coming to school late with various, and often humorous, excuses. Most late arriv-



Junior Jessica Goldman signs out as Attendance Secretary Mimi Selzer supervises. With an average of about seventy students signing out of school, life at the attendance office is hectic.

als complain about car trouble or the weather. For those unaware, a light drizzle does not constitute bad weather. "One student said that he was late because he saw an U.F.O.," said Attendance Secretary Mimi Selzer.

On days with really bad weather, car trouble is a legitimate reason for being tardy. On days with terrible weather the superintendent may call school

off. However, in 1990, with over a foot of snowfall, school was still scheduled. "That day 35 call-out sheets were filled and Mr. Gale was here until 10 o'clock at night processing students' cards," said Selzer.

When students try to call themselves out, usually the ladies in the attendance office can figure it out just from the squeaky high voice. The most common

excuse for absences is orthodontist appointments. For those who have tried and failed, the office really does know when one tries to call himself from a pay-phone within the school, although how they know remains a secret. With a smile, Selzer adds, "We have a crystal ball..."

Throughout the day, the attendance office is filled with paperwork. The staff has to call

FYI

On an average day at the GBS attendance office...

- there are over 100 sign-ins
- around seventy sign-outs
- 160 called-out absences
- over 50 kids called to the Dean's Office for truancies
- over 100 tardy passes issued

Lillian C. Tsai

home to verify each absence, along with keeping track of the whereabouts of every student during the school day. After every bell, students that have not made it past the eagle eyes of the paraprofessionals have to report to the attendance office for a tardy pass. Everyday, over 100 tardy passes are issued. "It drives us nuts," said Selzer.

The attendance office is constantly filled with work, but camaraderie grows with it. "We like working with each other," said almost in synch by Selzer and co-worker Linda Neaylon. "Overall, it's an enjoyable job, working with the kids and the deans," said Selzer.

To some, 'punk' means having views outside of mainstream

by Anna Yum
Staff Reporter

Glenbrook South is made up of all colors and people. Whether there are racial or religious differences, or just people with different perspectives and opinions, it is understood that this description characterizes the population constituted at GBS. Perhaps one of the most misconstrued category of students are those labeled as "punks."

Often times, students fail to try to find out what people who are stereotyped as punks are all about. Two Glenbrook South students willingly shared their views about what the definition of punks is and what their views about society and politics are.

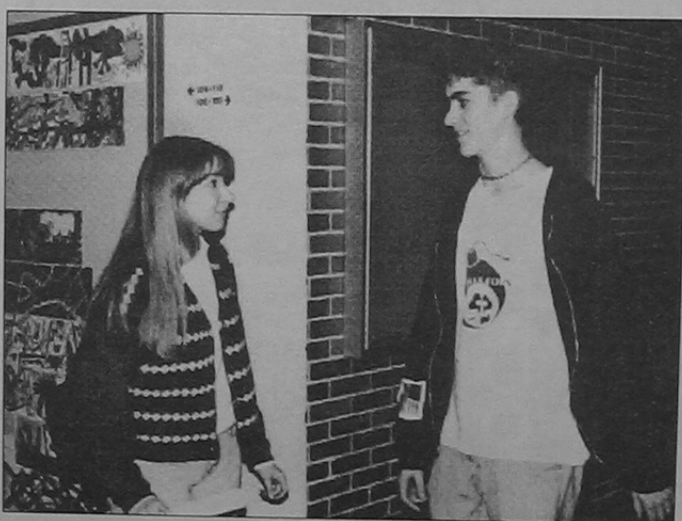
Brian Sholis
"What is punk?!" An abrupt smirk forms on his face, as the smile quickly transforms into a fit of amused giggles. "I can't answer that... you just don't put those three words together in the same sentence." Sholis, a junior at GBS, resisted the subject of "punk" when it was broached

because he felt that punk couldn't be confined as a generalization.

"Many times punk is considered a lifestyle, or a rapidly approaching status in today's society. I don't like to consider myself as a person belonging in a punk group. I just don't think it's right to characterize punk as a 'clique' or a certain type of

people in society. I am an avid listener of 'punk rock' music, but does that classify me as a 'punk' or particular person in current society?"

Sholis described himself as an independent individual who does not nor desire to follow the crowd in contemporary society. He likes to do whatever he desires, and doesn't spend the time wondering what other people will think or say about him. "I think a major problem in society is that people are too conscious about outer appearance. It seems as if a majority of the population is too worried about what others will say or think about them, rather than being happy and content with themselves and their actions. In school, there's always cases



Junior Mike Smith shares his political views with junior Morgan Leavitt. Smith speaks out about what he thinks punk is and what his views on society are.

where a certain item of apparel is the 'in' thing to wear. And regardless if the item is ugly or appealing, people often purchase it because it's the latest [fad]." Sholis concluded.

Likewise, Sholis concluded that akin to social issues, political ideals need to be changed also. "I don't consider myself as a Radical Republican or Democrat," he started. "But I know that I am definitely pro-change. I think that our country has been on an emotional high. Ever since World War II, we have been too boastful, arrogant in thinking that we are the best in the world." He further explained that our country has been ignoring issues occurring in countries other than

our own. "We're allowing ourselves to get behind other countries such as Japan, Germany, etc. We have to do something fast before our domination in this world goes bye-bye!"

