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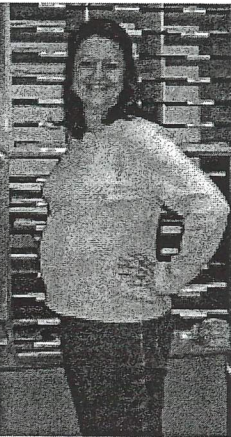
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Marianna due in February

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Marianna Sullivan, Open School counselor, is having a new baby. The baby is going to be another boy and is already 8 months old. She will be due on February 23.

Marianna has the baby's name picked out already. It is going to be Quinlan Patrick Sullivan. Her son Nathan is happy to get a younger brother too. "He's excited," says Marianna. "When he says his prayers at night, he'll say 'God bless Quinlan.' One night he even said 'I love Quinlan.'"



Marianna would just love to have a girl but she had a feeling that the baby was going to be a boy. Even before Nathan was born she had a dream of two boys. If her new baby was going to be a girl she would

have named her Quinn Elizabeth, after her sister, but her sister said that it sounded too much like Queen Elizabeth.

Marianna will be gone for about 6 to 8 weeks but it will only be eight weeks if there's a problem though. "I don't like to be gone that long," Marianna says, "I couldn't think about work when I had Nathan." She says that she'd rather not be gone, but it's important to stay at home with the baby too.

Her substitute will be a named Sue Arvidson. She works in the district as a teacher and a counselor for grades K-12. Marianna is hoping that the class with Bridget will end before her labor unless the baby comes early like Nathan. Many students will miss Marianna and here's what some have told us.

"She's just gonna be gone for her baby. Her baby is more important," Shouana Lee, an 8th grader, said. "I hope she has a lot of fun with her new baby," says ELL teacher Tim. ♦

Judging scandal exposed

*Devlin Byrne
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Some would say this year's Fall Extravaganza went off without a hitch. Others would disagree. "I think it is a travesty. I think the whole thing was a farce," says one anonymous detractor. The judges decision during the costume contest ruffled more than a few feathers on Monday. "I suspect corruption among the judges. What could they possibly have been thinking?" said Leo of the Judges decision.

In ELC, 1st place went to Caleb Hinz as Edward Scissor Hands, 2nd to Nash Chanslor as a tennis player, and third to Sebastian as The Thing. No surprises there. In SLC, 1st

was won by Natalie Iwasek as Bill Cosby, 2nd was awarded to Maritza Richardson as Michael Myers, and third was bestowed upon Cameron and Gerald, for being archers. This ruffled few if any feathers.

The real drama surrounded the staff contest. Julie was given first prize, while Tim, Leo, and James received second. An outcome that shocked and angered many. "Yeah, I was surprised," said Junior Andrew Hoaglund. For those who are unaware, Tim, Leo, and James dressed up as characters from the popular movie Napo-

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Holiday advice

*Sarah Plonski
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Yes, the holidays have been fun. We've gotten presents, we've given presents, we've returned presents, and everyone is more or less happy. Now comes everyone's least favorite part of the holidays: taking down all those decorations. Now this is okay if you only have a few lights, but if you're one of the many people who buy those big dumb balloon things, it can be quite a problem.

It's okay, you already bought a giant snowman, or Santa, or Tigger. You've set it up in your yard for a decoration. That's okay. I'm just saying, next year, leave it in the garage. Before that, though, you have to get it down. Here are some tips on getting everything, lights to Christmas Carolers, put away before next December.

Take Your Time

Everyone knows that it's easier to do a little bit at a time than it is to do it all at once. But that doesn't mean that you put an ornament away, then watch a TV show, then put another ornament away, then eat some chips, then put another ornament away, then play a video game. What you have to do is to break it into little delicious chunks, but not so tiny that it takes all day to do one thing. Put all the ornaments away, then take a short break. Then bring the ornament box up to the attic, and start on the lights. It's a lot easier that way, and it still gets things done.

Make It Fun

Just because you have to put away the decorations doesn't mean that you have to be unhappy about it. Turn on some music and get your little sister to put on one of those annoying skits she's always bugging you about. It will go a lot better than if you're just standing in a silent room by yourself.

Reward Yourself

Once you're done with all the decorations, walk down to the gas station and get one of those suckers with gum inside them. Your

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The Purple Press Staff

The Man Upstairs

Cameron Beitler

Bullpen Coach

Nathan Jesson

Salt of the Earth

Leo Bickelhaupt

New Secretary

We have a new secretary. Her name is Mary Posey. She has been working as a secretary for over 20 years. Mary has worked at Central High School and Ramsey Jr. High. She likes being a secretary because of the variety of the job and the chance to interact with people.

Mary replaced Karen, the former secretary. Before she got hired, she took a secretary test, then two interviews, then Ruth offered her the job.

Mary grew up in Spring Valley, MN and graduated from Spring Valley High. When Mary was a teenager she worked as a waitress. She has five kids, three boys and two girls. Two sons are married and she has a grand daughter. One daughter is in college, two of her kids play sports.

