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Never ending traffic problem

By Gracy Obuchowicz
Oracle Editor

The WS PTSA has been requesting a traffic light at the intersection of Grisby and Rolling Roads to help assure safe student crossings since 1996. But recently, unbeknownst to the involved PTSA members, a traffic light was installed at the entrance to the parking lot.

"We had been told by members of Elaine McConnell's office that a light wasn't going to happen because it was too expensive," said Pearson. "The fact that a different light was put up may preclude them doing what we originally requested for a number of years now."

McConnell office said that the Grisby light did not meet the qualifications for a new traffic light, and with as many as 12 requests approved for West Springfield, new traffic lights are in demand.

This decision was a disappointing setback for Anne Pearson, the PTSA safety liaison, who, along with other PTSA member Lisa LaRosa, have led the crusade for the Grisby light.



Lauren Edwards

The traffic light at Rolling and Tuttle Roads will do nothing to make the crosswalk any safer for pedestrians, mainly WS students.

Forte has since passed away, but his replacement Dean Tistadt said there "was no way" there could be a traffic light installed at Grisby because of its placement and lack of vehicular volume through the intersection.

Traffic engineer for Department of Transportation, Lisa Belinski, says that there is no exact formula for an intersection to receive a light. "There's enough grey area involved in the criteria that you can only meet one or two of the 11 qualifications and still get a traffic light, especially if there is enough political pressure," said Belinski.

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'Damn Yankees' hit one out of field

By Lauren Weaver
Features Editor

The play ends with the anticipated reunion of Meg and Joe and then the crowd stands and cheers. But most people do not realize the amount of work that took place before the opening night of this year's Spring musical, "Damn Yankees."

The week before the play, the cast stayed at school until 11:00 running through the show and doing dress rehearsals.

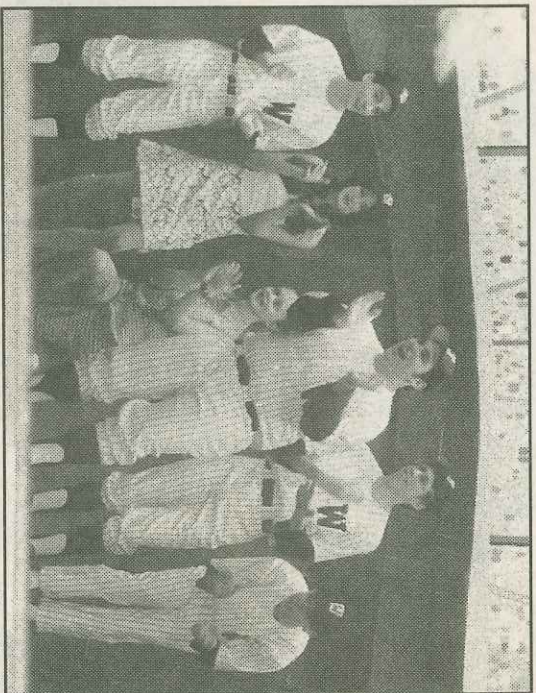
"At rehearsals there's absolute chaos. There's scenery everywhere, people running around changing costumes, and people trying to get the mics to

work," said junior Ryan Yanovich who plays the lead role of Joe in the beginning of the play. "We get to take over the building and own the place."

"Damn Yankees" has been in the making since this past summer when drama teacher Mary Jo Levesque selected it for this year's play.

"Several students last year suggested it. I had never done it or seen it on stage. I rented the movie and studied the script and fell in love with it. I love the plot, the characters; the songs were memorable. I could hear our orchestra playing them," said Levesque.

The many different crews for See YANKEES Page 5



Bree Wloszko

The production of the Spring musical went smoothly with the effort of many who have been working since last summer.

Community of Caring unites to beautify school

Honor Societies, sports, service clubs, and other organizations participate in Spartan Park project

By Nikki Werking
ETC. Editor

From 8 to 11 A.M. on April 29, 215 members of the WS community pitched in to the Spartan Park beautification project as part of the Community of Caring program.

Volunteers in Youth Service Day, as the event was called, raked the park, cut away the jungle of undergrowth, and created a sitting area which now includes azalea bushes, four flower beds, and 10 benches. "The park looks so nice now,"

said junior Jennifer Makarsky. "I'm really impressed with how it turned out."

Dozens of clubs contributed supplies and manpower to the operation. Physical Education teacher Ken Munoz brought the J.V. baseball team. Members from the Keyettes and Key Club lent a helping hand. The PSAB, SGA, Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club, YADAPP, and the girls' lacrosse teams also participated in the event.

"Everyone who came really worked hard," said counselor Nancy Wright. "We



Janis Harless

Seniors Jeremy Pearson and Joey Styron plant shrubbery in Spartan Park.

accomplished so much in three hours, and the park looks fabulous now." The project's main

Making a habit of humanity

By Melissa Lipman
Oracle Staff Writer

A needy person is going to get a house to live in thanks to over 80 WS National Honor Society members who are going to help Habitat for Humanity to build a house.

Habitat is a non-profit, non-government Christian organization which provides housing for low-income families. Since it was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller and his wife, Linda, Habitat has built over 85,000 houses worldwide.

Senior Josh Evans, president of NHS says, "It helps people who can't afford the houses."

Habitat can build houses cheaply because volunteers like the NHS students do the work and people donate money and materials to the project. People may designate where they want their donations to go, but if they don't the gifts will go where they're most needed.

The families who buy the houses are chosen based on their need, willingness to work, and ability to repay the loan on the house. The houses are sold for no profit and are paid for with no-interest, monthly loans. Depending on the house's location, the cost can vary from \$800 to \$37,600.

On top of the payments for the houses, the owners are also required to put hundreds of hours of "sweat equity," or labor, into building both their own house and other houses. Last fall, the NHS decided See HABITAT Page 5

contributor, however, was the Springfield Nursery and its president, Jeff Lichtenfels. Lichtenfels donated the trees which were planted in Spartan Park and also brought men and tools to make planting the trees an easier job.

Though Youth Service Day was a great success and much was accomplished, there is still more work to be done.

"One day, we hope to clear a path through the entire park. We also plan to lay down some more mulch to make the park look cleaner and neater," said Wright.

Peppin' up school spirit

At last, everyone at WS has a reason to be spirited. In the past, pep rallies merely sought to increase the spirit of sports teams. They were often centered around the more popular sports teams and tended to overshadow the lesser-watched ones.

This year however, the scenario is different. The pep rallies have become increasingly entertaining and enjoyable for the masses by including new features and events.

This year's spring pep rally was one of the best ones that this school has seen in the past four years. The pep rally gave all students a reason to be proud that they are part of this school, whether they were athletes or not. The SGA officers should be commended for their progress in making pep rallies an enjoyable experience.

While each sports team got its moment to shine, the addition of the faculty drill team and comedic skit made

overall school spirit more of a factor than sports. Who knew that seeing a few teachers doing the Macarena and dancing along to 'NSync would be so funny and entertaining?

The interactive part with students from the audience

Editorial

made students realize that they should be embarrassed for not having enough spirit to cheer for their own class.

This year's pep rallies have been better than ever. Finally, this school can have spirit that is not only related to its sports teams. Students can only hope that pep rallies

Do as the Europeans do...learn to drink responsibly

By Donnie Watkins
News Editor

After spending my Spring Break in France and Germany, I've concluded that the best move America can make in order to curb teenage drinking is to lower the drinking age to 16.

I visited Europe in the company of the WS art department. Arriving in France, I was already aware that teenagers could purchase alcohol. For them, it was another part of life—a glass of wine deal.

By extension, teenage drinking simply was not a big problem. French teens were not running around the streets of Paris drunk all day, nor driving in that condition. But for our group of 31 American teenagers the story

was different. For many in the group, alcohol had been a forbidden fruit, and now was suddenly available to them. Some students who had never thought about drinking back in the states were now craving the possibility to buy liquor simply because they could (whether or not there was any purchase or consumption of alcohol among our group, I cannot say; I would simply point out that every effort was made by our chaperones to prevent it).

The same observation was made when our group reached Germany, where the drinking age was again 16. Now, consider America's position: by demonizing alcohol and requiring its purchaser to be 21, we thereby mystify drinking. To drink becomes a form of protest and rebellion.

Does this type of prohibition lower teenage drinking? I submit that it doesn't. It encourages, not only drinking, but drinking irresponsibly.

Alcohol will always be available to teens—from

Real-life education

Health class focus disorderly in Fairfax County

By Amy Whipple
Business/Systems Editor

Before I get started, I'd like to thank Fairfax County for being so good to me. After all those years of drug and alcohol prevention lectures have enabled me to be safe—for now.

Just to feed your gigantic egos, I'll have you know that because of everything you pounded into my head as an unsuspecting elementary school child has stayed. I haven't done drugs and I don't drink on the weekends. Drinking is strictly for the weekdays. So why don't you all start patting yourselves on the back for doing such a good job?

Oh, wait! I forgot something. I'm sorry. You all just keep on going because you're so wonderful. I'm just going to fill you in on a few things I think you missed.

With all these classes that focused on my "well-being," I've gotten the impression that you were concerned about us.. You wanted to keep the kids off the street and keep them clean and out of trouble and safe and happy and all that other good sounding stuff.

Let's start with the true sex education that you gave us. Sure, we all know how our bodies work and that you shouldn't have sex until you're married, but where were you when some of the girls started getting STDs?

You told us not to have sex because it would hurt emotionally when the boy didn't like the girl anymore. True, but it's a good thing we didn't learn about why we shouldn't have sex for reasons other than pregnancy until

after it was too late for some of us.

On that note, I understand why you don't want us hurting ourselves, but you forgot something else. I'll bet none of you even thought about a problem that is growing in your schools—self-mutilation.

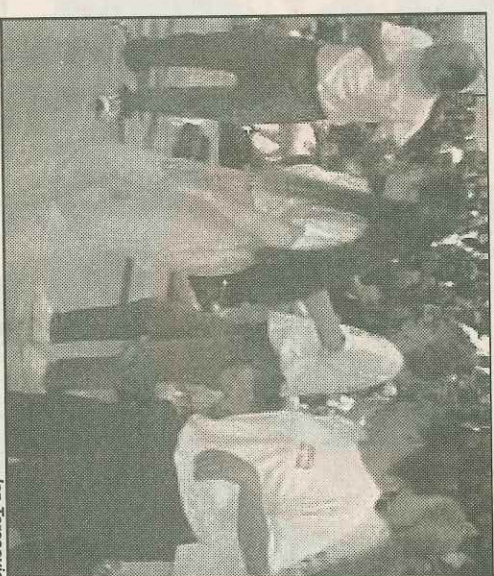
When I saw some of my friends with cuts on their arms, I wondered why you hadn't told me this might happen. None of my friends and I knew what to do.

Yes, that's right—some kids cut themselves up. Then, there's a small disorder out there called depression. Maybe you've heard of it, maybe not, but it's pretty big among adolescents. New research shows that even very young kids get depressed to some degree.

We all know people get sad from time to time, but how do we know that is it lasts too long, it's a bad thing? We don't know because you never told us.

Or what about eating disorders? I vaguely remember those being skimmed over for maybe one class period in middle school, it that. I really could have used that help when half of the girls I knew threw up what little they ate and the other half stopped eating all together. It's scary to see a good friend starving herself.

Topic after topic come to mind, and the more I think about it, the angrier I get. I did a little research on the Fairfax County Public Schools web site. I found a list of the topics covered in our schools, in a class called Family Life Education. This is "health" class, which we've taken since first grade, where they tell you how to live a happy, healthy life. How to take care of yourself.



Jan Tarasovic

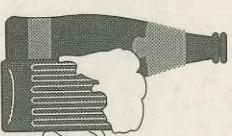
Faculty members perform at the spring pep rally.

in the future will be as well-planned and executed as the one this spring.

