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Theater Season '74-'75

by Steve Miller



On November 15, 16, 22, and 23, the Schreiber Department of Performing Arts will present the musical version of James Thurber's, "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty."

The story unfolds during the fortieth birthday of Walter Mitty (Craig Tadken). To celebrate, he created elaborate fantasies, with Mitty always being the hero. He does this to escape from his loving yet nagging wife, Agnes (Jenny Gould). Walter's second world is so inviting that he often loses sight of the fine line between dream and reality and comically enters into his imaginative world. With the help of Willa de Wisp (Francine DeStefano), Mitty leaves his nagging wife, to shed the responsibilities of suburban living, and to find The Secret Life.

Other characters include, Amy Appleby as "Hazel"; Peter Coffee as "Harry"; Debbie

Lewandowski as "Ruthie"; Mark Mastro as "Fred Gorman"; and Alan Michalak as "Irving." There are approximately thirty singers and dancers in the cast.

Some musical numbers from the show include, "Walking With Penninah", "Confidence," "Fan the Flame," and "Two Little Pussycats." There are twenty-six separate musical numbers.

The Director and Choreographer of the show is Mr. Charles Tate. Musical Director is Jerald Stone, and Technical Director, Don Jones.

Other offerings for this year's theatrical season will be, Arthur Miller's, "The Crucible" and Thornton Wilder's, "The Skin of Our Teeth."

All in all, the works that are to be produced by the Department of Performing Arts this year, should prove challenging and entertaining for thespians and non-thespians alike.

Nat'l Merit Picks

9 Semifinalists

The students from Schreiber who were among the highest scorers in the state on the 1973 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test - National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), administered to about one million students nationwide are: Matthew Bonner, Peter C. Coffee, David W. Elenowitz, Martin K. Fallor, Katherine J. Flanagan, John Kirk Luntz, J.G. Preston, Leslie T. Stark and Bruce Wittenberg, as announced by Dr. Gerald A. Killeen, Principal of Schreiber High School.

These nine students have distinguished themselves as being "in the top one-half of one percent of the nation's most academically talented young people," according to Edward C. Smith, President of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

The 3400 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1975 will be pursued in further competition by the nine semifinalists mentioned and about 15,000 others. As semifinalists, their names will be distributed to regionally accredited U.S. colleges and universities. This recognition can be an added advantage when seeking admission to the college of their choice. When the competition is over the various winners will be announced and at this point the appropriate financial aid will be disbursed.

Suspensions Cause Controversy

by Kathy Hecht

On Wednesday, September 25, about thirty students tried to attend classes only to find that they were not allowed into class. That morning, the teachers found in their mailboxes little notices saying that "_____ is suspended from all classes until further notice. Please do not admit to class unless the student has a note from me." The note was signed, "Thanks, R.A. Bartels." These suspensions have caused controversy among some students and teachers.

Reps Elected G.O. Officers

On Friday, September 13, homeroom representatives elected G.O. President Michael Lewitt, Vice president Jeffrey Schreiber, Treasurer Paul Nardone, and Secretary Bob Frankel. The other nominees were Michael Abrams and Grant Dildillian for president, Carol Hahn and Floyd Sklaver for vice president, Godwin Chang, Pam Schall, Cliff Spencer, and Steve Jackson for treasurer, and Karen Masi contending for secretary. Michael Lewitt approximates that seventy-nine representatives participated in the election as opposed to last year's sixteen.

The new president asserts, "The goal of the G.O. this year will be to involve students of all grades in its operation and to let the students know that their government is working hard for their Welfare."

In the near future, the G.O. hopes to re-evaluate last year's constitution and to assess its present fiscal situation and opportunities so that it can organize a program for clubs to earn funds. To raise the level of student participation in the government, the new representatives hope to involve clubs in co-sponsoring activities so that school organizations can help earn the money they request as support.

The government is in the process of planning monthly student activities. As a first in a series of film presentations the G.O. is sponsoring a Marx Brothers Movie Night on October 25. It also hopes to hire a band to hold a jam session after school on October 4.

The G.O. has plans for a ski trip during Christmas vacation to Innsbruck, at Tirol, Austria.

