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NEWS

BRIEFS

George Seaton passed away Feb. 23 at 96 years of age. Seaton was the college's first Chairman of the

Memorial Services will be held at King Bruwaert House, 6101 County Line Rd., Burr Ridge tomorrow,

Today, college flags will be at half staff in Seaton's

According to President Mike Murphy, a major gifts campaign has begun. It is expected that it will take the next three to five years for the plan to be fully

The purpose of the campaign is to raise funds to

improve the quality of the

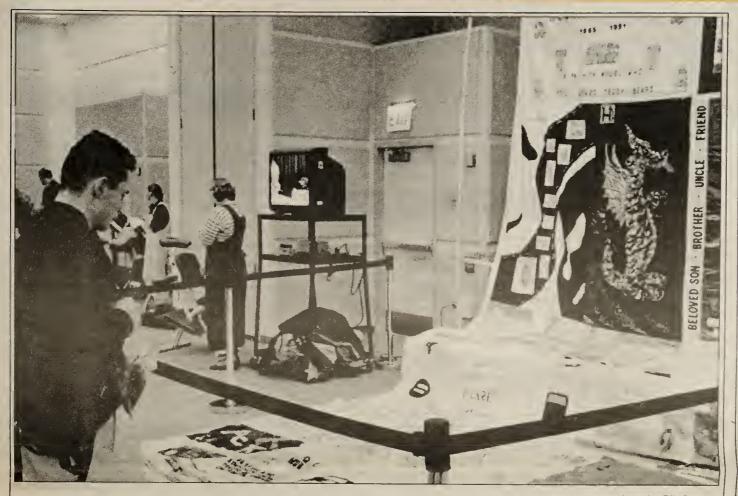
general student education. Funds are expected to be collected from individuals

and corporations. The

Board of Trustees.

March 1, at 4 p.m.

implemented.



-photo by Bill Griffin

Mario Gismondo looks at a portion of the AIDS quilt on display during the Wellness Fair Wednesday.

Students protest end of football program

BY ROB BEALES **News Editor**

ed by James Saldana, students were urged to actively protest the canceling of the college's football program last Friday.

Displaying posters and handing out leaflets, the protesters utilized the SRC foyer, just outside the SRC Main Cafeteria, to call students to join their position against the football program's end at the college.

"I think it is a really bad idea," said Kristen VanPleat, a part-time student who did not know about the status of the program, but felt the protesters were correct in acting towards saving it.

Flyers that were distributed showed images of the Black Panthers organization and Civil Rights marchers with written messages.
The flyers had messages

calling for unity, respect and "making a stand against the man."

Joining Saldana in the protest were Benson Krause, the president of the Arts Alliance, and football supporters Brian Baker and Mark Syster.

Students and pedestrians were stopped as they entered and exited the cafeteria and asked to support the protest against President Michael Murphy's decision

Were you aware of the protest last Friday against the cancellation of the football program?

YES 20%

80%

Informal Survey of 50 People

to end the football program. Posters were hung on the glass walls between the foyer and the cafeteria. The posters promoted messages that called for students to take action to get the respect the protesters feel that the administration is withholding from the student body. Other messages simply called to save the football program.

The idea to protest had been brought up two weeks prior, according to Baker, but it was not acted upon until Saldana planned it.

Have you had time conflicts scheduling classes this quarter?

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donations are both voluntary and anonymous.

rganization's budgets for the Student Activities Funds Advisory Committee subcommittee are being examined for areas where further cuts can be made.

New retooled budgets from all activities are to be prepared for presentation at the next meeting of the subcommittee March 7.

"Women in Politics" will be the topic of discussion March 14, in SRC 2800 d-f.

State Rep. Eileen Lyons and COD alumnus will speak on the topic.

For information or to reserve seats, call Cynthia Johnson at 942-2644.

Anyuan Sun is a language professor from Three Gorges United Vocational University and will teach courses during a six month stay. The courses will include calligraphy and Chinese culture.

For information contact Ed Storke at 942-2047 or Zinta Conrad at 942-3079.

> -EDITED BY ROB BEALES

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

SERVICE ORIENTED

Tree Huggers: Devoted to protecting and preserving the environment by creating a base of environmental information for students and sponsoring activities to promote environmental awareness and preservation. For info, call Conrad Szuberla at 942-2142.

Psi Sigma Chi: The Learning Differently Club has changed its name to Psi Sigma Chi to acknowledge college students with disabilities. The Greek letters represent perseverance, sensitivity and creativity – character traits of this diverse group. Next meeting is noon-1:30 p.m. March 7 in SRC 1580.

RELIGIOUS *

Christian Chapter Summary Bible Study Club: Join us at 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays in SRC 1580 for Chapter Summary in the Gospel of Mark. Hope you can come!!. Questions? Call Sue at 630-629-2812.

BASIC: Brothers and Sisters in Christ provides opportunities for students to grow in their Christian walk. Bible studies noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays. For info contact Dean Peterson at 942-3036.

Campus Advance: This club is a nondenominational Christian group committed to making the Bible relatable to today. Meets at noon every Thursday in SRC 1580 and at 9:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Great Commission Students: Hosts the Friday Night Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. in SRC 1580 with fun activities afterwards. A Christian club committed to loving God and helping fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. For information, call 469-0980, or visit our website at www.jgm.org/cod/

nterVarsity Campus Christian
Fellowship: Meets for large groups from 79 p.m. Thursdays in SRC 2800. Student led
Bible studies also meet throughout the week,
For information on this club, just call Kent
Richter at 942-3404 or Bill Pehrson at 9422479.

Newman Club: Invites Catholic students to shared lunch discussions from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Monday in the cafeteria. Newman sponsors retreats, volunteer projects and Sunday evening mass. For information and applications, call Fred Rudolph at 942-2543.

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL

Cornerstones: Bisexual, gay, lesbian and straight individuals join for group discussion, awareness of issues and group sponsorship of related educational programs. For information, call Mary Ann Kriegistein at 790-6600, ext. 240.

Model United Nations: Seeks to promote the learning and understanding of international affairs through participation in organization simulations. For information, call Chris Goergen at 942-2012.

RECREATIONAL

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Club: Provides a forum in which members can share and engage in a variety of activities and interests related to science fiction and fantasy. For information, call James Allen at 942-3421.

HONOR SOCIETIES *

Sigma Delta Mu: The Spanish Honor Society is sponsoring a Spanish language table in the cafeteria on Fridays. Venga a conversar. Look for the red tablecloth. For information, call 942-2791.

* ETHNIC

Black Student Union: Promotes ethnic pride, unity, academic support and interest on behalf of African-American culture. For information, call Rollie Steele at 942-2033 or Richard Simmons at 942-3383.

Encourages awareness Association: Encourages awareness of the past, present and future of Hispanic culture and offers speakers, field trips and other programs. For information, call Leo Torres at 942-3315 or Janet Pagan at 942-2725.

Japanese Culture Club: Delves into Japanese pop culture by exploring Anime and films, music and literature; shares and expands knowledge of Japanese culture. For more information, just call 942-2019.