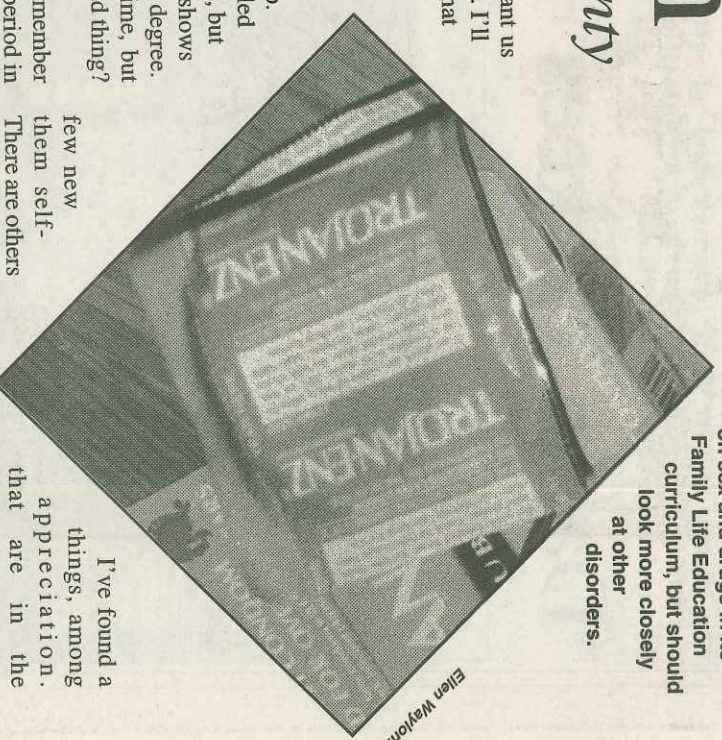
parents, friends, siblings, irreputable dealers, the Internet, shoplifting, fake ID's. But, when drinking is demonized, when teenage drinking is illegal, teens are forced to hide it from parents,

Not including bad to encourage effect of forcing drinking is that you drive drunk. When his parent to pick break curfew, he been drinking, he no recourse but to or not.

Let us face the facts. Drinking is bad, but the best way to decrease teenage drinking is to allow them to drink it—and to recognize that it is simply another part of life, not an evil too great to allow.



Fairfax County focuses on sex and drugs in its Family Life Education curriculum, but should look more closely at other disorders.



Ellen Waylonis

I've found a few new things, among them self-appreciation. There are others that are in the curriculum, but never got covered. There's a start in there somewhere, but it's not good enough.

If you really care about what's happening to the minors in this county, which you obviously do since you've gone this far, go all the way.

Show that little girl that she doesn't need to hurt herself to be happy and that little boy doesn't need to starve himself to be accepted on a sports team. Each and every kid counts just as much as you do, so don't leave us half-baked.

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Students save lives and keep up appearances

By Theresa Rupp
Viewpoint Editor

Ronald Reagan did it when he was younger and saved 77 lives. Many WS students now do it, too. It's lifeguarding, a job that has become synonymous with the words summer, tans, and big whistles.

Lifeguarding is quite possibly the perfect teenage summer job. You get paid for sitting on a high chair, watching people swim, and getting a tan. But, along with all the perks, lifeguarding is truly a job which requires a lot of hard work and responsibility.

In order to become a lifeguard in this area, there is an extensive list of requirements that one must achieve.

"I became a lifeguard by going to a class every Sunday for five hours for five weeks. It was pure torture," said junior Erin O'Reilly. "We had to swim a mile without stopping, pass a CPR written test, be able to perform CPR, and pass a Life Guarding written and swimming test."

It's nice to know, though, that everyone who becomes a lifeguard is really trained. These are the people who have to save you if something goes wrong, and it's expected that they know how to do their job. This isn't like



Keegan McWilliam

WS graduate, Tim Bagnall, Paul Vi junior Ashley Arnista, WS junior Beth Argentieri and senior Maggie Marriot take a break from their hard work at Fox Hunt Pool.

working at McDonalds—people's lives are in their hands.

"We have to be re-certified in CPR every year and re-certified in the Life Guard test every three years so that we can keep up our skills and not forget how to do something correctly," said junior Jaime Sawyer.

Actually witnessing an accident at the

at one point a mother and her asthmatic daughter exited the train on their own and began wandering the smoke-filled tunnel.

Officials said that in the future they will use World War II style field telephones to ensure proper communication in such an emergency.

Boy pulls fire alarm for food:

A four-year-old boy pulled the fire alarm outside his family's apartment complex in Lorton. Firefighters arrived not to find a fire, but the boy and his twin brothers left alone without food.

The boys' mother returned home about four hours later

and was charged with felony child abuse and disturbing the peace after arguing with police.

Crane operator saves teen:

When a crane operator in Anne Arundel County noticed a burning car, he dumped a load of dirt on top of it, putting the fire out and saving the teenager inside. The 17-year-old driver collided with a pickup truck near a sand and gravel mine, and both vehicles burst into flames. The car was trapped underneath a heavy-duty truck, but quick thinking by the crane operator saved the boy's life before rescue workers reached the scene.

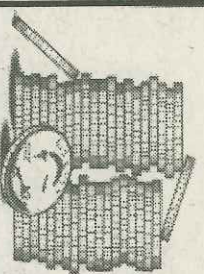
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DC police radios fail during tunnel fire:

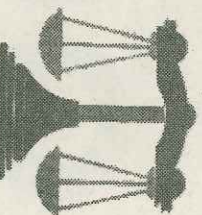
DC police said that 273 passengers who were trapped on the DC metro for four hours after a tunnel fire could have been saved and released in a matter of about an hour had it not been for the failure of their hand-held radios and cellular phones. Instead, firefighters had to use runners to pass messages from rescuers to the tracks.

Passengers on the metro became so impatient that



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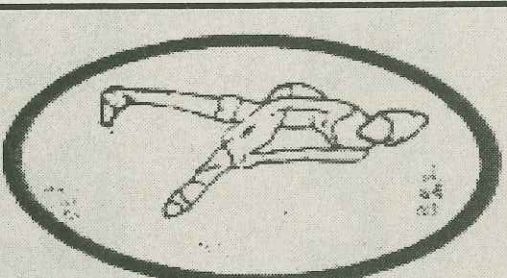
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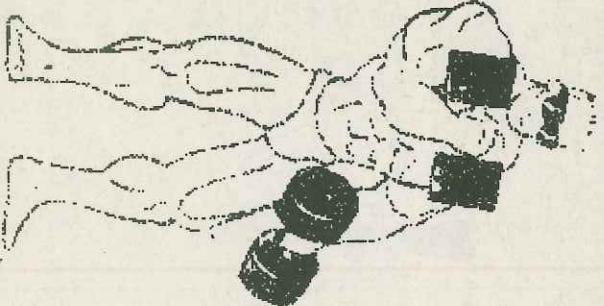
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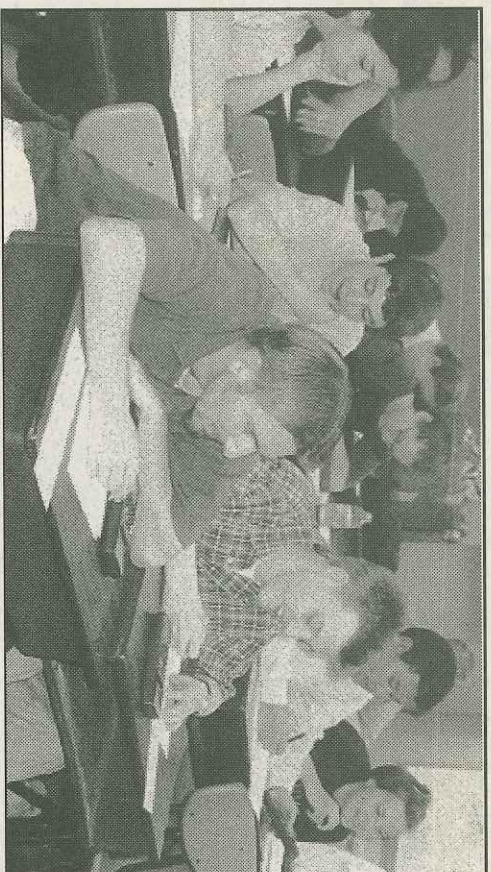
Reviewing, cramming and stressing

By Jenny Askin
Sports Editor

Students prepare all year for a test that could make or break their GPA and their way into college. These students are preparing for the AP exams, a college level test.

WS provides many AP courses such as physics, English, government, and art. These classes are actually college level courses, and are known to be very difficult. The majority of students enrolled in these courses are juniors and seniors. However this year there are a few sophomores taking these challenging courses.

"AP really isn't that hard if you do your homework and pay attention. AP is just a lot more stress," said sophomore Lucy Hutchinson.



Ellen Waylonis

Students in Mark Deegan's fifth period AP Calculus AB class review over the mathematical concepts essential for the Advanced Placement exam scheduled for this week. All AP exams are being administered between May 8 to May 19.

Hutchinson is taking European History, a course that is open to sophomores as well as juniors and seniors.

With the AP test only a few weeks away students and teachers are reviewing for the highly anticipated test. Many teachers give students plenty of time for review and study sessions.

"We have gotten through the material, the students have the skills and the tools to do the test," said AP calculus teacher Mark Deegan.

Many students also feel that they are very prepared for their exams. However some are very nervous about forgetting their valuable information.

"I think my teacher prepared us," said senior AP calculus student Chris Plehal. "But I'm worried about how much I will actually remember."

Success online using 'Brassai as Muse'

By Matt Barker
Managing Editor

Add another to the list. WS is the home of a new webpage, "Brassai as a Muse."

The advanced level French and photography students worked together to create the page that features French photographer, Brassai. The project began in November, when students visited "Brassai: The Eye of Paris" at the National Gallery of Art.

"It was an excellent opportunity for French and photo students to work together," said photo teacher Aldra Strott. Strott's photo students were

given an assignment to shoot a roll of film in the documentary style of Brassai. The key of this



Erica Mittel

style is to capture a story on film. Joelle Torrelle's French students participating in the project were each given three photos. They wrote either a short description, a poem, or a short story about the

photos.

"It was a good chance to go beyond the usual assignment and be creative," said senior Britt Zittel.

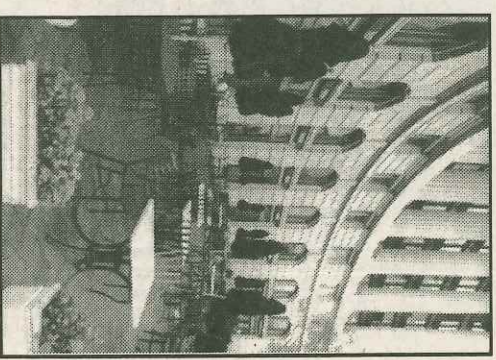
The French students were also responsible for creating the actual web page. Both teachers supervising the Brassai project are graduates of Susan Latour and Susan Rexford's web writing class. Latour is happy that the teachers are using their newly learned skills to good use.

"It gives the students a chance to show their creative side. It isn't the usual regurgitation," said Latour. The teachers decided to use

Brassai mainly because of his ties with both France and

photography. Brassai started his career at an art school in France. He paid for his enrollment by working as a reporter for a local newspaper. When he needed a picture for a story, he found it easier to take the pictures himself. Brassai began focusing on photography as his primary art form. He quit his job as a reporter and started his profession as a photographer. His most famous photos are taken at Paris during the night.

Zittel said, "It's fun shooting in Brassai's style because all the pictures tell a story."



Allison Poland

This photo and the one to the left are in "Brassai as a Muse."

