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What's President Murphy cooking up for the holidays?

## GUNS

Would armed police make the college a safer place?

By John McCallum  
 Editor-in-Chief

Public Safety never heard the five gunshots that took the life of student Brenda Almanza on April 11, 1983.

But Glen Ellyn police officers told local newspapers Almanza was shot to death inside her 1981 Camaro in parking lot 8, only a stone's throw from the Instructional Center.

Almost a decade later, President Michael T. Murphy was jolted by another burst of gunfire. In January of 1990, a campus police officer fired at an unarmed suspect in a class building at Florissant College near St. Louis, where Murphy was then a senior administrator.

There is no direct link between the two events.

But these frightening incidents, separated by seven years and hundreds of miles, are at the emotional center of a continuing debate over whether Public Safety officers should carry guns.

Never completely forgotten, that debate has resurfaced amid the selection of a new chief—the department's third—and the unionization of Public Safety employees with a pro-gun labor group.

Always a contentious issue, the arming of sworn police officers on campus is now bound up in a half-dozen other issues, ranging from union negotiations to the fate of the board of trustees.

And the final decision, once planned for December, has been pushed back indefinitely as trustees, administrators and officers grapple with what could literally be a matter of life and death.

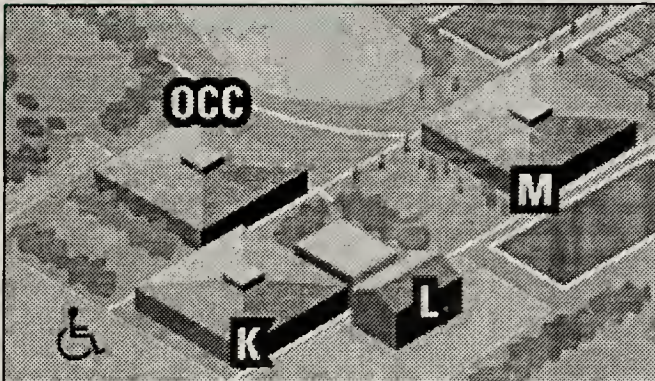
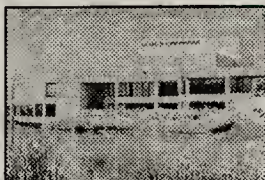
The retiring chief

Public Safety employees are nearly unanimous in supporting firearms, which they argue are a part of the job description for police officers everywhere.

Chief Thomas Usry, who was to retire as the department's second chief yesterday, agrees.

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### THE 25-YEAR PLAN



The Arts Center and P.E. building, above, would both get new space under a 25-year master plan. The MAC would get small additions, while the P.E. building would get a new field house. The aging buildings of West Campus—the OCC, K, L and M—would be torn down.

## Master plan calls for new buildings; funding unclear

By John McCallum  
 Editor-in-Chief

The proposed 25-year master plan calls for four new buildings and massive parking structures, but with no anticipated growth in enrollment, the college isn't quite sure how to pay for it.

Major gifts and government funding—both from the state and federal government—will be sought, but a local tax referendum is likely, senior administrators said.

And that takes the college into uncharted waters, testing the attitudes of voters who haven't been asked to approve more funds for the college in years.

The plan is the result of a year's cooperation between a broad-based committee of faculty, students, administrators, staff and trustees working with architects from the firm Perkins &

Will.

But the drawings given to trustees and administrators are only a rough outline of how the college might grow.

"It remains a work in progress," President Michael T. Murphy said. "This is not a design. This is a concept of how the college might develop its facilities."

Broken into four phases, the plan would demolish the West Campus and raise a series of small buildings close to the SRC and IC.

Three multi-level parking structures would allow the college to increase the number of buildings and provide more parking without paving over the prairie and marsh areas, as had been suggested in an earlier draft.

The plan will likely be approved by the board within a year, and will be subject to review every three years, Murphy said.

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### THE PLAN

#### PHASE 1

A new student services building constructed on the north side of the IC, parking renovated, a "ring road" runs around the campus. Estimated cost: \$22 million. Completed in 3-5 years.

#### PHASE 2

Community center near SRC, parking structure attached to IC, soccer fields south of College Road. Estimated cost: \$33 million.

#### PHASE 3

A building dedicated to Health and Sciences curricula is put on place to the west of the SRC.

#### PHASE 4

Roughly 25-years from now. Outdoor theater for the MAC, athletic fields removed from West Campus, field house built

## Web, touch-tone registration soar

Online and touch-tone registration increased dramatically this fall, becoming the most popular methods of signing up for classes.

The electronic self-registration systems claimed 36 percent of all students this

year, with over 12,000 users. The office of research and planning reported the increase in the annual student portrait, a statistical study issued every fall.

That represents a more than 200 percent increase over 1999, but officials are

wary of numbers in last year's report, which the Courier reported to be inaccurate in the winter.

"Yes, as a matter of fact we did a lot of checking on the numbers last year," director for research and planning Harlan Schweer

said. "We finally concluded that number was not accurate. We never were quite sure why. But we've been checking closely every quarter, and these (this year's numbers) seem to be correct," Schweer said.

## Photopoll

What do you think is the best way to register for classes?



Kevin Christy, 19  
 Downers Grove  
 Undecided

"Online. It's best to be as motionless and apathetic as possible."



Melissa Besco, 23  
 Downers Grove  
 General Education

"Online is the only way to go."



Rob Protis, 25  
 Wheaton  
 Computer Science

"Online service provide the most accessible means to register and it's simple to understand."



# Police Report

## Thursday, Nov. 9

### ■ Accident

The 18-year-old male driver of a 1990 Ford Aerostar hit a 1993 Mercury Villager driver by a 50-year-old female at the intersection of College Road and parking lot 6 at 8:30 a.m. Damages estimated at over \$500. No injuries reported.

## Monday, Nov. 13

### ■ Burglary from auto

A 20-year-old male student reported the theft of a \$30 cellular phone from his 1993 Eagle Summit, parked in lot 4 on Nov. 1. The student told officers he had left his passenger side door unlocked.

### ■ Lost articles

A 19-year-old male told officers he lost a \$160 cell phone in the Instructional Center on Nov. 9.

## Tuesday, Nov. 14

### ■ Accident

A 1993 Nissan 4-door driven by a 19-year-old female hit a 45-year-old female driving a 1998 Dodge in parking lot 7 at 1:30 p.m. Damages estimated at over \$500. No injuries reported.

### ■ Scofflaw

A Public Safety officer tagged a 1991 Chevrolet Caprice for revoked park-

ing privileges after police databases turned up a scofflaw hit showing the owner of the vehicle had outstanding tickets worth \$120.

## Wednesday, Nov. 15

### ■ Library vandalism

A Public Safety officer responding to a report of vandalism in the library just before 10 a.m. found a 22-year-old female student tearing pages out of *Fortune* magazine.

The admitted the magazine was not hers, and said she was taking the pages for a class. She was escorted to Public Safety and read her Miranda rights, but no charges were made. The matter was referred to the vice president for student affairs.

## Thursday, Nov. 16

### ■ In-state warrant

A 19-year-old male was taken into custody on a warrant for failure to appear in court in Will County on charges of retail theft.

The defendant told officers he had

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Read the Chaparral student magazine, on newsstands Dec. 18.

The Courier will be back in print Jan. 19, 2001. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

in fact kept his court date, and asked to be released. But Will County officials confirmed the warrant was still active.

The defendant was given a Dec. 14 court date and released when his father posted \$300 bond

## Friday, Nov. 17

### ■ Accident

The 21-year-old female driver of a 1996 Honda Accord hit a 1990 Buick Regal driven by an 18-year-old male 9:10 a.m. in parking lot 7. No injuries reported. Damage estimated at over \$500.

## Tuesday, Nov. 21

### ■ Accident

The 18-year-old female driver of a 1999 Chevrolet S10 hit a 1999 Ford Mustang driven by a 20-year-old female at 4:50 p.m. in parking lot 2. No injuries reported. Damage estimated at over \$500.

### ■ Accident

A 20-year-old female was issued a citation and ordered to appear in court for disobeying traffic laws and causing an accident.

She allegedly hit a 1996 Nissan Sentra driven by a 23-year-old male after failing to yield while turning left in parking lot 8.

Damages were estimated at over \$500. No injuries reported.

## Tuesday, Nov. 21

### ■ In-state warrant

a 59-year-old Winnetka man was placed under arrest on an in-state warrant for firearms possession and license suspension.

An officer on patrol in the P.E. parking lot noticed the man, with whom he had past dealings, park and begin unloading items for a computer show on campus.

The officer remembered the man had a suspended license, and called for a background check and backup. Public Safety reported the defendant's outstanding warrants, and two officers placed him under arrest.

The defendant said he had been arrested by Lisle police officers three weeks ago, and said the matter had been cleared by a Cook County court.

His story was contradicted by the Cook County Sheriff's office, which confirmed the warrants and a \$10,000 bond (10 percent applied).

A friend of the defendant's posted the \$1,000 cash bond, and he was released and given a Dec. 15 court date.

The defendant was also issued a citation for driving with a suspended license.

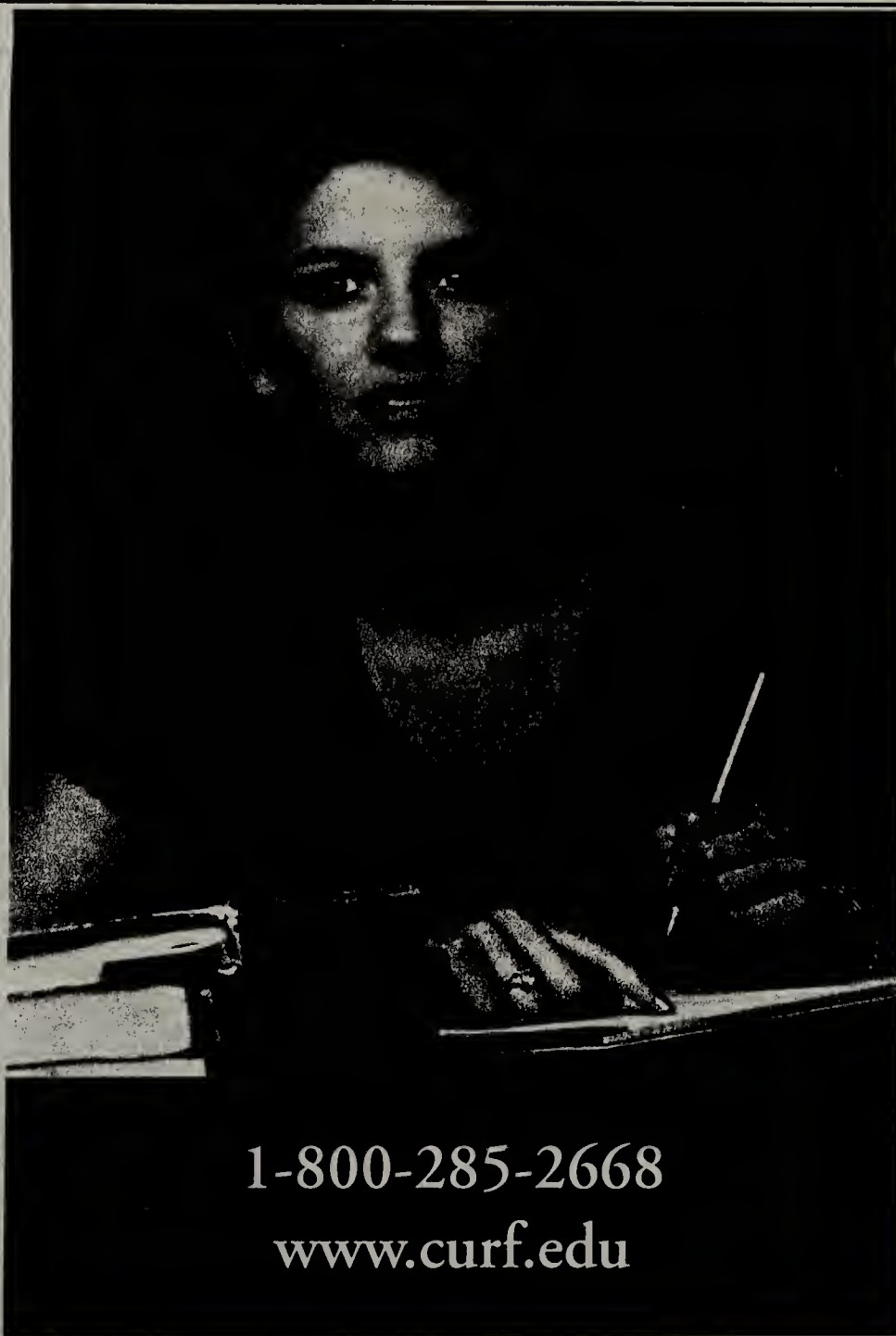
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# NewsBriefs

## Forgiveness vote

Faculty went to the polls this week to vote on a proposed forgiveness policy. If approved by a majority of faculty, the policy would allow returning to students to have "F" grades at least three years old removed from their GPA. The failing mark would remain on the student's transcript.

## Vice president search

A committee of faculty, students and administrators has started sifting through the resumes of the first 15 candidates for vice president of academic affairs. The committee will select finalists for the spot that will be left vacant by Vince Pelletier's retirement at the end of the academic year.

The vice president of academic affairs supervises the deans and, all faculty fall under his part of the college.

## Non-resident tuition

Student government officials say they are working with Vice President of Administrative Affairs Tom Ryan on ways to lighten the tuition load on out-of-district students. New state regulations allow the college for the first time to cut tuition rates for students from outside the district. A routine increase was delayed until February earlier in the year when SGA members complained about the hike.

## Fall grades

Grades for the fall quarter will be posted electronically and mailed to students on Dec. 14. Access grades online at [www.cod.edu](http://www.cod.edu).

## Tax levy

A public hearing on the Community College District 502 tax levy will be held 5 p.m. today, Dec. 1, in the board room, SRC 2085.

## Board meetings

The board of trustees meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month in SRC 2800. Meetings are open to the public. Call 942-2203 for information or to request to address the trustees.