FOR CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS INFO, CALL 942-2683 *

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Concordia University March 13 9am-lpm

Eimhurst College March 19 5pm-7pm

Govenors State University March 13 5:30pm-7pm

Marquette University March 19 10am-lpm

National-Louis University March 20 10am-lpm 4:30pm-6:30pm

North Central College
March 6 8:30am-12:30pm
March 12 8:30am-12:30pm
5:30pm-7pm

Northern Illinois Univeristy March 4 12pm-1pm March 19 12pm-1pm

Robert Morris College March 12 9am-Ipm Rosary College March 18 9am-12pm

St. Joseph College of Nursing March 10 9:30am-lpm March 20 9:30am-lpm

University of Illinois - Chicago March 5 9am-12pm

West Suburban College of Nursing March 13 9am-lpm

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March 20 9:30am-12:30pm

Elmhurst College
March 5 9am-11:30am
March 18 9am-11:30am

University of Illinois-Chicago March 6 9am-3pm March 12 3:30pm-7pm March 17 9am-3pm

March 4 10am-12pm, 1:30pm March 19 10am-12pm, 1:30pm Transfer Information Sessions
These sessions feature representatives
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March 3
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llam-12pm, SRC 1024A

March 4
Featuring: Concordia University
10am-11am, SRC 1024A

Featuring: University of Illinois - Chicago 12pm-1pm, SRC 2085

March 5
Featuring: National-Louis University
Field/Accelerated Program
7pm-8pm, SRC 1024A

March 6
Featuring: Benedictine University
9am-10am, SRC 1024A

March 6
Featuring: Northern Illinois University
12pm-lpm, IC 1000

March 13 Featuring: DePaul University 8:30am-9:30am, SRC 1046

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POLICE



BY CHRIS LAFORTUNE **EDITOR IN CHIEF**

Feb. 13

At 1:05 a.m., a Campus Services employee asked Public Safety to look at an office in the SRC Building. The employee suspected possible vandalism within the

An officer found a college phone colored purple with crayon, what appeared to be tobacco dumped on the carpeting, a desk calender colored purple and a Courier with obscenities written upon it with marker. Five desks had laminate peeled off the top of them, and one had laminate sitting on the floor beneath it. A stack of 16 cafeteria trays with dishes were found on the floor beneath a table and papers had been strewn throughout the office.

The officer spoke with the worker who cleans the office, and he said that the desks had not been originally damaged, but had been recently. He also said that he had smelled what he thought was cigarette smoke in the office and had reported it in the past.

He had been told to put up "No Smoking" signs, which he had done

twice before. Both times, he had found them missing the next night. He went on to say that he finds dishes and silverware from the cafeteria in the office often. The worker also said that people were in the office late at night and early into the morning. He had heard music coming from the room the previous night.

Feb. 14

At 10:45 a.m., a keyboard was reported stolen from an office in the IC Building. The complainant said that she had come to the office at 10:30 a.m. and found the keyboard to her computer gone. The Central Processing Unit had been turned around to unplug the keyboard from it. She had last seen the keyboard the night before when she left for home.

An office worker said that she had found the office door open, the light on, and the keyboard missing when she arrived for work at 7 a.m. The keyboard is valued at \$75.

Feb. 18

At 9:21 a.m., an entire computer was reported stolen from a room in the Arts Center. The complainant said that she had gone to the room in order to fix a printer.

When she arrived, she found that someone had taken the computer, monitor, keyboard and mouse. No signs of forced entry could be found. The total cost of the missing items has been set at \$4,584.61.

The equipment had last been seen on Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. when the office had been locked.

At 11:52 a.m., a briefcase was reported stolen from a room in the IC Building. The victim said that he had put his briefcase on the floor

next to a table in the room. He had last seen the briefcase at 10 a.m.

That night, the briefcase was turned in to the Lost and Found. It was checked the next morning, and nothing appeared to be missing. The owner was contacted, and he picked up the briefcase later that

At 9:09 p.m., a front headlight and blinker parts were reported stolen from a car parked in a college parking lot.

The complainant said that she had seen the parts on her car before she had left her house that morning. She had gone to school, come home, and gone back to school again before she noticed that the parts were missing. That had been around 2:30 p.m.

The complainant said that she had been in an accident on Feb. 4 and had broken the parts holding the light onto the car. The only thing keeping the light on were the wires plugged into the back.

No evidence was found of anything being tampered with upon the complainant's car.

Feb. 19

At 4:16 p.m., a book was reported stolen. The complainant said that he had left his back pack on a chair in a room in the IC Building. He had left the room and went to the Recreation Area.

About 40 minutes later, he went back to the room and noticed that his back pack was open. When he checked to see if anything was miss-

ing, he found that a book was gone.
The complainant said that book belongs to his instructor and that he was only borrowing it. It is described as being thick with a purple cover. There is no name written in the book, and it is valued at approximately \$50.

Committee seats open for students

BY ROB BEALES **NEWS EDITOR**

he Student Activities Funds Advisory Committee (SAFAC) is currently without two student members on its eight member, big committee panel.

The big committee is comprised of four student seats and four administrator seats.

Currently, the committee has two student seats empty and the deadline has been extended twice.

The first extension took it to last Wednesday, and because not all of the seats have been filled, a new deadline has now been set for March 6.

"I feel there was a lack of publicity to account for the lack of applicants," Student Body President Daniel Eastman said.

Student Activities took over the publicity for the positions, according to Eastman.

The purpose of the big committee is to advise Director of Student Activities Meri Phillips as to which activities should be allocated what amount of funds.

Eastman is confident that the seats will be filled.

Eastman has noted that several applications have gone out with three students returning for inter-

Despite the delays for finding student representatives, Eastman said the process is still within the college's alloted timetable for the committee.

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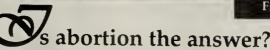
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Blocking expanded at request of students, faculty

BY ROB BEALES
NEWS EDITOR

Blocking is not a new practice at the college, but now it is being looked at on a larger scale for more classes in more areas for the Spring Quarter.

A pilot study is being conducted by two members of the Liberal Arts Department to find if both students and faculty prefer the difference from the current. For morning classes, the usual is a daily class of 50 minutes in length.

Associate Deans of Liberal Arts Ed Storke and Richard Furlow have been given the responsibility of watching over the results of the study.

"We are doing this at the request of the students and we are only changing classes where the teacher is willing or has shown interest," Storke said.

Students have mixed opinions about the concepts of more blocking.

"I work full-time so the blocked classes are all I can take, but I prefer daily classes so you can do your time and get out," student Rick Brandwein said.

According to Storke, the students who work can schedule better with this style of class scheduling.

"I learn better in the longer classes. The short

ones are too much like high school," student Rebecca An said.

According to Storke, students are better able to learn when the class is longer. This allows for fuller discussions and gives teachers the option to lecture or show a film for a portion of the time. Then they can go on to show a practical use of the lesson.

If teachers want to keep students attentive, they can let them discuss a subject until it has been exhausted or closer to the exhaustion point if the teacher has more than 50 minutes.

"Really it is more like 45 minutes, too, because you have to wait for the class to settle before you can begin," Storke said.

According to Storke, teachers and students have both come forth in request of the alternate scheduling technique. Teachers that are currently trying blocking were willing to volunteer for the opportunity.

"Most, if not all, colleges currently rely on blocking as their primary method of scheduling, whereas we use the daily scheduling because that is how it has been done for morning classes," Storke said.

According to Storke, even several high schools in the area are beginning to test blocking. Though students are still attending everyday, they are using it throughout the week to see



-photo by Bill Griffin

Jan Ko2föl helps Suong Kim Nguyen register for Spring Quarter classes.

if the students are more apt to learn in the longer classtime environment.

Also, according to Storke, several courses have already relied on the blocking because it is all that several departments allow because of the nature of the work involved.

According to Storke, art classes are blocked to allow students to work steadily

for a longer period of time than they would get from the 50 minute schedule. Fifty minutes would only allow them to unpack any materials, work for a short amount of time and then pack up and leave to get to the next class.

