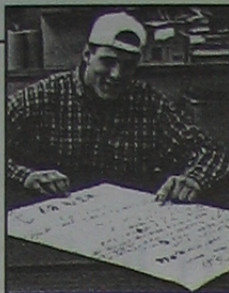


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## Jesus Christ Superstar & the GBS annual spring concert

Glenbrook North and South students are currently preparing for the 1996 Glenbrook Musical, "Jesus Christ Superstar," which is scheduled to take place May 1-4, in the GBN auditorium.

According to a few GBS musical cast members, there is a noncompetitive atmosphere between GBN and GBS students. Everyone involved has achieved a high level of vocal excellence, therefore, no one feels the need to compete. The social atmosphere is comfortable as well, say these students.

The GBS choirs will be holding their annual spring concert on May 14. This year's concert will be different from past concerts because the show will combine

two performances into one. The Master Singers will be the first to perform, at 6 p.m. The GBS Orchestra will then follow.

The second half of the performance will begin at 8 p.m. Bel Canto, Concert Choir, Titan Chorus, and Glee Club will be performing then. Following this, a mini, stand-up production of *Les Miserables* will be performed with all of the choirs and a select group of soloists.

This performance will be the biggest choral performance of the year, according to the director, Martin Sirvatka. "We will be looking for a choral spectacular that will pack the place," he said.

-Jenny Aldrich & Dennis Wu



Junior John Kee, sophomore Sean Falls and junior Matt Croasmun practice for the upcoming Jazz Night. The concert is set to take place on May 16.

## The Annual Jazz Night

The GBS Jazz Band will be performing in the Annual Jazz Night on May 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the North-east Cafeteria.

Jazz Band has been rehearsing several new numbers for the concert. This year's concert will feature Antonio Garcia, a trombone player and Professor of Jazz Studies at Northwestern University. At the conclusion of the concert, the Jazz Band and several alumni will play together two numbers, "Corazon," the song that is played every Annual Jazz Night and another new number.

The Jazz Band has had a very successful year, according to Assistant Band Director Jon Carreira. In the national competition in Hawaii over spring break, the band played in three concerts. At Pearl Harbor, they played several songs with World War Two themes, and they also played at the main concert at the Oahu Music Festival. The Jazz Band received second in the nation, losing first place to Hemet High School, who placed first in the state of California. Freshman David Wiemer won an award for guitar, and senior Matt Koch received an award for the trumpet. In March, the Jazz Band placed first in the Mundelein Jazz Festival.

Currently, there are about 50 members in Jazz Band and two levels according to age. Students qualify by audition except for those playing guitar, piano, and the bass. All of the members are in one of the larger bands, Symphonic Winds or Symphonic Band.

Carreira feels that jazz adds a different twist to music because it uses a different musical language. Jazz is read and interpreted differently from classical music and has various moods. Carreira feels the best part of jazz music is the improvisation involved. Players can play solo, "making music up as they go along." Also, he feels it is more relaxed than symphonic music because one does not have to be perfect with sound and tone. "Jazz music is less regimented, and one can have more fun with it," said Carreira.

-Madhuri Pydisetty

In their continued tradition of excellence, the GBS drama and music departments are preparing to showcase their talents through musicals, concerts and plays. The Glenbrook fine arts department unites to portray traditional religion in modern time through *Jesus Christ Superstar*, while members of the vocal arts perfect the dramatic musical *Les Miserables*. In the meantime, GBS actors and actresses get set to journey into the times of World War II, in *Brighton Beach Memoirs*.

## Les Miserables

This year's mini-musical, *Les Miserables*, will be performed on May 14 as the second half of the annual choral concert. This work was chosen by the music department because of its scope for music.

The story of *Les Miserables* revolves around the life of a man named Jean Valjean. *Les Miserables* is essentially a story of the sacrifice of love.

There are 106 people involved in the production of the mini-musical, with Anthony Whiteley as Jean Valjean. The other lead cast members include Monica Elmer as Cosette, Jason Rosenbaum, Nancy Dziurdzik, Debra Raich, Keith Burman, Megan Martin, Peter Jost, Troy Ossey, Lisa Pierce, Brian Nitzkin and Laurel Felt. *Les Miserables* will also be assistant directed by Troy Ossey and Marlene Go.

Admission to the performance of *Les Miserables* will be free of charge. The performance will include costumes, special lighting and platforms. The *Les Miserables* part of the concert will begin at 8:00 p.m.

-Akbar Ali

## Brighton Beach Memoirs

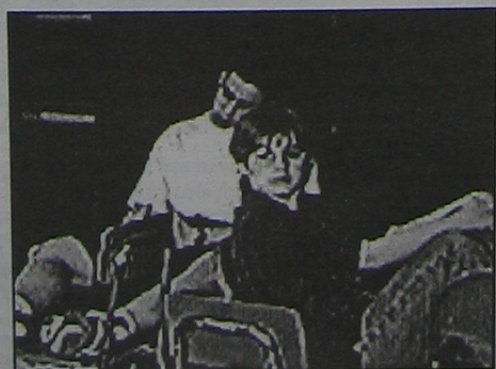
The spring play, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," is scheduled to take place tonight and tomorrow night, at 7:30 p.m., in the Norman E. Watson Auditorium.

The play shows one family's struggles in 1937. A Jewish family is faced with many crisis, including unemployment, illness, poverty and signs of World War II. The plot unfolds through Eugene's eyes, the 15-year-old narrator who is preoccupied with sex and the Yankees. "This play sounds like a miserable or pitiful drama, but it is an unbelievably joyful, lively and hilarious comedy," says director Gael Routenberg. The setting and costumes depict life in the 1930's.

Cast members include Matt Love and Seth Shapiro as Eugene, Lisa Rowe as Blanche, Chris Feldmeir and Anthony LaMonica as Stanley, Laurel Felt and Stephanie Koziol as Kate, Brian Nitzkin as Jack and Nanette Hennig as Nora.

According to Routenberg, this year's play is different from previous plays, especially when it is compared to the fall drama, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Routenberg also says that the students will relate to this play because it is about family relationships and growing up in the teenage years. The message focuses especially on family values and bonds between its members.

-Jennifer Hur



Senior Anthony LaMonica and freshman Tabitha Casusey rehearse the spring play. It is about the life of a teen-age boy during the Depression.



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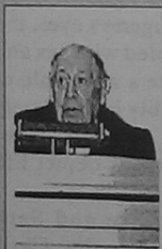
• French exchange students from Chelles, France, visited South on April 9-19. During their stay in the U.S., they attended classes with their American pen pals, visited the Sears Tower and went to a Cubs game. When asked about her experience in America, French student Caroline Lesselbaum commented, "It is very different here. It is sad that I have to leave because GBS is very cool, but I miss my sister and family at home." - Jina Chung



• Adele Zaveduk recently visited U.S. History classes telling students of how she and her family survived the Holocaust. She is one of the few children who were successfully hidden (in the house for four years of a Catholic family in France). She told students how difficult it was to adapt to life following the war because her parents were like "strangers." Zaveduk currently speaks at other schools and was recently featured in *The Chicago Tribune*.



• In order to earn his Boy Scout Eagle Badge, Frank Tessien is collecting mobility items like wheelchairs or crutches for needy countries. People are asked to donate canes, walkers, crutches, wheelchairs and wheelchair parts (regardless of condition). The drive will be conducted tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glenview Evangelical Free Church at 2 Shermer Road in Glenview. If you have any questions, you can call Frank at 724-0547 or the church at 724-7277.



• Frank Olivi, one of the pilots on the plane which dropped the bomb on Nagasaki during World War II, spoke to students in U.S. History classes. Olivi said that he had no regrets about dropping the bomb because it saved more lives than it ended. He also described each stage of the bombing mission and answered student questions.

## Chess team places fourth in conference

by Christopher Kim  
Assistant News Editor

The GBS chess team placed fourth in their conference in their first year. Coached by Ken Doody, Michael Boyle and Dan Hicks, the season for the GBS chess team came to a close on Friday, Apr. 19, when the chess team lost to Maine South and grasped fourth place overall in their conference.

"It was a great season and we had [plenty] of fun [along the way]," said Boyle.

The game of chess is one of strategic planning and execution, a game that has found a new spotlight here at GBS.

This is the first year of competition for this team. Prior to this school year, the chess team never truly existed. Students had previously gathered together after school to play chess for amusement and enjoyment.

According to Hicks, most chess teams are unsuccessful in

their first year in competition, but the GBS chess team have separated themselves from that expression. The GBS team has placed fourth in the conference with an overall record of seven victories and one loss. Evanston and New Trier were the only two teams that ranked higher than GBS.

"When we began the season, we really didn't expect to win anything," said Doody. "But we ended up being quite successful."

Although the team won three games out of six at the state competition that was held at Normal, Illinois, Hicks is very optimistic about next year's season.

"It's unfortunate [that the seniors are leaving] because many of the good players are the se-

niors, but the good news is that there are a lot of devoted freshman on the team this year. These freshmen will be back for at least another year or more and that will make us an unbelievable team in the [near] future," said Hicks.

The competition rules are

the following: only eight players from each school are allowed to participate in the competitions. Each member on the team has

a maximum of 70 minutes to complete the game meaning that each game would run approximately two hours and 20 minutes.

According to Hicks, the student body is completely welcome to come and observe the competitive chess matches.

"When we began the season, we really didn't expect to win anything, but we ended up being quite successful."

Ken Doody

## New student council to build upon past success

by Princess Reyes  
Staff Reporter

Student Council Elections for the upcoming 1996-1997 GBS school year took place during the week of Mar. 25. The newly elected officials were all announced prior to spring break. Every newly elected official was a junior. The 1996-1997 class officers include Ryan FitzSimons as President, Brett Smiley as Vice President, Matt Vondra as Treasurer and Lisa Moretti as Secretary.

"There were only a few close races as compared to last year," said Student Activities Director Jim Shellard. The new council will begin planning in August to discuss next year's Homecoming plans.

"I hope we have a successful Homecoming because it's my duty that everyone has a good time," said the newly elected president Ryan FitzSimons.

A number of campaigns this year stressed the importance of "experience" within the student government.

"A lot was said concerning the continuation of building upon the success of Homecoming and the canned food drive from the previous years," said Shellard.

"I want to extenuate the fact that I have a lot of experience. I believe that to be president, you need to have an idea from what you learned in the past. It's my responsibility that everything runs smoothly," said FitzSimons.



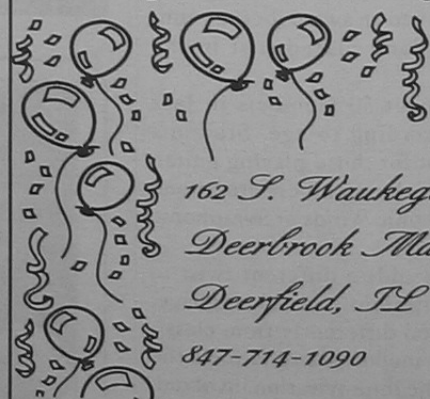
Juniors Lisa Moretti and Matt Vondra discuss their plans for the upcoming year. They were recently elected to Student Council as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The members of the executive council are all friends and have worked with each other before. "This is a great group.

I'm very excited and I want to take student council to higher levels. With this group, I'm sure we can do it," said Shellard.

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# Students interact with celebrity talk show host

by Riffe Orbach  
Staff Reporter

Junior Jenny Slesnick interviewed talk show host Jerry Springer on WMWA for a radio assignment on Mar. 21.

Slesnick has participated in Glenbrook South's Radio program for three years and is currently in the Advanced Radio Production Class. In addition, she is a program director and a DJ.

"I enjoy radio thoroughly and want to go into it someday," said Slesnick.

When Radio Department Head Dell Kennedy assigned Advanced Radio Production students to do a talk show, Slesnick believed that it would be interesting to do a talk show about talk shows.

The interview was solely arranged by Slesnick. She contacted Springer's publicist, Linda Shafron, in order to see if Springer would be available for an interview. Shafron told

Slesnick that Springer would be available to participate in a radio program.

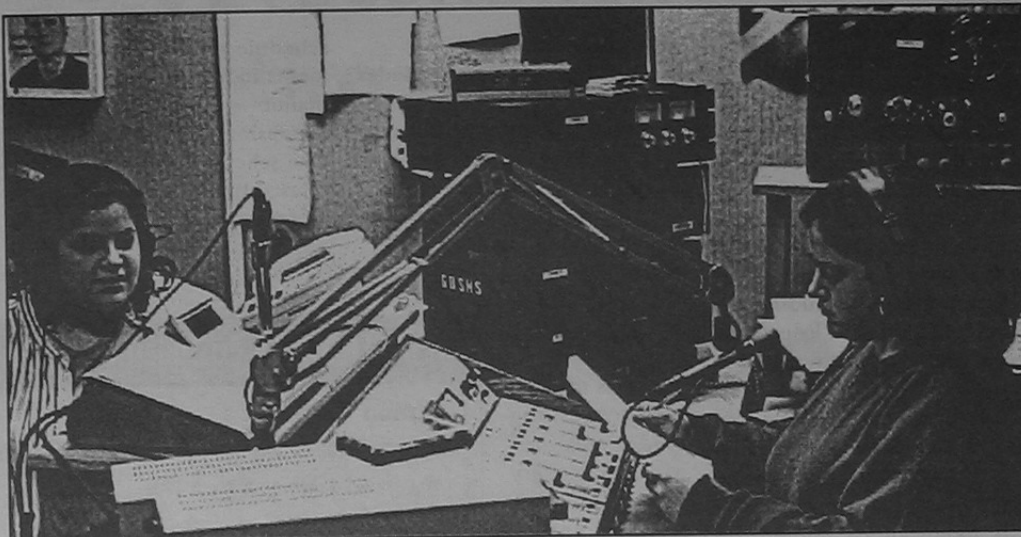
According to Shafron, Springer agreed to the interview primarily because Slesnick was nice and persistent.

