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Fanatics Flock to 2T Opener ISO Bill Nye

Staff Editors

People began lining up to see the *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* at 3:00pm on Tuesday, December 17. By nine o'clock, when Open Schoolers arrived, there were about 150 people ahead of them, and the line was growing.

They saw people sitting against the walls sleeping, playing the guitar, singing, and four or five groups of people playing Magic. A few people were spotted dressed-up as Legolas and Frodo.

Around 10:30, ushers came by the lines to tear tickets and ask people to sit at their assigned screen -- a warning that few listened to. As the feature got nearer, people

began to stomp on the floor and yell in anticipation of being let into the theater.

Seats filled up quickly and people saved seats for their friends. As 12:01 approached, everyone

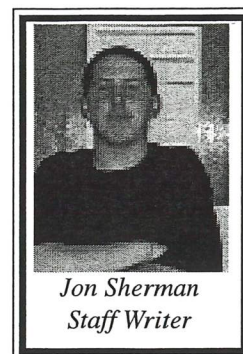


Arthur Minnerly, Ananda Wold and
Arielle Weiler in the movie theater.

got excited. "There was a lot of energy, it was really fun," commented eleventh grader Clara Iwaszek. One man began the wave, and got most of the theater to join in. Two people were celebrating birthdays that evening and the audience sang to them. When the movie finally started, the audience screamed and

applauded.

The reactions to the movie were nearly unanimous, everyone seemed to love it. "I think it was **OPENING NIGHT** Continued on 7



Jon Sherman
Staff Writer

The sweet taste of success went sour as I failed in my desperate attempt to contact Dr. Bill "the Science Guy" Nye. This was quite a disappointment,

after celebrating my most recent manhunt for Brian Z- the has-been that appeared in between the afternoon cartoons on KMSP Channel 9.

Everything seemed so promising at the beginning of my search. What could go wrong? The lithium cellular batteries were freshly charged, prepared to engage in the free long-range telecommunications soon connecting to the Pacific Coast. That's right. My next victim wasn't so close to home as Brian Z. This was a mission on the national scale. No more "Minnesota nice": I was ready for the real deal.

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Seniors Out for Lunch?

Rachel Dauner
Staff Writer

A new proposal that would grant seniors the privilege to go off campus for lunch is awaiting acceptance on the desk of Principal Ruth Pechmann. If passed, it would come into effect sometime next trimester.

During the first trimester of this year, a group of seniors got together with Elizabeth to finally get themselves a little breathing room. The first thing they asked for was the freedom of off campus lunch. "As long as they indicate that they are self motivated and directed students in thier behavior and academic process, then I think they have earned this privilege," said senior advisor Elizabeth Lehman.

There is some criteria that seniors must meet in order to be eligible though. For one, seniors must have passed all their classes from the trimester before; two, they can have no disciplinary action taken against them on

record; three, they must be progressing in their graduation process... just to name a few. "I don't agree with the not failing part- you can't judge a person based on their grades," said senior Adrian Gorder.

Another big sticking point is the use of cars when going to lunch, which could become a liability issue if an accident were to occur. "We should be able to use cars... this is Minnesota after all," said Senior Dillon Bakke.

The Proposal, along with its conditions, was sent around the staff for review. As of now, advisors have voted 10 to 2 in favor of off campus lunch. But the final okay is up to Ruth, who is nervous about how the school would enforce the "no cars" agreement. "Students using cars could turn into a big liability issue... I guess I only considered Burger King as a lunch destination for seniors, and they don't need cars to go there. Let- **SENIORS** Continued on 7

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BILL NYE *From 1*

Saddle the horses and round up the cattle. Here I come Seattle.

While reading his unofficial, unauthorized, biography on the internet, I took particular interest in what this washed-up celebrity was doing now. He serves on the City of Seattle's "Bicycle Advisory Board."

Qwest Dex Directory listed two, count 'em, two, William Nye's in Washington, both in Seattle. What was the deal with that? I was afraid of getting the wrong lonely old man excited with a rare and exclusive telephone call from world-renowned stalker Jon Sherman. Rule Number One: Proceed with caution, when a stalker goes a-stalkin'.

The call went out- to Seattle, oh yes it did. I got hold of the Washington State DOT (Department of Transportation). They confirmed that the science guy was still serving on the board. That told me that he must live within Seattle city limits. But that wasn't much help.

The next step was deciding the location of Dr. Nye's residence, by examining the maps, courtesy of Yahoo Maps. There were

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College Corner

*Mark Dyson was accepted to Carlton College.

*The FAFSA application deadline is fast approaching. (February 1st?)

*Caitlin Holmstrom applied to the U of M, St. Paul.

*Arielle Weiler applied to Beloit, U of M, Duluth.