Mike Smith

"I look at myself as an individual questioning what goes on in society today," started Mike Smith, a junior at GBS. "Growing up in my environment, in the society I live in, I've had many opportunities for self examination, and derive meaningful realizations about myself."

When Smith was first asked about what came to mind when he thought of society, he stated that there's a great amount of ma-

terialism and many injustices to human and animal rights. "It's difficult to broach this subject without being provincial because I'm only exposed to so much in the society I live in," Smith explained. "But the aspects that I confront in contemporary society, there are many things that go on that I don't enjoy hearing about or seeing." Smith further commented that outer appearance is also overly emphasized. Identical opinions are voiced by people, many times because that is the majority view that is most respected in society. "I guess I see society as a realm where social expectations must be met, and people strive to live up to them. For me, it's just different. I like to consider myself as an independent individual who is not just another sheep in the herd. Many times I am considered to be 'punk.' I agree in some aspects because I think that punk rock is a lifestyle." Smith interpreted punk as an exchange of ideas and opinions shared by people who voice their values, even if they are different than the widely accepted view.

When asked about future predictions for society, Smith concluded that it needs to change. "There is hope, but people have to realize that nothing can change until they make things change. Nothing happens overnight. Realizations need to be developed."

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Senior excels nationally in debate

by Laurel Felt
Staff Reporter

One might know senior Boris Rapoport as a guy in the Academy or as a kid that likes to play the guitar. However, Rapoport is swiftly becoming known for his skills in Lincoln-Douglas debate, and is being recognized as one of the top high school debaters in the nation.

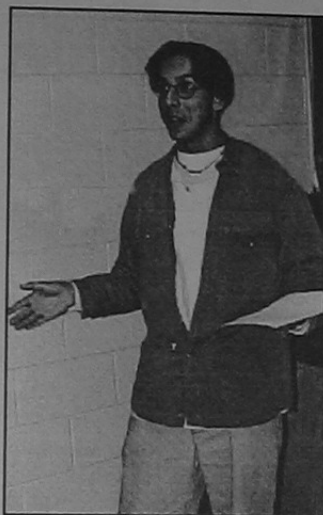
As a freshman, Rapoport debated in the Policy format, in which teams of two debate the merits of the United States government passing certain foreign or domestic policies. Disenchanted with Policy, Rapoport directed his attention towards a new form of debate called Lincoln-Douglas. Modeled after the forum of debates between the two senators in the 1800's, LD was created as an alternative to the speedy nature of Policy debate. Instead of evaluating the wisdom of governmental policies, individuals discuss issues of morality in an LD format.

The way in which the speaker gives in-depth analysis is more pertinent in LD debate, whereas in Policy, the theory tends to be "the more information, the better." Contenders prepare by reading books and studying

documents related to the topic, and building cases for both sides of the debate. At tournaments, teams present their viewpoints, and question the opposing team in attempt to expose weaknesses in their arguments.

Arriving at GBS, Boris Rapoport invested much of his time and effort in establishing a GBS LD program. His successes have proved his pains to be well worth the while. Rapoport qualified for the Catholic National tournament and competed twice at the National Forensics tournament. He was also selected to compete in the Glenbrook Round Robin which, Rapoport called, "an incredible honor." Hosted by GBN and GBS, it is regarded as one of the most prestigious tournaments in the nation. By being asked to join the Round Robin team, Rapoport was recognized as one of the top 11 debaters in the country.

Rapoport acknowledged that his debate background will be a great help for his future plans to study law. His experience has familiarized him with philosophical concepts which has provided "an incredible insight into the ideas behind government and history."



Kristen Davis

Senior Boris Rapoport practices debating. He is regarded as one of the top Lincoln-Douglas debaters in the country.

Overall, Rapoport was glad that debate gave him the chance to meet many people. "I want to make sure everyone understands that the stereotype of debaters is not true. We aren't dull people who get together to do homework for fun." Rapoport believes that debaters are intelligent and have a lot of interesting things to say. "You don't need six years of experience, like you do for playing violin in the orchestra. My advice is to give debate a chance."

Music Department produces holiday CD

by Mary Hong
Staff Reporter



Along with the last-minute trips to the mall and pictures of sitting on Santa's lap, are the melodious tunes of holiday songs that add to the spirit of the holiday season. Now available through specific order forms or by contact with music students at the Glenbrook Schools, is a recently produced holiday CD featuring the music of all GBS musical groups as well as two conjoined GBS and GBN groups.

Around the GBS music department area, in the midst of all the holiday assembly preparation and hustle-bustle, one might also spot the beaming face of Dr. Walter Lamble. As head of the GBS music department, the idea for a holiday CD was conceived by Lamble last winter. After approaching all the music teachers and receiving consent to record certain pieces, the real work began.

This interesting, completely new experience for music students would not have been within reach without the help of Charles Hawes, father of two GBS graduates. Hawes offered his services as a professional recording engineer and brought his equipment to the North and

South auditoriums to record the performances of all the musical groups.

Carl Meyer, director of both the Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra and the separate Glenbrook orchestras, stated that the experience of the recording process was one of the many benefits for the music

"It will be a wonderful memory for any member of the music department...It has something for everyone on it, and people will enjoy it."

