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Five Honored in National Science Competition *Two Place Among 40 Finalists*

by Daniel Saul

Two Schreiber students were named among the forty winners nationwide in the forty-ninth annual Westinghouse Science Talent Search, making Schreiber one of five schools around the country to have more than one winner.

Five seniors, including the two winners, were also named to the Westinghouse Honors Group of 303 students.

Peter Asnis and Elissa Blum, the two winners, will present their projects at the National Academy of the Sciences in Washington this March. They will compete for scholarships worth up to \$20,000. As finalists, they will win at least \$1,000 of the \$140,000 total prize money.

Other students who were named to the Honors Group were Jay Berman, Oren Blam and Li-Lun Chen. A booklet containing their names, along with their addresses and project titles, will be distributed to universities and colleges throughout United States.

According to Westinghouse literature, the purpose of the competition is "to discover and encourage high school seniors with the ability to be tomorrow's outstanding scientists and engineers." Students enter the competition by writing a 2,000 word paper on a science, math, or engineering research project they have completed. The students must also submit a personal data blank containing biographical information, their high school transcripts, and teacher recommendations.

The students found out about their selection on Wednesday, January 24. Blum, who was informed by Principal Sidney Barish during her A.P. Chemistry class, said, "I was really excited. It was great to know that all my work paid off. The first person I went to see when I found out was Mrs. Ferris, because she was the person who had the greatest impact on my research."

Ms. Judy Ferris is the teacher of the science research course, in which all the honorees were enrolled. All nine senior members of the science research class entered the Westinghouse competition, along with two members of the math research course.

Schreiber was one of five high schools throughout the country to have more than one winner. The other schools were the Bronx High School of Science, Stuyvesant High School and Ward Melville High School in New York, and Montgomery Blair High School in Maryland.

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Jay Berman, Li-lun Chen, Elissa Blum, Oren Blam, and Peter Asnis—enthusiastic over their achievement.

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Epidemic Spreads

by Jeffrey Colchamiro

Approximately 250 students and as many as twenty teachers were absent from school between Thursday, January 11, and Wednesday, January 17, according to the school's extensive attendance lists.

The numbers indicate that 20% to 25% of Schreiber's students were not in school on these days: the majority of these absentees had called in sick. Most of the students who were ill were stricken with the flu, while some had a bad cold, mononucleosis, strep throat, or what school nurse Miriam Ross called "fear of the flu."

"There's a new strain of flu around," commented Ross. According to her, the change in the weather stimulates the flu viruses, causing them to spread very easily. Ross says that too many students who were sick attempted to "tough it out" and attend school, but they only succeeded in spreading the viruses. "Fear of the flu is as common as the virus," stated Ross, who seemed to think that of the absentees half merely had colds and feared that they were coming down with the flu.



Dr. Kraft addresses students.

Hypnotist Addresses Lunchtime Group

by Jonathan Schiff

Hypnotist Amy L. Kraft, director of the Advanced Short Team Therapy Institution, was brought to Schreiber on Friday, January 5, by the Paper Bag Lunch Crew, a group of students advised by Assistant Principal Carmine Matina who provide activities during lunch periods.

Dr. Kraft attempted to show students that hypnotism is not really performed the same way in which it is usually depicted in the movies. According to Dr. Kraft, many people think of a couch and a watch when they think of hypnotism. However, this is not the case. Dr. Kraft said that people can hypnotize themselves and can use hypnotism to help improve their memory. She explained the difference between big chunkers, those people who remember general information, and little chunkers, those who remember specifics.

After providing background information on her version of hypnotism, Dr. Kraft attempted to hypnotize the entire room. She first informed the people that they had been hypnotized before, in what is commonly called a day-dream. After this brief speech, she then told everyone

to try her hypnotism exercise, even if they didn't believe her.

Kraft told all of the students and teachers present in the room to relax and clear their minds of everything. Next they were told to imagine the numbers one, two, and three. By looking behind these numbers, Dr. Kraft claimed, one was supposed to see three distinct scenes. Students and teachers then shared their experiences with everyone else present. Mrs. Miriam Ross, a school nurse, said that she forgot where she was and added, "my mind totally released and wandered like a child."

After this exercise, Dr. Kraft told the students to try to remember a multi-digit number on the board. Several students recited it number for number, and Dr. Kraft explained that everyone could remember things if they learned memorization techniques.

Other people were not as positive about the experience. One junior said that he thought that Dr. Kraft was a farce and that her exhibition was phoney. Overall, most students enjoyed the presentation and said that they wanted more lunchtime seminars like it to be presented.

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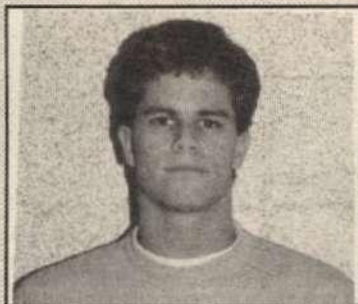
Asnis Named Semifinalist in Science Competition

by Lauren Gelman

The Thomas Edison/Max McGraw Scholarship Program recently named senior Peter Asnis a senior division (10-12 grade) semi-finalist. Asnis will compete with nine other semi-finalists for one \$5000 scholarship and four \$1000 scholarships at the final judging in April.

The contest, open to students from the United States and Canada, requires participants to enter a 1,000 word essay on a scientific experiment or proposal having a practical application in the fields of science or engineering, along with a letter of recommendation from a teacher explaining how that student best exemplifies the creativity and ingenuity demonstrated by the life and works of inventors Thomas Edison and Max McGraw.

Asnis' paper, entitled "A Prototype Ergometer Designed to Expedite Knee Rehabilitation," was completed as part of the science research course. According to Mrs. Judith Ferris "We [Schreiber students] have placed in five out of the last six years and I am very optimistic about Peter's chances [to win a scholarship]."



Schiff & Graham Win NCTE

by Lauren Gelman

Juniors Jessica Graham and Jonathan Schiff were chosen from a group of twenty juniors who partook in a preliminary competition conducted by the English department on January 11 to represent Schreiber High School in the 1990 National Council Teachers of English (NCTE) Competition.

The competition, which included a one hour impromptu essay and the submission of a previously written work, mimics the NCTE competition which will be held in early April. The preliminary competition was judged by English teachers Susan Melchior, Carol Nesbit, Blain Boccard, Ruth Haugaard and John Broza. Schreiber was permitted two entrants this year since the 10-12 grade student population is under 1,000.

Mr. Broza commented that this English competition is the most prestigious offered to high school students. Graham stated, "I'm proud to be chosen from a field of such talented writers and am extremely hopeful for the national competition. I now plan to concentrate on preparing for April."



Kolber Wins Mock Trial Competition

by Jeni Blum

Senior Eric Kolber recently won the one-on-one mock trial competition between students in American Law and Participation in Government classes.

Students in these classes participated in trials developed from actual civil cases, such as marital disputes, negligence charges, and trespassing cases. Every student in the classes had a chance to be an attorney, competing against other classmates until losing a case. The panel of judges was made up of either Mr. Ed Edwards or Mr. John Cahill along with two students. The winners from each class then competed against one another. As the winning attorney, Kolber will receive an award in June at the Senior Awards Ceremony.

The American Law class and the Participation in Government classes are both taught by Mr. Cahill and Mr. Edwards. According to them, the purpose of conducting the court cases in the classes is to promote four main skills: researching a case, developing strategies, forming proper questions, and being able to think quickly. They stress that these skills are essential to a successful trial.

Each class also conducted a mock trial for criminal cases, with full juries made up of class members, other students, and teachers.

According to Mr. Edwards, "Most [mock trial cases] revolve around two basic points—the skill and development which can assist you in any career and the reality of the system."

100 View Laser Show

by Dan Shodell

The student government presented Saturn V: The Laser Light Rock Concert, a laser light production, to approximately 100 students in the Schreiber auditorium on December 20, 1989.

G.O. Secretary Matt Wright explained that while the student government was pleased with the attendance, he feels attendance would have been greater if the show was not held on a school night.

The show consisted of two phases: the first featured laser displays of animated shapes on a screen on stage, and the seconds showcased lasers projecting into the air and onto the ceiling. During the second phase, the auditorium was filled with synthetic smoke in order to make the lasers more visible. The lasers were also projected over the heads of the audi-

ence to be reflected off mirrors found in all corners of the auditorium and through three dimensional cylinders and cubes projected at the ceiling.

Even though many tickets were unsold, most of the people that attended the show said that they enjoyed the novel presentation. Senior Luke Roth commented, "The show was great. The stuff on the ceiling was better than the stuff on the screen, though."

Saturn V was produced by BWI/Brian Winthrop International Ltd., and it featured a fully computerized ACR Swiss laser system.

Rather than charging a flat fee, the company got four out of the five dollars charged for each ticket. The remaining profits from the ticket sales went to the G.O.

Alleged Trespassers Arrested on Campus

by Daniel Saul

Two Hempstead youths were arrested for criminal trespass in the third degree for being on Schreiber property without authorization.

According to the report by School Security Officer Rudolph S. Odom, a red automobile driven by a male youth and carrying two male passengers was parked in the fire zone by the football field on January 8. When Mr. Odom ordered the three to leave, the driver drove off leaving the two passengers behind.

The report filed by Mr. Odom claims that he had previously warned the two against trespassing that same day, and for that reason the police were called. The two were charged with criminal trespass in the third degree for being on school property while school was in session, a class B misdemeanor.

According to the police blotter, a police officer was assigned to Schreiber after the report of trespassers was received. A complaint, which was signed by Assistant Principal Rita Albert, identified two individuals who were on school grounds and who "did not leave when requested to do so." Ms. Albert claims that after consulting with Principal Sidney Barish the administration made a decision to have the defendants arrested.

Police records identify the older of the defendants as a sixteen year old who lives in Hempstead. Information on the second defendant was not released because he was arrested as a juvenile.

The older defendant claimed, "I was just visiting a friend— I wasn't doing

anything unfair—we were just leaving... That was my first time there [at Schreiber]."

According to Ms. Albert, however, "There had been a number of days prior to that date where students who did not go to this school were asked to leave repeatedly by myself, Dr. Barish, and [Assistant Principal] Alphonse Campbell." She says that she had told Mr. Odom, "Once the warning had been given, the police should be called the next time [the students were found on campus]."

Ms. Albert continued to say that once the police were here, "The police officer said he just didn't want to warn him—he wanted to arrest him— since they had been warned so many times." However, according to Port Washington Police Officer Terrence R. Nitsch, one of the officers who made the arrest, the police took the defendants into custody at the administration's request.

To one of the defendant's statements that said he had never been on Schreiber grounds before, Ms. Albert reacted, "The bottom line is that even if that one particular person was not warned, the whole group [he was with] had been warned."

The older defendant said that during the arrest the police "pushed me against the car. I just did whatever he told me to." Officer Nitsch explained the actions as police procedure "to make it difficult for them to harm us or to flee."

