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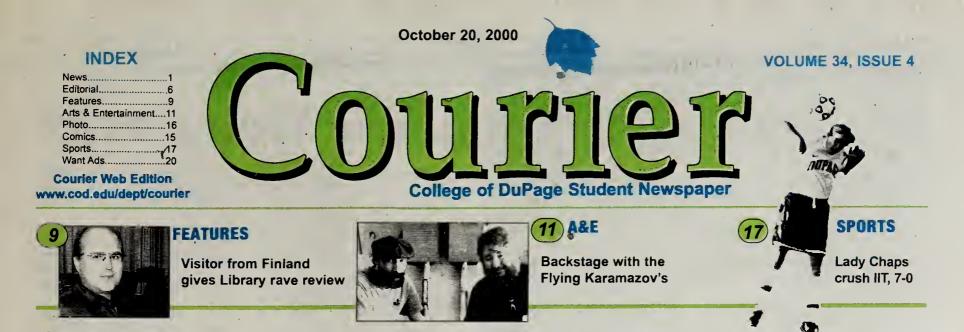
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### Student complaints bring new policy on tuition refunds

■ Full refunds for classes dropped in first week of winter quarter

### By John McCallum Editor-in-Chief

Hundreds of student complaints made over several years led the administration to announce this week that full tuition refunds for dropped classes will be available after the start of the quarter, effective this winter.

The full refunds will be given for eight days after classes start. Under the old system, refunds were cut 20 percent after the first day of the quarter.

A student dropping five credits the second day of the quarter would save \$25 under the new system. A full-time student dropping a 15 hour load would save \$75.

But even as the deadline for 100 percent refunds is extended, the college is shortening the deadline for receiving a partial refund.

"The reason for that is, if we are going to be offering a 100 percent refund for the first eight days, the college is going to be losing some money," said Suzanne Blasi, director of admissions, registration and records.

Even with the shorter period for partial refunds, the college may still lose suffer some loses, Blasi said.

The change is supposed to help students who plan to finish a class, but change their mind after meeting the instructor and seeing the syllabus.

Blasi said the new policy is also targeted at students who never attend class, and decide to drop in the first week.

These students deserve a break, Blasi said. But the change also opens the door for students to shop for classes, enrolling in more credits than they plan to complete, and dropping the harder courses the first week.

"We are trusting the majority of students will be honest," Blasi said.

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Net video on the way

"Using streaming technology and faster speed, we're better off as students, and the community gets access."

GARY WENGER, VICE PRESIDENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### By Eileen O'Malley News Editor

Internet connection speeds will be ten times faster within two weeks when the state provides a free DS3 line to the college, allowing campus computers to download huge files and paving the way for streaming video.

Illinois Century Network, an internet service provider owned by the state, will

use a DS3 telecommunication line normally costing up to \$21,000 a month. For more technology news, see Mascot Networks story, page 2 which costs \$2,800

a month, will be retained as a backup. Verio now delivers by two T1 modems, while the DS3 equals a bandwidth of 28

T1s. "It's a lot faster," said Information Technology Vice President Gary Wenger.

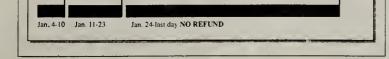
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### **Inspections of chem labs go forward during class**

By John McCallum Editor-in-Chief

Under increasing pressure from the Board of Trustees to resolve longstanding safety issues, two firms sent observers into organic chemistry labs while class was in session this week. The inspections came after chemistry faculty backed away from their earlier opposition to fhe visits, which they previously said would alarm students and disrupt class. that have been showing unsafe drops in air flow through protected student work areas.

Dean of Natural Sciences David Malek has said repeatedly that students



The observers, from the lab's engineering firm and manufacturer, were sent to watch air safety monitors are not in any danger working in the labs, but several trustees voiced consee 'labs' page 3

Photopoll

Should students convicted of drug offenses be denied financial aid? Ben Pho

No, they should not. A drug offense has nothing to do with financial aid money.

Aldo Blanco, 21 Bensenville Photography Catya Craig, 21 Aurora Advertising

No. The amount of drugs a person has doesn't affect how well they do in school.

Anthony Attardo, 20 Elmhurst Multimedia Arts

No, everybody deserves a fresh start.

# **Expect e-mails from new Web service**

### **By Jinnel Robinson** Correspondent

Over 7,000 students, faculty and staff will be among the first at COD to get e-mails explaining how to log on to Mascot Network, the new student communication forum.

These are people who have an email on record with COD, said Donna Berliner, manager of academic and administrative systems. The message they receive will explain how to activate their Mascot profiles. To participate, a person must list an e-mail address with the college.

"The online registration page, where you change your PIN number, is the same page where you put your e-mail address," said Meri Phillips, director of student activities.

A second cache of data will be downloaded next week, Phillips said, adding more students to the system. The Mascot homepage tailored to

COD can be found at www.cod.mascot.com and from there students can customize their own start page.

The college Mascot site includes school announcements, links to the college's home page, message boards, calendars, and student deals. The "Campus" link provides important campus phone numbers and other links. Each organization at the school will also have its own section to post events and member lists, accessed through "Groups" link.

Mascot will contain student and

teacher directories that can be searched on the site through the "Directory" link. Photos and contact information can be included in student profiles, but students have the option of hiding any information besides name and email by choosing "Edit your ID".

'Mascot's services are password protected, so only COD students and faculty have access.

Phillips said she is "real excited about [Mascot]. It has tremendous potential." Mascot will "provide new ways for students to communicate with each other and for faculty and staff to communicate with students," Phillips said.

tables outside the Career Services

Center in the SRC Friday morning to train students on the network. They will be taking photos to use in the student profiles

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Heather Foster, the Mascot campus representative, will also be recruiting at these tables for two student positions: a student DJ (\$8-10 per hour) to maintain the site, and a marketing intern

Mascot was founded in 1998 by Jaja

Jackson and Jason Palmer. The company has over thirty college customers, including Arizona State University and Manhattan College. Commerce partners like Amazon and Priceline allow Mascot to provide

Mascot representatives will be at

online student offers.

### Streamlined course approval process takes effect

### By Eileen O'Malley **News Editor**

Clarity of roles and consistency among divisions are the main reasons cited by faculty and administration for a new curriculum process.

One of the responsibilities of faculty is to develop courses, but departments differed as to how courses were approved, said Psychology Professor Barbara Lemme.

"The process was so complicated, and different divisions handled it in different ways," Lemme said.

Vincent Pelletier, Vice President of Academic Affairs said faculty were frustrated by inconsistent practices.

"I think there were fairly widespread concerns that the curriculum process needed to be visited,"

Pelletier said.

Now ideas for new college courses from each department are packaged by a grammar pro and put on a curriculum conveyor belt to be reviewed by an assembly line of deans and committees before approval or rejection. Tiime spent at each juncture is specified, so the location and progress of the proposal is defined.

Whether the new process is any

faster depends on the kind of course proposed, Pelletier said. General Education courses need to be reviewed with regard to input from four-year schools, he said.

'Occupational courses should go through the system faster than under the old system," Pelletier said.

"It's being used for the first time this quarter," Pelletier said. "We don't anticipate any problems," he said.

