

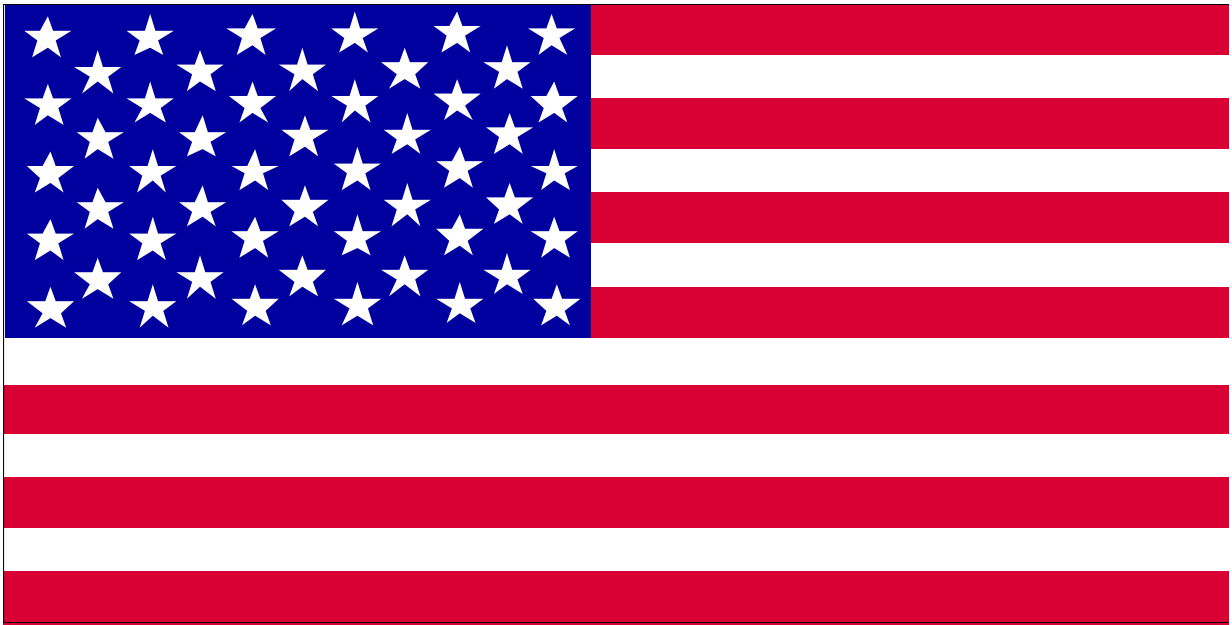
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# West Side Story

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Halloween Edition

## America Under Attack



John Richter, Grade 10

Tuesday September 11, 2001, a day that started out quiet and peaceful, became one of the most tragic days in American history. That morning, at around 8:00 A.M., four planes were hijacked- two planes from Boston's Logan Airport, one from Newark's Airport, and one from Washington's Dulles Airport. Then, at 8:45 A.M., one of the hijacked planes, American Airlines Flight 11 carrying 92 passengers and crew, slammed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. About 20 minutes later, at 9:06 A.M., United Airlines Flight 175 with 65 on board hit the South Tower of the World Trade Center. Then, at 9:40,

another American Airlines plane, Flight 77 transporting 64 people to Los Angeles, smashed into the west side of the Pentagon. At 10:00 the South Tower crumbled to the ground and, at 10:29, so did the North Tower. With the fourth hijacked plane unaccounted for, the White House and other government buildings were evacuated. The fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93 that had 45 people on board, later crashed about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. A short time later the FTSB grounded all flights. No planes were allowed to take off and any plane in the air was told to land at the nearest airport. It was later discovered that some

passengers overtook the hijackers and that might be the reason the plane crashed to the ground and not into another building. Other buildings around the Trade Centers also collapsed including World Trade Centers 3,4,5,6, and the Pedestrian Bridge. The number of dead and injured is not certain. Thousands have died and thousands are presumed dead.



