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Manatee end it on a high note

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Staff Writer

On May 31st, and June 1st the Manatee took part in the state ultimate frisbee tournament. They went into the tournament ranked 19 out of 34. The Manatee were set to play eight games over the course of these two days, five on Saturday and three on Sunday. They finished with a tournament record of 2-6. "We played hard, we had good spirits throughout all the games and we never gave up," said 9th grader Peter Moua.



championship contenders. The pools for the championship had six teams each with a total of 24 teams. The Manatee were the fifth seed in the C pool.

On Saturday the teams' first game was against Orono B, this was the only team that the Manatee were ranked above that they would be playing. "That first game it was hard to get started, and our play obviously suffered because of it," said 11th grader Griffin

Larson. The Manatee held a narrow lead throughout the first half. When the second half

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Outward Bound Oregon

Leo Veach
Staff Writer

Want a cushy vacation? Outward bound is not for you. Want a chance to do community service, travel to far away places, and sleep under the stars? Then Outward Bound just might be your thing.

While most students were at school doing interim, 16 Open Schoolers were in Redmond Oregon working at the Outward Bound base camp.

For most of the time students did big jobs such as: lining the trails with boulder-sized rocks (1,600 to be exact), shoveling, raking and wheel-barreling 4

tons of cinders, weeding warehouses and rivers, fixing cabins and steps. The accommodations were scenic, but not cushy. Students slept in tents and tarps, with spiders, bugs, snakes, and scorpions lurking right outside the door.



Redmond is a high-elevated desert climate, with cold nights and warm days. Also everyday everyone had to walk up a BIG

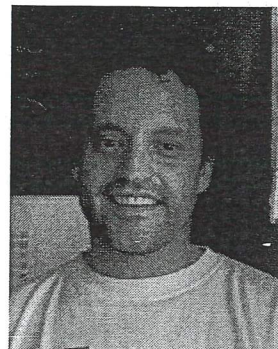
hill to get to breakfast, lunch, and dinner, where they played games such as piggly wiggly.

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Farewell Jeff

Rhys Hunding
Staff Writer

As some of you may or may not know, Jeff Caulum, beloved ELL teacher and friend to many, will not be returning to Open school next year. Budgetary constraints and district confusion led to this unfortunate happening and efforts were taken to avoid it, but sadly an agreement could not be reached.



ELL is assigned a budget separate from their general budget, the district assigns them a certain amount for each school

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I won't lie. There are three reasons why I am writing this 1. Being Editor in Chief all year I've wanted to write an editorial 2. So I can legitimately win the Iron Man award and 3. To take up the space on this page. So what will I use this space for? A little bit for thanks and some more for yelling at Leo.

First I want to thank Molly Salzberger. She has edited almost every issue and makes sure that I don't miss a single jumpline. Best of all she did it at a moments notice. Without her this paper would be riddled with errors. She has also written like a million book reviews. Each review is filled with wit and her own unique style of writing.

Secondly I want to thank John Knapp. He has written quality stories for every issue and more than once I have gone to him to help me fill empty spaces on the pages at the last minute, with brilliant fraquetball stories.

Now I want to thank the readers. You have put up with a year of delays, a whole issue without page numbers, and of course the "few" errors that slipped. Now lets just hope Leo can step up his game next year, cause without him the paper wouldn't even exist. ❄

- Depending on the weather the end of the year trip may take place at school.

- Open School rocked Central's frisbee team last Sunday.

- Graduation tonight at Saint Paul College at 7 PM say goodbye to this years seniors.

- Nathan Jesson owes John Knapp \$50. Take that Nathan, we got eight issues.

Eating Outside

Jeffrey Bies

Staff Writer

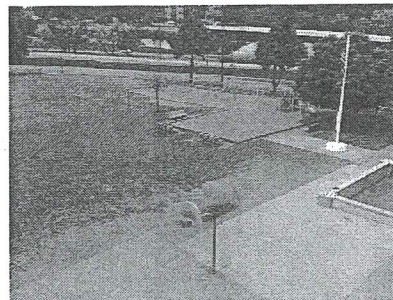
It's 11:24 so I quickly grab the four-square ball and I run outside to play. Almost immediately after walking out I notice people trying to hide the food that they brought outside on this magnificent day because it has been outlawed. One kid near the basketball court is eating some chips and he's being a little too obvious about it and Alan tells him to put the food away, but the kid refuses so he is forced to go inside just to eat.

About 10 minutes later Todd comes out with a lunch tray and eating food. This moment makes me confused because just a moment ago a student got in trouble for eating outside, and then Todd comes out and suddenly it's all

right for him to eat outside. So after seeing this I say, "Hey, you're not supposed to be eating outside. If we can't eat outside then why do you get to?" To that all

I hear in reply is "It's my lunch break and I need to be outside to watch everyone." This sounded very funny to me because I began to wonder why I was outside playing. Then it occurred to me, it's my lunch too!

It is a school-wide rule that nobody can eat outside during lunch. This rule has been strictly enforced upon innocent students who just want to be healthy by eating and exercising. "We either miss all of our recess time or we don't eat



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SENIOR PROFILES

Addie Ramirez

How many years have you been at Open School?

6 years.

What are your plans for next year?