### Joseph Grenko, 65; grounds foreman for over a decade

Joseph Grenko, 65, grounds maintenance group leader, died in his sleep Monday.

Mr. Grenko, of Des Plaines, worked 13 years as grounds foreman. He was hired by Facility Information Manager George Rokosh who said Mr. Grenko became his best friend, and that he was responsible for "everything to do with grounds" including parking lots, all vehicles, flower and tree plantings, athletic fields and snow removal.

"He was like a stabilizer," Rokosh said. "I come from the Navy, and he was like a steadying force to keep everything on an even keel in that department."

Supervisor Charles Raddatz said of Mr. Grenko, "This campus gets accolades every day from outside visitors who come in because it's so beautiful, and it's because of him."

"He could have retired years ago, but he liked his job so much, he just stayed," Raddatz said.

The U.S. flag on campus flies at half mast today in honor of Mr. Grenko. He is survived by his wife June, and children JanWeir, Jodi Grenko, Sheri Jorbet, Debble (Steve) brown, and Susan (Pete) Smart.

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-Eileen O'Malley

### Christensen, Hyde to debate next Thursday

Brent Christensen, Democratic candidate for congress in the 6th District and COD alumni, will debate Rep. Henry Hyde 7 p.m. next Thursday at Glenbard East High School.

### **Corrections/Clarifications**

Several statements made at the Oct. 11 board meeting were incorrectly attributed to Professor Carolyn Dockus in a front page story appearing last Friday. The same story also erroneously reported this fall's pay increase for part-time faculty. The increase was 5 percent. ·

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Although information speed will increase, the capacity of an average desktop computer to quickly download huge, compressed files of graphics and sound is limited, and that's where streaming video comes in.

Streaming is a way to take digital information from a server in bits and pieces, enabling a viewer to watch the file as it is downloaded, Wenger said.

"In the past, if you wanted to watch a piece of video, you had to download the whole thing," Wenger said. "And you're the only person who can use it," he added.

"With streaming video, everybody has their own access to any entry point on that video. And literally a hundred people can watch at the same time," Wenger said.

About six months ago, the college spent \$10,000 for Real Media Server Software licensed for 100 concurrent users to stream both stored video and live video.

Real Media claims to be the most popular streaming format with over 125 million of their players downloaded by web users.

Streaming video can be a valuable instructional tool, said Wenger who plans to pilot live video in a few sci-

'labs' from page 1 cerns in recent meetings of the board and the finance committee.

Earlier this month, board attorney Everett Nicholas told the trustees the college needs to resolve the situation or face losing some legal immunity in the event of an accident.

"I feel very uncomfortable about our students and staff being in those labs," Trustee Michael McKinnon said. He added that the lack of a timeline for finishing the work is also troublesome. The trustees suggested they would like to see things ence and possibly music classes. To stream video or audio over an intranet or internet, it first must be digitally encoded, and then can be posted on the Web or an intranet allowing anyone to access the file.

The key to streaming is a storage holder called buffering. Packets of information stream from a transmitter to the receiver where they are regulated by a buffer.

The buffer determines the size of the first incoming packet and how long it will play, holding each packet in the stream accordingly while the preceding one plays.

Delay of data causes jitter in a picture, so the buffer has two opposing jobs: to create slack in the data line as well as to minimize it astmuch as possible for smoothness. Connection speed also determines

and smoothness and quality in streaming pictures.

"Using streaming technology and faster speed, we're better off, as students and the community gets access," Wenger said.

When the college streams out to the community, many people will be able to take advantage of the higher service the college provides, Wenger said.

wrapped up by their November meeting, and asked for updates.

The new chemistry labs cost the college about \$2 million and have had constant problems since they went online 19 months ago.

Malek said he doubted the bugs will be eliminated by the next board meeting. Others also expressed some skepticism with the one-month goal.

"There are complicated problems. We hope to have our arms around it," said Mark Wight, president of Wight & Company, the contractor in the project. No question about it, we are living in a

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# PoliceReport

### Monday, Oct. 9

Found bicycle

A community service officer found a bicycle left standing near the football field.

Injured person

A 19-year-old male was taken to Good Samaritan hospital to be treated for a head injury after an accident outside the SRC at about 5 p.m.

Two officers called to the SRC North patio found a student with a one-inch laceration above his left eye and another small cut.

The student said he had been riding his bicycle down the steps, fell off and rolled to the ground, cutting his forehead.

An 18-year-old male witness, also a student, told Public Safety he had been taking pictures of the victim riding his bicycle, and had watched him fall over a railing.

A Health Services employee dressed the student's wound and took him to the hospital.

Theft

A 23-year-old male reported a \$100 two-way radio was stolen from his coat, which he left in storage bins near the bookstore.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Accidents

The 17-year old female driver of a 1996 Chevrolet hit a 1993 Ford Probe

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driven by a 21-year-old male in Lot 1 around noon. No injuries were reported, and damages were estimated at over \$500.

The 18-year-old female driver of a 1989 Chrysler hit a 1994 Pontiac driven by a 20-year-old male in Lot 6 at 11 a.m. No injuries were reported, and damages were estimated at over \$500.

The 21-year-old male driver of a 1996 Dodge Intrepid hit a 19-yea-old male driving a 1987 Mercury Sable in Lot 1. No injuries were reported, and damages were estimated at over \$500.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

■ Accidents

The 19-year-old female driver of a 1998 Chevrolet Camero hit a 1999 Ford Windstar parked in Lot 11. No injuries were reported, and damages were estimated at over \$500.

### Sunday, Oct. 15

■ Damage to college property

An officer called to investigate a report of damaged property found long scratches in a 1999 Ford F250 pickup truck owned by the college.

Public safety tip:

Four cars with unlocked doors have been broken into in the past two weeks. Always remember to lock up before leaving your vehicle.

---Officer Joseph Mullin







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### **NewsBriefs**

#### Mascot Networks

An online "student community" will be recruiting and registering users 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. today in the IC/SRC Foyer, outside SRC Cafe, in the MAC Lobby, 1st floor PE CRC and M building. Mascot Networks is a new Web-based service with a searchable directory of all users, bulletins on campus activities and links to other web sites. www.mascot.com.

#### SGA Senate forum

Student senate candidates will speak in an open forum, noon Oct. 24 in SRC 1450. call 942-2095. Election will be held in early November.

#### **Registration deadlines**

Oct. 25 is the last day to add a credit class. Last day to withdraw from a credit class without faculty permission: Nov. 2. Signed faculty notes must be given to registration after this point, or students will receive a grade for the course.

#### Career expo

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11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m. Nov. 2, in SRC 2800. Employers on campus. High school, college students, parents invited.

#### 2001 Board election

Nominating petitions for Community College District 502

Board of Trustees candidates are now available on campus. Two seats on the seven-member board will be up during the April 3, 2001 consolidated election. Call 942-2203 for more information.

#### **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees Finance Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in SRC 2085. The Policy Committee will meet in the same room immediately following finance.

Regular board meetings are held 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month, in SRC 2800.

All meetings are open to the public. Call 942-2203 for more information.

#### **College lecture series**

Renowned science writer Dr. Stephen J. Gould will be the speaker for the fall college lecture series. Gould will speak 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Arts Center. Call 942-4000 for ticket information.

