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## Rape drug assails teens

By Lenora Boothe  
Lindbloom

For most people, the thought of rape evokes an image of a man grabbing a woman and dragging her into a dark alley. But today that image does not always hold true. The new breed of rapists use an arsenal of tools to make their victims helpless, before the attack. These new tools are drugs that will make victims pass out and cause temporary paralysis or amnesia.

There are four major drugs that rapists use: drugs and alcohol, Rohypnol, gamma/hydroxybutyrate and ketamine. Most of these drugs are illegal and all can be fatal.

Any young woman using drugs recreationally may be more vulnerable to sexual predators. According to Hoffman-LaRoche (Rohypnol's manufacturer) spokesperson, Gayle Saphien,

drugs and alcohol are the most widely used rape drugs.

There are many cases of rape using alcohol. Some incidents have been reported to the Haight-Ashbury Center of California. Teens at the center asked that their real names not be revealed, but gave the following stories to the counselors at this institution.



"Maria," 19, was invited by a group of friends to a party at a frat house off campus. This particular fraternity had a reputation for throwing wild parties that were often attended by off-campus students. At the party, she met a guy who she felt was trustworthy.

He offered her a glass of punch that, unknown to Maria, had been spiked with wood alcohol. She immediately felt dizzy and disoriented. When she complained of feeling faint the man took her to his room where he told her that she could "lie down and sleep it off." He left and returned

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## Get a driver's license without tests

By Avian Carrasquillo  
Weber

Jose Quinones has a driver's license but he doesn't know how to drive.

How did it happen?

"When I went down to the Secretary of State with my forms for a state I.D., I took my photo and they gave me a driver's license instead of a state I.D.," Jose said. "I didn't notice the mix-up until I had gotten home an hour later. I felt bad about them giving me a driver's license. I've never taken a driver's education class before and I've only driven once in my life with my brother."

While he claims to feel bad about the apparent mix-up, Jose says he has not attempted to return the license to the Secretary of State's office. Despite numerous attempts to

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## Russia's financial woes hit US

By William Pleas  
Weber

While Russia's financial woes are causing an international stir, some students, like Urkanian-born Andy Kerko, say the fiscal concerns haven't impacted his life in the United States.

"My homeland of Ukraine is running just fine. The banks and the stores are just as normal as they were before," Andy, a student at Weber, said.

While Andy says the Ukraine is stable, economic experts suggest that Moscow and other Russian countries are

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## Students fail African-American history quiz

By Mykichia Smith  
Providence St.Mel

One student thought the NAACP stood for National African-American College Program. Another student thought opera singer Jessye Norman was an Olympic runner, while another thought that slavery spanned from the early 1700's to the late 1900's, several centuries off the mark.

All of these answers came from the minds of African-American students. I surveyed 35 students of Providence St.Mel, an all African-American high school on Chicago's west side. Only two of the students scored more than 90 percent on the 21-question survey. Only one student had the highest results. I would've thought an all African-American student body would know more about their history.

After completing the survey, I concluded one of the reasons is that the students are not taught history fully and effective-

ly in the classroom. At Providence, the faculty is predominantly white and only teaches the more popular stories of Afro-American history, like the story of Harriet Tubman. There is no African-American studies program and there hasn't been an African-American History class since 1994. There is one African-American literature class.

"This school is producing African-American students that can tell you more about Abraham Lincoln than who the inventor of the traffic light was," said former student Brian Stewart, referring to Garrett Morgan.

Some of the students don't even have an interest in learning their own history. They shrugged their shoulders with a "so what" attitude. Many students didn't even want to touch the survey. They were probably ashamed because they didn't know a lot of the answers.

The survey questions have root's that should be obvious to the African-

American community: Who wrote "Black Boy?" Who is the African-American poet laureate? What year did Rosa Parks refuse to give up her seat?

"A lot of these answers I didn't know," said Crissie Williams, "When filling out the survey it made me fill ashamed because I know less about my history than I thought. I know more about the whites' history." The blame shouldn't be placed on one person or institution. As a Providence St. Mel community, we are all to blame.

This can be a struggle for the teacher as well as the students. They become frustrated because they have limited resources. Some students are too intimidated to discuss "black issues" with white teachers.

As a student body we can come together and teach each other. I can't express enough how much I was hurt to know that we don't truly know our history. We

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## New Expression editors 1998-99

Last month, we introduced our new design to you. Along with the new design of NE comes a new editorial staff. Each of our editors has one thing in common, they are all students and had enough free time on their hands so that they could do something that they enjoyed. Whether they had experience or not they each came to NE, as writers and illustrators last year and are now editors with the publication. Meet your peers and this year's editorial staff



**Chanel Polk**  
Managing Editor

I'm a sophomore at the University of Illinois at Chicago. My job is to make sure the aforementioned editors are doing their jobs, as we seek to continue bringing you Chicago's only newspaper by, for and about Chicago teens. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about New Expression, contact us.



**Avian Carrasquillo**  
News Editor

is a senior at Weber and a second year editor at NE (formerly the education editor). "As we look to develop stories with teen angles we don't limit our scope to school issues. We strive to be local, national and international in our news reporting and analysis," Carrasquillo said. Avian has worked for his high school newspaper and had an internship at the Chicago Tribune this past summer.



**Dar'Keith Lofton**  
Opinions Editor

is a senior at Foreman, a second year staff member and a first year editor. "Everybody has an opinion. We try to make sure the diverse views of teens are presented when we publish our commentaries, editorials, essays, letters, surveys and polls," said Lofton.



**Jennifer Walton**  
Features Editor

is a senior at Curie and a second year editor at NE (formerly the "Work It" Editor). "Our entertainment section will be more diverse this year, particularly when it comes to music reviews. Our coverage will be as diverse as our readership." Walton interned with WMAQ Channel 5 this past summer.



**Corey Miggins**  
Sports Editor

is a second year editor at NE (formerly the NE Tech Editor). He is a sophomore at Kennedy-King College where he participates in student government, manages the women's basketball team and is a member of the men's soccer team. "Our focus is to be the paper of record when it comes to sports. We will focus on traditional and not as well known sports."



**D'Sheadra Benford**  
Assistant Sports

is a senior at Hyde Park and a first year assistant editor at NE. She is member of Hyde Park's Know Your Heritage and girls volleyball teams.

**Joaquin Ochoa**  
Design Editor

is a senior at Weber and a first year editor at NE. "New Expression gives me an opportunity to show my talents in a larger, better-known newspaper," said Ochoa. He served as art/photo editor for Weber's school paper, designed the logo for Weber's class of homecoming t-shirts and had his illustrations reprinted in Weber's student magazine.

## College students say prepare for more freedom, responsibility

By Kristie Edwards  
DePaul University

While they attend different schools, many college students seem to have the same message to teens looking to further their education beyond high school: Be prepared!

Students like Trinity College's Kevin Spriggs, 17, said college through him for a loop. The recent graduate of South Side College Prep said while high school prepared him academically, there were emotional and social aspects that hit him harder than most of his initial tests and quizzes.

"It's just a big adjustment. You can make it through class, but dealing with all the other things that happen outside of class can be a problem," Spriggs said. "There are no hall monitors or other adults making you do anything. You have to be independent enough to handle everything."

Tasha Harper, who attends the University of Illinois (Circle Campus) says the increased freedom was a bit of a shock.

"High school helped me

with studying habits and things like that, but I wasn't prepared emotionally to deal with some of these new challenges in college," Tasha said. "The classes are harder, you have to be really disciplined and you don't have supervision. It can blow your mind."

Kimberly Saving, an academic advisor for Roosevelt University says their students are not exasperating when they talk about the difficulties of the

at most colleges. For example, here, all incoming freshmen are assigned an academic counselor, who helps them make the adjustment," Saving said. "Students spend two semesters with the advisors. If a student goes below a 3.0 average, the student stays with the advisor until the grades improve."

While many incoming freshmen described the initial pressure of the experience, recent college

graduates like Felicia Banks say if students can make it through the first year, the transition will become smoother.

"College was an exciting

experience for me and I was mature enough to handle a large college environment like Southern Illinois University (Carbondale) and advance within the environment," Banks said.

She added, "You have to be prepared, but you must also allow yourself to have some fun. The real world of jobs and careers really can't compare to college, but if you handle college properly, it can prepare you for adulthood."

"You can make it through class, but dealing with all the other things that happen outside of class can be a problem."

—Kevin Spriggs, 17  
Trinity College

changes.

"Some students have a hard time with the transition due to family or relatives that never attended college or finished high school. This can be particularly true if this is the first time the student has been away from home," Saving said.

