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1998: We're Glad and Sad to See it Go

What will we miss the most about the past year, and what are we glad to leave behind?

By Chad Wys

The year 1998 will always be remembered for a variety of reasons, some good, some not so good. One event that provided entertainment, as well as anger, involved the presidency of the United States. Many Americans are thrilled at the prospect of the Bill Clinton- Monica Lewinsky



Photo courtesy of NBC News

affair drawing to a close. Nevertheless, the black eye that America received from this event parallels the black cloud that will hang over Washington D.C. for some time to come. In the world of

pop music, there was good news and bad news. In 1998, the Spice Girls were reduced from 5 to 4 in number. The bad news is that the 4 will still be together in 1999.

The formerly popular boys group, Hanson, will also be coming back. Fortunately, due to the decline in radio play, record sales, and a fan base, this group has probably seen its best days and most likely will not be returning to the spotlight.

It may be that LeAnn Rimes has seen her day as well. She may make a comeback later, but for now, she will probably be best remembered as the 'former teen queen' of '98.

El Nino and La Nina will not at all be missed. At best, the unpredictability of the weather duo made life throughout the

year difficult, and often life threatening.

Hopefully the Mexican Taco Bell 'pooch' will dig a hole, stock up on some gorditas, and go away. He was kind of cute for awhile, but when one hears, "Yo querro Taco Bell!" one too many times, it can make the sanest individual completely flip out!

It was a sad farewell for the



Photo courtesy of WEEK-TV 25

Seinfeld cast and for *Seinfeld* fans everywhere, when the nation's top rated comedy said goodbye. . . forever. Most devotees will be able to live on the re-runs for a little while, reliving the humor of episodes such as "Soup Nazi," "The Marble Rye," and "The Contest". Will television shows in 1999 provide us with catch phrases such as, "No soup for you!?" Only time will tell.

Sports fans were sad to leave the only thing the sport of baseball could offer to revitalize the sport: the McGuire & Sosa Home Run race. With the bitter taste of the baseball strike still lingering in many mouths, this race may have single-handedly "saved" the game of baseball. Some television

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New Program Promotes Leisure Reading

By Rose Rickard

This semester surprised students by introducing the Mandatory Reading and Writing Programs. What are they? The Mandatory Reading Program consists of 15 minutes set aside before 4th hour, strictly for reading. Not only do the students read, but the teachers have the opportunity to read as well. The other aspect of the program is the requirement that each teacher assigns at least one writing assignment every semester. A little time is shaved from each class to make sure no one class

suffers too much.

Mr. Beach and several board members had meetings to discuss how to help the students. Many of the school improvement days were dedicating to the Reading and Writing Programs. They thought that the Mandatory Reading and Writing Programs would take a great amount of work to become operational, but with the cooperation of the faculty and student body, the programs will surely be successful.

Some very important and valuable information Beach would like to share with the students is that reading and writing are skills used

throughout their entire lives. He wants everyone to understand that reading doesn't have to be torture. It can be fun and enjoyable. According to Mr. Adams, "It's nice for the students who do not have the time to read."

Many faculty and staff members believe that this program contains positive initiatives that will carry over into every area of study within our school. Mr. Magro's thought on the program is that, "It's unique, but it's a great idea." He continues by saying, "The students will enjoy it if they get in a habit and they also enjoy what they read."

Ms. Dobrydnia's thought, however, suggests an alternative perspective. "The kids

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"It's nice for the students who do not have the time to read."

--Mr. Adams

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 will think that we are trying to force them," stated Dobrydnia. She does believe a program like this can work, but only "if the students have the right attitude. Then and

only then will they learn."

Yet another benefit that students receive from this program is that they can choose their own reading material, as long as it is school acceptable. During the open reading period, teachers encourage students to read material other than their textbook.

Even though some students disagree with the program, they all agree that their reading skills could be improved. In the opinion of junior Jayce Warren Reading Program is not a waste of time because it will help your vocabulary and spelling, it also expands your mind."

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow. . .!

By Chad Day

They rarely come and are gone before you know it. Snow days happen once every so often, and students from various high schools get the pleasure of having an extra day off. However, do they ever wonder who really decides when and if we should have school? What conditions are necessary to close school? Will it effect when we will finish the school year?