During Mary's free time she likes to read, write poetry, knit, sew, spend time with her son, relax, swim, visit relatives, and have picnics.

So far Mary likes being here, "I like Open School a lot. The people are friendly, and the kids are good."

People at Open School also like Mary a lot, "She's a great person," said 9th grader Gao Lai Chang.

"I think she's WONDERFUL! She's a great helper, and she smiles all the time!" said principal, Ruth Pechmann.◊

Erik happy to be here

Emmett Ruff

Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered who our new teacher is? Maybe you've already met him. His name is Erik Peterson. Erik was invited here because student numbers were up and we qualified for another teacher, Erik wanted to be a teacher here. Erik teaches Native American studies and a thematic journeys class about The Holocaust.

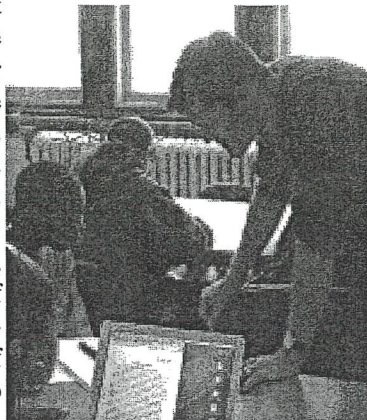
Erik was born in Milaka, Minnesota, a town north of St. Paul. Erik attended college at The University of Minnesota and at Metro State in Denver, Colorado.

He studied business, psychology, linguistics, philosophy, and Native American Studies. Erik taught for a year in Colorado, four years at Central High School, two years at

Ramsey, and now he's come to St. Paul Open School.

Erik became interested in teaching when he worked in video and with youth organizations. "It occurred to me that I could work with stories and kids by becoming a teacher," he said. When he's not at school, Erik enjoys cycling, hiking, canoeing, skiing, camping, traveling, and photography. Erik rides his bike to school every day.

Erik likes the environment at Open School. "The size of the school helps teachers to really get to know students," Erik said, "I like how 'open' and friendly everyone is. Practically everyone I run into says hello."◊



Teachers face fees

Jeffrey Bies

Staff Writer

For the first time teachers are having to pay for personal appliances that they use at school. This isn't just in our school all the St. Paul School teachers are experiencing this problem. The teachers are forced to either take their appliances home or pay to keep them at school.

The district is making all St. Paul School staff pay for personal appliances. Although this mainly affects teachers, all the people who work in the schools have to pay for their personal appliances. They have to pay \$25 per appliance. The reason for the fee for appliances is because the district wants make

the energy costs lower for all the Saint Paul Schools. Although nobody is sure when this will end, if it ever will, this is still an issue for teachers. The only way that teachers don't have to pay is if it belongs to the school.

This is a big issue for teachers. Julie Doble says, "I think it's important to save energy, but I think asking staff to pay \$25 to make a cup of coffee is disrespectful and doesn't take into account all the money teachers spend from their own pockets for school supplies."◊

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tongue will thank you, even though it didn't do any work.

But really, it's way harder when you have all those enormous huge lights and stuff. next year, only put up what you really need to in order to bring joy. Expensive stuff kinda ruins it, man.

For your convenience, I have created a small chart that shows what you really NEED to have, and things that are just tacky.

Do's

String lights, Tinsel, Christmas tree, Ornaments, Carolers, Christmas Cookies

Dont's

Giant balloon things

Really, that's all. So just go on the internet and sell your balloon on Ebay. Someone else can use it as a roof.◊

Senior Profile

A Moment with Chelsea Jane



How long have you been at Open School? 8 Years

Extra Curricular Activities: YLI, DL, Theater, Jousting Team (All Conference)

What are your plans for next year?

Going to the U of M Twin Cities or Morris

What are you going to miss most about Open?

The people

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

The African

What was your favorite class at Open?

Anatomy

What is one super power you wish you had?

I Wish I could talk to animals

What is one job you would like to have as an adult?

I would like to be a Doctor

Who is one person you would like to meet?

I would meet Jonny Depp

A look at the best team in fraquetball history: The Gentle Giants

Nathan Jesson

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It all began in February 2003. The beginning of a dynasty, when the first ever Fraquetball tournament took place. The Gentle Giants first round opponent was Alpha Numericals, (Alex Ford and Joel Reiss). The series was a challenge for Sean Keith and Cameron Beitler. Although Sean and Cameron were the three seed, Alpha Numericals wouldn't be dismissed easily. Gentle Giants won the first game, 7-5. The game was tense with the kind of excitement usually accompanied with the playing of a real sport. The second game was not as kind to Gentle Giants. They lost, only scoring 3 goals. Alpha Numericals hit their stride that game, and they played just as well in the deciding third game. It was a game that looked like it would never end. First Alpha Numericals jump ahead, then Gentle Giants tie it. At 9-9 the game was delayed until the next day. They continued right where they

left off. This time though, Gentle Giants had an edge. They ended up winning the game, 13-11. It was the longest game in Fraquetball history until December 2004.