## **Who is the Enemy?**

Denny Temple, Grade 11

The seventeenth son of 52 children, Osama bin Laden was born in 1958 and is currently labeled "one of the most significant financial sponsors of Islamic extremist activities in the world" by the U.S. State Department. Since 1999, he has hovered on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list and a \$5 million reward is out for his arrest. The son of a Saudi billionaire, he is the leader of al Qaeda (Arabic for "the Base"), a worldwide network of terrorists who has made it their mission to eliminate American presence in the Middle East.

Bin Laden started forming his network in 1979 when he joined the Afghan resistance fighters known as the mujahedeen in battling the Soviet Union. He used his family's wealth and connections to provide funds, logistics, and humanitarian aid for the war and, afterwards, bin Laden formed al Qaeda out of ex-mujahedeen and other supporters. His disdain for the West stems back from Saudi Arabia's 1990 decision to allow the U.S. to stage attacks against Iraq. After the U.S. victory, American military presence became permanent which bin Laden called an "occupation of the land of the holy places." He was exiled from Saudi Arabia for undermining the monarchy in 1991 and was later to end up in Afghanistan, courtesy of the ruling Taliban government.

Since 1992, bin Laden has been charged with targeting the U.S. In Yemen, while U.S. troops were en route to Somalia, his attacks on Americans failed. On February 26, 1993, a bomb exploded at the World Trade Center. In October 1993, 18 U.S. servicemen were murdered in Mogadishu. On August 7, 1998, a pair of truck bombs exploded outside the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam. During the millennium celebrations, a plot to bomb Los Angeles International Airport failed. In June 1995, an unsuccessful assassination attempt was made on the

President of Egypt. On November 13, 1995, five Americans were killed in a truck bombing of a US-operated Saudi National Guard training center in Riyadh. On June 25, 1996, a large truck bomb at Khobar Towers, a U.S. military residence in Dhahran, killed 19 servicemen. On August 7, 1998, explosions at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224. In 2000, the U.S.S. Cole suffered a suicide bomber at Yemen.

In a fatwa issued in February 1998, bin Laden states that "the ruling to kill the Americans and their allies, civilians and military is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it."

The Taliban, which currently has bin Laden in hiding, is a radical Islamic militia that has recently gained control of Afghanistan. While started as a resistance to stand up to the corrupt army commanders and greedy warlords that dominated the chaos-torn country, they became as brutal as their predecessors. The Taliban government imposes the strictest form of Islam and, according to investigations, frequently slaughters civilians, destroys much-needed crops, and burns down homes and villages. The Taliban is not considered the official government of Afghanistan, though they have declared themselves as such. The U.N. still recognizes the government of Burhanuddin RABBANI which is currently part of the Northern Alliance, a loose group of commanders from various factions joined together to combat the Taliban and attempt to retake the government.

## **Arab Response**

Colleen Eisenhart, Grade 12

I recently talked with two Muslim students who attend our school. They are not that different from any other girls who go to this school. Afghanistan isn't as different from America as we think it is, according to Mozina Tajak and Afghani Roshan. They said that the areas they show us on the news are the rugged cites which have been ravaged by the Russians

through the years. They said that mostly it's basic living there and there are fast food restaurants and shopping areas as well. They are not in favor of this "so-called holy war," according to Afghani.

Born in California, Afghani has lived in the country her whole life. Mozina, however, lived in Afghanistan for the first two years of her life. She and her family left because they wanted no part of the war against the Russians. They both feel that the twisting of Islam by bin Laden and his followers is wrong. Afghani said, "Islam means surrender to God...there's no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet." They both agree that bin Laden is making the religion look bad and making people all over the world hate every Muslim and that it is wrong. Neither of the two girls wants innocent Muslims in Afghanistan to die but they agree that something has to be done about bin Laden.

They seemed worried about the treatment of Muslims world wide. Mozina said, "I think we shouldn't point fingers at everyone, only those at fault." She also said she believes there will be a prejudice against Muslims for a long time similar to the racial discrimination of the African Americans that went on in this country for many years. And I can say this, I hope with every fiber of my being that yesterday's ignorance doesn't haunt us today and tomorrow.



