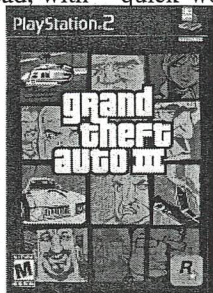


## New Video Game Raises Eyebrows

Alex Smith  
Staff Writer

Sirens blaze behind you and helicopters fly above you as you speed down the bustling street, leaving no one who crosses your path alive. A road block looms ahead, with no other choice you hit it head on in a collision of gunfire and explosions. The trailing police slam into the ruined roadblock as you speed into mafia turf. As you check the rearview mirror to see that more cops have been alerted of your violent getaway, you take a direct shotgun blast to the engine from an angered Mafioso. you quickly disembark from your ill-fated vehicle and take off down the busy street, spraying pursuers with an uzi as they shout at you in Italian. As more law enforcement officials arrive on the scene you decide you've had enough and you quickly



turn the tides with your M-16 machine gun. Humans and oncoming vehicles alike are reduced to burnt hulks and chalk outlines, then you make quick work of that pesky helicopter with your rocket launcher and it is still pelting you with bullets and insulting you over its megaphone as it spins out of control and crashes into a building, sending helicopter blades down to the street below. You steal the nearest car, pulling the driver out and then speeding away towards your hideout to lay low for a while.

This may sound like a B list action movie to you, but it's not! It's Grand Theft Auto 3, a game for the playstation2, and soon the PC and maybe the Gamecube. It's the greatest game ever created. This game, which takes place in a 3-D city

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## College bound? Read this

Sierra Blakley  
Staff Writer

It's that time again. The time when many seniors begin to wake up from their beautiful dream of college, to find a nightmare of due dates, essays and recommendations.

For a lot of people, the subject of college is on their minds much earlier than their senior year. Some 9th, 10th and 11th graders think about college before their senior year, but most just let the subject occupy a nice space in the back of their minds that they can think about every now and again.

Before they know it, the former 9th and 10th graders have become seniors! Now applying to college looms over their head like an executioner; no longer a small idea, they are constantly being bombarded with thousands of brochures from everywhere on earth, saying that they could have a better future if they choose to go to the University of Minnesota, Evergreen College, or Alaska Pacific University. How do they decide where to go? In this article, I will examine what really goes on in the minds of future

college students, and what the keys to success are. Selection.

First of all, deciding where you want to go is most important. During high school, your time is normally spent figuring out what you like to do, and what you're good at.

It's wise for students to really be aware of what they like to do as well as what they're good at, because no matter where they go, if there are no programs that meet their needs at the college of their choice, then they should keep looking. Also, if a student doesn't really know what you want to do, counselor Renee -Ransome - has a career interest test that 10th and 11th graders can take available in her room. Taking this test is a good idea, because if a student decides to do something that needs 4 years of English during high school, they can start on the road to achieving that goal.

Teacher Tim Leone- Getton suggests that a good idea to make navigating the selection/ application process just a little bit easier is to break it up into categories for decision: first decide

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## Open School's Beat Breakers

Adrian Gorder  
Staff Writer

Welcome to a wondrous world you never knew. A musical temptress sweeter than the month of May. She lives within these very walls of Open School, yes what I speak is true. I'm not talking of the remarkable skills of Adam Hurt or the street wise wizardry of The Scamps, no my friends what I speak of is much funnier. Some call it music, some say it's played with skill but always heavy handed in the way of comedy.

Open School lays claim to three up and coming musical bands. Mustache Zone is a Keyboard pop punkarific paradise, Me 2 is a hectic but hearty cover band dubbed and D.B.K. is a hip hop trio that will tantalize your tentacles with high tension tribal tracks. These three infest Open School and have been under your noses since day one.

Mustache Zone

"I wandered on to my boat I was not drunk I was not friendly," quips Gutter Gus in the hit single "Whale Bird." What If Wesley Willis did Shakespeare? "We are here to spice up the flavorless music scene that is Open School," said Gutter Gus (Gus Olsen, tenth grader.) Mustache Zone is cur-

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## Snow Days

This year's snow days week started with the crowning of the royalty on Dress-up Day. Our beautiful queen was Liz Hoover, the comical king was Geoff Freeman. Our wise Duke was Seng Xiong, and the wonderful Duchess was Rennee Ransome.

The following day was Pajama Day. The first prize winner was Mary Henke-Haney. Many multiples roamed the halls on Wednesday. The winners that day were Emily Schultz and Cara Fazio. Thursday you could barely tell who was who, it was dress like your favorite Open School person. Geoff Freeman and Liam Shramko won.

The week ended with eighties day, Rachael Johnson won. Friday afternoon there was an awesome dance that played a variety of eighties tunes as well as some of today's best dance songs. All in all the week was a blast, hopefully next year will be just as groovy.◊

## Pat Visits

On January 14, Patricia Harvey, superintendent of the Saint Paul School District, visited Open School. She came to congratulate 2000's third and fifth graders on their excellent increase in score on the basic standards testing.

Three years ago Open was put on probation because of their low test scores, it was then that Open decided they needed to shatter that score. In 2000, Open achieved that goal, shocking the district and the other schools.

Open School received an award certificate from Title One. When Harvey came, she visited the HOSTS room, Kathy's room, Kevin's room, as well as a few other classrooms on the second floor.

Harvey addressed the students in each class, congratulating them and telling them that Open was highly regarded throughout the country. "[Open is a] fine wonderful school, I just enjoy being here," said Harvey. She says that the family atmosphere is one thing that makes Open so special.◊



### MUSTACHES From 1

rently recording their debut CD at Pirate's Cove Studios, also known as Jon's house on the East Side of St. Paul. They are a mix of "rock, punk, hip-hop, orchestra pop, keyboard pop, synth pop, goth pop, normal punk, triable punk, spider punk, punch a chunk of punk, indie rock, rave pop, party pop, and candy pop."

But over all, they are keyboard pop. With Ivy (Jon Thurn, twelfth grader) kicking his Casio charisma, and Gutter Gus with a tinge the help from Ivy rocking the vocals, they are undeniable. "It's gonna be an adventure, kind of like sliding down a chandelier," said Ivy.

Me 2, another musical make over, is a U2 cover band that was formed by Chris McLean, twelfth grader (Bono.) "I listen to it (U2) when I'm sad, I listen to it when I'm glad, I listen to it with a frown, I listen to it upside down," screeched McLean. This band only strikes once, Talent Show season. They plan to play "New Years Day," "The Fly," and "Sunday Bloody Sunday." "Some of the greatest tunes known to man," said Sean Keith, tenth grader, posing as The Edge, gutting the gutter with gritty guitar greatness. Gus Olsen is playing the roll of Adam Clayton, and breaking barriers on bombastic bass. Who will doctor dynamic drum di-

saster? "Jon says his key board can kick a mean drum kit, but I don't know," says McLean.

D.B.K.