Student convenience is one of the larger reasons for the change, to allow students to continue whatever activities they are pursuing while still allowing them the chance to get an education.

Spring Quarter will be the proving ground for the practice for the morning classes.

An analysis will be done of the amount of registration for the classes and the reactions of both teachers and students.

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Muslim Awareness Week closes with fundraiser for Iraqi children

BY DEVAYANI PANDAV STAFF WRITER

A fundraising dinner for the impoverished children of Iraq ended Islamic Awareness Week, last Friday.

The week's events were sponsored by the Muslim Students Association (MSA).

Abdul Rahman
Alanasari, from the
International Relief
Organization, spoke about
how bad the situation is in
Iraq and how the children
can not get food and medication, said President of
MSA Ahmed Naguib.

The fund-raiser raised \$6,500, of which MSA will use \$1,500 to expand its Islamic library. The rest will be sent the rest to Iraq for the innocent victims of the Gulf War, according to Naguib.

About 120 people attended the event, which cost ten dollars per person.

"It gave the members a different way of getting together," said Naguib.

The rest of the week consisted of a presentation by a guest speaker on each day.

The purpose of Islamic Awareness Week was to dispel the myths and misconceptions about Islam that people may have from eminent Muslim speakers, Naguib said.

"It was really successful, considering it was our first one," said Naguib.

Khalil Collins, former COD student and University of Illinois football player, gave his views on Islam from a convert's perspective on Thursday.

Muslims as well as non-Muslims attended.

"As [Collins] said, everyone comes in with their own perceptions and ideas. but it's fun to hear what other people have to say," said COD student Asher Martin after the speech and questions.

Collins comes from a Baptist family and attended a Catholic school.

He spoke about the life experiences that led to his conversion, such as the difficulty he had in fitting in as a child or as an adult in college. He even found himself using and selling drugs.

"The fear of going back to my old life keeps me praying," Collins said. "Being Muslim is one of the most important things in my life right now."

On Wednesday, Imam Abdul Aleem Basheer, an Islamic scholar, presented "Islam in Today's World."

Basheer was converted to Islam by Malcolm X and

has worked for Louis Farrakhan, according to Naguib.

Fisal Hamouda, President of the Islamic Center of Naperville, gave a speech entitled "Islam is Merciful to All Mankind" on Tuesday.

On average, about 25 to 30 people from both in and outside the college attended each day, according to

This was the first Islamic Awareness Week that MSA has organized at COD. The group would like to continue the event annually if not quarterly, Naguib said.

Daily prayers and meetings of members on Friday are MSA activities that continue throughout the year.

For the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, MSA offered free Iftar every Friday to break the fast. Volunteers made arrangements, brought food and arcleaned.

MSA members set up free e-mail accounts offered through hot-mail to keep informed of past and future activities and of board member actions, according to Naguib.

"It's a great way of communication between officers and between the members," Naguib said.

About 120 Muslim students are members of the MSA, according to Naguib.



-photo by Bill Griffin Mike Murphy talks about Educational Planning.

Educational Planning open for discussions

BY ROB BEALES
NEWS EDITOR

President Murphy held two open meetings Wednesday and Thursday about the college's pursuit of "Enduring Purposes" and their role in the college.

The purposes are what the college will follow as guidelines in coordinating the institution as a whole.

The individual depart-. ments will insure that the expectations of one program or course do not exceed what another course aims to provide for students.

The plan involves creat-

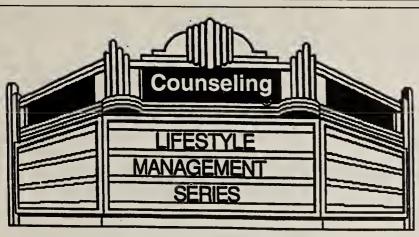
ing teams to help the relations between the departments and the institution.

Vice President of Planning and Information Ron Lemme aided the President in the presentation Wednesday.

"The teams work in collaboration with the rest of the college," Lemme said.

The learning of the students is still the main concern of the teams' activities, according to Murphy.

"I hope our desires always exceed our resources," Murphy said meaning that no department should ever be satisfied. They should always want more for the school.



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EDITORIAL

Resolution of ID card issue long in coming

It has been disappointing to watch the Student Government Association (SGA) run around in circles for most of the year, but happily, the SGA has accomplished something.

It appears that student ID cards will soon be available.

The SGA has been working on a vendor list for the past couple of weeks, trying to accomplish what last year's administration was unable to do: to make student picture ID cards worth something.

The whole issue was supposedly resolved last year when the SGA accomplished a partnership with the Athletic Department. For a fee, student ID cards would be given to

anyone seeking them.
Unfortunately, the ID card meant very little, because there was nothing that could be done with it. No work had been done with area businesses so that students could receive discounts at stores. A lack of advertisement and interest buried the ID card issue into obscurity.

It took a little reminding before the SGA found the ID card issue important again. With renewed vigor, the SĞA Student Services Committee pursued the issue, and the group's work has culminated into a meaningful program.

The main concern is to make sure



that this new student ID card situation does not disappear the way the first program did.

The solution is simple. All the SGA needs to do is advertise student ID cards in any place available, be that bulletin boards, Courier advertisements, or informing peb ple directly.

Of course, the trick is to convince students that they truly need student ID cards. In actuality, COD students have gone many years without picture ID cards from the college, encountering few problems.

One way to do this would be to hand out the vendors list along with the ID. That way, students would know exactly where their new card

can be used.

Another option would be to publish the vendor list and either hand it out to people or print it in the Courier in an advertising campaign. That way, the ID card campaign would receive the exposure that is necessary in order for it to succeed.

Students are not going to simply flock to the Physical Education Building to get ID cards. Last year's results are indicative of that.

We would suggest the ID card idea be expanded further. True, it can be used to receive discounts at several places on campus, such as the Arts Center and at athletic events. However, there is another place an ID could be used: the

Learning Resource Center (LRC).

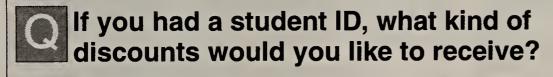
If the SGA could work with the LRC, then perhaps ID cards could also be used as a library card. Instead of having to go to the PE Building, students could go to the LRC. There is audio visual equipment in the LRC. Could it be that difficult to get a camera and a worker to make the cards there?

That way, the ID card could truly be comprehensive because there would be a true need. To check out books, a student would need the ID.

It is good to see the SGA accomplish something, but as in all things, there is room to improve. If there is no growth, then this year's ID card idea may go the way of the last.

STUDENT Q&A





BY MINDY EVANS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Eli Fitzgerald, 21

Mèlrose Park

"I think students should get discounts on books and supplies."



"I would like discounts at local restaurants and stores."

Holly Maclennan, 18 Woodridge



Ed Kubiak, 19

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"I'd like discounts on bowling, movies and restaurants."

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'A discount on the books and items in the bookstore."

Alex Marsh, 27 Wheaton

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A matter of ethics

One need not be a "Bible Thumper" to question the moral or sexual ethics of any President, living or dead.

Many Biblical figures committed immoral deeds. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," (Rom. 3:23). The point to remember is that in almost every Biblical account, the offender paid consequences for his or her behavior, and often times the controlled

masses paid a price, affecting several generations.

One of the key differences between the Kings of ancient times and the leaders of today is that the Biblical leaders were not nearly as exposed to the public eye, as the leaders of today are.

