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Girls' Lax County Champs!

by Will Goldfarb

The Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team has won the Nassau County Championship for the first time. Port captured the title by defeating Garden City 15-7 at C.W. Post on June 3. The first half began slowly, but four minutes into the game, sophomore Jen Langton shredded the Trojan defense for Port's first tally. Garden City came back to even the score, but junior Monica Niwa was able to capitalize on penalties near the Garden City goal mouth, finding the net twice. Garden City scored again with 5:21 remaining, but a goal by Langton and a beautiful shot by sophomore Barbara Tomeo extended Port's lead to 5-2. Port allowed a goal with under a minute left, and ended the first half with a 5-3 lead.

After the slow first half, Port eliminated most mistakes and blew the game open. Niwa scored 2:30 into the half and assisted on junior Robin Kent's goal nine seconds later. Port broke through the Garden City defense twice in the next minute with an explosive goal from Niwa, and another on a long run by Langton. Port's attack was spearheaded by Langton and Niwa, who added two more each, and by sophomore Kristen Galvin and Tomeo, with one each, making the final score 15-7. The defense played solidly,



Junior Monica Niwa fires a shot on goal against Ward Melville in the Long Island Finals.

and Chambers sparkled with fourteen saves, holding Garden City to three goals in the second half.

The road to the County Championship began as a bumpy one, as the Vikings dropped two of their first three games. Port then compiled a nine-game winning streak en route to an away rematch with conference nemesis Carle Place, a game which Winter termed "the most important match of the year." Port's offense exploded to open the game with an 8-2 run, but Carle Place narrowed the lead to 10-9 by halftime. The Vikings erupted to start the second half, and led 20-17 with 1:12 remaining. Carle Place fought back, scoring two goals in the next 24 seconds. Port won the faceoff and the game as the team ran out the clock for a 20-19 victory, dealing Carle Place its first loss in two years. The offense was led by Langton, who scored eight goals, Niwa, who scored six goals, and Tomeo, who scored three goals and added two assists. Senior Jen Galvin posted two goals and six assists.

After defeating defending Suffolk champion Huntington at the close of the regular season, Port was named the first seed for the Big School County Tournament and received a first-round bye. The team then defeated Massapequa 21-11 to

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Mock Trial Team Captures State Title

by Jeni Blum

The mock trial team became the New York State Champions by defeating six other teams in the Justice Building in Albany on May 9 and 10. The team also won the Interstate Mock Trial Tournament by defeating Edward O. Smith High School from Connecticut on May 24.

The mock trial team consists of a plaintiff team and a defense team. At each level of competition, the team has argued either side, decided randomly, of the same case about community opposition to the existence of an AIDS home called "Our House." The plaintiff represents a community action group, Neighbors Against AIDS Homes, while the defense team supports the right of "Our House" to keep its location.

Teams from six different regions of

the state competed in the New York tournament. Since the state contest only allowed eight students, and Schreiber's plaintiff and defense teams have six members each, team members had to assume positions that they did not hold in previous rounds of the contest. The plaintiff team comprised seniors Mark Baghdassarian, Todd Hazelkorn, and Robert Weisz, and juniors Greg Juceam, David Lapter, and Jodi Perelman. The defense team was made up of Baghdassarian, Hazelkorn, Perelman, Weisz, senior Howard Wettan, and junior Sean Frankel.

Other team members who did not attend the state tournament were seniors Brian Kuskowski, Matt Sadowsky, and Jonathan Schiff. Alternates for the team were seniors Kasi Binder and Alanna

Vroman and sophomores Josh Kurland and Archis Parasharami.

The team competed twice on May 9, once as the plaintiff against a high school from Kingston and once as the defense against the Academy of the HolyNames. Schreiber averaged 51 out of a possible 55 points between the two trials, the highest of the six teams in competition.

Schreiber, as the first place team, and the second place team, Fayetteville Manlius High School, competed the next day in the final round, which took place in the Appellate Division Courthouse. In the final trial, over which presided Judge Bellacosa of the New York State Court of Appeal, the team argued for the defense. With a score of 51 to 49 in favor of Schreiber, the team

became New York State champions.