DI Teams Raring to Go

Chelsea Jane
Staff Writer

Once again, DI season is upon us. Regional competition will be held Saturday, March 1 at Harding High School, and the state meet will be April 12 in Eden Prairie.

We have 7, possibly 8 teams this year, led by coaches Alex Ford, Susanne Hollingsworth, Kim Kvenild, and Greg Adams. They'll be up against other Saint Paul Public Schools with problems such as: "A Change in DIreaction," "Once Improv a Time," "ViDiO Adventure," and "ConnecDId."

"They're rearing to go!" said coach Susanne.

Greg has a high school level team that's gone all the way to World two years in a row, so this year they have high expectations. The team consists of senior Mark Dyson,

juniors Sierra Blakely and Clara Iwaszek, sophomores Arthur Minnerly, Ananda Wold, Mary Henke-Haney, and freshman Tony Cavanaugh. The problem they're doing is

"ConnecDId." It is a structure problem, where they will have to build a strong, stable structure using only wood, and then incorporate it into a skit.

"I don't know what to expect" said Mary Henke-Haney, who has been in DI for 8 years.

Last year, Greg's "all-star" team placed

14 out of 48 at World.

"Open School has always worked hard, spent many hours practicing, and done well at tournament time. I feel that our long tradition of performing well will continue," said Greg.◊

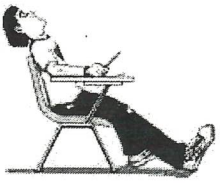


Emily, Ananda, Sierra, Mark And Arthur at Global Finals 2002

(un)scene at the Walker Art Center

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with Kim Longhi, experiment
with various theatre
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and attend Shelf Life, a
performance by the
New York based Big Art
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space is limited so call
612. 375. 7683
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free. thursday, january 16th.
5-9pm. ages 14-19 only.

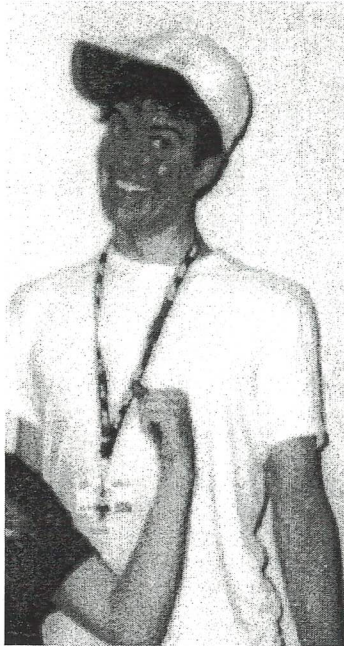


Mark Dyson

Years at Open: Life

Extra-curricular activities: Nordic Skiing at Central, History Day, DI

Senior Profile



What are you planning to do next year?

Going to Carleton College

What will you miss most about Open?

James Trebesch

What is your favorite book, movie, or T.V. show?

My favorite book is *Matilda* by Roald Dahl

What is your favorite class in high school?

Not the Theory of Knowledge

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

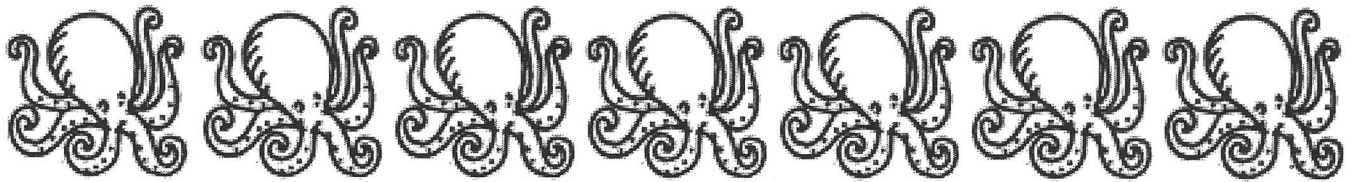
Spidey Sense

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

A Rock Star

If you could meet one person dead or alive, who would it be?

Freddy Prinze Jr.



Recovering Sex Offenders Still a Threat

Antonio Rosario
Staff Writer

In this day and age, sex offenders are carefully watched. But even while in a treatment center, they can still harass people. Obviously, this isn't good news for any of us.

"Sex offender." when you hear that term, what goes through your head? After a sex offender has done their time, a judge decides whether they're going to go out to the public, or to a treatment center for further therapy and treatment. But, even in the treatment center, sex offenders can still harass people. In the Moose Lake treatment center, patients are allowed phone and computer privileges, including internet. The Minnesota Sex Offender program in Moose Lake provides inpatient services and treatment to people who are committed by the court as a sexually-psychopathic personality or a sexu-

ally-dangerous person.