Carl Meyer

students. "The positive thing [was] that the musicians got to see how music is recorded in a controlled environment. Some mistakes could be edited out, and some mistakes nothing could be done with." He himself had prepared both the merged Glenbrook South Orchestra and an ensemble group, Sinfonietta, to perform pieces such as "The Christmas Song." Sinfonietta also accompanied the GBS Master Singers in their rendition of "Let There Be Peace." Overall, Meyer expressed, "It will be a wonderful memory for any member of the music department to re-

member their musical years in high school. It has something for everyone on it, and people will enjoy it."

Variety is one key word to describe the music in the recording. From traditional Christmas carols to contemporary versions of classic holiday songs, Hanukkah madrigals and 16th century songs, a colorful and inspiring mix of music is offered on one compact disc. The GBS Master Singers, Chamber Singers, Symphonic Winds, Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra, and Sinfonietta contributed the majority of the music on this eighteen-track CD. Also featured is an improvisation of "Silent Night" by GBS junior Matt Croasman, and a solo of "Joy to the World" sung by South graduate from the class of '95, Katie Gattone, performed in last year's winter assembly.

The holiday CD is available on CD for \$12 or cassette tape for \$8. All proceeds go to the music department, which will distribute the revenue to each group. Likely to be a truly enjoyable experience for music lovers, this holiday CD may beat out the chants of the all-male choirs on PBS. After all, 'tis the season of thumping bass notes and the "Jingle Bell Rock."

Along with the new season comes new ventures, and Glenview will join in on all of it, accompanied by the harmonious music made possible by the talented music groups of the Glenbrook High Schools.

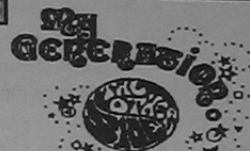
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Sports injury prevention guide for students:

Preventing the injuries of today's athletes before they happen

by Andy Miller
Sports Editor

Along with playing sports and enjoying them, comes the nagging annoyance that every athlete endures: injuries.

(Note: this article is not intended as a substitute for the medical advice of a doctor. The reader should regularly consult a doctor in matters relating to health, particularly with respect to any symptoms that may require diagnosis or medical attention.)

According to Dr. John F. Duff, author of *Youth Sports Injuries* and a practicing orthopedic surgeon, each sport has its own level of injury risk, and participants are susceptible to different types of injuries. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, there are three main categories of sports: Contact/collision, limited contact and non contact. Activities in non contact sports include strenuous, moderately strenuous, non-strenuous.

The most common overuse injuries suffered by high school athletes are in the lower extremity. Stress fractures, kneecap stress and Osgood-Schlatter's condition are the most common injuries. Back strains, swimmer's shoulder and tennis elbow are

other common injuries.

There is no way to eliminate sports injuries completely. Their prevention depends on the actions and attitudes of everyone involved in the sport.

For track and cross country prevention, according to Duff, an athlete should run early in the

summer. Preparing for the intensive program of running twice per day is key. If the athlete has to start double sessions without adequate preparation, then the runner should only run with 50 percent of the energy.

To prevent soccer injuries, also according to Duff, players should stretch

early and gradually for the first two weeks, avoiding pulled groins and quadriceps. Players should also start an early, gradual running program. To improve agility, exercises are suggested for the back. Soccer injuries are minor, but serious.

Football injuries are mostly stress injuries, including hamstring pulls and back strains.

Prevention for these injuries include starting a progressive weight training and running program well before the season starts. Also, according to Duff, stretching exercises are appropriate for prevention of back injuries.

The most common is injury in

basketball is "jumper's knee," tendinitis below the kneecap. Other frequent injuries are back strains and foot sprains. Stress fractures are uncommon. According to Duff, to prevent basketball injuries,

players should start a daily running program. To relieve the condition of "jumper's knee," rest is suggested between games.

Ice hockey is one of the most injury-prone sports. Groin pulls, backaches and shoulder sprains are very common amongst hockey players. Stretching exercises, weight lifting and pro-

gressive ice drills are recommended by Duff, for preventing the most common hockey injuries. Hockey injuries are mostly serious injuries.

Most baseball injuries occur in younger players. In older, more experienced players, however, rotator cuff tendinitis is prevalent in many players. Prevention for baseball injuries includes proper training in pitching and gradual conditioning of the arm during preseason.

In swimming, shoulder tendinitis and knee strains are common injuries. An early stretching program is recommended for preventing injuries pertaining to swimming.

Gymnastics, another non-contact sport, doesn't involve many serious injuries. Some minor injuries include back strains, stress fractures and wrist tendinitis. Preventing these minor injuries is difficult, but progressive stretching can help, according to Duff.

Athletes must face the facts that there are no injury free sports. Risks of injury exist in every sport. The athlete must balance these risks against the benefits to be gained from playing sports. If injuries persist, however, an athlete must seek medical attention.

OVERUSE INJURIES IN SPORTS

The following are the most common overuse injuries suffered by high school athletes.

Upper Extremity:

- Swimmer's shoulder
- Baseball elbow

Back:

- Back strain
- Sciatica
- Stress fracture

Lower Extremity:

- Stress fractures
- Kneecap stress
- Osgood-Schlatter's
- Jumper's knee
- Osteochondritis dissecans
- Shin splints
- Soccer toe
- Sever's condition (heel)



Veterans spark swimming team in opening meets

by Rhona Dass
Editor-in-Chief

Despite a standout performance by junior Matt Vondra, the boys' swim team lost its first dual meet of the season.

The Titans were beaten by Conant 127-58 at Conant on Dec. 4.

