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## Theater department learns thrifty ways 'Hello Dolly,' while on a budget, still comes out on top



Seniors Ryan Yanovich and Karina Adams starred in this year's spring musical, "Hello, Dolly!"

## Spartanettes make national debut; earn first runner-up

By Angela Fiorino  
ETC. Editor

Hard work paid off this year for WS' drill team, as the Spartanettes placed for the first time in national competition.

The team competed in this year's Eastern Dance Association (EDA) national finals in Myrtle Beach and they danced their way straight into first runner-up for the jazz-funk category. The stiff competition included East Coast

schools that come every year to perform in the finals.

"The teams that were there were all really good, but we fell right into place with a lot of them because of all the hard work we did at practice," said sophomore Taylor Flynn.

The Spartanettes practice every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. all year. The coaches, Laurie Phelps and Adela Stanley, even asked

teachers and administrators to come in to watch the dance moves to get an outside opinion.

"Everyone was really stressing out at practices but when we got to the finals the stressing really paid off and everything just came together," said junior and co-captain Chelsea Poling.

Intense and stressful practices weren't the only burdens on the

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Oracle File Photo

The Spartanettes earned first runner-up in national competition.

## Governor's School draws a WS crowd

By Amy McKeever  
Inside Story Editor

This summer, instead of relaxing at home, 13 WS students will be spending at least three weeks learning at Virginia colleges.

These students were all accepted into the prestigious Virginia Governor's School program. They will study in a number of disciplines, including academic, visual and performing arts, and languages. The application process began in the

late fall and culminated during spring break, when students were notified of their standings.

"When the envelope came, I really thought it would be a rejection, so I didn't open it for several hours," said junior and Spanish Governor's School acceptee Jasmine Wilkins. "When I finally did, I told my mom and she was so excited she started saying things in Spanish that I couldn't understand."

The language schools are

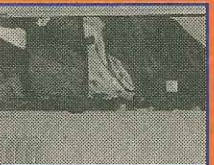
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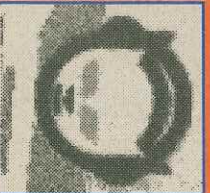


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## You can take it with you

1975 alum wants piece of WS for space trip

By Nikki Werking  
Oracle Editor

A lot of kids dream of becoming an astronaut with voyages to the stars, but it's a reality for one WS graduate.

NASA astronaut Patrick Forrester, who graduated from WS in 1975, is scheduled to fly on the STS-105 mission on July 12. About six weeks ago, Forrester



Maggie Atteberry  
Junior Judith Pulman will be traveling to Governor's School for theater.

contacted principal David Smith to notify him of the mission and to make a request: Forrester asked for a memento from WS

to take with him on the shuttle. He intends to present it to the school in a ceremony after he returns from space.

Smith, along with administrative secretary Sally Felder and science

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NASA photo  
1975 WS grad Patrick Forrester is preparing for a space mission. He wants to take Spartan memorabilia with him.

# Miss Springfield pageant gives confidence

By Lauren Sheffield  
*Oracle Photographer*

The Miss Springfield Pageant is coming, and just like every other year this exhibition of young girls is an exhilarating experience for all involved.

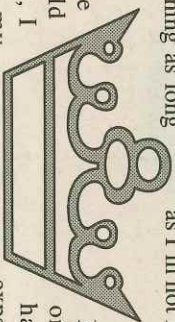
Every year the girls meet for the first time at dinner to get acquainted. On the night of the pageant, the girls saunter down the runway in Springfield Mall in front of JC Penny's and answer a spontaneous question about themselves all while modeling their evening gowns.

I entered the Miss Springfield Pageant as a freshman at WS. It was an event I had not heard about in past years and I thought that it might be something that I would enjoy. As the days went by we spent time together county line dancing at Blackies, meeting the members of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and playing laser tag. My one concern was the personal interviews and the one question I had to answer on stage. Never

having experienced it before I was extremely nervous and decided that was the first and last year I was to be a contestant.

Now I am a senior and about to enter the pageant for a fourth time. I've realized that I don't have to worry about anything as long as I'm not fake and just act like myself. Though I have never become Miss Springfield runner up, I or even a experience and enjoyed my coming back.

I believe that any girl between the ages of 15 and 20, as specified by the pageant, should feel welcome and comfortable to enter. Although some people view pageants as a superficial display of mindless beauty queens, it is actually more based on how you interact with others and how you carry yourself. It is not a contest



## Letters to The Oracle

To The Oracle:

Bart Kramer has an Ed.D degree and writes in your April 27 issue that he's put in 31 years in the Fairfax County school system. Sadly, he apparently still has much to learn about the role of the press in a free society.

I was never so proud to be a WS parent as when Dr. Smith publicly owned up to the mistakes involved in our school's handling of federal aid forms. It would have been easy to stone-wall and then to suppress *The Oracle's* publication of the facts. To his great credit, Dr. Smith acknowledged error, explained that the school's mistakes were born of good intentions, and made no attempt to stand in the way as *The Oracle* explored the issues. He obviously understands that in a public institution, like WS, there must be public accountability.

It was a great lesson to WS students, who surely will make well-intentioned mistakes of their own as they move into the adult world. Unfortunately, it was lost on Dr. Kramer. His letter likens the school's handling of aid forms to "cheating on a test, lying to a parent...being dishonest," and then suggests *The Oracle* has hurt the school by exposing the situation. One wonders if Dr. Kramer applies the same standards when students observe and report actual cheating by their peers. Would he prefer that they keep quiet?

Perhaps worst of all, Dr. Kramer makes the utterly unsupported charge that *The Oracle* staffers leaked the embarrassing story to *The Washington Post*—we learn elsewhere in your April 27 issue that word actually was passed by a concerned parent. His indignation at the attention the media gave to the story suggests he believes that cheating and lying (his words) to obtain more federal aid for our public schools aren't legitimate items for public concern. I think most parents, and taxpayers, would disagree.

Dr. Kramer asks "What happened to the philosophy, 'Take care of yourselves, take care of each other, and take care of this place?'" I suggest that *The Oracle* has followed that ideal admirably, taking care of the integrity of "this place" by applying the antiseptic of sunshine to what might otherwise have become a festering sore of dishonesty and deception. This is a hallmark of good journalism. Your paper has nothing to be ashamed of; Dr. Kramer owes each staffer an apology.

Dale Eisman

Dear Editor,  
RE: *Washington Post* story, "A Case History for an Ethics Class."

I concur with Mr. Mathews' education columnist for *The Washington Post*, who wrote about *The Oracle* April 17] assessment of Dr. Smith, your paper and your school. It is refreshing to see that your principal was willing to take the hard, uncertain road to admit a wrong and support his students. In my view, you and I are all much better off. Truth really is everyone's best defense. Well done.

Sincerely,  
Frank J. Tooke  
Miles City, Montana

To The Oracle,

In response to Dr. Kramer's letter to *The Oracle*, I wish to state that I think that Dr. Smith's "Take Care" philosophy has been admirably executed by *The Oracle* staff.

Take care of yourself (speak the truth); Take care of each other (allow opinions to be voiced on all sides of an issue and report without bias); Take care of this place (don't ignore the deterioration of the building or the community—speak up—be accountable and encourage others to be).

We take care of each other by requiring accountability without regard to status or privilege. Had a student asked an administrator to forge a signature, would the position be different? For those who feel that the WS community has been hurt, I would suggest that they consider whether the reporting of the incident or the incident itself is the thorn.

I agree with Dr. Kramer that WS is a wonderful community, envied by many and rivaled by few. That he can state his opinion, that I can state mine, and that you can stick to reporting the good, the bad, and the ugly is testament to this. Thanks for a job well done!

Susan Hoyt  
WS parent

Though I have never become Miss Springfield or even a runner up, I have always enjoyed my experiences and they are what keep me coming back

strictly based on beauty.

It's a great way to discover who you are and would like to be. At the same time, you can do new things you may never have even thought you would have. You could be walking down a runway with hundreds of eyes watching you, or even sitting atop the float wearing the crown of Springfield and waving to many star struck neighbors and strangers. It gives the contestants a sense of confidence and dedication toward a goal that could quite possibly mean a great deal to them and their future.

## Wait list letter, also known as the rejection letter

By Jenny Braudaway  
*Weekend Editor*

The mail comes that day with an envelope that displays the logo of the college you have been waiting to hear from. You rip open the envelope, scan the first two sentences of the letter, and realize you do not see the word "congratulations" appear anywhere. Taking a closer look you see the words "wait list."

Being a senior, the wait list dilemma is one that many of my friends have been faced with. The wait list simply means, should the institution have underestimated the number of accepted applicants who will actually attend that institution, then there are back up students who will fill up those spaces. In the meantime, being on the wait list to us means that, during a time in which the wait was supposed to finally be over, it is not.

There is a specific timeline to the college admissions process, save minor variances, which goes as follows: you apply by January, hear back by April, and reply to the chosen institution by May. The usual wait list policy states that they will notify you in June as to whether there is space for you to fill up. Since most colleges require you to make acceptance replies by May, not only does this mess up the timeline, but it leaves you short should you choose to wait and then not get accepted in June.

It just so happens that the colleges that wait list you are often the colleges that may be worth waiting for, but who is willing to take that chance? After four grueling years of high school, the thought of ignoring the May acceptance deadlines of your safety schools to wait it out for your dream school, and then be left with no college (no future) in June when they tell you there's still no space for you is too much. And I, personally, know of nobody who has done it.

In short, the concept of the wait list is really quite useless. I take it as basically a statement of, "Hey, we didn't reject you, but don't count on going here," which to me, means absolutely nothing. The college admissions process is ravaged with enough chance already. And come May, it is not the time to be gambling. Until the acceptance reply deadline changes to June, the wait list letter may as well be the rejection letter.

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"Spearmint, because it tastes good and smells nice for other people."  
—Herman Ramos, junior

"Juicy Fruit. I like it and the wrapper is yellow."  
—Katherine Rehm, teacher



"Juicy Fruit. It has an energizing kick to it."  
—Ali Metzhan, teacher



"Cotton Candy. I had it in my mouth during my first real kiss."  
—David Harris, senior

# Spartan Spotlight

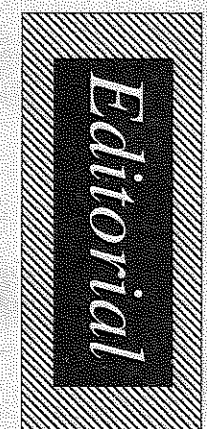
What's your favorite chewing gum flavor and why?



—Compiled by Lauren Sheffield

## Catch problems, not just skippers

Wait a minute—for a second there we thought we were trapped on the island of Alcatraz. With the mild "crackdown" on students leaving school for lunch, things have gotten a little more strict around WS.



Obviously, we are aware of the fact that it is not permitted, to leave school grounds without a pass. If something were to happen to us while we were skipping, the administration would be liable. But really now, is it necessary to have all four members of our school security staff surveying each and every single entrance to the school?

We don't think those actions are necessary at all. They do have jobs they are required to do, but that brings us to our next question: What if something were to happen on the inside?

The recent school shootings may have occurred on the other side of the country, but there's always that uneasy feeling that fills our stomachs when we think about it happening in our school.

## Use common sense to dress in the morning

By Emily Morris  
Features Assistant

Dress appropriately in a way that is consistent with the work place.

Those words come straight from Principal David Smith's web page. They seem simple enough, but every year there is a huge controversy about our school's dress code.

At WS, I consider us lucky. We are able to wear what we want and are not forced into uniforms. But that may be the problem. Our rules are too vague, it is short and seems easy to follow, but yet it never fails to cause an uproar among students and teachers.

A student could easily argue that his or her article of clothing would be acceptable in the workplace. At the same time a teacher could argue that it is not and that the student change her clothes. The rule is designed so that the staff and administration can use their own judgement in applying the dress code. This could be a problem since there is a generation gap between some teachers and the students. In some of the more modern companies, tank tops may be accepted, but not to some teachers who are used to the "old days" when women wore old-fashioned long skirts and a very conservative sweater.

Times have changed! And so have the styles, but I do not feel that some

So if that were to happen, and an administrator needed some assistance, then how exactly would our security guards react? Oh yes, that's right: they wouldn't react because they would be busy catching the real culprit: the students skipping school.

We'd like to know about some of the decisions made recently in the name of "security," but our security staff isn't talking. Repeated attempts by *The Oracle* to interview security about everything from skipping to theft have been met with a resounding "no comment."

So we can only comment on our observations: If you play a sport or you have figured out how to become "best friends" with security, or you decide to pop on over to Starbucks for part of sixth period (security apparently only guards the doors during break and lunch), then have no fear. You can leave whenever you want without suffering any consequences.

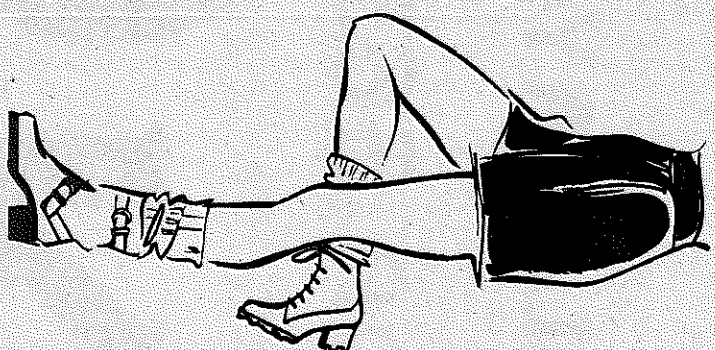
How much justice is served here? What a great way to teach students how to obey the rules, when some of us don't have to.

of the styles should be modeled in school. I do not want to walk down the hall and see rear ends hanging out of either the bottom of SHORT shorts or the top of baggy shorts. Skirts have also reached an all time high. I do not watch the news a lot, but last I heard there was no fabric shortage, so what is up with the spring's fashions?

The administration has no set rule on how long shorts or skirts must be. They handle each inappropriately dressed student on a case by case basis. This can be unfair to some students because different administrators may have different ideas on what is an acceptable length for shorts.

Shorts aren't the only thing that need to be changed. T-shirts seem to be shrinking more and more each spring. It's not the sleeveless tops that get to me, or the spaghetti straps, or halter tops. I own halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps and wear them regularly. The administration no rule on straps of shirts, if there are straps at all. Dr. Smith is more concerned with "bare midriffs". But the neck lines seems to be receding faster than Dave Matthews' hairline. Some are so low and revealing, why do some girls bother wearing tops at all?

I know right now that every guy out there is upset with me. But I am not saying each girl should throw away flashy clothes, short shorts and skirts. I am suggesting that some people wear certain clothing at a more appropriate time and place. If a girl wants to wear a bikini to the mall, or a guy wants to wear a speedo, more power to them, but please do not wear these to school. If isn't necessary.



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# Track team runs for their lives

By Jenny Askin  
Production Editor

As he walks down the hallway, his large water bottle swings along with his long stride. The bottle is covered with close to a hundred languages, all standing for the same word: water. Raf Stottlemeyer is a member of WS track program. Stottlemeyer is known for his long distance races and even his practices.

Last December Stottlemeyer went out for a typical long distance run. However, this run would be different than any other run he had ever taken. As Stottlemeyer ran past Cardinal Forest Shopping Center, he attempted to cross the street. He noticed that the light was red, so he began to cross the street. A car came barreling down the road and struck him. Stottlemeyer went up along the windshield and then fell and hit the car's side mirror. The driver was a high-school-age girl driving under the

instruction of a local driving school.