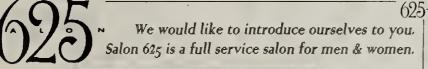
### **Public Safety forums**

Finalists for the chief of Public Safety job will be on campus to meet with students, staff and community members in open forums.

Forums will be 1:30-2:30 p.m. Oct. 23, 26, 30 and 31 in SRC 2800 (above the bookstore).

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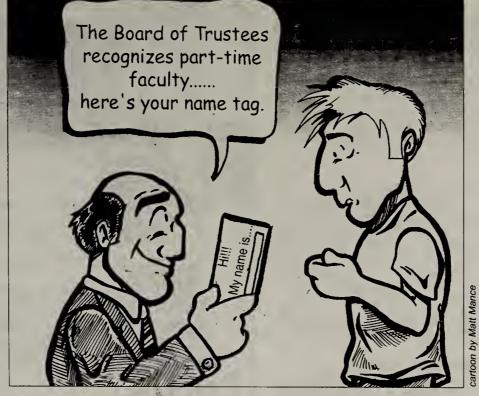
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### **Part-time justice**

One year ago Sunday, part-time faculty gathered in the basement of a local public library to officially form the College of DuPage Adjuncts Association (CODAA). The 70 instructors who joined the organization had a clear agenda. They wanted more money and benefits. More immedi-

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the Board of Trustees. CODAA has seen sub-

a membership of over 280, rivaling the full-time faculty union.

The Board of Trustees, however, still refuses to recognize the group. As CODAA's first anniversary approaches, its hundreds of members are still waiting to see if they will be acknowledged as having the legitimacy of the 13-member student senate.

This is neither fair to the faculty nor good for the college in the long-run. Part-timers are not marginal employees. They now teach half the credit courses They have as much impact on the quality of instruction as the full-timers or the administration.

Yet this key part of the college remains almost wholly disenfranchised, denied the role in campus governance that is granted to every other group on campus.

While every transitory, one-credit student theoretically is represented by the SGA and student trustee, and every staff member gets to vote for leaders of the Classified Personal Association, half the classes are taught by faculty with no such representation.

This is an odd situation indeed for an institution that claims to put learning above all else. Should the keepers of the classroom not be held in at least the same esteem as any other employee?

And should the insights of these instructors not be sought out when the college is trying to make policy deci-

acute an understanding of the college as any full-timer.

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Clearly, the college is better off when the faculty responsible for every other course have some voice in how things are done.

Beyond the self-interest of the college, recognizing a professional organization for part-timers is simply fair labor practice.

Since 1995, when the 4th District Court of Appeals ruled against a unionization effort at Harper college, part-timers in Illinois have been kept from organizing. This puts them at the mercy of the

Board of Trustees, which cannot be forced to enter contract negotiations. Such power means the board has little to lose in voluntarily bargaining with a part-time group; it also gives the board a responsibility to act with particular restraint and fairness, as such fairness cannot be imposed by the state labor board.

According to a recent study of the college, an instructor teaching a full-time load at part-time pay rates would make \$12,000 a year; the mean salary for a fulltimer is \$62,000. Even when office hours and other work required of full-timers is taken into account, there is a considerable gulf between two parts of the faculty. Part-timers also lack some of the benefits of full-timers.

This inequity plays a large role in keeping the college solvent and keeping tuition reasonable. These compensation issues are, nevertheless, troubling. The Board of Trustees should deal with the part-timers when it sets pay, much as it deals with the (non-union) Classified Personnel Association to set staff salaries.

Finally, making concessions to the parttime faculty will diffuse hostility and forestall future confrontations.

The Board of Trustees may be tempted to think it can ignore the cries for recognition, appeasing the faculty with small pay increases and relatively trivial benefit packages, such as the tuition waiver approved last Spring.

### PhotoPoll:

What should the United States do about violence in the Middle East?

Brennan Peckhart Downers Grove, 18 Finance



"I believe the U.S. has much more important things to spend money on, such as funding schools."

Jeff Grigg Westmont, 19 Finance



"I believe the U.S. should stay out of the trouble the Middle East is having. They should concentrate on the violence that is happening in this country."

Joe Schlotterer Wheaton, 16 **Business** 



"I think by telling the Middle East that they are acting childish, they will realize all of this fighting is for nothing. The Palestinians and Israelis are killing each other over their beliefs. But both of their gods don't condone killing."





"Today, the violence is expanding. It affects our society a lot. I think TV and music have a big responsibility. (But) it will get better."

Chris Johnski Glen Ellyn, 19 **Business** 



stantial growth in the past year; it now claims

ately, they wanted official recognition from

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sions:

The absence of part-time representation is not for lack of faculty interest. In June of 1999, the Board of Trustees rejected a petition for recognition circulated by many of CODAA's founding members. Later in the summer, the full-time faculty tossed two part-timers off the faculty senate, claiming the union had a legal obligation not to seat non-members at the table

While the part-timers' ouster from the senate was in some respects understandable, the message given by both actions was insulting. The college seemed to be saying part-timers are merely a rabble of temporary workers with no real interest in the college.

Indeed, some part-timers are just such migrant workers. But others remain here for years or decades, developing as

This would be a grave mistake. The growing call for part-time faculty rights is a national movement which is only strengthening as more colleges turn away from full-time faculty to save costs. Even now, there is a move afoot in the Illinois House to remove roadblocks to part-time unions. Legislation now in the House Rules Committee would amend the Educational Labor Relations Act specifically to overturn the Harper ruling. And the ranks of CODAA swell with every passing quarter.

Ten years from now, the college could find itself across the bargaining table from a belligerent part-timers union. Or it could face a grateful part-timers association. Whether CODAA is soon recognized may well mean the difference.

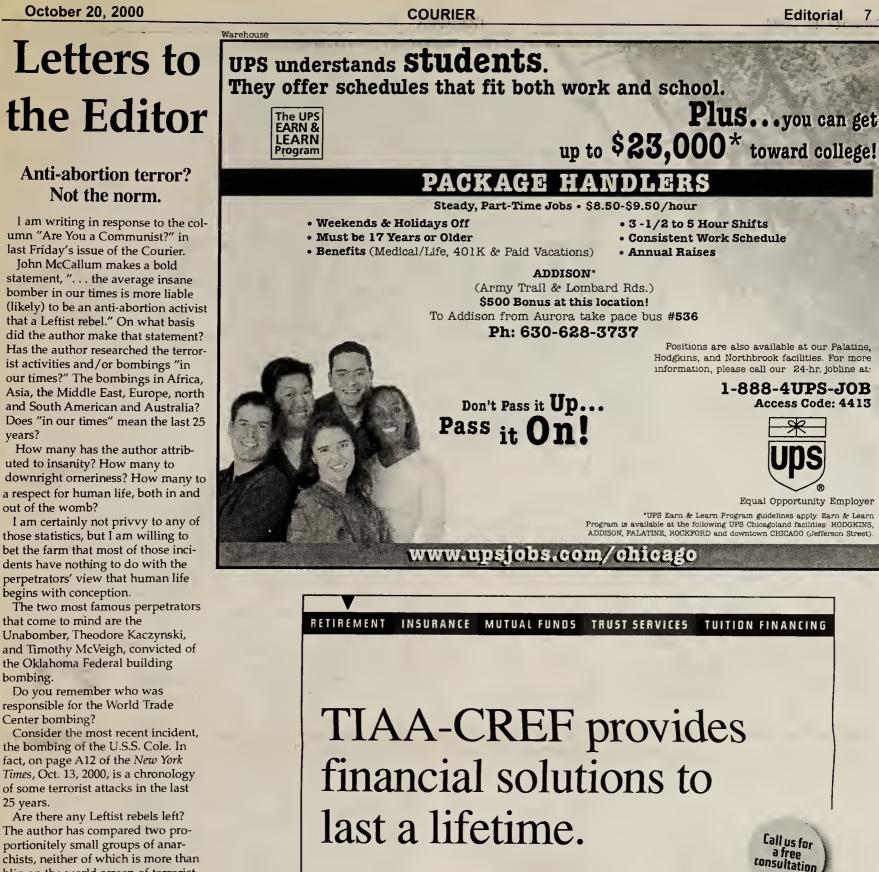
"Bomb them, then club their baby seals."