Vondra, the team's only state qualifier a year ago, recorded a 26.28 split time in the 50-freestyle while anchoring GBS's 200-medley relay team. He also clocked 24.69 while helping South to third in the 200-free relay.

The junior standout also scored 194.25 point in diving to record the Titans' only first place finish in the meet.

In South's first meet of the season, the Deerfield Relays on Dec. 1, Vondra placed second individually in diving and teamed with senior Mark Petrich to give GBS second place.

The team recorded 16 lifetime-best times in the Deerfield Relays.

The team's top returning swimmers are senior tri-captains Jack Feeney, Justin Rounds and Eric Anderson. All three captains performed well in the Deerfield Meet.

The inaugural GBS sports trivia challenge

Given monthly to test the sports aptitude of the GBS student body

First things first

1. Which four schools each had two players selected in the first round of the 1994 NBA draft?
2. Who holds the NCAA Division I-A football record for most career field goals made?
3. Who was the starting center on UCLA's 1975 NCAA men's basketball championship team?
4. In both 1968 and 1969, players from Southern Cal were selected with the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft. Name them.
5. Name the only Pacific-10 Conference university other than Southern Cal, UCLA or Washington that played in the Rose Bowl (the game, not the stadium) from 1973 through 1994.

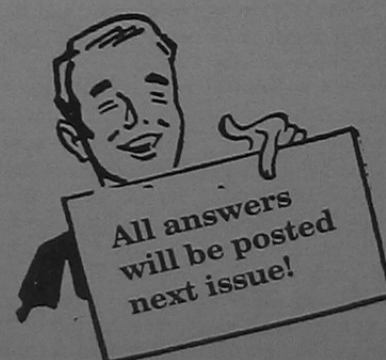
The last lap

1. When was the last time the Bears won the Super Bowl?
2. Who was the first ever coach of the Chicago Bulls?
3. How many products does Michael Jordan endorse?
4. How many outs are an inning? (Total in one inning only)
5. What was the year that Northwestern last went to the Rose Bowl?
6. When did the Chicago Cubs last go to the playoffs?

7. Whose Chicago Blackhawks jerseys are retired to the rafters of the United Center?
8. Who are the three highest paid sports professionals in modern sports (including endorsements)?

The postgame show

1. This is what the fourth man in a relay race is called.
2. Dick Miles and G. Viktor Barna are associated with this sport.
3. This men's pro basketball team was the first to sign a female player.
4. Pete Rose got his 4000th hit off of this pitcher.
5. He was the jockey of the last thoroughbred Triple Crown winner.



WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

Men's hoopsters win at Fenton

by Jasmine V. Hernandez
Staff Reporter

Led by head coach Steve Weissenstein and assistant coach Geoff Falk, the men's varsity basketball team has tipped off the new season with a 4-2 record.

At the Fenton Thanksgiving Tournament, junior Kevin Taylor made a three-pointer at the buzzer bringing the championship game into overtime, scoring 22 points in the game. The

men beat Gordon Tech 95-88, and Fenton 73-58. GBS won the tournament after beating Rolling Meadows in the tournament finals by a score of 86-81 in the championship game. Junior Shawn Schmidt was named most valuable player of the tournament. The team's next game is tonight at Evanston at 6:00 p.m.

The '95-'96 team welcomes back seven returning seniors.

The sophomore team, led by head coach Ed Young, is also having a successful season.



Senior Peter Doyle goes for the layup in a recent game against Prospect.

Lady Titans aim to win CSL crown

by Josh Adams
Staff Reporter

The Glenbrook South girls' basketball team is off to another terrific start.

They opened their season by winning the Schaumburg Invite, behind the play of Junior Dana Leonard. Leonard scored 31 points in the opening game to become the school's all-time leading scorer.

The team is led by three strong returning starters. Juniors Leonard, Erin Partaker and Senior McKenzie Krueger will add a strong scoring punch to this offense. Off the bench, the team has returning player Anna Yum. This year's team is also loaded with underclassmen. Sophomores Susan McCreery and Diana Vardijan are also returning varsity players, along with Brett Leonard, the only freshman on the team.

"If we play good basketball, and play as a team, it will be a memorable season," Krueger said. Each member is looking to contribute their part to a winning season.

Head Coach Howard Romanek has many goals that he hopes to accomplish this season. "We'd like it to be the fourth season in a row to win 20 games," said Romanek, "Our goal for us this year is to win conference."

Gymnasts feature versatile nucleus

by Brad Helfand
Staff Reporter

The Titan women gymnasts are in the hunt for another conference title this season.

So far they have competed in successful non-conference meets against Glenbrook North and Deerfield. The Titans beat Glenbrook North and lost a close meet to Deerfield.

The women are led this year

by senior captains Karen Ostergaard and Doris Jeske. The team is rounded out with a core of sophomores, Jennifer Jamison, Lauren Anderson and Therese Nash.

Coach Jan Osowski commented on the team's versatility by saying, "This is the first time in my 12 years coaching that every girl on the varsity squad can do every event." Osowski believes that the team's weakness is that the

members lack "experience in high pressure meets, but that can be overcome."

The Titans are looking forward to a big meet against conference rival New Trier, on Dec. 19. Osowski believes that the team this year contains "tough competitors who work hard at practices to prepare." The freshman and JV gymnasts are also off to a fast start. The freshman have a record of 2-0, and the JV's have a record of 1-1.