To help students make the transition, Saving says it's important to explain the difference between both levels of education.

"Students aren't left alone

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**NE News Briefs**

Compiled by NE Staff

**SATs, ACTs : not as necessary**

**BOSTON** - Many colleges are making SAT and ACT scores optional for admission, according to a report released in October. The majority of the nation's 1,600 colleges and universities still use the scores to determine whether students will be accepted. But the report shows colleges can recruit without relying on those entrance exams, according to Charles Rooney, of the Cambridge-based National Center for Fair & Open Testing, or Fair Test. Over 280 campuses now admit some or all of their applicants without regard to the tests. And many of them say the system has improved the academic quality - and the diversity - of their students. Critics say the Scholastic

Assessment Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) exam do not adequately measure a student's intelligence or ability to perform in the classroom, and is biased against minorities. Supporters say the tests encourage high standards and increase accountability.

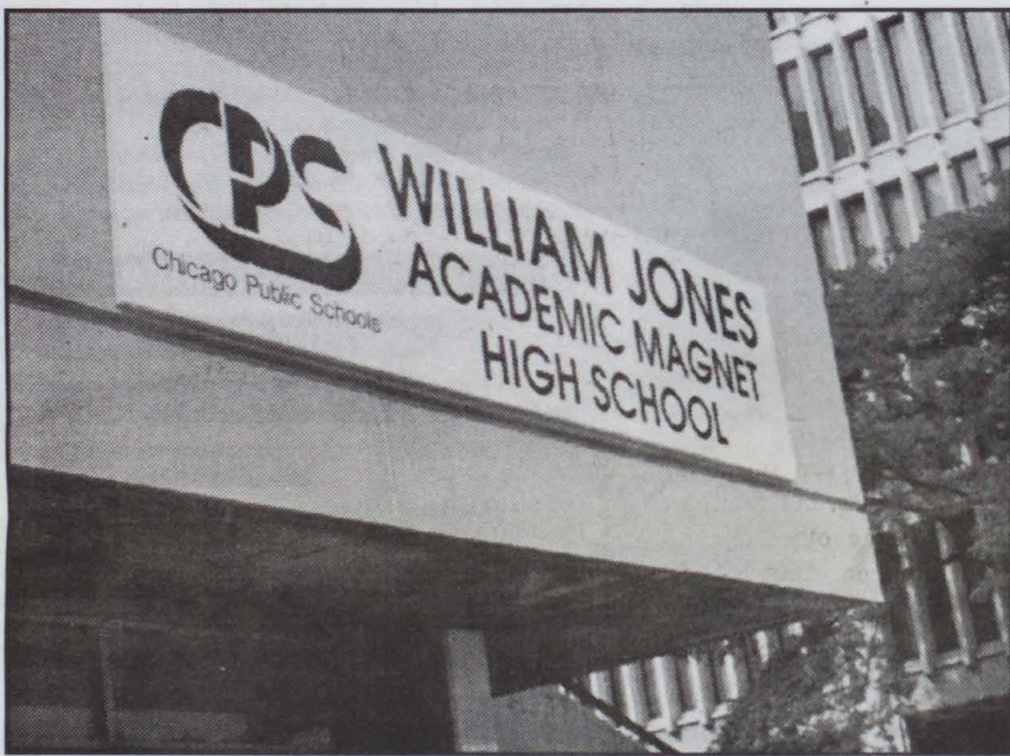
**Drug checks without cause continue**

**WASHINGTON** - The Supreme Court rejected an appeal by teens and their parents, allowing a ruling to stand granting a rural Indiana school district to conduct random drug tests for all students in extra-curricular activities, even if they are not suspected of usage. The move has implications for all Illinois public schools.

The ruling left intact a federal appeals court ruling indicating such testing does not violate students' privacy rights.

**Students' substance use increases**

**SEATTLE** - By the time Seattle students graduate from high school, more than 80 percent have experimented with alcohol, more than 60 percent have smoked cigarettes and more than half have used drugs other than alcohol, according to a recent study. And the use of all three among adolescents is up from 1995, according to the latest Washington State Survey of Adolescent Health Behavior, which was released in October. The survey assessed 14,601 sixth-, eighth-, 10th- and 12th-grade students in 102 public schools in the state on behavioral and health issues, including substance abuse and weapon possession. This is the fifth time the survey has been done; it was started in 1988.



**Sign of the Times** -- Williams Jones Academic High School, 606 S. State St., has made the switch. The former two-year business school recently changed over to a four year, magnet-oriented curriculum as part of a system wide improvement program. Jones is the first of six schools schedule to switch to a magnet program, according to Chicago Public School officials.

Photo by Jackie Eadie, Jones

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contact officials, the Secretary of State's office refused to give an official comment on the situation.

Jose is not the only person this has happened to. Several other teens, who declined to go on the record, say they know of peers who have driver's licenses without ever taking a road or written test.

A recent federal investigation revealed how some employees at the Illinois Secretary of State's office were guilty of accepting bribes for issuing licenses to truckers. As a result, many of the truckers were found to be dangerous and unqualified. Addressing the scandal in his office, Secretary of State George Ryan recently stated wherever there is corruption, "we're going to do our best to bring it out."

Inexperienced drivers with no concept of the rules of the road could run red lights, change lanes without signaling or commit even worse offenses. Accidents would be at an all-time high and car insurance costs would go through the roof.

## HISTORY

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should know better than that. We are putting down our history, which is one of the many problems African-Americans face today. We are not even willing to learn about our own culture. We use the excuse that our history is not being taught

## RUSSIA

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severely hurt by the real threat of economic collapse.

"The farther east you go, the higher the standard of living is," said Michael Corrigan, an economic teacher at Weber. "The value of the ruble (Russian dollar) went down, and the government doesn't have enough money." She added, "The government is unable to pay off its debts to other countries, so it started to pay in hard ruble's, which devalued the ruble and sent the nation into a state of panic. It wouldn't have been that bad had, except that they started to neglect the countries they owed money."

Countries like Brazil and Germany, who depended on that extra income, are now in a similar state of financial panic, according to Corrigan.

in school. There is no excuse.

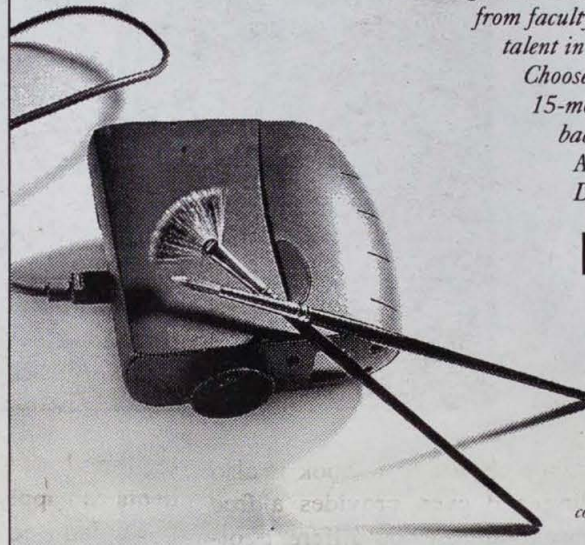
Part of the problem is that White America has stripped [Blacks] of our native culture and languages. But we also allow ourselves to be ignorant of our heritage. We tired of talking about slavery, but some of the students didn't even know when it began or ended.

We (as African-Americans) are enslaving ourselves from learning about each other. We must know our past in order to look into the future. We must want to learn about our own history and shouldn't wait until it is given to us. That opportunity may not come. When faced with an opportunity we should take it, rather

that complain about it. Our history is too important to be forgotten. This year Providence St. Mel has put in a semester elective African-American Studies class. Let's show the world what we know and show ourselves how much we know.

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## NE Bookshelf

### So many college books, so many choices

By Danielle McDonald,  
Hyde Park

This fall is extremely important for seniors. Finding schools, understanding the difference between two and four-year colleges, and getting scholarships and financial aid can determine what type of school potential freshmen will attend.

