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Staff photos by Paul Dissosway



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Victory against West Hempstead by scoring all three touchdowns and accounting for over 100 yards; Dan D'Amico, who came on strong as the season progressed and led to one of Port's most memorable backs; Jim Hylas, who forever opening holes and making key tackles; Barry... who was sidelined with an injury during the game against West Hempstead but returned spectacularly on the line during the regular season, and... Sentner and Tom Rice, the ends who were as effective as they were... all made the team. In addition, Sexauer and Glasco led the All-Nassau team. The 1 touch, though, came when Sexauer made the Newsday All-Long Island team.

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Schreiber Bomb Threat

Dr. Killeen received a call from the police on Monday, January 5, informing him that they had information about a bomb at Schreiber. A caller had told police that while at a weekend party in Sands Point he had overheard someone talking about a bomb at Schreiber High School. The caller also gave police the approximate time of the expected blast, and the name of a suspect. The police advised Dr. Killeen to have the building cleared by 10:30. Although he did everything possible before 10:30 to avert an evacuation, Dr. Killeen complied, following a policy that every threat be taken seriously. Authorities stated that despite the unstable nature of homemade bombs, they felt "sufficient precautions" had been taken.

The police and the bomb squad arrived at Schreiber and began to search the building with the aid of school authorities. They did not search every locker, but every second or third, taking a good cross section of each area of the school. As Superintendent McGuigan said, "the police have their own procedures." The searchers were told to look for anything suspicious, such as an object "...with batteries attached," or "a package with wires coming out," or even "a large bulky bag." Students who had their locks sawed off will have the option of being reimbursed for the cost of the lock or of having their locks replaced by school lock. No bombs were found, and the students were allowed to return at 11:30.



Students leave building after threat is called in.

Photo by Michael Joseph

The police have no leads and no suspects, as school authorities say they have checked on a few of the many suspects without success.

During the time that police were searching the school, the displaced students were filling the downtown areas of the town, much to the delight of its restaurateurs. Others made their way home, while still others went to the Weber Junior High School gymnasium, which had been prepared for the Schreiber students.

The police have the matter under investigation, and have refused to answer any questions, although the school authorities were able to give information. Mr. McGuigan expressed the opinion that the LaGuardia Airport bombing, which preceded the Schreiber bomb scare by a few days, may have been an influence in the bomb scare, saying that "one could not help but be influenced by current events." Mr. McGuigan also said that it was "unfortunate that the entire education process suffered because of one screwball."

Board Surveys Schedules

Approximately five weeks ago, School Board member James Hassett left a memorandum on Superintendent McGuigan's desk containing questions concerning modular scheduling. The question of how much "real education" Schreiber students receive was raised in this note. A questionnaire with the purpose of finding out the average number of scheduled classes a Schreiber student has was developed and was distributed to all students in homeroom in January. The results of this survey will be tabulated by Superintendent McGuigan. The interpretation of those results and possible alternatives will be discussed by the School Board.

Since the Board will soon be making recommendations for the budget, many members are involved in individual research. One of the many activities of the Board this month is to investigate the amount of money repairs, alterations, and general costs involved in running the district. According to Mrs. Dissosway, President of the School Board, Mr. Hassett independently asked for the survey so that he could examine the high school scheduling more thoroughly. His research may help him to discover how the school may function better and more cheaply.

According to Mr. Hassett, interest in scheduling was brought about by the Student Government's protest of the homeroom rule. The members of the G.O. asked the Board whether or not the rule was legitimate, considering the fact that many students have their first class late in the morning. Mr. Hassett said that although the students aren't responsible for this complication, they could use their time more advantageously in the resource centers.

The issue of how beneficial Schreiber's ten resource centers actually are was also considered. Dr. Killeen stated that, "When students aren't scheduled for classes, there are a broad range of possibilities. The resource centers are the places where the students can go to do follow-up work for their scheduled courses." Since a student is not usually assigned a specific time to utilize the facilities, he must independently use those centers. The questions raised about the resource centers were "Are there enough facilities for the students to use," "Are these centers well-equipped," and "How can these places be better utilized by more students?"

