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Open Successful at Finals

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Tennessee, home of the Sun Sphere, Waffle House, and D2k.3, the 2003 Destination Imagination Global Finals. This year, Open sent two teams down south for fun and international mayhem.

The two teams flew to Atlanta, Georgia, where they rented cars to drive to Tennessee. After spending one night in an Econo Lodge in Cartersville, Georgia the team ate at the South's famous Waffle house, and then headed on to Knoxville.

The opening ceremony kicked off the events, introducing the competing countries, and ending with a laser, fireworks extravaganza. Susanne Hollingsworth's secondary level ViDIo Adventure team competed on the

first day of competition, placing 13th overall.

"The DI kids gone wild video was the best part," said sophomore Alyssa Albrect. Their coach Susanne was very proud of how well they did, "Hey, 13th! Hey, pretty darn good huh?" The team of five girls, and one boy performed well, and were well supported by Greg Adam's secondary ConnecDId team.



The ConnecDId team tied for 23rd place. Their performance showed environmental connections, and promoted pollution prevention. Their structure held 395 lbs., getting a ratio of 18. The builder, Mark Dyson, as well as the rest of the team were upset about the low ratio, but *TENNESSEE Continued on 8*

Staffing changes for 2003-04

Antonio Rosario
Staff Writer

As the year ends, some Open School employees prepare to move on, while Open School waits for some new additions.

Elaine Alper and Renee Ransom will be retiring. In addition, three EAs, Danielle, Celine and Chi, will not be returning, and physical education teacher Eileen Keetly will no longer be an SLC advisor. It has not yet been determined whether or not Eileen will be back next year.

Nobody will replace Elaine, since enrollment projections are down in the ELC. The three EA spots are going to be filled by a new hall monitor, a new full time social worker, and a new office assistant. The final addition will be a new SLC halftime reading teacher.

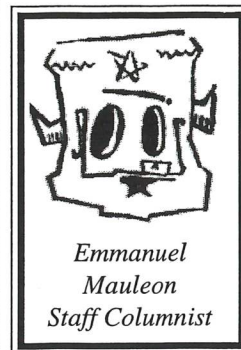
Eileen Keetly, or "Keets" as called by

many people, has been here for over 20 years. The elementary will not have a physical teacher anymore, and the SLC won't have her as an advisor either. Many people are saddened by this, including her, who was crying in the advisory when the news first arrived. "I'm not mad about this, I'm just really hurt," Eileen said, when speaking to the advisory.

Elaine has also been a part of Open School for a long time. She began at Open in 1982, left in 94 before returning in 98.

Principal Ruth Pechmann feels confident that Open School will survive and do well through the changes. "We feel that these are great opportunities for Open School as a whole," Ruth stated.◊

02-03 in review



Crimson skies thwart yellowed eyes, as students say good bye's to friendship ties. Being uncreative, and a bit strung out on codeine, I couldn't think of anything more clever. But the year is winding

down, and if it were an actual year, we'd have a large glowing ball outside on the flagpole lowering down as students flocked to the windows and counted backwards from ten, or for the slackers, from three, making mad dashes to open spaces in the last moments.

Yes, my friends, as the large metaphorical crystal ball of happiness and memories sinks closer to the ground, I remember the slight events that helped me cope with the year. Things that are the base of fairy tale rejects, which you find at the dollar store on the discount rack. And fanciful dreams frolic freely and frivolously through my cranium for a brief second for me to capture in a photograph called "Memories."

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End of the year announcements

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June 5th:

- First hour, SLC award ceremony
- Sixth hour, yearbook signing

June 6th:

- Third trimester evaluations come out
- Locker clean out day

June 9th:

- SLC to Valley Fair or Como Park

June 10th:

- SLC to Lake Elmo
- Last day of school!!



Prom, both better & worse

Antonio Rosario
Staff Writer

It was a magical night at the Wabasha Caves on May 16, 2003... or was it?

The prom was from 8:00 to 11:00 PM on the 16th of May, so, what was so magical about this particular night? Well, this is the first time Open School has held prom at the Wabasha Caves, and it gave the prom a better atmosphere. Food and drinks were out, the deejay was deejayng, the music was bumping, Tom was doing the Humpty Dance, and I sat there with my girlfriend talking to former hall monitor Christina Mauricio.

But the music... my god. This is supposed to be a romantic evening, right? Well, the deejay played Marilyn Manson and Godsmack, nothing more romantic than head banging to "The Beautiful People." And on top of all of it, there was only ONE slow song the whole night. Remember this if you do our prom again, mister deejay.

The attendance was more than I expected (go ahead, say that I don't have pride in our school, even though I do, 'cuz I get my edumication from Opee Skooool) from Open School. There were more than 75 tickets sold

before prom week, which is great for Open. And with the people bringing guests, that doubles the tickets, which is great as well.

The clothes people wore at the prom ranged from formal to casual. Liam Shramko, a student at Open, came in the suit that his dad was married in. Will Dantuma, sophomore, came in a salmon colored suit, even though he claims it to be pink.

So, what did people think of the prom?

"I thought it was a really cool place, and I want to go back there again," said sophomore Ana Contreras. Marcos Richardson, senior, had this to say about his prom experience. "It was pretty bad. I seen a lot of people there who I didn't want to see back at Open School. There should be better food next year, and I don't wanna see those people next year," Marcos stated. "It was actually pretty cool this year. It was a good place and a lot of people," said sophomore Arthur Minnerly.

