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Bienstock Talks

Mr. Bowman, Dr. Killeen, Mr. Zanetti and the High School Parent Association have devised a program to heighten student awareness of job opportunities and potential careers. Mr. Bowman explained "The aim of this program is to aid students in closing the knowledge and understanding gaps that some experts feel exist between the world of work and the world of school."

"Partners in Education" is the name of the new program. Partners in Education or P.I.E. inaugurated its series of career programs by having Herbert Bienstock, a regional director of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, come and speak at Schreiber to an audience of approximately six hundred students.

Mr. Bienstock discussed such topics as employment trends, job opportunities in the 1980's, and the advantages of holding a college degree.

The second P.I.E. project was the distribution of career surveys to all junior students in their American Studies classes. The survey used was created by the U.S. Office of Education. Some modifications were made, and questions were added relating to student interest in the P.I.E. program. Mr. Zanetti hoped this survey would help the P.I.E. planners "get an idea of what kids are looking for and find their interests so we can get them to work with someone in the community."

The Parent Association has already made numerous connections with local career people who might be interested in having students visit their places of business for one day this spring.

Next year Mr. Zanetti hopes to extend the program so that students may have "ongoing internships in their chosen fields of interest." He also added, "I'm trying to arrange a ten or twenty week internship program" so a student might leave the building for anywhere from one to five days a week to work as an unpaid assistant in his area of interest.

Community Services Face Cuts in Funds

Port Alert and the Education Assistance Center (EAC), two community service organizations, face sizeable budget reductions in the coming year. Both organizations rely heavily on money from the State of New York. Next year's New York State budget, currently awaiting the signature of Governor Carey, contains a 36 percent cut in state aid to drug abuse prevention programs.

New York State provides funds to the Nassau County Department of Drug and Alcohol Addiction (NCDDAA), which in turn allocates funds to local organizations such as Port Alert and EAC. Mr. Hank Duval, director of Port Alert, estimates that Port Alert's budget will be cut by 30 to 50 percent. The reason for his uncertainty is that NCDDAA has a free hand in distributing funds, and so might conceivably cut Port Alert completely or leave its budget untouched.

According to Mr. Duval, some 75 percent of the state funds, which represents 60 percent of the total operating budget of Port Alert, goes to pay the salaries of staff members. The rest of the funds goes towards community projects.

The Port Alert building was closed after a serious fire last year. It is being rebuilt and should reopen at the end of March or soon after. Port Alert has not been able to function as effectively as it could have had it had its own building. It has been compelled to borrow the facilities of the school system and the Port Washington Public Library.

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Mr. Jess Wolf addresses audience at Saturday's rally.

Student "Voice" Speaks Up

For the past four Thursdays, a group of about thirty students, including five of the seven Student Government members, has conducted meetings designed to begin work on a free time program. The group officially adopted "Voice" as its name, and on March 10, after two preliminary meetings, a third meeting was held.

It was during this meeting that Chairman Rachel Conescu formed several committees to obtain information about specific programs being planned by Voice. The committees formed included an Art Committee, a Public Speaker Committee, a Logistics Committee, a Music Committee, and Teacher Interaction Committee. At Voice's March 18 meeting, the committees reported back to the group as a whole. The Music Committee told of the Jazz concert that was held Wednesday in the auditorium. The Art Com-

mittee has planned and will stage a Crafts Fair today in the main lobby.

In addition to the two programs which have already been performed, others are currently under discussion. They include speakers from large corporations, debates on controversial topics, a program involving the Domestic Exchange students who will be here in early April, and speakers from local organizations.

As well as planning programs during its most recent meeting on March 18, Voice also heard a request from a parent who was concerned about the possible demise of modular scheduling. The parent, Mrs. Peggy Fogarty, proposed that a petition opposed to any changes that "would harm the present modular scheduling system" be circulated.

The next Voice meeting is tonight at Barbara Merjan's house, 16 Beacon Drive.

Budget News:

Some Positions Added; Many Cuts Remain



Administrators Dr. Landon, Mr. Champol, and Mr. McGuigan and Board members Mrs. Dissoway, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Moll, Mr. Hassett, Mr. Salerno, Mrs. Coffee and Mr. Cowles listen to community react to proposed budget at the Saturday meeting.

