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# THE SCHREIBERTIMES

Paul D. Schreiber High School, Port Washington, New York

## THESPIANS PRESENT "HAPPY



Dick Taylor as Alfred takes a drink from "Ye old Water Cooler" as Joe Berberich, Papa, talks to Roy Nemerson, Uncle Louis,



Bibi, Jon Gradess, consults Mama, Peggy Muller, for advice as to what he should tell his unfair principal. A concerned Papa, Joe Berberich, looks on.

(Photos by Ernest Leute)

by Bruce Vaughn

The Thespians seem to have taken Samuel Taylor's comedy, The Happy Time, cut out parts, rearranged others, and still managed to come up with an amus-ing two hour view into the life of a not very average French Canadian family. The family is made up of a violin playing, philosophy spiriting papa wholeheartedly played by Joe Berberich. Mama, who throughout the play gives the impression that she has dedicated her life to keeping her son from learning the facts of life, was gracefully played by Peggy Muller. The center of the fam-ily was Bibi, the adolescent, with nothing more on his mind than girls, glands, and stealing night gowns. Jon Gradess was perfectly suited for the part and in my opinion, nobody could have de-livered the part better.

Into this happy family comes Mignonette, the ex-acrobat with no place to go, who is taken in by a benevolent Papa. Diane Offerman and Camille Barr did well at the part but were held back by squeeky French accents.

Mignonette immediately causes a stir in the household, Bibi starts thinking about glands again, Mama isn't so sure she wants an acmonde is sure he does. Desmonde, the great white garter hunter, was played by Luke Edmond. Unfortunately for Bibi, Desmonde seems to have the upper hand in affections for Mignonette. Bibi goes for some misadvise to his Maurice Chevalier type Grandpa, beautifully played by George Gerdes.

As if things were not bad enough already, into the house stumbles Bibi's dipsomaniacal uncle Louis and his virago of a wife, Feliz.

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# H.S. BOWL GAM



Jim Patterson

## Five Clubs In Merger

A great change has taken place with the merging of the five clubs. Junior Clio, Senior Clio, Delta Rho, the Debate Club and the Student ange Club have come to club. They will study single areas in great depth and in all phases, exchange students from neighboring schools and go on field trips to historic sights. The five clubs decided to merge after some decided that they has sparse membership, poor leadership, in-effective meetings, and other such problems. By joining together they will insure themselves of having more frequent meetings of good quality. There will be a regular membership, but all are invited to attend meetings.

### SEVEN PDSHS SENIORS ARE IMS FINALISTS

Seven Port Students have received Certificates of Merit from The National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Jeff Friedman, Dick Horton, Keven Kay, Karl Maier, Jim Patterson, Clare Selgin, and Sue Shirk are in the one-half of one percent of High School seniors in the nation to receive this honor, which advances them from semifinalists to finalists in the competition for the Merit Scholarships. Only one in ten finalists receives the Scholarship, a total of 1200 Merit Scholars out of 11,000 finalists.

Scholarship winners will be notified on March 20, but public announcements will not take place until April 25. The Merit Scholarship, in addition to being a great honor, carries a cash stipend of one hundred to fifteen hundred dollars a year for four years of College, depending on the

need of the recipient. Students qualify as semifinalists by receiving high grades on the National Merit Scholarship qualifying examination, given to interested students in March of their Junior Year, Finalists and Merit Scholars are chosen on the basis of College entrance examination board test scores and school

Patterson Sparks Viking Scholars

The Port Washington High School varsity scholars staged a comeback in their second meeting with Roslyn on Wednesday, January 30. Led by "sleepy" Jim Patterson, with his abundance of knowledge, Port's team answered the questions rapidly, jumping to a quick lead with a score of 24-9 at the end of the first half. Even though Roslyn scored heavily in the last quarter, Port's team went on to a 35-20 victory.

Contributing to Port's win, along with Jim Patterson, were Katy Sparling, a Junior, and two Sophmores, Jim Kraus & Jim Dreyfus. These members went into this meet more confidently than the last because of their knowledge of how the game was played. Roslyn's team, consisting of Susan Kemelhor, Danny Kravits, Steve Underwood, & Bill Meadows, seemed to lack the confidence they displayed during the first meet in

Thanks in intriating this plan, which probably will lead to further competition between local schools, and to Sue Dorfman for her work in organizing the team.



#### Donna Short Wins Homemaker Title

Donna Short is Homemaker of Tomorrow for our school in the 1963 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker morrow. Having achieved the highest score in a knowledge and attitude test given senior girls Dec. 4, she now is eligible, along with winners in other state high schools, for the title of state Homemaker of Tomorrow.

The state Homemaker of Tomorrow is awarded a \$1,500 scholarship by General Mills, sponsor of the program. The runner-up receives a \$500 scholarship. The school of each state Homemaker of Tomorrow is awarded a complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica.

The state Homemaker of Tomorrow, accompanied by her school advisor, also will join with other state winners in an expense paid educational tour of New York City, Washington, D.C., and Colonial Williamsburg, Va., next spring. During the tour, the 1963 All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and national runners-up will be named.