A busboy program is under consideration for implementation. This service may be one of the means for various clubs to earn funds.

Mr. Bartels explained that the reason for these suspensions were outstanding debts to the athletic department. He said that a letter was sent out in June asking for the return of the equipment owed. He then said that a letter was sent home in September saying that the student will be excluded from all classes until the property is returned or paid for. Again, this letter was signed, "Robert A. Bartels, Assistant Principal." However, some of the students said that they never received or heard of such a letter.

Besides the approximately thirty students suspended last Wednesday, about sixty students have been suspended for various reasons since the beginning of school. Four have been suspended for smoking, one or two students have been suspended for what Mr. Bartels said was insubordination, about twenty-five for not having physicals in tenth grade, and another twenty five for failure to attend probation meetings (They are on probation because they cut classes excessively last year.

These students are now to report every two weeks to Mr. Bartels for meetings.)

According to State Law, a student in the tenth grade is required to have a physical or he can be suspended from school. Last year, the medical office made repeated efforts in the form of letters, notices, and phone calls in order that those tenth-graders should have physicals. This year, those students (who are now in the eleventh grade) still without physicals were suspended, as all notices and phone calls by the medical office failed.

Each year there has always been the problem of not having all the equipment returned to the various departments. In the past, the return of these items has been handled by notices, bills and the withholding of report cards. Last June, instead of the usual ten to twenty outstanding debts to the Athletic Department, there were over one-hundred. Mr. Romeo said that each student was sent a bill last June for the amount owed. Then he gave the list of students who still owed money to

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G.O. Pres. Voices Concern

To the Schreiber Community:

The recent blanket suspensions of about ninety Schreiber students is a deeply alarming matter that could serve to destroy all that we in the Schreiber High School community have strived for. Using the ultimate punishment, suspension, for such minor infractions as failure to return gym equipment or failure to return health cards seems incongruous with the educational goals of Schreiber High School. Of course, it is important that students comply with the rules and regulations of Schreiber, but there are more important considerations in this question.

Schreiber High School is unique in that it has an atmosphere of students working with teachers rather than against them. This

close working relationship serves to create an academic environment unique to Schreiber High School. The use of such a serious punishment as a warning by the figures of authority within the school to the students can only serve to damage this spirit of cooperation.

I suggest that those responsible for this unwise decision reconsider their action in view of the educational goals of Schreiber. Certainly the health cards and gym equipment can be recovered, but the atmosphere of cooperation that exists now in Schreiber can not be recovered as easily once it has been lost or damaged.

Sincerely,
Michael Lewitt
President

Schreiber Student Government

Schreiber Has New Look

by Harlan Greenman

Schreiber High School underwent many renovations during the summer and work is still going on in some areas. Fields have been reconstructed, old roofs redone, and other areas in need of improvement have been upgraded.

The most colorful, though not the most extensive change is the "interior decorating" the cafeteria received. Mrs. Ma, a Schreiber art teacher, is responsible for the design. As she puts it, the goal is for the cafeteria to be "colorful, playful, and intimate" while functional. All walls were scheduled for possible repainting but only one was actually completed with "shocking green" being the most prevalent color. For the future, Mrs. Ma hopes to paint the remainder of the cafeteria in such colors as "lush orange, botany blue, and sun bright

yellow," with a graphics design. In addition, round, colored tables seating 6-8 persons might be installed if funds can be found. Finally, the alcove at the rear of the cafeteria could be fashioned into a "semi-lounging and working area," utilizing coffee tables and low seating for the enjoyment of all students. The painting done so far was carried out by one of the custodians who gave up his vacation to work for the maintenance crew. Dr. Killeen and Mr. Rosenman got the necessary funds from the 1974-75 operating budget.

The most extensive improvements were made on the athletic fields where construction increased the safety for the participants, gave more flexibility to limited land area, and made better use of available land. The baseball field is repositioned so

that outfielders will not have to contend with running through the track when chasing fly balls. Also, track runners no longer need to contend with players or hit balls colliding with them. The new field has a grass infield instead of the old dirt or "skinned" infield which did not drain water off the field. This problem should be eliminated with the new field.