"It was very magnanimous of Springer to do a talk show with a high school student," said Kennedy.

In preparation for the interview, Slesnick researched Springer's past and also read a copy of his biography from Shafron.

The interview took place between 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the radio studio. Springer could not be there in person because of a photo shoot, so he was interviewed by phone which was hooked onto the air. A number of callers were then put on a speakerphone so Springer and all of the listeners could hear each other.

No restrictions were put on the interview and according to Kennedy and Slesnick. They



Sophomore Sandi Slesnick looks on as her sister junior Jenny Slesnick interviews Jerry Springer on WMWA. Springer, who was interviewed by phone on Mar. 21, was asked numerous questions by the station's listeners.

said that Springer answered all questions very openly, avoiding none. A variety of questions dealing with Springer's past and present were asked by the listeners.

According to both Kennedy and Slesnick, the interview

went 'extremely' well.

"Jenny was so well-prepared. She was also very organized for the interview with Springer," said Kennedy.

"A year ago I never would have thought that I would be doing something like this. It was

a very unique experience and a great deal of fun," said Slesnick.

Although the interview received many positive responses, Springer is not planning on returning to South for a future radio interview on a different topic.

## Horticulture places second in state competition

by Anand Shah  
Staff Reporter

The GBS Horticulture Team recently finished in second place in the state competition on April 20.

Seniors Bill Salatich placed first and third respectively, while Katie Hoffmann placed sixth in state. The team also finished first at the Morton East tournament and second at the Joliet Tournament.

"Although the kids are disappointed [about the state results], I am proud of their efforts and think that they should be really proud of themselves," sponsor

Jeff Yordy said. "I'm not disappointed on how the team did. The competition was a valuable experience for the team."

"I am proud of their efforts and think that they [the team] should be really proud of themselves,"

Jeff Yordy

According to Yordy, the team is very excited about the new greenhouse that should be ready by next year. The new green-

house will include a lot more space and access, as well as more light and a cooling system.

"We will be able to grow and study plants year-round. The new greenhouse will be accessible to AP Biology and other science students," said Yordy.

Horticulture is a competition in which the students are asked to identify, determine the quality of and display a sense of general knowledge of plants in many different stages.

According to Yordy, the horticulture members meet every Tuesday afternoon, but with they met more often in preparation for the state competition.

### Update

## Addition construction continues on schedule

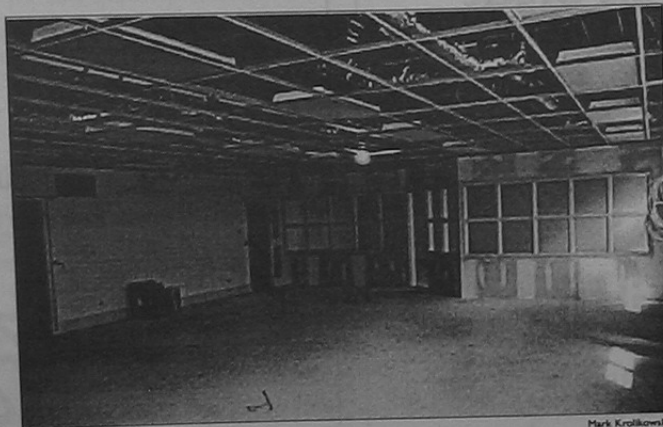
by Jackie Madon  
Staff Reporter

The present GBS construction is coming to a close and should be finished by the beginning of the 1996-97 school year. The additions will expand GBS in order to sustain the high number of expected people in the coming years.

According to Associate Principal of Administrative Services Pam Taccona, the construction is going very well.

The roof was completed during spring break and the ceiling and electrical work are currently being finished. While the grid work for the ceilings is also being worked on, the painting of the addition is just about done.

The delivery of the windows is presently being awaited. The greenhouse material will be delivered early next week. Dur-



Work continues on the new math lab. This area and the other additions are scheduled to be completed by this fall.

ing summer vacation, the science offices will be moved to make room for the hallway that will lead to the addition.

The only added cost to the project was the unexpected need to reroute the fire line. There have been not many

other changes in the original plans.

When the additions are completed, the new building capacity will be 2,450 people.

"I'm excited and pleased about the progress we've made," said Taccona.

## NEWS in Brief

### Summer school registration begins, new courses added

Registration for 1996-97 Glenbrook Summer School began on Apr. 10. Summer school will begin on June 17 and is scheduled to conclude on July 30. Summer School will not be held on both July 4 and 5.

Summer school is held mostly at GBN due to the construction of the additions presently at GBS. The courses that will be held at GBS include those concerning science, swimming and other GBS athletics.

A new course that was added to summer school this year is Preparation for Advanced Placement Chemistry. This particular course is designed for students who wish to prepare themselves for the AP Chemistry course. This course will cover chemistry fundamentals and will teach college study habits.

There are a number of courses that are not offered during the school year, such as a radio controlled air plane class that can only be taken during summer school.

"We have a very large summer school enrollment. It's almost like having another school, in the summer. It's a great opportunity to learn. That's what GBS is all about," said Associate Principal of Curriculum Betty Brockelman.

-Christine McNamara

### Science contest to challenge students

The annual GBS Science Contest, a competition measuring one's scientific knowledge, will be held on May 2 in the Lyceum.

This year's science contest will consist of five competitions in the areas of chemistry, physics, biology, Earth science and general science. Essentially, students solve a problem in these scientific categories in a 55 minute time period.

The science contest is open to all interested GBS students. The teams consist of four students, usually with many seniors competing due to their vast knowledge in science over the four years that they have been at GBS.

"I get a big kick watching kids work together and solve those science problems. It is a terrific experience and I hope many participate," said Science Department Instructional Supervisor Warren Bjork.

-Sachin Jain



## New schedule debates continue in district

by Scott Isсен  
Associate/ News Editor

The Glenbrook Vision Scheduling Committee (GVSC) recently submitted their final report to the superintendent recommending the adaptation of a new schedule. If approved by different groups including the District 225 Board of Education, it could be implemented as early as the 1997-98 school year. The following is a brief summary of what this report includes.

**Q: Is this recommendation more significant than the previous ones?**

**A:** Following the submission to the superintendent, this recommendation was passed on to the Council of Administrative Advisers (CAA) and to the GBS and GBN. Previous recommendations did not travel this far.

**Q: What are the CAA and the schools doing with the recommendation?**

**A:** The schools are conducting feasibility studies on the two (of three) preferred schedule concepts. Following the studies, they will make a decision and pass this recommendation on to the board and to the Glenbrook Education Association (GEA - the teacher association). Their decision is scheduled to be made by May 1.

**Q: What new elements does this**

**report include?**

**A:** The GVSC report includes three goals which focus on student, teacher and school needs. The six fundamental precepts are included to guide the decision makers during the new schedules' implementation and planning time.

**Q: What are the three goals about?**

**A:** The first goal says that the new scheduling model must enhance the quality of each student's comprehensive education. It adds that a schedule should provide maximum opportunity for a challenging academic and co-curricular workload that is focused and manageable. The second goal addresses the teachers. It includes the ability to use a variety of strategies to make teachers' total daily workloads more manageable. Also, it emphasizes the need for equity with the particular needs of each subject-matter department. The final goal stresses a schedule with a comprehensive curriculum. The

schedule should allow departments to further invigorate curriculum and create more interdisciplinary course offerings. The schedule must provide increased time for curriculum and professional development and sufficient chances for all-school programs.

no more than five classes per semester and attain a minimum of six credits annually. The next precept allows for multiple course formats. This schedule should maximize course offerings. It includes that year long, intensive block and interdisciplinary courses should be offered

based on curricular needs. It must allow each department to share in the balance by offering courses in multiple formats.

**Q: What schedules are currently being tested?**

**A:** GBS is testing the 16 Mod Schedule, GBN is testing the 15 Mod Schedule.

Associate Principal of Administrative Services Pam Taccona said, "I hope a new schedule change is merely a catalyst that will open up opportunities. Since we are prisoners of time, I hope a new schedule can unleash some of those constraints."

**Q: Will any programs be affected by a new schedule?**

**A:** According to Taccona, the inclusion of study halls is still under discussion. Peer Group and Advocacy are two other programs that could be affected, but more discussions on these are also needed. The meeting time for Student Council, for instance, is also unknown. Taccona stressed that the goals are not present to cancel or end any programs, rather to give additional opportunities for old and new ones.

**Q: What if the board and GEA turn down the recommendations?**

**A:** Then, the current schedule will continue until a new proposal is submitted (or another option is explored).

### NEW SCHEDULES POSSIBILITIES: 16 MOD VS. 15 MOD

#### Common Features:

- same course can be offered in two different formats, intensive and yearlong
- fewer classes taken at a given time
- allows for advocacy

#### 16 Mod Schedule:

- features 4 block periods, 8 regular periods and 6 lunch periods
- allows students to take 7 credits during the year
- common passing periods allow for mobility between formats

#### 15 Mod Schedule:

- features 5 block periods (although students can only take 4 due to timing, 7 regular periods, 6 lunch periods and an extra 25 min. period
- allows students to take 8 credits during the year

Scott Isсен

**Q: What are the six precepts about?**

**A:** The first precept deals with structural clarity and simplicity. In other words, the schedule should be coherent, logical and easy implemented. The second precept deals with manageable student load. It includes that students should take

format over another and should balance the teacher loads in terms of number of assigned mods. The fifth precept deals with staffing neutrality. In other words, the schedule should not directly increase or decrease the need for staff members. Also, it should preserve the teacher load formulates in their current nego-

## 'Oracle' announces new editors

by Laura Tivers  
Staff Reporter

The 1996-1997 Glenbrook South Oracle staff will include junior, Scott Isсен as Editor-in-Chief.

The section editors include junior Brian Christensen (Opinions) and Vicky Dizik (Entertainment). The sophomore edi-

tors include Christopher Kim (News), Jasmine Hernandez and Madhuri Pydisetty (In-Depth), Jeff Ouyang (Features), Andrew Rudnik and Anand Shah (Sports) and Sara Kamm (Photography).

The assistant editors include juniors Princess Reyes (Opinions) and Jina Chung (Features). The sophomore assistant editors

include Christine McNamara (News) and Dennis Wu (Entertainment).

Freshman Elliot Rosenzweig will be the Advertising Manager, while sophomore Laurel Felt will be Circulation Manager.

"I'm excited about the upcoming year," Isсен said. "I'm looking forward to working with such a talented and creative staff."

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- 4/ 26 -- Spring Play (also 4/ 27) , Just For Fun Jazz Concert
- 5/ 1 to 5/ 4 -- Glenbrook Musical @ GBN
- 5/ 6 to 5/ 10, 5/13 to 5/17-- AP Testing
- 5/ 8 -- Spring Band Contest
- 5/ 14 -- Spring Choral Concert & Choral Orchestra Concert
- 5/ 15 -- Science Award Night
- 5/ 16 -- Jazz Night
- 5/ 17 -- Prom
- 5/ 21 -- Cap & Gown Distribution
- 5/ 22 -- Yearbook Distribution
- 5/ 23 -- Honors & Awards Assembly

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## Editorial

# Scheduling committee's recommendations have best interests of entire school in mind

*Despite obstacles, the Glenbrook Vision Scheduling Committee has submitted for approval a plan that fits the needs of students and teachers alike*

As is obvious from its recent report and recommendations, the committee has the best interests of the entire school, not just certain segments of it, in mind. Such a broad concern for the entire school's well-being is the result of hard work and patient advancement.

## SCHEDULING COMMITTEE GOALS

The new schedule should:

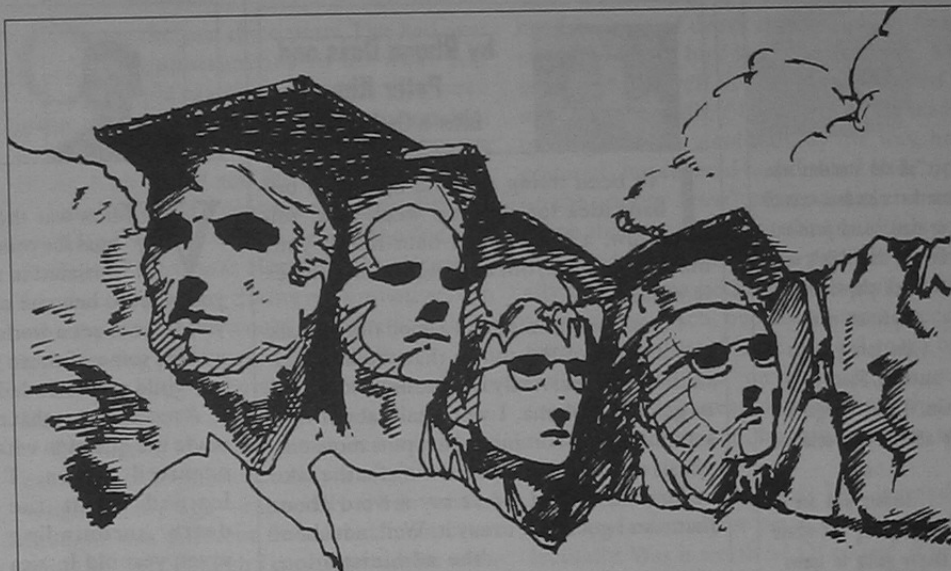
- Enhance quality of each student's comprehensive education
- Facilitate teachers' ability to utilize variety of teaching methods
- Allow for comprehensive curriculum and opportunities for interdisciplinary course offerings

Despite numerous setbacks, delays and misfortunes, the Glenbrook Vision Scheduling Committee seems poised to submit its final plan for a new schedule for the both Glenbrook South and Glenbrook North. Though bureaucratic delays are regrettable, they are also undeniably inevitable. At this point in the planning of the new schedule, it is commendable that the plan has reached such an advanced stage.