"The girl was really upset, luckily I did not have any serious injuries, but the driving instructor blamed me," said Stottlemeyer. "But I thought to myself 'Yield to pedestrians!'"

The incident did not leave Stottlemeyer injured, he continued his run shortly after his accident. He believes that the accident did not impair his running, however he does say that he was rather sore for a couple of weeks.

A month after Stottlemeyer's accident a similar one occurred, this time with junior Jason Haviga. Haviga was running along Rolling Road in front of the Interstate Van Lines Building on a January afternoon, when a student driver struck him. The driver was under the supervision of Keith's Driving School. Junior Stephanie Hotell was a witness to the incident.

"He went to cross the street and she [the student driver] was looking the other way and she just ran into him."



Lauren Sheffield

Members of the girls track team enjoy a roadside run. A few boys have been struck by cars lately, said Hotell. "He rolled onto the car and then fell to the ground, then the girl and the instructor drove him back to the school and to the trainer."

Haviga cracked four of his ribs and bruised both hips. After consulting with WS administrators, Haviga decided to contact the driver in order to pursue further action.

"I didn't press charges but she ended up paying for all of my medical expenses," said Haviga.

## Students cope with theft

By Nikki Werking  
Oracle Editor

Your backpack was right there just a second ago, and now you can't find it. It's happening to students at WS, as junior Amy Steed found out.

On an afternoon in late March, Steed left her backpack in room 214 after school while she completed some work in an adjacent room. When she came back to the classroom, her bag was gone.

"I was really upset when I found out it was gone because I had keys to my new car in it," said Steed.

She went to administrator Richard Griffin for help. He found it that afternoon in a boys bathroom, with items missing.

"They took my ATM card, debit card, my account numbers, and about 47 cents," said Steed. "I called an hour later to cancel my accounts, so they [the thieves] didn't even get to use them."

The thieves took a few other items from her bag, including Steed's Gel Pens.

"They took some really weird stuff,"

said Steed. "All of my Gel pens except for the new, unused, unchewed ones were gone. And they took apart my key chain, but they didn't take anything off of it."

After finding her bag, Steed decided not to pursue the issue.

"I was just happy to have my backpack back," said Steed. "So I just dropped it."

The administration was unavailable for comment on how they ordinarily deal with theft at WS.

It's not just backpacks that are being stolen, either.

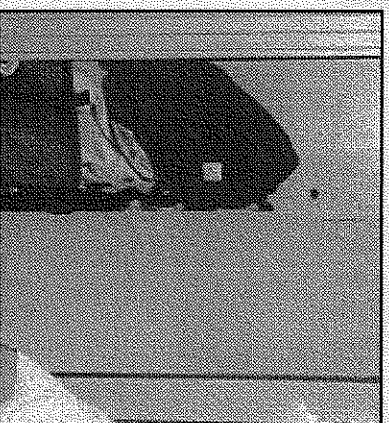
Junior Arielle Koester had a Discman and CDs taken in late March.

"It was kind of my fault because I left them in the desk in American City," said Koester.

Rather than reporting the incident, she dealt with the problem herself.

"I wrote messages on the board, asking people to please return my stuff," said Koester. "No one returned anything though. I found a few of the CDs in desks around the room, but that was it."

A similar incident occurred on May 4



Russ Waddell

Students have had items stolen from the locker rooms.

when senior Amanda Thornburg lost her car keys during the spring pep rally.

"I went up to talk and then I watched the girls do their dance," said Thornburg. "When I came back, my keys weren't there, and I had all my stuff in my car, like my calculator and backpack and stuff."

Theft, however, is nothing new to the school scene.

"My bookbag and calculator were stolen last year," said senior Stephanie Stink. "But it's not as bad as some of my old schools. I went to some ghetto schools. I even had my shoes stolen."

## WS grad set to enter space

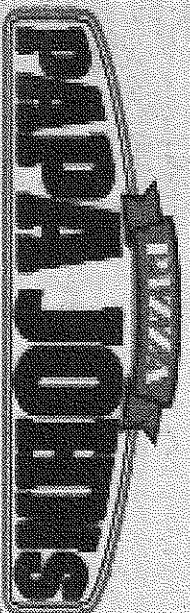
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department chair Mark Blanchard, decided on a medal featuring the lamp of learning on the front and "WSHS Spartans" inscribed on the back. The token was sent to Forrester over spring break.

Forrester also made the same arrangement with his former middle and elementary schools, Washington Irving and Keene Mill, respectively. Washington Irving sent Forrester a piece of the Rock, and officials at Keene Mill were unavailable to comment on the item they are giving to Forrester for the mission.

Although there are no official plans yet, WS expects to hold the ceremony for Forrester sometime during the 2001-2002 school year.

"He's down-to-earth and very pleasant," said Feldner. "He should be fun and interesting for everyone to meet."



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## 13 prepare for Governor's School

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available for not only Spanish, but also French and German students.

The Spanish and French academies will be held at the Staunton School for the Deaf and Blind, while the German academy will be held at James Madison University. They are each total-immersion programs, meaning that all students must speak the target language for three weeks or face being kicked out.

"I'm excited, but I'm nervous about speaking German for three weeks straight," said junior and

German Governor's School acceptee Kate Kovar. "I won't even be allowed to listen to English music—German music rocks though."

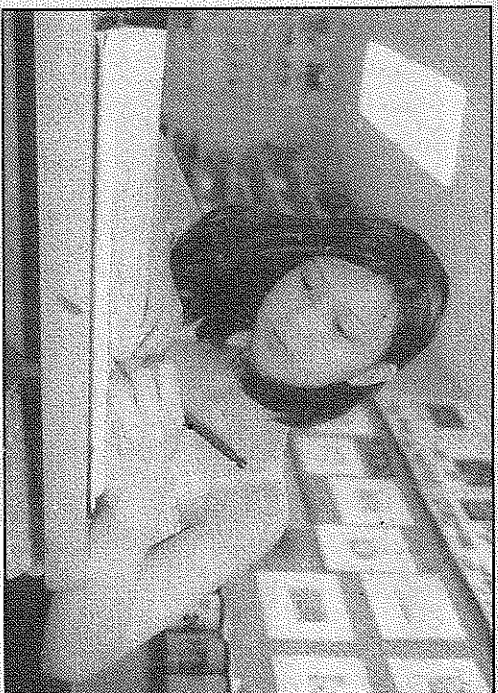
However, many WS students chose to apply to one of the many visual or performing arts schools. Junior Rebecca Weiner applied and was accepted into the Governor's School for dance, after having 11 years of dancing experience in ballet, jazz, and tap.

"I heard how much fun Governor's School is from seniors who went and I figured that I might have had a fighting

chance of getting into it for dance," said Weiner. "I've never danced every day for that long, so it will be a new experience."

The visual and performing arts school and the academics schools will be held at the University of Richmond. The academics school includes programs for the humanities and programs for science and math. Several WS students got into each of these.

"Congratulations to all of the students that applied to Governor's School, they're all top-notch," said guidance counselor Laurie Pheips who is



Maggie Athberry

Junior Rizza Abella, one of the acceptees for Governor's School, will be working on art. in charge of Governor's School those students who were applications. "And good luck to accepted."

## Drill team moves to a winning beat

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team. One of their problems was whether or not they would be able to even have a team. Last summer the dancers attended an EDA camp and were invited to perform in regionals. There they took first place in the senior high kick cataloger, which was the routine that got them into nationals.

However, after the camp and closer to the beginning of this year, the team did

not have a coach. In order to compete, they were supported by history teacher

Andrea Schalgel and team mom Joanne Johnson when attending the EDA camp.

Finally, new counselor Pheips and Orange Hunt teacher Stanelly volunteered to coach the team. Without them there was a great possibility that the team would not have existed.

Sophomore Lauren Caprio sums how far they had come in an article she wrote

in the "Nationals."

"Nationals helped us grow closer as a team and it was a great experience. It also helped the school realize what the drill team is capable of."

Many people were involved in the drill team's success including a former WS student, junior Colbie Bowling. Bowling choreographed the dance that the team took to nationals. The Spartanes also received honorable mention with their

senior high kick routine. That routine sent them to nationals originally. Team captains also played an important role in their success.

"Under the leadership of Michelle and Chelsea Poling as captains, their willingness to support the team plus the team's effort is what got the team the trophy," said Stanelly. "From where they've come and to where they're going, they did an awesome job."

## Primary Cast:

Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi: Karina Adams

Ernestina: Casey Graham

Ambrose Kemper: Adam Bellacocco

Horace Vandergelder: Ryan Yanovich

Ermengarde: Gillian Ramsey

Cornelius Hackl: Peter Thaxier

Barnaby Tucker: Brian Fahy

Irene Malloy: Elizabeth Wilcox

Minnie Fay: Ashley Hoffman

Mrs. Rose: Judith Pulman

Rudolph Reisenweber: Zak Angel

## Thespians work hard to generate cash

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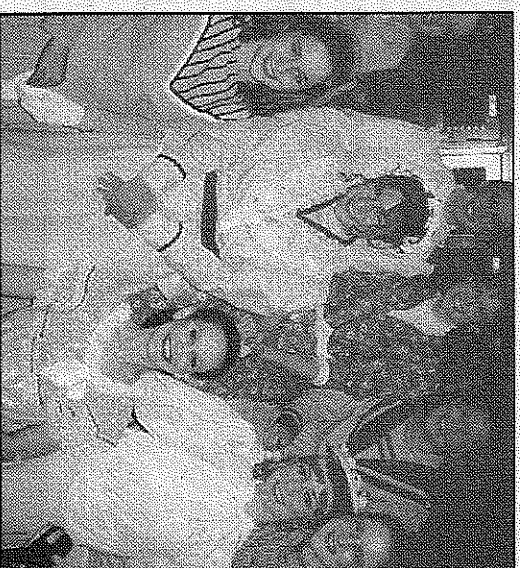
fundraisers, such as vending "Spartan fizzies" at Spartaneest in the fall.

The theater department is still in the process of calculating its profits, but both the Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5 performances came close to selling out.

"I was disappointed that none of the shows sold out," said Levesque, "but I'm glad that we at least had a pretty full house on Friday and Saturday."

Even with the high cost of big productions like "Hello, Dolly!" WS students agree that it is worthwhile.

"It's a really good play," said junior Amanda Eccles, who was a member of the chorus in "Hello, Dolly!"



Some chorus members used home-made costumes to save money.

## Warm weather lures skippers

**By Julie Davis**  
ETC. Editor

Although WS does not have an open campus, many students partake as if it does. With the taint of summer vacation that warm air brings, more and more WS students avoid school, whether they are excused or not.

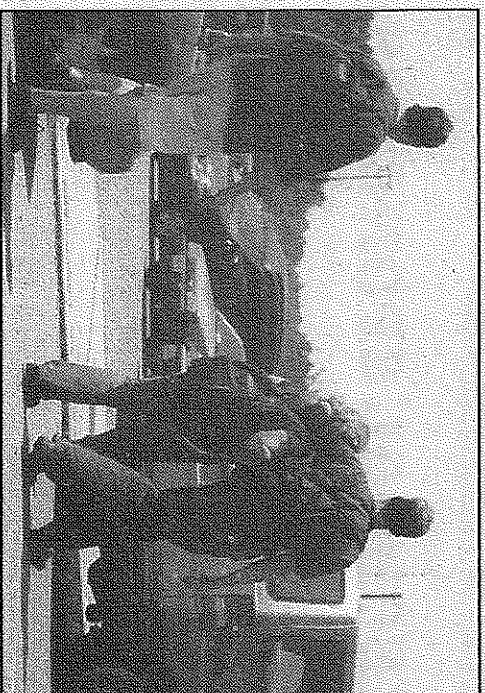
"We don't have any senior privileges," said senior Kristen Herbst. "It's warm and school is almost over, so why not enjoy privileges that we should have anyway?"

Senior Mohammed Kamara agrees.

"I think that seniors should have special privileges for skipping, like actual official senior skip days."

Although the security staff was unavailable for comment by simply peering out the back windows toward the parking lot, students can see that they are busily at work monitoring the exit. They are preventing students from skipping as much as they can, whether it is by checking passes or threatening punishment.

"I don't skip because I am afraid of the consequences," said freshman Ike Matthews.



Bree Virostko

**As summer nears, more students leave campus early.**

Not all students are breaking the rules, however, because of the work they would miss in class.

"It is too hard to make up a class," said freshman Andrew Seegers. "It has never crossed my mind to skip class. I am a good student and I need to be there for the lessons."

Even seniors are inclined to make the effort during the final stretch of high school.

"I used to skip everyday as an underclassman," said senior Cynthia Underwood. "But school is winding down, and classes aren't that bad. I have AP and GT classes, and there is material I

need to learn for the AP exams."

Some teachers recognize that students may need a break.

"I think everyone needs a Ferris Bueller's day off once in a while," said English teacher Judy Harris. "It would be marked as a cut, but I only teach good kids. I don't teach fools."

With that in mind, students question if attendance is always necessary to learn the lessons.

"If you keep your grades up," said Underwood, "then I don't believe that the administration should be so strict. Some kids learn better on their own anyway."

On March 3, the PTSA held an awards ceremony to announce the winners of the annual Reflections program.

The topic for this year's contest was "Wouldn't it be strange if...." Students could respond in anyway they felt appropriate in the categories of literature, photography, and visual arts.

**Literature:**

First: Angela Choi, 9, "Disorder of Five Seasons"

Second: Katie Richardson, 11, "Say What?"

Third: Evan Anderson, 10, "We Discovered a Panacea Against Diseases"

**Photography:**

First: Matt Van Brocklin, 11, "Happy Feet"

Second: So Jeong Joo, 12, "I Was Filmed Dancing"

Third: Jem Bartucca, 11, "If Dogs Could Read"

Honorable Mention: Gina DiCiccio, 11, "Double Vision"; Katherine Carleigh Jacobsen, 11, "...If Girls Were Superior"; Katherine Yoon, 11, "...If Spider Webs Put You to Sleep"

**Visual Arts:**

First: Candice Joo, 11, "...If Paper Wanted to be Something"

Second: Rizza Abella, 11, "Pantasy"

Third: Karlena Sakas, 12, "The Time in Between"

Honorable Mention: Rizza Abella, 11, untitled

**Council Level Winners:**

Outstanding Interpretation:

Angela Choi, 9, Literature

Candice Joo, 11, Visual Arts

**Award of Excellence:**

Matt Van Brocklin, 11, Photography

**District Level Winner:**

Candice Joo, 11, Visual Arts

# Easily maintaining a healthy car

By Myles Curran

Sports Editor

"A car is not a toy" is a phrase that teenagers have become all too used to hearing. The statement, in all reality, is true though.

Along with monthly car payments, check-ups on the car can take a toll on the wallet. Cars have to have the yearly state inspection by law, but cars also require certain mile point check-ups.

"It can take a toll to always be fixing my car," said sophomore Tara Austin. "My car is pretty old so I have to keep a close eye on it and get it fixed pretty often."

The more recent model cars don't require as much care as the older models but most students have older make cars. These cars often have transmission troubles and overall engine troubles which are the most expensive problems to fix.

"My transmission is basically shot in my car," said junior Daniel Schorer. "I had to have a whole new engine put into my

car once, that was a pain but it was worth it to keep the car running."

