

Decathlon Team Places First

by Lauren Gelman

A team of Schreiber students placed first in Nassau County in the United States Academic Decathlon on Saturday, February 4. The team is now eligible for the next level of competition which will take place March 10 and 11 in Rochester, New York.

The team, consisting of Oren Blam, Elissa Blum, Alex Dulberg, Karen Graser, Melissa Hammer, Amy Kiernan, Amanda North, Heather Osterman, and Chris La Sala, won several individual awards, as well as the award for placing first in Nassau County. First, second, and third place awards were given in each of the following six categories: Science, Social Sciences, Language and

Literature, Fine Arts, Math, and Economics. The students were subdivided into the Honors, Varsity, and Scholastic groups, depending upon the student's average grades in school; students in the Honors group have an A average, the Varsity group, a B average, and the Scholastic group, a C or below average. The awards were won by achieving high scores on tests in each of the categories.

Overall gold, silver, and bronze medals were given to those students who scored the highest total on the six administered tests. Gold medals were won by Oren Blam in the Honors division, Alex Dulberg in the Varsity division, and Amy Kiernan in the Scholastic division. A

silver medal was won by Amanda North in the Honors division, and a bronze medal in the Varsity division was won by Melissa Hammer.

First place awards were won by Oren Blam in social sciences, language and literature, and economics; Elissa Blum, Honors group, in the fine arts; Alex Dulberg in science, language and literature, and math; and Amy Kiernan in economics, fine arts, and language and literature.

Second place awards were won by Oren Blam in math, Elissa Blum in the social sciences category, Karen Graser, Varsity group, in language and literature, Melissa Hammer in the science and math categories,

Amanda North in science, language and literature, social sciences, and fine arts, Heather Osterman, Scholastic group, in the language and literature and fine arts categories, and Chris La Sala, Scholastic group, in the science category.

Third place awards were won by Oren Blam in the science category, Alex Dulberg in the social sciences, Karen Graser in economics and science, Amy Kiernan in the social sciences category; Chris La Sala in language and literature, and Amanda North in the economics category.

Mr. Carmine Matina, the



The United States Academic Decathlon team; team members Oren Blam, Karen Graser, and Amy Kiernan not shown.

group's advisor said, "I am very proud of the team for placing first. They worked hard and deserved to win."



The cast of *Twelve Angry Men and Women* prepare for their upcoming production.

Play Production Underway

by Jay Berman

The Performing Arts Department will be presenting three performances of Reginold Rose's Academy Award winning *Twelve Angry Men and Women* on the first weekend in March. This is an encore production of the play which was presented four years ago.

Staged in the round, the audience is able to examine a jury deliberating a murder trial. A nineteen year old boy is accused of fatally stabbing his father. "He doesn't stand a chance," mutters the guard as the twelve jurors file into the jury room. It seems like an open and shut case to all the jurors but one.

The audience will sit on risers around the jury table on stage. Courtroom scenes in

which they receive instructions and deliver their verdict will take place in the orchestra pit. Meredith Goldblatt, one of three student producers of the play says, "The staging makes you think you're eavesdropping."

Led by Heather Osterman and Ronit Feinglass, Matt Marcus, Christine Shendel-Smith, Gina Farasciano, Sean Cronin, Jeremy Jones-Bateman, Danny Chehebar, Diana Shafter, Brian Ullman, Sondra Youdelman, and Terri Patterson make up the twelve jurors. David Hawthorne is the guard and a local judge will be playing the part of the judge. Student producers Rachel Mann, Meredith Goldblatt, and Cara Sucher coordinate publicity and programs. Linda Janow is the student director and un-

derstudy. Brian Armstrong is the stage manager. The production will be directed by Jeff Roberts and produced by Warren Hurley.

The cast members have been rehearsing for several weeks every day after school. Sony Youdelman says that it is truly an educational experience. "It requires a tremendous amount of acting because everyone is on stage the whole time." Many of the actors have done research to perfect the accents, mannerisms, and attitudes of their characters.

The play will be performed in the Paul D. Schreiber High School Auditorium on March 2 and 3 at 8:00 P.M. and on March 5 at 3:00 P.M. Admission for adults is \$5.00 and \$3.00 for students.

Deadlines Near For Upcoming Contests

by Amanda Sacher

Schreiber students are again being offered the opportunity to enter essay contests under the coordination of Ms. Jean Moscovitz.

The Ayn Rand Institute is sponsoring an essay contest based upon the novel *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand. Entrants are instructed to

choose a scene from *The Fountainhead* and analyze that scene in terms of the issues it raises and its application to his/her life. To enter, students must be high school Juniors or Seniors and must submit essays by April 15, 1989. Requirements for finalists will be demonstration of outstanding grasp of the philosophical and psychological

meaning of the novel. All winners will be notified by June 1, 1989.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias State of New York is holding their Annual Essay Contest. The topic is "Pride and Self Respect - What Does it Mean to Me." The contest is open to all high school students. Entries must be received by

March 1, 1989 and should contain 150 to 300 words. Essays will be judged for content, thought, creativity, grammar, and punctuation.

The Nassau county chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility is sponsoring a writing contest open to tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students. Entries should be a minimum of 450 words in length and should be received no later than April 15, 1989. Entrants are to write about being President of the United States, and their goal is to assure world peace and prevent nuclear war.

The Time Education Program is holding its ninth annual Student Writing and Art Competition. The aims of this competition are to communicate ideas and information with intelligence, style, and meaning. The contest has seven categories, corresponding to sections and features of *Time Magazine*. The grand prize in the writing categories is \$5000, with first prize in the art category set out \$1000.

For further information prospective applicants should contact Ms. Jean Moscovitz in the English resource room.