Well, before a snow day is issued many things must be discussed. Questions like, are the conditions bad enough to have school close? Conditions that can close

schools can range from the temperature being too low to the roads being too bad and the schools do not want to in danger the lives of not only the students driving to school, but the ones on the bus and the teachers that drive to their jobs.

In terms of effecting the end of the school year right now we can probably expect to have a few extra days tacked on to our end of the year. Seniors really don't have to worry about this due to graduation, but others who will be affected have a slight problem with it. How we determine how many days extra we have is that the

Illinois Board of Education makes a calendar every year containing all the days we go to school, the days we get off, our school improvement days, and the scheduled last day of school. Now, after the last day of school emergency days are set, and in case we miss school for an emergency (snow) we can just make it up at the end of the year using one of our emergency days. As we miss more days we just take another one onto the end of the year.

"I would rather just have school and get out on time," says Freshmen Brian Bristol.

Others say that they would rather have school in the

spring when it's warm and safe to come to school so keep having on the snow days.

In the end, snow days usually turn out to be a good idea as a precaution to the

safety of the students and teachers, and this year everyone knows how bad the roads and temperature have been.



LCHS students Marlana Bussey, junior, and Shannon Moore, senior, engage in a snowball fight. photo by Chad Day



By Shannon Moore

The first half of the school year is behind us, yet there are months until freedom! At this time, the average high school senior might be experiencing symptoms of what teachers, parents, and Merriam-Webster's dictionary diagnose as *senioritis*:

senioritis:

ME, n- the curious case of apathy that develops in twelfth-graders during the second semester of their senior year).

Symptoms of this mysterious epidemic include lack of enthusiasm in class and in

general, in creased restlessness, extensive use of the phrase "yea, whatever," and a fixed, bewildered stare only broken by the words "summer" and/or "graduation".

I guess that ours is not the first generation to have to deal with such a severe plague. Early BC had their locusts and sores, the 13th Century had the Bubonic Plague, and the turn of the century graduating class has developed, well... passiveness. Indifference. Apathy. They're all familiar terms, and sadly, they describe exactly what I feel right now. From what I've heard, there are ways to break through!

We're not a bad class,

not by any means. There are good intentions swarming within the halls of Limestone High School! There are perhaps future presidents, CEOs, astronauts, scientific engineers, actors and actresses, or famous authors moving robotically along with the rest of us when the bell rings!

However, this time of year changes us. A sort of hibernation just sets in after Christmas break, and refuses to leave until it feels 80 degree weather.

Still, we, the carriers, are striving to overcome the obstacle. We're trying to be creative, quick, witty, and interested in what's left of the year. Struggling with this

myself, I'd like to make a few suggestions on what the rest of the student body, administration, and faculty could do to help us in our dire need.

1. Teachers, if at all possible, wear bright colors, and wave arms frantically during lecture time.

2. If the cafeteria ladies, whom we appreciate dearly, would just slip a little bit of caffeine into our mashed potatoes . . .

3. Perhaps Channel One could be replaced with video advertisements for senior trips to Florida, and turned up very, very loud...

4. Randomly scheduled fire drills

5. Daily announce-

ments over the PA of Mr. Beach singing "Party Like its 1999"

6. If the freshmen would please knock the books out of *our* hands in the hallways...might increase bloodflow to the brain

7. Janitors might install small, buzzing electrical devices under the chairs to be used by teachers to shock us awake

All of these ideas would have a profound affect, I'm sure, on the productivity of the class. Until future notice, I thank everyone for their patience with the seniors. Seniors, I am undoubtedly empathetic, and I wish you all luck in completing your last semester!