Committee Studies Sexism

The Port Washington Public Library recently held a program dedicated entirely to the women of Port Washington. One facet of the program, which was entitled "In Celebration Of Women," was a meeting of the Committee to Study Sexism in the Port school system.

Part of the Education Amendment of 1972, which is called "Title IX", outlaws sex discrimination in schools. In brief "Title IX" says "No person ... shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program ...". A copy of the amendment will be available for observation by students in the main lobby.

The committee's eventual goal is to eliminate any sexism that may now exist in our schools. The committee's head, Ms. June Shapiro, says one of the main complaints is the amount of sexism in textbooks used by the schools today. They feel the books are very outdated and from the very beginning teach young elementary school children that males are superior to and more important than females. The committee recently met with the School Board and asked them to pay specific attention to non-sexist schoolbooks. The School Board said it could not go completely non-sexist, but it would keep this in mind in future textbook purchases.

Another major gripe of the committee is the vast amount of sexism in the Physical Education classes and extra-curricular girls' sports. The committee is trying to revise a ruling by the National Collegiate Athletic Association on girls' contact sports. The rule states that girls may not wear protective equipment other than shin guards, knee pads, and when available, mouth guards. As a result, one girl from Schreiber sustained a broken nose while playing lacrosse last year.

A meeting has been planned with Assistant Superintendent of Schools Elliot Landon and Athletic Director Thomas Romeo to discuss sexism in the Physical Education classes.

Cotillion Off

The Cotillion Dance, sponsored by the Health Department and scheduled for February 7, was cancelled following a misunderstanding over grading procedures between Health teacher Mr. Johnson and Dr. Killeen, which resulted in an indication that insubordination charges might have arisen.

Normally, Mr. Johnson requires a written report as a final project in his course. This marking period he decided to offer an alternative to this paper which he referred to as the "Community Health Project," a project designed to combat student apathy. Committees to work on various aspects of the dance were formed. They included divisions responsible for food, entertainment, publicity, decorations, tickets and clean-up. All students choosing to become involved in the "Community Health Project," instead of writing the standard term paper, were required to be active members of one of these committees. Mr. Johnson emphasized that the dance was a non-profit activity in which the students' involvement was the most important factor. Each student's final project grade, however, would also be based on a written paper concerning his or her involvement in the preparation for the dance. Mr. Johnson said that he thought this type of project would be considerably more beneficial to a number of students than would a research paper because in past years many students copied something about a disease at the last minute.

Dr. Killeen, though, was soon informed of Mr. Johnson's intent and, in conferring with him, indicated to him that he felt "it wasn't proper to tie a student's grade to his presence at a dance." Dr. Killeen later sent a letter to Mr. Johnson re-emphasizing his attitude. At this point, Mr. Johnson decided to cancel the dance. Dr. Killeen, on the other hand, was not opposed to Mr. Johnson's participation as long as he did not base students' grades on their involvement.

According to Dr. Killeen, though, Mr. Johnson would have been responsible for insubordination had he gone ahead with the dance and implemented his grading policy. Dr. Killeen stated that, had Mr. Johnson done so, he would have pursued the matter "diligently" by taking necessary steps to enforce disciplinary action.

Snowballs Fly



Snowballer in full swing as students look on. Photo by Seth Hulkoewer

On Jan. 21st afterschool 150 students were involved in a huge snowball fight outside of the school. Although nobody was hurt, many came very close to injury. The snowball fight started on a small scale, but, soon after, students became restless waiting for the buses and started throwing snowballs.

Although there were no injuries at least three students were suspended during the last snowfall for throwing snowballs.