I'm not sure yet

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Definitely Chemistry

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Teachers, friends and being evil to little children



Beau Fritz

How many years have you been at Open School?

8 years.

What are your plans for next year?

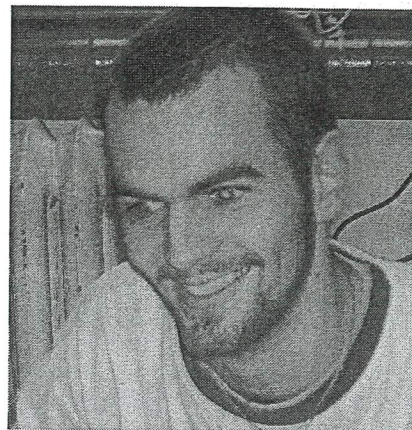
Not sure. Either go to MCTC or work and save.

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

The constantly changing rules

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

The community feeling



Chang Vang

How many years have you been at Open School?

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What are your plans for next year?

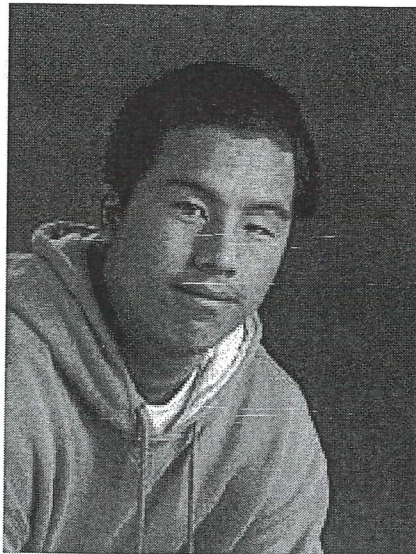
St. Paul College

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Math

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Teachers and Friends



Ethan Allison

How many years have you been at Open School?

3 and a half years.

What are your plans for next year?

Figure out what I want to do for college and apply.

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

You have enough independence here to screw up pretty badly.

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Everyone actually cares about everyone else, well mostly.



SENIOR PROFILES

Jaime Avila

How many years have you been at Open School?

7 years.

What are your plans for next year?

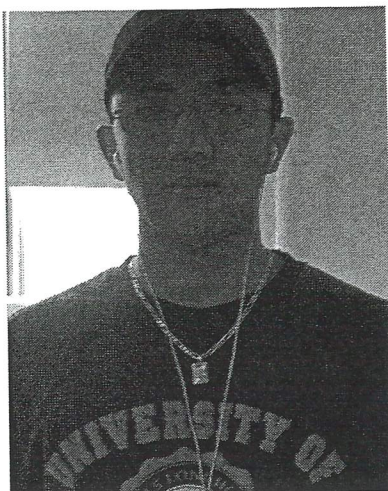
U of M Morris.

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

The changing environment

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Ruling it.



Kevin Klutho

How many years have you been at Open School?

5 years.

What are your plans for next year?

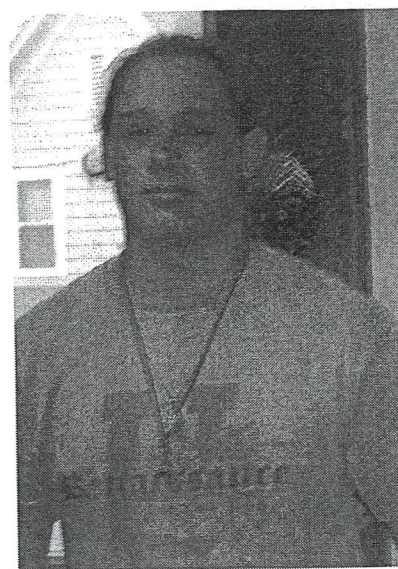
Go to Augsburg college and major in medieval studies

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Dealing with the changes.

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

The People



Lang Chang

How many years have you been at Open School?

11 years.

What are your plans for next year?

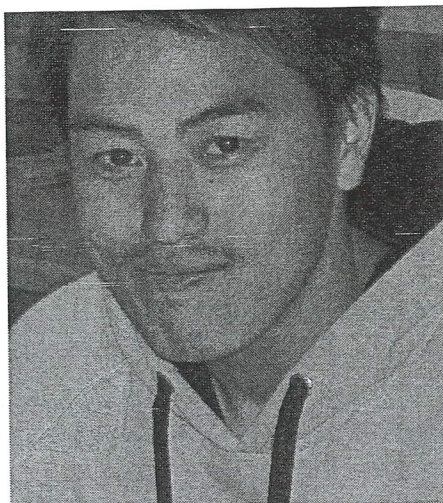
Go to College.

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Nothing.

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Everything.



Mai Vang

How many years have you been at Open School?

13 years.

What are your plans for next year?

Go to College.

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Big projects at the end of the year.

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Friendly and helpful staff.



SENIOR PROFILES

Natalie Iwaszek

How many years have you been at Open School?

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What are your plans for next year?

I'm going to Columbia College in Chicago and majoring in Fashion design

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Dealing with the people who don't care about Open School.

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Theatre and Rhys Hunding.



Rhys Hunding

How many years have you been at Open School?

Since eighth grade, so 5?

What are your plans for next year?

