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Campus News

by the Staff

Writer's Contest Today to Select 4

A Chance to Select Your College Rather Than College Selecting You

This week the English Department will be selecting four juniors to compete for national writing honors. To encourage high school students in their writing and to recognize publicly some of the best student writers in the nation, the National Council of Teachers of English gives Achievement Awards in Writing to approximately 850 students who will graduate from high school in 1974. Nominees must submit three pieces of writing to the NCTE: a 250-300 word autobiography, a sample of the student's best writing (prose or verse), and an impromptu theme written in one hour under a teacher's supervision.

The NCTE award is considered very prestigious, as winners' names are publicized, and winners are often invited to apply to highly selective colleges.

Students who would like to compete to be one of the four Schreiber nominees must submit a sample of their writing to a member of the English Department this week, and write a paper in a test situation today at 2:00, in the English Resource Center. For further information please contact Mrs. Null or Mrs. Lawrence.

Schreiber's Talent Performs March 9

A "professional" talent show is coming to Schreiber on March 9th from 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. with one "professional" group being Elvis (Andy Marsano) and the Pelvises.

According to the organizers, English teacher Jeff Martin and Schreiber student Julie Seeger, it should be an excellent show. The talent show will be judged and prizes will be awarded for outstanding performances.

The show last year was organized two weeks before the day it was put on. Although it had the potential to be a good show, it was marred by an unruly audience. By starting to organize the show so far in advance, the organizers are working for a much more professional performance. Overall, they are working for a quick-moving, entertaining and highly polished talent show.

This year, Schreiber's talent will show through in a variety of ways. There will be about fifteen acts, ranging in length from five to ten minutes. Besides Elvis The Pelvises, the acts will include Computer Music (Don Perley and Don Tillman), an Elton John act, a musical combo, and a performance by the Four Fingers Kazoo Band (Billy Strauss, Danny Goodman, Paul Plominski, and Chris Bain).

South Korean Exchange Student



photo by Fred Cierivch

Although she has studied English for only one year, Miok Hong, 18, knows enough English to get around Schreiber. She is an exchange student from South Korea.

Miok has been here in this country for two weeks; before this she has never been out of her own country. Of Port Washington, she said that it is a small town with a lot of room.

Survey on School & Faculty

Last Thursday and Friday, a representative group of Schreiber students were surveyed about their attitude towards the school and faculty. The students involved were randomly chosen by computer. Numbers coming from the computer were associated with students in the master roster. The students whose numbers matched those of the computer were sent an invitation to participate.

Preliminary results indicate that Schreiber students would like to see a change in the campus size, student activities, student government, and student-teacher relationships.

A significant majority of those surveyed expressed a desire for a larger school campus. Approximately the same percentage find Schreiber to be moderately noisy. With a larger school campus, the noise factor would be reduced.

Nearly half of those surveyed favored both more and better run activities. One-third are content with the present school activities.

An overwhelming majority of students supported a change in the student government. They classified the present government as being poorly run.

A very high percentage said that the present student-teacher relationships are good. However, a high percentage said that these understandings could be improved through efforts made on the part of both students and teachers.

Preliminary results also reveal that students are content with the Schreiber school policy, and student freedom. Most of the surveyed students find Schreiber's school policy to be moderate, with adequate student freedom.

Generally, the surveyed students are pleased with the school policy and student freedom, both regulated by the administration. The students did not seem to be as satisfied with the activities they run themselves.

Youth Center Beginning

The Port Washington Youth Activities House (Port Alert) has recently been organizing a community youth center. Its objective is to provide a comfortable meeting place and to sponsor various activities for all interested students. There have already been trips to "Grateful Dead" and "Blood, Sweat and Tears" concerts, folk singer appearances at the center, and monthly film showings at the Public Library. Some ideas for the future are the organization of yoga sessions, a film festival, and the development of a coffee shop on the Activity House's lower level.

A governing board for the center composed entirely of students, has now been established. Its function is to evaluate the desires and interests of the youth in Port Washington, to decide on the development of the available space in the 225 Main Street building, and to plan for the overall program direction.

Harry McBee, one of the board members, has said that anyone interested in working with the center should contact him or any other one of the following members: Bill Allen, Sean Delaney, David Kayen, Andy McKenzie, Lisa Nardone, and Suzanne Rabiner.