She Said



Marlana Bussey

Going out to lunch sounds really nice, but everyday during school? I disagree with the open campus lunch. I am sure you are wondering why, right? Well, first of all, open campus lunches would create more tardies and half day absences. If students go home and get comfortable, most are going to become lazy and say, "forget it" and would not come back for the rest of the school day. It would also cost

more money to go out to lunch everyday, so why not stay here and eat the school food, save money, and put the money you do spend toward the school? Another consideration is the time factor. You never know when you are going to get stuck in traffic or stuck in a long line. Personally, I think it would be unfair to the freshmen and sophomores who would probably not get to leave because of lack of transportation. Some juniors and seniors already leave after fifth or sixth hour. Why would you want to go home only to turn around and come back for another hour? I would much rather have a twenty-five minute lunch, finish my classes, and leave. Additionally, leaving during school then coming back gives students the chance to do exactly what parents

and teachers don't want them to do—get in trouble. Liability would then become an issue. I could see *maybe* having open campus on Friday, but everyday would be a disaster and a bad idea. Why not just keep everyone together and keep things the way they currently stand? It would be much safer.

He Said



Joe Brakebill

Should there be open lunches at LCHS? I believe there should be.

There are many reasons why this system should be put in place.

Teachers can leave during lunch so why can't students? It doesn't seem fair. If students are to feel respected and treated as adults, then why are students not given the chance to prove themselves? If we are supposed to be getting prepared for the future, but cannot go a few blocks to get lunch, then how can we learn to be responsible?

The open lunch program has been used at other schools so why not ours? The revenue brought in from the local businesses could be used to make improvements in Bartonville. Everyone could benefit from open lunches.

Limestone has never

had an open lunch program, but maybe it's time for a change. With the right planning this could be a successful program.

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“La Nina” pays a visits to Bartonville

Bizarre weather attributed to meteorologic phenomena

By Chris Rogers

“La Nina,” also known as the “sister” to “El Nino,” hit Central Illinois early in January, showing a fury not seen since January of 1979. La Nina is characterized by unpredictable and highly unusual weather patterns which, for us, translated into abnormally warm weather last December, as well as an above average snowfall for the month of January. Additionally, Illinois broke a state record this month for the coldest day ever recorded (-36 without wind chill) in the town of Congerville, located in the central Illinois area. Two weeks later, violent thunderstorms rolled through that same record-setting region.

Recently, La Nina has been blamed for the snowstorm that hit the U.S. on the week-end of January 1, 1999. The snowstorm left as much as two feet of snow in regions of the U.S. as well as the resulting freezing rain and ice, held responsible for a multitude of accidents across the nation.

Locally, La Nina’s snowstorm left Bartonville and the surrounding area with anywhere from 14 to 18

inches of snow. This snow, coupled with arctic temperatures that ranged from twenty to thirty below that weekend, caused the closing of almost all stores in the Bartonville area, as well as the closing of Limestone feeder schools through January 5. Although many of the kids enjoyed this extra vacation, it will subsequently lengthen the school year into June.

The cold was responsible for the shutdown of school again on January 6. Many area school administrators all had the same concern. Many stated that they didn’t want the kids freezing while waiting half an hour for the bus. The snow and cold also kept many area merchants closed until the snow was removed later in the week.

Although this was the worst snowstorm since 1979, many forecasters do not believe that La Nina is over. They say that we have only seen the tip of the iceberg. Many weather forecasters and meteorologists are not surprised by the fickle weather, since La Nina usually occurs shortly after the weather phenomena El Nino. Last year, El Nino was blamed for everything ranging from the overabundance of precipitation during spring, the record number of tornados, the below-normal temperatures of summer, and the hurricanes in the southern portion of the nation.

New local business has plenty to offer Limestone students

by Joe Brakebill

Do you want to get in shape this year? If so, the maybe you should check into the new Bartonville Fitness Center. If you live in Bartonville and location and affordability of a workout center have been a problem, then Bartonville Fitness is perfect for you. The fitness center opened on October 12, 1998 and is

still going strong, with many freshmen and sophomore students going there to workout. “It’s good to keep the body tone and healthy.” Brooke Grafton said when asked about why you should workout. Brooke continued to say “it makes people feel good about themselves after they workout.

The facility is set up nicely. There are various cardiovascular machines, free-weights, and top of the

Mr. Fred Lucas comes to us from Abingdon High School in Abingdon, Illinois.

While growing up, Lucas had one major goal in mind to go to college and get a good job. Well, he has already reached both



of these goals plus a couple more. He has been married for three years now, he has a little girl named Kelsie, who is sixteen months old. Lucas graduated from Western Illinois University in ‘96 and majored in Industrial Technology.