Other problems can arise in the tires of

"I had a flat the other day and didn't know what to do. I called up the Shell station and took my car over there. I should really learn how to change a tire, it might help the next time."

—Brian Kee, junior

a car with flat tires or just low tire pressure. The problem is that most students don't know how to change a tire or check the tire pressure.

"I had a flat the other day and didn't know what to do," said junior Brian Kee. "I called up the Shell station and took my



Sophomore Chris Marotta changes his tire. Some teenagers do not know how to change a tire, which can be a hazard if caught on a road with no civilization in sight.

Fuss Waddell



Sophomore Dan Johnson checks his oil, which should be changed every 3,000 miles.

Fuss Waddell

## WS Honor societies toughen admission requirements

By Jennifer Schonberger

Features Editor

Colleges love them, students work hard to get into them, and stay in them—that is honor societies. There are honor societies for practically everything: National Honor Society, Art Honor Society, Science Honor Society, ASL Honor Society, and Quill and Scroll, to name a few.

"It's hard to get into honor societies and staying in and maintaining yourself is impressive," said junior Elizabeth Hebbda. "Some are harder than others. I know, for example, for Spanish Honor Society you need to get straight A's for the first three years."

Honor societies offer admission to those with high grade point averages in that subject matter, or in the case of NHS, for a high grade point average over all.

"Some honor societies are harder than others to get into," said junior Gina DiCiccio. "For Art Honor Society you only

need a 3.0 average and need to have been in it one year only."

Besides the difficult requirements that need to be met to be accepted, there are requirements to stay in the honor societies. Different honor societies require different standards, but most require tutoring or some type of community service.

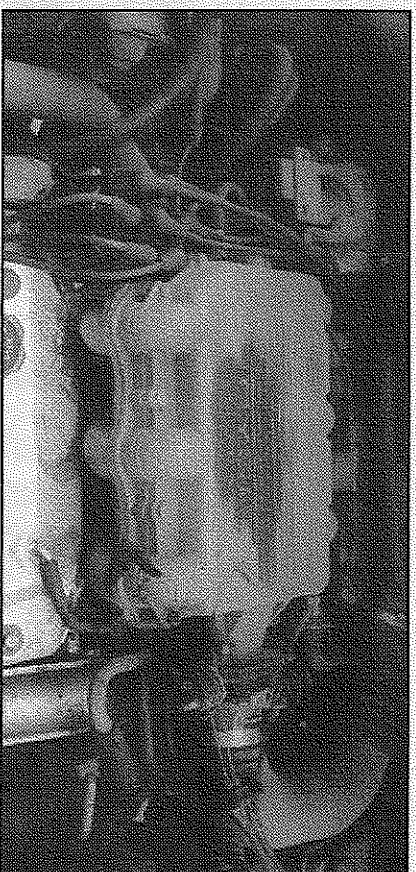
"I would have tried for NHS, but I just did not have the time to fully commit to stay in," said junior Nikki Atkinson.

Those who fail to meet requirements get the boot after warnings.

"Being in an honor society takes a lot of time," said senior Ern Zoller. "Math Honor Society, for example, requires you to stay after school, which can be hard to juggle with other activities."

Some join honor societies to build up their resume; others join because they like being a part of them.

"I think my experience with NHS has been worth while," said senior Elizabeth Wilcox. "I know it's not just an honor



This is a 3 liter V6 Chrysler engine from a 1994 mini Van.

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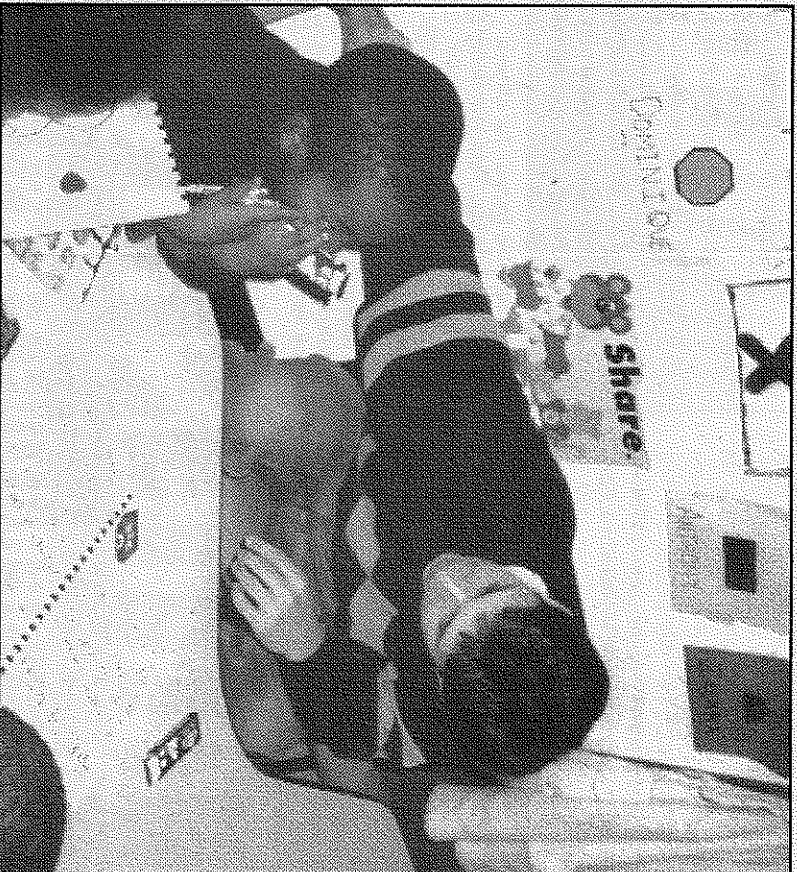
car over there. I should really learn how to change a tire, it might help the next time I get a flat."

Another easy task that teenagers often don't know how to do is changing the oil. Changing the oil can be over \$50 at a gas station but can easily be done at home. It can take as little as 30 minutes to do and doing it at home will save hard earned

"I change my oil at home," said senior Rob Dempster. "It saves me money and it really isn't that hard to do."

As much as a hassle caring for a car can be, students still eagerly await getting a car.

"I want a car, I don't care how much hassle it is," said freshman Brian Weinberg. "I'd rather have a car than walk all over the place like I have to do now."



Jessie Martin

Senior Mark Burton chit-chats during a November service project for NHS.

society to put on your resume. Some are and that is why it's hard to be motivated to stay in once you've gotten into college."

Some societies are based on point systems. Thespians have such a society. "Thespians have a kind of honor society

in which a certain number of points need to be achieved to be accepted. More points need to be obtained to stay in by doing shows for example," said senior Zak Angel. "I don't mind putting in time because I love being a part of it."

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# E-businesses bring good deals and easy downloads WS finds free internet access useful

By Laura Robinson  
News Section Editor

Few dare to be different. Few dare to stand out. Few dare to enter the realm of free internet providers.

"I might use it [free internet] if it looked interesting or all my friends recommended it," said freshman Ashley Hughes. "I just use the same as all my friends now."

For the few free internet users, the negatives outweigh the positives.

"I used Bluelight.com for a while and found it to be more hassle than it was worth," said history teacher Allison Kopkan. "I was constantly booted off, inundated with commercial ads,

and otherwise distracted from my work."

Besides all the pop-up ads, free internet providers are not known for their stability.

"It limits your hours a month which is really annoying. Besides, free internet services are going out of business all the time," said junior Omar Yacoubi.

Bluelight.com, one of the less popular free internet providers, offers free service but users are limited to only twelve hours a month.

However, if subscribers want to receive more hours each month, they must pay for the service.

Junio provides internet services to 4.1 million users. Its basic service offers full internet

and e-mail access for free, while its better programs, Juno Web and Juno Express, cost as much as regular internet providers.

According to the company website, Juno.com, most of its service comes from subscription fees charged for premium services and from advertising sales. Juno has a toolbar across the page that disconnects users once it is closed down.

Netzero.com offers 40 hours of free internet per month, with a banner ad constantly going across the page.

To use Netzero without the ad, customers must pay \$9.95 a month for Netzero Platinum service. There are 8 million current Netzero users across the United States and Canada.



Bee Vinasiko

Senior Zak Angel sits at his computer surfing the web for free. Internet service providers offer free service, but users are limited.

If users want more hours they must shell out more money.

Even with the different programs offered, students are AOL," said freshman Ali Anwar, "but I don't think so."

# Summer Time and the listening is hot WHFS hosts over 60 bands at annual festival

By Matt Kaitz

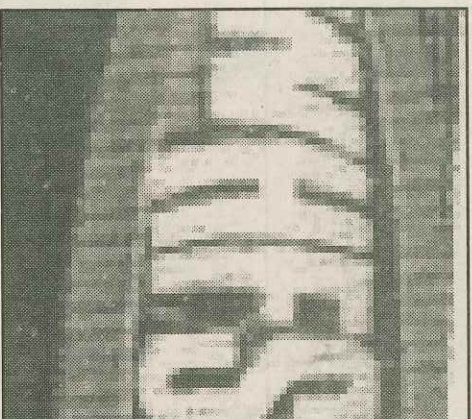
Oracle Staff Assistant

Memorial Day is a holiday associated with war veterans and pool openings. But this year, there is just a little more excitement added to this national holiday.

Local radio station 99.1 WHFS is sponsoring this year's HFStival at RPK during Memorial Day weekend, May 27-28. HFStival 2001 will feature over 60 bands that will perform on four different stages during a two day period. Among the bands featured at this years HFStival are Live, Lifehouse, 3 Doors Down, Fuel, and Incubus.

"I hope that this years HFStival is as good as the ones in the past," said junior Jon Kunzman. "I have gone for the past couple of years and I have not come back disappointed."

Tickets went on sale on Saturday, April 28 at Kemp Mill Records in Springfield Mall. For those who were not fortunate enough to get to the mall before the crowds gathered, there is hope. Tickets can still



Above: HFStival is famous for always having the top bands. This year some of the bands scheduled to play include Incubus, 3 Doors Down, Live, Fuel, SR-71, Staind, Fatboy Slim, Coldplay, Lifehouse, and American Hi-Fi. Right: Good Charlotte, from Waldorf, MD, are scheduled to play on Sunday and Monday for the HFStival.

"I have gone for the past couple of years and I have not come back disappointed."

—Jon Kunzman, junior



Good Charlotte

be purchased through Ticketmaster.com or by phone charge. Tickets will cost \$35 for each day.

"I tried to get to Springfield Mall before the people started gathering, but I was not successful," said senior Reza Olfat. "I was able to waked up to my alarm clock, I guess it was from being out to late the night before."

WHFS promises that this years event "will assemble more bands in one place than ever before in the history of our nation's capital." So ticket holders will not be disappointed with this years HFStival.

"It was about time that tickets finally went on sale for HFStival," said senior Mike Lunnington. "I can't wait to go to HFS because I have heard so many good things about the concert. It should be pretty fun."

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# Timeless Classics

## Movies that never get old

With thousands of movies released each year, only a select few can be box office hits and even fewer are long-lasting favorites. While there are several notable movies missing, *The Oracle* has chosen just a few of its favorites.

### Save Ferris

#### Bueller? Bueller?

By Roberto Garcia

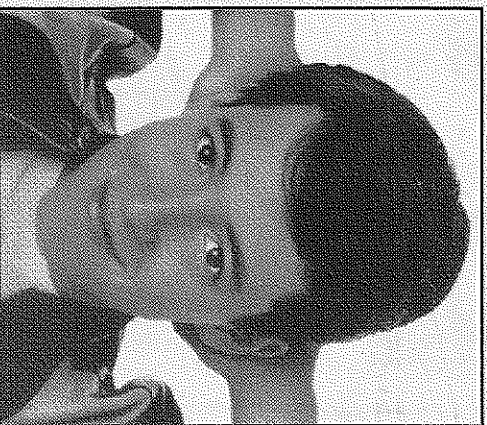
Production Editor

The ultimate day off- fooling your parents into calling you in sick to school, then taking a classic car out on the town to wreak havoc. With a few spills, several memorable quotes, and a lot of laughs, this is the basic plot of the 1986 Matthew Broderick movie, "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," which has become a comedic classic.

Based in a wealthy Chicago suburb, the movie follows the adventures of Ferris Bueller, a quick-witted high school senior, on his "day off" from school. After convincing his parents that he's deathly ill and must stay home, Ferris persuades his best friend Cameron, played by Alan Ruck, into letting him drive his dad's 1961 Ferrari into Chicago. After getting his girlfriend out of school, Ferris, Cameron and Sloane, played by Mia Sara, decide to explore the windy city.

"How could I possibly be expected to handle school on a day like this, that's my favorite quote in the entire movie," said junior Bryan Witt. "Everybody's felt that at one time or another, but Ferris actually did something about it."

What makes the movie a favorite is the hilarious instances in which Ferris almost gets caught. For example, when he tries to sneak into an expensive restaurant, he looks on the reservation list, finds the name

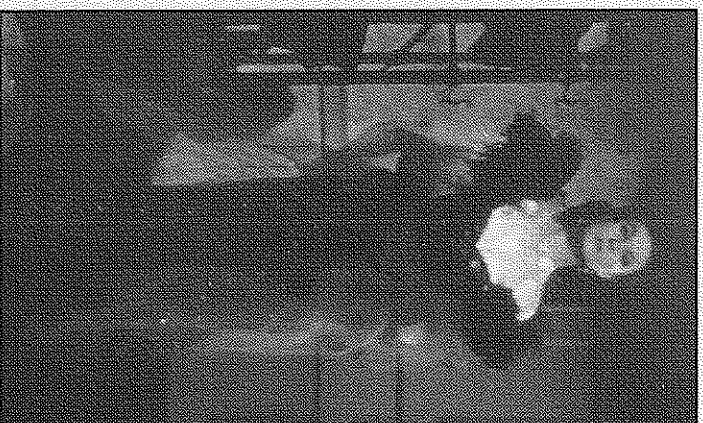


Abe Froman, and then pretends to be him. Unfortunately, he doesn't realize that Froman is the renowned Sausage King of Chicago. With the help of Cameron and Sloane, he tricks the Maitre-de into thinking that Ferris is actually Froman. We then watch as the Maitre-de struggles to keep a little dignity in the face of stupidity.

Other memorable scenes include Ferris singing "Danke Schoen" and "Twist and Shout" during a German-American Parade, or Cameron standing in shock when he sees his dad's car fall out of the side of his dad's garage down to the woods below.

"The fact that Ferris does so much, comes so close to getting caught, and still manages to get away, that's what makes this movie great," said sophomore Heather Callender.

Whether or not you're a big fan of this comedic feature, you're sure to find a barrel of laughs with a slight twist of ingenuity.



There are several memorable scenes from "Gone With the Wind," including the red dress scene, which is one of the ultimate tests of friendship.



Based on Margaret Mitchell's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, "Gone With the Wind" has entertained millions for over 60 years.

### Frankly, my dear...

By Amy Whipple

Oracle Editor

It's the summer of 1998. The movie industry has decided to re-release the 1939 classic, "Gone with the Wind." There is no question that my friend Maggi Hoban and I will be attending this rite of passage. It's something I've heard my own mom and other moms talk about before: how they, too, watched the glorious scenes, such as the burning of Atlanta on the big screen.

I only need one reason to justify how great "Gone with the Wind" is. It's not even how great a city engulfed in flames looks, or how incredible the "red dress" scene is, or how noble it is of Rhett Butler to want to keep his daughter, Bonnie, out of the dark. The only reason I need is I can sit through it.

