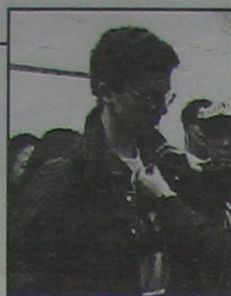


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## Election '96 : frontrunners emerge from pack

### CAMPAIGN ISSUES

#### •THE BUDGET•

After many efforts to balance the federal budget, this issue has become prevalent in the platforms of the presidential candidates. The debate on how to remove the difference between government spending and taxes taken in has sparked many views and possible solutions. Republicans are in favor of reducing government spending on social programs.

#### •BOSNIA•

The outcome of President Clinton's decision to send troops to Bosnia may affect his chances of being reelected. Dole, on the other hand, reluctantly supports the presence of the U.S. in Bosnia.

#### •VIOLENCE ON TV AND IN MUSIC•

Both Republicans and Democrats both oppose the increased levels of violence in entertainment.

•TAXES• President Clinton supports largest tax cuts to middle-income families.

#### •ABORTION•

Buchanan and Dole both favor amendments that drastically limit abortion. Clinton, however, is pro-choice.

by Rhona Dass  
Editor-in-Chief

Although the general election is not until November, the presidential race has begun.

After some withdrawals, particularly those of Lamar Alexander and Steve Forbes, the remaining frontrunners in the race are Democrat Bill Clinton and Republican Bob Dole.

In order to simplify the platforms of the remaining candidates, *Time* magazine has categorized them under three different classes: the Lifer, the Talent and the Mandarin.

According to this system, Dole is the lifer, Pat Buchanan qualifies as a talent and Clinton is referred to as the mandarin.

The strengths of the lifer include loyalty, toughness and competency. A weakness, however, is opposition to radical change. The Lifer path was created during the period between 1880 and World War II. During this time the U.S. resources were utilized through large organizations. Typically, Lifers rise through the ranks of these organizations.

Dole, currently the Senate majority leader, is the front-runner for the Republican nomination. Through his campaign, Dole is attempting to appeal to conservatives. He strongly attacks violence in tele-



On the campaign '96 bus with President Clinton are Pat Buchanan, Steve Forbes and Bob Dole (looking in the window.)

vision and music. Dole is also in favor of a balanced-budget amendment. As far as abortion is concerned, he supports a constitutional ban with some exceptions. Dole also wants a small, temporary change in the legal immigration policy. A large criticism of Dole, however, is that he may be too old (age 72) to serve as president.

The Talent path, on the other hand, is very different from that of the conventional Lifer. A major strength of the talent path is the willingness to take risks. Moodiness and the development of wild theories may be potential negatives. This path is the oldest of the three, reverting to the classic American path- unstructured, but still the riskiest.

Buchanan, on the Talent path, strongly

opposes abortion and is in favor of school prayer. He is also against antidiscrimination laws for homosexuals, foreign aid and immigrants. He is, however, in favor of a balanced budget amendment.

The youngest of the three candidates, 49-year-old President Bill Clinton, is categorized as a Mandarin.

The Mandarin path is the most recent, having been established after World War II through the expansion of higher education. A Mandarin is generally

intelligent and wants to create moral order.

Clinton strongly resists the Republican proposals for cuts in federal education, environmental programs and health care. He is also against televised violence and for increased parental responsibility. Clinton is also in favor of free trade.

When asked which of the three presidential candidates best represents this generation, many students were leaning towards Clinton. According to junior Peter Chin, "Our generation is too liberal to be held back by conservative candidates like Dole or Buchanan." Senior Boris Rapoport also agrees that Clinton is the better candidate, "He identifies more with the popular sentiments."

## VOTER REGISTRATION

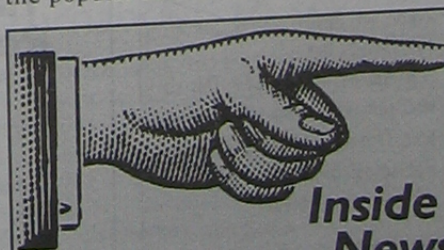
### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Even if you were unable to participate in the Illinois Primary, an election that helps a party to determine which candidate to nominate for the presidency, there is still an opportunity to register for the general election. Registration will be open as of March 22. It will continue up until 30 days prior to the election. In order to register you must bring two forms of identification- one with a name and address and another with only a name. (Examples: driver's license and school I.D.) Places open for registration are:

- Glenview Village Hall (724-1700)
- Northbrook Village Hall (272-5050)

For more information about the candidates, call...

- Clinton Campaign Headquarters (312) 629-8401
- Dole Campaign Headquarters (312) 345-1996
- Buchanan Campaign Headquarters (312) 587-8683



### Inside News

A recent Oracle survey was administered to over 400 GBS students to determine the extent of their knowledge of current events. Statistics showed that less than half of the students were aware of the issues surrounding the candidates of the '96 election. For more details, see page 4.



## NEWS

AT A GLANCE



• Many people accepted the *Oracle* challenge last month by pledging their love through a song to the editors of this paper. The winner of the contest was junior Kelli Kramer. Junior Barbara Matthopoulos and senior Michelle Brinkerhoff were the runners up.

• Members of International Club recently participated at the annual Global Fest



downstate. This event promotes cultural exchange and foreign language study. The GBS International Bowl team placed third in the competition with the team of Jessica Griffiths, Frances Kim and Hyecheon Park.



• Talk show host Jerry Springer made a guest appearance on "The Talking Truth." This show, which aired live yesterday, was hosted by junior radio student Jenny Slesnick.

• Juniors in U.S. History attended at debate between Malcom X and Martin



Luther King Jr. The purpose of this in school field trip is to educate students about the opposing views these activists during the Civil Rights Movement.



• Academic Bowl won their conference championship with an 8-1, losing only to Maine East. The biggest victory for the team was the upset victory against New Trier.

• Glenbrook Summer School registration will begin on April 10. Classes this



year will be held at GBN. This six week summer session will begin on June 17 and end on July 30. Summer school brochures will be sent out over spring break.



• The Debate Team will be participating in numerous upcoming events. During the weekend after spring break, they will be attending a tournament at Northwestern University. During Memorial Day weekend, they will participate in the Catholic Forensic League National Tournament.

## Board requests waiver for Pulaski Day

by Christopher Kim  
Assistant News Editor

One possible difference in the 1996-97 school calendar could be the loss of Casimir Pulaski Day as a day off from school.

District 225, along with a number of other suburban school districts, have this day off. The board of education though, recently submitted a request to waive Pulaski Day. "This will allow us to get out of school a day earlier," said Pam Taccona, Associate Principal for Administrative Services.

Pulaski Day was mandated as an official state holiday several years ago. This particular holiday commemorates a Polish soldier who was the hero of the anti-Russian revolt in 1768. Pulaski has also been noted for his historical participation in the American Revolutionary War. After being mortally wounded at the siege of Savannah in 1778,

Pulaski passed away the following year. According to Taccona, Illinois is the only state that honors Pulaski Day.

"Many people wonder why we have this day off anyway. It makes more sense to attend school on the holiday in order to learn about why we would have that day off," said Taccona.

"Calling off school for holidays such as Martin Luther King's and Lincoln's Birthdays is totally irrelevant. If we wish to honor these people, then it would be much better to have school on these days and have the student have some form of program so they would learn why they had that particular day off

in the first place. It is certainly a strange way to honor an important figure by calling school off,"

said Superintendent Dr. Jean McGrew.

If the state indeed approves of the waiver of Pulaski Day, the board may decide to take a closer look at the other remaining holidays celebrating

significant individuals.

McGrew said that Pulaski Day was chosen because it was the most recent holiday mandated by the state. Because of that Pulaski Day would also be the easiest of the holidays to receive a waiver for.

The Illinois State Government allows a more liberalized form of legislation. Although the

state mandates a number of holidays, they have agreed to accept requests to waive such holidays if they find enough substantial evidence supporting such an action. According to McGrew, there are no intentions of giving up anything else at this point, but it will be something that the board will be looking at more closely.

McGrew said that every school year, by law, must have at least 180 school days. Vacations and holidays simply make the school year longer and also break up the weeks. There needs to be some form of rhythm in teaching and the holidays do not help in [accomplishing that]. We are trying to take days out and not in.

An approval from the state has yet to reach the Board of Education, but from the present outlook, it seems that Casimir Pulaski Day will not be a school holiday next year.

## South participates in activities to celebrate the study of languages

by Akbar Ali  
Staff Reporter



Foreign Language Week was took place Mar. 5 through Mar. 8. This week is a national celebration of the of the many different languages in our country and the world.

"The purpose of this event is to bring attention to all foreign

languages and to encourage people to become bilingual in this multicultural society," said Sue Salay, Foreign Language Department Instructional Supervisor.

Traditionally held during the second week of March, the National French, Spanish, and Latin Exams were also coincidentally held during this same time.

There are many activities and contests during Foreign Lan-

guage Week. Contests include a question-answer competition sponsored and performed by International Club. Students may have also seen a number of decorated cards on lockers drawn by foreign language students.

Along with a number of other events, students can express their talents and imagination through the annual foreign language poster contest. Sponsored by the foreign language department, the designs promote a va-

riety of different languages. The winner of the poster contest was junior Frances Kim. Her poster, chosen from 35 entries, centered around the theme of 'foreign languages creating unity among the world.' The second and third place winners were sophomore Christopher Kim and freshman Jessica Manske. The first place prize was a \$15 gift certificate to Borders. Both second and third place winners received a \$10 gift certificate to Borders.

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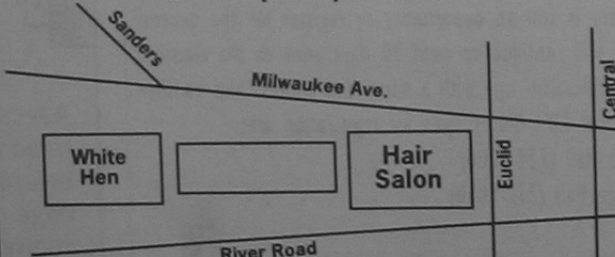
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# District students prepare for a 'super' performance

## RESURRECTING JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

- Over 35 GBS students tried out to perform in the district musical
- Jesus Christ Superstar was chosen due to its familiarity with the students and with the public
- A variety of flashy costumes have been ordered from the Broadway Costume Company
- Because Jesus Christ Superstar uses "Rock Opera," there will be a number of twists to the regular music

Christopher Kim

by Madhuri Pydisetty  
Staff Reporter

The cast of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the 1996 GBS/GBN district musical will continue to rehearse in preparation for the May 1 through 4 performances under the direction of Pat Murphy.

Over the past 27 years, many changes have occurred involving the musical. This year, from GBS, there were eight boys and 29 girls. From GBN, there were about 30 boys and 70 girls who tried out. The actors will be doubling up on certain parts. Murphy believes that some students are too exhausted to put forth all of the effort necessary to produce a production like the musical.