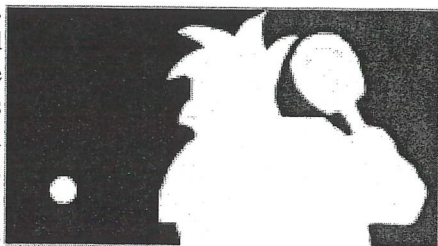
The next round they faced Tastes Like Byrning (Mackenzie Byrne and Devlin Byrne), a underdog team, that upset the two seed in the first round. But they provided no challenge, Gentle Giants swept them easily. After that, Gentle Giants advanced to the finals. They played Los Geezers (Leo Bickelhaupt and Tim Leone-Getten). For the first and last time, Gentle Giants would be the underdog. Los Geezers won the first game, although Gentle Giants played with fierce passion. The next four games were hard fought, but they all had the same outcome. Gentle Giants won the first ever Fraquetball finals.

The next year, there was little doubt who the best team was. Gentle Giants finished

the season a perfect 8-0. In an interleague match they beat Los Geezers 7-5. That would be the closest anyone came to beating them in the regular season. Since they finished first in the conference, Gentle Giants earned a first round playoff bye. In the conference finals, they played Sonic Team (Liam Shramko and Gus Olsen). After Gentle Giants won the first two games of the series, they lost one pointless game before wrapping it up.

In the Fraquetball Finals Winter 2003, Gentle Giants faced Jesson 5, a new team, comprised of Doug Anderson and Nathan Jesson. Jesson 5 had beaten Los Geezers in the Conference finals, after being down 2-0 in the series. The first three games were all close, the greatest margin of victory being 3, but Gentle Giants won them all. They were just one win away from winning it all once again. But Gentle Giants got cocky. They didn't try in the fourth game. In fact, they watched the ball roll by on game point. In the fifth game, Gentle Giants did try, un-

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Reviews 'n' Stuff

The Sims 2: how to cheat

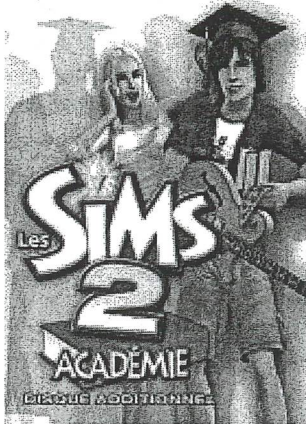
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What computer simulation game would I call the most popular, hands down? The Sims 2. For all of those who have not heard of or played this game, the Sims 2 is a game that allows you to create your own player, then control their every move. Unlike the first Sims, The Sims 2 has improved most of the problems of the last game. You can now have memory, cook food, have fewars, and create them right down to their underwear! Not only that, but if you own the Sims Nightlife, then you will be able to own your very own car.

There are so many things that you can do now that you couldn't before. Watch your sim get fatter from eating too many cookies, or bigger because she is pregnant. Sneak out of the house, or get married in the bathroom! There are different jobs too, some the same, some new, like being a police officer, cook, or working in a hospital, but it's not like you can become a master chef with a

snap of your fingers. You have to start from the lowest rank, then work your way up. You don't have to figure out what they might need to be promoted, the game tells you what you need to do. For example, if you want to be a chef, then you have to start out as a dishwasher, then, if you are in a good mood, you will get that well deserved promotion. Also in the Sims 2, when your sim needs a job, you have more choices to choose from at a time, not just three choices on your sim's computer or one choice in the Sims newspaper.

The Sims 2 is fun and all, but sometimes you need help. There are some problems listed below, with the suitable cheat code to the right. Yes, there is a cheat bar if you did not know. If there wasn't, then how would you cheat? To access this cheat bar, hold down shift, control, still holding down those two buttons, press c. If you really want or
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Bulletproof

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It starts when your friend K-Dog has been caught up in some serious drama. He calls you for help, and you round up the G-Unit and head out to rescue him. But that's where it all goes wrong. K-Dog ends up dead, and you end up taking nine shots to your back, just like when 50 was shot in real life.

50 Cent BulletProof is the game for Play Station 2 and Xbox. It costs about \$49.95 at Best Buy and any other game stores. The game is designed by Genuine Game company and produced by 50 Cent. This game got the seventh place on the top ten selling game list on G4TV. The game includes Eminem as a detective and Dr. Dre as a person selling underground weapons. The game also has tons of music from 50 Cent and the rest of the G-Unit, and there are handful of music videos as well, but you have to unlock them by using money earned during missions.

Like in the lead paragraph, your homies get caught in some drama, so now you are up in the mix. So you do many severe missions for the Mafia or other gangs to



get money. Once you have enough money, then you can go get guns from Dre, the underground weapon-selling dude, start shooting down your enemies, and make your group more powerful. Still, this game is all about 50, so it's like a role playing game.