Yes, that's right. The same individual with the attention span of a flea can remain in the same corner of the couch for three hours and 55 minutes. A group of middle schoolers sat behind us in the movie theater and even they were not a nuisance. That's impressive.

What's even more impressive is that this same movie has entertained people just like me for over 60 years. In the summer 1998 edition of "Newsweek," the American Film Institute named "Gone with the Wind" number four out of the 100 greatest movies of all time. "Citizen Kane"

(1941), "Casablanca" (1942), and "The Godfather" (1972) outranked the film.

"Gone with the Wind" is based on Margaret Mitchell's Pulitzer Prize winning 1936 book about a bold and daring Southern Belle, Scarlett O'Hara (Vivien Leigh). The story follows the life of O'Hara as she chases adulthood and her only true love, Ashley Wilkes. Stubborn and spoiled, her way is the only way. This doesn't, however, prevent her from failed marriages and friendships, and eventually marrying the rich and equally stubborn Butler (Clark Gable). It's then, especially, that I laugh, knowing that Leigh hated kissing Gable because of his smelly dentures.

There's no reason anyone could not like "Gone with the Wind." There's war, love, hate, laughter, and tears. Anything anyone could ever want is there, waiting for acceptance.

What other movie can I get away with jumping up and screaming "no" at the screen? What other movie can actually get the ever-procrastinating pair of Maggi and Amy at the first showing on the first day in the theater? What other movie has made me cry in the theater? What other movie can be as generationally linking? Even I can answer that question. There is no other movie that can do all that. And be it the summer of 1861, 1970, or 2010, we can always go back to Tara.

Dirty  
Dancing

Annie

Goonies

Top  
Gun

Willy  
Wonka

Mary  
Poppins

# The candy man still can

**By Theresa Rupp**  
Managing Editor

"Who can take a sunrise, sprinkle it with dew, cover it with chocolate and a miracle or two?" Yep, the candy man can, Willy Wonka can. "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" is my all-time favorite movie (besides "Pulp Fiction" and "Little Women"...I know I have a diverse taste in movies.)

The plot of "Willy Wonka" is simple: five children each find a golden ticket wrapped up in a bar of Wonka chocolate. As the prize, they get to bring a guest from their family to tour the infamous Wonka Chocolate Factory for the day. In addition to "a lifetime supply of chocolate," they get to see how Wonka makes all his delicious treats.

As a side plot, Sluggworth (a local candy competitor of Wonka) offers each of the five kids \$1 million if they bring back just one "Everlasting Gobstopper," so Sluggworth can find out the secret recipe of this new candy. This part of the movie lets the watcher know which of the kids have "morals."

Throughout the day, the kids take a scary boat ride, eat exploding candy, and try out Wonka's lickable wallpaper. If this isn't fun, then what is?



blueberry, Veruca falls down the "bad" chicken shoot, and Mike gets zapped into TV.

Charlie and his Grandpa Joe are the only two normal people. They are nice and considerate, but they do sometimes get in trouble. They couldn't resist when Wonka showed them the "fizzy-lifting drinks," which after you drink them, they make you fly in the air for a little while. Although they did this bad thing, they admitted their wrong doing. This teaches kids that even good people sometimes make bad decisions.

At the end, only Charlie and his grandpa are left with Willy. They ride a magical elevator up to the top floor of the factory, and then it bursts through the glass and they go off flying into the sky—and fly off to wonderful lives. This part is a little too unrealistic for me....

I like this movie because touring the chocolate factory is something that every kid in the world would like to do. And for the big kids, Wonka offers a bit of advice, "Candy is dandy but liquor is quicker."

All in all, this movie is just scrumdiddlyumptious.

## A spoon full of sugar

**By Melissa Lipman**  
Entertainment Editor

She's the nanny everyone dreamed of as a child. She makes the sun shine bright on many a jolly holiday. She's the only woman in the world who could pull a potted tree, a large lamp, and a singing mirror out of a colorful carpet bag.

She's Mary Poppins. A 1964 feel-good film based on the book by PL Travers, "Mary Poppins" has long been a staple in families with young children and a favorite in the hearts of most everyone else. It stars Julie Andrews in her film debut as a magical governess and Dick Van Dyke as a humorous man of many trades.

Mary Poppins comes to the rescue of two young children in a British household run by a suffragette mother (Glynis Johns) and a slightly overbearing father (David Tomlinson). She and Van Dyke's character lead the kids on a wild ride through a fantastical animated and live action world.

"Everyone says that the first animated and live action movie was 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit,' but 'Mary Poppins' was the first," said junior Jessie Chesnut. "And it's so cool."

One of the aspects of this movie that make it so well-loved is the ease with which many students connect with different scenes.

"I love the part where the nurse shuts the door on the dog and says, 'The position has been filled,'" said senior Elizabeth Wilcox, mimicking the nurse's British accent.

While some remember the film fondly, others recall other emotions surrounding it.

"Mary Poppins always scared me because she tried to cover up her escapades," said junior Billy Henline. Whatever memories students carry of "Mary Poppins," there is little doubt that the film will continue on as a favorite of many.

"I just think it's a classic movie in general," said Wilcox.



**Mary Poppins talks to animals and cleans rooms up with a snap of the finger.**

only six million dollars, "Dirty Dancing" made \$170 million worldwide and sold

## Having the time of our lives

**By Nayna Gupta**  
Inside Story Editor

When "Dirty Dancing" debuted in 1987, the steamy movie was an instant success. Since then, its provocative dance moves and catchy soundtrack has made "Dirty Dancing" a timeless classic.

Set in the summer of 63, 17-year-old Baby (Jennifer Gray) and her wealthy family vacation at a New York resort. When resort dance teacher, Johnny (Patrick Swayze), first teaches her how to grind her hips, Baby falls head over heels for him. Later, when Johnny's dance partner, Penny (Cynthia Rhodes), falls ill because of an illegal abortion, Baby offers to take her place. Through several weeks of rehearsing dance moves, Baby and Johnny fall deeper into a steamy relationship; one Baby's father does not approve of.

"It's one of the best stories ever, I can never get sick of 'Dirty Dancing,'" said junior Marissa Nomi. Originally made with a budget of



two hit soundtracks. Its hit single, "She's Like the Wind," not only won the Academy Award for best original song,

but also reached number one on music charts all over the world.

"I love how 'Time of My Life' starts slow and lyrical and flows into a great beat," said sophomore Leigh Johnson. "It's the best song to dance to."

Put in the same category as dance hits like "Saturday Night Fever" and "Flashdance," "Dirty Dancing" never grows old. For some, it is the suggestive swaying that breaks the rules. For others, it's the talented and irresistible cast that never ceases to be entertaining.

"It was the best movie because Patrick Swayze was a hottie with a body," said sophomore Vanessa Evans. With rumors of a "Dirty Dancing 2," starring Ricky Martin and Natalie Portman, many doubt anything will be able to top the success and hype around the original hit.

"Nothing can top Dirty Dancing," said sophomore Cristina Hoyt. "It makes you laugh, it makes you cry and it has an absolutely amazing ending."

# For A Movie Buffs.

## "Tomorrow"

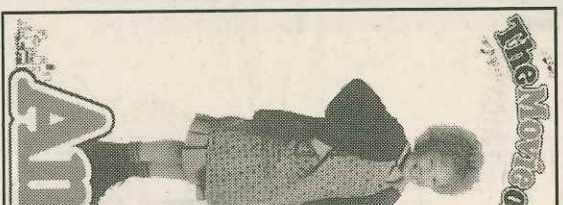
**By Caitlin Marvin**  
Managing Editor

The greatest thing about the 1980s musical, "Annie," was not the well-known songs or Carol Burnett as Miss Hannigan or even, Sandy the dog. It was, simply, all about the "pretty shoes."

Of course, she didn't always have them. In the orphanage, pretty shoes were hard to come by. It was a hard-knock life, after all.

The story of the cute redhead begins in an orphanage where Annie is living with a pack of girls and the drunken witch Miss Hannigan. The girls, including Molly and Pepper, join Annie in the cleaning and giggling through their many singing numbers and Miss Hannigan's hysteria. Right off the bat, it is hard to resist such a family-fun movie.

In an attempt to find parents, Annie goes to stay with billionaire Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks. When she entered the huge mansion, not only was she placed into patent leather shoes, but she also had the red dress that swished around with her every dance step. An essential in every five-year-old's closet. After seeing "Annie" just once, my



It could never be represented in front. Of course, Dad played by who else?

## Test

2. In "Mary I what actor played Daves Sr., the banker?"

- a. Steve McQueen
- b. Dick Van Dyke
- c. Walter Matthau

3. In "Top Gun" who wins the Top Gun award?

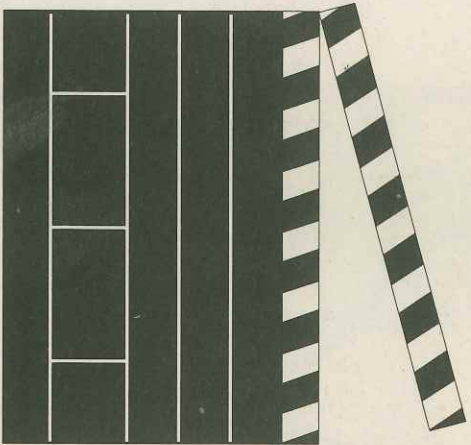
- a. Iceman
- b. Maverick
- c. Viper

1. What actor with a show on Comedy Central made a cameo in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off?"

- a. Greg Proops
- b. John Stewart
- c. Ben Stein



# Will You



## and forever

only wear skirts after the "twirl factor." If and our skirts e's, we were happy. s took several tries.

protests, we begged him to begin at the top of the staircase and, hand in hand, tap dance down the steps with each of us, reenacting the famous duo.

Unfortunately, in the movie, Annie doesn't stay long at the mansion. She is kidnapped by Miss Hannigan's brother, Rooster and his girlfriend, Lilly. Soon, everyone, including the little orphans, is fighting to get the lovable Annie back. And of course they do—right back into Daddy Warbucks' arms.

Annie was a daily part of our lives. Even when we weren't watching the actual movie over and over, we continued to play the parts. We always took turns being Annie, with a few minor fights. But we would deck ourselves out in leg warmers and sweat bands—to make us look more ragged and orphan-like—and climb onto the top of the toy box. There, we would hold up anything that resembled a microphone, and we would belt out the lyrics to "Tomorrow."

Sadly, we don't make my dad tap dance anymore, and we don't climb on top of the toy box to perform shows anymore either, but I will always remember the spunky redhead who taught me all I need to know about twirly skirts and pretty shoes.



## The need for speed

**By Russ Waddell**  
*Photographer*

Action. Suspense. Romance. Berlin. Val Kilmer and Tom Cruise. All the elements for a great American movie are in "Top Gun," the 1986 classic jet-fighter action thriller.

What really makes a movie a classic is how long people will be talking about it. Countless eight-year-olds have learned the terms MIG and F-14 from the movie and reenacted the dogfights and the hair-raising carrier landings. The action is no less thrilling for older audiences, but the plot makes more sense. *Top Gun* has the right mix of plot, action, and romance to leave a lasting impression on audiences of all ages. Then again, the killer soundtrack and star's Cruise and Kilmer might be why WS students will never forget it.

"The only reason I liked it was because of the hot guys," said sophomore Erica Reppa. Indeed, the chiseled bodies of Val



Kilmer and Tom Cruise may have more appeal than the deep thoughts of inner struggle and moral dilemmas inspired by the sophisticated plot. Some students did see past the sex and action to the real conflict.

"I loved his reaction when he finds out who the woman is," said junior Sara Scott, referring to ace pilot Maverick's discovery that the woman he had been hitting on was his instructor at the Navy flight school, Top Gun.

Male students were less impressed with the fighter pilots' figures than they were with the soundtrack, featuring a catchy theme by the band Berlin. Heavy guitar riffs provide the background for fast-paced dogfights and suspenseful showdowns between arch-rivals Iceman (Kilmer) and Maverick (Cruise).

"It's one of the greatest movies ever. Look at the soundtrack. Talk about sexy," said junior Mike Crochet.

The bottom line is that "Top Gun" will be remembered forever for the hot guys and groundbreaking rock n' roll soundtrack.



## Going back to Tiffany's

**By Jen Schonberger**  
*Features Editor*

Audrey Hepburn in her typical black dress, black gloves, and huge black sun glasses that cover half her face, staring into the window at Tiffany's at 6 am puts a smile on many faces. What else could it be but "Breakfast at Tiffany's?"

"A u d r e y Hepburn is one of the most elegant actresses," said senior Jen Scianna. "It's a classic because she's in it. All of her movies are classic and this one is no exception."

This classic, based on Truman Capote's book, lives on because of its complex characters. On the surface Holly Golightly, played by Hepburn, seems like a care free soul, but in reality is lost and is trying to find herself much like her love interest, Paul, otherwise known as Fred.



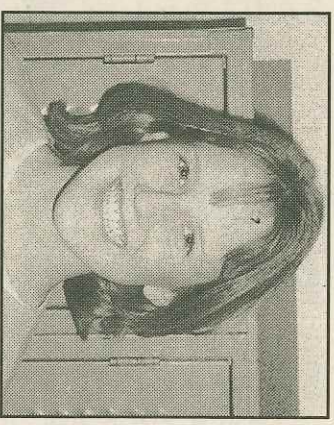
Paul is played by George Peppard. "Fred baby" is Hepburn's neighbor who falls in love with Hepburn's naive spirit.

"I love Audrey's character. She is such a care free spirit," said senior Rachel Danish. "I also love her fashion sense."

The funny landlord, played by Mickey Rooney, adds to the comedy of the movie as well as some of the practices the characters engage in at the swanky parties. The drug dealings and Holly's naivete of them also adds a flavor of comedy.

One of the funniest parts is when Audrey sets a lady's hat on fire accidentally, but then puts it out by spilling a drink. The lady doesn't even notice.

"Breakfast at Tiffany's is such a good story," said senior Amanda Thornburg. "That is why it lives on."



What's your favorite classic?

Jenae Ellermann

"It's A Wonderful Life" because it teaches you not to take things for granted...and Jimmy Stewart is so cute."  
—Anna Kapuscinski, sophomore



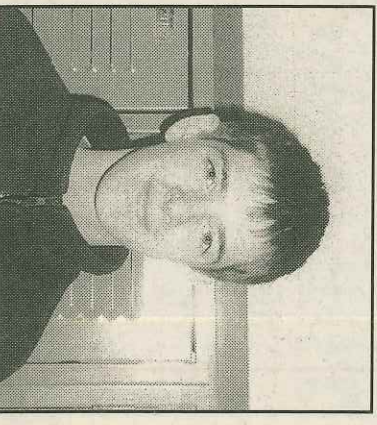
Jenae Ellermann

"I like 'Porky's,' it is the original high school movie, before 'American Pie.'"  
—Brian Sličko, junior



Jenae Ellermann

"Disney movies are all timeless. 'The Little Mermaid,' for example, because it is so simple, yet so complex."  
—May Kim, senior



Jenae Ellermann

"'Psycho' was great because it was able to make everybody afraid of taking a shower for years."  
—Philip LaCroix, freshman

## Your knowledge

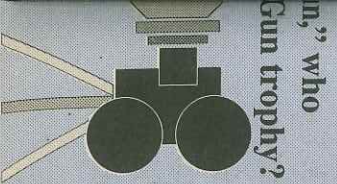
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5. In "Dirty Dancing," what college is Baby starting in the fall?