Murphy felt that past musicals were aimed mainly toward the adult audience, such as *My*

*Favorite Year*, which takes place in the fifties. He wanted to have a show that students could identify with and feel more allegiance to. Murphy felt that *Jesus Christ Superstar* was the best choice. He felt that it had brilliant music, consisting of "Rock Opera."

The musical was not announced at this year's variety show because the theater directors were still waiting for the rights necessary to perform it.

Murphy feels, "It is a unique opportunity that includes all the students who normally feel excluded."

The main goal of this year's musical is to tell a story and the

theater directors hope that the audience can put its religious views aside. It is a story of a man named Jesus, who had a greatness thrust upon him. His society and government did not know what to do with him because he was an iconoclast.

The directors feel that this is a theme many kids can relate to in this day and age. Murphy feels

that peoples' religious beliefs are not compromised by being in it or watching it and said, "As educators we owe it to the students to explore various aspects of life, help them put things into perspective and help them decide what they want."

Because this year's musical is

"Rock Opera," it requires many special effects. It requires good lighting and a special ramp will be constructed in GBN's Center for Performing Arts across the orchestra pit. A circular platform will also be built as well as another ramp that goes literally into the "laps" of the audience. Also flashy, modern costumes will be coming from the Broadway Costume Company.

Since the music and singing is continuous, the orchestra has a very difficult role, according to Murphy. They are constantly playing without break from scenes. The "Rock Opera" aspect allows for guitarists to show their talent and adds a twist to the regular music, according to Murphy.

"In spite of all the hard work, it pays off, but it will definitely be an uphill climb Murphy.

## GSO rehearses for annual spring concert

by Dennis Wu  
Staff Reporter

The Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra (GSO) will be holding its sixteenth annual spring concert on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center of Performing Arts at Glenbrook North.

They will be performing the *Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5* and the "Old Man River" written by Kern. This particular piece of music is from the musical, *Showboat*. In addition, this piece was also arranged specifically for GSO in honor of the musical's opening here in Chicago.

A number of other pieces will also be performed including one

done by senior Tina Wu, who will be performing the *Violin Concerto No. 1 in A Minor*, which is written by Max Bruch. Wu

"They are one of the finest in the state," remarked Meyer, "together, they have a very wide variety of talent."

Carl Meyer

will be accompanied by the GSO.

Other performances will include senior Jenny Choi, who is performing the *Concerto No. 2* by

Camille Saint-Saëns.

The GSO is made up of a select group of students from both GBS and GBN. Led by conductor Carl Meyer, and concertmistress Mary Hong, the GSO is ranked amongst the top orchestras in the nation.

"They are one of the finest in the state," remarked Meyer, "together, they have a very wide variety of talent."

According to Meyer, the GSO is unique because he gets to know and understand the students very well while they bet used to his expectations.

"I expect the orchestra members to play the notes. [My job is] to make them play the music," said Meyer.

## Math team qualifies for state competition

by Jennifer Hur  
Staff Reporter

The GBS Math Team has performed well this year in many of their competitions.

They finished first in one of the ten regions competing and fifth in the entire state in the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Competition. It is the best GBS has ever done in all of their years of competing.

They took first place in the ICTM Regional Competition. The final results qualified the team. The math team will be able to attend the state contest which will be held on May 4 at Illinois State University.

In addition, seniors Gary Lee and Jonathan Chung and sophomores Michael Roh and Paul Chang were selected to the All Star Math Team. They will attend the national competition at University of Iowa on Jun. 1.

The aforementioned students



Senior Billy O'Brien receives a math award from the Associate Principal of Administrative Services, Pam Taccona. This award was presented to the members of the fifth place math team.

were chosen through an examination that took place at Evanston High School on Feb. 29. Out of the 200 competitors, only 70 were selected. This is the very first time GBS will send four people to the National Competition.

Math team coach Tom Weisgram accredited the recent

successes to his hard-working team and to the brilliant leadership from the seniors. Weisgram predicts that the team is capable of finishing in the top 10.

"What makes us most successful is that we have a group of students that work really hard [to win]. We have the team that can do it," said Weisgram.

## NEWS in Brief

### Students to show athletic abilities at next month's 'jam'

The tenth annual Gym Jam, a collection of athletic contests, was rescheduled for Friday, April 19 in the Field House due to the boy's basketball team victory over Evanston.

This annual event will give students the opportunity to display a number of their athletic abilities. There will be a variety of events ranging from basketball to arm-wrestling and badminton contests. There will also be relay races.

The purpose of Gym Jam is to raise money for Ecology Club, as well as to provide students with an open gym opportunity. In the past, Gym Jam has raised about a \$1000 for this club. Previous funds have gone to various purposes, such as buying acres in the rainforest.

All students are allowed to participate. Students can participate in the athletic contests by signing up outside the SAO during the week of Gym Jam. Teams of various students will be formed.

The admission fee to enter Gym Jam is \$3.00 without an activity ticket and \$2.00 with one. Student council has the job of organizing and publicizing Gym Jam.

"I hope that many students will participate in Gym Jam because it is a great way to have clean fun," said Jim Shellard, Student Activities Director.

-Sachin Jain

### Students 'turnabout' to seventies

Turnabout, an event based upon Sadie Hawkins Day, will take place tomorrow from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. This event was organized by the Girls' Letter Club, Michelle Scheinkopf and Deborah Caras.

The dance will consist of its usual parts including the coronation of the Turnabout king and his court. The Blast will provide the music for this event. To go along with this year's theme of "Saturday Night Fever," a variety of 70's music will be played.

Turnabout is a very successful and popular activity at Glenbrook South. The average attendance is usually from 350 to 375 couples. Scheinkopf said, "I think that it is fun for the girls to ask the guys and is a nice evening for friends to get together and dress up. It's so gratifying to see our efforts turning into a successful event."

Bids are still on sale in the SAO at \$10 with an activity ticket, \$12 without an activity ticket, and \$15 at the door.

Any varsity, junior varsity, sophomore or freshmen female athlete interested in decorating the gym tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. should see Scheinkopf.

-Riffe Orbach



# What does South really know about?

## Students voice feelings, knowledge of current events

### SPOTLIGHT ON THE ISSUES

The following is a brief synopsis of the issue part of the survey. Percentages were rounded when necessary. Don't know and don't care answers will be omitted from the below figures.

Assuming we have limited money for fighting violent crime, what should money be spent on?

- education and crime prevention - 66%
- harsher penalties for criminals - 27%

Should present abortion laws and Supreme Court decisions dealing with abortion be maintained?

- yes - 49%
- no - 31%

Does the government spend too much on environmental protection?

- no - 76%
- yes - 12%

Should federal aid to education be cut?

- no - 82%
- yes - 13%

Should federal health care be cut and turned over to the states and private insurers?

- yes - 57%
- no - 30%

Which of the following governmental programs are most important to the health of the U.S.?

- balancing the federal budget - 42%
- maintaining spending on programs such as welfare, Medicare and Social Security - 34%
- cutting taxes - 13%
- maintaining legislation that protects the environment - 11%

Scott Isen

by Scott Isen  
News Editor

#### In Perspective

A recent *Oracle* survey showed that students have limited knowledge in certain areas of current events. This survey, administered to 445 students in grades 9 to 12, asked a variety of questions that dealt with current events.

The purpose of this study was to test the students' knowledge and learn about their beliefs. The survey, given on March 8, focused on three categories dealing with current events. The first gave background information as to how students feel about events in the news. The second category tested students' knowl-

edge of current events, while the third was an opinion poll.

#### Background Information

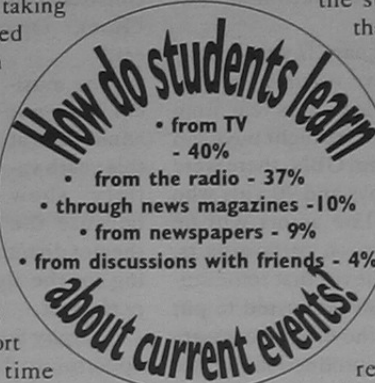
The students taking this survey ranged from freshmen to seniors. The freshmen and juniors represented the majority of the 445 students. Fewer sophomores and seniors took this survey due to short notice and the time constraints teachers were faced with.

This survey showed that over half of the students felt that their

current classes did not cover current events. As to how much emphasis of current events is taught in classes, almost half of the students said that they were brought up once or twice a week. Another question, that dealt with the way students learn about current events provided close results. Forty percent of the students learn about current events through television, while 37%

learn from the radio. Forty-five percent of the students said that they spend time reading, watching or listening to the news more than three times a week. This fact can contrast the level of current events knowledge students showed in the survey.

A final question in this category asked students if they would want more current events to be included in their classes. Students gave an answer that Social Studies Instructional Supervisor Dave Pasquini agreed with. This question showed 74% of students are interested in having more newsworthy events included in classes. Pasquini said that more current events could be implemented if more time was allotted for each class.



## BY THE NUMBERS

• TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS TAKING THE SURVEY - 445

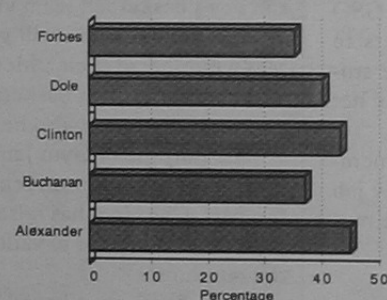
• 47% OF STUDENTS FEEL THAT THEIR CLASSES COVER CURRENT EVENTS

• 35% OF STUDENTS FEEL THAT CRIME AND DRUG ABUSE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE

• 50% OF STUDENTS WOULD VOTE FOR CLINTON, BUT ONLY 35% WOULD WANT HIM AS A NEIGHBOR

• 49% OF THE STUDENTS FEEL THAT SINCE THE CONSTITUTION PROTECTS FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND THE PRESS, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO CENSOR ANYTHING

#### Which of the candidates' programs are students most familiar with?



- TOP 5 CLASS AVERAGES (OUT OF 9) ON THE KNOWLEDGE PORTION OF THE SURVEY
1. (tie) 4.6 - ESL Intro to Social Studies I (Sullivan) & Freshman Academy Social Studies (Jozwik)
  3. 4.5 - ESL Intro to Social Studies 2 (Sullivan)
  - 4.4.2 - Junior Academy Social Studies (Rosenthal)
  5. 4.0 - History of World Civilizations Honors (Whipple)

#### Knowledge

### Current events survey averages show lack of student knowledge

by Scott Isen  
News Editor

The knowledge category on the survey proved that South has a limited background in certain areas of current events. The 19 classes taking this survey averaged 3.1 questions correct out of nine possible or approximately 34%.

Social Studies Instructional Supervisor Dave Pasquini, as well as other social studies teachers such as Hilary Rosenthal and Peter Masciopinto, were not surprised by the average because students do not have or make time to learn about news. Most people were unaware of the issues that are emphasized by candidates in the presidential election. As far as President Bill Clinton is concerned, only 37% knew that Clinton has opposed cuts in federal educational, health and environmental programs. On the other hand, 51% knew that he tried and failed to bring reform in the health care system.