Hockey team starts season 3-6-1

by Chris Dimitropoulos
Staff Reporter

The Glenbrook South hockey team is looking to rebound from a tough early season stretch, which saw the Titans open with a 3-6-1 record.

With recent losses to

Glenbrook North, New Trier Blue and a tie with Highland Park, South looks to come up with a few more wins.

Led by captains Mark Sich and Doug MacClure, as well as seniors Eugene Suh and Dave Johnson and junior Billy Moore, coach Jim Philbin is confident that his players will still contend

in the Metro North league.

In the annual Thanksgiving Eve game between Glenbrook South and Glenbrook North, The Titans were edged 2-1 in a game which Philbin said his team was "flat." However, Philbin and his players are confident that they will make a comeback.

Wrestlers post 2-3 mark, host tourney this weekend

by Andy MacDougall
Staff Reporter

The men's varsity wrestling team has gotten off to a promising start this season.

Boasting wins over Mather and Prospect High Schools, the Titans hold a 2-3 record. Although they remain untested in conference matches, the team hopes to post wins over traditional rivals New Trier,

Evanston and Waukegan later this year.

The Titans are led by co-captains, senior Kurt Heilemann and junior Brian Pollina. Senior Doil Kim and juniors Kerry Tamura and Ted Ahn form the rest of the nucleus for the varsity squad.

The team usually has to forfeit some matches because of a lack of experienced wrestlers at the varsity level, so it has been difficult to win consistently

with such a small team. According to coach Tim Cichowski, "We're very young, but we're hoping that we'll keep growing and getting better during the year."

Cichowski believes this lack of experience as a key reason for the losing record last year. The Titans will host the Russ Erb Tournament Dec. 15-16.

The JV team, comprised mostly of freshmen and sophomores, has an 0-2 record.

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Bowl wishes come true for long time fan

by Andrew Rudnik
Assistant Sports Editor

For what seems like a century, the Northwestern University Wildcat football team have been the "lovable losers" of college sports. They were a team for which three wins per season was an accomplishment. But there is something different happening in Evanston this year.

Playing in front of a sold out Dyche Stadium, the Northwestern football team is enjoying long-awaited success and is headed for the Rose Bowl for only the second time in school history.

Enter Sue Salay, head of the Foreign Language Department and a true Northwestern fan.

Salay, a Northwestern graduate, has held season tickets for Northwestern for about 30 years

and has only missed three games during that time. Also, for 15 years, she has religiously traveled to two at least two road games per season to watch the Wildcats.

Many may wonder why Salay actually ever bought tickets to Northwestern football. She points out that when she was a student Northwestern had a very strong team, and she "thought it was always going to be like that." Furthermore, Salay earned three degrees as an undergraduate at NU, loved attending the school, and is a big sports fan.

Salay possesses extreme loyalty to her school and believes in "loyalty under all kinds of cir-

cumstances." She also stresses that Northwestern did actually win a few games this season.

A strange sight this season has been Northwestern's Dyche Stadium filled to capacity, due mostly to fans who have jumped on the Wildcat bandwagon, although they were never fans during the one and two-win years. Salay

Purdue this year to view Northwestern victories. She feels that, as opposed to previous seasons, the fans were really respectful and supportive of NU and their Cinderella season.

It is also notable that Salay attends Wildcat men's and women's basketball games during the winter and women's softball games during springtime.

Even if Northwestern does start to falter in the years ahead, Salay will remain loyal to her school and her team. She believes that there is "nothing quite like a team," and that a person "can't lose the love of sports." Thus, Salay, one of the few true Wildcat fans, will continue to attend NU games for years to come.

Wildcat fever definitely abounds in Chicagoland.

Rose Bowl expenses skyrocket as popularity of the Northwestern Wildcats heightens across the nation by the day.



The Wildcats, 8-0 in the Big Ten and 10-1 overall, moved up to number three in the national rankings and will be making only their second appearance in the school's history at the Rose Bowl. A trip to Pasadena will cost you around \$785 with a three-night stay and tickets to the pre-game parade and the game.

"I believe in loyalty under all kinds of circumstances."
Sue Salay

feels that for a few seasons there was a group of true fans who attended every NU game, but she is happy that the team is drawing inspiration from a packed stadium and likes the feeling of a full Dyche Stadium.

Salay attended the road games at Minnesota, Illinois and

GBS ends football season on high note with conference title

by Jason Sherwood
Staff Reporter



After riding the crest of an undefeated season and a conference championship, the men's varsity

football team's quest for a state title came to a close on Nov. 12.

The Titans finished the season 11-1 with a conference championship.

The Titan's went into Nov. 12's 6A quarterfinal playoff game at Grange Field ready to do

battle with the host Tigers from Wheaton Warrenville South. The only company that South didn't expect was the several inches of snow that also met them at Grange Field. Unfortunately, the Tigers were ready for this kind of play and jumped on the Titans right away capturing a 28-0 halftime lead.

On the second play of the third quarter, Wheaton's running back Jermar Collins couldn't handle a pitch, and the ball landed right into the hands of Glenbrook South defensive tackle Andy Lee, who ran 40 yards the opposite way for the Titans first score of the ball game. Lee went on later in the game to recover yet another fumble, which led to Kevin

Taylor's (25 carries 69 yards) touchdown. Bill Salatich kicked the extra point which made the score 28-13.