- Harvard
- Mt. Holyoke
- Notre Dame

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## New sound comes with new CD

By Amy Whipple  
Oracle Editor

Well, it's here. This is something I've been waiting for months, ever since the lyrics appeared online. Not only is this Ani DiFranco's newest CD since 1999, but it's also a double CD. Overall, this sounds like nothing she's done before. There is no heavy, breaking guitar, nor is there really any unintelligible grunting. But it still has the intellectually-filled lyrics that distinguish her from the rest of the music world. Here's the review for both portions, and when you're done, I expect to see a mad dash for Best Buy.

The cover of "Reveling" reminds me of a bad GAP ad. Well, it could be except that most GAP ad people don't have dreadlocks and tattoos, but that's another story.

The music itself has a saucy kind of beatnik tone. It was surprising at first, since DiFranco has never sounded



"Reveling," the first in the two-CD release by DiFranco has a more upbeat tempo than fans will be used to.

like that before. I'm more used to her strung out shouts of desperation, loathing, loving, which more or less all sound the same. At the same time it's not a "drippy string quartet of sadness."

While this album is not as political as her last ("To the Teeth"), it has its moments. "Tamburiza Lingua" talks about CIA "foul play" and chemical warfare. I'm not too sure how I feel about how she classifies us all as lab rats, but it's intriguing nonetheless. She also dabbles a little bit with racial issues, but they're not as apparent as the previously mentioned topics.

In just about every song, DiFranco has inundated me with metaphors and the occasional simile. Her music is beyond people doing each other on the floor or mindless babble. I really have nothing more to say about this than you have to listen to it to understand. I will, however, leave you with this: "But first let's toast to the lists / that we hold in our fists / of the things we promise to do / differently next time."

"Reckoning" is a little different story. Right away, I flipped to track six, "Imagine That," since its lyrics were the most impressive. My first thought was, "This sounds like Billie Holiday," followed by, "Cool, I like Billie Holiday." After listening to that song approximately 87 times, I can tell you it doesn't really sound like Holiday's deep jazz, 1950s style as much anymore. The album as a whole, though, is really mellow and even a little bit on the jazzy side. Anything that's even remotely close to jazz has to be beyond good to impress me, and I have to say that this impressed me.

Something else that surprised me was the five tracks of pure electric guitar. They're short, and come out of the middle of nowhere, but her skills are so amazing that I couldn't help but replay the tracks. Her guitar work in the entire album is very well played, as always, but this time



"Reckoning," the second CD has a more jazzy sound in comparison to the first CD.

it's smoother and sounds more talent-filled than emotion-filled, which is how she is in previous albums. Either way is good, but this shows her true light.

Speaking of Holiday again, the contents of "Subdivision" remind me somewhat of "Strange Fruit," a song about the lynchings of the South in the 1930s. The lyrics to DiFranco's song deal with race in general, and aren't as specific as Holiday's. They are, however, equally moving and thought-provoking, especially when she sings, "The Berlin Wall still runs down Main Street." Maybe not because it's true here, but there are still many places where not much has changed in the past 60 years. For those of us who don't mind thinking while listening to music, DiFranco is a good choice, but several of my friends like to complain that it takes too much work. It is possible to listen to her and just let it all sink in.

There is a downfall to all this wonderful goodness. It has the ability to get old. By the end of the album, there's too much of a good thing, and she starts to sound like a whining teenager. It's not necessarily terrible, but it's not enough to start the entire CD over again.

## "Freddy" grosses out audiences

By Jen Berne  
Weekend Assistant

"Freddy Got Fingered" was a waste of my free movie tickets. This slapstick comedy was not worth the already low budget it cost to make.

Tom Green plays a man in his late twenties who infuriates his father by refusing to get a decent job and move out of the house. These contradicting actions provoke, and eventually lead to, an all-out war between a father and a son.

This film was rated R for a number of reasons: The language was repulsive and offensive to many people in the theater. The subject matter contained adult topics,

such items as sexual and physical abuse. I could hardly enjoy a story that thrives off of the so-called humor in a father sexually abusing his son. What exactly is so entertaining about that?

As the plot finally begins to sizzle, Green, a struggling cartoonist, invents the "zebra-man" family. They emerge in the cartoon world as his career begins to take off. I thought the "zebra men" showed a lot of significance in their portrayal of Green's character's family growing up.

That was a clever comparison, in the manner of how Green's character interpreted his trauma creatively through fictional characters he made up. Unfortunately, this

was the only clever aspect in the entire feature.

Most of the time, movies with a little imagination allow us to escape to a world for a little while in which we relax. But this movie's imagination level took you to a disrupted and violated world. There was no happiness, at least not for me anyway.

For diehard Tom Green fans this is surely their cup of tea. But for those who want to escape to the movies for an hour and a half, this would definitely not be the epitome of pure entertainment value. So, if any people are up for a major disappointment, topped off by a few disgusting and degrading scenes, then they should head out to General Cinema. Hey, they can even spend a whole eight dollars and fifty cents for that experience.



Tom Green stars in his latest film, "Freddy Got Fingered."

## Z104 sponsors school survivor

By Priyanka Tandon  
Business/Systems Editor

Outlast, outwit, and outvote each high school. Yes, high school.

Local radio station Z104 began its own game of "Survivor," a spin-off of CBS's reality TV series. Z104 chose about 100 high schools from the DC, Maryland, and Virginia area have been entered in the competition. The winner of the contest will receive a private concert from the band O-Town.

"I am a huge fan of O-Town," said sophomore Lauren Caprio. "It'd be awesome if they'd come to our school."

The Z104 High School Survivor Contest started April 20 at 7:00 pm and will end on June 1 at approximately 9:45 pm. To be eligible to vote other schools off a student must attend one of the competing high schools, be at least 13 years old, and be a member of the Z Club in order to vote.

Students can vote off other schools by going to [www.thez.com](http://www.thez.com). The votes are registered by email addresses.

"If people really want to they can get around the one vote per person limit," said sophomore Nabila Hussaini. "I could just go on and make up a bunch of different email addresses and vote more than once."

Three high schools are voted off every weeknight. The high schools with the most votes are out of the game.

Every night Matthew Blades, a Z104 DJ, announces the high schools no longer in the game. The first at 7:45 pm, the second at 8:45 pm and the third at 9:45 pm. "I am rooting for WSP" said Blade.



Johnny Dep and Penelope Cruz star in "Blow," a film about a cocaine dealer that came in fourth in the box office for the week of May 1.

## TOP 10 MOVIES

10. "Town and Country"
9. "Memento" and "The Forsaken"
8. "One Night at McCool's" and "Joe Dirt"
7. "Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles"
6. "Spy Kids"
5. "Along Came a Spider"
4. "Blow"
3. "Driven"
2. "Bridget Jones's Diary"
1. "The Mummy Returns"

Fifty-four schools have already been voted off including locals Lake Braddock, Robinson, Annandale, and Langley.

There is also a section called Bring It On, where people can post messages promoting or putting down schools. Although the contest may cause excitement, some think it's only aimed at a certain fan base.

"O-Town I am going to vote us off," said sophomore Scott Darwin. "It's all for the girls."

Some students believe that the contest may misinterpret the wishes of the majority of the students.

"It's retarded. I think only about 10% of a schools population will actually vote," said freshman John McFarland. "It won't represent what the school really wants."

Other students just don't like O-Town because they

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were formed on a reality television show, "Making The Band."

"They [O-Town] were forced together, and they're not a real band" said sophomore Ursula Ziobro.

However, most students are indifferent towards the contest.

"If we win, I am all for it," said freshman Maria Havanga. "But if we don't, I don't really care."

# Slime takes over the silver screen

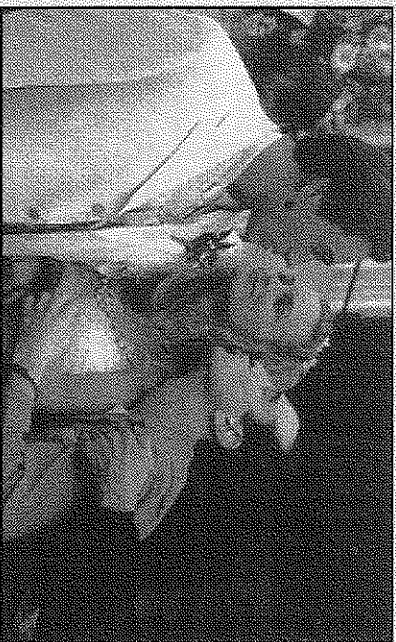
By Lauren Decot

Viewpoint Editor

Strong sexual content, crude humor, and objectionable language never used to play such a huge part in movies. In a lot of today's movies, however, these themes are dominant.

Movies like this are made mainly to appeal to teen audiences. Movies like "Say It Isn't So," "Freddy Got Fingered," and "Tomcats" are jam-packed with sexual humor and strong language. All three of these films were released recently, and teens were the intended audience.

Heather Graham and Chris Klein star in "Say It Isn't So" as Jo and Gilly. The two fall in love and then discover they are



Chris Klein, Heather Graham, and Jack Clonick star in "Say It Isn't So," a gross-out incest comedy.

brother and sister. Sexual miscalculations, of the movie," said sophomore Teyl intestinal difficulties, and odd things done Martinez.

## New bands prepare to do battle

By Jenny Braudaway

Weekend Editor

This year's long awaited Battle of the Bands will be held on Friday, June 1. It will feature a slightly wider range of music than years past, including the usual majority of metal bands but also the acoustic and jazz styles of other bands.

OTIS, an acoustic band, was put together by junior Tejas Singh, after his former band Low Profile did not work out.

"Basically I got all these guys together from bands they were in last year," said Singh.

OTIS makes appearances at a number of school functions including Battle of the Bands, which adds to its popularity, along with their respected talent. Their plans for the future include the junior barbeque on May 24, the WS coffeehouse on May 31, and a future stint at Jaxx.

"We're trying to put together a demo and we will most likely get some studio time, but first we have to deal with school," said junior David Parczykowski.

Another alternative from the metal majority will be senior David Glaser's band, The Eff Word, which stands for Euphoric Funk Phenomena. The Eff Word plays a combination of musical styles ranging from reggae and funk to jazz.

"We are completely different from every other band that's playing in the range of styles we cover," said senior Gil Nelson.

Another band that will be featured is Dead Eternity, which plays technical melodic brutal death with black metal influences. Although most of its members played in last year's Battle of the Bands, Dead Eternity is new this year.

"We actually have planned to make stickers and t-shirts and go to shows to get the word out so that when we do something for real, people will at least have heard the name," said sophomore Tyler Christenson.

Lunar Dawn is another new band that surfaced this year that plays twin guitar harmonies with thrash metal. Formed by senior Stephen Juliano, Lunar Dawn will feature senior Pedro Seminario on bass at this year's Battle of the Bands.

One band that has been around for awhile is Dark Haven, with members from WS including senior Sean Linsfsky and junior Dennis O'Donnell. Dark Haven has special plans for this year's Battle of the Bands which they are keeping secret.

"It's going to be a very professional and crazy show," said Linsfsky.

Dark Haven's future plans include playing in the Fifteenth Milwaukee Metal Fest, the biggest metal fest in

to animals are the recurring gags in the movie. In one part, Jo cuts through the flesh of Gilly's upper earlobe with a pair of scissors. A grievous injury such as this one is supposed to be seen as funny by the audiences who sit through the film.

"I wasn't that amused by the slicing of the ear part sophomore Teyl

"Freddy Got Fingered" marked MTV's Tom Green's directorial debut. The movie is both co-written and directed by Green, who also stars in the film. The story is about an unemployed young man living in his parents' basement who constantly argues with his father over his future. Gord, the son, is trying to become an animator for television cartoons. However, he is diverted from his goal by one sick situation after another.

"I love Tom Green, so it doesn't matter if it's sick," said sophomore Nicole VanWert. "Anything he does is funny." Gord's younger brother is named Freddy who Gord accuses their father of sexually molesting. This is where the title of the movie comes from.

### Battle of the Bands 2001:

OTIS  
McFly  
Dark Haven  
The Eff Word  
Lunar Dawn  
Dead Eternity  
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the states, and at Jaxx with Morbid on June 18.

Battle of the Bands serves as a publicity vehicle for local student bands who often find publicity a problem, and even then they must submit a tape to qualify to play in it. But it also serves the function of exposing the musical talent in this school.

"The number one attribute is tenacity. If you don't have it, you might as well pack up and go home," said Seminario. "But all the bands will be good this year. It should be interesting to put them all on one stage."

## Napster troubled by more trials

By Jenn Carlson

Viewpoint Assistant

The arrival of April 3 brought another addition to the seemingly never-ending mound of problems for Napster, the online file-sharing service that has recently been under fire by the recording industry.

Recording labels supporting artists such as Dr. Dre and Metallica have sued Napster, saying the service infringes on the

copyrights on the songs that can be downloaded and listened to for free. This service has grown in popularity for just this reason, but now faces a fate of removal from the Internet.

"Napster is a good way to test out music before you buy the CD," said sophomore Lisa Marvin.

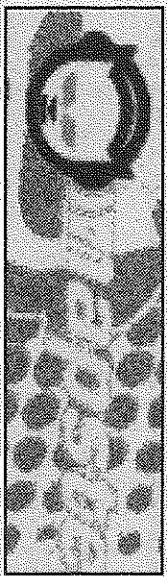
Earlier court dates had brought an order upon Napster: Either delete all copyrighted music or be

shut down. This "filter-in" system requires Napster to delete

all files and then filter in those songs approved by the artist and the record label. Soon after the court order, Napster set to work, but allegedly failed to delete

675,000 files and so on April 3, lawyers defending Napster appeared before the US Senate Judiciary Committee.

Napster CEO Hank Barry asked Congress to create a license



permit Napster to stay open for business and include a payment to artists. Barry argues that licensed music should be available online because songs are readily available over the radio.

Due to problems in trying to block file names, Napster is also looking into software to allow the actual song content to be filtered.

Charging customers to use Napster is another alternative that users might see in the future, although this defeats the original purpose of Napster.

"I think they should charge so it's harder to access, and then distribute it to the artists," said junior Masood Naderpoor. "It may be hard, but it's better than filtering all the songs out."

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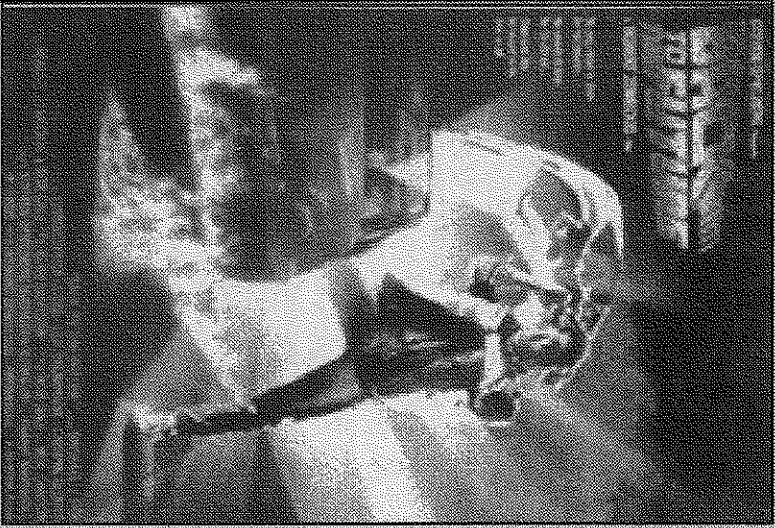
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# Oracle Picks

Time travel has always intrigued me. Last year when I need an outside reading novel for English class, a friend suggested *Lightning* by Dean Koontz. *Lightning* opens in modern opens in modern day with the birth of Laura Shame. However, the reader is quickly taken back to the World War II era where Sheitan is introduced. The switching back and forth is confusing and it's hard to make a connection at first. However, as the novel progresses Koontz binds the two different times periods together in an unique and original connection. Koontz brings together time travel, action, and even some romance, which forces the reader to think and remain unsatisfied until the end.