On Tuesday, March 23, the School Board announced that it was restoring six and one half positions to the secondary schools, decreasing the proposed tax rate increase to \$1.88 per \$100 assessed value and maintaining over fourteen staff cuts on the secondary level. Superintendent Hugh McGuigan reiterated that the budget is preliminary and will not be finalized until March 30.

The reinstated positions include four and two fifths language teachers, three fifths of a music teacher, one half a business education teacher and one psychologist, amounting to an expenditure of \$97,500. The remaining cuts from Schreiber are one math teacher, one science teacher, one language teacher, one english teacher and one half of a business education teacher.

The reduction in taxes in the second draft of the preliminary budget were a result of:

- 1) A reduction in provisions for salary increases for teachers (the effect of this will be a savings of \$65,000).
- 2) A reduction in provisions for school lunch (savings: \$10,000).
- 3) The reduction in interest rates that the district pays for loans has decreased at a savings of \$145,000.

The total of these three is an approximate savings of \$220,000. The net increase in expenditures is \$98,500 after the addition of six and one half staff positions. The school district will receive about \$200,000: \$150,000 from state aid and \$50,000 unencumbered cash balance.

Budget Hearing

At the budget seminar on Saturday, March 13, the majority of the complaints voiced pertained to the proposed "phase-out" of the language

program at the seventh and eighth grade levels. Some taxpayers supported the opportunities afforded students by the language program while others were simply concerned that study halls would replace languages in the students' schedules.

Psychology was another area supported. Although enrollment in the public schools has decreased, private schools in the area are also privileged to use these facilities. Consequently the total number of students served by the psychologists has increased.

Effects on Schreiber Program

Mr. Meystrik, chairman of Schreiber's Math Department, claims that at least a few classes will contain thirty-five students while those composed of slow learners or some of the AP courses will contain only ten students. At present, he thinks that such a difference in class size is unfair to the "middle group" and his inclination would be to eliminate the twelfth grade honors course, the smallest of the three AP math courses. He said that the elimination of one of his teachers will make it necessary to decrease the number of electives offered. Because Logic historically has a relatively small enrollment, it probably will not be taught next year.

Dr. Grosmark, chairman of the Science Department, expressed similar feelings. He said that increased class size would cause dangerous conditions for certain laboratory experiments. The result would be more orientation toward teacher demonstrations and less toward student activity. He claimed that aside from dropping the second semester Genetics elective, he would probably find that the best way to deal with the problem created by the dismissal of one of his teachers would be to have one, instead of two, AP biology courses.

ETS Considers Writing Sample

Because of the growing concern over the writing abilities and literacy of America's students, the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) is considering the addition of a writing test to the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Several deans from Ivy League schools called on the CEEB to implement the writing test. They hope that it will force high schools across the nation to re-emphasize the importance of good writing skills for the college-bound student. The National Council of Teachers of English

(NCTE) is also urging the College Board to include the test in the SAT, and feels it will "put pressure on the schools to deal with writing."

There has been a steady decline in SAT scores in the past twelve years, especially in the verbal section of the test. Students' SAT scores this year showed the biggest drop in twenty years. If an essay is included in the SAT, many educators feel students will be made more aware of the need for the basic writing skills.

Mrs. Lawrence, chairwoman of Schreiber's English department, is very enthusiastic about the possibility of a writing test. "It's an excellent idea," said Mrs. Lawrence. "I know our students will do very well because one of the things stressed in Writing Continuum and our literature courses is the development of a coherent essay. Our English courses put great emphasis on rhetorical form and this is what it (the CEEB) will be looking for."

Miss Cleary, head of Schreiber's Guidance Department, shares Mrs. Lawrence's view but sees the need for something more than essay. "I assume it will not test some of the areas not already tested by the College Board, such as creativity, artistic ability, and leadership qualities."