Wheaton still had another turnover left in them, and it occurred in the fourth quarter. Todd Rose recovered Wheaton tailback Bill Gerlesits' fumble, which once again led to a Kevin Taylor three yard touchdown. A two-point conversion made it 28-21 with 7:38 remaining in the fourth quarter. Wheaton maintained the ball until there was 3:56 remaining. Just as GBS got the ball back, a Schmidt interception gave it right back to Wheaton. Glenbrook South got one more chance with 1:40 left but could not prevail.

Coach Ron Harris com-

mented on the Titan effort: "They were not going to go into the second half and just play out the game. They were going to give it their best shot and create their own breaks."

The Titans tied a school record for most wins in a season (11). This was the same as the 1986 team, which advanced to the play-off semifinals.

At home the Titans needed a win against Evanston to advance to face Wheaton. The key play in this victory was a spectacular diving touchdown grab made by Jon Novotny on a Shawn Schmidt pass just before halftime.

Individually, many of the Titans had banner years. Lee was named to the All-State team,

first team All-Area, and All-Conference as a defensive tackle. Taylor was named to the All-State team, first team All-Area, and All-Conference as the tailback who led the Titans in rushing. Jay Grodecki, Ryan Czechowski and Kurt Anderson were All-Area second team and also All-Conference. Chris Gochis, Schmidt, David Rudnik and Steve Hall were all special mention All-Area, and All-Conference.

This winning tradition seems likely to continue. GBS will have 10 returning starters going into next season. If this season was any indication of what next season will be, then the Titans will be on their way to the state finals at ISU.



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SCARY TOY of the MONTH



The *My Size Princess Barbie* may be every four-year-old's dream come true...or is it?

Think about it...you're an innocent four-year-old, about, let's say, three feet tall.

Your parents ask you what you want for the holidays, and you tell them the truth, you want the Barbie of your dreams. You want the REAL THING, the real Barbie herself, someone you can trade clothes with, eat with, sing with, whatever.

Living on the North Shore has its advantages, and, lo and be-

hold, when the family gathers around to open presents...boom, here's THE BARBIE. Yes, in front of you, in all the mess of wrapping papers lies THE BARBIE, all \$130 of her.

Your screams of joy turn into fright when your wishes came too true. This Barbie stands at a nice three feet tall, too. She weighs more than you. (And she has better clothing.)

This ain't your ordinary Barbie. She's out to take over the world. Beware. Beware.

Many of our loyal fans have asked about The 1996 Thrift Challenge blurb that we ran in the November issue of this fantastic Oracle. Well, here's the scoop.

As you already know, the Entertainment Section of the paper is sponsoring a challenge for students who believe that they can bring in the most clothing for their money, which is in this case, \$10. As of press time, this \$10 challenge will be a sacrifice made out of your own pocket, but we have received various offers by different sources who are willing to sponsor several of the participants.

The rules are as follows:

1. Any purchases made must be accompanied with a receipt. The total of all purchases, including tax, must equal or be less than the value of \$10. Well, if you're two cents over, it's okay. We're not cruel, but be reasonable.

2. These clothes must fit you. After all, they are being bought to be worn by your body. And you must model your beautiful bod in these beautiful outfits on

the day specified.

3. We, the Entertainment Section of the world's greatest newspaper, are the judges. And our decisions are final. Unless we change our mind. But that's okay, we make the rules anyway.



Additional information might explain a little more:

1. Participation automatically gives us, the Entertainment Section of the Oracle, the right to exploit the way you look and the way you used the money as we please. All this just means that we then reserve the right to use

your photo, your name, the total cost of the purchases, and the location of the place of purchase in The Thrift Challenge feature, which will be printed in our February issue!

2. All participants must register prior to accepting the challenge by Friday, Jan. 12, 1996. Registration will take

place in the Oracle office, room 223, where you will be asked to sign a release form.

3. From there, you lucky folk will be expected to have achieved this mission by Friday, Feb. 2, 1996. Show up donned in all your thrifting glory after school at the Oracle office, with your receipts in hand. On this,

the best day of your adolescent life, you will be asked to model the clothing before one of the staff photographers so that we can paste your beautiful face all over our pages. (By the way, the winner gets money, which is unspecified at press time.) So, if we haven't scared you off by now, that pretty much means you're strong enough to take The 1996 Thrift Challenge.

Hey, Pizza Man! delivers

Vicky "Sleigh Bells" Dizik
Staff Reporter

My friends and I were hanging out one night and we didn't want to go out to eat so we decided to order in. We wanted to get pizza, but we didn't have too much money on us. We decided to call "Hey, Pizza Man!", because we heard it was good and not too expensive. We ordered a 10-inch pepperoni and mushroom pizza, which came out to around \$9. The pizza came on time about 40 minutes later. The pizza smelled great, and the chunks of mushrooms were huge. Also, the crust was good. Perhaps the only thing that was bad about the pizza was that it was very greasy. Even though we aren't very health conscious, the grease on

the pizza got kind of overwhelming after a while. But overall, the pizza was good and had a reasonable price. So whenever you guys are hanging out or hav-

ing a cramming session you can call "Hey, Pizza Man!" at 297-1028. Their Glenview location is 3538 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

who delivered?

The delivery boy, about 25 years old, admits to being frequently addressed as "Hey! It's the pizza man!" The pizza man claimed that the most interesting delivery experience was when he delivered to the head table at a wedding and was introduced as a celebrity. He has also delivered to Mr. T at the Sybaris Hotel Suites.