The graphics are very realistic. They make 50 Cent look exactly like him and the rest of the G-Unit. They produced this game with some Matrix moves, which we like the most. When an enemy tries to shoot you, you can grab the gun in front of them and shoot back at them.

We will give this game 4 stars, because they made the graphics realistic and the story line is very cool. Also, you can go as a group and have lots of weapons too. They have a lot of street weapons, like Uzis, Shotguns, and other automatic guns.◊

Reality TV... over and over

Christina Mcgee
Staff Writer

It's back! Again, and again, and again, and again. It's the Real World/Road Rules Challenge. Again! In the beginning, there was *The Real World*, a show unlike any other. They taped people doing what they normally do, no script. What a concept! Next, they capitalized on the Real World's popularity with *Road Rules*, another reality TV show. Even after, came the *Real World/Road Rules Challenge*. It came again, and again, and again, and again, and again.

MTV had discovered something new and brilliant. They would move seven strangers into a house and tape them as they faced the everyday struggles of living with complete strangers. And for about ten years, they were the only tv station to take advantage of this little reality tv pot of gold. Anyway, fast forward about ten or eleven years, and this concept is dead. Well, not dead, but someone

would think that after seeing the reality show *Who's your Daddy?*, where individuals who have never met their father pick him out of a group of complete strangers. The wonders of FOX. Anyway, after all of this competition for ratings, what does MTV do. They put a new spin on the Real World/Road Rules Challenge, again.

The Real World/Road Rules Challenge is back again, and this time it's disguised as *The Gauntlet 2*. First MTV just had the Real World/ Road Rules Challenge, plain and simple. In the RW/RR Challenge, cast mates from different seasons of the Real World competed against cast mates from different seasons of Road Rules and vice versa. Then, after a while, they apparently decided that particular concept was getting a little stale. They came up with the Battle of the Sexes,
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Curse of the were what?

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In 1989 Wallace and Gromit creator and director Nick Park along with Aardman Animations came out with a five minute Oscar winning short called *Creature Comforts*. Later that year Wallace and Gromit: *A Grand Day Out* came out, the first movie of a wonderful string of classics. After four lovely movies, the adorably slow Wallace and his smartface dog Gromit have traveled to the moon, defeated an evil, jewel-hungry penguin with a remote control, battled a carnivorous dog, and now, in their first full length feature film, rescued and entire town from a monstrous were-rabbit.

Normally, I'd be terrified of my old favorites becoming modern trash, but with *Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*, I had no doubts. I simply adore those films and I knew they couldn't go wrong. And they certainly didn't. Even with the seemingly unbearable task of creating the 1 1/2 hour long movie, which was done entirely in claymation over a six year period of time, there were no faults. There was

never a dull moment for me. It was delicious and funny, and Wallace and Gromit fans will surely not be disappointed. Unless you're dumb in which case you should not be seeing this movie.

This movie has a great new story and it kept me entertained throughout the entire thing. So there's these crazy bunnies running around eating all of the town's prize vegetables and it's a problem. Wallace and Gromit, being the clever chaps they are, decide to invest in it and start a rabbit catching company and, being the sweeties they are, they make it humane and all. So everyone's cuckoo for this idea and business is good. There's a new love interest in this one, Lady Tottington, and she's a fox and a half. Now she simply adores the hero's invention, which sucks the bunnies safely into a little chamber. Alas, there's this meanie guy too, he's this ugly, snooty, high-class yucko, Victor Quartermaine. He is a hunter and wants to blow all the bunnies away. He's all up on
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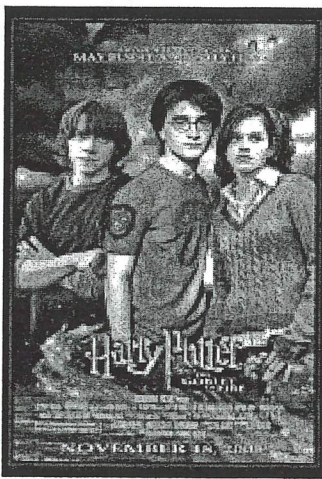
Mystery, intrigue, romance

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All year long I waited with bated breath to see this past summer's most hyped movie. *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. Going to see this movie with every other nerd who stayed up that late was truly the most joyous experience. We even went so far as to dress up for the occasion. Yours truly was Sirius Black. I find it slightly embarrassing that I could throw together a bumish looking costume so easily. I can only thank those people with whom I shared this. Veronica, Chloe, we'll always have Harry Potter.

Is Harry Potter a film you should go and spend \$8.50 to see? Hells yeah! There is no end to the wonder and majesty. The fourth installment in the Harry Potter saga is filled with wild new characters and brand new spells. But be warned not all is well in our mystical land of intrigue.