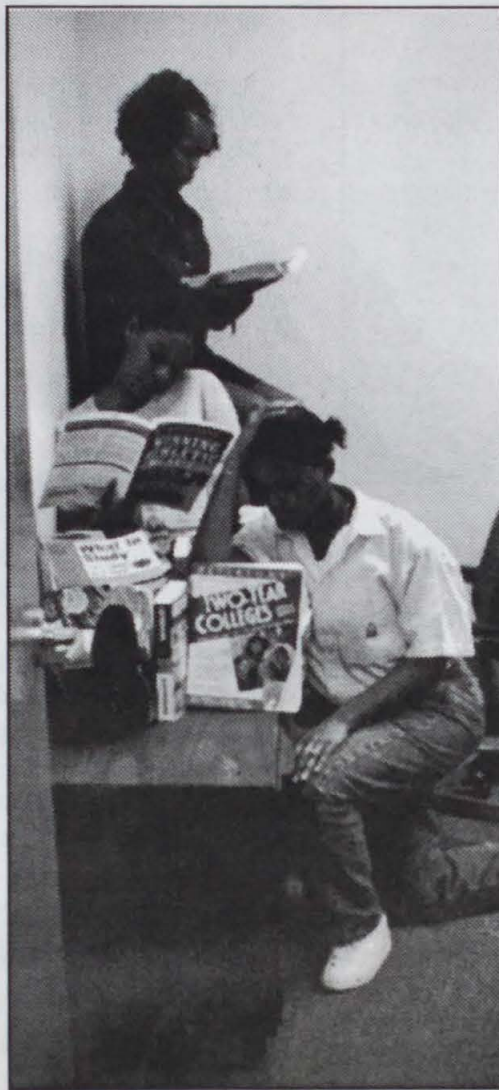
There are many books to help students in their search, but how do you know which ones are right for you? The Princeton Review and Peterson's are two of the major publishers of college guide books, and offer the following selection of material to review.

The Best 311 Colleges, published by the Princeton Review, contains profiles of highly competitive colleges from across the nation. More than 56,000 students rate factors about their schools, including class size, social life, sports and faculty. It also gives potential college students a head start by listing all the specific admission requirements at each school.

Four Year Colleges, 1998, published by Peterson's, combines three books into one: a college search index, profiles on colleges and universities and details on academic programs, campus living and athletic programs. It also provides in-depth campus photos. This book is also endorsed by the National Admission Counseling and even provides a free College Quest CD, which allows students to apply to almost 600 different colleges on computer.

Another book published by Peterson's, Two-Year Colleges, 1998 edition, is a guide to more than 1,500 community and junior colleges. It also contains "Fifteen Frequently Asked Questions About Transferring," "Surviving Standardized Tests," and even information for adults that are returning to school.

The Complete Book of Colleges, 1998 edition, by the Princeton Review,



explains ways to pick a school, including cost, size, and environment. The book lists the "Wizard Index," which provides students with ways to look for a school by search string or page number. It also lists schools alphabetically with statistics and details that make selecting a school much easier.

There are also books on ways to save money for college. Published by Peterson's, College Money Handbook, 1998 edition, offers a guide to financial aid for almost 2,000 colleges and universities. Charts included in the book help to show what parents and students pay on average at each school and give step-by-step instructions for students to understand financial aid applications. It also lists scholarships for students by state.

Also published by Peterson's, Sports Scholarships and College Athletic Programs, covers both men and women's sports at close to 1,900 colleges. It lists more than 40 sports, gives data on facilities, coaches and team records. It also explains how to track sports scholarships and gives expert advice on where, when and how to apply.

Princeton Review also publishes, Winning Athletic Scholarships, which lists practice tests for the SAT/ACT. It provides advice from coaches and outlines the NCAA recruiting guidelines for prospective scholarship winners.

Paying For College (without going broke), 1998 edition, published by The Princeton Review, explains how to get the most for financial aid without paying the most out-of-pocket costs. It includes tips for completing financial aid forms, and was featured in The Wall Street Journal, on NBC Nightly News, CNN, and Good Morning America.

Winning Money for College, published by Peterson's, includes a High School Guide to Scholarship Contests. It

explains how to win money and lists scholarship programs that high school students can apply for.

Kaplan Books publishes a guide for parents of students who will be attending college, entitled A Parent's Guide to College Admissions. This book explains tests, how parents can help on college visits, and how to find money for college. Also published by Kaplan is What to Study: 101 Field in a Flash. This guide literally explains career choices from accounting to zoology. It explains over 100 fields of study, lists career prospects, references, (including organizations and readings), and provides expert advice for practical use of classroom skills.

## NE Movie Review

### "ANTZ" is definitely "bout it"

By Chanel Polk  
University of Illinois-Chicago

"ANTZ" is a cleverly arranged animated film that can be appealing to an audience of any age. The film features the voices of: Woody Allen as "Z," the star ant of the movie who challenges the framework of ant society; Sharon Stone as the spoiled princess ant; as well as Jennifer Lopez, Sylvester Stallone and Danny Glover in supportive roles.

What makes this animated movie interesting is the existence of overlapping themes. For example, one theme attempts to show that one person, or ant, can make a difference. Throughout the movie, "Z" questions his significance in the ant colony. The movie even begins with him airing his grievances to an ant psychologist who reinforces his fears by telling him that he was unimportant and that the ant colony was all that mattered.

Meeting the ant princess gave him hope that his life could be more than just moving dirt.

"ANTZ" also explores more mature ideas such as

individualism, classism and how quickly status and the existence of a perfect world can be taken away.

Besides the occasional use of profanity, which is inappropriate for younger children, the movie is entertaining in every way possible. The animation is superb, as is the comedy that keeps the audience smiling from the beginning of the movie to the end.

The movie was a refreshing change.  
**Three stars**

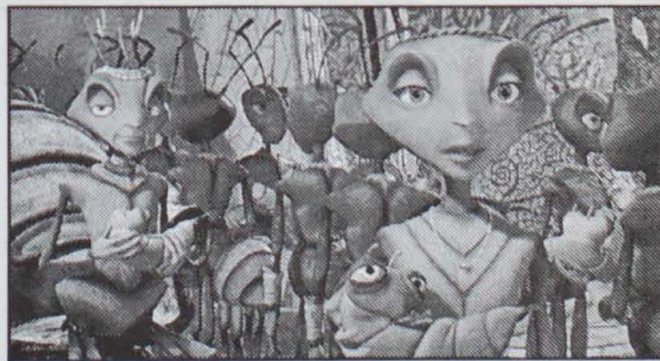
### "ANTZ" bugged me

By D.C. Washington  
Columbia College

O.K., so it was cute. Hearing the voices of Woody Allen, Jennifer Lopez, and Danny Glover as ants was wonderful. The graphics are outstanding, and even with a predictable ending, the movie has a shot at remaining at number four or five at the box office for awhile. But there is still something bugging me

about the new movie "ANTZ" by Dreamworks Productions. What is up with the language?

Just when I thought that there still remains an art craft for children, Dreamworks quickly reminds par-



ents that cartoons aren't just for kiddies anymore. Throughout the movie bits and pieces of adult language and graphics left me wondering, "what was this movie rated again?"

Honestly, I kind of liked it, but I'm eighteen, not eight. It is an entertaining and funny story about an

ant colony that always follows the rules, with the exception of an ant named "Z" (played by Woody Allen), who decides to step out of the norm and have a mind of his own.

But if you are a parent or a babysitter with an impressionable toddler to look after, then this movie may not be so entertaining for you. For example, at one point in the film, an army of ants and an opposing group of termites go head-to-head in a battle that could leave the faint of heart breathless.

Despite its appeal to the child in all of us, the language is not suitable for children. **Two stars.**



## NE CD-Reviews

### "One Wish"

Deborah Cox /Arista Records

By Jennifer Walton

Curie

If you have wondered what ever happened to Deborah Cox, you'll be pleased to know that she's back. Although Cox released an album last year, she has not been in the spotlight until now.

"One Wish" has a number of grooves to fit every type of mood and moment.

Cox has a very relaxing tone, particularly as she tells us her "One Wish" which is the 3rd song and title track.

Assisting Cox on this mellow CD is R.L. from "Next" on the song, "We Can't be Friends." This song will definitely put something on your mind.

Cox even has something for those who favor a faster tempo. The songs: "Nobody's Supposed to be Here," and "Things Just Ain't the Same," are two hot dance mixes that everybody can groove to.

Stop by the music store and check this CD out!



This album has good rhythms, sharp beats and unique lyrics. If you into message music, you'll like this CD. Baby CD takes a step away from the racy lyrics of his protege, Too Short, and uses his raps to encourage kids to stay in school and away from drugs.

### "Blame it on the Dog"

Thompson Brothers Band/RCA

By Dar'Keith Lofton

Foreman

For those of you who don't listen to country music, you will surprisingly enjoy this album. It has music and groove with a very smooth and unique rhythm.

"Blame it on the Dog" also has a nice combination of fast and slow songs that make you want to square dance to an almost pop-like beat. The CD contains such songs as "Shot me Down," "Caroline," "Cry," "Pick up the Tempo" and "Life's too Short", a song that basically says that there is no point in crying over break-ups.