Russell Interview

by Matt Klein

On Friday, Feb. 9, the Schreiber Times interviewed Mr. Russell on the future of Schreiber. Mr. Russell commented on the continuation of modular scheduling, the computerization of the scheduling, new school rules that might be put into effect, the role of students and teachers in determining the new principal and whether or not he will apply for the new principalship, as suggested by a committee of faculty members.

Scheduling Search Starts

by Michael Fendrich

Ever since Schreiber has operated under modular scheduling, Mr. Russell has arranged each student's schedule himself. With Mr. Russell leaving in June, the administration does not only have to find a new principal, but they have to find a new schedule-making procedure.

Two of the men in charge of this are Assistant Superintendent McGowan and his co-administrator, Timothy Melchior. They believe that the complexity and sophistication of the system would probably make it impossible for any other man to do the scheduling by hand. According to Melchior, "There is a 98 percent chance that we will operate on computer scheduling next year."

The specifics of computerization have not yet been worked out. The administration sees the computerization of Schreiber's program as a pioneering effort. In the entire country, few schools are operating on a similar program, so there is no real model that the administration can imitate.

McGowan claims that "we are tapping the best sources possible," to aid in their effort. Among the "best source" is Dr. Lloyd Trump, who is a "renowned" expert in progressive education. The University of Massachusetts has also give assistance.

The companies that are being considered for the handling of the computerization are Educational Coordinates of Bedford Mass., and Westinghouse Co. of Hicksville, L.I. They claim that they can duplicate the present system at Schreiber on computer. Education coordinates handled the scheduling at Schreiber three years ago, before Mr. Russell and modular scheduling arrived.

When Schreiber operated on computer scheduling three years ago, there were many problems. According to Assistant Principal Robert Bartels, Educational Coordinates did not have the schedules ready until four days before school opened. When they were finally ready, somehow "300 schedules disappeared." Mr. Bartels believes that most of the difficulty stemmed from the fact that the computer company was located far away from Port Washington. When things went wrong, it was difficult to get in touch with the company.

Mr. Bartels told the Times "I don't think we should use a computer at all." He believes that Schreiber is as sophisticated as a college, and therefore, the scheduling should be conducted as it is in most colleges. The teachers each have a time when their courses meet, and the students choose their courses, accordingly.

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Mr. Russell said, "There is a distinction between modular scheduling and the Schreiber program. The expression of support for modular scheduling may or may not carry full understanding of the program. This represents the basic support of the program. This represents the challenge to everyone in the school and in the community. Modular scheduling has been guaranteed to continue substantially the same for this is a useful guarantee point, in that it will continue of our organization. The students, staff and community will all apply continuity. The humanist will perhaps best be guided by the intuition and leadership and the understanding concern, of the staff and body of Schreiber. This is require far more than an acceptance of the human goals of the program. If the Schreiber program survive, nothing less than and ceaselessly artistic commitment of students in the school will be necessary to place the quality and commitment of staff and students a higher level of urgency appointment of a new principal have faith in students and that their strength, imagination.

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Principal Committee Begins Work

The Student Principal Committee, composed of interested students and Mr. Cahill as faculty advisor, met twice this month, discussing plans for interviewing candidates, student representation and advertising of the committee created by Mr. Russell's resignation.

The first meeting was on Jan. 30, and was publicized in the Schreiber Times. The students who attended were discussing the structure of the committee, which anyone can be part of. Three subgroups are being formed to discuss the qualifications of candidates, the amount of influence the student body should have in methods of reaching a large portion of the student body.

The School Board has written an ad to be placed in the Dallas, Texas newspaper, a convention of secondary principals being held there. The senior committee rewrote the line of the ad, stressing the importance of the candidate's experience with, and willingness to work under and develop modular scheduling. The revision was submitted to Mr. McGowan.

Other members of the committee are meeting with men at Weber and Sousa to discuss some of their ideas in cooperation.

When the actual interview begins, two representatives will be chosen from each grade school, to act as student interviewers of at least some candidates.

Editorials

The Schreiber Times wishes to extend congratulations to Tommy Murchie, Ellen Minkow and Laurie Entis for their recent individual athletic accomplishments. Murchie was accepted for the coming Olympic Invitational Walking Races this month, and set the New York State's boy's high school record for walking the mile. Minkow similarly set the record for the women's indoor high school mile and both she and Laurie Entis will compete in the National Indoor Track and Field Competition at Madison Square Garden on February 22nd.



