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## Student of Week



PAT MC GAULEY

This week's student is Patricia (Pat) McGauley, the versatile editor in chief of the **Port Weekly**. Pat started her climb to the top of this paper's staff with a job of reporting in her sophomore year. The following year she was copy editor along with as always an impressive list of activities and a top scholarship record.

Pat's other literary work includes efforts on **The Yearbook** literary staff, the **Creative Notebook** editorial staff and the literary staff of "El Juglan" a Spanish publication. Ambitious Pat is a member of Clio, the science club and Circle, plays in the orchestra and acts as secretary of Celerity. She is also President of The Girl Scouts of Port Washington Senior Planning Board and a member of the Waldmer Science Research Organization. If these are not enough for her to do, Pat enjoys playing with her two cats, reading, sailing, swimming and listening to records during her "spare" time.

The busy schedule will be continued next year in California. Pat has won a scholarship to Stanford University and someday hopes to become a doctor. She spent last summer at the Waldmer Research Foundation with a science scholarship which was a step in that direction.

Meanwhile Pat is salutatorian of her class, was awarded a Regent's scholarship and scored as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Pat was born in Utah and is a seasoned traveler too, having crossed the United States nine times.

This summer she will tour South America where she expects to practice her Spanish and generally "keep busy."

## Students Enjoy Washington Trip

Twenty-three Paul D. Schreiber students boarded a plane to Washington, D.C., May 26. These students, who sold fifty or more chance books during the chance book drive, were flown to and from the capital by American Airlines. Expenses were paid by the chance book committee.

The group had approximately ten hours in Washington. They visited various points of interest, including the Bureau of Printing and Engraving and the F.B.I. Building. They returned late in the day. The numerical breakdown of the student group was as follows: six seniors (including carnival chairman Charles "Buddy" Rice,) four juniors, and thirteen sophomores. Faculty chaperones accompanying the students were history teacher Mr. Eickhoff and English teacher Mrs. Kneis.

A list of the many students to take this trip is posted in the lobby. Richard Verdi, chairman of the chance book committee, urges everyone to look at the list and make sure his name is added to it next year.

## Juniors Present Mad Breakfast

On Friday, May 29, the junior class play, "The Mad Breakfast," was presented. It was given as a special assembly, the only one before the annual awards program. Rehearsals for the play started several weeks ago.

The show was a comedy about a boarding house which had as roomers, several "Mad" people. They heard about a man who had a strong desire to visit an insane asylum. Two of the boarders conspired to pass their home off as one.

Directing "The Mad Breakfast" were Sandy Luberg and Viju Viljur. The cast included Katy Tuck, Nina Pelikan, Pamela Kagan, George McDermott, Gary Lane, Sue Redding, Carol Johnson, Bambi Grossman and Tim Wood.



- May 25 - Garden City, baseball
- May 27 - Brigadoon Tryouts
- May 27 - Archery Meet
- May 28 - Farmingdale, baseball
- May 29 - Junior Class Play
- May 30 - Section 8 - track

## Oriental Springtime Is Theme Of Junior Prom

On Saturday night 9:00 until 1:00 the annual Junior Prom, this year "Oriental Springtime," will be held in the gymnasium. The dress is formal, the cost \$4.00 per couple and the George Linder band, hired back in February, will provide entertainment.

Ann Worcester of the decorations committee, while working on one of the many posters that now line our halls said, "We're spending so gosh darn much money and time on this thing that it'll have to be worth while!"

In accordance with the Oriental Springtime theme, the gym walls will be dressed in oriental design, a bridge will pass over a moat at the entrance, and the band will perform from a bizarre pagoda at the far end. Members of the decorations committee are as follows: David Horton, Ann Worcester, John Weingart, Bob Sleight, Matty Capobianco, Barbara Kezar, Margie DeMeo and John Stoddard.

The George Linder band, from Great Neck, played earlier in the year at the Fraternity Dance, the Purple Grotto and the sophomore's Las Vegas Night dance. One-hundred-seventy five junior class dollars will bring Mr. Linder's seven piece band of continuous music back to our gymnasium. Music and entertainment will be handled by class Vice President Steve Zousmer's committee of Bambi Grossman, Gil Winter, Lou Campanella, Bob Sloane and Pat York. This committee also supervises the election of the emperor and empress. The rulers will be chosen from Jack Gibbons, Don Brant, Bob Sleight, Bob Dodson and Barbara Kezar, Louise Pfeiffer, Lyn Porter and Ellen Gebhardt.