Every time there's a snowfall there are some small snowballing incidents, with only a few students involved. During these fights there are usually no disciplinary actions administered towards the students involved. It was this type of fight that led to a student sustaining a detached retina two years ago.

G.O. Writes Nyquist

The Schreiber Student Council has written a letter to State Commissioner of Education Ewald Nyquist asking him for an advisory opinion on the validity of the controversial homeroom rule.

The Student Council has refused to release copies of the letter because it does not "want any sort of feedback from McGuigan," as Council member Bill Finkelstein put it. Other sources on the Council have revealed essentially what the letter says. It was written to ask Nyquist whether the homeroom rule is a "moral, correct, and just rule." The Council's previously stated objections to the rule were reiterated in the letter, and an American Civil Liberties Union rule concerning students' rights was cited. Student Council sources have declined to specify the rule in question.

When asked how Nyquist's opinion would affect the School Board's attitude towards the rule, School Board President Mrs. Gina Dissosway said that if Comm. Nyquist strongly disapproved of the rule, "there would have to be some reconsideration of procedure." However, she added that there is a new state regulation requiring students to be in school for at least 5 1/2 hours every day. The homeroom rule helps Schreiber meet that requirement, so until somebody can come up with a feasible alternative the School Board would like to keep the rule. Mrs. Dissosway thinks that Commissioner Nyquist will consider this aspect of the controversy when he makes his decision. She also said that the School Board would welcome any ideas about a replacement for the homeroom rule.

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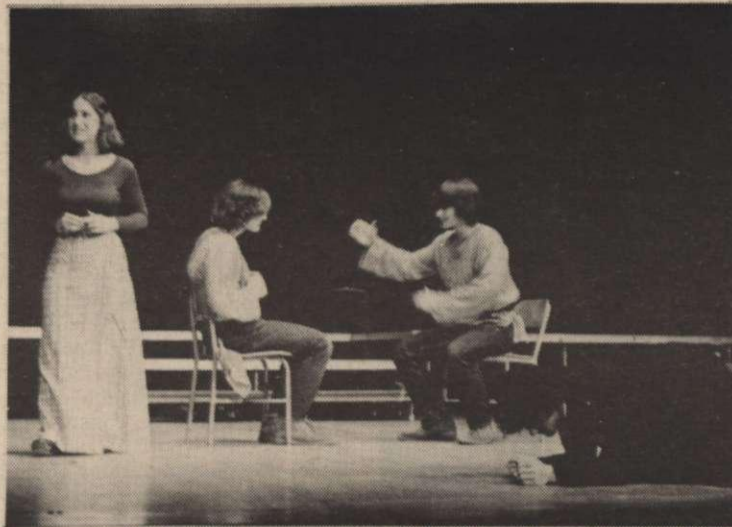
Story Theatre: Frolics, Fantasy, Farce and Fun

by Seth Hulkower

Once upon a time there were ten fables put together and called Story Theatre. Although they had once been children's stories, they had now grown up to be adult comedy, and as such were performed by the Schreiber Department of Performing Arts. Playing without props, the cast romped and pantomimed its way through the stories, with the performers adding their own interpretations freely, and often lending a vaudevillian air to some very old tales. Presented in light and whimsical fashion, they brought the house down.

Frequently the actors portrayed animals, lending realism in some most unusual ways. Bill Hausdorff as a hound didn't seem very convincing until he found an imaginary tree on the side of the stage. Not to be outdone, the howling cat of Rachel Conescu spat and scratched at anything in sight.

Artful sound and lighting effects enhanced the performance. From the gallop of a horse to the clink of wine glasses, percussionist Barbara Merjan produced the sounds cleverly and smoothly. Music was blended into the stories and sung beautifully by Brian Hiller. The wind and



Barrack hides in "hope chest" while Shobe and Mandel enjoy their dinner.

hurricanes and even lightning which were added to "The Fisherman and His Wife" were marvelous.