Spring musical lives up to WS reputation

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lighting, sound, and set began working on the play before Winter Break.

"Crew work began the minute Mrs. Levesque announced the play in December," said senior Priya Chhaya who as House Manager handles the Sports Lobby decorations and ushering.

After auditions in mid-January, the actors, dancers, and chorus began having rehearsals to learn the songs and dances, and to do blocking. Blocking is learning where to stand on the stage during the play.

A major part of the final rehearsals is getting everything to come together.

"We've had dance rehearsals to learn choreography since March, but putting the dance with the orchestra was hard because the orchestra play the beats differently than the tape," said freshman Margaret Santiago, a featured dancer. There are about 140 people involved in the play this year, including the ushers, crew, chorus, and actors.

"There are a lot of newcomers this year. We lost a lot of seniors. This play will give us a chance to rebuild," said Levesque.

Seniors Rochelle Ronken and Sean Bury played a large part in making sure that "Damn Yankees" went smoothly. As Stage Manager, Ronken was responsible for every part of the production. Bury was the Student Director and ran the rehearsals.

"They had an incredible amount of work to do. They did a remarkable job," said Yanovich.

Because of the excellent reputation of the WS drama department, the cast felt pressured to produce a good play. "There's always been a high standard. There's pressure to live up to what's been done in the past," said junior Casey Graham.

On opening night, the drama department invited the WS Varsity Baseball team to the performance to show their support for the athletes. They honored Coach Ron Tugwell who is retiring this year.

Levesque jokes about being a coach herself. "I wanted to show the world that drama could do sports. I call myself the 'drama coach' so I figured I needed a team," said Levesque.

Levesque was confident that "Damn Yankees" would be a success.

"Everyone's going to love it. People will go away happy. It's an all-around family show," said Levesque. "We don't disappoint."



Bree Viroshko

This year's production was a "chance to rebuild" because of the loss of many seniors.

NHS serves community

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to do an annual service day in the spring, which would allow NHS members to do volunteer work as a group, since generally members earn the required ten hours of community service per semester individually.

NHS members voted to do this project because they felt it was a noble way to help the community. Senior Gretchen McKeever, a secretary for NHS, says, "I think it's a worthy cause...to give people a roof over their heads. It's a

combination of teamwork and service."

In addition to choosing the project for its moral value, NHS also picked the project because it will give them a chance to work together. "It gets all of NHS involved. Nobody does anything as a group. Instead of just a whole bunch of individuals doing stuff, we're doing this together," says junior Jennie Turchi, who organized the project for NHS. Many of the other NHS members also emphasized the

benefits of doing the Habitat project as a group. Senior Lisa Leininger, a secretary for NHS, says, "It's a good way to be seen as a group in the community."

The project will take place on May 20 and has been in the works for four months. It will last for eight hours, from 9am-5pm. Over 80 NHS members plan to participate, which is more than half of all its members. According to Turchi, they'll be painting and doing other interior work, but not construction. The house NHS will be working on is located in Manassas.

Jamie Morris, NHS's advisor, feels that the project will be a tremendous success. "For seniors," said Morris, "it's a last chance to say thank you to the community."

Misplaced traffic signal to cause more back up

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Pearson and LaRosa are not backing down on the safety issue of crossing assistance at the Grigsby intersection.

"There was a child at Edison killed by traffic and also a child at Lee," said LaRosa. "We want to see something done before a WS child does get hit."

But now, regardless if it is what the PTSA had wanted, WS will have to handle the driving changes of the new traffic light, which has costs \$100,000 of taxpayer's money.

McKinney is not optimistic about the traffic back up he expects the light to cause.

"Everyone will have to wait for the light to cycle through before they can leave the parking lot which will probably back things up," said WS Security Specialist Zion McKinney. "It will take some getting used to."

Student drivers agree with this sentiment.

"It may be structured, but I think it's going to slow things down. [With a light] it will take longer to get into the school," said junior Andria Beyer.

SAT prep class prepares students for test

By Julie Davis

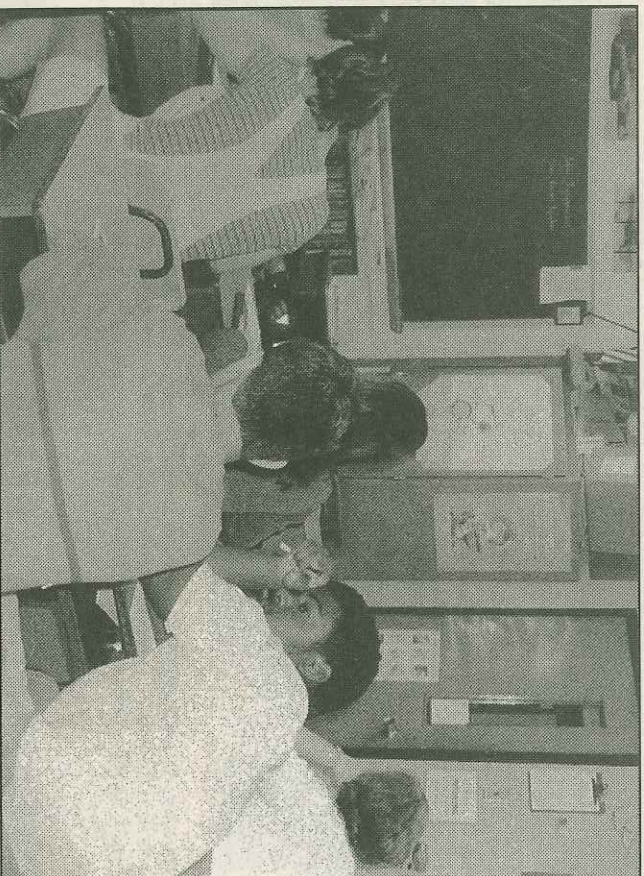
Oracle Staff Writer

Switching lunch in the middle of the semester can be an inconvenience, but that is a sacrifice that Reasoning Skills students must make in order to raise their SAT scores. Because the SAT has two main portions, math and verbal, each quarter covers one subject during the 5th period semester class.

Rob Benton teaches the math portion of the class, and the math department routinely has "A" lunch. Marlene Darwin teaches the verbal portion, and the English department has "B" lunch.

"The lunch switch was annoying because you get settled in with your friends in the Sports Lobby, and you know exactly where you can find them when that bell ending second block rings," said junior Kevin Ashcraft. "Then it changes. It's not that bad though, because I have friends in both lunches."

Since a student's SAT score is one of the main factors when being admitted into college, many students are taking advantage of this prep class to better prepare themselves. They, as well as their



Bree Vrositko

Students work on practice problems in Reasoning Skills, an SAT prep course offered at WS. Students, particularly juniors, take the class to improve their SAT scores.

parents, note that this class is free and saves money, instead of paying several hundred dollars for a private course.

"I know that the Princeton Review and other places can charge high tuition

format of the SAT, as well as reviewing material which may be on it.

"I try to review Algebra 1 and Geometry," he said. "Most of the problems on the SAT aren't math class problems."

In the verbal portion, Darwin has her class practice the SAT, which gives her students the power of familiarity.

"Lots and lots of practice can make a real difference," she said. "Students can raise their verbal scores on an average of 50 points."

Reasoning Skills is most popular with juniors, but some sophomores and seniors also take it.

"It's not worthwhile for a senior to take it," said Darwin. "By this time it's probably too late."

However, enrolling in the class will not automatically raise SAT scores. Reasoning Skills is a class which requires hard work, just like any other course.

"I wasn't sure what I was going to get out of the class," said senior Alan Chambers, who took the SAT class last year. "However, I'm glad I took it because I was more prepared."

Students surf the radio waves of DC

By Myles Curran

Entertainment Assistant

It doesn't matter what your taste in music is. Whether it be rock, country, Top 40, hip-hop, or alternative, you can find them all on the radio waves of DC.

The war for radio supremacy in the Washington area is a battle between six stations. Only two of these stations play the same kind of music; otherwise, the music tastes vary greatly.

WHFS 99.1 of Bethesda offers new rock alternative to its listeners. Deejays like Gina Crash and Johnny Riggs, draw listeners in with their comical ways. Every year in late May, WHFS is the sponsor of the HFSFival. The event will take place at Fed Ex Stadium this year and is headlined by Rage Against the Machine.

WWDC 101.1, the self proclaimed "only station that really rocks" plays music similar to WHFS 99.1. Like WHFS, DC 101 hosts its own annual music festival, the Chili Cook-Off, which is held in May. DC 101 is most widely known for its morning show, *Elliot in the Morning*. The show is known for its crude

humor and the infamous Lobster Story.

"*Elliot in the Morning* is hilarious," said sophomore Jessie Bagnall. "The things he does just make me laugh."

It's been a year since the Greaseman incident, but WARW 94.7 is still going strong. Home of the "Seven Song Superset," the station is still growing in popularity as it continues to play classics by the likes of Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, and the Rolling Stones.

"I listen to 94.7 most often because they play the music I like," said junior David Glaser. "You can also hear all the original songs that Puff Daddy copied."

On the complete opposite side of the music universe is WWZZ 104.1, which offers today's hit music, including the boy bands of today and other Top 40 hits.

Two stations that appear to be growing in popularity every year with students are WMZQ 98.7 and WPGC 95.5. WMZQ plays today's hit country music like the Dixie Chicks and Garth Brooks. The People's Station 95.5 plays the exact opposite of WMZQ. 95.5 plays today's biggest hip-hop and rap hits.



Bree Vrositko

WS Senior Gretchen McKeever listens to the radio in her free time. The music tastes of WS students varies from rock to country to alternative.

"I usually listen to 95.5 when I have the radio on," said junior Rob Dempster Shady.

WS gets the zoo experience without all the fuss

By Mike Fletcher

Oracle Staff Writer

It's the best place to see exotic animals, unheard of underwater creatures, and amazing birds, and it's right inside our school.

Biology teacher Beth Jewell has sponsored the first annual "Virtual Zoo" this year, giving her students the opportunity to present their extensive knowledge of the Animalia family.

The grand opening of the zoo occurred on April 13th and 14th, with all the animal varieties of a real zoo, minus

the myriad of odors that most zoos are infamous for. Held in the WS career center,

food and drinks were provided while students perused the collection of animal exhibits compiled by Jewell's classes.

"Everybody in our class would choose an animal family and then a specific animal," said freshman Jameson Puckett. "Then we had to put together a little website with info, about our animal."

Each period was responsible for putting together their own "Virtual Zoo," with names like "Where the Wild Things Are" and "The Lindolly Zoo." The zoo, found on the WS website, has virtual

animal exhibits organized by family.

Everyone's favorite animal families are available to study, from Reptilia to Pisces. After choosing which family to take a closer look at, the selection of individual animals opens up.

A wide collection of photographs bring the zoo exhibits to life and are accompanied by extensive information that might not be available at a regular zoo.

Jewell has given her students the opportunity to classify animals in a similar fashion to the way they did in previous years, but this is the first time they have been presented in such a wide scale event

so easily available to the public.

"I wanted to give my students the chance to learn the specific details about animal classifications and let them use current trends like web pages to present what they've learned," said Jewell.

"We've done this before, but the Virtual Zoo is a great new way to get their work to be seen by more people."

The Virtual Zoo can provide a very convenient research tool for those not already motivated by curiosity. Each animal is carefully classified, and all of the information is presented accurately and professionally.



Senior Girl Scout receives national recognition

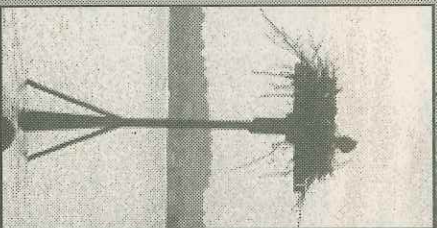
By Kelly Alm
Managing Editor

We have all admired nature at one point or another. But how many of us have actually given something back to the environment and wildlife which contributes to our lives?