"I'm just an ordinary boy dressed in a pair of torn corduroys," croons Sammy Stupendous, a.k.a. Sam Gleason, twelfth grader who plays a major figure in Death By Kowabunga or D.B.K., as they prefer to be called. Stupendous heads up this hip-hop trio joined by Obese MC and Pat Sye on the 1's and 2's. "If circuses were rave parties they would play my music," said Stupendous. They have a monthly shindig at Bon Appetite called "Last Friday of the month," sponsored by Synthsys. Mix MC Paul Barmen with Anti-con and a touch of Lil' Romeo, that's the sound. "Overall Adrian Gorder is my number one influence, not in music, but in life," admitted Stupendous.

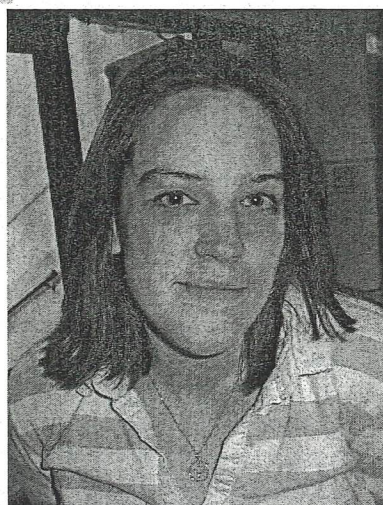
Does Open School help their music? "It (Open School) influences who I am as a person, thus, what I create is just an extension of myself," said Stupendous. What do they think of this opus of trends and musical loves, likes and hates? "It's cool, whatever," exclaimed Ivy. Overall these cats are clawing at the industries million dollar shoes just asking to be picked up and stroked by the hand of fame.





# Senior Profile

Emily Schultz



**How long have you been at Open?**

12 years

**If you could be an animal, what kind of animal would you be?**

The Pink Panther, because he's pink, and pink is awesome!

**What is your favorite color?**

Pink

**What will you miss most about Open School?**

My friends.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

An interior designer, because it's what I do.

## Dlors get ready for regional

It's the middle of February and D.I. students are scrambling to get their groove on for the regional competition. On Saturday March 2, Open's eight teams will be competing in the junior, and high school divisions in 5 different problems.

"I love the pop and the popcorn and I love the fun," said coach Greg Adams, who took a team to global finals last year. "It's wonderful as usual."◊

## Shmuel: The New iMac Is Good

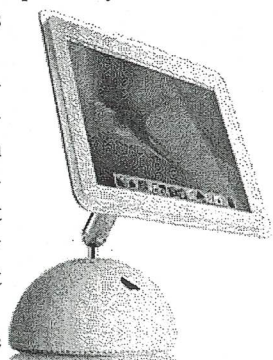
Read what a PC lover says about the newest Mac

Shumel Blyly-Strauss  
Staff Writer

Recently, Apple released a new version of the iMac. I found out about this and thought to myself that this iMac would probably stink, just like the original. I was wrong.

I read about it in the newspaper: something about a DVD-burner and a 15" flat-screen monitor (plus the rest of the computer) for only \$1300. I thought to myself "Hey, that's a really good deal." I decided to find out more.

First, I decided to check the newspaper again later that week. I found out that not all models of the new iMac come with the DVD-burner, but, rather, it comes in three different models ranging from \$1300 to \$1800. On the low end, you've got a G4 700 or 800 megahertz processor and a CD-burner. In the middle you've got the same G4 processor with a CD-burner/DVD-reader drive. Then there's the high-end model: a G4 processor plus a DVD-burner.



The overall appearance of the new iMac has the main computer housed in a dome 10.6 inches in diameter. It has a jointed metal arm that attaches to the flatscreen monitor and, according to the Apple web site "literally glides through the air — allowing you to effortlessly adjust its height or angle with a touch of your finger."

The only real weaknesses with the new iMac are its cost and the fact that it has no PCI slots, so about all you can add to the new iMac is more RAM and a wireless network card.

Lab supervisor Ken O'Brien also thinks it is a great computer. Overall, he thinks that the new iMac is a good deal.

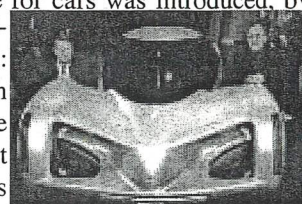
Well, the only other thing I need to say about the new iMac is that if I had \$1800 cash, I'd go out and buy one right now. Oh, well, I guess maybe Leo should start paying me for tech help.◊

## New fuel= good fuel

Cara Fazio  
Staff Writer

Picture yourself in the year 2015. You're plowing down the road at 90 miles an hour. You have no regrets. Unlike in the early 2000's, your car doesn't create any bad fumes. The prices are better, there is no more drilling in the Earth's crust for oil. Nope. You're running on pure energy, hydrogen. It's safe for the Earth and the only waste is water. Could this be true? It looks like it could be.

On Thursday January 10, 2002, a new energy source for cars was introduced, by the Bush Administration: fuel cell with pollution-free exhaust that gives 80 miles to the gallon. The new fuel cell isn't fueled by gasoline; it's actually fueled by hydrogen.

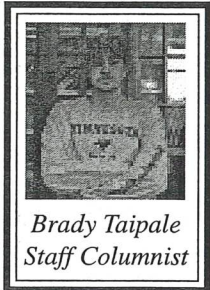


The fuel cell takes hydrogen and oxygen to produce combustion, causing electricity to power cars. The top speed this engine can reach is 90 miles per hour and one tank will go for approximately 280 miles. The engine also is small enough to fit in the regular compartment of engines today, unlike the first models, where the fuel cell took up the whole rear of the car. Another good thing about this engine is that we can break away from traditional fossil fuel engines.

At the North American International Auto Show, Ford's energy secretary Spencer Abraham said, "The long-term results of this FUEL CELLS Continued on 8

# Opinions 'n' Staff

## We Shouldn't Feel Sorry for Walker



Brady Taipale  
Staff Columnist

After reading several articles in the newspaper recently, I can still say that excessive acceptance of the victim card by people my age is destroying America. All of this crap that nothing is your fault and you can always blame something else for your stupidity because your self esteem balloon is so important. The we-don't-want-you-to-feel-bad scam has gone too far.

For the people that say I have lost it, I'm talking about our favorite traitor John Walker. He is a perfect example of the result of self esteem training. His hate for America was pounded into his head by the leftist, communist, touchy-feely, pot head California public school system, possibly the most extreme anti-American breeding ground in this country.

Now the victim card is being used once

again by his sick lawyers and the media to get this excuse for a human let off. We are supposed to believe that this guy is just an innocent kid who didn't do anything wrong. We are supposed to believe that he is "misunderstood" and we should be more "understanding" and less "judgmental." Come on, If I hear any more of this victim nonsense I'm going to puke!

This brainwashed dunce knew exactly what he was doing. He is no victim. There is no way I will feel sorry for someone who wants me dead. His precious Taliban hates Jews, women, Christians, and anyone else who doesn't live in the fourteenth century.