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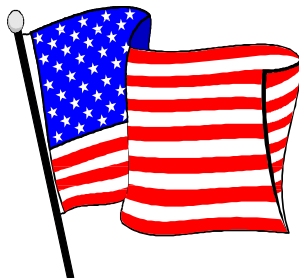
Kristen Rodney, Grade 12

On September 20, 2001, as our hearts wept and the sky wrang out the last of its tears for the day to keep us company, West Scranton High School held a rally at 7:00 P.M. on the front stairs of the school. A few hundred people armed with candles, loyalty, hope, and pride, came to honor the thousands who perished in the terrorists attacks of September .

The night, which was covered by 97.1 BHT, WNEP 16, and WYOU 22, began with the *Pledge of Allegiance* led by Mr. King. This was followed by Mrs. Lotz's chorus' rendition of the "Star-Spangled Banner" accompanied by the band under the direction of Mr. Pawlick. Both Mr. King and Senior Class President, Jason Shrive, addressed the gathering, then Kaleena McNichols sang "Amazing Grace." Anthony "Tippy" DeNunzio rang West's symbol of pride, our Bell, which we reaquired the week before the tragedies-twenty one times in tribute.

Our chorus sang several patriotic songs and the vigil ended with a moment of silent remembrance .

And so, when bombarded with staggering news, West Scranton did precisely what all West Siders would expect. We stood proud..... together. With that, I'd like to close with three pieces of advice. "Cherish what you have, for it is precious. Don't convince yourself that you're not affected by September 11th's terrorist attacks, for there's no way around the fact that we're ALL living in the aftermath. Stand proud, West Scranton, because freedom beats inside your chest and, no matter how many of us fall, freedom will NOT be shackled or slaughtered. It and we will prevail."



## We Asked, You Answered!

Ryan Michelle Coury, Iiona Jurkiewicz,  
and Charlotte Mary Lewis, Grade 10

Throughout West Scranton High School, 5 freshmen, 5 sophomores, 10 juniors, 10 seniors, 2 administrators, 10 teachers, 2 maintenance workers, 2 secretaries, 2 teachers aides, and 2 cafeteria workers were surveyed to get their views on the recent terrorist attacks. The following percentages are the results of our questions.

### Do you think we could have prevented this tragedy?

Yes: 52% No: 48%

### Would you support a retaliatory effort made by the United States?

Yes: 98% No: 2%

### Do you believe Osama Bin Laden is behind the tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2001?

Yes: 96% No: 4%

### Do you believe the World Trade Center should be rebuilt?

Yes: 60% No: 40%

### Do you think this terrorist act could cause other terrorist groups to surface??

Yes: 76% No: 24%





## Battle of the Bell

Rich Davies, Grade 11

Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of the Bell Game festivities. West Scranton students, faculty, fans, cheerleaders, band members, and players could feel the excitement. They knew that in just 24 hours was one of the most important games for West Scranton High School football. Scranton was the current holder of the coveted bell. Both teams were preparing all week for this fierce battle. Players went into this game with the mentality of gladiators. No player on Scranton or West gets more excited and pumped than for the bell game. The same could be said about the fans. Students, faculty, and alumni alike hold a great deal of pride in their school. This pride runs very deep and every West Scranton fan not only *expected* but they *demand* a victory. So, Thursday began with the motorcade. This event was held around 5 P.M. on Thursday, about an hour or two prior to the pep rally. The players were driven around town on a flat bed truck, through the streets that were crowded with screaming and excited West Scranton Invaders. At about 7 P.M. the players made their way to Lackawanna Little

League complex for the pep rally/bonfire. The West Scranton players were introduced one by one to the cheers of the crowd. About 300 screaming West Side fans attended this event. Spirits were high as this marked the first public gathering of West Scranton High School students since last year. Players, fans, and faculty who attended the pep rally appeared extremely confident about West bringing home the bell on Friday night. And they should have been. Alumni attended this event and brought their children. This truly was a family event complete with fireworks, a bonfire and a fun atmosphere that united old, current, and future Invaders to cheer West to victory in the 2001 *Battle of the Bell*.