## Open registration

Open registration for the winter quarter has begun. Returning students may register by touchtone by calling 942-3555. Returning students can also register online at [www.cod.edu](http://www.cod.edu) 7 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call 942-2377 for information.

## 22nd Street

Despite a Thanksgiving deadline, work on 22nd Street is not completely finished, and students are still advised to steer clear of the intersection of 22nd and Lambert Road when possible.

## Student government

The Student Government Association closed out the quarter Tuesday afternoon with its last senate meeting until January. Call 942-2095 for information.

## Last Courier

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# Holiday Calendar

The following calendar lists facility closings and special hours for the break between fall and winter quarters. The college will be closed Dec. 22-25. Division offices will be closed Dec. 29-Jan. 1, but some student services will be open. Winter classes begin Jan. 4.

The college does not maintain a list of hours and closings. All information is from the departments or offices themselves, and some offices gave contradictory information at different points.

Times are subject to change; and students are encouraged to call and confirm holiday openings before coming to campus and expecting, say, service, food or an unlocked front door.

### Library

Closed the following days: Dec. 10, 16-17, 22-25, 29-Jan. 1. The Library will be open 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Dec. 11-15, 18-21, 26-28 and Jan. 2-3. Call 942-2350

### Academic Computing Center

Closed Dec. 11-Jan. 3. Call 942-3300

### Admissions

Closed Dec. 22-25 and Dec. 30-Jan. 1. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 29. Call 942-2482

### Assessment & Testing

The testing lab will be closed Dec. 22-25, Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and every Sunday. Open 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Fridays and 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays. The lab will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 29 and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 30. Call 942-2575

### GED office

The GED office will be closed Dec. 22-25, 29 and Jan. 1. Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call 942-2851

### Counseling, Transfer and Advising

Closed Dec. 22-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 29, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 30. Call 942-2259

### Center for Independent Learning

Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 11-14, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 15. Closed Dec. 16. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 18-24. Closed Dec. 25. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 26-28. Closed Dec. 29-Jan. 1. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan 2-3. Call 942-2131

### Registration

Closed Dec. 22-25. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 29 and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 30. Call 942-3948

### Bookstore

Closed Dec. 22-25 and Jan. 1. Open 7:45 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. Call 942-2360

### Dining services

Closed Dec. 22-25. Other hours have not been finalized. Call 942-2246

Questions to ask the operator if you plan to be on campus over the break:

- What are your hours over the break?
- Is the college, and your department specifically, open *right now*?
- I live in Naperville. If I put on my coat, get in the car and drive over right now, will you still be open when I get there?

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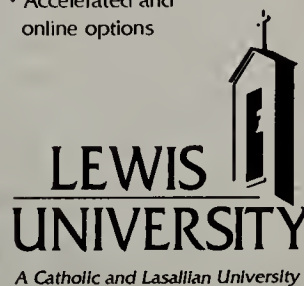
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# Belushi wins in recount?

*Forget Florida. The 2000 presidential election may be on a larger scale than anything happening on campus, but the college has seen more than its share of bitter, controversial and bizarre votes.*

## 1974: Belushi's recount

Maria Leclaire was proclaimed the winner of the first student trustee election with a breathtakingly close one-vote margin in February 1974. But Leclaire couldn't hold onto the victory for long.



Actor Jim Belushi, then a 20-year-old theater student, challenged the vote and called for a recount.

Jim Belushi, a student and candidate

When the 412 ballots were sifted through a second time, Belushi came out with a slight lead and was seated as the first student representative on the board.

In a front page story dated Feb. 14, 1974, the Courier said Belushi "will be bringing a strong interest in theater to the board."

## 1967: Kelly Green and Gold

Kelly Green and Gold became the college's colors after a decisive win over Kelly Blue in an October 1967 vote.

Paper ballots were printed in the Courier prior to the election, and students were instructed to drop these into boxes on campus.

Whether the hundreds of "voting coupons" gave better results than Palm Beach County's butterfly ballot is hard to say.

## 2000: Sid's revote

A bitter and protracted fight over the March 2000 student trustee election yielded recounts, legal hearings, emergency meetings and finally board intervention.

In what many called an unprecedented move, the trustees voted to throw out the results of the election, holding a revote in late April.



Jennifer Killham, who narrowly won the first election, lost by a decisive margin to Sid Khanvilkar in the second round.



Student trustee Sid Khanvilkar on stage with Gov. Bush outside the Arts Center earlier in the year. Jennifer Killham, below, beat him in the first election.

The election was marked by rhetoric as heated as the presidential race, with Khanvilkar accusing Killham of illegal campaigning and accusing a Student Activities staff member of lying under oath. Killham countered that Khanvilkar was a sore loser.

# College's 2nd chief steps down

By John McCallum  
Editor-in-Chief

Chief Thomas Usry suffered his first heart attack late in 1978. Ten days later, he lost a primary election for Kendall County sheriff. Facing unemployment when his term ran out at the end of November, he was only too happy when an FBI agent friend told him about a job opportunity in the area.

"When he got done, I had just one question for him," Usry said. "Where is the College of DuPage?"

But the string of bad luck that made Usry the second chief of the Department of Public Safety didn't carry over into the job. "It was the most wonderful experience," Usry said. "I think I have one of the better staffs of the universities in Illinois."

That staff, which was almost entirely hand-picked by Usry over the course of two decades, isn't his anymore.

Usry retired officially yesterday, setting the stage for what will be only the third administration in the

department's history.

The college and department left to his successor, Mark Fazzini, are substantially different than what he started with.

"Attitudes are constantly changing," Usry said. "Twenty years ago, Public Safety was not openly challenged. Today, we have people who come onto campus and challenge authority."

Usry is quick to call the campus a safe one, however. And not all of the change has been for the worse. He takes credit for increasing the training for officers from 24 to 40 hours of refresher courses every year.

"Thirty years ago (when he started in law enforcement), it was 'here's the baton, use it when you need it.' Now, you need training," Usry laughs.

Despite a campus which is safe overall, Usry says the department is badly understaffed and should be allowed to carry firearms.

"We have all the growing pains of a village or town of 30,000 people."

With a few exceptions, Usry found the college mild compared to Kendall County, where he investigated nearly



Photos by Huy Doan

The second Chief of Public Safety, Thomas Usry, retired yesterday.

thirty murders. To this day, he still travels to Springfield regularly to testify against convicted killers seeking parol.

He also remembers the oddities of some cases, including a man who walked 18 miles to steal a car. "The criminal mind is an interesting playground," he said.

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# GUNS: where does safety lie?

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Breaking 22 years of official silence as a member of the administration, Usry recently told the Courier he thinks it is common sense to arm the dozen police officers in the department. He also said the department is badly understaffed, lacking the manpower to effectively patrol the entire college.

"A handgun, to a police officer, is a tool," Usry said. "The bottom line motto has come out of the LAPD. We serve and protect. Can we serve and protect without our tools?"

His sentiment is not unusual among police officers. The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) recommends officers be armed. Former Lieutenant Michael Alsup, now chief of police at Harper College, was known for his strong opposition to the college's policy.

Alsup publicly advocated for guns, to the point of taking part in protest at a board meeting late last year.

He was the only internal applicant for chief of Public Safety, but resigned in September after the administration decided not to interview him for the job.

A position paper written by Alsup and shown to the Courier by several sources proposed that the 12 full-time police officers either be armed or have their police commissions taken away.

The unity displayed by Public Safety, however, is unusual. The rest of the campus is split, though the Faculty Senate officially supports arming the officers.

## Beyond the badge

Others have argued that police duties are not so much the critical issue as crime rates on campus.

Many opponents of guns, particularly among the students, claim there is no need for firearms on campus. Members of the student senate, which has no position on the matter, have argued weapons would only introduce another possibility for tragedy on the campus.

Guns were narrowly rejected in an advisory referendum offered to students last spring during SGA elections.

Students have often said they either don't see a need for weapons, or think guns could be stolen or fired accidentally.

President Murphy and Vice President for Administrative Affairs Tom Ryan, who the chief reports to, have been reluctant to take a position. Ryan has stated flat-out that it is too political a situation to become enmeshed in.

Murphy has denied a bias toward either side, but has dismissed fears of a Columbine-type incident as exaggerated and has said handguns would be unlikely to deter or stop such a tragedy.

His comments have tended more toward examining the safety of students on campus today.

## Crime statistics

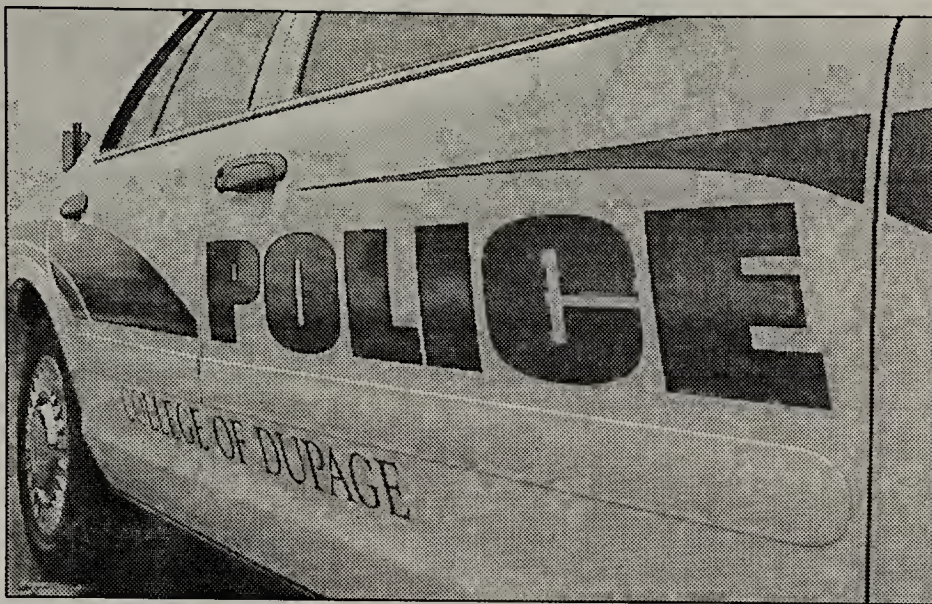
Criminal activities statistics from the department of Public Safety and the Illinois State Police show the college following national and county trends toward less violent crime and theft.

But the college still led community colleges in crime reports, barely beating out Triton College in Rover Grove and Parkland College. Officers at Triton and Parkland carry firearms.

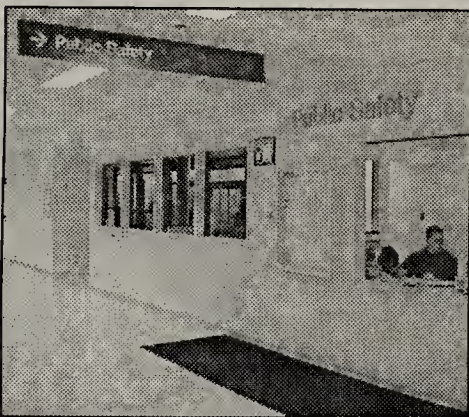
These comparisons are based on the total crime index, however, which is a simple compilation of major crimes over the course of a year.

The size of the college is not taken into account, meaning other schools have higher crime rates per student (the College of DuPage is the largest single-campus community college in the state).

The college's total crime index has fallen for the last four years, after a brief



Above: Public Safety goes for more visibility on campus squad cars, one of retiring Chief Tom Usry's (r) final decisions. The new chief, Mark Fazzini (l), spent his first week catching up on the unwritten rules of the department with Usry.



upturn in 1995. The index stood at 99 in 1999—less than half of the 205 posted in 1995.

Crimes in these categories dropped almost 28 percent from 1998. Statewide, crime at colleges and universities dropped 11 percent in the same period. Data for this year were unavailable.

DuPage County has seen similar drops, with reports of serious crimes falling 10 percent between 1998 and 1999.

APBNews.com, an Internet site dedicated to police news, reports that the college lies in a low-risk zip code.

And burglaries make up the bulk of the college's own reports. Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act reports, made annually by the department, show that violent crime accounts for only a fraction of the incidents. Fourteen drug abuse violation arrests were made in 1999, but no weapons violation arrests.

Aggravated assault is reported about once a year.

Retiring chief Usry disagreed with Murphy over the "Columbine" scenario, saying firearms could protect students in a shooting.

But he is quick to add that guns will do little to make the college safer on a day-to-day basis, as officers are only permitted to use their weapons to save lives.

## The murders

Virtually every proponent of firearms has pointed out the two murders associated with the college.

The more recent of the two, already mentioned, was the slaying of a 21-year-old woman in her car after a night class in 1983.

An 18-year-old student and part-time employee disappeared in 1978 after starting a 7-mile walk home from the college early in the morning. Years later, her remains were found in unincorporated Bolingbrook.

No one contends that either women could have been saved by officers with guns. But both deaths are cited as evidence of major crimes on campus.



Photos by Huy Doan

Usry and the others pulling for guns admit, firearms would often be for the protection of the officers themselves, even if students aren't in any danger.

Traffic stops are an example frequently used.

"When they stop a vehicle and approach a person, 99 percent of the time they have no idea who they're dealing with," Usry said. "It's that unknown factor."

He is quick to add that he thinks the campus is safe, despite staffing problems.

Usry estimates that the closest Glen Ellyn police officer, on patrol between 22nd street and just north of Roosevelt road, could respond to a call from the college in about five minutes.

One of Glen Ellyn's more than 40 officers winds up on campus every 2-3 months, Chief Fazzini estimated.

"Both of our departments back each other up," Fazzini said. "There's a good working relationship."

## The decision

On the heels of a report issued this year calling him "indecisive" and recommending the department be armed, President Murphy set a December deadline for a decision.

But it is now unclear when the decision will be made, if at all, and major shifts in board operation even throw into question who has the authority to make the change.

Last spring, a report by James L. Fisher Ltd., a Baltimore consulting firm, recommended arming the officers. It followed a report by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA), which did not directly address the issue.

Murphy says the retirement of Chief Usry has delayed things, and the board is now considering a new decision making process called "policy governance," which would substantially lessen their direct role in campus affairs.

Now the decision lies with the board, Murphy said, but authority might revert to him under policy governance. In any case, he would not speculate on when a decision would be reached, or by what process.