#### I.C.C. MULLS P.A. PROBLEM

The I.C.C. (Inter-Club Council) is now trying to solve the P.A. announcement problem. P.A. announcements drowned out in homeroom and seventh period classes, lack of attention to announcements, and complaints that important club meetings and school functions go unsung until after they happen were all discussed and decried at an I.C.C. meeting on Monday

Two solutions to the problem have been suggested. The first is to have a Club Bulletin Board in the lobby. Announcements of meetings would be required to be posted at least four days in advance of the meeting. At the beginning of the week there would be one announcement listing the names of the clubs to meet that week so that members could check the bulletin board for the time, date, room, and purpose of the meeting. Another suggestion was for the Schreiber Times to include in each issue a schedule of the club meetings for a two week period. Clubs wishing extra publicity would be able to buy advertisement space for a minimum price.

The I.C.C. is still open for suggestions and comments. This will affect you, the students and members, so please contact Sue Dorfman, chairman of the LC.,C with any suggestions. Leave them in the G.O. mail box in the main



Exchange students Ricky Wall, Amanda MacIntosh, Brenda Ringwald, and Sibley Reppert leaving Friday, February 8 for points west and south. Brenda and Sib arrived on schedule in Charleston, West Virginia, where they will spend two weeks at Stonewall Jackson High School. Amanda and Ricky, after having their scheduled flight cancelled at the last moment, and missing connections along the route, arrived by train eight hours late in Abilene, Kansas, where they will spend two weeks with students of the local high school. Their welcome committee was on hand to greet them at 4:00 A.M., despite the weather and delays.

Next year would you like a teen-age brother or sister from Finland, Indonesia, Brazil, or who knows where? The Port Washington Student Exchange Program is currently seeking host families for two American Field Service foreign exchange students for the school year 1963-64. Host families provide board and room (the foreign student may share yours), but no other expenses.

Any Schreiber student who is interested should contact Mr. Reich in Room #9 for further details. Since we have not had a male foreign exchange student in two years, Mr. Reich is particularly anxious to find a host family for a boy.

# THE SCHREIBERTIMES

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Faculty Advisor - Mr. Charles Reich Where the Press is free, and all men able to read, all is safe - Jefferson

#### The Case Of Vicarious Humanity

Once again our school attempted to put on a Talent show and once again because of lack of acts it was cancelled. In December the canceled show was Port's A Poppin and now in February, it is the Fratry Talent Show. The students seem to enjoy the shows enough when they are finally produced, but they don't care enough to try out. More and more, this is becoming an age of spectator living. Spectator sportsmen fill the stands during the Football and Basketball seasons. The students watching the game get emotionally excited while the players do the serious work for them, but even cheering has become a spectator sport.

In sports people have the excuse that they are not athletic enough to make a team. As far as talent shows go, the students claim they aren't "talented" enough to try out. If everyone took this attitude, there would be no teams, no plays, no band, no orchestra, and no diversions. We are perfectly willing to sit back and let the others do the work, but what if the "others" want to sit back and watch us? It isn't even a question of school spirit, just plain ordinary laziness. Don't let yourself fall into this rut, Fight the fad, Be a participator and not just a spectator!

#### Happy Time

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It seems Louis has been the victim of a cruel prank of fate which has forced him to retire before his time. To console himself with this great hardship, he has taken to drink. To insure that he is never caught without an ample supply of the stuff, like on long dry trips from one room to the next, he carries a water cooler of cheap wine which makes his nose red. Roy Nemerson, who played the part, provided one of the high points of the show.

It seems Feliz and Louis are desperately on the lookout for a husband for their old maid of a daughter. Aunt Feliz was played by Tina Spiegel and Mary Lynn Fitzgerald, who came across well as the harpy who would never give old Louis peace and quiet.

While this is going on, Bibi

starts wondering what girls' night- to have eight children, send them gowns are constructed of. One Mignonettes nightgowns and stores them in his trunk. When Mignonette discovers the loss, pre-sumably that night, the blame is immediately placed on Desmonde who is guilty of stealing only gloves and kisses. While nobody suspects Bibi of the theft, he is in enough hot water as it is. Bibi, it seems, has been accused of drawing a racy picture of his geometry teacher. The principal of the school is determined to get Bibi to confess. The fast talking, narrow minded principal, Mr. Frye, was attempted by James Mc-Cahill who created a convincing character. Mr. Frye's scene will be remembered when the rest of the play is forgotten.

Uncle Louis managed to find someone for his daughter in the person of Alfred, the meek, \$22 a week, bank clerk who expects

to school and then retire and afternoon Bibi steals all of let them support him. The choice of Gary Saretzky and Dick Taylor was the best casting in the play. While uncle Louis was not happy with Alfred, the thought of no grandchildren was too much to take so he reasoned that a cheap clerk was better than no one at all.

The play ends more or less happily with Desmonde getting Mignonette, Mignonette getting her nightgowns, Louis getting Alfred, Alfred getting drunk, and Bibi getting Sally, the girl next door, functionally and enthusiastically played by Lisa Kleinholz and Emily Ellis.

While on the whole the play was a good one, it suffered from being played too far down stage, lines being spoken too indistinctly and too fast. It was a pleasant change, however, from the usual Saturday night movie.