## Carnival Success Nets Big Profits

Held on May 9th, 1959, the 10th annual spring carnival was patronized by hundreds of youngsters. The carnival made a profit of \$4,000 dollars, which is \$1,000 more than the profit of last year's.

As a result of the Friday morning election, Susan Flynn was chosen "Carnival Queen".

The drawing of the winning chance stub was conducted by



RICHARD VERDI  
by Ann Selgin

Miss Flynn. The winners of this drawing were Mr. and Mrs. Tunley, the grandparents of Dorothy Toomey, a sophomore in our school. Mr. and Mrs. Tunley will accept the \$250.00 cash rather than taking the trip.

According to Buddy Rice, Carnival chairman, the main attractions were the cotton candy machine and the "dunking booth". Plans to purchase a "snow-cone" machine for next year's carnival have already been made.

Those students who sold fifty or more chance books took a trip to Washington, D.C. on May 26th. Mr. Berry, the faculty advisor for this undertaking, has expressed his thanks to everyone for their help and support of this year's carnival.

In the interest of people who sit at dances, Jack Gibbons and Bonnie Shore are in charge of the oriental eats. Lynn Porter is supervising the sale of \$4.00 which got under way Wednesday. Mailing invitations to eighty possible chaperones have been handed out by the Junior class secretary, Ellen Gebhardt. The Wheel Club has been asked to help out with the decorations on June 5, the day before the prom. Seniors will be unavailable that day because of "skip day" and the juniors will be disintegrated by American History finals that day. Mr. Kezar and Don Brant will oversee all preparations.

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## Band and Orchestra Receive Top Honors

Congratulations to the high school band and orchestra. Both organizations competed against other schools on Long Island last Saturday and both received the highest possible ratings. The competition was held at Baldwin High School.

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## New Members of Fraternity Initiated

If several teachers' cars have appeared unusually bright for the past ten days, it may be ascribed to nine hard-working Fraternity initiates. That was just one of the many tasks that were assigned to the boys. Others included cleaning up after the carnival, and selling thirty carnival chance books each.

Those who had to perform these services are Len Merewitz, Mike Rinehart, Arthur Turko, Jon Stoddard, Ricky Chollet, Bill Mendell, Bill Nielson, John Mullon, and Gilbert Winters. This year for the first time Fraternity was prohibited from doing anything to the boys while in school. During past years, the initiates were made to do such things as wear ridiculous attire, or dance with each other in the cafeteria.

On May 24, the entire membership of Fraternity helped set up jumps at the horse show that was held in Sands Point. They also did various other jobs around the grounds.

In the near future, Fraternity is going to hold elections to choose officers for next year. This year, Pete Kirkman is President; Arthur Schramm, Vice President; Phil Sorenson, Secretary; and Dave Duvel; Treasurer. Mr. Breitner is the faculty advisor. Recently the club purchased beer mugs inscribed with the names of this year's members.

Fraternity is the club that usually helps clean up after the school dances, and this year's Junior Prom will be no exception. Fraternity's Bohemian Dance at the Purple Grotto, held earlier this year, was so successful that it has been decided to make it an annual affair.

## Miss Buckley Recovers

On April 18, Miss Gertrude Buckley was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Huntington. Miss Buckley, head of the French department at PDSHS, will not be able to resume teaching this year because of her injuries.

She was home from the hospital for a few days, but reentered it last week for surgery. She returned home again for recovery. At the present time she is unable to receive visitors or phone calls, but a card or note from her students would be appreciated.

Two weeks ago, the student council appropriated funds to buy a radio for Miss Buckley. It was delivered to her apartment.

## Assemblies Are Varied

On April 16, Miss Nomura presented a program of solo dance numbers illustrating the kinds of dancing from various countries. The most interesting of her dances included a symbolic dance of India and a Spanish castanet dance. Accompanying her and also playing individual pieces on the piano was Mr. Robert Phillips.

For an unscheduled visit to the school on April 27, the Jefferson High School Choir of Roanoke, Virginia, presented a program of

## Student Council News

The Student Council was especially pleased this week to have Alfredo Herger, Spanish exchange student, as guest. He spoke to the Council briefly and passed around copies of his school newspaper for the representatives to see. He commented on articles and devices which stimulated reader interest. Student Council reaction seemed to indicate that Alfredo's suggestions could be applied advantageously to the improvement of the **Port Weekly**.