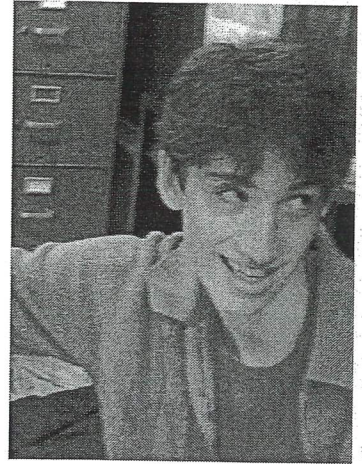
Attending Columbia College in Chicago

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Leo's Face

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Tabletopping at Lake Elmo.



Sarah Doyle

How many years have you been at Open School?

This is my second.

What are your plans for next year?

I will be attending Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Motivating yourself when you are being lazy.

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

The teachers and my friends



Xai Vang

How many years have you been at Open School?

4 years.

What are your plans for next year?

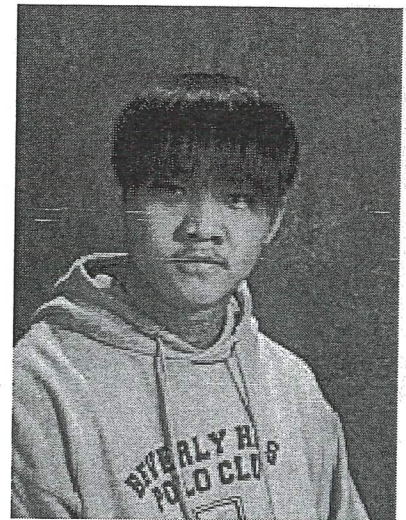
Work and K-mart & helped family out.

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Nothing.

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Everything about Open School



SENIOR PROFILES

Andrew Dames

How many years have you been at Open School?

2

What are your plans for next year?

Go take a class or two at MCTC

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Dealing with some of the people.

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

The other people



Ester Lewis

How many years have you been at Open School?

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What are your plans for next year?

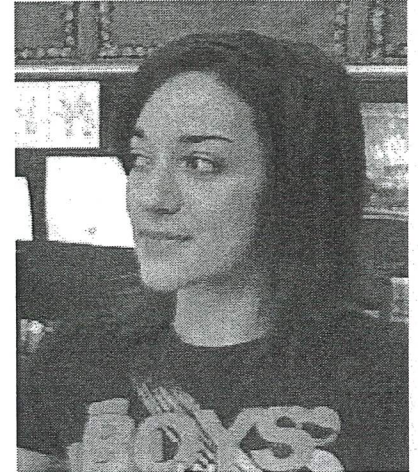
Minneapolis Business College.

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Motivating yourself.

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

All my young little friends



Chloe Taipale

How many years have you been at Open School?

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What are your plans for next year?

Going to school in Duluth.

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Showing up on time.

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

PWNING n00bs



Chee Nou Xiong

How many years have you been at Open School?

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What are your plans for next year?

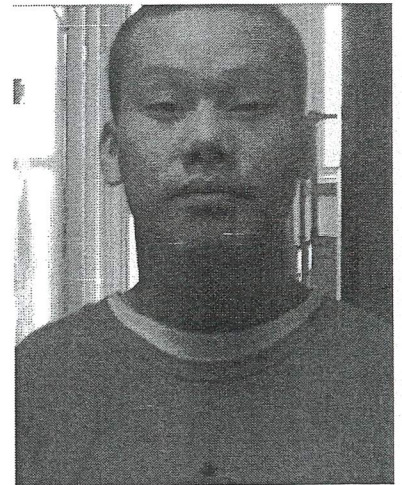
Go to college

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Me

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Teachers



SENIOR PROFILES

Tong Kou Yang

How many years have you been at Open School?

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What are your plans for next year?

Go to Saint Paul Tech

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Math

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Recess



Cameron Christian

How many years have you been at Open School?

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What are your plans for next year?

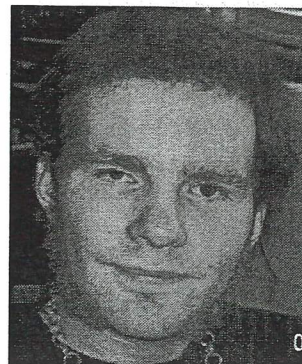
Going to St. Paul College and eventually transfer to Augsburg

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Staying self motivated

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

The family.



Nancy Summers

How many years have you been at Open School?

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What are your plans for next year?

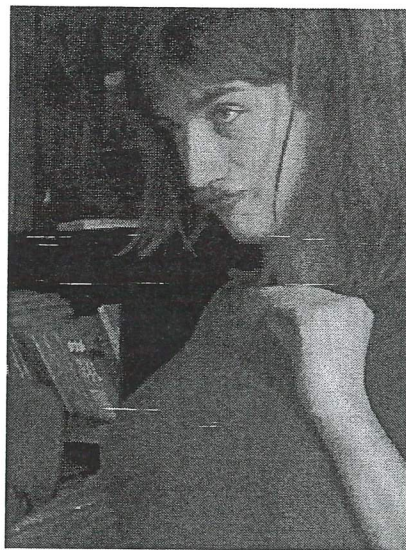
Cosmetology School

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Ooh Heeey

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

The Cute Boys



Chelsea Moran

How many years have you been at Open School?

13

What are your plans for next year?