### "School Days"

Baby C/ \$hort Records & Jive Records

By Bianca Lozano

Lane Tech

At a time when most 12-year-olds are playing with toys, Baby DC is playing some mature hits on his first CD, "School Days."

This Oakland youngster was discovered by veteran rapper Too \$hort at the age of five, and is the first artist to be released on the label of the multi-platinum rap legend.

Cast your vote for the best entertainment of 1998. Call Jennifer Walton at (312) 922-7150 to participate in NE's Best Of 1998 Entertainment Survey. Call between 2-5p.m. Monday through Friday. Deadline: 11-2-98

## Jon B talks about life and music

By Devin Haley

Triton College

Rising R&B star, Jon B, may sing like the title of his album "Cool Relax." However, his life has not always been calm, particularly his teen years. In fact, the sultry singer experimented with drugs in high school before he became addicted to music.

"I have tried drugs (as a teen), but God guided me and let me know that music is my drug," Jon B said. "When I tried drugs I figured out that drugs are not for me. There are some kids that go through life being told not to do certain things, but when the opportunity comes they get very curious. I was one of the curious ones."

Jon B didn't comment on the impact drugs had on his academic performance, but he realized quickly that getting hooked on them would take him away from his true passion - music.

Shortly after high school, Jon B pursued his music interests and gained opportunities to work with many award winning artists including: Toni Braxton, New Edition,



Color Me Badd, and After 7.

This is where he truly began to get a feel for the music industry, not just the glitz and glamour, but the nuts and bolts that make the industry run.

"A lot of teens need to take (the music industry) more seriously. I have had a lot of people come to me and asked can they sing for me. I tell them that talent is a start, but it isn't enough," said Jon B.

He added that budding artists need to become "a little more professional" as they seek to get a foot in the door of the music industry.

"It is not about hearing the good old Boyz II Men story of how (someone heard them and) they got signed," Jon B said. "The reality is that this business is a hard business to get into and I think a lot of kids need to pay their dues."

He feels if teens work at becoming a success in this field, they would appreciate all the aspects of the industry.

Jon B still has not stopped dreaming and having aspirations in his life. "I wanted to be known for production and keep singing on the down-low," Jon B said.

## "Tyrese" battles to the top

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He stars in Usher's video, "My Way," and recently released a slammin' CD. Tyrese, the boy singing on the Coca-Cola commercial, has come a long way from the days of singing on a crowded bus while sipping the world famous pop.

In addition to singing, Tyrese is an actor, model and a musician. But before battling his way to the big time, he fought against social ills growing up South Central Los Angeles.

"Having grown up in Watts, it was rough, but everyone who grows up in the inner city has it rough," Tyrese said. "We have to avoid the stereotypes. Life is what you make it."

Never the less, Tyrese admits to falling prey to the "streets," experimenting with drugs because he considered himself "a follower."

"I smoked to get high when I was young, because I was being a follower," Tyrese said. "I wanted to fit

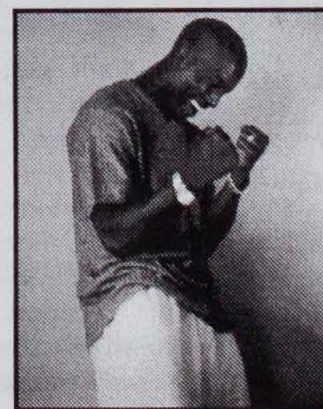
in until I found my light, discovered my own path and went down that path. When I was smoking and didn't even feel wrong about it. That's when I knew I was a follower. After awhile, I didn't get any self-pleasure out of it."

Now that he has made the spotlight, Tyrese says he can see things with a clearer perspective.

"The Coke commercial opened up a lot of doors for me. I was just having fun when they filmed it," Tyrese said. "Some people just need the right break. I didn't visualize that anything would come from it."

Tyrese offers teens the following advice on rising above negative influences.

"When it comes to teens, gang banging, or doing drugs, learn how to follow your heart and don't be what everyone else wants you to be," Tyrese said. "We are all born individuals and if you follow the next man's path you will be like him or her. Choose your own destiny, take the route, and never look back."





## What goes into choosing your gear?

By Veronica Delimat  
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Wedge heels, ribbon chokers, super baggy bottoms, and glitter. To some teens, these new trends in clothing and accessories mean everything. Others don't care about those types of things at all and wear whatever they have lying around.

Trends for teens have always been around. Though some have chosen to ignore them, others have relished the excitement of a new craze.

What's going on today? How do today's teens feel about fashion trends?

Carmen Gonzalez, a fashion assistant at YM, a magazine focusing on teen trends, says teens "tend to do their own thing, but do rely heavily upon media influence."

"Some (teens) follow trends to a T, but most don't," Gonzalez said. "Television, music videos, celebrities, and their peers influence them."

Teens love to copy each other, says Gonzalez. A few teens will wear something and the rest will follow.

"I see tons of cargo pants; almost every teen is

wearing them. Many teens wear "hoodies," anything with a hood."

Teens have all sorts of reasons for wearing clothes, some of them traditional and others out of the norm. For example, Chantal Huinder, 18, usually wears pants because she likes to sit in strange positions that wouldn't look appropriate if she were wearing a skirt.

Laura Peters, 16, of Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park, designs her own clothes and maintains that she is a trend setter, not a follower.

"Sometimes, I just buy (or design) something because I like it, and a couple of weeks later I'll see it in magazines, which is kind of funny because I already have it."

Eric Johnson, 17, of Curie, mostly wears striped T-shirts and jeans, and tries to stay away from making a statement.

"I don't normally follow trends. If I do happen to buy something that I know people are buying to express their individuality, I don't get it. I think dressing like that is dumb."

Ironically, teens from a couple of decades ago saw

similar trends among teens.

In the 60's, London became big with teens all around the world. Half of the U.S. was under 25-years-old therefore, a youth revolution was taking place. An English designer named Mary Quant invented the mini-skirt as well as colored nail polish that matched her clothes.

Later in that decade, people (most of them hippies) wore bell bottoms adorned with things like leather, ribbons, and patches (which is becoming more and more common for teens today). They used this trend to express their feelings, like wearing an anti-war patch that said "Draft Beer, not Boys."

The 80's were lead by Madonna, who even had her own teenage clothing line that included fingerless gloves, lace tank tops, and off-the-shoulder sweat-shirts. In 1986, she started a Marilyn Monroe look with platinum blonde hair, red lipstick, and tight dresses.

The 90's are not over yet, but it appears that this decade has spent a lot of time revisiting the past.

## RAPE

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with five friends who he encouraged to "go for it." When she protested, the man replied, "Maria is so out of it, she won't even remember what happened by tomorrow."

"Linda," a freshman pledge, attended a party at her sorority's brother fraternity. With her friend, she went to the room where drinks were being served. Unaccustomed to drinking alcohol Linda became drunk quickly and complained of dizziness. One of the men at the party offered to help her by finding her a place to lie down until she felt better. Linda fell asleep only to awaken to a man on top of her, raping her. She protested and tried to push him away. He left only to return with a friend who also forced himself on her.

Alcohol and drugs are easy to find and are taken willingly which makes it harder for offenders to be prosecuted. New legislation is making it one step easier. If it can be proven that the female was indeed intoxicated, the man can be convicted for taking advantage of her vulnerability.

According to the Attorney General's Office, the second most popular drug is Rohypnol or flunitrazepan. This drug is illegal in the United States but is often smuggled into the country from Mexico and South America. Rohypnol is legal in 64 countries, where it is used as a sleeping pill and a pre-anesthetic before surgery. Other than being used as a rape drug it is also illegally used to boost the effects of

heroin, to help come down from cocaine or to offset withdrawal symptoms of heroin users.

There are also many incidents of rape using Rohypnol. "Leilani" was a sophomore when she attended a frat party just before the semester began. The last thing she remembered before waking up on a strange couch, wet with the urine of strangers, her clothes half off, was being given a drink by a young man.

According to Saphien the drug is commonly referred to as roofies, roachies, the forget pill and the date rape drug. There are two forms of Rohypnol tablets. The first is an odorless, tasteless, invisible tablet that quickly dissolves. It is easily slipped into people's drinks without detection. Victims suffer side effects including dizziness, disorientation, hot and cold flashes, nausea, blackouts, partial paralysis, and impaired speech and judgement or amnesia. The drug can sedate victims within 15 minutes of consumption and last up to three hours. Some victims report that the effects do not fully wear off for several days.

The second most recent form of the drug is easier to detect in a person's drink. Once in a drink, it releases a murky, blue dye and takes longer to dissolve. This is just one of Hoffman-LaRoche's methods of stopping misuse of the drug, Saphien said. Other's include curtailing distribution, prohibition of illegal imports, and reducing the dosage from 2 mgs.