Fifty-three percent knew that age was a factor in determining whether or not Bob Dole should become president. Twenty-nine percent knew that Dole supported Clinton's decision to send troops to Bosnia. A third of the students knew that Patrick Buchanan promises to be the most pro-life presi-

dent and that former candidate Malcom S. Forbes supports a simple "flat tax" families who make more than \$33,000 annually. Forty-six percent knew that Lamar Alexander (who also recently resigned from the race) is against federal involvement in welfare and proposes helping parents pay for private schools by giving them cash vouchers.

Students seemed to be less knowledgeable in the area of government spending. Thirteen percent knew that the government spends the most money

on Social Security, while 22% knew that the least money is spent on the environment and resource management.

The school average was determined by averaging the individual class scores. These scores ranged from 4.6 correct questions out of nine possible (ESL Intro to Social Studies (ISS) & Freshman Academy Social Studies) to 1.7 out of nine (History of the Civilizations of the World). John Sullivan, ISS teacher, felt that his students knew the material well and had a good idea of the information. He was not surprised by the results because current events is discussed in his classes. Rosenthal did not expect the school average to be as high as it was, but felt that the results were pathetic.

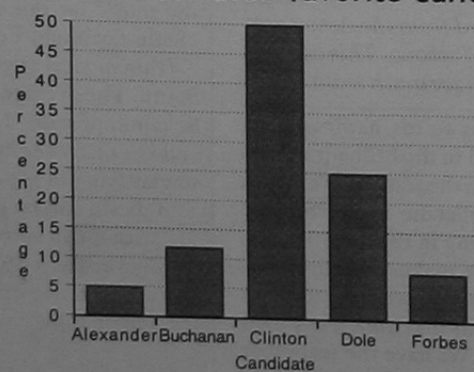
#### WHAT DO STUDENTS KNOW ABOUT THE CANDIDATES?

- 37% know Clinton opposed cuts in federal education, health and environmental programs
- 36% know that former candidate Forbes proposed a flat tax of 17%
- 38% know that Buchanan promises to be the most pro-life U.S. President
- 53% know that Dole's experience is valuable and that people question his age

## GBS elects Clinton to second term

Students were asked to pick a president if the election was held on March 8 and they could vote. By a two-to-one margin, students elected incumbent President Clinton to a second term. With 50% of the vote Clinton beat Dole (25%), Buchanan (12%), former candidates Forbes (8%) and Alexander (5%). Another question asked students to select a neighbor based upon the candidates that were running. Clinton again won this race with 35% of the vote, followed by Forbes with 21% and by Dole with 18%.

### Students vote for their favorite candidate



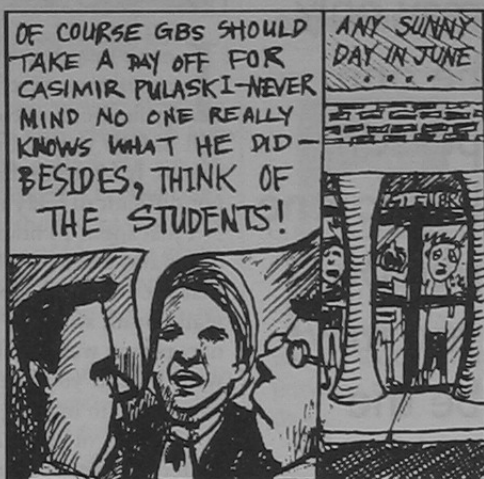
Scott Isen



## Editorial

# Sacrifice of Pulaski Day holiday is right call for students, teachers

If there is one thing high school students value, it's a day off. It seems that we as students receive precious few official school holidays. So the Board of Education's recent petition to the state of Illinois to remove Casimir Pulaski day as an official school holiday will more than likely not be met favorably by the student body.



Teachers, too, would benefit from the elimination of this holiday from South's calendar. They probably appreciate the benefits of holidays just as much as students, but they also probably notice what holidays do: break up continuity. Teachers need a sense of continuity

and rhythm to effectively teach class. Extraneous holidays certainly do not help to establish such a steady atmosphere. Some might say that to eliminate Pulaski Day is to dishonor the great contributions of this Revolutionary War participant. But perhaps a better way to honor him, if the Board of Education deems this important, would be to have classes that day teaching about him or a special assembly presentation on his life and contributions.

Either way, the best decision would be to remove Pulaski day from the school calendar. The entire school would benefit, despite the probable pleas of students—and teachers.

However, upon close examination, this decision proves to be one that is actually made in the best interests of the entire school—students and teachers alike.

## JUST THE FACTS

Glenbrook South's Board of Education, and any school board in the state, can only submit a request to the State of Illinois to remove Casimir Pulaski day from the school's calendar. The Illinois state government accepts waivers if a school can support its decision with evidence that doing so would be beneficial. However, all indications are that the state will approve the measure.

## Letters to the Editor

## Variety show 'bashing' column lacked balance

I must admit I was quite taken by the recent variety show bashing column by Brad Kimmel. Sure, it caused the controversy and minor conversations Friday afternoon the paper was distributed, but in reality, the column had no major backbone to back up the negativity generated.

As an extremely active student in broadcasting and the performing arts at South, I, speaking for many, have gained an extraordinary amount of discipline, technique, style and tools that have made my high school years both productive and enjoyable.

After having read Kimmel's article, I'm not sure if the suggestion is to stop V-show in order to fulfil some moronic idea of avoiding the hype that may draw away from "other activities." Balance is the key to surviving, whether it's V-show, a play, a basketball, or a chess match.

Furthermore, we should be honored with the pride and integrity our school's faculty, staff, students and community take in so much effort and entertainment.

Again, for those of us who did take part in V-show, congratulations. For those who came to see it, I hope you enjoyed it. And for those jealous of the talent, tough.

*Barbara Matthopoulos*

Barbara Matthopoulos '97

## Variety show shouldn't receive more attention than other activities

There has been much discussion over last issue's column by Brad Kimmel concerning the variety show. I agree with his message and fear that the students who disagree with him didn't thoroughly read the column. Like Kimmel, I agree that the variety show is a wonderful production. I have attended the show for many years and feel that this year's show was one of the best. I have many friends who were in the V-show and I know how incredibly hard they worked. The faculty, staff and students involved came together to put on a very exciting and professional performance, and should be commended for that effort.

Kimmel's question is: why does V-show receive more attention than any other activity in this school? No play, concert, athletic competition, or any other activity receives as much attention as the coveted V-show. I don't wish to abolish the variety show or reduce its importance. I only ask that other activities receive just as much support.

At this school, students have diversified interests and value some activities—not necessarily the V-show—more than others. I think the administration should recognize that, and want to fulfill all their students' needs and attempt to place equal importance on all activities. Again, the solution is not knocking down the V-show, but promoting other activities. Students in other activities work just as hard as those in the show and deserve to have their talents recognized as well.

*Brett P Smiley*

Brett Smiley '97

## Correction

## Students can't legally receive money for blood donations

In the In-Depth feature on student rights, the *Oracle* incorrectly stated a 17-year-old could earn extra money by donating blood. Due to the possibility of HIV or hepatitis infected blood, no one in the United States is allowed to be paid for donating blood.

*Mrs. Schaefer*

Lois Schaefer  
School Nurse

## 'Oracle' letter contest continues

The winner of this month's letter writing contest is Brett Smiley '97, who is the proud recipient of \$10, with which he is free to do as he pleases. And so can you, by simply scribbling down your thoughts in a semi-legible manner.

Disappointingly, only one person wrote in to complain about Brad Kimmel's apparently-not-as-inflammatory-as-it-seemed column. And Smiley even supported the column, so it seems pretty even.

The letter contest will continue for a record third month. Just drop off your letter dealing with an *Oracle* article or anything else that's semi-relevant to the school at room 223 at least 10 days prior to publication. All letters must, of course, be signed.

Once again, the decision of the judges in this contest is final and probably the best one.

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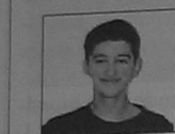
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## Society should recognize rudeness as disorder



by Scott Isen  
News Editor

Have you ever been in a situation in which you didn't get into a concert because the person in front of you (who cut in line) bought the last two tickets? Or were you in a movie theater and couldn't hear what was going on because the people behind you were talking? Did you just shake those instances off or did you want to get even? Unless you have a greater tolerance than anyone I know, you would get very angry. And why? Because of rude people.

Yes, rude people. Or shall I say many of the people who live in this world. Yes, you may take offense and say, "I'm not rude. What is he talking about?" In those instances, I have one answer... "Yes you are!"

I'll admit that I have said or done rude things in my lifetime, but that doesn't make them right. I'm extremely frustrated with selfish people who think that they are the center of the world. Those are the people that have absolutely no manners and no regrets. In their quests to make their lives easier, they are rude to many people.

If you still aren't convinced that there is an abundance of these people living in this world (and even going to school at GBS), then let me give you a few examples. Let's say that you are on the phone with someone and they got another call. Can you really say that you didn't mind holding until they decided whether or not your call was more important? Then there are the times when people constantly interrupt. Do we really care what they have to say this moment? Or how about when people (especially the ones in my classes) ask the same [stupid] questions over and over again. Instead of listening, they "tune" themselves out and wait until they want to know what the answer is or when the assignment is due. A final example goes back to my beginning thoughts. Whenever

you are in line, some people start a conversation with someone at the very end. Following their little dissertations, one asks if the other would like to cut in line. Of course they wouldn't mind, but why does everyone else behind them have to suffer?

Although some people may come to the conclusion that people are born rude and will act this way throughout their lives, I have a different feeling. People who are rude should be dealt with in ways that will cure them of their "disorders." I propose that rude people should go to clinics to treat their attitude problems. Before you jump to conclusions, let me go a bit more in-depth about these clinics which will include rude doctors, rude nurses, rude people at information desks.

Now, let me explain what will be accomplished through these clinics. First of all, the clinics will create jobs with the prerequisite of being rude. Also, the majority of rude people will be checked into these clinics--making the world a "politer" place

for the population that has manners. Finally, the clinics will "brainwash" their clients into sending some of their rude friends to get help. Not a bad plan, huh?

But now let me tell you the best part. At these clinics, patients will be subject to a variety of classes to help them overcome their rudeness. Some of the classes will feature guest speakers, while others will include vigorous "politeness" activities. During these classes, people must act polite throughout the programs (and at other functions) or be subject to dealing with Barney disciples. That torture alone would cure them forever.

The next time you are walking down the street and someone runs into you or you are awakened by the roof repairers next door, there is a solution. Instead of suffering, you might as well take some action--dial 555-RUDE for more information about how to deal with impolite people. And don't worry, even though it is a bit rude to bring it to others' attention, you are helping them in the long run. Or, more importantly, you are helping yourself.