The new schedule, which may be implemented as soon as the 1997-98 school year, is a welcome update for South. Modern as our school may be, our students have for too long been confined to the antiquated module system. It has been well documented that the shorter classes our schedule currently utilizes aren't in the best interest of either students or teachers.

Several years ago, the Vision Committee joined the current trend toward block scheduling, which is becoming more of a reality and less of a dream, thanks to the efforts of the administration and the Vision Committee.

As is obvious from its recent report and recommendations, the committee has the best interests of the entire school, not just certain segments of it, in mind. Such a broad concern for the entire school's well-being is the result of hard work and patient advancement. Its recent report to the superintendent includes three goals which are commendable: enhancing the quality of students' education, making teachers' workloads manageable and productive, and finally, the schedule should allow for the modification of the current



The Glenbrook Vision scheduling Committee's recent suggestions to the superintendent show a stunning combination of idealism and practicality.

curriculum, including allowing for greater interdisciplinary studies. Flexibility is also a primary concern.

One might expect such a large and idealistic plan to get bogged down in bureaucratic muck, but the GVSC's recommendations for a final decision about the new schedule are remarkably on track. Its recommendations, in the form of the three goals and six additional precepts, combine lofty goals, such as creating a better environment for students to learn and down to earth logistics and assuring that the schedule will be easy to interpret and put into action.

Rarely does any administration take steps toward a common goal without encountering opposition, setbacks and defeats. In fact, the Glenbrook Vision Scheduling Committee has encountered all of these and more. But, more importantly, it has overcome these obstacles and come up with a plan that is both feasible and idealistic.

## Letter to the Editor

### Student council election results reflect candidates' popularity, not proficiency

I am a senior and I recently heard the results for next year's student council. Needless to say, this year is no different from years past, but being one who was affected by the student council I feel I have every right to state my opinion: I think that this year's (and past years') elections are not "accurate." What I mean by this is that the people elected to office are not necessarily the most qualified to do so, in my opinion. Last year I ran for student council vice president and lost, but the only thing I learned from that experience was that "Yes, politics do exist. Even in high school. And it sucks." There are people in this school that work their butts off for four years and are elected, and then there are people who get elected by just being someone popular. Another point that I've learned in the past four years is that popularity can get you everywhere. I've accepted the fact that I will graduate high school without being a part of student council, but what I can't accept is people who deserve to be on that board, who deserve to be a part of the decision making process, and are denied the right because they might not be as popular as the next person. It's examples like this that make me glad I'm leaving and sad I stayed.

*Brian Nitzkin*

Brian Nitzkin '96

## Editor's Note

As the only person to submit a letter, Brian Nitzkin wins this month's ten-dollar prize for the Oracle letter contest.

Soon-to-be Opinion Editor Brian Christensen plans to continue this tradition by offering a ten-dollar prize for the best letter he receives. So keep those fabulous letters pouring in to room 223, and make sure you sign them.

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## Thumbs

to...

...all the students who ran for a student council or class board position. Even if they didn't win, each played an important role.

...the spring sports assembly. Short as it was, it gave recognition to athletes who deserved it.

...seniors who are finally figuring out where they're going to spend the next four (or five or six) years of their lives.

...the McDonald's Disney trivia game. Could those questions get any easier? And where's my free small order of french fries?

...the Chicago Bulls, for finally winning 70 games. Now all that's left is a fourth ring...

...anyone who stayed in Funview over spring break. (As if this makes you feel better.)

...the nice weather that's finally showed up.

...any junior who isn't completely freaked out about college--yet.

...Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Movie and The Kids In the Hall: Brain Candy.

to...

...the doors in the IMC that are labeled as emergency exits. Maybe they were too convenient to allow us mortals to use them.

...whoever spread the rumor that a senior's fourth quarter would be his or her easiest. It ain't so.

...the braided-hair-and-peeling-skin-look. (And no, we're not jealous that you went somewhere for break. Well, maybe a little...

...people who stick gum on chairs. Under is acceptable, but on is outright wrong.

...Magic Johnson, for criticizing teammate Nick Van Exel for bumping a ref, then bumping a ref.

## Students can lead fulfilling lives at South-- beyond



by Rhona Dass and Peter Kim  
Editor-in-Chief and Artist

I've been trying to come up with a brilliant idea for almost a week now. You know, a big "wham-bam-thank you-ma'am" farewell, but nothing specific comes to mind.

I thought this might be a good time to talk about some of the things that the administration does that really irk me, but I still need to get my diploma. I won't talk about how sometimes the administration puts more emphasis on numbers than learning for the sake of learning. No, I won't say a word about that...so I got Peter to say it. Well, not about

the administration, anyway. This person will talk about something else.

He's going to talk about life at South, at what's supposed to be a hallowed-hall kind of institution, except he's going to talk in third person (that's the kind of Geek-Dweeb he is). Being a G.D. (Geek-Dweeb), he has held a different view of

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the GBS experience, as opposed to normal people like Rhona, for instance.

Since his first step into these halls, there has been a spirit of victory, accomplishment, but not of love. Have you seen how many cliques exist here? Sure, he supposes that it's almost inevitable, when one constantly puts up their mask to protect their media-influenced image, it's kind of depressing. The other really depressing thing: drugs. One would never expect that some of the most prominent Titans are alcoholics. It's obvious who marijuana smokers are--you can smell their ignorance.

And the weird thing is that, coming from Chicago, one would think the G.D. would be instantly bored here in Glenview, but it's actually the opposite--Glenview is okay. To him, the need for narcotics and alcohol is not there; the best drug is life (which, let him get preachy, is not best lived in a drunken stupor). That said, it should be obvious why his experience here has been so great: he has been living.

Time has fled, in retrospect, very quickly. This is why in his will he has bequeathed the following to the juniors: 1997 (this was our year of accomplishment--he challenges you to top that!) and beyond; to the underclassmen: hope, for the future, and my best wishes for your growth. And a general challenge for everybody (be it corny or not): try and graduate life, and not just South, "with honors."

Alright, enough of him, back to me. That was deep, eh? This will be my last column, ever, but I wanted to give someone else a chance to voice their opinion. It's important to express yourself and to also make goals.

In my years at GBS, I've come to realize that life is all about transitions. It will always be a learning process, and what's most important is that you take the time to reflect on what you have learned. Apply it to life. If you can't make use of what you're learning, then

## Record flight attempt wasn't worth girl's life



by Scott Isen  
Associate/ News Editor

When was the last time that you set a goal for yourself? Did you hope to be initiated in an honorary society? Did you want to become captain of a team? Or did you want to set a world record? In the past few weeks, some of these goals have become reality, while others ended in tragedy.

A recent event that not only shocked me, but made me question what this world is coming to occurred when I learned about the death surrounding seven year old Jessica Dubroff. Her life came to a tragic end following a plane crash

— the one catch was that she was the pilot. Seven years old, you ask? Flying a plane? And why? The answer: to get into *The Guinness Book of World Records* as the youngest person to complete a flight across the United States.

That is not the worst part of this tragedy. In addition to her death, her father and flying instructor were killed. The reason, which was later revealed was not due to bad weather, rather too much weight. Her mother's reaction was in my opinion, stupid. She said that she died doing something that made her happy.

Okay, now let me get this straight. Two parents let their daughter who couldn't even drive a car, fly a plane and try to break a world record. Is there a problem here? Of course there is. How can they act so nonchalant and let such a young child risk her life to be in a book and get other publicity? Is their daughter's life worth less than fame? To the Dubroff family, it probably was.

On top of that, her mother, Lisa Blair Hathaway, acted as if nothing serious had happened. Her daughter was killed. Is she so dense or ignorant to see that this accident could have been prevented? Hathaway expressed no regrets over allowing Jessica to make the flight. This fact also makes me question people's priorities nowadays.

I understand that her parents did not want

to impede their daughter from achieving her dream and being happy, but risking a life doesn't seem to accomplish anything. A seven year old child should have numerous opportunities to succeed and be happy, but there comes a point where parents must say, "NO!" As with anything, there are dangers involved. Flying is a plane is proven to be safer than driving in a car, but that does that mean that it's okay to let a child to do anything that he or she wants.

The Dubroffs could have told her, if they were somewhat intelligent and responsible, that she could pursue her dream when she was older. If she waited, she could become more experienced and could have made more flights. Additionally, maybe her parents could actually

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"think" about the consequences of letting their child fly. Ultimately, Hathaway learned the hard way — or at least should have. Obviously, she

didn't learn because she said that she would let Jessica fulfill her dream again.

I'm not saying that parents should say no to everything, but kids need limits. In our age group, there are dangers associated with drugs, alcohol and sex, but we do have the option to say no to them. In the modern age, it seems that everyone wants fame and fortune, whether it is in Hollywood, through a record book or even in the world of academia. What people need to keep in mind is that these goals do include a risk factor and that it would be better off to be alive and less successful, than to be dead and have broken a record. The fact of the matter is that people can't enjoy their accomplishments if they are not alive.

*The Guinness Book of World Records* eliminated this category from their publication in past several years in order to discourage others from trying this feat. In the case of Jessica Dubroff, this elimination didn't matter because she wanted to break the record. I just hope that people won't always wait until something happens to stop and reflect. Sure, I would like my name in a record book, but the value of my life far surpasses a goal so insignificant as this one. Just remember, you are only alive once. Don't end up being the example for others because your life is just as valuable as the next person's.

## Newer playgrounds put ours to shame



by Lilian Tsai  
Features Editor

I am bitter. Yesterday, as I was driving in my rusty, falling-apart sedan, cursing at some eighty-year old man in a neon-orange vest with a stop sign, I happened to notice a flock of frolicking, happy kids running recklessly around in an elementary playground. They looked as if they were having the time of their lives; chasing each other around with their tongues hanging out of their mouths and swinging as high as they could on the swings with not a care in the world. These kids were simply enjoying themselves and life, and completely taking it all for granted.

Yes, I am a bitter, spiteful dotard.

First of all, these kids get to have recess. Whoever came up with the concept was brilliant! A class period devoted to having fun outside, unless it rains and then you get to play crappy board games. What do we get? Study hall, a class period devoted to complete bore-

dom and the anxious feeling of imprisonment.

Second of all, the playgrounds these days are so cool. Painted in vibrant colors, people have come up with all different kinds of new equipment. Nowadays, they have parallel bar slides, swirling poles, slides consisting of orange cylinders (kind of like a huge butt massager), and some other things that I have been deprived of.

On the other hand, the engineers who constructed the playgrounds of our time proved themselves to be complete morons. What did we get? Metal bars, hopscotch and tire swings. Thanks. They built huge reflective slides that burned your fingers and buttocks whenever the sun came out (and who plays on a playground in the middle of January?), and scattered bags and bags of those obnoxious wood chips that caused all that dust and dirt to get in your hair and nostrils.

However, the awesome tornado slide and the game of four square that championed in our day still exist, but unfortunately only for the benefit of the younger, tot generation. As they say, youth is wasted on the young.



## Writing needn't be confined to school matters



by Alpa Shah  
In-Depth Editor

Here we are, my friends, *al finito*, el fin, the end. This shall be my last column. So what? you're probably thinking. She never made much sense anyway. Rambling on either about college or complainers or (put me to sleep) current events. See ya around.

Well of course I have rambled all year about issues affecting me and my little world. Doesn't everyone? The only difference is, I put it in writing. And you read it.

I'm talking about using words to express your thoughts and feelings, to comfort you—to make a difference in some way

Yes, you are absolutely correct, I shall use this space to do the unthinkable! I will champion the art of writing.

No, not twelve-page papers or in-class essays for class. I'm talking about using words to ex-

press your thoughts and feelings, to comfort you—to make a difference in some way. I'm talking about writing to relate, to communicate, to write for yourself, for others, and for anyone who's bored enough to read this column. It's an amazing thing.

I've kept a journal since I was nine. Not only is it hilarious to reminisce on what a doofus I was then, but it was a terrific release of emotions at the time. I recall several occasions during which I wanted to smack people up side the head repeatedly until they dropped to their knees and begged and pleaded for my mercy. But I didn't, because my writing comforted me. I became calmer and more rational after seeing my emotions, anger or pain or whatever it may be, instead of blindly following my feelings and overreacting. And my journal never competed for talk time. It was simply a constant for me, an open door, a listening ear, and literally, a blank page.

Not convinced writing isn't useless? I have friends and family all over the world (one of whom is my best friend) that I keep in touch with via the Grand 'Ol Postal Service. Not only do I get to talk about myself for three pages or so, but I get to have friends that do not live in Glenview (how refreshing!), and letters come in for me every week. Despite public opinion, international mail can be pretty cool.