According to the Rape Crisis Center's

fact sheets, another widely used drug is gamma/hydroxybuterate. It is commonly known as GHB and can cause grievous body harm. Contrary to popular opinion, this drug is illegal to distribute or manufacture. However, it can be easily concocted from common chemicals such as Iye. Mail order ingredient kits which are available on the Internet also make manufacture possible. GHB is sold in capsules and powders but it is usually as a liquid with a salty taste. It is often used as a dietary supplement for body building and to assist in heroine and cocaine withdrawals. Devotees claim that GHB, in the proper dosage, lowers inhibition, increases sex drive and provides an euphoric out-of-body high. Some consider it a lighter alternative to LSD and PCP.

A teaspoon of GHB often lasts up to eight hours and can render a victim unconscious. The symptoms come in approximately 5 minutes and reach full strength in 15 minutes. It causes nausea, convulsions, amnesia, blackouts and the central nervous system to shut down, resulting in decreased respiratory abilities, a slowed heartbeat, coma or death.

Death has been the end result for many who have experimented with GHB. Such cases include 15-year-old Lucas Bielat, who ingested some GHB during a rave in the California desert. He quickly began frothing blood, curled up in the sand and died. Holly Harmon, 19, remained in a coma for one year after she took a swig at an Atlanta party. Because GHB is manu-

factured by individuals, the quality of the drug varies. A bad batch, which contains too much alkali, can burn the esophagus.

Legitimate use of GHB is limited to Europe, where it is used as a surgical anesthetic, to induce a short-term coma, treat narcolepsy, as well as alcohol and drug dependency, and as a neurotransmitter.

The final rape drug is ketamine also known as Special K. It is administered in liquid, tablet and powder forms. It is a fast acting, veterinary anesthetic that causes impaired judgement, paranoia, hallucinations, amnesia, numbness, convulsions, muscle rigidity and respiratory deprivation. Its effects last for one hour but it can take a victim up to 48 hours to fully recover. In large doses it can induce oxygen starvation to the muscles and the brain, causing permanent damage.

Most substances remain in the urine as long as 72 hours after ingestion. This can be a tool for prosecution.

Under legislation date rape is easier to prosecute than regular rape and carries stiffer penalties. To combat popularity among teens Rohypnol has been placed in the same category as heroin and LSD. Declaring Rophynol a schedule 1 drug would provide a minimum 10-year and a maximum 20-years prison sentence for smuggling, sales, possession offenses and intent to administer.

For general information about the drugs and assaults, call (800) 720-1076.

For a rape crisis center, call (800) 656-



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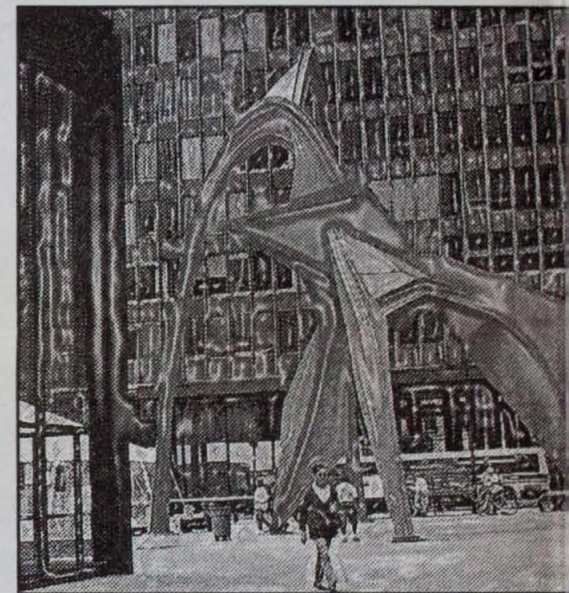
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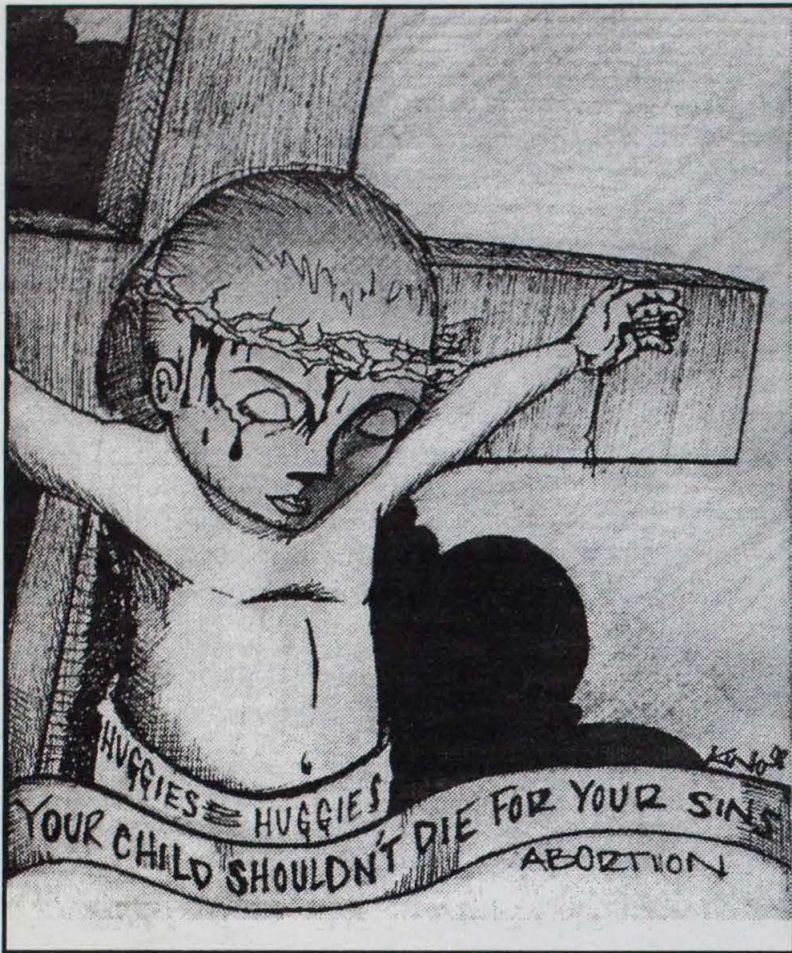
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## Smaller classes are beneficial to students and teachers

NE Staff Editorial

In late August, Democratic candidate for Governor, Glenn Poshard, said that if he were elected, he would drop the grammar school class size to no more than 20 students to a class.

This is something that Chicago Public Schools should have done a long time ago. The average class size in any Chicago public school is between 27-33 students, whether it's grammar or high school.

Large class sizes are bad for students, especially those who need more individualized attention.

Reducing class size would also help the teachers. They would be able to have more time taking attendance, tutoring individual students, and dealing with disruptive elements.

During the 1980's, school districts in Indiana and Tennessee went through programs that examined the impact of having smaller class sizes. Both programs were successful.

Illinois should take a page from our neighboring states.

## Do we have any rights anymore?

Staff Editorial

At the same time our country is famous for its freedoms, there are more and more rights being stripped from teens.

Case-in-point, in October, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an appeal by teens and parents of an Indiana school district to discontinue random drug tests for all students participating in extra-curricular activities. Under the ruling, students who are not suspected of using drugs are just as likely to be tested as habitual users.

While the rejection was handed down to one school district, the decision has implications for Illinois and all U.S. public schools.

In their decision, the justices didn't even bother to offer a comment on the appeal, leaving in tact a federal

appeals court ruling stating that such testing is not a violation of students' privacy rights.

Are students no longer citizens?

The fourth amendment of the US Constitution guarantees the right of people "to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures."

This law, while crafted over 200 years ago, applies to students today and tomorrow. However, the U.S. Supreme Court apparently feels like it can dismiss these rules.

Imagine going to your weekly audio-visual club or National Honor Society meeting, and being informed that you must take a urine test to determine whether you are a drug user? If it sounds unreasonable, it is.

## Shocked over alleged abuse

By Francesca Eadie

Columbia College

When does discipline overstep its boundaries and enter into the territory of abuse?

Such outrageous forms of "discipline" were highlighted in a recent news report of an auto shop teacher in south suburban Crete-Monee High School. The instructor allegedly shocked his students with auto machinery as a form of "discipline."

There is a fine line between discipline and abuse. Therefore, one must understand where one line ends and where the other begins.

Looking at the facts, one of the victims said, "the teacher used spark plugs and an engine to shock him and his fellow classmates as a form of punishment." To make matters worse, the student charged "the teacher also offered a chance for the students to improve their grade by getting shocked."