1. Je Sais Pas
Celine Dion (Sony)

8. Stayin' Alive
N-Trance (Intercord)

2. Gangsta's Paradise
Coolio featuring L.V. (MCA)

9. Boombastic
Shaggy (Virgin)

3. Boom Boom Boom
Outhere Brothers (Sony)

10. Ilvolo
Zucchero (Polygram)

4. Shimmy Shake
740 Boys (Sony)

-courtesy of
Billboard magazine
December 9, 1995

5. Sincerite Et Jalousie
Alliance Ethnik (Virgin)

6. Fantasy
Mariah Carey
(Sony)

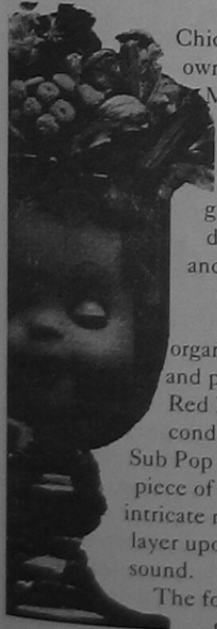
7. You are Not Alone
Michael Jackson
(Sony)



R. R. Meat leaves one still hungry

Brad "Rudolph" Kimmel
Associate/Opinions Editor

Music Review: Red Red Meat
Bunny Gets Paid



Chicago's very own Red Red Meat pushes the envelope of traditional guitar-bass-drums rock and roll. Also using synthesizers, organs, strings, and piano, Red Red Meat's second album on Sub Pop is a dense piece of work—an intricate mixture of layer upon layer of sound.

The followup to the band's

critically acclaimed first album, *Jimmywine Majestic*, Red Red Meat doesn't disappoint on *Bunny Gets Paid*. Rather than relying on the verse-chorus-verse method of songwriting, frontman Tim Rutuli (yes, he directed Veruca Salt's "Seether" video) instead arranges songs with cycling guitars and synthesizers that start off slowly and lightly and build up into a fantastic collage of noise.

Bunny Gets Paid is a difficult album to figure out. Rutuli's voice acts as more of an instrument than the focal point of the songs, and as a result the lyrics themselves are almost lost amongst the other instruments—which at times, such as on "Gauze," involve multiple guitars, bass, drums, synthesizers, and strings. Strangely enough, several of the songs stand out as truly great pop songs—you don't know exactly what Rutuli is saying, you're not sure what the rest of the band is

doing, but for some reason it all works. "Chain Chain Chain," (whose chorus is, obviously enough, just the band chanting "chain chain chain") certainly rocks and stands out as the best song on the album.

The band plays for the Sub Pop label, an independent production company dedicated to up and coming musical groups comparable to the humble beginnings of Motown Records.

All of these factors make *Bunny Gets Paid* a fantastic background album, though to truly appreciate its many subtleties, several listenings will be necessary.

Other listeners have expressed mixed reactions to the music played. The music is more appealing to those who are into hard core alternative, a mix of raw guitar and heavy bass. As one Oracle editor noted, "They're called 'Red Red Meat' but they have a green CD?"

Umm...no.



Thank goodness for teen magazines like *seventeen*. After all, without them, we would never know just how stupid the rest of the teens in this nation actually are. June 1995: "All the cool girls...get together and crochet blankets, sweaters, and socks." Submitted by some teenybopper from Oregon. It would be just plain wrong to say anything about this. July 1995: Watch out Velveeta, because when someone in Tennessee's "cheesin'", he's smiling wide. Whatever. More fry in July. Teens in

New York are "busy making friendship pens for all their pals. A Bic is wrapped in colorful string, then personalized with names or special messages." These people have way too much time on their hands. August 1995: A whole blurb dedicated to alternatives to the phrase "cute guy." (Tired sigh) Here we go.... In Florida, they actually stir up enough courage to blurt out "one mint cookie." Love in Connecticut? Well, just scream out "hot tamale." If Glenbrook South is anything like Virginia, we'd be calling each other "tuna." By the way, if he's completely disgusting, just call him a Hoosier "cousin." Would anyone really use these names? Ummm...no. Why do people actually write in with this stuff? Haven't they heard of something called "dignity"? Or maybe they should wait until they've graduated from junior high before writing into a magazine called *seventeen*.



City Sidewalks, Busy Sidewalks

Dive into all this winter season has to offer!

Eunice "North Pole" Yi
Entertainment Editor

The Long Grove Country-side Christmas (Long Grove; 634-0888) offers serves the best of a rural holiday with all the dressings. Running through Christmas Eve, the event brings in a slew of holiday fun, from craft bazaars to carriage rides through the winter landscape. Bonus: it's only a twenty minute drive! Double bonus: their Village Tavern serves killer soup!

Just past the lights and glitter of downtown Chicago lies the Museum of Science and Industry (57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago; 312-684-1414), in progress with its 1995 Winter Festival/Christmas Around the World and Holiday of Lights exhibits. The annual event features more than 40 cultural celebrations including Hanukkah, Diwali, and Kawnzaa. Interactive exhibits allow you to take part in these ethnic events, from munching on a Swedish Santa Lucia to watching the Dragon Dance of the Chinese. Exhibits run through Jan. 2, 1996 and are (find the magic word!) free with regular museum admission.

Chicago winters have never been considered gentle, but no one seems to really care. After all, the holidays are officially here, our winter vacation is just around the corner, everything seems to be on sale, and, hey, we smell hot cocoa!