Senior Meredith Steer did exactly this when she built four osprey-nesting platforms and installed them in Belmont Bay at Mason Neck State Park.

"I wanted to do something that really made a difference, something where I would really be giving back," said Steer.

For her outstanding project, Meredith, who is a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 5002, became the first girl in her service unit, 52-8, to earn scouting's highest award, the "Gold Award." She was also recognized with letters of congratulations from celebrities such as Bob Hope, Steven Spielberg, Rosie O'Donnell, Katie Couric, Bush.



Meredith Steer
CNN interviews senior Meredith Steer about the osprey-nesting platforms she built for Belmont Bay at Mason Neck State Park.

"It was really cool to meet all these people, not because they were stars necessarily, but because I had done

something that people appreciated," said Steer.

Conservationists along the East Coast have long been striving to build safe havens for these birds in an effort to bring back the osprey population. In order to complete her project, Meredith did extensive research with environmental specialists from as far away as Canada and Florida.

She then designed and constructed 16 foot high platforms made of wood and mesh. Each was placed 150 yards from the shore into the water and anchored with 100 pounds of concrete. In order to carry the platforms and cement into the water, Meredith and volunteers waded out to the site in waist-deep, cold water carrying each platform while hauling all of their equipment in their canoes.

"I was ready to give it my all from the beginning," said Steer. "I have to admit I didn't realize it would be so much work, but it was worth it in the end."

Harry Potter casts a spell on readers of all ages

By Janelle Baldwin
News Editor

Mention Harry Potter to a group of school-aged children and a majority will reach for their own dog-eared copies of the books in a new series about a boy with that name. The incredible thing about these books though is that adults are reading them as well.

"I didn't write with a target audience in mind," said the author of the Harry Potter series, J.K. Rowling.

There have been three books published in the Harry Potter series that will eventually become a book for each year that the main character, Harry, will spend at Hogwarts,

the school where he trains to become a wizard. In the first three books, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, and *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, Harry experiences the fight between good and evil as he completes his first years of wizardry training. It isn't often that a book appeals to such a wide spectrum of ages, but Harry Potter is anything but ordinary.

A *USA Today* review affirms that "you don't have to be a wizard or a kid to appreciate the spell cast by Harry Potter."

With one glance at the cover, readers

of all ages are transported to a world of fantasy and imagination. "My favorite cover is the American one," said

Rowling. Rowling's publisher, Scholastic, has a website dedicated to the popular series. At www.scholastic.com/harrypotter interested readers can read sample chapters from each released book, read transcripts of online chats with the author, play games, and see discussion guides about the books.

The title of the fourth book was announced on this website on May 1. It will be released on July 8. The first three

Harry Potter books have been USA Today and New York Times number one best-sellers, and the same success is anticipated for the next book in the series. Harry Potter has been published in twenty-five languages. In the American version, a few changes were made to the manuscript to make it understandable to American readers. For *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, the title was even changed.

According to Rowling, there is going to be a Harry Potter movie by Warner Brothers. "Warner Brothers have bought merchandizing rights," said Rowling, "so it is possible that we will be seeing Harry Potter toys."

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- July 10 Red Hot Chili Peppers/Foo Fighters at Nissan Pavilion \$41.50/\$31.50
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- July 28 Santana/Macy Gray at Nissan Pavilion \$62/\$42/\$27
- August 23 Reba McEntire at Wolf Trap \$46/\$25

Local SCENE

By Jennifer Schonberger
Inside Story Editor

"I'll never let you go..." These are the words to the band Third Eye Blind's hit new song. They recently played at the 9:30 Club. While they are not really a local band, many entertaining local bands play there as well as other places. The Washington Metropolitan area has much to offer when it comes to local entertainment. This area has many good local bands that may not be famous, but still provide good music.

Ranging from R&B music to alternative, the 9:30 Club hosts many local bands. It also offers special performances for teenagers under 18 years of age. The club also includes two VIP sections, a big balcony, and back rooms with couches.

"When I went to the 9:30 Club to see Guster the place was packed," said sophomore Leslie Campbell. "The cool thing about the 9:30 Club is that you have the option of getting close to the stage."

Some of the upcoming acts that will be featured at the 9:30 Club include Elliot Smith on May 12, Wire with Tone on May 13, Beth Hart on May 18, Ween on May 22, and George Clinton on June 1.

Jaxx is one local hangout where local bands can be seen. Jason Strzemienski and his band play their funk/rock music at Jaxx.

"Jaxx is a great place to get exposure for local bands," said Strzemienski. "You get to play in front of friends and get experience playing for strangers."

If punk music mixed with a yuppy, coffee house atmosphere is your kind of style, Jammin Java would be a good place for you.

"It's queer," said sophomore Matt Haines, "It's not my kind of place. Although if you enjoy lounging on couches while listening to punk music, sipping your coffee, then you would like it."

If Friday is your night for entertainment then The Spot at The Ritz located on E ST NW is a place to go. It hosts three levels of music including techno dance, hip-hop, salsa, merengue, Latino, and 70's and 80's music. Each room has a different theme, including an HFS room.

"The spot is really fun because there are so many different types of music in the different rooms that if you get tired of one type of music you can always go to another room and listen to another type of music," said senior Emily Kirkpatrick.

The Element also hosts Friday nights in Chinatown with hip-hop and techno dance music.

Perhaps Saturday is the night you put on your dancing shoes and listening ears. Glow, located at 14th and 1st ST NW hosts House and Trance in the main room, and salsa/merengue, acid jazz, and deep house in the Mezzanine.

Places to find country music would include Nick's at 642 South Pickett St in Alexandria. On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays they have Southern Winds Band. On Monday and 13th Branded will be playing and on May 19 and 20th Area Code 301 will be playing. Nick's houses the largest dance floor in Northern Virginia along with live music six nights a week and a full scale restaurant. On Sundays from 4-9 p.m. there is country music for all ages. There are also lessons for one hour every night before the band plays. Spurs is also a good place located at 216 Crain HWY in Waldorf.

"Nick's is not only a great place to have great food and listen to good music," said junior Michelle Khair, "but you can meet kids from other schools as well."

By Ellen Waylonis

Photography Editor

MXXPX, NOFX, MMBT. This hard-hitting festival of acronyms, also known as the Vans Warped Tour, is in its sixth year of punk rocking, extreme-sporting glory.

The Warped Tour, which stopped in DC's RFK Stadium Lot on July 27 of last year, is billed as the largest collection of punk bands and extreme athletes in the nation. The all-day festival of music and moto-cross will return to Washington, DC, this year on July 25 at Nissan Pavilion.

The band line-up includes Warped Tour veterans NOFX and the Lunachicks, as well as Green Day, Anti Flag, Singrays, and the Donnas, among others. Past line-ups featured such diverse artists as the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, the Specials, Blink-182, and rapper Eminem.

For those people who missed the past Warped Tours, performances from the first five years are available on two CDs entitled "A Compilation of Warped Music." The CDs include tracks from Pennywise, H2O, Dropkick Murphys, 22 Jacks, Less Than Jake, 7 Seconds, Molotov, Voodoo Glow Skulls, and Blink-182.

The Warped Tour experience is in some ways typical of any outdoor music festival. A day at the Tour means sweat, grime, dehydration, overpriced bottled water, and harsh sunlight. But unlike many other festivals, the Warped Tour boasts adequate restroom facilities and tame crowds.

"There wasn't much in the way of mosh pits," said senior John Schaefer of the Warped Tour. "Mostly, people were ska-dancing and doing their own thing."

One feature that distinguishes the Warped Tour from other music festivals is the sporting attractions. Last year's Tour included moto-cross riders Ronnie Faisst, Larry Linkogle, and Trevor Vines; pro-skaters Steve Caballero, Chris Livingston, and Phil Hajal; and BMX-er Joe Rich. The athletes added variety to the show, but the focus was still, as always, on the music.

"People pay some attention to the athletes," said sophomore Lance Cohen, "but it's more about the bands than the sports."

Tickets for the Warped Tour go on sale June 3 through Ticketmaster. So get yours, and BYOBW (bring your own bottled water).

"Meeting No Doubt was definitely a dream come true. When they scheduled a performance at the 9:30 Club, which is really small, my dream became more of a reality. I got lucky with a backstage

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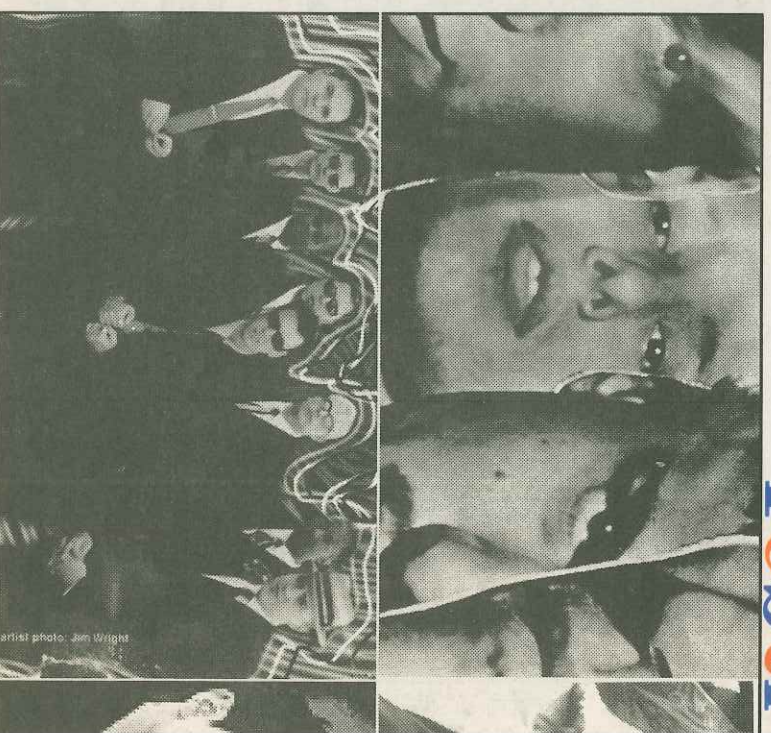
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Headlining Bands: Greenday, NOFX, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Save Ferris, MXXPX, Suicide Machines,
Long Beach Dub All Stars, Bif Naked
Special features: Athletes and extreme sports
Cost: \$26.00
Where: Nissan Pavilion
Website: www.warpedtour.com



"I am so glad that because I love them s waiting so my favorite definitely of my life e v e n to come to Years Eve party in Hav thanks. I was so devas meet them." —Dianna



"I had wanted to me my dream finally came March. I excited to it was kind me to got there so I would c h a n c e actually happened, I w everything off, they p concert. It was the bes —Terra Caussin, juni



(Clockwise from left) Rage Against the Machine, P.O.D., Vertical Horizon highlights at this year's four most popular music festivals in this area.

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By Lauren Edwards
Oracle Photographer

It's Kamikaze Ozzy!

Once again, Ozzfest is one of the most anticipated concerts of the summer, but this time it is proving to be an important event for fans. The concert, a heavy metal festival featuring Ozzy Osborne as its front act, will next year have to do without its main stage headliner. The artist, who in 1997 emerged with his idea of month-long Ozzfest, is leaving next year to return to his solo career. He plans on releasing a CD, though no recording dates have yet been released.

"It has to end sometime," Ozzy said to MTV about his leaving his namesake show.

Many people believe that the attributing the show to him, however, would be wrong. The show got off the ground when Ozzy's wife Sharon decided to build a tour around him. Backstage, his teenage children are often found supporting him.