The movie starts off with a bang. The Quidditch cup is interrupted by a band of hooligans trying to put an end to the joyous fun. Then we whisk off to Hogwarts for the Triwizard Tournament. You may think the action stops there, but it doesn't. There are three challenges to complete. In the first challenge an egg has to be taken from a very irritable dragon. The second challenge entails that salvation must be provided to the thing you care most about from the evil mer people. Finally, the third challenge is a good 'ol maze, but a twist is waiting at the end.



Anybody who is anybody has read one if not all of the Harry Potter books so far. If you are one of the cool people and have read the books, well then I hope you're not going for plot. GOF is far too short. You might just get whiplash from trying to see where
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til they were down 5-1, then they gave up again, watching the ball roll by on game point. But then Gentle Giants got serious. Game six was quite entertaining. Both teams played well, but Jesson 5 got the best of Sean and Cameron. Jesson 5 won, 7-4. The next game was one for the history books. Gentle Giants played like there was no tomorrow. Point after point, both teams gave up no ground. Both teams refused to lose. Both teams were on their top game, and neither was going to walk away with a loss. Jesson 5 led 6-5. The next point took ten minutes. Games take place in shorter time. Nathan Jesson nor Sean would not let anything past them. Both had six saves on the final point. Then Cameron took a shot. It easily got past Anderson. Jesson didn't have a shot at stopping it. It looked like the perfect shot. And then it hit the in play water sprinkler. No goal. After that, Anderson took one last shot, and scored. The crowd went crazy. But not nearly as crazy as Jesson and Anderson. They then did ten consecutive chest bumps before shaking Sean or Cameron's hand. Jesson was voted Championship Series M.V.P. In a recent interview, Jesson had this to say on Game 7, "Whenever I'm feeling down, I think about Game 7, and a smile crosses my face." This series would haunt Sean and Cameron for all of fourth hour, and would be a permanent taint on their Fraquetball career.

But they couldn't stay down for long. The next Fraquetball season started only two weeks later. Gentle Giants played very well. In the ten game season they started out 9-0, before losing one meaningless game to Spik 2 Mik. In the regular season they had victories against both Los Geezers and Jesson 5. In the first round of the playoffs they played Loveable Little People(Jaime Avila and Andrew Hoaglund). Loveable Little People had single handedly kept Los Geezers out of the playoffs. Deep in the jungle of Loveable Little People the mighty tiger lies. Sean and Cameron were taken by surprise. But Gentle Giants zapped them right between the eyes. And all the children sang. After dropping the first game, Gentle Giants came back to win the next two games and the series. After advancing to the finals, Sean and Cameron were up against Mexico City Sombreros(Liam Shramko and Gus Olsen). Mexico City had eliminated Jesson 5 in a hard-fought Conference final match. The series was shortened to three games to accommodate Frisbee season. Gentle Giants
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won the first game 7-5, and the second game, 7-3. Once again, Sean and Cameron were champions.

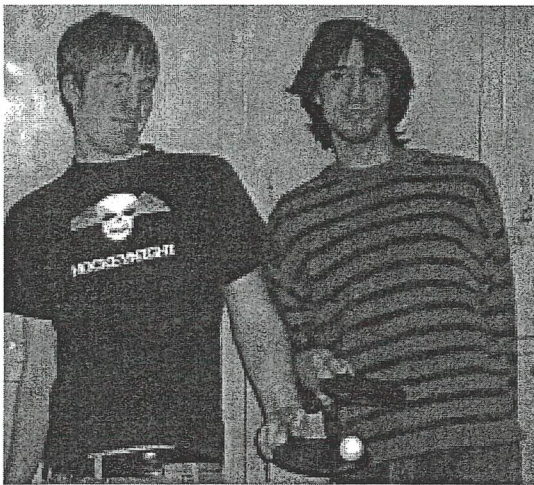
The next season began with good news. Cameron was to be appointed to the all powerful Fraquetball committee. Finally, after being with Fraquetball since the very beginning, a Gentle Giant was on the committee. In fact, Cameron pushed some of the most daring Fraquetball agenda ever. But the Gentle Giants didn't start the season on a good note. On the first day of the season, they barely beat the rookie team D-Unit, 8-6. (D-Unit finished the season 2-16.) And after losses to Los Geezers and The Losers, (Jaime Avila and Tim Fiero) the Gentle Giants were 4-2. And while 4-2 may be good for your run of the mill Fraquetball team, Sean and Cameron knew they were held to a higher standard. They went on a eight game winning streak, which included wins over Jesson 5, Los Geezers, and The Losers. Then Gentle Giants had a mental lapse in a loss against Y.O.U. (Y.O.U. finished 3-15.) Gentle Giants finished the season 15-3, the best in Fraquetball, and once again, they had a first round playoff bye.