Rain was being predicted throughout the day. Players left West Scranton at about 5 P.M. Friday night to head for Memorial Stadium. Rain showers started and were off and on from about 5:30 through the evening. About a half hour before kickoff, rain was heavy and there were severe winds and occasional lightning strikes and any football fan can tell you that the only thing that will cancel a football game (pro, college, high school) is lightning. Most of the people were

staying in their cars waiting for the rain to pass. The Scranton High School band and cheerleaders headed up to the new school for cover from the rain. At about 6:45 P.M. cars started leaving the parking lot as the rain showed no signs of stopping. As the cars filed out, there was a radio announcement (via KRZ) that the game was cancelled for Friday night, and would be rescheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m.

With the cancellation of the Friday night's game the season officially began on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Evan Prall had an outstanding performance against Scranton with 4 catches for 114 yards and two touchdowns. This earned him *Athlete of the Week* honors from *The Scranton Times*. Senior linebacker Nick DeSantis helped lead the defense to a shut out over the Knights. The final score was 23-0, West. West won the bell continuing a 60-year tradition. Since it may very well be the last *Battle of the Bell*, this win was of special significance for every Invader—past, present, and future. Present Invaders had the privilege of hearing the Bell ring loudly and proudly through the halls of West!

***WEST IS BEST!***

## The King Speaks

Sara Blazonis and John Richter, Grade 10

It's that time of the year again, you know, when reporters here at *West Side Story* sit down with our principal, Mr. King, and ask him the tough questions about what we can expect at West Scranton High this coming year.

First, we asked Mr. King about the state of West Scranton High School as the 2001-2002 school year commences. "I think we are in great shape. Starting off this school year our attendance has been excellent. We have had hardly any problems at all as far as fights. On top of it, we just finished our Middle States Evaluation last spring and we are waiting for the official word that we have been accredited," he replied.

As for West Scranton's strong points? "One of our strong points that people mention all the time is the pride in this school. Most people who attend this school are following in the footsteps of their parents and grandparents. Even on a rainy, miserable night when we had the vigil, I was impressed. There were at least 300 people here that night."

When asked how he thought West would be affected by the opening of the new Scranton High School, Mr. King replied, "of the 150 students who could have gone to the new school because they were from North Scranton only 30 went. The 120 kids who chose to stay are a testament right there to this school. I think that we are going to be proof that the building doesn't make the school, it's what happens inside the walls that makes the school."

Very true, but can we expect any improvements here at West? "Oh, yeah. I'm pushing to get the entire school wired with full internet access to all of the classrooms. We are going to be pushing to get our lavs cleaned up with new doors for the stalls. I want to try to get the fence outside painted."

Next came a question concerning something I'm sure we've all heard rumors about. Since West Scranton Intermediate adopted a uniform policy this year, is West Scranton next? "I would say so, possibly in 2003. I know there has been a lot of talk at the school board level

because they want to see continuity from K-12 so that the entire district is in uniforms. More than likely it's going to happen and more than likely in the fall of 2003. I don't see it happening next year."

Many students have a negative attitude towards the idea of uniforms. The popular opinion is that uniforms will infringe upon the freedom of expression of students. Mr. King disagrees with this, saying, "during school hours you are still being able to write papers, for instance graduation projects. I look at it like this: just as you would probably dress a certain way for church, just as you would dress a certain way going out with your friends, you'd dress a different way for school. It's part of my profession to dress properly for the position that I'm in. It's serious business, and I think school is serious business. Maybe that's another way of sending the message."

