

the leaf

photosynthesis at its finest

By: Lily Ricci

The Leaf, the monthly school newspaper, was run by 76 of the schools' most talented writers.

Every year it attracted new members through teacher recommendations and word of mouth. It was an actual class that consisted of freshmen through seniors that ran for three bells every day.

Claire Thompson, 12, was the editor in chief along with the talented team of Nick Zalucki, 12, as Managing Editor, Alexa Fogler, 10, and Jen Lee, 10, as the Business Managers and various page editors. The Leaf had been running for 54 years, which made it one of the longest running clubs.

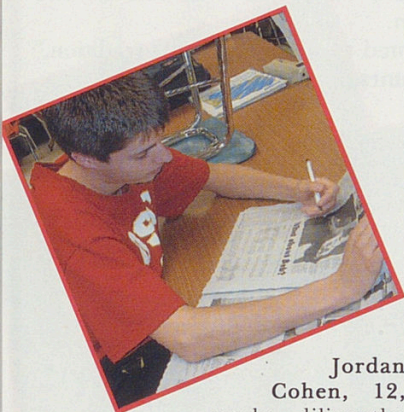
They covered a vast variety of topics from the hottest school fashions to the biggest global disasters. Students worked tirelessly on their stories to make deadline.

"During deadline, it's crazy, but seeing the finished product is pretty cool," said Mary Jiang, 9.

All the writers were so diverse, but they were all working toward something that everyone could understand.

"My goal is to produce students who are aware of the media and can use leadership skills to communicate with their peers," said Mrs. Cheralyn Jardine, adviser.

The Leaf was for sure fun to read, and fun to work on.



Jordan Cohen, 12, works diligently, editing *The Leaf*. Staff members could usually be found after school, perfecting their work. Either that, or trying to get their articles done for deadline.



Editor in chief, Claire Thompson, 12, counts the papers for delivery. *The Leaf* ran monthly and was handed out during fourth bell. There were always sections that students looked forward to each month.

fencing

striking through all competition

By: Jennifer Konerman

Led by Mr. Ronald Hochstrasser, this group of students was motivated throughout the year and excited about each and every competition. Each member was enthusiastically involved and supportive.

Meetings were held Wednesdays and Fridays in order to train for competition. They started in November and began competing against other schools in spring.

"I've learned so much control in my movements and my mental capabilities. It's a great source of stress relief," said Tasha Hissett, 12.

The fencing club was a part of the Southwest Ohio High School Fencing Association and hoped to make this an official sport as opposed to a school club. Fencing has existed as a club for three years.

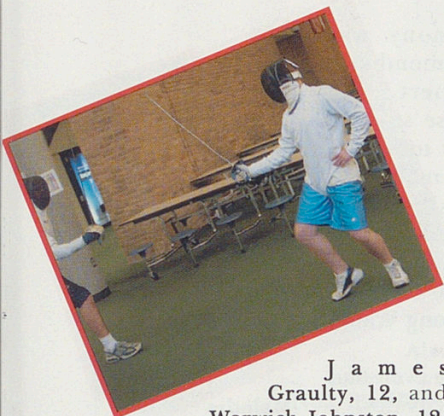
"Fencing club was all about learning an interesting sport, developing our abilities, and competing. We really wanted to

dominate the league," said James Gaulty, 12.

Fencing proved to be a harder activity that many expected. The training was strenuous, as were the competitions.

"It was a harder workout then I ever thought it would be," said Charles Suggs, 12.

In general, this club was a group that strived for the best. They put their all into every competition and the hard work paid off.



James Gaulty, 12, and Warwick Johnston, 12, train hard. Being seniors, they knew the meaning of determination and devotion. They practiced weekly and helped others advance in talent and knowledge.



Parker Baldwin, 10, takes coaching tips from Tyler Wall, 11. Many newcomers found veterans helpful in learning the sport. Older members proved to be beneficial to all students, old and new.