## Bits and Pieces

By Carol Seeger

The theme of Manhasset's Sophomore Hop is West Side Story. coincidence? Who has been talking to hisfriends in Manhasset?

Honors Class won the debate given second and third period two weeks ago. The topic was Stephen Decatur's statement "My country right or wrong," and Honors was

Last Sunday I walked across the Bay to within 100 feet of Great Neck, it hasn't been that frozen since 1946,I bet.

March 2, S. A. T. s, but don't worry that night you can always relax at the annual Band Concert, that is something to look forward

Lincoln's birthday was a nice break in the week, but how many students thought of Lincoln as they went about the day?

Thank you Mr. Barr for that delightful assembly Friday. Many students were not able to see the play the week before and some were just not interested, but I think I can safely say that most students enjoyed getting a little culture in

Ski Club has just become a member of the United States Eastern Amateurs Association which will entitle them to 1/2 day free instruction at some slopes. Among the other privileges will be discounts.

Friday, Feb. 8, Mr. Barr began casting for the spring production which will be four scenes from Shakespeare's plays. The plays featured will be Twelfth Night, Romeo and Juliet, Richard III, and

On Thursday, February 7, a bus-load of Spanish students, accompanied by Mrs. Barnhouse and Mr. Richardson, left P.D.S.H.S. for Adelphi College. The purpose was to view a Spanish film entitled "Marcelino Pan y Vino". The film told the story of a baby left at the door of a convent. After a futile attempt to locate Marcelino's parents the priests agree to raise the boy. When we were seated in the viewing room a man got up and told us there would be no subtitles. A loud groan followed this announcement. Much to our surprise, though, we under-stood practically all of the film. All of us hope more trips of this nature will be forthcoming.

Happy Valentine's Day

#### In Our Mailbox

#### **Band Gives** Us The Music

The Port Washington Band, cited in your last issue by the article "And in the Center Ring, the Port Band, a Winner?", should be more than just sarcastically riddled for its fine, outstanding per-formances, both at the N.Y.C. Colosseum and for NBC. The great honors for the band, present upon both occassions, should be journalized with much more pride and credit than was evident. By the way, the NBC concert was temporarily postponed due to NBC's technical difficulties, not cancelled in favor of a Harlem girls' choir.

If the sarcastic oversights were not intended, many apologies. The implications, however, were not very favorable.

Speaking for the band, I hope we will receive unprecedent support, on the part of the student body, for our upcoming annual concert, March 2. Thank you.

Respectfully yours, Ralph Nichols, President of the Port Washington Band

(Ed. note: The article on the band was written by a band member, so it is less than likely that he was writing sarcastically. Perhaps the writer just possessed the rare, and growing scarcer, ability to laugh at himself)

#### LOCALLY SPEAKING

by Bob Tarleton

The month of February sees the anging of a new exhibition at the public Library. The large col-lection of prints by Louis Hechen-bleikner has already aroused many compliments. Mr. Hechenbleikner, a past master in the art of Lithography, is honored by having his works on permanent display in museums around the world, including the Metropolitan in New York and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Definitely this is a show to be seen by all.

On Monday, February 18th at 8:30 P.M., the local Community Concerts Association will present well-known Netherlands Chamber Orchestra. This group in its six years of existence has earned itself fame throughout the world for its excellence. The orchestra, composed of some 23 strings and a cembalo, is led by Szymon Goldberg, noted Polishborn conductor and violinist.

Also speaking of the Community Concert group, it should be men-tioned in passing, that its 1963-64 membership drive will run from February 18th through February 23rd and that those people joining now will be entitled to attend the last concert this year--Jerome Hines.

For your convenience, we list the show billings at the local theaters for the next two weeks.

BEACON THEATER
February 12th through February 19th - In Search of the Castaways February 20th through February 26th - Forty Pounds of Trouble February 27th through March 2nd - Girls-Girls & Sack

SANDS POINT THEATER February 12th through February

February 15th through February 19th - The Password is Courage & Murder She Says

February 20th through February 26th - Sodom and Gomorrah

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Liz Lingelbach

#### MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS .. LIZ LINGELBACH

By Dave Sloane

When I approached Liz about being featured in this column, she hesitated only long enough to throw me a distrustful glance before giving her determinded reply "No." With a little coaxing I was able to convince her that no one had ever achieved eminent glory through exposure in an article of this type and that I would do my best not to harm her sense of modesty.

Although Liz has been playing

the cello for only six years, she has already made a name for herself in several fine orchestras in Nassau County. She has been participating in All-State Sectional orchestras since sixth grade. Her ranking has been extremely high among Nassau County cellists, which was exhibited when in ninth grade she held first chair in the Junior High School division of All-State Sectional.

I remember Liz at solo competition festival last year when she played the Papper Hungarian Rhapsody. She was the first person on the program, and even after sitting and waiting two hours for the adjudicator to arrive, she gave a vital performance. Although this was not the first time I had heard an A6(highest rating) performance I was dazzled.