Girls' sports will benefit from work done on the hockey field which has been widened to make it regulation size and turned to eliminate a drainage manhole in the middle of it. Also, railroad ties and fences have been placed to eliminate the danger of steep embankments. The permanent field hockey goals have been replaced by portable ones allowing the field to also be used for girls' lacrosse.

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Editorials:

Since school has started, thirty students have been "suspended" for failure to return interscholastic athletic equipment. Last June the students involved received notice that they owed athletic equipment, asking them either to return the equipment or pay for it. This fall, a letter signed by Assistant Principal Mr. Bartels was sent home to each of those students warning them that they would be suspended unless the matter was cleared up. Last Wednesday students were suspended.

This action has raised quite a number of questions.

Can Mr. Bartels, as assistant principal, suspend students when Section 3214 of the Education Law as quoted on page 33 of the "Guidelines for Students Rights and Responsibilities" states that "an assistant principal may not suspend a student"?

According to the by-laws of the Port Washington Board of Education, "suspension should be imposed only after the parent of the student has been notified of the need for suspension and a request for a parental conference be made by the school". Why weren't all the involved students' parents notified, and why were no parental conferences held, or even requested?

Are these suspensions in name only, as they will not go on students' individual records? If that is true, were they suspensions at all?

Is suspension advisable for such actions as failure to return athletic equipment?

We certainly hope the Committee Concerning School Disciplinary Policies, a sub-committee of the Staff Council made up of Schreiber faculty members, will supply the answers to these questions in the very near future,

Hurricane Fifi took an awful toll as it struck the Honduras two weeks ago. Entire cities were destroyed as rivers flooded, ravaging homes and hospitals alike. 10,000 people lost their lives and another 5,000 were left homeless, many of them cut off from all communication and unable to ask for help.

For one Schreiber student, the tragedy was of a more personal nature. Mirna Diaz had just arrived in this nation a few weeks before from her native Honduras. Her parents stayed behind in order to complete their immigration papers. They were still in Honduras when the storm hit, and neither has been heard from since. Almost three weeks has passed without word from the Diaz's, or thousands of other victims, and thousands of others are staying in crowded relief centers, lacking adequate food or medical attention.

The Schreiber G.O. has agreed to assist Mirna in her quest to find her parents. Donations are being accepted at a table in the main lobby, and the G.O. has agreed to contribute some money from their own account.

The students of Schreiber are called upon to help one of their own in her hour of need. We urge each and every student to contribute, whatever amount possible, because every penny goes to the worthiest cause available--the saving of lives. Cut down on your lunches this week. Don't go to that movie Friday night. Rake a neighbors' lawn for an extra dollar or two. But for heaven's sake, be sure to give something. It may help reunite the Diaz family and the entire nation of Honduras.

New Attendance Policies

The attendance office will crack down on consistently tardy students this year. That's the word from Assistant Principal Bartels. Up to three notes will be sent home informing parents of their child's lateness. A fourth notice will bring suspension.

Last year by March, according to Mr. Bartels, up to five hundreds students a day were reporting late to school. To prevent this from occurring again, the staff of the attendance office will check the attendance cards twice weekly. A notice will be sent to the home of any student who regularly reports late. This type of watchdogging was not enforced last year because of lack of manpower. The problem of lateness became so serious, however, that Mr. Bartels thinks that it demands extra attention this year. He did admit that

manpower will continue to be a problem.

In addition, any student who is found in school without having reported in by either attending homeroom or signing in late will be suspended after the second occurrence.

Last year's policy concerning procedure to be followed after an absence remains intact. If a student returns to school without a note explaining his absence, a call is made to his home to try to determine its cause. If the parents of the student can not be reached, a note is sent to his home. The purpose of the note is merely to inform the parent's of the child's absences. Surprisingly, there does not seem to be any set policy for pursuing the matter further--if for instance, the student continues to be absent without excuse.

Suspensions (Continued from page 1)

Mr. Bartels. Mr. Romeo said that he had nothing to do with the decision to suspend the students.