And right before the playoffs started, following Doug Andersons resignation, Sean was finally appointed to the Fraquetball Committee. In the conference finals, Sean and Cameron were set to play Alpha Numericals Revisited (Tom Totushek and Carl Olson.) Alpha Numericals Revisited had kept Los Geezers out of the playoffs, and upset The Losers in the first round. Sean and Cameron walked circles around Totushek and Olson in the first game, winning 7-2. The next two games were closer, but no different. Gentle Giants swept Alpha Numericals Revisited. And in the 2005 Fraquetball Finals, Sean and Cameron faced a familiar foe.

Jesson 5 had endured a trying, streaky year. At times nothing worked, and at times they were invincible. They started the season 2-3, before going on a seven game winning streak. But on the last day of the season, they were 10-7, fighting for a playoff spot. They

faced Ultimate Sonning (Antonio Rosario and Kieran Gallagher.) But Anderson and Jesson performed like crazed, victory obsessed veterans to win the game, 7-2. In the first round, Jesson 5 exacted revenge on Hat Trick, (Griffin Larson and John Knapp) by sweeping them. Then in the conference finals Jesson 5 played Fetal Attraction (Liam Shramko and Andrew Hoaglund.) Jesson 5 swept Fetal Attraction, behind Anderson's rottwiler esque performance on front defense, and Jesson's vicious, over the top picks.

So once again, the two titans were to clash. Both teams knew that whoever won the series would go down in history as the better Fraquetball team. The first game lived up to the billing, and much to everyone's delight, Sean and Cameron won. The next game Gentle Giants performed their brilliant strategy perfectly. With



a wide array of shots, and tremendous defensive effort, Sean and Cameron won games two and three, with ease. And game four looked to be no different. Sean and Cameron led, 6-2, and everything seemed to be set. But then, Jesson and Anderson showed

signs of life. Jesson 5 won the next two points, and Cameron looked concerned. But he had no reason to. Gentle Giants won the next point, and the championship. Anderson threw his paddle on the ground, and walked away in disgust. Jesson acted cool, and shook Sean and Cameron's hands, but was later heard saying, "I feel so empty inside." The following year the Giants went their separate ways. Sean graduated, and is now attending Beloit College in Wisconsin. Cameron stays active in his committee role, but now, he is only a coach, but of a rather familiar team, Jesson 5.

So the legacy was complete. Sean and Cameron had won all but one Fraquetball championships. They retired with a 63-12 all time record. 21 more wins then the next team. Sean was voted into the Hall of Fame last March. One thing is for certain though, Fraquetball will never see a team like this again.◊

SIMS From 4

where female cast mates from the two shows competed against male cast mates from the two shows. Next, there was the Battle of the Seasons. This show was just a tiny bit different from the others. Instead of having large groups, there were smaller, sub groups made up of two people from each season of Real World and Road Rules. They competed against all the other groups of two to receive the very multi-thousand dollar prize. By the way, all of these shows are being propelled by the cash prize, There usually somewhere in the range of about 300 thousand dollars for a group of people. Then came the Inferno and the Gauntlet, where teams of Real Worlders and Road Rulers, separated by things such as who was mean or nice, faced off against each other in the Gauntlet, or the Inferno, depending on the show. In the Gauntlet/Inferno, two members from opposing teams would go up against each other in an individual competition to determine who goes home.

Back to this Season. On the Gauntlet 2, aside from having a pirate ship theme instead of a cowboy theme, there's a slight change in the rules. Instead of voting someone from the other team into the Gauntlet, or voting one of their own team members into the Gauntlet against a member from the opposing team, they vote someone from their own team into the Gauntlet, to go up against their own captain! This might cause some friction among the team members. This season, the teams are separated by the number of challenges they have participated in. It's the Veterans against the Rookies.

Not to be lazy, the first challenge started almost as soon as they got off of the plane. The first competition was the Royal Rumble. In the Royal Rumble, half of each team (they were separated by gender) was put on a large block in the ocean and fought to stay on. The winner would become the captain. First up was the Rookie boys team. Alton from the Real World turned out to be victorious. Immediately following them were the Veteran boys team. Instead of taking the risk of injuring themselves, they played 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' to determine who would stay on the block and become captain. Adam L. from Road Rules won. Next were the Rookie girls. They used the same strategy as the Veteran boys, and Jo from the Real World won. Last but not least were the Veteran girls. They unlike the Rookie girls were not going to take the easy way out. They were going to fight. And fight they did. Ruthie

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GAUNTLET From 4

from the Real World was the winner. After all was said and done, the cast went home to rest in their multimillion dollar mansion equipped with a pool and water slide. All was well, everyone was having fun, . . . partying, . . . drinking. Heck, they even threw someone a birthday party. All was going well until. . . . Jo went nuts. It could've been the people. It could've been the fact that one of the captain's duties would be to go into the Gauntlet if they lost a mission. She could've just decided that was the right time to have a nervous breakdown. After spending a fun filled couple of hours with the rest of the cast in the house, Jo decided enough was enough, she wanted to leave. When her cast mates questioned what was wrong with her, she simply said she wanted to go home and told them not to 'manhandle' her.