But for some reason, the left defends this guy and tells us to feel sorry for him.

This is a classic example of the big media liberals trying eliminate responsibility from our lives with help from the rotten liberal lawyers from NYU and Harvard. This is the reason so many young people are weak minded.

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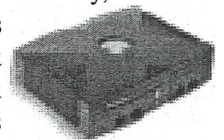
## XBox Offers More

Jillian Yang  
Staff Writer

In competition with the Playstation 2 and Game Cube, the Xbox was released on November 15, 2001.

The Xbox is a video game system created by Microsoft. This being Microsoft's "first step" into gaming console, they look forward to releasing "intense, action-packed games" according to Xbox builders. The Xbox is bigger than the rest of the other consoles because it holds more parts.

Microsoft's advances in PC technology, like 3D graphics and internet will enable them to create better games. The Xbox resembles a PC but unfortunately, won't be able to play PC games nor the PC play Xbox games. The Xbox works the same way as the Playstation and Dreamcast but with much more features.



The Xbox features four game controllers from game pad to voice activated headsets, a front loading DVD tray, and multisignal audio-video connector that connects to televisions and entertainment systems, an Ethernet port for online gaming, a NVIDIA GPU (Graphics Processing Unit) that delivers graphics three times better than other video game systems. It also has the most powerful CPU (Central Processing Point) of any other consoles at 733MHz.

In order to use the DVD player, you must purchase the "Xbox DVD Movie Playback Kit." Creators of Xbox decided to sell this kit separately since some people may already own a DVD player.

Interestingly indeed, Xbox has a built in Ethernet 10/100 communication port. This port gives you access to the internet through a "broadband connection" like T-1, DSL, cable or another "dedicated line." "Internet support" also allows multiplayer gaming online. But, it's too bad that you can't surf the net. According to Microsoft, the Xbox is a "gaming machine" only.

The Xbox can play music and copy music onto it's hard drive as well. You can play a song that you've copied onto your hard drive, while playing a game at the same time.

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## Joe, Somebody to not See

Bee Xiong  
Staff Critic

Do you want to be a somebody? Do you want to pay somebody back for something? If so, then you might want to see the *Joe Somebody*. It might give you some tips and clues about things not to do.

*Joe Somebody* is a comedy about Joe (Tim Allen) a divorced man who is humiliated and bullied in front of his daughter by a co-worker. Joe starts lifting weights, working out and also joins a karate class to prepare for a rematch. His divorced wife starts to feel for him more and his daughter starts to see changes in him. He spends less time with his daughter than he used to and also starts going out a lot.

As all this is going on, his co-workers start saying "hi" to Joe and respecting him more. They suddenly want him to hang out with

them at the gym, club and the bar. Also, the ladies starts to be more attracted to him and want to go on dates with him.

Joe was looking forward to the rematch, but as the time gets closer his loved ones ask him not to go on with the fight. On the day of the rematch, all of Joe's co-workers are there. They were looking forward to the fight just as Joe was, but something unexpected happen.

The film is pretty funny and I laughed through a few scenes. The acting was pretty good. The film really wasn't that interesting and not what I expected. I don't recommend watching this movie because it's going to be a waste of your time and also not worth the money.◊

# Blood Omen 2, Cooler than the Original

Dan Skelly  
Staff Critic

Some times being the bad guy is a lot more fun. That is the new slogan for Legacy of Kain Blood Omen 2, a new video game from Crystal Dynamics, due for release on March 12th. Blood Omen 2 takes Place 400 years after the events of Blood Omen 1 and 1000 years before Soul Reaver.

In this game, players play the role of Kain, an evil vampire trying to take over the world. Kain previously defeated in combat by the Sarafan Lord, is believed dead. He is cast into a pit and his weapon, the Soul Reaver, a massive curving blade that feeds on the soul's of its victims, is taken from him.

Blood Omen 2 begins with Kain's long awaited resurrection. The Vampire Umah has resurrected him and brought him to the capitol of Nosgoth, Meridian, where the Sarafan now rule. Umah is a member of the only resistance force against the Sarafan called the Cabal, which is made up of the vampires, all of whom are descendants of Kain. She wants Kain to defeat the Sarafan Lord. Kain agrees to destroy the Sarafan Lord. All Kain really wants is to get his revenge and reclaim the Soul Reaver.

As Kain, you regain your power and your Sword, kill the Sarafan Lord and continue your quest to conquer the world. If it's like the other Legacy of Kain games, there are plot twists yet to discover. Before the fight with the Sarafan Lord, Kain had many powerful vampire abilities. However, his fight with him and the time he spent at the bottom of a dark pit caused him to lose much of his ability as well as some of his memory. What still remains are his Strength, and his stealth ability.

The combat system is made up of more than eight different types of weapons. Kain is able to wield swords, axes, daggers, clubs, maces, and pole arms such as spears. Each weapon has its own lifespan. Kain can only wield one weapon at a time, and so as time goes on each the weapon degrades then breaks. The Soul Reaver, Kain's stolen Weapon, of course can never break in such a way.

Kain's defense is related to the special abilities of each weapon. As an enemy attacks Kain, players must time their defense  
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which kind ( liberal arts, science, general if you don't know) and then select a region ( near or far from home). After a student has applied to all of the colleges that they're interested in, THEN they should narrow it down from there. When a student is applying to their range of colleges, they should always apply to some as backup plans.. Having a backup plan is always a good idea. According to Collegeboard.com, it's best to apply to one or two colleges where you have a 90- 100% chance to get into (use these as backups or last resorts), then apply to two to four colleges that you have a 75% chance of admission (these will be the colleges with the best fit for you, of both academic and social life, otherwise known as the good fit colleges), and finally apply to one or two colleges where you have a 25% chance of admission (these we'll call the reach colleges, they will present an admission challenge for you). Don't apply to too many places that you don't really care about, because your application could be taking the place of someone who really wanted to go to that school.

Once students have picked colleges, they should go visit the ones that they're seriously interested in, because they can never be sure.  
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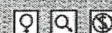
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# Bon Jovi Graces Ally McBeal

Miranda Byrne  
Staff Critic

Last Night was the best night of my life. Why? Three simple words, Jon Bon Jovi. It was his first appearance of nine on the Monday night Fox comedy Ally McBeal. I had been waiting weeks, months for this night to come and when it finally came it was well worth the wait. I knew it had to be good. How could it not? With Bon Jovi you can't go wrong. And With Bon Jovi joining the cast of Ally McBeal as Ally's carpenter, and possible love interest, I knew it would be a sure winner. After All, Alley McBeal needed a little pick me up, and Jon Bon Jovi was their ticket to success.