Nick Kimura Interior design, 22

"It's none of our business."

years?

bombing.



25 years. Are there any Leftist rebels left? The author has compared two proportionitely small groups of anarchists, neither of which is more than blip on the world screen of terrorist bombers.

There are people willing to kill others for any number of reasons. I concede that there are a few twisted minds (insane anti-abortionists, if you like) among them, but, in my opinion, the probability that "the average bomber" is an anti-abortionist, insane or not, is simply preposterous.

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### Library impresses Finnish visitor PhotoPo

### By Candace Raphael Features Editor

Harri Polonen, a visitor from Finland, has come for a two-week stay to learn about the American education system and culture and to share his own.

One thing that will definitely leave an impression on Polonen is the library. He was surprised to see students studying and using computers within the library.

"The library here is very surprising to me. It's so integrated in this college. At my institution there is a library where students can check out books, but it is not so much of a learning environment. I'd definitely like to see this kind of library in Finland," Polonen said.

Polonen comes to the college as part of an exchange program through the Illinois Consortium of International Studies Programs (ICISP). The consortium contains 40 schools in the state of Illinois and each year 40 faculty members or administrators are sent to different countries. In exchange, 40 visitors from other countries, primarily the Netherlands, are places at colleges within the consortium.

The College of DuPage has been involved in this exchange program for the last few years and has consistently had at least 1 foreign visitor each year for the last six to seven years.

Polonen is a project manager in the North Karelia Educational Federation of Municipalities, which is equivalent to our college. Polonen was one of two applicants from his college chosen to participate in the exchange program.

Although he met over 30 people during his first two days at the college, Polonen is scheduled to meet many more, as well as visit classes to share his culture with others. He will share the Finnish educational system, economy, and other aspects to people at the college. Polonen will also be learning about the American educational system. Polonen has also been welcomed by a few people at the college with Finnish backgrounds, even some that can speak the language.

"I've met many different people and gone to different places here. I still don't have a perfectly clear picture, but I'm very satisfied and I'm learning a lot," Polonen said.

Thus far, Polonen has received a tour and an overview of the programs at the college. Within the next week he will be learning more in-depth from



Harry Polonen -

the particular coordinators. However, Polonen has already noticed differences and similarities between his college and the College of DuPage.

"It seems that the basic functions are alike, but there are many differences

in how we do things," Polonen said. For example, while the College of DuPage is a four-year institution, the North Karelia Educational Federation of Municipalities is a three-year institution. Students in Finland also start

the college at the age of 16 or 17.

"We give students practical skills just like the College of DuPage does. I don't think there's a big difference," Polonen said.

While most of what transferring students at the College of DuPage take are general education courses, students at the college in Finland take one-third general education courses and two-thirds vocational courses. Therefore, students need to have a good idea of what they want to pursue around the age of 17.

"Sometimes there are problems with students that don't know what they want to do. They sometimes end up dropping out of school," Polonen said.

Dropping out isn't because of lack offunds, however, since school is free for Finnish students. Students only need to pay for their books.

Once students pass the program at the college, they have the option to get a job. In order to get a higher, or a managerial position, students must Photo by Huy Doa

matriculate to the higher level of education called a polytechnic. The system of polytechnic schools has only been around for five years. Polonen claims that their objective remains unclear at this time. The institution seems to play the part of a university, while it should be dedicated to more practical learning. After a polytechnic institution, students have the option to pursue further studies at a university.

While it seems like a long time to be in school (it can take about ten years to complete), once a student graduates from a university, they have received a graduate degree.

The number of students in the colleges in Finland compared to the College of DuPage are also very different.

While we have a student body of about 35,000, there are only 7,000 in the system of colleges in Polonen's region of Finland.

Within the system of colleges are eleven colleges. The largest college has 2,000 students, while the smallest has only 200.

Although Polonen will be bringing back a lot of information to his colleagues in Finland. This is Polonen's third trip to the United States. He has also visited Washing, Oregon and Idaho in 1996 and Michigan earlier this year.

Polonen will be visiting the campus for one more week.

### Do you think we can we learn a lot from different cultures?

Erik Sover, 21 Carol Stream Business Management



"Yes, because we can better understand each other as individuals."

Katie Herwaldt, 20 Aurora Elementary Education

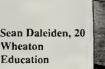


Yes, we can because they bring thei individual experiences and traditions with them."

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"Yes, because they were raised differently than me."



in first tournament



"You can learn a lot and sometime when you ae lucky you can learn a new language."

### **Forensics competes**

### By Bob Wilson Correspondent

Armed only with pens and sheer intelligence, the Forensic Speech Team had their first tournament of the year to impress and were as sharp as a tack with their presentation. That is with the presentations that could be rehearsed prior to the event. The excitement could be seen in the pulsating veins on several students' foreheads. While composed, the few nercompeted in the extemporaneous speaking event.

"The easiest way to prepare is clear your mind as completely as possible. It is important to have to make your mind as open to as many resources as possible," Tim Dale said.



last weekend.

The team led a spirited battle to be the best speakers of the day. The tournament was filled with college students in business suits practicing for a variety of speech tournaments that went throughout the day.

The tournaments were held within a fourteen-hour day at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. to which the college entertained events such as Drama Interpretation and impromptu speaking. The majority of the events were held in classrooms and mostly viewed by the participants. Nevertheless, the extraordinary showmanship illustrated by the students was engulfing. The college students were dressed vous contestants managed to deliver a presentation worthy of a presidential debate. The student's diligence prepared them to give a performance deserving of an academy award that could have gained G. W. Bush several votes.

In such events like the "extemporaneous speaking," where students were given a choice of three current topics and thirty minutes to present a speech. In that time a student was expected to cram in every aspect of politics and write a convincing composition, and then, utter the speech in seven minutes.

Tim Dale, a member of the Forensics Team, was one of the students who However, short orations were not the only event that encompassed the night. Many students, equipped with small black portfolios, convincingly portrayed the acting and extreme consideration involved in "drama interpretation," where the students are giving several weeks to prepare to act out different characters of a "stage" literature. One student went so far as to act out comedian John Leguizamo's "Spic-O-Rama."