After calling the police, she was escorted from the property, never to return. ANYWAY, the next day, the cast faced their second mission. They had to transport coconuts across the beach on two bamboo poles. The Rookie team won. Adam L. was going into the Gauntlet (the gauntlet competition is separated by Girl's Gauntlet days, and Boy's Gauntlet days). After the mission is over, the

losing team chooses who will face the captain in "The Gauntlet". While deciding this, the Veteran team came up with the idea to have everyone write names on pieces of paper to decide who would go in. Nice and Discreet. But nope, Derrick wasn't having it. He thought people should know who had voted them into the Gauntlet. Guess who was going into the Gauntlet that night? And he didn't even get to see who voted him into the Gauntlet. Too bad. After an interesting question and answer game, Derrick won and Adam L. went home. The end. Until next Monday.

In my opinion, this is just another MTV challenge show, nothing special. There have been so many of these, what's one more? Even though the scenery and the show's theme might have changed, it's still pretty much the same show that comes on every few months. There will be arguments, fights, drinking, yelling, and some other things I can't mention, as usual. Same thing that happens on every Real World/ Road Rules Challenge show. The only reason to watch it is for the drama between the cast mates. You could take it or leave it. Won't make much of a difference.◊

POTTER From 5

the entire middle of the book went. They cut pivotal scenes with critical roles. Such as all the scenes with elves which anybody who has read the book will tell you is very important. And if you were expecting to see Sirius Black (or seriously sexy, as he known in some crowds) well then you will be disappointed. But lo, I say let not this discourage you. I assure you that the random shirtless man and half naked women more than make up for it.

Viktor Krum, as portrayed by Stanislav Ianeski, Cho Chang, played by the gorgeous and talented Katie Leung, and Cedric Diggory, played by the charming Robert Pattinson, are just a few of the new kids that color the set of *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. Each of them is a good actor, but only one will be on the lips of teenage girls everywhere Bulgarian BonBon, Stanislav Ianeski. He is truly a fine slice of man. Stanislav, or Stan The Man as



he is known around the set, is playing the Bulgarian stud, Viktor Krum. It's okay ladies, feel free to swoon. Hunky, studley, talented these are only a few of the adjectives used to describe Stan. How can a guy be a loser when his hobbies include gym training? And he owns an entire guinea pig family? He also has one parrot, one cat, and two dogs. His heart is as big as his biceps. With his prominent brow and deep melodic voice, you will be crushed under the force of his almighty power.

It seems that this whole film, directed by Mike Newell, was set up so that in every scene you had some eye candy to look at. In Fact the first half of the film has Severus Snape, played by Alen Rickman, in every single shot. Even in parts were he wasn't included in the book. This fact leads one to wonder about the relationship between the

SIMS From 6

need to cheat, find your problem, then use the cheat given:

Do your parties suck? Can you only get two people to come?

Get in the cheat bar, then type in: intProp maxNumOfVisitingSims 8

Do you want your sim(s) to never get older? Get into the cheat bar, then type in: Aging on or off

Are you poor? Need money? Get into the cheat bar, then type in: motherlode, for \$50,000, and katching for \$1,000

Tired of missing you ride for work? Well, after the cheat bar pops up, type in: move_objects on or off, then move your sim person in front of the vehicle.

Want the house your sim people live in to have more then three floors? type in the cheat: setHighestAllowedLevel #

If any of these cheats does not work, Make sure that you type in everything as it is listed above. If the cheats still don't work, then you can go on the internet, go to Google and look for other cheats that will work. Butt she hate pie.

Cheating is easy and fun to do while playing The Sims 2, you can get all of the money you could want, or help your sim get to work on time, but there are some disadvantages to these cheats and to playing the Sims 2. They only work on computers or laptops, and you need loads of memory on your computer. So if you don't have a computer or laptop, then none of the cheats will work! Oh well, what can I do? Nothing at all, but there is something you could do, you could find a friend who does have The Sims 2 on their computer, then cheat to your heart's desires, or buy your very own computer.

You may not have all the fun of cheating, but you don't have to cheat to have fun, at least you can play this game on other game systems, in case your computer doesn't co-operate with the Sims 2. Such as Play Station 2, PSP, Game Cube, Game Boy, even DS. All you need is a game system like the ones listed above, and The Sims 2, which will still be just as fun, even if you can't cheat.◊

POTTER From 7

good looking actor and the director. Love affair perhaps?

Having seen the film more than once (four times to be exact) I would go as far to say that GOF is the most racy of all the Harry Potter movies so far. Harry, Ron and Hermione are finding love. Harry is falling madly in love with Chinese beauty Cho Chang. Hermione, some would say, is the luckiest girl on the face of the planet. Emma Watson gets to play opposite the Bulgarian heart breaker. When it comes to Ron, however, he is a mystery. The audience gets to spend most of the movie wondering if he is jealous of Viktor for getting Hermione or jealous of Hermonie for getting Viktor. It seems even teachers are finding true love. Hagrid, played by the massive Robbie Coltrane, has found romance with the Head mistress of the Beauxbaton school.