Fortunately, the teacher was fired from Crete-Monee after admitting to the shocking of his students. Furthermore, the family of one of the victims has filed a federal lawsuit against the teacher. Despite the reports of his behavior, no criminal charges were filed against him.

Discipline is necessary for those who need it. However, when "discipline" endangers the life of a person, it is no longer a viable option.

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Signed, Fed Up, age 17

Dear Fed Up,

Your mother knows best. I bet you're fed up with that line, right? Seriously, have you listened to your mother's suggestions? If not, give it a try. Your mother is much more experienced (believe it or not). You may be surprised at your mother's advice. If you have not listened and feel she has no clue, then let her know that you would like to be able to settle some things without her input. You are 17-years-old and will soon be resolving your own problems. Nevertheless, you will always need your mother. According to Dr. Connie Bernt, a staff psychologist at DePaul Community Mental Health Center, "Parents should keep their parent-child relationship open in a way children will volunteer answering personal questions. They should also know the balance between what they can and cannot control in their children lives. 'I love you, Mom, but I will ask you for your help when I need it,' will be a respectable response to your mother."

Dear NE,

Please help me. I'm pregnant and about to go into my second year of college. The father is around, but he's not really faithful. He

has another child on the way. I don't know if I should keep this baby or give it up for adoption. I'm pretty sure he isn't going to be around to help me with the baby. He is already claiming that he doesn't have any children on the way. I am supposed to be going to modeling school and I don't know what to do. Please help me.

Signed, Abandoned, age 19

Dear Abandoned,

It seems to me that you have a good head on your shoulders, so don't let boys like this bring you down. Let him go. I'm sure you can do a lot better. You have choices to deal with your pregnancy. Shirl Davis, of The Medical Group, a consortium of counselors located at 3700 east 106th Street, offers the following advice.

"Write out the reasons why you should keep your baby

and reasons why you shouldn't keep your baby. By weighing your pros and cons, it should help you come to a healthy decision. Don't let anyone lead you by the horn. Be your own leader. If the father isn't claiming the baby now, he probably won't once it's born. Waiting on him to come around is not the situation you should put yourself or the child through."

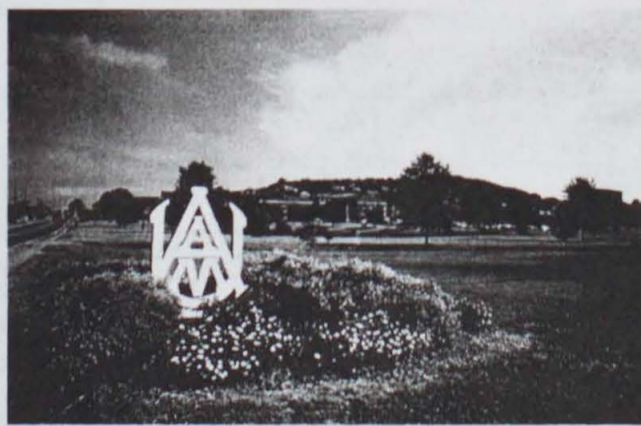
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# Kids could have killed Ryan Harris

By Nick Ortiz Richards



Ryan Harris

When I first heard of the Ryan Harris murder, I wish I could say that I didn't believe that the two boys didn't commit the crime. I realize the charges have been

dropped and police are now looking at an adult with a history of committing sexual assaults against girls. However, living on the south side of Chicago, I am very aware that rapes and killings occur and that gunshots are an everyday thing. It isn't hard to comprehend that two boys were capable of murder and molestation.

Can we not consider all of the possibilities at the heart of this matter? Can two seven and eight-year-old boys really commit rape and murder? If so, can the power of a community's protesting and antagonistic speeches push the law enforcers to create new evidence and give in to the community's logic? Furthermore, is it likely that the police were so overwhelmed with sex attacks in Englewood that they actually gave up and blamed it on the next best thing?

Two small boys committing murder is one thing that society needs to realize can very well happen especially in the inner city, and could occur accidentally. Imagine a little girl riding her bike across the streets, then two menacing boys attempting a mischievous act. They throw rocks that hit her and her bike and she flies off and smashes against the

ground. In a nervous reaction, the boys drag her somewhere. They think she'll wake up later and probably forget about the incident. Of course this didn't happen, but it does provide insight into a scenario of murder occurring. On the contrary rape and molestation, committed by 7 and 8-year-old boys is, in all aspects, totally unlikely.

A significant part of this case is that in Englewood, sex-attacks were on the increase this year alone. The area is a very violent community ranking in the top percentile of all crimes in the city.

According to the Chicago Department of Human Services, Englewood ranks 13 in violent crimes in the city. It is 7th in criminal sexual assaults against women, and a whopping 2nd in homicides.

Over the past couple of years, we have heard stories of boys forcing other kids to perform sex acts on them. We have also heard the horrified story of how two Ida B. Wells housing development kids killed a five-year-old by throwing him out of a window because he refused to steal for the pre-teens.

In the Harris case, the police should have examined the case more thoroughly before accusations were attempted.

A little girl was murdered, whose family should be respected and kept in our prayers. This should also be the case of 7 and 8-year-old boys' families. However, we must not bury our heads in the sand and pretend that kids are not capable of killing each other. It's a frequent occurrence in the inner-city.

# Police rushed to judgement in Harris murder investigation

By Francesca Eadie Columbia College

Chicago and the nation were rocked when seven and eight-year-olds were suspects in the Ryan Harris murder. The police and the public desperately cried out for answers to the tough question,

"What should be done?" Desperate in their attempts to make sense of the murder, the police decided to speedily order psychiatric tests to be conducted on the young suspects then quickly charged them with the murder. But wait one minute! One would believe that the police had enough evidence to make these hasty decisions. However, before all the examinations of the physical evidence were completed, the police had already made their move.

Surprisingly, after the examinations were completed, new evidence was discovered that caused the murder charges against the suspects to be dropped. Since then a 29-year-old jailed man is now being considered as a potential suspect. But with all of the

flip-flopping, the police still may not have the "real murderer" in custody. Are important decisions that affects the welfare of Chicago being based on inaccurate information and rush to judgements. Could the real killer still be out there waiting to attack someone else? The system has to do better than this!

I am not in support of the suspects, nor am I belittling the system of law. If justice is going to be rightly served, just the facts and only the facts are going to be needed to make the right decision.

**"One would believe that the police had enough evidence to make these hasty decisions."**

# Where are all the gentlemen?

Lenora Boothe Lindbloom

Ladies, have you ever been on a crowded bus or train and all the males were seated and all of the females were standing? Have you ever seen a pregnant or elderly woman board a crowded bus or train and the females were the ones forced to stand?

The gentlemen in today's society have decreased. When was the last time a man treated you like a true lady? In my case, it has been a very long time. Parents don't put in the time and effort into teaching their sons "Gentlemen 101." Women don't respect themselves enough to gain respect from men. They think it is more acceptable to mistreat women.

Today, the number of single-mother households has sky-rocketed. The sons in the house grow up without a positive male-figure in their lives. They pattern their behavior after what they see on television and from their friends. Men often pride themselves with the number of illegitimate children they can have and by referring to women by using offensive language rather than academic and other positive achievements. If a man is found acting like a gentleman, then he is referred to as being "whipped" and "sorry" by other men. It's a sad society when a man is ridiculed for being a gentleman.

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## Winners of the October Essay Contest

### "Should doctors have the right to release confidential data to the parents of teens?"

#### 1st Place

**Marilyn George**

*Lane Tech*

Teenagers face pressures and curiosities in their daily lives. Drugs, alcohol, and sex (pregnancies and STD's) have been some of the most rapid growing problems teens face today. Like an insect caught in a spider's fine web, teenagers are caught in worldly corruption's. Having been frightened to come home with their hopeless struggles, they look to doctors for help. A young adult has a lot of trust in the doctors they consult about their personal situation, so they expect it to be confidential.

For example, a young girl named Mary goes to the health clinic for a check up. Mary has been sexually active for the past year and has noticed signs of pregnancy. Much too afraid to tell her parents, Mary confides in her doctor. After a few days of tests, the results of her pregnancy is positive, and surprisingly enough, there are also signs pointing to an STD. With all the emotions that run through her mind, not long after does she discover that her doctor informed her parents that same day. Outraged, Mary sees no way out but to run away and never consult a doctor again, leaving her life, as well as her child's life, in jeopardy. One could see the choice the doctor made by telling Mary's parents was not for the better, but for the worst.