So there you have it, your deep dish of the prom. So overall, less Open School graduates, more food, and a better deejay to make next year's prom better.◊

Spring murder 2003

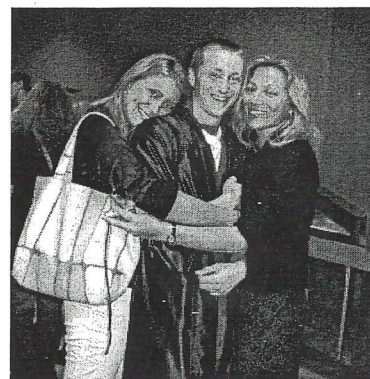
On May 28th, 29th and 30th, Open School students, staff, and parents were amazed and impressed as the Open theater department presented their spring performance "The



Woman at Dead Oaks." The play ran surprisingly short for an Open School play, the total time for the performance was about 2 hours and 15 minutes.

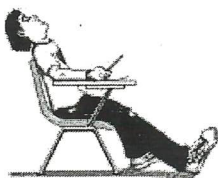
The play featured a variety of new actors and actresses. All in all the play went very well and the cast and crew were for the most part happy with how the performances went. With this play done the cast now looks toward next years play; word has it that Bridget plans to do "Much Ado About Nothing."◊

Graduation



With riveting speeches by Ruth, Anne Carroll, Joanne Knunth, Jody Holmstrom and David Dyson, this year's seniors are leaving Open with the support of their families, teachers and peers.◊

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Congrats Class of 2003!
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Senior Profiles



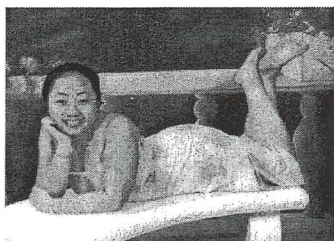
Rachel Dauner
Staff Writer

The end of the year is upon us, and with the end of the year comes the end of certain people's high school career. This day marks the end of the seniors' LAST trimester of their LAST year of high school. After thirteen years of working hard - and yes, they have worked hard - they're GRADUATING! But before we let them go, we asked them a few questions about what they liked, didn't like, and remembered about their Open School experience. Although their answers weren't always serious (you know how seniors are,) they did seem to be truthful.

1. How many years have you been at Open School?
2. What are some of your favorite memories?
3. What was the most challenging part of your Open School experience?
4. What are you doing next year?
5. How would you like people to remember you?

Mai Thao

1. 6 years
2. All the friends and staff, all the fun in History Day, DI, Student



Government, Prom, Outward Bound...

3. Being an officer in Student Government, and participating in History Day and other activities at the same time.
4. I'm going to college.
5. People can remember me as the girl who always participated.

Josh Greenberg



1. 2 years
2. Talking in the halls... and some of my classes.
3. Making my graduation portfolio and getting ALL of my sign offs.
4. I'm going to

Johnson and Wales University in Providence

Rhode Island.

5. I want people to remember me as funny, someone with a good sense of humor.

Arielle Weiler

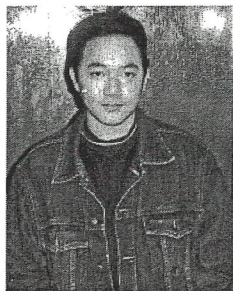


1. 13 years
2. Going to the D.I. competition in eighth grade and not competing.
3. Finding the motivation to stop procrastinating.
4. Going to Beloit College in Wisconsin.

5. As good student and friend.

Cha Vang

1. 4 years
2. All of the staff, students, and activities in Open School, because they're what makes our school an Open School.
3. Being on time for my classes, because there are no bells!
4. Work part-time and take classes at St. Paul Tech.
5. As someone who went through many great changes.



Chai Her



1. 8 years
2. Playing basketball with my friends, taking all the classes and being in History Day.
3. Not really anything.
4. I'm going to try to attend

Metro State College.

5. Respectful, responsible, liked to play basketball, and smart.

Charlotte Downey



1. About 6 years
2. Last year's camping trip with Leo and Kiara... it was funny because Leo didn't know how to start a

fire and we had to do it for him. Everyone had a really good time despite the weather.

3. Most likely math and parts of the whole graduation process.
4. Going to technical college for the culinary arts.
5. Crazy but sweet.

Jason Kobett

1. 2 years. A pity it wasn't longer.
2. I could list my favorite memories, but this would just turn into another copy of my high school summary. There isn't a favorite or least favorite... only a long series of fond memories.
3. Having to keep myself on track to graduate.
4. Taking classes for my paramedic certification, and quite possibly volunteering here at Open.
5. It doesn't matter to me how I am remembered. I feel my mark has been left, and I have been marked. This is enough for me.



Caitlin Holmstrom



1. 7 years with a break in the middle.
2. Coming back and seeing the friends I remembered, or those more recently made, especially when Geoff Freeman nearly tackled me

my first day back. Oh, and all the plays I've

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worked on.

3. Dealing with classes and people I didn't agree with.

4. I'll be attending High-Tech Institute for their massage therapy/Associates Degree.

5. However they please, hopefully with their best memories of me. Maybe as that crazy theater nut or insane school activist.

Cara Fazio



1. 3 years

2. England.

The three plays I've been in (especially *Mother Goose*.) Beating up Leo, and hanging out with his mom. The people, teachers... ev-

everything.

3. Math (doing my homework,) and the portfolio- it's a great thing, just don't let it sit.

4. I'm going to the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, then I'm going to transfer to Evergreen State College.

5. I guess I don't even care how people remember me, just as long as it's not in a bad way.

Brady Taipale

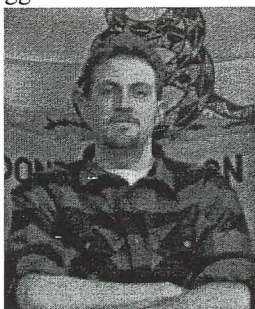
1. 10 years

2. Offending tree huggers and other stuff like that. My favorite was showing up at the antiwar rally with my buddies.

3. Going to classes I hate.

4. Going to the University of Montana to study forestry.

5. I think people will remember me as the only right-wing, nut case redneck who has ever gone to Open.



Dan Skelley

1. I've been at Open School for 12 years. Ever since first grade.

2. My favorite memories are the SLC water gun wars at Como Park and all the time I spent talking with friends about Dungeons and Dragons and anime. Last year's water gun war was great... the thrill of the hunt and being hunted.