But Ozzy's time on the stage at Ozzfest won't be forgotten. The band's camerawoman at last year's show recorded 120 hours of footage of fans and music, including candid shots of a man drilling a hole in his head and filling it with a nail. After the footage has been reviewed, it will be turned into a documentary to be played in the show cities and, eventually, in theatres.

In February, Ozzy sent out a bulk email to fans requesting their input for this year's band list. Responses started coming in at the rate of a hundred per hour. However, this year's line up was largely shaped by Ozzy's 14-year-old son Jack. "He's my little link between me and the other people," Ozzy has said.

But no matter who plays, it should be a great show. This year, Ozzfest is coming to Nissan on July 14, and bringing with it bands such as Pantera, Godsmack, POD, Incubus, Ministry, and Kritic. Don't think this has all become easy for Ozzy, though; he still battles ongoing bouts of stage fright. But he plays on, giving parents worries and defending the heavy metal music he plays. On the style, he says "I don't understand any of it. It's all music to me. You either like it, or you don't."

pass (that was actually expired but they still let me back) and I got to go up to the balcony and meet them. They were the nicest people I had ever met. It was such a great experience." —Angela Fiorino, sophomore

Some sounds that sizzle

Fests

Ozz Fest
Date: Friday July 14

Headlining Bands: Godsmack, StaticX, Pantera.

Ozzy, P.O.D., Incubus, Methods of Mayhem

Special features: Staging design and The Ozz Fest Movie

Cost: \$58.25, \$38.25

Where: Nissan Pavilion
Website: www.ozzfest.com

Chili Cookoff

Date: Saturday May 20

Headlining Bands: Goo Goo Dolls, Vertical Horizon, Stroke 9, Our Lady Peace

Special features: A portion of the proceeds will go to the National Kidney Foundation.

There is also a contest for the opening band, sponsored by the radio station DC 101.1.

You can taste a large variety of chili as well. Cost: \$12.50 through TicketMaster;

\$20.00 at the gate
Where: Washington DC, Pennsylvania Ave. between 10th and 14th streets

Website: www.DC101.com



Vertical Horizon

and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones will each be one of the

By Mike Waldron
News Editor

Pennsylvania Avenue has been blocked off in front of the White House for about two years, but on May 20, yet another section of the road will be traffic-free. That is because on May 20, DC101 will hold its 21st-annual Chili Cook-Off downtown on Pennsylvania Avenue between 10th and 14th Streets.

In addition to the music, there will also be plenty of food. There will be hot rock bands and even hotter chili recipes to sample as 101 chili cooks compete for top honors at the concert. A portion of the proceeds will go to the National Kidney Foundation. Last year, 12,000 people attended the concert, which raised about \$350,000 for charity. Tickets are now on sale through Ticketmaster for \$12.50, but they will cost \$20 at the gate.

"I'm hoping to go this year," said junior Chris Behnmann. "I think it'll be a good show."

The line-up of bands includes:

-The Goo Goo Dolls, who continue to thrive on the success of their sixth album, "Dizzy Up The Girl" will headline this year's Chili Cook-Off. "This record was a serious growing process for us," says vocalist and guitarist Jom Rzeznik, who formed the band from Buffalo in the late 1980s. "This album has an ease of sound that I don't think we've ever captured before."

-The Chili Cook-Off will be a homecoming of sort for Vertical Horizon, a band that was formed by Matt Scannell and Keith Kane at a Georgetown undergrad party in 1991. Their new album "Everything You Want," has gained them national recognition for the first time.

-Our Lady Peace will perform at the Chili Cook-Off—just another appearance for a band that played in about 500 shows in the two years following its formation in 1994. The band will play songs from its new album, "Happiness."

"Nasty Little Thoughts," the new album from Stroke Nine, includes the San Francisco band's hit song, Little Black Backpack. At concerts, "we really try to approach playing from a fan's point of view," says bassist Greg Guellder. "We want to get up there, thrash around and have fun."

-Eight Stops Seven is a hard-rock band from California that recently produced an album titled "In Moderation." On stage, "we'll do anything," says bassist Alex Viveros. "There are no limits."



Seniors Melissa Tran and Lisa Leininger camp out for HFSFest tickets.

By Sue Moon
News Section Editor

Selling out 47 minutes after tickets went on sale at 9 AM on Saturday, April 29, this year's radio station WHFS 99.1 FM's annual summer festival is living up to the hype.

When others were sleeping that morning, thousands of people were waiting in line for tickets to the 2000 HFSFest, the thirteenth in the series of concerts, taking place on May 28 at FedEx Field in Maryland. Although it was discouraged by the station, people arrived at ticket outlets as early as 6 PM the night before to secure their places in line. There were many situations that caused others to run into some trouble with security and law enforcement.

"I got kicked out of line," said junior John Donovan. "The security guards were hassling us and I yelled some 'unpleasant' things at them. They charged me with inciting a riot and disorderly conduct."

The success of the ticket sales is attributed to the popular concert line up. With three stages to accommodate major, national acts, local acts, and deejays, the musical selection is incredibly varied. The headliners include Rage Against the Machine, Cypress Hill, the Deftones, and Third Eye Blind. Other acts are Filter, Stone Temple Pilots, Vertical Horizon, and Jepeto, which won the station's "Big Break" contest specifically for local area bands. Last year, the Fairfax band Sev won the contest and was the first to perform. Thirty bands are scheduled for the HFSFest. The radio station has had a tradition of charging \$1 for each band at the event, and in keeping with that, the concert tickets were \$29.99 with a service charge of \$5.50.

"I spent \$120 dollars on tickets," said senior David Carlisle. "It was a hassle getting them for my friends."

Not only was the slight increase in ticket prices a concern, but the location of the event also caused some complaints. Instead having the past luxury of taking the Metro to RFK Stadium in the District, concert goers will have to find other means of transportation to FedEx Field.

"There's going to be so much traffic. To RFK there's transportation... but I'm still looking forward to going," said junior Sara Benjamin.

Last year's summer edition of the HFSFest was held at PSINet Stadium. The first festivals were held in more intimate settings, like Lake Fairfax, with smaller concert lists, but as the festival gained popularity, the larger venues were chosen to fit the larger crowds.

"I think that the summer line up last year was better," said Benjamin. "This year it's mostly 'one-hit' bands, but I still want to see Rage [Against the Machine] and the Deftones."

No Doubt's "Return of Saturn" was released April 11.

No Doubt they're back

"Return of Saturn" marks return of popular band

By Angela Fiorino
Update Editor

They have finally returned and so have I. Who else did you think was going to review No Doubt's new CD?

After five years No Doubt is finally back. After making "Tragic Kingdom," which was a certified-diamond selling CD that sold over ten million copies, their fans were dying to hear what else the foursome from Orange County, California had up their sleeves. The band spent the two and a half years after the October 1995 release of "Tragic Kingdom" doing a complete world tour. During and shortly after the tour, No Doubt appeared on almost every late night show, in every magazine and performed or received awards on almost every awards show. They even re-released an earlier unknown CD titled "The Beacon Street Collection."

They also put out a 92-minute home video called "Live in The Tragic Kingdom," which was shot at their homecoming concert at Arrowhead Pond in Anaheim, California. People that jumped on the No Doubt bandwagon because of songs like "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak" started to become seriously in love with the band and they went out and bought their older CDs making No Doubt's first CD reach the 250,000 mark after the release of *Tragic Kingdom*.

After coming back to conservative Orange County, the band realized that they would have to come up with a magic follow-up to "Tragic Kingdom." They pretty much disappeared after they got all the publicity. For fans like me, this was a hard thing to handle.



Lead singer Gwen Stefani substantially contributed to the lyrics and music of No Doubt's "Return of Saturn."

After about a year, the glory of "Tragic Kingdom" seemed to be forgotten by magazines and radio stations. Everybody was waiting to see what No Doubt had in store for us next. However, it was time for the hard-working band relax. After spending two and a half years on the road, the last thing that they wanted to do was work. They knew that they would have to make a fourth CD to follow such great material, but they weren't sure how they were going to go about that.

"We didn't really know what kind of music we were going to write because it had been so long and we kind of outgrew our old style," said lead singer Gwen Stefani on the band's website.

However, I didn't out grow anything that came from No Doubt. I still listened to all three of their CDs with the same passion that I had the first time that I heard them, but I was hoping that they would come out with something new.

After finalizing their decision to make a new CD, the band moved out of Orange County and into Los Angeles County, and rented out a Hollywood Hills home. The band made small appearances around Southern California but nothing big and no one had a clue where they were or what they were doing.

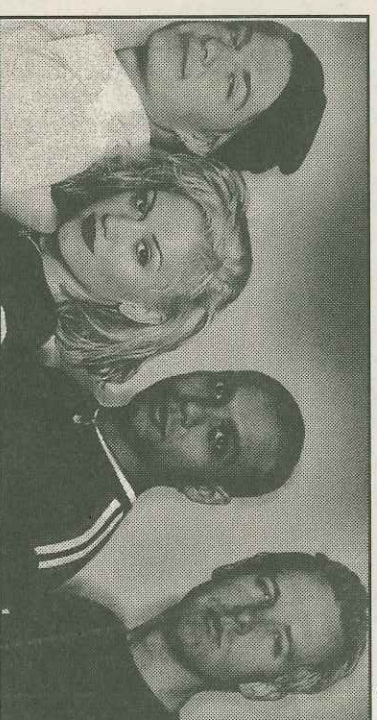
After searching long and hard for the right producer to make the right record, No Doubt settled for Glen Ballard who worked with both Alanis Morissette and Aerosmith. The first song that they wrote after the tour was "New," that appeared on the "Go" movie soundtrack. I remember the first time I heard that song on the radio, I barely recognized them since it had been so long since I heard anything new. I was ecstatic to realize that they were finally coming back and decided not to call it quits.

In May 1999 they finished recording seventeen songs for the album and released dates for a small eight-city tour on the West Coast.

Their second single, "Ex-Girlfriend," was finally released and the media welcomed it with open arms, as did all their fans. Fans were ready for another dose of No Doubt. They released eleven dates for a tour around the US, playing at small clubs only. Then their long awaited CD hit stores on April 11, 2000. The CD titled *Return of Saturn*, refers to the 29 years it takes Saturn to circle the sun. All of the band members are around that age and during their lifetime they have experienced much change. In track six, "Artificial Sweetener," Stefani

sings, "the return of Saturn, assessing my life, second guessing." Most of the other songs on the CD revolve around Stefani's long time relationship with Bush front man Gavin Rossdale and the rocky roads they have to overcome. She expresses her feelings about settling down and getting married in their second single, "Simple Kind of Life," she sings, "all I wanted was a simple man so I could be a wife." She also begs for a man in track seven, "Marry Me," "I can't help that I like to be kissed, and I wouldn't if my name changed to Mrs." The band has made many changes in their musical style and lyrics over the last two years, and Stefani has notably matured in many ways. She is no longer "just a girl."

Stefani wrote all of the lyrics as well as



Adrian Young, Gwen Stefani, Tony Kanal and Tom Dumont are the foursome from California that makes up No Doubt.

her life opened up and published for the whole world to see. Things that would normally break bands up are the things that made No Doubt stronger and helped them get to what they are today.

Some of these painful obstacles were: Stefani's brother leaving, the original lead singer committing suicide and the painful break up of the seven year relationship between Stefani and Tony Kanal, the bassist. All of these incidents provided the lyrics and music for "Tragic Kingdom."

"Return of Saturn" is mostly made up of new wave sounds from the '80s. No Doubt was going back to some of their roots and rediscovering everything. The CD has absolutely outstanding guitar riffs and bass lines and has a great mixture of new wave, reggae, rock and pop. A good portion is made up of serious ballads that are slower and deeper and there is even a hidden track that turns track nine, "Too Late," into a beautiful instrumental song done by piano and an orchestra. The actual

musical style is hard to explain, No Doubt develops their own type of music that can't be classified under a certain category.