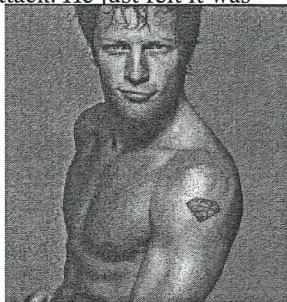
Since the beginning of the season, I have noticed that Ally McBeal has been on a downward spiral and going nowhere fast. With the departure of Robert Downy Junior playing Larry, her significant other, and the unexplained disappearance of her roommate, and loss of various other cast members, mainly Lucy Lu, I was getting the feeling that the show was in trouble. I must admit I was worried for them, I could only hope that they were praying for a miracle. Apparently their prayers were answered. I can just picture it, Bon Jovi,

their saving grace, riding in on the shining white steed of glory, coming to save the day, the show and the lives of everyone involved. What a great and fabulous man, true in heart and in mind.

I'm not lying, it's the truth. In fact, Bon Jovi put Ally McBeal on hold to play several benefit concerts concerning the September 11 attack. He just felt it was important to show support for our country and he felt Ally McBeal could wait. He said David E. Kelly, the producer of the show,

understood and supported his decision, how could he not? No idea or decision made by Bon Jovi could ever be bad.

Although Bon Jovi wasn't in the episode that much, every moment he was, was like a dream. With witty and clever remarks such as, "Your plumbing is shot, and I'm not speaking as your gynecologist," and, in response to Ally's fumble,  
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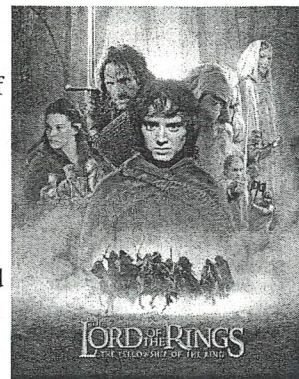


# Fellowship of Horror

Ted Howard  
Staff Critic

J.R.R Tolkien would roll over in his grave if the news hit the cemetery that they made films inspired by his top-selling book trilogy, but you know what? Dead people can't hear so I guess it doesn't matter. The Lord Of The Rings: The Fellowship Of The Ring is the first installment in a classic trilogy of good and evil adapted from the fantasy books of the same title. It's a tale of Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood), who is told he has to destroy a ring or Middle Earth will most likely be taken over by the evil dark lord Sauron. With a fellowship of nine, he embarks on a journey that could decide the fate of the world he lives in.

I'm not big on most fantasy books, let alone movies, but I've loved this trilogy since I could read. So I guess you could say I was excited for this picture to come out. I was even more excited when I found out who was behind the film. Peter Jackson is one of my favorite modern directors. Director of such classic films as Bad Taste, a cult classic about zombies from outer space, and perhaps one of the most hilarious horror films ever, Dead Alive. If anybody could pull this off, it would have to be him.



Peter Jackson wasn't the only horror movie veteran involved in this vehicle, Viggo Mortensen, who played Strider, the ranger who helps Frodo with his quest, started his acting career with horror movies. He played Lucifer opposite Christopher Walken in The Prophecy and Leatherface's brother in The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 3.

I believe the crown of the film, and the happiest point for me was to see Christopher Lee, who played Saruman, the treacherous wizard opposed to the destruction of the ring. This seventy-nine year old actor started doing horror films in 1959 and starred in some of the greatest Hammer Picture films, such as Dr. Terror's House Of Horror and Drink The  
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# Celebrity Dirt That Will Make You Hurt

Chris McLean  
Staff Writer

If there's anything I love more than celebrity gossip, it's the TV channel Animal Planet. That doesn't mater though, because it doesn't have anything to do with my article, but whatever. Get set for some hot gossip on your favorite celebs, along with my wonderfully scathing commentary.

## Richard Hatch

I was in my garden the other day, and I dug up some world class dirt on former SURVIVOR champ, RICHARD HATCH. Apparently, he was talking to a CBS executive about doing 13 episodes of a new sitcom. Well, Rich, the tribe has spoken and your 15 minutes got voted off 2 years ago.

## Chris Barron

Apparently the lead singer of the SPIN DOCTORS was seen at the grocery store buying value brand food. When at the checkout counter, he didn't have the cash to pay for it. Looks like little miss, little miss can't be wrong..... about the SPIN DOCTORS going bankrupt.

## Dean Cain

A pusher on the street sold me 2 oz. of premium GOSSIP on this former SUPER-MAN. I heard a rumor that on dates, he shows potential soul mates episodes of ABC's LOIS AND CLARK. Hey, Superman, you might be invincible on TV but this is a huge dose of kryptonite to your over inflated ego.

## Brian Setzer

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# 150 Degrees of Torture

Camy Beidler  
Staff Critic

You're strapped to a metal platform, upside down. It's 110 degrees and you are being asked what your mother's maiden name is. Welcome to *The Chamber*, the new ridiculous game show on Fox. This is one of a few new shows which pretty much just torture people, and then pay them a fraction of what people make putting up with Regis.

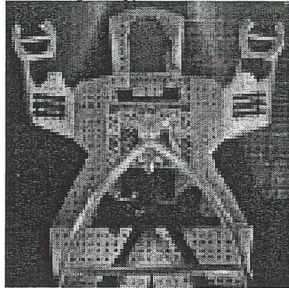
First, there is *The Chair*. It's a show where they strap you down to a chair, a lot like the one you sit on at the dentist. Then they hook you up to a heart rate monitor, the whole point of the game is to keep your heart rate below a set level. They start dropping alligators around you while flames shoot up on all sides. All this time you have to answer questions and put up with John McEnroe telling you to answer faster. Crazy isn't it? Well that's nothing.

"*The Chamber*, which was released a few days after *The Chair*, takes the word flames to a whole new level. In this game, contestants are strapped to a large chair then the host determines what kind of chamber it will be. Options include a 150 degree chamber or a 10 degrees below zero chamber, or

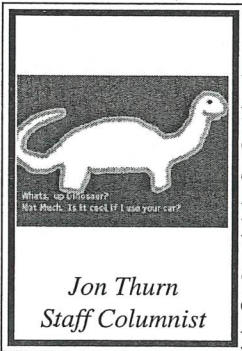
maybe hurricane force winds. So you could be having your leg burnt, or your hair frozen.

Then, once you know what you are going to have to deal with, they start asking a lot of completely random questions, like your mother's maiden name or where the Alamo is. If you get 25 questions right you win \$100,000. But get two questions wrong and they pull you out and you get half of what you won.

I think the appeal of the show is watching how people deal with pain and pressure. I'm not saying some people aren't going to find the show entertaining, but I think putting people that close to serious danger is going too far. I think the population that finds this show entertaining will keep it around for some time, but I don't think I will be watching these shows anymore.◇



## School Secrets for Your Soul



There are a lot of stories and secrets at this school, and even though turtles hide in their shells, they sometimes will come out for food. Gossip, student issues, couples, these stories and anecdotes make up the beaker fluid that is poured through our ears into our brains. The fluid in the beaker is Ecto Cooler, and it will make you angry, but younger. It's a ruff trade. But, are all the stories true? Or are they all false? Are they both true and false? Your job as the reader is to decide which are true and which are false, a game called the punch. Can you feel the punch? Find out, either way your teeth are gonna hurt!