Our final question for Mr. King: How do you like being a parent and how has it impacted your life? "Oh, are you kidding? I love being a parent," he said as his face lit up and he proudly displayed a picture of his daughter. "It's probably the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. I think it's made me a better person, I think it has made me a better principal, it's made me a better husband, and I'm really, really proud to be a parent. Now I can truly empathize with the parents when I talk to them, now I know where they're coming from because I'm a parent myself now, where I wasn't four and a half months ago."

It's sounds like we're at the beginning of another great year at West.

## Accreditation

Mary Kay Bauman, Grade 12  
Dorothy Grill, Grade 11

In May of 2001 West Scranton High School underwent a Middle States Evaluation. Ms. Rochelle Crowley and Mrs. Alice Reyes were last year's chairpersons. Ms. Crowley was interviewed by one

of the staff of *West Side Story*. She gave us a great deal of information on the subject.

No official report has been sent to West Scranton as of yet; on their last days here the accreditation team indicated that we had successfully met the criteria for the Accreditation for Growth (AFG). In our field of technology, West Scranton needs additional resources. The school has received a grant to update the computer lab residing in room 215 and an additional room will make its home in room 113. Aside from our lack of advanced technology, the accreditation team complimented us on our overall atmosphere. They felt that, as a school, we had enough support from administration, parents, and stakeholders to meet our goals. With our graduating students pouring themselves into colleges and other schools, West Scranton High School had a need to pass this evaluation. The Middle State Association is a well recognized and respected organization and with the passing of our evaluation West Scranton can now move ahead.

## Achieving Excellence

Jason Shrive, Grade 12

West Scranton's own David Keiper, a senior, had bestowed upon him the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor. He was inducted into the select group of Eagle Scouts on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2001 at the Jackson St. Baptist Church. This goal was achieved through much hard work and dedication. We, at West Scranton High School, would like to extend to him our most sincere congratulations on this prestigious accomplishment.



## **Letter from the Editor**

Dear Readers:

My name is Jason Shrive. I will be the Editor-in-Chief for the 2001-2002 school year. We will cover many articles of importance to everyone in the school. National issues, sporting events, school policies, and humorous pieces will all be a part of this year's *West Side Story*. If, at anytime, anyone has a suggestion for the paper or the school at large there will be a "Letter to the Editor" section in the issues to follow. If interested in submitting one of these letters place it in the mailbox designated to the *West Side Story* in the main office. Also, if anyone, after reading this issue, thinks that he/she can bring a different point of view to the newspaper staff, I urge you to contact me or Mrs. Kilmer in room 105. I feel that the writers, myself, and the rest of the editorial staff, along with your help, can make this year's paper a great one

Jason Shrive  
*Editor-In-Chief*

## **America United**

Jason Shrive, Grade 12

Tuesday, September 11, 2001 was "a date which will live in infamy." President Franklin D. Roosevelt used these very same words regarding the attack on Pearl Harbor. American citizens were attacked by a nameless assassin. People throughout the country were encompassed by deep feelings of shock, terror, and anger all at once. This anger has turned into an unforeseeable amount of unity and patriotism.

In the short period my generation has been alive, we haven't had the Cuban Missile Crisis or the conflict in Vietnam to rally us behind our nation. We know very little of the aspects of national tragedy or national

crisis. My generation has had the privilege of living in generally peaceful times. We are now awakened to the horrors of the world. Many had thought that patriotism was a thing of the past but they were certainly mistaken.

Americans all over this great nation have joined together like never before. We, as a society, have forgotten the things that have, for so long, divided us. Race, religion, and ethnicity are now insignificant. We are united as one people. Maybe that will be the one positive thing that comes of this crime against humanity. If so, then the lives that have been lost were not lost in vain.

Countless Americans attend services honoring our lost brethren. Everyone was or will be directly affected in some way by this terrible day in our nation's history. All of us hurt when we hear the stories of the deceased. Their families and friends will never be the same again. I don't believe that we as a nation will either. But we will move on. I know this because of the outpouring of support that has been visible throughout the last few weeks. Strangers at vigils lock arms with one another with nothing to get between them because, from now on, we are not dividing ourselves into separate groups; we are simply referring to each other as Americans. Songs such as "God Bless America," "America the Beautiful," "The Star Spangled Banner," and "God Bless the USA" have been sung and played everywhere. When listening to one of these songs that may have been ineffectual to us before, we cannot help but to pause and think of our nation and where it and we are heading. I know I will never forget where I was, what I was doing, and how a nation pulled together on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, and the time that followed the infamous date.

