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Required for 18-year-olds

Is it time to register?

by Terry Krepel

Uncle Sam wants you.

Well, more accurately, he just wants to know where you are in case he needs you.

If you are an 18-year-old male, you are required to register with the Selective Service System, the government agency responsible for running the military draft.

While there is no draft planned at this time, the government wants a list of names available so that if a national emergency occurs, where a draft would be needed, selection would be quicker and easier.

And Uncle Sam is serious about it, too. If you don't register, you could face a possible \$10,000 fine and five years in prison.

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However, if you are opposed to participating in war on the basis of deeply held moral, ethical, or religious beliefs, you can file as a conscientious objector. You may file under this status when/if your number comes up in the draft, or you may file with the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (CCCO). According to CCCO director Larry Spears, over 27,000 draft-age individuals have signed up with CCCO through its CO card which states, "Because of my beliefs about war, I am opposed to participating in the military."

These cards are available free of charge by writing to CCCO, P.O. Box 15796, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Spears said he feels that "support for conscientious objection, along with the large number of nonregistrants and the vocal anti-draft movement may help to deter Congress from establishing a peace time draft", which is one of CCO's major concerns. Those who are recognized as conscientious objectors by the government would be required to serve either in a noncombat position in the Armed Forces, or in a civilian public service job, such as in a hospital.

No need to worry much yet; if the emergency were called today, those registrants born in 1961 would be the first to go, and others would be

Student alcohol abuse topic of meeting at CHS

by Eric Peterson

Tuesday, Dec. 1, a panel discussion was held in the CHS auditorium to discuss the problem of alcohol abuse among juveniles in Columbus. Leading the discussion was Robert Dierman, CHS Principal. Other members of the panel were: Chris Dixon, a member of the Columbus city council and a CHS teacher; Jerry Micek, city council member; Chief of Police Wes Baxa, Judge Gerald Rouse, and two Columbus liquor store owners, Maynard Kurtenbach and Mrs. Richard Keller.

Dierman opened the discussion by explaining that the meeting was organized because of a request by the CHS Parents Advisory Council for a public meeting to explore the problem in greater detail. All parents of CHS students were invited to the meeting, as well as the parents of students attending other schools in the Columbus area. The meeting was videotaped to be shown at a later date on the Columbus educational channel.

To begin the discussion, Dierman asked panel members for a short presentation on their problems with teenage alcohol abuse.

Police Chief Baxa said that

juvenile drinking has been problem for law enforcement for several years. He said that the main problem, as he saw it, was the person who drinks and then gets behind the wheel. Baxa explained that many people are hazardous drivers even if they aren't legally intoxicated.

"I don't know what the solution is to it", Baxa said.

City Council member Jerry Micek said that the council has no direct problem with teenage drinking.

"There is not a whole lot the city government can do," Micek said. "You can't just legislate away the problem."

Maynard Kurtenbach, owner of Maynard's Liquor, 2321 23rd St., said that he has a problem with minors who try to buy alcohol. "We are only trying to run a good place and run it legally."

Dierman then asked for questions from the crowd of about 100 Columbus residents. In response to a suggestion that a youth center of some type would help solve the problem, council member Dixon said that he didn't think it would work, and that it would be a "waste of tax money" to support a youth

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The Student Conservation Association, Inc. is presently accepting requests for applications to participate in its 1982 Program.

The SCA is a program in which students can assist resource management professionals in National Parks, U.S. Forest Service areas, and Bureau of Land Management areas.

The high school program offers group work, education and recreational experiences of three to five weeks. Equal numbers of young men* and women from all geographic areas of the United States participate in groups of 6, 10 or 12 under skilled, adult leadership. Two to four weeks are devoted to conservation work and environmental education and one week is spent hiking and exploring a wilderness area.

Young men and women who are interested in the high school program and who are between the ages of 16 and 18 should send a postcard requesting a "Program Listing" and an application from the Student Conservation Association, Inc., Box 550M, Charlestown, New Hampshire office by March 1.

Medieval Kingdom Brings fantasy to Columbus

by Eric Peterson

A new organization in the Columbus area that some CHS students may be interested in joining is the Columbus Dungeons and Dragons Club.

The club, which is new this year, meets twice a month to play Dungeons and Dragons.

'Dungeons and Dragons (D & D for short) is an adult fantasy roleplaying game," said Travis Kluck, the club's organizer. In D & D each player takes on the character of an imaginary medieval fighter, wizard, thief, or cleric. the characters live in a world created by the referee, or Dungeon Master.

Within this world the player/ characters try to get money and experience by killing monsters or other people by stealing it, or by any other method they can think of. D & D has become increasingly popular in recent years. Various groups in Columbus have been playing D & D for several years, but this is the first time an organized club has been formed for the purpose of playing it.

