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By Roberto Garcia
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Less than a month after the Olympic hype left Australia, it reached the halls of WS as the theme of this year's homecoming.

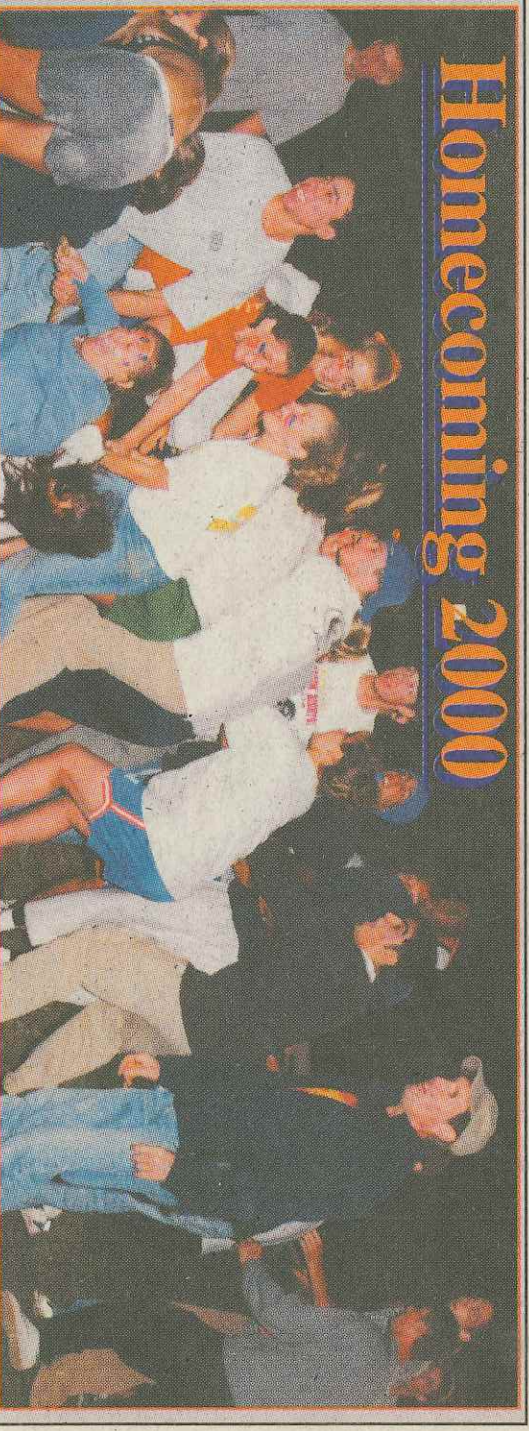
"At the PSAB retreat over the summer, we decided that because of the Sydney Olympics, this would be a good theme," said junior Stephanie Donnelly.

The Third Annual Spartan Games served as the week's opening ceremony, as the four classes competed in Olympic-style events. Sophomores were paired off against freshmen and the senior class battled juniors.

The seniors easily won the games, beating the juniors in all but two events.

"It was funny to see the seniors win the greased-pumpkin relay by default," said senior Matt Kirk.

In front of a packed house, senior Ryan Yanovich was chosen as this year's Mr. Spartan. Brian Fahey was



Homecoming 2000

Members of the senior class compete in tug-of-war.

runner-up.

"I was absolutely amazed when I found out I had won Mr. Spartan," said Yanovich. "I couldn't believe it at first."

After being held sporadically during the last few years, a bonfire was brought back this year. Low Profile performed, the marching band played, and senior homecoming court sang karaoke. However, a lack of

firewood kept the fire small.

"It looked more like a camp fire than a bonfire," said junior Brian Cable.

In Friday's homecoming game, the varsity team lost 56-23. However, there was something to celebrate, as Meghan Ogilvie and Amanda Thornburg were named homecoming queen and runner-up.

"When I opened the box, I couldn't find the rose, but when I saw that it was yellow, I was absolutely thrilled," said Ogilvie.

For the first time, the SGA held a variety of activities during lunch. The biggest daytime activity was the homecoming assembly. Both male and female drill teams and the step team performed. The Key Club skit

had three football players travel back to ancient Greece in search of knowledge and playing skills.

The week ended successfully Saturday night as couples danced in the cafeteria. Adorned with Olympic-colored streamers and the Olympic rings, the dance put the closing touches on an Olympic-caliber week.

Bree Virosiko

It's not always just in black and white

By Laura Robinson
News Section Editor

The other team doesn't have to worry about race. We do. And we're the better for it."

TC Williams football coach Herman Boone (Denzel Washington) said this as his team went into the regional playoffs in "Remember the Titans."

This movie was partly a story of a victorious football team but mostly a story about overcoming racism.

In 1971, a landmark decision forced three Alexandria high schools, Francis C.

—Compiled by Amy Steed

TC remembers the Titans while WS looks toward diversity

Hammond, George Washington and TC Williams, into one, fully integrated school. At that time, T.C. Williams was about 30% black, George Washington about 60% and Hammond less than one percent. The upperclassmen of these schools were diverted to TC, with freshmen and sophomores remaining at their original schools.

That set the stage for Herman Boone. Boone, a black man, took over the head-coaching position at T.C. from Bill Yoast, a successful white coach. Yoast became the defensive coach under Boone. Going on to win the 1971 state championship, the Titans unite and overcome their racist views and also bring together the city of Alexandria and the student body.

"During this time I feel the student body realized that if we [the team] could accept one another they could too. I truly feel that they felt the love from the team," said starting left offensive tackle Dan Carl of the 1971 Titans.

Although WS did not undergo a change as drastic as TC's, the school had its share of racial conflicts during the '60s and '70s.

"I do know that there were four cliques, the heads [hippies,] jocks,

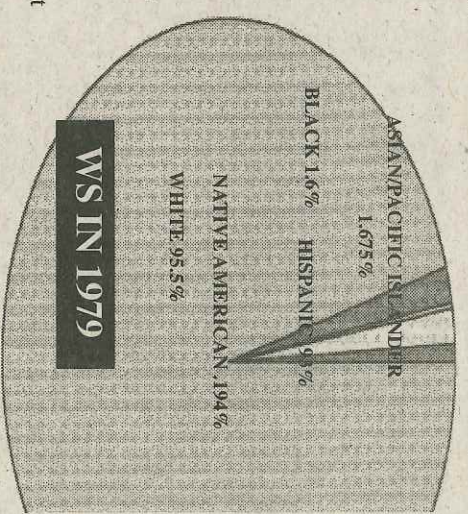
blacks, and rednecks and everybody their own

bathroom," said WS Class of 1973 graduate Jay Price. "If you went into the

wrong bathroom you'd get beat up. Most people stayed in their own groups and didn't socialize with others."

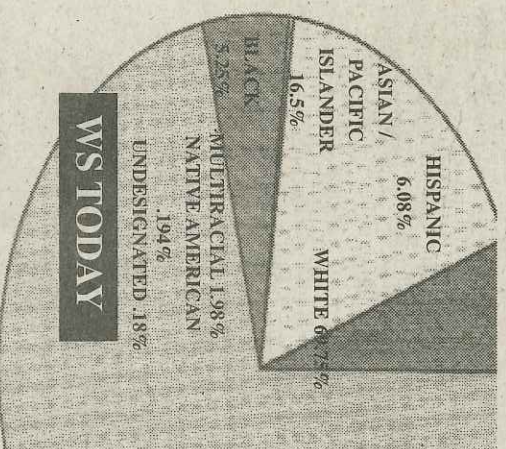
In 1979, the first year that WS kept records of its racial makeup, 95.5% of the school was white. This year, 69.95% of the school population is white.

According to a recent *Washington Post* article, the challenges posed by ethnic diversity haven't disappeared, they've just grown more complicated. TC Williams now has 2,000 students from more than 80 countries. Forty-five percent of the student population is black, 27 percent white, 20 percent Hispanic, and 8 percent Asian/Pacific Islander. Most students at

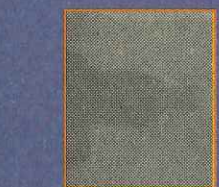


rather than out of a stereotypical mode of thinking." Those who went through integration in the '70s say the experience was helpful.

"All I can say is that if I hadn't integrated, I would have been limited in my experiences with other cultures," said 1971 Titan Chris Kusseing. "We need to experience other cultures to understand how other people live, and learn how they got there. We have come a long way from 1971, but there is still room for improvement."



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Without the calculator, we could not survive

Long live the calculator.

The world could not exist without such a small, yet amazingly important device. This miraculous little piece of equipment has done so much for us. It's the instrument that allows students to simultaneously graph 10 different equations, find all their varied points of intersection, compute their slopes and their maximum and minimum x and y points, enter enough points to boggle the mind, calculate the equation of the line they form, find the average of a group of numbers, and the median with a few keystrokes.

Oh yeah, and it also lets you play Tetris during physics class. Despite all the wonderful capabilities of the TI-81,

TI-82, TI-83, TI-83+, TI-85, TI-86, TI-89, and TI-92, chances are most people who take advantage of those capabilities, namely Tetris, of course, don't even know

world's first calculator about 30 years ago. That little microchip is also the reason why we have computers. Not surprisingly, Kilby won a Nobel prize for physics on October 10.

Yes, this means that you can thank him for AOL Instant Messenger, Microsoft Windows, and most importantly, computerized solitaire, because without his microchip none of them would be possible.

So the next time you're taking a math test and find yourself faced with the hardest equation known to mankind, or at least the hardest one since last week's algebra test, grab that calculator and be sure to thank Jack Kilby. And after you're done, play Tetris.

Editorial

who to thank for such an amazing gift. His name is Jack Kilby. He co-invented the monolithic integrated circuit, in other words, the microchip, and the

Restrooms deemed dirty

By Katie Walker
Production Editor

It's amazing how WS can find the money for televisions in every classroom, but can't pay for basic necessities, such as locks for the bathroom doors. There is no excuse for the poor upkeep of the bathrooms in our school. The conditions are disgusting.

I don't expect the conditions of a high school bathroom to meet that of The Ritz. I'm used to the dirty floors and the scrawlings all over the walls. Not that I promote drawing on school property. I really don't see the point of declaring your love for your boyfriend in a bathroom stall, but these infractions are familiar to every school.

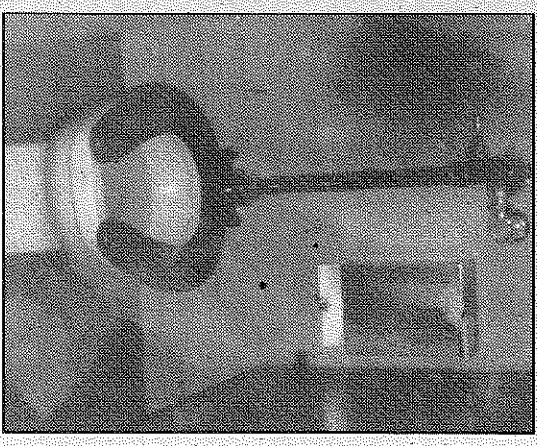
The problem with WS is that our students are often denied the basics: soap, paper towels, toilet paper, locking doors. I hardly consider these things outrageous demands.

Sometimes I think that someone, I'm not sure who (the administration, the janitor...), is playing a huge mind game with me. Every time I go to the restroom, something is missing. If there's soap, there are no paper towels. If there are paper towels, there's no soap. What are you people doing to me? Is it your goal that every time people wash their hands, they can't dry them, and vice versa?

Last year, signs were posted all over the bathrooms reminding students to wash their hands in order to prevent disease.

Well, these signs, though I'm sure were hung with good intentions, just served as an instrument of torture. I wanted to wash my hands in the first place, but there'd be no soap, and now, on top of everything else, I was staring at a list of disgusting sounding diseases I was bound to catch, and all because the WS bathrooms didn't have any soap in the dispensers.

Some people believe that there is no point in fixing such problems as the broken locks on the bathroom doors. They think that someone is just going to come along and kick the door in all over again. But I think if WS gets these problems fixed, most students won't be doing such foolish things because they'll be so glad to finally have bearable conditions in the school bathrooms. Taking care of these problems doesn't sound like a difficult job. That's because it isn't.



Maggie Atteberry
The conditions of the WS bathrooms are viewed as far from humane.

Racism can still be found in obscure places

By Priyanka Tandon
Business/Systems Editor

I was a mere third grader at Hunt Valley Elementary School. I was only nine years old when I first encountered my first and worst experience with the evil thing we call racism.

I remember it well. I had just come home from school and was walking up my driveway. I had just glanced at our van. I was confused, shocked, and could not believe what my eyes saw. I immediately ran to tell my mom that there were some obscene pictures with writing on them. My mom called the police and said that there were some racial slurs on our van. I do not really remember much after that except that a bunch of our neighbors and other friends came over to my house to support us. This was just the first of a duet of incidents in which my ethnic pride was meant to be destroyed.

"There will always be somebody who is not willing to open his or her mind, and wants to live in darkness."

The next time we encountered the hate was through a brick that was thrown through the family room window. After that a police officer was at my house round the clock for two days, then would come and patrol our neighborhood at night for about a week.