To me all three "Back to The Future" movies are classics. As usual though, the first one is the best. Michael J. Fox's portrayal of Marty McFly, dorky teenager in the 80's. He's always in trouble, and can't seem to catch a break. Until Christopher

—Compiled by Priyanka Tandon

Lloyd, better known as Doc, re-veals his newest invention, a car that's a time machine. Fox's trip back in time is an accident, and he is thrown back to the years when his father was a dorky teenager. The story can't help but be hilarious when Fox must make sure his future parents falls in love. Fox's few days in the past offer laughs and a great surprise waiting for him when goes "Back to the Future."

Sticking with the time travel theme, one of my favorite CDs is the soundtrack of "10 Things I Hate About You." The movie is based on Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. The CD offers a mix of sounds. From upbeat with some electric guitar, to slower and more mellow songs. "I Want You To Want Me" opens the CD with upbeat music and electric guitar solos. "Your Winter" by Sister Hazel soon follows with calm and sweet lyrics. The two best songs on this CD are "Cruel To Be Kind" by Letters To Cleo and "Even Angels Fall" by Jessica Riddle. The lyrics of "Even Angels Fall" makes me think of the heartbreak that Julia Stiles suffered in the movie. The variety of artists and emotions that the lyrics express make this a CD that could appeal to almost anyone.

## Maccaroni Grill twists Italian favorites

By Caitlin Marvin  
and Theresa Rupp

Managing Editors

We have two words for you—Pasta Milano.

With more than 150 restaurants in the US and five in our area, Romano's Maccaroni Grill is quickly becoming a popular place to eat.

In case you have never been there before, check out the website at [www.maccaronigrill.com](http://www.maccaronigrill.com). It details the full menu, locations and even color photographs of some of the featured dishes. Its menu changes with the seasons and includes pasta, fish, salad, veal,

steaks, soups, seafood and pizza.

We went to the Fairfax location right by Fair Oaks Mall in the Old Navy shopping center. It was a Friday night and it is wise to call ahead and make reservations.

There was still a short wait but we were offered pizza wedges. However, we declined so as to not ruin our appetites for what was to come. Plus, because we are pigs and we wanted to wait for the bread and dipping sauce at our table. We always decline on the first offer.

At the table, our waitress picked up two crayons and scribbled her name on the paper-covered table cloth. She proceeded to tell us the night's special and took our

drink orders. Free refills?!?! Oh my! Then she left us with the crayons and a second loaf of bread.

She came back and poured the seasoned olive oil into a porcelain dish. She explained this is "Italian butter," and was intended for our bread.

In about 15 minutes, our order came out and instead of piping hot, it was freezing cold!

We both ordered Pasta Milano, bowtie pasta and grilled chicken and mushrooms in a creamy, thick garlic sauce with sun-dried tomatoes. Our friend got Ravioli Pomodoro, which was very, uh, green in color but tasted nice.

Our waitress was very attentive. She

came over to our table many times to refill our drinks and bring more bread. Unfortunately, it wasn't anyone's birthday,

because if it had been, a Maccaroni Grill staff member would have come out and performed a little birthday ditty. What makes it more spectacular is that they sing it in Italian opera.

We were a little shocked at the amount on the check we received at the end of our meal. Needless to say, bring your Mastercard or Visa because Maccaroni Grill is not exactly cheap. Entrees range from \$9 to \$12.

So all in all, VIVO ITALIANO! And vivo Maccaroni Grill. It will be worth your time....:)

## Escape from Springfield: go to Busch Gardens

By Laura Robinson  
News Editor

Apollo's Chariot has a 210 foot drop. Apengzeit is one of the world's tallest, most twisted rollercoasters.

The Big Bad Wolf and Loch Ness Monster suspend and zoom riders over water.

And they all make me throw up.

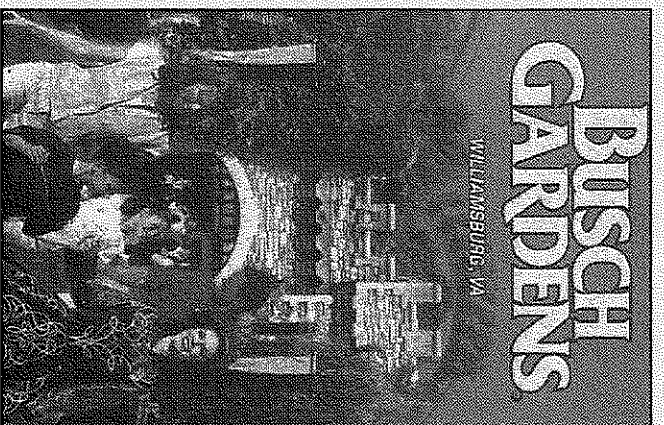
So I, being weak of stomach, have to enjoy all the other rides at Busch Gardens. I enjoy the bumper cars (Die Autobahn) and a spinning circular ride called Der Katapult. On this ride, each individual car spins while the whole ride circles simultaneously.

My two favorite rides were Escape from Pompeii and Le Scoot. Both of these water rides lead riders up a hill and then propel them down a sharp slope, soaking the front passenger. Photos can be purchased at the end of Le Scoot and the major rollercoasters.

Many of the rides have short or no lines. The spinning teacups (Turkish Delight) and a boat-swinging ride (the Battering Ram) are fun and have no wait.

One of the coolest parts of Busch Gardens is its layout. No matter where I stand or sit, there is always a rollercoaster zooming overhead. Also, the park is set up in the middle of a forest, and the man-made "Rhine River" provides scenic views.

Good food is also plentiful, especially in the San Marco section, even though it is unreasonably expensive. Everything meal costs about six or seven dollars.



**BUSCH  
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Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA offers many themed areas, including Ireland, which will open May 19.

The best thing about Busch Gardens is that there are tons of rides. With eight "countries" there are attractions for everyone: kids, rollercoaster fans, and anti-coaster people like myself. A new country, Ireland, is set to open May 19. Maps are detailed and there are signs everywhere. Meals and trinkets are expensive, but there are no restrictions prohibiting customers from bringing food into the park.

Busch Gardens is open until October 28. I enjoy all the rides—except the ones that make me throw up.

## Ann's Beauty Salon

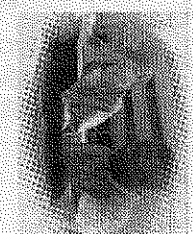
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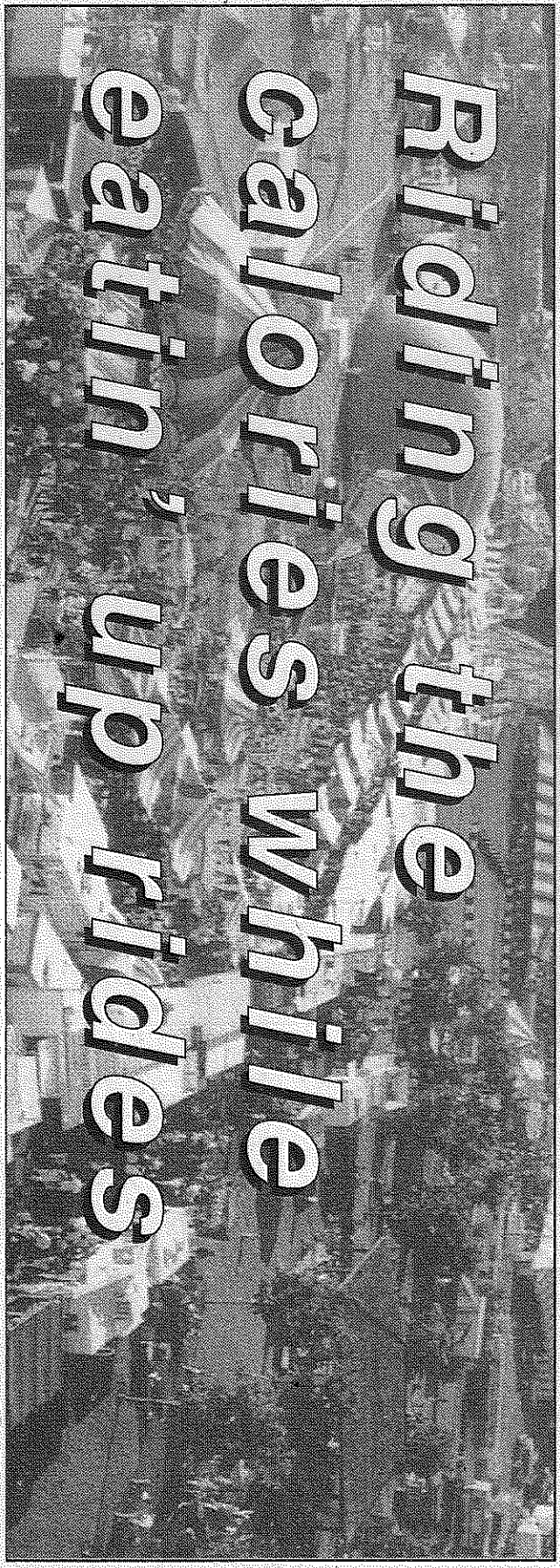
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# Riding the Calories while eatin' up rides

**Jen Berne**  
*Weekend Assistant*

Every week students struggle with what they plan to do for the weekend. With the constant need for change and excitement, there is nothing more soothing than an amusing carnival.

"A carnival is a good way for my friends and I to get away from everything on a Friday night," said junior Brian Kaniewski.

There are various activities to enjoy while parading the midways. You can easily hop on the ferris wheel, test your skills at a game site, or munch on pink cotton candy as you enjoy the beautiful array of colors.

"My favorite thing to do at carnivals is to ride the rides. It is so much fun, especially when the weather is nice," said senior Jose Talbott.

Early spring weather often allows for activity of this nature. The sun, the warmth and the cool breeze are the perfect combination for a night filled with fun and entertainment.

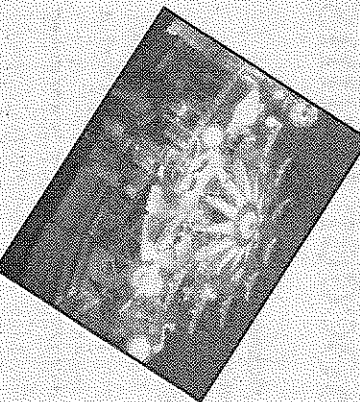
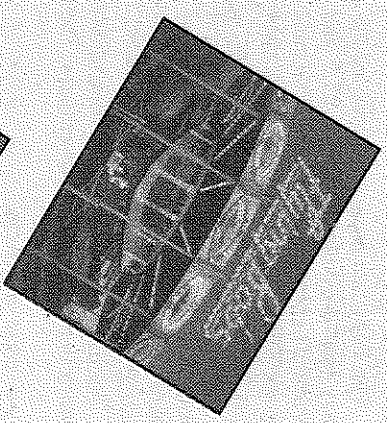
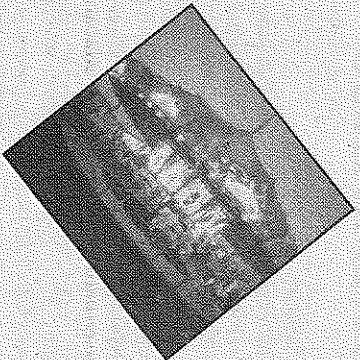
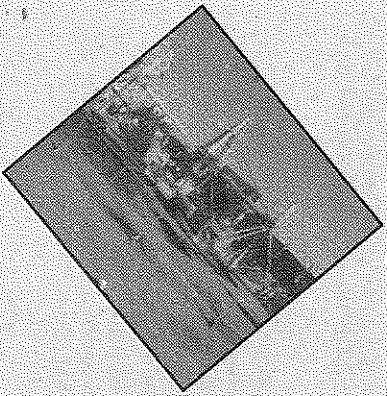
During this time, carnivals can be

found coming in and out of town. To find out about one in your area, go to [www.weekendonline.org](http://www.weekendonline.org), or call your local mall. Many companies set up their carnivals in mall parking lots. The Entertainment Company even offers well-paying day jobs for those interested in running a booth for the day.

"Usually carnivals are a fairly cheap way to have fun, but sometimes they can be pricey. Like when it costs two dollars for a small coke," said junior Casey McGroty.

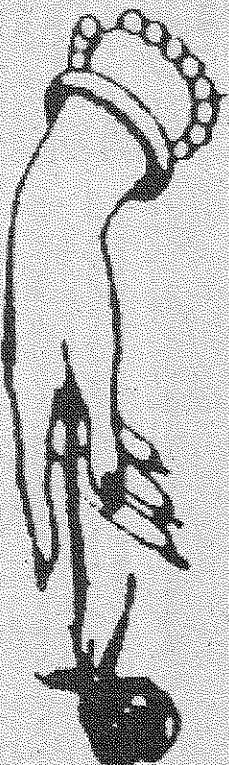
Depending on the show, the cost to ride rides can range anywhere from one dollar to three dollars. The better deal would be to purchase an all-day pass for \$12 and be able to enjoy the rides as many times as you like all day long. Unfortunately, there is no way to get around the exorbitant food charges. A small cotton candy is a costly two dollars and 50 cents, while a soda costs only 50 cents less than that.

"I have been going to carnivals all of my life," said sophomore Christina Hoyt. "They have always brought me so much fun."



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## Lacrosse teams go in opposite directions as season progresses

### Girls excel as boys improve in the standings

By Laura Robinson

News Editor

Although the lacrosse season is still young, the boys and girls teams have faced some of their strongest competition.

The boys team, captained by seniors Charlie Sciarini, Drew Cartwright, Brad Cullumber and Andrew Johnson, hope to improve on their 3-5 start this season. They have seen some improvement though.

"Our hardest game is behind us," said Sciarini. "We're not completely united but we're getting there."

The boys two wins were convincing—they beat Washington & Lee 25-5 and defeated Lee by a score of 12-4. Their most disappointing loss was to Jefferson, when they fell 19-16 in a hard-fought battle.

"Keeping focus will be our biggest thing," said Johnson. "The defense has been strong so far and will continue to get better."

Their next challenge is Annandale, which is traditionally a powerhouse. The

game was not a success for the Spartans as they fell 11-5. Ryan Shaw scored three goals in the losing effort.