"There's one song on the record that really stands out to me as different-and the most No Doubt song-and that's 'Beth

Water.' It started out spontaneously with Tony playing this really simple bass line with a groove to it. Gwen started singing words to it and 40 minutes later we had a

song, a really fun song. It sounds like old No Doubt, but it sounds like us at the age we are now. It's one of my favorites...and it's somewhere between Duke Ellington and reggae," said guitarist Tom Dumont on the band's website.

No matter if you liked or disliked "Tragic Kingdom," you will love "Return of Saturn," there is something for everyone on this CD. I am overly satisfied with the CD and I knew all along that they would come out with something great. It has already reached number two on the Billboard Top 200, moving Santana's *Supernatural* to number three. Plus I knew that it was going to be good when Gwen told me herself when I met them at the 9:30 Club in April.

"Do you have the new CD?" she asked me.

"No, not yet. I have heard some of the songs from the computer though," I told her.

"Well get it when it comes out, you're really going to like it," she said.

And I do.

abusive husband Earl.

"When I first heard the song I was shocked," said senior Kate Cosgrove. "But once I listened to it I realized its good message about spousal abuse."

Dixie Chicks put a comical spin on the song, singing of different ways to kill Earl and laughing at how they would get away with it.

The songs ends with Earl, the abusive husband, being stuffed into a trunk after a supposed picnic.

"It was a sad song and they acted like it's funny," said sophomore Amanda Jones. "It was wrong of them to kill him, she should have just left."

Jones isn't the only person that disagrees with the song.

History teacher Nadine Woods dislikes the way the song portrays how men should be treated. "It says it's okay to kill a man, but not right to kill a woman," said Woods.

While some take the song seriously others find it humorous.

Junior Suzanne Grant and her friends find the song a joke and don't take it seriously at all.

At the same time, some students believe Earl got what he deserved.

Senior Elizabeth Vaughn said, "What goes around comes around."

'Earl' is killed by controversy

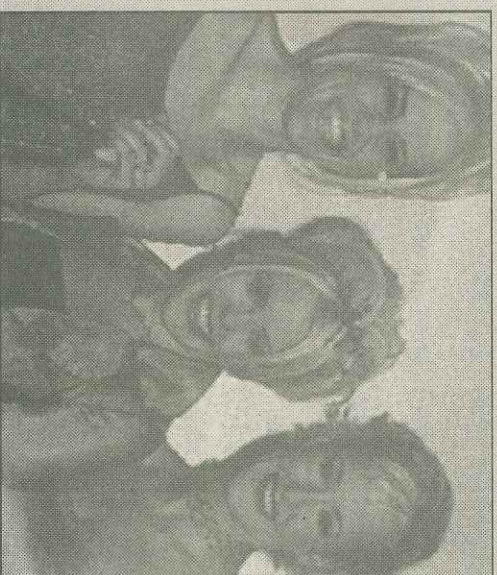
Radio stations refuse to play song about premeditated murder

By Amy Steed
Business Assistant

"She held Wanda's hand as they worked out a plan, and it didn't take 'em long to decide that Earl had to die," echoes from the voices of the Dixie Chicks as guitars are strummed in the background.

After releasing a successful single, "Wide Open Spaces," that won single of the year at the Country Music Awards and winning vocal group of the year, the Dixie Chicks continue to hold the attention of country music listeners.

"Goodbye Earl," featured on their most recent CD "Fly," has sparked discussions nationwide. The song



The lyrics of the Dixie Chicks' hit "Goodbye Earl" has been criticized for its support of murder.

tells the story of two friends that go different ways after high school. One becomes a successful lawyer, while the other marries and becomes the victim of abuse by her husband.

After placing a request for divorce, Wanda is battered and placed in intensive care. Mary Ann, Wanda's high school friend, flies right back and helps Wanda kill her

Jaxx creates alternative to D.C. concerts

By Kelly Alm
Managing Editor

Quality live music served with food and drinks isn't only found in the nearby city of D.C. In fact, this type of entertainment can be found right around the corner, tucked away in our very own Springfield suburbs at a club called Jaxx.

"Jaxx is nice because it is really convenient. Its nice to be able to see a concert without having to haul all the way out to D.C.," said senior Heather Koed.

Besides the convenience of being nearby Jaxx offers top flight, often legendary, national caliber entertainment in an intimate setting.

Jaxx features national recording acts, ranging from legendary "Classic" Rock acts to up and coming "stars of tomorrow." Artists such as

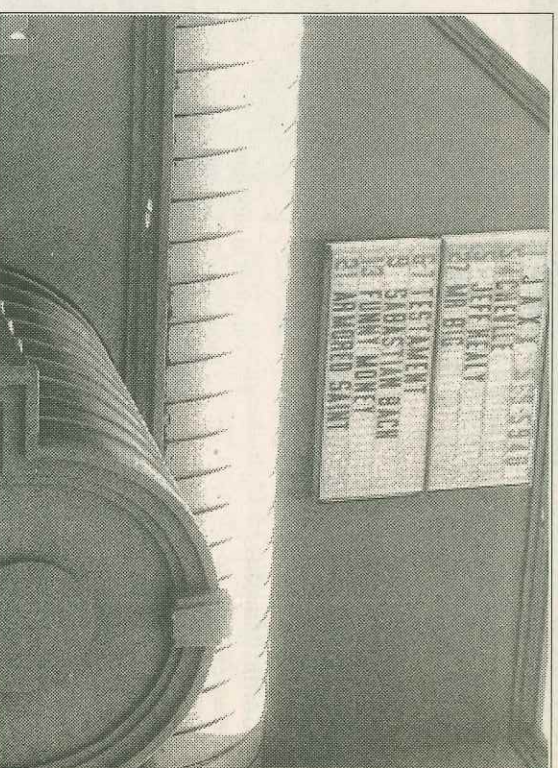
Greg Allman, Rare Earth, Todd Rundgren, Nazareth, Peter Frampton, Dokken, 38 Special, Pantera, America, Steppenwolf, Dio, Blackmore's Rainbow, and others have performed at the club in the recent months.

"I went to the Vanilla Ice concert there, and it was a blast," said senior Andrew Slawter.

Not only is Jaxx a great place to party and see a great show, but if you are in a local band it is a great place to play. Jaxx features one of the finest light and sound systems available.

In fact last weekend, local bands from the Springfield area played at Jaxx. These bands included Ratchet Boys, Milos, Ponderosa Flip, Low Profile, Stryker, and Boulevard.

"I played my first show there last weekend," said senior Jason Strzemienski, "and everybody, including the bands playing, seemed to be having an awesome time."



Ellen Waylons
Todd Rundgren and Mr. Big are among the bands appearing at Jaxx in the next two months. Blue Oyster Cult is appearing at Jaxx in early November.

Book Review: Ten Little Indians

By Lauren Weaver

Features Editor

"Ten little Indian boys went out to dine, one choked his little self and then there were nine."

A judge, a secretary, a spinster, and a general are four of the 10 diverse characters who become entwined in a murder mystery in Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians*.

This story is full of suspense and mystery from the very beginning.

each of murder. The plot of the story gains more momentum

as the accusations and questions begin. Who is U.N. Owen and why have the characters been invited to the island?

The purpose of their invitation becomes clear when one of the characters chokes and dies because of a poisoned drink. This death begins the string of murders that plagues Indian Island and kills the characters one by one.

Christie demonstrates her mastery of the mystery genre in *Ten Little Indians*. She uses a nursery rhyme about the "Ten

Little Indians" as an outline of how and when the murders occur.

Ten Little Indians immediately captured my interest and kept it until the last page. There are no dull moments in this book. The suspense of the plot continues to build with each chapter as more people die, new suspects arise, and strange things occur in the house. The true murderer and the motive for the murders are not revealed until the epilogue. I couldn't put down *Ten Little Indians* until I had finally found the answer to the question: Who really is U.N. Owen?

Mediocre Bands enjoy their 15 minutes of fame

By Laura Robinson

Sports Editor

You remember the Macarena.

The question is, do you want to? We all have those bands and those particular songs that just drive us nuts.

"I never want to hear Hanson ever again," said sophomore Eyan Gaugler.

Hanson, the boy-band from Tulsa, Oklahoma, broke onto the music scene with their chart-topper "Mmmhopp" back in 1997. To the delight of many they had been unheard of for the last two years until their latest single was released. Their unnamed CD is yet to be released.

"I hate the Spice Girls, Hanson and the Macarena people," said sophomore Ingrid Garrett. "I'm so glad they're gone."

The Spice Girls were famous for their girlpower and songs, "Spice Up Your Life," "Wannabe," and "Say You'll Be There." Sporty, Scary, Posh, Ginger, and Baby Spice have since gone their separate ways.



The Spice Girls came and went with songs like "Wannabe" and "Say You'll Be There."

The fivesome of 'NSYNC, which includes Lance, Joey, Chris, Justin, and J.C. are favorites to some girls for hits like,

"I Want You Back," "Tearin' Up My

Heart," and "Bye, Bye, Bye."

Most people, however, are not fond of the pop band.

"NSYNC. I hate them," said

sophomore Paul Kennamer.

Students at WS have more than cheesy boy bands like 'NSYNC and the Backstreet Boys. Their distaste also reaches into today's popular rock music.

"I hate the Foo Fighters, they're a horrible band," said junior Ariana Casillas.

Of course, many students also dislike music that is different from their usual preference of music.

"I never want to hear Garth Brooks because his music is unappealing to my taste," said freshman Denita Brazil.

Garth Brooks is well-known on the country music scene and has sold millions of CD's. In 1998, his CD *Sevens*, sold the third most of the year.

Overall, students have likes and dislikes but are always music fans. Junior Kellyn Ashpole expressed her opinion about music.

"I have respect for all musicians, but some of them just get annoying."



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Interactive side of TV leaves people clicking

By Caitlin Marvin
Ads Manager

With all the controversy over pressing issues like Elian Gonzalez, the public needed to be heard. The Internet created that outlet and not just for Elian but for all kinds of topics ranging from the Atkins diet to worldwide news.

With interactive television like MSNBC and ESPN programs, the public can get more involved through Internet polls and emails.

"I think it's a much better way to get involved," said junior Kristin Lesar. "It's quicker and easier than taking most surveys."

TV that we used to watch back then

By Jenny Braudaway
Inside Editor

Back when slap bracelets were on our wrists and homework wasn't a concern, we were probably getting our first taste of high school through Zack Morris and his crazy experiences at Bayside High School.

"Saved by the Bell" was one of many popular TV shows that students grew up watching. These shows from the 80's and early 90's included a wide range of genres.

"I used to watch 'Saved by the Bell' all the time when I was younger," said junior Jessica Ruge. "But the newer versions aren't as good as the original."

Targeted for younger kids, was the Disney Channel, home of "Kids Incorporated" and "The Mickey Mouse

You can do it at anytime."

Interactive TV also includes television shows like "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" and MTV's "WebRIOT", a music-video trivia contest.

"You can sit at home and guess at all the questions on 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire', but you can't actually get involved like you can on other game shows," said sophomore Jared Kendall.

"WebRIOT" allows for people to log on and take a chance at being picked to play along with the show through the Internet. The show's rules are available online at MTV's website and the show, hosted by

Ahmet Zappa, airs Monday through Friday at 4:30 p.m.

The Internet has become such a huge part of everyday life that the interactive side of television was inevitable. But even with the Internet's further takeover of another realm of media, there are many opinions to be heard.

"I think the Internet is taking over too much. Everyone is online now," said freshman Yimny Pande. "It was the phone, then the TV, now the Internet."