"Several students at CHS play D & D. and the club welcomes new members. Dungeons and Dragons is very easy to learn to play," said Ron Plankinton, the group's referee. Anyone wishing to join should contact Plankinton.



Here are a few of the books and dice used in playing Dungeons and Dragons. For another view on the

D & D phenomenon, please turn to page 2.

That video game:

Getting it back

by Terry Krepel

Well, as you may or may not know by now, we students aren't getting a video game for a while. And do you know who's to blame?

Us.

That's right, we students are to blame. Well, not all of us . . . just a few stupid people out there who are screwing things up for everyone else. Like the ones who were ripping the stuffing out of the chairs in the commons. That's why the chairs were taken out, soon followed by the game. No use in giving us something else to break, huh?

But wait. We still have a chance to get the game back and operating. The furniture will be coming back to the commons soon, and if we take good care of it, we just might get the game. But, if the same thing happens again, well . . .

It's your choice.

and where to put it

by Chris Bleacher

I suppose this is as good a time as any to bring this up. You know the problem involved with placing a video game in the high school for public (students, teachers, administrators, janitors, etc) use? It can be done.

A lot of students may not like this solution, but it should work.

All Stu-Co has to do is put the game in an isolated area for use by the honor students. This way, the honor students get a 'reward' for their hard work and those that aren't doing so well will be encouraged to try harder. (Haven't we heard this before, you may ask? Yes, we have.)

This would be killing two birds with one stone, so to speak. There are a lot of students who don't agree with the current Honor Roll system. It doesn't seem to profit them any if they do well in school. However, if these students could get out of study hall to go to a small room with special resources plus the opportunity to relax by playing a game or two, they would have something to work for.

Special passes issued to honor students would make it easy to see who belonged in the room or not. No monitor would be required, because if a student chose to misuse the room in some manner, the pass could be revoked; no more problem.

This sytem would also eliminate the problems surrounding the video games. There would be very little misuse of the games.

Crime of the century?

It was recently announced in the bulletin that throwing snowballs, as well as being against school rules, is illegal in the city of Columbus.

I haven't had time to personally check this law out, and I certainly hope that the guys we pay to make



by Terry Krepel

these laws mentioned somewhere in the text of this snowball ordinance about throwing'em to deliberately damage someone/something. But wouldn't it be wild if the law just said a citizen can't throw snowballs period? (Yes, I know it's a dumb idea, but if I don't explore this possibility I won't have a column and my advisor would become very perturbed.) I can see it now . . .

'Next case, please.' "Case no. 20,456, City of Columbus vs. Smith and Jones. Would the

defendant stand up, please?" The courtroom is silent as two



very nervous nine-year-old boys slowly get up from their chairs.

"Are you William A. Smith and Scott R. Jones?" the judge asks. "Y-y-yes, sir."

"What are the charges against

them?" "Throwing snowballs."

"Why were you throwing

snowballs, boys?" asks the judge.

"Uh . . . we were, uh, just playing around. We didn't know it was illegal, honest."

"Now what you boys have done is very serious, and . . .

"But, Judge . . ."

No buts. Your punishment is six months probation, and if you get caught doing it again, we're just going to have to be a little tougher

"Aw, jeez, Judge, we weren't hurting anyone."

"How would you like me to up that charge to assault and battery? Now go home and read a book or something.

Several hours later, as the judge leaves for home, he is pelted by a barrage of snowballs.

Video game sent back

by Terry Krepel

The CHS video game situation is over. Sort of.

By mutual agreement, Student Council and principal Robert Dierman decided to send the machine back to its owner, Green Music, until it is felt that the CHS student body is willing to take care of it.

Dierman said at a Stu-Comeeting Nov. 18 that he was willing to go along with the video game on a month's trail basis, but installing it after the furniture was removed from the commons would be "a contradiction of terms in teaching responsibility" to the students.

(The commons furniture was removed because, among the reasons, the stuffing was being ripped out.)

Stu-Co made distribute a petition to the student body stating that they want the furniture back, and that it will be taken care of. Stu-Co members will explain the situation to each student when he/she signs it.

The few students who have wrecked the furniture, Dierman said, "need to be told that they can't do this because they're only going to screw things up for everyone else."

another view

Dungeons and Dragons opposed by some too

by Chris Bleacher

The revoluntionary age of games has finally arrived. It started with chess, graduated to backgammon, popular among college students, and computers have now appeared to take over the game industry. From Atari to checkers, the craze goes on, and every once in a while a new challenge comes along.