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## Never stop dreaming

To the world, you may only be one person, but to one person, you may be the world. Snowball '96 helped students from South and North learn that they can make a difference in this world--and it showed them how



by Rhona Dasss  
Editor-in-Chief

I can't help but want to share with you the experience that I just had. Snowball has, by far, been one of the greatest days that I will always remember when I think of high school. It's hard to describe how I feel, but it's not difficult to relay the message.

I just spent 14 hours with a group of 300 students and teachers who came together to show that they wanted to make a difference. If you really think about it, you are not just any ordinary person walking the face of the earth. If you want to, and you put your mind to it, you can contribute to making a difference.

Helping others doesn't necessarily imply undertaking a great task that will bring you recognition. It can be smiling at strangers, or saying hi to people you see in school. It can also be taking up the responsibility to set a positive image for people who may need a role model.

Teenagers don't exactly have the best reputation today. It makes me angry that the good things that teenagers actually do are not usually taken into consideration when an evaluation about our generation is made. It seems as if more people want to focus on the negatives, rather than digging deep for those of us who are struggling to make a difference. It is imperative to give young people, who are working very hard to touch others lives, the positive reinforcement they need.

I really want to thank the adults who strongly anticipate a great deal of potential in teens, once they are set on the right track. Without their guidance, our generation would not be able to carry on the affirmative qualities in people. It is this insight that allows the adults, of the next generation, to show young people how to continue being generous.

One of the biggest challenges in trying to make a difference is taking a risk. It is better to take a chance than to always wonder about what could have happened.

At the closing ceremony, someone made a wish that the positive energy felt in the room could be shared and spread with many others. He asked that everyone take a piece of what they learned and shed some light onto someone else's life.

I guess sometimes wishes do come true.

Guest Column

## Inequity in college sports may be based on economics

There is no denying that female college athletes aren't treated as well as their male counterparts. Many debate why this disparity exists, but the answer may be all too simple--men's sports bring in more money.

Last month, the *Oracle* ran a letter written by Ms. Anderson with regards to gender (in)equity in college sports. This retort letter is not meant to dispute the inequality which female athletes face today, nor is it meant to impugn the widely acknowledged claim of the presence of sexism in our athletic programs. This letter simply intends to illustrate that while sexism is indeed a latent component in the inequity which occurs in the college athletic world, perhaps a far more damning integer is the very concept which we as Americans fight for on a daily basis: capitalism.

Ms. Anderson mentions in her letter that "men's teams...most often travel in planes...and coach buses" to and from sporting events while women's teams are often relegated to inferior travel accommodations (such as vans and less luxurious buses). This point cannot be disputed. In fact, the inequalities are not only restricted to travel: in many instances, men's programs stay in superior lodgings and are granted a larger allocation for meals. Ms. Ander-

son next asks the rhetorical question, "Is my daughter's life less valuable, or her comfort less important than my sons' because the boys' college athletic teams bring in more revenue than the girls' program[?]"

It is at this point where we must decipher if the true cause of the inequity relates to gender or economics. In other words, why exactly does this disparity exist? I think all we need to do is flip through the television channels this weekend to answer this question. "March Madness," and all the hype which precedes it, has arrived. Note that both the men's and women's NCAA basketball tournaments are held jointly. Yet ask

yourself which tournament attracts the most attention; which tournament generates millions of dollars for television networks, universities and individuals; in short, which tournament consumes the mass populace for three weeks? People start conversations by asking, "Who do you think'll win the tournament this year?" There's no need to even specify to which tournament the speaker is referring. Most people would not argue the point that men's sports as a whole are more popular and produce more cash flow than women's. The question now seems to be: should men receive a larger piece of the pie since they contribute more to its creation? Also, is this a sexist action? Perhaps these are questions to contemplate a little more deeply before coming to a conclusion.

*Ad O'Donnell*

Bernard O'Donnell  
English Department



## Babysitting teaches teens more than changing diapers

by Brian Christensen  
Assistant In-Depth Editor

I remember it very, very clearly. A family friend of ours called me on St. Patrick's Day and asked if I could come over and babysit while they went to a party. I was only in sixth grade and I had just graduated from not having to have a babysitter myself. But the family was in a real bind, and I was desperate for cash.

That occasion had started off a small "career" of babysitting. My brother was only two years older than I was and the two of us would get a steady stream of calls each week-end for jobs. At first I was merely an ignorant little boy who let the kiddies take control, but after awhile I became known as the mean babysitter that not many little kids liked, but the parents loved.

But I remember the few high points and the innumerable low points. I remember little Sally coming up to me with chocolate all over her face saying that no, she wasn't

I wasn't a dictator and the little kids weren't beaten into doing what I told them to. They realized I really didn't want to be mean to them.

the one who made the brownies on the counter disappear. I remember Baby Marky who had just learned how to crawl, and unhitch his dirty diapers, and I remember the kid that kept hiding her dollies in the oven (a little sadistic, don't you think?)

Then I smartened up. For instance, instead of cleaning up the kitchen after the kids had gone to bed, I developed a new plan. As soon as the kids started to even think about fighting with each other, I would whip out the broom and the dustpan and put the precious little monsters to good use. We no longer watched *Barnie* and *Rainbow Bright* all night, but instead did a puzzle or something so that the babysitter (me) wouldn't start to pull his hair out before seven because of excessive and inhumane boredom.

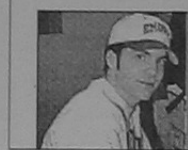
I wasn't a dictator and the little kids weren't beaten into doing what I told them to. After a few Saturday nights with me, they realized that I really didn't want to be mean to them. It was smooth sailing as long as they listened to the captain of this vessel. We had no problems playing *dodge ball* in the basement or playing infinite hours of video games. My theory was that if I wore the kids out enough, they'd drop like lead when bed time rolled around.

But there is a point to this random trail of thoughts. The point is that my little brother is going to start babysitting soon and is going to have one of the best learning experiences of his young life. He'll learn not only how to change diapers, but he is going to have the chance of perfecting the art of playing hide and seek and pretend in not seeing the little kid behind the chair (the game would end way too soon that way.)

And he'll learn that the trust the parents give him is immeasurable but the money they pay him isn't.

## Simple ninety-ten rule can make life much easier to figure out

Most of the universe isn't worth anything, but a small amount actually matters



by Brad Kimmel  
Associate/Opinion Editor

I think I've finally figured it out. As a die-hard cynic, I struggle daily to reconcile my attitude with a positive outlook on life. I want to look on the bright side of life, but experience tends to slap me in the face when I do so.

Of course, pure, uncut cynicism is nihilism—a belief in nothing. The opposite, over-zealous optimism, is silly. So a truly workable system would be somewhere in between. And so I introduce to you the 90-ten rule: something to live your life by.

I don't claim the 90-ten rule as my own. I've overheard it or read it in various situations. It basically goes like this: ninety percent of the universe is crap. The rest isn't.

Unsurprisingly, this rule can be applied on a micro-level. Take any category: books, movies, people, politicians, and about nine out of ten members will not be worth spitting on if they are on fire.

Some may react to this skeptically. How can such a large amount of anything be that bad? To this point I must concede that the 90-ten rule is not completely valid. In some extreme cases, the ratio dips to 87-13, or even 85-15 in rare instances.

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So, as has been established, 90 percent of anything is crap. The beauty of the system now comes into play.

If 90 percent of anything is crap, then ten percent is actually worth pursuing.

That's right. Even though the entire universe, right down to the halls of Glenbrook South, teems with mediocrity, there is a small but utterly significant portion which deserves our immediate attention.

As far as I can tell, life is about finding that ten percent. Try to determine which books are worth reading, even if you have to get through a few bad ones along the way. Figure out which music is worthwhile, and listen to it, regardless of whether it's "cool" or not.

One important addendum to the 90-ten rule: unfortunately, it's all subjective. Although to each person ten percent of the universe is—

for lack of a better word—worthwhile, what constitutes this ten percent varies from person to person. So don't spend your life trying to shove your ten percent down everyone's throat—or let others do so to you.

I've become pretty happy since figuring out this rule. Previously, I would deal with, for example, people who I now know do not fit into my ten percent. But out of what I felt to be social obligation, or a desire to fit in, or some other reason, I bothered to deal with these people. Now I don't do so voluntarily. I'm still civil, but I will no longer go out of my way to accommodate them.

So instead of concentrating energy on dealing with people you don't really care about, figure out who the important people in your life are and pay attention to them. They will always be there for you. Anyone else will do so at their own convenience.

Happy figuring.

## Obedience to time doesn't make for enjoyable high school years



by Alpa Shah  
In-Depth Editor

Think, think, think...the clock is ticking! Election '96? No, that's been covered. 19 minutes left. How about another senior complaint column? No, maybe not. If only I had more time!

It's a shame my life is ruled by the watch. I eat, sleep, breathe and type important opinions in relation to time. At 7:10 a.m., I must rise. At 7:45 a.m., I must be in class. At 10:15 a.m., I must eat, and at 10:45 I must be finished. And so on and so forth...

I have come to realize how this concept of time is taking over my life. I have finished four years of high school (for all intents and purposes) and I haven't even slowed down enough to remember them! I don't want my life to revolve around the number of hours left in the day! What is more important than living your life to the fullest? And how can I accomplish

But to hell with logic! I've grown tired of this fixed routine that I must follow; I crave freedom and peace.

this if I don't stop for a minute and smell the proverbial flower? I'd like to play tennis in this beautiful weather for a change. I'd like to have a chat with a classmate I don't know. I'd like it all to stop for just a little while.

In the words of Darius Rucker: Time, why you punish me?

Perhaps we shouldn't be so concerned with the date, hour, and minute at any given point in our lives. Oh, I agree that the idea of time itself is brilliant and the inventor must have been a genius. It's a logical and necessary creation.

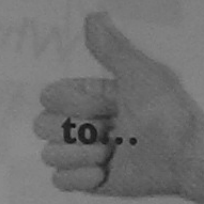
But to hell with logic! I've grown tired of this fixed routine that I must follow; I crave freedom and peace. I crave to break

these ties that bind me to the ticking hand, drawing me closer and closer to the final hour!

These days need to be longer. Or we need the option to stop time when necessary. I'm 16, and I need to enjoy life, I need to appreciate every passing minute. College is an entirely new world, and I'll be leaving all of this behind soon...so I better get my fill while I can.

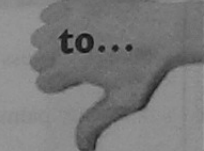
I may not believe in time, but I'm still trying to capture the moment.

## Thumbs



to...