A little grey man, nimbly played by Michael Barrack complete with baggy grey sweatshirt, controlled the magical action of the final story. After turning sour beer into wine, he disappeared. Well...almost with a great fanfare he tries several times and then scampers off stage, shouting.

The crowning glory of the show

came when Greg Shunick appeared on stage as the King, wearing a Burger King crown. He told the story of his very solemn daughter who never laughed, much less smiled. At the same time, Princess Conescu could barely contain her laughter whenever she looked at Mr. Shunick's crown and finally gave up, shrugging to the audience, and joining it in its fits of laughter at one of the funniest shows Schreiber has seen in years.

Photo by Seth Hulkower

Cabaret: Sandbox a Success

by Scott Pink

Being old in the United States does not necessarily mean that one is treated with dignity and respect. Instead, Americans tend to regard old age and the imminent prospect of death with an indifference that is exemplified by the practice of putting old and infirm people into stark and lonely nursing homes. Edward Albee's one act play, "The Sandbox," performed beautifully by five Schreiber students in a Cabaret performance, depicts this situation with a bitter and biting irony.

The five students, A.B. Appleby, Barbara Davilman, Bill Fish, Ken Mandel and Mark Mastrocinque, did a professional job portraying their respective roles. The play is situated on a California beach, and begins with Davilman, who flawlessly portrayed the reserved and proper "wife," and Mastrocinque, who no less flawlessly portrayed the questioning but always subservient "husband", discussing what to do with "Grandma". They bring in "Grandma", whose varying moods of utter despair and happiness were poignantly portrayed by A.B. Appleby, and place her in a sandbox. Meanwhile, Ken Mandel, looking just right as the Californian beach bum, is moved his arms in a birdlike fashion, and he ultimately revealed himself to be "the angel of death". The whole disjointed scene was accented by Bill Fish's dissonant clarinet playing.

Probably the best aspect of the performance by the five students was the uneasiness they caused in the viewer; an effect Albee probably would have wanted. Appleby distinctly was able to captivate the audience, and we were all happy when she finally reached her final redemption, death. The staging and direction by Mr. Jones was excellent also - particularly the use of the sandbox as a coffin. Indeed, this was a Cabaret worth seeing.

Letter To The Editor

It perplexes us to think of what type of community Port Washington has become, when a student health activity that evoked such a positive response from student and teacher alike, is cancelled.

The February Cotillion Dance was sponsored by the Health Education Dept. which acted only as a catalyst to rally student involvement which had remained dormant for so long at Schreiber. The validity of giving students a grade for actively participating in this as a community health project can be viewed as a viable community health experience.

The primary function of this dance was not only to serve as a social activity, but more important to help stimulate the students in the planning, organization, financing, and directing of an event of this magnitude. It amazes us that the community continues to complain about the apathy at the high school, yet due to various reasons caused the cancellation of this dance.

Bob Gatof
Laurie Greene

Editor's note: Bob Gatof was chairman of the February Cotillion Dance and Laurie Greene was co-chairman.

No Communication

It is no secret to anyone that Schreiber High School is the stage against which the passions and problems of its students are played out. When these problems are played out in terms of personal violence, vandalism, and marijuana use, they come particularly in conflict with school policy and community law, and some sort of must be given, some action be taken.

Members of the faculty and administration are always more willing to work with students before problems arise and as they occur, but they need the help of the students to remain aware exactly what is going on in the school at any given moment.

A word to any one of a number of people on the faculty and administration (we mention Mr. Whitney in particular) about prodding up around school would bring prompt response. It would be a response not designed to catch anyone doing anything wrong, to punish; but a response designed to avoid serious trouble, to open lines of communication between the administration and the students that are so desperately needed, to extend a helping hand in whatever form it is most needed.

There can be little help forthcoming from the faculty and administration if they are not actively brought in contact by students with student problems. There can be little help forthcoming anywhere if students refuse to take an active interest in each other's welfare. But even a little bit of this kind of activism can go a long way towards improving the school situation.