Ms. Albert said there had been several complaints "from teachers who recognized that these people didn't go to this

school and were concerned about their reasons for being in the building. We were more concerned that nothing should happen to any of our students, and as long as we didn't know who they were, we felt it was a problem, especially when they kept coming back. If you're a visitor, you sign in in the main office, have a reason for being here, and that way we can maintain supervision in the building."

Officer Nitsch stated, "The school administration has not [previously] taken an aggressive action on trespassers. It's

an ongoing problem, so now they are going to have them taken away by the police. It's not going to be a haven just because it's a school."

The older of the defendants is to appear at the Nassau County district court on February 6. According to him, he plans to plead guilty. The juvenile will be tried in the family court system.

Ms. Albert has called the arrest of the students a success. "It appears to me at this point that it had the intended effect in that there have been no new reports of people being on campus."

Interclub Council Sponsors Reggae Cafe

by Samantha Churgin

Under the direction of the G.O., student members of the Interclub Leaders Council united to sponsor a school dance, but the late arrival of the band hampered the success of the evening.

On Friday, January 19, the conglomeration of clubs sponsored a Reggae Cafe, including island refreshments, decorations, and a live reggae band. The dance was scheduled to begin at 8:00 P.M., but the band unexpectedly left for what was supposed to be a short while before they began to play at 9:30 P.M. In the interim, students listened to recorded reggae music and played games such as limbo and musical chairs. Although numerous groups of students showed up at the dance, many of them did not stay once they realized that the band was missing.

According to G.O. president Jason Kesselman, "When the band finally showed, we kindly asked them to leave. The band said that they wanted to stay and perform for the remaining students.

They agreed not to be paid. They also claimed that they were late because one of the players didn't show. But after the band began to play, everything started moving nicely." Senior Liz Igel agreed, "Even though most people didn't come because the band didn't show [until 9:30 P.M.], when I came to the dance, I had fun. The band was great. The crowd was lively."

Organizers of the dance decorated the cafeteria with posters of beach scenes, streamers strung from the ceiling, and colorful tablecloths placed on the tables. Refreshments, served by the Human Relations Club and The Schreiber Times, included virgin pina colodas and strawberry daiquiris.

Principal Sidney Barish said of the evening, "The turnout wasn't great. It certainly didn't help that the band was late. There was a nice mixture of different groups of students. It is unfortunate that more students didn't participate because it was a wonderful evening."

Students Donate to Helen Keller National Center

by Justine Suh

During the holiday season, 30 students brought gifts purchased with funds raised partially by community activity and partially from the G.O. to the Helen Keller National Center (HKNC) for the deaf and blind youths and adults.

The gifts included such things as a polaroid, wash cloths and towels, an Osterizer, and felt tip pens, all of which will be incorporated into the training curriculum.

Prior to their visit, the students met with two HKNC staff members, Allison Burrows, administrative assistant in the community education department, and Michelle Smithdas, instructor in the communications department, who discussed a rehabilitation training program and

demonstrated some communication methods and devices such as braille, finger spelling, and print-on-palm.

The students also toured the training classrooms and viewed a docu-drama about a young man who lost both vision and hearing, came to HKNC for rehabilitation training, and later became a teacher.

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Barbara Hausman, a member of the staff at HKNC, said, "It was a learning experience for the students as well as for the blind and deaf. Its goal is to help understand the problem."



Students limbo while waiting for the band to arrive at the Reggae Cafe.

Illegal Students Caught

by Ted Deinard

The Port Washington School District has undertaken legal action against the parents of non-resident students who have been illegally attending Port Washington schools.

A recent announcement in the December edition of **Boardline**, a Port Washington Union Free School District newsletter, reported that the District's council has been instructed to seek \$30,000 from the parents of one non-resident student. Sources say that the district is asking for \$10,000 for each year of school illegally attended.

"I had heard rumors that this [illegally attending school] was happening within my first six months here, but our first

series of investigations were not that successful. But by the fall of 1988, we began a much more conscientious effort, the key being just following up on what we had started," said Dr. William Heebink, Superintendent of Schools.

According to the January 27 issue of **This Week**, a local publication, 40 investigations over the past eighteen months have found about 25 students involved; the main violators reportedly have been identified as people coming from towns both south of Port Washington and closer to New York City.

"Anybody who thinks this...is just confined to the high school students is wrong. Dominantly, they are older elementary children...." said Heebink.



Students present gifts to HKNC client Cheryl Brown.

Club Shorts

HRC

by Archis Parasharami

More than 25 members of the graduating class of 1989 attended the HRC alumni breakfast on January 4, 1990. According to HRC President Sondra Yudelma, the breakfast of bagels and juice was designed to "welcome them [the alumni] back to Schreiber and to make them feel that they weren't forgotten." After eating at the breakfast, many of the former students toured the school, visiting teachers and past acquaintances.

The HRC is presently planning for a Valentine's Day candy-gram sale this February similar to the sale this past December. Students will be able to send the candy-grams to their friends containing a brief message. The candy-grams will be delivered to homerooms on Valentine's Day, February 14. No price has been set yet for them.

G.O.

by Nick Kessler

The G.O. has mandated that all students who are interested in running for student government office must have served as a homeroom representative. According to G.O. Vice-President Matt Blankman, the new rule, which was announced to homeroom representatives at the January meeting, is to insure that elected officers have the experience nec-

essary to hold office. G.O. has also decided to create job descriptions for all the student government positions. Faculty Advisor Trish Burr says that the descriptions were created "so that the kids [who come into office] aren't overwhelmed with their responsibilities." She also said the underlying reason for both of these changes is to insure that anyone who runs for office will be truly interested in the activities that are typical of that office. These changes will be put into effect for the next election, which will take place at the end of this year.

Project Team

by Daniel Saul

The student steering committee of Project Team, an effort to integrate students and provide them with constructive alternatives to drugs and alcohol, met for the first time on January 11.

In addition, 21 members of the Schreiber staff and 23 people from Weber and the local community attended a second Project Team training weekend in Southampton on January 5-7.

At this first meeting of the student steering committee, eight juniors and seniors brainstormed as to the possible activities the committee can sponsor. Some of the suggestions were to hold a scavenger hunt, take trips to New York City, provide buses to professional sporting events, take part in an Outward Bound

initiative, and sponsor a Big Brother/Big Sister program. The group of students decided that one event, no matter how small, should be carried out within a few months to get the program started. The committee also decided to expand itself by bringing in students of different backgrounds and grade levels.

At the last Project Team training weekend, the group of teachers, staff, and secretaries came up with two plans to help students make more productive use of unstructured time and to increase student respect for the campus. The first was to create a student activity center where students would be able to spend free time participating in recreational activities. The second plan was to use a system of rewards and incentives to increase awareness for the school property.

The Schreiber faculty who attended the training weekend were Latin teacher Ruth Adams, Assistant Principal Rita Albert, Principal Sidney Barish, administrative intern Bob Bracken, Assistant Principal Al Campbell, secretary Gloria Clancy, science teacher Don Fish, speech teacher Deanna Glassman, guidance counselor Dave Hinchliffe, math teacher Judy Keller, language teacher Louise Lindemann, industrial arts chairperson Ed McIlhenny, guidance counselor Jackie Marshall, TESL teacher Ann Mingorance, special education teacher Colleen Newell, secretary Donna Persson, special education teacher Patti Raimondo, home

economics teacher Sally Reinhardt, business chairperson Joyce Shapiro, TESL teacher Pat Venditto, and guidance chairperson John Zanetti.

Leukemia Society

by Justine Suh

The Schreiber All-Star Vikings Basketball team, comprised of teachers and students, will play against the WFAN Sport Radio disk jockeys on February 3 to raise funds for the Leukemia Society.

The event, which will cost five dollars to watch, will start at 7:30 P.M. in the Schreiber gymnasium. Refreshments will be sold, and there will be door prizes for all who buy tickets. The Portettes will perform a routine during halftime.

The Schreiber All-Star Vikings consist of juniors Steve Bardong, Todd Higgins, and Jamal Skinner, sophomores Tim Brown, Darin Byer, Jack DeGiulio, Marc Edelstein, Lance Marquis, Mike Petrudos, and Charles Smalls, faculty members Principal Sidney Barish, Assistant Business Administrator Richard Helfont, Assistant principal Carmen Matina, Daly Elementary School psychologist Dennis Meade, English teacher Richard Gutlerner, biology teacher Jim Jones, Weber Junior High School science chairman Edd Shalet, and Weber social studies teacher Robert Kayser.

School Psychologist to Hold Self-Help Workshops

by Robert Weisz

A series of self-improvement workshops will be given by school psychologist Richard Crisci.

The purpose of the workshops is to expand the one-on-one counseling work to groups of students and to bring self-help techniques to a larger number of students, according to Dr. Crisci. Planned topics include stress management, how to stop smoking, building confidence and self esteem, handling rejection and loss, dealing with test anxiety, and handling divorce and separation. Dr. Crisci said that he is also willing to hold workshops on any topic that students are interested in and would respond to.

One month will most likely be devoted to each topic, with about two sessions per week for four weeks. By doing so Dr. Crisci hopes to reach more people than by

just having one or two sessions per topic. The first date has not been determined yet, but the workshops will probably begin after the February vacation.

Dr. Crisci's plan is to begin working with groups of students and then to offer the same service to faculty members. He hopes to eventually combine faculty and students in the same group. Dr. Crisci has previously held workshops for the Girls' Track team and the Football team and has conducted stress management workshops for the Human Relations Club.

"I'm taking topics that kids generally come in to talk with me on an individual basis and now expanding it to a larger audience," says Dr. Crisci. "It's a more efficient way of offering services." Interested students should talk to Dr. Crisci or check the guidance office or main bulletin board for workshop dates.



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grade level to participate in the science research course based on results of a critical thinking test, a scholastic transcript, and a personal interview. The students are chosen at the end of their freshman year, and they complete scientific research projects in the three ensuing years. Those enrolled in the class are required to enter research projects in the Westinghouse competition in their senior year.

According to Ms. Ferris, "Our goal is to get [students] in the top 300; the top 40's are a bonus." She said that to have five members recognized in the honor group, the second most for a high school on Long Island, is "indicative of the high quality students we have at Schreiber... Their [papers were of] very good quality, they are in depth, and they show deep understanding of the topic."

Asnis's project, entitled "Prototype Ergometer Designed to Expedite Knee Rehabilitation," dealt with the creation of an improved stationary bicycle for use in injury rehabilitation. He got the idea for his project after a knee injury while playing lacrosse.

Blum isolated one of the proteins responsible for regulation of the origin of replication in mitochondrial DNA cells in a species of the fruit fly. She conducted the research for her paper, entitled "Isolation, Purification, and Characterization of Mitochondrial DNA Binding Proteins From *Drosophila yakuba*," at Michigan State University.