- ...the start of March Madness.
- ...every student who thumbed his or her nose at authority and entered a three-dollar NCAA tournament pool. Rock on in your youthful abandon!
- ...people who still don't know how to walk in the hallways. You've given us stuff to write about all year.
- ...the computer compatability results. Even if they were less than scientific, they sure were fun.
- ...Jerry Springer, for agreeing to be guest on a WMA radio show.
- ...Spring Break coming up soon. (But not soon enough.)
- ...Gym Jam being postponed, thus giving us time to train for the all-important pickleball tournament.
- ...The Nashville Network, for showing reruns of "The Dukes of Hazzard," quite possibly the world's best television show.
- ...Rumble in the Bronx, quite possibly the world's best movie.



to...

- ...all the sophomores who drove to school during IGAP testing.
- ...people who complain about Oracle opinion pieces but don't bother to write letters.
- ...that crazy Whitewater juror who insisted on wearing her Star Trek uniform to court. "Set phasers to kill, bailiff."
- ...people who don't flush.
- ...Dennis Rodman, for breaking a photographer's (very expensive) camera for no good reason.
- ...the NBA for coming down so hard on Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf. The national anthem symbolizes the freedom to do what he did.

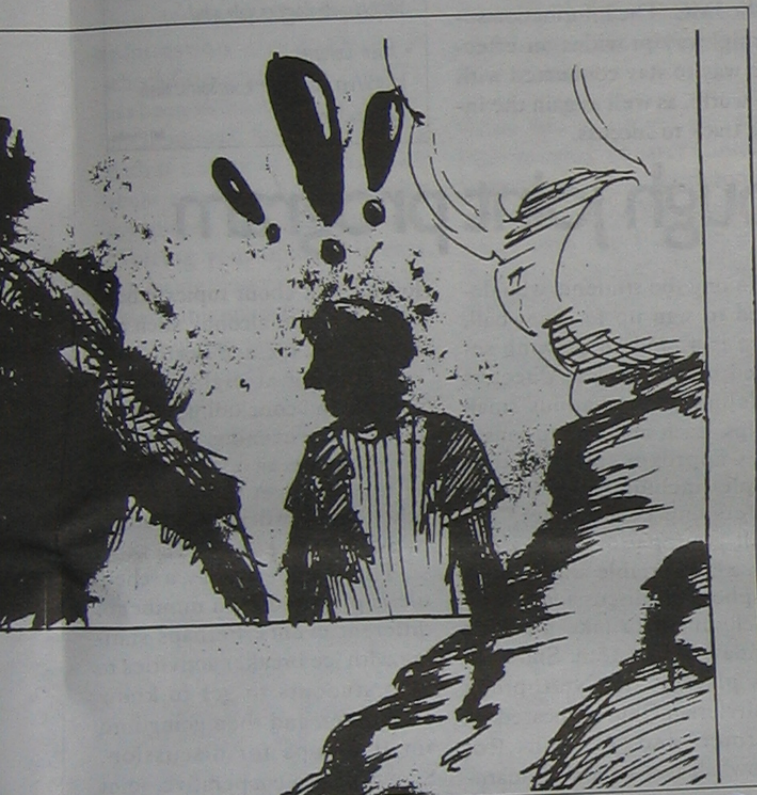


Most people have a tornado phobia when they are children. As people grow older, their fear of storms usually diminishes. Westfield College psychologist Dr. J. H. Weatherford says that "anxiety about storms is usually based upon a lack of understanding of storms, and as one does more research on them, the anxiety disappears."



# Afraid of dark?

s a light on phobias



clock frighten you?

about twenty-five of the people said, if given the choice, they would rather type on a typewriter than be forced to work on a computer.

As expected, teenagers are more likely to respond well to modern technological advances than are adults. The one area where teenagers did not feel real comfortable was using a car phone, as almost half of those teenagers surveyed said that they did not feel comfortable using them. Nine out of ten teenagers said that they knew how to operate a CD player, while only 61% of adults thought that they could figure one out.

## • Tornado! Run away!

Most people are afraid when a tornado warning comes out or when the lightning and thunder are directly overhead. Some people, though, live in constant fear of the elements. John Westfield, a University of Iowa psychologist, has defined weather phobia as a "crippling anxiety that strikes people who are unduly afraid of thunder-

people than you think.

Approaching bad weather make weather phobics fear for their life, even if the weather is five days away. A person with this condition will likely be so anxious that they're unable to perform daily duties. Many will spend an entire day watching the weather channel and the local news, just waiting for the big storm to hit. Weather phobics will also call the National Weather Service constantly to find out the latest weather movements.

## • What's the source?

There is still much debate on what causes a phobia. Some think it stems from a single frightening experience with the object, some think that they form over a long period of time, and still others think that phobias result from distorted thoughts about the thing feared. While there might never possibly be a cure for phobias, behaviorists believe that exposure to the subject of the phobia is the best way to overcome it

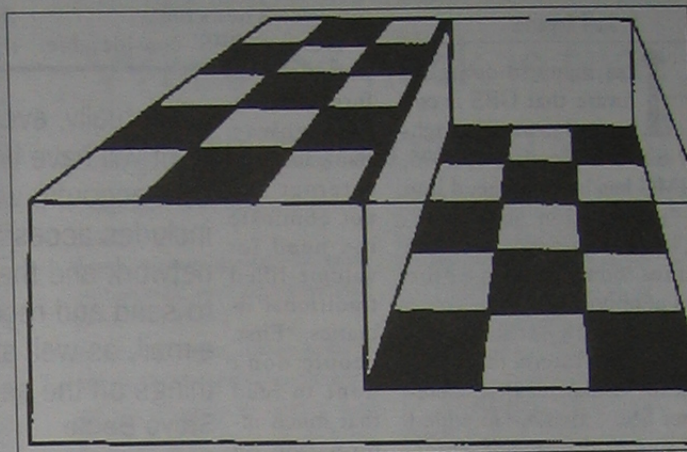
## Anxieties can be natural or learned

by Marius Andreassen  
Staff Reporter

Everyone has heard of some kind of phobia, whether it be claustrophobia, or arachnophobia. However, do you know what a phobia really is? According to Glenbrook South's Introduction to Psychology textbook, a phobia is defined as "a fear so extreme that it interferes with normal living." For example, a fear of wide open spaces could keep a person inside their house, preventing them from living a "normal" life.

We are all born with some natural fears; however, most fears are learned. John B. Watson, with his 1920 experiment on baby Albert and a white rat, was the first to demonstrate the possibility of learning a fear. The experiment involved Albert, a baby who had no fear of white rats, and the white rat. Every time the rat appeared, a hammer was struck, scaring baby Albert. Soon, Albert was scared of the white rat even though no hammer was struck. Thus, Albert had learned his fear of rats.

However, contrary to Watson's findings, almost half of all people with phobias have never had a painful experience with the object of their fear (*Behaviour Research & Therapy*).



The above image is called the "visual cliff," a test devised by psychologist Eleanor Gibson to determine how early the natural fear of heights appears in humans. Children who have never even fallen off a cliff will not venture to the "edge."

This phenomenon is called learning fear by observation. An example would be the common fear of snakes. Many people have never had an unpleasant experience with a snake but have heard stories of such occurrences. Thus, they too develop a fear of snakes based on what they hear.

There are two types of therapies that are intended specifically for the treatment of phobias—systematic desensitization and flooding. Systematic desensitization, the most common and most successful treatment, is the method of reducing fear by gradually exposing people to the object of their fear. For example, a person

who fears snakes might first be shown a picture of a snake and eventually will be given a snake to pet.

The other method, flooding, is when the person is suddenly exposed to the object they fear until they no longer fear the object. For example, a person who fears snakes would be placed in a room with many snakes until they feel comfortable around the snakes.

Many people have at least one or two fears. Fears keep us alive - without them we might place ourselves in precarious situations. These fears are mostly harmless until they become phobias, at which point they should and can be cured.

## Phobic Phrases

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fire  
death  
strangers

Source: Fears and Phobias



# Internet merges GBS onto information highway

by Laurel Felt  
Staff Reporter

How many students are aware that GBS is connected to a major highway? Since December of 1995, the IMC has been plugged into the "information superhighway," providing access to the Internet along with an entire world of opportunity.

"You can learn just about anything from the Internet," enthusiastically explained IMC Coordinator Steve Baule. He added that Internet also provides information that is not only more current but also more accessible. For example, via "the Net," one can look up the daily newspaper from Melbourne, Australia. Due to the differing time-zones between Chicago and Melbourne, it's already tomorrow in Australia so one could actually read tomorrow's news today!

Despite GBS' considerable use of the information superhighway, Baule feels the Internet will not eliminate the need for volume-filled traditional libraries. "First, people don't want to read that much information on the screen. Second, it would be more expensive for individual people to print out information than for one book to circulate among everyone. And third, there's no screening of the information on the Internet, so you can't be sure if things are true or worthy. Books have to be edited and go to a printer, but anyone can make their own web page."

"Eventually, every student will have his or her own account, which includes access to the network and the ability to send and receive e-mail, as well as store things on the server."

Steve Baule

enough for two classes. We'll also change the card catalog to a graphic interface so students can click and move to various topics and there will be more access to CD-ROM resources. And eventually, every student will have

his or her own account, which includes access to the network and the ability to send and receive e-mail, as well as store things on the server."

Currently, the Glenbrooks have their own location on the Internet. The address is: <http://www.glenbrook.k12.il.us>. From the Glenbrook menu, kids can look up information in world-wide publications, and even contact experts in various fields for help on homework! Said Baule, "We're trying to make it easier for students and teachers to do research."

Because of GBS's access to the Internet, life in the fast lane now leads right up to the doors of the IMC. The information superhighway provides an effective way to stay connected with our world, as well as gain the inside track to success.

## Web Sites Few Knew Exist

- April Fool's pranks  
<http://sunsite.unc.edu/dbarber/april-fools.html>
- Sumo Wrestling  
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- Deep Thoughts  
<http://orange-room.cc.nd.edu/toybox/writtenword/JackHandey.html>
- David Letterman  
<http://bingen.cs.csbsju.edu/letterman.html>
- Spelunking (aka. Mountain Climbing)  
<http://speleology.cs.yale.edu/>
- Alien Cultures  
<http://err.ethz.ch/~kiwi/Spirit/alien-cultures.html>

Jeff Ouyang

## Students learn to cope with life through joint program

by Anna Yum  
Staff Reporter



A group of student leaders play with warm fuzzies as a Snowball activity. Snowball unites both GBS and GBN students together.

Whether it's competing against GBN through sports and academics, there's many ways where South students congregate and cooperate with the students from North. Among these activities, is a joint cooperative workshop called Snowball.

Consisting of 150 students from both Glenbrook South and Glenbrook North, this workshop deals with twenty student team leaders as well as twenty teachers. The twenty leaders consist of a majority of senior students from both schools.

Snowball is open to anyone who wishes to be involved. Recently supplying applications at the bookstore, Snowball has been a popular activity among students from all years.

Among the students who decided to sign up for Snowball, there is a random drawing selected by the student directors to delineate the various small groups. Each small group constitutes approximately thirteen people, including the two co-leaders and one teacher. The small groups provide students with a comfortable and open atmosphere for discussion.