Taxes Unfair

Education should be and supposedly is one of the top priorities of the country, the state and the community. But the allocation of revenues does not reflect this. When it is time to prepare the budget the schools have to fight for every penny. The problem lies not with any person or group of persons, but rather with the system of financing education with property taxes.

Of all the taxes, only the school tax is approved or rejected by a direct vote of the community. This direct vote places the Board of Education, which prepares the budget, in a very difficult position. Because of rising expenditures and decreasing state aid the Board must propose some tax increase. But if the increase is too high the budget has a good chance of being defeated. Therefore it is likely that the Board will also resort to cuts in programs to balance its budget. When cuts are made, what is usually cut are the programs not deemed absolutely necessary for the students' education. But these same programs which are the difference between quality education and adequate education. If enough cuts are made, the difference between adequate and inadequate education becomes the difference between adequate and inadequate education.

In this type of situation the Board will always be wrong. Any budget will antagonize some because of its tax increase and of because of its cuts.

Just as it is impossible to condemn the Board for presenting a specific budget, it is also difficult to condemn those who vote against it. The property taxes are already high and in many cases unfair.

The only solution to the problem seems to be a change in the system. This is what was recently proposed by Nassau County Assemblyman Angelo Orazio. His plan would finance education with business and personal income taxes instead of property taxes. Everyone should realize that the fault lies with the system and not to change it. Until a change does occur, everyone must work together for the best possible budget, instead of blaming the situation on someone else.

Cleanup Cafeteria

The main reason that the cafeteria is quickly turning into a garbage dump is that students are expected to eat in an overcrowded, noisy facility. Indeed, it's hard to walk into the cafeteria these days without noticing the smell of garbage and the offensive appearance of the tables and the floor. Admittedly, some people are leaving their garbage on the tables. But the underlying problem is the size of the cafeteria. The room is not suited for a school with over 1,000 students. Consequently, the atmosphere is not conducive to eating habits.

Some solution must be found. To begin with, each student must be responsible for himself. The student government has rejected Killeen's proposal in which students would have been paid \$2.25 an hour to clean up the cafeteria. One third of the money would have come from the student government, one third from the cafeteria fund, and one third from the school district.

The government's present solution, however, of G.O. leading the cleaning of the cafeteria is unsatisfactory. The cafeteria has undergone no noticeable change since this system was put into effect. Therefore call on the school to provide all the funds needed to hire outside help to clean up the cafeteria. This is a viable solution used by neighboring school districts. If the school does not respond as an alternative, the student body should consider a student boycott of cafeteria food services.

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NCTE Contest

Each year, the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) awards 850 certificates of achievement in writing to students across the country. The names of 850 winners are printed in a special booklet that is distributed to the nation's colleges and universities.

Schreiber High School submits the writing of four candidates, all juniors, to the Council. The number of candidates from each school is determined by the NCTE on the basis of school population. Schreiber's four candidates are selected in a preliminary contest conducted by the English Department. All interested juniors are invited to compete for the four positions by submitting a sample of their best writing along with an impromptu essay written in one hour.

Thousands of students compete each year for the 850 final awards. Schreiber has produced at least one NCTE award winner in each of the last seven years.

Today, February 5, is the date of the preliminary contest. All interested juniors should report to the English office at 9:00 AM with a sample of their best writing.

College Money

The High School Parents Association, in conjunction with the Administration, has planned a meeting for all Schreiber students and their parents. The focus of this meeting will be the financing of college costs. The meeting will be held tonight at 8:15 P.M. in the high school auditorium.

The five person panel will present information on financial possibilities available to Schreiber parents for funding their sons' or daughters' college educations. The panel's presentation will be followed by a brief question and answer period.