Berman did his project, titled "Effect of Phenobarbital Versus 3-Methylcholanthrene Induction of Hepatic Cytochrome P-450 on Formation of Cyclophosphamide Metabolite Chloroacetaldehyde" at the University of Georgia; Oren

Blam did his project, "Design of an Electronic Model Mimicking the Behavior of the Pyloric Neural System of the Stomatogastric ganglion in Crustacea," at Brandeis University; Li-Lun Chen conducted research for her paper, "Absorption of Organic compounds and Viruses From Water by Use of Modified Solids," at the University of Florida.

When Asnis was asked what he will do to prepare for the judging in Washington, he replied, "I'll go over what I did and know it backwards and forwards. I'll really know my stuff so I'll be ready for the [judge's] questions."



Brett Bernstein and Jeff Pinsky discuss their entry on superconductivity.

Students Participate in History Day Lack of Competition Makes All Winners

by Elizabeth Szaluta

Twelve Schreiber students participated in the regional competition for National History Day on January 20.

Students had the opportunity to do projects on the theme of "Science and Technology in History," in one of seven different categories. The categories were an individual performance, a group performance, an individual paper, a group project, an individual project, group media, and individual media.

The students who took first and second place in each category will have the opportunity to compete in the regional competition at Hofstra on March 17. In addition, each person whose project took first place received a \$50 bond; each person whose project took second place received a \$25 book certificate.

Because of the lack of students par-

ticipating at the locals, all the students who entered took either first or second place.

In the individual performance category, freshman Jeni Blum took first place for "Florence Nightingale." In the individual media presentation, the video "The Laser Influence," made by freshman Josh Kurland took first place.

The group of freshmen Andrew Kass, David Klinkowize and Sam Nelson took first place in the group media presentation category for "Germ Theory and Anti-

septics," while freshman Seth Altman, Will Goldfarb and Archis Parasharami took second place for "Conquest of Polio."

For group project, sophomores Brett Bernstein, Oren Eisner, Jeff Pinsky, and junior Daniel Saul took first place for their project "Super Conductors: The History Behind The Future."

Those presentations that do well at the regional competition will advance to the New York State Championship, where they will have the opportunity to reach the national competition.

Senior Parents Begin Preparation for Gambol

by Justine Suh

More than 200 parents attended an initial meeting to plan for the Gambol on January 23. The theme of this year's Gambol, the senior graduation party in June, will be the Orient Express, according to co-chairperson Tru Hampton. The express was the historical train of the 1920's and 1930's. At the meeting, the parents divided themselves into various committees in charge of such areas as food, decorations, and rentals.

Letters will be sent to all senior parents informing them of the Gambol's

progress. "We need a lot of people involved to sign up for the various committees," said Mrs. Hampton. "It's a lot of fun to work on the Gambol." A list of names and addresses of committee chairpersons, along with descriptions of the various committees will be included in the letters.

Mrs. Hampton added, "This year's Gambol will be wonderful, and all seniors and their dates should consider attending it. If parents want to participate this year, they should contact me for information."

Wheel Locks to be Used Against Illegal Parkers

by Simon Chin

During the past few weeks, Schreiber's administration has started to use wheel locks to deter illegal student parking.

Recently, Assistant Principal Rita Albert stated that a new pre-kindergarten class has initiated additional problems. The new classes brought more faculty, resulting in more cars. The parking lot located next to Flower Hill was inadequate to meet the needs of the faculty, and other parking lots were already filled by teachers. In addition, faculty members complained about finding student cars in their parking spaces.

Because of the situation, the administration has advocated the use of wheel locks on students' cars parked in faculty parking spaces. Ms. Albert stated, "The

signs located in the school parking lot were ineffective. Therefore, wheel locks were introduced." Any student with a car parked in faculty parking spaces will reportedly have a wheel lock installed by the security guard who constantly patrols the parking lot. A \$50 fine is necessary to get the lock removed.

Although some of the student population has complained bitterly, the wheel locks have been, for the most part, effective in preserving faculty parking, according to Ms. Albert. She stated that after only a few wheel locks were issued, students ceased to intrude on faculty spaces. The Schreiber administration plans to utilize the wheel locks indefinitely as a deterrent to illegal student parking.

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Vets Kovic and Stone Show Their Vietnam

by Jessica Graham

The Vietnam War has remained a mystery to most people who were born in the early '70's. As infants when the conflict ended, we know about Vietnam from television, our parents, and films. In **Country**, released in 1989, was a film that portrayed a young woman whose father died in Vietnam before she ever met him. Director Oliver Stone, who received a Purple Heart in Vietnam, developed a chilling and touching portrayal of his eighteen-month tour of duty in **Platoon**. Now in **Born on the Fourth of July**, based on the book by Ron Kovic, Stone combines the themes of the battle, the war at home against Vietnam, and the development of courage and identity through another Vietnam veteran's story. Kovic and Stone also co-wrote the screenplay.

Working class Massapequa is where Ronnie Kovic, portrayed by Tom Cruise, plays wargames in the woods as a young boy, loses the conference championship in wrestling, and falls in love on the dance floor of his prom. The girls are awed and giggley when Ron decides to become a Marine, and his family is fearful but enthusiastic about their son's being on the front lines fighting the communists.

Suddenly, the all-American backdrop of Massapequa is replaced with the harsh, hot dunes on the coast of Vietnam. Stone portrays the village ambushes and wild-fire attacks from a confusing enemy with an incredible intensity. The shots are sparse and hazy, and the faces, close up and tangible. Stone brings his viewers into the heat and stench of Ron Kovic's Vietnam—and he makes them want out!

Ron Kovic leaves Vietnam paralyzed

for life from the mid-waist down. He is transferred to a sort of purgatory—an unkept, unsanitary, and understaffed veterans' hospital. Ron explodes with the anger and frustration of futile rehabilitation and the realization that he will never walk or have children.

In the real world of America in 1967, Ron begins his second war. Massapequa and America have changed. Ron does not receive the respect that he always thought a war hero should receive. As a result, he ultimately questions the validity of the war and is not sure if he deserves any respect for what he has done. The Kovic family is traumatized and is unable to relate to Ron's pain. Ron gropes for his lost manhood in Mexico, where he, along with other disabled vets, lives a life full of tequila and whores. One of the veterans, played by Willem DaFoe, is brilliant in his portrayal of a Vietnam veteran who is similarly paralyzed. Finally, Ron comes to terms with his feelings. In his vehement struggle to stop the war, he utilizes his undying courage as an activist and organizer. The riot scenes are another war in **Born on the Fourth of July**, this time fought with tear gas and nightsticks.

The film brings those viewers who didn't live through the Vietnam struggle and the activism of the early 1970's closer to the movement than ever before. Stone's trademark close-ups help draw the audience into each scene. On the battlefields, the shots are so quick and jarring that they may actually nauseate the viewer. Cruise, after his recent work with Dustin Hoffman and Paul Newman, has matured as an actor—and we just may forgive him for prostituting himself in the vile, tawdry **Cocktail**.



Another loser in the war against midterms.

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Manhasset Peace Rally

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by Joanne Gruber

A fund raising rally for medical aid to Indo-China was held on Saturday, September 23, in Manhasset Valley Park. The rally was sponsored by the Long Island Indo-China Peace Campaign and was organized by a group of Great Neck High School students. The organizers and speakers were clearly disappointed by the size of the audience as only a few hundred people attended.

The first two speakers, Ron Kovic [sic] and Bob Muller, were wounded in action in Vietnam and are now members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War. "I loved to run..." said Ron Kovic [sic], "and there was a sign down by the post office that said 'the Marine Corps builds men, body, mind, and spirit.' So I joined." Ironically, Ron Kovic [sic] is now paralyzed from the chest down.

The principal speaker was movie actress Jane Fonda, who arrived late with Tom Hayden, a member of the Chicago Seven. They both discussed the cost of the war during the Nixon administration. Ms. Fonda lamented over the little amount of knowledge Americans have of Vietnam and made a plea for the lives of innocent villagers—"How many people here know of three provinces in Vietnam?" No hands were raised.

Black Students Unite

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by Janice Bunn

Last Wednesday and Thursday, Schreiber's black students decided to get themselves together, starting an organization called the Black Student Union. The elected officers are: President, Pat Merriweather; Vice-president, Jeannette Bost; Secretary, Janice Bunn; Treasurer, Lorna Dunkley.

A spokesman for the B.S.U. said:

"We find it is [vital] for us to form this group so that we can find out where we really are, as most of us are very confused.

"On October 27, 1971, the members of the B.S.U. got together and discussed the facts. We need a black history course for tenth and eleventh year students. We also need other black courses and black faculty. We feel that it will not only benefit the Blacks but also the Whites. We decided to meet with a few of the guidance counselors, teachers, and principal on October 28, 1971. In the meeting, we discussed the possibility of more black courses, and we began to point out the facts about unfair teachers but were asked not to get personal. I don't think that was right. When a teacher is going to keep putting down the blacks one by one, the problem isn't personal anymore. We mainly talked about extending the 'Soul' course to tenth and eleventh year students."

Spielberg Is Not Always Perfect

by Jeff Cramer

Steven Spielberg's latest movie, **Always**, is one he has longed to do but not one you would necessarily long to see. It is based on a 1943 movie entitled **A Guy Named Joe**, which Spielberg saw when he was twelve years old. Despite casting such stars as Richard Dreyfuss, Holly Hunter, and John Goodman, the movie does not fly very high.

Dreyfuss portrays a fighter pilot, Pete Sandich, who is in love with his co-worker, Dorinda, played by Hunter. She is constantly worried that Pete will get into an accident and wishes he would retire from his current career and become a flying instructor. Her fears become prophetic as Sandich, confident in himself and refusing to quit, dies in an accident. However, instead of going to Heaven, he meets Audrey Hepburn in a cameo. She plays a spiritual figure who sends Pete back to earth to be a guardian angel for a young pilot named Joe Baker, played by newcomer Brad Johnson. As an angel, Pete remains undetectable to all, but his words come out as people's thoughts. Sandich is pained when he sees that Baker and Dorinda are falling in love, and he puts his mission in jeopardy with his feelings. Goodman portrays Al Yackey, a mutual friend of Dorinda and Pete, and he is key in the plot evolution.

It is apparent that Spielberg really loved this story, but this film is no classic. It shrinks in comparison with the two other films in which Spielberg and Dreyfuss worked together, **Jaws** and **Close Encounters**. In the case of **Jaws**, Spielberg took a mediocre novel and turned it into cinematic genius. Dreyfuss was excellent in his role as oceanographer Matt Hooper. **Close Encounters** has similarly become a modern classic.

This time, however, Spielberg's pace is too slow, and he seems to have difficulty deciding what sort of movie to make.