## JUST THE FACTS: PUBLIC SAFETY AT A GLANCE

Everyone has an opinion on the Department of Public Safety, but not everyone has all the facts. The Courier examines a few of the basics.

### THE STAFF

Authorized strength: 12 full-time sworn police officers, six part-time officers and five civilians, plus student workers. All answer to a chief, who is one of the sworn officers. His second in command is an administrative lieutenant, who supervises three sergeants. Each sergeant oversees a shift. The rest of the officers are patrolmen. Five civilian employees include three dispatchers, one locksmith and an administrative assistant. Community service officers assist the sworn police officers with service calls.

### CAMPUS CRIME REPORTS

Under the Crime Awareness and campus Security Act of 1990, the college must make annual reports of crime statistics in nine areas. The 2000 report, covering 1999 crimes, shows:

- Homicides 0
- forcible sex offenses 1
- Non-forcible sex offenses 0
- Robbery 0
- Aggravated assault 2
- Burglary 15
- Motor vehicle theft 1
- Arson 0
- Hate crimes 3

Criminal activity is also reported to the Illinois State Police. Thier records show a drop of 27 percent since 1998 in the total crime index, which is a simple tally of reported crimes falling in certain categories on campus. The 1999 index was 99, compared to 137 in 1998. In 1995, by comparison, the index was 205.

### THE EQUIPMENT

Officers carry PR24 nightsticks (the kind with handles), pepperfog, handcuffs and radios. They patrol the campus in two squad cars, 1998 and 2000 Ford Crown Victorias with 360 degree lighting, on-board computers and cameras to monitor traffic stops. The squad cars are replaced about once every two years. A single pick-up truck is used for service calls. Closed circuit television cameras monitor most of the campus, and officers have access to the Law Enforcement Agency Data System (LEADS).

### JOB REQUIREMENTS

Patrol officers are required to have an AA in criminal justice, 1-2 years experience in a related field and must have completed the basic law enforcement training course offered by the Police Training Institute. Source: Human Resources.

### THE BUDGET

Close to \$1.3 million was budgeted for the department in the 2001 fiscal year. The bulk of that, close to \$900,000, was in salary. About \$11,000 was budgeted for training, while over \$80,000 was budgeted for supplies and maintenance, including \$20,000 for key and lock repair. As of the end of October, \$845,000 remained in the budget.







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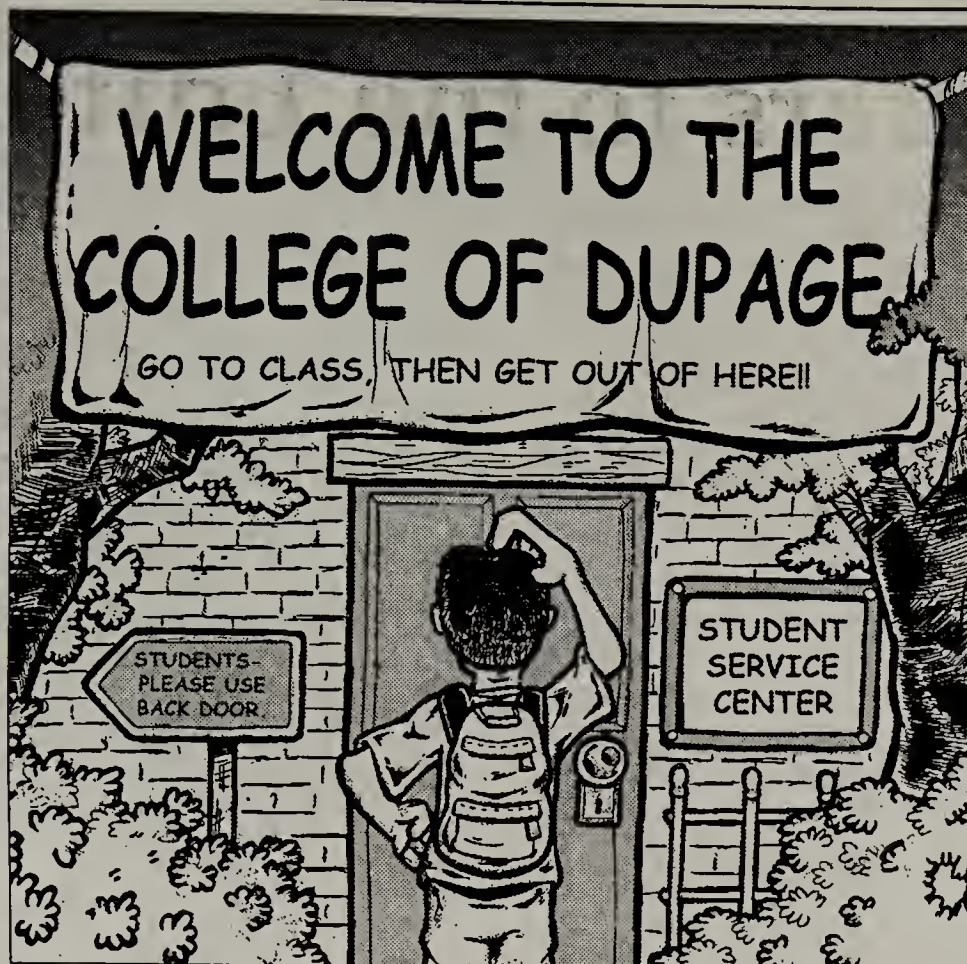
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## Endangered students

Last year, faculty worried over the elimination of endangered species from the prairie and wetlands, should new parking lots elbow out nature preserves in the college's 25-year plan.

They won that battle. But the 25-year plan now under review by the board of

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### Editorial

trustees pays little heed to another endangered species on campus.

While the wild things get all the green they could possibly chomp

on (rightly so, we might add), students get the cold shoulder.

There are, of course, some good things in the plan. But overall, it is a slap in the face to the marginalized "traditional" students, i.e. 18-20somethings seeking transfer degrees.

While tuition continues to edge upward, the plan proposes to pour millions of dollars into an aesthetically pleasing but patently unnecessary "front door" building to house registration, the president's office, etc. Ostensibly, this multi-million dollar facility would serve to put our entrance on 22nd Street—after all, that's where our address is.

But the architect has all but admitted the true motivation. The people who brought you that near-invisible student lounge in the SRC would like nothing better than to divert visitors away from the crowds of students who congregate on the steps outside the cafeteria.

Tuition money is to keep unsightly students from offending the eyes and ears of visitors.

What gall.

But what else can we expect from those who unilaterally stripped us of our only real gathering place, the old "fish-

bowl" in the SRC? Nothing wrong with development, but was there a new commons area built in return? Of course not; how would we get a corporate sponsor for that? (UPS gave the seed money to get rid of the fishbowl in the first place.)

Instead, students got a tiny, isolated TV lounge, hidden in a corner and placed directly under conspicuous Public Safety TV cameras.

And now we're starting to hear people grumbling about the students making noise in the cafeteria. Well, where else are they to go?

Before a single dime is spent on such niceties as a "front door" (or, for that matter, new carpeting in the bookstore), the college should provide a central gathering place for students to meet and relax between classes.

In all fairness, we should say thanks for the parking.

But in all fairness, has anyone noticed that the covered walkway between the parking garage and the Instructional Center will encourage thousands of people to walk through the classroom building to get, well, anywhere else on campus?

And does anyone, anywhere, remember just how noisy the IC already is?

The college is asking for state monies to put insulation in the IC, but realistically, that funding may never come.

If the IC is going to remain the center of study for most transfer classes (and the 25-year plan doesn't provide a replacement for it), it's absolutely necessary that the college acknowledge the noise problems and devote resources to a solution *now*, before the new parking facility makes life and study unbearable in the building.

## Holiday reading

The average COD student does a lousy job keeping up with his or her reading, according to numbers of faculty studies and Courier reports.

As students, we always put the blame on our absurdly busy social and work lives (god forbid we should admit to any laziness or stupidity).

Well, let's assume we're telling the truth. To be sure, full-time jobs and full-time courseloads don't add up to a lot of time for lieusurely reading.

But next week, we run out of excuses.

Classes end Dec. 10, and don't start again until Jan 4. No matter how many overtime hours we plan on working dur-

ing the holidays, this break adds up to some free time—about three weeks worth, in fact.

Highly unscientific polling methods employed by the Courier show that the vast majority of students will be able to squeeze in hours of movies, shopping and mind-bending alcohol (or worse) consumption.

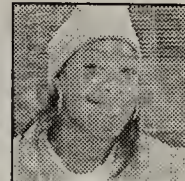
Fine. As long as you don't kill anyone, knock yourself out.

But you would do yourself a favor by taking a few of those hours off drop by the library and pick up one of the dustier books at the tail-end of the stacks and catch up on that elusive pleasure reading.

## PhotoPoll:

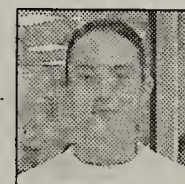
Would you rather wait for a full recount in Florida or have a new president now?

Martina Borden, 19  
Lombard  
Business



"I would rather wait for a full hand recount, because our voices count. We should have all the same rights to pick who we want"

Thomas Sawka, 19  
Downers Grove  
Undecided



"I would rather wait, because if we recount Florida with out any interruptions then we'll definitely know who is president."

June Reedy, 21  
Villa Park  
Communications



"I think Gore is a sore loser. If we recount Florida, we should recount all the states. Maybe then Nader could get five percent and funding for next time."

Mike Conti, 18  
Glen Ellyn  
Undecided



"I think Gore has the right to want a recount. I mean, Bush sucks anyway."

Ashley Ptunnesel  
Burr Ridge  
Art



"I am so sick of the whole thing. Forget the recount. Just elect someone, preferably not one the two idiots who ran."

Courtney Smith, 18  
Downers Grove  
Theater



"I think Gore should give in and admit that he's a loser."



# Letters to the Editor

## Faculty shouldn't forgive failures

I have just read your article "Will faculty forgive?" (Editorial, Nov. 17) and as a "non-traditional" alumnus from the class of 2000, I am appalled.

The thought that the administration and the faculty would consider rewarding the irresponsibility of a failing grade with a clean slate after three years is discouraging.

A student's GPA is a reflection of all their successes and failures. The GPA encompasses all the hard work and irresponsibility of each individual student. Remember the student who received the "F" did have various options for recourse before receiving that grade.

First, the student could have withdrawn from the class prior to the drop

date and not received a failing mark. Second, the student has the option to repeat the course and obtain a better grade. Yet the administration and faculty are considering the motive and intent of the failing student.

Would they also consider allowign the student who received a "D" through no fault of his own drop that mark from his GPA? How about the non-traditional student who feels that a "C" would adversely impact his or her GPA?

As a taxpayer I say o the administration and faculty life is full of adversity; however, it is incumbent upon you to set the standard and adhere to it.

These students will learn a far greater lesson if forced to confront their past mistakes and truly attempt to rectify them. I would hope that besides teaching these students the

the list mentioned earlier I add the fact that I actually get paid by COD to be an editor for the Courier. The lady there assures me she's real sorry but the person in charge of the office might be able to help me but she's not around. I would probably be more successful should I go to the advising office because she wasn't able to cancel this *computer* mandate that I take a reading test.

So, off I go to advising where I'm told to take a number and have a seat after I fill out this cute little green form. By now I'm gettin just a little bit PO'd but I not yelling just yet. After around 5-10 minutes I'm told that an advisor is ready to see me and I'm handed an address in the ARTS building, you know, that really neat looking building on the far east end of campus. I go to see "my" advisor whom I've never met nor sought the advice of and guess what? It seems as though she can't get past this *computer* based problem either though it would surely seem as though I really don't need a reading test. I'm angry enough at this point that it's kinda starting to show a bit. To me it's starting to be a question of whether I'm dealing with indifference or incompetence here and either one is unacceptable. So my "brand new" advisor gets on the phone and finds out how to get this problem resolved. Would you believe it, she sends me back to the SRC, to the office *right next door* to the registration office where I make my case one last time to the admissions coordinator Cris Legner who actually has the mystical power to tell the computer it seems to be mistaken. Interestingly she tells me at this time that the lady in the registration office who started me out on this odyssey could have simply consulted her supervisor and bypassed the computer mandate in the first place.

All along the way I was told that the problem was the *computer*. I was made to visit 4 different offices in three different buildings before I found someone who could "fix" the problem. I got news folks, the problem is not fixed, and the problem is not the *computer*. The computer didn't send me on a wild goose hunt, a person did. I have a PC at home and it doesn't tell me what to do, it does what I tell it to do. If it didn't I'd toss it out a window. Something here at COD needs tossed out a window, I'm not to sure what, but I don't think chucking the computer will have any effect on problems like the one I had. The only thing that kept getting tossed out the window in my case was the accountability to the customer that could have resolved my dilemma at any point during the process.

three Rs, you would teach them things like responsibility, truth, honesty and integrity.

Nick Moga  
Class of 2000  
Naperville

drawn between being cost efficient and being accountable for our actions.

We are responsible for the health of our land. How will you choose to contribute? How will one of the nations leading jr. colleges choose to contribute? Will we lead by example or merely hide in the crowd?

Jennifer Killham  
Student

## Time for environmental responsibility at COD

I believe it is essential to discontinue the use of Styrofoam in our cafeterias. We should sincerely explore the use of environmentally safe

products. Alternative products can contribute to cleaner air and water, less acid rain, and safer soil.

Implementing change in our cafeteria will promote good stewardship of the environment. The line must be

Read the Chaparral student magazine, on newsstands Dec. 18

And look for the Courier, back in production beginning Jan. 19, 2001

## My Opinion

By Bob Nichols



## Fire the Computer?

How incredibly convenient to blame a computer for a business's shortcomings. What a great concept, in addition to being an amazingly easy way to pass the buck it also removes any specific target from the ire of the customer who has the problem.

When I transferred to COD a year ago I discovered that my incoming credits were invisible until evaluated by the records office. So, I got to go to the end of the line for registration. I was told this would be resolved by the next quarter so I could register on time. After not hearing anything by that time came to pass, I danced on the head of a pin getting cute little blue notes signed by teachers so that when my time came to register, I would be allowed into classes that had already filled up. It was some *computer* problem that slowed down the assessment process.