To go to Metro State majoring in criminal justice.

What do you think was the most challenging thing about Open School?

Being on time.

What is one of the things you'll miss most about Open School?

Teachers

That's What She Said!

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Explosions, Revolutions and Technogeekery

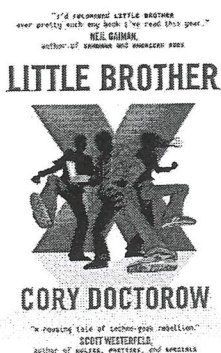
Molly Salzberger

Staff Has-written-alot-of-book-reviews-er

If you want to read a book about doing what you know is right no matter the cost, because you're the only one who will, Cory Doctorow's *Little Brother* is for you. Complete with explosions, youth revolutions, and technogeekery, this book is a frightening look at what could be this generation's future. The book's depiction the fallout from rabid anti-terrorism is a little too close to reality for comfort.

In San Francisco, Marcus Yellow, screenname "w1n5t0n," has escaped his school with his friends and is well on his way to reaching his interactive computer game's next goal when terrorists attack. It's a clear parallel to September 11--confusion and violence

spring up almost immediately. But there's no need to panic when the Department of Homeland Security arrives on the scene...right? Wrong.



Marcus and his friends are trying to get to a hospital after one of them is severely injured in the crush of fleeing San Franciscans. Unfortunately for them, they catch the attention of the DHS. They are all "detained." After a few horrific days--not that Marcus is able to count them--most of them are released. "Most" in this case meaning "all but one." They

are not told what happened to the last of their number. They go home, shaken, but the interesting part, the part

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Best Movie Ever

Josh Nash

Staff Writer

Every movie has its ups and downs. Do you think you can handle a movie that only has its downs? *The Worst Movie You'll Ever See 2* is the right movie for you.

In 2007 *The Worst Movie You'll Ever See* was made, it was not a professional made movie but it was made by 3 kids who had talent, Josh Nash as (ink) David Hoh as (pants) and Carson Bajenske as (cool c). The group always loved making movies they always had a thing for hysterical gut busting comedy, so Josh, David and Carson came up with *The Worst Movie You'll Ever See*. *The Worst Movie You'll Ever See* was not suppose to get out to any one it was just

going to be a film the guys made to look back on in the future and laugh. One day when Josh, David and Carson came to school they all thought maybe they should get rid of the movie, but for some reason people came up to them and said "dude you guys are great that movie was priceless." The guys were in shock that people saw the movie, when the group got some good complements on there movie they thought hey maybe next year we can make a *Worst Movie You'll Ever See 2* and they are doing just that. Look forward to seeing *The Worst Movie You'll Ever See 2* sometime in June.

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Kurt Vonnegut

Natalie Iwaszek

Staff Writer

Kurt Vonnegut was an American novelist who wrote novels that mixed genres while poking fun at serious issues and commenting on society. Kurt Vonnegut was also a visual artist, although not as prominent, as he was as a writer. He did a lot of surrealist and abstract work. He often used his sketches in his books, helping him illustrate his jokes, or helping the understanding of things.

He did mostly little sketches of characters in his books, or of himself. Or, some of more controversial subjects

He pulled many characters and events from his own life, and often in a small way put himself as a character in his books. He was probably able to do



this because of his interesting life.

Kurt Vonnegut was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 11th 1922, to fourth-generation parents. In his younger days he wrote for his high school's newspaper, which was the first daily school newspaper in the nation, and later at Cornell University he was the assistant managing editor and associate editor for *The Cornell Daily Sun*.

While at Cornell he was a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. Later he enlisted in the US Army, and was sent to the University of Tennessee. When Vonnegut was 22 years old his mother committed suicide on Mother's Day.

Vonnegut fought in World War II, as a Private with the 106th Infantry Division. In 1944 he and five other members of his division were separated from their

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Axe God

Amelia Thompson
Staff Writer

From playing games with the remote controls to rocking out with a guitar the game from the future is in stores now. The game is Guitar Hero III Legend Of Rock.

Guitar Hero III came out on October 28 of 2007. The systems you can play it on are Playstation 2, Playstation 3, Xbox 360 and now Neverstop invented a game for Wii, (isn't that awesome?).

It's like you pick up this real guitar, which is about two and a half feet long. When you start, there's a main menu. On top there's a career mode and that's what you want to go on. Well you have the guitar in your hands now and push the green button, then there's the music list. (YAY!)

Now, the game will ask you what level you want to play: easy, medium, hard, or expert. (go to easy OK!) Well now you just can't pick any of the songs, you have to pick one out of the four songs that are showing (geez), and

then press the green button (geez), just play the first song already.

About time you pressed that button, LOL. Okay well your waiting mmm... come on come on slow thing god u beep. Oh yes it's on ok you see those col-

ored buttons on top of the guitar. There's green of course and there is red, yellow, blue, and orange and there's a thing in the middle of the guitar. It can go up and down and no it's not broken,

ROCK! continued on 12



Halo 4

David Hoh
Staff Writer

Hey! Did'ja hear that Halo 4 is coming out? Well, I didn't think so either, but once when I was really bored I went so far back on the list of Google results for the search keyword "Halo 4" until I found a site that was useful. Very useful. I clicked the link for the webpage labeled "www.n4g.com/ws-ft126-k.l-halo-4-news-r7lk8/game.html" It said some interesting stuff about the production of HALO 4! I don't think that needs capitals on it.