Like several other students at Schreiber, Liz is a member of a professional orchestra, in her case the Great Neck Symphony. She along with about fifteen or twenty other high school and college students, is in the organization for the satisfaction of playing in a one hundred piece orchestra. This orchestra, incidentally, just recently performed with the famous viola soloist Walter Trampler. Especially gratifying to Liz is the fact that all the student members of the orchestra except her are

Liz has not limited her musical activities to the cello. It was not long ago that she realized the merits of playing a supplimentary instrument. Ambitious Liz has taken up a second instrument, the kazoo. Oddly enough the kazoo does deserve some recognition. Many opera stars practice with it. It is also a solo instrument in its own right. We must have missed an interesting program at the Great Neck Symphony's Children Concert last December when Anita Derian was the featured kazoo soloist.

#### VACATION COMING!!

Are your plans all made for that beautiful week vacation? There will be time to get caught up, time to sleep, time to do homework, and maybe you might try an occasional jaunt into the city. New York City is a big town and there are so many things you might do for free. The Metropolitan Museum of Art charges no admission. Others are the Museum of Natural History, the Bronk Park Zoo, Central Park Zoo, The Craft Museum, the A.S.P.C.A., the Stock Exchange, Gilbert Hall of Science, R. C. A. Exhibition Hall, all this and more for the price of an excursion ticket to New York

### MR. SCHERER ANSWERS

# The Questions You Ask Most **About College**

as told to Jane Sayers

The following is a list of questions and answers concerning college which were discussed during an interview between Mr. Scherer, head of the Guidance Department, and Jane Sayers, a junior of P.D.

1. Q. Are there any kind of entrance examinations college which may be taken by a sophomore?

A: No, there is none that is either suggested or required.

2. Q: Does ninth grade bear equal recorded weight on one's college record as do tenth, eleventh, and twelfth?

A: Yes-ninth grade is the freshman year of high school. On the high school record which is sent to various colleges appears the final grades for ninth through twelfth grade (usually the first two marking periods for the senior

3.Q: What is the most significant year of high school for college bound students?

A: There is really no "most significant" year. All four years of high school create a total record-each year plays an extremely important part in this total evaluation of the college bound student. The college seeks growth, progression in achievement. Depending on the college to which you seek admission, or the major you have in mind, the college will look with particular concern at certain subject matter areas in your record. as for example: English, mathematics, and science for the potential engineering student.

4.Q: Should a college applicant choose a college which is strong in the department in which that applicant plans to major?

A: Yes, it is strongly suggested. However, this is entirely the decision of the student. Attending a college for reasons of prestige, or other secondary benefits would not help that student's career as much as attending a good college with courses that are well-suited for him - the individual.

5. Q: Are clubs a waste of time or do they help one get into col-

A: Club membership has some importance in the overall high school record. However, don't go overboard and join too many. is better to be very active in a few clubs than to "just belong" to many clubs. One should not join in an activity for impression purposes. Join only if you have an interest and will participate. If one holds an office in a club, it appears on his high school record; don't think that because you are just a member you won't receive credit . During an interview with the Dean or a counselor of a college, your interests will reveal themselves. If you joined a club just for "your you may as well drop out right now because you are wasting your time.

6. Q: What exactly goes on one's high school record-that is sent to the college?

A: The college receives from this high school:

(l) a four year transcript of grades covering ninth-twelfth (only final averages) and Regents

(2) a complete test record-the Kuder tests, lowa tests, the ACE, intelligence tests-any test grade which the school considers important and valid.

(3) a list of one's activities in and out of school. This includes clubs, jobs, music training, athletics, etc.

(4) an analysis of each applicant made by the guidance counselor with references from teachers.

7. Q: Would a student with a high I.Q. have a better chance to be accepted into college than an applicant with a lower I.Q. who works to capacity?

A: Colleges want people who have ability and use that ability. They have little interest in the boy or

Mr. Scherer

girl who has a high LQ. and a poor academic record. There is little opportunity for any student today to "explain" his record to an admissions officer. A student who has average learning capacities, but has worked hard and achieved satisfactorily, stands a reasonably good chance for admission to a number of colleges.

8. Q: Should one hold a job in the freshman year of college? A: No-this is highly discouraged. The freshman year is the year of adjustment; any outside employment would tend to detract from

the student's efforts to learn, the primary reason for going to col-

9. Q: Do your PSAT scores appear on record?

A: Yes-and all college board scores from your junior and sen-

10. Q: How many subjects should a pupil take in high school and how will it affect his college chances?

A: The colleges want each student to take as full and as rich a program in high school as is possible. In our school each student must take at least four subjects. Most students take five subjects. This year it has been made possible for students to elect a sixth subject - one that is not too demanding in homework. Take a minimum program in high school and your college chances may be reduced to a minimum. It is most important to remember that the quality of your work is of primary weight.

ll. Q: Is it true that your junior college boards don't count except in early decision?

A: The results on any college board test that you take has meaning for you, your guidance coun-selor, and the admission officer of a college. Your Junior Year Boards will serve as one of the admissions criteria if you are seeking an Early Decision. Most generally, it will be your senior Boards that will be taken into consideration by the Admissions Office. Let's never lose sight of the fact that College Boards, for lege are only ONE measure used by the colleges to determine acceptance.