At the beginning of college, Lucas had one intention, little did he know that he would change his mind three-fourths of the way through. Luckily for him, he didn’t have to start over because he already had his other classes out of the way. So he didn’t have to take a step back but forward.

Mr. Lucas Joins LCHS Faculty

Lucas graduated from high school in ‘90. While there he played football and basketball. His favorite subjects were agriculture, physical education, and history. His least favorite subjects were Biology and Spanish.

Lucas has many interests and hobbies, some of which include football and working on a farm with cows.

Lucas found about LCHS from Coach McCarty who was also his high school football coach for four years.

Hopefully, Lucas is feeling like part of the family here at Limestone. We hope he stays for a while and continues the great job he’s doing with the students.

“Glad to See it Go”

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news stations periodically found themselves at a loss as to which story was of more importance to their viewing audience--the Lewinsky testimony or a McGuire round tripper.

Basketball fans know that, even though a partial season will be starting in ‘99, the popularity and spirit of the NBA will be left in 1998. As a result of the strike, the NBA will not only lose fans, but billions of dollars as well.

But what we will probably miss the most this year will be the presence of his airness, Michael Jordan. Some questioned whether Jordan’s return to the game could counteract the negative effect of the strike. It looks like that question will forever remain unanswered.

Last, but not least, the entertainers that made us laugh, such as Phil Hartmann, Frank Sinatra, Flip Wilson, and Sonny Bono (just to name a few), will be missed in the coming year.

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News Notes

LCHS Prevention Program
NEWS RELEASE
Jan. 11, 1999

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LCHS Social Worker Suzanne Minor has been elected to a two-year term as the Central Illinois representative on the Operation Snowball (OS) board of directors. Mrs. Minor has been active in OS at LCHS and at other area schools for several years. As one of 15 board members from OS chapters across Illinois she will provide insight and guidance to the OS staff in Springfield who oversee 120 chapters in Illinois and other states. OS is a teen leadership program that encourages young people to live drug-free lives.

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The LCHS Operation Snowball teen staff has been invited to present a workshop at the annual conference of the Illinois Association of Student Assistance Program Professionals (IASAPP) in Springfield on January 28th.

IASAPP is a youth advocacy organization whose members work in school-based counseling and substance abuse prevention programs. In their workshop at the Springfield Renaissance Hotel the LCHS staff will demonstrate how basic theater skills and scene presentation can be used to engage an audience in discussion on issues such as dating, communication and conflict.

Operation Snowball is a teen leadership program that encourages young people to live drug-free lives.

To schedule a theater presentation for your school or organization, call LCHS Prevention Coordinator Steve Fairbanks at 697-6271.

Latest Winter Wear

By Shannon Moore



With movies like Ever After, a Cinderella remake, and Titanic, the turn of the century romance hitting blockbuster status, storybook and old English fashion is beginning to grace the screen and the street. Street wear, animated characters, and Japanese symbols are also breaking into the spotlight.

ISN'T IT ROMANTIC? Reomantic fashion is all about embroidering...reds...and glitter. Whether its a baby tee daunting a flowery butterfly, or a sleeveless velvet evening dress, it's got to inspire amore. Accessories to a romantic outfit are a necessity, preferably many silver rings, or a necklace with a charm or sparkling pendant. Rich dark colors go well with style. When looking for the perfect makeup match, try reds, roses, forest greens, and dark blues for a truly fairy tale finish. Don't forget the glitter around the eyes and on the cheek-

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bones.

LONDON GIRL WANTED. Old English is a late breaking trend of long, straight winter coats (peacoats) and long, straight skirts (try to find them with cargo pockets). Looking like a vision straight out of the London fog only takes a collar shirt under a sweater, or cardigan over a polo shirt, with a plaid skirt. However, this style, however, is not complete without clunky-heeled shoes (Mary Janes with monster heels do nicely). Menswear fabrics really accentuate the Old English trend. Tweed, gray flannel, plaids, but with details like velvet, ribbon, and tailored shirts work best. Accessories to this style include one necklace (try the new Floating Necklace made of invisible wire and a rhinestone stud) and natural makeup. Rosy cheeks is as far as you go...with a lip gloss boost, of course. Smashing.