Scheduled to take place on Monday, March 18th, Snowball took place at the Northbrook Presbyterian Church located on Shermer and Church Rd. "Snowball is a hands on learning experience. Most people think it's for students totally against drugs and alcohol, but it's not just that," senior Michael Slutzky commented. "People who are involved should make the most of the experience. For instance, there's speakers in-

vited to talk about topics other than drugs and alcohol, such as body image, sex, and death."

Beginning at eight in the morning and concluding at nine thirty in the evening, Snowball gives students an opportunity to be involved, get to know each other, and participate in group activities.

Throughout the day, a schedule is prepared for a number of different events. Perhaps starting with ice breaker activities to help students to get to know each other, and then going into small groups for discussion, Snowball is a cooperative, joint effort among students from both South and North.

Participant and South senior Mike Fiorentino remarked, "Basically Snowball is a day where students from North and South can meet together, and feel better about themselves."

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# DJ proves to be more than a voice

by Jeff Ouyang  
Assistant Features Editor

Witty and charming" are the two adjectives often used to describe junior Barb Matthopoulos. Better known as Babbling Barb, Matthopoulos' GBS radio name, this junior has gone far beyond the limits of high school broadcasting.

Matthopoulos, who has been on radio since her freshman year, has her own talk show which airs on Thursdays and Fridays on the school radio station, WMWA 88.5 at 6:30 am. Because of the show, Matthopoulos often hears information concerning the school first, and, consequently, has been nicknamed the Mouth of Glenbrook South. Babbling Barb is a show of "spirited talk about anything. I like to voice my opinion," says Matthopoulos. "Voicing your opinion is easy, but being classy in the way that you do it is another." The popularity of the show has made it featured on NBC's First Thing in the Morning on March 15.

Radio is just a fraction of what Matthopoulos has done. She is also enrolled in Advanced Tele-



Junior Barb Matthopoulos hosts her talk show on GBS radio. The popularity of the show made it featured on NBC's First Thing in the Morning.

vision and is a member of the International Theater Guild. In September of 1991, Matthopoulos performed at the Rosemont Horizon with the Boy Scouts of America in an anti-drug presentation called, "Kid's Say No!"

Getting involved in odd and rare opportunities such as being on the production staff of Patrick Swayze's movie *Next of Kin*, seems to be a hobby for Matthopoulos. Together with Swayze, she be-

came a judge in the audition for musicians needed for the movie. Once, during a convention at the Merchandise Mart, Matthopoulos had the chance to work with Steve Cochran of FM100. Together they planned out programs for the air.

As one who has done much more in television, radio, and the arts than other teens her age, Matthopoulos' winning philosophy in life is, "Just try something. You can't just do nothing."

## South hooks up through computers

by Mary Hong  
Staff Reporter

One day in March, any observer might have noticed the ubiquity of pink sheets of paper. They could be spotted in students' hands and backpacks, causing hysterical laughter, the raising of eyebrows, or even horrific screams—all in good fun, of course. After all, these were the annual compatibility test results, coming at a timely moment in the year—the period between Valentine's Day and Turnabout.

"I think it's pretty funny when you find out who you're most compatible with and you've never heard of the person," commented freshman Jeeyoung Shim. In fact, a recent Oracle survey revealed that a large majority of GBS students do not view the test as a significant or serious analysis of their compatibility with their classmates. Sponsored by the junior class board, which is advised by faculty member Debbie

Caras, the test was administered the week of Valentine's Day. The results, reported in terms of percentages, were purchased in the Student Activities Office for a dollar. Freshman Liz Choi remarked, "I could have bought a package of Skittles with that dollar."

Those who didn't choose this option found themselves either stunned or bemused by the listed names. The test is based upon the percentage of answers that matched up with others of the opposite sex, and is all computed by a computer.

The proceeds go to the Junior Class, which has traditionally used it towards the Junior/Senior Prom held in May. The committee of junior class board members mainly in control of this fundraiser consisted of Steve Johnson, Amanda Losquadro, and Lisa Pierce. According to Pierce, the money garnered from the curiosity of GBS students helps lower the cost of prom bids. The laughter and embarrassment that usually arrives with the test results do go to a good cause after all.

### Reflections on the GBS Compatibility Test

"It's not very accurate. I mean, there's about a 1% chance that the two listed people will EVER hook-up."  
Christina Brodbeck, '96

"I wouldn't recommend making any life altering decisions based on the results but it was fun to do anyway."  
Jennifer Herzog, '98

"I think it was very inaccurate because I was compatible with another male!"  
Tim Rocap, '98

"Everyone on my list was a relative. They're a rip off of \$1. I could have brought a package of Skittles with that dollar."  
Liz Choi, '99

"They're nifty."  
Jesse Boua, '99

"It is the greatest thing that happened to me. There was a girl I liked on the list so I decided to pursue it. It turned out that she liked me too!"  
Doil Kim, '97

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Location: the boy's john in the Old Pit

Appearance: a rusty button on the wall next to a sink and soap dispenser

After much painstaking research, we discovered the mysterious button was formerly a part of a Fastaire System Automatic Hand Dryer. However, the reason why the button solely exists or why the hand dryer is no longer there remains unknown. Upon asking a custodian about the history of "the button," he replied, smiling, "Um, I think it was part of a soap dispenser." Perhaps the hand dryer was mercilessly torn off the wall by a disgruntled GBS student, leaving the button behind, or upon pressing the button, the hidden camera in the bathroom is activated, but it looks like we will never know.



Behold, the button on the wall of the boy's bathroom in the Old Pit! Many press this defunct button for good luck.

by Lilian C. Tsai

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## Spring Sports Preview

## Veteran seniors lead baseballers in quest for crown



The GBS baseball season is beginning again and this year's team is ready to compete for a good finish in the conference.

According to head coach Jeff Aaron, this year's team is composed of a "nice core of experienced seniors." Seniors returning from last year's team include all-conference outfielder Jay Grodecki, second baseman Steve Hall, catcher Ricky Levy, and first baseman/pitcher Doug Silverwood.

The pitching staff will be led by experienced number one starter Todd Holmes as well as Tyler Ponterelli.

Aaron believes that the ultimate goal for the team this year will be to "compete for conference and win twenty games."

One major obstacle standing in the way of the Titans will be an extremely tough New Trier team. Aaron predicts, "It will be tough to beat New Trier for conference. We could be as good or better than anybody else."

-Brad Helfand

## Gymnasts look to continue success, winning streak



The Glenbrook South men's gymnastics team has started off right where they left off last season. The gymnasts have gotten off to a fabulous start with a 2-0 record. They have defeated conference rivals Evanston and Maine East.

Glenbrook South's team is looking to win their sixth Central Suburban League conference title in a row, while trying to keep a 47-meet winning streak alive.

-Chaz Quinn

## Netters earn preseason number one rank



The Glenbrook South men's volleyball team hopes to continue the success they achieved last year.

The men's volleyball squad gained the *Chicago Tribune* preseason number one ranking. With returning starters seniors Eric Shoemaker, Yop Kang,

James McDorman and juniors Tim O'Brien and Chris Dimotropolous, the team is very experienced. Led by Head Coach Patty Iverson, the boys volleyball team looks to reach new heights.

"We [the volleyball team] have a lot of experience. We hope this will be a good year," comments Iverson on her highly talented team.

Iverson hopes this year's team will "do better than last year." Last year, the Titans lost in the IHSA tournament after earning a number one ranking late in the season.

-Josh Adams

## Booters set goal as second league title



The women's soccer team is confident entering this season.

Captains

Shannon

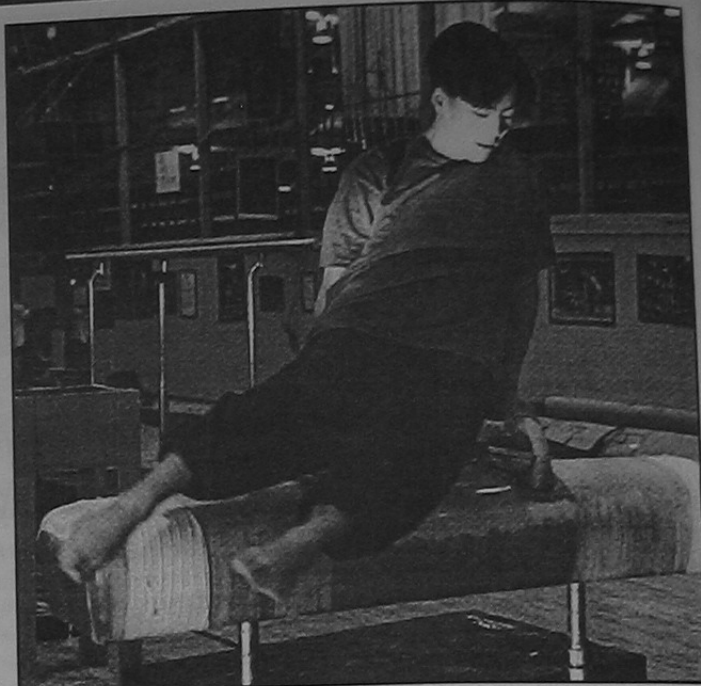
Gallagher and Katie Boehm lead a squad that captured its first-ever conference title last season. Returning players from last year's successful squad include seniors Gallagher, Boehm, and Kristy Eastman, junior Erin Partaker and sophomore Kathleen Weber. Underclassmen on this year's squad include Courtney Bathgate, Megan Fahey, and Jenny Gustafson.

This year's team began its season on March 19, against Stevenson at Glenbrook South.

This year's women's soccer squad hopes to recapture the conference title, but will have to overcome a tough CSL conference.

Captain Gallagher feels that this team has a great chance to earn the conference championship. According to Gallagher, "We really have a solid all-around team. Susie McCreery has really stepped up into the goalkeeping position. She plays with a lot of heart."

-Jason Sherwood



Senior Cliff Chen practices maneuvers on the pommel horse. The men's gymnastics team currently owns a 48-match win streak.

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## Spring Sports Preview

# Titan athletes prepare for competitive campaigns

### Juniors, sophs dominate badminton team

Coaches Jan Fuller and John Baar are excited about starting another badminton season.

Fuller, varsity coach, is eager to train her young team. This year the team contains 49 juniors and sophomores. Senior Christina Brodbeck is the only returning senior player.

Their overall record is 0-1, but everyone is ready for the challenges they will face. Baar is also looking forward to building his team. The two coaches are working together to face the challenges of other schools.

They are also preparing students to play badminton at a higher level.

Saturday, March 16, the j.v. and v. teams have a CSL Invitational.

-Jasmine V. Hernandez

### Track team welcomes several key performers from last year's squad

Coach John Davis and his track team have started the track season off on the right foot.

All the men and women have been practicing to make this season the best.

At the Fenton Invitational the men proved that all their hard work paid off. They placed third.