As usual, Spielberg works better with the fantasy in the movie than with the drama, but to the detriment of the movie he shows glimpses of fantasy when they are not necessary. When Dorinda looks out at a magical night from her plane window, you expect E.T. to fly on a bicycle in front of the moon. The biggest problem of **Always** is that Jerry Belson's script

(who also wrote **Smokey and the Bandit II**) is inconsistent throughout. As a result, **Always** is sometimes a comedy, other times a fantasy, and the remaining time a drama. With the uneven script and in decisive direction, **Always** is one of Spielberg's weakest films, but it is far from abysmal.

Dreyfuss, Hunter, Goodman, and Johnson do inject some life into the story. They are good actors, and it shows in **Always**. The comic scenes are funny,

and the drama works in portraying the storyline. The problems of the movie, however, stem from the storyline itself. For example, Hunter and Dreyfuss never really seem to get into a serious moment when they are together, which would have enhanced the relationship greatly. The good performances make it watchable, and **Always** can be called an okay film. Nevertheless, with great actors and a great director, one would have expected more.

DeVito Wins With Floral War

by Matthew Wolin

While failing to portray a realistic story of two people going through a divorce, **War of the Roses** succeeds in providing an entertaining story. Keeping in mind the fact that the movie is an extreme exaggeration of real life, one can find it humorous and enjoyable; it brings out believable emotions in comical situations and appeals to the worst in us.

War of the Roses details the relationship of Oliver Rose, played by Michael Douglas, and Barbara Rose, played by Kathleen Turner, from the beginning of their marriage when they are happy and in love until the end. Over a period of eighteen years, which is covered quite well in the movie, the marriage degenerates into a virtual war between the two. The movie explains clearly why this couple might have been doomed from the start. Oliver pays little attention to his wife as he rides up the ladder of success. Barbara, meanwhile, isn't able to express her problems to her husband. Finally, she realizes that she does not love him and that she really hates him. This is where

it gets good.

Danny DeVito plays Gavin, Oliver's lawyer and friend who tells Oliver that he can legally fight Barbara for the house and live in it with her until the dispute is settled. The only problem is that the Roses are perhaps the most uncompromising people to ever have been married. Neither decide to give up the house or move out. Consequently, there is rarely a moment when there isn't a punch thrown, a car run over, a pet killed, or something of the like. Barbara smashes Oliver's cherished figurines and locks him in a sauna for hours. Oliver ruins Barbara's dinner party and sautes her fish with some of his own biologically produced liquids. There is a constant quid pro quo of violence, and the audience of the movie groans and sighs after each one.

Douglas and Turner are very believable as two lovers in the beginning, two unhappy spouses in the middle, and two insane and murderous warriors in the end. The transition from emotion to emotion is made with unsurpassable skill. DeVito, who directed and wrote the

screenplay, is marvelous and shows that he is quite a good storyteller. His credits include acting in both **Romancing The Stone** movies, acting in the television series **Taxi**, and directing the movie **Throw Momma From The Train**. He called this new movie a "black comedy," and it works well as such.

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Presto: Rush's Latest Trick Dazzles Fans

by Simon Chin

The blaze of Rush continues with their new record **Presto**, which boasts eleven studio cuts. As always, the record is an excellent example of the expert, polished recording that is so characteristic of all of Rush's work. Although **Presto** is not the very best that Rush can offer, it remains nonetheless a good album and displays Rush's growing musical maturity.

The success of Rush's music must be accredited to the three virtuoso musicians. Geddy Lee's vocals, synthesizers, and thundering bass provide the rough sketch of what the song will be. He is one of rock 'n' roll's most eminent bassists. What makes him more remarkable is the fact that he sings during his bass playing. Alex Lifeson fleshes out the song by layering acoustic rhythm guitar and mildly distorted electric lead guitars to produce a sound that revolves around Geddy's bass line. Finally, Neil Peart provides the steady rhythm with complex drum fills and tempo changes that are rare in today's hard rock. Each of the seasoned musicians provide a key element in the chemistry of Rush. Rush's difficult rhythms attest to the musicians' superb ability and make their music extremely difficult to play.

"Show Don't Tell," Rush's MTV hit, is a great example of what Rush is all about. Starting with a crescendoing drum, the guitar and bass are in total sync with each other. Then, an acoustic guitar arpeggiates broken chords as another acoustic guitar plays power chord fills when Geddy is not singing. Throughout this is a moving bass line much more complex than just the root of the guitar chords, which is so prevalent in 99% of

today's rock bands. Keyboards also sprinkle chords during the song as Neil Peart's drums provide an interesting rhythm, making full use of the bass and snare drums as well as the high hat. The bridge begins with a keyboard prelude which evolves into a raging funk bass solo, courtesy of Mr. Lee. Lifeson enters the fray with a short guitar solo on the upper register of the electrical guitar. The song finally fades to a close with the chorus.

"Chain Lightning," "The Pass," and "War Paint" are performed in a style that

is similar to "Show Don't Tell." "Chain Lightning" contains one of Lifeson's best guitar solos in **Presto**; it demonstrates that one doesn't have to play a million notes a minute to make a good solo. "The Pass" and "War Paint" are the best tracks on the album. They are the epitome of the fluidity of Neil Peart's lyrics and once again prove the great musical ability of Lee and Lifeson. This brings to mind an eccentricity that singles out Rush from other music groups. The drummer pens the lyrics and the bassist and the guitarist collaborate to write the music. "Su-

perconductor" is a jazzed up rocker that is similar to many of the songs on **Moving Pictures**, perhaps the very best of all Rush's many albums. "Anagram," another song on **Presto**, also deserves mention as one of the other highlights of the album.

Rush has distinguished itself in the past as one of America's greatest rock bands. Today, they continue their legacy with **Presto**. This album gives solid proof that they still have what it takes to cut it in today's highly competitive music industry.

CD Lasers Slice Through Vinyl

by Hal Bienstock

As the 80's drew to a close, the entertainment industry seemed to be trying incredibly hard to take the public for all of its worth. Now, it is not unheard of for a concert to cost \$30 and for a movie to cost \$7.50; just five years ago the prices were much lower. In this spirit the entertainment industry has also realized that more money can be made from the sale of compact discs, which list for approximately \$15, than from LP sales, which, until around 1985, were a major method of music sales. Unfortunately, the LP may soon become a thing of the past.

As the price of CD players fell in the late 80's, many began to turn away from the LP and toward the CD. This price reduction was a blow to the LP market encouraging CD sales. As if that were not enough, record companies now are phasing out the LP for the sake of profit.

Many record stores, including several

locations of Record World (where many Schreiber students buy music), ironically do not carry records. Mike Collins, vice-president of the retail stores for Record World, cites that the chain receives only three percent of its business in LP's, which explains the disappearance of vinyl from Record World. Slightly more than 35 percent of Record Worlds nationwide currently carry LP's. Companies are producing less; therefore, stores have less to sell. Many people predict the LP will be nearly extinct in ten years or less. Although this does not seem like a tragedy, as cassettes and CD's will still be very easy to find, there are reasons to mourn the death of the LP.

Cassettes are a more convenient medium because of their portability, but they tend to wear out faster than records and also have very little in the way of liner notes, such as lyrics, writing credits, and cover art.

CD's are the chosen medium of many because of their sound quality, which is superior to both records and cassettes. However, CD's are inaccessible to many consumers because of their price, usually anywhere from \$10 to \$17 dollars. Although this is only a few dollars more than the price of a new record, there is a large market for used records, which can be purchased for anywhere from \$1 to \$4. Conversely, there is a very limited availability of used CD's and cassettes.

As companies stop pressing records and as stores stop stocking records, the LP market will die. Many people who are unwilling to spend \$10 on a CD or \$7 on a cassette they aren't familiar with will experiment with a used \$2 record. This wouldn't happen, however, if record sales disappear. With the loss of the LP, a whole way of buying music will disappear, and music stores will become irrevocably bland.

Fools Rehearsed for Weekend Performances

by Jay Berman

"We've been laughing since the beginning," says Jeff Roberts, Director of the Performing Arts Department's production of Neil Simon's "Fools," to be presented in the Schreiber Auditorium this weekend.

Fools tells the story of Kulyenchikov, a small Ukrainian village whose residents live under a curse of stupidity. As one of the lines in the play goes, "Knowledge is not a birthright to those born in Kulyenchikov." It is the mission of Leon Tolchinsky (Eric Sprague), a teacher who comes to the village, to break the 200 year-old curse. It is a difficult task, however, because he himself will fall prey to the curse within 24 hours of arriving in the village.

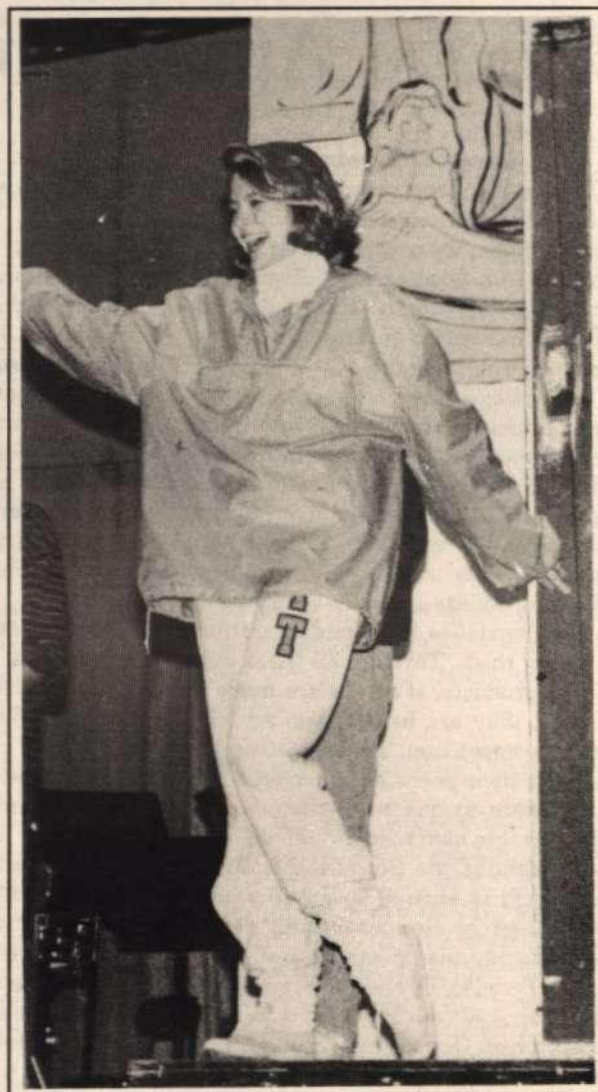
Amidst set construction and general chaos during their first dress rehearsal on January 30, the cast of ten, after weeks of preparation, was still unable to keep straight faces throughout the relentless comedy. Roberts hopes that audiences will have the same problem. Brian Ullman, who plays Dr. Zubritsky, says he is really enjoying performing in a Neil Simon play. "It's hard not to laugh on stage—it's so funny that we even laugh. The audience has got to like it."