Although, it is requested that doctors keep a teenager's medical file confidential, many times the doctor feels it is their responsibility to notify the parents. In this world today, many teenagers do not confide in adults, therefore, doctors should be that one adult teenagers could trust. It should be the teenagers own free-will whether or not to inform their guardian about their present state. The doctor's can play a role in influencing the teenagers decision, but it shouldn't be their responsibility, but rather a responsibility of their young patient. Teenagers should be the only one to choose whether or not to keep their health files private. Take into consideration every adult's favorite phrase, "You are old enough to make your own decision!"

#### 2nd Place

**Leslie Hudson**

*South Side Academy*

As the old saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child." Meaning no child can grow and learn alone. Doctors should have the right to release confidential information to parents of teens. One reason is to help parents help teens with an ailing situation. Another reason is that many teens may not have developed good decision-making skills. Lastly, doctors should release information to parents because they may have added insight and experience.

The first reason doctors should have the right to release confidential data to par-

ents is to help the parents help the teens. Many parents may provide an accurate system or schedule for the teen to take medicine and make sure it is being taken properly. Also to ensure the teen with a helpful, supportive parents, the doctor can provide counseling to the parent and teen to help cope with the situation.

Another reason is that many teens may not have developed good decision-making skills. When a child's life is at stake, a helping hand from a parent can be critical. Teens make life-changing decisions everyday and should not have to carry the burden alone. Parents also may be able to provide important information such as family diseases and traits that may trigger certain unexplained reactions to the teens.

Parents also may be able to add insight and experience. As one grows older, one grows wiser, and the wise advise. Many teens may need a helping hand, especially from someone who has been in their shoes.

#### 3rd Place

**Noemi Ramirez**

*Foreman*

I don't feel it's necessary for any doctor to giveout any confidential information. Most of the time teens will go to consult with a doctor because they don't feel comfortable talking to someone else. I personally don't consult withdoctors about personal problems or other problems, but I put myself in another teen's shoes, and I can say this much. If I tell you something, it's for you to know, and not to tell anyoneelse. I wouldn't appreciate anyone telling my personal problems.

Here's how I see it. If I were to go to my doctor (or counselor), I want to know I can trust him. This way I know I can come back whenever I have a problem. I don't need him

running off telling my personal problems to the world. If I wanted anyone to know I would just announce it to the world myself. I know my parents like to know what's going on in my

life, so they can help me. But sometimes they really don't need to know what's going on and as long as I have someone to talk to, not much can go wrong.

A doctor should respect his patient's opinion, whether the patient is a child or not. Maybe there are times when teenagers will feel more comfortable talking to someone else

rather than their parents. And if a doctor is whom they choose to talk to, this doctor should feel privileged and shouldn't be open about the child's problem. Plus, the doctor would gain

mistrust out of it, and he would lose a patient.

In conclusion, teenagers are going to doctors to talk about their problems. If the teens want their parents to know, let them be the ones to tell them themselves. Doctors need to gain

the trust and respect of their patients and they should respect their patients' wishes. If a doctor decides to release confidential data, it would be the doctor's loss because he would lose a patient's trust.

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## Cynthia Cooper: From Maywood to MVP

By Corey Miggins  
Kennedy-King College

By now you know most of the many basketball accomplishments of Houston Comets superstar Cynthia Cooper. But you may not know about this world champion hoop star who was just west of Chicago in Maywood, but only stayed there for a week.

Last month, she returned to Chicago recently during a promotional tour stop for the National Literacy Program's Roopster Roux All-Star Reading Team. NE caught up with her as she discussed growing up as a teen and being a two-time Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) MVP and world champion.

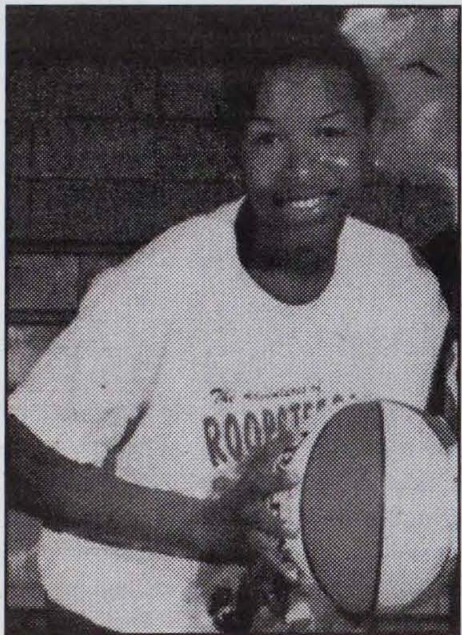
Cooper, 35, was raised in the tough place L.A. inner city of Watts, where she described it as real tough to live in. "It was tough because you don't know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. You don't know that there is a better life for you. This is not what God has planned for you," Cooper said.

Like most teens growing up in many inner cities in the U.S., Cooper weathered through many pressures from peers and was supported by her family, especially her mother, Mary Cobbs, who helped steer her into the right direction.

"I received a lot of support from my mom even though she worked two jobs to support eight kids," Cooper

explained. "I saw the perseverance (in her) and she got through a lot of situations with her sheer determination and will to succeed."

However, Cooper added that "it's difficult sometimes for



inner city teens dealing with peer pressure when they are surrounded by negative people and negative influences."

Inspired by her mother's determination and motivation, Cooper focused her attention during high school and college on both the academic and athletic standpoint. "You can't do one without the other. You can't be an elite athlete without education. There are very few athletes who arrive at that plateau and stay there without an education," Cooper stated.

She also stresses that education should come first before sports and understand what an athlete should be able to give to their sport. "The main message to students is, if I can do it, you can do it."

Cooper played her college ball at the University of Southern California, where

she majored in Physical Education, won two NCAA championships (1983 and 1984) and was awarded a 1986 Final Four All-Tournament team honor.

She then participated in international amateur competitions that included the 1988 and 1992 Olympics, where she won gold and bronze medals along with the 1986 and 1990 World Basketball Championship medals.

Afterwards, Cooper embarked on an amazing 11-year overseas career in both Spain and Italy before joining the Houston Comets of the WNBA in 1997.

Since then, she has led the Comets to back-to-back WNBA World Championships while winning the league's regular season and postseason Most Valuable Player awards in 1997 and 1998. In addition, she has led the WNBA in scoring and three-point field goals made in '98, was the first woman named to the All-WNBA First Team in both '97 and '98 and became the first woman in WNBA history to score 1,000 career points. Cooper speaks fluent Italian and Spanish.

An accomplished singer, she also is in to rapping as a hobby, so that she can "get her message across to people."

As for girls who someday aspire to play in the WNBA, Cooper advises them "to work hard and hang tough. When it's tough times, come out, just hang in there and then go the distance. That would be to finish what you've started," Cooper explained.

## Did You Know?

In 1916, Hyde Park became the first Chicago Public School and Illinois high school to form a girls swimming team and they competed against different club teams.

In 1899, two Chicago schools, Harvard and University School [not University High], met in the first known golf match between two Illinois high schools.

In 1908, the Cook County League (before it was called the Chicago Public League) sponsored the first ever open meet in Illinois history for high school boys cross country runners.

Source: Illinois High School Association (IHSA)

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### NE Sports Commentary

By D'Sheadra Benford  
Hyde Park

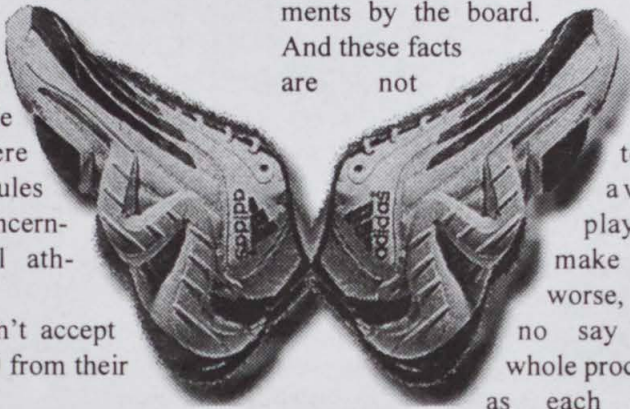
As a high school athlete, I'm tired of being oppressed by the very hand that is supposed to lift me up. Every year I sign a player's record card declaring that I wouldn't play for anyone else or endorse any products for money while playing for Chicago Public School-sponsored sport.

Most students look past the fine print and assume that "the Board" will always have their best interest in mind. However, does the Board of Education know what's best for me? I would like to know how J.W. Smith, Director of Health and Physical Development of CPS, decides what a student-athlete

can and cannot do. Smith was unavailable for comment.

Instead, I spoke with the Athletic Director at Hyde Park Academy, Coach Kenneth Lyle. He stated that there were only three rules known to him concerning high school athletes.

