The GRYPHON • October/November 2000 Professional Wrestling, Is It Just a

Sport?
For as long as people can remember, professional wrestling has always been about extreme mental and physical training, getting the win over your opponent and receiving a medal or championship belt. Now the characteristics of wrestling have drastically changed. Costume, attitude and excitement have been put into the mixture of what professional wrestling is really about. Putting this together and you come up with The Rock, Triple H and Stone Cold Steve Austin, World Wrestling Frederation(WWF) Superstars.

Over the past year or so the WWF has pulled in at least 14 million fans, with drama in the ring and backstage, such as Triple H's and Stephanie's on screen marriage and arguments. Professional wrestling has turned into a mini-soap opera. Each week WWF fans can enjoy a different kind of exciting entertainment. Many people know that the WWF isn't the only wrestling show on television. World Championshiop Wrestling(WCW) is similar to the WWF except without the drama. Last, but not least, is Extreme Championship Wrestling(ECW), which involves the use of chairs and tables. ECW is where anything goes and everything is taken to the externe.

In answering the question is professional wrestling just a sport, millions of people around the world would agree that no, it isn't. As many things around the world change, you can guarantee that wrestling and many other sports will change too! *HOROSCOPES*

Capricorn (Dec 22- Jan 20)

Your relationship will take an amazing turn for the better.

Aquarius (Jan 21- Feb 18)

You may begin to doubt that a recent decison was a good one. Have faith that you did the right thing.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)

A friend of yours will be busy perusing other interests. Family will be especially important this month.

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19)

Your peers will try to pressure you into something that is wrong. Assert your individuality.

Taurus (Apr 20- Mar 20)

Major competion is coming your way, but keep your attiude high and you shall succeed.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

An investment will pay off this month. Celebrate you fortune.

Cancer (Jun 22-July 22)

Your witty personality will come in handy this month, use it wisely. Leo(Jul 23- Aug 22)

Expect nothing, then you will be happy if you recieve anything.

Virgo(Aug 23-Sept 22) A special social event will come about, prepare to have fun.

Libra(Sept 23-Oct 23)

Keep arguing you views, even when your opponent seems unmovable. Your persistence will pay off.

Scorpio(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Read often this month. It will pay off in the short-term future.

Sagittarius(Nov 23- Dec 21)

Be supportive of your friend, even if he/she makes a bad decison this month.

Featured Artist of the month...

~Jay-z~

The featured artist of the month was voted on by the students. You felt that over such artists as Red Hot Chili Peppers and Mystikal, Jay-Z has had the most successful career.

Shawn Carter a.k.a. Jay-z grew up in Brooklyn, and went to school with famous the Notorious B.I.G. and Busta Rhymes. In 1992 he left the drug and crime scene, and began looking for a record deal. His debut, "Reasonable Doubt" wasn't a huge seller, but it displayed his promising lyrical approach, and was admired by successful rap-

In 1997, "In my lifetime, Vol.1" was realeased, and went up to number 3 on the charts. After completing the tour with DMX and Master P in the summer of 1998, the buzz from Jay-Z was present. People started noticing his work on Jermaine Dupri "Money ain't a thang." He blew up when he released the single "Can I Get a ..." That single went platnium-plus and he is now a huge star. A few months later, he released his third Lp, Vol.2... Hard Knock Life. In 1999 he toured with artists like Method Man, DMX and D3 Clue for the "Hard Knock Life tour". His latest cd named "The Dynasty" was recently released on Oct. 31, 2000, it includes the hit "I just wanna love you..." Not a Jay-Z fan? Check out R. Kelly, who also topped your list and has a recently released a new album tittled "TP-2.com". Strange name, but hot cd.