Intensively, Erica Ballestra grasped the concept of drama in a unique introduction of her drama interpretation she says "I've been stealing jewelry from corpse for years, so grandma shouldn't be a problem." Photo by Huy Doan

Coach Steve Schroeder Overall, the Forensic Team seemed to encompass various genres of art, politics, and acting. Moreover, the participation from the Head Coach Steve Schroeder, Coach Joel Chmara, Kevin Christy, Neil Baldwin, Erica Ballestra, Tim Dale, and Courtney Muth, will guarantee them another great performance at the nationals in Jacksonville, Florida.

# Face in the Crowd For Your Information



### Photo by Huy Dear Mary Ann Toljanic

Birthday: August 10, 1951

Birthplace: Chicago, Illinois

High school: John F. Kennedy High School in Chicago.

Most influential person at COD: My

office tech instructors. They were all great instructors.

What are your plans after COD? I would like to go on and get a bachelor's degree. I'm yet sure where I'll go. It's going to take me a while before I get there.

Intended major: It was office technology, but I want to combine office technology with advertising/design and maybe go in the direction of graphic design. That combination would be interesting for me.

Dream Job; I would like a job that I could do from home. The immense flexibility is attractive to me.

Most probable occupation: I will most likely do something in advertising/design. Maybe I'll incorporate it with web design.

Current job: I'm currently a student aide in Career Services.

Hobbies: I love travelling, experiencing new dining adventures, movies,

going for walks, camping, reading. My husband and I also like to redecorate our place.

Short term goal: I'm going on a trip to Hawaii soon, so I really want to be able to manage both my trip and my classes.

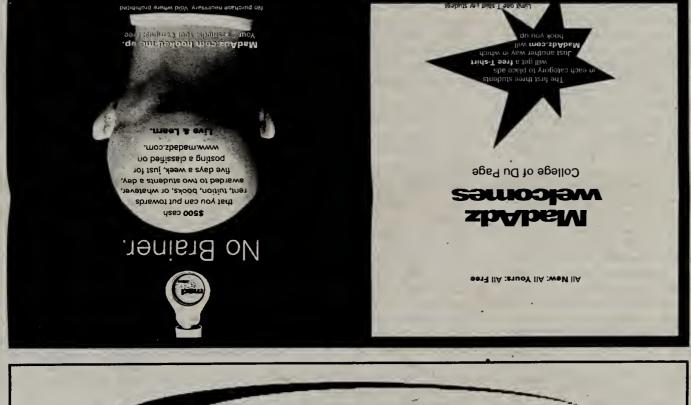
Long term goal: To get my degree before I reach retirement age.

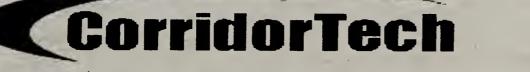
Favorite movie: I loved Shawshank Redemption, Last of the Mohicans, The Patriot, and any Johnny Depp movies. I was really disappointed in *Gladiator*.

Who is your favorite celebrity? Johnny Depp because I think he's cute, sexy, talented and has played very versatile roles.

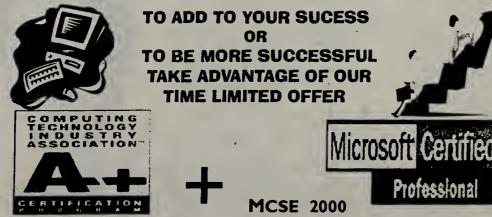
If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? It would be a combination trip back to Paris and Italy. I particularly want to go to Florence and Rome.

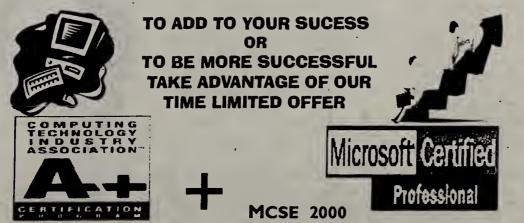
What is your most prized possession? My family.





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Sci-Fi Fantasy Club Hosts Game Day 5

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Club will be hosting Game Day 5, featuring the premiere of a Dungeons and Dragon 3rd Ed, RPGA "Living Greyhawk" Regional campaign, Magic: The Gathering, and Star Wars Card Game Tournament. All events are free except a \$25 charge for the Magic tournament and \$15 for "Living Greyhawk." For Directions, vendor tables, and other information contact Dr. James Allen at allenj@cdnet.cod.edu or (630) 942-3421. The event will occur from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m on Oct. 21 and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 22. the event will be held in SRC 2800.

Food For Thought: Let's Vote A Food for Thought presentation entitled, "Let's Vote: Insight into the Presidential Election!" A lecture about the election, the candidates and how one's vote matters will be presented and followed by a short discussion. Help for the undecided will occur in this session from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30 and from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31 in SRC 1450a.

Food for Thought: Coping with **Holiday Stress** 

Holidays are filled with fun, festivities, family, and stress. A presentation focusing on coping skills for maneuvering through the holidays for maximum enjoyment and minimum stress will be presented by dorothy Squitieri and Ron Jerak. The event will occur from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 5 and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 6 in SRC 1450a.



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> with the Flying Karamazov Brothers

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Hamman Technical Director for the FKB's

From MIT designed juggling clubs to bells cut from SCUBA tanks, this is *not* your Grandad's idea of a juggling act.

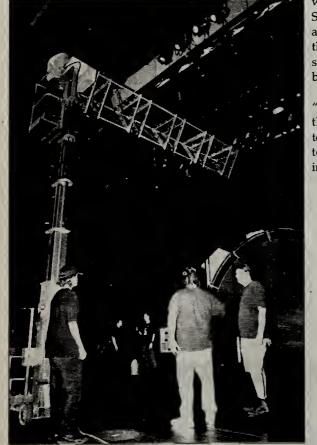
By Bob Nichols Arts & Entertainment Editor

ast Sunday at the MAC a sold-out house sat down at seven p.m. to take in the show put on by the Flying Karamazov Brothers. For the crew behind the scenes, set up for the show began ten hours earlier that day at around six a.m. The technology behind the scenes for this show is nothing short of stunning.

Several years back, The original two members of the Flying Karamazov Brothers (henceforth "FKB's") went to Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a "wish list." They discovered that what they actually were asking for was still not practical unless they were willing to wear as much gear as an astronaut. So, in layman's terms, the special jackets they wear give a computer their precise location on stage *only* communicate with the sensors on stage six times a second (6Hz) instead of their "wished for" twenty times a second (20Hz).

The aforementioned jackets are part of a routine in which the FKB's actually become musical instruments themselves as they dance around inside a hexagonal space on stage monitored by six separate position sensors. These jackets are equipped with accelerometers to turn their movement into electrical signals transmitted from their backpacks to the surrounding sensors. Their

Micheal Hamann as he aligns the rigging for the pedulum bells.



location inside the hexagon tells the TDMA (the master transmission reception apparatus) what pitch or tone of note they are playing. The resulting "interactive sensor based sound" is music made by four men as they dance (sort of) about the stage. However, without the company's computer whiz Matthew, FKB'S would be a bit hard pressed to pull this routine off.

Another fascinating little bit of backstage info is that the really cool bells that swing on the end of a fourteen foot pendulum as they're being played are actually highly modified SCUBA tanks. With mallets in hand the four FKB's waltz and mince their way past and between these pendulae bells as they swing to and fro with the weight and momentum to do serious damage to any unfortunate body that tries to impede their progress. There are five different bells each with its own parallel path across the stage. While the bells were each custom cut and tuned to make a particular sound, that sound only closely approximates the notes: B flat, G, A, a low A flat and an F.