Bungie has released information that they are using the money they received from the release of Halo 3 to produce Halo 4, the fourth in the trilogy (or quadrilogy, as it would seem.) With word of a Halo movie coming out in 2009,

which was initially supposed to be released in 2008, but once again will be re-visioned, with Peter Jackson to produce, and Neil Blomkamp to direct, it looks like it's coming closer to reality.

Bungie says that Halo 4, suspected to be released in 2010 or 2011, will have way better graphics (It can get better?!?) and a richer story to it as well, for example you go to destroy the final remaining Halos. There will be more weapons, like a grappling/harpoon gun, a plasma grenade launcher, an electric shotgun, a guided rocket launcher, more helmets and character customizations like armor decal, you can fly one of the Marine's main

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Burn Them

Kenneitha Parson
Staff Writer

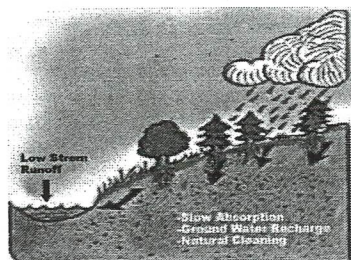
The show Charmed on TNT, is about three very powerful witches: Prue Halliwell (Shannen Doherty, the oldest sister), Piper Halliwell (Holly Marie Combs, the middle aged sister), and Phoebe Halliwell (Alyssa Milano, the youngest sister). They are also known as the Charmed Ones. The Charmed Ones are the most powerful witches of all time and to keep that going the must have a very strong bond and have each other's backs at all times.

What basically happens in an episode is that the Charmed Ones have to come together as the Power of Three to write spells, make potions, and fight/vanquish (kill) demons. A miracle will have to happen for the Charmed Ones to go a day without having to vanquish a demon. There's a surprise in most of the episodes, sometimes one of the Charmed Ones will get turned into a demon or something else, or even die. It is impossible for them to die because of their whitelighter. Their whitelighter is a guardian angel for good witches that has the power to heal good people and witches. Leo, their whitelighter can not heal the dead but he can heal a wound or a serious injury. But at the end they always find a way to fix the situation and everything goes back to normal.

Each witch has her own special power. Prue has the power of telekinesis (the ability to move things with only your mind) She also has the power of astral projection (the ability to project your soul onto other physical plains). Piper has the power to freeze things and freeze time and blow things up. Phoebe has the power to levitate and have premonitions (a warning in advance). Phoebe has always wanted an active power, but instead of having an active she has her great skills in fighting.

One recent episode, called Is There A Woogy In The House? There is an earthquake that releases a shadow demon. Phoebe is then possessed by the demon called the woogy-

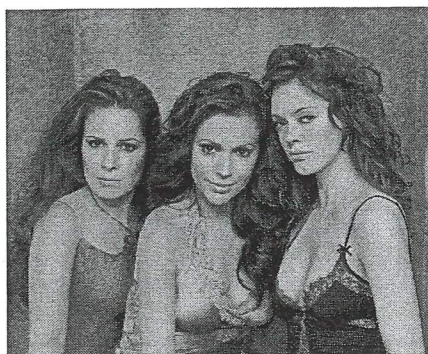
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Buffy from 9

man, and he tries to have Phoebe kill her sisters. Prue and Piper have to find a way to get their sister back and put the woogyman away.

The show *Charmed* has been out for about ten years and I would like to thank Aaron Spelling and Brad Kern the executive producers for making such a great show. *Charmed* is a great show because the characters, they have



style. The way that they dress would make you think that they wouldn't be going to fight demons, you would think they would be wearing tennis shoes and jogging pants but that's not what they wear. They wear dresses, skirts, and heels.

They also have a serious attitude and positive outlook. They always think positive, even if they lose a battle or an innocent, they always are focused and ready. For example in one recent episode where Phoebe has a premonition of her getting burned alive. They did not panic, they stayed focused and stopped her premonition from coming true. This show is filled with lots of action and drama. I think this is a good show for people of all ages to watch. You can also buy all ten seasons of *Charmed* on DVD. ❄

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The Worst Movie You'll Ever See 2

is based on a guy out of a science book, he is painting a bridge red so Josh, David and Carson thought why not make some random guy famous by saying his name is Corrosion and he plans on painting the world red with a super red bomb. David and Josh found some one new to star in there movie his name is Bowen Bajenske, Bowen plays the role of Cool C from the future he was sent back in time to help Josh and David stop the evil mastermind Corrosion. Well I can't give out much more detail to the group's new film. The Purple Press got some interviews with the stars them self's before they left to Hollywood.

I was able to get exclusive interviews with the creators of *The Worst Movie You'll Ever See*,

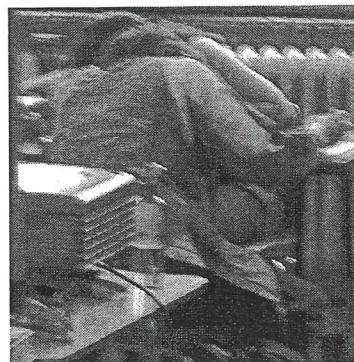
Following is a transcript of that interview.