Fall 2000 arrives and I'm near the head of the registration line, I happily walk up to the registration desk to get into my classes before they fill up this year and I'm told I'm limited as to what I can take because I need a reading test. First I smile because this is obviously a simple mistake. I mean all I have to do is point out that: I'm an honors student with a 4.0 GPA, if that's not enough maybe I can say that I've already taken honors comp 1, 2 and 3, plus honors Native American Lit, no, this still doesn't cut the mustard. I know, I could point out that I've already qualified for and been awarded the COD Honors Scholar Medal still not convinced I point out the sizeable amount of college credit I've already earned, nope, registration informs me that their hands are tied, because the *computer* says I really gotta take this test. What I need to do is take up this issue with testing. I get directions to testing and rest assured that this will be the end of my difficulties. I arrive in the testing office and assert myself as one who really doesn't need to take a reading test, to

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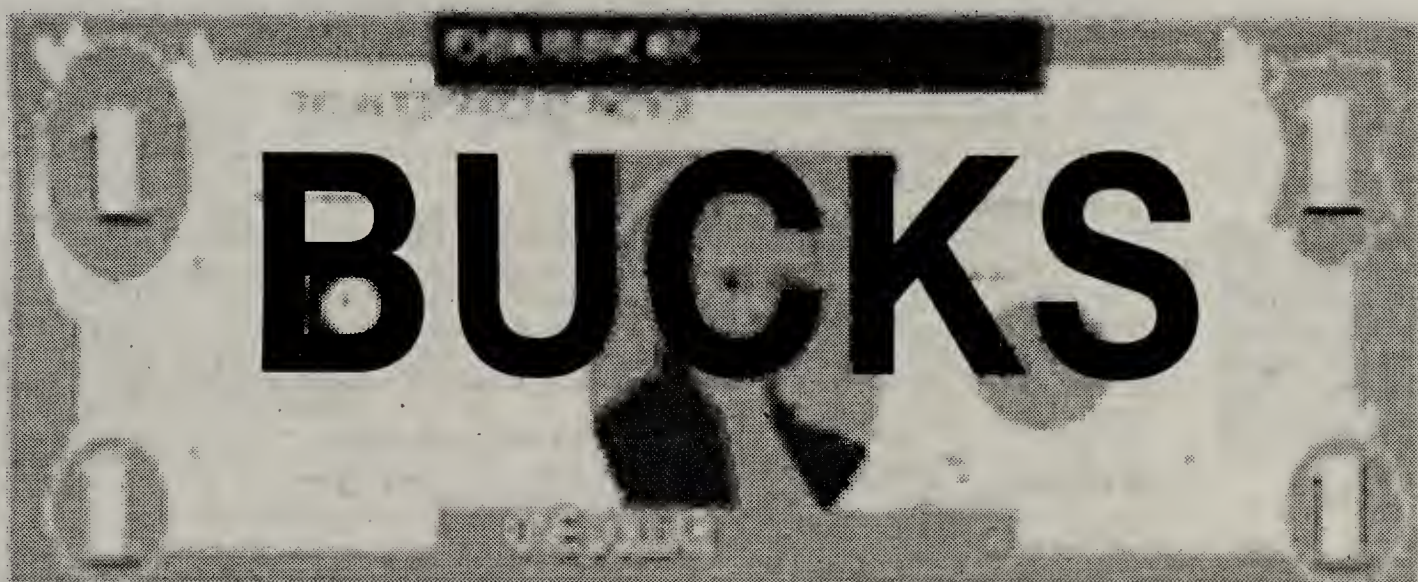
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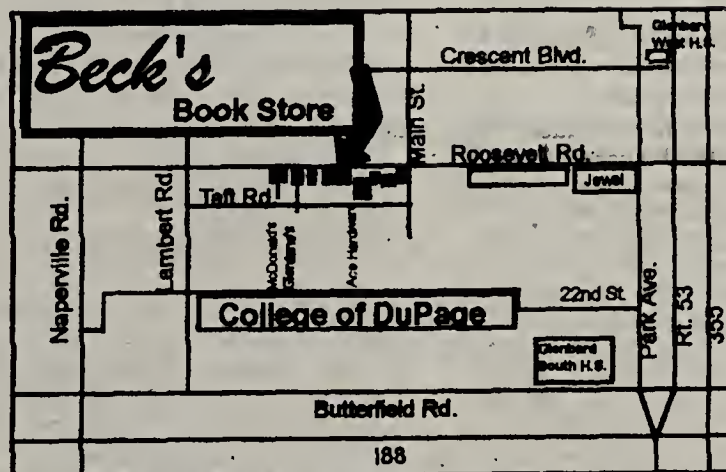
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Advisers: Shingo Satsutani, Ext. 2019

## ASSOCIATION OF EATING DISORDER PROFESSIONALS & PREPARING PROFESSIONALS

Discuss eating disorders, body image, and nutrition.  
Adviser: Rob Bollendorf Ext. 2071

## BLACK STUDENT UNION

Promotes ethnic unity and pride by joining and collaborating the thoughts of COD students.

Adviser: Richard Simmons, Ext. 3383

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST (BASIC)

A student organization dedicated to sharing and experiencing the Good News of Jesus Christ. BASIC promotes spiritual growth through inward journeying such as Bible study and prayer groups at the same time it promotes outward journeying through opportunities to do mission projects on campus, in Chicagoland, the state of Illinois, and throughout the country. It provides the opportunity to fellowship with other COD students along with other students from BASIC or Baptist Student Union groups in Illinois and elsewhere.

Adviser: Dean Peterson, Ext. 3036

## CAMPUS ADVANCE

Devoted to fellowship, Bible study and building relationships with those who believe in living by the Bible.

Adviser: John Sullivan, Ext. 2736

## CHRISTIAN CHAPTER SUMMARY BIBLE STUDY CLUB

Adviser: Erich Hauenstein, Ext. 2494

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Exists to help new Linux users get started by providing distributions and installation help.

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A publication organization which prints the college student newspaper and one of the colleges student magazines. Students who participate get experience in writing, graphic design and publication production.

Adviser: Cathy Stablein, Ext. 2650

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Mission is to help current and future generations develop and maintain sound mental and physical health, protect the environment and promote peaceful worldwide relations.

Adviser: Richard Voss, Ext. 2016

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The forensics (speech) team is open to anyone interested in improving speaking skills and performing literature.

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## FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

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A christian club committed to loving God and helping fulfill the Great Commission by winning, building, training and sending disciples of Jesus Christ.

Adviser: Linda Fisher, Ext. 54094 and Steve Havens, Ext. 53242

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For students who are learning desktop prepress through print production. Club members arrange meetings, speakers, field trips and tours of printing companies.

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## INTER VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

A community of COD students learning to love God and each other.

Adviser: Kent Richter, Ext. 3404

## INTERIOR DESIGN STUDENT SOCIETY

Supports the interior design program with technical seminars, professional networks and student events.

Adviser: Ann Cotton, Ext. 3081

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ORGANIZATION

The purpose of the International Student Organization is to provide a support network for international students.

Advisers: Edith Jaco, Ext. 3332 and Tracey Klickman, Ext. 3328

## JAPANESE CULTURE CLUB

The Japanese culture club is an educational club which examines Japanese popular culture through books, movies and other media.

Adviser: Shingo Satsutani, Ext. 2019

## LATINO ETHNIC AWARENESS ASSOCIATION

Encourages awareness of the past, present and future of Hispanic culture and offers speakers, field trips and other programs.

Adviser: Michelle Roman, Ext. 3039

## LESBIAN, GAY, BI-SEXUAL, TRANSGENDER STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

We meet every first and third thursday of the month from 7-9p.m. and can be reached at LGBTSA@hotmail.com for details on room numbers and topics for discussion that evening.

Adviser: Hal Temple, 2662

## RENCONTRES: FRENCH CLUB

Meets the first Friday of every Month at 12:30 p.m. in a local restaurant to speak French and only French.

Adviser: Jeffrey Fox, Ext. 3340

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The Model United Nations Club helps students to learn in a fun way about international problems and the UN.

Adviser: Chris Goergen, Ext. 2012

## MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Encourages Muslim fellowship, scholarly discussions of Islam and outreach to the college community.

Adviser: Misty Sheehan, Ext. 3408

## THE NEWMAN CLUB

Is a Catholic organization that

enables students to ponder their spirituality through programs, retreats and volunteering.

Advisers: Tom Tipton, Ext. 2570 and Nancy Wajler, Ext. 2230

## PHI THETA KAPPA

Recognizes and encourages scholarship in an intellectual climate for the exchange of ideas.

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## PSI BETA

Psi Beta is devoted to scholarship, education, and community service in the field of Psychology.

Adviser: Ken Gray, Ext. 2223

## PRAIRIE LIGHT REVIEW

Publishes a magazine for humanities twice yearly, accepting submissions in poetry, fiction, nonfiction and photography from students, faculty and residents of the district.

Students receive one hour of credit for the class.

Adviser: Gloria Golec, Ext. 3412

## PSI SIGMA CHI

A club for students and non-students with disabilities who get to share and discuss their feelings with others.

Adviser: Jocelyn Harney, Ext. 3325

## SCI-FI / FANTASY CLUB

Provides a forum for members to share and engage in activities including books, movies, television, comics, role-playing games related to the worlds of science fiction and fantasy.

Adviser: James Allen, Ext. 3421

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## PROGRAM BOARD

Students create and organize events including international programs, special events and family programs.

Adviser: Chuck Steele, Ext. 2642

## STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The Student Education Association is open to students who want to become teachers.

Adviser: Maryann Gustafson, Ext. 2503.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)

Formed to preserve and protect student rights, interests and opinions; represents the student view to the administration, publishes *Student Survival Guide*.

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## STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION

Enhance communication among nursing students; sponsors fund raisers for Freshman Recognition and Sophomore Pinning Ceremonies;

Adviser: Contact ADN office, Ext. 2158

## STUDENT / PARENT CO-OP (CHILD CARE)

Provides childcare for students with children between the ages of three and five while the student is in class.

Adviser: Jan Novak and Mary Wombold, Ext. 2422

## VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

An association made up of members of Vietnamese decent. Members conduct discussions and activities with each other and others who want to

# Clubs/Events Form

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NAME of club/organization \_\_\_\_\_

ADVISOR to club/organization \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE number for advisor \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE of club/organization \_\_\_\_\_

### Club Events:

NAME of club/organization \_\_\_\_\_

ADVISOR to club/organization \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE number for advisor \_\_\_\_\_

TIME of meeting/event \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION of meeting/event \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION of event \_\_\_\_\_

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# Capture the Holidays with a Digital Camera

By Eileen O'Malley  
Features Editor



If you're not familiar with digital imaging, a few pointers can give you an idea of what to consider when deciding on a camera.

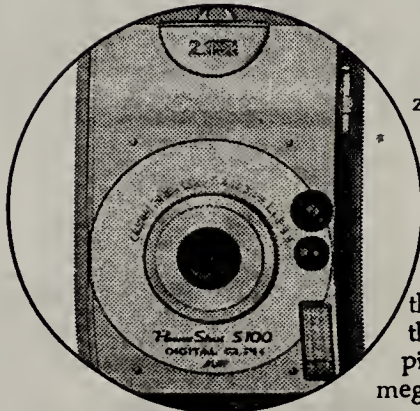
## On Comet! on Cupid! on, Donder and Pixel!

Pixel? What is it? Photography professor Jeff Curto explained, "Pixels are the building blocks of the digital image. I always equate them to mosaic tiles... the more tiles you have, the more detail your picture can have."

Lots of pixels (high resolution) make a sharper image. 1600 x 1200 pixels is good resolution. Most cameras can be switched to a mode that captures fewer pixels, saving on storage and making pictures easier to e-mail and download.

Cameras use three main ways to store the pixels that make your images.

- 1) Matchbook-size Compact Flash™ Cards store as much as 64 megabytes worth of pixels and are the most popular method, Curto said.
- 2) Smart media cards also come in various capacities.
- 3) Floppy disks are big but store way less, only 1.2 megabytes. And there is a fourth way, unique to Sony whose CD-R Mavica stores 156 MB on a compact disc.



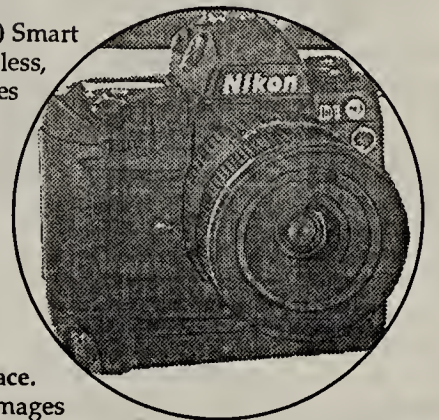
Canon's PowerShot S100 fits in the palm of your hand.

## ZOOM!

Optical zoom describes the magnifying power of the lens. Digital zoom is the way some cameras use electronics to give you the "center" of the pixel data, Curto said. Digital zoom is an inferior method of bringing distant things closer. "Look for a good, full range optical zoom," Curto said. 4 x or 6 x optical zoom is good.

Compression is the way cameras reduce images to store them in a smaller space.

If two cameras produce the same resolution, but one can hold many more images than the other in the same capacity storage, you're likely to get better quality from the camera that stores fewer images, Curto said. "In other words, if both cameras made 1024 x 768 pixels, and one could store 20 images on an eight megabyte card, the other 35 images on an eight megabyte card, the one that could store 20 images would have better quality."



Nikon's D1 will mount most Nikkor lenses.

## Four digital cameras from \$500 to \$5000

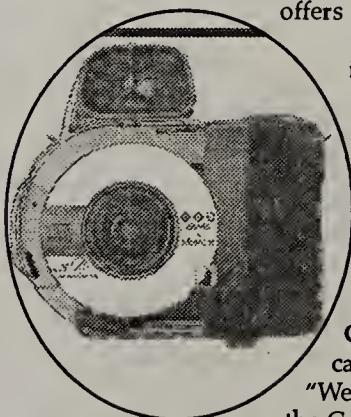
**Tiny and tight:** Recommended by Chris Alexander, Digital Salesperson at Helix Camera and Video in Yorktown as the best deal for a student's camera is the Canon Powershot S100 at \$499.