"WebRIOT is a fun, eager fix of 'convergence,' a term breathlessly applied to cross-media waves (like WebTV) that hardly anybody actually owns," wrote David Kushner in the

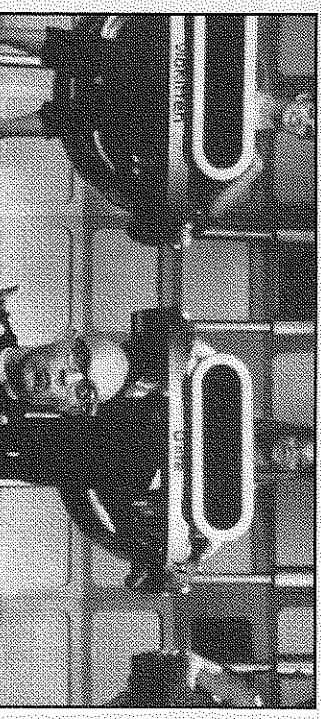
Club", as well as Nickelodeon, the home to popular cartoons like "David the Gnome," "Mya the Bee," and "Ren and Stimpy."

"Ren and Stimpy" took me places I've never been before," said senior Jay Berry.

For those deprived of cable, and therefore Nickelodeon and The Disney Channel, "Captain Planet" and "Chip N' Dale's Rescue Rangers" came to the rescue.

Both kids and young teenagers tuned into shows like "Full House" and the T.G.I.F. programs, like "Step By Step" and "Family Matters."

Many shows aired during our childhood focused on family, such as "The Facts of Life," "Mr. Belvedere," and "Family Ties."



MTV's WebRIOT allows people to log on and play along with the TV contestants.

December 9 issue of *Rolling Stone* has done more. It has gone farther than what the job called for.

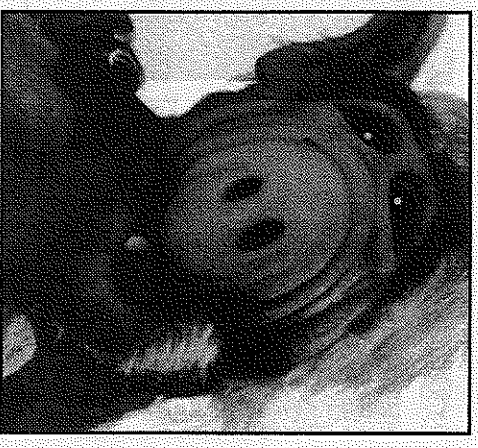
"To see if people think interactive TV is a good thing or not, or if it's getting too technological, they should take a poll," said junior Erin Smith. "They do it for every other significant issue, the Internet issue."

"I liked 'Mr. Belvedere' because I like watching fat men with English accents," said junior Alex Gross. "They're funny."

Another common theme included abnormal family members, as seen in "Alf," where the star was an alien.

For action, many people tuned in to "MacGyver" or "Quantum Leap". Then there were the shows that gave way to similar programs that are popular today, such as "Cheers," the "Friends" of the 80's, and "Family Feud," the game show that was popular before everyone wanted to become a millionaire.

As sappy as these shows were, they were the beginning of a new style of television. Also, the model of the dysfunctional family was made famous during our childhood viewing days, spurring modern versions through such



"Alf" was one of the many shows we watched back in the day, shown as "Malcolm in the Middle" and "Everybody Loves Raymond." And of course, our childhoods just wouldn't have been the same without the Tamers, Urkel, or Screech.

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Area teams might not be the best, but for students they pass the test

By Roberto Garcia
Entertainment Editor

The Wizards, the Capitals, the Redskins, the Orioles, and DC United. They might not always win, but one thing is for sure - their games are never boring. Lately, students have moved away from trying to find things to do in Springfield and

have moved towards watching athletic events.

"I try to make it to a few Washington Wizards games every season," said freshmen Heather Callender. "It's just great to get out of Springfield and see some professional teams compete."

Professional teams compete at local venues year-round. Just



a short drive away, the MCI Center houses the Washington Capitals and Washington Wizards, and RFK Stadium is home to DC United. Slightly farther away, the Washington Redskins compete at FedEx Field, and the Baltimore Orioles play in Camden Yards.

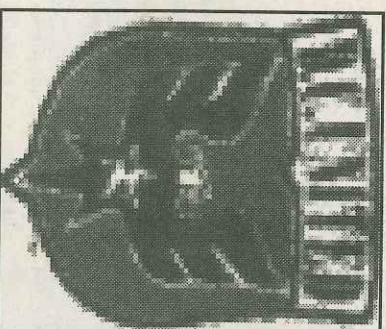
"There is nothing like watching a DC United game at RFK," said sophomore Ryan David. "Usually, the sun is out, DC is winning, the stands are shaking, and people are having a good time."

A wide range of prices are available for tickets to these sporting events. Capitals tickets range from as low as \$20 to as high as \$125. Orioles tickets are

slightly cheaper, ranging from \$9 to \$99. DC United offers seats from \$13 to \$34 and the Wizards have seats from \$19 to \$85, although they offer a very small amount of tickets for \$10 dollars.

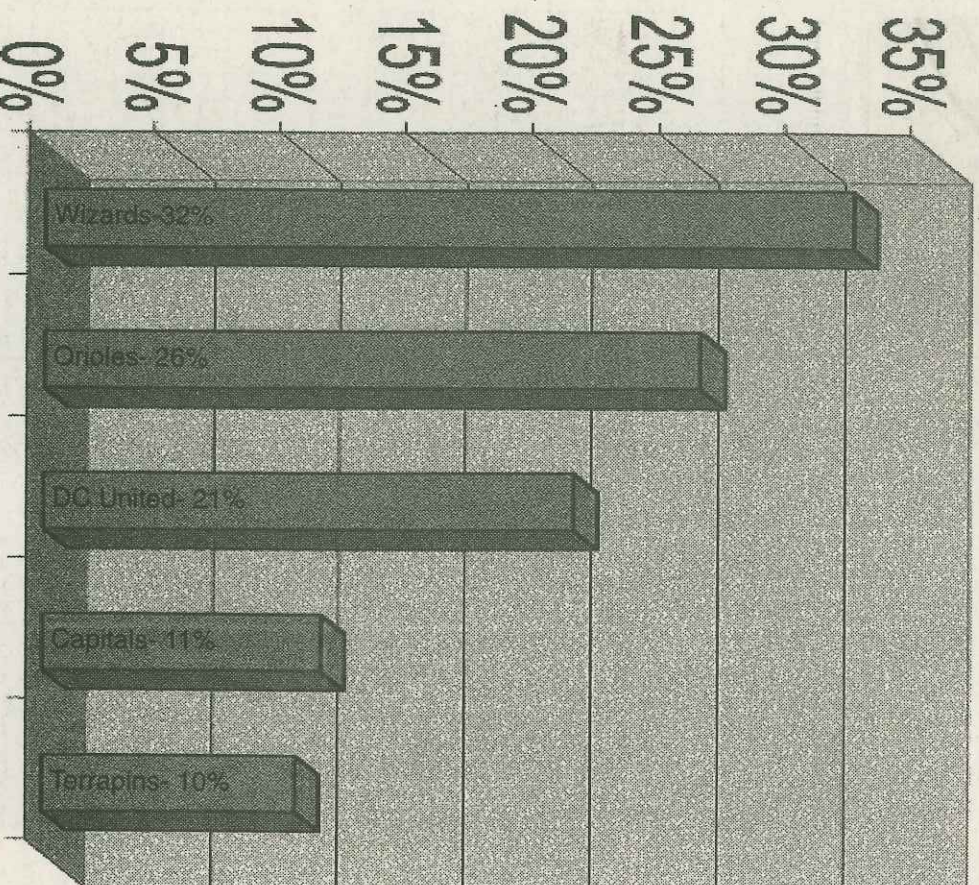
"In DC, you can find very cheap tickets to extremely expensive tickets, so there are seats for every type of person and budget," said a Ticket Master representative who refused to give his name.

For those who don't want to spend a lot of money to watch sports, WS offers a wide variety of athletic events at extremely



low prices. Tickets to sporting events cost \$4, and some can be purchased beforehand at only \$3. WS doesn't offer professional teams, but it gives students a chance to see their friends compete.

"I like watching WS teams play because you get to see your friends compete," said sophomore Bryan Witt. "That's a lot more fun than seeing a bunch of grown-ups trying to play sports."



Which team would you watch?

-Survey answered by 98 females, 99 males, and 3 teachers
-Survey compiled by Lauren Decot

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Track and Field	May 24-25 @ T.C. Williams

WS teams deck out

Players dress up on game days

atie Walker
res Editor

Strange sights can be seen around WS. There are groups of girls in pajamas, and boys decked out in dress clothes and ties. These bizarre happenings are due to sports dress up days. Teams decide to all dress in a particular fashion in order to show their spirit. Different teams show their spirit in different ways.

"We just do the the basics- dressing up and wearing orange and blue," said JV lacrosse player Elizabeth Hebda. "We also have specially designed, high-quality shirts that we decorated with purfy paint."

Team captains feel that it is important for their teams to dress alike on game days.

"On big game days we wear orange and blue or our soccer shirts so people can obviously see we're from WS," said girls varsity soccer captain Meghan

Ogilvie, a junior
Many players also look forward to dress up days.

"Dressing up is good because then you don't have to decide what to wear that day," said JV softball player Kirby Bevis. "Dressing up makes our team stand out, and it promotes team unity."

Lots of girls wear glitter and put their hair in braids on game days. Some soccer players wear their pre-wrap in their hair on game days.

"Pre-wrap is usually used for taping injuries, but you can use it for your hair too," said Ogilvie. "You put it on your head by your hairline to hold back loose hairs."

Generally, players enjoy dressing up to show their spirit on game days.

"Whenever we have major meets on Saturdays, we dress up the day before," said boys track captain Neil Suri. "I think it brings together some unity knowing we're doing something as a team."

Dan Brooks will make Olympic bid in 2004

By Janelle Baldwin
News Editor

Competing in the Olympic Games is more than most high school students could ever dream. But for one WS student, participating in the Olympics will become a reality during the summer of 2004 in Athens, Greece.

Sophomore Dan Brooks plans to be a part of the US roller hockey team when the short-stick version of the sport makes its Olympic debut in four years.

"I have played every type of hockey except for field hockey," said Brooks. "But I enjoy short-stick roller hockey the most."

In short-stick roller hockey, players use a stick that is similar to the one used for field hockey. A hard ball is used, and players' backhand shots can reach 110 miles per hour. The sport can be played inside or outside on either a wood court or a sport court.

"The beauty is that roller hockey can be played in any season," said Brooks.

Another difference between the short-

stick and long-stick versions of hockey is the skates that players use. In short-stick roller hockey players use 1970s-style quad skates instead of in-line skates.

While in-line skates give good speed, quad skates allow quick starts and sharp turns. It is this extra agility that makes quad skates an international favorite.

Brooks made the switch to quad skates after he tried out for the Olympic team. He currently competes as a member of the US Junior Olympic team. He will be eligible to compete with the Olympic team in 2004 because he will have turned 18 years old by that time.

Just before he tried out for the Olympic team, Brooks participated in the national roller hockey tournament on the freshman level. There he was the captain of his team and MVP of the tournament with 20 goals and four assists in six games.

"It was an honor," said Brooks.

Brooks calls short-stick roller hockey a "gentleman's sport." There is no checking and players must play the ball, not the player. Brooks enjoys the politeness and the respectable way of the sport.

"It's pure skill," said Brooks. "All of it. It's fast and amazing."



Barbara Brooks
Dan Brooks, pictured with his beloved coach Bill Thompson, poses for a picture.

Going to the Olympic Games is not the only international competition that Brooks will experience. This year he will be going to Barcelona in May and Chile later in the year.