3. The most challenging part of being at

Open School were the 'screwballs' who really shouldn't have been here. I dealt with a lot of people who liked to see how long they could push my buttons before I exploded.

4. Next year I plan to go to Metro State and take a generals program for two years while I figure out what I'll be doing with my life.

5. I'd like people to remember me as the hairy guy who said, "Of all the things I'd miss the most I'd have to say the people, and of all the things I won't miss at all I'd have to say the people."

David Stewart

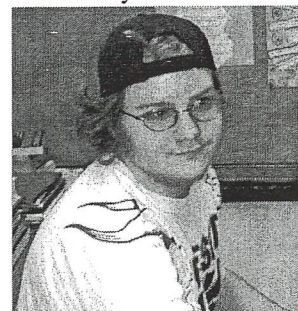
1. 4 years

2. Probably back when I was in Paula's advisory and we went to see her house for the December long advisory. We exchanged gifts and had snacks.

3. Dealing with other students.

4. I have applied to Dijipen I.T.- a school for video game programming.

5. Honestly, I would hope most people forget about me.



Jenny Murray

1. 12 years

2. I loved show and tell in Gail's advisory when I was in second and third grade. Those were also the years I met Clara, my best friend. We all used to play these games: It and Zebo. Don't

ask. No recent memories... I guess I've really loved all of Leo's classes the most. I've had the greatest experiences in his classes, coming out of my shy shell.

3. One of the most challenging parts of Open has been learning how to be self motivated and get everything done on time. It's really loose here, and you need to be organized to succeed... I think I've FINALLY mastered this.

4. Next year I'll be attending the University of Minnesota, Morris campus.

5. I guess I would like people to remember



me as a nice person. A shy and quiet but nice person.

Tou Moua Yang

1. 3 years

2. My friends in school, playing basketball, working with teachers, and the field trips.

3. Science, Biology, and Chemistry.

4. Going to college and finding a good job.

5. As a nice person they respect, hard working, funny.

Emily Jacobsen

1. 3 years

2. My favorite memories will definitely be Lenni, Group, and Interim with my friends.

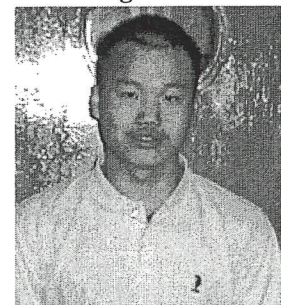
3. The transition from Central to here was awkward, but I got used to it quickly.

4. Working, and starting college at the Arts Institute.

5. As a punk.



Bee Xiong



1. 4 years

2. Group, Interim, community service, and staff and students.

3. Senior year.

4. College

5. ?

Jessica Revoir

1. 4 years

2. ...

3. Math class

4. Working... just living in the now man.

5. A party animal, and hopefully as someone nice.



Kevin Casey

1. 3 years

2. Advisory, and long advisory.

3. ...Homework

4. I don't really know.

5. All the ways people remember me from advisory!

Aaron Holland

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Lizzie not so lovable

Chloe Taipale
Staff Writer

With a barrage of anti-sexy baggy leather pants, fireworks, conspiracy and catchy pop hits, *The Lizzie McGuire Movie* (directed by Jim Fall) proves that it knows what young audiences want. As for teenage audiences, that's a different story.

The movie starts with Lizzie (15 year old Hilary Duff) getting ready in for her 8th grade graduation in her room. Her younger brother Matt (Jake Thomas) has planted a video camera on a toy truck and is videotaping her every move. Lizzie is none the wiser to Matt's little scheme, sneering "Say good-bye to your little toy!" When the truck zooms into her room. Lizzie then proceeds to sing an annoyingly catchy pop song into a hairbrush, swirling cutely and trying to be so cool and pop-star-ish. No. I'm sorry. No.

Lizzie (who, incidentally, looks like a squirrel with Down Syndrome) is going to Rome on a class trip, and after a rather embarrassing moment at her graduation, Lizzie is happy to get out of the country. Lizzie then finds out her arch nemesis, Kate (Ashlie



Brillault) is accompanying her on the trip, and she later learns that she is sharing a room with her. If you don't watch the show, then you should know that Kate is a regular bad seed, criticizing her peers ("You are SUCH an outfit repeater!" at the graduation which, take note, they're all wearing THE SAME THING) and shouting bone-chilling, heartless insults ("Dorkerella") that would normally get one kicked out of school. Later in the movie, Lizzie and Kate are almost friends, as Kate promises not to tell the teacher, Miss Ungermeyer (Alex Borstein), that Lizzie has been faking sick and sneaking out.

When Lizzie's class heads to the gelato shop (Italian ice cream, if you are an uncultured loser) and are waiting in line when a dreamy European figure skater-looking fellow walks up behind them. Lizzie looks back, obviously intrigued, and Mr. Figure Skater looks at her and whispers excitedly, "Isabella?" He later explains that his name is Paolo (Yani Gellman) and is in *ITALIAN VACATION Continued on 9*

Dev loves Access Hollywood

Devlin Byrne
Staff Writer

Lights. Camera. Access. Those words mean a lot to me and they should mean a lot to you too. If you know what show those words are associated with, then I don't have to explain the importance of them. Those three words are said during the intro to *Access Hollywood*, accompanied by flashing lights and music. I love *Access Hollywood*, and if you don't, you can go burn in Hell. If you don't know, it is a celebrity news show. I say news, and not gossip, because they don't spread rumors, only report the cold hard facts. I will now list the reporters in order of awesomeness.

Patrick O'Brien. That dude is awesome. Really awesome. Really really awesome. He grew an astonishing mustache. That's how awesome he is. So incredibly awesome, your head will implode trying to wrap your brain around how awesome he is. Why is he awesome? Because I said so jerk.