Photo by Fred Ciecuch

Schreiber has approximately 125 doors and 1700 inhabitants who use them every day. The doors, until recently, were considered just doors, but now most of them must be considered safety hazards, because of the terrible accident that occurred several weeks ago. The accident involved a student who used his hands, as any normal person does, to push open a door. Unfortunately, he pushed his hand against the glass pane next to the door knob and, instead of the door swinging open, his hand broke the pane and he suffered serious injuries. The accident, and other similar ones, would not have occurred if safety glass on a wood panel replaced the dangerous door pane. This hazardous situation should not exist in a school like Schreiber with its population moving from room to room throughout the day. Before another accident occurs something must be done to make Schreiber a safer school.

As you walk down the hall some time in Schreiber, you may perhaps see someone wedging open a locker door and stealing the contents of the locker. Perhaps you'll see someone sticking his hand between the glass plates of a display case and stealing someone's exhibited work. You might even see someone steal a wallet that is resting on a cafeteria table next to its unsuspecting owner. Is it possible that you might, after recognizing these actions as crimes, do something about them? Shouldn't you protect yourself before you are the next victim? Wouldn't you care about the other students who have had their valuable possessions stolen? If you don't report a thief to Mr. Bartels, aren't you an accessory to his crime?

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Remembering "Mama"

by Steve Miller

The Schreiber production of I Remember Mama last Friday and Saturday nights was very impressive, mainly due to an incredible performance by Naomi Nissen as Mama.

While all the performances, and the direction, were excellent, this production would have been little more than a good high school play had it not been for Mama's omnipresence and projection. Naomi Nissen has in the past proven herself to be a fine actress, however she has now asserted that there is little room for improvement in her ability. Her Norwegian accent was fine, and she was able to come across well as a maternal tower of strength, conveying real feelings.

The play is about a family of poor Norwegian immigrants living in San Francisco at the turn of the century. Katrin (Jeanne Morris), the oldest daughter, is narrating and reliving her youth, and memories which stand out. All are essentially of Mama's warmth, leadership and strength. Other strong characters were Uncle Chris (Tony Solomita), the fierce, yet compassionate "head of the family," Aunt Jenny (Debbie Blankman), a domineering, meddling, "mother-in-law" type, and Aunt Siegrid (Michelle Britton), a gossiping over-protective mother.

The basic attribute of the play itself is its many opportunities for audience involvement in the way of empathy. Particularly touching scenes were when Mama pawned her heirloom brooch for a graduation present for Katrin, and when Uncle Chris died after a brief illness. Perhaps in order to appreciate the true sentiment of these passages, one has to be able to relate to them from personal experience.

The play also had its lighter moments, such as when Dagmar's cat is revived by a too-small dose of chloroform intended to kill it. The cat, Uncle Elizabeth, was portrayed excellently by Bowser McKenzie.

Mama's husband and her children were her primary concerns. Her husband (Ron Mayers), a struggling carpenter tried to do his best for the welfare of his family. Ron Mayer's versatility as an actor was clearly evident. The children, Nels (Gregory Nissen), Katrin, Christin (Joanne O'Connell), and Dagmar (Risa Krive), all added warmth and charm throughout the play. Aunt Trina (Missy Mierswa) was a halfwitted, whimsical girl, and Missy Mierswa deserves credit for her fine portrayal.

Peter Coffee and Kendall Walsh deserve honorable mention for their roles of Mr. Hyde, the refined, yet scheming boarder, and Arne, the cute little fellow who was the apple of Uncle Chris' eyes. And to all others, congratulations for a job well done.

Aside from Mama and Katrin, the best performance, although in a minor role, was Robert Fieldsteel's portrayal of the meek funeral director Peter Thorkelson, who marries Aunt Trina. Fieldsteel definitely has what is known as stage presence. His slightest change of expression was enjoyed immensely by the audience.

The set design of I Remember Mama was truly professional and it is evident that a lot of hard work and long hours made the set designs such a success.

Mr. Jones, who directed the production, especially has earned praise for an excellent job.

Everyone involved in this production of I Remember Mama should be proud, that it was not just another "one of those high school plays," and it will be something we all will surely remember.

Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

The following letter was sent to Mr. Ewald Nyquist, commissioner of the N.Y. State Dept. of Education:

Dear Commissioner Nyquist:

I write to ask you to investigate actions of the Board of Education and the school superintendent, Hugh McGuigan, re the resignation of Mr. William Russell, principal of Schreiber High School in Port Washington.