Dr. Killeen said that "in some instances students are holding on to significant amounts of school equipment." He said that they (the school officials) have been very nice in asking repeatedly about the equipment and "we think it is appropriate (in this situation) to apply suspension." He explained that the decision to suspend the students until they return or pay for the equipment was a joint decision. Commenting on why some students did not receive warnings concerning suspension, he said that he "was not aware of the specifics" and would like to have seen some notice given to the students. In reference to the ways in which a student can be suspended, he said that there was no specific school policy. He did say that "suspension should be used as a last resort and should not be done lightly."

The State Education Department has published a booklet of guidelines on students' "Rights and Responsibilities." In the section on suspension, it says that minor disciplinary problems are preferably handled by the faculty with the principal dealing with the more serious problems. The booklet also states that according to Education Law 3214, "a teacher, guidance counselor, or assistant principal may not suspend a student." Also in the same section, "the principal may suspend a student for not more than five school days only if the Board of Education has adopted a bylaw that permits him to do so."

The Bylaws of the Board of Education on Suspension define suspension as "the temporary withholding of the privilege of attendance by the superintendent or his designee for a period of not to exceed five schooldays." However, it says that "all suspensions shall be reported to the superintendent." The bylaws also state that "suspension may be imposed only when other means of correction have failed or when keeping the student in school would be detrimental to the general welfare of the school and its students." It goes on to say that "suspension should be imposed only after the need for suspension and a request for a parental conference be made by the school."

Mr. McGuigan, Superintendent of schools, said that Dr. Killen did inform him of the suspensions after they happened. Mr. McGuigan said that Dr. Killen's did not have to ask his permission in order to suspend the students. Mr. McGuigan stated that "Suspension is not a punishment but a way of removing a student from the difficult situation while the people responsible can sit

down and figure out the best course of action." He said that in the case of the debts, "suspension is one way of calling ones attention (to the matter)." He did say that fair notice should have been given.

Mike Lewitt, President of the G.O., had a talk with Dr. Killen about the suspensions. They decided on forming a joint student-faculty committee concerning the problem of disciplinary action. (Anyone interested in participating on the committee may submit his or her name on a piece of paper into a box in the main office.) Several other students and teachers are looking into the question of the legality of some of the suspensions.

Ed Note: The author of this article, Kathy Hecht, was suspended on Wednesday, Sept. 25 because she lost an article belonging to the Athletic Department.

Renovations

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The running track will be refinished with large, medium, and fine cinders. At the same time, the track is being levelled, and the curb which surrounds the track is being repaired to make it uniform. The runways for the long jump, triple jump, pole vault, and high jump have been made "all-weather" allowing the track team to start practicing earlier in the spring when the ground is usually too muddy to be used. Formerly, all field events were held at one end of the field. Now both the pole vault and high jump have been moved to the far end of the field. The pole vault has a two-way runway, with pits at both ends permitting twice as many people to practice as before. The landing pits have been equipped with solid, portable foam blocks.

The elimination of the difference between the levels of the old practice and baseball fields and the removal of the fence

Port Alert Goes To Concerts

This fall, Port Alert is organizing trips to various concerts in the area. Tickets and transportation will be available. For more information, call the Coffee House at 767-1133. Reservations for all concerts listed must be made by Oct. 5.

Oct. 16- Jefferson Starship at Radio City Music Hall
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Oct. 18- Black Oak Arkansas at the Academy
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Oct. 22- Jackson Browne at the Felt Forum
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Nov. 2- Kris Kristofferson & Rita Coolidge at Avery Fisher Hall
Tickets-\$7.00, \$6.00, \$5.50, \$5.00, \$4.50

Bike-a-Thon To Raise Money

On Saturday, October 26, the Easter Seal Society will sponsor the annual Bike-a-thon at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow. Riders, who will be sponsored at \$1.00 per mile by local residents will be invited to cycle through the 4-mile route from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Since participants will donate the full amount of their sponsorship to the Easter Seal Society, contributions will go toward helping the disabled children overcome their physical handicaps.

between the two fields has created a 30-40 foot wide path of usable area all along the former border. Space was also gained at the other end of the old practice field where a steep slope which led down to the road was levelled.