URBAN LEGENDS. Want some culture with that? Try baby tees with ethnic embroidering and lots of sleek black. Street wear has taken a whole new meaning when trends from Japan and Europe hit the U.S. There's so much to choose from, and reall, anything goes. A Mandarin style shirt with a long, straight



black skirt and high heeled velvet slippers gives you this global look. Some wacky rings, a "tinkling" silver bell anklet, and a jeweled headband are nice touches. Moving into Indonesia...the same jewelry with steel metallic tees or ethnically embroidered skirts can take you places when you add a small, drawstring purse. Makeup can be natural or glamorously glittered.

NOT SO DRASTIC, PLEASE? If these styles don't work for you then you're a candidate for the **CAN'T GO WRONG WITH THESE** list. Here we go, nice an casual:

- sweater set ("twin set")
- long line skirts
- comfortable winter sweaters
- logo tee shirts
- silver rings
- cargo jeans/khakis
- chunky heels
- hooded, zip-up sweatshirt

In the Spotlight

with Marlana Bussey



Does hypothermia mean anything to you? Have you ever really thought of the meaning? Well, to Junior Danielle St.Clair it is just a word.

On January 1, 1999, St.Clair participated in the Polar Bear Jump. St.Clair mainly did the jump this year because she wanted "to try a new learning experience." St.Clair's boyfriend, Brandon Peirson, encouraged her to jump this year.

To be in the jump St.Clair had to register at 11:00



Danille St.Clair sure was cold on January 1, 1999 as she splashed in the icy cold Illinois river with her fellow polar bears.

Photo courtesy of Kathy St.Clair

a.m. on January 1, 1999 and pay \$12.00 for her participation. She then received a free t-shirt, the money then went to the childrens foundation.

There were only a few rules to be in the jump. Participants had to wear shoes, and it was recommended that if a heart condition or other problems existed, jumping probably shouldn't take place. Also, instead of everyone jumping at once, groups of ten jumped together.

St.Clair, her boyfriend and a few other Limestone graduates all jumped together. No one had to dunk their heads, but St.Clair took the chance and did it anyway. There was no time limit that St.Clair had to remain in the water, but said that she was in about a minute because she fell while entering the frigid water, and had to have others help her up. Two ambulances and a team of volunteers were on hand in the event of an emergency. Fortunately, all polar bear jumpers escaped without injury.

St.Clair picked one of the coldest years on record to perform her first jump. St.Clair mentioned that volunteers had to break the ice beforehand so the jumpers could enter the water.

St.Clair encourages people to be in the jump next year and plans to continue participating in the jump in coming years. Remember, polar bear jumping is for a good cause and at the same time some really cold fun!

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The game Page

What was your New Year's Resolution?



"My New Year's resolution is to gain 20 pounds...."

- Senior Darren Headman

Best Movies & Best Music of 1998: The Puzzle

By Chad Wys

P	R	I	V	A	T	E	R	Y	A	N	K	I	O	J	N	B
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 Truman Show



"...To be nicer to my boyfriend!"

-Junior Leslie Davenport



"I'm gonna try to do better in school because I don't want to *not* do my homework! Also, I don't want to give teachers so much trouble!"

-Freshman Chad Day

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Mike's and Brad's Movie Review



By Mike Troutman



By Brad Clough

Patch Adams, starring Robin Williams, is the story of Hunter Adams, a man that was not happy with his life and checked himself into a psychiatric ward for suicide watch. While there, he helps his roommate get over his fear of invisible squirrels and picks up the name "Patch" from another patient that he befriends. He realizes that he likes to help people in hospitals, so he decides to check himself out of the hospital and goes to medical school.

Overall, Williams does a decent job in the acting department. Unfortunately, the movie had a way of dragging on far longer than it should have, leaving me to question when the movie would end. This movie was given some harsh reviews. I didn't love the movie, but some movie reviewers went a little too far, saying it was one of the worst movies of 1998. Williams has been in some excellent movies such as *Good Morning Vietnam* and *Good Will Hunting*, but he has also had his fair share of duds, most notably *Father's Day* and *What Dreams May Come*. *Patch Adams* falls somewhere in the middle of that good/bad spectrum.