A patient who wants their name anonymous said, "I've seen these guys think of the most devious ways of targeting the public. Like this one time where one of my roommates was talking to this 14-year-old girl online. She became close with him, and he started requesting phone calls and sexually explicit pictures mailed to him."

But there isn't anything they can do about it. They can't take away their phone, or their computer, because it is considered a treatment center, therefore they are allowed rights to these things. Because it's like that in other unrelated treatment centers, so they also get phone and computer privileges. And if they did take away their phone or computer, any sex offender could complain and challenge

the treatment center in court.

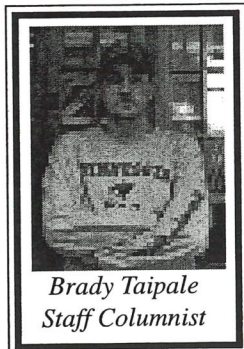
The state is trying to change the laws regarding this issue, but it would be difficult to change the laws without affecting different hospitals and treatment centers. A child in California was harassed by a sex offender at the Moose Lake treatment center. The hospital doesn't want this to happen, but there's nothing they can do.

So where do people stand on this? Nine out of ten Open School students would feel uncomfortable with sex offenders moving into their neighborhood.

This is a very touchy issue, and is likely to remain that way. Maybe they should just monitor their patients when they're using the computer, or maybe they didn't think of that.



McDonalds Not to Blame



hoped not.

Anyway, a couple of class action lawsuits will be filed against McDonalds. One on behalf of eight New York teenagers and another by two women from California. They claim that fast food is the one to blame for their um, large size, and not them who chose to eat there all the time in the first place. The weenie lawyers who took these cases deserve five across the eyes. That's all there is to it. It doesn't take a genius to know that fast food isn't good for you. If you still eat nothing but Big Macs, you will put on a few pounds. That's your own fault. No one is forced to eat at McDonalds. If you want something healthy, eat somewhere

I predicted this two years ago. I knew eventually someone who became fat would sue McDonalds over it. Only my prediction was supposed to be a joke. I didn't really think it would happen. At least I

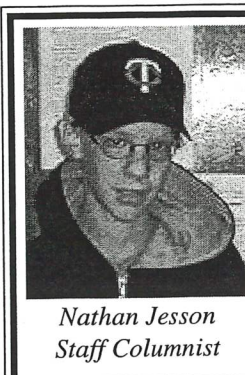
else. simple as that. No need to sue anyone.

Should McDonalds put warning labels on food? Or maybe not serve people who look out of shape? The way things are going I wouldn't be surprised. It makes me sick to see so many people blaming someone else for problems that they brought on themselves. I guess their feelings might get hurt if they admit that something might actually be their fault. I guess someone else will have to make all of our decisions for us some day. What's wrong with people?

The worst thing is that cases like these open a new door for stupid lawsuits. Who knows what will be next? Right now some pothead is sitting in his moms's basement thinking, "Whoa dude, I could like totally sue someone man, cause I'm like, a loser that can't hold a job dude. It's like so not my fault man. Dude it's totally unfair."

Maybe someone will sue Ferrari after getting a speeding ticket, claiming that there should have been warnings that the car is fast. With self esteem and feelings coming before common sense, there is no telling *FAT AND LAZY Continued on 7*

Coleman is Yucky



Nathan Jesson
Staff Columnist

Do you remember the Darkest Day of your life? Not the worst, but a day that shattered everything you stand for or believe in? How about November 5, 2002? November 6, 2002?

Or January 3, 2003? You may ask, what do these dates have in common? I'll tell you.

November 5, 2002- Election Day once again, time to destroy Norm Coleman's political career with a huge loss to Mondale, time for the Democrats to strengthen their hold in the Senate, and gain a few in the House. However, late into the night, it didn't look like any of those things would happen.

November 6 2002- the Democrats lost the Senate and Coleman won?! This is horrible, this is terrifying, this is outrageous! Have Minnesotans lost their minds? Republicans won the Governor's



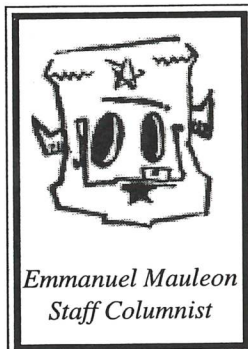
race, the Secretary of State's race, the State Auditor's race, the list goes on.

January 3, 2003- Coleman is inaugurated. If that one sentence isn't enough to make you ashamed or at least slightly embarrassed, there is something wrong with you.

The present- I ask myself why? Why did Minnesota elect the Yes-Man, the slimy, sleazy, Norm Coleman, whose greatest accomplishment is either the employment growth during his time as Mayor of St. Paul, although St. Paul's employment growth was the smallest in the state, or bringing hockey back to Minnesota. Don't get me wrong, I love the Wild, Go Gaborik, but compared to Mondale's greatest accomplishment, bringing peace between Egypt and Israel, it's not much.