Many college admissions officials also favor the test. L. Fred Jewett, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid for Harvard-Radcliffe, endorsed the proposed writing test, saying "it would be a valuable addition to the current set of examinations given." Students applying to Harvard and many other schools now submit autobiographical essays, along with their applications, which give admissions officers samples of their writing skills. However, Jewett questioned the usefulness of this essay because of the "unlimited time" the students would have to work on it.

Those who object to the new test cite the grading method as the main problem of the essay, according to a story which appeared in the January 25 issue of the New York Times. Unlike the SAT, which is made up of multiple choice questions that are marked by computers, the essay's grade would be subject to the opinion of the grader. Another problem might be the time involved in evaluating each of the hundreds of thousands of SAT's taken every year. One of the options the College Board is considering is to send the essay, ungraded, to the colleges to which the student is applying. The school could then decide whether or not to review it.

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Maintain Superior Education; Speak Against Cuts

At recent School Board meetings, the public has expressed its concern over the elimination of 7th and 8th grade language and other programs from the Port Washington school system. This concern has been so adequately voiced that the School Board has restored several teacher positions in these areas, including all the teachers in the junior high school language programs. The Schreiber Times feels that the community has done an admirable job in getting these positions reinstated, but its concern should not end with these restorations.

There are still several programs which require consideration. English, Language, Math and Science are all still taking cuts at the high school level. In addition, several cuts are being made at other levels. These programs are essential to maintaining educational quality in this school system. The School Board, in making these cuts, is reducing the value of education in Port. The people of Port Washington must forcefully express themselves in support of these programs before March 30th.

Educational quality has been reduced intolerably over the past two years. We must not allow this trend to continue.

S.A.T. Essay Is A Good Idea

The Educational Testing Service, the company which administers and evaluates Scholastic Aptitude Tests (S.A.T.) and Achievement Tests, has proposed the addition of a writing sample to the S.A.T. The Schreiber Times supports this proposal. The addition of a writing sample would not only provide a more complete description of a student's abilities, but would also require high school English departments to put a greater emphasis on improving those abilities in the writing field.

Many colleges require S.A.T.'s for admission and use S.A.T. scores as a significant part of admission decisions. The S.A.T. is supposed to represent the student's abilities in math and the English language. The section covering the latter, the Verbal section, consists of a number of multiple-choice questions dealing with vocabulary, reading comprehension, grammar, usage, etc. The addition of a writing sample would indicate to a college just how well a student constructs a paper on his own. The combination of these two would be different from the present system because it would not only require recognizing errors but also creating a paper free of errors. This would give a better indication of a student's true abilities.

High schools, of course, would probably place more emphasis on writing if this proposal were instituted. This emphasis would better prepare many students for the rigors of college writing.

The immediate result of the addition of a writing sample would probably be a rise in the cost of the S.A.T. We, feel, though that this is a small price to pay for the improved writing skills we would get in return.

Save Port Alert

Port Alert has for many years performed positive vital services for this community. Hundreds of students have benefited from the counseling, information and workshops the agency provides. The proposed 36 percent cut in state aid for drug prevention agencies which would lead to a 30-50 percent cut in funds to Port Alert should be opposed and fought by all concerned citizens in Port Washington.

Port Alert, a community service organization, was formed years ago to battle this town's growing drug problem.

All of the functions which have been incorporated into a well organized, well administered program have benefited many of Port Washington's residents. A loss of the center would be a loss to a number of people who now rely heavily on it.

Education and human services are two areas which cannot be ignored. If Port Washington is to continue benefiting from Port Alert we must fight for continued aid. People can write to Assemblyman Irwin Landes and State Sen. John Caemmerer to urge them to support programs such as Port Alert.

A Diverse Band Program

by Steven Cahn

A very diverse band program was presented Saturday, March 13, by our Schreiber ensemble under the direction of Mr. William Fish. I can happily report that I got a big kick out of this program.

Three very beautiful 19th century works were programmed in spite of the difficulties facing the musicians. Works from the 19th century, the age of the virtuoso composers, present performers with a unique set of difficulties like liberties of tempo, technical difficulties and dynamics.

Beethoven's Fidelio Overture, the third movement of Hummel's Trumpet Concerto, Sue Coffee soloist, and Tchaikowsky's 1812 Overture comprised the first half of the program.