Fools will be presented on Thursday and Friday, February 1 and 2, at 8:00 P.M. and Sunday, February 4 at 3:00 P.M. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children.

Far Right: Stacy Siderius breaks out in laughter during rehearsal.

Top Right: Eric Sprague reads the story of the curse of stupidity.

Right: Director Jeff Roberts gives stage directions.



Pool Halls Host Unique Game of Precision

by Lucas Roth

The difficult and excellent game of pool was introduced to me a few years ago by my father, who, in a college-induced flashback, took me to my first genuine pool hall. What I remember more than anything about that first afternoon was frustration. I couldn't sink anything. The cue seemed awkward in my small hands—I kept wanting to hit the object ball instead of the cue ball, and I left a trail of blue chalk marks scattered across the green felt because I kept missing the cue ball. I watched my father with envy; he stroked stripes and solids into pockets with the precision of a seasoned cop directing traffic. He tried to explain the game to me—it seemed a hopeless jumble of rails, spins, strokes, pockets, and safety shots. I did get one thing out of that futile afternoon, though. I knew that pool was a game that I wanted to be good at.

That was then, and my game has since improved immensely after many, many trips to the Corner Pocket pool hall in Little Neck.

If you go to the Corner Pocket on a Friday or Saturday night, don't park in the McDonald's lot next door unless you're interested in getting towed. Walk up the narrow stairs next to the autobody shop's garage door in front of the payphone and hang a right through the door. Expect to wait for one of the 26 tables, unless you go very early or very late (it's open until 4 A.M. about 363 nights a year). Give your name to the guy behind the counter and ask him how long the wait will be, because he won't tell you without being asked. It could be anywhere between ten and 45 minutes. If it's a short wait, wait there. There is a surprising amount of "fun and entertainment," as it says on the

billboard near the door. You can play video games, but the change machine is usually broken. You can check out the jukebox that is way off to the left (it'll have something you like, from Metallica to Janet Jackson), but it usually isn't worth it to play something unless you get a table right next to it. There are two homemade ping-pong tables, but they're almost always taken. Make sure you read the run-around sign on the lower half of the door—you'll probably read it again. Rules for nine-ball and straight pool are posted on the wall near the counter if you're interested in something besides eight-ball. Check out the vintage movie posters on the walls. They're all for sale, but I wouldn't recommend buying one. The best thing to do while you wait is watch one of the older or more experienced players run out one of the tables closer to the door, especially the one with white edges. The game will look deceptively simple when you watch them play—"You just hit 'em in!" If you think it looks easy, wait until you try it yourself. You may feel mysteriously uncoordinated. If the wait is longer, plastic edibles are available at McDonald's, or you can try the Northwood Deli down the street. When a table finally opens up, be prepared—the guy behind the counter has an enormously loud voice. Grab a few cues from the wall and roll them across the table to find one that isn't warped. Then rack 'em up and fire away.

The psychological appeals of pool are unique to the game. Obviously, the game is challenging. My dad once said to me after a failed shot, "Those little spheres have a mind of their own, they don't give a damn about anybody." It takes hours of practice on a regular basis to play and enjoy it (I'm getting there).



Photo by Dan Mulvihill

Lucas Roth practices the art of pool.

Some people go to the pool hall to look cool. With their cigarettes dangling from the corners of their mouths, they scope out the table, line up their shot, and smack the cue ball as hard as they possibly can. Object balls are scattered in every direction like gangbusters, colliding with one another like fuzz particles on a non-receiving UHF channel; and the intended shot falls prey to inexperience. If someone repeatedly hits the cue ball as hard as a break, it's a good bet that they don't have the slightest idea of how to play pool. Pool has the capacity to break down the facades, to weed out inexperience like a sick animal in a herd. There is absolutely no faking it in pool—you either make your shot and move on to the next or return to your seat, humbled by your lack of skill.

What's really intriguing about pool halls is the stark contrast between its image and what really goes on in the

actual game of pool. When you think of pool halls, what comes to mind to some people (besides *The Color of Money*) is a thick gray haze of smoke, cigarette butts all over the floor, bad neighborhoods and bad crowds, or seedy characters slinking from table to table, hustling money from unsuspecting players? Some of these characteristics may actually be present, but the reality of pool is much less seedy. A pool hall is host to 5'x9' patches of universal precision; little green felt arenas where regular human beings struggle against the forces of nature. The smoke, the jukebox, the hustler, the movie posters—it's all secondary. They're just a backdrop for the actual game that steadies one's nerves and prepares one for the outcome of a predictable and sensible game of guessing and executing.

Take a twenty minute ride over to the Corner Pocket one weekend. Play a few racks and check out the scene.

College Application Process Suffocates Students

by Jodi Perelman

Why has college acceptance become such an all-consuming activity? Starting in ninth grade, the pressure is on to gain entrance to a good school. From that point on, everything a student does affects his chances for getting into college. It is a sobering thought.

The college acceptance process contains not only an application and interview anymore. It has turned into a full-fledged industry. Thousands of books, magazines, instructional courses, tutors, and guides are available to help high school students on the way to college. Millions of dollars are made each year on students' anxieties, fears, and aspirations by selling them. Through all these commercial products, students are made to feel that they are being given an edge over the competition. The competition, of course, is their peers' achievements.

Entrance exams very often inspire sheer terror in high school students. Just the thought of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is enough to make almost anyone shudder. Besides the SAT's, there are the Achievement tests, The American College Test (ACT), and the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). While the universities of the United States have found some reason to

justify the existence of all these exams, the truth is that the tests don't really test intelligence. More than anything they test the ability to study preparation books and attend preparation courses.

Courses that are considered as college preparatory ones are often stressed by guidance counselors. Ira Weiss, a guidance counselor at Schreiber, says, "Generally, students should take these courses for two reasons. First, to review work done in the past; and secondly, they're stress relievers. It can be beneficial for a student to know that there are others who are just as uptight [about college] as they are."

If a student does well in regular classes, then honors programs and Advanced Placement courses are strongly recommended. Weiss comments, "Students should take courses as difficult as they can handle without creating undue frustration." However, as many students will testify, any college-oriented course is difficult, whether it is honors or not.

In one book written for college bound students entitled *Getting In*, there is a section called "Choosing the Right Activities." This is outrageous. Extracurricular activities are personal choices; having students conform to what colleges think they should be is artificial and oppressive. At times it seems as though colleges expect

their future applicants to go to any measures to artificially improve their record, academically or otherwise. It seems like a very unfair expectation.

The accumulation of all these factors puts so much pressure on teenagers. It is nearly impossible to stay calm when many parents, teachers, and guidance counselors put such an emphasis on getting into a good college. There are many students

who speak ominously of the college application process as if it were a menacing or threatening event.

While some amount of competition is healthy, and striving for a goal, such as college acceptance, is good, the pressure has just become too much. When anything, including college, causes so much undue anxiety, the source must be recognized as harmful.

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Proposed G. O. Policy Won't Achieve Goals

G. O. officers and representatives have had a history of ineffectiveness and irresponsibility, and they are now groping for a way to insure that future administrations will be more successful. The resultant policy change, however, only compounds the problem.

The new rule, which will be in effect for this year's election in the spring, is that to be eligible for a G. O. officer position, as candidates must have had a previous school government position. Although the policy has not been expressly written yet—co-advisor Trish Burr said she expects the club to have formulated a final policy statement by mid-March—it is expected that homeroom representatives and possibly alternates and class club officers will constitute all those who will be able to run for office.

The policy is obviously a limiting one: fewer students will be able to contend for G.O. positions. Those students who are truly interested in contributing to the school but who have not been previously elected will be barred. With their loss, the G.O. would lose much-needed talent and quality leadership.

To make up for this loss, the G.O. hopes to gain candidates with proven interest and experience in school government. Theoretically, this idea sounds nice; practically, it hardly holds water. The characteristics sought for would be, under the new policy, taken from previous homeroom representatives. But only approximately half, perhaps less, of the current represen-

tatives attend the G.O. general meetings, and few, if any, report back to their homerooms about the G.O. events. It may very well be that those who do attend are not really interested in student government anyway: when the new policy of election requirements was announced to them, they had no reaction, according to Ms. Burr. Having been a homeroom representative or class officer does not prove the person's interest and experience, and it is probably true that there are many interested and experienced students outside of the G.O.

The new policy would not accomplish its intended goal. It would be cutting off ability and experience from the G.O. instead of trying to insure that the G.O. gains talent. If interest in school activities is wanted in our officers, why not require candidates to show previous active roles in any of Schreiber's clubs and activities? This and other alternatives should be discussed before the G.O.'s current new policy is established.

Problems do traditionally exist in the G.O. staff, this year included. Some homeroom representatives have been sent notices of dismissal because they haven't attended meetings. Some method of improving the G.O. may prove useful. However, while the current proposed attempt to do so is commendable, the specific idea is not. Further consideration and discussion is needed to devise a thorough and effective revision of election requirements; the present plan will just add to the problem.

Letters to the Editor

Spanish Program Needs Revision

I am a senior and have been taking Spanish since eighth grade. It would seem that I should be able to speak it at least as well as a Spanish kindergartner. This is not the case. I speak Spanish like pig flatulation.

You may want to attribute it to the fact that I am an American nincompoop. I beg to differ. I am ranked relatively high in my class and will be attending a respected institution next year. In addition, I have never received a grade lower than a B in Spanish, with an abundance of A's mixed in there.

I would like to attribute my wasted Spanish endeavor to the way in which Spanish is presented to us. It was definitely not the teachers' fault to any degree. They were great and apparently did what they were told to. They taught the curriculum that they were instructed to. The problem is the curriculum itself. I cannot say what it is because I don't

speak Spanish. But I do know that the one in use at the present time is as good as rotten ear wax.

Matt "El Hombre" Wright

Corbisiero's Views on Deer Hunting Supported

In response to the Mike Corbisiero article on deer hunting, I must agree and further elucidate on both sides of the argument. Yes, deer hunting can increase the likelihood of deer surviving the winter. Because we have long since killed off most of the deer's natural enemies, the only way to thin the ranks to match a decreased food supply is by hunting. And yes, the money from hunting licenses does go to wildlife preservation. Also, as Mike failed to mention, hunting the deer, which are slow enough or sick enough to be caught, improves the deer's breeding stock. The so-called "socially conscious" people are pathetic, chasing down the

next fad and caring little about the problem itself. On the other hand, they may be right. Don't let the stupidity of people make you go out and kill animals.

Ben Pam II

Animal Pelts Not For People

I can sympathize with someone who has spent a great deal of money for something they feel will enhance their appearance and keep them warm. However, fur is intended by God to enhance animals' looks and to keep them warm. The unnecessary use of animal fur for people to "look good" and "keep warm" is no excuse for killing and torturing the animals.

I would not go so far as to spray someone's fur coat with a non-washable substance. All I want to do is make him or her think about the rights of the animals before they buy a fur coat.

