

Students Don Pajamas at Human Relations Party

by Heather Osterman

The Human Relations Committee kicked off the second semester with a pajama party held on January 30. Over fifty students attended, decked out in a variety of pajamas ranging from plaid flannels to oriental silks, carrying teddy bears, stuffed rabbits, and lions. Dani Super was awarded for wearing the best pajamas.

Journeying even further into childhood, students plopped down on the floor in front of the television, plates, and bowls piled high with food of every type and watched Bugs Bunny cartoons. After watching Bugs chase after cardboard rabbits, get shot at, and knock-out a 10,000 lb wrestler in one round, students lined up to participate in the sleeping bag race. Four teams competed, with the winning team receiving gift certificates to Ben & Jerry's. The winners were Jeremy Weintraub, Ole Oberman, Arash Salemi, and Craig Johnson.

Next came limbo, with students cheering on the sidelines as others limboed under the pole as it got lower and lower. Afterwards another round of cartoons

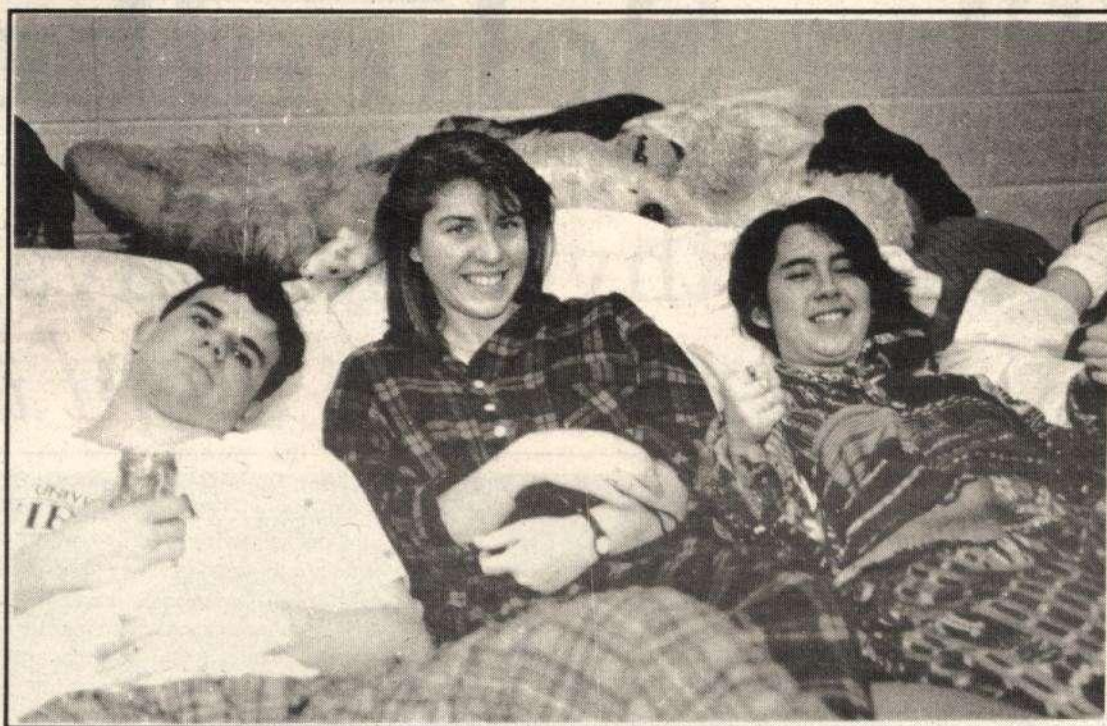
followed, as students relaxed in front of the television while pies from Domino's arrived.

The following activity was a story chain. Everyone sat in a circle, each person adding to the story as it went along. The story grew more and more fantastic, from sex-change operations, to talking trees with argyle socks, and to love relationships. No one quite understood the story, everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Everyone's stuffed animals were entered in a contest. Frank Bigelow's homespun teddy bear (Damien O'Rourke) took first prize.

This contest officially finished up the evening, but everyone lingered in the gym until forced out by custodians, who were waiting to lock up the school. People collected their sleeping bags, slippers, pillows, and animals and shuffled out the door.

When asked if he had a good time, one student commented, "It was really great! A lot of people showed up and everyone seemed to have a really good time!" Another student interjected, "We should have this every month, it's great!"



Craig Johnson, Karen Graser, and Christina Mauro relax for some bedtime stories

Photo by Joe Cardillo

Committee Assesses Food Service

by Robert Weisz

A meeting intended to improve service in the students' cafeteria was held in the guidance resource center on January 26, and as a result several changes in food service have been implemented or are under consideration.

At the start of the meeting the students present were asked to identify any concerns or make any suggestions they had. According to Dr. Barish, some questions were easily handled, but others required more discussion.

One of the ideas that has become a reality is an express line. This was suggested because students with only one mod in which to eat lunch found that they sometimes did not have enough time to eat after waiting on long lines. This line will allow students to get a quick snack or a beverage without having to wait on the line for full lunches. Bagels, which have long been a popular breakfast here at Schreiber, are now being sold at lunch as a result of the meeting. In order to comply with National School Lunch Program standards a lunch must offer a choice of three out of five food items. Students may now select bagels as one of those items. The bagel lunch will cost \$.95, with an additional \$.15 charge for cream cheese.