And last but not least, writing helps me make my mark on South. I'm basically telling people my complaints, my thoughts, and my ideas every month, and getting credit for it! Colleges love this kind of thing, too. More importantly, though, I'm exposing the reader to current issues and (maybe?) helping him to see different perspectives. And best of all, I'm immortalized in the paper, so I shall be remembered for years to come! Well, maybe weeks. Same thing.

So as we part, let me remind you of a few final recurring themes from past columns: be kind to animals, read the *Oracle*, and write every now and then. You'd be surprised what random letters thrown in a sentence can do.

## Column provided opportunities for growth

Despite the occasional death threat and frequent criticism, the benefits of writing a regular opinion column were well worth the effort



by Brad Kimmel  
Opinion Editor

Over the past three years, I've had over 20 opportunities to do what few people can (or want) to do: I've been given the space to express my semi-random opinions, thoughts, and observations about South, high school and life in general.

I can't say that I completely agree with everything I've ever written here in the friendly confines of the *Oracle*. Hopefully, I've done my fair share of growing during my formative high school years, which would necessarily include reevaluating previously held beliefs.

But do I regret having my opinions published? Not at all.

Obviously, having my two cents held up each month to public scrutiny was often times tough on my ego—especially when what I thought was different from what most other students did. Though I could have done without some of the death threats, I did actually engage in some thought provoking conversa-

tions with students, many of whom I would never have talked to otherwise, about my column topics. I learned a lot about myself, as well as others, from these conversations.

Many issues I have written about caused quite a stir—or so it would seem. I received my fair share of death threats, which freaked me out at first but later amused me. Many people would yell at me, but it seemed like many of them didn't even bother to read my column (and it's a column, by the way, not an editorial) but instead heard that I had "ripped on the variety show" or some such nonsense. Some threatened to write angry letters to the editor, which I promised to publish. Few actually did. I guess nothing I said really angered anyone that much, because at most I received three letters for an issue. I tried to go out of my way not to "rip" on anything, but instead to present my honest view of things that were of interest to me and, hopefully, to the rest of the school.

So what have I learned? I've learned that writing a column put me at risk, mostly intellectually. Was it worth it? Of course. Even if I don't follow a career in journalism, I'll at least be good at laughing at myself.

## Driving angst proves worthy in long run



by Brian Christensen  
Assistant In-Depth Editor

I refused to practice. I never wanted to drive anywhere. My parents would beg me to get behind the wheel, but I always said I was either not in the mood or too busy. Driver's Ed was nerve-racking and all my procrastination soon caught up with me.

It only took a few seconds for the instructor to start yelling at me. "What are you doing? I thought you said you were a good driver? You totally flew over that speed bump!"

"Sorry," I said. "I guess I'm just really nervous."

"Geez, kid. You're making me nervous."

Now this would have been about the time that I realized that this was not going to be, well...a joy ride. Instead, I was going to have to put up with this army drill sergeant turned driving instructor. He was an old, bald guy that was determined to make the next twenty minutes of my life an absolute nightmare. Of course I didn't say anything; all I could mutter was a sheepish "sorry".

"Come out here and take a right. Make sure there's no traffic coming," he commanded. Then he turned back to his ever-so-important clipboard. His request was a lot easier said than done. I was coming out of this parking lot to a major street, and there seemed to be a steady stream of cars. There was simply no feasible way we were going to get out of that parking lot before nightfall.

As we were waiting, I decided to turn on the air conditioner. "Watch the road!" he barked. "I'll turn on the air conditioning." For someone who thought he was so smart, he certainly couldn't tell the difference between the little blue snowflake button and the one with the red waves of heat on it.

Finally there was a two-second window of time that I could use as my escape from the DMV parking lot. I floored my mom's Oldsmobile so hard that Mr. Driving Man probably gagged on his dentures. We flew onto the street as the instructor started cursing. "What the hell are you doing, kid? Are you trying to get us both killed?" I remained silent. Little

did he know he was only half right.

He took off his glasses and held his head in his hands, as if he was crying. "Lord, I'll be lucky if I make it out alive," he said. By this time I had decided that this guy was a complete jerk. We had only been in the car less than five minutes together and all he did was constantly insult me. He knew perfectly well that was a stupid spot to exit the parking lot on a weekday afternoon, and he was giving me a hard time about it. If he thought that I wanted to give up my day to take his stupid driving test he was wrong. Dead wrong.

"Take a left at the light," he mumbled, writing furiously on his clipboard. You'd have thought he was writing the great American novel based on the rate his pen flew.

He kept making me go up, down, and around a people-infested block, just waiting for me to mow someone down so he could write me up. I was equally determined not to give him the satisfaction by messing up. After ten minutes he told me to pull over and back around the corner curb. I'm proud to say that I did it perfectly, much to Mr. Sadistic's dismay.

"Go back to the DMV," he ordered. I was stumped. There was no way, after he led me down all these side streets, that I was going to be able to find my way out of there. "I don't know the way back," I admitted.

He started laughing like I was the idiot in the car. "You don't know the way back?" he taunted. "Geez... take a right."

So I followed his instructions on getting back to the DMV. Of course, he would tell me two seconds before I was supposed to make my turn and either yell at me for missing it or for signaling too late. I swear he was out to get me.

I parked the car in the lot and waited for him to stop writing on his clipboard. "Here." He handed me a slip of paper. "Go get your mug shot taken."

"You mean I passed?" I asked cautiously. "Yeah, you did. Go tell your friends that you got lucky today."

I could have hugged him. Well, almost. He was mean and all, but I could only imagine how stressful being in a car with an inexperienced driver could be. Based on how I drove, I would hate to be in the car with the person who failed his/her test. And besides, I was now able to speed along the highway of freedom.

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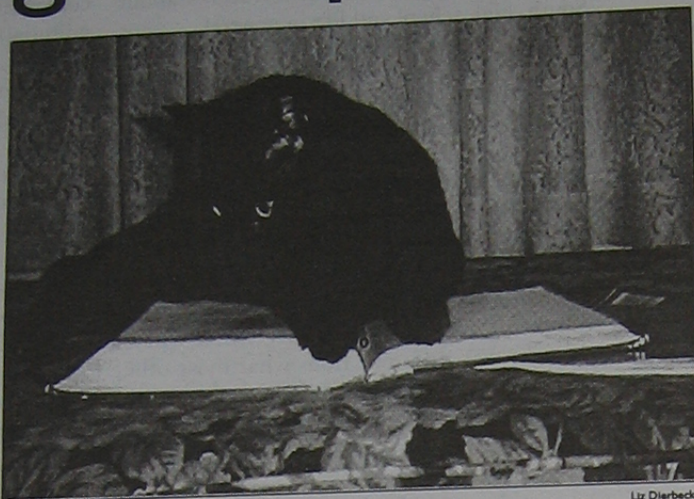
# Everything you ever wanted

## Teaching new pets old tricks

by Jina Chung  
Staff Reporter

Most of us have probably seen a little dog roll over and thought, "Oh, how cute!" Or maybe you've heard a parrot welcome you with a "hello!" How do they do it?

Dogs are one of the most common animals to teach tricks to. Well-known tricks include sit and fetch. According to expert dog trainer Ted Baer, training a dog is all a matter of communication. Dogs want to please their owners, so if Spot won't sit when you tell him, it may just be that you're having a hard time getting your point across. When teaching a dog any command you must help him associate the word with the command. For example, to teach your dog to sit, start by gaining your dog's full attention (it's important for him to know who the boss is). Next, say the command sit and gently give his back end a push. Repeat this many times. Eventually, the dog will figure out what you're trying to teach him. If Spot doesn't catch on right away, be



Junior Liz Dierbeck's cat, Jack, studies on the window seat. This is only one of the Dierbecks' three cats.

patient! It may take some dogs a little more time than others.

Surprisingly, cats can learn tricks, too. Many people may think that all a cat can do is sleep all day. Don't be fooled! According to pet behaviorist Warren Eckstein, cats may be so intelligent that they've actually tricked us into thinking they can't be trained. In reality, they can learn most of the tricks a dog can. In fact, cats learn tricks the same way that dogs do. For an

animal, it's all a matter of linking the command to the action in the brain. Once that idea clicks, they can do whatever you want to teach them.

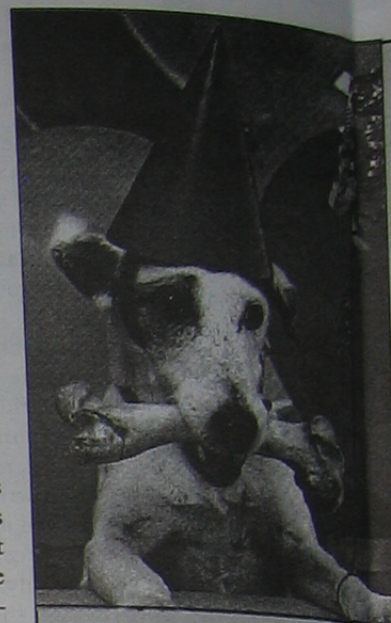
Some birds that can "talk" are parrots, macaws, African greys, cockatoos, and often times, parakeets. The ever-so-amazing parrot that "talks" is really not a natural phenomena; the bird actually has no idea what he's saying. Actually, rather than "talking" the bird is mimicking or

imitating your speech. These birds can imitate objects as well as people. The most efficient way for a bird to learn how to "talk" is for its owner to repeat a word over and over to the bird slowly and clearly. For best results, the "lessons" should be at the same time each day, and you should try to teach your bird in a quiet place.

Another important factor is to start teaching small words first. Most people with pet birds start by teaching them the word "hello." A common mistake is teaching your bird to say the word "hello" by saying "hello Polly." Now he will forever greet people with a "hello Polly."

As with training any animal, learning new tricks does not happen overnight, so be patient. Some birds have taken one month to a year to learn their first word, but after that it gets easier.

Many people have pets and it can be fun to teach them tricks. Just remember to be understanding with your animals. Keeping that in mind, you may be ready for more fun at home with your pet.



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### Ringo (1968)

The Saint Bernard mix owned by Mrs. Raymond Saleh, two-year-old son, Randy, from being hit by traffic on a busy road away from home one day, and a two-hour police search failed. About three-quarters of a mile away from the Saleh home, a custodian, came upon a traffic jam which motorists said was in the road ahead. Jones parked his car and went to the help of Ringo protecting young Randy, who was playing in the middle of the road. Ringo would block the oncoming traffic and then quickly rush back to the car and spoke soothingly to Ringo and finally calmed him down. He did not relax and allow cars to pass until Randy was safely out.

### Mimi (1972)

The only miniature poodle to become the Ken-L-Rex of the Year, Mimi was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Emerito. The tiny dog helped to save the lives of eight family members out in their home. The dog woke up Mr. Emerito at 5:30 a.m. asleep in front of the television. Wakened by Mimi's barking, the man found the living room in flames. While the fire was still burning, Mimi ran to the floor bedroom to wake up his wife and small son, Mimi ran to the five other children. Two of the teenage boys were upstairs, but they managed to escape by leaping from the roof of the house was completely destroyed.

### Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861), British poet

Browning immortalized her cocker spaniel when she wrote about him in the poem "To Flush, My Dog". He would eat only from her hand and on the few nights that she denied him room on the bed, the dog would spend the entire night moaning.

Possessive of Elizabeth, Flush would nip her suitor, Robert Browning, whenever he came over. After the two got married (Robert and Elizabeth, that is), Robert soon learned that bringing a small treat for the dog subdued him while he visited his sweetheart.

### Winston Churchill (1874-1965), British statesman

Churchill, a pet lover, always had several pets. Rufus Two, his poodle, always slept at the foot of Sir Winston's bed. Mornings would often begin with Rufus Two licking his master's face. Churchill would then share his breakfast in bed with his parakeet, Toby. Toby's cage would be placed on the bed and Churchill would share his breakfast with his pet. The powerful world leader would eat his breakfast carefully, as if to not interrupt the little bird's meal.

### Princess Grace of Monaco (1928-1982)

When Grace Kelly sailed from New York for Monaco to marry Prince Rainier in 1956, she brought along her black poodle, Oliver.

Accustomed to sleeping at the foot of his mistress's bed, Oliver saw no need to change his habits. Therefore, on the royal wedding night the poodle was in his usual spot at the end of the bed, where he slept every night until his death some years later.

### Peter the Great (1672-1725), Czar of Russia

Whenever he was at home, the czar was constantly followed by his small Italian greyhound, Lisette. Once the czar's wife, Catherine, unhappy that a member of the court was being falsely accused of corruption, tried to convince the czar of the man's innocence. Peter had a short temper and was so upset that he refused to let anyone petition him to pardon the man. Catherine cleverly wrote a sad little petition in the name of Lisette and tied it around the dog's neck. When Peter found it, he smiled and dropped the charges.

### George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876), U.S. army officer

General Custer loved his dogs, who generally accompanied him in a large pack. Two of his favorites were Turk, a white bulldog, and Bryon, a greyhound. In addition, there were many beagles, staghounds, wolfhounds and foxhounds. They shared their master's food, tent, and bed - much to the disappointment of Custer's wife, Libbie.

5 famous people  
who slept with their pets  
(No, not that way!)