One of the most recentlydeveloped contests to hit the market is the Dungeons and Dragons series. International Clubs have sprung up dedicated to teaching, improving and mastering the game. Dungeons and Dragons could very well start a new trend in fantasy role-playing.

However, as in every well-selling item, amongst the many fans there are critics. Dungeons and Dragons has been widely criticized by religious groups and publications such as Bread for Children. Bread for Children is written by Anna Lee Carlton with branches in Mexico, New Zealand, the Philippines, and Scotland. Bread appears to be a religious magazine, however The Discoverer could not connect it with any specific religion.

In the 'Information' section of the publication, Bread called itself "a faith ministry dedicated to reaching as many children of the world as possible with the full Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The writer of Bread feels that Dungeons and Dragons opens up "a whole realm of occult to the players." Bread has condemned D & D, calling it a "very dangerous pastime.

The idea behind this accusation is that D & D is a "war game" and that Satan has conceived these games to

bring about war on God's kingdom. Bread writes: "Children and young people alike are being ensnarled because they are not

aware of the effects on their spiritual life." Bread for Children points out

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 as clear evidence of God's hatred of the occult and of witchcraft. This implies the reason for their (Bread's) attitude toward D & D.

Carlton also explained that D & D "allows the carnal mind to enjoy vicariously murder, stealing, lying, stabbing, rape, adultry, etc." She then asked readers to refer to Matthew, Chapter 5, for further verification.

Publications like Bread are not the only ones crying out to the public to rid the nation of Dungeons and Dragons and other fantasy crazes

One concerned mother (who remained nameless) wrote to Bread describing her son Joe's bout with D & D. She claimed her son normally was well-behaved until he enrolled in a Dungeons and Dragons game at his elementary school (Joe was in the 5th grade). "During this time, we were detecting in Joe a rather rebellious, hard attitude developing," his mother wrote.

She also explained how Joe's school grades dropped by two grade levels in one quarter, and how Joe complained about doing even "simple everyday tasks."

Joe's parents talked with him, of course, and eventually his mother simply told him that D & D "is NOT a good game." She reported that when Joe accepted his mother's advice and chose to no longer play D & D, his life 'turned around'. His grades went up, his attitude improved; "the 'new' Joe was back

So, even as the Dungeons and Dragons craze is taking over every type of school from college campuses to elementary schools, the critics put in their word and leave the rest wondering.

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Jazz Band practicing for winter competition

by Mike Freeman

Basketball season is here again and CHS is ready to take on the opponents of other towns. Along to support them are the 17 members of CHS Jazz Band.

Jazz Band's 17 members will possibly perform at the Wayne State competition and also the Midland Jazz festival in Fremont.

Jazz band has been in the CHS school since former band director Larry Marik started it eight years ago.

In order to join jazz band CHS band director Bill Bailey holds auditions to see if there is a talent that he could use during performances.

"If I don't have enough players to cover the musical parts I will let them join without an audition," Bailey said.

Music played by jazz band is ordered from a company by Bailey.

After Bailey receives the music the students play it through and decide, along with Bailey, whether they will include it in the jazz band program. Rock, jazz and swing will be played by the jazz band during every home basketball game and at competitions. Jazz band practices daily from 1:50 p.m.-2:36 p.m.

Senior Jazz band percussionist Tim Zoucha said "I think it is a lot of fun, we're all working very hard. We lost some good soloists but over the years we have gained enthusiasm to be just as good as the years before."

Jazz band members do not receive academic credit for their performances however they do receive a special pin.

Aside from competitions and basketball games, the jazz band was asked to provide entertainment for the Nov. 9 North Central Evaluation kick-off banquet.



The CHS Jazz Band plays the tunes. Pictured: Back row, Alan Ferris, Darrel Freeman, Mike Freeman; Middle row, Doug Gerralts, Van Zwick, Shellie Brakenhoff; front row, Shelly Fowler, Judy Kreifels, and (behind director Bill Bailey's hand) Melinda Kucera. (Discoverer photo by Ric Karlin)

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Rugby joins P.E. classes

by Lori Stone

A new activity has been added to the CHS physical education program, rugby.

The addition of rugby was approved by the administration and CHS principal Robert Dierman. Dierman said rugby is now an approved part of P.E. because students were doing the same things in P.E. year after year and the school felt they should explore new areas in athletics.

Rugby is not a typical Nebraska sport it is mainly an Eastern Sea Board game. It is a physical contact sport which can be very "brutal." Tackle football, also a contact sport, is not playing during P.E. because it is considered to rough. However, Bart Bartholemew CHS physical education teacher, said, "The reason for rugby being played and not tackle football is that if rugby is played right it doesn't have to be so rough."