Called the Digital Elph, this 2.1 megapixel snapshot camera is the size of a credit card and about an inch thick. It has a built-in flash and a 2x optical zoom plus a 2x/4x digital tele-converter. The zoom spans the equivalent of 35mm to 70 mm. Shutter speed is from one to 1/1500 second and shooting speed is two pictures per second.

The Digital Elph offers three resolutions topping at 1600 X 1200 pixels. Alexander displayed an 11 X 14 color print of a shot he took with it, which to an average observer looked great, not grainy, no obvious pixellation. The Digital Elph stores on an approximately one inch square compact flash card that slides into an adapter for computer use. Adapters run from \$35 to \$80 and are similar to disk drives. The card adapter plugs into a USB port, or you can plug the camera into the computer. The advantage of using the adapter is that it frees the camera for use.

The Digital Elph includes a lithium battery good for one and a half hours of power or about 100 pictures, and a battery charger. Like many digital cameras, the Digital Elph is bundled with software to edit and attach pictures to e-mail.

Sony's CD-R Mavica stores on a compact disc.



**Manual choices and 40-second movies:** The 2.1 megapixel Nikon Coolpix 800 (\$599) offers some manual control to photographers who like to do more than point-and-shoot.

Photography professor Glenn Hansen shoots with a Coolpix 950 for that reason and because it makes files big enough to make good prints.

"I love it. I travel with it all the time," Hansen said. Hansen uses nickel hydrate rechargeable batteries that give him about 120 shots to a set of batteries which can reputedly be charged up to 1,000 times. On the Coolpix 800, a 2 x optical and 4 x digital zoom covers 38 - 76 mm. Using an adapter, the lens is interchangeable with other Coolpix optional lenses, and 1600 x 1200 resolution provides good pictures.

**CD storage and 15- to-60-second movies:** Journalism professor and Courier Adviser Cathy Stablein has ordered a new camera for this student newspaper, a Sony MVC-CD 1000 CD-R Digital Mavica Camera for \$1299. The two megapixel CD-R Mavica is the first digital camera to record on compact disc, eliminating the need for adapters.

"We had to buy disc drives for the other one," Stablein said of the Sony FD73 (about \$500) which the Courier is now using. Stablein said that CDs seem generally to be the standard now for media storage.

A mini-CD fits into the back of the Mavica. When you're done shooting, pop it right into a computer.

The CD-R Mavica has a pop-up flash and a 10 X optical and 20 X digital zoom lens that goes the equivalent of 39 mm to 390 mm. Shutter speed is from eight to 1/500 second. Resolution reaches 1600 X 1200 pixels. The rechargeable lithium battery provides 100 minutes or 1,100 shots. The CD-R Mavica also shoots movies in 15 or 60 second spurts.

**Interchangeable lenses and sturdy construction for the pro:** Nikon's 2.74 megapixel D1 high-end digital camera has a metal magnesium shell for durability. Public Information photographer Rich Malec will be shooting with a \$5,000 Nikon D1, which will replace the Coolpix he uses now. "It's gotten mixed reviews too, but you have to jump in somewhere," Malec said. "What I like about it is that it takes all the Nikkor lenses, and we've got a busload," he said.

The D1 uses the Compact Flash™ Cards. The D1 has 2000 x 1312 pixel resolution and a super shutter speed range of 1/16,000 second to 30 seconds. It can shoot 4.5 pictures per second in 21-picture bursts.

In the \$800 range, Curto recommends these digital cameras: Kodak DC290, Nikon Coolpix 880, Epson PhotoPC850Z, Olympus D-600L, and Fujifilm MX-1700. Curto shoots with "a very inexpensive Olympus."



# Take one step closer to get the picture

By Eileen O'Malley  
Features Editor

This holiday season, try to avoid recording your loved ones as fiends with bloody eyes gleaming out of the darkness.

Gruesome as it sounds, the camera actually reads the blood reflecting off the retina of the eye when the flash is very close to the lens, photography professor Jeff Curto said.

"The smaller the camera gets, the closer the flash unit is to the lens, the more likely you are to get that redeye effect," he said.

Separating the flash may not be a possibility, but an angle other than head-on might help. Candid shots

are a way to achieve random angles and natural, lively pictures.

Irene Perez, photography major, doesn't like people posing.

Perez will take a picture of her family in Spain in front of the Christmas tree, but also "My mother cooking, little kids running around playing with toys," she said.

"If you really want to record the history of your family in the holidays, that's a better thing to do, I think."

Public Information photographer Rich Malec said people tend to overestimate the power of their flashes.

"Built-in flashes sometimes don't reach far, so don't keep backing up to get the whole family, or they may

get left in the dark," Malec said.

Make sure you have fresh batteries, don't be shy about using film, and get closer to get the faces, Curto said.

"If you think you're close enough, take another step and get closer," he advised.

Photography professor Glenn Hansen said move your subject away from plain walls to something better, but don't rely on setup shots. Keep your camera ready and with you all the time, and don't be satisfied with just one shot.

"Watch the edges of the frame," Hansen said. "Don't leave anything in the frame that you don't want in the picture."

Accessories such as lens-fitting fil-

ters can add special effects to traditional 35mm film shots.

For Darlene Anderson, Digital Imaging major, this will be a blue Christmas.

"My mom usually has a big dinner. We're not going to have that this year," Anderson said.

Anderson said she will be shooting through blue filters.

"My mom has been sick this year a lot and until she gets well I'm going to shoot nothing but blue slides," Anderson said.

Courier photographer Huy Doan suggested using a star filter on a camera lens to turn lights into sprays of stars.

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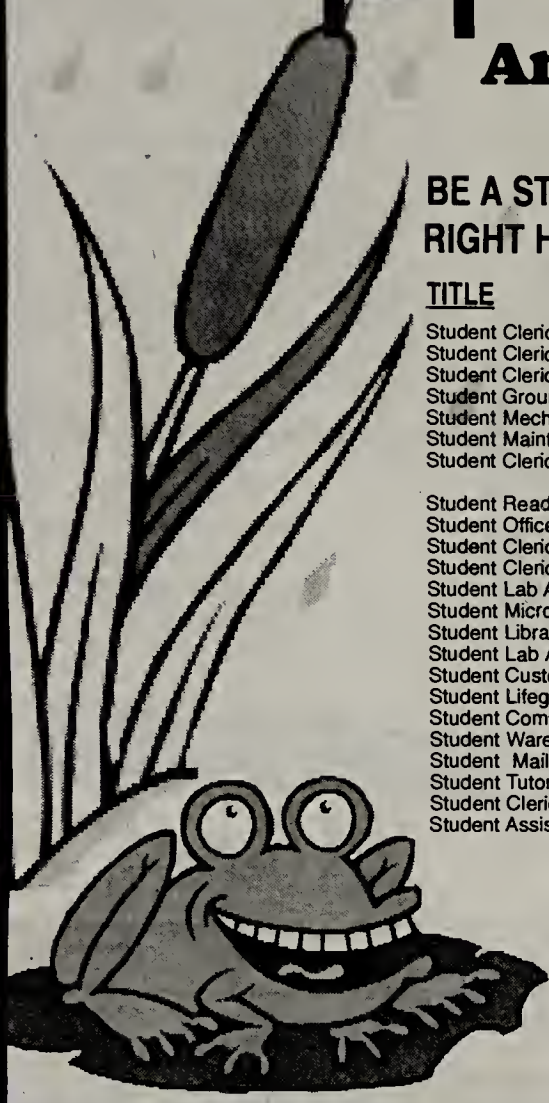
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# Fasts, feasts herald solstice

By Jinnel Robinson  
Correspondent

Behind the holiday lights and bustle are seeds of ancient agrarian rituals modified by culture and reenacted by students today.

Approaching winter solstice, the northern hemisphere tilts away from the sun toward black, cold depths of space. Through centuries and several millenia, human hunger for light and warmth has fostered ritual renewal celebrations to mark this passage of the darkest day of the year.

Candles, firecrackers, oil, fasting, and feasting help cultures express human need for hope, repentance, redemption, peace and joy. To Christian student Bethany Howington, "the holidays are the advent of the birth of Jesus Christ."

Howington's church sponsors communal activities throughout the month of December that culminate in Christmas Eve services.

Howington said, "Christmas is the day in which we remember how God sent His one and only son, Jesus Christ, into the earth to save the world from its sinfulness."

Christmas began to be popularly celebrated in the 4th century A.D. after the Catholic church replaced pagan celebrations with a calendar of reli-

gious feasts. Christmas shopping can perhaps be traced to medieval holiday fairs.

Before the birthday of Christ, "Light of the World" and "Prince of Peace" was celebrated, Celts and Saxons celebrated the Yule and Romans the Mithraic cult, observing the solstice as the rebirth of the Sacred Sun King.

Irene Perez is from Tarrasa, a town near Barcelona, Spain. Her family exchanges gifts on Christmas Eve.

"We're from a family that cannot wait," Perez said.

In her province of Catalonia, Perez said, it is a tradition for children to coax favors from a log of tio'.

"It's supposed to be alive, so some days before Christmas they give him cookies and milk," Perez said. The log is placed on a table and covered with fabric. "The little boys and girls knock on it asking it to give them Christmas presents." Parents then send the children outside and while they're away, presents are placed under the cloth for discovery.

Buddhists celebrate the birth of their major prophet, Buddha, divined by lunar calendar. As religious studies professor Pat Sheehan said, "People want to celebrate the birth of someone who has potential to bring peace to the world."

Hindus celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights by stringing holiday lights everywhere, Sheehan said.

The 12 days of Christmas, that end in Epiphany are symbolic of rising zodiacal constellations that signify agrarian months. Similar extended celebrations are seen in many traditions such as the Jewish Hanukkah and Chinese New Year.

Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of Solomon's Temple by the Macabees around 165 B.C. after they defeated the Syrians. It is also called the "Festival of Lights" because menorahs of candles are lit to symbolize how one jar of sacramental oil miraculously lasted eight days.

Chinese New Year celebrations last 15 days, usually in January or early February, in China, Malaysia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

"Chinese New Year is sort of like Christmas because it is the time of the year when families come together," Malaysian student Yennie Yong said.

Noisy firecrackers are set off to scare away the legendary monster, Nian. Children wear new clothes to symbolize the beginning of a new year, and relatives give them presents of money to show their hope that the children will have a good year.

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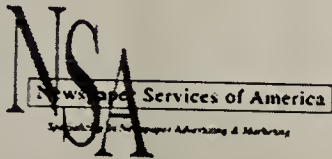
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## Reyna Lemas

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**What are your plans after COD:** Fashion design. It's fun, it's relaxing.

**Intended Major:** Fashion design. And if I have the opportunity to study, some classes in psychology.

**Dream Job:** I like to see different kinds of materials, touch them. I'd like to travel for my job, work with people and show my work.

**Most probable occupation:** Maybe working for one company in Chicago as a fashion designer.

**Current Job:** Cafeteria cashier.

**Hobbies:** Go to the gym, see movies, go to

restaurants, go to see the symphony play classical music.

**Long Term Goal:** I want to return to my country when I'm about 60 years old.

**Favorite Movie:** Music of the Heart.

**Personal Theme Song:** Amaze. I don't remember the name of the group.

**Favorite celebrity:** John F. Kennedy, Jr.

**What would you like for Christmas?** To have all my family together. I have a sister in California who will not be here.

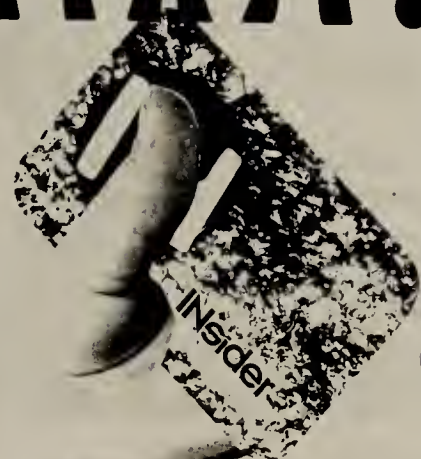
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Which virtuous practices seem yet inadequate to explain the offering this winter quarter in the Interdisciplinary Studies and Special Projects curricula of the course entitled "Serial Killers".

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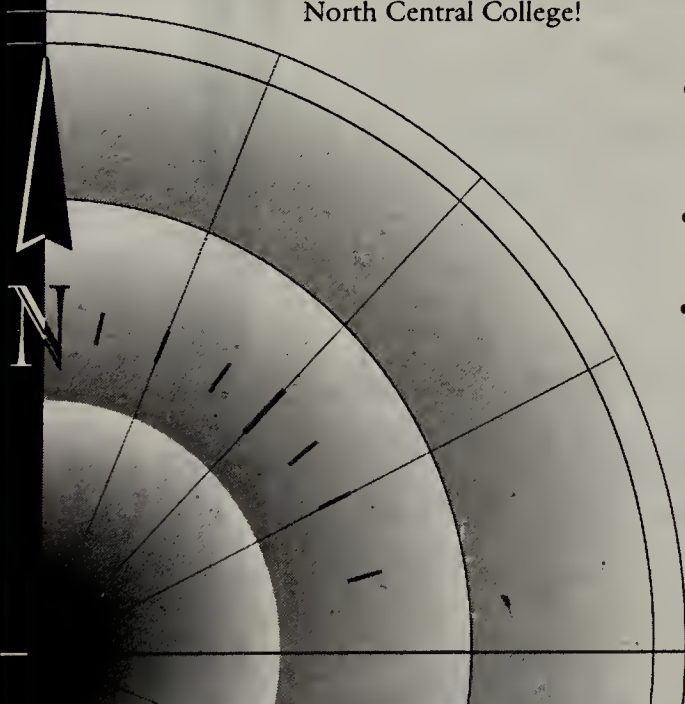
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From Journalism Professor Cathy Stablein

**"Confetti Pudding"**

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- 1/2 c. of shredded coconut

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Admissions Office Coordinator Cris Legner's  
**"Scalloped Pineapple"**

Mix in order: 3 eggs (beaten), 2/3 cup sugar, 1/2 cup milk, 1/2 cup melted butter, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 #2 1/2 can crushed pineapple, 4 cups fresh bread (tear by hand into 1" pieces)  
Bake at 350° for 1/2 hour, Cris likes to serve this dish with a baked spiral cut ham



# Cuisine Around Campus

Recipes from Staff, Faculty & Administrators to help us celebrate the holidays



President Michael T. Murphy's  
**"Lemon Meringue pie"**

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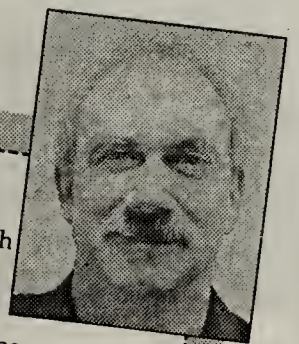
From Speech Instructor Lauren Morgan  
**"Cranberry Jello Salad Thing"**

Dissolve 2 6 oz. packs Cherry Jello™ in boiling water. Add: 1 can Indian Trails™ cranberry orange relish 1 small can crushed pineapple (include juice) Mix thoroughly pour into festive shaped mold (snowmen are good) and refrigerate til firm, overnight is best. Garnish serving plate with leaf lettuce or kale and fresh whole cranberries, invert mold over plate to release jello and serve.