As an active member of the community, I know your department has selected Union Free School District No. 4 (Port Washington) as one of the 27 districts throughout the state to be studied under Project Redesign. The most forward-looking program in the district has been that in the high school.

Under Mr. Russell's innovative guidance the Schreiber program has been based on the time modules. The program has excited the interest of students. The enthusiastic cooperation of the teachers, alleviated a serious space problem by judicious use of space and time and greatly enlarged the scope of the high school curriculum.

In terms of education, all seemed to be going well. Mr. Russell was described by the school superintendent more than once as "an outstanding educator". So outstanding, in fact, he was the only one of 60 candidates who was presented to the school board by the superintendent.

Surely the program has its faults; also to be sure, it has stirred controversy. But when has something new, different, untried, that departs from tradition, failed to cause controversy?

On Tuesday, January 16 at a standing-room-only-meeting the Board of Education voted 5 to 2 to accept Mr. Russell's resignation. I believe it is pertinent to say by this time it was generally conceded the resignation had been offered by Mr. Russell as a means of getting support - both for himself and the program at the high school. In response to a question as to why the board had voted on such an important matter before permitting discussion from the public, the board chairman said they had voted, in executive session, to do so.

It is significant this vote was taken when two members of the board who later indicated, in public, they would have voted against it, were absent. They were in the building and arrived three minutes later! In response to another question, the board chairman agreed several requests for

permission to speak, prior to voting, were in the board's possession. Apparently, the board felt no need to accede to these written requests.

Following the 5-2 vote, there was a long, emotional, question-laden session by the audience, numbering about 350 to 400. What stands out most in my mind about this portion of the meeting was the board's evasiveness in answering questions and the superintendent's inability or refusal to do so.

At one point, for example, we had the spectacle of a board member telling the audience that the school superintendent had told the board he had had the principal's resignation for four months, during which time he (the superintendent) had hoped the resignation would be withdrawn. Interrupted in this recital by a student who wanted to know why the superintendent could not relate this tale himself, the board member rebuked the student for being "rude".

I was struck by the fact that expressions of support from those most directly affected by the principal's resignation (i.e. students and teachers at the high school were of little concern to the board). I point this out because the resignation of a former principal from the same high school, just 2 1/2 years ago, and before Mr. Russell's innovative program, created no visible ripple of support, regret, or public expression of any sense of loss.

I do not know the state education law. I have written in such detail because I want to give a background and framework so that you may, I hope, answer for me the following questions:

1. Under the state education laws is it legal for a board of education in executive session to vote against public discussion of an issue about which they would know permission to speak had been requested?
2. Further, is it legal to take such a vote in the absence of two board members whose presence could have been immediately summoned?
3. Is it legal for a school superintendent to withhold from the community news of the resignation of one of his top assistants for several months? Further, is it fair and of good judgement to keep the community, the school staff, and the man in question in that kind of limbo?

Sincerely yours,
Alice G. Whitmore

Russell Interview

conviction and determination exist now to the full measure of need. That represents a basic position of optimism, but it is an optimism that rests squarely on human resources of the total school community.

"The commitment of students and staff, now, and the influence that they can and must exert, not only to continue the humanistic thrust but to expand and enrich it since we all recognize our present imperfections and failure to achieve our high purposes, must surface. The emphasis we place upon giving the student a high degree of individual responsibility, as many options as possible, the broadest experience in managing, using and developing his personal resources, the freedom to unfold as a human being in his own unique way and at his own unique pace with all the risks that might be involved must be continued. This freedom is too precious to be lost or curtailed."

When asked about possible new administration policies for the school, Mr. Russell replied, "I know of no measure that has been taken or is presently planned that might constitute a threat to the objectives we have described, and yet, implicit in all the developments of recent weeks there appear to be philosophical differences of basic significance. Because of these differences, the need for student and staff leadership in interpreting the vital goals of the Schreiber program is great.

The staff and students have surely emerged from the turmoil of recent events aware of their potential influence in moving the Schreiber program forward. Recent events have forestalled us to focus on the vital issues of education here in Port Washington with new insight."