\* I was eating at the Ground Round and my friend was just sitting there and a big dude with a mustache came in and smashed a barrel over his head! That's way rude!

\* Grant and I were in the classroom. Smoke filled the hallways and an electric wire was buzzing, like the adrenaline pumping through my bulging veins. Grant shot the velociraptor screaming through the window with his missile gun.

\* I was once in Lenni's room and I heard Ruth and Greg talking. They said, "I don't think the school is getting worse." they always say that. I bought a twizzler and left.

\* I was watching StarGate with my family and we were really enjoying it. During an especially good scene, a stomach-rattling boom shattered our movie watching and sent us into a panic. Later on, it turned out some kid had set off a bomb on our street corner. If this is real, then I'm not!

\* I was at the pentathlon and I had just killed Damius with my spear, the god Neptune challenged me and said, "Are you going to fight me?" I killed him and stole his sea-crown. The surgeon is gonna be grossed out.

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## McEnroe and Fire, So Much Fun!

Tony Cavanaugh  
Staff Critic

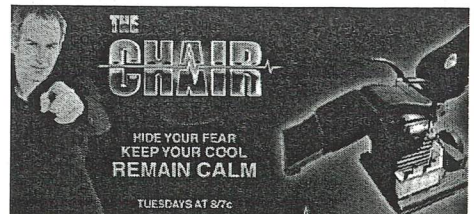
Picture this: a dentist chair surrounded by a ring of fire, famed tennis player John McEnroe hammering questions at you while fireworks are shot at you and axes are swung above your body. If that isn't enough, you must do all that while keeping a predetermined heart rate below your "red line" rate. Think you could do all this? Then ABC's *The Chair* is right for you.

This show is hosted by possibly the most annoying man in America, John McEnroe. He feels it's necessary to mention something about tennis during each question, he also thinks he is funny.....WRONG.

Aside from listening to McEnroe, you must keep your heart rate down below a predetermined rate. For instance if your resting heart rate is 100, it is increased by 60%, making your red line rate 160, which decreases by 5% each time a new question is asked. Your heart rate may not exceed your red line rate, if it does, you lose anywhere from \$100-\$600 a second, and you may not answer the next question until your heart rate is back down.

In the episode I watched, I wanted to cry. People are being tortured while they are given less than a quarter of what the average person wins on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*. The show claims that you will walk away with \$250,000, but no one ever does because of the insane rules of this game. Every two questions there is a "heart stopper," (a break during which they will do a variety of things to you - like shoot fireworks at you and swing axes above your head) and you have to keep your heart rate below the red line rate the whole time. That's where people lose most of their money and walk away with about \$10,000, rather than \$250,000.

The target market for this show is probably the same people that watch the even more retarded *The Chamber* (I'll give you a hint, it's not many). The way I see it, we don't let blind people drive cars, so why should we let stupid people host TV shows. This show stinks. Don't watch it, ever.◇



# Vikings final farewell

Will Beneke- Eaves  
Staff Writer

The resignation-under-fire of head coach Denny Green ended an era in Vikings football history. After a dismal season this year, Dennis Green, with a record of 96 wins and 46 losses, resigned with one game left in the season.

Green's departure from the team before the last game was unexpected. He was replaced by Mike Tice, a line coach under Green since 1997. Tice has now been named the Vikings head coach. During the past year, Tice had served as an assistant coach under Green. However, since becoming head coach, he has cleaned house in coaching staff, firing all but one of Green's assistants. This is Tice's first head coaching position.

Tice began his own football career in high school playing quarterback. He went on to play quarterback in college at the University of Maryland. He made it to the pros, where he played tight end for the Washington Redskins and, later in his career, for the Minnesota Vikings. Unlike many coaches who have had a career as a player, he started coaching a position that he never played, the

offensive line.

Tice has already made a controversial hire of George O'Leary, whose lie on his resume caused him to lose his job at Notre Dame. Tice has also announced that his offensive philosophy is to get the ball to Randy Moss. Many people think this is a smart philosophy because Moss is a very talented receiver who under Green was not utilized enough. The downside to an offensive philosophy focusing on one key player is that it makes the preparation job for an opposing defense much easier because they know what to expect.

In order to have a winning season, the Vikings will need to rebuild their defense and tinker with their offense. Many of the offensive players who did not perform well this year were also very young, and it is re



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**GRAND THEFT AUTO** Continued on 1  
that's 4 kilometers by 4 kilometers, where anything is possible and where people are as expendable as toilet paper. All vehicles from sports cars to fire trucks to boats to planes, can be taken and driven anywhere they can go. Your criminal arsenal includes: flame throwers, Molotov cocktails, Ak-47s and baseball bats. You wander through the three parts of this huge city doing missions for various local crime figureheads and collecting things needed to beat the game.

Aside from being the best ever, this game is also one of the most controversial. It has come under a lot of criticism from all sorts of decency nerds and do gooder parents who still cover their 16 year olds eyes at a pg-13 movie. "The thing that concerns me the most is running people over in your car" said Colette Gaiter, my mom who bought me the game despite the controversy, although I had to write an essay explaining how the game wouldn't corrupt me.

This game is really violent, but so is the rest of the world pal, in case you haven't noticed.

I'm not defending violence I'm defending



this game. And, it's a sad fact that so many of us kids have become so used to violence on the big screen and on the TV. Luckily this game leaves you options other than killing: you can put out fires, drive people around in taxis, and bring people to the hospital in an ambulance as well as explore the huge city on foot and by car. There is still plenty of violence between citizens of the city that doesn't even involve you. Occasionally there will be a gang war in the neighborhood that you are in and there are always street fights, muggings and random killings.

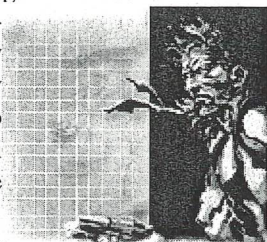
If you have a Playstaton 2, I recommend you buy this game. It's really fun, and its one of the coolest looking games ever. You can switch through tons of viewpoints while being pursued by law enforcement or cruising down the street. It also will take you a very long time to finish the game, and even when you do, there is still plenty to do. And to people who hate this game because of its content, put your energy towards stopping real life violence. As for Grand Theft Auto 3, I think it's the best game ever created.◊

## Metal Gear Solid 2: Incredible Game

Cha Vang  
Staff Writer

Metal Gear Solid 2 is the most incredible game on the PS2 game system this year. It has realistic graphics that will outrun any other game, like it did when the first MGS game came out almost a year ago. It is also on top of the PS2 Game Ranking because of all the many cool features. It was created by the writer and director Hideo Kojima, visual designer Yoji Shinkawa, and the rest of the team at Konami Japan.