12. Q: How do you find out for

what scholarships you are eligible?

A: The Guldance Department has prepared for each of us a listing of references on scholarships. If interested one should do the research needed. Throughout the year information on scholarships is posted on our bulletin boards or announced over the PA. Guidance makes every effort to have each student who has a scholarship need know of the opportunities. One of the best sources to keep in mind is the catalogue of the college itself.

13.Q: How many times should a college bound student take the

PSAT tests?

A: Once-if the PSAT is not required for a scholarship for which the student may want to apply; in this case, the student takes the PSAT twice - in the junior and senior years.

14.Q: Can you take college boards

A: Yes, the nearest test center this August is Floral Park high school. Four times a year, in December, January, March, and May, College Board tests are given in our own high school.

15. Q: In reviewing for the college boards would it be a "good idea" to buy a review book?

A: This depends on the individual. A review book may be extremely useful to some people and useless to others. The scholastic aptitude test of the College Boards is designed to see what aptitude and what learning has taken place through the years in the use of words and in mathematics. You can't make up in "overnight cramming" what you should have been doing through the years.

16. Q: What are the expected differences between the junior year PSAT scores and the senior SAT scores?

A: Expected average gain is 50 points in the Verbal area

Expected average gain in the Mathematics area is 20 points if one is taking mathematics in junior year, 50 points if one is taking mathematics in Senior year also. Naturally, the above are average gains. Results that actually come out are personal with you.

17. Q: Are College interviews

really necessary?

A: With a number of colleges, YES, Some require that if you are within a reasonable commuting distance from them you will appear for an interview. Others leave the job for your being interviewed locally by an alumnus, or a college representative who visits in your area. Even if an interview is not a must for admission, you may want to consider what value it may have in your particular case.

18. Q: What are some of the scholarships that are open to all students?

A: The G.O. scholarships, Com-munity Scholarships, The National Merit Scholarship, Regents Scholarships.

20. Q: When does one apply to college?

A: September through January of your Senior year.

21. Q.: How many applications

does one send out? A: There is no one answer. For some students a single application may make most sense. Working closely with our Guidance Department can help determine. For others making two or three applications may be desirable. The Guidance Department makes every effort to process our first, second, or third applications as quickly as possible. If we submit more than three, we must wait for those additional applications to be proc-essed until all students whose papers are being worked on have had theirs go out.

22. Q: What is the reason for early decision?

A: There are several reasons for early decision.

If a student has a definite college in mind and he feels that he is qualified, why hesitate? Apply early!

The college likes to be sure who will attend it. By accepting early decision you make no other application to a college.

(3) The Senior likes to hear early because it relieves tensions. And try as we might, there are tensions.

23. Q: Is there an increased chance of admission if a student applies to a college other than in

A: Yes - the competition for good colleges away from this area is not as great as the competition in Eastern colleges, generally speaking.

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# MY LIFE IN GERMAN

by Ellen Tibby

across an unguarded portion of the Netherland-German border, and, as most of the thirty eight American AFSers on board were asleep, no one noticed that we had reached our destination, that the initial part of our six-month's stay in Germany had begun. Later that evening (August 19, 1962) we arrived in Bad Godesberg, a small town outside of Bonn, saw our youth hostel ( a castle-like structure) where we were to stay for eleven days, saw the Rhine River lapping at our front door, saw mountains flanked with medieval castles on the other side of the river, saw people pass, mouthing what were then to us only German-sounding syllables, saw it all with untired eyes, a great deal of excitement, and not a little fear. Ah, we thought, this is Ger-

And the Rhineland is Germany, but there are many Germanies, and this one, little destroyed during the war, retains the charm and magic of an old Gothic poem. We spent five hours each day in small classes learning German grammar, customs and table manners, and had the rest of the time free to roam around the village, climb mountains, and investigate the beer and wine houses that are ubiquitous in Germany. A favorite pastime of the Germans is taking walks, and this we discovered quite early one Sunday when the director of the language camp, a seventy year old exschool principal who, wrapped up in his loden cloth coat and hood, looked somewhat like a genial, wrinkled egg, led us on an allday hike up a seemingly never-

ending mountain. My German city, Dortmund, an industrial city of 650,00 people, lies in the west of Germany, three quarters of the way up the map, if one measures unscientifically. The population is divided between the coal miners and steel mill workers, the shop owners and small business men, and the rich the doctors, the hotel owners and the corporation presidents. Its industrial importance to the third Reich was so highly regarded by the Allies during World War II, that we destroyed it almost completely, except for two churches and the town hall. And now the city is almost completely rebuilt, looks in fact like the more modern parts of Philadelphia or of Chicago. To rebuild the city required a great deal of determination and stamina of the people, and one might say that they are, even now, merely a materialistic-minded people. This is true to some extent. But now that the people have enough food to eat and places to sleep, the character of their culture is beginning to represent itself again - in the theater, the opera, literature. Dortmund is building now a new opera house. I left Bad Godesherg on the

31st of August and traveled by train through the Ruhr Valley to Dortmund, My family lives in what one might call a suburb (although the degree of difference between the city and the suburb in Germany is not so great as is the difference between New York and Port Washington) in a rented house. They own a home in a village near Cologne, but since my father's business is in Dortmund, they live there most of the year. The family consists of my father, a doctor and owner of a wholesale pharmeceutical goods house, mother, son and daughter who are fifteen, a year-old baby girl, a full-time maid, and a wire haired terrier. There are two forms for the German "you," familiar "du" and formal "Sie", the first of which is used in addressing the family, close friends and household pets, and the other in addressing everybody else. I settled right away into the life of the family, using the du form and calling my moth-er and father "mutti" and "papi." I was pleased to be allowed to

The bus glided surreptitiously as I had never practiced using the formal Sie, I once made the mistake of saying "du" when speaking to my French teacher. It is considered very bad taste in Germany to use the same expression one uses with the family dog with a school teacher!