What I did not fully comprehend then, I do now. Although we may not see it, racism still exists today. It is in our community and is still alive. Now don't get me wrong; I am not saying that it is everywhere and everyone. Racism has become much more subtle and is only practiced by a few.

For example just last weekend my mom and I took my grandmother to the Air and Space Museum. My mom was getting us tickets for an IMAX movie. The woman at the counter was very cordial to the customer in front of my mother, but when my mother approached the counter she became very cold and did not appear to be smiling. Much less say, "Enjoy the show," as she had to the preceding customer. I just shrugged off this incident and went on because I know that the degree of racism had decreased, from the segregation of schools, to my Air and Space story.

There will always be somebody who is not willing to open his or her mind, and wants to live in darkness. I have not had any serious experiences since the third grade, and hope I won't ever have one again.

Some people may like to believe that they live in a city where racism does not exist, but it does. It may not be as extreme as 40 years ago, but the narrow minded way of thinking is still alive and well. The only difference is that it is shown in different forms. I remember specifically a time in my freshman year when there was a new student sitting in the back of the room. He was an immigrant, with a strong foreign accent.

Instead of trying to get to know this new person who was obviously lonely, people chose to make fun of him. I have seen it happen so many times. People are being ridiculed because of differences they can not help. We are so lucky that we live in such a diverse area, and it disgusts me that there are so many people that would rather make fun of people than learn from them. Heaven forbid we show an interest in a person that is from a culture that is not our own.

There are stereotypes that come with being a certain race, and I think that it is safe to say that we know what most of them are. Do the words "ghetto" or "cracka" ring a bell? To me that is a less noticeable form of racism, because there is no need to single out a particular race even if it is just a joke. I have been in situations where friends will be joking around, calling each other rude names, and using racial slurs. I can tell when the line has been crossed, when I look into the eyes of a person. They may be laughing on the outside, but on the inside I can tell that they are really crying, and wishing their friend would stop. A person can easily become offended because sarcasm can easily be taken as the truth.

There is still a lot of healing and growth that needs to be done. I slowly see more and more mixed couples in our area, and that is a sign showing that more and more people are able to over look the race of a person. Yet I can tell that there are still a lot of people who see mixed couples, and can not help but look twice or stare. This is just because society has not embraced the mixing of races as a completely normal situation. This just proves that there is still a bit of racism floating around, just in less obvious forms. Being mixed myself, with black and white, when I bring a friend home, people are often very surprised to see that my father is Caucasian. Once again, this type of situation is not usually expected; I believe that this will change as time goes on, and when our generation as well as younger generations, become parents.

Since we are growing up in a time in which racism is illegal and looked down upon, hopefully we will find that with the birth of every new generation, racism will be watered down a bit, and people will become more and more open to the mixing, appreciation, and understanding of other races.

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Spartan weakens *Mascot perceived politically incorrect*

By Amy Whipple
Oracle Editor

I'm going to tell you right now that I have no Greek heritage, and the Spartan offends me because I'm Italian and Italy was about a thousand times better than Greece ever was.

I'm not interested in offending anyone, so the new WS mascot is now Freddie the Frying Kamikaze Squirrel. I feel it is all we can do to honor the small woodland creature who lost his life two years ago in a freak electrical accident, and counterbalance the hurt I've felt while being forced into Greek culture.

How ridiculous was that? I'll tell you. It's about as same as the claims that school mascots are becoming less and less politically correct.

I shrugged and said it was a little crazy when the Bullets changed their name to the Wizards, but I went along with it since I have no say in the matter. I understand that Redskin once was a racial slur, but I can honestly say I have never had a mean thought about an Indian/Native American because of it.

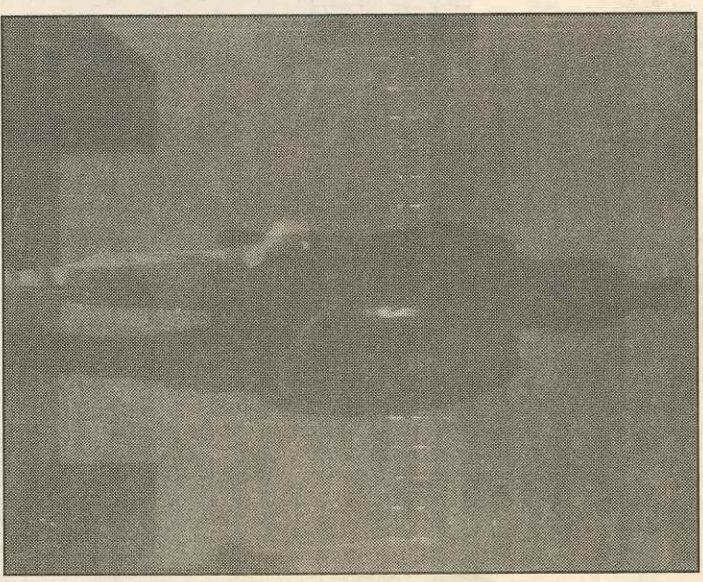
The controversy is no more when you take a look at the school mascots in our county: Spartans, Bruins, Saxons, Rams, and Lancers. Those are just a few from our district, and besides not knowing what a Saxon is, I can't find any problems.

Are we becoming so paranoid that we can't even have normal mascots anymore? Is there anything wrong with a Greek hero, a bear, a something no one knows about, a goat, and a Middle Ages warrior? Is anyone genuinely offended by symbols taken from history and our everyday lives?

Should we all become flowers? That wouldn't be good because I don't like flowers, and I know some people who are allergic to them. Should we take out mascots all together and just stick by the school names? Are those equally controversial? I don't want anyone knowing that I live in the West Springfield area.

I think the better idea would be to take a rational look at the mascots in our county. There might be something out there that is borderline on political correctness, but I doubt it. I've brought up enough questions for now.

I'll let you think about all of this for a while. Until



Maggie Ataberry

Political correctness questions using the Spartan as our mascot.

then I'm off to collect my new Freddie the Frying Kamikaze Squirrel merchandise. I figure I might as well get a head start and beat the crowds.

At the poll, vote Dave Barry for President

By Nikki Werking
Oracle Editor

I don't know about you, but Dave Barry has my vote for United States president this year. Not that I can vote anyway since I'm only 17, but I think he'd be a better president than Al Gore, George W. Bush, or any of the other candidates.

Barry has something the other candidates don't have—an easily understandable platform. While Bush is busy calling reporters names and attempting to mispronounce every word in the English language, Barry is publicizing his plan for Medicare. According to the October 1 edition of "Wit's End," Barry thinks senior citizens are free to use any drugs they want "as long as they keep the stereo down."

While Gore shares public intimate moments with Tipper and avoids answering questions by reciting his previously rehearsed responses about Social Security



Propaganda promotes Dave Barry for president.

lockboxes, Barry informs us of his new plan for Social Security.

"You write your name down at the bottom of the list, then you send some money to the person at the top of the list, and eventually.... Oh wait, that's the system we have now."

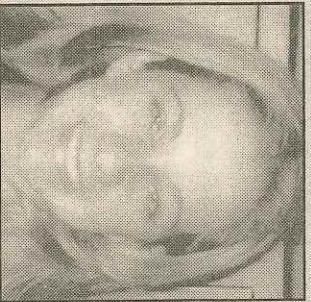
OK, so maybe he doesn't quite have his Social Security plan down yet, but anything is better than Gore's lockboxes.

Barry has another important quality that distinguishes him from the other candidates: a personality. That's right. Gore can't speak without the aid of a Teleprompter and prewritten speeches. Bush can't even speak English. But Barry has the guile to make witty, often sarcastic remarks about his two opponents. The October 1 edition of his weekly column, "Wit's End," was all about the flubs of Bush and Gore.

Vote Dave Barry for president. He's the only candidate that shows the possibility of being a real human.

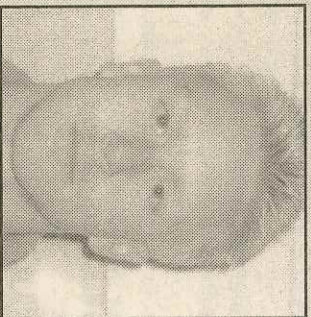
Spartan Spotlight

What are you doing for Halloween?



"I'm not dressing up. I am passing out candy."

-Taylor Flynn,
 sophomore



"I'm wearing a sleek, metallic green witch dress."

-Nick Pizzo,
 senior



"I'll most likely be a genie (duh)."

-Genie Stevens,
 freshman



"I'm dressing up as a leprechaun."

-Kristin Etchhorn, junior

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NHS leaders bring fresh ideas to traditional service club

By Amy Steed
News Section Assistant

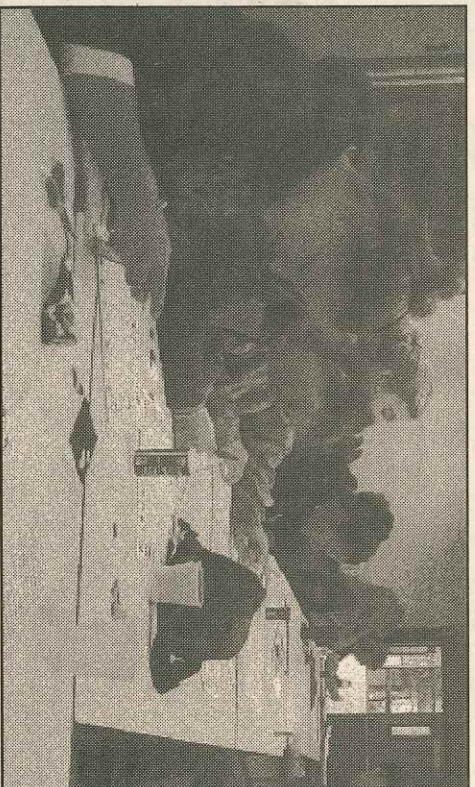
The National Honor Society has been a part of WS since the opening of its doors, but this year the organization is making several changes and hoping for a fresh start.

Each year juniors and seniors applying for NHS must meet certain criteria. Fairfax County requires a GPA of 3.5, and the students must be active in the school and community. More importantly, they are expected to be avid volunteers.

All students are eligible to be a member of the society, but due to the high accreditations that come with NHS, not all that apply can be allowed in.

The criteria for being a member of NHS has not changed, but a portion of the application has been altered. The once mandatory essay has been made optional.

In the past, the essay was used to gather more information about those applying, but now, "the essay allows an applicant to expand on areas of achievement that can not be shown by checking boxes," said sponsor James Morris.



NHS members gathered to create memory books that will be taken to children in hospitals with life-threatening diseases. This is one of the many service projects they have planned for this year.

This year, NHS also plans to run the club differently. In past years, members all completed their service hours doing different activities. The officers of this year's society would like to see more group events.

NHS president May Kim said, "The plan is to have one service project a month as a group, allowing for a

bigger effect on the community." Although the group plans to hold more group projects, this is not the first year that they club has organized club-wide service projects.

"Last year we built a house with Habitat for Humanity," said Morris.

Those who have applied to NHS will not be informed of their acceptance or rejection until November 23, but the members of last year's society have already begun a group service project.

NHS members have made memory books that will be handed out to hospital residents that need activities to keep them busy.

Even though it is only the beginning of the year, NHS already has high hopes for a successful year.

They will have the Spartanbucks Cafe at SpartanFest, plan a joint service project with the National Junior Honor Society of Irving Middle School, and have several other community activities as opportunities arise.

"I think it is going to be a good year," said senior Michael Crochet. "We have good leaders and members, are well organized, and know where we are headed."

New SOL standards affect freshmen 2004 graduation requires six passing scores on subject tests

By Amy McKeever
Inside Story Editor

As the test begins, all of the students bend down over their papers and begin to contemplate the answers to the various questions. Except for one student. He stands up, hands his unmarked answer sheet to the teacher and walks out of the classroom.

Last year, during the English 11 SOLs, CI Stewart did precisely this. For his class and the classes before him, the SOLs have no effect whatsoever on either the student's grades or their graduation. Stewart took this opportunity to express his opinions on this state-mandated test by walking out of the room without completing it.

"I think [the SOLs] are poorly constructed and emphasize regurgitation of information, which I am opposed to," said Stewart.

Stewart and other high school students from sophomores to seniors have not been affected by the SOLs very much. The scores are listed on each student's test record, but not on their college transcripts. This year, however, the class of 2004 will have to worry about its SOL scores.

This year's freshmen are the first class in the state of Virginia that will be affected by these tests. In order to graduate in four years, they will have to pass at least six verified credits in separate subjects. They must have two credits in English and one in math, science, social studies, and their choice. Nine credits are required for the Advanced Studies Diploma, including two credits for English, math, science, and social studies, and also one

credit of the student's choice. Some of these freshmen are upset about this, although they are generally reasonable about it.

"I don't think it's fair," said freshman Lisa Giarrana, "but it had to start sometime and it just happened to be our class."

Despite these new requirements, students in eighth grade or below who fail a subject will be offered the chance to attend summer programs without a charge. Also, anyone in the class of 2004 or below will be allowed to retake any test that they fail the next time the test is administered. The state of Virginia is also developing an appeal process for the tests.

Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Daniel Domenech presented a Plan for Excellence to the School Board Instruction Committee on May 6. The goal of this plan is to improve FCPS scores so that they go beyond the state levels.

In the past years, WS and other Fairfax County schools met the standards in most of the SOL subjects, with the exception of social studies and the sciences. The social studies scores reflect the fact that the tests are considered the most difficult of all the tests.

The Virginia Department of Education has prepared resource guides for social studies teachers to help students prepare for the tests. WS faculty are optimistic about social studies scores and scores from other subjects.

"I think that because we have conscientious, hardworking students, we will continue to do very well [on the SOLs]," said guidance counselor Janis Hartless. "I think that our tradition of high standards will continue."

Guidance adds three new history classes Student, teacher schedules change

By Mike Waldron
Oracle Editor

On September 20 and 21, the social studies department added one new class of United States history and two new classes of world history. The guidance department made this change so that no classes would have more than 28 students.

"We do this every year," said Guidance Director Eleanor Saslaw, "because we never know exactly how many kids will be in school."

But instead of having new teachers come to WS, the guidance department looked inside of the school to find teachers for these classes. Lillie Brown took the second period United States history class, Andrea Schlegel took the seventh period world history class, and Nadine Woods took the second period world history class.

Most students accepted the change, but some did not like the fact that they had no

say in the decision.

"If they had asked us ahead of time, it would have been a lot better," said junior Amy Block, who switched into Brown's second period class. "There were people in my original class who would have switched."

Some students objected, but most accepted the action.

"The change created a minor change in student schedules," said Saslaw, who also noted that all students either kept the same teacher or the same period. "But the kids are settling in beautifully."

The change altered teacher schedules as well.

"I'd rather not have another period," said Woods, "but I'm happy to take it for the department and for the school."

Overall, the teachers and students involved took the change in stride.

"We've had a great adjustment," said Brown. "It's been very positive."

Teachers are working in teams and following the program of studies with a lot more working together," said Chandler. "I predict scores will improve."



Martha Chandler heads WS' program working towards improving SOL scores.

SOL Passing Rates at WS

	1999	2000	Variation
school year	school year		
Reading	83.33%	88.36%	+5.03
Writing	78.08%	95.16%	+17.08
Algebra 1	59.29%	73.80%	+14.51
Geometry	74.25%	83.75%	+9.50
Algebra 2	53.81%	72.35%	+18.54
U.S. History	43.89%	49.71%	+5.82
World History 1	76.30%	86.98%	+10.68
World History 2	84.31%	90.67%	+6.36
Earth Science	77.27%	67.09%	-10.18
Biology	84.83%	92.94%	+8.11
Chemistry	77.38%	70.45%	-6.93
Overall average	72.07%	79.13%	+7.06%

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Walsh second in essay contest

Jen Schonberger
Features Editor

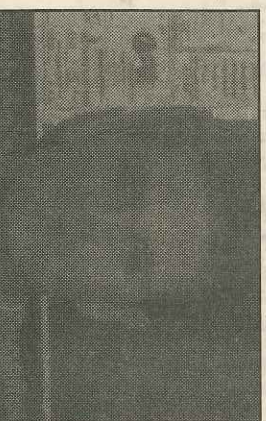
Senior Adam Walsh saw a commercial last year on NBC4 about a Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest. Walsh sent in his essay last May and forgot about it. Five months later, he received an invitation to attend an award ceremony at NBC's studio in Washington DC; he won second place.

Walsh was awarded a PC, \$450, and a part in an NBC commercial in which he reads part of his essay.

The theme of Walsh's essay was being Latino in the US and how it is the best of both worlds. In his essay he related this to his experience of being Hispanic and covered the stereotypical view Americans have about Hispanics.

"It angers me that people stereotype Hispanics to be tan and dark," said Walsh. "They can be black, white, Indian, or Asian. The list goes on. They are very diverse."

Walsh works very hard in school and in the community. He is the president of the Spanish Honor Society and participated in Governor's School for



Adam Walsh received an award from NBC4.

Spanish. He is also a member of NHS and the yearbook staff.

The contest is sponsored by NBC4 and Telemundo, a Spanish television channel. The contest occurs every year and is open to all Hispanic students.

"It's a really great program," said Walsh. "I encourage more Hispanic students in this school and around the area to get involved. It's worthwhile."

There were many reporters at the award ceremony which was held in studio A at the NBC headquarters. Studio A was where the presidential debate between Nixon and Kennedy occurred.

"It was exciting to be in the studio with all the reporters and meeting them," said Walsh.

"I think it's important for all students, especially Hispanic students, to work hard in school and in life to try to erase this stereotype."



Alligator right-of-way

Fort Lauderdale, Florida's highway was closed this past Wednesday due to a spill of alligator carcasses. The pickup truck was delivering 26 dead alligators to a processing plant. The driver lost control when the trailer began to sway and drove into a median. Troopers closed down one lane of the highway until workers were able to gather the 10,000 pounds of spilled cargo.

Marathonis interrupts

Peter Michael Hore was fined \$160 for running onto the Olympic marathon course during the men's race. He is a repeated offender at sporting and entertainment events. He interrupted this year's Australian Open tennis final, slipping through the umpire's entrance to dance around on center court.

High school teacher fired for high-caliber assignment

A high school English teacher in California has been fired after officials discovered he gave his students an assignment to plan an assassination of someone they would like to kill. *The San Gabriel Valley Tribune* wrote that the assignment included reasons of why and how they would keep their crime a secret. Students told the newspaper that "a whole bunch of kids went to complain" about the assignment because it did not seem relevant to the class and the teacher was unwilling to give an alternative assignment to planning an assassination.

Naked suspect nabbed

In Wisconsin a bank robbery suspect being held in leg irons in a hospital allegedly grabbed a guard's gun, shot off his chains and fled in the nude, leading police on a car and foot chase that ended with officers shooting him in his buttocks. The 24 year-old man was arrested in connection with the armed robbery of the M&I Bank at Alenton.

Crazy candidate finishes second

In September, Robert Salzberg finished a strong second (26 percent) in the Democratic primary for a U.S. House seat from Sarasota, Fla., despite revealing that he would soon plead insanity to a charge that he beat up a police lieutenant while inside a station house in March. Salzberg claims he was being attacked by a robot.

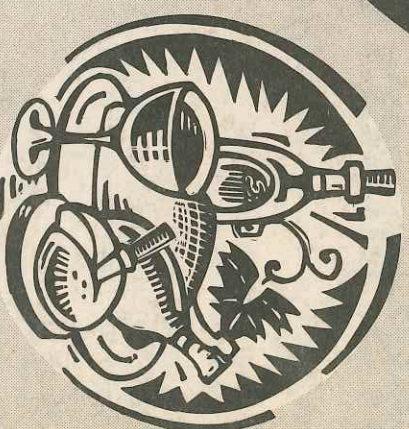
Cabbie's crash course

Brooklyn, NY, faces the wrath of a cab driver lacking the basic skills of operating an automobile. Mohammad Rahman, 36, racked up three accidents on his second day on the job as a cab driver. Starting at 9 a.m. he rammmed into a parked car. Rahman said the car rammmed into his cab; he even called the police to report the accident. An hour later, Rahman said he paused for a light, but when he got nervous, moved forward and hit a pedestrian in the crosswalk. When police showed up and began conversing with the new cab driver, Rahman ran into another car. Cops said he was leaving the scene, but he said he was only trying to park his taxi so it wouldn't block traffic. Rahman is looking for another line of work.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Hungry suspect held

Clark Dounouk of West Hartford, Conn., is accused of breaking into a gourmet food store as many as 35 times over the last two months and feasting on lobster, champagne, shrimp, and well-aged wine. Police said Dounouk entered the upscale Ann Howard Cookery through a temporary door that had no lock.



—Compiled by Amy Steed

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Night of fright brings out the old and young

By **Myles Curran**
Sports Editor

Ghosts and goblins and monsters, oh my!
Sixteen- and 17- and 18-year-olds, oh dear!

Young children usually wear the costumes on October 31, but more and more teenagers are pushing the age limit for the scariest holiday of the year.

And as the number of teens begging for candy on doorsteps increases, some advocate active participation in the festivities for all ages.

"I plan on going trick-or-treating this year," said freshman Kyle Murdock. "I don't see why there should be an age limit to it, it's a fun thing to do. I'm not harming anyone when I do it."

For those who do plan on going out on the 31st, a costume is needed. Many teens find they can put together an outfit in less

than five minutes. Some even just go in their regular clothes and call themselves "buns."

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—**Brian Kee, junior**

Scott Steiner," said junior Brian Kee. "All I did was wear sunglasses and make a blond goatee with a marker. It was easy, and I got a lot of candy."

For those who do want to put some effort into their costume there is always the



Lauren Sheffield

WS students try out their costumes of a ghost, pumpkin, and witch for trick-or treating on Halloween night.

Party Depot, Spencer's Gifts, or Halloween Express at Springfield Mall. From Al Gore or George W. Bush masks, to genie outfits, something can be found for less than \$20.

"Trick or treating is a really fun thing to do," said junior Betsy Manning. "It's fun, a costume can take little or no money and you get tons of free candy."

WS' powers combine to form a cleaner environment Students aim to educate, save the planet

By **Jennifer Schonberger**
Features Editor

If you hadn't heard, there's a new WS club called Students for the Environment. It deals with issues concerning the environment and our community.

The issues the club are dealing with include trying to get paper towels replaced with hand dryers. This would be more cost and energy efficient, would produce less waste and would be better for the environment.

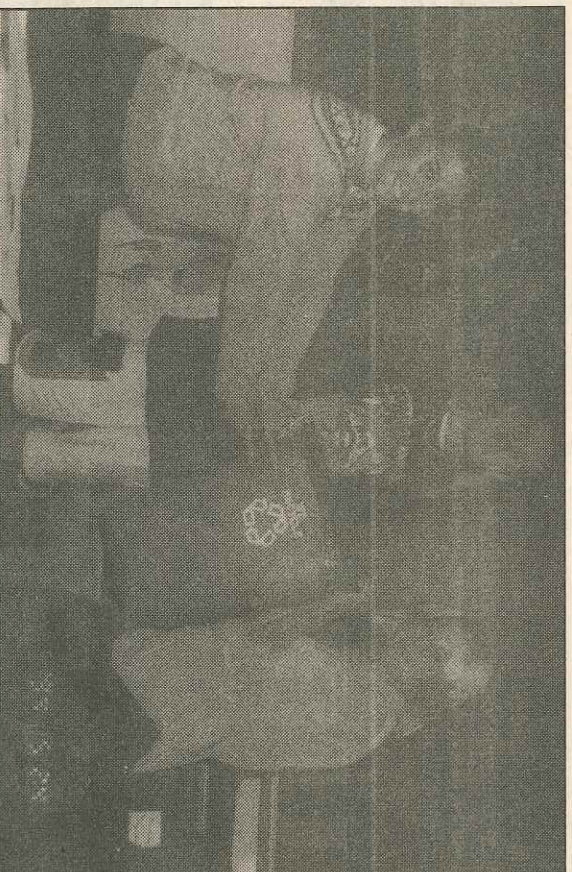
"There are a lot of things that go on in our school that I am tired of complaining about," said founder David Glaser. "I want to do something about them."

The club's sponsor is psychology/history teacher Allison Kopkau and the founders are seniors David Glaser, Sara Benjamin, and junior Jessie Freer. Members of the club call themselves "Planeteers."

"This whole idea for this club started with the fact that nothing gets recycled," said Kopkau. "So the students had this great idea of having a recycling club and asked me to sponsor it."

A goal of the club this year is to start a

recycling program that works because as cofounder David Glaser said, "It's a sham."
"We're hoping to get a really good program at WS into action," said Benjamin. "We want to make the students more aware and conscientious."



Janez Eilenmann

Founders David Glaser, Sara Benjamin and Jessie Freer hope to help make the students of WS more aware of their environment.

WS veterans leave classroom for 'greener pastures' right here

By **Ennice Han**
Oracle Staff Assistant

Two WS English teachers found job satisfaction in new careers—right here.

Former English 12 teacher Jan Tarasovic used to teach *Machbeth* every year. Now, as a member of the WS library staff, she helps students research Shakespeare's classic.

Susan Latour, an English 11 teacher who has been adding high-tech components to her lesson plans for years, now teaches high-tech lesson plans full-time. As WS's newest technology specialist, she teaches our teachers how to use new grading and attendance programs.

More than two decades as a high school English teacher and yearbook adviser led Tarasovic to her decision to spend her days differently. Planning and grading, the tasks that go hand-in-hand with classroom

instruction, filled her nights and weekends. She says that as a librarian, she has more free time. She spends time writing articles and book reviews, and sponsors a WS club for students who like to read, call the Bibliophiles.

"I hope that everyone gets the same joy out of reading that I do," said Tarasovic.

In the past two years, Tarasovic has noticed differences between teaching and her new professional path. While teaching had its extreme highs and lows, Tarasovic said, working in the library is less stressful. Tarasovic may have left the classroom, but she did not leave her passion for students. She loves dealing with them and helping them out.