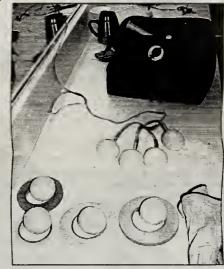
Back on the technical front, one of the routines uses these white rubber balls that are also possessed of a bit of MIT wizardry. Temperamental as any performer (which the FKB's are not) these little balls absolutely insist on being charged in the neighborhood of 18-23 hours a day, in order to do their little multi-colored flashing light thing in response to the right series of taps. The task of tending to these little orbs has fallen onto the lovely and capable shoulders of Assistant Stage Manager, Nicole Boyer Cochran ("Trixie").

Trixie was put to the test on Sunday as one of the chargers for the balls had a meltdown the night before. Enter "Mose" the truck driver and website scribe for the troupe and its off to Radio Shack in the F 350 Ford truck. On his return about an hour later all is well again as he pulls the new charger out of the Radio Shack bag and sits down with Trixie to help her get the magic balls back on the juice they so desperately crave.

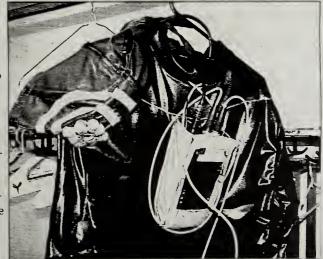
Still another piece of MIT wizardry are the "smart" juggling clubs. At two batteries apiece these twelve little gizmos account for the 24 batteries mentioned at the top of the page. Sensitive to the same sensor grid the FKB's use for their interactive sensor based sound, these clubs

change color from red to blue to yellow to green dependent on their physical location on the stage. Seeing them change color in flight as they are passed between jugglers 10-15 feet apart is really way cool.

Oh yeah, the condoms! Each performer has to wear a transformer on his body for his microphone. The condoms are placed over these units that are about the size of a small walkman to protect them from sweat. Of course with saftey such an issue, the guys have been known to double up for added protection.

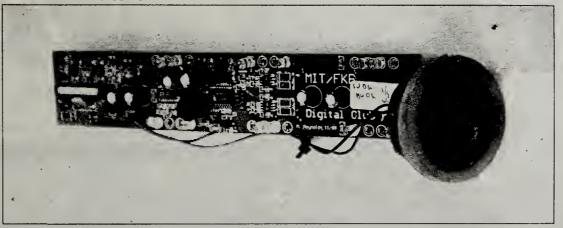


The magic balls that, through a series of taps, change colors from red to blue to purple, being charged prior to showtime.



MIT designed "innards" from one of the smart juggling clubs

One of the "wired by MIT" Bolero jacket and WW-I style pilot's bomber hat combos.



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### Student Spotlight

Photography Stugent Mary Ann Diggiri

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### By Bob Nichols Arts & Entertainment Editor

Mary Ann Diggiri is under this weeks spotlight. A resident of Geneva, Mary Ann is a photography student in her second year.

Q: What's your major? A: Photography Technology, I hope to transfer to Columbia for my bachelors.

**Q**: What's the best part of coming to school here?

A: I enjoy the instructors, and the photo lab is excellent, especially with all the open hours for us to work in it.

Q: What's the worst part of coming here?

A: The commute.

Q: Should campus cops carry guns. A: Yes

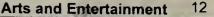
Q: Who's your favorite teacher? A: Jeff Curto, because he makes class enjoyable and conveys subject information well.



Mary Ann Diggiri working in the photo lab. Photo by Huy Dean

Q: Favorite food group? A: Is junk included in that?

Q: What's your favorite quote? A: Way too cool



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**By Bob Nichols** Arts & Entertainment Editor

In the focus this week is Steve Schroeder, one of the more enthusiastic members of the faculty on campus. A product of San Clemente California, Schroeder got himself a B.A. and an M.A. in speech and brought them to COD because in his words "this is the best community college in the world." Schroeder teaches speech and is the coach for the speech team.

Q: What's the best part of your job? A: I really enjoy watching students achieve.

#### Q: Worst part? A: Too much paperwork, it takes me

away from working directly with my students.

Q: How many hours a week do you work?

A: Sixty plus.

A: What's your favorite food group? Q: Anything involving salsa or chocolate, as long as they are not mixed together, except for maybe a mole sauce.

Q: What's your favorite quality in a student?

A: An open mind.

Q: What's your favorite quote? A: "The trouble with the rat race is; even if you win, you're still a rat." Schroeder attributes this to Lilly Tomlin.

Q: Should campus cops carry guns? A: If there is a need and the training is adequate yes. At this point I don't really know one way or the other if there is such a need.

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Prof. Steve Schroeder's reaction to the prospect of added paperwork.



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### Almost Famous

Starring: Patrick Fugit, Kate Hudson, Billy Crudup

Almost famous is a must see for anyone who experienced the 70's, relates to the complexity of relationships, savors music, and enjoys viewing Oscar-worthy perfomances. The film depicts the story of a 15year-old aspiring journalist, William Miller, (Patric Fugit) who follows the fictitious 1970's band, Stillwater. The young writer hopes of attaining great recognition through a potential Rolling Stone cover story.

Through the radical behavior of his sister, William Miller is awakened to the rock and roll life style. When William's work for a local music magazine catches the eye of a Rolling Stone editor, his adventure is set in motion.

At the risk of sounding cliched or corny, this picture is a feel good and heart-warming film. A vast number of cast members and fast paced plot help to dissipate the attention paid to certain, more important characters. Nonetheless, we feel a great empathy for characters like William Miller, lead guitarist Russell Hammond (Billy Crudup), and love interest Penny Lane (Kate Hudson). The authenticity of the time period is shown particularly well through the clothes worn, music played, heavy drug usage, blatant sexuality, and the tensions felt by a touring band.

William is a good homegrown kid with solid morals, and "honest face" according to his journalistic mentor. He has high hopes of becoming a music critic and editor and with any bit of luck, his dream will be fit to print.

Although he does retain his integrity we see him gradually become more and more engrossed and intimately involved with the band and it's way of living. This creates William's struggle, which we feel through Fugit's solid performance. True emotion is conveyed well and gives credibility to the hardships and change he endures.

Penny Lane is the band's "band aide". Penny's refuses to accept the title "groupie", as it's too sexually

stigmatized by society at the time. This shows us some of Penny's inner struggle. The character, well portrayed by Hudson, makes light of all intense situations and shows not even the slightest bit of selfrespect. Hudson makes us hate and love Penny simultaneously with her antics and portrays her with great conviction, sincerity, and sensitivity.