Two days after ! arrived in Dortmund, I began to attend school, which had just reopened after the summer holiday. My school is an all-girl's Gymnasium concentrating on modern languages, and it is not really equivalent to an American high school, since only twenty percent of the population, after taking an examination in the fourth grade, gets to go to the Gymnasium. The Gymnasium then begins with the fifth grade and ends with the thirteenth. My sister, whom we call Puppi, but whose real name is Ursula, is in the eighth grade and has fifteen subjects spread throughout the sixday school week. I took German in the fifth grade, French in the seventh, geography, history, biology, math, art, music, religion in the eighth with my sister, chemistry in the eleventh, and English in the twelfth. The thirteenth year is spent mainly in reviewing everything that has been learned in the past eight years for the final, overall, graduation and college entrance exam that one must take at the end of the year.

School begins at eight o'clock. has six periods, and ends, de-pending on whether or not the teacher decides to come to class, at 12:30 or 1:30. The classes are

45 minutes long, broken up by seven minute breaks, and by a fifteen minute break, at 10:30 and 11:30, during which time everyone must go outside and walk around in the school yard. Usually some daring soul runs down to the bakery and buys a bag of Berliner Ballen (jelly doughnuts) and Amerikaner ( shortbread-like cookies) to share with the rest during the breaks. The girls remain in one classroom the whole day and the teacher comes to them, and when the teacher enters and leaves the room, all the children must rise and remain standing until told to sit. They must rise again when answering a question, although this practice now ends with the eleventh grade, I found this custom charming and catch myself doing it here sometimes. But this custom, as well as the one of shaking hands with everybody (schoolmates included) and of bringing flowers whenever one goes visiting, is done more by rote than for pleasure or as a form of respect and I understand that the Germans who come to America are glad to do without it. Every school-attending person

in Germany carries a briefcase. The main meal of the day is eaten at around 1:30 and in my family consisted of warm meat or soup, a vegetable, boiled po-tatoes, and pudding. There was some kind of meat and cheese on the table at every meal in my family, but they are quite rich, and meat is not so abundant in other homes, After dinner, mutti and papi would sleep for two hours, and my sister and I would do our homework.

I noticed very soon that each day in my family's life had its pattern, broken by an occasional visit to a castle or museum, concert, or play, and later in the year by a trip to Switzerland. There was a calmness and a certainty of what tomorrow would be like. This seemingly contradictory attitude in a country at least half of which is in a state of danger. and turmoil is explainable to me: it represents, I think, a desire to have, or maybe only to simulate, an old-fashioned way of life that perhaps doesn't really exist.

One's conception of the unknown almost never agrees with reality, once the unknown has been made known, and although sometimes the truth is unpleasant, usually it's much more practical ( on a use the familiar form immediately, heck of a lot more fun) to be and only one problem resulted; aware of it.

# VIKINGS BATTLE FOR PLAYOFF BERTH

# Port Snaps Three Game Losing Streak With 76-50

#### Rout Of Division Avenue

by Vinnie Meier, Sports Editor

Last Friday night, the Viking Varsity basketball team trounced the Division Avenue Blue Dragons by a 76-50 score. This was our highest single-game point total of the season, but, even more important than that, the victory broke a three-game losing streak which had started with the loss two weeks ago to St. Mary's in a non-league tilt. Port looked a lot better against Division than they did against St. Mary's Gaels. After the first quarter, the Dragons and Vikings were tied, 15-15. They were still tied, 28-28 at the end of the half. But, as the third period began, it became obvious that the Levittown team couldn't keep up with the Vikings' torrid pace. Port scored twenty-five points in the third quarter to Division's eight. After outscoring the Dragons 23-14 in the last period, Port came away with an impressive victory. Division's Howie Alexander scored thirty-six points, but it took more than one man to beat us. His total, however, broke his school's scoring record, which was thirty-five points. He also tied a record of points scored against a Port basketball team in one game. Nobody could stop his one-handed jump shot, and he hit with it from all over the court, mixing in a few Johnny Green-type driving lay-ups for a change of pace. His great individual effort, however, was more than offset by a good Viking team effort. Our high scorer was Ken Neiman with twenty points. The rest of the scorers were: Dave Galesixteen, Dave Vaile-thirteen, Bob Edmundsen, Bob Heintz, and Pooch Reffelt-six apiece, John Ballantyne-four, Charlie Cifarelli-three, and Zeke Zebroski with a single bucket.