Carrie C. Bryan

Schreiber Sports Events Lacking in Attendance

As an athlete of Schreiber High School, I feel that sports teams don't get enough spectators on the bleachers. Isn't there any way we can get students and parents to come to our games? The largest turnouts are about five people. If they could announce our games over the P.A. in the mornings, students would know when the games are. Many teachers say they're going to try to get people to come, but we never see any results. Sure, many people always ask about our games, but we never see them there. School sports used to be a big deal. What has happened? Most games start at about 4:00 P.M. and end at approximately 5:30 P.M. or 6:00 P.M. If we could just get people to come for about an hour or so, just to cheer us on, maybe the students would develop more school spirit.

Monica Niwa

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IgNor-ieg-ance in Need of Correction

by Nick Kessler

At about 9:30 P.M. on January 3, 1990, I was innocently watching television in my room when my viewing pleasure was interrupted by Tom Brokaw in a special news report. He informed me that President Bush was soon to make a statement concerning the welfare of General Manuel Noriega. Like any other respectable American, I put aside my homework plans and watched while journalists told me enough informational minutiae and analytical detail about the Panamanian situation and Panama City to open a small yogurt shop there.

I watched, not so much because the information interested me but because either my homework plans clashed with the mood of the report or because my television show had been preempted anyway. In any case, the President finally came on and gave his speech, which started with the revelation "We got him!" and basically consisted of the statement that General Manuel Noriega was in the United States' custody, soon to be put on trial for his crimes against society. The speech lasted about as long as some of Mike Tyson's boxing matches.

When the President had left the screen and while some army general was answering reporters' questions, I started to think about how it all affected me. The developments of the situation with Noriega really does have an impact on me and my attitude about the whole thing, which was at first removed and uninterested. When the report first came on television, the only adverse effect on me seemed to be that I had missed the last half of *Night Court*. Aside from that significant loss, I realized that our country had spent a large amount of money, much effort, and several Clash albums just to catch this guy, and I began to wonder if they could have achieved more for less.

Suddenly altered by a wave of perception, I realized

that our country was actually serious about sending troops to foreign countries that are in governmental disarray; and we, the population, can't always remain disconnected from it because it may happen again. Hypothetically speaking, the government could impose a military draft if something like this were to happen on a larger scale. Many of us boys will be old enough for combat by then, and women may also be included: in the Panamanian incident, women like Captain Linda Bray took active roles. Without being interested in political situations like this recent one, without learning the facts of such incidents, and without being aware of our country's business on a domestic and foreign scale, I and

students like myself can't understand what is going on, and the future will control us, not the other way around.

Although school seems to be a constant that will never disappear in our lives, we have to start looking at the world around us and preparing for the changes that will soon come. Schoolwork can many times be time consuming and seemingly unconnected to aspects of government and society, but students shouldn't allow this to lull them into ignorance of what is happening in the world. Every one of us has always wanted to make his own decisions in life, and the time is quickly approaching when we will have the responsibility of making knowledgeable choices.

Less Stress a Necessity

by Meredith Korman

Upon awakening in the morning, cluttered thoughts of responsibilities and concerns enter the minds of almost every student at Schreiber. Whether these stresses are written down in a daily planner, calendar, or on a piece of torn paper, most students make a list of what must be accomplished each day. For many, these lists get to be very long. For those others who don't write down their responsibilities, their worries are further complicated and remain a confused jumble in their heads. Constant pressure to do everything properly, thoughtfully, and on time prevails over dreams of relaxation. As soon as one situation is handled, another one surfaces.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to stop, relax, and have time to sort out your life? It would be great to have time to participate in more pleasant, leisurely activities. Too much valuable time is consumed by constantly catering to various insignificant duties. Tension domi-

nates our society. This anxiety causes individuals to behave in a bitter, annoyed, or nervous manner, dulling friendships and social relationships. Many situations become unnecessarily stressful or unpleasant. There are too many deadlines, assignments, and pressures in our world.

I am not saying that we should all be lazy, accomplishing nothing. Certain obligations are mandatory and have a positive influence on life, but there is a limit to how much stress we can successfully handle. Relaxing and enjoying life is just as important, if not more important, than fulfilling all of our responsibilities. If society and all of its members put more effort into smiling and being satisfied instead of grimacing and worrying, the world would be a much more pleasant and happier place in which to live. Especially in high school, where we can have more control of our lives, stress should be reduced. If we start now, our futures can be more promising.

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Question of Racial Tension: Presence of Racism in School Debated

by Jamal Skinner

Does racism exist in Schreiber High School? My answer to this question is straightforward: yes. The racism that exists in Schreiber is not blatant such as the kind that was evidenced at the Howard Beach trial in 1988; rather, it is a subtle disturbance at Schreiber. Although

Yes

the problem may be invisible to visitors or casual observers, the problem definitely exists and needs to be dealt with.

There are two reasons why I believe racism exists in Schreiber. First of all, the students in this school are highly ignorant concerning the culture and history of minorities, especially Blacks. Every representative of the Port Washington School District claims that the schools advocate equality between Black and White students. However, how can Black students in a prominently White school feel equal when, from the beginning of grammar school through grade twelve, students are only taught three main things about Black culture: we were slaves; Lincoln set us free; and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a peaceful revolution—and was then killed. Where do we, the actual people, fit into the history books? Did we have an important role? Or were we just a species that lay by the wayside? Black students, including myself, are tired of learning about History (the White man's story) instead of

history. Now that it is February, Black History Month, I think that social studies classes should focus on Afro-American history for at least one week this month in order to teach Black heritage to the currently uneducated majority. It would be ideal to plan for the near future a course focusing specifically on the contributions of Black culture to history.

A second reason why I believe racism is a problem in need of attention at Schreiber is that the students and administration on the whole pretend that no problem exists. Racism is a reality here, and when you can't face that harsh reality, or even consider it, it can run rampant; in such a situation, none of the people who can do something to counter such a trend will ever realize that the problem exists. It appears that such a problem has occurred at Schreiber; the administration of this school has to address the problem before it gets out of hand.

Until the students and administration of Schreiber admit that there is a problem with racism in Schreiber, there is nothing that can be done to correct the prejudice here. I hope the residents and administration of Schreiber High School will face this reality as soon as possible and will plan to take the measures needed to relieve the problem. The challenge may be overwhelming, making it important for the problem to be addressed before it grows.

by Ashraf Estafan

When students complain about the problems plaguing Schreiber, they usually talk about the cafeteria and going downtown; racism is not mentioned. If racism were a major problem in this school, it would be talked about as frequently as these other problems. Instead, the topic is rarely mentioned.

No

Both students and faculty alike believe that racism is not a problem in the school; this is true.

Many minority races are significantly represented in Schreiber. Almost all classes have at least a few minority members present. Blacks, Orientals, Hispanics, and people of different background nationalities in addition to Whites can be found in almost every class. For example, in any physical education class, there are usually several races present that are completely integrated: race and creed are insignificant when fellow students are sporting with one another in class. Different races in our school are not segregated at all. They mix socially and work and play together. Moreover, the absence of riots and vandalism marked by racial slurs indicates that the several races in our school are at peace with one another—in places where racism is a problem, it is quite obvious because there are frequent riots and fights.

Although there have been people in the past who have claimed that racism is

a part of human nature, the attitude displayed between the many races in this school disprove the theory. Even though there are a small number of narrow-minded racial supremacists in the school, almost all of the students in Schreiber feel that all students are equal in status. The existence in school of small cliques made up mainly of one certain race is not an indication of racism. The people in such groups may merely feel that they can all relate to similar backgrounds and interests; a deep-rooted dislike of other races is not the force bringing such people together, and so the cliques are not examples of racism.

It is also important to note that the administration, staff, and faculty of Schreiber are conscious of the danger of racism. They do their best to refute and negate racist notions. In several English courses, students read books such as *To Kill A Mockingbird* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, which portray racism as an ugly and dangerous thing. These portrayals make students aware of the strife and hate that goes hand in hand with racism and suggest racial harmony instead.

Viewing the liberal student body and administration of Schreiber, one can understand that the occurrence of racism is quite small. Racism is not a major problem in Schreiber, and there is nothing to indicate that it will ever become one.

Student Verdict

Do You Think That Racism is an Issue in Schreiber?



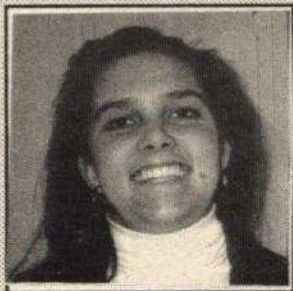
Betsy Abramowitz
Junior

I think Schreiber is kind of racist and it's kind of disgusting. I mean, you can tell there's a Black table and there's a White table [in the cafeteria], and there's not much racial intermixing....the school is very socially segregated.



David Hobert
Senior

In my opinion, racism isn't really a problem, but certain stereotypes are made. When the reggae people were going around, they stereotyped black people in a way that I don't think represents all of them, so I don't think it was fair.



Star Hampton
Senior

I think that racism is a problem everywhere. We can't just close our eyes to it in Schreiber, although I'd like to. I still think it's a very relevant problem here at Schreiber.



Michael Blakeney
Junior

Racism is a problem at Schreiber, and I mean it will be everywhere until we unite and come together; [until] then racism will still be out there.



Aimee Brill
Sophomore

I definitely believe that racism exists in our school. When you walk into the cafeteria, different groups are sitting with different people, and nobody can accept people for what they are.



Heather Bick
Freshman

I don't think racism is a problem....there is racism in the school, but I don't think it reaches the people.

Compiled by Greer Garriton

Lack of "D" Hurts Boys' Hoops

by Alan Meyers

After a blazing 3-0 start, the Boys' Varsity Basketball team has since fizzled, falling to an overall record of 4-9 and a 1-6 record in their division.

Despite the dismal second half of the season, the team has had several bright spots, such as their match-up against MacArthur. The Vikings entered the game against the second place MacArthur team off a five game losing streak and in desperate need of a win in order to keep team morale high.

