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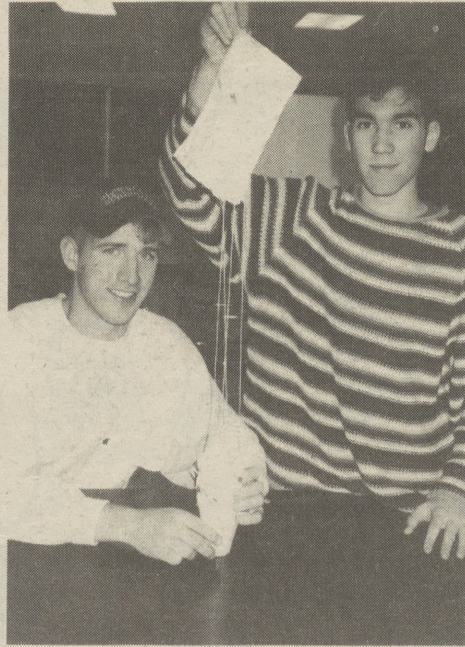
By Curt Bradley

"Bombs away!" yelled Dave Scheerer as he let go and allowed gravity to pull the egg vessel toward the ground below.

A sigh of relief passed over him and teammate, John Hines, as the egg-toting contraption safely landed, unscathed from the three story drop. This last drop had insured their victory in the Second Annual Egg Drop Competition.

On October 30, three teams braved the cold and wind to launch their creations from the Main building in an attempt to win the fifty dollar grand prize. The trio of John Hines, David Scheerer, and Vladislav Glidesblat took first with a perfect score of eighty points. Tom Flynn and Steve McFalls came in a close second with seventy-five points, and Mike Buckley grabbed third with fifty-four points.

The judging broke down into two categories: creativity and durability.



The winners of The Second Annual Egg Drop Competition, John Hines (L) and David Scheerer show the capsule that held their egg.

Helpful Hints To Scare Away The Monstrous Finals That You've Been Dreading

By David Whiteman

The monsters are coming.

They're coming all at once to bring pain and torment to all who cross their path. They march across the land, slowly devouring the mental capacities of their victims. They are unable to be stopped, for their power is too great. Soon they will be here for all to suffer in their presence. There is no escape. We, the students of Delco, will be the next casualties.

That's right. Finals, those nasty creatures that plague college students across the nation, will be coming to Delco in the next few days. For some students, this is merely a time to be tested on the material covered during the semester.

For others, it is a grueling hell week that spells certain disaster in academics. Performance on these exams may determine pass or failure for these unfortunate souls. If you fall into the latter category, or simply desire better grades on your exams, here are some helpful hints for getting by the monsters.

1. Make sure that you aren't

drunk or hungover. Although it's lots of fun, this might have some effect on your test performance.

2. Get plenty of rest the night before. Driving from here to Connecticut and back is probably not the best thing to do before taking a calculus exam.

3. Drive safely on the way to school on test day. Running over your professor in the school parking lot is not the best way to guarantee success on your history final.

4. Eat a nutritious, fulfilling breakfast before the test. No, that doesn't mean a cupcake-and-salami sandwich washed down with flat Pepsi.

5. Wear clean, comfortable clothes. Cow dung encrusted, Swiss cheese jeans may be comfortable, but...

If you follow these suggestions, you're without a doubt the biggest moron in the world and have no chance at passing these exams. For the rest of you, the only really helpful hint is to study, study, study.

The monsters are indeed coming. Be smart, don't be a victim.



Students, faculty and visitors shared the buffet at the Multicultural Association's Semiannual Food Fest.

Photo by Bernie Mount

Lion's Eye Stargazers See Clear Future Ahead For You

By Melissa Patrizio

The following is the horoscope for this month:

Aries (March 21-April 19): This is the month for decision making. Evaluate what is important to you and make it happen. Visit your academic advisor for any unresolved problems you may have. You may see a situation from another perspective after you visit.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Health should be your main concern this month. Frequent visits to the weight room may prove to be very beneficial. When it comes to eating in the cafeteria, avoid the "mystery meat."

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Come out of your shell this month. Join a campus club or attend a sports activity. There are many friendly faces waiting to meet you. This could be the month that changes you from a wallflower into a party animal.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Big opportunities are awaiting! Keep your head out of the sand and your ears open this month. Check your e-mail regularly and stay organized. This will lead to big bucks.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Love is in the air this month. That certain someone may be closer than you think. Attend the Winter Ball and dance the night away with the person who may become Mr. or Mrs.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): You may tend to fly off the handle this month, especially with that nagging

professor. Take a deep breath and count to ten. You will be glad you did in the end.

Libra (September 23-October 22): Money is still a major issue this month. You should try to limit your visits to the Granite Run Mall. Try putting your hands into your books as much as you put your hands in your wallet.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21): Remember to maintain your car this month for the commute to classes. Your race car may start to sound like a wind up car instead, so carpooling may be your best bet.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You should take studying more serious this month and put the partying on the back burner. Finals week is here. Study now and celebrate later; you will be happy you did.

Capricorn (December 22-January 20): Enjoy nature this month. If you have to walk from the library to the main building, walk slowly. Peace, quiet and nature are the perfect ingredients to give you time to think.

Aquarius (January 21-February 18): 'Tis the season to be jolly." This month enjoy the holidays. After your hard work this semester, you deserve to indulge yourself. Go for spontaneity.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Your sense of humor comes in handy this month. When the studying and shopping becomes over-bearing, your humor will lighten the blow. Your greatest strength is being open to the positive. Use it.

Classes And Experience: Are They Good Enough?

By Pete Howard

Is having a degree enough to get a well paying job nowadays? If you had the opportunity to work for more experience wouldn't you?

Since 1990, twelve different students from this campus have devoted their summer to independent research projects under the wing of Mike DeRosa, professor of chemistry. The students work for ten weeks, forty hours a week, for more than six dollars per hour. But more important than the money is the experience that they gain.

The projects are studies in pyrrole chemistry, during which the students prepare compounds and analyze data. These experiments differ from those

in a regular classroom lab, because in the classroom, the teacher knows what the result will be. "Here", DeRosa says, "I don't always know what the project will result in."

The project is limited to students who are science majors, leaning towards chemistry, biochemistry, medicine, or dentistry. Professor DeRosa would prefer someone who has chemistry lab experience, the more the better.

The project is funded by grants from the National Science Foundation. Some of the students involved have gone to the National Conference of Undergraduate Research, in cities such as Minneapolis, Kalamazoo, and Salt Lake City. Major science journals have written about this unique form of work.

The project involves an average of three to four students per year, with a few returning for two, even three summers. This valuable experience helps with job interviews and is a good reference item.

This summer three to four students will continue the study of pyrrole chemistry like the last few years. There are two open slots, but previous workers get the first crack at the job.

DeRosa says the students participate for the experience and the enjoyment. He believes the job is better than most for young college students. It's local, pays better than most jobs out there, and looks great on a job application. The job also shows undergraduate students what research is all about. A student can see what he/she is getting into before embarking on a career in the field.

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people understand the problem of world hunger. Tickets were handed out at the door and about fifty people were seated according to the color of their tickets. Some people were seated on the floor and could only help themselves to portions of food that were comparable to portions eaten by people who live in poverty. Others were waited upon hand and foot, being served large portions comparable to portions eaten by the wealthy. Literature on world hunger was handed out and there was also a crafts display. Guest speaker Inez DeBaptiste spoke about the urgency to recognize and act on the problems of world hunger.

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