On the use of the computer, Mr. Russell commented that "the program will not be com-

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puterized, but will have the use of a computer. There is a difference between the two. The program has reached such a point of complexity that it taxes the outer limits of physical endurance of any person. Therefore under any circumstance it is necessary to use a computer to help in the production of the quarterly schedules. However, there will still be a human element in the scheduling, because of the presence of a school representative and a representative of the computer company who will use their educational judgements in making the schedules. Properly used, the computer can guarantee the achievement of our goals as they relate to course offerings, diversity, individual student options, and the like."

Russell feels that "legally, personnel appointments are made by the School Board, after the Superintendent's recommendation. It is my judgement that the students and faculty have insights into qualifications that a candidate for principal must meet, that can be shared by no one else. It is my strong conviction that the voices of students and staff should be heard from and are indeed crucial."

When asked whether he would reapply, Mr. Russell said, "A faculty committee asked me to answer that question, and my answer was that it did not appear realistic to assume that the same board which made its decision in recent weeks would really be interested in the resubmission of an application on my part."

Mr. Russell ended the interview by saying, "It will be a great source of joy for me to see the Schreiber program continue to unfold in exciting ways through this year. I promise everyone that I will give these remaining months my full personal and professional commitment."

Scheduling Search

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However, Mr. Russell does not agree. He feels that it is essential that, "the program evolves from student electives expressed as personal choices by each individual student." He thinks that scheduling should depend on "the unique group of students choosing the unique class." College-type scheduling would not entail this factor.

The administration concedes that there will be some difficulties and shortcomings with computer scheduling. "There is greater flexibility by hand and it is more personalized. We don't want to lose that factor," said Melchoir. "It is impossible, until we get to specifics, to determine the percentage of loss." The percentage of loss is the amount of difference or the number of things that will have to be eliminated from Mr. Russell's hand made scheduling system.

But there are some advantages to a computerized system. According to McGowan and Melchoir, less of the next principal's time will be tied up in scheduling and he will have more time to handle the administration of the school. Computerized scheduling is a quicker procedure than hand made scheduling.

What role will Mr. Russell have in next year's computerization? "He is a critical resource...He is most directly involved," said McGowan. "No one can hold him to anything after June," Melchoir added. The consensus was that they really weren't sure about Mr. Russell's plans.

In an interview with the Times, Mr. Russell said "I would expect to be part, as usual, of all the program planning which must proceed any use of the computer service. The next three months are going to be crucial for the entire staff, as decisions are made on course openings for the

fall... and the kind of instructional patterns that will be most important for each of these course offerings. In addition, several departments will be considering rather fundamental curriculum changes and I would hope and expect to be involved, as usual."

Regarding the word "computerization," Mr. Russell said, "I would prefer to say, not that it will be computerized scheduling for next year, but that the computer will be used to the maximum degree possible, in order to help move this program forward."

"We have reached the point of complexity in the Schreiber program where under any circumstances it would have been necessary to use a computer service to achieve our purposes."

He added that, "If this system is to survive as a student oriented program, a degree of coordination between the Schreiber staff (students and teachers) and the staff of the computer service, must be achieved, surpassing any previous experience in any computer program...Every school that has gone on computerized scheduling, has fallen short of this."

Teachers Selected

A committee of teachers has been selected to aid in the selection of Schreiber's next principal. The faculty conducted a vote and the teachers that were selected are: Mrs. Cleary, Mr. Goutevenier, Mr. Grosmark, Mr. Meystrick, Mr. Shannon, Mr. Weintraub, and Mr. Zanetti.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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& MATTHEW KLEIN
from the
Schreiber Times Staff

Salerno Interview

by Michael Fendrich

"Education is the backbone of every nation." These are the words of school board Vice President Carl Salerno, a concerned parent of four children and an active voice in Port Washington School affairs. In a press interview with Mrs. Sulzer's journalism class, he spoke about modular scheduling, and Port education in general.

Mr. Salerno says that he fully believes in the modular scheduling program at Schreiber. He said "I was afraid of it at first, you're always afraid of the unknown." He added that once he was familiar with the system, he supported it completely.

The fact that modular scheduling enables a student to learn at his own rate, is a good attribute of the system, according to Mr. Salerno. He supports the free elective system and believes that it is synonymous with the modular scheduling program. He believes however, that some students can not cope with the system and that there should be a program that they can fall back on.