Through intensive government and media investigations our leaders are exposed to the light, demanding they be accountable to us, the public. Sometimes leaders are falsely accused, which illustrates the urgency to conduct one's self in a respectable manner, at all times.

The question we need to ask when scrutinizing out President, or any would-be leader is, "Is this the kind of moral and ethical character I want governing my country, my job, my children?"

Indeed we not only possess the right to hold Bill Clinton accountable, but we also inherit the obligation and owe it to ourselves and our children to do so, lest we fall victim to the same negative consequences that plagued out forefathers in Biblical days.

So go ahead citizens, hold your elected accountable.

Eric Platz Carol Stream, Ill.

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First, the basics

The results are in. The American public supports the federal partnership in the education of our nation's children.

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Just what are the basics of a quality education? Many remember a focus on reading, writing and arithmetic.

Efforts are already underway by the House Committee on Education to look at some 760 different federal education programs already in existence, to see which programs are working, and which are not.

Íllinois schools will be one of the first three recipients of the federal Technology Literacy Challenge Fund. Nine million dollars in federal funds will be focused on the effort to expand the educational horizons of Illinois children.

Renewed focus on improving the educational quality of the basics, and improving student performance will make Illinois students the first in the world.

> Harris W. Fawell Congressman, Ill.

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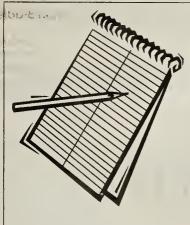
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Wellness Fair explores different health issues

BY JILL LEAHY STAFF WRITER

he fifth annual Wellness Fair, presented by Health and Special Services, provided attendents with an array of information along with demonstrations on Feb. 26.

Containing imformative pamphlets and charts, nearly 20 tables were headed by representatives from several organizations, all dealing with a different aspect of health maintenence.

Among the many displays at the fair, the "Clothesline Project" stood out for its unusual expression of a powerful message. Its objective was to make people more aware of physical and sexual abuse within the family.

Across two clothslines hung about 50 t-shirts painted with words and pictures depicting anger, hate, vengence, and bitterness.

Harsh phrases like "hands are not for hitting," and "you took away a childhood I never should have lost" stood out most. Also, there were more positive messages like "free at last" and "I will survive." The shirts were color-coded according to the type of abuse they survived.

"The display represents what women and children went through and how they deal with the pain, Marianne Costales, rape crisis counsler, said.

Other Wellness Fair displays included dental, chiropractic, and surgical professionals willing to answer any questions.



-photo by Bill Griffin

Students at Wednesday's Wellness Fair admire the renowned "Clothesline Project."

Surrounding booths included information about the hazards of smoking, the dangers of eating disorders and stress reduction using music, vibrations and flashing lights.

For concerned individuals, the fair offered free cholesteral screenings and blood pressure tests. Towards the back of the room, relaxing massages were given to loosen up tense muscles.

A touching display of the AIDS

quilt was laid down for people to view and admire. Each square represented victims and survivors who have been infected by the HIV virus. The quilt displayed only a small section of the huge AIDS quilt currently in Washinton D.C.

"I had seen the quilt in Washington D.C., and I thought it would be great to bring it to the Wellness Fair," Val Burke, Health and Special Services, said. A Whole Foods display featured

organic and natural foods as healthy alternatives to the fatty foods people consume on a daily basis. Organic basically means made without chemicals, and adding more organic food to one's diet is greatly encouraged. Every table in one way or another

promoted a single aspect of health care and maintnence. By stressing preventitive care and awareness, the chance to lead a healthy lifestyle is greatly increased.

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Off-Campus Nightly

By Brian Bradley and Bill Griffin

Where is the best place to go ice skating?



I like to go to State Street downtown because you get to meet a lot of interesting people.

Beth O'Brien 21, Downers Grove Full-time student Major: Undecided



I go to the outdoor ice hockey rink in St. Charles because there is brutal ice hockey going on.

Tracy Gervais 22, St. Charles Full-time student Major: Art



Centennial Park because they have full hockey rinks.

Vermillion
20, St. Charles
Full-time student
Major: Computer science



-photo courtesy of Benson Krause

(From left to right) Benson Krause, Nick Palazzo, Bryn Martin and Erik Olsen (not pictured) are the band Ophur.

The music of Ophur

BY BRIAN BRADLEY
FEATURES EDITOR

Preparing for the Battle of the Bands, the band Ophur is forced to deal with many problems.

"We recently had to replace our old bass player," Benson Krause, vocalist, said.

Ophur has been together since last March and is planning on recording its first original albumthis lune

Krause is the bands vocalist, Nick Palazzo plays the drums, Bryn Martin is the guitarist and Erik Olsen is the bassist. "We all live near each other and one day we decided to jam. I thought that we should start a band and we did." Krause said

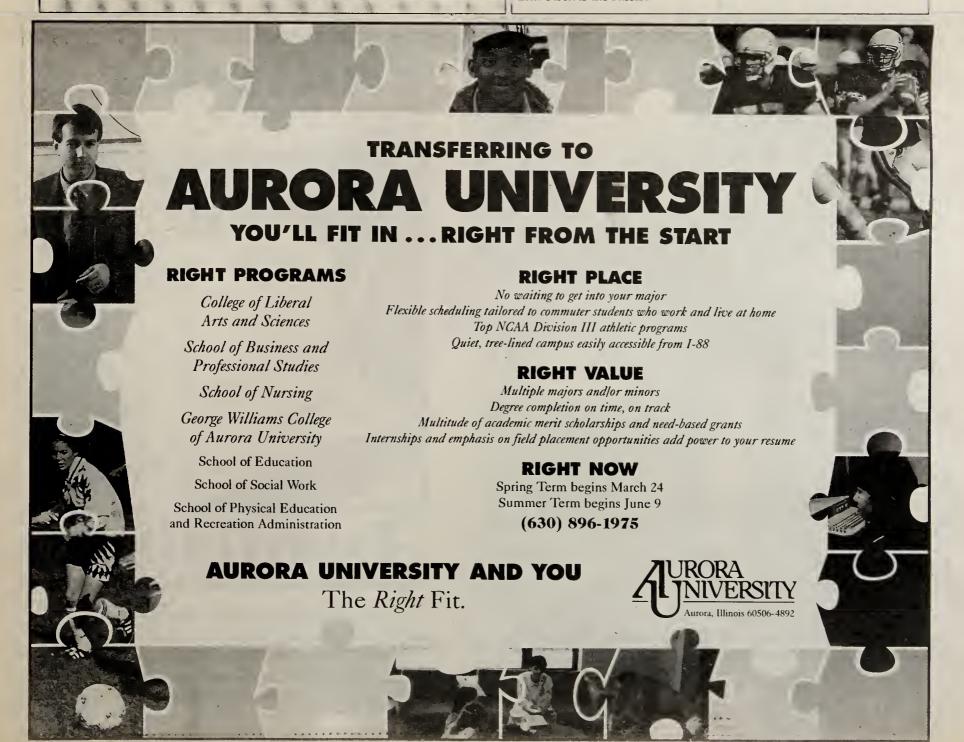
band and we did," Krause said.
According to Krause, the bands
main influences are U2, Metallica
and Iimi Hendrix.

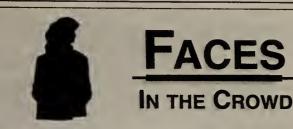
and Jimi Hendrix.
"I don't think that our music really falls into a category,"
Krause said.

"We call our music fusion because it fits in with a lot of other things," Krause added.