My two favorite movies of 1998 were *Saving Private Ryan*, a suspenseful movie about a group of American soldiers looking for a lost soldier in Normandy during World War II, starring Tom Hanks and Matt Damon, and *Something About Mary*, a comedy about a group of men that will do anything just to get one woman, starring Ben Stiller, Cameron Diaz, and Matt Dillion.

"Patch Adams," a recent release that stars Robin Williams, is a true story about an unhappy man that is having serious problems in his life. He admits himself to suicide watch. His name is Hunter Adams, but picks up the nickname "Patch" from patching up another patient's coffee cup. While in the institution, he decides he likes to help people and he checks himself out of the institution. A couple of years later, he decides to go to medical school. He makes the patients feel better and laugh. Patch wants to use humor as a healing process.

This is a drama movie like most of Robin Williams recent films. Robin Williams usually makes well liked movies, but this effort was not the best one of his career by far. Many motion picture critics must be in agreement on this point due to the numerous bad reviews of this movie. Nevertheless, "Patch Adams" managed to be the top movie for two weeks. Overall, "Patch Adams" is not another "Dead Poet's Society" or "Good Will Hunting" and was certainly not one of the best movies of the year.

My two favorite movies of 1998 include *The Waterboy*, a story that finds Adam Sandler going from a lowly University of Louisiana waterboy to star football player for SCLSU, and *Something About Mary*, a Ben Stiller and Cameron Diaz film that shows how twisted and obsessed men can become if the prize happens to be a lady. Both films are worthy of being rented out once they hit the video rental shelves.

Chad and Chad Tune into this...



By Chad Wys



By Chad Day

On Jewel's sophomore set, it is extremely hard to find any similarities to her freshman mega success. To date, Jewel's first album, "Pieces of You," has sold a monumental 8 million copies in the United States, making it one of the best selling albums of the '90's. As with Hootie & The Blowfish and many other artists, when you find yourself following in the shadow of a multi-platinum first success, you get into what is called in the music biz, a "sophomore slump." But with "Spirit," Jewel is *far* from that slump. This album is much stronger than her first, and is hardly cause for a comparison.

With this new set, Jewel uses a much broader variety of instruments to perform her lyrically rich poem-songs. The phenomenal power of the album's first single, "Hands," along with her fan base, helped make the album sell well over 2 million copies in only its first two weeks of release. The album entered the charts at #3, and after six weeks, has not yet dropped out of the top 5. "Hands," is quickly becoming the biggest radio powered hit of her career. Because of the use of bass, drums, and having more of an alternative (rather than a folksy) feel, her songs will probably receive more airplay on various, pop/rock/alternative stations.

If you've heard the song "Hands," you know that with time, Jewel appears to be getting better. This album, unlike her first, is full of hot tracks that have mega-hit potential. "Deep Water," is a power-ballad with catchy lines. Jewel recorded, "Pieces of You," over four years ago. During that time, her voice has matured and gotten stronger. As a result, she is now able to deliver vocally powered tracks such as, "Down So Long," rather than minnie-mouse, squeaky banjo-poems. She actually sings with inspiration on the gospel-like track, "Life Uncommon." This is one of the high points on the album, and somehow reminds me of a "Like A Prayer" type Madonna song. "Absence of Fear," is a piano based, beautiful ballad that has a melody that is out of this world. If you even remotely like Jewel's first attempt, you will savor this strong, second attempt. It is much better than her first. This album has quality and worth. Add it to your collection

OUT OF A POSSIBLE 5 STARS, I GAVE "PIECES OF YOU" 2 1/2. USING THE SAME SCALE, I GIVE "SPIRIT" 4 1/2 STARS.

The Beastie boys came and went just like that. In the mid 80's the Beastie Boys took the music scene by storm with their hip-hop rhyme and awesome lyrics. Now in the late 90's, their latest album "Hello Nasty" is a smash hit all around the world.

"Intergalactic," their first single, quickly became a smash hit locally and nationally. Locally, it topped the charts on the 99x Top 9 at 9:09 for a record time. Nationally, it's highest marks were number 1 on the Contemporary charts. In Billboard Music's Best Albums, it

received third place. With the cool sound effects added to the Beastie Boys arsenal of songs we may never see anything like them, or as good as them again.