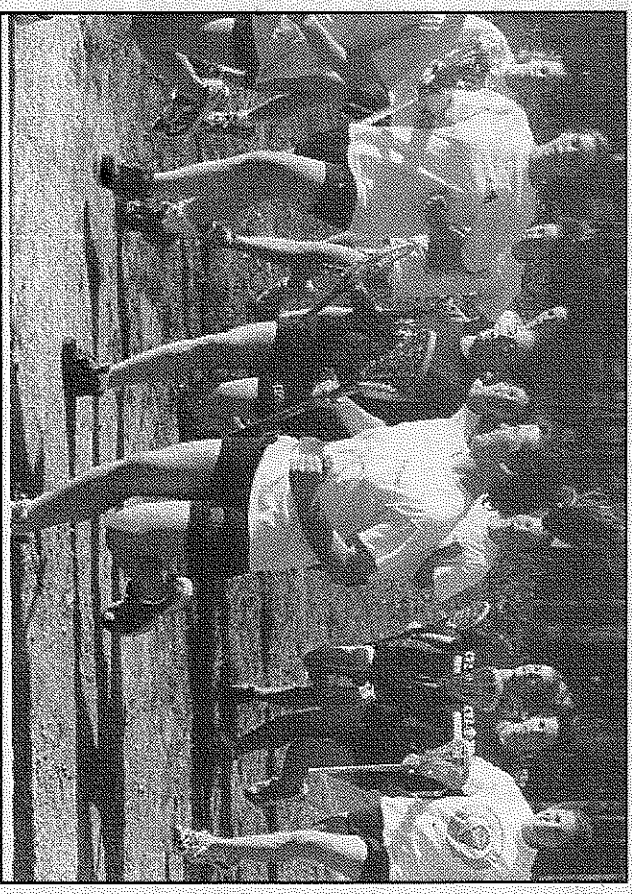
The team came right back, though, to beat Falls Church 24-0. The game was a blowout from the start. With the recent game lighting a spark for the team, they still have high aspirations for the rest of the season.

"We are planning on going to regionals," said Sciarini.

The Lady Spartans have been more successful, starting their season with a 4-2 record. Their wins have come against Washington & Lee, Lee, and Lake Braddock.

"I expect us to keep doing really well because the team's really coming together," said senior Cara Abbuscato.

Defense has been their strength, as their opponents were limited to five points or less in four out of their six games. Senior Amanda Thornburg and juniors Kerry Ryan and Jacqueline Flood have provided



Oracle File Photo

The lacrosse team has been training hard this year and it has shown during the season. The team has come out hot and has started 4-2. The boys team started slow but has won three straight and is now 5-5.

the defensive power.

One of their most impressive wins was against competitive Lake Braddock, when they came out on top 8-5.

"They're a big rival and they didn't expect us to be anything big," said Ryan. "They said last year we were a fluke. We had a big dinner at my house, made signs

and got pumped up, and we won."

With senior captains Amanda Thornberg, Laura DeAngelo and Rebecca Szweczek, the girls lacrosse team hopes to continue to dominate.

"The defense has had really awesome games and the offense is coming through," said Abbuscato. "We're united!"

## Soccer teams continue dominance of Patriot District

By Roberto Garcia

Production Editor

Six shutouts in 12 games. That's how the boys soccer team started its 2001 season, leading them to be ranked first in the region and sixth in the nation.

Behind the leadership of first-year coach Randy May, a powerful offense led by senior Mike Linnington, and a stifling defense that has shut down opponents, the team has been unstoppable, posting a 11-0-1 record.

"We've had very strong ball movement, and we're learning to play well as a team," said Linnington.

The team started off the season with a hard-fought victory over reigning state champion Woodson, setting the tone for the rest of the season. In district play, the boys easily handled West Potomac and Annandale, and defeated Lake Braddock on a last-minute goal. Against district rival Robinson, however, the boys were unable to convert on several opportunities, ending in a 0-0 tie.

"We've killed several teams, but its having won hard fought victories over several teams that shows how strong we really are," said junior Matt Davis.



Seagal Magazine

Junior Jeff Evans has been a big reason the boys soccer team has gone undefeated through 12 games and hold the top ranking in the region. The girls team is keeping pace while struggling through numerous injuries. Even with the injuries suffered, the teams in a three way tie for first place in the district.

### Analysis

## I-95 crowds with players leaving Washington

By Mike Waldron

Oracle Editor

Everybody knew that Deion Sanders was fast, but who knew that he was this fast? Despite playing for the Redskins for just one year, it now looks like Deion has played his last game in a Washington uniform, opting instead to play baseball for the Cincinnati Reds.

But in less than a year, Deion has not become the exception to sports in the Washington area, he has become the rule.

The list of big-time names to hang it up for local teams seems to grow by the week. It includes former Orioles Albert Belle, Will Clark, Charles Johnson, and Mike Mussina, former Redskins Albert Connell, Brad Johnson, Tre Johnson, and Dana Stubbsfield, along with former Wizards Juwan Howard and Rod

Strickland. It is a list that includes both good guys (Mussina) and bad guys (Strickland), but all of them, regardless of their attitudes and legal problems, proved themselves to be productive athletes.

Last year, the Orioles, Redskins, and Wizards all entered their seasons with these players on their rosters, and with high hopes. But all three franchises suffered from unproductive seasons, so they all unloaded their high-priced, veteran athletes in the sports equivalent of a yard sale.

So what do these teams have right now? Squat. Well, actually. Take that back. They have "prospects," which should translate into "not many wins for years to come."

Right now, the only thing about sports in the Washington that seems to be interesting is the possibility of Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley returning to

The boys

expect their early success to continue throughout the season and into district, regional and state play.

"We want to go all the way, win states, everything," said Davis.

Suffering from several early injuries, the girls team has had a rocky start, but has still posted a strong 8-3, with their latest victory coming in a 2-0 win over rival Hayfield, and with two of the losses coming against two of the top teams in the region, Woodson

and Langley. The team began the season with senior starter Nicole Blume on the bench, recovering from surgery for a torn ACL. Throughout the season, several important players have also fallen to injury, including senior midfielder Casey McCluskey and freshman forward Kimmy Murodok. In response, several players have had to change positions and adjust to the gaps left by injuries.

"We've had to learn to fight in every game," said senior Meghan Ogilvie. "Several younger players have really stepped up to fill the void caused by injuries."

One of those players is freshman Alison Hobson, who has stepped up her game since injuries, and has scored three goals. "I've gotten more playing time recently due to the injuries," said Hobson.

Despite the injuries, the team expects to go far. After surprising Lake Braddock, the number one team in the region, the team knows it can go far.

"We played awesome against Lake Braddock, and even in our losses, we've played well," said Ogilvie. "I know if we fight through every game, this team can succeed."



Deion Sanders recently left the Redskins, to play center field with the Cincinnati Reds, a baseball team. The Redskins will reportedly cut him on June 1 to free up salary cap room for future free agents.

the NBA to play for the Wizards. But what about the Orioles and the Redskins? Maybe they could put Jordan in the outfield and Barkley on the defensive line, so that all three teams could have big-name athletes on their rosters.

But in reality, Jordan and Barkley may not return, and they certainly cannot help the Orioles and Redskins, who seem headed for more long, losing seasons. So if you are a fan of teams in the Washington area, get ready for some seasons full of airballs, errors, and fumbles—not to mention losses.



# Baseball team finishes strong season

By Jenny Askin

Production Editor

The WS baseball team has almost completed the inaugural season of new head coach Ken Munoz.

Although the team has gone through several ups and downs, it has started off with a decent record and is looking forward to post-season play.

The Spartans are led by several key seniors, including Jake Glanzmann and Mike Straub, and both pitchers have compiled several wins. The team's pitching staff has been solid throughout the season, and Straub's pitching career has been an unexpected surprise for the team. Straub has started several games and has had several wins. Glanzmann, perhaps the region's toughest pitcher, has blasted 90 mile-per-hour fastballs, and two home runs.

Glanzmann has been scouted heavily throughout the season by several professional teams.

"I try not to let it bother me, but it is weird having ten radar guns going up every time I throw a pitch," said Glanzmann.

During spring break, the team played in the Eddie Hope Tournament at Hython High School and won. It

helped to spur a winning streak for the Spartans. However, after a break, the team went out hard and won several key games. Nevertheless, the team did stumble short of victories over West Potomac, district rival Lake Braddock, and Annandale.

"These games were close," said Straub. "They were games we should have won."

Right now, the team has one goal in mind—to continue its postseason play up to the state tournament.

**"Our pitching is strong. It is now a question of getting offensive."**

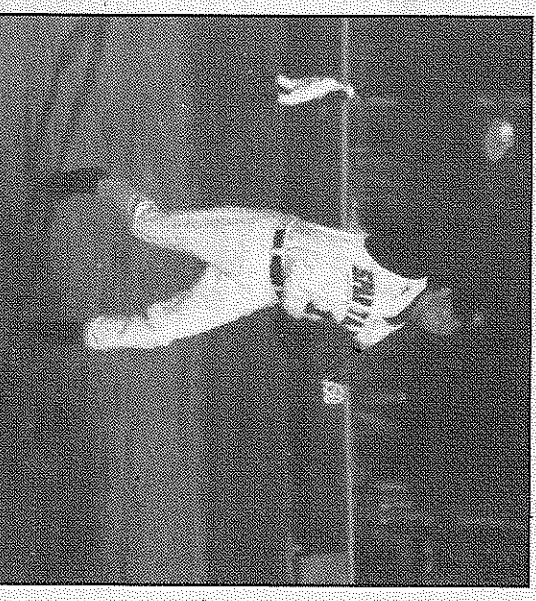
—Mike Straub, senior

The team hopes to work on its batting before the postseason begins.

"Our pitching is strong," said Straub. "It is now a question of getting offensive, [and] lately we have been slacking at the plate."

As the regular season dwindles down the Spartans will become focussed on their goal: the state touney.

Coach Munoz said, "Our seniors should lead the team, they have a lot of potential."



Bree Vroschko

The baseball team, practicing here, has had a fairly good season, and plans to have a good post-season by winning the state tournament.

## Softball team looks to end on good note

By Mike Araj

Sports Assistant

The WS varsity softball team is doing well this season. With a 6-6 record, including a recent 2-1 win against Hayfield at home, the team is hoping to improve and make it to regionals.

"We are doing pretty well," said senior co-captain Beth Gibson. "We have some strong underclassmen [on the team]."

According to Gibson, the goal of the team is to continue playing good defense and make some other improvements.

"We need to hit more consistently," said Gibson. "A lot of it is mental [and we need to] get our heads into the game."

Another goal the team would like to accomplish is going to regionals.

"I think if we play like we did against Hayfield," said Gibson, "then regionals is definitely a possibility."

However good the team is doing this season, there are many differences from last season, including the loss of many senior players.

"[The team] is younger and less experienced," said Gibson.

The team includes eight freshman, four of which start, and seven seniors. While the varsity team is doing well, the junior varsity team is not doing as well, though

both teams, varsity and junior varsity, practice or play six times a week.

The junior varsity team has lost four games this season, including two to Robinson and one to Lake Braddock.

"Robinson [is our hardest competitor]," said sophomore Erica Repa, the captain of the junior varsity team. "We played them twice and lost."

However, sophomore Susanne King, the other captain for the junior varsity team, disagrees.

"Lake Braddock [is the hardest team] because of the past game and rivalry," said King. "We make the game harder than it really is."

Despite the effects of losing these games, the junior varsity team has high hopes for the remainder of the season.

"We are hoping to place in our district," said Repa, "and improve."

**"We need to hit more consistently. A lot of it is mental [and we need to] get our heads into the game."**

—Beth Gibson, senior

## Volleyball team prepares for season without Carter

By Jenn Carlson

Viewpoint Assistant

Although athletes are midway through the spring sports season, plans are underway for next year's 2001 fall season.

However, for the volleyball team, things are not running smoothly. This new team that was first formed at WS in the fall of 2000 is coached by computer graphics teacher Tischa Carter. Despite a successful season, Carter has chosen to not coach the upcoming season due to pregnancy.

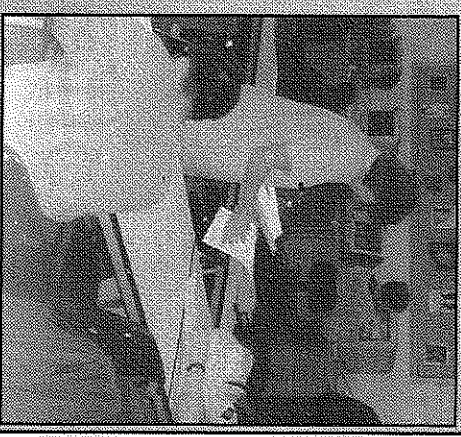
"The baby is due seven days before the season starts," said Carter.

Carter would like to spend more time with the baby, and coaching another season of volleyball would take out a large chunk of her free time. Also, living an hour away from WS would make toting a child back and forth or finding child care difficult, so that helped Carter reach the decision not to coach.

To replace Carter's absence, interviewing for a new varsity coach is underway.

Carter is sure that the girls will perform well, regardless of who the new coach is.

"They will continue to grow no matter who they are under. There



Jenae Eitemann

Volleyball coach Tischa Carter teaches a class. Carter plans to stop coaching the volleyball team due to pregnancy.

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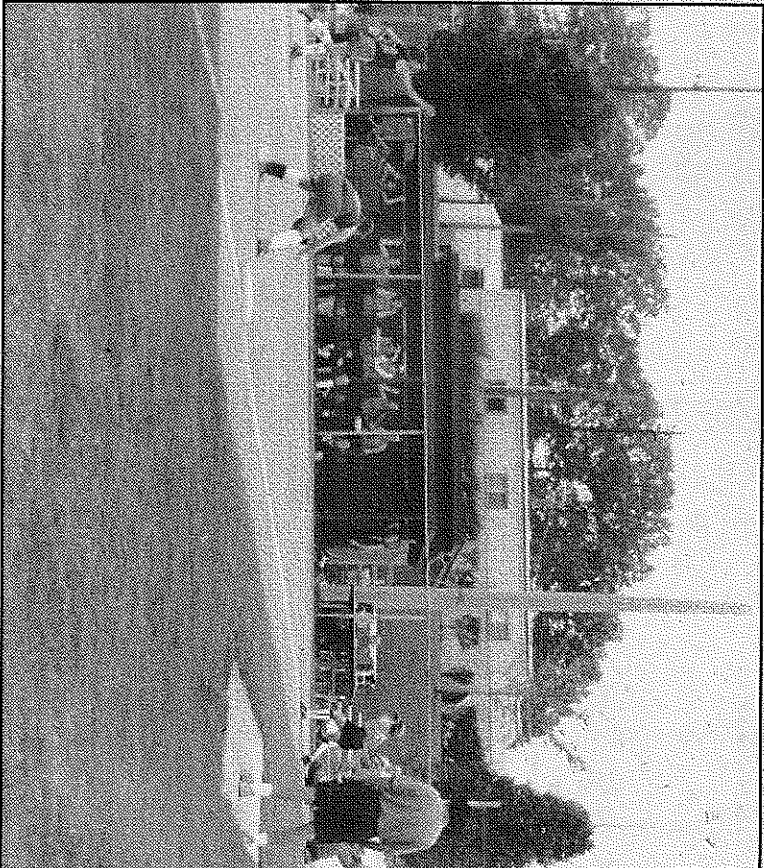
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Jenae Eitemann

The softball team hopes to go to regionals by hitting more regularly. Currently, the team has a record of 6-6, with a recent win against Hayfield.

# Track team struggles to meet expectations

By Mike Arai  
Sports Assistant

The track runners sprint off, and as one gains the lead and keeps it until he crosses the finish line, winning the event.