The roof of the school except for that of the science wing is being resurfaced. One inch of fiberglass insulation has been installed over the old roof which should keep the school warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer and spring. The roof is also having new tarpaper installed, plus a new layer of tar and gravel. Former drainage problems which caused several leaks should be solved by the resurfacing. Work on the roof which began at the start of August should be finished this week.

Another renovation is the corridor outside of the cafeteria. Old, worn tile has been replaced and old metal fram lights have been replaced by new modern fluorescent lighting set in a new ceiling. This is part of a long range program at Schreiber, according to Dr. Killeen; to replace all old materials over approximately the next five years.

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Tennis Team Goes Coed

by Barbara Baim

Only four short years ago, Donna Stockton was selected for the boys' tennis team, because of her outstanding tennis ability. Now, as we enter the fall of '74, Debbie Rabinovich swings onto the boy's tennis team with her two handed backhand.

Tennis and track are the only two boys' sports in which girls have been able to compete. Yet, there is much controversy over whether or not girls should be allowed to participate on boys' teams. The other 14 members of the tennis team seem to have mixed emotions over this issue. David Elenowitz, playing first doubles, feels that if a girl is good enough to make the boys' team, she should be given the chance to prove herself. It is his opinion that tennis is an individual's sport which is based on each person's ability. Some of the boys agreed that having a girl did not make the sport any different. The morale of the team has not sunk, the desire to win did not abate, and for the most part, the boys enjoy having Debbie on the team.

But there are always two sides to every coin. Several of the team members, who choose not to be identified, have negative feelings about having Debbie or any other female on their team. One commented, "It felt like I was playing mixed doubles, not men's doubles." Others said girls are not good enough to try out for a

boys team. Another asserted, "If I lost to a girl, I would be very upset."

Mr. Gutlerner, the coach of the team, was very glad to have Debbie a part of his team this year. When asked if he found it difficult to make selections for the team without any discrimination against a player's sex, he replied, "When I look at someone trying out, I don't look at them as a boy or a girl but as an individual tennis player with the ability to play. I feel Debbie has the ability."

Debbie enjoys being a part of the Schreiber Boys' Tennis Team. Last year Debbie played first singles on the girls team, and this year her positions on the boys' team range from second doubles to alternate. Debbie said, "Going from first to the position I hold now makes me feel comparatively worse." Curiosity as to how well boys play by comparison to girls' standards was Debbie's explanation of why she tried out for the boys team. Depending on the competition this year and how well she maintains her position will determine whether or not she will try out again next year. When asked if she felt discriminated against by being chosen an alternate, she replied, "No, It's not a matter of one player being better than another, it's the winning combination that counts."

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Mr. Whitney, New Dean of Students

Mr. Al Whitney became the Dean of Students at Schreiber as of July 1, 1974. Mr. Whitney, formerly Director of Physical Education and Health for the entire district has been transferred to Schreiber in order to act as a general ombudsman for the students. The position of Dean of Students is new this year. When asked why this position was established, Dr. Killeen said,

"At the end of last year I requested that this position be established in the high school. At the same time, Mr. McGuigan, the Superintendent of Schools, was trying to restaff the Administration by transferring personnel who had district-wide responsibilities into positions with responsibilities in a more concentrated area. In appointing Mr. Whitney as Dean of Students, the Administration was accomplishing two things at once. It was eliminating Mr. Whitney's old position which had become unnecessary and filling the new position without the need to hire additional personnel."

Dr. Killeen said that "Mr. Whitney is available to take care of any unexpected occurrence concerning the students. Many times, Mr. Bartels, Mr. Berry, or I are busy, and we cannot be around to handle these things. Now Mr. Whitney will be here to do so." He said there are enough things that happen during the day to keep Mr. Whitney busy.

In discussing his new job, Mr. Whitney said that he is acting like an ombudsman. He said that he is just "trying to help kids." He is concerned with low student participation in extra curricular activities, and he is trying to get kids more involved in their school in order to get more school spirit. He said that he feels the spirit in this school is very low and that

one of his most important jobs is to improve school spirit. He also is trying to keep kids out of trouble. He feels that many students get in trouble because they don't know the rules.