Juniors John Novotny and Jim Schamber returned as number one sprinter and 800 meter runner. In the hurdle and pole vault events, juniors, Brett Smiley and Amit Patel returned to make their mark.

The women have also been practicing hard. Seniors Gena LoBello and Sarah Vragel returned for their last season on the GBS track team.

LoBello competes in the hurdles, and Vragel in the distance events. Margaret Crowley, a junior, returned to participate in the 400 meters. Sophomore Beth Lewis has come back to take part in the sprints.

At the Wheeling Relays the men and women placed second. Conference meets are from March 11-15. Davis

encourages everyone to come out for the exciting sport.

-Jasmine V. Hernandez

### Softball team hopes for improvement on 1995's record



The girls' varsity softball team is once again looking to continue their winning

ways as the spring season approaches. The Titans hope to improve on last year's 19-7 record, and will be relying on several key returning players. Among the returning seniors are pitcher Amy Albert, short-

stop Meghan Roberts, Stephanie Smetana, Heather Kishkunas, and Nicole Vardijan. The team will also be bolstered by returning juniors Namrata Chand and Lindsey Pierce.

Coach MaryBeth Steilen has high aspirations for the team this year, but realizes that there are several good teams in the area.

Of particular importance will be the games against New Trier, and the upcoming doubleheader at home against St. Viator on March 23. "They will be competing for the conference championship again this year," she comments. The team continues with games on Monday at Buffalo Grove.

by Andy McDougall

## Dedication, hard work mean success for top lacrosse player

by Andy McDougall  
Staff Reporter

Some athletes are born great. Others achieve excellence by ambition and practice. Senior Justin Rounds of the varsity lacrosse team has the blessing of being a combination of the two.

Rounds is the epitome of hard work and dedication. His desire to be the best has gotten him numerous awards and recognition.

Rounds and his parents, Doug and Julie Rounds, have been instrumental in the GBS lacrosse program. They introduced the sport to the school two years ago, and since then have acted as the directors of the program. Virtually all aspects of both the men's and women's teams are coordinated through the Rounds family, from practices to games.

Hard work and determination have gotten Rounds the recognition that he has earned through lacrosse. "I think that by setting my goals high and practicing a

lot I've been able to do well," he comments. His unique talent has netted him such honors as being named to the Chicago All-Star team as a junior last year. He also earned a spot on the All-Conference team due to the solid year he had. These achievements came despite a nagging early season injury, a broken thumb which he ignored and played with in a cast for several games. Rounds also led the team to a playoff berth where the Titans defeated Glenbrook North 22-2. Glenbrook South was eliminated only after posting an impressive 8-4 record on the year, a huge improvement on the first season of Glenbrook South lacrosse for the young team.

Rounds and the rest of the Titan lacrosse players hope to improve on last year's record beginning with their first game against Oak Park, April 10. "There's a lot of young talent, and if they work hard they'll be really good," he adds.

### UPCOMING LACROSSE GAMES



#### MEN:

Wed. April 10  
Oakpark (Away)  
Fri. April 12  
Loyola

Tues. April 16 Lake Forest (Away)  
Thurs. April 18 Libertyville

#### Women:

The women have a variety of meets scheduled. They include games against Loyola, Regina, and New Trier. Later in the year they are planning to participate in a tournament in St. Louis.



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# Winter Sports Wrap-up



## Men's Basketball

**Overall Record:** 16-13  
**Conference Record:** 4-6

### Season highlights:

- Won regional for second time in GBS history
- Won Fenton tournament
- Advanced to sectional final

### Key Performers:

- Shawn Schmidt- leading scorer
- Kurt Anderson- leading rebounder
- Charlie Basil

### Coach's Comment:

"We were very disappointed with our play at the mid-part of the season. This [winning the regional] takes all of that away."

-Coach Steve Weissenstein



## Women's Basketball

**Overall Record:** 22-6  
**Conference Record:** 9-1

### Season Highlights:

- Won CSL South Conference Championship
- Fifth straight season with 20 wins

### Key Performers:

- Dana Leonard-Chicago Tribune second team All-State choice
- McKenzie Krueger-All Conference selection
- Erin Partaker-All Conference selection

### Coach's Comment:

"This is a tough conference; any time you can win a conference championship should be considered a success."

-Coach Howard Romanek



## Wrestling

**Overall Record:** 3-17  
**Conference Record:** 0-5

### Highlights:

- Senior Kurt Heilemann won 20 matches by pinning his opponent, the second highest total in Glenbrook South's history

### Key Performers:

- Heilemann-third in regionals, all-conference selection
- Brian Pollina
- Kerry Tamura
- Zlatan Pasic

### Coach's Comment:

"We wrestled well all year, but we lost because of forfeits."

-Coach Tim Cichowski



## Swimming & Diving

**Overall Record:** 3-6  
**Conference Record:** 2-3

### Highlights:

- Junior diver Matt Vondra finished seventh in the state.
- The 200 Free relay team of Eric Anderson, Marius Andreasen, Jack Feeney, and Stephen Rubin finished fourth in CSL South Division

### Key Performers:

- Matt Vondra
- Relay team of Anderson, Andreasen, Feeney, and Rubin
- 200 Medley relay team of Anderson, Andreasen, Justin Rounds, and Rubin

### Coach's Comment:

"I am really excited about Matt Vondra finishing seventh."

-Coach Robin Doyle



## Women's Gymnastics

**Conference Record:** 5-0

### Highlights:

- First conference championship since 1983-84
- Sophomore Lauren Anderson finished first in conference in all four events and all-around for the first time in GBS history.

### Key Performers:

- Anderson-State qualifier on beam, floor, and all-around.
- Karen Ostergaard-State qualifier on beam.
- Doris Jeske

### Coach's Comment:

"This has been our most successful year since I have been head coach!"

-Coach Jan Osowski

## Upcoming Matches

**Volleyball**-March 26,  
Glenbrook North, 5:00,  
away

**Tennis**-April 1,  
Stevenson, 4:30, away

**Gymnastics**-March  
29, Glenbrook North,  
7:00, away

**Baseball**-Today,  
Leyden, 4:15, away

**Softball**-Today,  
Highland Park, 4:30, home  
**Soccer**-Today, Mundelein,  
4:30, home

**Women's Track**-April  
9, Loyola/New Trier,  
4:30, home

**Men's Track**-April 13,  
Libertyville Quad, 1:00, Away  
**Badminton**-March 26,  
Evanston, 4:30, home



# a tribute to cereal

Our salute to cereals, which are probably more

American than that Ford you're driving.

noying bee. What do all these things mean to us? Are we reminded of our childhood days when our older siblings ate all of the Corn Pops? No, I didn't think so. Through all of this mindless marketing it's incredible how an advertiser actually created these images we can't seem to forget.

As we were meandering down the supermarket aisle, a new type of the "part of the essential" breakfast struck us. Literally. That kid Mikey, from the Life commercial was there - or at least his cardboard cutout was. I tried to feed him Spam, but found out that he doesn't eat anything.

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## Pseudo-healthy cereals.

Life. "Unless your kids are weird, your kids will eat it." As one Sally Jesse Raphael guest commented, "We all freaky on the inside."

No. Frosted Mini Wheats. Do they really think we want to be so young that we fall out of our clothes on camera? Why would we want to go back to adolescence anyway? Wasn't it painful enough the first time?

No. Cheerios. What's with that bee? And why haven't we seen him in a while?

No. (Original) Alpha Bits. The cereal that promotes literacy by reading the food. They spell out the word then show the picture. D-o-g. Dog. Only, the letters that come out of the box are all smashed, nothing like the commercial, only teaching the kid some reading disability.

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market, there are many of us who just can't resist cashing in the \$1 off coupon for Lucky Charms.

Lucky Charms. What's the big deal with getting brighter colored marshmallows (which aren't really marshmallows....we all know that they're crunchy, sugary little tablets). When was the last time you opened a box of cereal and said, "Gosh, why are the marshmallows so dull?"

No. Coco Puffs. Why do the advertisers encourage the idea that Coco Puffs make you go nutty? If I was a four-year-old kid, I'd be scared to death.

No. Froot Loops. All the real fruit you find in this cereal box has got to be all in the mind. Who came up with this idea? Did he or she actually think that we'd be stupid enough to buy crunchy, gritty fruit in a box?

No. Apple Jacks. Once again the apples, fruit motif kinda thing.

No. Frosted Flakes. Why don't they want to show their faces to this interviewer guy? They must be getting audited or being questioned by the FBI or something like that. Doesn't it lead one to believe that eating this cereal is incriminating? Why would we want to eat it?

# Kudos!



Senior Jacky Lewkovich takes a break from directing a recent Friday Night Live special to succumb under the photographer's demands to look dapper.

Believe it or not, Kudos is not only the brand of candy disguised as otherwise harmless granola bars....Kudos is a sincere, congratulatory compliment. And, we at the Entertainment Section of the Oracle, would like to recognize senior Jacky Lewkovich for all her work behind the scenes in the television department.

What did she do to become "Kudoed?"

Ah, this answer dates all the way back to the taping of the 1996 Variety Show on one fateful Wednesday night. After stumbling through the studios, one editor came across Jacky, who was directing the cameras for the show. It is near to impossible to capture the running around that took place on paper, but it sure was impressive. Lewkovich was cool under pressure, something we all don't see much of anymore.

Just watching the staff work behind the scenes was worth three times the money you paid for a V-show ticket. Really. Stop by the television studios sometime and watch. As a "behind-the-scenes" kinda girl, Lewkovich really deserves more credit than people give her. Admit it, the show wouldn't have been the same without her. Kudos!

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"Anyway, I'm a Sophomore here at Glenbrook South.

"And I can't seem to remember how I got up here.

"Do you know?

"I wonder how I can get down from here.

"It's getting lonely all by myself up here in this gyroscope. Talk to me. Why can't I hear you? Don't you like me?

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can't quite turn my head....

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"I mean, did you know that his name really isn't Greg Brady?

"It's Barry Williams or what not.

"You're wondering where I picked up that phrase: what not."

"My friend Rusty uses it all the time.

"It's rather a lot of fun to say.

"I can't move an inch.

"Help. Please?

"Guys, joke's over. This isn't funny anymore. Really.

"Ha ha ha...ha? Ha?

(cough)

"I should have never parked in the juniors' and seniors' parking lot."

# Shake, shake, shake ya bootie

If you like to do the Hustle, you'll love this disco compilation

by Vicky Dizik  
Staff Reporter

What's the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of the 1970's? The Disco...."Saturday Night Fever"....Turnabout, but that's a different story altogether....John Travolta....Bell bottoms and sequins....and the GREAT MUSIC.

The fashion has made a comeback (augh) and, as the Disco Preservation society promised in their infomercial, disco music has as well.

Disco Mania is probably one of the greatest collections of the most popular hits of the 70's. This music collection has 10 original hits by the original artists. Some of the hits are "The Hustle", "I Will Survive", and, of course, "YMCA."