Billy Bush. This dude is hilarious. He's got a unique style no one can match. Well,

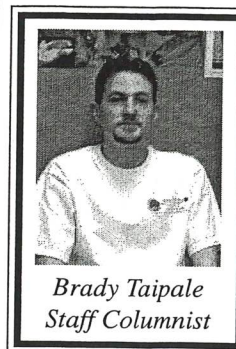
maybe they could match it, but they would really suck at it. He's great. He's like, some sort of great guy, who's just great all the time. Example, Billy is interviewing Hydrie Clume, and he's all like, "I hope my wife isn't watching!" Do I need to say anymore? No, but I want to anyway. His zany insane antics bring sun shine to my day. With out him I'd probably suffer from severe chronic depression. I swear to gad.

Shaun Robinson. She's a fox! Heh heh heh heh, all right. With brilliant reporting and sexiness, she is a valuable member of the Access Hollywood team. I find her attractive. Shaun emits an aura beauty and prowess. The show wouldn't be the same with out her. Kudos Shaun, Kudos with M&M's.

Steven Cojocaro. This dude is crazy. He *ALL ACCESS Continued on 9*



The last rant



Brady Taipale
Staff Columnist

Seeing as this is the last column I will write at Open, I'll try to make it good and offensive. So here I go.

Of all the things that I hate, income taxes have to be near the top of the list, along with the U.N. and the A.T.F. Income taxes are nothing more than theft by the government. Think about how we don't even see the money that is stolen from us. It's gone by the time we get our paychecks. Also, the more money you make, the more you get shafted. Ten percent of the population pays nearly half of all taxes collected. Many people pay up to forty percent or more of their income. I know this for a fact since my family happens to fall in that ten percent bracket.

People tell me, "Oh, we need an income tax to fund government." Guess what, there was no income tax in America until 1913. The problem is that now the government spends too much on free handouts like welfare and other garbage like that. There are generations of people who believe that they deserve everything for free without earning any of it. There are people who believe that they are entitled to free health care, free education, free housing, and so on. So now, the people who actually produce and make a good life for themselves are forced to pay for other people.

There are no shortages of whining, cry baby politicians who even hate the idea of a tax cut. The whining is along the lines of, "How dare anyone be successful in life. I want what they have even though I didn't deserve it. We should steal every dime from the evil rich people and give it to bums who refuse to work."

Sometimes I don't know what kind of world I live in. I don't know how my country got ruined. We live in a world where the bums and losers who produce nothing are rewarded while the most successful people are penalized through excessive taxation. This is a world that Ayn Rand predicted over 50 years ago.

The government of Minnesota is no better than the federal government when it comes to ridiculous taxes. Minnesota is the third highest taxed state in the country. Yet *FREE GIVEAWAYS Continued on 9*

Blown up a bridge lately?

Geoff Wessendorf
Staff Writer

The Monkey Wrench Gang, by Edward Abbey, is about four people who, depending upon your politics, are either radical environmentalists or domestic terrorists. These people take up monkey wrenching as a way to strike back at the system in the desert of northern Arizona and southern Utah. Monkey wrenching is the illegal act of bettering the world by causing damage to some body else's property... think industrial sabotage, but less formal. I think that this is a wonderful book (though that may be because I am an iconoclastic pyromaniac).

The book opens by providing a bit of background on the protagonists, Dr. A. K. Sarvis (Doc), Bonnie Abbzug, "Seldom Seen" Smith, and George W. Hayduke. Sarvis is a surgeon. He still practices, and he finances the whole operation. Bonnie is Sarvis' sidekick, driver, assistant and girlfriend. Seldom Seen is a tour guide on the Colorado River. Hayduke is an Ex- Green Beret.

When Sarvis and Bonnie take a trip down the Colorado, they meet Seldom Seen (their guide) and Hayduke (between jobs, he signed on to help Seldom Seen after causing a massive amount of trouble for the Flag-

staff police force). Along the trip, they get to talking, and come to the conclusion that the source of their troubles is the growing industrialization of the desert in the four corners area.

This decision leads them on a crusade that could be described as "the beautification of nature" or "industrial sabotage," again depending upon your politics. At first, there is some disagreement about their methods. Hayduke advocates the use of explosives, early and often, and in enormous quantities. He is overruled on a three to one vote on the argument that it would mean more trouble than they would be willing to get in... for

now. Instead of using explosives, they start by attacking a highway construction site. They come in at night, loaded with tools, and completely destroy the equipment at the site. They pour Karo syrup in the gas tanks, sand in the crank cases, and cut every brake line, fuel hose, and ignition lead that they can reach. In a couple of cases, they even hammer the cylinder injection heads off.

The main opposition that the monkey wrenchers have is not the police, but the San
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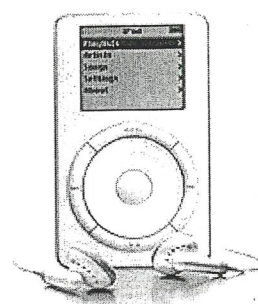


MP3s

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Unless you've been living in a cave guarded by trolls or in a maximum security prison, you've probably heard of Mp3 players. You can download music from the Internet, or from CDs on to your computer, and carry that music anywhere you go. The Player acts as a very small, portable hard drive which stores songs like files on a computer. There are many Mp3 players currently on the market. Which is best suited for you?

The majority of Mp3 players on the market are for PC's, only a few of which are worth checking out. Archos Technology has



been in the Mp3 game from the get go. Now they have a player that is king of all players. The Jukebox Multimedia 20 features an Mp3 player and a 1.5"

LCD viewing screen for viewing and selection files and, even more noteworthy, is that you can view pictures on it. The pictures can be uploaded straight from any conventional digital camera. There's an optional camera you can buy that attaches directly to the player. The Jukebox coughs up 20GB of file space which is about average for most mp3 players on the market today. The cheapest I was able to find this Player for was \$327.95 at Techdepot.com.