The Dean's major responsibilities are to assist the Principal in "general overseeing and coordination of student activities," "coordinating the staff's supervision of students," and establishing and maintaining a school climate which fosters learning and the development of generally acceptable social behavior and attitudes."

Some of his key duties are; (1) assisting various student groups and advisors of clubs and organizations in planning their

activities; (2) overseeing the general supervision and coordination of the extra-curricular programs; (3) assuming major responsibilities for the maintenance of appropriate student conduct on the school campus; (4) assisting the Principal in developing rules for activities and controlling large group areas such as the cafeteria and corridors; (5) meeting with individual students whose behavior may not be consistent with school rules and regulations; (6) meeting with counselors, teachers and other building administrators concerning student behavior; and (7) fulfilling other duties assigned by the building principal.

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Vikings Win Football Opener, 21-8

by J.G. Preston

Two touchdowns by Nip McKenna, both set up by the passing of Ted Kramer, gave the Port Washington Vikings a 21-8 football victory over Mineola Saturday afternoon. The offense was hurt by the loss of Mark Brown, but a formidable defense and opportunistic line play pulled it out for the Vikings.

Port's opening touchdown late in the first quarter was set up by a short Mineola punt. Starting quarterback Chris Cannon took over on the Mustang 29-yard-line, and the rushing of running backs Brown, Cannon and Mike Greenspan got the Portmen down to the 7 in a hurry. On first down, Cannon, on a keeper, rolled to his right and cut back inside, spotting some running room. As soon as he hit the hole he was rudely interrupted by the two Mineola defenders, and the ball squirted loose. For a brief moment it looked like the drive had been stopped. Port tackle John Vlahos was as surprised as anyone to see the ball in front of his face, but he squeezed it and walked the last three yards for the first score. Call it luck if you will, but good teams make their own luck by having their linemen follow the ballcarrier, just in case he should fumble. At any rate the six points were on the board, and Lou DeMaria's extra-point kick was right between the posts for a 7-0 margin.

Late in the first quarter Cannon went on an 83-yard touchdown run, but it was nullified when Tim O'Leary was nailed for illegal procedure. Port was forced to punt from its own end zone and

Netmen Win Two Straight

The Port tennis team has posted a 3-2 record after having played all their Division I opponents, and that is a very promising showing considering the quality of the teams they are facing.

Roslyn arrived late for their match with the Vikings last Friday, and they probably should have stayed home. Port won 4-1 as two matches were halted by darkness. All three doubles teams won in straight sets—Elenowitz and Levine, Rautenberg and Newman, and Alan Zack and David Gray. Papell destroyed his opponent 6-0 after winning his first set 6-4.

Previously, against Glen Cove, the doubles players saved the day in a 4-3 Port win. Both the first doubles' team of co-captains Dave Elenowitz and Mike Levine and the second team of Robbie Rautenberg and Dan Newman won in straight sets. Zausner, who should prove strong at third singles, also won in straight sets and Schiller pulled out a close one, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

The squad opened the season September 19 on a happy note, defeating Great Neck South 4-3. Leading the way was sophomore Jeff Papell playing first singles, winning in straight sets. Second singles players John Schiller also won in straight sets. After some tough losses by the other players, the match came down to the third doubles team of David Ephraim and Dave Schwartz. After winning the first set 6-4, they lost the second set badly. Just as things were looking bleak, they came through in the clutch with a heartstopping 7-5 third set victory and the match.

the Mustangs took over inside the 40. After gaining a first down, quarterback Al Cherkin tossed a pass to Ron Tamraz out in the right flat. Cannon missed a tackle, a couple of other Vikings just missed catching him, and Tamraz trotted into the end zone on a 20-yard scoring play. Cherkin ran for the extra points, that made it 8-7 Mineola.

Both teams began to tear up the middle of the field and, near the end of the half, Port took possession just inside Mineola territory. Kramer came on for the first time in the game and, before most of the fans even realized he was in the lineup, hit McKenna on a 40-yard bomb to the Mineola 5. Cannon returned behind the center but failed to score on four plays, with Dave Glasco's fourth-down attempt from a yard away falling short. But the Mustangs were forced to take possession on their own one, and, on third down, Cherkin rolled out on the option play and couldn't find the handle on the slippery ball. McKenna pounced on the loose pigskin in the end zone for another Port TD, and Glasco's run for the conversion put the score at 15-8.