"I love it when I find the right book for the right person," said Tarasovic.

Latour left more than 20 years of teaching *Huckleberry Finn* and *The Great Gatsby* in August to pursue her interest in

The club is divided up into different groups that deal with different projects.

The various projects include long-term projects, a PR department, recycling, Adopt-a-Highway, and an Adopt-an-Environment project for Fairfax County.

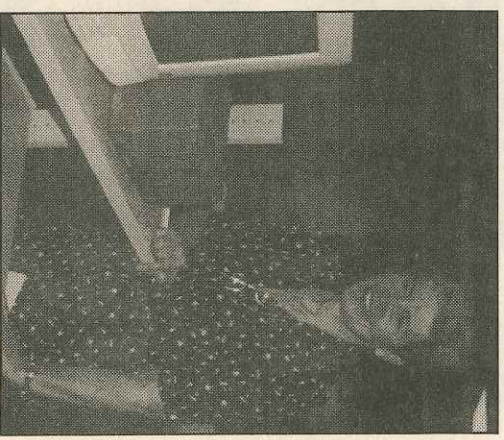
The club is now on the technology team that keeps WS' computers running and up-to-date.

Much like Tarasovic, Latour was ready for a change. She knew she was ready to leave teaching, but not WS. It just happened that she fell right into a technology slot that she loves. Latour, along with Career Center Specialist Susan Rexford, is the curator of the school's award-winning web page.

Latour said that when she was a teacher, she knew "exactly what I was supposed to be doing," including preparing students for the English 11 SOL's and teaching American literature. As a technology teacher, she is still trying find her niche.

"It has also been interesting trying to get used to the new IMS system," the grading program WS adopted this year, she said.

One thing that Latour misses, she says,



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English 11 teacher Susan Latour is teaching a different subject these days as the school's newest technology specialist.

is the students. "I think I miss them the most," she said.

Being a technology teacher has its advantages, though, because she has more control over her time management now and she also says it's more fun.

"Technology is essential to learning," said Latour.

Suffer with metal mouth no more

Clear retainer like braces revolutionize orthodontics

By Jen Berne

Entertainment Assistant

New techniques and forms of technology can surpass and ultimately overcome the old-fashioned ways of normal activity. CD players are now replacing cassette tape players. While at the same time, video cassettes are on their way out as DVDs become the latest rage. The common metal braces method is slowly dwindling also, as people opt for clear braces.

"I had to wear braces for six years to straighten everything out. I hated looking at pictures of myself with those grotesque metal things all over my teeth," said junior Lance Cohen.

Invisalign Braces were introduced two years. Although, this method is fairly new it has become popular among all ages.

"Invisalign braces would have made the whole idea of braces in high school a little less horrifying for me."

-Meghan Jost

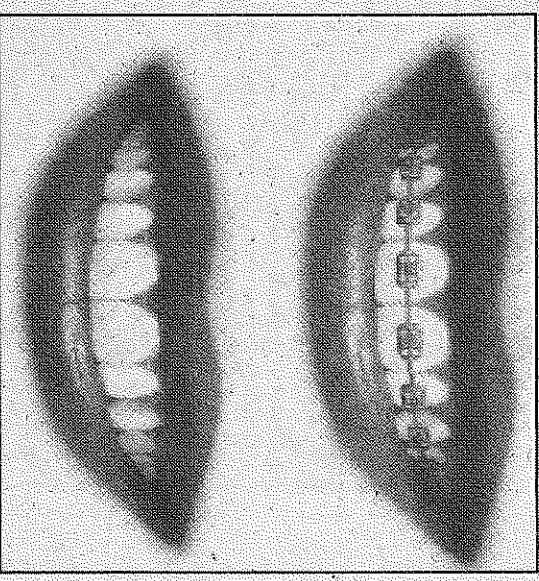
"Virtually, all ages are interested in Invisalign. Mostly adults are using it because they don't want braces as an adult," said Heather Bell, office manager of Dr. Pryor's, an orthodontist's, office.

The Invisalign braces technique is different from the classic metal brackets routine. Instead of using brackets, impressions are taken of the teeth. Then the first model is constructed, and while that one is worn for the first month of treatment an additional model is made for each of the new positions of your teeth. This process repeats until the treatment is complete.

"One of the downsides to this procedure is that it's only successful when working on minor cases," said Heather Bell.

The average treatment plan can last up to six months, ultimately making Invisalign more expensive than metal bracket braces. This is because of the constant requirement to remake impressions. Although, cost doesn't seem to be preventing many patients from trying this new-age technique of orthodontal treatment.

Sophomore, Meghan Jost said, "Clear, or Invisalign, braces would have made the whole idea of braces in high school a little less horrifying for me."



Both mouths above have braces. The bottom mouth models the Invisalign braces and the top mouth models the traditional braces.

Keeping students afloat

McGrath goes from Navy to classroom

By Matt Kalitz

Staff Assistant

At first glance, math teacher Tom McGrath looks like the average teacher. But there is a bigger picture to his life.

Prior to teaching at WS, McGrath served for 30 years in the Navy and in 1970 became a Navy Seal. As a Navy Seal, McGrath was an instructor in the Foreign Unit Defense Program which helped to teach people in the "country" and in foreign countries how to become Navy Seals.

"My experiences in teaching in the Navy helped me become a leader," said McGrath. "Being a leader is a very important factor to teaching because teachers have to lead the class in order to teach the concepts and helps the kids understand."

Besides teaching, McGrath likes to contribute to the community. As a West Springfield Little League and high school softball umpire, McGrath likes to bring fairness and structure to the game.

"I think it is important for the kids to have structure and

Junior voices ambitions

in singing, acting, dancing

Nayna Gupta

Inside Story Editor

When junior Melissa Wilmoth auditioned for a production of "Amie" in 1994, she was told her voice was not good enough for a lead role. Determined to succeed in future auditions, Wilmoth decided to do whatever was necessary to improve her singing.

"The only reason I started singing was because I wanted to be the lead," said Wilmoth. "I always wanted to make it big on Broadway."

To work towards her goal, Wilmoth, at the time living in Arizona, enrolled in voice lessons with Steve Gray, a well known voice trainer. Gray helped Wilmoth discover her talent and encouraged her to pursue a singing career.

"When I came to him, dogs could howl better," said Wilmoth. "He changed my whole outlook, and made me really believe in myself."

While Wilmoth took voice lessons, she also perfected her acting and dancing skills. She auditioned for many local plays and worked at dinner theatres. The auditions provided Wilmoth not only new opportunities, but experience too.

"Sometimes when you hear other people sing it can be intimidating, but for the most part it helps motivate me," said Wilmoth.

At 14, after four years of voice training, Wilmoth put together a promotional CD. The CD included Wilmoth singing well-known songs, such as Shania

Twain's "That Don't Impress Me Much." She then sent the CD to numerous record companies who she thought would be interested in her talent. Impressed with her voice, two companies responded by asking for another CD. Wilmoth's next promotional CD, which includes songs written by her, is scheduled to be ready by the end of the year.

One step at a time, Wilmoth is working hard to fulfill her aspirations of building a career as a singer and performer.

"I think I'm taking all the right steps," said Wilmoth. "But making it takes a lot of timing and luck, not only talent."

Despite having moved into the Springfield area less than a year ago, Wilmoth has already been accepted into the honors program at the Levine School of Music in DC and has auditioned for Broadway shows in New York. She has also been taking voice lessons with a teacher at the Potomac Opera Valley Company. This rigorous schedule leaves her very little time to participate in choral activities at school.

"I'm not a chorus person, my goal is to be a solo artist, but I think Madrigals, Personalties, and Pizzazz are great," said Wilmoth.

All of Wilmoth's hard work has paid off. Recently, Wilmoth performed at Woodbridge's Lazy Susan Theatre, where she landed the lead role of Sandy in a production of "Grease." Though rehearsals were only two to three times a week, once the show started, Wilmoth had to perform six nights a week until 11. The show, which ran from July

know the rules of the game," said McGrath. "As an umpire, I like to interact with the kids and help them learn the game."

After a year of moving around different classrooms, McGrath finally has his own room. With access to a room for himself, McGrath believes that he will be able to prepare for class earlier. He believes that it will benefit his teaching, but it will benefit the learning of his students.

"Last year when I didn't have my own room, at times I felt hurried and sometimes felt like I was barely prepared," said McGrath. "This year, I can get to class on time and prepare class lessons much easier than when I had to move around last year."

When comparing teaching to his experiences in umpiring, McGrath believes that teaching is much more difficult and more rewarding.

"In umpiring, there is only preparation when the game starts, but teaching involves hours of preparation," said McGrath. "Teaching is very much worth the hours because I get the enjoyment of knowing that I am teaching the kids concepts that they will need to use in the future. That is why I love to teach."



Lauren Sheffield

Wilmoth hopes to someday perform for Broadway audiences, but for now, small shows will do.

12 to October 1, often made it hard for Wilmoth to find free time and to get homework done.

"There are no negative aspects to performing, it makes you feel special," said Wilmoth. "It gives you a positive aspect on life."

Local myths change in time

By Jenny Askin

Production Editor

Urban legends fill the streets of towns. They are so popular that Hollywood has even made two movies about them. The urban legend of Bunnyman Bridge is one that many of the students at WS are familiar with.

However, in the past the students of WS were not aware of the legend. In fact, many had never heard of Bunnyman or the infamous bridge. Years ago the students of WS were more familiar with other legends.

"Honestly, I have never heard of it. When I went to WS, we went to this house off of Burke Centre Parkway," said PE teacher and WS alum Brian Publick. "The legend of the house was similar to Blair Witch, apparently there was a teenager that was killed there."

If you don't know the legend of Bunnyman by now, here is a refresher. Many years ago, a man

escaped from a mental institution on Halloween night. That night he dressed in a bunny costume and preyed upon the town's children. Once the children were in his possession, he killed them and hung their bodies on the bridge.

The bridge is located near Clifton, and is off of Pope's Head road near Robinson High School. Even though the bridge is far from the neighborhoods of WS, many students make the trek to see the infamous bridge.

Since the beginning of the legend different people have told the story, often changing details. With all of the different stories it is hard to say which is the most accurate.

"Stories and legends get passed down, stories change," said sophomore Angie Arbia. "I was talking to my mom about the legend and she was telling me that the Bunnyman carried an ax with him," said Arbia. "I have never heard that

part of the story before."

Bunnyman Bridge attracts many different kinds of people. In the past few years the walls of the bridge have been covered by graffiti. Because of the vandalism the police have been known to watch over the spot.

"I don't waste my time going to Bunnyman because I have heard that the police are always there," said senior Joe Parker.

The legend of Bunnyman has grown in popularity, but as times change so do the teenagers. As more and more people listen to the tale of the man in the bunny costume they seem to lose interest.

As slasher films tear up the box office, today's teenagers seem to lose interest in the legend of Bunnyman. After all, if you can rent Urban Legends, you get two things, a scary plot and Joshua Jackson. Besides it is easier than driving 25 minutes to see a bridge.



Lauren Sheffield

Senior Scott Kramer poses underneath Bunnyman Bridge which has been covered with graffiti over the years.

Deck of tarot cards deal fortunes

By Nikki Werking

Oracle Editor

You don't need a crystal ball and gypsy lady donning a turban to see into the future. All you really need is a deck of tarot cards.

These magical cards date back thousands of years and their symbols in combination with a special sensitivity to their energy are supposed to allow the reader to see into past events, answer questions about the present, and predict occurrences in the future.

"The first time I used tarot cards, I did it mostly for the fun of it," said senior Meg Murphy. "When some of the things the cards predicted started to happen, I decided to keep up with it."

Each of the 78 cards in a tarot deck is decorated with a symbol that represents something specific. Symbols from a category known as the "Major Arcana" include The Fool and The Magician.

However, the name of the symbol is not a literal interpretation. For example, being dealt the Magician cards does not mean you'll grow up to be a wizard. The Magician represents skill, power, and charisma.

"If you're dealt the Death card, it doesn't mean you're going to die," said senior Stephanie Young. "It just means something like someone you know might be leaving you."

So just how does the magic of tarot cards work? Even the experts aren't quite sure.