While the band is relatively new, it is dedicated to playing the music it wishes.

"We are not involved in music to please other people. If we are happy with the music we play, then that is all we care about," Krause said.







Name: Mark Kenneally

Major/Occupation: Custodian

I was born: "A sinner."

My favorite movie is: Jaws.

A Book You Would Recommend is: "He Still Moves Stones" by Max Luccado.

In Your Spare Time You: "Play bass guitar and try to write songs."

Your Most Memorable Experience at COD: "Switching from working the night shift to the day shift."

A Fascinating Person You Would Like to Meet: "Rev. Billy Graham."

The Worst Advice You Were Ever Given: "Go ahead, take another drink."

Nobody knows: "I became a born-again Christian two and a half years ago."

Activities You're Involved in at COD: "A cleanliness campaign to get students more involved in keeping our campus clean."

If I learned one thing in life its: "To put my faith in Jesus Christ."

Lessons brought to students through California adventure

By JILL LEAHY STAFF WRITER

A chance to explore the California coast and all of its surroundings will be offered as a five credit biology course this summer.

Biology teacher Dan Clampitt will be accompanying a group of students on a tour of Northern California's coast and the Redwood forest.

The \$555 fee includes round-trip airfare, ground transportation, and lodging. The cost of tuition is additional.

"After arriving in San Francisco, we will drive in vans along several different areas, including the Golden Gate Bridge, beaches and scenic Highway 1," Clampitt said.

During the rest of the four day trip, students will explore forests and beaches in addition to observing the surrounding wildlife.

"There will be opportunities for wildlife observing. California is very rich in wildlife, including birds and mammals," Clampitt said.

According to Clampitt, cabin lodging along the Point Reyes National Seashore will comfortably accommodate students during the trip.

Once in Reyes, students will share observations and daily journal entries with other members of the group.

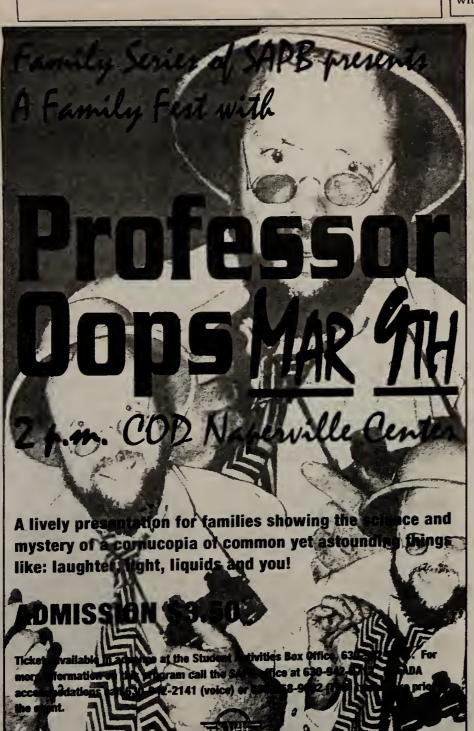


In preparation for the trip, students will be encouraged to attend two evening classes on June 5 and 12. To register, students must make a \$200 deposit no later than April 5.

"Students are signing up quickly and I can only bring 15. It's important to bring the \$200 so we can reserve a seat on the plane," Clampitt said. Clampitt has traveled to places like

Clampitt has traveled to places like the Amazon, South America, trips in the midwest, and California. He will be pointing out sites and attractions since he is familiar with the area.

"I was out to California in January, and the Pacific coast is just an awesome place to visit," Clampitt said. "The people and the towns are so different and seem to have their own feel. The people seem to be more free and independent."



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The hidden smoking shelter

BY BRIAN BRADLEY FEATURES EDITOR

he Student Government Association (SGA) has been hard at work the last couple of weeks trying to come up with a plan to create a smoking shelter for the students here at the college.

However, there is a hidden smoking shelter that many students at the college are not aware exists.

The shelter is tucked away by the dock area in the SRC.

It has been used mainly by staff members but does have the potential for student use.

The hidden shelter is cluttered with different chairs which surround a large marble ashtray. There are garbage cans and recycling bins also within the limits of the shelter.

The smoking shelter is blocked off by large, thick plastic strips most commonly used in large freezers to prevent the cold air from getting out. It provides enough protection from the many different effects of winter.

"I didn't know that there was any sort of smoking shelter here on campus," Melanie Iwasko said.

"I think that the students should have been told about it," Iwasko

Student Ambassador, Dan Berner is a tour guide for new students on campus and was shocked at the discovery of the hidden smoking shel-

"I have been going to school here for the last four years and never knew about the shelter," Berner

"Now that I know I will start going down there," Berner contin-

The SGA plan for a smoking shelter is a heated shelter that is easily accessible to students

The shelter down by the docks does not have the accessibility that SGA wishes for a student shelter.

"As far as I understand, the shelter by the docks is just a sheltered area not an enclosed area," Student Senator Michelle Piersall, said.

"We are trying to get indoor shelters that are heated and not attached to the school," Piersall

Unfortunately, many students are discouraged by the poor placement of the hidden shelter.

Considering the placement of the shelter, students are not able to use it as often as some would like.

"Why would I walk 15 minutes to a smoking shelter when I could just as easily walk outside?" William Radley asked.

"Also, I think that it is a bit late in the winter months to be worried about a smoking shelter. There should have been more concern earlier in winter when we had that record cold," Radley added. Freshman Missy Nelson agrees

that the placement of the shelter does not meet the needs of the student population.

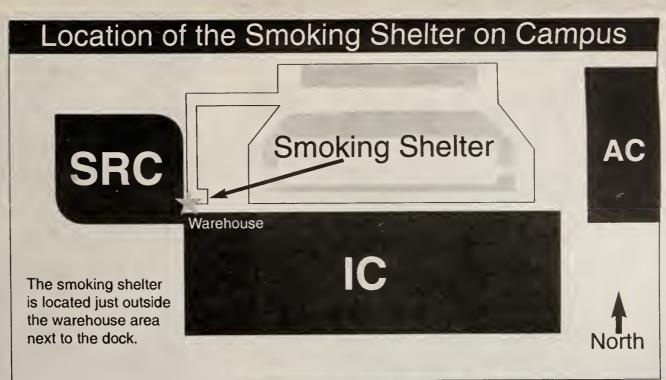
"It is in an illogical place, especially considering that all of my classes are in the IC building, Nelson said.

"Also, I am lazy and would not want to walk all of the way over to the docks, in the cold, every time I wanted to have a cigarette," Nelson added.

However, students should beware of the shelter's dangerous location. There are wooden pallets



Dan Berner relaxes in the hidden smoking shelter enjoying the protection from the wind outside.



surrounding the shelter and the entrance way to the shelter is near the loading dock which has a continuous flow of trucks making deliveries.

SGA is in the midst of preparations for a student shelter which would be more accessible to the students. Currently it is trying to find a way to fund it.

"We have been busy seeking funds for the student shelter, Student Senate Chairman Mark Faulkner said.

Student President Dan Eastman feel that the college has placed too much emphasis on the faculty's needs as opposed to the student's needs.

"The college takes care of the staff. Why can't they take care of the needs of the students?" Eastman



-photo by Bill Griffin

The smoking shelter is placed next to the college warehouse.

Concert focuses solely on orchestra

By Vicki VandenBos A&E Editor

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♦ DATE: March 8

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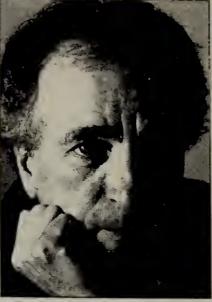
♦ Cost: \$17/15/10

It is time once again for the annual Orchestra Night concert, which puts the spotlight solely on the New Philharmonic featuring its concertmaster, Michele Lekas, as the soloist.