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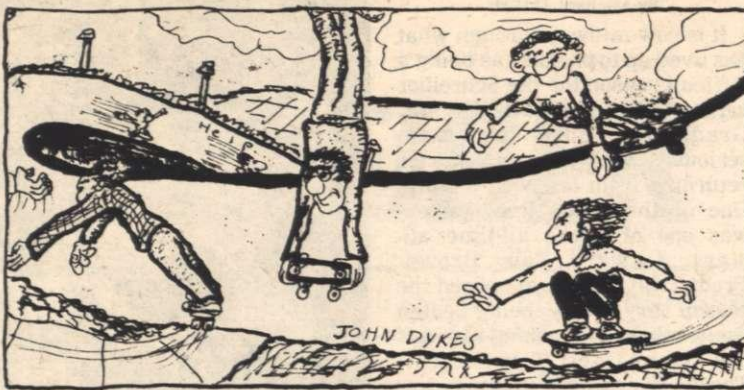
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The Perfect Hill

by Charlie Stone



From the steep, winding hills of Port Washington, to the New York City subway stations, down to Virginia Beach, the search for the perfect slope and surface for skateboarding continues.

Jay Urbanowicz and Anthony Simoncelli, two juniors at Schreiber, have become avid skateboarders. They have skateboarded down Longview Road, West Shore Road, Beacon Hill Road, Port Blvd., Main Street, and just about every other hill in Port that is worth skating down. The golf cart tracks at Plandome Country Club and the New York City subway stations have also provided a worthwhile challenge.

The subway should only be attempted by skateboarding veterans, just in case the 5:00 express decides to come barreling down the tracks at the same time you decide to part from your skateboard in an uncontrollable fashion. If your skateboard happens to fall into the tracks, leave it there. Reliable sources tell me that Mayor Beame will be happy to refund your money.

The best subway platforms are the downtown IRT and Brooklyn lines. The BMT's graffiti reflects the light in the wrong direction, impairing the skateboarder's vision.

Schreiber High School is one of the best places to skateboard, according to Anthony Simoncelli and Jay Urbanowicz. They have been here after school, practicing various hot dog tricks. The custodians were even nice enough to discuss possible stunts. One of them suggested skateboarding down the stairs.

The surface is a very important factor in skateboarding. Unfortunately, the floors at the New York Coliseum proved too frictionless for Jay, and his board found its way into the back of a girl's head. This wasn't surprising considering that it was during the Ski Show.

Before choosing the area for your skateboarding expeditions, it helps to find out the friction of the surface you plan to use. According to Mr. Lyman, the formula to use is $F = \mu W$ of object. This will enable you to distribute your weight properly.

From the discussions I have had with various skateboarders, the best route in Schreiber is: start at the auto mechanic shop, head down the hall past the cafeteria, through the lobby, down to the English Dept. and make a left turn towards the science wing, and go through the doors (open them first). Be careful in the science wing; this is where it gets tricky. It becomes narrow and slippery. If you had used your formula for friction, you would have known this.

So catch a hill and you're sitting on top of the world.

Busy Board Meeting

The School Board's monthly meeting was held in the Sousa Auditorium on January 20, 1976. The meeting proceeded smoothly through the agenda until board member James Hasset questioned the School District's application for a grant of \$40,000 to continue the Student Video Project Grant. Mr. Hasset was disturbed by the lack of communication that had existed between the Board previous to the meeting.

"I haven't seen any information about the Video Grant. We've had the agenda since Friday (January 16), but none of us have seen the information. Maybe I'm not sure all these things should be done on Monday on the telephone. Maybe they should be discussed at an open meeting. Why should it be discussed on the telephone?"

The meeting continued with the regular agenda, including the acceptance of a \$2,550 bid for a new Schreiber score board. The worst feature of the present score board is the clock. On Friday, January 10 the clock would not restart during the third quarter of a basketball game against Herricks. As a result of this, the Herricks team was disturbed by this nondevelopment, and Mr. Romeo, Schreiber's Athletic Director feels that the score board has already been used to its maximum potential and "it is beyond repair."