"How does Tarot work?...The truest

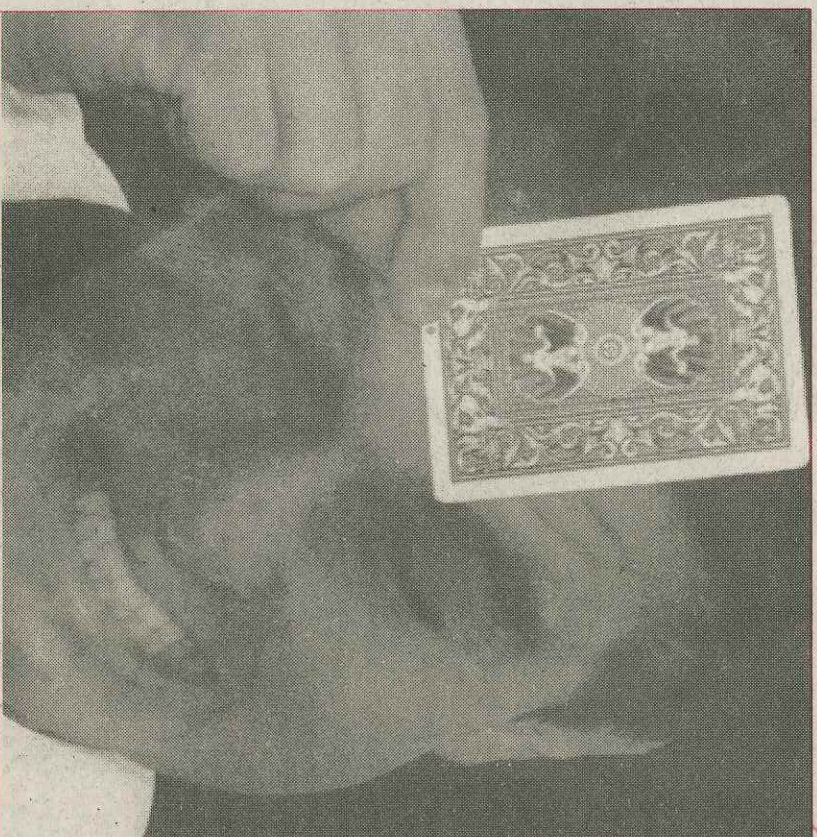
answer is that I don't know," said Jan Sheperd, a tarot expert for angelpaths.com, a website devoted to the study of tarot cards.

The experts do agree, however, that the cards won't work if you don't familiarize yourself with your deck and make spiritual connections.

"If you don't believe that they [tarot cards] will work, then they won't," said

Murphy. "When you are doing your reading, you need to concentrate on the question you're asking the cards. If you don't think they'll work, you won't concentrate, and then they won't work for you."

Despite the advice to be open-minded about the power of the tarot cards, most remain skeptical.



Russ Waddell

Sophomore Nik Wajda cringes at the fortune conveyed by his tarot cards.

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WS explores personality thro

By Amy McKeever

Inside Story Editor

Driving to a far-off town just to pay \$25 to find out what your hand says about you is a thing of the past.

The website Paratum.com is a place where you can find out all about the art of palmistry, and even try some on yourself. The site has published a list of the different kinds of hands, including the water hand, air hand, fire hand, and earth hand. According to the theory of palmistry, each of these types of hands indicate a certain personality type. We took the descriptions of these types of hands to the halls of WS to see if you really can discover your personality through your hands.

Junior Lucy Hutchinson, an artist

who played piano in a show, has an earth hand. People with this hand like change and make and photographer emotionally stable.

Freshman Raech was discovered to have a water hand with short fingers indicates a person outgoing and extro have many injuries Paneczchowski, who to be accurate, said, "little."

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ing turns studying each other's palms and pretending to be fortune tellers.

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Dream dictates the future

The frightening story of a nightmare comes true

By Nayna Gupta
Inside Story Editor

Until two years ago I did not believe that it was possible to see into the future and I even went so far as to question the sanity of those who claimed they could. Then, during September of my eighth grade year, I had a nightmare that tricked me into believing that I possessed psychic powers and fortune telling abilities.

In my nightmare I saw repeated images of a SwissAir plane crashing into the ocean. As the airplane would crash, bright flames would rise up into the air. After these series of crashes had ended, I saw my mother's body floating in the ocean among debris of the wrecked airplane. When I awoke from my nightmare, I was not only extremely confused and upset, I was also disturbed at how vivid my nightmare had been. Normally, it is hard to recall specific details from dreams and the order of events remain fuzzy.

In search for comfort and reassurance, I decided to talk to my grandfather. Before I could even begin to explain my upsetting nightmare, my grandfather told me to look at the front page of that morning's Washington Post. In a large font headline I read, "SwissAir Flight 111 Crashes." As I continued to read the article, I learned that the SwissAir flight, traveling from New York City to Geneva, Switzerland had crashed off the coast of Nova Scotia. The flight, officials believed, had burst into flames as it had hit the water. Overcome with panic, I immediately called my mother who



Melissa Lipman

at the time was on a business trip in California. She informed me that one of her closest colleagues had been aboard that flight with his family. She also explained that on several occasions she had taken the same flight for business purposes.

For several months after this foreshadowing nightmare, even

with family and friends trying to convince me it was coincidence, I believed that all my nightmares and dreams would come true. Even though I now know that I do not have any special psychic powers or fortune telling abilities, I still find it hard to accept that my nightmare was just a coincidence.

Superstitions prove to be false

By Angela Fiorino
ETC. Editor

Ouji boards, the magic eight ball, black cats, tarot cards, palm readings, constellations—it's all a hoax.

Superstitions, fortune telling, and astrology are all based on surreal things that people use because they are lured in to believing that their fate may lie in the hands of these gimmicks. The practices or beliefs in these schemes are the result of ignorance and a good marketing ploy on the part of the people who sell these beliefs. If the eight ball tells you that you're going to get asked to the dance, does that mean that you are? Just because a 12-sided die lands on 'yes' doesn't mean that you will go, you probably just shook it weird.

Things like letting a black cat cross your path, walking under a ladder and dropping a mirror are the same thing. About a year ago I broke my mirror while I was cleaning and I've had everything but bad luck since.

My favorite superstitions to crack on are sports ones, especially ones that have to do with baseball and softball. One of the biggest superstitions in baseball is not to step on the foul line when you are warming up in the outfield because it is bad luck. Some people might think that in order for Cal Ripken to set all those records he went 2,131 games without ever stepping on the foul line. It makes no difference,

Ripken was meant to break the record, superstitions or not.

Some sports stars think that during a hitting streak, not shaving, wearing the same underwear and dressing the same way before every game will help them



1980's baseball star Wade Boggs relied on an all chicken diet to keep up his high hitting streak.

keep the streak alive. Well what happens if only a few players on the team followed that superstition and the others just got dressed, does that mean that they're going to lose? One of the

strangest baseball superstitions occurred in the late 80's with a Boston Red Sox player, Wade Boggs. Boggs was on a hitting streak and he believe that in order to keep it up he would have to eat chicken for every meal. Eventually Boggs broke the streak because Joe Dimaggio still holds the record for 56 consecutive hits. Well someone must have spiked Boggs' dinner with some beef.

All of these things, sports related or not, are based on chances and probability. Palm readings, fortune telling and astrology all depend on how the sky looks that day. Harry Houdini, a famous magician, once proved the falseness in all the superstitious practices such as fortune telling and horoscope readings. He announced that they were all a hoax by revealing the tricks that they used to make them look real.

Ouji boards, magic eight balls, and other things of the sort all depend on how you move your hands. When people know that they are going to fail a test and the magic eight ball says that they're not, they find that reassuring or relieving.

Most of these things are supposed to be fun jokes and not taken seriously. However, some people live their life by them and wake up every morning looking at their horoscope to find out how their day is going to be. Now that is taking it a little to far.

Between the lines

Through the practice of palmistry

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in the Washington Post, Lauron Sheffield

indicates musicianship. The water hand is a rectangular palm with long fingers. Another aspect of water hand personalities is that emotions are more important than reason for these people. On an interesting note, both DeWitt and McClusky have the same zodiac sign, Aquarius, also known as the water sign. Senior Bethany Owens has the air hand, characterized by a square palm and long fingers. Air handed people are good at talking and writing. They are cheerful people who have a low boredom threshold and need constant intellectual stimulation.

"The air hand is totally me," said Owens. "However, after looking at the descriptions of the other hands, all of them are pretty similar to my own personality."

Censorship isn't music to WS students' ears

By Julie Davis

Ec. Editor

Freedom of speech is a well known component of the Bill of Rights. So does that comply to music? Several leaders in the government don't think so.

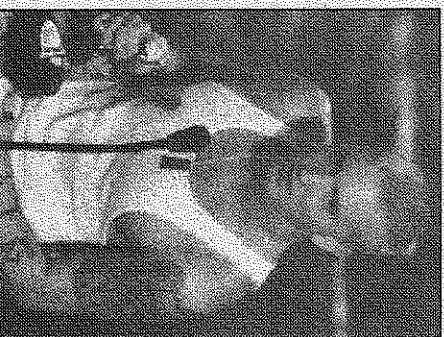
"It's interesting how our country is based on freedom of speech," said sophomore Danny Adams. "But they try to censor music and movies."

The Parents Music Resource Association, founded in 1989 by Tipper Gore, is the reason that several rap and hard rock CDs have explicit language warning stickers. She has been an advocate in censoring music.

"I am anti-censorship, it's America, it's what people want to see and hear," said senior Joe Parker. "It's a parent's responsibility to shield their child

from it, not society."

According to a recent article titled "Artists Unite To Present Banned, Censored Songs," from *Rolling Stone*, four out of 10



Rapper Eminem picks up an award at the MTV Music Video Awards for his controversial album 'Marshal Mathers MP'.

people said a song should not be performed publicly if it might seem offensive to someone in the community.

Political correctness plays a major role in censorship, especially with an artist like Eminem. MTV aired a special on the rap artist discussing his lyrics and how they may be the cause for several hate crimes that have occurred recently.

"These musicians are just expressing themselves," said Adams. "There isn't a way to avoid this, because artists like that [Eminem] are very popular."

Michael Sheppard, a homosexual college student at the University of Wyoming, felt the ultimate wrath of hate. Two men falsely seduced and then murdered him because of his sexuality. Since then, fingers have been pointed in the direction of various artists

whose lyrics express hate and violence towards others.

With modern technology, families can censor what their children see and hear.

AOL has a system where parents can block particular websites to keep their children out of them, and COX Cable has a V-Chip that blocks certain channels to people who do not know how to decode it.

"I don't think that the V-Chip is a good idea," said junior Matt Davis. "Shielding your kids from the world won't help them at all, you just need to let them know what's right and what's wrong."

Blockbuster Videos also has a system where a parent can block all youth-restricted movies from being rented, and local movies from being rented, and local movie



Al Gore at a recent debate: censorship didn't come up, but it could be an issue for young voters in the upcoming election. In the upcoming election, theaters are more strict on checking IDs for R-rated movies.

"It's crazy how adults believe we go out and do what we see and hear in entertainment," said Adams. "But I guess they have a right too after incidents like Columbine."

'Titans' makes the cut

By Mike Arjai

Sports Assistant

Wonderful, witty, and moving are all understatement about the incredible movie, "Remember the Titans."

Based on a true story, "Remember the Titans" takes place in Alexandria around 1971, so it hits close to home. In this remarkable movie, Herman Boone (Denzel Washington) becomes the new head coach of T.C. Williams's football team after the school has been integrated. In order to remain the head coach of the Titans, Boone must win every game and overcome prejudice and racial problems in the team and community.

The movie is narrated by Coach Yoast's little girl, who tells the story looking back on the events that had taken place many years ago. She shows the theme and moral in the end of the movie, where everything comes together for a moving ending.

Boone, trying to help the team and community by showing that race does not

matter, appoints Coach Yoast (Will Patton), the former head coach, as the defensive coordinator for the Titans. The team goes against other high school football teams that have not integrated, and they must learn to cooperate and work together, in order to survive a grueling training camp before the season starts.

The acting in this movie is incredible and is truly believable. Washington's character is well-written and well-performed, as is Will Patton's character, who learns about himself and how to be a better person. Washington gives another spectacular performance and it's made even more believable because Patton and Washington are friends in real life.

Other factors also make "Remember the Titans" believable. For instance, some of the setting (at the training camp) takes place at Gettysburg Cemetery that adds to the mood of the story. Washington's monologue about why they should get along with each other and his comparison



Denzel Washington, who stars as Herman Boone in "Remember the Titans," adds depth to his character and the movie through his acting. The movie is based on events that took place nearby at T.C. Williams High School.

of how they are arguing to the men who fought on the battlefield so long ago.

The setting and scenery of the movie also increases its believability because the movie is more realistic. One reason for this is that the scenery almost always matches the mood and tone of the movie.

For instance, it's misty when they receive Washington's monologue.

This movie is rated PG because it has some sports violence. However, it's 113 minutes of moving, interesting script that anyone can enjoy, even if they are not interested in football.

TOP 10 MOVIES

10. "Best in Show"
9. "Almost Famous"
8. "Get Carter"
7. "Dr. T and The Women"
6. "The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen"
5. "The Contender"
4. "The Ladies Man"
3. "Lost Souls"
2. "Remember the Titans"
1. "Meet the Parents"



Ben Stiller and Robert DeNiro star in "Meet the Parents," the number one movie the week of October 15.

Bands take their shows on the road

By Matt Kaiz

Staff Assistant

Junior Tejas Singh steps up to the microphone as the crowd begins to cheer. With his acoustic guitar in his arms, he takes his pick and begins to play in front of the eager crowd.