Throughout the year, the orchestra holds concerts that feature a professional guest soloist, outside of New Philharmonic.

"It is traditional to feature a concerto on the program with an outside guest soloist, but it is nice to do a program that is only orchestral. In this instance, our concertmaster is our soloist," said Harold Bauer, music director. "I love the Orchestra Night. It gives us a chance to focus on ourselves."

Lekas will perform "Legend," a short piece for violin and orchestra by Henryk Wieniawski.



-photo courtesy of COD News Bureau Harold Bauer, director of the New Philharmonic Orchestra.

The orchestra will perform "Overture to Pique Dame" by Franz von Suppe, the Mozart "Symphony No. 35, K. 385" and "Symphonic Metamorphosis," on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber by Paul Hindemith.

Orchestra Night is sponsored in part by Friends of New Philharmonic, the orchestra's volunteer support guild.

This concert pair is the orchestra's fourth subscription concert pair of its 20th season, which is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Art Council, a state agency, and by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Friends of New Philharmonic will be holding a fund raiser for the orchestra on March 23, which will feature cellist David Szepessy. The program will include six solo cello suites by Johann Sebastian Bach.

SHOWCASI

BY VICKI VANDENBOS, A & E EDITOR

KATE QUINN
17, FRESHMAN
MAJOR: UNDECIDED

What major are you considering?

I want to major in piano or photography, but I just haven't decided yet.

How and when did you get into piano?

I started playing piano around first grade because my parents put me in lessons.

Are you currently taking any classes to credit a major in piano?

I am taking Piano 172, but I plan to take more music and a few photography classes in the next year or so.



What are your college and career plans after COD?

I will probably transfer to either U of I in Champaign of Lewis University. They are prestigious colleges, which will look good on my record. I would like to be a pianist or do something in photography, but as of right now, I am not sure.



March 8 8 p.m., SRC 2800 Admission \$5

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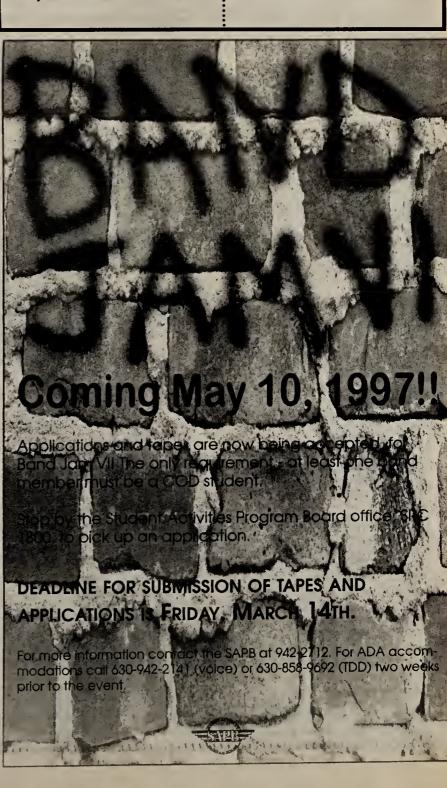
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'The Dating Doctor' leads interactive seminar

By VICKI VANDENBOS A&E EDITOR

❖ TIME: 8 p.m.❖ DATE: March 8

* PLACE: SRC 2800

❖ Cost: \$5

An interactive seminar that could answer all those dating dilemmas and suggest a few helpful hints is going to be offered at the college as the Creative Dating Workshop, sponsored by the Student Activities Program Board.

Leading the workshop will be "The Dating Doctor," David Coleman, who was nominated as the 1997 Entertainer of the Year by the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA).

Coleman's Creative Dating program was honored as the 1997 Lecture Program of the Year by the NACA.

The Creative Dating Workshop features a wide range of topics that Coleman will cover, including: making a good impression, interpersonal dating communication, the impact of alcohol and AIDS on relationships, bringing back romance, dating expectations, breaking up, making the best of a bad date and "the showdown," the last five minutes of a date.

During the workshop, everyone will be broken up into groups to allow people to interact with others and run through different dialogues about dating issues.



-photo courtesy of S.A.P.B.
"The Dating Doctor," David
Coleman, to present seminar.

For the first time at the college, students of all ages will be offered a chance to improve in the dating scene by listening and taking tips from "The Dating Doctor."

"Usually, the people that attend are single, between the ages of 18 and 22. It is nice when we get people from various groups attending because it makes the seminar more interesting," said Christine Ivanov, the Agency Representative at Umbrella Productions.

Coleman is the Founder and President of Coleman Productions, Inc., an entertainment and lecture firm located in Ohio, with a branch in Florida.

His recent book, "101 Great Dates," is selling well and has reached several top seller lists.

He also authors a weekly syndicated newspaper column on relationships and makes numerous radio and television appearances.

Professor Ooops! gives family presentation

EDITED BY VICKI VANDENBOS
A&E EDITOR

❖ TIME: 2 p.m.

❖ DATE: March 9

♦ PLACE: COD's

Naperville Center ❖ Cost: \$3.50

he science and mystery of a wide variety of common yet astounding things will be explored by Professor Ooops!, a presentation for families sponsored by the Student Activities Program Board.

The Professor, who's actual name is Sky Schultz, Ph.D., will perform one of his six "powerful" presentations, "The Bee...The Tree...The Sea...And Thee!" He will demonstrate the invisible connections that make up life on our planet.

Schultz is an educator, psychologist, naturalist and humorist who communicates important ideas about ecology, psychology, creativity and science.

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Jazz Ensemble puts on annual concert for kids

BY VICKI VANDENBOS A&E EDITOR

Kids will once again have the opportunity to attend and enjoy a concert created specifically for them at the Arts Center Jazz Ensemble's 3rd Annual Kidjazz Concert.

For this mid-March tradition, the ensemble will present works by Oliver Nelson and Wayne Shorter.

They will also include a Dixieland tune and as always, some original music.

"The kids like it because they can get involved and it gives them a chance to be very active in the concert by clapping and making all sorts of sounds with the music," said Tom Tallman, director of the Jazz Ensemble.

Also featured in this concert will be a storytelling by Shanta, which TIMES & DATES: 7 p.m. on March 14 and 2 p.m. on March 16

❖ PLACE: AC, Mainstage

❖ Cost: \$8/5

will be set to original music.

The story "Cowtale Switch," is. about a King who disappears and his family, whofinds him.

"We put on four Kidjazz concerts; two public performances and two for schools to bring students to. They all usually sell out," Tallman explained.

According to Tallman, the concert lasts no longer than an hour, so that it is easier for children to sit through and enjoy.

The Jazz Ensemble, a professional organization in residence at the college, is currently in the middle of its 10th concert season.

PERFORMANCES

EDITED BY VICKI VANDENBOS, A&E EDITOR

ART

■ A multi-media exhibit, featuring works by some of the college's full-time faculty members, will be on display through March 1 in the William E. Gahlberg Gallery.