The preceding Tuesday, the Vikings took the floor against Garden City hoping to break the Tuesday afternoon jinx that has plagued us all season, but succeeded only in losing by a 69-61 score. In two Tuesday afternoon games previous to this, the Vikings had played poorly while beating Division Avenue by a 58-49 score, and had lost that debacle to Great Neck North. Now they played poorly again while en route to another Tuesday loss. The player chiefly responsible for the Viking loss was, the Trojan's Larry Spinicelli, who scored his team's high individual total of twenty-one points. He was not the game's highscorer, however, for our own Dave Gale scored his personal high of thirty-four points on fifteen field goals and four foul shots. The rest of our scorers were: Pooch Reffelt-eleven, Ken Neiman and Charlie Cifarelli-five apiece, Dave Vail-three, John Ballantyne-two, and Bob Heintz-one point on a single foul shot. Port scored the gap to three points with about a minute left in the game, but couldn't pull even. Our luck was not all bad, however, for fourth-place Great Neck South was the surprise loser in a close game with previously winless Herricks. Here is some good news -- we don't have any more Tuesday afternoon games in our regular season sched-

In our big game against Mineola, we came so close to beating the mighty Mustangs, who have not as yet lost a league game. Port led almost all the way, but Mineola led at the most important time . the end of the game. The final score was 69-61, but that doesn't tell the story of the game. Our Vikings led by a 51-45 score at the end of the third period, but could score only ten points to Mineola's twentyfour in the fourth quarter. One of the main reasons for this was that three of our most important men were fouled out: Dave Gale, Ken Neiman, and Pooch Reffelt. One Mineola man fouled out. At one time, we had a team on the court which was made up of players each of whom had been charged with four personal fouls. The referees called the subtle fouls -- the tapping of a hand or elbow, but let some of the most flagrant fouls by Mineola, such as charging, pass by. It was like stomping on the mice but letting the elephants run wild. At least four Mineola players were on the football team, and at times it seemed as if they were playing football instead of basketball. This is nothing against the Mineola team -- they are a rough bunch of boys who have an exceptionally good team, and the Vikings did very well to even come as close as they did. Coach Jessen was very pleased with the team's play, and we now have the distinction of being the only team in our division to come so close to Mineola. Coming close, however, is not good enough; our last scheduled game of the season is against Mineola here at Port. Maybe the home court advantage will be enough to give us the little edge we need to win.

The top three teams in each of the eight Nassau County divisions will qualify for the Nassau County high school basketball champion-ships. The leader in each division will draw a first-round bye, while teams finishing in second and third places will play first-round games. As of last Saturday, Port was fairly safely in third place in NSAL Division II, leading fourth-place Great Neck South by a substantial margin. A win against the Rebels on Monday night will amost clinch a playoff spot for Port.

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## J.V. BEATS MINEOLA, SNAPS LOSING STREAK

by Ken Dillenbeck

Friday night, February 1, many Port fans went home depressed about the fact that the varsity dropped a game to Mineola, a game in which they had held the lead until the closing minutes of the game.



Ken Neiman takes a jumper as Dave Gale and three Garden City players look on admiringly.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL BEGINS

by Liz Lotker

Blue and white teams are industriously preparing for Sports Night with practices after school almost every afternoon. If you're any part of these groups, don't forget—entrance Tuesday and Wednesday; gymnastics practice for team members and Sports Night participants Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Every weekend there are team meetings for publicity and posters. If you're interested, you can certainly be used.

Post dance classes are being discontinued; a new and very interesting program will take its place starting February 26. Golf, tennis, archery,

and badminton will be the activities taking Post Dance's place. The main reason for the change is the feeling that knowledge of these sports will be of more value in the future. Don't fret, girls, dance will be included in next year's physical education program, as a unit.

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The basketball club has an eight-game schedule this year. January 28, the J.V. and Varsity teams had a scrimmage to start off their season. As expected, the Varsity was victorious. On the thirty-first, Our Lady of Mercy was here for our first home game. The visitors had an enviable record—a thirty-two-game winning streak. Needless to say, for a number of years, their team has done quite well. Considering this, we made a good showing with a loss of only six points. Last Monday, we played Great Neck North. Unfortunately, the girls didn't have much time to practice as a team before the season started, but Beth Okun, manager, feels the team will improve with time, and come through with a victory.

The blue- and white-clad figures seen swinging from parallel bars in the girl's gym are the members of the gym team. They are now officially uniformed in blue and white leotards and jackets. With more frequent practices, the team is really shaping up, and each girl is becoming proficient on all pieces of apparatus. March 18, there will be a non-A.A. U. dual meet at Baldwin. Miss Warble is planning to take a busload of girls to the meet since a great deal of interest has been shown.

Those fans who follow the junior varsity, however, had something to talk about. When the Cagers downed the Mustangs from Mineola by a score of 38-31, they made a dual accomplishment. Firstly, they spoiled the five game winning streak of the Mineola squad, who had previously been undefeated in league competition. Secondly, and perhaps more important to the team, is that they snapped their own streak, a losing one.