Two ideas that were turned down were a salad bar and vending machines. The salad bar was deemed a bad idea because when it was tried in the past, it

proved to be too expensive. The main reason for the expense was the cost of fresh produce. Vending machines were also rejected because they would compete with the food service.

Several suggestions were taken under consideration. One suggestion was to display the daily menu more prominently and possibly to display items that could be purchased. This would give students a better idea of what is available, especially less known items such as soup, which is available daily. The sale of kosher deli sandwiches and a system of requesting specific foods early and picking them up later are also under consideration.

The meeting was attended by Schreiber principal Dr. Sidney Barish; Port Washington Schools Food Manager, Agnes Tiberia; Regional Director of Educational Food Management Services, Marlin Schrager; and eight students: Maria Bartini, Francine Hornburger, Steve Schneiderman, Tanya Grant, Mindy Telmer, Lisa Vitale, Pia Pizzolato, and Dani Super.

The idea for the meeting came in a letter from Schrager offering to meet with Dr. Barish and some students to discuss ways to improve service. Dr. Barish followed up the offer and the meeting was set up.

"What really impressed me," said Dr. Barish, "was that there was no cynicism, no sarcasm, or nastiness." He also said that the suggestions were "really respectful and even-handed."

Club Shorts

Speech Society

by Jeff Pinsky

The Speech Society will hold a public speaking contest to be attended by English classes on March 16. Contestants must provide a copy of their original speech in advance. There will be a first place prize of fifty dollars and a second place prize of twenty-five dollars awarded to the two best speakers.

The Speech Society was started earlier this year under the guidance of Mrs. Olga Dufour, an English teacher at Schreiber. According to Mrs. Dufour, the emphasis of the club is on formal and informal speaking skills that students need for school, work, and in all life situations. When asked about the importance of these skills, Mrs. Dufour replied, "Most careers that will be open to young people in the near future will require the highest level of creative thinking and communication skills. Colleges are looking for students who can express themselves well." Any student interested in competing in the contest must attend at least one Wednesday meeting of the organization or see Mrs. Olga Dufour in the English resource room.

HRC / Saferides Carnations

by Justine Suh

To celebrate the arrival of Valentine's Day, HRC and Saferides sold carnations with messages attached in the lobby this week. The carnations were distributed to each homeroom yesterday morning. The cost of \$1.50 each included the flower and the notecard.

The carnation sales were first started by the science department and were organized by Mr. Al Pollakusky and Mr. Michael Koenig. Since they haven't been sold for a few years, HRC and Saferides joined together to continue the tradition. According to Sindy Youdelman, Saferides fund-raising chairman, "This fund-raiser hasn't been done in several years, so I have no conception of how much we'll make." Sindy said that the clubs hope to have raised approximately \$500. Port Washington Florists is supplying the carnations, and gave the clubs a discounted price. The money raised will be divided between the two clubs. Saferides will use the earnings for the Drug Awareness Day planned for April. HRC will use the money to sponsor spring activities such as Family Feud, Intergeneration Conferences, and the St. Patrick's Day party.

Other students involved in publicity and organization for the sale were Emily Portney, President of Saferides, Amanda Sacher, Eliza Comer, and Nana Obermann. When asked why the clubs decided to hold the fundraiser, Sindy replied, "This kind of activity makes the school aware that these clubs exist and also to finance upcoming events."

International Club

by Junichi Honda

In honor of the arrival of the brother of Alexandre Walcynski, an exchange student from Belgium living with the Hoffmans (whose son Roy is a junior at Schreiber), the International Club organized a Belgian Breakfast Party. The breakfast was held at the home of Mrs. Joan Marantz, a TESL

volunteer, and was attended by a few dozen American born and a dozen foreign born students.

The party began with Mrs. Ann Mingorance cooking waffles in the kitchen, while students drove around Port Washington trying to find houses of International Club members and transporting everyone to Mrs. Marantz's home. Bucky Tomizawa and Masanobu Izumi provided music. Between bites of waffles, everyone had the opportunity to speak with those last year's club members who had come to the breakfast. The waffles were topped with ice-cream, fresh strawberries, and Hershey's chocolate syrup—which Alexandre insisted was *de rigueur*. There were also piles of sausages, English muffins, and fruit.

The recent efforts of the International Club include assisting the Social Studies Department with the Chinese New Year's celebration by gathering posters and Chinese art objects. Many members of the club assisted in the celebration by demonstrating their Chinese talents.

The International Club is currently planning a Second International Festival at Schreiber. The exact date is yet to be determined, but it will be in March. At the festival there will be a live band, lots of gourmet foods from all over the world, a rootbeer chug-a-lug contest accompanied by German drinking songs, and games which there were not enough time for last year. Anyone interested in helping out with the International Festival or who has great new ideas or games to be used in the event is welcome to attend the planning meetings, which will be posted in the morning announcements.