In MGS2 you play as Solid Snake, a top ranking government agent and also a retired soldier. The game takes place in New York on a tanker ship used by the U.S Marine Corp to translate their new discovery project, the Metal Gear Ray a new Metal Gear war machine designed to defeat the original Metal Gear Rex that had been spread all over the world. Your are heading down the river between New York and New Jersey on a night of a big storm.



**METAL GEAR SOLID 2**  
SONS OF LIBERTY

The object of the game is to exterminate MG Ray and put an end to the group of tourist's action by defeating all of the bosses on board. Your life is displayed by a life bar. If your life bar runs, out then it is game over. You lose life by being shot by enemies or by falling from a very high elevation. The life gauge can be restore by using ratio, a recovering item found throughout the game play so don't sweat.

Sneak boards the ship unnoticed, and his mission is bomb Ray before the project spreads any further. Then, out of the blue, Snake discovers that he isn't the only one after Metal Gear. A group of tourists from Spetnaz, the former Soviet Special Forces, have taken over the tanker and got a hold of MG Ray. This will test Snake's mission to the full limit.

Sneak's weapon system still has

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### **FUEL CELLS** From 2

cooperative effort will be cars and trucks that are more efficient, cheaper to operate, pollution-free and competitive in the showroom."

This new fuel cell is even getting support from those in the Bush Administration. Mercedes Benz, Toyota, and Honda are all planning to come out with the fuel-efficient engines by 2004.

Will this new engine be great enough to over power the traditional fossil fuel engine? Julie Doble, science teacher, says, "It depends on where the hydrogen comes from. If the hydrogen is coming from water, then it will recreate the water it came from. But if it comes from another source it may make the atmosphere more humid. Because of the excess amount of water it may not evaporate in time, throwing the atmosphere's cycle off." Will this happen? We'll have to see. Either way, an environmentally safe and friendly car is in the process.◊

### **WALKER** From 4

After all, everything is someone else's fault.

Any poll will tell you that the majority of Americans want to see this creep tried under a military tribunal. But now our president, who is supposed to be a conservative, caved in to the left-wing vermin. Now Walker will be tried in a civilian court and will not receive the death penalty. This guy doesn't deserve the same rights as the rest of us. He fought against America and doesn't think we should live. But I guess I'm being too "judgmental." I can picture his dirty lawyers salivating at the thought of this rat boy going free. It would not surprise me one bit if he does.

Unless we put a stop to this sensitivity crap and bring back common sense and responsibility, we could see America, as we know it, fall apart in our lifetime.◊

### **X\_BOX** From 4

The only unfortunate thing is that the XBox is limited to only certain types of music so don't be surprised if a song doesn't work.

In competition with so many consoles out there, creators of the XBox has decided to go world wide. The manuals will not only be in English, but also in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Greek, Dutch, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Finnish and Japanese.

Some of it's popular games are "Dead or Alive 3," "Project Gotham Racing: World Street Racer," and "Silent Hill 2."

### **BON JOVI** From 5

"Are you married, I mean bonded?" He replied with a sly smile, "Yes, I am bonded," Bon Jovi won the night and saved my day, turning everybody's frowns upside down.

So why did Bon Jovi decide to join this floundering cast? "I'm doing it as a way for my movie career to grow," he claims. Yes that's right, his movie career. Here is a little known fact, Bon Jovi initially wanted to be an actor. He even went to acting school and everything. Can you believe it, actor as well as a singer, what a multi- talented God!

I bet you're wondering, what's next for Bon Jovi after Ally McBeal? Is he still going to be in the music biz, or is he making the full switch over to big screen and TV? Well don't worry Bon Jovi music fans, this song bird is not going to stop serenading us with his sweet voice. Bon Jovi is currently making a new album, which will be called "Bounce." Unfortunately, I haven't been able to find much more on the album. All I know is that it will feature some new songs about the September 11 attack, which I am sure will be great.

I am going to start watching Ally McBeal religiously, and so should you. Trust me, it's worth it to watch Jon's beautiful poetry in motion. I have high hopes for him and the show. High Hopes. Some of you may say that I am living on a prayer, but I assure you just take my hand, and we'll make it I swear, even if we are living on a prayer. Whoa whoa, living on a prayer.◊

### **LOTR** From 5

Blood Of Dracula. All around I thought the cast did a spectacular job. Lee and Ian McKellan, who played Gandalf the good wizard (he also played Magneto in X-Men the movie) were outstanding. Though, I thought Elijah Wood may not have been the best choice for Frodo, I thought he was a little too emotionless to be cast in such a dramatic role.

The effects, computer and creature wise, were amazing. They didn't skimp on the great camera work and awesome CGI scenery in places like the dark underground mine, and the elf strongholds.

All around, the movie was really fun, but the inaccuracies were almost painful in some scenes. Of course, if the movie went word for word with the book, the film would have been at least two days long, so I personally give Peter Jackson a round of applause for fitting in the most important parts of the story in the movie itself. LOTR definitely had it's faults, but overall, the acting, scenery and visual stimulation kept you awake and excited for the three hours it was on the screen, and I'm looking forward to the next installment due out next year around Christmas.◊

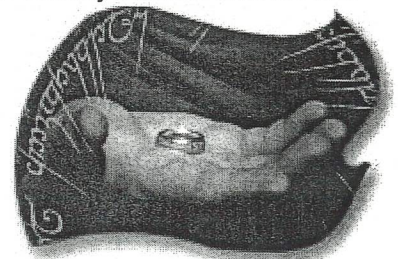
### **VIKINGS** from 8

sonable to expect that the rookie at half back, Michael Bennett, will improve with experience. On the offensive line, the Vikings only had two players with significant experience this year, the Center, Matt Burke, and the Right Guard, David Dixon. The other three members of the offensive line were really second team players who got promoted because of unusual circumstances the team experienced this year. All of those offensive players improved over the course of the year and should be better next year.

The defense needs some work. The Vikings have a few good defensive backs and two good defensive lineman. The defense is especially weak in the linebacker positions. This problem could be solved by picking up a good player or two off the free agent mar-

ket or by drafting a player with good potential. The Vikings poor record makes drafting a good player more possible as the Vikings should qualify for high pick.

In the future, especially if the offense works as Tice wants it to, the Vikings offense will be a very wide open offense, similar in style to that of the St. Louis Rams. The biggest possible thing that could go wrong for Tice is that he will be unable to control Randy Moss, although this is less likely if Moss is getting the ball all the time, since this is what both Moss and Tice want.◊



Vikings  
Bobble  
Head

## CELEBS from 5

A red hot rumor came my way about this swing music leader. It seems he's been in talks with the STRAY CATS for a string of reunion concerts, but there have been "complications." Looks like these Stray Cats got rabies, and I think they need to be put to sleep.

### Elijah Wood

I went to the GOSSIP store to pick up some HOT dirt on FRODO here. It looks like he might be LORD OF THE RINGS, but not lord of the LAUNDROMAT, since he was seen being kicked out of one the other day. Rumors say it was due to a conflict of interests, but this reporter says he was putting centipedes in the change machines, causing a barrage of bugs to come out rather than quarters. Well, that's just NORTH of crazy!