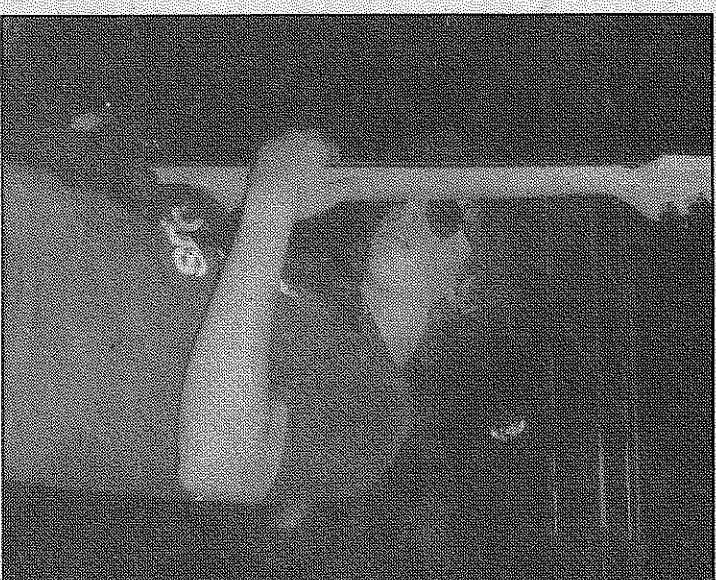
"I have liked music for so long and when I get up to the microphone, I just get this rush that is not like anything else in the world," said Singh.

Singh is one of the many WS students that are in a band. Low Profile, which includes Singh as the lead singer, Junior Deron Pinchback as the drummer, Robbie Belcher on lead guitar, and James Richardson on the bass guitar, have played at many different places. The band itself has played at Jaxx and school related events such as Battle of the Bands. Singh has performed individually at Starbucks, the Oceanquan Coffee House, and Borders bookstore.

"We like to play funk rock music but we are still looking for another band member," said Singh. "I hope in the future that we might put out a CD, but no matter what, I just want to play."

Sophomore Brian Gaudino has played in several different bands. The bands that he has been in include Mathias, formerly known as Big Furry Dog, and Distortion. His brother, Chris, plays drums for the same band.

"I have been playing the guitar for four years now, but I really like being in a band rather than playing by myself," said Gaudino. "Having my brother in the band makes it a



James Richardson, on the bass guitar, plays at Jaxx with Low Profile.

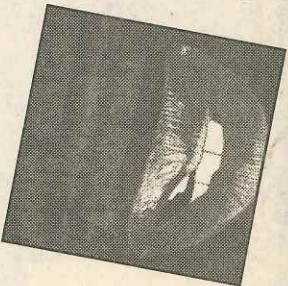
lot easier to practice."

Upcoming school events that will include bands are Homecoming on October 21, SpartanFest on October 28, and Battle of the Bands in June. Low Profile, along with many other bands, will be performing and competing.

"I'm looking forward to the upcoming events like SpartanFest in which we will be playing," said Singh. "But nothing that we have accomplished would have been possible with out the help of Mr. Owens. He has helped us very, very much."



Rocky Horror's Susan Sarandon and costar Barry Bostwick look on (left), while the infamous red lips are the movie's icon (right).



Halloween causes cult movie hype

Angela Florino

ETC. editor

It's not often that you can go to a movie and see the audience dressed up as the cast from the movie.

The "Rocky Horror Picture Show" is a famous cult movie from the 1970's that is still shown in small downtown movie theaters today. It is a musical that is not really based on anything in particular, and the cast of actors range from Susan Sarandon to Meatloaf.

"The movie is kind of hard to explain if you haven't seen it," said junior Erin Sikes. It is not really about anything, it's just a really fun movie to watch and sing and dance along to."

There are groups of people or that organize parties or outings to go and watch these older cult movies such as "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," "Dr. Strangelove," "The Clockwork Orange" and "Swamp Thing." These people will often rent the movies, dress up as the characters and have parties at their homes or go to a theater that is running a special of cult classics.

"My brother and I went to see a special showing of 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show' at midnight at some small theater and all the people there were dressed like

the people in the movie and they were throwing things, singing and dancing through the whole movie," said junior Laurie Strobridge.

These kind of movies were never blockbuster or big hits in the theaters, they were just small movies based a variety of things and some of them are satires making fun of certain things.

However some of these cult classics are also some of the first scary horror flicks for past generations. "The Night Of the Living Dead," was a movie about dead people that came back to life to kill all the innocent.

These movies are popular year-round but they tend to be watched more around Halloween.

"We have an entire section labeled 'Cult Classics' in our store with movies in it like, 'Heathers,' 'Swamp Thing,' 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show,' and people rent them more around Halloween than any other time of the year," said Hollywood Video store manager, Allan Withner.

While these old cult and horror movies may not appeal to the general public, they have proven that they have lasting power and will be around for much longer.

CD Review

SR-71 has angry rock-edge

Angela Florino

ETC. editor

"Right now" they may be popular, but it's doubtful, even with a decent CD, that we will be able to say the same six months from now.

Recent pop-rock sensation SR-71 has done a great job of making themselves into another one-hit wonder band. "Now You See Inside," their debut CD has produced two hit singles that are dominating rock radio. "Right Now" and "Politically Correct" are SR-71's first two singles that have made them popular. Most



people rush out to buy CDs when new bands come out with a good hit song, and in this case it's not that bad of a move.

Mitch Allan, Jeff Reid, Dan Garvin and Mark Beauchemin, out of Baltimore, are the four guys that make up SR-71. They started out as a garage band desperately trying to get HFs to play their songs. After making a record deal with RCA, SR-71 produced its first single, "Right Now." Currently, they are helping shoot Baywatch Hawaii while they are promoting their debut CD.

"Now You See Inside" is a typical pop-



the combination of musics and lyrics on most songs makes it worth buying. The majority of the CD is romantic, whether the songs are fast or slow. Since the band is a group of locals there are plenty of references to local hangout places around D.C. and Maryland. In track nine Allan refers to Fell's Point, a popular tourist area and hangout spot on Baltimore's inner harbor.

SR-71 did a good job on their debut CD, but the longevity of this band is still to be seen, so we might as well enjoy them "right now" instead of later.

SR-71 band members are lead singer and guitarist Mitch Allan, Jeff Reid on bass guitar, drummer Dan Garvin and guitarist Mark Beauchemin. Their CD is filled with romantic songs of all tempos.

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Two girls share their experiences working for the "Victory 2000" campaign

By Caitlin Marvin and Theresa Rupp

Managing Editors

We know you don't want to. You don't care about politics and you can't even vote. But, since you have to do your 10 hours, you might as well have fun while doing so. We've spent a couple hours with the Republican Party and it's "Victory 2000" campaign. Our "hours manager" Bill Brough, who is the Northern Virginia Political Director, turned out to be a really cool guy.

Our first assignment was the Falls Church Metro Station. We scanned the station looking for stuffy politicians yelling "Allen for Senate," but instead of politicians, there were actually normal people there.

We were a bit apprehensive about getting in people's faces and promoting a candidate we didn't even know. We were handed stacks of tax papers and told to say, "Bring the surplus back to Virginia." Whatever that means.

We nervously moved to the exit of the station and looked at the mob of angry commuters who just wanted to go home at the end of a long day. Poised with our handouts, we held our ground.

Bill started to pester us about raising our voices and hyping up the crowd for George Allen. It helped a little that Allen was actually there giving everyone a warm "howdy." About ten percent of the people reluctantly grabbed the sheet and then proceeded to stuff it in their already busting briefcases and purses. Beginning to think that Allen wasn't so big. Brough remembered to tell us that we were in "democrat territory," otherwise known as "we hate Allen" territory. Okay. That's nice to know.

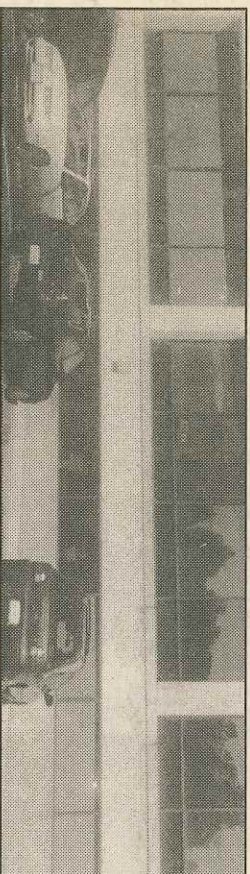
After 2 hours of pure rejection, we were beginning to get used to the "I would never touch that paper;" "Not in a million years would I vote for Allen," and the old men who just looked scared and said "bahhh" to us and shook their fingers.

But then again, there were the people who smiled at us and told us we were good sports for doing a fairly difficult thing. It is hard to be so persistent and pushy for a cause that you really don't believe in—or even if you do believe in it.

Besides doing metro stops, possible volunteer tasks include going door to door, making literature drops, phone calls, and putting up signs.

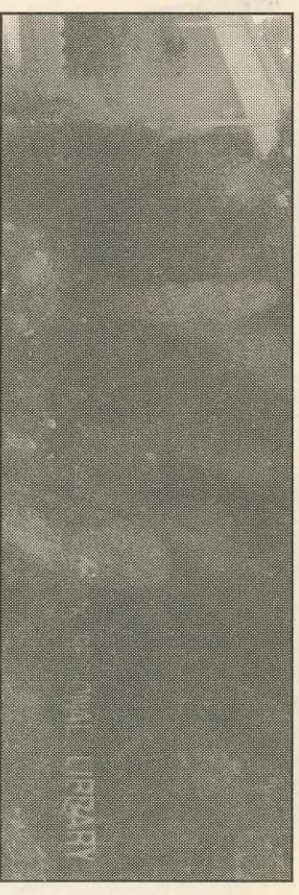
Even if it gets difficult, you know you've got to do it. Brough offers a couple words of advice.

"Stay involved! It helps to educate your peers. Only 24% of 18 to 24 year olds voted in 1996," said Brough. "People sacrifice their lives to protect our liberties. Do it because it's your life and your government"



Bree Vrosniko

Students take advantage of the convenient locale of Allen's campaign office.



Jane Eitemann

Pohick Library is one of the Fairfax County libraries participating in netLibrary.

Reading into the future

By Melissa Lipman

Entertainment Editor

New eBooks allow library patrons to check out books without ever visiting the library.

The Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) system is participating in a six-month trial of the new program as part of a partnership with netLibrary, which will last through December 31.

The way the program works is that library patrons can create accounts through a link on the FCPL website (www.co.fairfax.va.us/library). Their accounts will allow them to access thousands of eBooks. The eBooks contain the same text as the printed versions, but they can be viewed online or patrons can download special reader software to view the books offline.

The available texts include books on subjects ranging from computers to Cliff Notes. Classical literature like *Hamlet* and the *Odyssey* is also available. The netLibrary has two domains: the Library Collection, which are books that FCPL has designated to be used for free by its patrons, and the Public Collection, which are books that the netLibrary provides free to anyone in the world.

"Potentially it is [something that could come to school libraries] if they had a collection of titles that are useful," said WS librarian Stephanie Byrnes.

Byrnes believes that the current collection of books is limited because publishers are reluctant to give up their

hold on the industry.

The netLibrary also allows people to search the entire text of a book in order to find a specific piece of information. It even includes *The American Heritage Dictionary* among its available reference books.

User accounts can be accessed from anywhere, and eBooks return themselves automatically.

However, there are still some doubts about the program.

"I have a curiosity about it," said WS librarian Jan Tarasovic. "I will try it. I don't expect to enjoy reading online."

Like other books at the library, eBooks are also protected by copyright laws. The netLibrary has taken certain measures to keep users from infringing on the authors' rights. The eBooks can only be viewed one page at a time, and the program sends the user a copyright warning if it detects excessive printing or copying of the texts. The netLibrary can also disable an account if the patron is violating the copyrights.

Some predict that eBooks will become more important in the future. Stephen King has recently published an entire book online. Publishers are also betting that before long most reference books will be online too. For students, this means more and more research will be able to be done online, and there will be less of a need to actually visit a library. The main question about books online, however, concerns the future of novels.

"I just really love the feel of a book, especially when it's new," said Tarasovic. "I would miss that."

What to do on Halloween

Activity	Date/Time	Price	Features	For More Info.
Burke Nursery Sixth Annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Playground, 9401 Burke Road	Oct. 2 to Oct. 31, 9AM to 9PM daily	\$6 on weekdays, \$8 on weekends	Fun and educational activities for children, a pumpkin, and a hayride	(703) 323-1188
Six Flags America FrightFest, Maryland	Every Fri., Sat., and Sun. until Oct. 29, nightly from Oct. 25 to Oct. 31	Admission price - about \$35, plus \$8 for parking	A fun-house, a spooky Midnight Express Ride, a new haunted house called Brutal Planet with hi-tech special effects, new wave music, a Haunted Hayride, and an illusion show	http://www.sixflags.com
Junior Chamber of Commerce's (Jaycees) 14th Annual Haunted House, 3155 Duke Street, Alexandria	Oct. 21 to Oct. 31, 7PM to Midnight	\$5	Monsters and ghosts	http://alexjaycees.org/
Jaycees "Haunting through the Centuries" Haunted House, Arlington	See "For More Info."	\$5	Five rooms representing a spooky historic event or myth from a different century, starting with the 1600s	http://www.varlingtonjaycees.org HH2000/ Times.html
Olde Town Alexandria Ghost Tours, Alexandria	Every Fri., Sat., and Sun. night, and Oct. 26 to Oct. 31 at 6:30PM	\$6	A six block tour that includes legendary haunted houses, folklore, bizarre stories, and ends in a graveyard.	(703) 548-0100 OR http://www.cais.com/webweave/ghost.htm

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Athletes go out of bounds with drug use

Outside the game pro athletes run in with the law

By Emily Morris

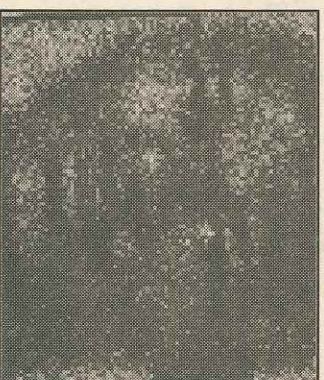
Features Assistant

Recently, more and more professional athletes have been caught with drugs and alcohol. These athletes are what so many younger athletes aspire to be, so the effect these athletes can have on students can be astounding.