Rio is the most successful digital music brand for PCs. Their most recent Mp3 is player the Rio S10 or the SonicBlue. It offers 64MB of memory, that's enough room for 2 hours of skip-free digital music. Rio Music Manager software makes it easy to transfer all your songs. You can even add more memory to pack in all the MP3 files you can handle, with Memory cards that you can buy separately. You'll get up to 35 hours of battery life on one AA alkaline battery. The SonicBlue Only goes for about \$120. That's a good amount of Mp3 for your dollar.

But neither of these players pertains to you if you don't have a PC. Mac users only have one option, which would be the iPod. The iPod features a mind boggling 10-30GBs of memory. That's comparable to roughly 7500 songs. Compared to the SonicBlue's 64MB,
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Shmuel reviews anime

Shmuel Blyly- Strauss
Staff Writer

Well folks, I'm back... with even more anime reviews. The first series I'd like to tell people about is called *Record of Lodoss War*. I've got both the TV series and the OAV (original animation video, it's kind of like a miniseries or a really long movie.) They're both fairly good. If you like Dungeons & Dragons, or other role playing games like it, you'll probably enjoy *Lodoss of War*, as the plot and characters are very similar to those that you'll find in most RPGs. Both the dubbed version and the subbed version of the *Lodoss of War*, OAV are really good. I'd give it 4 stars out of 5. The TV series isn't quite as good, (although I haven't seen the subbed version. My DVDs of the TV series only had Chinese subtitles.) It's a bit weird, as there are some plot elements that don't match up between the TV series and

the OAV, as well as a 9 year gap after episode 9. Overall, I'd give the *Record of Lodoss War* series 3.5 stars.

Next of course comes *Trigun*. This series is definitely one of my all-time favorites. It has the perfect mixture of comedy, action and plot, as well as some very interesting characters. It's set in kind of an "Old West" atmosphere, taking place on a planet that was colonized and then ended up losing their technology. This is also one of the shows where dub is better than sub, much like *Cowboy Bebop*. Overall, I give *Trigun* a perfect 5 out of 5.

Next, something that started out as a Japanese comic, then became a movie, and fairly recently became a TV show as well. It's called *Ghost in the Shell*. I've seen the movie
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Mr. Personality unmasked

Stephanie Tolkeim Staff Writer

How would you feel going out on a blind date? Imagine that you're on a blind date and your date has to blow their nose so.... you have to leave the room. This is the part that you should find strange.

I'm talking about the show *Mr. Personality*. This is a show where one woman dates ten men. It's like *The Bachelorette*, only, the catch is that these men are wearing masks the whole time. The 'bachelorette' in this show is Hayley (no last names are given.) She is a 26 year-old sales associate for an

investment firm in Atlanta, Georgia. The ages of the men vary for 25 to 36 years old. The youngest masked man is Joseph, a real estate broker from Los Angeles. The oldest masked man is Bill, an investment banker from Boston. In between there are Johnny, Michael, Brian (from St. Paul,) Aaron, Will, Peyton, Jim, and Chris. Haley will choose one of these men to unmask show by show until she has found 'Mr. Personality.'

Monday, May 19, was the season finale of *Mr. Personality*. After de-masking all of the eligible bachelors in previous episodes,

except for the final two (Will and Chris,) Hayley brought her family to meet them, and they were just as torn as she was. But in the end, and after two marriage proposals, Hayley chose Will to be *Mr. Personality*, and to be her husband.

This show reminded me of *The Bachelorette*, with a twist, and the *Real World* (because of the fact that the cameras



are pretty much everywhere, except for the bathroom.) This show is okay, I guess, it was the basic date show where the elimination of people is the most suspenseful point of the show but this is also the boring part of the show, it's like every other date show there is, it's just the same old thing, with masks. I don't know who came up with the idea for the masks, but I think it was someone who was in charge, and no one could really tell them it was a bad idea because they were in charge. They're bringing it back for another season so it must have gotten good ratings. So you can expect another woman to choose out of several eligible bachelors next season to find *Mr. Personality*. ♦

Adam Sandler's new flick

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Anger Management opened nation wide on the 11th of April. It stars Adam Sandler as Dave Buznik and Jack Nicholson as Dr. Buddy Rydell. The basic premise is that Dave is sent to anger management for causing a disturbance on a plane. The strange part is that he wasn't causing a disturbance, he was just acting normal and everyone would take offense to anything he would say. You later find out in the movie that it's a twist.

After that, he appears in court and is sent to Dr. Buddy Rydell for anger therapy. He goes to a meeting and is greeted by anger wackos, including two fine-bootied porn stars, a crazy sports fan, and an ex-soldier who is by far the craziest of all. After some mingling, he is sent back to court for breaking a waitress's nose and is then sentenced to personal anger therapy, which means that Rydell lives with Dave and Rydell also im-

poses all of his annoying habits.

The movie skips around a lot. They travel around to places like a monk's temple, in which Dave's old nemesis lives. In short, they pick a fight with a bunch of monks by insulting the mentally-disturbed sister of the old nemesis. Rydell also takes Dave to a bar where he meets a very beautiful woman with a very big eating disorder.

I'm a fan of Adam Sandler movies. This one is particularly good. It has a lot more class than his previous movies (which is not hard to accomplish). Nicholson adds a spark of comedic genius to the mix, and with a variety of talented co-stars, like the patients at the therapy meetings and Dave's co workers, I'd have to say this might be my favorite Adam Sandler movie (*Little Nicky* is 2nd and *Happy Gilmore* is 3rd). With the addition of Nicholson, this movie is given a bit more quality to the humor. ♦

X2: not great

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X2: X-Men United is, all in all, a good movie. Although, people who closely followed the original comics will most likely be disappointed by the many mistakes made concerning the age and relations between different characters. This movie is really more for the every day fan, the ones that watched the cartoon series occasionally or once in a while picked up and flipped through an X-Men comic.