Music

- The New Classic Singers will perform four pieces of the song of Mary's prayer from the New Testament, "Magnificat," with musical settings by four composers, each with their own interpretation of the piece, at 8 p.m. on March 1 in the Arts Center, Mainstage. Tickets cost \$12, \$11 for senior citizens and \$9 for students.
- New Philharmonic will present its annual concert, Orchestra Night, featuring the orchestra itself, at 8 p.m. on March 7 and 8 in the Arts Center, Mainstage. Tickets cost \$17/15/10. (See story on p.12).
- In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, Cherish the Ladies, eight women and two step-dancer males, will perform a concert of traditional Irish music and dance, at 7 p.m. on March 9 in the Arts Center, Mainstage. Tickets cost \$16/15.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- The Creative Dating Workshop, presented by the Student Activities Program Board, will provide an evening of topics, such as how to meet others, pick-up lines, kiss-off quotes, etc. This event will take place at 8 p.m. on March 8 in SRC 2800. Admission is \$5. (See story on p.13).
- The Student Activities Program Board's Family Series will present Professor Ooops, a lively presentation for families that shows the science and mystery of a cornucopia of common yet outstanding things like: laughter, light, liquids and you. (See story on p.13).

THEATER

■ The Buffalo Theatre Ensemble will perform Anthony Clarvoe's tale "The Living," which is about London's Black Plague in 1665. The play provides "searing perspective" on present calamities, such as AIDS, at 8 p.m. Thurs. - Sat., 2 p.m. on Sun., through March 16 in the Arts Center, Theatre 2. Tickets cost \$16/15.

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'Must see' play shows fragility of life

BY STEVEN SEDOWSKI STAFF WRITER

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However, as the play continues, so does the devastating effects of the Black Death.'

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Politics and medicine are among the subjects the play encompasses. London's administrator, Sir John, starts off following the King's wishes to preserve the city for him.

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In the end, Sir John's compassion for the common people outweighs his devotion to serving the King's political interests.

Dr. Harmon faces the reality that his services do little to help the infected people. However, he refuses to flee London.

As the play progresses, so does its mood. Darkness and demise begins to take hold of the city as the death toll continues to climb.

This play is a "must see," for it shows life's fragility and the importance of preserving it. Many times in today's populous world, death becomes nothing more than just another number in a statistician's ledger.

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Shannon Yardley, portraying Elizabeth Finch, performs a scene from the play "The Living."

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By BILL GRIFFIN PHOTO EDITOR

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Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You are disappointed when a family member reneges on a planned get together this week. If buying a gift for someone, be sure you know the person's tastes and avoid spending too much. A weekend getaway is possible, if you don't go overboard in expenses.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Someone who owes you money is slow to repay you -- which should serve as a lesson for the future. You and your significant other need to achieve a meeting of the minds concerning mutual funds. You want to spend, but your partner wants to save.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) It's not a good time to share those innovative ideas you have for business this week. Someone is just waiting to take credit for them, leaving you out in the cold. If shopping this weekend, watch expenditures.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) A certain someone in your social sphere is just handing you a line. It's best to maintain your distance and remain skeptical. Don't let flattery sway you. In business, make sure your goals are realistic.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) You spend some time this week tapping your toes, waiting for someone who's not on time for an appointment. Be careful of someone who promises more than can be delivered. This

weekend, avoid mixing business with pleasure.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) In considering your social options, make sure you honor obligations you'd made previously. A financial proposal made this week is really just a long shot. Generally, this is not a good time to gamble.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) Sift through your social invitations and use discretion. If not, you'll find yourself yawning through a dull, uneventful social gathering. Extra expenses arise is connection with travel for those on the road.

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Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) You have time to socialize this week. Yet, you need to spend some time on a work-related project early in the year. Curb your tendency to spend too much when shopping for the home.

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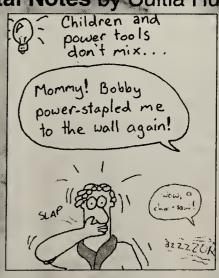
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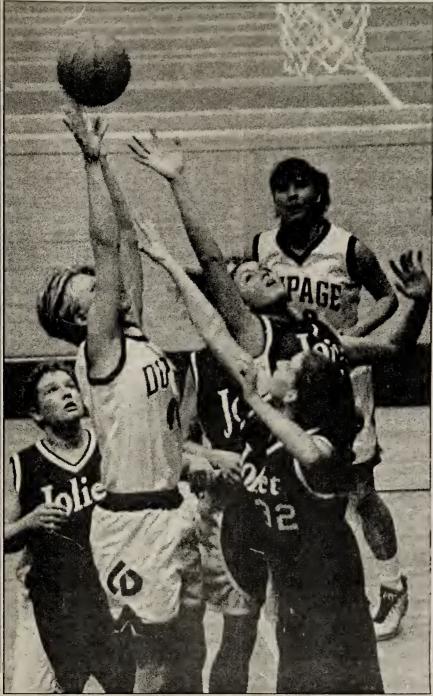


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Melissa Ferris lobs the ball over the opposition.

Lady Chaps optimistic, ready for playoff success

By JIM FROHNAPFEL STAFF WRITER

Optimism is running high for the Lady Chaps as they prepare for their semifinal game of Region IV competition tomorrow against Ioliet.

The final regular season game against McHenry on Feb. 22 was typical of how the season unfolded for the team. Strong defense and balanced scoring was key in a 52-44 victory, which gave the Chaps a 12 game unbeaten streak.

"This team is as capable as last year's, but I don't like to compare," said Head Coach Earl Reed, who was named conference coach of the year for the third consecutive year.

The Chaps found out their opening playoff opponent Feb. 25 when Joliet eliminated Rock Valley. Should the Lady Chaps beat the Joliet Wolves, the Region IV championship would be against the winner of the Oakton vs. Harper contest

To the surprise of the National Region IV teams, second rated Illinois Valley, which beat DuPage earlier in the season, lost to Joliet and was eliminated from playoff competition.

Sophomore guard Missy Bergbauer was COD's only representative as a second team All-Conference selection.

The NJCAA Region IV coaches voted on each of the awards. That COD only landed one player on the

All-Conference teams irked Reed. Reed said the team's record and the number of players who performed well were not recognized; as such, Reed said he "is upset with the N4C coaches for their disregard and disrespect of COD's players.

Three players Reed chose to acknowledge however, were cited for their "tremendous improvement and effort" throughout the season: Tammy Smith, Terry Hill and Carlene Connely.

In playoff action Reed refused to say whether he was looking toward a particular player to lead the team, but he did mention that he would like to see Missy Bergbauer and Kellee Robertson step up their scoring.

During the four practices last week, the Chaps focused on being aware of taller opponents near the basket and quick, penetrating guards. First half action in some games this year proved the team does have these as Achille's heels.

Reed and assistant coach Beth Mitchell addressed the issue, noting that the team tightened the screws defensively each time. Reed summed up this concern, saying "we've beaten everyone already, it's just a matter of concentrating and executing."

As far as coaching goes, Reed said that during the one week off period he must reinforce practice habits, to assure that the players don't get away with laziness.

"Practices must be sharp, crisp...get the concentration up, the right mindset, and the right mental approach," Reed said.

Football sidelined for good

By Asim IFTEKHAR
SPORTS EDITOR

A storied chapter of COD athletics was permanently closed last Friday when the presidents of Illinois' only junior college football conference voted to dissolve football as a conference sport.

The North Central Community
College Conference or N4C officially
ceased to exist on Feb. 21 after four
member colleges cast dissenting
votes, a majority sufficient to discontinue football as a conference sport.

The College of DuPage, Harper College, Illinois Valley and Triton College voted to discontinue conference football, while Joliet College, Rock Valley and Grand Rapids, Mich. will continue to play football as a non-conference sport.