### Lea Thompson

Former OPEN SCHOOL songbird LEA THOMPSON was seen buying a cherry red Suzuki motorcycle over the weekend. Apparently she was buying it for sweetheart, ERIC ROBERTS. Hey Caroline, the tribe has spoken and your 15 minutes got voted off 2 years ago.

### Patrick Stewart

Captain Picard went to warp nine on the half pipe this weekend. Q-BALL here was skate boarding at a celebrity competition.

"I was doing it for the kids. I actually hate the stuff."

Sure, Picard. You say you were doing it for the kids, but I say it was for the INNER kids. Midlife crisis? I think so.

### Adam Ant

GOODY TWO SHOES here isn't too good for trash talking, it seems. In an interview he said "U2 \*\*\*\*ing hogged Live Aid, and it multiplied their sales by 100. They did 40 minutes when they should have done 20" Better call an exterminator, 'cause we've got an ant problem.... ADAM ANT, that is.

### Jimmy Carter

Looks like Jimmy EAGLEHEART here isn't the social butterfly he used to be. He held a birthday BASH and the only celebrity that showed up was none other than former VAN HALEN hero DAVID LEE ROTH. When I asked him why he came, he said "Jimmy Carter may be uncool, but he's got an awesome collection of eagle paintings." It doesn't take the eye of an eagle to see this former US big boss is washed up worse than a pair of light blue stone washed jeans with elastic waist bands.◊



## BLOOD From 5

with the press of a button. If the enemy swings overhead, Kain will block overhead or duck. If the opponent strikes horizontally, Kain will respond with a block that defends him accordingly. Visually, it should look very impressive. If you fail to press the button in time, you get hurt. The same goes for when Kain attacks. It's all a matter of speed.

The animation for attacks and Blocks depend on the weapon and where the attack is directed. A nice touch is that Kain possesses instant kill attacks that work on enemies when caught by surprise. When Kain is unarmed, he drives his hand through the enemies back and rips out their heart.

Kain's life force is monitored on a series of display bars. The red bar is Kain's health. This can be recharged by sucking the blood from your enemies. The Blue bar to the right of it is like experience. The more Kain fights, the higher it rises. When it reaches full, Kain's health bar increases and so does the

necessary effort to fill the blue bar again.

Meridian, the city where the game takes place, is populated by people who walk around, going about their daily business. You can interact with the townspeople, who are programmed to react differently. Few are friendly to Kain (duh, he is a vampire), but some more risky humans (I'd say dumb criminals or desperate people) are willing to make deals and trade favors with Kain. Some might come up and discuss their day with Kain, talk about politics or the weather (Those would be the dumb ones). Most run and scream "help," so it's best to stay out of sight.

I recommend Blood Omen 2 for those who would like the chance to be the villain. That role is rare in video games. However, if you have problems with sucking the life out of helpless peasants, then you probably won't like this game.◊

laser light for most part, but you want to use the new first person view target, since it matters where on the body you shoot the enemy. For instance, if you shoot an enemy on the legs, it will crawl on the ground. If you hit them on the head, then they will instantly die. Also, avoiding detection is difficult, especially with the increased attention of the guards. It is a lot of fun toying with the new gadgets, like the camera that allows you to take many stunning pictures.

Snake also has a few new moves, such as hanging from railways and a running roll which is very useful when running past a guard's back and then rolling into a nearby place to hide. Another great thing is the excellent voice acting, which is as sharp and sweet as the original version. These voices

can be heard when Snake uses his radio to communicate with his backups and also when there's a confrontation between characters in the game.

The environment feels like a real one, but not a 3D world. For example, if you shoot a bottle on a shelf, it will explode with the special effect of the shattered glass that will shove other bottles around it. Also while hiding in a corner of the hall, you can see the shadows of your enemies coming towards you. All of the pounding rainstorm, flying seagulls, character figures, movements, wind, plus mind blowing events outside of the tanker are specially animated into a kick of an action-jam, bloody, crushing game movie.

You'll battle tons of newly skilled bosses and also will meet new characters like Solidus and the new ninja. There's also scenes where you get the chance to play other roles. As you play, you might want to sneak up around a guard and take control of him so you can teach him a lesson or three not to mess with the pro. It is endless fun messing with the bad guys.

Again MGS2 is a total knockout! It is a tactical espionage action series which will be Snake's last adventure. The game is as solid as it ever been◊



Japanese Action Figure

**Don't look here!**

## COLLEGES From 5

A college may look like the ideal place from afar, but unless a student goes for a visit, they could end up miserable. Also, colleges send out thousands of brochures each year to prospective juniors and seniors, and most of them don't even get read. All of the brochures that senior Brian Blakley gets don't even stop at his desk before being deposited in the trash. He has applied to the University of Minnesota Duluth, University of Wisconsin Madison, and Marlboro College, in Vermont.

The internet is a wonderful cache of information as well. Online you can find average ACT/SAT test scores for different colleges, scholarship information, and another way to view college campuses. Some good scholarship websites to visit are [www.sallie.com](http://www.sallie.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.anycollege.net](http://www.anycollege.net).

Most colleges look for good ACT or SAT scores, a strong essay, and at least a few good recommendations from teachers to show that the student did a good job in high school. Also, a lot of colleges look to see if the student is determined, or a natural leader. It's best to show the colleges what you as an individual can contribute to their campus, according to teacher Julie Doble. For example, if you were on a Destination Imagination team that did well in competition, or if you play a musical instrument, tell the colleges that.

"A lot of colleges aren't just looking for somebody who spent their whole high school career with their nose in a book," said Julie.

High school may seem like practice for college, but what you do really does count. Anything a student does in high school can and will reflect back on them come application time, because a senior is trying to sell themselves to the colleges, not the other way around. If in a student's junior year they didn't pass a class because they didn't do the work; the colleges will see that in their transcript, and assume that they are not self motivated.

Most colleges ask for a complete application form, a high school transcript, admission test scores (SAT or ACT), at least one good letter of recommendation (try for someone who knows you and who will write a very flattering letter) and essays. An interview, though usually not required, can increase your chance of admission.

Most of the seniors this year have said that the hardest part about the whole process was the due dates for applications, so it really is

## JONNY T. From 7

\* I was at the school play and there was a rumor going around that Leo and Stefanie were going out and that's why he was acting weird at the "Love Rides the Rails" play. Talking to Leo, the next Monday, he commented, "I think that's funny that there are so many rumors about me." No, there aren't.

\* I had a fun time at the bowling party, but my bowling ball starting shaking and it hatched a bird. I decided I needed to feed it -- then and there.

\* I WAS AT XANATOS'S FORT, AND HE SCREAMED AT ME, "WE NEED TO GET IN THE SUPERCOPTER AND STEAL THE ENTIRE WORLD BANK".