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A Christmas Story



from Richy-Rich express. But this is not important, oh no, eskimo Joe. The commercialization of the holiday definitely brings more cheer than the lights and sounds. The boys play with their toys, whilst the girls do whirls and twirls... yes, there are many holiday choices, but all I'm concerned with is that Christmas is the perfect time of year. Unless you celebrate Chanukah (or Hanukah, there are too many different spellings.)

The "holidays" are near, a time of gift giving and gift getting, of warm nights inside my cardboard shanty of dreams, and the rich girl telling me how she got a twelve foot tree delivered to her house

Yes, Hanukkah brings the holiday spirit for eight days (crazy days) and eight nights (boogie nights.) But whatever holiday you spend to fend, or fend to spend, just remember that snowflakes cover any shame of long-night parties, and boozed-up stories. Christmas dinners are never as good as Christmas deserts, and the dradel is the game of choice. You can spend the holidays in your house, you can spend them with a mouse, you can spend them anywhere, I do not like green eg... never mind. You can see the "Holidazzle," and as Bridget said, if we go into Minneapolis, stare in the windows like poor kids from St. Paul, eyeing the future gift-sweaters for Mr. Moneybags, or oogle the train set for Richard Fancy-Pants.

But what, you ask, can you celebrate other than these two precious prestigious

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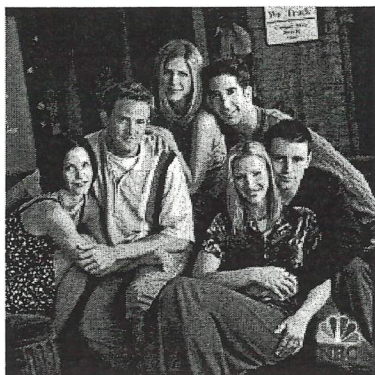
Friends Faces Final Season

Angie Hausladen
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"We are approaching this season like it is our last," said Martha Kauffman, the producer of the hit TV show *Friends*.

Friends. Yes, it may be coming to an end soon. That is a very sad thought to the many people that have followed this show for years. Rumor has it that this season may be the 9th and final season.

Friends premiered back in September 1994 on NBC. The series stars Jennifer Aniston as Rachel Green, Lisa Kudrow as Phoebe Buffay, Matt LeBlanc as Joey Tribbiani, Matthew Perry as Chandler Bing, David Schwimmer as Ross Geller, and, last but not least, Courtney Cox as Monica Geller. The show was made out to be a comedy series about six people in their twenties living in New York and dealing with life and love. As the show has progressed, it's the same plot line except now they have aged to six people in their thirties.



The typical episode of *Friends* includes the six friends and how they deal with their everyday problems. Some things they have dealt with in the past include pregnancy, divorce, marriage and family issues. The topics range from anything to Chandler's smoking habit to Phoebe believing that her

mother's spirit is in a cat.

One of the most memorable episodes is the one where they bring out the prom video and show Monica when she used to be bigger, and all the old hairstyles and the way they acted back then. Other memorable episodes include when Phoebe gave birth to her

brother's triplets and when Chandler and Monica finally got married.

Throughout the run of the series, *Friends* has been nominated for Emmy awards over 20 times. They actually won one in 2002 for *FRIENDS Continued on 8*

The Bonds

Nathan Jesson
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The newest James Bond film, *Die Another Day*, was released November 22. Starring Pierce Brosnan as James Bond, and Halle Berry as C.I.A. agent Jynx, it is the last film of the Brosnan era. So where does Pierce rank among all the Bonds?

James Bond films began in 1962, starring Sean Connery in *Dr. No*, Connery starred in six Bond films total. After Connery, George Lazenby starred in one Bond film, *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. After that, Connery became Bond again. Roger Moore became James Bond in *Live and Let Die*. Moore, starting in 1971, starred in seven Bond films ending with *A View to Kill* in 1985. Timothy Daulton starred in two Bond films, *Living Daylights*, and *License to Kill* in 1989. Then Pierce Brosnan became Bond in *Goldeneye* in 1995.

A poll of 20 people shows nine say Connery is their favorite, five say Moore is their favorite, and six say Brosnan is their favorite. "Moore is the best because he was in the best Bond movies," said eleventh grader Marcos Richardson.

After Brosnan's retirement as 007, people are beginning to wonder who's next? Many people think that Ewan McGregor will be the next Bond. However, that was not what the people interviewed wanted. "I like McGregor, but he's not the Bond type," said eleventh grader Gus Olsen.