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According to the N4C bylaws, four colleges are required to compete to be considered a conference, but the football supporters were shy one vote at Rock Valley, and another long established community college program joined the growing ranks of others sacrificed over the years to downsizing and cost-cutting.

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"I realize that this issue is close to a lot of people's hearts, and it is a very sensitive issue here at the college," said COD Athletic Director Ralph Miller.

According to Miller, some progress has been made on the reassignment of COD football coach Bob MacDougall, who announced his intention to retire only weeks prior to the cutting of the football program

"We have yet to discuss and decide issues about the future of the field, facilities, reassignment of personnel, etc." Miller said.

For the time being, the track surrounding the football field is used by the track and field team. Possible future uses for the football field and practice field include conversion to serve the purposes of the men's and women's soccer teams.

Grand Rapids College in Michigan did not vote because it only participates in N4C football. Joliet had expressed its support for the continuance of football, but Rock Valley

was the tentative third school that will keep football on a one year probation to see how it exists as a nonconference sport.

COD President Michael Murphy had decided prior to the meeting that football would be eliminated at COD, no matter what the sport's fate would be in the N4C. He cited costs, relationship to academic mission and long term viability of a sport whose participant schools have increasingly dwindled in number.

Other Illinois schools that have dropped their football programs in the past decade include Moraine Valley, Triton and South Suburban College. As more colleges cut the programs, travel costs for away games only go up as colleges grope for competition, something that will be even more difficult now without a conference to play in.

A small group of students comprised mostly of well-wishers and football players protested the decision at the SRC foyer as it was being made, urging for student's rights to be recognized and the program to be saved. Signs were posted and passers by were handed flyers regarding student's rights.

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In an article by Julie Deardorff in the Feb. 21 Chicago Tribune,
Murphy is quoted as saying, "We struggle with the notion of the best place to use limited resources. We want athletes to continue to have an educational opportunity, but it probably will be without football,"
Murphy said.

Murphy said that while 80 percent of COD's funding is local, 70 percent of the players on the Chaparral football team are from outside COD's district 502.

"Do we string it out and let it die slowly? The writing is on the wall," Murphy is quoted as saving.

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Supporters of the football program have long said that football offers a second chance to many student athletes who might never have gone to college, athletes who often go on to four year universities thanks to their positive experiences with junior college football.

Brian Baker, a COD student who had planned on joining the football team next season, described it as a "step away from a step."

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Chaps decimate Harper, advance to Final Four



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Erasmus Baffour towers over the Harper opposition.

By ASIM IFTEKHAR SPORTS EDITOR

In the best way possible, the men's basketball team advanced to the Region IV Final Four on the heels of a 79-63 blowout of Harper Feb. 25 in the first round of the play-

COD's decisive win against the Hawks was all the more gratifying for the team and its fans as it paid back Harper for a demoralizing 92-71 loss in the regular season. Only this time, the Chaps defied all odds stacked against them and eliminated Harper from its playoff bid, with no second chance for a rematch this

"It was a good rematch and I'm very pleased with the performance of our team tonight," said Head Coach Don Klaas.

The Chaps' primary weakness, which contributed to several key regular season losses, including the Harper debacle, has been their inability to adjust to intense, physical opposition.

They managed to do just that Tuesday night against a team that was every bit as physical as in their last encounter, and according to Klaas, the team's approach to the game won the night.

Preparation helped, but the big difference was that we responded and became physical on the floor, adjusted to them well," Klaas said. "We played well and got good production out of our guards

The trend for the Chaps has been that, in order to win, the guards must score well. The leading scorer against the Hawks was guard Gonzalo Garcia, who had a career night, posting 19 points. He was followed closely by Kasey Klaas and Michael Matthews, both with 17.

In all, four Chaparrals posted double figure scoring: guards

Garcia, Klaas, Will Gaston and forward Matthews.

"We had to get it both ways, in and out. The difference in this game was that we attacked. We were not soft on our offense or our defensive effort," Klaas said.

"Also, they were not ready for us to play man defense, they expected zone defense. Our offensive effort set the stage defensively. I thought our players made the adjustment and that's why we won." Klaas

An intensive effort was mounted by both teams throughout the game, but COD took charge with time to spare in the first half. The team maintained a commanding lead from there on out.

The two old rivals battled it out with full knowledge that there were no second chances afforded, and it was arguably the highlight of the season for both teams. Harper poured on the pressure reminiscent of the teams' first encounter, but DuPage's adjustment to its offense and aggressive play of their own

kept the Chaps over the edge.
"Michael Matthews, Will, Gunz
(Garcia), and Kasey all had great games for us, and I have to say this must be the most satisfying win of the year. It felt good to win after losing so badly to them earlier," Klaas said. "We really took their kids out of their game."

Center Erasmus Baffour led rebounding as usual with nine boards. The Chaps gained many of their points on the press, converting to score off the break. COD gave up 20 turnovers compared to 31 in the previous game against Morton, which DuPage won 66-56.

According to Klaas, winning against Morton was satisfying, yet inconsequential as the team was looking to the key Harper match.

The Chaps played Rock Valley Feb. 27 a day after the Harper game, the winner advanced to the finals to be held tomorrow.

Swim team to go to NJCAA meet

BY JIM FROHNAPFEL STAFF WRITER

he swim team continued to excel at the Region IV Swimming and Diving championships held here Feb. 21.

The men won and the women finished second; moreover, two more swimmers qualified for national competition, bringing COD's contingent to 16 out of 23 swimmers on the ros-

The competition pitted COD against Triton and Lincoln in a dual meet, with 20 events each for men and women. The rules allowed for competition in 38 events.

COD did not have men diving participants this year, and chose to pass in the men's 400 yards individual medley.

Ignacio Quiaro and Eric Thuneman came away with qualifying times for the March 5-8 NJCAA swim meet in Erie, N.Y.

"I'm a little disappointed in the women's finish, but encouraged by some kids who did their best times (this season)," said Head Coach Steve Murray. Murray said Lynda

According to Murray, NJCAA competition, but tions would prevent his going to the nationals.



-photo by Bill Griffin A COD swimmer makes waves in the freestlyle.

Cooper, Katherine Hill,

Quiaro and Thuneman had their best times at the regional.

While Murray would set 100 percent of the roster as his goal for national qualification, he is satisfied that COD is going as a team when some colleges are. only represented by a few or only one swimmer and may not have the support that DuPage's tight-knit team enjoys.

Jonathan McPheron qualified as a 17th swimmer for from the onset of the season stated that personal obliga-Murray said such an attitude is "commendable"

because he still swam this

The men tallied with wins in 10 events and the women won one at the Region IV championships. In final point analysis, the men had 491 to Triton's 418 second point finish and the women trailed Triton 533 to

Sarah Mumbach of Erie Community College is the coordinator of the NJCAA championship this year. Mumbach explained that last year it came very close to being a full competition, and she expects about 14 schools will compete this year with 175-200 swim-

COD is among the nine to twelve colleges who-will be sending a whole team.

ATHLETE



OF THE WEEK

BY ASIM IFTEKHAR, SPORTS EDITOR



Name: Tammy Smith

Sport: Basketball Year: Freshman

High School: Glenbard North

Major: Political Science

Athletic Achievements:

Two time All-Tournament and All-Conference in high

school, All-Tournament at COD.

Athlete I Most Admire:

Tammy Smith

'My coach in high school, because he taught me the most. He showed me the harder you try the farther you will get.'

My Advice to Other **Student Athletes:**

'Never forget it's all about being part of a team. Stick with academics."

-photos by Bill Griffin