Sue Coffee's musicianship in the Hummel far exceeded the quality of the work itself. Due to the nervousness and anxiety of performing which is the most normal thing in the world, Sue's tone suffered.

Most of the difficulties of Tchaikowsky's 1812 Overture were adequately executed. The opening chorale was solemn and the finale was irresistible. It was the in between lyric sections that left me unconvinced. They sounded sectionalized and unevenly rehearsed.

Opening the final half, the Stage Band performed four selections conductorless. For an ordinary stage band, playing conductorless is an inviting disaster but the beat was held rock steady by the percussion section. Such a steady foundation allowed the other sections to play more confidently. Here the musicians seemed most convincing, especially Jim Wiggins' solo sax and Barbara Merjan on drums.

Persichetti's Serenade for Band is a wonderful set of pieces performed well by the full band. A couple of the episodes counted among the best performances of the night.

Janna Saslaw conducted the band in Gershwin's Second Prelude. The performance was musical and the ensemble together.

A collection of John Philip Sousa's marches brought the concert to a close. Alumni of the Schreiber Band joined the ensemble in accordance with Schreiber tradition. I enjoyed the virtuosity of the piccolos, the sheer volume of the brass, and the antics of the percussionists.


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Unwanted Visitors Non-Students Cause Disturbances

The problem of non-Schreiber students hanging around the school was brought to the attention of many people when, on Tuesday, March 9, the Port Washington police were summoned to remove from school grounds an ex-Schreiber student who had assaulted a present student. The ex-student resisted removal and was chased by the police around the front of the school and up the back hill near the auto mechanics shop. He was apprehended and charged with trespassing and assault.

When asked for comment, Dr. Killeen was quick to point out that Tuesday's incident was very atypical, but he also acknowledged that there very definitely is a problem with non-students hanging around Schreiber. Dr. Killeen said that it is a difficult problem to handle because "to a certain extent you want the high school's alumni to feel welcome here," and because while non-students disrupt activities here, there are also many who have legitimate reasons for being here.

Those who cause disruptions include both ex-Schreiber students and junior high school students. Both Dr. Killeen and Mr. Whitney said that the troubles caused by these people fell more into the nuisance category than anywhere else. They gave as examples non-students throwing snowballs or interrupting classes.

Mr. Whitney expressed great frustration over the problem, saying that there are people who cause problems day after day, and whom he simply throws out of the building every day. It was while dealing with a non-Schreiber student that Mr. Whitney injured his leg recently, landing him in the hospital for several days and causing him to miss two weeks of school.

Dr. Killeen said that this is a problem faced by most high schools, and that at Schreiber the problem was not nearly so great as at some other schools. Therefore, he said, it was important not "to take the problem out of perspective." He said that there could be no set policy regarding non-students at Schreiber, and that the administration would "move as each situation warrants."

Domestic Exchange Arranged

The Domestic Exchange club is making preparations for the arrival of the student visitors in the first week of April.

Last year the club officers sent out about 300 letters to school districts all over the country, trying to determine whether or not any schools were interested in exchanging students. In return they received about 13 letters from schools expressing interest and asking for further information. These schools are located in Alabama, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire and South Dakota.

The students arriving on April 2 will be staying with the club members for ten days. Different outings and shows are being arranged, which will be financed by the money which the club has raised in candy sales, light bulb sale, raffles, and other fund raising activities.

Some of this money will also be used to pay for the traveling expenses for the Schreiber club members who will visit different parts of the country during the April vacation.

Schreiber's Champions

by Danny Newman

In the second of our series of Schreiber's Champions, we look at tennis player Jeff Papell.

Jeff Papell has been on the Port Washington Tennis Team since he was a freshman. As a sophomore and junior, Papell played first singles. He was selected to the All-North Shore Team in tenth grade and to the All-County Team in eleventh. However, these achievements are secondary in comparison to what Papell has accomplished between seasons.