In recognition of the G.O. officers, a plaque bearing the names of all officers within a ten year period is to be purchased for \$55.00 and placed in the lobby.

The lighting crew has been appropriated \$24.00 for services rendered Mr. Whitney and his Recreation Nights. Mr. Whitney has been short of funds and has been unable to pay the group. It was also announced that there will be no more Recreation Nights this year, as there would be so many conflicting events.

Bill Duvel has been appointed Assembly Chairman for the 1959-60 Student Council. He and his committee plan to meet with Sharon Smith, this year's chairman, in the near future. The final assembly of the year, before the Awards assembly, was the junior class play, held Friday, May 29th. The 1959 **Port Light** dedication was made at this assembly.

Finally, **STAB** continues to investigate the possibility of a Student Court. Wednesday, May 27th, they met with representatives of the Manhasset High School court to consider ways of adapting the Manhasset system to the PDSHS General Organization.

## Band and Orchestra

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The band, directed by Mr. Christopher, played "Psalm for Band" by Persichetti, "Jubilee March" by Kenny, and "The Universal Judgment" by DeNardis. The orchestra played "Last Spring" by Greig, "G Minor Symphony" by Mozart, and "Orpheus in the Underworld" by Offenbach.

Many PDSHS students participated in this affair, including many soloists, many of whom received top honors.

"It certainly is a privilege to have such fine organizations and directors in our school, and we are sure they will keep our school's reputation throughout the United States," said Timothy Wood a cellist in the orchestra.

spiritual and light music. It selection included the "Hallelujah" chorus by Handel, a combination of "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The old southern favorite, "Dixie," was sung as a finale. The choir, on a tour through the north, was en route to other schools on Long Island, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

## The Merewitzes

by Steve Zousmer

No need for an introduction to the **Alcove**. Whether you first went there as a sixth grader, junior or senior high school student, you've been there. You've probably put down your money for **Alcove** french fries, hamburgers, chocolate hollywood's and cherry-lime rickeys on several, or several hundred occasions.

You've made the acquaintance of the proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Merewitz — Mac and Harriet. Probably the Merewitzes remember your older sister who spent her after-school hours in the **Alcove**, a few years ago. They might even know your little brother who tramps in each day with his baseball glove.

The **Alcove** and the Merewitzes have been in Port for almost a decade.

On Friday the thirteenth, January 1950, the **Alcove** sold the first of the half-million hamburgers that have come off its grill.

That's a lot of hamburgers.

The **Alcove** proprietors were married seventeen years ago after a two-year telephone courtship. Mr. Merewitz was running a Brooklyn drugstore, and Mrs. Merewitz-to-be worked with the nearby Golden Pickle Works. For two years she took his pickle orders until one New Year's Eve, when Mr. Merewitz decided that pickles should not come between them, they were married.

Lennie Merewitz, now a well-known and versatile junior, came along about two years later.

Mr. Merewitz, originally from Yonkers, N. Y., saw China during the war as a sailor aboard the U.S.S. Kermit Roosevelt. If it was not for an attack of pneumonia that put him out of action for eight months, Mr. Merewitz most probably would have set up a Chinese Restaurant over there. While convalescing he attended a Culinary Arts School. He spent the rest of the war in the Shore Patrol.

Meanwhile, back at the **Alcove**,

In 1956 the **Alcove** catering business was born and that same year saw the Merewitzes move from their Irma Ave. home to their present residence on Annet Drive in Eastern Crest.

Mr. Merewitz' outside interests include movie photography and Hi-Fi. In recent summers the family has traveled to Washington, Niagara Falls and Nova Scotia in Canada.

The **Alcove** owner's activities include B'nai Brith and the American Legion.

He unhappily recalls an incident which occurred several years ago when he was again bed-ridden with pneumonia and a sizzling 104 degree temperature. Lying helplessly in bed, he heard Port's fire sirens wailing and joked to himself how ironical it would be if the **Alcove** were on fire. The **Alcove**, very ironically, was on fire. He still has photographs to remind him of that dismal day when all the hamburgers and french fries were horribly over-cooked.

## Athlete of This Week

Jeff Helzol, a prominent pitcher of the baseball team, is well-known and well-liked by many students. He has received three letters for his pitching ability. He was also a member of the football and basketball teams.