Interview 1: David Ho (actor and director)

So where did this movie idea come from?

DH: Well at first I wanted to do a murder movie but the school said it would be too inappropriate, So then I thought about doing a money smuggling movie but my friends and me agreed on doing a bad movie. One day I was at my friends party and his dad was talking about this one movie made a while back he said the movie was so bad the actors the music every thing was terrible so I thought to myself I can do way worse at making a movie then that so I did just that. I went searching for actors for my movie, when Josh Nash came along I knew he could act and produce this movie with me. I asked him to join the movie and he was more then happy to help out.

Interview 2: Carson Bajenske (actor)



David Hoh busy working on the movie

How did you get involved in the project?

CB: You want an interview well to bad I don't like reporters and I never Will!

Interview 3 Bowen Bajenske (actor)

So Bowen why did you decide to be in this movie?

BB: David told me I had to be in this movie that he was making. I play as Carson from the future. I had to do something for interim so I just said what ever. We do movies all the time it's a hobby really we put them on you tube for the fun of it.

One more question Bowen who is part of the crew?

BB: It's me David wait!

Dude! You are part of the crew and you are in the movie why are you asking me these questions when you already know what they are?

Josh Nash: Um you know your right but im just trying to make this story longer for the news paper and keep the people who are reading this right now busy also I'm trying to promote our movie.

Interview 4: Josh Nash (director/actor)
So how do you feel about movies to-day?

JN: Me myself I love movies and I would really like to become a big time movie producer some day. I know *The Worst Movie You'll Ever See 2* is going to be a BLAST! I think Hollywood could use my HELP! I got lots of ideas for new movies, Besides I think movie producers today are really running out of good ideas for movies, they just keep coming out with stupid movies and they keep remaking older movies which they should not do because then they just ruin the first movie with the crappy new one well that's just my opinion.

David Bowen, Carson and Josh Nash told me they don't know if there will be a worst movie ever 3, but during the summer they will be making a full-length

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lunch until whenever," said 10th grader Larry Kaul. When I first heard about this I was pretty angry about it, but for the most part I kept my mouth shut. Then I saw Alan walking outside with an apple, and he was eating it! This really got me angry because how can there be a rule that is supposed to be enforced to keep the school grounds clean if the very people that are enforcing the rule are the ones breaking it? "It's like we're being mistreated because then they're allowed to eat out there when we can't," said Larry Kaul. This is hypocrisy at its worst. Some staff might say that they're adults so they should do what they want or maybe they'd say it was okay because it was their lunch break. This is no excuse because if this rule is made it should be followed by *everyone* not just the students. Also, it is our lunch break too, that happens to be why we are out there in the first place.

Another benefit to eating outside is it eases the congestion of the cafeteria and creates a much more relaxing environment for everybody. "[The cafeteria is] pretty crazy 'till about 11:45," said Erin Kellogg, 9th grade. Even if I was really hungry I still wouldn't go in there because I wouldn't feel comfortable eating in a crowded area with hard seats and you can't even stand up and walk around eating if you want to. School is suppose to be setting us up for the real world, but this in no way helps us because when you are on your lunch break you can go anywhere you want as long as you get back on time. You aren't forced to eat in the confinements of a cafeteria.

Think about it, you're stuffed inside the school for a good three hours and most likely you're sitting down. During this time your body not only starts to get hungry, but it also needs to move after being in the same position for so long. By the time lunch comes you are equally hungry and restless; you really need to move around outside, but at the same time you are almost in pain from hunger. The logical way to solve this problem would be to go outside with some food and eat it in a more relaxing environment, like for instance I used to play foursquare while eating something. But now students are forced to choose between eating and exercising. Both are essential aspects of proper development, but many students either don't eat for a likely 10 hours or they sit around inside for at least a good 8-10 hours. Both of

these scenarios are really unhealthy and are completely unnecessary.

As far as I am aware, the only reason that this rule is in effect is because of students littering. This I will definitely admit is a problem and probably will always be a problem of some sort. Although the school grounds have gotten a little cleaner, it still has some trash and food lying around, even with the outside lunch restriction. I don't think it is ethical to restrict students from eating outside just because some people can't keep themselves from littering. "I think it should be allowed...if it's nice outside people should be able to eat outside, unless we make it a problem." said 10th grader Larry Calhoun. Also, since Alan and Todd are watching so closely to make sure students don't eat outside can't they just watch to make sure nobody litters instead? If students are reminded to throw trash away here then eventually it will become a habit and it will make the community a cleaner place because it will be one less person littering in the street.

One reason that people might litter is that trash cans are simply too far away. Right now, there are only two trash cans out there; one on either side of the school grounds. This creates a long distance to walk to get to the trash if you are at the swing sets so many people would probably just throw them on the ground. In order to solve this problem there should be more trash cans placed in locations like the near benches or the swing sets. To make it even more environmentally friendly there should also be some recycling bins placed around for bottles.