Fall Athletes Honored

The 1975 Boys' Fall Sports Dessert was held on January 15 in the Schreiber cafeteria. The evening seemed to have the same winning atmosphere as most of Schreiber's fall sports seasons.

The first team to receive its awards was the cross country team. Team member Walter Lapinski was given the Coach's Award.

Next on the agenda was the gymnastics awards. Having had an excellent season, the gymnasts found themselves honored by much applause and many awards. Coach Tom Edgerton presented the Most Improved Gymnast Award to team captain Peter Schmitz and the Coach's Award to John Brzorad.

Next, tennis coach Richard Gutlerner stepped to the podium. He presented the Coach's Award to junior Jeff Papell, winner of that award for the second straight year.

Soccer coach Roger Winter next announced the soccer awards. For the first time in the history of the school the Rezek Award was presented to the same person two years in a row - Mark Pasquali. Anthony Strangolagalli received the Coach's Award.

The last presentation of the evening was the football awards. Assistant Coach Zirpolo presented each member of the team with a trophy, reflecting their excellent championship season. Barry Cohen received the Coach's Award and Roger Sexauer was given the Lee Costello Award.

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Girls Volley to Finals

by Jimmy Levine

Coming off a fine 8-2 season, the Schreiber girls volleyball team went to Roslyn High School on January 14, to play in the League I Championship against North Shore High School. Port made it there by defeating Manhasset in the semifinals the night before. In the finals the Vikings did not fare as well as they lost 13-11, 17-15. The finals were filled with great comebacks and many opportunities for Port to win.

One factor that rarely comes into play, the eight minute time limit, got Port into and then out of the championship game. The day before, the 13th, the Vikings beat Manhasset by the score of 11-9, 4-15, 12-8. In both games that Port won, the rule that states when time runs out, the team ahead by two or more points wins, came into effect.

The first game of the semifinals started as a Port Washington romp. After four servers, the score was 9-0. In a tough game, time ran out with Port still winning, and so the Vikings had won the first game. The second game was a total disaster. Manhasset took an early lead, which increased as the game went on. The final score was 4-15. The most exciting game was the last one which stayed close for some time. Port took that game, thus winning the semi-final match.

In the championship match against North Shore, the starting six—Liza Shaw, Jill Schreiber, Juli Donaldson, Betty Cosgrove, Robin Beil, and Kathy Medlock all played superbly. A Port rally late in the game fell short, and time ran out with Port trailing 13-11. In this game, the forward line continually won points with effective sets and spikes despite North Shore's excellent returns.

At one point during the second game, the Vikings were trailing 11-4, but soon closed in, making the score 14-13. Time ran out and the Schreiber fans went wild, only to learn that Port had to win by two points. North Shore scored two points, but Juli Donaldson served an ace to tie the score. Two long points were won by North Shore, which put an end to Port's 1975-76 Volleyball season.

Congratulations should be given to Coach Hulse, who assembled a fine Viking team. Among the team's achievements were two games in which they kept their opponents scoreless, and an average of only ten points allowed per game.

Keglers Having Good Seasons

by Tom Havasy

The Schreiber Bowling Team got off to a good start in early December. The team's record has stayed above .500 all season, and its current record is twenty-one wins and twelve losses. The team is in fourth place but is only two points out of first.

This year's varsity consists of twelve members. However, only five bowl in each game. The co-captains are Leslie Wade and Bob Hukill. Wade is the only girl on the varsity but leads the squad with a per game average of 165. The other co-captain, sophomore Bob Hukill, follows her with a 164 average. Glenn Schmid is another high scorer, averaging 162 pins per game.

If the Keglers can move into first place in the remaining weeks of the season, they will go to the Section Eight tournament on February 27.

