Little bits of caring  By Kayla Zerby

What do you get when you cross a group of Liberal Arts faculty and student volunteers with 20 eager fourth and fifth graders? "A win, win, win situation," says Mr. Paul Montanarello, Principal of School #36, in the city of Rochester.

The School #36 Project provides activities to further encourage above-average students to learn outside of the boundaries and time constraints of a regular classroom. CLA faculty and students have joined Principal Montanarello and Vice-Principal Gladys Vascianic to make this project a reality.

Meeting every Thursday for five weeks, the CLA team of volunteers works with above average, but underprivileged, students to explore areas of interest they have in mathematics, science and technology, archaeology, foreign languages, reading and writing, and even arts and crafts.

For Principal Montanarello, this is more than just an after-school program. It is an academic, spirit-lifting, and goal-oriented booster. What the children gain from this challenge is something that benefits them, not only academically, but also emotionally.

School #36 is set in an impoverished part of Rochester, where funds are low and stability is decreasing. Last year, this area was ranked lowest in stability, meaning the retention rate of elementary students was at an all-time low.

Through programs such as this one, Principal Montanarello's goal is to "increase stability and decrease mobility" of the 540 students currently enrolled.

At the first orientation session in September, a feeling and spirit of eagerness to get this project off the ground spread across the face of every person involved. Among the participants were two enthusiastic fifth-grade representatives, Tamra Jones and Angelica Simmons. Continued on Page 4

Justice...it’s what’s for lunch  By Heather Savage

Never heard the words eating and justice used side by side before? As a group of Criminal Justice professors and students have learned, combining eating and justice can be quite interesting.

Eating Justice is a weekly event involving students and professors who get together over lunch to discuss a current issue concerning the criminal justice system. Topics have ranged from overcrowding in prisons, to national security and terrorism.

While the group usually attending Eating Justice is comprised mostly of criminal justice professors and students, it is open to all students. Professional & Technical Communication major, Marci Savage, states, "Eating Justice is a great place to meet new people as well as learn new information on current topics."

Eating Justice was introduced a year ago by a group of Criminal Justice professors, led by Department Chair, Dr. John Klofas. Since eating lunch as a group was a normal occurrence, why not discuss topics pertinent to criminal justice and invite students to join in on the discussions? CJ Professor Mark Gorthy says, "Eating Justice is a great idea in that it allows students and faculty to come together to discuss and debate a topic that is on people's minds." Learn something new at Eating Justice, held on Tuesdays from noon to 1pm in the SAU cafeteria.

Participants of Eating Justice enjoy their lunch and discuss the hot topic of the day.