From Pat Koszola in The Registration Office  
**"Polusky"**

To 2 eggs and 1 1/2 cup cool water mix in flour. I never measure the flour, I just add it until the mix is just tight enough to hold a shape. Set a large pot of lightly salted water to boil. Now, roll the dough in your hands into lincoln log sized pieces, cut these logs into 1/2' chunks and boil them for ten minutes. The last step is to brown the polusky in a skillet with butter and finish by putting kraut or onions in the skillet along with the browned polusky. Pat likes to serve polusky with ham or turkey. Recipe feeds 8-10



Public Safety Chief Mark Fazzini  
**"Fresh Apple Pie"**

Fill a Pillsbury™ ready made pie crust with fresh apples sliced into small wedges. Remove apples from crust to bowl, add: 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup flour, 1 tsp. each cinnamon and nutmeg and add a dash of salt, mix well. Place mixture back into pie crust and top with a 1 tbsp. size piece of butter. Cover filling and butter with top layer of crust, pinch edges to close and puncture top crust in 5-8 places. Bake at 425 for 45 minutes with foil around pie covering only the pinched edge of crust. Remove pie from oven, remove foil from edge, bake for 5-10 more minutes and it's done.



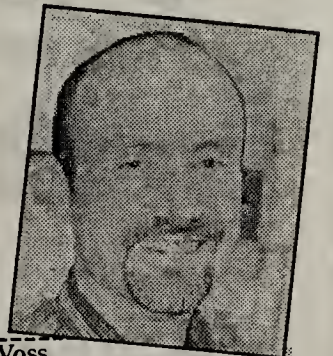
Assistant Men's Soccer Coach William Fajkus  
(food for the culinarily challenged)

Boil water, add macaroni, stir, wait, stir, wait, stir again, wait some more. When mac is tender drain water off. Reduce heat, put pasta back on stove. Add milk butter and cheese powder as directed on box. Stir until nice and creamy, get spoon and eat from pot to reduce dishes to be washed.



Vice President Academic Affairs  
Vince Pelletier

"When it comes to cooking I'm limited. I can grill anything that's not moving"



Psychology Professor Richard Voss  
(food for the culinarily challenged)

**"Spaghetti and Sauce"**

Boil water in large pot, add spaghetti stir occasionally til pasta is tender. Drain water from pot. Heat sauce of choice (Dr. Voss likes Ragu™) in microwave (be sure to remove or loosen lid on jar). Pour sauce on top on pasta (plates are optional, one may use the pot). Grated cheese is an option for a more festive looking

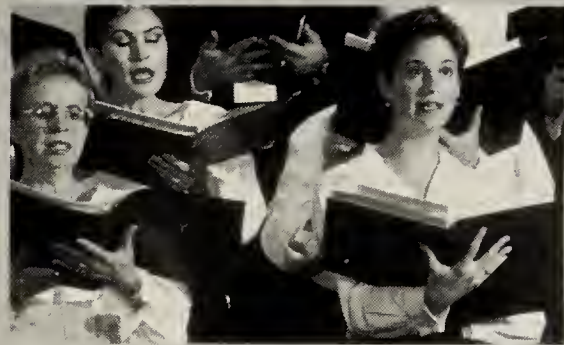


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By Miranda Osborn  
Correspondent

**Unbreakable**

**Starring: Bruce Willis, Samuel Jackson, Robin Wright Penn**

Bruce Willis isn't "Unbreakable" — he's broke, or should be after his last dismally pathetic role as 'the man who doesn't die' on the big screen.

Remember the old adage 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it,' well forget that in this case. "Unbreakable" is one of the worst films of the year. About all you'll encounter are edge of your seat sleepiness and a really crappy editing job of famed director/producer/writer/everything man M. Night Shyamalan.

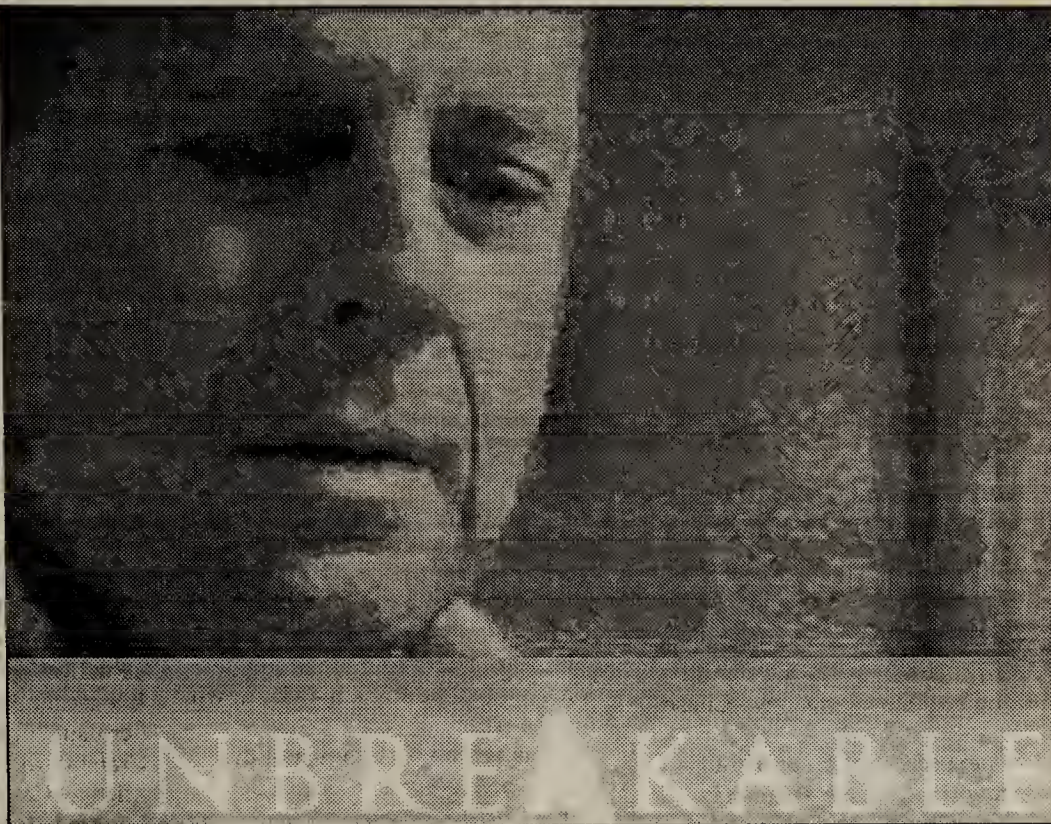
Did I mention the script was



mournfully long, painfully slow and uninteresting? Or that Bruce never smiles once in the whole film. Did I mention there's no twist whatsoever (aka "The Sixth Sense," Shyamalan's last and brilliant film).

About the only thing that kept me going was thinking that Samuel L. Jackson was going to get up out of his wheelchair and his head would turn around 360 degrees a few times. Really folks, this one's a flop.

Don't be fooled by the ads that show you Willis (David Dunn) walking away from a devastating train wreck where he's the sole survivor. From that standpoint, the movie looks good. It's when you find out he's supposed to be a "good" cartoon character that you should up and leave the theater. He can't die, he doesn't get sick — ooh how exciting, and best of all... he can tell when people are 'bad'.



Egging him on all the way, of course, is his psychotic (all though we don't know this yet) companion Elijah Price (Jackson), a mysterious stranger who offers a bizarre explanation as to why David escaped the wreck without a single scratch — enter he's a comic book character — yeah, right.

As for character growth... There's more character in my big toe than in anyone in the movie — except maybe

the serial rapist/killer/torturer figure, but you'll get to that when you go see the film, and I know you will, everyone always ignores the reviews.

Rating  
1 1/2  
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Solstice from page 15

Yong thinks, "the real purpose [of the celebration] is that time of the year is the beginning of spring in China, so people welcome spring as it symbolizes a new year, a new beginning."

The Islamic observation of Ramadan, divined by lunar calendar, recently ended fasting by the faithful from dawn to sunset.

Muslims believe this month is the time that the first verses of their holy book, the Quran, were revealed to the prophet Muhammad. Fasting is intended to purify the body and soul.

The festival of Eid-al-Fitr marks the completion of Ramadan, when friends visit to give holiday blessings and share festive meals. Similar to the Chinese New Year, children receive treats and small gifts of money.

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# A look at the less traditional Christmas videos

By Bob Nichols  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

## A Saturday Night Live Christmas

Starring, Chevy Chase, Eddie Murphy, Dan Akroyd, John Belushi, Gilda Radner, Dennis Miller, Bill Murray, Cheri Oteri, Steve Martin, Mike Myers, Dana Carvey, Victoria Jackson and a score of others.

As any classic SNL show should, this one begins with a Chevy Chase fall.

The next scene is one of my all time favorites, Mister Robinson's Neighborhood. In this episode we

learn how to earn \$300.00 or more in a day with that neat red salvation army bucket and bell.

Next we meet the co-hosts of National Public Radio show where we find out about Pete Schweaty and his variety of Christmas balls sold through his Seasons Eatings stores. In this routine the word play is about as raw as one can get on TV.

The next few routines include Church Chat with the Church Lady, The Topless Martha Stewart Christmas Special, one of the best recently written Christmas songs, Adam Sandler's Happy Hanukkah.

Who could help but laugh out loud at Chris Farley's motivational speaker routine. Matt Foley the motivational Santa who lives in a van down buy the river.

In this video we get much of the best humor SNL has to offer albeit with a Christmas twist.

## A Muppet Christmas Carol

Starring: Kermit, Miss Piggy, Animal and a host of many other Muppets.

If you think this is a child's movie, you're right, but if you think that's all its appropriate for you couldn't be farther off the mark. The humor is clever and much of the wit is the kind able to be discerned by a more grown up perspective.

From the whimsically twisted mind of the late Jim Henson comes the classic tale, A Christmas Carol.

Kermit plays the role of Bob Cratchit in the employ of Old Ebenezer Scrooge. Miss Piggy plays her usual imperious self as Mrs. Cratchit. In a role cast beautifully Michael Caine play Scrooge as though he's born to it.

The ghosts are played by Gonzo (the eagle looking character) and those two old really grouchy guys from the theater box (I don't know their names). It is noteworthy that when being led about by the ghost of Christmas past, we learn that at one time earlier in his life Scrooge worked for fozy bear.

Of all the delightful characters ever to come from the mind of Jim Henson this movie has some of my all time favorites, the rats who work for Scrooge. In several scenes these rats commence to singing in chorus in the most unexpected island accent. This I found to be humorous in the extreme.

So, If you wanna forget how old you really are for a while and take a couple of hours to appreciate one of the foremost geniuses of our time, rent and watch this little gem.

## A&E Happenings

### Student Activities

Look for the new student activities calendar for the winter quarter in the next issue, Due on Jan. 19, 2001

### At The MAC

- Dec. 1, Arts Center Ensemble, The Billy may Songbook
- Dec. 2, Windham Hill's Winter Solstice
- Dec. 3, Yulestride, Butch Thompson and DuPage Chorale
- Dec. 8, The Buckingham's
- Dec. 9, New Classic Singers, A Child's Christmas
- Dec. 16, 22, 23, Nutcracker
- Jan. 13, Robert Mirabal
- Jan. 19, 20, New Philharmonic Fred and Maria Hammond
- Jan. 26, Arts Center Jazz Ensemble, Bob Havens, Trombone
- Jan. 27, (Matinee), Sundiata; Lion King of Mali
- Jan. 27, (Evening), Arlo Guthrie
- Feb. 2,3, Hubbard Street Dance Company
- Feb. 4, Kathy Buckley
- Feb. 9, Jim Brickman
- Feb. 15, (Preview) Feb. 16 to Mar. 17 Someone to Watch Over Me
- Feb. 16, The Spencers Magic
- Feb. 23, 24, DuPage Opera Theatre, Fidelio
- Feb. 25, Unforgettable
- Mar. 3, New Classic Singers Leonard Bernstein's Candide
- Pre Concert Lecture 7 pm. MAC 139
- Mar. 8, (Preview) Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Four Men on a Bench Show runs Mar. 9, to Apr. 7
- Mar. 10, Daniel Heifetz with The Classical Band
- Mar. 14, The Irish Tenors



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# College Student Theater presents, Antigone

By Bob Nichols  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

In a production to run from Jan. 19-28 with shows Monday through Sunday, Craig Berger will be directing COD's own students in the classic play written by Sophocles, Antigone.

This play in large part is about the timeless struggle of doing what's right under the law, or if one believes the law to be unjust or morally wrong, doing what's right in the eyes of god, society or humanity. One could be forgiven perhaps should they equate this kind of

struggle with the current political situation in our country.

Written in 441 BC, Antigone as with so many of the classics speaks a message that transcends the ages and crosses cultural lines.