Jeff is aspiring to C. W. Post where he plans to take liberal arts. It is the opinion of the **Port Weekly** that he will be a success at college, and this reporter wishes him the best of luck.

("The Athlete of This Week" is a new column which the **Port Weekly** hopes to continue. Mr. Helzol is the very first spotlight athlete.)

## Port Weekly Offers Places

Exciting opportunities on the staff of the **Port Weekly** await students who show an interest as the school year closes. Senior staff members will be leaving. Plans are to enlarge the staff and to create opportunities for those sophomores and juniors willing to work hard and to write really well to fill top jobs later on.

Students with special interests and knowledge and the desire to write columns or begin departments are particularly welcome. So are those with a talent for writing poetry, short humorous pieces and reporting events. Instruction will be given to all who need it in the art of writing for a school newspaper.

## History Classes Attend Assembly

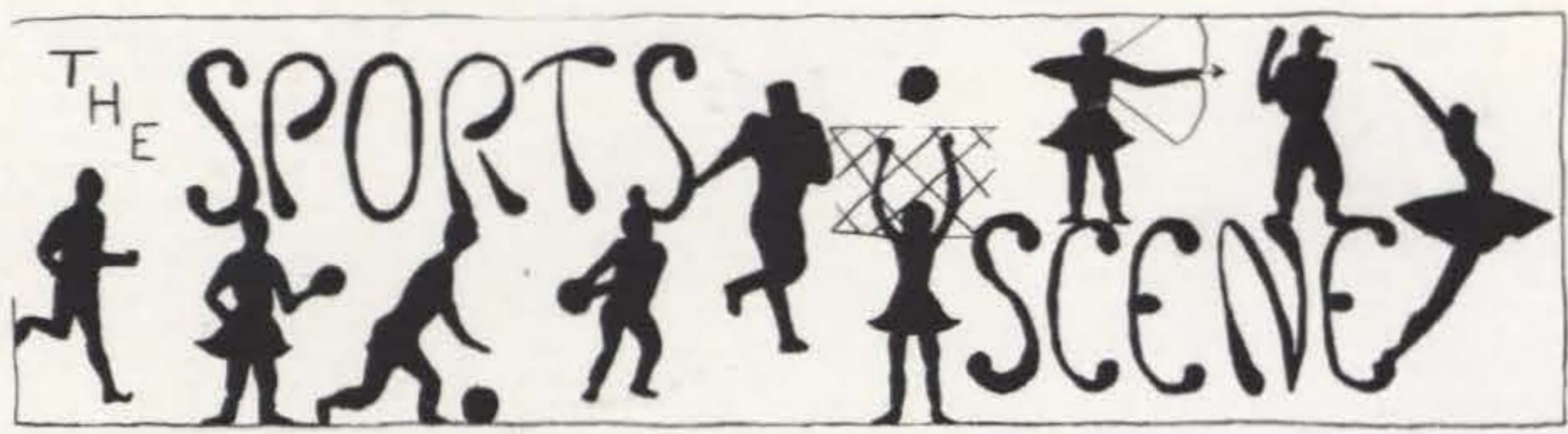
Several history classes attend a lecture on the subject of transportation on May 14. Five established transportation executives discussed the various problems of their field. The talk, held in the assembly, was followed by a question and answer period.

Among the topics discussed were: the importance of efficient movement of raw materials and finished products in our national economy, the role of passenger transportation, and the career opportunities available in the transportation industry.

## Kathy Harding Wins Contest

A two thousand word essay contest, "Why I want to spend six weeks in Israel," was won by Kathy Harding, a senior at PDSHS. The prize for this contest is a scholarship for a trip to Israel.

The trip will last for six weeks, with the time being divided into two week periods. In the course of her trip, Kathy will tour Israel, spend two weeks at the Hebrew University of Tel Aviv, and remain, for the rest of the time, at a youth camp. The scholarship is paying for all the expenses, including the travel to and from Israel.