1. Students can't accept no more than \$50 from their coaches.
2. Students can't play for a club team in the same sport during the duration of the season while playing for CPS.
3. Students cannot accept any cash or other services while playing the same sport. Now how many students, especially athletes, actually knew that?



Not that many because I have discovered that there is no real list of rules that athletes have to follow. The regulations are detailed on various documents by the board.

And these facts are not

known to the average player. To make it even worse, we have no say in the whole process. Just as each Chicago

Public School has a Local School Council to express the ideas of students, parents and community leaders, the Physical Education Department needs a system for input from students and parents.

An example of this come from Imari

Sawyer, a junior at King H.S. He and other prep stars did a series of commercials for the international shoe company, Puma. J.W. Smith soon after demanded that the Board adapt a new set of rules to stop high school athletes from endorsing goods. According to a Chicago Sun-Times article in May, 1998, Smith and Paul Vallas, Chicago Public Schools CEO, adopted a rule prohibiting city athletes from endorsing athletic equipment in the future.

To the powers that be this might be a good idea, but what about Imari Sawyer?

Did he have a chance to defend himself? His parents wouldn't let him do something that could jeopardize his future.

It's time for all students to demand to know what's going on in their school and what concerns them.

## Bias against females in pro basketball

By D'Sheadra Dot Benford  
Hyde Park Academy

A lot goes through the mind of high school prep stars. They try to maintain a certain level of performance that will get them noticed; by not only college and NBA scouts, but if you're a female athlete the latter you don't have to worry about.

The American Basketball League (ABL) refuses to consider inviting high school player to their pre-draft try-out, called a "combine." "They (high school athletes) don't realize the talent level," said Dean Jutilla, ABL Media Relations representative. The ABL would rather have an over experienced player in their league than an under experienced player. "We also encourage player to get their degrees," Jutilla stated.

The door was also shut at the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), the sister league of the National Basketball Association (NBA). Katherine Wu, a lawyer for the WNBA, stated that all entrees must be over 22 years of age, exhausted all four years of college eligibility, or played at least two years professional basketball everywhere.

There are no exceptions to this rule in both leagues. Neither league has actual clause stating into high school players.

Mark Bray, director of media relations of the WNBA, explains that "a lot of thought went into the draft." He said, "We believe physical and emotional maturity are needed (for this level of play)."

The players do receive a base salary, housing, ground transportation, medical/dental plans and the freedom of playing in other tournaments or on a club

team during the offseason. This is unlike the NBA which signs athletes to exclusive contracts.

The NBA has a history of drafting teenagers right out of high school such as Moses Malone, Darryl Dawkins and Bill Willoughby and most recently Kevin Garnett, Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady.

In the end, the WNBA and the ABL will hopefully change their rules to cater to the growing interest of females playing basketball. But until then, both leagues have proved one thing: women cannot make it in a male-dominated sport, but can dare to be different.

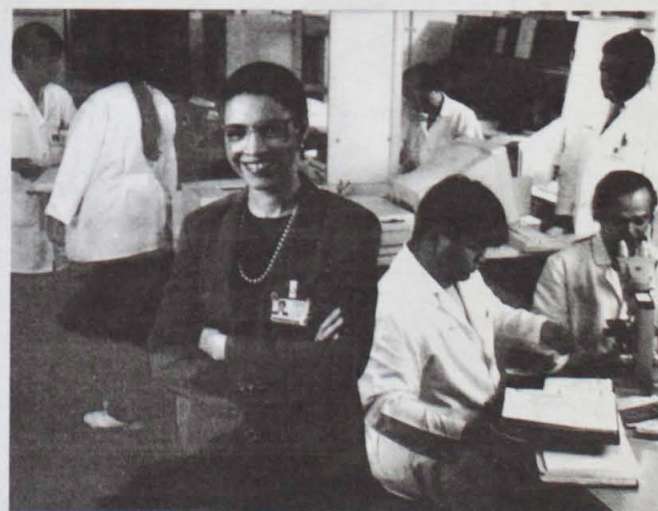
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# NE Prep Watch

## Female athletes avoid babies by playing sports

By Danyelle Dotson  
Near North

According to the Women's Sports Foundation, a national sports organization for women, four of ten girls in the United States become pregnant before the age of 20. This figure includes female athletes. However, most girls avoid pregnancies when they occupy themselves with athletic competition.

According to the foundation, the following statistics demonstrate the need for athletics as a diversion from sexual activity:

- Five percent of female athletes reported having been pregnant compared with 11 percent of non-athletes.
- Female athletes were more likely to be virgins: 54 percent reported never having had intercourse, compared with 41 percent of non-athletes.
- Female athletes had sex less often: 30 percent reported having intercourse four or more times in the previous

year, compared with 49 percent of non-athletes.

- Four of 10 girls in the United States become pregnant before age 20.

- Female athletes were twice as likely as non-athletes to delay having intercourse for the first time: 15 percent of athletes said they had sex before age 14, compared with 8 percent of non-athletes.

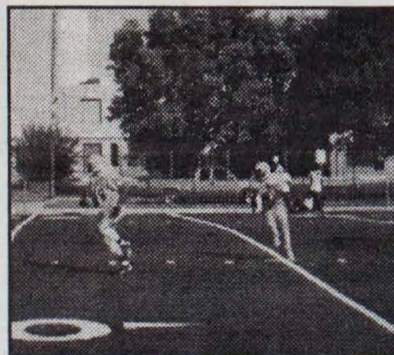
Despite the statistics, some athletes manage to slip through the cracks.

Last year, Near North basketball standout, Erica McNeary, was sidelined from the basketball team because of pregnancy.

"I went crazy. It was nerve wrecking. Basketball is my life but it's just something that I have to deal with," Erica said.

At Simeon, two players were forced to sit out the season due to pregnancies. Last year, both players factored into the Wolverines' city championship run.

These are two exceptions rather than the rule, according to the statistics provided by the women's sports foundation.



### A Return to Victory:

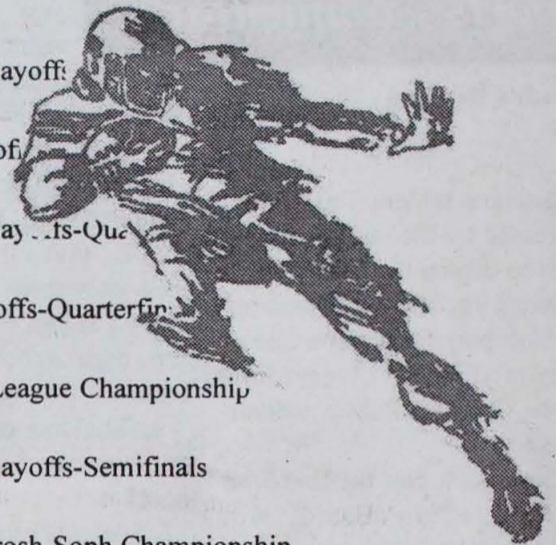
A Bowen player returns a kickoff during a recent Boilermakers' win over Farragut at Gately Stadium.

The game was between last year's Intra-City Conference section winners who moved up to the Chicago Conference.

Photo: Jackie Eadie, Jones

### Football

- November 5-6  
Public League Playoff: TBA
- November 6-7  
IHSA State Playoff: TBA
- November 11  
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- November 13-14  
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- November 16  
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- November 21  
Public League Frosh-Soph Championship: TBA  
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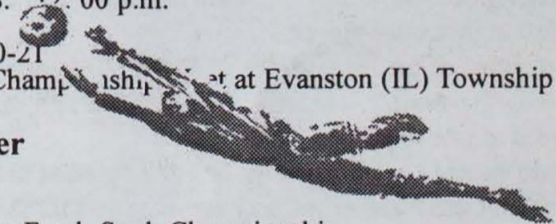
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- November 7  
Public League Frosh-Soph Championship: TBA  
Public League Varsity Championship: TBA
- November 13-14  
IHSA Class AA State Finals at Illinois State University: TBA

### Girls Swimming

- November 7  
Public League Frosh-Soph Championship at Lane Tech H.S. 9:00 a.m.
- November 10  
North Section Championship Meet at Roosevelt H.S. 4:00 p.m.
- November 12  
South Section Championship Meet at Julian H.S. 4:00 p.m.
- November 14  
Public League Championship/State Qualifying Meet at Young H.S. 12:00 p.m.
- November 20-21  
IHSA State Championship Meet at Evanston (IL) Township H.S. TBA

### Boys Soccer

- November 2  
Public League Frosh-Soph Championship: TBA  
Public League Varsity Championship: TBA
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