Sean Connery, the original Bond, set the tone for the following actors. He had the right hair, the right accent, the right shape, the good acting skills, and all of those make him better than every other Bond, except for Brosnan. Why is he better than Brosnan? He was the original. He is the best in my opinion and cannot be topped.

George Lazenby came next. He starred in one Bond film. Just one, and after that he walked out.

Roger Moore was a comedy actor before he became Bond, and it shows in his movies. Moore was the first, (and hopefully the last) Bond without black hair, Moore was blonde. He is also the worst among all Bonds. After all, in *A View to Kill* in 1985, anyone could tell he was way too old to be Bond.

Timothy Daulton. He starred in two good Bond films. But he made Bond seem too human. In fact, in *License to Kill*, longtime *BOND, JAMES BOND Continued on 8*

The Two Towers Rocks

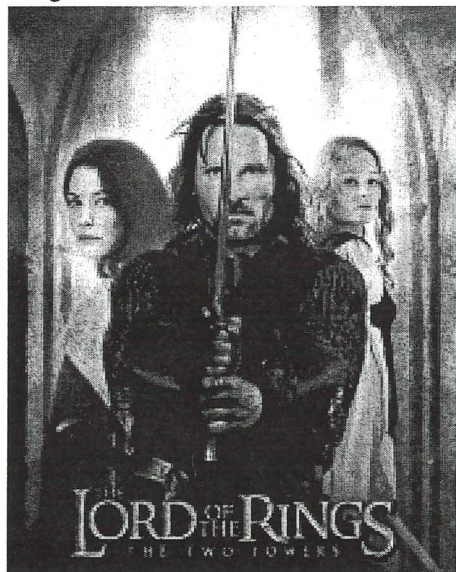
David Stewart
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The Two Towers stars Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Viggo Mortensen, Ian McKellen, & Christopher Lee. More or less it stayed true to the book, with minor modifications like cutting short the conversation among the Ents.

Our only major complaints are that Gimli was made into comedy relief, and that four times they cut away from the battle of Helm's Deep to show what was going on with the Ents. We both feel that was one scene that should not have been cut away from. Other than that it had no problems.

Helm's Deep was an impressive site, other than the cutaways that is, the 10,000 Uruk-hai and the approximately 500 defenders of Helm's Deep in battle were superbly done, though some parts are quite gruesome. Gollum was as excellent as the previews predicted, especially his conversations with his alter ego Sméagol. Sméagol was a major bonus to the film, he was portrayed excellently and was true to the book beyond all hopes.

Overall the movie's splendor outweighed its problems. See it in theaters because the grand scale of the movie will not be done justice on a TV. screen. We give it a 9.5 out of ten 10.0



Nemesis

Dan Skelley
Staff Writer

When I first heard the early reviews for *Star Trek: Nemesis*, I was worried that it would be bad. *Nemesis* is action packed. Star ships fighting, shoot outs, and space age dune buggies rule the day. Complete with an epic battle between the Enterprise and the Scimitar. I won't reveal too much of the ending, but the Enterprise does survive most of it. The acting was as good as the other Trek movies. It wasn't all good though and some parts are quite predictable.

The film opens during a session of the Romulan Senate. Praetor Hiren (Praetor is the name for the leader of the Senate) is attempting to persuade the Senate to favor peaceful relations with the Federation and not allow the military to run Romulus. (Romulans change government quite often.) After the events in the Senate unfold, the stores villain Shinzon takes control of the Romulan Empire. Shinzon is an excellent villain who hides a hidden secret.

At the same time, the wedding of Deanna Troy and William T. Riker is taking place. This part includes guest appearances by secondary *Next Generation* characters, Wesley Crusher who has no lines and, if you're not looking you won't even see him. Guinan is also there and has a few lines.

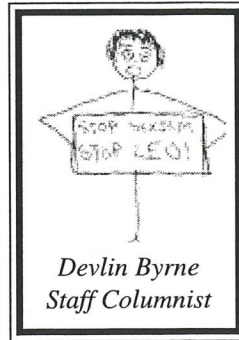
Afterward Captain Picard gets a call from Admiral Janeway, YES, Admiral Janeway. The crew soon discovers a fowl plot to destroy the federation. The new villainous ship is a massive vessel called the Scimitar, its huge can fire well cloaked from sensors and has ten times the firepower of the Enterprise and a massive death weapon I shall not reveal.

The movie stars Patrick Stewart, Brent Spiner, Majel Barrett, LeVar Burton, Steven Culp, Michael Dorn, Jonathan Frakes, Whoopi Goldberg, Tom Hardy, Ashley Judd, Gates McFadden, Dina Meyer, Kate Mulgrew, and Ron Perlman.