Of course we didn't want to forget the c...  
so here are the 24 most popular names

Male	Female
1. Tiger	1. Samantha
2. Smokey	2. Misty
3. Pepper	3. Patches
4. Max	4. Cali
5. Simon	5. Muffin
6. Snoopy	6. Angel
7. Morris	7. Ginger
8. Mickey	8. Tiger
9. Rusty	9. Princess
10. Boots	10. Pumpkin
11. Charles	11. Tabitha
12. Puff	12. Shadow

Source: Book of Lists 3

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# Wanted to know about pets

## Titan Pets

Since 1954, Ken-L Ration has honored canines by awarding them Dog Hero of the Year medal. Each year a panel of judges selects the dog who has shown the greatest courage in saving life or property. At last count the Ken-L Ration dog heroes have saved more than 290 humans and 300 such dogs that deserve an extra

**Brett Davis, '97**

Pet: Bird

Pet's name: Tosca

Quote: "We don't know if it's a he or a she."

**Monjun Chao, '99**

Pet: Cat

Pet's name: Oreo

Quote: "He sleeps twenty hours a day."

**Amanda Yang, '98**

Pet: Hermit crab

Pet's name: Aries

Quote: "It couldn't find the water in it's cage so it died."

**Emily Ekstrand, '97**

Pet: Tadpole

Pet's name: Tadpole

Quote: "He's a bullfrog

tadpole. I caught him on my grandparent's farm."

**Paul Seo, '96**

Pet: Dog

Pet's name: Kippy

Quote: "Well, he was neutered last summer. I think it was a Tuesday."

**Susan Bae, '97**

Pet: Rabbit

Pet's name: Fluffi

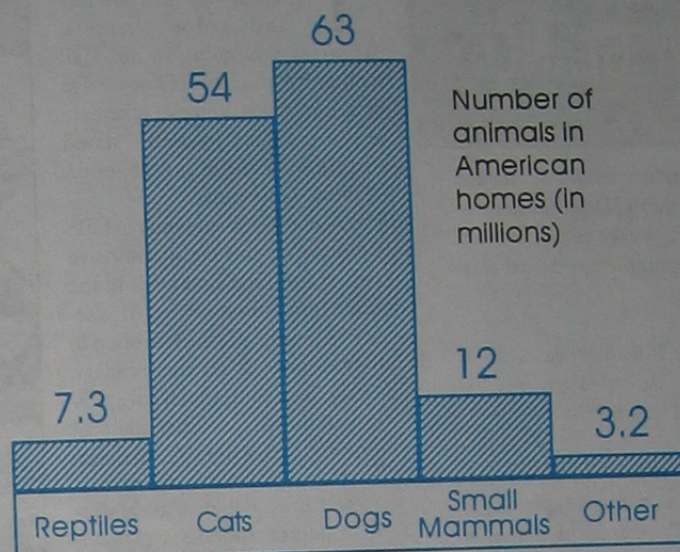
Quote: "I love my wabbit!"

**Dave Kim, '99**

Pet: Goldfish

Pet's name: Goldfish

Quote: "We're breeding it so we can eat it in about two weeks. Goldfish are yummy."



**Audrey Amini, '98**

Pet: Hamster

Pet's name: Champaign and Snow White

Quote: "Once Champaign bit Snow's neck. There was blood and fur everywhere."

**Valerie Fonorow, '97**

Pet: Horse

Pet's name: Nirvana

Quote: "He'll eat anything. I mean absolutely anything. Nirvana is especially partial to curry-combs."

## Exotic pets find their places in homes

by Brian Christensen  
Asst. In-Depth Editor

More and more people are leaving the dogs, cats, and fish behind for more "exotic" animals. Iguanas and pot-bellied pigs are quite popular these days, and there are actually a few people that own lions and tigers. Just one question: why?

What kind of pet can be found in over three million homes, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association? Reptiles. The mighty iguana has slithered into a few hearts of their own.

### • Tigers? You gotta be lion!

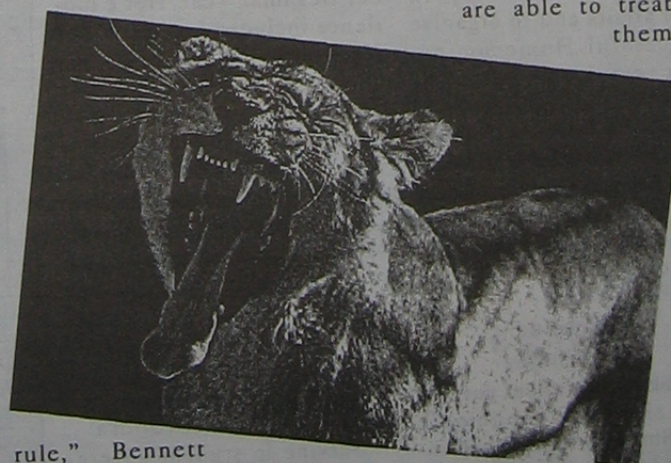
A pet that you probably wouldn't want living in a neighborhood near you is an African lion. Surprisingly, though, more than a few people keep these wild animals as pets. One such person is Harold Maxwell, a professional magician who keeps Sheba and Tasha, two female African lions, as his pets.

Maxwell cites "sheer stupidity" as the reason a Cary toddler was killed by the Bengal tiger his father housed last Thanksgiving. Three-year-old Tyler Forsythe was listed in critical condition with a crushed skull after being mauled by the 350 pound tiger. "I love my lions and they love me," Maxwell told the *News and Observer* last fall. "Tigers are much worse than lions. They are

Such reported incidence as this prompted the general public to ask why anyone would want to pass up a dog or cat for an exotic and highly dangerous animal. According to Tom Bennett, a senior agent for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, most people that keep exotic pets do so for the attention they receive. "The weirder the better - that seems to be the

veterinarian, told the *Tampa Tribune*. "It takes six months to a year to bond with them, but they will recognize faces."

These reptiles are most popular with children. Parents are usually willing to buy the relatively inexpensive iguanas (babies sell for around \$25) because they have simple dietary and habitat requirements, they're sturdy, and most vets are able to treat them



rule," Bennett said.

Unlike Maxwell, who spends more than two hours a day with his lions, most owners find that the animals are just too much to handle, and most of those animals are simply neglected. Either the person is afraid of being caught, or there isn't enough veterinarian expertise in the area that is qualified to take care of the animal.

### • You wanna iguana?

Iguanas are aloof, haughty, moody, and curious. "Iguanas are highly underestimated as

when they're sick. The trouble with iguanas, though, is that they grow up. An adult iguana can measure in at six feet from the tip of the snout to the end of the bulky tail. Reptiles have long life spans also. Iguanas in captivity can live up to anywhere from 15 to 20 years.

For those that want to join in the American reptile craze, animal experts suggest geckos, bearded dragons, and basilisks. These reptiles are a little more docile and adaptable, require very little care, and except for the basilisks (they can grow up

to three feet), they do not grow any longer than 18 to 24 inches. Usually, because they are often less bred than iguanas, these lizards are a little more expensive (\$30 to \$150).

### • Hog heaven

Pot-bellied pigs have also gained popularity recently. Owners have been in the news because not too many places welcome pigs. "When many ordinances were written, there were no such things as pet pigs," said Barbara Baker, secretary of the North American Pot-bellied Pig Association.

According to Baker, it has been her experience that many veterinarians are unfamiliar with treating pet pigs. The small piggies require shots and trimming of tusks and hooves annually. Some owners have mistakenly fed their pigs dog food, which is harmful to pigs; there is now a special food made exclusively for pigs on the market.

Breeders screen prospective owners and advise them on the proper health and dietary restrictions. The average cost for a baby pig is about \$100 to \$350, depending on the color, breed, and geographic area, according to Baker.

Now you may just settle for your own Snoopy, but if you have the urge to try some exotic, you are not alone. More people are buying animals such as iguanas and pot-bellied pigs (not as many tigers and lions), although the traditional pets are still going strong.

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ant to forget the cats in the world, most popular names for cats today.



This is senior Jay Young's cat, Patches. Unfortunately, "Patches" is not one of the most popular cat names.



# Auto classes accelerate students' knowledge of cars

## AUTOS AT A GLANCE

• Students enrolled in Vocational Automotives 363 and 463 gain practice by working on their own cars. This greatly reduces the cost of repairs.

• Any of the autos classes at GBS satisfy the applied arts credit required for graduation.

• GBS sophomores, juniors, and seniors can take Small Engines 161 at GBS. This class studies all types of today's gasoline engines. Each student is required to furnish and rebuild one engine; building a second engine is optional.

• Students who don't want to get their hands dirty can join Automotives 161, which is strictly classroom.

• Out of over 1,000 females in the GBS student body, currently only four are involved in the Automotives program.

• The work done by the Vocational Automotives 363 and 463 classes is complimentary unless new parts need to be purchased.

Jeffrey Ouyang

by Laurel Felt  
Staff Reporter

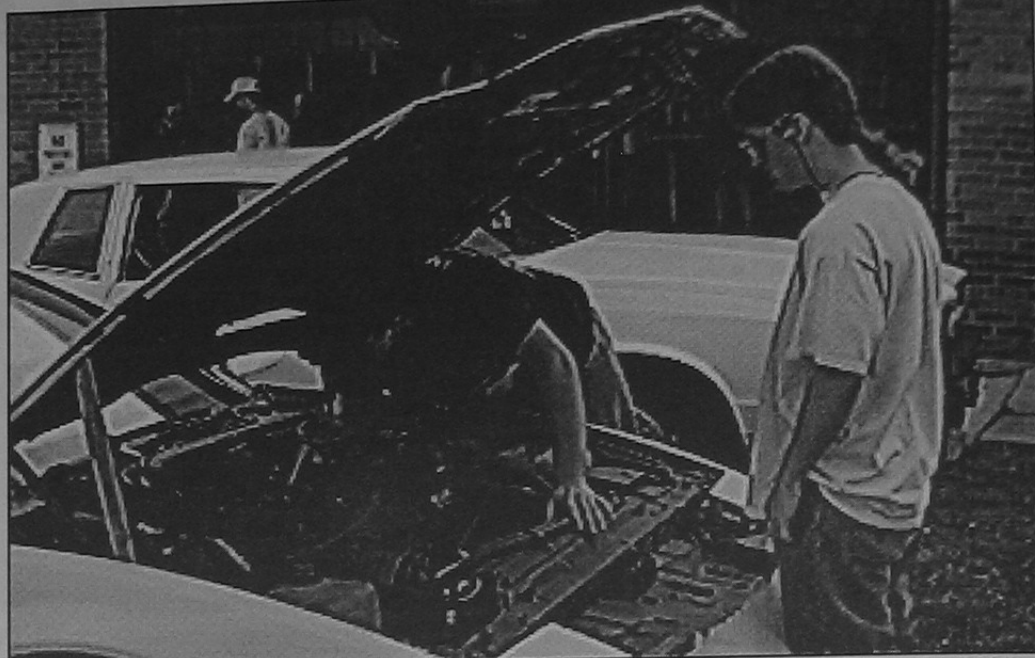
Think about your car when you turn the key and it doesn't start.

What are you going to do? Call for help? With a basic of knowledge of automobiles, you can take care of the problem yourself," stated Applied Technology teacher, Clement Germanier.

The Automotives program at GBS is extensive and comprehensive starting from the first level in the curriculum, Automotives 161, a semester-long class which is open to all students. "It's a theory class, strictly classroom, which covers almost all the systems that make an auto work," explained Germanier.

Autos 263 spans two semesters and is available to all juniors and seniors or students who previously took Autos 161. "It teaches practical maintenance and periodic maintenance required to keep an automobile in good working condition. Autos 263 takes place primarily in the shop and students learn to make repairs that can be done at home. It's a practical arts class, it won't turn you into a mechanic."

Finally, Vocational Automotives 363 and 463 are the last classes, open only to juniors and seniors who have taken Autos 263 and Autos 161. Lasting an hour and forty-five minutes everyday for two semesters, more advanced repair is taught and practiced with 85% of the time is spent in the shop. "We cover wheel alignment, engine re-



Seniors Ryan Boyce and Adam Hass examine the complex mechanics of an automobile. Students enrolled in automotive classes service staff members' or their own cars.

pair and replacement, suspension and transmission problems, and advanced repair diagnosis." To learn these valuable skills, the students service their own cars as well as faculty and staff members'.

Only charging for parts that need to be replaced, all of the work done is complimentary. Said Germanier, "There is no labor fee because it's an educational experience for the students." Instructing the Autos classes at GBS for the past 30 years, Germanier has seen many changes. "The curriculum changed as we increased

the teaching of electronics and the necessity of diagnosis."

Currently, the Autos courses sustain a low female population. "We'd like to see more girls take more of the Autos classes," Germanier expressed. "There have been girls in Autos 3 in the past, but now there is one girl in Autos 2 and three girls in Autos 1. There's usually a higher percentage of females in the 'Know Your Car' class."

He elaborated, "'Know Your Car' was designed for juniors and seniors so they can have a basic

knowledge and understanding of their cars. It teaches students what they should know about jump starts, changing a flat tire, checking the oil and coolant, the cause of waterpump noise, and other general items."

In the future, Germanier hopes to see "a greater number of students taking advantage of the opportunities at Glenbrook South." He explained his classes' value by saying, "They help you to become a good consumer of your automobile. If you're knowledgeable, then you can make good use of your product."

## New SC officers prepare for job

by Marius Andreasen  
Staff Reporter

Well, it's that time again. Student Council elections have come and gone. Every year this ritual takes place in GBS as the school prepares for its annual changing of officers. In the hands of these newly elected officers lies the future and success of GBS concerning student-run programs such as the Canned Food Drive and the Homecoming pep rally.