One of the reasons that Mr. Salerno decided to run for the School Board was the increasing amount of drug usage by students in Port Washington. "There shouldn't be a single child involved with drugs, whatsoever," he said. The Port Washington School Board devised a drug policy, which provides guidelines for handling the situation. Port was one of the first school systems to adopt a drug policy, according to Mr. Salerno, who believes that the policy, which includes some confidentiality for the drug user, is "fantastic."

Mr. Salerno, who "never missed a day of school from the 6th grade to the 12th grade," believes in moderate discipline at school.

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SYOSSET CRUSHES PORT 78-48

Remain In First Place

by Norbert Seifert

The Port hoopsters played two games in the past week, one at MacArthur last Friday and the other on Tuesday against Syosset.

Port displayed its top form in its game against MacArthur. The game was one of the best of the season. The Vikings took a slight lead at the beginning of the game and kept it for the entire contest.

The game stayed close for the first three quarters. However, Port scored 26 points in the final period, putting the game on ice. The final score was 78-62.

The scoring was evenly balanced among the starters, as all five scored in double figures. Ed Dissosway and Jim Merriweather, Port's big men, each had 18 points. Stan Clark had 15, Chris Kane had 14, and Tom Brown scored 11.

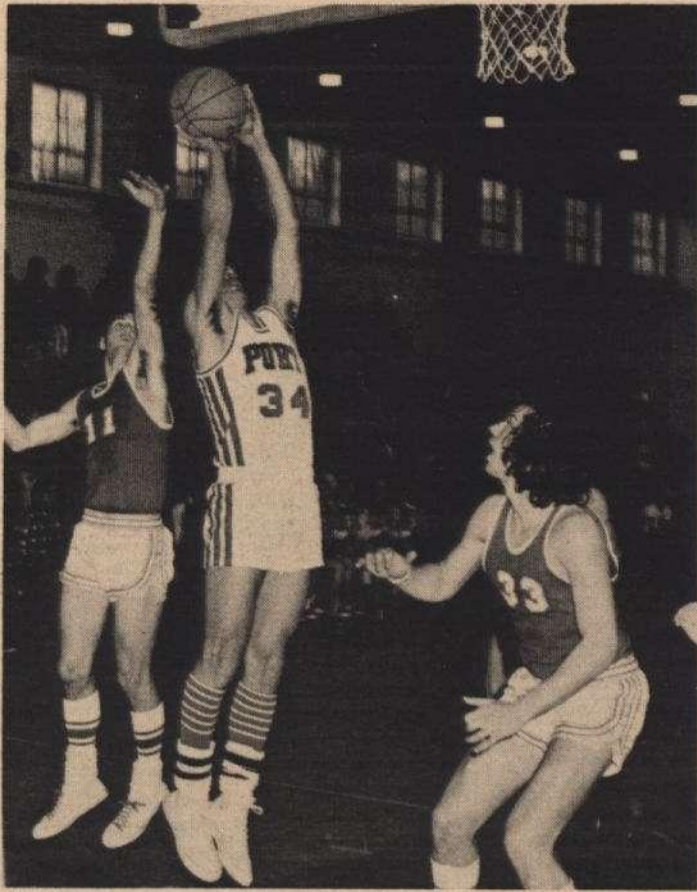
Tuesday's game was an entirely different story. Port was in first place and the Syosset Braves were in second. Port could not handle the pressure of this important game, enabling the Syosset team to win, 78-48.

Syosset took control from the opening minute, and it went downhill from there. They kept working the ball in for open shots and hitting the open man. Port played sloppy offense, intimidated by Syosset defenders. Throughout most of the game, Syosset had twice as many points as Port.

A key factor in the game seemed to be Ed Dissosway's injured hand. The Syosset big men had no trouble penetrating for layups. On the other end of the court, Port rarely had more than one shot, as Syosset grabbed almost all the defensive rebounds.