The Schreiber team competed as the plaintiff in the Interstate Mock Trial Tournament at the Superior Courthouse in Hartford, Connecticut against Smith, which had participated in the tournament last year. According to team advisor Edward Edwards, the Smith team was "laid-back for too long. We just took the offensive and went after them." Connecticut State Appellate Judge Jon Daly presided over the case.

In all trials, between zero and five points were awarded for each of eleven phases of the trial; these phases included opening, closing, direct examination, cross-examination, and procedural knowledge. According to Mr. Edwards, "One of the most important things at this level is

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Water Pipe Break Closes School For A Day

by Seth Altman

Students were dismissed at 10:35 a.m. on May 23 when a broken pipe resulted in the building's entire water system being turned off.

A three-inch water pipe, located in a tunnel under room 4, broke sometime between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. during the night of May 22. According to head custodian Joe Caputo, the pipe break occurred after a piece of metal strapping that was holding the pipe to the top of the tunnel under room 4 broke. The pipe began to sag from pressure and eventually broke. Water leaking out of the pipe went through the tunnel and caused a flood in the boiler room. According to Mr. Caputo, there was "about three feet of water down there."

Cody Plumbing Company was called in to make repairs, but in order to do so, the entire water line for the school was turned off. Toilets, sinks, water fountains, and kitchen facilities were dysfunctional. Students who needed to use rest

room facilities were referred to the Flower Hill School building.

According to Administrative Consultant James Smyth, the school administrators were unsure of the amount of time needed to make the repairs. Since no drinking water or bathroom facilities were being provided, "there might have been a possible health code violation," stated assistant Superintendent Richard Helfont.

Dr. Helfont, Mr. Smyth, and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Sidney Barish met to discuss measures to be taken. After consulting Schreiber's four assistant principals, the decision was made to dismiss classes at 10:35. Mr. Smyth stated, "[Cody Plumbing and Schreiber maintenance] got the water going at around eleven o'clock, but another leak occurred, so the water was shut off again and was not turned on until around two o'clock."

Although students were dismissed, the administrative group and the department chairpersons decided to keep the

faculty in school. Mr. Smyth stated, "We decided that it would be a good time for teachers to catch up on work. [The teachers] were able to use the facilities at Flower Hill, and were allowed to go out for lunch, so everything was okay."

According to Dr. Helfont, a leak in the same pipe was discovered approximately one week before the break occurred. Temporary repairs were made, and on the day of the pipe break, permanent repairs were scheduled to occur. In order to enable the workers to make the permanent repairs after school hours, men were in the tunnels on May 22 removing asbestos, which had to be done before the repairs could take place. Dr. Helfont stated, "[the strap] giving way was much more the reason [for the break] than the fact that our staff was down [in the tunnel]."

The situation could have possibly been avoided. Valves in the building used to isolate areas in the pipes for the purpose of doing repair work were not functioning. Dr. Helfont said that this was be-

cause "they are old, original valves, and are not often checked; because they don't often come into play. When we needed them, though, they didn't work." A new assessment of the valve system is being made, so that a similar problem will not occur in the future.

Mr. Smyth stated, "Any such problems can't be anticipated. We were hopeful that the repair could have been made in a more timely manner. The outside fire hydrants were working, so there was no danger of fire. Our main concern was sanitation."

Dr. Helfont received calls during the day from the State Education Department, *Newsday*, and Channel 12 News. He said, "These [calls] had no effect on our decision. We really felt that we were doing our best to keep school in session. I do, however, think that [closing school] was the right call to make. What's nice about a town such as Port Washington is that the people take these events in stride. They seem to understand."

1991-92 School Year Budget Passed

by Seth Altman

The proposed 1991-92 budget for the Port Washington School District was passed by a vote of 1301 to 353 on June 5.

The voting occurred in the Flower Hill School building from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. During the voting, three members of the Board of Education were elected: Larry Tietz, Bill Bergman, and Tom Rowden.

There were four men vying for three board seats. James Moyer was beaten by the other three. Of these three, Mr. Tietz was the only incumbent. Each of the new members will serve either a two-year or a three-year term, depending on the seat to which he was elected.