All and all, three out of four stars and a must for *Star Trek* fans.◊



That three letter word



There are certain words that are not allowed in school, everyone learns what they are from a very early age, but there is a teacher here, who seems to think that some of these words are okay. Condoms, sex, breasts, and words for private parts they won't even let me say in the newspaper.

Yet there is a teacher who thinks it's perfectly okay to say these words. In fact, she teaches a class full of these words! She actually says these words to children! Along with graphic pictures of the human body nude. She is solely responsible for every thing wrong with the youth of today! Her name is Julie Ann Doble! In this article, I will give you all the facts, and then lead you by the nose to your own conclusions.

You may be wondering, why is he slamming Julie? She's a nice person! Those of you who think that are either blind, deaf and dumb, or have never taken her health class, or as I call it, Corrupting Innocent Children

101. With her talk of condoms, and the pill and what have you, she exposes children to something they shouldn't find out about until they are married with five children. Some would say Julie is helping delinquents, stopping them from getting AIDS and having babies, but that is an ignorant position. If people didn't know about condoms, they wouldn't have sex to stop the babies.

When I asked Julie how she felt about this position, and she had the gall to say that was ignorant! I quote, "That's a very ignorant position because it's saying that education causes promiscuity." I then pointed out that she admitted to causing promiscuity, then she started to back track. "No, that's not what I said!" Julie shrieked. It's okay Julie, I think we all know what you meant.

Now lets get down to what is in the actual curriculum. The health class at Open School covers all basic functions of the human body, and then one sinful function, s-e-x. I asked Julie if she thought it would be better to just preach abstinence, and she replied, "Nope, because it's unrealistic. And if young people are going to make a choice, they need to know how not to get STDs."

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They Keeps You Guessing

Seda Alpsuyu and Vanessa Parsons
Staff Writers

If you're looking for a movie that is going to scare the &@!\$ out of you, *They* is the movie for you. Released nationwide November 21, *They* drew crowds to theaters by the thousands. The much anticipated motion picture, released by Miramax, was directed by Robert Harmon, produced by Tom Engleman, and written by Brendan Hood. The cast includes Laura Regan, Marc Blucas and Ethan Embry.

Laura Regan (Julia) plays a hard working college student that used to have "night terrors" in her younger years. Her night terrors start coming back after she witnesses one of her good friends kill himself. Her night terrors are about little black creatures with lots of arms and legs that move very fast. *They* also have this black gooey stuff that comes off of them. They chase Julia and wrap there legs around her but she always seems to get away.

They only seem to come out when it's dark, which works out perfect for them, since

the city is having major problems with power outages.

There are others in the movie that are also experiencing these night terrors. Julia notices a strange mark on her that the other victims of these night terrors also have. She believes that it is "Their" way of finding them in the future.

What really makes the movie scary is that you never really know what is going to happen next. There are parts in the movie when you think that Julia is going to get caught and you start getting scared and then she gets away.

We would rate this movie a 7, out of 10. Overall, this was a good movie if you like movies that are going to keep you wanting more and jumping out of your seat. To really get what the movie is all about, you have to pay close attention and think about what is really going on.◊

BILL NYE *From 1*

two options; Fifth Street, and 59th Street. I think 59th Street was closer to the ocean. From this, as a scientist would, I hypothesized. I hypothesized that a scientist would prefer to have a home closer to the ocean. You know, all that scientificity. Whatever.

So I tried first the 59th Street number. A lady answered. I assumed it could have been his wife. Although I never remember reading about him having a wife. I asked her, "May I please speak with Dr. Nye? Or is this not the home of 'the science guy'?"

"Yes, it is," she told me, but he was out at the moment. C'mon. The ETCP (estimated time of call, Pacific) was only 7:00 A.M. As if a celeb would be up and at 'em that early.

From then on out, she expressed her subtlety-filled astonishment that I was calling from St. Paul. She asked/told me more than just once, "So, you're calling from St. Paul." I explained to her, yeah, I was calling from St. Paul, so? Did she have a problem with that? Nobody wants to talk to that belligerent mad scientist anyway. And-what? Are we (St. Paulites) considered a distant galaxy to high-class-Bill Gatesish, Starbuck's-drinking, grunge music-listeners? If anything, Seattle's "out of this world"- being that much closer than we are to their maple leaf neighbor to the North and all. Oh, why don't you go and have an earthquake or something.

I never really tried again. I assume cats with my kind of rep aren't too welcome after waking the wives of celebs at 7:00 in the morning. Instead, I just punished myself for not talking more with his her. She might be

hot. You never know. That didn't bother me. Rumor has it, that crazy old doctor is not so nice anyhow.