The results are in and the winners are overflowing with ideas. The Oracle decided to let these upcoming senior officers share what their hopes for GBS are for the future.

### President

Ryan FitzSimmons

With a long history of involvement in student government, FitzSimmons ran for President with the goal of getting more of the student body involved in school activities. Since his freshman year, FitzSimmons has played the roles of freshman class treasurer, sophomore class representative and Student Council

secretary. As the Student Council's new president, FitzSimmons also wants to ensure students a say in school affairs and to organize a successful Homecoming. "Next year, I want to set the record for the Canned Food Drive, have a successful year and get everyone involved." Aside from Student Council, FitzSimmons also involved in Interact, Student to Student, Basketball, and Golf.

### Vice President Brett Smiley

Involved in student government since his sophomore year, Smiley's experience includes sophomore class board, junior class board and student council class representative. Smiley ran for office so he could contribute experience and leadership to Student Council and to also increase participation in school activities, with an emphasis on Homecoming. "I want to change Student Council into an organization whose sole purpose is to serve GBS and its student body." Smiley is also actively involved in track and also can be seen in Civil War reenactment activities.

### Secretary Lisa Moretti

Moretti has been involved in student government since her freshman year. Her experience includes freshman representative, sophomore treasurer, and junior class vice president. Moretti ran for student council simply because she enjoys planning, running and helping out behind-the-scenes in school activities. Moretti wishes to increase participation in school next year. Aside from Student Council, Moretti is an active member of the softball team.

### Treasurer Matt Vondra

Serving in student government since his freshman year. Vondra's experience includes being vice president of his freshman class, and serving as a representative of his sophomore and junior class. Outside of Student Council, Vondra is also a state qualifier for diving and a member of the soccer team. Vondra ran for office with the desire to be part of the executive council and to play a part in planning school activities. Vondra commented, "I would like to have a smooth running for a successful year."

## News You Can't Use

Have you ever wondered...

## What the heck is that in school parking lot?



Jeff Ouyang

This luxury convertible is one of many that can be found in the school parking lot. Unlike many others, this car has a GBS parking permit.

**Location:** umm...the GBS school parking lot.

**Appearance:** an abused and congested blacktop area with over 500 parking spaces and potholes.

• Number of cars sighted without parking permits: 79

• Number of cars whose alarms went off while we were conducting our survey: 2

• One car with a Fraternal Order of Police Member sticker and no school parking permit

• Bizarre car ornaments: a fuzzy chicken, rubber duckies, a Burger King crown, and a shackled bird

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• Weird license plates: T MONY24, BRAT INC, UB GONE, USA 30, HANDZ 89, POGOS, GO BLU 71

• Funky colors: a maroon car with an orange top

-by Lillian C. Tsai



# Junior prepared to light up the stage in spring musical

by Mary Hong  
Staff Reporter

Unlike Glenbrook South males who hold to the dogma, "I am God's gift to mankind—in the flesh," junior Tony Whiteley actually is one. In fact, he plays Jesus Christ himself in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Broadway success, Jesus Christ Superstar. Although Whiteley has never seen it on stage, only several weeks into rehearsal he can already be heard raving about the play. "It's terrific—a rock opera from beginning to end," he explains. "A lot of the music is not on the page, so you can let loose, especially because it's fifty percent ad-libbing."

The musical is actually harder than its sounds, because every line must be sung, sometimes at amazingly high pitches or volumes. The challenge, Whiteley states, is simultaneously portraying a character while trying to achieve these notes. "Some-

times it's hard because there's a lot of wailing to be done so you have to regulate what to do at what times," he admits with a smile. While portraying Jesus Christ, he has perhaps one of the

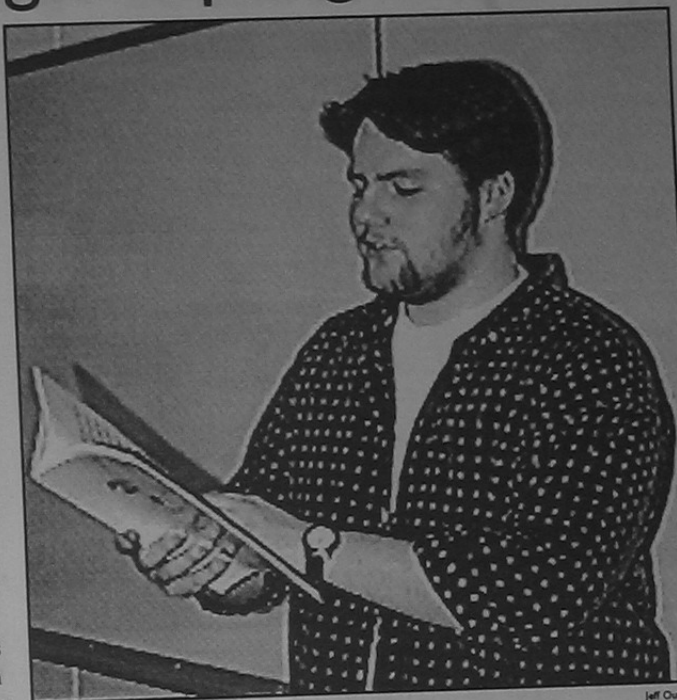
It's not really religious anything, I think about it as just retelling a story through the eyes of Andrew Lloyd Webber with excellent music.

Tony Whiteley

most demanding, as well as controversial, roles. Many students refused to try out for the play because of religious beliefs. Although Whiteley is Christian, the religious aspect of the play did not keep him from participating. "It's not really religious anything, I think about it as just retelling a story through the eyes of Andrew Lloyd Weber with excellent music," comments Whiteley.

This part of the task is not unfamiliar to Whiteley, who is evidently not a novice to the stage. His past involvement includes being a two-time singer-dancer in the annual Variety shows, playing a lead role in last year's musical, *Anything Goes*, and a major character in his previous school's one-act musical, *Shake, Rattle, and Roll*. As a returning member of Master Singers, the male acapella group Nine, and other choral groups. In fact, he is known among his fellow choir members and friends, as well as to outside observers, as the guy with the "awesome voice."

This year's spring musical was selected by Glenbrook North music faculty, choir director Judy Moe and band director Pat Murphy. Of his North counterparts involved in the musical, Whiteley can only say, "They're all great. There's no sense of competition, just friends and music." And the music is coming along fine.



Junior Tony Whiteley practices for his role in the spring musical. The musical is performed together by both Glenbrook schools.

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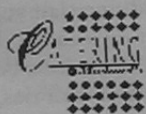
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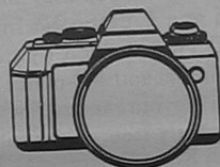
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# Volleyball team sets sights on league, state titles

by Andy MacDougall  
Staff Reporter



Sophomore Dave Mattas goes up for a smash at a recent volleyball game. The team is continuing to have a great season.

The men's varsity volleyball team has lived up to its pre-season number one ranking, posting an impressive 10-1-1 record so far.

The team's only loss came last Saturday at the hands of Naperville North.

The team, coached by Patty Iverson, has been performing beyond expectations and is already setting its sights on both conference and state championships.

The Titans have already triumphed over St. Viator, Libertyville, Deerfield, Oak Park, Maine East and archrival Glenbrook North. They also just completed the Naperville North Invitational.

The team is being led by senior returning starters Eric Shoemaker and Yop Kang, and is also being bolstered by valuable assistance from several other players.

Of particular importance are the outstanding performances by Chris Dimotopolous, who was recently recognized as the *Chicago Sun Times*' Athlete of the Week. "We've been doing really well so far this year, but there are still some big tournaments left. If we continue to play well and practice hard, we have the ability to go far this year," he said.

Senior Reno Ravindran has provided solid leadership coming off the bench.

Junior Tim O'Brien has been one of the volleyball squad's most consistent performers. Seniors James McDorman and Ho

Young Moon and Derek Sy have been steady throughout the season.

The Titan volleyball squad looks to continue its winning ways next season with sophomores Matt Harris, Dave Mattas and Dave Roseman getting varsity experience this year.

The Titans hope to continue their successful campaign as they head into the Downers Grove South Tournament this weekend. The team will also be facing Niles West on April 30, and they return for a home match May 2, against Maine East. On May 9, the Glenbrook South men's volleyball squad will host traditional powerhouse New Trier in a matchup that looks to be key in the final CSL South standings.

## Track squads battle weather

by Jasmine V. Hernandez  
Assistant Sports Editor

Glenbrook South track and field teams have had to compete recently with the weather, as well as other schools.

Despite the weather, both teams have jumped out to successful starts.

Thus far the women's track team has been victorious against Highland Park and Evanston, giving them an overall record of 2-0. At the Wheaton-Warrenville South Invitational the women placed fourth. Upcoming meets include the Titan Invitational and the Lake Forest Invitational.

The women's track squad is

led by senior captain Sarah Vragel in the distance events. Sophomore Beth Lewis is one of the women's track team's top sprinters. Junior Margaret Crowley is the team's top 400-meter runner.

Senior Gina Lo Bello is one of the Titans' top hurdlers. Sophomore Monica Rho, in her second year at the varsity level, is a key contributor with the shot put.

According to junior runner Christine DeLeonardis, "Our track team has been working very hard, and we have been successful in our meets."

Up next for the women's track squad is the Lake Forest Relays

tomorrow, followed by the CSL Conference meet at Waukegan on May 3.

The men have also been doing well. Recently they placed fourth at a Libertyville Invitational. They are led by junior high jumper and 400-meter runner Jon Novotny and senior shop putter Andy Lee. A key runner is junior Kosta Dalageorgas. Junior Brett Smiley is the track team hurdler, and junior Jim Schamber is the Titans' top 800-meter runner.

The Titans' next meet is the Glenbrook North Invitational today, followed by a home meet against Austin, Wendell Phillips and Morgan Park on April 30.

## Success follows men's gymnastics squad dual winning streak reaches 46 meets

by Chaz Quinn  
Staff Reporter

The 1996 men's gymnastics team, led by Head Coach Tom Neville, has continued its great success by jumping off to a record of 8-0.

The squad currently owns a winning streak of 46 consecutive dual meets, which has taken place over the past few seasons.

This year's gymnastics team is led by seniors Greg Bell, Eric Block and Brian Raff, along with junior Charlie Olson and sophomore Luke Massery.

Bell is a crucial all-around performer for the Titans, excelling on the floor exercise, rings, vault, parallel bars and pommel horse.

Block is one of the squad's top performers on the rings, and Raff performs well in the floor exercise and the rings.

Olson's key discipline is the pommel horse, while Massery is a top performer on the high bar.

In a recent matchup against the previously undefeated Niles North squad, the Titans' came away with one of their most closely contested victories of the season. The men had their conference meet yesterday, with their regional meet on Monday.

## Hard work pays off for women's badminton

by Andy Miller  
Staff Reporter

Although most students took the week of spring break to enjoy the weather, relax and travel, the women's badminton team took its vacation time and put it to good use.

Most recently the Lady Titans played at the Prospect Invitational. They finished in fifth place out of eight teams, which exceeded their expectations.

Individual honors were earned by junior Jenny Lee at second singles and the team of seniors Anuja Thakkar and Anna Lotivio, who played first doubles. The doubles team placed second, losing only to the eventual champions from Hersey.

Other competitors at the tournament included Frances Kim at third doubles and Susan Rhee at first singles. Although Kim had to forfeit her last five matches af-

ter spraining an ankle, she had a successful tournament until that point. Rhee was given the bad luck of having a tough tournament draw, but competed well and finished with a 3-4 record for the day.

Coach Jan Fuller commented that, "This year has been surprising. I am very impressed by the way this team has improved from last year. All we need to do is to keep improving, and we'll go far in the tournaments."

## Record does not reflect baseball's improvement

by Brad Helfand  
Staff Reporter

The varsity baseball team is heating up after a slow start and has started the season with a 6-9-2 record.

Varsity Assistant Coach Jack Adams believes that "everybody has really been contributing." However, there have been three standout players so far this season. Jay Grodecki has had a solid season in the number three spot in the batting order. Todd Holmes is the ace of the Titan pitching staff, and Steve Hall has been a team leader at second base.

So far this season the Titans are 2-2 in the conference. Head Coach Jeff Aaron said, "I don't think our record is an indication of how much we improved since last year. We are much better [than last year's disappointing record]."

Aaron believes that the Titans have been close to victories in three of their losses and one of their ties, and that one bad play was the key in each.

The team's strengths, according to Aaron, have been solid defense and good pitching in cold weather. With 12 conference games remaining, the Titans are still solid competitors for a conference title. Aaron commented, "Two and two does not put us out of the conference race by any stretch of the imagination." Look for the Titans to improve as the season progresses because sophomores Bragdon Bonamasso, Scott Carlson, Mike Field, and Eric Ginsburg are starting and rapidly gaining experience, according to Aaron.

## Women's softball posts 7-5 mark to open season

by Andy MacDougall  
Staff Reporter

The women's softball team has gotten off to another winning start this season with a 7-5 record.

Led by senior captains Amy Albert and Megan Roberts, the team has received help from several others, including juniors Lisa Pierce and Namrata Chand. Chand is currently leading the team with a .638 batting average, including three home runs and three triples. Pitchers Albert and Pierce have also both "been doing a great job," according to Coach MaryBeth Steilen.

In recent games, the team has posted some of its most impressive performances. They defeated Maine West 11-1 after only five innings in the heated CSL crossover. GBS also played the "best game of the year" against Buffalo Grove by letting up only four hits and one error in a close 4-3 loss. "Overall the team is finally coming together and playing as a team," mentioned Steilen. "We now know what we have to do."

