

## Bobbing to be the Best

By Molly Hamill and Paige Matthews



Women's Bobsled is a new event in the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. Which will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Bobsled was one of the first Olympic games for men and now for it is open to women. It is one of the most physically and

mentally demanding sports in the world. The team Jill Bakken and Vonetta Flowers won the gold medal for the U.S. breaking a 46 year draught in the sport for the U.S. They had the fastest combined time in the two runs, 1 minute, 37.76 seconds.

Vonetta Flowers was the first black athlete to win a Winter Olympic gold medal. She was the brakewoman and a former track star at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Flowers said "My goal was to make the Summer Olympics, but God had other plans."

## W.U.L.L. SPORTS

by Joshua Gordon



Tryouts for the 2002 baseball season are underway with the W.U.L.L. Opening ceremonies and carnival to be held on Saturday, March 2nd. The W.U.L.L. baseball calendar begins earlier than last year. Tryouts began January 30th, and the main season ends on Thursday, May 23rd. Division play consists of a Tadpoles, Peewees, Minors, Majors, Juniors, and Seniors. Practices will begin in January after Team Meetings have occurred. Players will be notified of their draft selection by team managers. Tolar Hamblen, President of W.U.L.L. welcomes new and returning players. Play Ball! *Continued on page 4*



## Will Pennsylvania take home the trophy?

As the NFL playoffs advanced to the conference championships last month both of Pennsylvania's star teams were in the hunt for the coveted Super Bowl ring. The NFC conference championship featured the Philadelphia Eagles vs. the St. Louis Rams. The last time the Eagles made it this far in the playoffs was in 1981 when they lost the Super Bowl against the Raiders. This Eagles team was led by their star player Donovan McNabb, a versatile running quarterback who is capable of dominating a

game. The Eagles faced tough competition from the Rams who were shooting for their second Super Bowl in three years. The Rams feature the NFL's most valuable player, running back Marshall Faulk and star quarterback Kurt Warner. Both teams have outstanding defenses that may force turnovers. The AFC conference championship includes the Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots. There is a lot of football history in Pittsburgh, whose team won three Super Bowls in the 1970's with their famed "Steel

Curtain" defense. This Steelers team dominates on both sides of the ball. Their offensive weapons include quarterback Kordell Stewart and running back Jerome Bettis. New England is coming off a thrilling overtime win against the Raiders played in a blinding snowstorm. New England has a star rookie quarterback, Tom Brady. The two teams from Pennsylvania might have met up at the Superdome in New Orleans for Super Bowl XXXVI, instead we saw a major upset by the New England Patriots over the Rams 20-17.

## THE LORD OF THE RINGS

By Travis Foxhall

In Lord of the Rings, a young hobbit named Frodo Baggins acquires a magical ring given to him by Bilbo Baggins (his cousin) but the evil dark Lord Sauron wants it to enslave Middle Earth. Now he must destroy the ring in the volcano, Mt. Doom, where it was made. Frodo must fulfill his destiny by protect-



ing the ring and destroying Sauron. It is a great movie that is thrilling to the very end, suspenseful, and has great graphics. I recommend it to families with children of all ages and I hope that you like it when you see it!

In the movie Harry Potter, a young boy

by Jordan Baker

## Harry Potter

finds out he's a wizard after eleven horrible years with his aunt, uncle, and cousin. He attends Hogwarts' School of Witchcraft & Wizardry where he confronts his greatest enemy. This movie was incredible with a spectacular cast that fit the cast of characters from the novel. The graphics were great but the movie didn't show as much emotion as the book. Over all, this movie deserves 4-5 stars. \*\*\*\*\*