"Bill Nye's a jerk," proclaims my colleague at the Purple Press, Emmanuel Mauleon, referring to Nye's appearance at the new Science Museum of Minnesota's grand opening awhile back, "He just said, 'Hey, my name is Bill Nye.' My friend and I were like, 'Hey cool, there goes Bill Nye.' But he was real mean and said, 'I don't want to talk to anybody.' He also said he was going to do a presentation, but then decided not to. Then he left to his hometown Seattle where it's always raining and \$#!t."

Good. I think that's wonderful. I didn't even have to experience the torture of interviewing Bill Nye. I sought the truth, and found it, just hanging around school. Who'd ever knew it'd be so beneficial? Verdict: Bill Nye=Vile Guy.

I AM a pro. Please don't get me wrong. I'm a loser with nothing better to do, but when I embark on my manhunts, it makes me feel good about myself; knowing that, "Today, I made a difference." I guess sometimes, you just get lucky. Sometimes, you're not so lucky. Regardless, my offbeat cholesterol-choked heart pumps ten times faster for every ring of my victim's telephone. Will or won't they answer? If they don't, who will? What dirty little secrets may lie in the vocal chords of Kevin Garnett's towel washer, or an acclaimed neurosurgeon, remain mysteries. But someone, somewhere, might know something. Could that person be you? No. That person is... Jon Sherman, P.I.◇

OPENING NIGHT *From 1*

absolutely, positively fantastic!" said math teacher Tom Totushek, "except for the Arwen/Aragorn scene." Tom saw it on opening night at Har Mar. He got home at about 3:30 but still braved teaching the next day.

"My friend came from Indiana so we could see it on opening night. It's just our tradition. We've got to be the first to see it."

The movie had a lot of action, some comic relief and a touch of romance. Tom was critical of the romance scene because it was not in the book and seemed out of place. While some were critical of the way Gimli the dwarf was portrayed, others enjoyed the comic relief. "Gimli was the coolest. I love Gimli!" said senior Caitlin Holmstrom.

After the excitement was over, and the

audience had drooled over the popular and sexy Legolas, the theaters emptied. TV news crews were there to meet the now hot and very tired audiences. The Open Schoolers met up with their rides, first come first serve, and headed out to the parking lot to pile into their little cars. They headed home at 3:00 a.m. to nab what little sleep they could before they had to head off to school again.◇



WELFARE X-MAS *From 4*

holidays I've already mentioned? Well, if you celebrate Muslim or Islamic holidays, there's a while until their next one (correct me if I'm wrong.) And If your a Jehovah's Witness then nobody cares... that you don't get to celebrate anything (SUCKA'.) But what you say about Kwanzaa, a special holiday I once spent with my friends family and felt out of place when they started a conversation about how the white man keeps their culture down (only half of me was worried,) then they realized the holiday was started by the FBI agent in charge of disbanding the Black Panthers, and we commenced to listen to Dead-Prez in his room and repeat "They Schools" over and over... It's a little holiday ditty:

"School is like a twelve step brainwash camp/ they make you think if you drop out/ you ain't got a chance/ to advance in life/ they try to make you pull your pants up/ students fight the teachers/ they get took away in handcuffs/ but if that wasn't enough/ the next bell y'all/ your people's understand it/ but to them/ you a failure/ observation and participation/ my favorite teachers/ when they beat us in the head with those books/ it don't reach us..." Ah yes, nothing makes me feel all cuddly warm inside like a good school hate song, that is, other than teddy bears and indigestion (which also adds a nice, nauseous, dizzy feeling.)

So in closing, whatever you do to enjoy the gift merriment, whether breaking a piñata, having a posada, drinking limonada, bailando la "Cha-Cha," it doesn't matter as long as you have fun this next month, and if not, chill at my place, you can help me find my pot of leprechaun gold.◇

SENIORS *From 1*

ting them go anywhere else would be opening a can of worms."

So the agreement would be this, seniors would be allowed to walk to Burger King at any point during lunch time... as long as they have met all the required criteria. "I think it's reasonable," said senior Racheal Johnson "...It could be worse."◇

FAT AND LAZY *From 4*

what we will see in the future.

But hey, nobody cares what I think anyway. I'm just the out of touch redneck who doesn't care about people's feelings. In order to be taken seriously I would have to sip espresso and read poetry. I think I'll pass on that last idea.◇

S-E-X From 6

News flash, they wouldn't know about sex if you didn't tell them. Now, in this so-called "health" class, Julie feels that it is okay to show "educational" videos involving male/female dirty places. But she outright denies that it is porn! If it's not porn, then what is it? On the topic of letting parents tell their children about the ultimate sin (sex), Julie had this to say, "It would be nice if that happened. However, in many cases, both parents and students don't want to talk to each other about it." Rightly so Jewels, sex is an uncomfortable subject and therefore should be ignored. It's what Jesus would have wanted.