**September 11, 2001**

This article is in response to the article written in the "Your Opinion" section of *The Scranton Times* by Brenda McGuire of Scranton titled "Close West."

## **Keep West Open**

In October of 1996 the Scranton School District Board of Directors after much debate, held a vote deciding if West Scranton High School students should be included in the student body at the new Scranton High School. The outcome was a six to two majority vote in favor of keeping West Scranton High School open, with Directors John Brazil and Mary Kay DelRosso voting in favor of inclusion. Director Mark Kendel wasn't present at the meeting. West Scranton residents rallied against the idea of combining both student bodies then as they do now. West Scranton High School is one of the few remaining neighborhood schools left in the area. It is a school that projects a very close knit family atmosphere. In times such as these when there is a tremendous amount of violence in schools, that close knit setting gives students, faculty, and the community at large a sense of belonging which contributes to the process of education itself.

Traffic problems should have been considered when the new Scranton High School was being built as per the recommendations of countless Scranton taxpayers. How dare you say we, the students of West Scranton High School, should give up the well-deserved funding we are set to receive. If anything, we should be demanding more money to rehabilitate facets of our school that need work. When you say "it's about time that West Side realizes they are part of Scranton" and "the other 75 percent of this town has not only paid to build the school, but now has to pay to get the kids there," you seem conveniently to forget that the 25 percent that you are leaving out, referring to West Scranton residents, also paid school taxes and deserve some consideration. I don't think that it's a lot to ask that we get a fraction of the amount of money that was spent on the new Scranton High School. In closing, you have your school, now let us have ours.

Jason Shrive,

*Senior Class President*



## Mr. Rusnak's Final Say

Colleen Eisenhart and Mary Kay Bauman,  
Grade 12

Mr. Rusnak has been our vice-principal at West Scranton High School for almost three years. He was definitely a busy man while here at West; trying to find him was not always an easy task. He, as vice-principal, was in charge of disciplinary actions taken in the school but most will remember him smiling good-naturedly. He is leaving to be the principal at Forest City Regional School District. He will be the principle of grades 7-12 and roughly 425 students in all attend. He seemed happy because of this promotion and the decreased commute. He will be leaving sometime in mid-November.

Mr. Rusnak felt that his presence behind the scenes was one of his best accomplishments here at West. Tackling these duties, he felt, allowed the school to run in a smooth manner it is supposed to. I: Is there anything you feel that you failed to accomplish?

MR: "It disappoints me that I won't be able to see the junior class graduate because they were freshmen my first year and I would've liked to see them run through the entire system."

I: What parting statements would you like to make to the students before you leave?

MR: "If you make a mistake, admit it, learn from it, and move on as quickly as possible. Also, of course, a big 'Thank You' for being allowed into the West family. I feel I will always be a West Sider."

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## Our President

Steven Bielinski, Grade 12

After the highly contested 2000 election and much partisan bickering on both sides, on January 20, 2001, George Walker Bush became the 43<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States. Although he has faced multiple challenges from the beginning, he has been remarkably successful in his endeavors. Despite opposing views on many issues, I'd like to commend the president on how he's responded to sudden crisis and discuss how his first months in office progressed, preceding the awe inspiring tragedy of recent weeks. The recent attacks have affected us all in some manner and, in the wake of the recent attacks, their impact on Bush's Presidency and on all American citizens will be discussed.