The Titans continue play at home against Niles West April 29, and Maine East on May 1.



# Men's tennis squad lives up to preseason ranking

by Josh Adams  
Staff Reporter

The men's tennis team has lived up to their preseason number two ranking in the *Chicago Tribune* and their number three ranking in the *Chicago Sun-Times*. They currently hold an undefeated 7-0 record.

The Titans have defeated all the ranked teams that they have played. Stevenson and Glenbrook North, ranked eighth and fourth respectively, have both fallen to the GBS men's tennis team.

Last year's team finished fifth in state, and numerous varsity players have returned. The team is led by senior captains Uday Sehgal, Matt Alef, and Michael Slutzky. Junior players Peter Chin, Terry Green, Andy Miller, and Steve Sacks hope to use their experience to their

advantage. They also want to have a strong season.

Green is currently the number one singles player, and junior Chin holds the number two singles ranking. Pfenning and Slutzky are the number one doubles team.

The men's tennis team has a lot of young talent. Sophomore Wally Pfenning, in his second varsity season, is working to return to his top form. Sophomore veteran Nick Alef is also a key contributor. Freshmen on the varsity team include Mike Witwer and Brenden FitzSimons.

Coach Larry Faulkner is extremely optimistic about his team's chances to compete on a high level this year. "We were ranked number two in the *Chicago Tribune* and number three in the *Chicago Sun-Times*. I think that indicates where our goals ought to be. If the papers think

that we are that good, we should be that good, or even better."

The team expects their toughest opponent to be New Trier, who is currently ranked number one in state. The Titans, however, have had no problem controlling ranked teams, demonstrated by their disposing of fourth-ranked GBN and eighth-ranked Stevenson.

All in all, good things seem to loom on the horizon for the Titans. They are a team loaded with talent, and experience. "It's a great team with great kids," Faulkner said. "If we don't get injured or sick, we have the best chance ever to succeed at the state meet."

Glenbrook South will host the Titan Invitational, a meet against many other area teams, tomorrow. Their next dual meet is against top-ranked New Trier next Tuesday in what looks to be an interesting matchup.



Sophomore Wally Pfenning hits a backhand. Pfenning is in his second year as a varsity tennis player.

## Soccer team challenges for league title

by Jason Sherwood  
Staff Reporter

No victory is sweeter for Glenbrook South teams than beating top rival Glenbrook North. The varsity girls' soccer team tasted this victory on March 27, as it glided to a 2-0 triumph over the Spartans.

This key CSL contest was close all the way until sophomore Jenny Gustafson shattered the scoreless tie with a goal that deflected off a Glenbrook North defender. While her team was holding onto a 1-0 lead, junior Erin Partaker, who was named to last year's CSL South All-Confer-

ence team, broke through the Spartan defense and shot past the Spartan goalie to give the Titans their final goal.

Glenbrook South enjoyed dominance all day as it continued to keep the ball on the Spartans' side of the field. When there was an occasional shot on the Titan end, sophomore goalie Susie McCreery shut down the GBN offense. Head Coach Mark Daniels was relieved with this victory as the game was deadlocked 0-0 throughout the first half. Gustafson's goal came with only 15 minutes remaining in the contest.

After the game, Daniels was

pleased with his team's effort after it had struggled in its season opener against Mundelein. After the Spartan victory, the Titans went on to beat Waukegan (in the CSL South opener), tie Lake Forest and lose to Stevenson.

With numerous sophomores, such as Courtney Bathgate, Meghan Fahey, Gustafson, starting netminder McCreery, and Kathleen Weber on this year's squad, the Titan women's soccer program looks to be on the rise.

The Titans have upcoming games on April 30 against Deerfield and on May 2 against Evanston.



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## Upcoming sports events

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**Men's Track-Glenbrook North invitational, today, 4:00, at Glenbrook North**

**Women's Track-Lake Forest Relays, tomorrow, 11:00, at Lake Forest**

**Gymnastics-IHSA Regionals, Monday**

**Soccer-Deerfield, Tuesday, 4:30, at Deerfield**

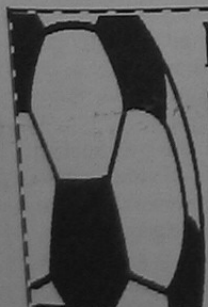
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**tomorrow (TBA)**

**Tennis-Titan Invitational, tomorrow, 9:00, home**

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# Senior football star earns invitation to play football, tour world

by Andrew Rudnik  
Sports Editor

The 1995 Glenbrook South football team exceeded all pre-season expectations by advancing to the IHSA quarterfinals. Behind that unexpected success was defensive tackle Andy Lee, who was named to the *Chicago Sun-Times* "Super 25" as an all-state player.

Lee, a second year starting defensive tackle, along with senior teammate Billy Salatch, and junior teammates Rich Park, Joe Bein, and Eric Rapoport, dominated the line of scrimmage for a defense that pitched four shutouts in a banner season.

This summer, Lee has earned another honor: he has been invited to tour Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii in an American football promotional league run by International Sports Specialists Incorporated, or ISSI. Lee will be playing football with Team Illinois/

Iowa against other talented high school all-star teams from Texas, California and other states in American football exhibition games.

According to Lee, the league that he will be participating in is "very prestigious." He feels that the high level of talent (the ISSI promotional league attracts some of the top talent in the nation) that he will be competing against gives him a chance to get ready for college football next year. Lee has been given the starting nod at his accustomed defensive tackle position for the exhibition season, which will give him a chance to get a lot of playing time.

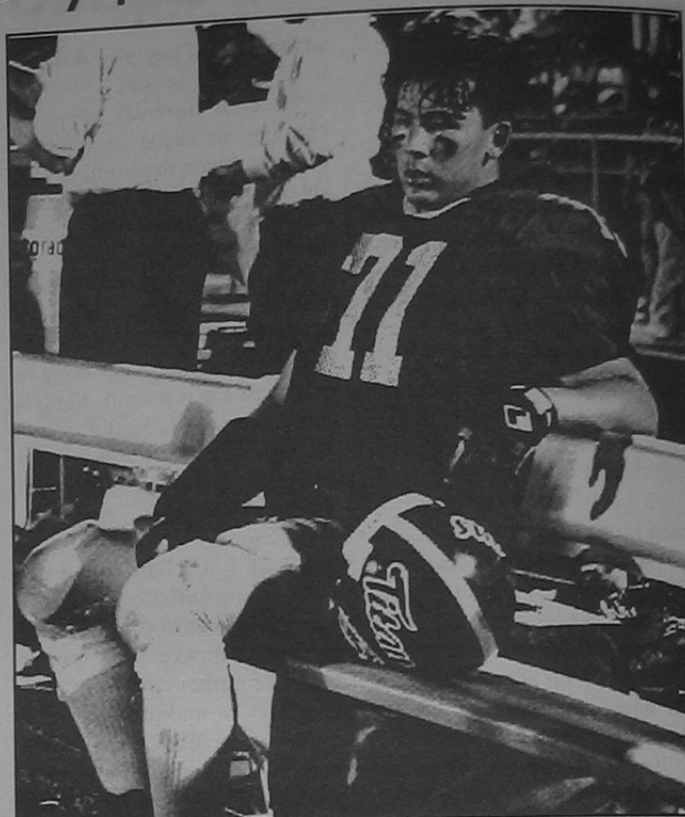
During the football tour, which takes place from July 3 through July 15, Lee will play in many football games, but he will also get the opportunity to tour the region that he is playing in. Lee is expecting to enjoy himself playing football games, but is also very excited about being able to visit Australia, New

Zealand, and Hawaii.

Lee expects to have an exciting time during the summer ISSI promotional league. He has talked to people who have had the "best time of their lives playing football and touring the countryside [through the ISSI program]."

Lee is participating in the ISSI summer league on a grant from Eastern Illinois University. But this summer promotional league will not be all touring and sightseeing; Lee is playing to earn a four-year scholarship to Eastern Illinois University. Because he has a starting spot on Team Illinois/Iowa, Lee plans "to do well." He feels that his coaches are going to be expecting a lot from him, and that he "[does not] plan on disappointing them."

The first practice for Team Illinois/Iowa is in June, and Lee and his teammates will leave for Australia and their first game of the exhibition season on July 3 and return on July 15.



Senior Andy Lee relaxes on the sidelines during a home football game. Lee will play football in Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii during this summer.

## Sports allow for much questioning

by Andrew Rudnik  
Sports Editor

Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Ryne Sandberg, Doc Gooden, Glenn Anderson, Bjorn Borg...

What ever happened to retirement?

Mike Piazza, the Los Angeles Dodgers' power hitting catcher, is held without an extra-base hit for the first two weeks of the baseball season...

What ever happened to the good ol' juiced ball?

Marcus Spears, Todd Sauerbrun, Patrick Riley, Reggie Phillips, John Roper, Bobby Enggram (!?)...

What ever happened to bad Chicago Bears second round draft picks?

After 80 games of being injured and 1 "Did not play-Coach's decision," he actually played last Sunday against the Washington Bullets...

What ever happened to Jack Haley as a cheerleader in a tie?

Jerry Stackhouse-2 years  
Rasheed Wallace-2 years  
Samaki Walker-2 years  
Dontonio Wingfield (who?)-1 year

Clifford Rozier-1 year...

What ever happened to college basketball being a four-year experience?

At the time of printing, Rick Wilkins, a former sub-.200 hitter for the Cubs, was hitting an incredible .395...

What ever happened to pitching?

1985: Monsters of the Midway  
1995: Maybe not.

What ever happened to the

Chicago Bears' defense?

King High School guard Larry Allaway fails three classes, but is allowed to play thanks to the coaxing of coach Landon Cox...

What ever happened to high school in the Public League?

Pete Rose, Joe Jackson, Ron Santo, Phil Niekro, Tony Perez...

What ever happened to the intelligence of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee?

Dennis Rodman-head butt.  
Nick Van Exel-shove.

Magic Johnson-bump.

What ever happened to respect for NBA refs?

Lawrence Phillips throws his girlfriend down three flights of stairs, then gets picked number six in the NFL draft, and will become a millionaire by the start of next fall...

What ever happened to moral expectations of NFL players?

1994 NBA draft day-Who wants a head case with no leadership skills when we can have a young slam dunk specialist?

1996-Is this guy the NBA's best player?

What ever happened to that darned Scottie Pippen for Shawn Kemp trade?

And finally...

What ever happened to Doug Dascenzo, Domingo Ramos, Angel Salazar, Mitch "Wild Thing" Williams, David Greenwood, Stan Thomas, Gary Scott, Sam Vincent, John Roper, Rory Sparrow, Brad Sellers Johnny Bailey, Scott Ruffcorn, and Hector Villanueva?

## Offseason Notes...

### Titan football player commits to University of Michigan

Junior Kurt Anderson, who has starred as a linebacker, tight end, and offensive lineman for the Titan varsity football team since he was a sophomore, made an oral commitment to the University of Michigan just over a month ago.

Anderson is following in the footsteps of his brother, Erick Anderson, who starred at Glenbrook South in the late 1980's, and went on to win the Butkus award as the top college

linebacker at Michigan.

Anderson led the stellar Titan defense with 81 tackles as an inside linebacker, and earned CSL South All-Conference honors for his play on the defensive side of the ball. He also caught 12 passes and four touchdowns as a tight end.

According to Anderson, "They [the Michigan coaching staff] told me one of the things that impressed them was my ability to play a lot of positions."

### Football players earn invites to postseason all-star games

After solid senior seasons, three Glenbrook South football players have been invited to play in a suburban postseason exhibition football game.

Wide receiver Ryan Czechowski, guard Chris Gochis, and defensive tackle Andy Lee have been chosen to participate in the Suburban North-South All-Star game on June 15 at North Central College in Naperville.

Czechowski was Glenbrook South's leading receiver in receptions and yardage in 1995, in his second year as a starter. Czechowski earned all conference honors this season.

Gochis started every game for the Titans in 1995, and emerged

as a top offensive lineman despite suffering a concussion middle of the season. He also earned all-conference honors.

Lee was the Titan's defensive star, leading the defensive in sacks and tackles for a loss. He was a two year starter for GBS and earned all-conference honors as well as being named to the *Chicago Sun-Times* "Super 25" all-state team.

Besides the Suburban North-South All-Star game, Lee has also been selected to play in the Shrine game, a game for the state's top players, on July 27 at Peoria Stadium.

Titan head coach Ron Harris will also serve as a coach.

Briefs contributed by  
Andrew Rudnik



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If this head could talk, what would it say?



Life is chillin'.



What'cha talkin' about, Willis?



Life is chillin'.

## who are we? everything you wanted to know!

The editorial staff at a glance: what we're responsible for, what movies we love to watch with buttered popcorn, and what music we love turning up the radio for. So, do you know us yet? Ah? Ah?

**Rhona Dass**  
(Editor-in-Chief):

Movies:

**Goonies.** "The beginning of the movie where Mouth, Corey Feldman, is taking Rosalita around the house. Why do I like the Goonies so much? It's, like, a totally action packed, pirate-filled, treasure cested movie. (Also, Sean Astin is a babe)."

**Shag.** "Where Chip and Pudge dance at the contest. It's so cool; I love that era. I wanna learn how to Shag!"

Music:

"I listen a lot to everything, especially eurotechno (DJ Marksky) and ska. I live for the Beastie Boys, though. Oh, and I go ga-ga over Erasure, too!"