However pleasant this picture is, the WS track team has had difficulty meeting expectations this season.

"[We are] not doing so well as a team," said sophomore Jeff Day. "[We] train well, but when it comes to races we are not doing so well [together]."

Despite this, the team hopes to make a comeback before the end of the season.

"We will start to improve and start to compete well," said Day.

According to junior Chip Kruger, the team needs better unity in order to accomplish this.

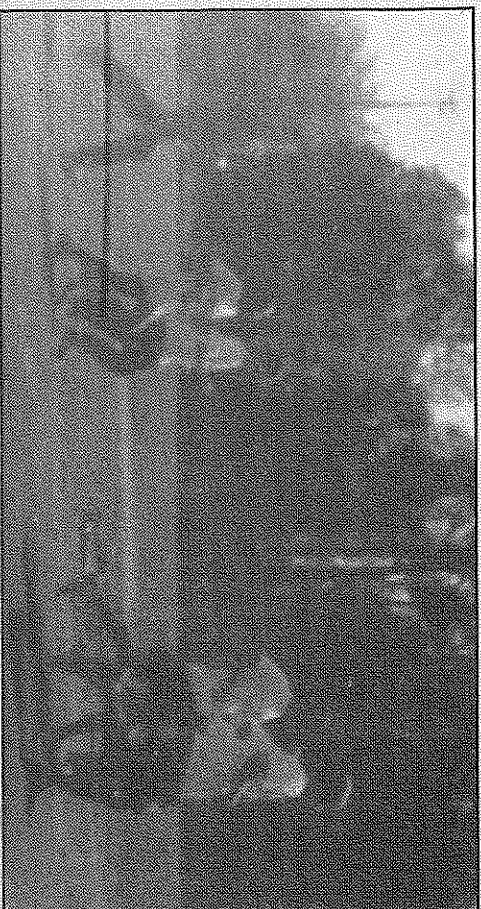
"Our team really needs to buckle down and focus through hard work," said Kruger.

From April 26 to 28, the team sent six boys and five girls to the prestigious Penn Relays, where the boys and girls entered the 4 X 800 meters and the boys entered the 4 X 400 meters. The boys got 8:10 in the 4 X 800 meters, while the girls got 9:46 in the event. In the 4 X 400 meters, the boys qualified for regionals.

Earlier in the year, the team went to the Allen Johnson Invitational, where junior Maureen Hagen received third in the mile with 5:18, and sophomore John Cook placed second with 1:58.09 in the 800 meter event. This has caused the team to prioritize its goals for the season.

According to Day, the main goal of the team is to be in the top three in the state in the 4 X 800 meters. To accomplish this, the team practices after school from 3:15 to 5 Monday through Friday, then competes at meets every Saturday.

The team would also like to triumph over their toughest competitors, which include Lake Braddock, Robinson, and South Lakes.



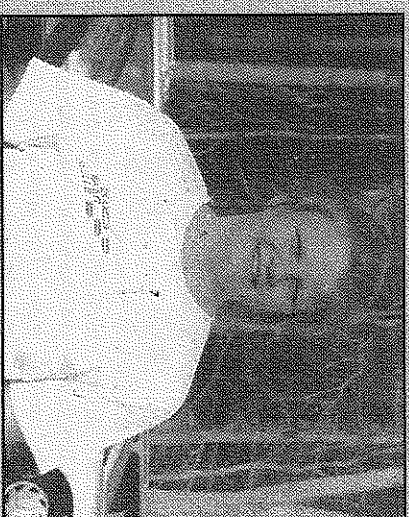
Lauren Sheffield

Senior Scott Kramer and other members of the track team run during a practice.

"Braddock has an overall good team in field and running events, [while] Robinson is good in running events and is led well," said Day. "South Lakes has Allan Webb and is good at distance."

However, the team hopes to make a comeback not just because of hard work and practicing.

"We have heart and the desire to win," said Day, "but we need to focus."



Jane Eiernann

## Athlete of the Issue: Sam Wangsgard

Grade: 12  
Sport: Crew  
Years on Varsity: 4  
Favorite Food: Ramen Noodles  
Favorite Athlete: Peter Schmeichel, Danish goalie  
Favorite Teacher: Ms. Kopkau  
Favorite Sport: Crew  
Favorite Thing to Do: Play guitar  
Best Sports Memory: Getting a personal best on the ergometer  
Favorite Type of Music: Rock  
Favorite Song: Sweet Emotion by Aerosmith  
Most Embarrassing Moment: Getting flagged at practice last year  
Favorite Car: Volkswagon Bug  
Personal Quote: "The WSHS crew girls are very dynamic!"

-Compiled By Matt Kalitz

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## Top 10 excuses for failing the AP exams

- 10) Writing about pop tarts is much more interesting than writing about the National Bank.
- 9) We were saving up our brain power for the SOLs.
- 8) Shopping for prom dresses didn't leave any time for studying.
- 7) Bubbling in answer circles required too much effort.
- 6) Our dog ate it.
- 5) Mr. Kelbaugh wasn't there to add 50 points to our scores.
- 4) We were distracted by the hot guy sitting in front of us.
- 3) Mrs. Harris threw it out the window.
- 2) The voices in our heads told us the wrong answers.
- 1) Eenie-meenie-minie-moe doesn't work so well on essay questions.

—Compiled by Melissa Lipman and Laura Robinson

## Top 10 reasons why you got a 5 on your AP exams

10. It's got to be the lucky Pokey Little Puppy shirt.
9. Everyone loves a bribe.
8. You slept with the College Board.
7. Your horoscope said you would, and why would the stars lie?
6. You prayed to all major deities, including Alanis Morissette.
5. The kitchen staff gave you the answers Morse Code style.
4. After a brush with death by hypothermia in the cafeteria, God said, "Honey child, you shall pass."
3. C is "most nearly the answer."
2. You, gasp, actually knew the material.
1. You are the College Board.

—Compiled by Nikki Werking and Amy Whipple

## There're 10 days left until the pool opens; what are you going to do to get ready?...

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|--|---|
| 10. Buy a muu-muu  | draw a six-pack.  |
| 9. Do the community a favor: stay inside.                    | 6. Strip.   |
| 8. Go tanning; it instantly knocks off five pounds.          | 5. Buy litmus paper to test the acidity of the curiously yellow-tinged water. |
| 7. Gain back those Christmas pounds, buy a six pack. I mean, | 4. Get fitted for a Speedo-allow for shrinkage.                               |
|  | 3. Freshmen, make a fake ID   |

—Compiled by Roberto Garcia

# The top six top 10s of 2001

## Top 10 Memorial Day cookout foods

10. If you're trying to hang on the light side, go with the lean turkey burgers and some fruit salad.
9. For the heavy side, soak those ears of corn in some butter and salt; it should clear the arteries.
8. Have a classic juicy burger off the grill, make it patriotic with a little ketchup (red) some ranch dressing (white) and a slice of bleu cheese (blue-sorta).
7. Grill some random veggies and some chicken or steak and put them on a stick, eat this on top of some rice.
6. Definitely make some macaroni salad and put lots of colorful veggies in there; this is good with all the meats.
5. Shrimp is the fruit of the sea; you can barbecue it, broil it, boil it, sautee it, smoke it (well not really). There's shrimp salad, shrimp sandwich, shrimp burger, shrimp kabob, shrimp soup, shrimp stew, shrimp and potatoes, pineapple shrimp, lemon shrimp, peppered shrimp, spiced shrimp, shrimp creole, shrimp gumbo...that's, that's about it.
4. You can make spaghetti and meatballs with a salad with oil and vinegar dressing if you're trying to go Italian, even though it has nothing to do with Memorial Day.
3. BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, fruit salad, macaroni salad, potato salad and whatever other salad you can think of tastes good, especially if you follow it with something like a peach pie or strawberry shortcake.
2. Peanut butter and jelly tastes good to me.
1. Really support those Vets; fast on Memorial Day.

—Compiled by Angela Fiorino

## TOP 10

Things to do with un-wanted Mother's Day gifts

10. Give them to your boyfriend's or girlfriend's mom.
9. Get refunds and pick up your favorite band's latest CD.
8. Say, "It's the thought that counts, mom."
7. Give them to Ms. Nelson, and request an ad credit.
6. Sell them on e-bay.
5. Keep them and give them to her next year, hopefully she'll forget.
4. Give them to the lunch ladies and maybe they'll put a couple extra french fries on your tray instead of hair.
3. Send them to the Island of Unwanted Toys.
2. Save them for your girlfriend's next birthday.
1. Go back to Victoria's Secret for refunds, twice in one week.

—Compiled by Clint Crosier

## on The Oracle Staff

- ### Top 10 ways to miss deadline
10. You're planning next year's VHSL trip; don't forget the whipped cream!
  9. Find the nasty, yet comfy brown chair and never ever move.
  8. Ask Lauren Decot a question and stare in wonder when she won't stop laughing or telling you about how her mom stopped the bobsled ride.
  7. You are too scared to ask the "lunch bunch" a question, so it goes unanswered.
  6. Your fifth period is spent looking for Joey Tinsley. Come back, stats editor!
  5. Roberto Garcia can't decide between Ivy League schools and the class is having a poll.
  4. You are convinced that spell check will work this time, and then you're shocked when the computer freezes.
  3. There are more scandalous stories in this school and you will not stop until you find one!
  2. You're practicing your gladiator moves for the next time the TV news crew shows up.
  1. Skip class and go to Starbucks only to find Mrs. Nelson there...

—Compiled by Julie Davis

# Maybe in your dreams

By Caitlin Marvin  
Managing Editor



Who knows what sophomore Jessica Pinzari could be dreaming of?  
Maggie Atteberry

In ancient times, dreams were thought to be messages sent from the gods. Egyptians were probably the first to try to interpret them. However, they were not the last.

No one is quite sure what our dreams mean but it is proven that our dream patterns depend on our sleep cycles.

"I think that our dreams are basically like our thoughts during the day," said senior Christine Flood. "But dreams are just unconscious thoughts."

We dream in order to exercise our brains. When you're awake, thoughts and messages are constantly darting around among your brain cells to keep you thinking, digesting and moving and so on. When you're asleep, you are still exercising your brain.

Your brain waves during REM sleep look the same as your brain waves when you're awake. During the other cycles, the brain waves look very

different.

The psychological ideas behind these concepts try to purpose meanings for each dream. Many psychologists, even the great Sigmund Freud, have offered different explanations.

Freud thought dreams contained symbols of things hidden deep inside our minds and memories. Other people claim dreams help people figure out their immediate concerns and that they help us know ourselves better. Dreams can be about fears, plans, wishes, hopes and worries.

Two common dream symbols are teeth falling out and flying. Teeth falling out can mean a challenge getting your voice heard, or your feelings acknowledged. The desire for freedom may mean an escape from restraints in your physical life and it might also explain why we are flying in our dreams.

No matter how strange dreams can seem, people suspect there are connections between dreams and a person's waking experiences.

"Dreams are a realistic envisionment of future expectations," said senior Joel Elwood. "I've had dreams where stuff in it has happened the next day...weird."

After all the dreams are picked at and pulled apart, some people are still not satisfied. The Bible said that dreams are thought to be prophetic and even in Aristotle's writing, "Parva Naturalia," he wrote that dreams were connected to "external objects...often too broken into other forms by collision with obstacles."

If the Bible, Aristotle and Freud can't be sure about the meaning of dreams then we can still keep searching for it on our own.

## This issue's Mystery

By Jen Berne  
Weekend Assistant

To discover the mystery person of this issue, you should drop by Bagel Bakery and try to scam a free blueberry bagel knot, or maybe you could catch this week's girls' lacrosse game.

Her car is a pale blue Nissan Maxima. Another form of transportation for this mystery

person is longboarding. Her black and yellow board glistens as she cruises down the streets of Hunt Valley.

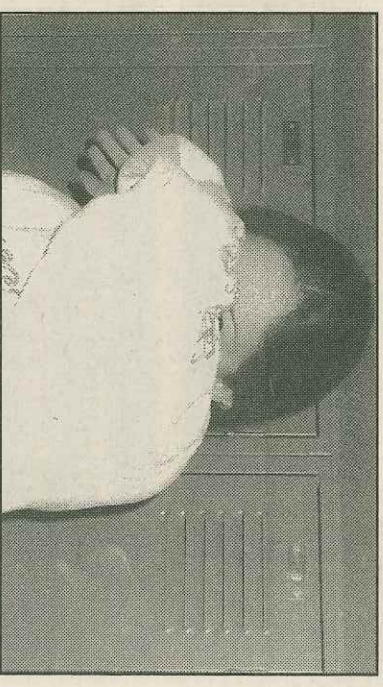
Her favorite colors are bright and invigorating. With a neon green Game Boy, yellow Adidas shoes, and a distinct one-and-a-half liter, green water bottle, this mystery person's unique style and

## Person

flare is easy to detect.

A typical morning for her begins with a visit to Seven Eleven. Where she purchases a 24-ounce Blueberry Cream coffee and pretzels to dip in honey during lunch.

We can all say goodbye to this mystery senior as she heads to Rutgers College next year.



It sure is a mystery! If you're you know our mystery person you should be able to figure this out!  
Russ Waddell

# MAY/JUNE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Girls lax district tourn. (1st round) Softball@WS (semi-finals) 21	Boys&girls soccer regional tournament (22-24) Choral Spring Concert 22	Tennis @ Wakefield 23	Junior class BBQ 1:30-4 24	Baseball Districts @Hayfield 25	James Brown @ 930 club CASA car wash 8am-1pm 26
<b>No School</b> 28	Jazz Ensemble Concert 6-10 29	Boys soccer @ Annandale Girls soccer @ Stuart (semi-finals) Softball @ WS 30	Band concert Auditorium 6-10 31	Track meet @ TC June 1 2	SAT's @WS 9
Happy Memorial Day 4	Black Crowes w/ Oasis and Spacehog @ Merrivewether Baseball @Fairfax 5	Spring sports assembly auditorium 7-10 6	Orchestra Concert 6-9 7	Battle of the Bands in the Auditorium 6-10 8	Senior finals begin (1/2 of 5th) 15
Senior Farewell concert 7:30 11	Senior Final(3rd and 7th) 12	Senior Final(4th and 6th) 13	U2 w/ PJ Harvey @ MCI Senior Finals (2nd) 14	Prom @ West fields Graduation Rehearsal 9:30 in auditorium 15	DAVE!!! @ RFK w/ Macy Gray 16
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## Monkey Bread

- 4 cans (10) biscuits
- 1 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 1/2 c. pecans
- 2 tbsp. cinnamon
- 1 1/2 sticks butter 1 c. sugar

Cut biscuits into fourths and coat with 1 cup sugar and 1 tablespoon cinnamon. In saucepan, melt 1 1/2 sticks butter, 1 1/2 cups brown sugar, and 1 tablespoon cinnamon. Place 1/2 biscuits in greased bundt pan; add 1/2 cup pecans. Pour half of liquid over this. Repeat with remaining ingredients; bake 35 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

—Compiled By Caitlin Marvin

## You're invited to a cook-out!

Try these recipes for your next guests!

### Hot Lips Dip

- 2(4 oz.) cans chopped green chilies
- 1(11 oz.) can black olives, chopped
- 2 lg. tomatoes, chopped
- 5 tbsp. vinegar
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 3 tbsp. salad oil
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic powder

Combine ingredients. Chill. Drain excess juice and serve with big Fritos and Doritos.