Antigone, is a young woman who is made to struggle with this kind of choice after a civil war claims the life of both of her brothers, Eteocles and Polyneices. After the war her uncle Creon assumes the throne and declares that his nephew Polyneices who lost his life on the losing side of the battle shall not receive a proper burial, but will have his corpse left outside exposed to the elements and animals. In an age when the denial

of burial was equated with the denial of eternal rest, this was a supreme insult to the deceased and often his descendants.

In making the choice to bury her brother in defiance of the King's decree, she is to be executed by live burial in a cave. After his court and peers finally persuade the King to release his niece, the cave is opened to find that she has hung herself.

To the open minded theater-goer the parallels one can find in this play with the problems and dilemmas of current society are not hard to find.

Come on down and see this show, for the content, and meaning but also because the actors are doing it

because they love the theater, not because it pays their bills.

Cast

Antigone-----Aletha Thordason  
Isemene-----Jessica Johnson  
Creon-----Neil Baldwin  
Hamion-----Justin Cagney  
Eurydice-----Heather Wuthers

Teiresias-----Anthony Correale  
The Watchman-----Patrick Nugent

Chorus Leader-----Gabe Cruz

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# Student Spotlight

By Bob Nichols  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Jim Douglas of Itasca is the December student in the spotlight. Jim is a guitarist who plans to major in music and hopes to make a living in the spotlight as a musician. A 2nd year student, Jim can be seen lugging his 1988 Gibson Les Paul about the campus.

Q: What's the coolest part of being a student here?

A: The people, I made a number of friends since starting here.

Q: What's the worst part of being a student here?

A: That whole having to get up in the A.M. thing.

Q: What's your favorite attribute in a teacher?

A: I like it when a teacher is also a bit of a friend to the student, that is to say when they are personable and genuine.

Q: Should campus cops carry guns?

A: Yes

Q: What's your favorite quote?

A: Music is my mistress and she plays 2nd fiddle to no one.



Jim Douglas taking a break outside the MAC.

Q: What's your favorite food group?

A: Fruits

Q: What do you think of the 'Floriduh' situation?

A: The whole thing is really stupid. In my view those who mistakenly voted for Buchanan instead of Gore are just too stupid to have their votes counted anyway. I mean how hard is it to read and correctly use a ballot.

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# A&E FOCUS

By Bob Nichols  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

In the A&E focus this week is Moritz Kellerman. Kellerman, a native of Nicaragua, now lives in Algonquin with his wife and son. As an adjunct professor, Kellerman teaches painting, drawing and art history. He earned a Masters in Fine Arts from the Chicago Art Institute.

Q: What attracted you to COD?  
A: The building and the facilities it has for teaching the various disciplines of art.

Q: What do you like best in a student?  
A: I like it when a student displays genuine interest and enthusiasm for the subject matter. This inspires them to participate and interact with me and one another.

Q: What's the best part of your job?  
A: I really like it when I see the lights go on in a students eyes. When it becomes apparent that something I've done as a teacher has enlightened them in some way that makes a difference.

Q: What's the worst part of the job?  
A: I'm frustrated that as an adjunct I don't get to put in the hours I'd like to in order to be as effective a teacher as could be.



Adjunct professor Kellerman having lunch in the MAC.

Q: Should campus cops carry guns?  
A: My first reaction is to say no, I don't think it's necessary; however, if they (the police) are adequately trained, I see no problem in it.

Q: What do you think of the 'Floriduh' situation?  
A: I think its sending the wrong message to our kids, as far as all of the legal wrangling.

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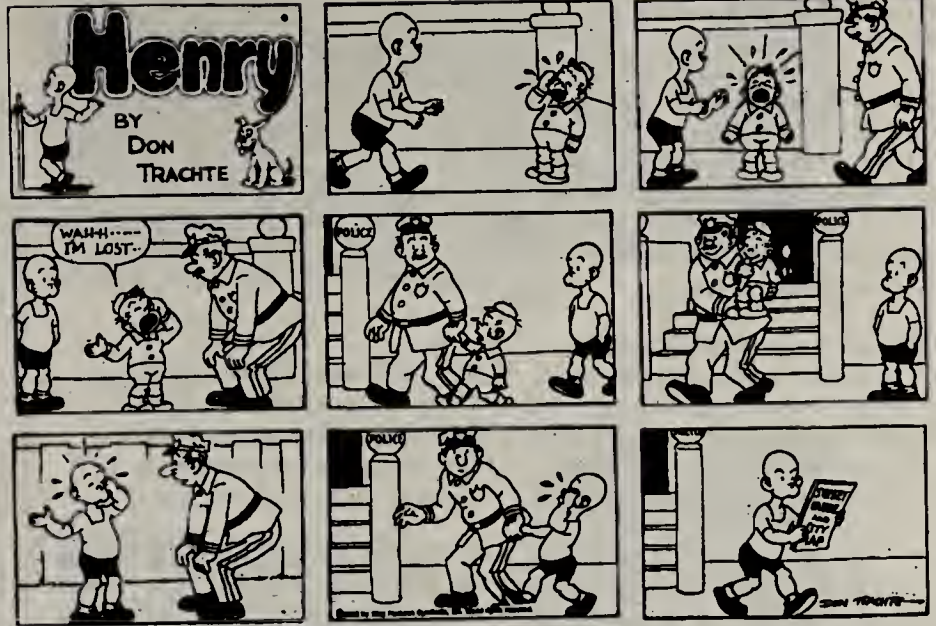
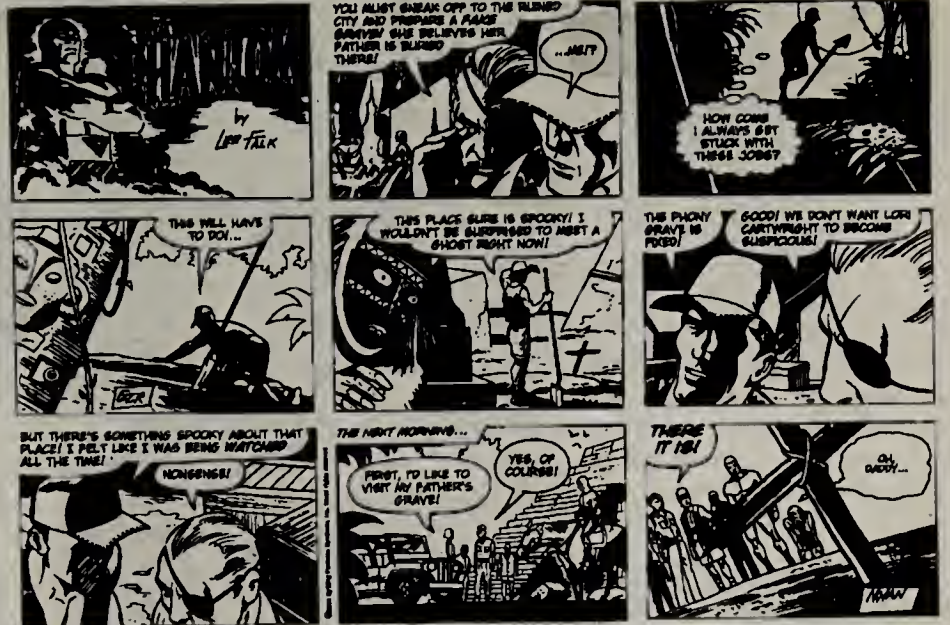
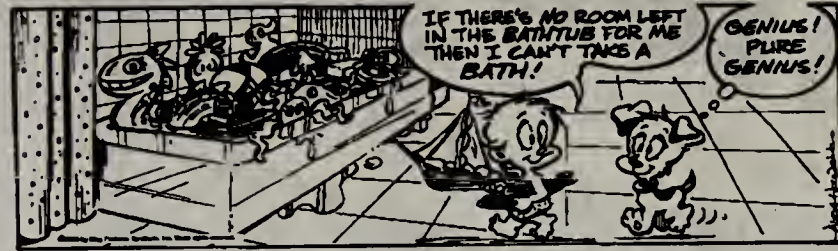


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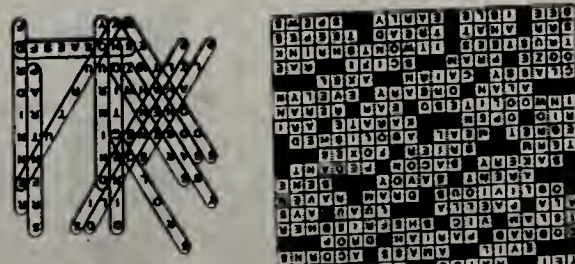
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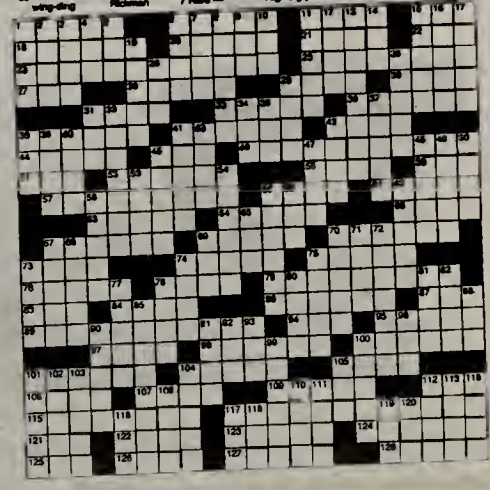


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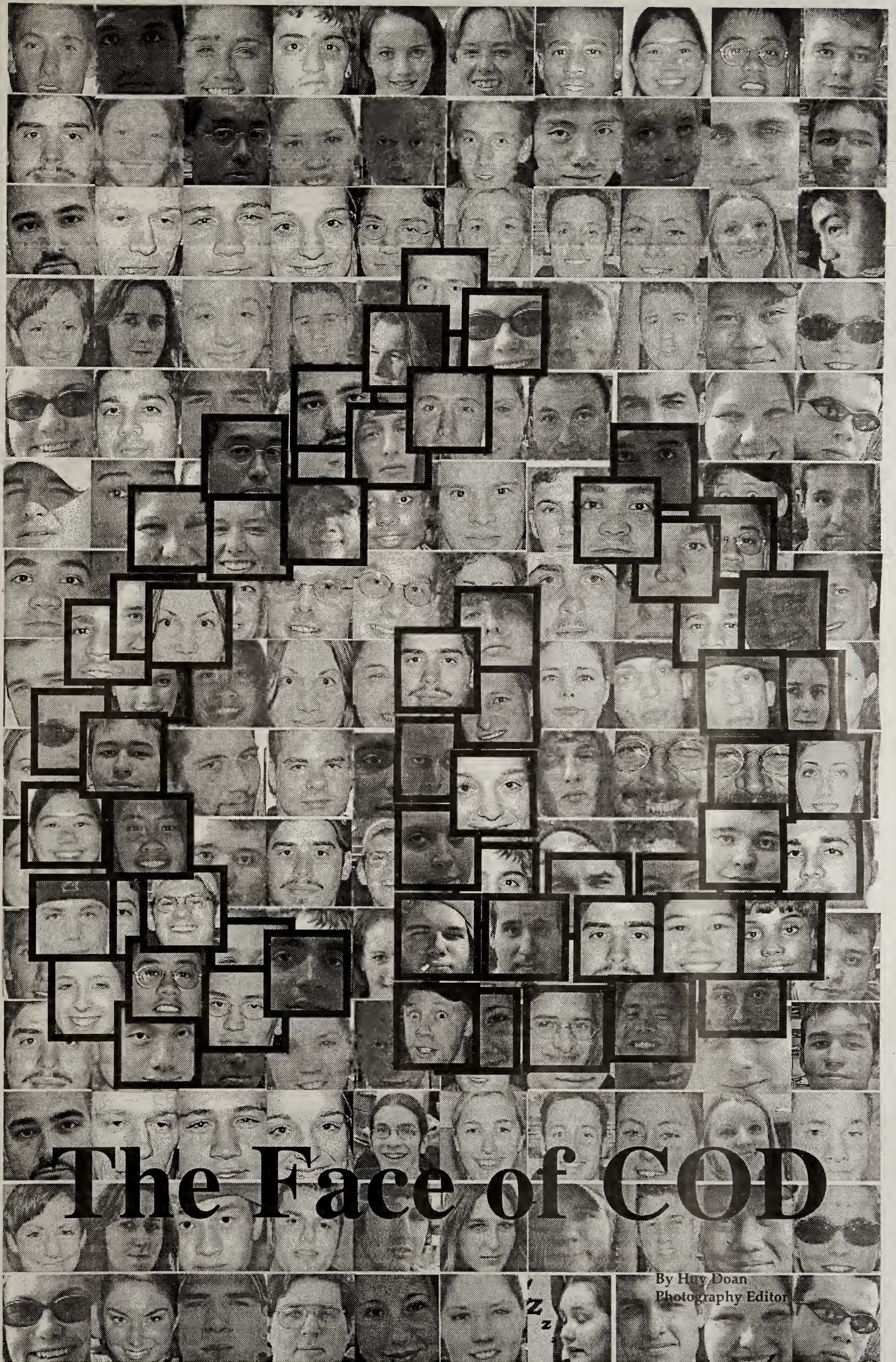


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## Women's basketball: new look, same attitude

By Ryan Coughlin  
Sports Editor

New team. New players. New season. New family?

With every season there comes changes, whether the players change or the coaches change, but this season Head Coach Earl Reed and Assistant Coach Beth Mitchell are not worried about those changes.

"This is a very young team and talent wise we are very athletic and there is lots of potential," Mitchell said.

There are only two returning players to this year's roster, center Jasmine Turner and forward Tamara Reif. Reif has missed the beginning part of the season due to sickness, however, she is expected to return to the line-up on Saturday when the team faces Oakton College.

With Reif out of the line-up, Reed and Mitchell were forced to bring in a fresh new face, but they didn't fear.

"This is a day-to-day team, any player can play at any time," Mitchell said.

The Chaparrals had their first game against Lake County College two weeks ago and defeated Lake County 70-33. Last Saturday the Chaps had their home opener against Madison Area Tech College (MATC) and defeated MATC 74-54.

"We've been building on things like executing our offense which is crucial at this point and we're starting to gel as a team as well," Mitchell said.