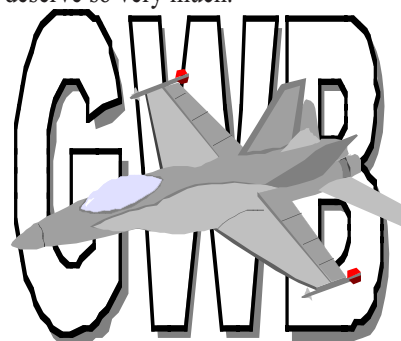
The new administration was not highly visible in the press at first. The media's feeding frenzy with former President Clinton's pardon of fugitive financier, Marc Rich, grabbed headlines for several weeks before and after Bush's term in office started. During this scandal, Bush began his selection of a cabinet. Controversy ensued over two selections in particular, John Ashcroft for the post of Attorney General and Christine Todd Whitman to head the Environmental Protection Agency. Both were viewed by many Democrats as outside of the mainstream political spectrum.

However, even these two picks were rather swiftly confirmed, cementing the first victory of the new administration.

The President's victories hit a roadblock, however, when Senator Jim Jeffords of Vermont, a Republican, changed his party affiliation to the Democratic Party. Citing a lack of moderation in the party, he said he no

longer felt comfortable staying affiliated with it. While this captured much attention because it gave control of the Senate to Democrats, Bush soon refocused on his priorities. Weeks later, in a last minute agreement with a leading Democrat, the president managed to secure just enough votes to pass his (the Republican's) version of the Patient's Bill of Rights.

Finally, I'd like to discuss Bush's recent handling of the World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist tragedies. In light of these recent disasters that have touched all of our lives in innumerable ways, I'd like to commend our President for his strong stance against terrorism and the deliberate yet thoughtful speed of his actions to date. I'd also like to send my condolences to the victims and their families in regards to the horrible deeds of September 11<sup>th</sup>. President Bush's efforts to secure world support and establish concrete evidence of bin Ladin's involvement before attacking demonstrates great intellect and understanding. This country will survive, the nation will be rebuilt, and we will seek justice on our faceless enemies. The United States will recover and rebuild; however, we shall never forget the price we paid for our liberties. *Our* President will lead us through the thick fog of uncertainty to the quiet waters of peace and tranquility at home, that which we all desire and deserve so very much.



## Top 10 Scary Movies

What Lies Beneath

The Exorcist

Final Destination

The Others

Nightmare on Elm Street

Stir of Echoes

Scream

I Know What You Did  
Last Summer

Valentine

It

History of Halloween

Robert Keiper, Grade 11

Halloween is a strange holiday. Halloween is actually one of the oldest holidays. It dates back to an ancient Celtic festival Samhain, pronounced Sow-in. It was started about 2,000 years ago and celebrated the new year, November 1. On October 31, they celebrated Samhain. They believed that ghosts returned to earth. By the 800s Pope Boniface IV designated November 1 All Saints Day, a time to honor saints. Samhain was renamed All-Hallows Eve and was later renamed Halloween.

Trick-or-Treating came about back in Middle England. During All Souls Parades poor people would beg for food and the people would give them cake if they prayed for their dead family members. As for wearing costumes, people hundreds of years ago thought there were ghosts on Halloween. In order not to be reconized, they would wear masks. Today Halloween is the second largest holiday, next only to Christmas.

## Movie Review

### The Glass House

After sneaking out to see her friends, Ruby Baker (Leelee Sobieski) comes home to find police cars parked outside her house. Thinking her parents noticed her disappearance and called the cops, she enters the house to face the music. There she learns her parents died in a car accident on the way home from their anniversary dinner.

Shortly after she learns that her parents had chosen Terry and Erin Glass (Stellan Skarsgard and Diane Lane), their once next-door-neighbors, to be the legal guardians for her and her brother, Rhett (Trevor Morgan). At first Ruby's excited—the Glasses have a beautiful home and give the kids whatever they want. Soon, however, she begins to notice things aren't always as they seem. Why do she and Rhett have to share a room in this huge house? What's the truth about the phone conversation she hears between Terry and one of his "business associates"? And why do all published reports of her parent's accident say that her dad was driving a BMW when he owned a Saab?