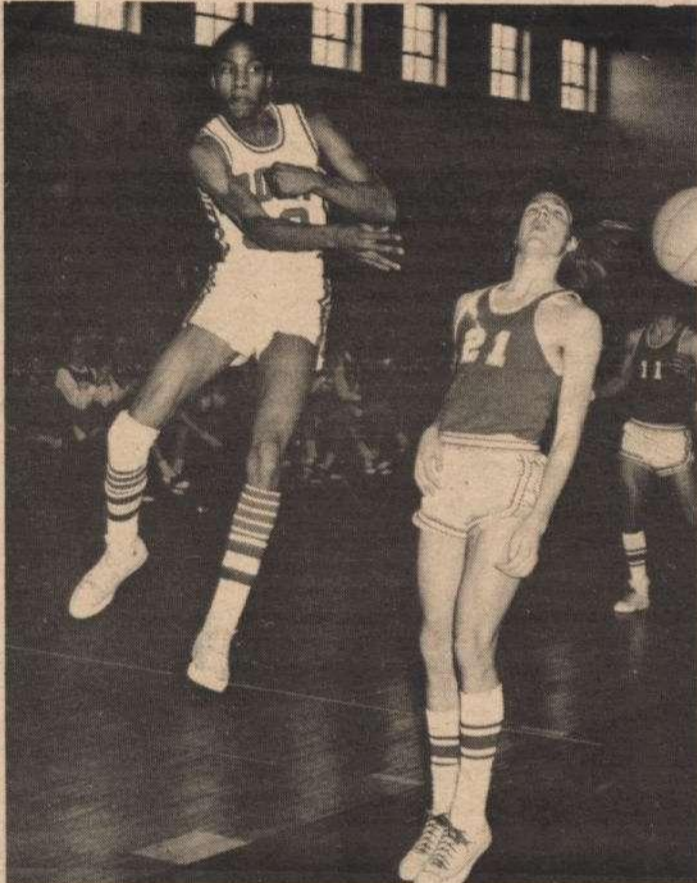
Port could not control the ball effectively for the entire game. Tight Syosset defense caused many turnovers. When Port managed to get off a shot, it was an outside shot, because Syosset clogged up the middle. The only bright spot in the game came in the fourth quarter, when Jim Merriweather got the hot hand. At the end of the game he had 13 points to be Port's top scorer. This statistic is indicative of the Port offense.

Port's last night game is on Friday at 8:30. Their opponents will be the Plainedge Red Devils.



Bob Carrick scores two points in losing effort on Tuesday.

Photos by Norbert Seifert



Bryan Allen throws crisp pass past surprised Syosset defender.

Schreiber Walkers in National Competition

by Gordon Helman

This Friday evening Schreiber sophomore Jimmy Murchie will have a chance to compete in the Olympic Invitational Track and Field Meet at Madison Square Garden. Next week, at least two more Schreiber students will also use the Garden track to race in the National Indoor Track and Field Competition.

Murchie, who currently holds the New York State men's high school record for walking the mile, is entered as a provisional starter for the race on February 16th. He is the only high school athlete entered in the meet but because of his comparatively slow time (his official time for the state record is 7:36 but Jimmy has walked 7:24 in another unofficial meet) he can compete only if another walker withdraws or is disqualified.

The two women who will be going to the AAU Nationals on February 23rd are Ellen Minkow and Laurie Entis. A third Schreiber walker, Denise Kurz, is also entered but as of now she has not beaten the qualifying time of 9 minutes.

With an accomplishment comparable to Murchie's, the N.Y. State women's indoor record has been set by Ellen Minkow with a time of 24 minutes: 24 seconds, 47 seconds off the old record. She has previously established an unofficial state record but due to irregularities on two of the three tracks, her times were not accepted. In even tougher competitions, Ellen has come within seconds of the 7:24 women's outdoor world mile record.

She is a two-time senior AAU Metropolitan Champion and has won numerous other titles and awards in her short athletic career. The February 23rd Nationals meet at the Garden will be the second for Minkow who was unable to place in last year's Ohio competition; she is undaunted and has felt a vast improvement in her performance since then. Coach Bruce MacDonald also has great confidence in her potential.

Murchie, Minkow, Entis and Kurz are only four of the twelve walkers to whom MacDonald gives his coaching ability. Recently they have been walking competitively in about two meets per week.

Recent meets have brought fruitful results: The Westchester Holiday Festival Meet in late December was won by Jimmy Murchie and Laurie Entis took a close fourth; Murchie also placed first in the Nassau Coaches' meet with Minkow grabbing second; First, second and third places were taken in the Senior AAU Metropolitan Championships by Minkow, Entis and Kurz respectively; another important Westchester meet netted an additional two first and second place medals for Murchie and Minkow.

In addition to the Walkers' regular practices and competitions, a few of them have helped conduct race walking clinics at various Westchester high schools and at Brooklyn's Adams Track Club, one of the strongest and most renowned girls' track teams in the country.