I know these facts are shocking and may be hard to

handle, but I think I have a story that will put it all into place. Small Jean Genie Snuck off to the city, strung out on lasers and slash back blazers, ate all your razors while pulling the waiters, talking about Monroe and walking on snow white. New York's a go-go and everything tastes nice. Poor little greenie. Okay, so that wasn't a story. It was a Bowie song, but so what? You're not the boss of me, you can't tell me what to do!

Now let's see what the students think. "I didn't do drugs or have sex until Julie came along," said tenth grader Geoff Freeman. But now he is the spawn of Satan, saying, "Julie should teach us how to have sex. We should watch pornography."

"That [condoms] is a dirty word," said tenth grader Sean Keith. "The c-word makes

my cheeks turn red," said eleventh grader Aaron I-S. "I think you're right. I think she should be fired for this inappropriateness," said tenth grader Aaron Schujter. But don't worry, all you concerned parents out there, there is one student who is the embodiment of the way all children his age should think, and that is eleventh grader Justin Albrecht, "What's sex?" Kudos Justin, kudos.

Now you might be wondering, "Where are the concerned parents?" Well, I have one for you. "I don't want my kids knowing

about condoms, because it's dirty and wrong," said a concerned parent. Now that's high class parenting. He sits like a man, but smiles like a reptile, she love him

she love him, but just for a short while. She'll scratch in the sand, won't let go of his hand. Say's he's a beautician, sell you nutrition. Keeps all your dead hair for making up underwear, poor little greenie.

Now I think I have shown more than enough evidence to prove that Julie Ann Doble is solely responsible for the corruption of the American child. But does she admit to it? I quote, "No! (Laughs) None!" That's another strike against you Jewels, one more and you're out! Does she feel shame for what she has done? Once again, I quote, "No, I'm proud." Well, Jewels, pride is a sin! Strike three, you are out!

Bed wetting is the sign of a potential serial killer.◇

COLEMAN SUCKS From 4

Poor Fritz, in 1984, in his presidential race he was criticized for being too young, in 2002, too old. When I say Coleman is slimy, you may say, "He's bad, but not that bad." Well, have you ever shook his hand? I have, and looking back on it, it terrifies me. He is also extremely condescending. If you have ever heard him talk, it's for the worse. In the debate between Mondale and Coleman, I had to plug my ears while he was speaking. I have read letters to the editor complaining about his extreme

condescendingness.

In other races, the Secretary of State race, we reelected Mary Kiffmeyer over Buck Humphrey. Why? We had a chance to elect a Humphrey to office again! And we didn't! We had a chance to undo the mistake we made in 1998! I ask myself why did we elect a yes-man, the answer, because we were mad at the opposing party.

I'll tell you the darkest day of my life, there is a 2,190-day tie, every day Yes-Man is in office "serving" Minnesota.◇

BOND, JAMES BOND From 5

Bond friend and C.I.A. agent, Felix, dies. Daulton cried in that Bond movie. In the end, he was too good of an actor to be Bond.

Pierce Brosnan. The second best in my opinion, and the Bond for this era. Pierce is now 46, and although I wish he could be

Bond for just one more time, he wants to move on with his career. Pierce has a bright outlook in the rest of his acting career, and is the only Bond, other than Connery to be a star in any non-Bond film.◇

FRIENDS From 5

outstanding comedy series. That's not all though, Jennifer Aniston (Rachel) won an Emmy for best actress in a comedy series.

When the NBC president was asked about the series he said, "No matter what happens, these six people will always be our 'Friends' and we're grateful for all they've done for the NBC family."

"I like the show *Friends* because of the characters, mostly my favorites, from greatest to least are Joey, Chandler, Phoebe, Rachel, Monica, and Ross. The setting in New York is awesome, my favorite city. I like the fact that they have so many different life stories. It relates really well to everyday life dramas that most people have to deal with. Chandler, (Matthew Perry) almost always interjects something comical in to a serious situation that is one of my favorite parts of his character. There is always something funny about any situation in *Friends*," said ninth grader Delia Levine-Horrigan.

Open School teacher Greg Adams said that he thinks the show is probably ending because they are paying too much for the actors and that it has run so long that they are probably running out of ideas. He also said that one of his favorite episodes was when Courtney Cox (Monica) "was a blimp." His favorite character is Rachel.

Jim the hall monitor also a fan, "It's making light of everyday social issues, that most people take for granted. I think it really creates an awareness of the humor in our lives. Life is comical if you think about it."

Senior Rachael Johnson thinks that the show was so successful because "they are the harbingers of corporate brainwashing."

Nobody is really sure of what's going to happen after this season quite yet, it is most likely that it is the last though. Even if they don't continue with another season, there will always be reruns and they will probably stay for a long time afterward.◇