According to Superintendent of Schools William Heebink, the budget that was passed holds true to form of the proposed budget. The only changes on the secondary level are of a positive nature. The district received a restoration in state aid, allowing the district to keep four-tenths of a guidance counselor's position originally planned to be eliminated. Weber will retain its current standing of three counselors. The other changes are on the elementary level: a reading teacher's and an outreach worker's positions will not be eliminated, and a teacher's assistant will be restored.

Dr. Heebink stated that the budget was "carefully drafted in the first place.

The school board was meticulous [in reviewing the budget]. There was a series of adjustments, not changes."

Although the board worked toward maintaining as many programs and areas of education for the 1991-92 school year as possible, many cuts were made. Across the district, approximately nine teaching positions were eliminated, and approximately nine were reduced. Drivers' education will be limited to one class of seniors, while the purchase of instructional computer equipment will be reduced by about 25 percent. The class sizes for the secondary schools will increase, and supervision for extracurricular activities will be reduced.

Had the budget been defeated, an austerity budget would have been adopted. An austerity budget is one that provides for basic educational services. No equipment, such as paper or books, can be purchased under such a budget. Interscholastic sports would have been discontinued. According to Dr. Heebink, "If an austerity budget was adopted, [the district] could pay salaries only. There would be no funding allotted for much else." Dr. Heebink continued to say that, "There would be no reason for the budget to [have been] defeated. It has not been an easy budget year, rather the most trying one that people have faced on Long Island in decades."

Evans and Fish Leave to Teach at Alternate School

by Louis Larocca and Jodi Perelman

Science teacher Don Fish and English teacher Janet Evans will leave Schreiber to work at the Alternate School because of budget cuts.

Mr. Fish is currently in his third year at Schreiber and teaches physics and earth science. Mr. Fish was a geologist prior to his employment in the Port Washington School District.

Ms. Evans is currently in her first

year of teaching at Schreiber. In addition to teaching English, she is a co-advisor to the Experimental Theatre Company. Ms. Evans had previously taught in the Uniondale School District for eight years before coming to the Port Washington District.

The retirement of social studies teacher Berndette Dempsey and the elimination of driver education teacher Bruce MacDonald's position are covered in the Features section.

Annual Pops Concert is a Success

by Oren Eisner

The annual pops concert held on June 5 in the cafeteria was attended by approximately fifty people and featured musical performances by students and faculty.

The event began at 8:00 p.m. with choir teacher Philip Glover addressing the audience and introducing special education teacher Matt Scott, who emceed the show. The first to perform was the choir, directed by Mr. Glover. They opened with "Go Down Moses," which featured a solo by junior David Lapter. Next, the choir performed "Stand By Me," with sophomore Jason Wright singing most of the song solo, while the rest of the group sang backup. Glover accompanied the choir on piano during its performances.

The next performance was by senior bassist Jefferey Colchamiro and juniors guitarist Ed Chin and singer Adam Healy, members of "Edipus Rex." They first performed an original piece, "Turning Tide" and then played "Have You Ever Seen the Rain?" by Credence Clearwater Revival.

Junior Dani Super followed, singing "I Dreamed A Dream" from *Les Misérables*, with Mr. Glover accompanying

her on piano. Mr. Glover and band teacher Mitchell Lutch, playing piano and saxophone, respectively, followed Super, performing "Saxophobia" and "Lightning."

Seniors Simon Chin, Diana Johanson, and Aoi Jo next performed Extreme's "More Than Words" to great applause. Chin played guitar while Johanson and Jo sang. Junior Sara Gruber was the next to perform, singing two blues songs, "Jimmy's Blues" and "You Go to My Head," while Mr. Glover played piano.

The next act was by seniors Matt Sadowsky and Gerard Laheny, and Mrs. Camille Corbiseiro. Sadowsky and Laheny played "Five Feet Two Eyes of Blue," and "Raindrops Are Falling On My Head" on trumpet. Mrs. Corbiseiro then joined them, singing "Girl from Ipanema."

Mr. Scott next performed "My Happiness," "You Belong to My Heart," and "You Can't Be True Dear," with Mr. Glover again accompanying on piano.

The last performance was by the Jazz Band, conducted by Mr. Lutch. It performed "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy," "Don't Get Around Much," "Little Darling," and "Birdland." It then played "On Broadway" as an encore, with which the concert ended.

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