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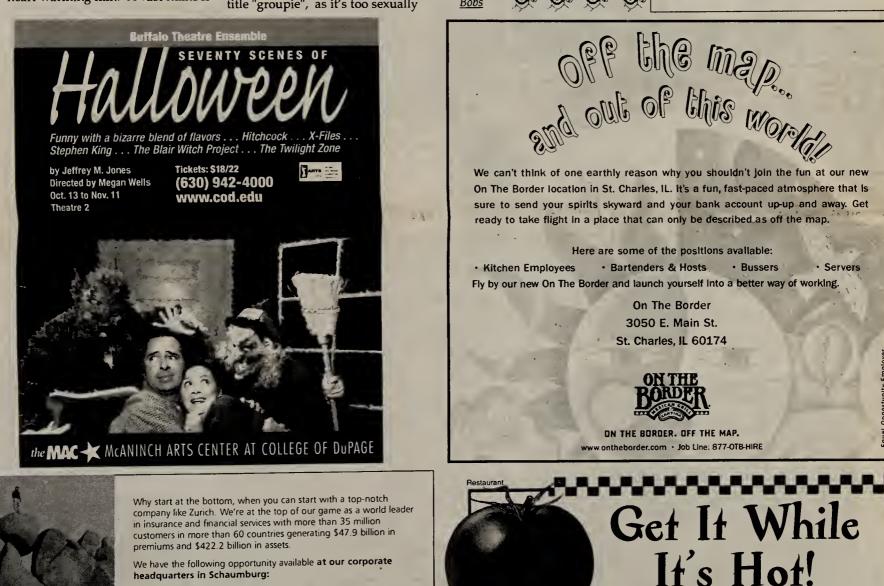
Even without seeing each member of the band examined closely, we get an understanding of what a touring band endures. They face the hardship of dealing with money, drugs, and "making it big". At times it's like we're watching a "behind the music" documentary of a band that could very well have existed.

Almost Famous is a close, loving examination of a particular group of peoples lives and how they cope with and bring resolve to their difficulties. Despite its occasional lapse in character development, the film does get its point across using characters that meld seamlessly with their chosen life styles and atmosphere.





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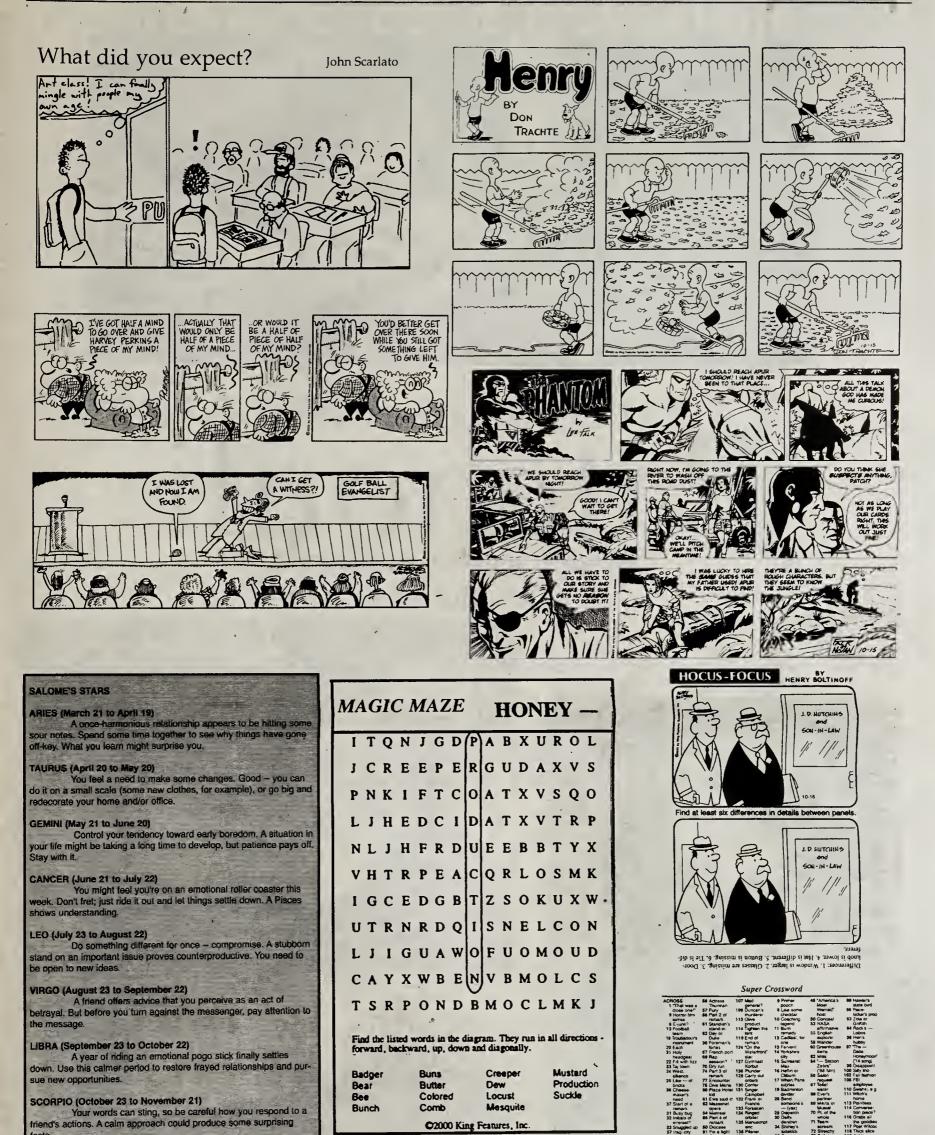
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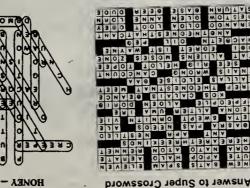
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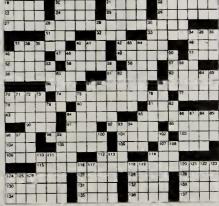
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### Women's soccer leaves IIT in awe

### By Amber Gibson Knowlden **Sports Writer**

The Women's soccer teams defeated Indiana Institute of Technology by an overwhelming (7-0). The Chaparrals continue to prove that they are a solid team not easily conquered.

After last weeks loss to Flo Valley, a nationally ranked team, the Chaparrals seemed determined to win Tuesday's game. Elody Francik, lead forward, scored a hat trick and four goals.

The Chaparrals pressed the ball forward throughout the game. Rachael Schroeder and Jasmine Telles kept the ball moving downfield, enabling players like Francik to score.

"We've played a strong defensive game all season," said Coach Reda, Jean Andrews (goal keeper) had played a strong, strong, game." The second round of the playoffs

will be played away in elgin. The Chaparrals play Elgin. The last time the Chaparrals played Elgin, Elgin upset the Chaparrals in overtime (1-0). Thuesday's game is scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

Lady Chaparrals

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Rachiel Schroeder makes a goal against IIT.

### Chaps football, **Chaps squeak past Joliet** a family affair in nail-biter, 34-33 son to cheer for the College of

By Adam Soebbing Correspondent

Last Saturday the Chaparrals took on the undefeated and nationally ranked Joliet Wolves. The Chaps continued to demonstrate their improvement throughout the season jumping out to a command-ing 22-7 halftime lead overthe Wolves.

The second half started out just the same for the Chaparral defense, but the offense struggled. The Chaps held off the Wolves on fourth and goal to hand the ball back to the offense. The drive, however, resulted in a safety for Joliet, making the score 22-9. The Chaps defense stayed strong forcing the Joliet offense to punt for the second time in the half. The punt by the Wolves pinned the Chaps deep in their own territory, forcing the Chaps to start the drive from inside their own ten once again.