I think the main source of problems in the movie is that everyone seems to have a different favorite character, and like the fools they are, Fox keeps trying to include more and more of peoples' favorite mutants in the movie. Though the common fan may enjoy seeing Shadowcat (Katie Stuart) or Siryn (Shauna Kain) for a quick scene, in my opinion these quick cameos of very important and popular characters actually detract from the movie because you spend the rest of the movie wondering what happened to them and if they're all right.

The movie begins in the White House. Kurt, a . k . a .



Nightcrawler (Alan Cumming), sneaks away from the tour and starts teleporting around, taking down guards and working his way to the Oval Office. The White House is locked down, which really doesn't do a bit of good once Kurt teleports into the Oval Office. Once inside he beats about 10 guards with guns, teleporting so much that the office is almost filled with smoke. Then he pins President McKenna (Cotter Smith) to his desk and pulls out a dagger. As he is about to kill McKenna he is shot in the shoulder by one of the guards. The shock from the injury makes him drop the dagger and then he quickly teleports out of the room. The camera then pulls back to show a ribbon tied to the dagger that reads "Mutant Freedom Now."

Meanwhile, the students of the Xavier Institute are touring a museum. It is quite a boring scene until some bullies start harassing Pyro (Aaron Stanford), Rogue (Anna Paquin), and Iceman (Shawn Ashmore). The bullies continue to harass the trio and steal **MUTANT POWERS** Continued on 10

CODEINE From 1

The year started out with sombering events colliding into a large spiral of chaos. September 11th brought us all a reminder of the horrible collision of the twin towers, which I happened to witness all day long in Susanne's room, along with my friend Alex Smith, who, when he came to school before the second plane hit, gave me the first news of the event.

"Some (expletive deleted due to censorship) who obviously failed pilot school crashed into the World Trade Center... what an idiot."

Again, I was reminded of the tainted love affair with seats of power and corruption, through the obvious rigging of the Halloween doors. Through creative ingenuity, Bridget's advisory came up with a clever and creepy, ghoulish and great, awesome and... well, awesome... door. But the free pop stuffed into the jackets of the Student Government officials allowed Greg's tired idea of a hanging man to win again.... shame on you judges... shame on you! But no sense wallowing in bitterness.

One day I was sitting in Renee's office, pretending that I was selling candy, and me and Assent were having a chat, whilst Geoff Freeman read a story about spanking a cat. I couldn't quite make sense of it all, but in this moment I had caught the essence of what school should be: a time to enjoy. Later I took a Twig or two... or three, and got Adrian to put it "on my tab." But now there has been

the introduction of a candy machine called "creasy," and my happiness torn from me like petals from a Posy. Ringed around my rosy, ashes, ashes, we all fall down.

Sitting, calculating problems and prov-
inces, math-E-matical equations, and adding more abrasions to my brain, I walked out in the hallway to hear news that our leading man had died, Mr. Paul Wellstone. Soon followed the war, which I think is still going on, although you really wouldn't know, seeing as hockey season took its time slot. My friend, the times are tough, and the seasons rough, but school continues anyway. It's like time, perceived slow by some, faster by others, and it always continues.

Factual Pactual Rodent and Rice. Yes, continuation... oh, one day, one fateful, fateful day, Bridget was reading "Monday Morning Announcements," and she told me "The alert list is back. And the punishment is detention."

What was I to do. I took a lot of caffeine as a precaution, but my alertness quickly turned into an addiction. An exponential equation of a sort:

"If Emmanuel drinks one pop a day for a month, then two pops a day for two weeks, then three everyday for a week, then four everyday for three day, then five everyday for two days, what is the exponent that his pop consumption rises by?"

Pretty soon I was strung out on caffeine, usually having hacking fits, bulging veins,

and horrible headaches. I was then informed, "The point of the alert list is to stay out of the halls."

The halls? What kind of a name is "Alert List" if it's about the halls. The halls can't be more or less alert... In fact, they cannot be alert at all. Oh why must my mind torment me so.

Maybe, just maybe. I can get some satisfaction. Maybe, just maybe. I got four new messages on my answering machine, one from the ghost of Christmas Past. He tells me life is good. One from the ghost of Christmas Present. He tells me today is gonna be all right. One from the ghost of Christmas to Come. He shows me that next year will continue the same, and that when I graduate, I will become a circus performer. The fleas in the circus will be my only friends. One from the local Petco. I'm supposed to get a rabies vaccine, yes, the hamster was rabid.

Well my friends, that is that... there is no more. The ball has hit the bottom. Happy new year. The summer longs for long days indoors, sitting with friends in front of air conditioners, touring the town. Finding life worth living is key to the summer, at least it keeps you from being bored till mid July.

And remember, Dominoes now has a free pizza everyday with the purchase of another pizza. It's like two-times-Tuesday's, except everyday. So long, farewell. Good-bye.◊

TENNESSEE From 1

they didn't let that get them down. At the closing party they rocked out with people from different states and countries.

Last year Greg's Dual Dilemma team placed 14th. There were a few members of that team on this years trip. For senior Mark, and Sophomore Arthur Minnerly, it was their third trip to Globals, and it was the second trip for Junior Sierra Blakley and sophomore Ananda Wold. "It was fun this year, I really liked it," said Sierra.

Junior Clara Iwaszek, Sophomore Mary Henke-Haney and Freshman Tony Cavanaugh were new additions to Greg's structure team this year. They really enjoyed their first experience at Globals. "It was really fun. I wasn't gonna do it (DI) next year, but this made me want to do it," said Clara.

Although the team didn't do as well as

they wanted to, they did a lot better on Instant Challenge than last year's dead last. They are happy that they beat at least one team. "There were some technical difficulties. So am I devastated? No. It's the type of thing where you can never predict what's



gonna happen," said Greg.