The second half was relatively uneventful with the exception of the final touchdown. With a first down on the Mineola 48, Kramer checked in and dropped back to pass. The line gave him a lot of time, and McKenna had his man beat by a couple of steps, but Kramer couldn't get the wet ball downfield far enough. McKenna came back for the ball and his defender turned around as well, a crucial mistake. When the

defender turned he lost track of the ball and McKenna caught it unmolested, jogging in for six. McKenna then juggled Kramer's pass for the extra points, gaining control out of the end zone, leaving the score at 21-8, the final margin.

Kramer's passing was effective, and might have been more so if the prevailing weather hadn't made it more difficult for receivers and quarterback alike. Cannon had a fine day rushing, although the blocking was not at its best. Brown was lost in the second quarter when he had an adverse reaction to some medication, and the other runners never really got untracked. Both quarterbacks specialized in their own type of attack, with Kramer only handing off once and Cannon only throwing one pass, and alert teams may take advantage of that in future games.

The defense was solid, with linebackers Mike Ragusa and Mark Zarembo filling up a lot of holes. McKenna and Jon Fitzgerald led a hard-charging line which bottled up Mineola runners and put the opposing quarterbacks under a lot of pressure when throwing.

It was a pretty dull game, but the Vikings showed a lot of promise for the upcoming Division III campaign. The defense will hold its own, and with better field conditions and the return of Brown the offense should be potent, to say the least. Saturday Port travels to Long Beach for their division opener, against one of their biggest rivals, in an early test of their mettle.

Soccer Team Off to Fast Start

Friday's loss to Great Neck South notwithstanding, the soccer team is off to a very promising start. Out of a 3-1 win over Mineola and a 7-0 win over Manhasset emerged a team even more capable than Coach Winter imagined. Up until Friday's 2-1 loss Port had it all together, with a powerful attack, reliable fullbacking, and more-than-adequate goaltending.

Sophomore Mark Pasquali has done even better than anyone could hope. His five goals in three games is a record pace, and his goal Friday was the best shot we've seen in some time—a blast from the edge of the penalty area that curled just under the crossbar. Sweeper Pasquali and junior left wing Dan Bernhard have brought new power to the front line with their hard shots and long crossing passes.

Phil Rybecky, a junior, has looked extremely good on the halfback line, and that's been a pleasant surprise. His booming shots look like the five-irons he hits for the golf team. Rybecky, steady co-captain Marshall Weis, hard-tackling Bruce Sherman and Chris Hafer have helped the Vikings control the ball as much as they have.

When center fullback and co-captain Bob Jones is on, he's one of the best fullbacks in the county. Jones was at his best against Mineola, stopping their hot-shot center forward cold. Jack Alameida, Mineola's star, couldn't even get the ball with Jones all over him, causing him to throw up his hands in disgust and mumble Spanish curses under his breath. Jones' mates, Rich Imperatore and Frank Laricchia, have not only helped clear the ball for the Vikings but have contributed offensively by keeping the ball in the other end with booming mid-field kicks.

Joe Nittolo has done most of the goaltending and has looked strong, allowing only one goal, and that with two seconds

remaining against Mineola. Reserve Ron Palm looked good in a half against Manhasset but was shaky in allowing both Great Neck South goals, both in the fourth quarter after Port had a 1-0 lead. Alex Corteselli, the third goalie, is good but he has the misfortune of playing behind two fine ones.

Port was pretty badly outplayed in the loss to South, but that was the first strong team they had faced, and they were much stronger than expected. The Vikings may have been a little overconfident going into that game, but now they know what to expect and should be better for it. If worse comes to worse they can just unleash Pasquali on their foes and he could almost win a game single-handedly. Monday's long-delayed game against Great Neck North, for the Port Inviational Tournament title, should give Port fans a good idea of what to expect once the league season opens Wednesday, at home against Plainedge. If they play up to early form the Vikes should be in strong contention for the title along with Syosset and possibly Farmingdale.