This is more suspenseful than it is scary. It's really good if you like mysteries and movies that make you think they're over when they're really not.

# BOOO!!

Haunted Colleges  
of  
Pennsylvania

Mary Kay Bauman, Grade 12

**Lehigh University** The library is haunted by an elderly man.

**University of Pittsburgh** Laurel Hall and the Living and Learning Center are haunted by many different types of ghosts. An old man has been seen yelling at people in their sleep and a woman and a boy have been seen.

**Saint Mary's Catholic School** The bathrooms in the lower hall of the school seem to be haunted. The door bangs in the boy's bathroom and a bloody handprint appears on the wall. You can hear a moan and it sometimes will give chase.

**West Chester University** West Chester University Hollinger Field House is haunted.

by the Ghost of Drutz. Back in the early 20s there was a student who hung himself on the fourth floor stairwell on homecoming weekend and is said to appear each year at homecoming and, if encountered, he will CRUSH his victims

**Haven University Sloan Hall** The university arts buildings haunted by three ghosts: one a woman draped in white, very calming (seen mostly in the main stage theatre area), the second a feeling of a curious child (but nothing seen—generally in the studio theatre on the third floor) and, lastly, a black, fast moving blur of a spirit, very menacing.

**Bryn Mawr College** A student, Lillian, haunts Merion Hall. She attended in the beginning of this century. She believed she had leprosy although the doctors could find nothing wrong with her. To cure herself, she took a bath in kerosene and knocked a lantern in to the bathtub. She is said to have run screaming in flames down the hall.

**Delaware Valley College** - The dorms are haunted by a ghost who hung himself and can be heard walking down the hallway.





## WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT

This whimsical piece is intended for enjoyment only. Please do not take offense because none is intended.

### HOT

WEST SCRANTON  
SENIORS  
JEAN SKIRTS  
JEAN JACKETS  
SILVER JEWELRY  
NIKE BASICS  
FOOTBALL  
DAVE MATTHEWS BAND  
PATRIOTISM  
THE TRUTH

### NOT

SCRANTON  
FRESHMEN  
DRESSES  
SMOKING  
SWEATER VESTS  
ADIDAS  
BOYBANDS  
IGNORANCE  
PROPAGANDA  
ILLITERACY

## **The Frightening and Freaky Top 13 Ghoulish Couples of Halloween!!!**

Alison Lencicki and Liz Richardson

Grade 12

Evan Prall and Lacey Johnston  
Bobby Baresse and Crystal Johnston  
Mike Jenkins and Sarah Romanini  
Billy Bennett and Maura Lance  
Matt Loughney and Pam Woerhle  
Gerry Pellegrino and Missy Kashuba  
Andy Wally and Kim Shiner  
Chris Maloney and Maria Stefani  
Donny Zimmerman and Michelle Lynch  
Dave Kime and Amy Sepkowski  
Mike Stefko and Katie Kincel  
Baresse and Hillary  
Eric Stollen and Lena Kashuba

## **The Innocence of Halloween**

Mary Kay Bauman  
Grade 12

Halloween is a time of magic and make believe, candy corn and pumpkins, ghosts and goblins. Our times of magic and make believe disappear as we grow older but the memories still last. Do you remember...

.....Walking in the costume parade in elementary school

.....Stopping at grandma's house to show her how "adorable" you look

.....Holding you parent's hand as you walked the dark streets

.....Drinking gummy worm punch and eating candy apples

.....Looking for a witch flying past the moon

.....Getting candy for yelling "Trick or Treat smell my feet"

.....Eating so much candy that you felt sick

.....Taking all the silver change from the money dishes people held out to you

.....Watching scary movies when you weren't supposed to

.....Planning on what your're going to be next year



## Athlete of the Week



### Homecoming Court

Michael Jenkins & Sarah Prislupski

Christopher Connor & Ashley Stelmak

Frank Sporer & Stephanie Murphy

Billy Osgood & Colleen Joyce

Michael Kasper & Annie Phomnath