After all the challenges were done, all the teams filed together for a final farewell at the awards ceremony. After all the

winners were announced the age groups separated and went to their respective parties. At the Teen Party, the Open School teams danced and said good bye to the people and teams that they'd met. After a final night in Knoxville, the teams got in mini vans, for their final ride on Highway 40 from Knoxville to Atlanta, where they hopped a plane home.◊

MP3's From 6

which is only about .02% of the iPod's capacity. All of the buttons on the iPod are touch sensitive, meaning their are no buttons to get stuck, or break. You could probably spill pop on it and just wipe it off, although I wouldn't recommend it. The iPod only weighs about as much 2 CDs. The only downfall of the iPod would be its price tag, which is a little steep at 499.99 for the 30GB model.

"I liked it because it was small and had free music", said sophomore Will Dantuma about his Rio. Although its difficult to find free music any more it's not entirely impossible. As you probably know, Napster is defunct, but check out Limewire or Winmx, they work almost as well.

So, good luck in finding yourself an Mp3 player, they are certainly the future in listening to music, (free of CD collections and cumbersome music players). Mp3's I'm sure will soon dominate the music market so watch out.◊

ITALIAN VACATION From 5

a famous pop duo with a woman named Isabella, who looks exactly like Lizzie (Isabella is actually Duff with dark brown hair and an Italian accent). Lizzie is mistaken by paparazzi as Isabella and is instantly famous. She gets to buy whatever she wants, go wherever she wants, and slowly (Well, not that slowly) falls in love with Paolo. Lizzie proceeds to fake a sickness and sneaks out of her room to spend her time with Paolo.

Throughout the movie, you'll notice that Gordo (Adam Lamberg) looks a bit hurt whenever Lizzie goes out with her new Italian boyfriend. In one scene, Lizzie and Paolo are watching fireworks and having a gay old time, while the camera shows Gordo watching from a balcony all alone, looking tearful. Not to mention, on the plane ride to Rome, it shows Lizzie and Gordo asleep on the plane NEXT TO EACH OTHER and Lizzie had her head on Gordo's shoulder. Gordo wakes up, looks at Miss-I-Can't-Get-Enough-Men-So-I'm-Getting-Frisky-With-My-Best-Friend, smiles contentedly, and rests his head on hers. Disgusting. There is also a truly horrifying moment at the end of the movie, where Lizzie and Gordo kiss on a balcony. I choked on my stale popcorn



right there. How dare she get all up in Gordo! She had the Italian guy! WHAT'S HER PROBLEM?! She just HAS to get with every guy she possibly can, because she's so delightfully cute and giggly and just so

plain cool. The hoochie.
At the end of the movie, we find out that the bad guy isn't really who we've been lead

to think, and Lizzie finishes the movie by singing another catchy pop hit in front of a huge crowd, complete with her own backup dancers. It's amazing the dancers knew the routine. The performance was kind of last minute. But then again, Lizzie gets whatever her little heart desires.



My overall opinion of the movie: It sucked. Plain and simple. Spice World seems like a masterpiece compared to this. I was talking to my popcorn half of the time it was so boring. My fashion sense is better than this movie. Lizzie is supposed to be a "normal teenager," but how many normal teenagers go to Rome, get mistaken for a pop star, make out with a dreamy Italian guy AND her best friend, and end up performing in front of a huge crowd? Excluding myself, not many.

I might be being a little cruel. In the scene where Lizzie and friends are waiting at the airport, a janitor with a very sexyful balding mullet (a skullet to fellow mullet hunters) walks by with one of those wheely bucket moppy things. I did some research, and found out that this piece of USDA premium prime hunk is none other than Mr. Marcus Hondro. He does an outstanding job as the janitor, and makes the whole movie worthwhile. I give *The Lizzie McGuire Movie* 1 star, just for Mr. Hondro. Here's a note for Mr. Fall for his next flick: *The Marcus Hondro Movie*. It'll make millions. And to Marcus: You can mop my floor any day.◊

FREE GIVEAWAYS From 5

many Minnesotans squirm at the idea of a tax cut. I know that the state is in the hole right now, but where did all of the money go that was stolen... Er.. I mean collected over the years? Can we say handouts?

Stupid crap like this is the reason that I'm leaving this state. I can't stand it anymore! I'm going to leave behind all the stupid laws, high taxes, and socialism. I'll be living in a state with no income or sales tax. Yes, there was a budget shortfall out there this year too, but it was 200 thousand dollars. Compare

that to Minnesota's 4 billion dollar shortfall.

I'm waiting for the day when the real Americans still around will say "I've had enough!" Why don't you Green Party socialists who want to be like Europe explain to me why Europe's productivity is in the crapper. Something horrible is going to happen to the economy if the most productive people are discouraged from being productive. But it might be the only way to put a stop to this theft called income tax.◊

ALL ACCESS From 5

is known as the *Access Hollywood* fashion secret weapon. I love this dude, almost as much as I love being pale. Definitely on same level as Shaun, I just put her first 'cause she's wicked hot. Don't believe Cojo is cool? Just ask Marilyn Manson. I quote, "He's the Marilyn Manson of the fashion world." End quote. Booya!

Nancy O'dell. She aids Pat O'Brien as the co-anchor. She is the Robin to his Batman. Batman may be the one who is more popular and does most of the work, but lets face it, with out Robin no one would be able to save Batman in a bind, which happened often. My point is this, she is very important and only slightly less attractive than Shaun. Others may find Nancy more attractive, but she's just not my cup of tea.

Tony Potts. Someone needs to fill in for Pat when he's sick.