Of course there are those people that are just too lazy to walk two feet to get to the nearest trash can. In this case if students are caught they should be forced to pick up all of the litter on the school grounds, maybe as a part of detention. This would probably make a lot of students think twice before tossing something on the ground. The way I see it if catching them littering is a problem, then how can students be stopped from eating outside anyway? This school was meant to have many freedoms and this is an essential freedom that Open School just has to have. ❀

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group and were captured by enemy troops. They were kept in an underground cells that were made out of meat lockers in a slaughterhouse. The address of the prison was Slaughterhouse Five. He was imprisoned in Dresden the same time as the fire bombing of Dresden occurred. He was one of the few American soldiers to survive the bombing, and the Germans made him and the other soldiers bury and burn the corpses. After he was freed and returned to America he was awarded a Purple Heart. His experience at war has been a theme in at least seven of his books, including the book Slaughterhouse Five, which was named after the slaughterhouse prison he was kept in.

He then attended the University of Chicago as a graduate student majoring in anthropology and by writing a book called Cat's Cradle he was awarded and MA degree in 1971. Cat's Cradle is a book about different things, well to start with, it is a science fiction mixed with satire book. The themes are mostly, science, technology, and religion. The book starts out with the narrator talking about a book he was going to write. The book was going to be about what different important American figures were doing at the time the first atomic bomb was dropped and was to be called, The Day The World Ended. While he was researching this subject he came across the name of one of the "fathers of the atomic bomb", Felix Hoenikker. He was intrigued and when he heard of his children he decided to contact them. He wrote letters to two of the three Hoenikker children, Newt, a dwarf and the youngest, and Angela, over six feet tall and the oldest. The middle child, Frank was missing. Newt wrote back to the narrator giving him names of people that could help him, and leading him to General Electric. The narrator goes about talking to different people who worked with Felix, and who knew more about his different creations. While he is there, he learns about a substance that Felix was asked to make for a marine general who was tired of fighting in the mud and wanted a solution, which would be called Ice-nine and would freeze water so that the melting point would be much higher than earth temperature.

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After he hangs around there for a while he gets asked to write an article (he's a writer) about a man named Julian Castle. Julian Castle is a multi-millionaire that lives on an island named San Lorenzo. San Lorenzo only has one city, and all of the natives are poor. There is a religion, which the narrator quotes very often throughout the book, called Bokonism. Bokonism is based on the telling of lie to comfort people. Well, I don't want to give away too much, so I shall just say this. While there the narrator meets many interesting people, and learning many interesting things. This book is a good book that satisfies science fictionally but is not over the top, with monsters, and creatures from the deep. I would recommend this book to many types of people, science fiction lovers and not.

**ROCK! from 9**

all you have to do is use your thumb and index finger. You do that when you press the color buttons on the top of the guitar. You press the two buttons on the guitar at the same time when the notes on the TV go down to the same color as the buttons on the guitar (they fall down). (OMG you get it now geez). If you already have played this game or have it and knew how to play that was just pointless.

This game is not pointless or priceless; it's going to cost you. Every game station costs at least 59.99\$, and there is a thing called a bundle, which has the game, guitar, and accessories. That's kind of expensive for the Playstation 2 that is 89.99\$ and the Xbox 360 and Playstation 3 is the same price for the bundle that is 99.99\$.

I think this a great game because it's easy to play when you get in to it. This game is really addictive, because when I got the game, I played it for four hours straight, seriously (not stopping) and I was happy cause I beat the game. There's really good songs on the game, and that's why kept on playing it non stop. There is "Slow Ride" made from Foghat and

"School's Out" by Alice Cooper. These songs I know from *Dazed And Confused* (funny movie). Well here some other songs: "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" by Pat Benatar and "Rock N Roll All Nite" by Kiss. Plus "Welcome 2 The Jungle" by Gun N' Roses, and a lot more.

Dude there's even bonus songs that you can get when you go in career mode and it shows the money you get when you pass the song you just played. Then when you have money, go to the store on career mode and in that store there's guitars, characters, outfits for the characters, and songs. The #1 song I think on the bonus list is "Prayer Of The Refugee" by Rise Against. Love It!! <3

"If you like music and rhythm games." Said 9th grader Larry Tretsveen. "You will like this game." Ha-ha! Ok well there are some Haters that don't like this game they say, "I rather play REAL guitar and blah blah." Stew them! I love this game and I bet you will too. You know this game is kind of expensive, so go to the Mall Of America to game stop and I still think its still there I played it there. Well dude. I got to say dude PLAY IT! It's AWE-SOME! <3

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that makes the book, is what they do next.

Marcus and his friends are those kids in school who never get caught, the ones used to beating the administration at its own game. And they're angry. So what do they do? They take on the Department of Homeland Security, determined to get their friend back themselves.

The suspension of disbelief this book requires should be difficult, but Doctorow carefully builds on what most of us have seen on the news, so that each separate stretch is manageable. If the reader tries to take a step back from the book and look at them all at once, they might not be, but the tension in the plot is sufficient to keep anyone from trying unless they're really determined to tear the book apart. It's so engrossing that even the most ill-advised of Marcus's ideas sounds reasonable until Doctorow points out that it isn't. Marcus himself might feel like a bit of a know-it-all, but the action of the book makes up

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for it. He grows up plenty over the course of *Little Brother*, too. All of the characters do, which is perfectly believable and a relief.