The first four weeks of the first quarter of school is when rugby was played in P.E. No more injuries occur in rugby compared to any of the other activities in P.E. Bartholemew said. Ninety-five percent of the students who played rugby during first quarter enjoyed the game very much.

Five CHS junior boys were asked what they liked about playing rugby.

Dan Aerni said, "It's a fast fun moving game."

Bill Delp said, "a physical game with non-stop action."

Dave Kosh said, "It's violent and is anybody's game until the end." Scott Adkisson said, "It beats

playing football."

Barry Whitney said "It's fast and

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On The Sidelines

by Scott Arnold **Sports Editor**

C-Club hits the road

Sunday, Nov. 15, the C-Club traveled to Kansas City to watch the Chiefs/Oilers game. About 20 students traveled to Kansas City on a bus owned and driven by Dean Ott. The trip was about six hours there and six hours back. Part of this trip was paid by funds from the C-Club popcorn sale.

You might ask, "How do you spend six hours?" Well, Craig Walgren kept everyone alive for awhile by telling jokes out of his "Bible", a now very famous joke book edited by Walgren (Wog) himself. After that got old, songs were composed right there on the bus by the ever-famous Shawn (Whoo-Rah) Mueller. These songs were then sung by Mueller's Barber Shop Singers. One of Mueller's

biggest hits of the day was a song he wrote on the request of Lisa Bobert called "Something Different." Other songs were "Put Another Log on the Fire" and "John Jacob Jinglehammer Smith".

When singing got old many football fans made their predictions on the outcome of the game. Rick Podraza came closest with the prediction of a spread of ten in the Chief's favor. The Chief's did win, thanks to Joe Delaney, 23-10. Podraza only missed the spread by three points.

A very worn out C-Club returned to Columbus at about 11 p.m. Sunday. Most everyone went straight home to bed, with the exception of Mueller's Barber Shop Singers, who went to Godfather's Pizza to discuss a possible singing

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Swimmers dive into new season; prepare for Lincoln East Dec. 8

The Columbus High swim team began a new season Nov. 9 at the Columbus Family Y with their new coach, Harold Weatherfold.

Weatherfold was assistant swim coach for the girls' swim team at the University of Illinois for two years. He was assistant for both girls' and boys' swim teams at the University of Illinois for one year. Weatherford was also a high school sectional champion for three years in Indiana. He was conference champ in the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke for two years. He took second in State in the 100 yard backstroke when he was a senior.

When asked what he thought of Columbus' team, he replied, "We have a small team, but each member is of high caliber." Weatherford said that the teams we have to watch out for are those from larger schools, because they have more students to choose from and the potential for a much larger team. He continued on

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to say that the best chance of the swim team's showing their ability is at the State Meet at the end of February.

This year's team captains are: Craig Walgren for Boys and Linda Gray for Girls. Returning lettermen for the Boys are: Seniors Craig Walgren and Terry Krepel; Juniors Barry Whitney and Scott Adkisson; and Sophomores Carl Sloth, Pete Hoffman and Chris Van Dyke. New members are Steve George and Scott Stewart, Freshmen.

Return lettermen for the girls are Seniors Bev Wichman, Linda Gray and Kelli Lovci; Juniors Karen Ablard, Marcie Herrold, Renee Weisser, Chris Lee and Kathy Lee; and new members; Michelle Zoucha, Senior; Jenny Lee, Mary Dierman, Becky Van Dyke and Jenny Davidchik, Freshmen.

Both swim teams are looking forward to a good year and, hopefully winning the next meet, which will be held at Lincoln East,

CHS cagers prepare for tough season schedule

by Tom Ek

The CHS boys basketball team prepared tough for the season's first game as they hosted Lincoln High Dec. 4. The Discoverers practiced twice a day, once in the morning at 7 and after school for two weeks.

There are six returning lettermen: senior, Jay Bullington 6-1; Jim Tarnick senior, 6-3, senior, Andy Korte 6-2; Junior, Todd Moon 6-1; Junior, Cody Schilling 6-10; and Junior, Pat Pensick 5-5.

Some of the football players were allowed to take a week off of practice

because of the state playoffs. Head Coach Al Schnabel was asked if the lay off would hurt the team any and he said he thought the players could adjust quickly to the practices.

Looking at the entire season Schnabel said that every opponent will be tough. In particular, the addition of Creighton Prep to our District A-5 playoffs could be a difficult preparation for the Discoverers if they happen to meet them in the playoffs. Coach Schnabel added that they would prepare for them as they would any other team. Coach Schnabel also said that the team is a little bit better skilled then the team last year because this year's team seemed to work harder over the summer as they attended camps and played in the summer leagues at the Family

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