The first play of the drive Chaparral quarterback Joe Riner looked to complete a quick out to one of his receivers. The Wolves defender saw it coming as he jumped in front of the ball picking it off and running the other way with it nine yards for a touchdown. Two plays later on the Chaps following drive Riner threw into coverage once again for another Joliet interception, setting them up on the Chaps five yard line. To start the fourth quarter the Chaps had their backs against a wall Joliet faced a third and goal situation from the Chaps two yard line. The Wolves went to

their running back who barreled through the middle to give the Wolves their first lead 26-22.

After another unsuccessful drive by the Chap's, Joliet's running back rumbled twenty-five yards for another touchdown making the score 33-22.

At this point the Chap's offense finally started to click. On third and long Riner connected with wide receiver Matt Dorman for a 26 yard first down. Riner that hooked up with wide receiver Quincy Wyche over the middle for a 29 yard touchdown. The two point conversion attempt was no good leaving the score at 33-28 with time ticking down in the fourth quarter.

After consecutive three and outs by Joliet and the Chaps offenses, Joliet had the ball with a critical third down attempt. The Wolves quarterback threw a pass that was knocked down at the line of scrimmage forcing another punt.

With 4:49 to go in the game the Chaps had eighty yards of field seperating them from the endzone. Executing the no huddle offense to near perfection, Riner connected with Wyche for seven yards on third down to keep the drive alive. Once again on third down, Riner hit Dorman for a gain of six and the first down. On perhaps the biggest play of the game the Chaps were faced with third down and thirteen from inside their own territory. Riner dropped back to pass and found Wyche on a hitch who carried the ball and .. three Wolves defenders with him past the first down marker. The Chaps faced another



Chaps defeated Joliet in last minute of the game

Jim Patz of Addison has good rea-DuPage football Chaparrals each Saturday.

His son, Zach, is a two-year starter as a defensive back on the team, which upset 10th-ranked Joliet Junior College 34-33 on Saturday, Oct. 14, there's more to the story. Jim, himself, is a former DuPage football gridder, having worn the green and gold colors as a running back for the Chaps in 1973 and 1974.

The late Dick Miller was Jim's coach at C.O.D. Jim later went on to play football at Elmhurst College, but has fond memories of his time at DuPage. "I found the C.O.D. faculty to be much more accommodating and open-minded than at Elmhurst," said Jim. "I was, and still am, very impressed with C.O.D."

As the crowd roared for the Chaps, who were on their way to defeating Joliet and former C.O.D. head coach, Bob MacDougall, Jim said he "gets emotional" when he watches Zach play. "It's just great seeing him out there."

Because he feels there is such a short time to watch Zach play, Jim said he attended all of Zach's practices at Addison Trail High School, where, incidentally, Jim also played. Jim has attended several Chaparral practices as well.

"The C.O.D. coaches are good," said Jim. "They are very good teachers. I thought it was excellent that Chap Head Coach Robin Cooper stressed the value of academics during a practice. They were positive with the kids. Our players play with such great sportsmanship.

Jim said he also coached Zach and Chap teammate, Mike Golub, in the Addison Youth League. "I took a picture of them together in the Addison Youth League, and again in high school. Now, I'll get a picture of them as Chaparrals." Jim said Zach is thinking about continuing his football career at a college or university. "But even if he doesn't, I'm proud of all that he has accomplished."

big third down on the drive with 1:10 to go in the game. This time Riner dropped back to set up the screen pass catching the front line of the Wolves off guard. Running back Dan Reynolds caught the ball and weaved his way down to the Joliet fourteen yard line for another Chaparral first down. On first down Chap run-

ning back LeVar Ammons carried the ball to the Joliet four yard line setting up second down. With only

four yards ahead of him Riner stood over his center scanning the field. Riner took the snap, dropped back, then tucked the ball under his arms and headed right up the middle for the game-winning touchdown.

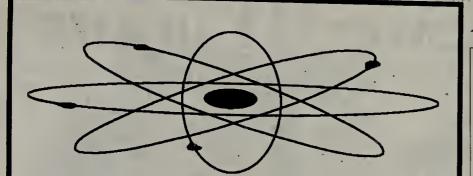
The final score was 34-33 in favor of the Chaps who improved their win-loss record to 4-3. The Chaps will be in action this saturday at Bloomington to take on Illinois Wesleyan's JV team.

By Ken Reed, Public Information

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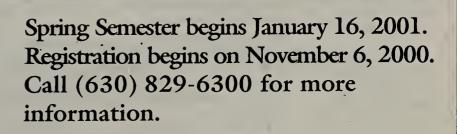
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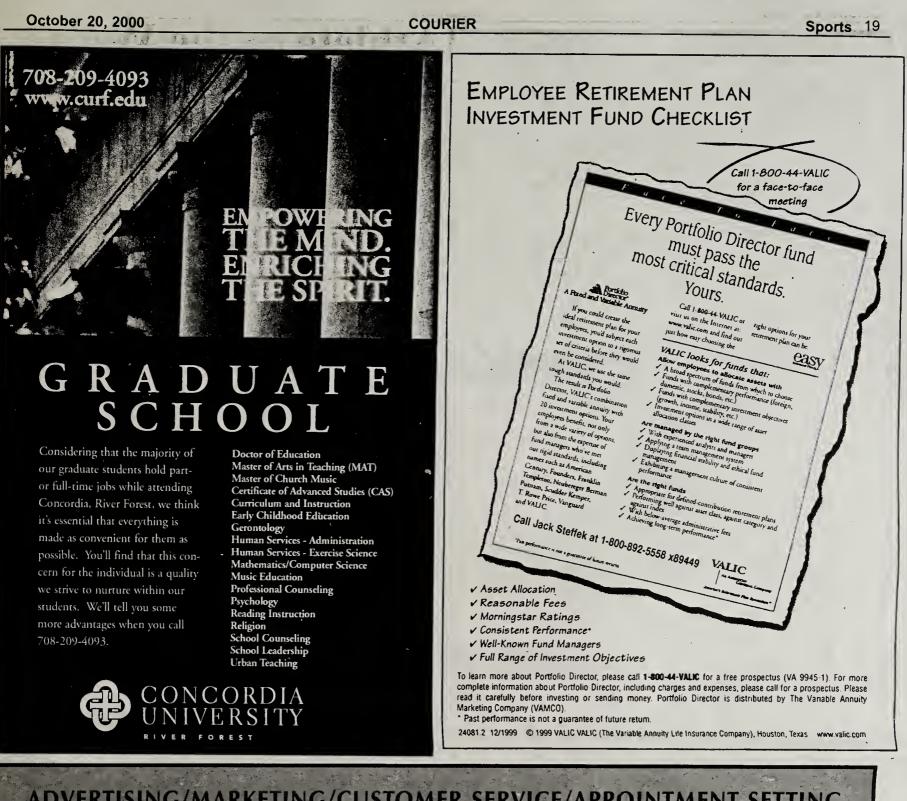
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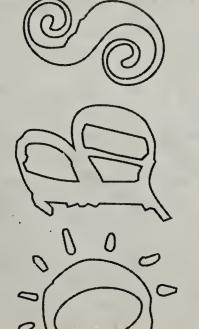
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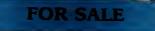
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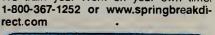
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