Little Brother isn't just a political YA novel, it's a coming-of-age story, and while I'm not generally a fan of those, the setting made it fascinating to me. The technology and the political climate pose

interesting questions of right and wrong. Even if you don't agree with all its ideals, this book is a fun and thrilling read. Some of the scenes, particularly the few containing descriptions of torture, may be harder to handle for younger readers, but nothing is graphic enough to justify banning it from middle school on up. It's a great book for class discussion as well. (Leo--this is a hint. A totally subtle and clever one.)

Farewell from 1

per year. The trouble all started with a district blunder concerning this very budget; Open School was allotted three ELL teachers, about halfway through the year they realized that they had been mistaken and needed to cut one of them. District policy, concerning situations like this one, is to cut the person with the least district seniority, as you might have guessed, that was Jeff.

"I'm sad to be leaving, because I enjoy working in a k-12 environment and I feel needed here. But it will always stay in my heart."

He said he will miss working with the variety of students as well as the the staff: "I taught many of the SLC kids when they were little. Also, I love this dedicated staff."

Frisbee from 1 started they started to slip "We just lost it for a few points there. We needed to regain focus, and we did," said 12th grader Jaime Avila. After being tied at nine in a game to 13 the Manatee went on a 4-0 run to beat Orono B. "It was good to win that first game, it was important to win at least one," said 9th grader Emmett Ruff. Last year at this tournament the Manatee went winless and didn't even return on Sunday.

The next game for the Manatee was against the two seed in their pool, Minneapolis South. "I think a lot of us knew that it was a long shot to win that game, but we had to try. We wanted to see what we could do against one of the best teams in the state," said 11th grader Damien Bullis. The Manatee had a very slow start in the game getting down early by a score of 6-2. "We were playing some of the best ultimate we'd played all season, but the opponent was on a different level then we had ever seen before," said Griffin Larson. Going into the second half the Manatee reverted back to their roots, the long throw. Jaime Avila caught disc after disc in or near the endzone. However, the Manatee had many problems holding South on defense. With a final score of 13-7 the Manatee came away from the game knowing that they did their best. "We never gave up, we kept trying and had really good spirit," said 7th grader Jennifer Lor.

The next game against Cretin-Derham Hall was not so kind to the Manatee. The Raging Safari Dealt a crushing defeat of 13-1 to the Manatee. The Manatee quickly moved on from this loss. "We weren't trying our hard-

est that game, we knew that we should be conserving energy for the later games. That doesn't excuse our lack of effort that game though," said Griffin Larson.

For the next two games the Manatee lost in two heart breaking losses. Finishing the day at 1-4 the Manatee were set to play in the ninth place bracket. On Sunday the Manatee returned to play the remaining three games. With the first game against Edina the Manatee knew that the other team would have the upper hand in team numbers. "It was a good



Most of the team posing during prom

game, the end result was disappointing, but we moved on," said 8th grader D.J. Sass. The Manatee went into their next game with almost no energy.

The next game against Moundsview proved to be just as hard as the rest of their losses. "I thought that I would never walk again," said 11th grader Danny Mauleon. Moundsview continued the Manatee losing streak moving it to six games in a row. After that game the Manatee looked beat. They could hardly find the energy to sit down and rest.

The Next game the Manatee played the rival St. Paul school Central. "If there was one game I wanted to win it was that one," said Emily Falksen. Emily's wish was granted with what was said to be the greatest game to watch.

Going to universe point (sudden death) the Manatee pushed on to victory. "It was no easy task, that win goes out to Jaime. He played the greatest defense I'd ever seen," said Larson. Finishing an above average 15th place the Manatee left the season on a high note. ❄

Oregon from 1

part of the routine was running up and down the hill for chores and forgotten items.

Most of the time was spent working. Here was the basic schedule: 6:30AM-8: 30AM Breakfast, 8:35 AM-12:00PM work, 12:05-1:05PM lunch, 1:05-4:00PM work, 4:00-6:00 free time, 6:00-7:15 dinner, 7:15- 8:30 play games/write in journals, 8:30 PM-6:30 AM SLEEP.

Most students said all it was a very satisfying experience and people took pride in their work. On Sunday they got to rappel, cross freezing waters, rock-climb, make makeshift hospital carriers, and cross Tyrolean's (like a zip line that you power with your arms).

The students also enjoyed the camp's dogs, by the names of: Blue, Nibbles, Kia, Stella, Maggie, and Rio. So if you want to work all year for a trip to somewhere fun, then join us on next year's trip (probably to Ely, Minnesota) and join Outward Bound Wilderness! ❄

Mjolnir from 9 fleet ships, and, among other things, somewhere deep in the story, you see Master Chief remove his helmet and you actually get to SEE HIS FACE! (Should that be capitalized too, or would that make me look like a stupid-a\$\$ fangirl????)

This new revelation is just released, but may become more popular on news and game sites (and when I say news sites, it's because the news is so cheap that they'll report on stuff like video games and last nights episode of American Idol,) in the near to distant future, as per usual there is already a line outside of Target. What?? Well, not yet, because the news of the game's production isn't supposed to be released until about October or November of 2008. So the enthusiast count is expected to rise to a level that it'll be noted on in the weather part of the news.

And NOW you're thinking: "MAN THIS'LL BE SO FREAKIN' AWESOME!! IT'S GONNA BE SO WONDERFUL IT'S THE COOLEST THING EVER AND IT'LL ONLY COST 80 DOLLARS!! WOOOO!!" ❄