\* I was digging through the recycling bin for Linder's Parrots. My friend and I had SDL at the time but we decided we wanted to collect as many parrots as possible and then cut them out at a feverish pace. Take your temperature, cause! I think you're sick!

\* The Janitor cut a hole in pop can as a prank, and he also tethers my desk to different objects. He has a snake in the basement, he feeds it fish. Is it a sea snake? or what?

\* I gamble at Bailey's casino a lot. and once I gambled myself into ruin, so I dug a fish bone out of the garbage while my enemy was dancing on a dollar sign! Beyond belief.

\* I wandered into the living room that night, and I found a tomato -- it was pale and punctured twice. It had been drained by a vampire of some sort! I heard a light patter of feet fleeing the scene -- I looked over and saw him, it was Bunnacula!

\* I decided this year instead of snow days, I will go see *Snow Dogs*. Yeah man, he talks to an angry bear in that movie -- get ready for MUSH hour.

\* This Christmas I got a plastic missile refill pack for a GI Joe set I didn't have. Doubtfully true.

\* I was trying to find out if there was a ghost in the school basement, it turns out that it was Bunnacula all along, he keeps draining the carrots of their juice! Don't try to kill Bunnacula, he can turn invisible by hopping in place!

\* I poisoned a chocolate orange and Bunnacula tried to drain it, but it was too hard so he couldn't. I know he likes chocolate.

\* My friend was outside and then a huge bee flew down and snatched him away and flew to his hive. We found out in school the next day the bee sealed him in a honeycomb.

\* I let my spiders out on the board. They hissed at their opponents and were hungry for game play. They started moving. My spider rook attacked the spider bishop and it's mandibles tore into its back like a big hook!

\* I was at the talent show tryouts, and truth be told it's going to be a scream!

\* I was in the desert valley, there were lots of vultures and condors screaming. Suddenly, Crystal pointed at the sky and screamed, "Look out." There were two guys in a hang glider shooting at us. I hope you guys made it.

\* They called him The Rocky Mountain Man, he sold mountain bikes and his store was called the Laser Shooter. He used to work for Crush Soda Company, but Russel Lonestar told me he ran away when the bounty hunter came. The Rocky Mountain Man escaped again!

\* My kid was playing with his Doctor Playmobil set. When I asked him, "Can Dr. Mom give you some Dimetap now?" He replied, "No mommy, I'll throw it up, no!" So I gave it to him and he covered the floor in purple.

\* I was in the mall and this dude was driving his car in the parking lot trying too-high-risk tricks man, and then the dude rolled over like six times and his car tumbled right through Old Navy. He rolled over 1,2,3 -- dude, too many times to count. All I know is this dude is gonna have a painful recovery spree.

So, Is The Rocky Mountain Man real? As real as the threat of that furry vegetable drainer, Bunnacula is? Well, to make this Funnacula, try to guess how many are correct. If you do, you will win the largest honor the school gives out.◊

best to start early. A lot of colleges have dates around January 15th, but seniors can also do early admission, which has dates that vary between November and December. Early admission is a program that certain colleges have where a student can send in their application early, and they can tell them before their usual deadline if they are admitted or not. This can be helpful if a student

wants to know in advance whether they need to apply to other colleges. Students should always check what the deadlines are with the different colleges to make sure.

Other stressful points that seniors came back with are deciding where to go, preparing for interviews, and even explaining to different colleges that our school doesn't use  
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a credit system.

"Know what you want to do, so when you're looking for colleges, you can look to see what colleges have the better program for it," said senior Heather Raiter. She is taking a year off before going to Macalaster, St. Kate's or the U of M.

Seniors are saying that in order to succeed in a high school career, you need to take high school seriously, because according to Brian Blakley, "high school is just one step in your education."

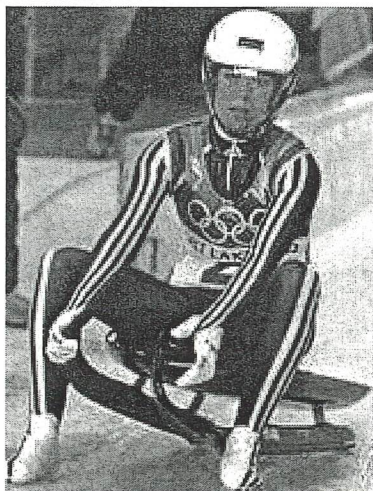
They also stress the importance of finding a mentor, because if you have one, you have easy access to information about colleges, and you have a source for a letter of recommendation right off the bat.

"You need to have a good high school record, you need to show that you can complete things, [and] it's really good if you can do extra- curricular stuff like community service," said Teacher Julie Doble. Even so, "There's a lot of reading in college, so it would be good to be a reader when you get there."

So there you have it. Just go out there, get brochures from colleges, look up sites online (collegeboard.com is a good site). and get a mentor. There's still time; so get cracking!◇

## Coming Next Issue:

### Olympics: Skating, Sking, and Skeleton



# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In most recent edition of the Purple Press, I read an article that really got me steamed up. It was written by Cameron Beitler, about the new math books at our fine school. I believe that this Article was sub par for the usually well written Purple Press, whose other articles are most excellent.

Although I did agree with Beitler's view that the new math textbooks are riddled with flaws, I disagree with his view that the primary problem is homework. It saddens me that so many Open Schoolers have the same view. Most schools have much more homework than us, and Beitler's argument just reinforced the stereotypical view of Open Schoolers being lazy slackers.

I believe that the true flaws lie in the wording and organization. For example in Integrated book 3A, the book describes the range of a numerical data set as "the difference between the largest and smallest values." That implies that the range is one number, when in fact it is two numbers, the smallest number in the set and the largest. It is things like this that make the math books hard to comprehend. An example of its bad organization is that it does not teach about functions until late in the book, making it even more difficult to comprehend.

I believe that if Beitler had done his research, his article would have had greater impact on school life, and his lack of research as well as the article itself show the amount of procrastination at our school, and that was the problem that Beitler was really showing, not math. Maybe he should write an article about that, but he'd probably put it off until tomorrow.

Sincerely,

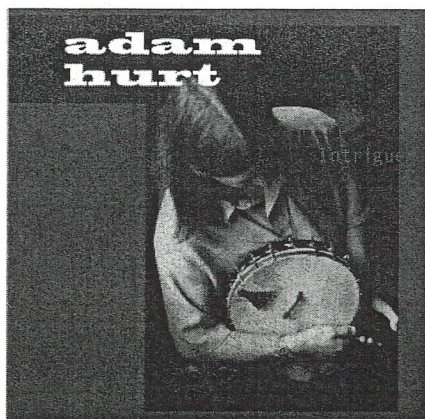
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Dear Aaron,

Thank you for your feedback. The editorial board of The Purple Press, which selects articles for publication, considers the following criteria: amount of research, relevance, accuracy, and overall quality of writing. When in doubt, we like to blame Leo, who is in charge of the whole thing.

The Purple Press encourages readers to voice their opinions about newspaper content. Thanks,

The Purple Press Editors



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