**Brad Kimmel**  
(Opinion Editor):

Movies:

**The Brain That Wouldn't Die.** "The scientists girlfriend dies in a car accident and he pulls her head off taking it back to the lab. It was the quintessential cheesy 50's sci-fi movie."

Music:

"My favorite bands are The Clash and The Specials. I'm also a huge Blues Traveller and Phish fan. Oh, and I also love Dave Matthews and the Dead."

**Scott Issen**  
(News Editor):

Movies:

**The Muppet Christmas Carol.** "Friends, this has got to be the most powerful movie ever made...I shed real tears!"

I refuse to believe that Kermit and Piggie got married and HAD CHILDREN. Can you imagine?"

Music:

"Everything but country."

**Chris Kim**  
(Assistant News Editor):

Movies:

**Superman.** "The part when he catches Lois Lane falling from a building then catches a helicopter with one hand. Life is chillin'."

Music:

"Country, and nuttin' but!"

**Lilian Tsai**  
(Features Editor):

Movies:

**The Graduate.** "When Anne Bancroft pops the question, 'Do you want me to seduce you?'"

I tend to like weird movies, and no one understands why. This started from when I was but a young Lilian, watching the making

Okay, okay. You've been reading the Oracle for some time now, but do you really know US?

This page is our gift to you: a little bit of who we are, stuff that goes on behind the scenes, and blips that were never published.

mowed the people down on the beach. It's a rare opportunity to see American cinematography at work. Wait. It was made in America, wasn't it?"

Music:

"I like all types of music, and I've been known as being a button puncher. But if I had to pick one group it'd be REM."

**Andrew Rudnik**  
(Sports Editor):

Movies:

**The Usual Suspects.** "The beginning of the movie. It's got a REALLY GOOD twist at the end. Life is chillin'."

Music:

"I like all kinds of music. Especially Debbie Gibson."

Come to think of it, I love anything off that Totally 80's album they offer on those rockin' infomercials.

I also like Tony Bennett. He's really cool!"

**Jasmine Hernandez**  
(Assistant Sports Editor):

Movies:

**Braveheart.** "When he yells 'freedom' at the end. The scen-

Only one-third of the US admits to being able to flare our nostrils."

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of crayola crayons on Mr. Roger's Neighborhood."

Music:

"I'm a Mozart groupie and I like crappie dance songs, like 'California Love.' Oh, and Depeche Mode, too."

**Jeff Ouyang**  
(Assistant Feature Editor):

Movies:

**Pulp Fiction.** "When they're in the car and shoot Marvin in the face. The whole movie was hilarious. It changed my life."

Music:

"I like all types of music. My favorite song is Guantanamera."

**Alpa Shah**  
(In Depth Editor):

Movies:

**Forrest Gump.** "The part when he's waving on the boat to lieutenant Dan. I also love it when Forrest jumps off the shrimp ship, and when it crashes into a dock, he says, 'That's my boat.' Forrest is cool."

Music:

"Michael Jackson! Hands down!"

**Brian Christensen**  
(Assistant In Depth Editor):

Movies:

**Rumble in the Bronx.** "The duct-taped hover craft when it

ery was nice Don't put that down, though. The movie was good. It was a good representation of a true story."

Music:

"Oldies."

**Eunice Yi**  
(Entertainment Editor):

Movies:

**A Christmas Story.** "The part where he's screaming 'I can't put my arms down!' I had a tragic experience similar to this only two days ago."

Music:

"My favorite song is, 'It Don't Mean a Thing (if it ain't got that swing)' by Duke Ellington. Big band music ROCKS."

**Ted Heiser**  
(Adviser):

Movies:

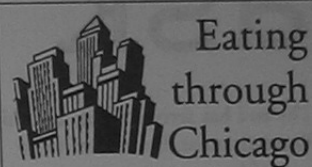
**Old Yeller.** "I just can't believe that they shot the dog!"

Music:

"Sixties oldies."

One-half of all Americans twist apart their Oreos before consuming them."

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Who can deny it? The beauty of Chicago lies essentially in its restaurants. We all know about Chicago's more popular pit stops, but you can go to Planet Hollywood and Michael Jordan's Restaurant and Hard Rock Café only so many times without wanting something different. Here we offer the best of the generally forgotten--and reasons why each one is so special to our urban sister town.

**The Cheesecake Factory.**

These guys offer the world's greatest helpings of everything on its dinner menu; it's nearly impossible to make room for their namesake specialties, their (of course) cheesecakes. There are more than twenty different kinds of these desserts available. Cheesecakes, cheesecakes everywhere, and you're too full to eat. BONUS: Waiting is fun, thanks to the tiny beepers they distribute and buzz when your table is ready. 875 N. Michigan Avenue, (312) 337-1101.

**No Exit Café.**

It's not really a restaurant, per se, but nevertheless it's a watering hole worth looking into. Play chess in one corner, sip a scalding espresso in another. All in all, it's a very cozy atmosphere. BONUS: There's music every night except for Wednesdays, which is reserved for poetry readings. Sign ups begin every Wednesday at a quarter to 9 p.m. 6970 N. Glenwood, (312) 743-3355.

**Dick's Last Resort.**

Those intimidated by the hand drawn ads should not dine at this place.

This diner puts Ed Debevic's to shame. Rude waitresses,

buckets of crab legs on random tables, loud music, and an unusual display behind the main counter. Chicago worst attitudes at their finest. BONUS: Hear Chicago's most heavenly gospel music live during their Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 435 Illinois Street, (312) 836-7870.

**Bossa Nova.**

Believe us, it's worth the hour wait on weekends. Check out these plates: Jamaica jerked chicken, blackened rib-eye steak, and Pasta from Hell. There's live entertainment and dancing every Wednesday through Saturday. BONUS: There's valet parking! (Yes, it is customary to tip the valet up to \$5.) 1960 N. Clybourn, (312) 248-2800.



22.3% of the US steal glances of ourselves in the store windows whenever possible."

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## Oracle's top 10

Throughout the year, we brought the top songs played throughout England, Germany and even Japan! Here's a peak at the top songs we play here in the journalism office.

**1: Scatman**

Scatman John

**2: Cecilia**

Simon & Garfunkel

**3: These Boots**

Are Made for

Walking

Nancy Sinatra

**4: Gangsta's**

Paradise

Coolio

**5: Beyond the**

Sea

Bobby Darin

**6: Macarena**

Los Del Rio

**7: Love U More**

Sunscreem

**8: Any Dream Will Do**

Joseph and the Technicolor

Dreamcoat soundtrack

**9: Say It Ain't So**

Weezer

**10: What's Up?**

DJ Miko





## ask us anything!

The end has arrived (sob), and this Entertainment duo refuses to go out softly.

So, with our final layout, we asked you, our faithful readers, to ask us anything...and you did! Read, eat, and be merry, kids.

What's the actual temperature of the pool?

-Matt ('98)

Well, Matt, we assumed it was the school swimming pool that you were asking about.

For the answer, we turned to Jack Simms of the Physical Education department: "We try to maintain the pool at the same temperature as the air, which is about 80 degrees [Fahrenheit]." 80 degrees, eh? We ourselves went to see if this was true...and (surprise, surprise!) the thermometer read a very comfortable 78 degrees.

What are all the movies that Jean-Claude Van Damme is in? Or at least semi-related?

-Frances ('97)

Golly, Frances. We'd answer if we knew what you were trying to say.

How far will a bird fly when hit by a golf club moving at a velocity of 210 ft/s at an angle of 21° from the horizontal and 3 ft above the ground?

-Mike ('97)

Eh, we don't know. But we turned to someone who does: a Physics teacher who we affectionately call The Science Answer Guy: "Hey, Stupid. The bird will not fly at all after being hit by a golf club. That's why no one in their right mind



would dare to hit a bird with a golf club. But if you hit a golf ball with a golf club, giving the ball a speed of 210 ft/s at a 21 degree angle to the horizontal at an initial height of 3 feet, then the ball would travel a horizontal distance of approximately 274 meters. The answer neglects the effect of spin for air resistance on the ball."



Holden Caulfield and I were just wondering where the ducks fly in the winter?

-Kanika ('96)

We know that without a doubt that all the ducks of Chicago fly to the Amazon in the winter.

There are no ducks in Amazon, you say?

Have YOU EVER been to the Amazon in the winter?

They also just hang around with the geese at the manmade lake facing the Glenbrook Hospital. Those geese just never leave. Geese are scary.

What year was I born in?

-Bob ('98)

We know.

And we could tell you.

But, then, of course, we would have to kill you.

How much wood can a wood chuck chuck if a wood chuck could chuck wood?

-Frank ('96)

Woodchuck is one word, man.

Why is the sky blue?

-Wong ('99)

Once again, we cracked open the mind of The Science Answer Guy: "Visible light from the sun comes in a range of wavelengths; each wavelength characteristic of a particular color of the rainbow- ROYGBIV. The longer wavelengths of light (red, orange, yellow) are able to bend around small invisible atmospheric particles and travel to our eyes. The shorter wavelengths (blue, indigo, and violet) are unable to bend around such atmospheric particles. Instead, they bounce off the particles and become scattered through the sky, thus illuminating it with blue light."

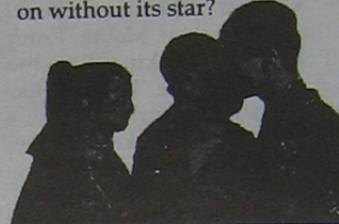
Why was My So-Called Life cancelled? They say ratings, but everyone watched it!

-Jessica ('98)

My So-Called Life was, as we all know, cancelled due to low ratings. Throughout its premiere and only season, the show rarely placed out of the last ten shows in prime time ratings. Despite hundreds of thousands of letters which poured into the New York ABC studios, the network chose not to return the cult hit to the airwaves, using low ratings as their excuse. There is a problem with truth

of Nielsen ratings. Because the ratings are based on specific television sets set up with the magical "Nielsen box," there is quite a significant chance that the numbers did little to accommodate the size of its audience.

However, near the end of last summer, rumors concerning the show's main actress, Claire Danes, and her lack of interest in returning to the show surfaced. This may have been a factor in the show's outcome. After all, how can the show go on without its star?



Why is cheese so darn good?

-Patricia ('99)

We ask ourselves that every single day.

BONUS: Try bleu cheese, baby.

If that little black box in the back of a plane can survive any accident, why don't they make the whole plane out of that material?

-Jessica ('98)

We know.

And we could tell you.

But, then, of course, we would have to kill you.

(What is the hundredth digit of  $\pi$ ?)

-Greg ('96)

We sought out help from Glenbrook South's resident mathematical experts Evan Glazer and Craig Shaw. After pouring through the mess also known as the "web", they came up with the following, amazing breakthrough.

The answer, dear Greg, is 8.

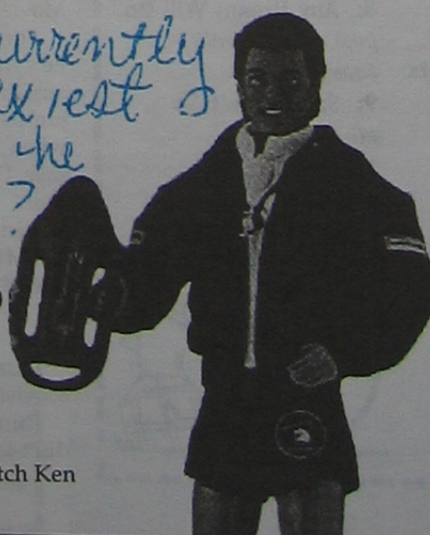
But they didn't stop there. They found out the first 31,416 digits of  $\pi$ , of which the last is 4.

Who is currently the sexiest man of the year?

-Tiffany ('97)

Who cares what People magazine says? Forever Ken.

(shown here as Baywatch Ken from Mattel)



How many pigs were used in the filming of the Oscar-winning "Babe?"

-Heather & Sarah ('96)

Forty-seven little piggies.

## Questions WE would have asked YOU

- 1) If you could be a dancing fruit, what fruit would you be?
- 2) Did the California Raisins ever have names?
- 3) Whatever happened to McPizza?
- 4) If you could, would you change your name?
- 5) Would you let us name you?
- 6) Why are you drooling?
- 7) Why own a car when you can own an eggplant?
- 8) I've got rhythm, I've got music, I've got my man. Who could ask for anything more?
- 9) Where were you when Reagan was shot in the nose?
- 10) Nice haircut.

What is the air speed velocity of a swallow?

-Ryan ('97)

Why don't we have any time for ourselves after school work?

-Jason ('97)

The Science Answer Guy has once again searched through mountains of work to arrive to this conclusion: "African or European?"

Ah, a time-old question/question taken from "Monty Python and the Holy Grail."

It's a conspiracy against all of us young people. He doesn't want us to be happy or have fun, so he orders the teachers of this nation to give students lots of work. So much work that it becomes impossible for any of us to have time to ourselves after fulfilling the requirements for school. And, who is this man, you're wondering? It's (sob)...it's (SOB)...GREG BRADY.

We mean, just because he never really experienced a full childhood doesn't mean he has to take it out on us....(sob).

What is the meaning of life?

-Josh ('97)

Never need more, never settle for less, you be you be you be you and love you, love thy neighbor, and never, never, NEVER give up. Life is beautiful.

going out with a BANG: Entertainment Editor Eunice "Ooga" Yi and Assistant Entertainment Editor Laura "Booga" Trossman. "Scan those questions, man:" idea by staff reporter Dennis Wu.