Backing up, we see that the Vikings had lost two consecutive games, the first to Great Neck North and the latter to Herricks. Then, in non-league play they faced a strong St. Mary's team. Led by Jackie Martin, who scored twenty-two points, St. Mary's crushed the Vikings by thirty points, 70-40. The unusual fact about this game is that a junior varsity doesn't usually score as many as seventy points in a game. I was informed that St. Mary's has maintained a better than sixty point average. Because Port constantly telegraphed their passes, the agressive opponents continually intercepted and made use of this advantage. In addition, the Cagers hit only 48% of their shots from the foul line, twelve of twenty-five. Our high scorer was Dennis Cronin with nine points. Sandy Stoddard and Ralph Laugen shared second place honor, each scoring seven. Willy Barrett put in an inspiring performance scoring six points. Other scorers were Chuck Taylor and Steve Ciccariello with three apiece, Jeff Skinner and Peter Breese with a bucket apiece, and Ralph DeSantis with one point.

The J.V. broke this three game losing spree by downing the Mustangs in a close contest, 38-31. At the end of half time play the Vikings had edged out in front, leading by two points, 20-18. They surged ahead by six after three periods and this margin was sufficient for the Vikings to win. On the whole, Port's play was good but again their foul shooting percentage was below par. They hit six of fourteen for a 43% mark. In the scoring department Laugen took the honor, scoring ten. Breese hit for eight and Ciccariello for six. Three men, Sandy Stoddard, Dennis Cronin, and Bill Travis scored four points. Also in the scoring column was Willis Barrett with two points. One point of interest concerning the outcome of this game is that we lost to St. Mary's by 30 points, while Mineola lost to them by only seven points. Yet, we beat Mineolal

Last Tuesday the J.V. started its second go around the league, facing Garden City, whom they beat in overtime last time. This contest also proved to be a close one, but Garden City was the victor for this time, by a score of 54-53. Port had an opportunity to tie the score on a 1-1 foul situation, but failed to take advantage of

I would like to make one additional comment concerning the game against Herricks, Friday, January 18. The headline of my last article read "Fans Blamed for J.V. Cager Fights." On behalf of Mr. Biro, I would like to clarify this. Mr. Biro feels that this statement is misleading, and I totally agree with him, after having spoken with him. We came to the conclusion that the fans were actually quite well behaved. He blames the outbreak on the hotheadedness of a few of the boys on the team.

# WESTLER

Friday, February I, is an historical day for this year's wrestling team. After losing eleven matches in a row, the team finally broke their losing streak with a win against the Bethpage Golden Eagles. The final score was Port - 27; Bethpage - 19. Boys getting pins for the Vikings were Carmine "Spider" Solomita and team cocaptain Gene Adee. Pete Koch also picked up an easy five points as he won on a default. The rest of our points were gained on decisions. These boys got three points apiece for Port: Russ Romagna, Ken Ohl, co-captain Andy Falitz, and Jack Goldstein. According to Andy Falitz, the team was really up for this one, and were moving on the mat better than any other time this year.

Last Thursday, the team traveled to New Hyde Park with high hopes for another Port victory, but we had to settle for a 24-24 Boys getting points for the Vikings were: Russ Romagna, Kenny Ohl, Andy Falitz, Bob Mc Teague, Carmine Solomita, and Ed Callaert. This match finished the regular season for our wrestlers, whose final record was one win, eleven losses, and one tie. Even though this year's record was poor, next year's team can be expected to do better, since many of this year's team members will be returning. Our two junior high schools started wrestling teams this year, and they can be expected to supply boys with at least a little wrestling experience.

# MILE RELAY TEAM FOURTH IN MAYOR'S

by Roger Allaway

Port's indoor track team was involved in only one meet in the past two weeks. In that one meet, the Mayor's Meet for the New York City championship on February 2, Port finished fourth in the Suburban One Mile Relay with a time of 3:42 flat. The team was led off by Roger Allaway in 57.8, followed by Carmine Balardello on the second leg with 55.5, Bob Jarvis in 54.4, and Bill Cox with a 54.2 anchor leg. The winner of the event was Archbishop Stepinac High School of White Plains in 3:29.8.

On February II, the entire squad ran in the Seton Hall-St. Agnes Meet at the Long Island Arena in Commack. The results of this meet, however, came too late for publication in this issue of the paper. Port entrants in open events were the mile relay team of Allaway, Bilardello, Jarvis, and Cox, Boy Cyr in the 600, and Jim Scialabba in the shot put. This Saturday, these same open trackmen will compete in the N.Y.U. Meet in New York.

#### PICKS FOR N.Y.U. MEET

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600-James Ryan, Benjamin Franklin High, N.Y.C. 1000-Riccardo Urbina, Msgr. Mc-

Clancy High, N. Y. C.

1 Mile-Jim Warner, Fox Lane
High, Westchester

2 Mile-Jim McDerrmott, Archbishop Molloy High, N. Y. C.

60 Hurdles-Ken Donovan, Amityville High, L.I. 880 Relay-New Rochelle High

1 Mile Relay-Andrew Jackson High N. Y. C.

2 Mile Relay-Boys High, N. Y.C. High Jump-Del Benjamin, LaSalle Academy, N. Y. C.

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