Worry not, young teenage boys. There is plenty of T and A provided by the lovely ladies of the Beauxbaton school for girls. Come on guys, who doesn't like French women in bathing suits. I know I can't resist.

Danger, intrigue and romance. Harry Potter and the Goblet of fire has all this and much much more. Amazing sets, and amazing acting. Is there really a reason you shouldn't see this movie? I think not! 4.78 stars out of 5. Go and see it or be mocked by all your peers.◊

WALLACE From 5

Lady Tottington and she's totally not into him. So he's the villain. Now I will most definitely not be telling the shocking twist, but I will tell you that it ends with happy bunnies and kisses and all that good stuff.

This is a delightful new chapter in the pair's life. Like in the other films *The Curse of The Were Rabbit* is funny without being crude. All the clever little touches in the background, the references, the general cuteness of it. Wallace and Gromit have, and always will be, great characters. They are so plain, so goofy, so lovely. The little noises people make, the many expressions on Gromit's face. Everything is warm and sweet and yummy. If that's not enough reason to see it, then I don't know what is! All that is left to say is pretty pretty please don't see Doom before you see this. I beg of you. I encourage everyone to see this and watch all the other movies too. They're sublime, and if you don't like them, you secretly do, and if you don't secretly do, you're a monster. Really though, everyone should see it.◊

CONTROVERSY From 1

leon Dynamite, and even did a few sketches. Julie was just a hippy, which many would argue, is no costume at all. Julie Doble made no comment, except, I quote, "Leo is a sore loser." The Napoleon trio were the clear crowd favorite. When pondering why the judges would make such decision, I realized something. Three of the six judges were women. Julie is a woman. Coincidence? Could be.

Another interesting "Coincidence" was that John Knapp was also one of the judges. This may not seem to make a difference, but sources close to John say he has a personal vendetta against Leo. "He (John Knapp) was really upset when Leo failed him in thematic journeys last year. I heard he's not even talking to Leo anymore," said senior Nathan Jesson, who has close ties to the Knapp family. This hardly seemed plausible. This is a small school. John would have had to talk to Leo at some point. Or would he? According to Leo, John has not taken any of his classes this year, which would make it much easier to not talk to Leo. However, when asked if John had talked to him at all this year, Leo said, "Yes. We had a brief conversation about Fraquetball." When asked if he was aware of the silent treatment rumors, he said, "I did hear that rumor, yes. Early in the year he seemed to not be talking to me." I sat down with Jon to get to the bottom of these rumors. Jon categorically denied all claims of him holding a grudge against Leo or refusing to speak to him. He also denies that his personal feelings toward Leo affected his judging in any way. When asked why he didn't vote for Leo, Jon had this to say, "Seeing as it was Julie's and Bridget's last year, I was not alone in thinking they should win."

So it would seem that all those rumors about Jon having it in for Leo were just that, rumors. At least that is what Jon Knapp would have you believe. Danny Mauleon would have you believe a different story. Danny rides the same bus as Jon, and has had many conversations with him, some on the topic of teachers. "He told me and ev-

eryone on the bus that he was not talking to Leo," said Danny, "I was all like 'why do you hate Leo?' and he was all like, 'cause' he failed me.'" When I asked Danny if he thought that Jon's personal feeling toward Leo affected his judging, he said, "I do.

I usually try to remain objective in my reporting, but in this case I feel that it should be made known that Jon was in the room when I interviewed Danny, and Jon became greatly agitated, attempting to steal my interview notes. Are these the actions of an innocent man? This reporter thinks not.

In the wake of this judging scandal, several options are being considered as to the best way to move forward: Option 1. Take a school wide vote on who the students think should win, Julie or Leo, and then award 1st place to whoever gets the most votes, 2. Hold a second costume contest with a new, non-biased batch of judges, 3. Form a committee to investigate the scandal, giving them arbitrary power to award 1st place to whoever they see fit, 4. Simply let Julie and Leo share the gold medal, which is really no solution at all.

I spoke to junior Liam Xander Shramko on the subject, and he had this to say, "It's like the East Coast bias in college football. You got Reggie Bush who averages more than 8 yards a carry and over 200 all purpose yards a game playing for the undefeated USC Trojans. On the other hand you have Brady Quinn, the quarterback for the 9-2 Notre Dame Fighting Irish, who isn't even one of the top two quarterbacks in the nation. Quinn's getting first place votes from all these fat cats in New York who don't even know that California is a state in the Union. Some of these fools left Bush off the ballot all together. The bias, whether it's East, West, or in between is destroying the integrity of the game. Much like Julie's "first place" in the teacher costume contest." I think that pretty much says it all. For the Purple Press, this is Devlin Byrne, saying good knight, and scary dragon.◊