Professional athletes make millions of dollars a year, signing multi-year contracts for millions.

"I think that professional athletes should not be paid as much because they have a negative effect on students," said sophomore Emily Mishoe. "Athletes should be kicked off the team and out of their sport when they are first caught with drugs or under the influence."

For some, it is not how much the athletes get paid, but that those athletes are living a dream life. Professional athletes have everything that high school athletes want. For high school athletes, they look up to professional athletes so much that they will do anything.



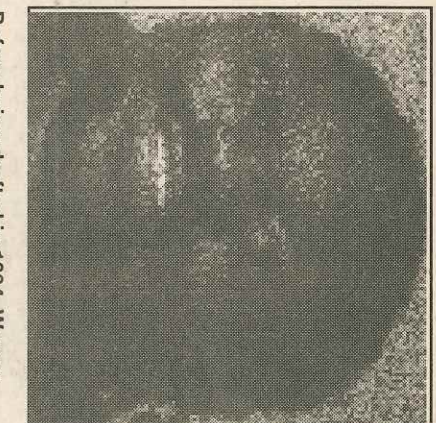
Mookie Blaylock, a point guard for the Golden State Warriors, was arrested in 1998 for possession of marijuana. He was found with the drug while boarding a plane in Canada.

"I really look up to professional athletes, what they do really encourages me, I want to be like 'them' and do what 'they' do," says junior Matt Peters.

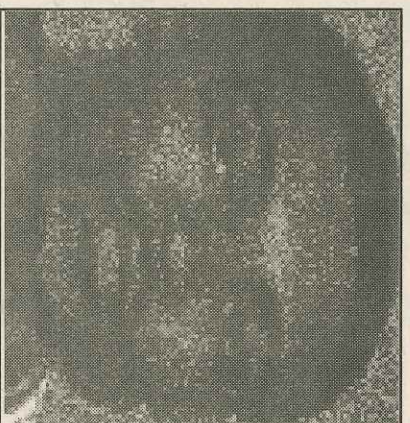
However a percentage of student athletes think that the athletes that have been caught with drugs, such as Warren Sapp and Darryl Strawberry need to be cut from their teams. Strawberry has been caught with cocaine several times, even after being diagnosed with cancer.

"Professional athletes are a disgrace to America," said sophomore Jaime Hudson. We need to focus on other role models since the ones we have now are simply are a bad influence, they should not be allowed to play after being caught with drugs," said sophomore Jamie Hudson.

Student athletes may not or may use drugs because of the influences professional athletes have on them, but a reoccurring pattern happens when professional athletes are caught with drugs in their system or in their possession. Professionals tend to get a lesser punishment than the average person "I think that it is a shame that those



Before being drafted in 1994, Warren Sapp of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, admitted that the drug test that he failed was accurate in its finding.



Rod Strickland, a point guard for the Washington Wizards has been arrested twice since being a Wizard on charges for DUI.

Huffing and puffing at Powder Puff

Junior and senior girls played in the annual Powder Puff showdown Monday. Because of deadlines, we can't bring you the "official" story, but we can tell you that the seniors won, 28 to 0. Instead of a game story, here is the "inside scoop" on practices leading up to the post-Homecoming event.

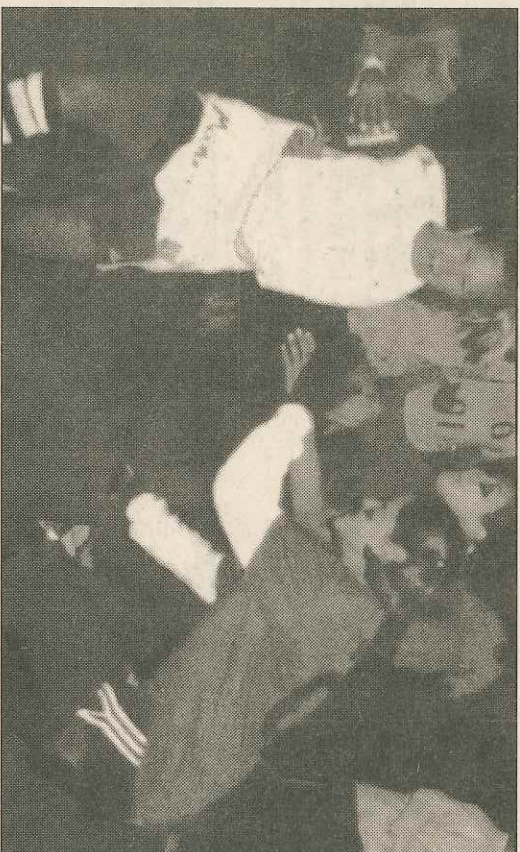
By Beth Gibson
Special to The Oracle

If men had their way, Fall would be renamed Football.

Fortunately for us girls, the tradition of Powder Puff gives us the chance to compete in the object of guys' obsession, instead of against it.

Powder Puff is a grudge match between the junior and senior girls. It was once a school-sponsored flag football game until the administration banned it from school grounds in 1997 because it promoted "interclass violence." The game moved to South Run; we play full-contact. Games get rougher every year.

Practices start early to try and prepare the gaggle of prissy girls, who spend their lunchtime discussion hair, dresses, and guys, into a squad of gridiron players who think in terms of passing patterns and blocks. Dane, Christian, Pieter and Reid are the coaches, and four of my best friends, Nightly, at 6 p.m., we meet at the field. We do some drills, but mostly we



Meghan Howie tries an end around Gina Ciardullo in last year's Powder Puff game.

scrimmage. We play girls vs. girls, mixed teams, or battle of the sexes.

My parents, unlike some, are aware of where I go and why. They instruct me, as I run out the door every night, to "Be careful, and for goodness sakes, DON'T HURT ANYONE," followed by my automatic response, "Don't worry, I won't." No one ever gets seriously hurt, I tell myself, just bumps and bruises. Why are parents so paranoid, anyway?

It's a close scrimmage. The guys are up by one touchdown, trash talk flying. I laugh as I roll up my sleeves..I'm playing middle linebacker and loving it. There's the snap. It's a running play. The two lines crash. Reid darts up the middle. I use his momentum to throw him to the ground.

He jumps up, smiling. "I thought they said you could hit?" I wink, and challenge him to come at me again.

The next play is identical, except this time I use my whole body in the tackle.

athletes get away with drug charges do not learn a lesson. As a wrestler, my coach is very strict so I know I can not get away with anything," says senior Jeff Payne. "However, that what an athlete does in his private life should not be reported, it is their performance on the field that should be reported."

With the press and technology these days news travels faster than ever. When an athlete is caught with drugs the news can travel to the whole country in a matter of minutes.

"I don't know if it is more athletes using drugs these days, but the news travels faster and more people are aware of it, the press is also searching for news to report." Said girls basketball coach Bill Gibson. "I have definitely seen a rise in the use of steroids, and the rules have increased in professional leagues so incidents that were legal years ago are now not. As long as high school coaches set and enforce rules, then there should be no problem with a rise in student athletes using drugs."

WHAP! The whole game comes to a halt. The two of us are in shock at the impact of the hit.

Blood drips from his chin, as I see that somehow we are both still standing. The silence of 50 teenagers worries me more than the knot and throbbing headache. One of the boys, Jimmy, takes Reid home to get the cut cleaned up. We're sure it's nothing serious. I sit the next play out, to be safe.

That night, I call Reid. After several tries, Jimmy calls to say that Reid has gone to the hospital. The next day, Reid is absent and rumors fly about the damage. He needs seven stitches to his chin, suffers a mild concussion, and messes up his jaw.

I hope this year will be injury-free. I chuckle as my mom and I talk about the upcoming game. She agrees to let me play if I don't hit at practices. I think she is being paranoid. After all, what are the chances of that happening again?

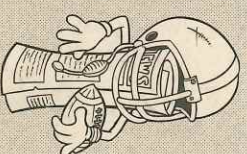
Athletes arrested on drug or alcohol charges:

- 2000- Lester Earl, University of Kansas, DUI
- 2000- Ryan Healy, Arizona State University, driving under the influence of marijuana
- 2000- Sebastian Janikowski, Oakland Raiders, possession of date-rape drug
- 2000- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, driving under the influence of marijuana
- 2000- Michael Irvin, Dallas Cowboys, possession of marijuana
- 2000- Kevin Stevens, New York Rangers, possession of crack cocaine
- 1999- Derrick Coleman, Charlotte Hornets, DUI
- 1999- Bam Morris, Kansas City Chiefs, conspiracy to import marijuana
- 1999- Tamerick Vanover, Kansas City Chiefs, conspiracy to import marijuana
- 1999- Darryl Strawberry, possession of crack cocaine
- 1998- Mookie Blaylock, 1998, possession of marijuana
- 1998- Rod Strickland, Washington Wizards, DUI
- 1997- Juwan Howard, Washington Wizards, DUI
- 1997- Kerry Collins, New York Giants, DUI
- 1997- Chris Webber, Sacramento Kings, DUI, possession of marijuana

—Compiled by Myles Curran and Matt Kaitz

What do you think the Redskins' record will be at the end of the season?

Record	Percentage
9-7	21%
10-6	56%
11-5	13%
12-4	7%
better	3%



The poll was taken during lunches; more than 200 people were surveyed.

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Joey Tinsley

Sports violence affects athletes at early age

By Lauren Decot
Features Editor

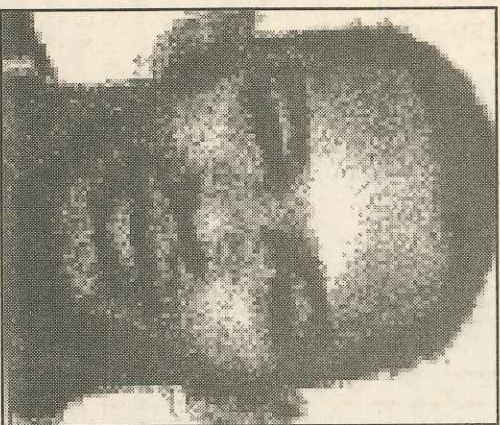
Violence is everywhere on television. It is staged in movies and in television series, but in sports, both on and off the field, it erupts when competitiveness and pride come together in the athlete.

When professional athletes sign a contract saying they'll play for a certain sports team, they are not only accepting the role of an athlete, but also of a role model. It is inevitable that professional athletes will be idolized by millions of children.

"When I was eight, I wanted to be just like Nancy Kerrigan," said junior Jordan Hamilton. "I remember once trying to do a triple axle on a hardwood floor. You don't know what pain is until you fall on a hardwood floor."

However painful that might have been, there are much more serious consequences to idolizing today's professional athletes.

It is one thing to try and imitate the moves of an athlete, such as Rae Carruth.



Former Carolina Panther Rae Carruth, was arrested last year on murder charges when his pregnant girlfriend was killed.

Carruth is a wide receiver for the Carolina Panthers. It is perfectly normal for a child to look up to Carruth because of his football skills.

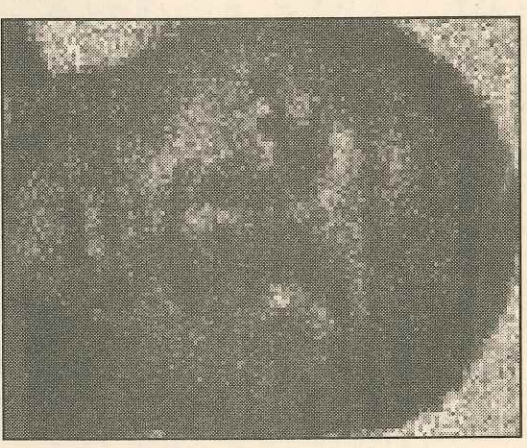
However, the way he treated his girlfriend is nothing for a child to idolize.

Last fall, Carruth was arrested and charged with first degree murder following the death of his girlfriend, who was six and a half months pregnant. She was shot four times in her car. According to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Carruth is the first active NFL player to face a murder charge.

Retired NFL player O.J. Simpson was acquitted in 1995 of murder charges in the stabbing deaths of his ex-wife and her friend. In a civil trial, however, he was found liable for their deaths and ordered to pay \$33.5 million in damages.