The city of Chicago also invites you to stroll down State Street to see firsthand the one popular holiday tradition, the holiday displays in store windows. The windows have come alive in their own glassed-in winter wonderland.



Chicago's historic Water Tower Pumping Station leads The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival (Chicago; 312-642-3570), an annual transformation of the Magnificent Mile from the bustling Michigan Avenue to the block after block of magical illumination. Check out the festival strings down Michigan Avenue from Chicago River to Oak Street. It's the cheapest (hey, it's free!) and yet brightest show this side of Disney's Spectro parade.

Chicago promises that the New Year's Eve Fireworks Display will be "so bright it'll seem like day." Held at the North Pier Festival Market (435 East Illinois Street; 312-836-4300), the free show is definitely worth the ride into the city, the explosive Chicago alternative to Dick Clark's New Year's Eve Countdown in Times Square.



See "Hans Brinker," a holiday tradition in the making. Hosted by the New Tuners Theatre at The Theatre Building (1225 W. Belmont, Chicago; 312-327-5252), the musical is based on the children's classic. We're not giving any details, but it concerns a young boy named Hans, his silver skates, and a fire. Sounds good? Tickets run from \$15, and the curtain opens for shows on Wednesday to Sunday every week. Any character named Hans is worth seeing.

Less than two hours away, the city of Rockford awaits for you, prepared to give out the best First Night Rockford (Rockford; 815-963-6765) ever recorded in history. Among other events taking place, there will be street performances, a teen dance, carriage rides, snow sculpting and a fireworks display just as the clock hits Cinderella's midnight. Whadda way to meet 1996!

Nearby, Evanston is also planning their First Night Evanston (Evanston; 866-2910), a nonalcoholic event stuffed with performance art. Also, watch out for the Northwestern Wildkits, who are slated to play in the Rose Bowl on New Year's.

During the week of Dec. 10, members of certain clubs will be collecting money as a part of their Claus Families fundraising. Your investment will help, all proceeds goes towards charity. Bonus: you have the option of making them "earn" their money. Do us a favor and have them run around, screaming, "Not only do I love Neil Diamond, I love the Oracle!" • Salvation Army buckets are everywhere. Drop in a dime sometime wherever you hear those bells ringing away. It's not easy to stand in the freezing weather to earn a couple of bucks an hour, you know. • Keep an eye out for "giving trees", where regular glass ornaments have been replaced by cards written with requests for the underprivileged. This may be pricey, running from anywhere from \$3 for a baby's bottle to \$40 for a good pair of jeans. We recommend one of Salvation Army's giving trees, which is hanging near Carson Pirie Scott of Randhurst Mall.

WAYS to GIVE



WAYS to GET

Don't like the gift? Grin and bear it. The fact that they bothered to break from their schedule to select a gift should be pretty much worth it all. If you insist the present is completely useless, then donate it or just give it to Bruce, the Oracle dog. (He'll take good care of it for you.) • Do what your mom and says and always thank the giver for the gift. Sometimes in all the excitement and bustle of giving, we forget to be grateful, staining the holiday.

Stores grab last minute shoppers

Laura "Frosty" Trossman
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Wouldn't you know, the holiday season is just around the corner. Here is a quick reference for those of you, and I know you're out there, that haven't made a dent into that holiday list of presents you have to buy for others. Last minute holiday shopping can be, at the very least, overwhelming. When time is not on your side, where you decide to go shopping those last couple days can determine whether or not you gain back your sanity after emerging from the malls. Although the following shopping centers are common knowledge around this area some malls are more helpful than others.

The new and improved Old Orchard has been around for some time but if you haven't paid a visit in a while you may want to stop on back. There

have been recent additions to this center; although most of them are directed more towards parents, there are still new things to check out. The evident construction of Bloomingdale's is just one of the differences between this year and last. Stores that have things for everyone on your list include: The Disney Store, Warner Bros., and Barnes and Nobles. The mass amounts of shops in one place makes it more probable and easier to find things for everyone. The disadvantages of this center include the atrocious parking and that the shops are only accessible by walking through the notorious Chicagoland weather, dress warm. After a long day of compulsive shopping treat yourself by grabbing a Mrs. Fields cookie or sit down and relax in Nordstroms coffee shop (next to the shoe department). General store hours is from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 10

a.m. to 7 p.m.

Northbrook Court is currently under construction but there are still places to find many if not all the gifts for this holiday season. Escalators have been moved but there has been a new surge into this standby mall. Recently the addition of Marshall Field's has brought other new stores with it. Check out The Nature Store, The College Closet, and The Museum Shop. The mall now has better quality stores ready for the holiday season. Mall hours is from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

One place that doesn't necessarily come to mind when thinking of shopping is Woodfield Mall. Although it is a drive, Woodfield does have facilities and stores appropriate for the season. Because it is a while a way there is likely to be less people there than in the local stores days before the holi-



Woodfield Mall welcomes you in all its holiday glory. The mall offers a vast array of stores for its shoppers.

days. One original store is Successories, unusual and full of inspiration. The mall is a reasonable drive from Old Navy for those who are getting clothes for gifts. Weekend mall hours is from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

There are many places to get

your gifts, but who likes being pressed for time, having to shlep all over? Keep in mind most of these places do offer perks such as a coat check (Northbrook Court) and free gift wrapping in most malls. Take advantage of it, get your shopping done and enjoy the holidays!