The team is composed of eleven players including freshman forward LaToya Adams and sophomore guard Catrina Jones.

Mitchell is excited about this season's roster because of all the talented players they have.

"It's hard for us (Coach Reed and Coach Mitchell) to decide who to play and that's a good thing, it doesn't happen that often," Mitchell said.

This season the team is working on 18-20 plays they will be able to run during the games.

"For that to work the team has to be able to build on each other, it takes a while for the girls to learn it but once we get it down we become pretty much unstoppable," Mitchell said.

The plays have been working thus far for the team, currently the Chaparrals have a record of 2-0 and are being led by Jasmine Turner who is averaging 15 points and 9 rebounds a game.

The Chaps have been struggling at the free throw line and is considered one of the teams only weaknesses. The team averages 46% from the line.

"It's only a matter of developing confidence and the will, after we did that it will come to us," Mitchell said.

The team plays Oakton College on Saturday at 5 p.m. here at the College Arena.

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# Men's soccer places 3rd

By Ryan Coughlin  
Sports Editor

It's been a long and winding road for the men's soccer team, but it has finally come to an end with the Chaparrals placing third in the National tournament after defeating Georgia Perimeter 4-1, but also losing to Bryant & Stratton College; 2-0.

All season long Head Coach Jim Kelly has told his team that they will walk off the field and the season will be over, but it was important to walk off the field and be able to say that they played the best they could. After the team lost to Bryant & Stratton, Kelly told the team to pick their heads up because they did indeed play the best they could.

Along with losing to Bryant & Stratton, the Chaparrals also lost defender Israel Pasillas due to a fractured tibia during the Georgia Perimeter match.

"It's hard when you lose a starter because you have to change your tactics and bring someone in off the bench," Assistant Coach Willie Fajkus said.

The team fell to Bryant & Stratton after the ball bounced off of goaltender Rafael Pasillas and one of Stratton's players tapped the ball in giving Stratton the upper hand.

"It was disappointing when we were down, but we pushed forward and took a few more risks creating chances," Fajkus said.

After the Chaparrals lost the second game, they faced Springfield College of Illinois to determine who will get third place. After ninety minutes of play both teams tied for third place.



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The men's soccer team placed third at Nationals. Ottavio Auteri and Serafin Vega were both named All Tournament. Vega was also named First Team All-American and Israel Pasillas was named Third Team All-American.

## Men's basketball starts strong Places first in Thanksgiving tournament

By Ryan Coughlin  
Sports Editor

After last weekend Head Coach Don Klaas and the men's basketball team had a lot to be thankful for. Sure, they gave thanks for being alive and having food and all that bit, but they also gave thanks for winning the DuPage Thanksgiving Tournament.

"It was a great win over Sauk Valley and we have just been off to a great start," Klaas said.

The Chaps defeated Cardinal Stritch in the first game and were able to advance and play Sauk Valley.

The Chaps defeated Sauk Valley 51-42 and were led by MVP of the tournament, Demond Brown who had 21 points and 10 rebounds. Brown was named All-American last year and averaged 20 points a game. Curtis Louisville and Andy Larsen also helped the Chaparrals achieve the victory. Louisville had 10 points and 6 rebounds during the game, while Larsen had 9 points and 4 rebounds.

"We've been off to a great start

and we've had just a bunch of positive things happen to us," Klaas said.

At the second half of the Sauk Valley game, the Chaps were down by one, 25-26. Up to the last two minutes of play it was a one point game with the Chaps leading.

"It was a great game down the stretch, Andy Larsen made nice buckets that helped put the game away," Klaas said.

It was a see-saw match-up between Sauk Valley and the Chaps, after Larsen received a pass from Brown he was in the zone and put the ball up and the game away.

After winning the tournament the Chaps had a record of 5-0, however, they lost their first game of the season against Kishwaukee College 76-74. The Chaps lost at the buzzer when Kishwaukee shot a three at the buzzer.

"It was a good shot and it was clearly in the air at the buzzer," Klaas said.

At the half, the Chaps led 43-35. During the second half, Kishwaukee hit many threes which cut down the Chaps lead.

"We weren't down during the

game until the final gun," Klaas said.

The Chaps led by as much as 10 points during the game but could not hang on to the lead, Kishwaukee were getting offensive rebounds which hurt the Chaps.

"Their size really hurt us too, we got them to miss their shots, but they were able to get the board because of their size," Klaas said.

The Chaps are not going to let the lost get them down.

"We have a lot to learn, but we are moving in the right direction. The team is so new and that's what makes it so exciting trying to fit everything together," Klaas said.

One of the only weaknesses the team has this season is free throw shooting, the team has an average of 65% overall shooting free throws.

"That's not a very good number considering it's a free shot, we need to get better at that," Klaas said.

All players have some sort of weakness, there are few players who are what Klaas calls "compete players."

"It's exciting, we're underway again and these are good kids who work really hard," Klaas said.



# Sports Calender

## Men's basketball

### December

Sat., 2	NOTRTH CENTRAL	7p.m.
Sat., 9	Sauk Valley	7p.m.
Tues., 12	WAUBONSEE	7p.m.
Fri., 15-	Highland Classic	TBA
Sat., 16	Highland Classic	TBA

### January

Tues., 2	MalcomX	7p.m.
Sat., 6	MORAIN VALLEY	7p.m.
Tues., 9	JOLIET	7p.m.
Sat., 13	Triton	7p.m.
Tues., 16	ROCK VALLEY	7p.m.
Thurs., 18	Haper	7p.m.
Sat., 20	KENDALL COLLEGE	7p.m.
Tues., 23	SOUTH SUBURBAN	7p.m.
Sat., 27	OLIVE-HARVEY	7p.m.

## Women's basketball

### December

Sat., 2	Oakton	5p.m.
Thurs., 7	Highland	5p.m.
Sat., 9	Moraine Valley	5p.m.
Tues., 12	WAUBONSEE	5p.m.
Sat., 16	Sauk Valley	5p.m.
Thurs., 28	DuPage Holiday	
Fri., 29	Classic	TBA

### January

Sat., 6	BENEDICTINE	5p.m.
Tues., 9	Joliet	5p.m.
Sat., 13	Triton	5p.m.
Tues., 16	ROCK VALLEY	5p.m.
Thurs., 18	Harper	5p.m.
Sat., 20	Oakton	1p.m.
Tues., 23	SOUTH SUBURBAN	5p.m.
Thurs., 25	Kankakee	5p.m.
Sat., 27	OLIVE-HARVEY	5p.m.
Tues., 30	Joliet	5p.m.

## Swimming

### December

Sat., 9	North Central	1p.m.
Sun., 10-	Training Trip	TBA
Sat., 16	Florida	TBA

### January

Sat., 13	DuPage Tri	10a.m.
Fri., 19-	DuPage Classic	5p.m.
Sat., 20	DuPage Classic	9a.m.
Wed., 24	Triton	2p.m.

### February

Fri., 2	Linclon College	6p.m.
Sat., 3	Eureka invite	10a.m.
Tues., 6	I.I.T.	2p.m.
Fri., 16-	Region IV	6p.m.
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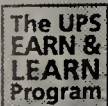


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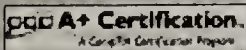
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Nick Stanczyk demonstrates the breaststroke during Wednesday's practice.

# Swimming gets set to start a new season

By Ryan Coughlin  
Sports Editor

It's a new season, and with a new season comes a new team for the men's and women's swim team. The team is composed mostly of freshmen swimmers with only five returning swimmers in the line-up.

As for now, it's still too early to tell how well the team will perform this season.

"We will know more after our first scrimmage meet and after our training trip over winter break," Head Coach Steve Murray said.

Among the top swimmers this season are freshman Nick Stancy (pictured left), Tom Kinsella, Barb Knittel, Karen Greene, Sarah Menich, and returning swimmer Liz Wenger.

"There's been a lot of progress in this team, many people didn't train over the summer so we spent a long time getting back in condition," Murray.

After the fall quarter ends, the team will start their intensive training.

The women's team is strong throughout all four strokes (butterfly stroke, breaststroke, backstroke, and the freestyle) and is also strong in the distance swimming events as well.

As for the men, they are still short

swimmers and Murray is struggling to get more men swimmers in the line-up. Of the 21 swimmers this season, only 8 of them are men.

"We need more men to come out on the swim team, and it's never too late for anyone to join the team," Murray said.

The lack of men swimmers is not preventing Murray and the team to keep a positive attitude towards this season.

"It's an individual sport, the swimmers are not competing against one another, they're competing against the clock," Murray said.

Many of the swimmers come in on their own time and practice, there has yet to be a practice with the whole team.

"I encourage the swimmers to keep swimming, it's a life time activity," Murray said.

Along with practicing, the team also create a friendship with fellow swimmers.

"It helps us win meets, everyone pulls together and help one another even in the essence they are competing against one another," Murray said.

Over winter break the team will head down to Vero Beach, Florida for one week and begin their intensive training.

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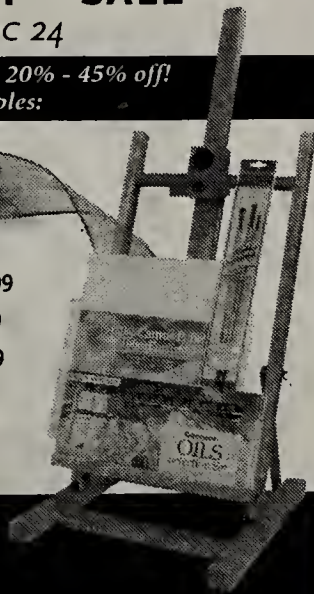
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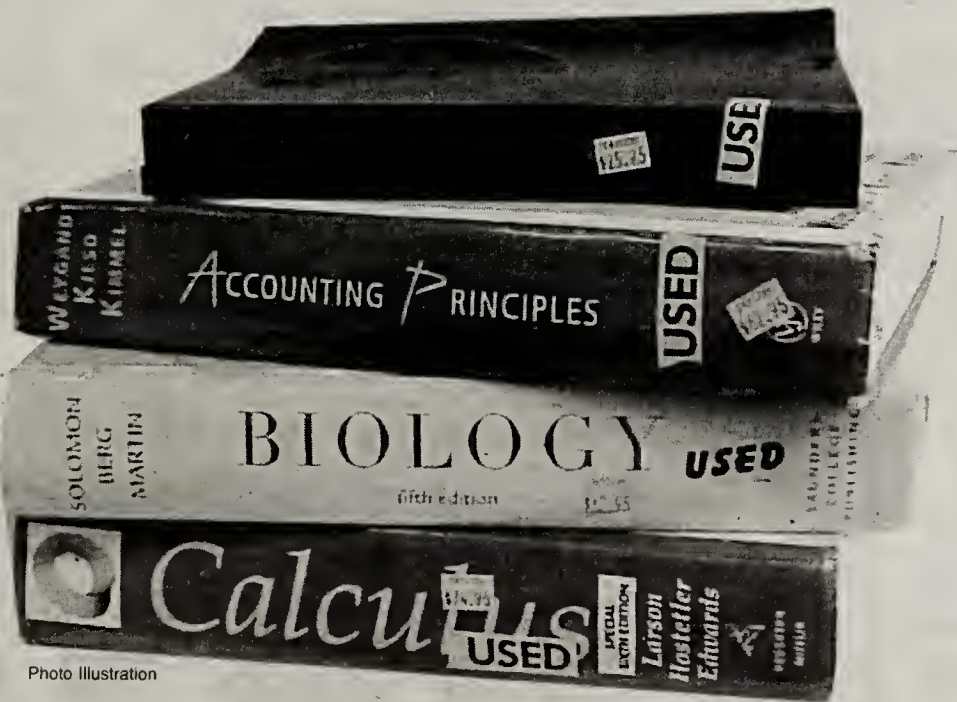


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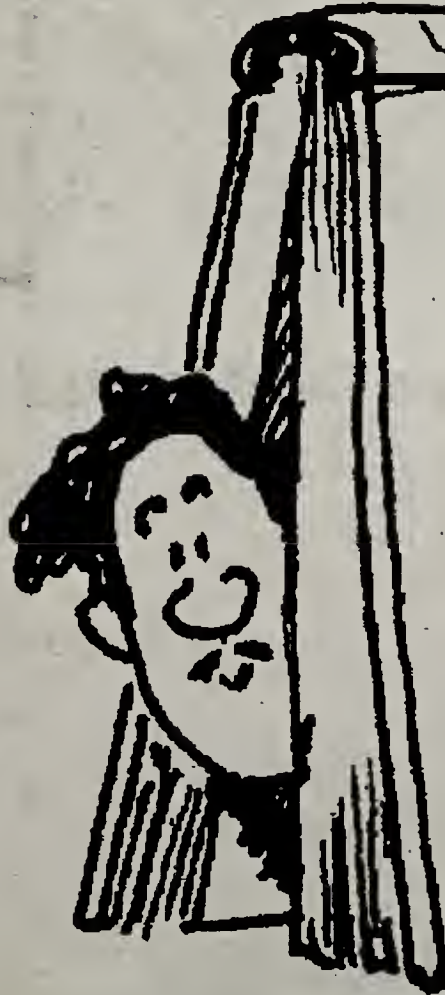
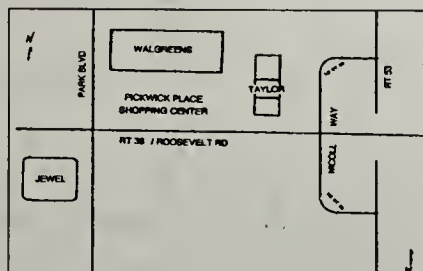
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After-school Childcare in our S.E. Naperville home. Dual career couple is looking for a resp. indiv. to care for their 8 & 13 yr old child. M-F from 2:30-7pm. Duties incl. monitoring activ., assisting w/homework, & chafferring about. Benefits incl. generous hrly wage & mileage allowance. To apply, contact Lisa @ 847-286-9741, or David @ 312-540-4968 during the day or eve/wkends at 630-420-7225.

Wanted: Mature, kind, caring, indiv. to watch our 3-month-old on a PT basis in Addison home. Candidate must have ref. & rel. transp. Pls contact Heather at 630-279-2714.

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