Schreiber's 1975 Girls' Bowling team, under Coach Barbara Srebnik, had a successful season of nine wins and five losses, which placed it third in its division. Kathy Ross and Rosemary Zabicki represented the team in the Individual Championships on January 16, in which Kathy Ross placed third.

Cagers Work Toward .500

by Michael Joseph

It is now midway through what has lived up to promise as being a difficult season for the Schreiber varsity basketball team. Graduation hurt the team seriously, with only one starter returning from last year's team. One of the graduating starters was one of Port's all-time all-stars, forward Tom Brown. Predictably, the team opened the season very poorly, being beaten decisively in the opening round of the Manhasset Tournament. There has been notable improvement in the team's play, however. Its record now stands at 3 wins and 3 losses in league play with six games to go. It takes a winning percentage of .500 to make the playoffs. Port's last regularly scheduled game of league play is against powerful Farmingdale.

I sat down the other day with guard Dan Brenner to talk about the team's progress since the start of the season. Brenner attributed the team's shaky start to the fact that the players had to get used to each other. They play a running offense with a tight, pressure defense, which means that 10 men play, and a large



Alan Brown goes in for a layup.

Photo by Michael Joseph

number of playing combinations are used.

Coach Jessen has not been using a set starting five, and Brenner said that this can be a little "unnerving". He said that "it can hurt the team because you're not playing with the same guys. But it also helps because it keeps the guys on the bench eager to play, which is very

important on a running team.

Brenner said that there is really no team leader. "Everyone tries to concentrate and get himself together, but the team will be together."

Port failed to break .500 its net time out, losing 62 to 55 to Hickville on February 3.

Winter Track

Winter track is on the scene again and this year brings some new and exciting runners.

O'Keefe and the mile relay team paced the Port Harriers to a fourth place finish in the Division I Meet. O'Keefe placed second in the 300 yd. dash in 35.1 seconds while the mile relay team consisting of O'Keefe, Hughson, Robert Keyes and Castelli, took the Division I Championship.

In the Section 8 Meet, the Washington Mile Relay Team placed fifth in 3:47.5. In the Meet, the junior two-mile relay team, consisting of Alan Mey DeFeo, Kohlman, and Bingham took first place. Kohlman placed fifth in the junior 1000 yd. dash while Greg O'Keefe won the sophomore 300 yd. dash.

Only part of the team took a trip to the North Shore Championships last Saturday. The mile relay team did a great job coming in second. It enables them to go into the County Championships.

Grapplers Go 3-3

by Steve Carras

In the past week Port's wrestling squad recorded a 29-29 tie with a tough Plainedge team and a 33-18 victory against Garden City.

Both of these matches followed similar patterns. Port's young, light and middleweight grapplers, besides Bob Geiger (114 lbs.) who is capable of holding his own, had trouble due to their lack of experience. However, from Barry Cohen (147 lbs.) to Willy Dumpson (169 lbs.), the Vikings have an unrivaled supremacy.

The match against Plainedge saw Port win only two of its first seven matches; Kevin Clark (107 lbs.) won on a 5-2 decision and Geiger on a forfeit. With the pressure on them, Jim Shorin (157 lbs.) won by decision 17-2, Dumpson pinned, and Bill Dawson (179 lbs.) won by decision 10-6 to get our matmen back in the match.

Ramsey Boehner (121 lbs.) managed the only victory out of the first six matches in Port's meeting with Garden City. As usual, Cohen got the Vikings back on the right track with a lightning fast pin. To the disappointment of many spectators, Shorin and Dawson won by forfeit. Making up for the crowd's unhappiness, Willy Dumpson scored a win for Port. At one time during his match, he held his opponent to the mat while he looked up to the stands as if to ask whether it was time to make the pin. The crowd cried for more, and Willy tallied some more points for Port.

Although Port's heavier wrestlers won these matches for the Vikings, the lighter wrestlers who were often overwhelmed by their opponents must be given credit for their determination. Their season record is now three wins and three losses.

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