Several weeks ago Jeff won a Grand Prix Tournament held in Port Washington. Earlier this year, Papell played in the Hard Court Indoor Nationals in Dallas. He lost in the third round, 7-6 in the third set and 5-4 in the breaker. During the winter vacation, Papell traveled to Florida where he played in the Orange Bowl. In the second round, "Fej" lost to Heinz Guenthard, Europe's top 16-year old player, 7-6 and 6-4. Seeded sixteenth at the Port Washington Classic, Jeff lost in the round of 16 to the number nine player in the country. Jeff practices two to three hours a day, six days a week, at the Port Washington



Jeff Papell-showing his backhand.

Port Light Photo

Tennis Academy. He plays against the pros and also against top ranked players such as Peter Rennert and John McEnroe. Last year, in the 16 year old class, Jeff was ranked eleventh in the East. Moving up to the 18-year-old bracket this year, Papell expects to be ranked easily in the top ten and probably sixth or seventh.

This summer Jeff is going to spend two week in California

playing in tournaments. After California, Jeff has tournaments in St. Louis and Ohio. Following the Ohio tournament, Jeff plays in the Nationals at Kalamazoo, Michigan. The Nationals is the biggest tournament and all the Eastern tournaments are played to get into the Nationals. The Michigan tournament is the culmination of the junior circuit.

Next issue: Ingrid Blumstrom

Welsh Choir To Visit Services Cut

On Friday, April 9, the Schreiber Varsity Choir and Orchestra will be welcoming a Welsh choir which is coming here as a part of an exchange program.

During their visit the forty Welsh girls will stay at the homes of female Choir and Orchestra members. They will go sight-seeing at Old Bethpage, Sagamore Hill, and Manhattan. On their tour of New York City they will visit the UN, World Trade Center, and take a Circle-Line trip around Manhattan

Island. They will also attend Schreiber's Girls' Sports Night on April 10 and a Passover Seder. In addition there are several parties planned, and there will be free time for the visitors to spend with their host families.

On April 13, the Welsh Choir will present a joint concert with Schreiber's Varsity Choir and Orchestra. The Welsh Choir will also give a performance at the Public Library on April 14th. On the 17th, they will leave for Washington.

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A rally protesting the budget cuts was held at Weber Junior High School on Saturday, March 20. The turnout was exceedingly light.

Also present at the rally was former State Assemblyman Vincent Balletta, who commented that Albany would never respond to such a poor turnout. He also noted that many of those attending were too young to vote. Mr. Jess Wolf, President of Port Alert's Board of Directors said that this was only the first of many rallies to be held in Nassau.

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Vikings Stopped in Semifinals

by Jimmy Levine



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Kathy Medlock fights off Carle Place Frog in playoff game.

Schreiber's Girl's Basketball team went to North Shore High School to play in the League I playoffs on Monday night. They played against an overpowering Carle Place team, and lost 67-42. The girls made it to the playoffs by finishing the season with four straight wins which raised their record to 9-3.

The game started out even, but Port trailed 15-11 after the first period. In this quarter, it became apparent that Carle Place's scoring punch would come from their backcourt of Susie O'Connor and Peggy Morrison.

O'Connor started the second quarter with a surge, scoring six straight points before Robin Beil could post Port's first points of the period. A string of twelve straight Carle Place points gave the Frogs a twenty point lead which they never relinquished.

Port closed the margin to twelve points, but that is as close as they got. Carle Place's defense forced Port into throw many wild passes and commit many turnovers.

Rhea Farberman, Port's leading scorer for the year, scored four points in the third quarter, but she did not dominate the game as she did during the regular season.

Carle Place's lead just increased during the fourth quarter with O'Connor scoring 10 quick points. She was taken out of the game midway through the period after scoring a game high forty points.

Robin Biel finished the game with scoring honors for Port. She had twenty-two points on nine field goals and four foul shots. Robin was Port's playmaker throughout the season.

There were many factors which contributed to Port's loss. The team was playing catch-up ball the whole time so they started pressing and making mistakes. Jill Schreiber could not find her outside shot, the shot that was so effective during the season.

The Carle Place crowd was much more enthusiastic than the Port crowd and it showed when the team needed a lift.