While I was listening to the songs, I could totally picture John Travolta busting a move. One of the things I liked most about this compilation was that the beat was fast and catchy, and before I

knew it, I was doing pelvic thrusts and across the shag rug room floor. It was sight, but I was

the hustle on the bed-room floor. It was a hilarious having a great time. I liked all the songs, there were even some I listened to about ten times. I loved

"YMCA." I was attempting to write out my homework, but I found myself spelling this song out instead. One of my teachers will be unfortunate to find it on my homework....Oops!

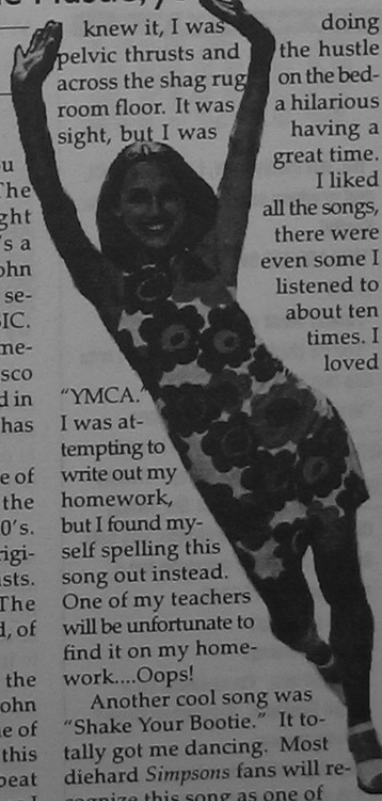
Another cool song was "Shake Your Bootie." It totally got me dancing. Most diehard Simpsons fans will recognize this song as one of

the more popular ones that are featured on the program; it happens to be a favorite of Homer Simpson himself. This song was easy to catch onto, with unforgettable lyrics such as: "Shake, shake, shake/shake, shake, shake/shake your bootie/shake your bootie." It can be safely predicted that this will be a hit in karaoke bars really soon, if not already.

The classic hit "Funkytown" was on the album, a song that not only has become a cult favorite among Generation Xers who desperately attempt to relive their youth through these songs and shows like The Wonder Years, but has been used in the soundtracks of various movies, including Jim Carrey's Dumb and Dumber.

All the songs on this album really made me move; they were so lively that it was hard to sit still. Every minute is worth listening to.

I really recommend this soundtrack to everybody. It'll make you boogie down and get funky!





## Cultural awareness made cheap: as much as you can take for under \$10!

Staying within one's own cultural climate can sometimes be monotonous. Everyone should be proud of their heritage but sometimes it's very enlightening and fun to see other people's. This is a compilation of fun stuff to do within the area to experience other cultures. Most of the things suggested cost less than \$10 to experience.

In most situations you can just go for a drive into Chicago and roam the streets of a country inside of the city. Chinatown is located on China Place, just down Milwaukee Avenue there are several Polish shops, Greektown can be found around Devon and Monroe, and Little Italy is right down Harlem Avenue.

If you have been channel surfing lately you may have noticed something new and unusual on the GBS cable TV Channel 26. The station has been broadcasting a series of soap operas in Spanish, called "Destinos." This show has been utilized by the foreign language curriculum for second and third year Spanish students for the past several years. By having "Destinos" broadcasted on the school's TV station, it gives enrolled students a chance to study their Spanish by just watching television.

Beyond the traditional restaurants there are a few exceptional eateries that are built around culture. Barba Yianni is a fabulous Greek restaurant that has been recognized by "The Mike and Matty Show." Located outside of Greek town, on Lincoln, this is a restaurant that serves wonderful authentic Greek food. Oh, and this res-

taurant just happens to be owned by senior Maria Christopoulos' father. Call (312) 878-6400.

Pita Inn is an offbeat restaurant serving great Middle Eastern food. Located in Wheeling on 122 S. Elmhurst Road, north of Dundee and on Dempster past Waukegan (808-7733). This is good food! You can get an entire meal for much less than \$5 here. We recommend the falafels: a spicy sandwich is available for \$1.95 and an entire hearty plate goes for \$3.25. The other popular goodies include the shishkabob, which spears juicy bits of meat and veggies for \$2.75. Yum.

As for children's shows in other languages, channel 66, of the Telemundo Network, offers the show "La Hora de los Tigris," a variety show stuffed with comedy skits, dancing, and musical guests performed in the beautiful Spanish language. Though the show is aimed at children, the dancing and music seemed to belong on a mature, adult level. Two twenty-something twins host the show, and their flair for the materialistic tends to come out from time to time. There are also music sequences that are clearly lip-synched, but that just makes the show all the more interesting. Tune in; the show runs every Saturday at 8 a.m.

While still on the topic of Spanish television, hitting the SAP button on your television remote will allow you to immerse yourself in the Spanish language

during any Fox running of the "Simpsons". Yes, sirree. At the push of a button, you'll hear Marge worry...in Spanish (without English subtitles). Isn't technology great? "Simpsons" can be found on channel 32, running at 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and 7 p.m. on Sundays.

The latest craze hitting the Asia? Undoubtedly, it's the karaoke bars. For a minimal cost, you can sing your heart out and take home a tape of your wholehearted attempts to be the next Stevie Wonder. Though not geared toward the Asian market, Italian restaurant Tonelli's offers open karaoke Friday nights at 9:30 p.m. at no cover. Located at 1038 Waukegan in Northbrook, you can settle with a large platter of pasta while listening to your little sister croon out "Viva Las Vegas." Call 272-4730 for more details.

An activity that transcends all cultural barriers and creates good toward your fellow man, is giving blood. It requires almost no time on your part, minimal discomfort, and you get all the free juice and cookies you can eat. All you have to do is just lie there, they do all of the work for you. However, Contrary to popular belief you do not get paid for your services.

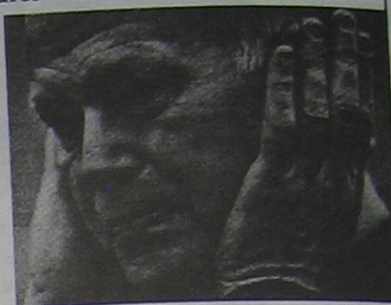
Why limit yourself when there are a zillion other worlds out there? It may sound terribly cliché, but do something different. Open your mind.

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Entertainment Editor  
Laura Trossman

## Harper's Index of Comic Relief

Comic Relief (Page One Publishers & Bookworks, Inc.; \$3.95), America's foremost comedy magazine, features "Harper's Index," two columns of completely useless statistics. Since it's our duty here at the Entertainment Section of the Oracle to spew out random info, we felt we were absolutely obligated to share some of Harper's stats with you, our friends. All facts are from Relief's April 1996 issue.

Estimated percentage of all U.S. television cartoon programs that are drawn in Asia: 90



Scales of justice must've cracked under the weight of the Packwood files.

Tons of trash generated last January by NFL-sponsored Super Bowl events: 313  
Percentage of this that was later recycled: 41

Ratio of Americans who can name the Three Stooges to those who can name three Supreme Court justices: 3:1

Weight of evidence brought before the Senate Ethics Committee last year against Bob Packwood, in pounds: 41

Number of LA's Mo' Better Meaty Meat Burger restaurant specials that are named for O.J. Simpson trial participants: 4



Tons of sulfuric acid used each year in the manufacture of Jell-O: 2,035

Brands of bottled water sold at Waterwinkel, an Amsterdam boutique: 93

Number of days after escaping a Danish prison last August that an inmate asked to be allowed back in: 26

Burger A La Kato?  
Free plastic comb with every purchase.

Amount Americans spend each day on goods produced by prison labor: \$1,600,000

Average indoor temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit: 23

A Ghanaian "fantasy coffin" from Neiman Marcus: \$3,000

In our ongoing quest to exploit publicity photos....

## RUMBLE IN THE BRONX



"No, but really now, I write, direct, and produce most of the films I'm in. Really!

"AND I DO MY OWN STUNTS! BOO-YEAH!

"I know what you're thinking.

"You're thinking, 'Gosh, I wish I was like him.'

"Well, folks, your dreams are

If this man could talk, what would he say?

but a breath away. Thanks to the Jackie

Chan Fan Clubs worldwide, you CAN be a Jackie Chan wannabe for a small price (of \$110).

"Am I grinning?

"Am I frowning?

"Y'all wrong. I'm chewing on a grape Bonkers. Remember those? Yummy yummy.

"My dog BRUCE likes them.

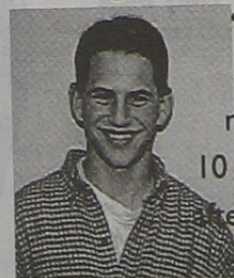
"I like the name Bruce."

"Why, hello, my dear fans.

"My name is Jackie Chan, but you can call me by my real name, Jackie Chan.

"You know that I'm starring in this film, Rumble in the Bronx, but did you know I'm starring in an upcoming Mentos commercial? Just kidding.

## Eating in an African rain forest waiting, sitting, sweating, and eating at Francesca's North



by Josh "Get Funky" Adams  
Staff Reporter

editor's note: It is solely by popular demand that we, once again, bring to you Josh Adams and his terribly eloquent food reviews.

It was a Sunday night, and I was looking for a place to relax after a hard weekend. I racked my internal roladex for a ristorante that would allow me to just sit back and enjoy life....

Unfortunately, I picked the wrong eatery.

I wound up at Francesca's North, located at 1145 Church in Northbrook. I soon realized the egregious errors of my ways.

Dim lighting, good food, and crowded seating are a few "hazards" of this Northern Italian style ristorante.

As I approached the door, I noticed a line from here to Milan. I thought to myself, "Gee, this place must be great." I had nothing else to do that night, so I stood in line and was seated in a matter of minutes, which wasn't that bad.

When I arrived at my table, I was closely packed with others trying to enjoy their meals. Notice I said trying. I'm sure I wasn't the only one that felt like a sardine. Of course, when you have many people in a small space, it's going to get hot. I broke a sweat not even 10 minutes after sitting down.

Now to the food. This was the sole bright spot in this dungeon of terror. I ordered the ravioli with a cheese sauce. The portions were rather generous, and mighty good, I must add. (The cook must work in an air-conditioned kitchen!!) After I

finished the main course, I had a bowl of chocolate ice cream over a almond nut roll. That alone was worth the heat and hostile customers.

When all was said and done, the bill come around to be about \$16.00. It was a little steep for me, but I paid. (Either that or be arrested!)

In all, the best part of Francesca's North was the food. That, and leaving the place! The gripes I have are that the patrons are packed so close together, you can tell what the other people are not only eating, but thinking. When I go to a restaurant, I prefer to be spaced well apart from the other customers and not sweat as if I was in an African Rain forest.

Overall, I give Francesca's North 2 forks out of four. If you ever have a taste for Italian food, there are many better places to go. La-Pasteria in Glenview and Oliverias in Northbrook can give you much better atmosphere for your dollar.