The second single from "Hello Nasty" is "Body Movin'." Before America knew it, "Body Movin'" was on the Top 9 at 9:09, gaining momentum every day. Once again "da Boys" came through with a

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-Beastie Boy Mike D.

new and explosive hit. The fun that the Beastie Boys put into their music is one of the reasons their music is so popular.

"Our music is about havin' fun, and slammin' out some dope rhyme," says Beastie Boy Mike D. on VH1's *Behind the Music*.

If you're already a Beastie Boys fan, go out right now and get this CD! If you think they're just okay, then try it anyway... you might be surprised!



Juniors Bobby Gailliaert and Renae Burwell take time to read the material of their choice during the newly implemented LCHS Reading Program. (Photo by Mandy Youngren)

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Scorer's Table

Boys Basketball

	Conf.	All		Conf.	All		Conf.	All
Varsity	2-3	5-10	Soph.	5-0	7-3	Frosh.	6-0	11-0

Girls Basketball

	Conf.	All		Conf.	All		Conf.	All
Varsity	7-0	11-6	Soph.	6-2	13-4	Frosh	5-2	6-2

Wrestling

	All		All
Varsity	14-4	JV	5-2

Varsity Boys Basketball is ranked 6th in Mid-Illini.
 Varsity Girls Basketball is ranked 1st in Mid-Illini.
 Varsity Wrestling is ranked 1st in Mid-Illini.

Bowl Championship Series Good or Bad??

An alternative method for determining the "true champion"

By Brad Clough

Following the 1998 college football regular season, the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) determined the national championship. The BCS consisted of the FedEx Orange Bowl, Nokia Sugar Bowl, Rose Bowl by AT&T, and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. This year the Fiesta Bowl was the site of the National Championship in Tempe, Arizona. ABC-TV televised the four Bowl Championship Series

games. Next year, the Nokia Sugar Bowl will be the site of the National Championship contest.

The BCS is calculated using four components. The first component is calculated based on the average of the ranking of each team's Associated Press media poll and the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll. The second component consists of three computer rankings which are published in media outlets. The third component is the strength or difficulty of each team's schedule in relation to other team's schedule throughout the league. This component is calculated by determining the cumulative won/lost records of the team's opponents and the cumu-

lative won/lost records of the team's opponents' opponents. The final component evaluates the team's won/lost record. Each loss during the season represents one point in this component. All four components are then added together for a total rating. The team with the lowest total ranks first in the standings. This year, the title went to the Tennessee Volunteers. While the BCS might seem logical, an alternative method should be considered. Basketball and Professional football use playoffs to determine the true champion, so could college football do the same? For your thoughts and opinions on this suggestion, email the limelight at lchslimelight@hotmail.com

Shape Up



By Ryan Closen

There is a new aerobic workout on the market. This new aerobic workout is called Tae-Bo, and it is sweeping the nation. Billy Banks, a black belt in karate, invented this mixture of karate and boxing. He took the "tae" out of karate and the "bo" out of boxing, and called it "Tae-Bo". Banks wanted to invent a fast and fun aerobic workout, and since he loved karate and boxing, he figured join the two and put them to a rhythm.

This new form of exercise is making its way across the country after originating in California. Many big stars like Shaquael O'Neal, Sylvester Stallone, and several others use Tae-Bo to get fit. In this workout, you work almost all of your muscles using several kicks, punches, and leg lifts.

Currently, the Tae-Bo videos are not available in stores. They can only be ordered off of

TV. Fitness channels, such as channel 42 and 41, endorse the use of Tae-Bo.

"If you have the will, Tae-Bo is the way."

**--Billy Banks
 Inventor of Tae-Bo**

Tae-Bo comes in four different videos. The first video is an instructional video which shows how to do all the different moves. The second video is a beginner workout and the third video is an advanced workout. The fourth and final video is a fast and fun workout. All the video workouts are different, both in moves and speed.