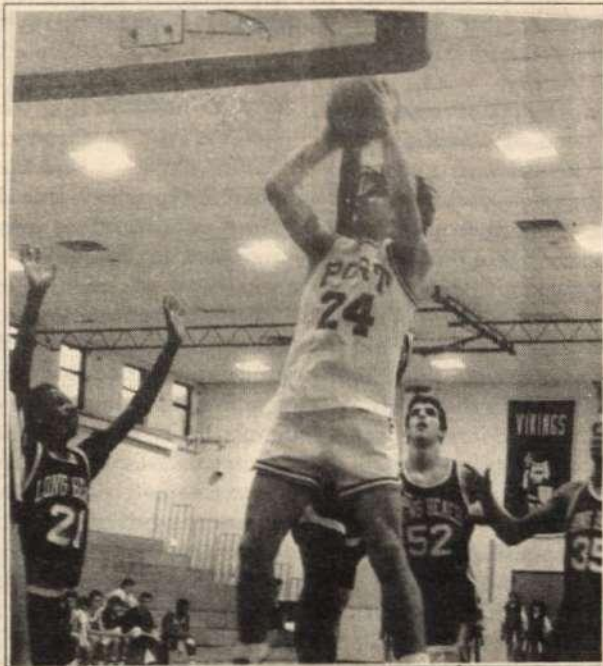
In the first half, Port played relatively well by capitalizing on their opponent's sloppy ballhandling and by playing a strong, lane-filling defense. If not for a poor 4-15 shooting slump from the foul line, the Vikings would have been ahead going into the second half instead of being behind by four. However, Port players turned up the tempo of the game in the fourth quarter with an impressive half court game and effective fast-breaks; and with the help of "Lady Luck" and a few intimidating jeers, a fouled MacArthur player missed his second free-throw shot, and the game was sent into overtime tied at 64 apiece.

After the first lackluster overtime period in which each team only scored four points, junior forward Jamal Skinner and junior guard Todd Higgins went to work scoring quick buckets; and senior center Eric Wolfensberger put the icing on the cake by recovering a rebound off a missed Port foul shot. The Vikings went on to win by a score of 79-71 in double overtime.

The Varsity team then traveled to Herricks: a very mediocre team in comparison to the MacArthur squad that they had just beaten five days earlier. Unfortunately, Port did not have the same magic touch as before. The Vikings were down by six at the end of the first

quarter, but gained three points back by half time. Port then faded away slowly as they shot only 27 percent from the field and ended up losing 62-48.

After the Vikings split their two game road trip, Port came back home to face an equally struggling team from Baldwin. Port started the game in a strong fashion, shooting 48 percent from the floor throughout the entire game. However, Port had to keep its starting line on the floor for most of the first three quarters while Baldwin



Eric Wolfensberger attempts a lay-up against Long Beach.

was substituting freely. After fatigue finally set in on the starters, Coach Steve Shackel was forced to replace them with reserves from the bench. With Port's best players taking breathers, Baldwin slowly started to gain the edge in the game and held on in the end beating Schreiber 65-52. Wolfensberger had another good performance with fourteen points (eight in the first quarter) as did Higgins (ten points) and Skinner (nine points). "We had a good start," commented Coach Shackel, "but we just fell apart in the fourth because of our lack of strength in defense."

Defense again served to be the key of the Viking demise as Port went on to face division leader Farmingdale in an away game. With Skinner hurt, Coach Shackel knew it would be as tough a game as it turned out to be. Facing a vastly improved Farmingdale squad, Port crumbled under their total denial man-to-man defense and was, in Coach Shackel's words, "out of the game after the first six minutes." After shooting an abysmal 6-28 (21 percent) in the first half, Shackel decided to sub-in for his starters and yield to the overpowering Farmingdale squad. Port lost by a final score of 80-50. "There were a few positive outcomes about the game, despite our poor defense," said Coach Shackel. "We did get to see a little bit of the talent on the bench." He was referring to the play of sophomore reserve forward Charles Smalls, who tallied thirteen points. Joining Smalls in the double digit column in points was Higgins, who had eleven of his own.

According to Coach Shackel, the Vikings' main problem is defense, which is said to be "non-existent" by some spectators. However, Port will have a chance to redeem itself as it will face all four of these teams again in the next three weeks.

Girls' Basketball Rises Despite Adversity

by Todd Hazelkorn

The Girls' Varsity Basketball team is on its way to the playoffs for the seventh straight year. The Lady Vikings are having one of their strongest seasons yet, once again under the leadership of Coach Stephanie Joannon.

The team's record stands at 8-6 overall and 4-4 within their conference, which includes an impressive win over defending Catholic State Champion St. Dominic, a thrilling victory over Westbury in double overtime, and a second place showing in the Manhasset Tournament. The team will play the rest of the season with only eight players, as senior co-captain Amy Flyer has been stricken with mononucleosis and junior Jordana Glantz has undergone knee surgery.

Despite Schreiber's impressive start, the team lost its two most recent games to Baldwin and a mediocre Valley Stream Central Squad. The girls lost to Baldwin on January 29, 50-37. Christine Kubin led the team in scoring with eighteen points. Sophomore guard Ariane Paoli followed Kubin in team scoring with fourteen points. Guards Monica Niwa and Jennifer Langton were the only other team members to score in the contest.

Port lost to Valley Stream Central on January 26, by a score of 52-44. By all indications, Port should have won the game against Valley Stream, which had not won a conference game up to that point. The loss, however, still left Port in sixth place in a thirteen team division, just one and one half games out of fourth. Many team members were upset about the loss; however, they were still confident that the team would make the playoffs and finish the season strongly.

The injuries to Glantz and Flyer leave Joannon with a very young, inexperi-

enced team comprised of two juniors, six sophomores, and one freshman, which has played well together. Key performances have come from sophomore forward Christine Kubin, who was named scholar-athlete by *Newsday* for the week of January 21 and thus far leads the team in scoring (twenty points per game), rebounding (15.4 per game), and steals (4.1

per game). Sophomores Monica Niwa and Ariane Paoli and freshman Jennifer Langton have given the team an outstanding guard combination that, when coupled with the play of forwards Kubin and junior Momoko Kishigami, gives the Vikings an outstanding inside-outside combination. Also providing the team with quality substitution time are jun-

iors Liz Connors and Tanya Widen and sophomore Tracy Zukowski.

Coach Joannon, in an optimistic mood, commented, "One of our goals right now is to play better each game and have each player improve. There's much room for improvement, of course, but I feel the team should take pride in all they've accomplished thus far."

Boys' Indoor Track Sprints to Success

by Dan Mulvihill

The Boys' Indoor Track team is preparing for the finale of its season, which will include the Division Championship on February 3 and the County Championship on February 9.

The team is expecting fine performances from many of the runners for these two important meets. Senior Barron Weber leads the team's 4x200 relay group along with junior Mike Blakeney, senior Jon Camera, and junior Marcus DeCosta. This relay team has placed in many meets, and its fastest time is 1:41, an outstanding time for the team. Weber and Camera, along with senior Joe Perez, head the team in the 55 meter run. On Saturday, January 2, at the St. Mary's Invitational meet, Weber starred a strong team showing by winning the 55 meter dash in a time of 6.61 seconds. His time was one of the fastest times for a Schreiber runner in this event. The team's 4x400 relay team consists of senior Dieter King, freshman Cornel Lee, senior Mike Tokarz, and anchorman Perez. King is also the team's strong man in the 600 meter run.

The long distance runners are led by seniors Doug Ramsdell and Charles Siegel. Ramsdell, an All-County Cross Country

runner, will be competing in the one and two mile runs in the Division and County Championships. Siegel will be running the one mile and one thousand meter runs. The team feels confident in the one mile run due to the strong times of Ramsdell, 4:49, and Siegel, 4:53. Other distance runners who will play an important role in the final meets are juniors Keita Kunihuro and Matt Sadowsky.

Besides its runners, the team is looking for fine performances in the field events. Sophomore Severo Kristofich leads the team in the high jump and also competes in track events. In the shotput, the team is led by juniors Pete Ilberg and Dave Harkness.

Like many of Schreiber's teams, the Boys' Indoor Track team has been heavily damaged by sickness. Many cases of the flu have crippled the team, and pneumonia has ended the season for junior Rob Wick. The situation reached rock bottom at the St. Mary's Invitational meet when only half the team was healthy enough to compete.

Although health has hindered the team, Coach Robert Acevedo still hopes to finish in third place in the Division Championship on February 3.



Matt Sadowsky prepares for a meet.

Scoreboard

BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

(coached by M. Shackel)

Dec. 27: Chaminade	159-81
Dec. 28: Chaminade Tourn.	159-70
Jan. 3: Farmingdale	146-66
Jan. 5: Long Beach	146-66
Jan. 9: Freeport	152-82
Jan. 13: Syosset	169-76
Jan. 16: MacArthur 2o.t.	w 79-71
Jan. 19: Herricks	148-62
Jan. 24: Baldwin	152-65
Jan. 26: Farmingdale	150-80
Jan. 30: Long Beach	155-60

next game: Feb. 2 vs. Freeport

BOYS' VARSITY BOWLING

(coached by J. Hegi)

Dec. 20: Mineola	loss
Jan. 8: North Shore	loss
Jan. 10: Manhasset	loss
Jan. 17: Oyster Bay	loss
Jan. 22: Locust Valley	loss
Jan. 29: Glen Cove	loss
Jan. 31: Mineola	**

next game: Feb. 10 in County Tourn.

GIRLS' VARSITY WINTER TRACK

(coached by J. Lederer)

Division IB Champions

Port Washington scored 71 points as they beat out ten other teams including Garden City and Herricks for the championship.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

(coached by S. Joannon)

Dec. 19: Farmingdale	loss **
Dec. 21: St. Dominic	w 54-51
Jan. 5: Hempstead	win **
Jan. 9: Long Beach	w 37-17
Jan. 12: Oceanside	loss **
Jan. 16: Lawrence	w 58-28
Jan. 19: Hicksville	w 63-23
Jan. 23: Farmingdale	loss **
Jan. 26: V. S. Central	144-52
Jan. 29: Baldwin	137-50

next game: Feb. 3 vs. Hempstead

BOYS' FRESHMEN BASKETBALL

(coached by R. Winter)

Jan. 4: Syosset	139-56
Jan. 11: Locust Valley	145-46
Jan. 13: Garden City	135-42
Jan. 16: Clarke	w 54-34
Jan. 17: Garden City	w 35-29
Jan. 18: Westbury	146-53

final record: 3-7

GIRLS' VARSITY BOWLING

(coached by V. DiPietro)

next game: Feb. 3 in County Championships
Currently ranked third in the counties with honors of highest team, highest team series (1702), highest individual game (Marlo Vigliotti, 192), and highest team average.