Next year, the basketball team will have six of this year's players returning. Of the six three were starters this year: Jill Schreiber, Grace Taferner and Rhea Farberman.

Gymnastics Lacrosse

by Kyle Roderick

by Ann Barnard

The Girls' Gymnastics Team has completed the 1976 season. Led by captains Roseann Bacik and Cheryl Corbin, the team finished with a disappointing 0-7 record. Cheryl Corbin, an asset to the team on floor exercise, missed the last two meets of the season due to a sprained ankle. Various team members suffered minor injuries throughout the season. This year's team was a small one. The lone senior was Captain Roseann Bacik. Some of these factors contributed to the team's mediocre performance.

Junior Rosemary Bonelli was a standout on balance beam. One of the few highlights of the season was when Rosemary took a first place in beam at the meet against Bellmore Kennedy. Maureen O'Connell, another junior, will be returning next year to compete on her specialty, the uneven bars.

After a winning season last year, if the Port Varsity Lacrosse Team can get it together with its practices, it should be difficult to beat. Last year it won its first Conference Championship, with an overall record of 14-2, after winning its first twelve games then losing only to Farmingdale and Bethpage. The Vikings are bringing back a lot of the same players-- Roger Sexauer in midfield, Barry Cohen on attack, Steve Hiller and Bob Gladstone on defense, and Bill Keck in goal. As for the teams in their league, Coach Mike Rayfield says that Syosset, Bethpage, Farmingdale, and Hicksville are going to be the Vikings' real competition, which doesn't leave very many others.

The Junior Varsity has a pretty new team this year, bringing back only five players from last year--Bill Dawson, Frank Giordano, Glenn Demeo, Ramsey Boehner, and Peter Prudente. The coach, Harold Birch, is obviously looking forward to this season, "We're gonna have a lot of fun, learn a lot of lacrosse, and get better."

On March 30, Varsity will go against Garden City for what will be the Vikings' first non-league game.

Baseball

by Danny Newman

Forecasting the outcome of a season before it has begun isn't an easy job. When only four of fourteen players are returning lettermen, however, the forecast is more a feeling than a rule. Such is the case with this year's Varsity Baseball Team. Only John Gallaro, Jimmy Shorin, Jim Schaefer, and Roger Fellows played varsity ball last year, and nine of the remaining ten played J.V. Thus, the baseball team is basically a junior team and Port's record will ride on how well these juniors can play the game.

Port's best pitcher, John Gallaro, mentioned a new rule that is being instituted into high school ball. John said it is similar to the designated hitter rule. This year, 18 different people can play - the best nine fielders play the field while the best nine hitters bat. John felt that this new rule will hurt Port because Coach Cutler is only carrying 14 players while other teams are carrying 18 or 20.

The team has good speed and good overall hitting depth. However, it lacks a good power hitter. Another problem might be the pitching. After Gallaro are men up from J.V. Their season will make or break the club.

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Track

by Steve Carras

Coming off a winning 1975 season, Schreiber's Track and Field Team has been moved up to the tough Nassau County Division I. Assistant Coach Tom Edgerton explained that there are many "new faces" this year, including Greg O'Keefe (1/4 mile), Mike Nuzzolese (shotput/discus), Peter Kohlman (1/2 mile) and Eric Hughson (220). Coach Edgerton also commented that these new men perform as well as expected, and if the returning men show winning form, "we should have a very successful year."

Here is a breakdown of the 1976 Viking Track Team: running the sprint is Mark Brown, who is also superb in the triple and long jump, along with Dave Glasco, Hughson and O'Keefe. Joe Plominski and Barry Salerno should hold their own in the hurdles. Some members of Port's strong distance running corps are Walter Lapinski (1/2 mile), who won all-division honors in cross country, Ken Lahm (mile) and Peter Kohlman (1/2 mile). Mike Castelli, Eric Bingham and Bob Keyes are some of the standouts on the relay teams.

As for the field events, Mark Brown, along with John Havasy (high jump) and Eric Rothenberg (pole vault), look to finish high in their respective events. Juan Felix, Jim Hylas, Phil Meyer and Mike Nuzzolese make up a powerful shotput and discus squad.

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