Wrestlers Finish On Victory Side

In its last match of the season, Port hosted MacArthur. Fine performances by the home team led the way to victory, as Port won 24-20.

Gary Levinson, Ed Ward, Craig DeMeo, and Philip Santodonato achieved victories in the match. Tom Gieger recorded a major decision and Jason Leslie Pined his man. Leslie, who achieved his pin in less than two minutes, made his season mark 12-1. His total of 54 team points, was unsurpassed by any previous Port wrestler. DeMeo, Levinson, Murray and Lampus Davison also had outstanding

season records.

Coach Busby was pleased with the team's performance this season. He believed that the team, which faced a very tight schedule, was "about the best team, over-all that we ever had." The team finished the season with a final record of 9-5 and tournament victories.

Port's J.V. grapplers finished their season with a fine 11-3 record. J.V.'s Andy Simon, Tom Stein, Mike McDonald, Tom DeMott, Danny Mella and Tim O'Leary turned in excellent performances all season.

Themes Set for Sports Night

The Blue Team theme this year is "Down by the Deep Blue Sea." It is hoped this year, that the main idea of the theme will not be announced until April 7th.

The six dance captains chosen are Sue Caplan, Sallie Graves, Stacey Jackson, Vickie Littman, Kelly Stone, and Lily Van Heeckeren. The tumbling captains are Steffie Gall and Barbara Loree. The calisthenics captains will be Sandie Sorell, and Barbie Williams. Prop chairwomen are Pam Fraser and Pam Monfort.

Practices for cheering will begin the week of March 12th, and dance will begin after winter recess. Calisthenics will begin the first week of March.

All girls on the Blue Team are invited to tryout for the dances, and tumbling. Everyone is invited to get involved in calisthenics, cageball, relays, tug of war, and 'behind the scenes,' props, lighting and taping.

As Girls Sports Night is quickly approaching, the six White Team captains have begun choosing girls to head the various competitions. The dance captains, Cill Rowland, Donna Mueller, Alix Walsh, Paula Prudente, Dianne Rotunno, and Kim Pellogrino have scheduled tryouts and will choreograph three dances. Louise LoPinto, prop chairman, is working on designing the props. She welcomes any White Team member to join the prop committee. Brenda Murphy and Elise Renga are leading the calisthenic routine. Calisthenics is open to all interested in participating. Tumbling will be headed by Monica Lang.

"Oh our high school we sing to you,
We will always be loyal and true.
For thy honor we will stand,
For thee laurels fair demand
And we'll rally 'round thy flag of blue.

Ever toward may we bear thy name,
Ever upward we'll raise thy fame.
May our courage prove true
While we're working for you,
Port Washington we sing thy praise!"

Gymnastics Recreation

Recently the Physical Education Department has begun a gymnastics recreation program from 6:30 - 8:00 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The program, headed by Mr. Edgerton, is designed to increase student interest in gymnastics. Recently, gymnastics has been gaining tremendous popularity and the Gymnastics Team has gained the school's respect. The program will be relatively unstructured, and no form of competition is planned. On the first night, about 55 people showed up, using all the equipment available at the school. Several people came who had little if any previous gymnastics experience. The program is open to the entire school district (grades 7 - 12), and everyone is urged to come.

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Girls' B-Ball Unbeaten

In their first league game of the season, the Varsity team played exceptionally well scoring a record high of 55 points to Sewanhaka's 36. Laurel Waters was outstanding on both offense and defense, scoring 16 points and upsetting many of her opponents plays. Liz Hausman was close behind with 14 points, while teammates, Brenda Jaegar and Donna Jones contributed significantly to the team's overwhelming victory.

The Varsity girls once again made a fine showing, defeating Locust Valley, 67-12. Liz Hausman with 15 points, was offensive M.V.P., and Brenda

Murphy blocked many shots to receive the M.V.P. award for defensive playing. Laurel Waters played an outstanding offensive game, scoring 33 points on many fast breaks.

The Vikings continued their winning streak, as they won their fourth game against Great Neck South. The girls had a 15 point margin at half-time and doubled their lead to 34 points, to win the game by a score of 59-25. Rose Leighton played a fine game as Laurel Waters was again the top scorer with 18 points. Chris Ruff and Linda Malewicki played fine game offensively and defensively.

Port Light's
Dime-a-Dip Dinner
Friday Feb. 16
5:00 to 7:30
Before the Basketball game