Brooks additionally competes with his team called the Main Bulldogs in a regional, East Coast league of five teams. He now plays with that team when visiting his family's summer home there. For a time, Brooks went to a boarding school in Maine and played hockey under Coach Bill Thompson.

"He was like a father figure to me," said Brooks of his coach.

Tragically, Thompson died of a heart attack. Shortly after, Brooks returned to Springfield and is now completely committed to popularizing short-stick roller hockey in the memory of his former coach.

"This is my passion," said Brooks. "This is what I love. Nothing will beat hockey in my life."



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Teachers bring love of sports to classroom

By Julie Davis
Oracle Staff Writer

Math teacher Sharon Hauser was joking when she said she would give extra credit to her 5th period students if the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team, the Badgers, won the Final Four Tournament. Hauser, a graduate of Wisconsin, became enthusiastic for the team when they began to do well.

"I said I would consider giving extra credit if the team went all the way," said Hauser. "However, a lot of the kids said that I said I would give extra credit if they made it into the Final Four."

Hauser wore various sweatshirts and T-shirts promoting the team.

"One kid in one of my classes starting supporting Purdue (another team in the tournament) just to oppose the Badgers," said Hauser, "Most of the kids got a kick out of the daily teasing at the beginning of class."

Basketball isn't the only sport which holds teachers' attention. Dr. Bart Kramer, freshman class administrator, developed an interest in the Washington Capitals after his son began playing hockey; soon after, he began coaching.

"I used to be gone a lot because I had

"I get along better with my teachers if we talk about stuff other than academics. It's cool when they like the same teams as we do."

—Freshman Josh Houck

season tickets to the Capitals, and I often would travel to see their games," said Kramer. "But I haven't had season tickets in a long time."

Teachers having an interest in the same teams as students can put them on a more personal level.

Freshman Josh Houck agrees, stating that it is something that students can relate teachers with other than academics.

"I get along better with my teachers if we talk about stuff other than academics," said Houck. "It's cool when they like the same teams as we do."

If the Badgers had done well, Hauser may just have awarded that extra credit, unfortunately, the team never made it out of the tournament.

"I said I would award 1 point," she said, "But when the total quarter points equal 900, it really won't make a difference."

When did we last get a State Championship in....

Girls Basketball — 1997, 1999

Baseball — 1991, 1999

Girls Soccer — 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1999

Girls Swim and Dive — 1995, 1996, 1997

Boys Swim and Dive — 1991, 1994

Indoor Boys Track — 1996, 1998

Boys Track — 1996

Boys CC — 1989, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995

—Compiled by Joey Tinsley

Horoscopes



Virgo (8/23-9/22): Forget the golf cart mafia, real cops drive golf carts, too. Well, at least in South Carolina they do.



Libra (9/23-10/23): Milk you friends' injuries for all they're worth. Play with their crutches and other aid devices.



Scorpio (10/24-11/22): And we thought you were ugly! Check out the fish in South Carolina. They are the ugliest creatures in existence.



Sagittarius (11/23-12/21): Paper bags make for functional and fashionable hats.



Capricorn (12/22-1/20): Warning: Alligators and wildlife may bite.



Aquarius (1/21-2/18): You gave me your cold. I hate you forever.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): I hear the scenery is really nice in New York. You should consider moving there for the view.



Aries (3/21-4/19): You're an accident waiting to happen. Think about a career as a NASCAR racer.



Taurus (4/20-5/20): Let's go to the WARPED tour!



Gemini (5/21-6/21): Hey seniors! Be different in the fourth quarter: Try, Hard.



Cancer (6/22-7/22): Bum Harry Potter books to create heat for the school. It's cold in here.



Leo (7/23-8/22): This is the end of horoscopes. You know you'll miss us.

-Compiled by Nikki Werking and Amy Whipple

Top 10

Fun, clean things to do in the dark

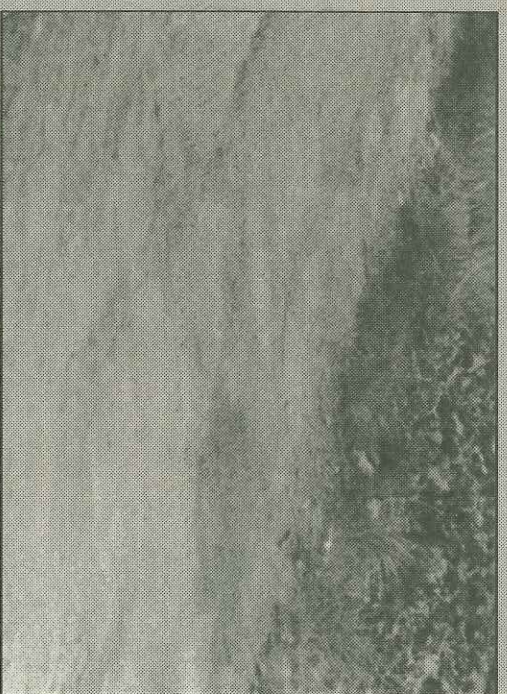
10. Find someone named Sydney, then call and ask if she likes scary movies.
9. Pretend there's still a monster under your bed.
8. Pretend to be eight again and set up a tent in your living room. Ask your best friends to "camp out."
7. Make a pretend campfire outside your tent and tell ghost stories.
6. Rent a bunch of old, bad, foreign flicks - the ones without subtitles - and then make fun of them.
5. Light up a bunch of fireworks and watch the pretty colors.
4. Pretend to be a secret agent and use flash lights for your "guns."
3. Do impressions.
2. Scream as loud as you can.
1. Send a friend in to play Bloody Mary, and then sneak up on him or her and shout, "Boo!"

-Compiled by Melissa Lipman

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				18 Jazz Ensemble concert Auditorium 7 p.m.		NHS Habitat for Humanity
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			24 Senior survey May 24-25	25 Band concert Auditorium 7 p.m.		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Memorial Day Observed No school	Band Solo recital Auditorium 7 p.m.	Orchestra concert Auditorium	Exchange student program	College partnership program	SATS @ WS
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Senior farewell concert Auditorium 7 p.m.-10 p.m.	Senior awards Auditorium 8 a.m.-11 a.m.	Military awards reception Spartan Hall 7 p.m.		Senior exam: 5th	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Senior exam: 5th, 6th	Senior exam: 3rd, 7th	Senior exam: 2nd, 4th	Senior exam: 1st Senior Picnic Baccalaureate	Senior prom	

Spartan focus



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This is the muddy lake that we used to have along Rolling Road. Before the drain was installed, we thought that the lake was actually going to become a moat surrounding the school as a new part of the administration's crackdown on skippers.

Testing your “Simpsons” IQ

Hey WS, so you think you're all “Simpsons” fans, eh? Here's your chance to prove what you know! Answer as many of the following tough “Simpsons” trivia questions as possible (correctly, of course). Submit answers on a sheet of paper to room 215 by Friday, May 19. Whoever gets the most answers wins a \$25 gift certificate to Best Buy. Oracle and Olympian staff members are not eligible.

1. What is the name of the video game Bart steals from the Try-N-Save?
2. What is Moe's last name (spelling counts)?
3. What is the secret ingredient in the “Flaming Homer”?
4. What is Bart's catch phrase which inspires a skit series, a hip-hop dance quartet, a volume of rap singles, and an autobiography?
5. What is the name of the doll that Lisa creates to rival Maltbu Stacy?
6. How old is Mayor Quimby's nephew, Freddy Quimby?
7. What color hair dye does Marge use?
8. Who is Allison Taylor?
9. Twelve different animals are featured in Mr. Burns's song, “See My Vest.” Name five.
10. What street does Milhouse's grandmother live on?
11. Homer suggests two names for Moe's new family restaurant. Name one.
12. What vegetarian food does Lisa bring to Homer's big “BBBQ”?
13. What is the name of Springfield Elementary's yearbook?
14. Who was Lisa's first crush?
15. What rare candy does Homer steal from the Candy Industry Trade Show?
16. What are “Nachos, Flanders style” made from?
17. Which “Simpsons” character is known as “the Slack-Jawed Yokel”?
18. Principal Skinner's kitchen catches fire while Superintendent Chalmers is at his house for lunch, but Skinner says that the kitchen is not on fire. What does he say is happening in his kitchen?
19. Finish this quote from the song, “The Spring in Springfield”: “You could close down Moe's, or the Kwik-E-Mart, And nobody would care/ But the heart and soul of Springfield's in our...”
20. Cletus has 26 kids. Name one.
21. Which Jimmy Buffett song does Shary Bobbins sing with Barney?
22. Who is Dr. Hibbert's secret older brother?
23. What company does Homer work for when the family moves to Cypress Creek?
24. What are the names of the women whom Homer and Ned marry in Las Vegas?
25. What was the name of the Springfield University football player whom Bart tried to treat with faith healing?
26. What is Principal Skinner's “real” name?
27. “My car's breath smells like cat food.” Who said it?
28. What was the title of Nelson Muntz's science fair project?
29. Ralph Wiggum says, “At my house, we call them ‘uh-ohs.’” What is an “uh-oh”?
30. What was the title of the Be Sharps' second album?
31. Which “Simpsons” character has webbed toes?
32. What is Grampa's favorite TV show?
33. Where does Grampa live?
34. “Well, whenever I'm confused, I just check my underwear. It holds the answer to all the important questions.” Who said it?
35. Homer won six awards at his high school reunion. Name two.
36. Which hospital is Marge taken to when she breaks her leg?
37. What daycare center is Maggie taken to when Marge is at “Oh! Streetcar!” rehearsals?
38. What is the punishment for kissing a boy at St. Sebastian's Catholic School for Girls?
39. What fictitious award does Homer win when Mr. Burns gives him \$2000?
40. What brand of cigarettes do Patty and Selma smoke?
41. How much did Santa's Little Helper's operation cost?
42. Why couldn't Don Matingly play in the Springfield Nuclear Power Plant championship baseball game?
43. What is the name of the chapel where Homer and Marge got married?
44. What is the title of Kirk Van Houten's demo tape?
45. What does E.A.R.L. stand for?
46. Who is Springfield's “alien” in the “Springfield Files” episode?
47. Where do the Investorettes meet?
48. Homer is the voice of what new character on “The Itchy & Scratchy Show”?
49. What zoo animal is Ned Flanders saved from by Reverend Lovejoy?
50. Who is Homer's enemy?
51. What is the last name of the carries who squat in the Simpsons' house?
52. What was the name of Grampa's love potion?
53. Name five members of the Stonecutters.
54. What does Bart write on his butt before mooning the Australian prime minister?
55. What was the title of Barney's award-winning short film?
56. Who does Lisa marry in the year 2010, according to a fortune teller?
57. What was Bleeding Gums Murphy's \$1,500-a-day habit?
58. What criminal activity takes place in the Simpsons' garage when Marge is a cop?
59. How much must Homer weigh to be officially disabled?
60. Who do the Pin Pals bowl against in the league championship?
61. How much did Marge pay for the Chanel suit from the discount fashion store?
62. Who hits on Marge at the ski lodge?
63. Which two ex-presidents have lived across the street from the Simpsons?
64. What is Jimbo Jones's real first name?
65. Which of Jebediah Springfield's body parts is made of silver?
66. What type of car does Troy McClure drive?
67. Who invented Itchy and the concept of cartoon violence?
68. What city does Bart go to for his Spring Break road trip?
69. Who is forced to march down the street with his pants around his ankles?
70. What type of animal is Stampy?
71. Where does Lionel Hutz work?
72. What sport does Todd Flanders play?
73. Kent Brockman hosts four TV shows. Name one.
74. How many eyes does Blinky have?
75. What is the name of Mrs. Krabappel's pen for grading tests?