Now that you know the players, lets talk about the game. The show opens up with Pat and Nancy at the desk with the top story of the day. Now don't expect some crap about



stocks or some other dribble, this is important stuff like Matt Le Blanc getting married, or Katie Kuric Switching with Jay-Lo, or Matt Lower cutting his hair, or Jennifer Garner And Scott Foley getting a divorce, these are the important stories of the day. *Access Hollywood* really goes all out for big stories, like last week they had an entire show just for *The Matrix Reloaded*. What other show would do that? Entertainment Tonight? HELL NO! Those guys wouldn't dedicate their entire show to Jesus!

They got a real great program, those guys. Nescafe Frothe New Music Tuesday, Kmart Week In Review, those bits are great! When they review a movie, they don't just tell you what one guy thinks, they bring up the *Access Hollywood* See It Skip It Poll, where they take seven critics and say if they gave it a see it, or a skip it. That way you can get a better spread of data.

Just watch the dang thing.

Bed Wetting is the sign of a potential serial killer.◊

FLYING MONKEYS From 6

Juan county Search and Rescue team headed by Bishop J. Dudley Love. The bishop suspects, but can not prove that Sarvis, Hayduke and Co are behind the series of "accidents" that are happening in the area, and consequently have a habit of showing up at the worst possible time, in hopes of catching them at it.

Eventually, the search and rescue team comes across the gang as they are attempting to demolish a bridge. They flee the area, and the chase is on. They come to canyon country, forcing the abandonment of the Seldom Seen's truck. The chase proceeds on foot....

The Verdict: The Monkey Wrench Gang is a great book. The characters are interesting, more than a little crazy, and reasonably well developed. The plot is definitely my kind of thing (see above comments, I dislike the system enough that I might even consider trying some of the stuff in there). Abbey's writing style emphasizes the beauty of the desert, providing a wonderful setting for the Gang's anarchy. Added all together, you get a story that is half adventure story and half demolition manual. In short, The Monkey Wrench Gang is required reading for the budding anarchist.♦

ANIME From 6

and the first 14 episodes of the TV series, and here's my take. The movie is very well done, with an excellent plot, although not a whole lot of character development. It's kind of the anime equivalent of an action movie. A word of advice however: If you don't like lots of violence and gore with a small amount of nudity mixed in DO NOT WATCH THIS MOVIE! If you don't mind gore and nudity, and you like near future sci-fi action it's great. *Ghost in the Shell* takes place in Japan in 2029, after technology becomes available to replace pretty much any part of the human body with electric equivalents, to the point of even building entire robotic bodies occupied by human minds. I'd give *Ghost in the Shell* the movie 4 out of 5.

The *Ghost in the Shell* TV series is more of the same, minus the nudity and some of the gore. It also has significantly more character development, and plot than the movie. However, it doesn't really fit in with the plot of the movie, so don't expect it to be a sequel. Overall, *Ghost in the Shell* the TV series gets a 4 out of 5.♦

MUTANT POWERS From 7

Pyro's lighter. When Pyro complains and the bullies ask what he intends to do about it, Pyro lights the guy's arm on fire. Iceman then stands and quickly puts the fire out. Suddenly, the trio are shocked when everyone around them stops moving. As it turns out, Professor Xavier (Patrick Stewart) had used his now infamous time stopping ability. He and the rest of the students were then treated to a stern lecture about abusing their powers. Just as Professor Xavier finishes his little speech, a nearby TV announces the news of the mutant assassination attempt on the President. The group, afraid of the aftermath of this announcement, combined with Pyro and Iceman's little show, end their field trip early and return to the Xavier Institute.

After this, the movie continues with Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) returning to the school after his disappearance at the end of the last movie and Senator Kelly (Bruce Davison) soon leads a military attack on the Institute. I really don't want to give away any more of the plot than that. This is really the kind of movie where so much happens you will probably need to see it twice to remember all of it. All I will say concerning the end of the movie is that it is left wide open for a sequel.

There are several complaints I have with the movie. First of all, the ages of many of the characters are changes around 10 years

in one direction or the other. Second, and this one upsets me the most, is the physical appearance of Nightcrawler. In the movie he simply has blue skin with scars cut into it. Anyone who has ever seen Nightcrawler in the cartoon series or the comics probably remembers that he actually is supposed to have a thin layer of fur that gives him his blue color. The appearance he is given in the movie makes him look more like an ugly freak instead of the cute Russian fuzzball he really is. The last actual complaint is that when the mansion is invaded, several of the students escape with Colossus (Daniel Cudmore). Now it was great that they escaped, but I spent most of the film wondering what happened to them once they got away.

Overall, *X2: X-Men United* is a decent movie. The special effects are impressive and the soundtrack is excellent. For this film I need to give two separate ratings though. For diehard fans, it gets a 4 out of 10 because of major character and story line errors, but for everyday fans and those who have never watched or read X-Men before (is there such a person?) it receives a 9 out of 10. Overall, here's the results folks; those who are not diehard fans should go see it in theaters, but true fans should wait for the video.♦

SENIORS From 4

1. I think three
2. Foxes with Boxes.
3. Showing up.
4. Probably working security at Brinks.
5. As the conqueror of nations. Demolisher of Cities.

Liz Hoover



1. 4 years
2. Coming to this school in ninth grade, and being shocked at how laid back the teachers were.
3. Finishing the last couple weeks of my senior year.
4. I'm going to

Oakland, California, to go to Mills College.

5. However they perceive me, I guess.

Azeneth Rodriguez

1. 5 and a half years.
2. The class discussions, hall conversations

- with friends, and all the school activities.
3. Getting used to the Open relationship between staff and students.
 4. I'm going to Magnolia Bible College, in Koscusko, Michigan.

Mark Dyson

1. 13 years
2. Frisbee and 4 square, especially with James Trebesch; D.I. in Tennessee with Chris and Arthur and Emily; Greg and Connie swearin; and Leo and Tim's crazy humor.



3. I was an jerk back in the day, and everyone hated me. That hurt. Then I conformed, and it got better.
4. I will fail math at Carlton College next year.
5. As a nice guy...♦