Similarly, Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, faced charges pertaining to a post-Superbowl stabbing death outside and Atlanta nightclub last year. Two friends, Reginald Oakley and Joseph Sweeting were charged with malice murder, felony murder, and aggravated assault. Lewis pleaded to a lesser charge and agreed to testify for the state.

Although violence on the playing field may not be always planned, the murders



Ray Lewis, of the Baltimore Ravens, was arrested in January on double murder charges in Atlanta on Super Bowl night.

committed by sports stars are. This violence in today's sports has an influence on today's youth. It is hard to ignore and being so young, a child may not be able to see that it's wrong.

Cross country teams run for steady improvement

By Clint Crosier
Staff Assistant

Over the river and through the woods, to the finish line they go. The WS cross country team displays endurance and commitment on a tough trek.

The season is well under way, and with the help of the skilled runners, the team is looking forward to a productive year.

"We're not quite up to full potential yet, but we will be soon," said sophomore Mary Anne Lukeman.

The overall team consensus is that a slow start is to be expected, but the runners hope that this will change in the following weeks of the season. They also hope that as the team grows and starts working together, that the wins will come more often and contribute to a successful season.

"We started off not working as a team, but now we have gelled and started to pick it up," said sophomore Jeff Day.

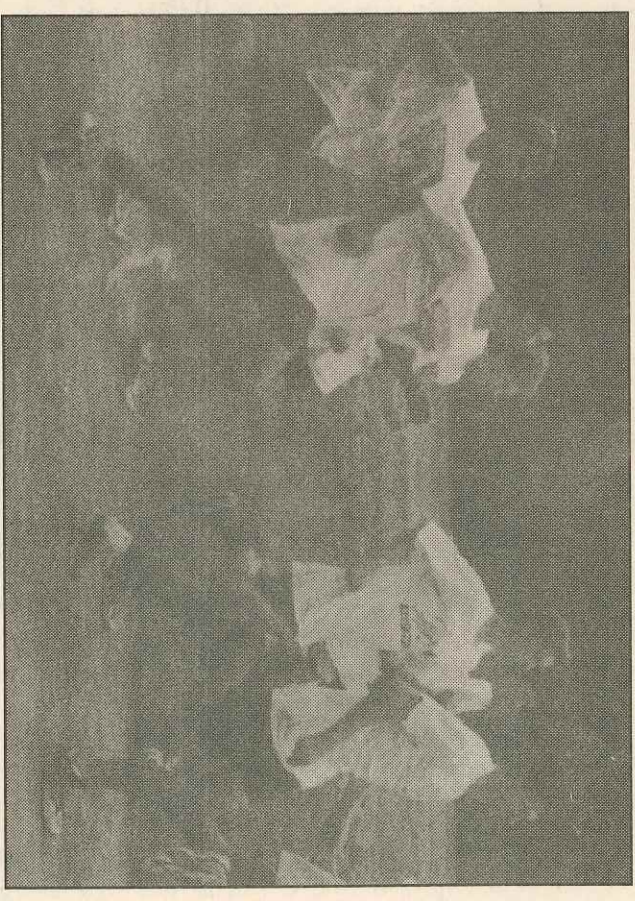
The cross country team is doing well in the meets and picked up three trophies at Salesianum, Delaware. The team has their most recent wins at Robinson and South Run, the teams' home course.

"We're doing awesome, strong team unity has brought improvement," said Junior James Feeney.

Rivalries are common in sports and cross country is no exception. Two of WS's main cross country rivalries are Robinson and Lake Braddock. The team has beaten Robinson, but still trails Lake Braddock.

"We are behind Lake Braddock right now, but it's really close," said Day.

The rival teams are headed by exceptional runners that many WS cross country athletes have set goals to beat. Robinson's L. A. Sneed and Braddock's Dave Vitto are two such runners that WS athletes have their sights set on.



Russ Waddell

The cross country team practices to achieve their prediction of a successful season.

While the rivals may have some powerful runners, WS is not without it's share of talented runners. The girls' team is headed by Maureen Hagan, Nancy Rachlis, Katie Freund, and Huma Hussain.

Jeff Day, James Feeney, and Brian Witt are a few who, other than a few minor injuries and sickness, the teams are in good running condition and hopes to finish a successful season.

"This year we've done well, the Pack is back," said Junior Bryan Witt.



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Athlete of the Issue

Mike Straub
Golf

Sport: Golf

Other Sport(s): Baseball

Favorite Class: Government

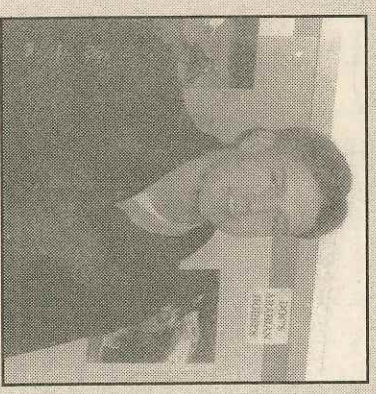
Role Model: Mitch Hedberg

Future Plans: Go to college

Favorite Part of the Game:

Being the longest driver in the region

Pre-Match Ritual: Arrive ten minutes before tee time



Bree Virostko

Best Memory: Winning a long drive tournament over the summer

Just Would Like to Say: "I think Pringle's initial intention was to make tennis balls."

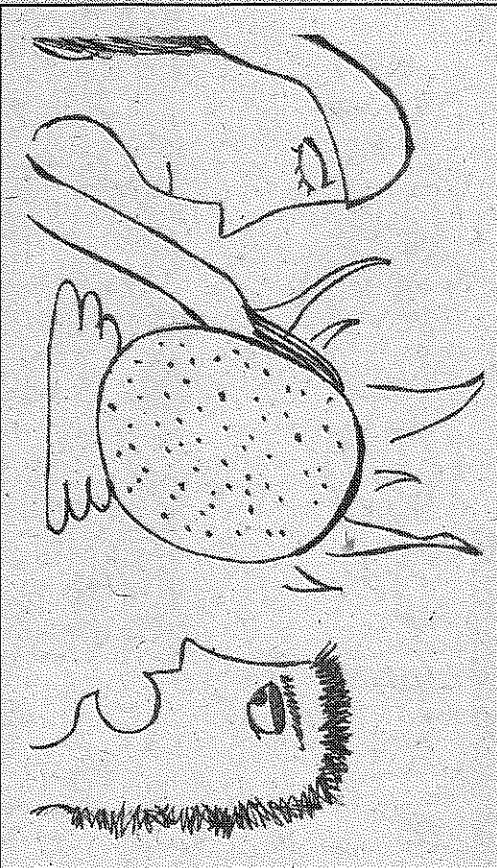
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Check your...

HOROSCOPE

Libra: Go home and take a nap. When you wake up everything in your head will be clear. Look forward to the weekend!

Scorpio: Do your English homework. Your teacher is going to collect it tomorrow.

Sagittarius: Go shopping today. At your third stop, you'll find an unexpected bargain. Buy it.

Capricorn: While eating lunch, look across the room. The person you catch eyes with will turn out to be your future in-law.

Aquarius: Go to South Run and take a swim. The breast stroke is fun!

Pisces: SURPRISE! You get asked out on a date.

Aries: Stay home tomorrow. Something horrible is waiting for you at school.

Taurus: The outfit you're wearing gets you a compliment—a first for you!

Gemini: Quit your job. You're getting fired next week anyway.

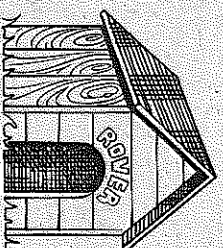
Cancer: You ate something weird for lunch. Take a trip to the bathroom.

Leo: Raise your hand in class. Your answer will be right. Your teacher will praise you.

Virgo: Reading *The Oracle* today just earned you extra points on your SAT verbal score.

—Compiled by Theresa Rupp and Caitlin Marvin

Who let the dogs out?!



Mr. Burns-14%

Woodward and
Bernstein-3.5%



Mike Straub-9.5%
PETA (People for the
Ethical Treatment
of Animals)-8%



Your Mom-21%

Woof Woof Woof!-20%

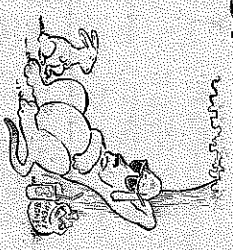
other suggestions:

-Baha Men

-You

-Bill Clinton

-Cruella Deville



200 surveys were given out, 161
legitimate answers were received.

—Compiled by Jenny Braudaway

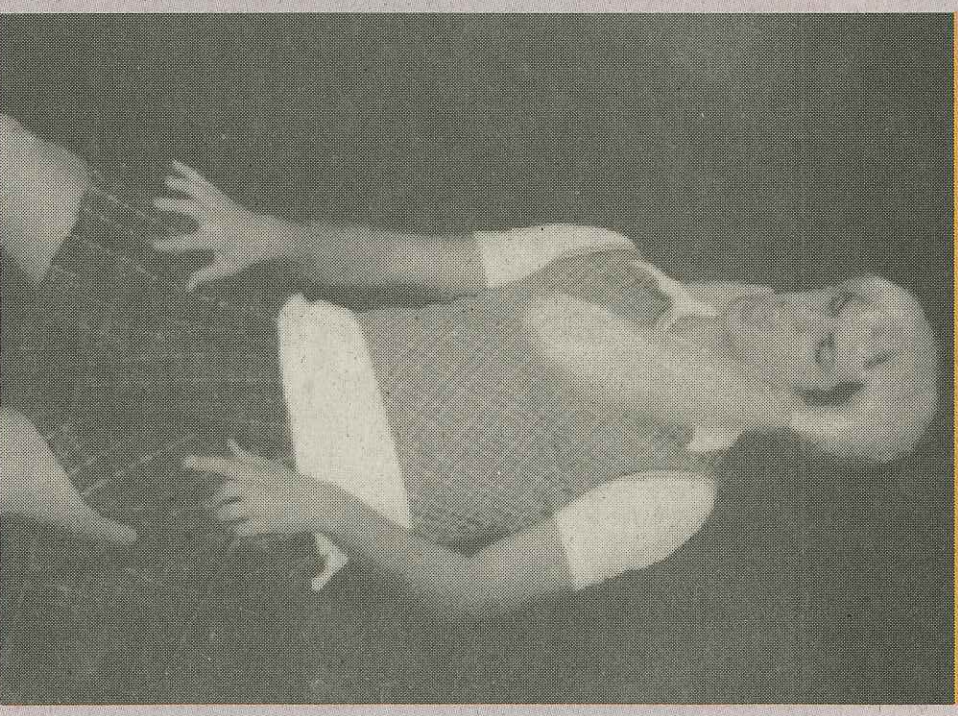
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2000

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>V Football @ Annandale 7:30</p> <p>POD @ 9:30 Club</p> <p>DECA Coffee Bar</p> <p>Macy Gray @ 9:30 Club</p> <p>Winter Sports Begins</p> <p>Teacher Workday</p> <p>Richard Ashcroft @ 9:30 Club</p> <p>Guitar Club pizza sale</p> <p>German Club Advent Calander sale</p> <p>20</p>	<p>31</p> <p>HALLOWEEN</p> <p>Class of 2002 Bake Sale</p> <p>Teacher Workday</p> <p>Report Cards during 5th period!</p> <p>Foo Fighters @ 9:30 Club</p> <p>Type O Negative w/Simon Says @ 9:30 Club</p> <p>21</p>	<p>November 1</p> <p>BBMak @ 9:30 Club</p> <p>Disco Biscuits @ 9:30 Club</p> <p>22</p>	<p>2</p> <p>London Wainwright @ Wolf Trap 8pm</p> <p>V Football @ Woodson 7:30</p> <p>Poetry Coffeehouse 6:30-8:30 Spartan Hall</p> <p>John McEuen & Jimmy Iphoson @ Wolf Trap 7:30</p> <p>A Deep House night with Lazy Dog @ 9:30 Club</p> <p>Thanksgiving Holiday</p> <p>23</p>	<p>3</p> <p>The Fred Yonnet Band @ 18th and L NW Borders Books</p> <p>First Quarter Ends</p> <p>Military Recruitment during lunch</p> <p>Yearbooks on sale during lunch!</p> <p>Senior Sack Lunch</p> <p>Thanksgiving Holiday</p> <p>24</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Spartanfest</p> <p>SATS@WS</p> <p>Chris Smither @ Wolf Trap 7:30pm</p> <p>Winter sports team photos 8am</p> <p>Reel Big Fish @ 9:30 Club</p> <p>25</p>
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HOMECOMING 2000

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*Classes come together
in an 'Olympic' moment*



Clockwise, from top: Brad Cullumber and Timmy Hill compete in Spartan Games; Lindsay Carter, Kendra Kojcsich, Fatima Razi, and Kara Kojcsich chow down; Dan Weinberg as Britney Spears; Brian Kluckman shakes his booty; Brionna Nomi crowns Mr. Spartan, Ryan Yanovich; Homecoming Queen Meghan Ogilvie breaks it down at Mr. Spartan pageant.