Field Hockey 2-0-1

The field hockey team, coached by Mrs. McClure, is a veteran team that has not allowed a goal in their first three games. In the opener against Glen Cove, Kathy Medlock's two goals and Karen Halby's one helped the Vikings whomp the Covers 3-0. Players from both varsity and J.V. played in this game. In their next start, against Bethpage, the girls made an outstanding effort, particularly defensively, but both the varsity and J.V. games ended in a 0-0 tie. But, last Wednesday against Oyster Bay, Port turned on the power, with Dorothy Krause, Sarah Peavey and Robin Beil scoring in a 4-0 rout of Oyster Bay.



photo by David Reinhardt

Port quarterback Chris Cannon beaks a Mineola tackle on his way to the end zone in the Vikings' 21-8 win over the Mustangs. Unfortunately, Cannon's 83-yard touchdown jaunt was called back after a penalty.

Gymnastics Squad Young, Determined

As Schreiber's fall sports season rolls along, the gymnastics team looks like its usual strong self. The team is compiled of the most determined young men Schreiber has. Coach Edgerton does a marvelous job of coaching, as his record in competitive play clearly states. In his first three years of coaching, he has won three division championships, and the squad has moved up the ladder from Division III to Division II until now they are in the toughest division, Division I. Two years ago Mr. Edgerton's team also won the Sportsmanship Award for good manners even under pressure or after defeat.

Mr. Edgerton has lost a lot of his top talent from last season, as he has 13 sophomores on an 18-man squad. Leading the returnees is captain Paul Ward. Ward is considered outstanding on all pieces of gymnastic equipment. In correct terminology he is considered an "all around". Ward started in gymnastics in 7th grade and has progressed to the point where he is probably the best on the team.

Another returning senior is Frank Cohen. He too is an "all around". Frank did not start until 9th grade, and it is unfortunate for the team that he did not start earlier to develop his skills.

Both Ward and Cohen have had high school experience in gymnastics meets, but for the 13 sophomores it will be a new experience. True, they are prepared physically, as junior high coaches Mr. Tepper (Weber) and Mr. Caruso (Sausa) saw to this. But mental

preparedness is another story. In high school a different tension is in the air, as well as a stronger feeling of competitiveness. Most of the sophomores have already had three years of junior high experience, and they will be the backbone of the team in future years.

There is considerable talent among the incoming sophomores. John Brzarad, while outstanding on the parallel bars, can also perform the floor exercise. Dennis Shiff has the ability to perform well on the side horse. Alex Wade is strong on all pieces of equipment, but most particularly the side horse and the still rings. Tom Murphy is small in size, but is a giant of a man on the high bar and parallel bars. Mike Siciliani has great potential on the still rings and high bar, and Larry Gottlieb is strong on the side horse and still rings.

When Mr. Edgerton was asked how he thought the team would do this year, he said, "Port Washington is in the strongest division this year, and while they may not win the first place trophy, I feel this young team will represent themselves very well and will promote the sport of gymnastics through their efforts and performances."

With the determination these athletes have, and Mr. Edgerton's guidance, the gymmies should be a prime contender for the division title. The season will start at home October 9 against Long Beach, and that will provide the first real test for his youthful squad.

Cross Country Weakened

Losses through graduation, and injuries to stars Tom Hopkins and Mark Lee, make the cross-country outlook for the coming season questionable. Leading the returnees will be seniors Anil Mohan and Sheldon Brodel and junior Ken Lahm, all of whom have improved over last season. Sophomores Bill Plunkett, Joe Kniezewski and Rich Frankel look most promising. Larry O'Brien and Roy Fried, although delayed by foot injuries, could help the team, as well as Gabe Hoffman and Ole Haaland.

Kathy Murphy looks very good and should do well in the Bethpage meet where there is a separate girls' section. Laurie Kehlenbeck is the only other girl on the team.

The first scheduled meet, against Mineola, was postponed as Port did not have enough runners ready for it.

The cross-country course this year has been lengthened from 2½ to 3 miles, making it even more grueling.

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