GIRLS' VARSITY GYMNASTICS

(coached by K. Reiersen)

Jan. 10: Long Beach	loss **
Jan. 17: New Hyde Park	loss **
Jan. 22: Lawrence	loss **
Jan. 24: Cold Spring Harbor	win, 110.6-110.4
Jan. 29: N. Shore Baldwin	loss, 111.5-120.6

next game: Feb. 1 vs. Southside

BOYS' JV BASKETBALL

(coached by M. Laricchia)

Dec. 27: Chaminade Tourn.	w 20-11
Dec. 28: Chaminade Tourn.	w 20-11
Jan. 3: Farmingdale	161-72
Jan. 9: Freeport	151-69
Jan. 13: Syosset	**
Jan. 16: MacArthur o.t.	w 68-58
Jan. 19: Herricks o.t.	153-61
Jan. 24: Baldwin	w 57-50
Jan. 26: Farmingdale	**
Jan. 30: Long Beach	**

next game: Feb. 2 vs. Freeport

JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING

(coached by D. Wetzel)

Dec. 20: Mineola	loss
Dec. 22: E. Meadow Tourn.	**
Jan. 5: Freeport	loss
Jan. 9: Long Beach	loss
Jan. 12: Oceanside	loss
Jan. 13: Herricks Open House	**
Jan. 17: Garden City	win
Jan. 19: V. S. Central	win
Jan. 23: Baldwin	no show
Jan. 26: Lawrence	win

VARSITY WRESTLING

(coached by R. Busby)

Dec. 20: V.S.N. Tourn.	2nd place
Dec. 23: Mineola	w 38-28
Dec. 23: E. Meadow Tourn.	6th place
Jan. 2: Far Rockaway	w 39-14
Lincoln	w 59-9
Jan. 5: Freeport	142-18
Jan. 6: Locust V. Tourn.	4th place
Jan. 9: Long Beach	148-14
Jan. 12: Oceanside	139-18
Jan. 17: Garden City	w 50-12
Jan. 19: V. S. Central	w 54-9
Jan. 23: Baldwin	141-18
Jan. 26: Lawrence	w 45-18

Dual Meet Playoffs:

1st round: JFK Bellmore w 29-29
won on credentials

2nd round: Mephram 166-0

next meet: Feb. 2 in playoffs

GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL

(coached by B. Totino)

Dec. 21: St. Dominic	**
Jan. 9: Long Beach	**
Jan. 5: Freeport	137-13
Jan. 12: Oceanside	**
Jan. 19: Hicksville	**
Jan. 23: Farmingdale	**
Jan. 26: V. S. Central	**
Jan. 29: Baldwin	w 37-12

next game: Feb. 6 vs. Long Beach

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Wrestling Teams Prepare for Victory

by Simon Chin and
Greg Juceam

The Junior Varsity and Varsity Wrestling teams are enjoying prosperous seasons, both posting winning records.

According to Coach Bob Busby, much of the success of the teams must be attributed to the quality of the daily regimen. After a multitude of grueling exercises, individuals spar with one another, pushing themselves to the utmost of their abilities. The defeats that the wrestling teams have caused are not flukes; they are the results of hours of strenuous training.

The Varsity team has compiled a record of eight wins and five losses under the guidance of Coach Busby. Acting as a finely honed unit, the Varsity squad's intensive practices have resulted in spectacular wrestling matches. Some of the highlights of the Varsity team include crushing victories over Valley Stream Central (54-9), Garden City (42-19), Baldwin (46-16), and South Side (52-13). Several Port victories were assisted by the wave of the influenza virus that has swept the area, resulting in many disqualifications in individual weight classes of the opposing teams.

In their most recent competition, the Varsity squad wrestled at the Nassau Dual Meet Playoffs at Mepham on January 27. In their first match against Bellmore JFK, the teams tied, scoring 29 points each. However, despite the tie, Port advanced based on their criteria (winning more near fall points). Victorious Port wrestlers included Anthony Schettino at 119 lbs., Abi Klass at 126

lbs., and Brad McGill at 167 lbs.

In their second match of the afternoon, Port wrestled the powerful Mepham squad and was soundly defeated 66-0. Port was thoroughly out-wrestled in this match because the Mepham team had solid wrestlers in every weight class.

Senior Anthony Schettino has earned fourteen victories and only two defeats this year. Included in this sparkling record is Schettino's victory over last year's County Champion in the 105 lbs. weight class. Another outstanding member is senior Abi Klass. Klass's record mirrors Schettino's with fourteen victories and two defeats. Among other achievements, Klass has defeated two county place winners during tournaments this year. According to other team members, these two wrestlers are looked to for leadership and are expected to perform well in the County Championships.

The JV team has had their golden moments as well under Coach Dan Wetzel. Sophomore Joby Vinarski has won championships at the East Meadow Take Down Tournament and Locust Valley tournament in his weight class. Brian Meyran and Luis Zarate have each triumphed in their respective weight classes at tournaments as well. In addition, Jimmy Murphy and Ike Malirakis took first place in their respective weight classes during the East Meadow Take Down competition.

On January 29, the JV team hosted the second annual Junior Varsity Wrestling Carnival. Several teams were invited to attend and Chaminade, Garden City, and Roslyn participated.

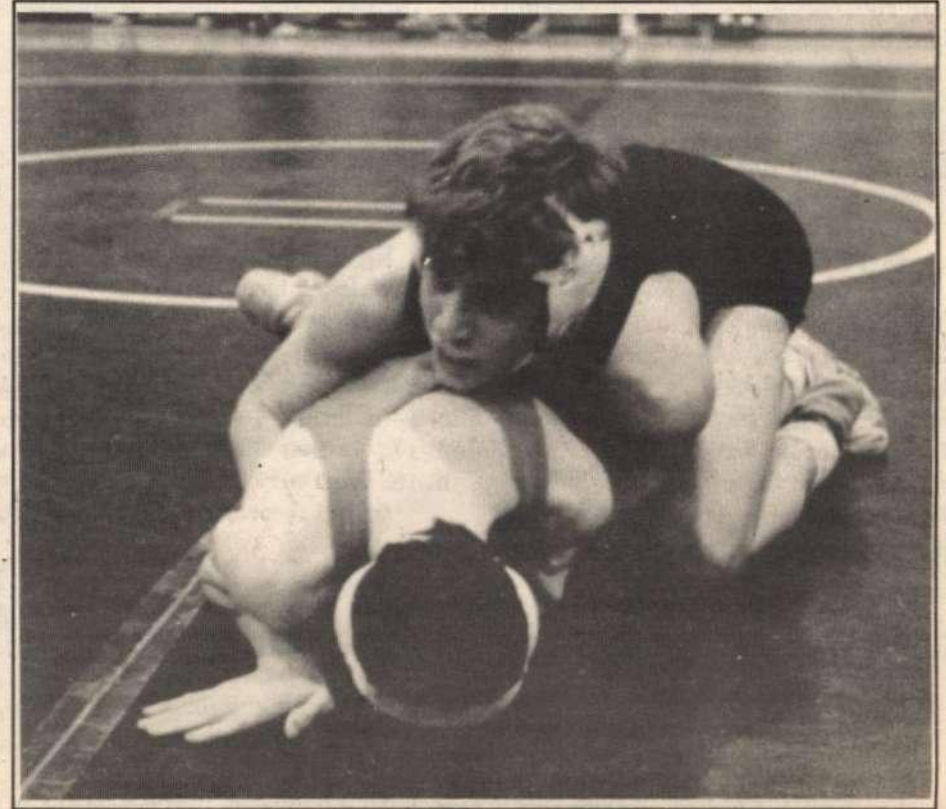


Photo by Dan Fisher

JV wrestler Joby Vinarski locks up with an opponent.

Although no official score was kept for the meet, injured JV wrestler Andrew Ullman predicted that Port would have won overall had the score been kept. He stated, "I think we lost only 5 matches the entire afternoon. We did really well."

Sophomores Greg Kirmser, Vinarski and Zarate each posted two wins by pinning their opponents. Freshman Jim Murphy and senior Fred Cadet each recorded one win by pin. The talent of the

JV team foreshadows future stars for the Varsity team.

Both wrestling teams are looking forward to the Nassau County Championships on February 23 and 24. In this meet both individual and team scores will be kept. Port hopes to perform well in this meet, following up on last season's strong showing. Their league season ends on February 7 in a home match against Plainview.

Girls' Varsity Track Division Champs

by Simon Chin

While battling illness, the Girls' Indoor Track team has successfully competed in a host of different meets this past month.

On Sunday, January 28, the track team won the Division IIB championships by one point over Garden City with a score of 71 to 70, thereby leaving several teams far behind. Port looked particularly impressive by sweeping the 1500 meter walk. Junior Jessica Graham took first in this event and was followed by sophomore Jessica Wolk and junior Tanya Clusener. The Schreiber 4x400 relay team, comprised of sophomore Rachel Maher, Graham, senior Kara Courtois, and Clusener, also took first place. Port placed third in the 4x200 meter relay, took second and third place finishes in the 55 meter hurdles by Clusener and Graham respectively, got a third place finish in the high jump by Courtois, and placed second in the shotput with freshman Dorothy Katz.

The Sunday Division Championships had been a source of worry for Coach Bruce MacDonald due to widespread sickness that hit the team. However, MacDonald was pleased with his team's performance at this meet and cites the

team's obvious strong recovery.

At the Section VIII meet in Farmingdale, Courtois, Graham, Maher, and Leigh Tomppert composed a team that attained fifth place in the 4x400 relay. Maher also placed third in the 200 meter run, and Courtois was fifth in the 1000 meter run. Because of the flu epidemic, many Schreiber runners were unable to compete in this meet.

The Invitational meet at St. Mary's also produced successful results. Courtois, Maher, Stefanie Mollin, and Wolk ran together to finish fifth in the four lap relay. In the final standings, the Schreiber team finished fourth out of the seventeen participating schools.

Illness proved to be the undoing of Schreiber's further attempts to attend some recent track meets. The crippling flu hit the entire team within a few days of a track meet at Yale University. As a result, the Schreiber squad was forced to cancel its entry.

On January 6, the Girls' Track team went to Nassau Community College for another competition. Courtois put on a very strong performance by winning the 600 meter run. Fellow track teammate Katz earned second place in the shotput.

One of Schreiber's strongest perform-

ances was at the County Relay in Farmingdale on January 12. Jessica Graham spearheaded Schreiber's attack by winning the 1500 meter walk. Wolk added to Schreiber's dominance by finishing third in the same event. At the shuttle hurdle relay, the Clusener, Courtois and

Graham team placed third. Preserving the momentum, freshmen Kristen Galvin and Dina Suh ran in the distance medley relay and finished sixth. Finally, the Clusener, Courtois, Maher, and Maura Mander team finished sixth in the mile medley.

Boys' Bowling Not Spared Beatings

by Marc Richards

The Boys' Varsity Bowling team has bowled a lukewarm season, winning 62 points while losing 118.

In the league bowling format, teams earn points for individuals winning their matches as well as for the teams getting the highest total. Thus far, the team has competed in ten matches and is in sixth place in a league of seven. However, they have bowled competitively in each of their matches, as evidenced by their 62 point total.

The team has been led throughout the season by the strong bowling of the "Suzuki brothers," Kenji and Takahiro. Kenji has averaged 140 points per game, and

Takahiro has posted a solid 135 points per game average.

The team's final match was against Mineola on January 31; the score was not available as of press time. Coach Jim Hegi commented before the match, "They [Mineola] are in first place. They are definitely a superior team."

Despite the team's seemingly poor standing, the bowlers are pleased with their own performance. Future prospect Jay Kaplan pointed out, "We are improving a great deal." The team's main objective is to improve their technique, according to several bowlers who look forward to competing on a successful team next season.