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February

Coming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ISAT GBBall(F)@EP 6:15pm BBBall(F)vsEP (H)6:15pm Grade School Reg Cafe AerobicsCafe6:00-7:00pm	2 ISAT GBBall(S&V)vsIVC(H)6:00 Brd Mtg 7:00pm	3 ISAT Grade School Reg Cafe Key Club Rm99 7:00am AerobicsCafe6:00-7:00pm	4 ISAT GBBall(S&V)@Cant 6:00	5 ISAT Wres Reg TBA BBBall(S&V)@EP 6:00pm	6 Spch. Regional (H) Band ISU Jazz Fest BBBall(F)vs Mor(H)9:30 GBBall(F)@Mor 9:30am BBBall(S&V)@Mor5:00
7	8 ISAT GBBall(F)vsIVC(H)6:15pm BBBall(F)@IVC 6:15pm Aerobics Cafe 6:00-7:00pm	9 ISAT GBBall(S&V)vsMet(H)6:00 Bld Comm 7:00pm	10 ISAT CurrCommMtgLib 3:00 Femmes Unir Lib 3:00pm Aerobics Cafe 6:00-7:00	11 End of Grading Period ISAT GBBall(S&V)@Wash6:00	12 No School Wres Sectional TBA BBBall(S&V)vsIVC6:00pm Lincoln's Birthday	13 Spch Sectional GBBall(F)Met Tourn TBA Wres Sectional TBA BBBall(F)@Lincoln 10:00 BBBall(S&V)vsND(H)5:00
14 Valentine's Day	15 BBBall(F)vsCan(H)6:15pm GBBall(V) Regional Aerobics Cafe 6:00-7:00pm Presidents' Day	16 CollegeInfo to Parents Cafe 7:00pm Tech Prep Mtg Rm18 3:00 GBBall(V)Regional Brd Mtg 7:00pm	17 Band &Choir to Grade Schools Key Club Mtg Rm99 7:15 Aerobics Cafe 6:00-7:00 Ash Wednesday	18 Easter Seals Week-Vice Versa Work GBBall(V)Regional TBA Fahion Show Aud 7:00pm	19 Easter Seals Week Spch State BBBall(S&V)@Cant 6:00 Wres(V) State	20 Speech State Wres State TBA
21 Band WinterConcert 3:00	22 Easter Seals Week Choral Mid Illini Dunlap Rehearsal 5:30pm Performance 7:00pm BBBall(F)@Met6:15 Aerobics Cafe 6:00-7:00pm	23 ICCAcademic Test 7:45am BBBall(S&V)vsMet(H)6:00	24 Easter Seals Week Band &Choir to Grade	25 Easter Seals Week Parent Teacher Conf BBBall(F)@Wash 6:15pm GBBall Sectional TBA	26 Parent Teacher Conf BBBall(S&V)@Wash6:00	27 Band Jazz Fest GymReserved 12:00-11:00 BBBall(S)Met TournTBA ViceVersa DanceGym8:00-11:00pm
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ROCKET ACTIVITIES

ISAT Testing

The ISAT testing for sophomores and juniors will begin on Monday, February 1, and continue through Thursday, February 11.

Grade School Registration

Next year's Freshmen will register for classes on Wednesday, February 3 in the Cafetorium at 7:00pm.

Band & Choir

The Band and Choir groups will be visiting the grade schools on Wednesday, February 17, and Wednesday, February 24. The Band will also have their Band Concert on Sunday, February 21 at 3:00pm. The Choir will have the Mid Illini Choral Concert at Dunlap on Monday, February 22. Rehearsal starts at 5:30pm. The performances begin at 7:00pm.

Vice Versa

The annual Vice Versa dance will take place on Saturday, February 27 in the gym. The dance will start at 8:00pm and end at 11:00pm.

Basketball

The boy's and girl's basketball seasons are coming to a close. The varsity boy's basketball team plays East Peoria at East Peoria on Friday, February 5 at 7:30pm; Morton, at Morton, on Saturday, February 6 at

6:30pm; IVC, at Limestone, on Friday, February 12 at 7:30pm; Metamora, at Metamora, on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30pm, and Washington, at Washington, on Friday, February 26 at 7:30pm. The varsity girl's team plays IVC, at Limestone,

on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30pm; Canton, at Canton, on Thursday, February 5 at 7:30pm; Metamora, at Limestone, on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30pm, and Washington, at Washington, on Thursday, February 11 at 7:30pm.



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