New officers have been elected for next year's Science club. Heading the list are President-elect Barbara Baffa and Vice-President-elect Ronald Reese. President of this year's club, Warren Christian, reported that the recent meeting of the Science club was devoted to a movie, "The Magic Molecule." Mrs. Grahame is faculty advisor to the club. The prize of a trip to New York to observe the United Nations in action was awarded to Charles Stanley by the local Oddfellows and Rebecca Lodges. The prize was given on the basis of essays submitted to the Senior English faculty. Original winner of the prize was Douglas Schneider, but Schneider did not meet the age requirement, so the prize was turned over to G.O. Treasurer Stanley. The trip will include visiting a session of the UN General Assembly, and seeing a Broadway show. Previous winners of the award are Leonard Merewitz and Ruth Sundstrom. . . . Treasurer Charles Stanley reports to this column that next year's high school G.O. cards will be blue and white, and the junior high cards will be red and white. Stanley hopes the use of school colors in the G.O. cards will boost school spirit. Stanley announces that the G.O. card will not submit to the present rising inflationary period, but will remain at the same price next year. He adds that the G.O. card will have three folds for the convenience of users. Some ninety merchants subscribe to the G.O. discount program. Stanley also intends to look into the possibility of restricting membership in G.O. chartered clubs to G.O. card-holding members. . . . Other essay winners: Katy Tuck and Gary Lane came out on top in a contest sponsored by the local branch of the S.A. The S.A. essay contest was held recently, and although no material prizes were being offered, we certainly believe in giving notice where notice is due. Congratulations! . . . Creative Notebook sales have not visibly suffered from the price increase of ten cents over last year. Selections include several short stories, poems, sketch-and essays, and artwork by PDSHS art students. . . . With finals coming up, the heat rising, and nerves of

**Baseball**

For the last two weeks, the Port Vikings have not been doing very well, losing three games and winning one.

In the first game, against Great Neck North, Jeff Helzel struck out only five batters, giving up ten runs on seven hits. The score was ten to two for Great Neck.

On the 15th, Porth met Glen Cove and faced the same situation as it did against Great Neck. Marino pitched, striking out seven batters and giving up seven runs on twelve hits. Port scored two runs on five hits, with Helzel and Volpe each batting a double. The score was seven to two.

The Port baseball nine were defeated, playing against Mineola. Helzel pitched, giving up three runs on four hits. Port scored one run on Helzel triple. The final score was three to one for Mineola.

Port's luck changed against Hicksville. Helzel pitched, giving up only two runs on four hits, while Port scored three runs on seven hits. Marino doubled and tripled and Bezold hit a beautiful triple down right field. The final score was three to two for Port.

**Track**

In the past two weeks, the track team has led the North Shore qualifying meets and the N. S. finals.

Jensen, Griffen, Nedwed, Blakeslee, Murray, Weingart, Capianco, Milles, and Rogers, made the semi-finals; in the finals, however, only five boys competed. Murray took first in the mile with a 4:30.7, while Griffen took a third in the 440 and George Nedwed a fifth. Bill Jessen tied for fifth place in the high jump. These boys will be eligible also, for the Section Eight meet held Saturday.

On Thursday the N. S. Novice meet was held, the results of which have not been made available in time for publication.

students and teachers alike wearing thin, the Port Weekly heartily encourages you to keep up the hard work.

**Girls' Sports**

On Wednesday and Thursday of last week, tryouts for girls spring sports were held. Girls for tennis, softball and cheering were chosen.

The girls chosen for the tennis team, both singles and doubles, will compete with the team from Friends Academy on Tuesday, May 26, after school on our home courts.

In cheering tryouts, the following girls will be our varsity cheerleaders next year: Judy Pink, Leslie Koepel, Bobbie Enscoe, Lynn Porter, Barbara Kezar, Lynn Vescelius, and Louise Pfeiffer. All were former Junior Varsity Cheerleaders. Priscilla Slaney was elected captain. The girls in tryouts were coached by this year's Varsity Cheering Squad, who have done much to increase school spirit and support our team. The new group of equally good girls will officially begin cheering with the football season next year.

Softball has been the most widely attended girls sport this spring. Several teams in each class have battled it out at intramurals, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for

five weeks. Linda Lyon and Kathy Pavlak report that the juniors won the intramural games. The newly-formed Varsity and Junior Varsity teams will compete with teams from other schools later this year.

Plans for the annual faculty-student archery match are in full swing. During the archery intramurals, held twice weekly, each of the girls has been training one of our teachers in the mystic rights of archery, in preparation for the big event. Then, on Wednesday, May 27, after school, the actual match will be held, with the teachers shooting against their former instructors.

At present, the GAA banquet is being planned. This is the annual affair for girls who have attended at least three sports throughout the year. Awards will be given to the outstanding girls of the year.

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