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## Black History Month promotes interracial unity

by Archis Parasharami

Schreiber's recognition of Black History Month is not limited to the commemoration of African-American leaders and role models, but goes as far as the establishment of a forum for examining current perceptions of ourselves and others.

In the first of a group of sessions collectively titled "Fear of a Black Planet," freshman Moné McCurty began the discussion by stating that the first step in the "improvement of race relations is realizing that the problem exists in Port Washington."

Respecting the opinions expressed by each person was an issue echoed by McCurty, senior Lori Lobell, and student government president Audrey Rosenberg.

One student added, "We haven't had anything before this [forum] to work on the problem."

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Social studies teacher Bill Strafino, one of the coordinators of Schreiber's Black History Month program, said, "The idea is to promote understanding; to do our part in diminishing racism. The focus will be on the black experience, but there will be a speaker on multicultural [issues as well]."

The presentations, most of which will take place in Room 207 (the Little Theater), will be made before students with free time and selected English and social studies classes. The question of Schreiber's history curriculum was the focus of the discussion.

Alumnus Jamal Skinner, who returned to Schreiber's halls for this program, said, "Nothing I studied [in high school history courses] had any relevance to me."

Among the over sixty students in attendance, there appeared to be a consensus that there should be an adjustment in the social studies curriculum to represent an array of cultures more equally.

Suggestions ranged from the offering of electives in Black history and the history of other cultures to a total reorgani-

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zation of the curriculum.

Some stated that the curriculum, which consists of two years of global studies (in which Africa, China, India, Japan, and the Middle East are studied the first



Junior Erica Jordan enlightens students attending forum.

year and Latin America and Europe are covered the second year), one year of American history, and one year of government and economics, is Eurocentric.

Skinner said that, when he had questions after class about African-American history, his teachers were "uneducated" about the subject.

Senior Joanna DeMeo asked why action might not be taken at an earlier level than high school, such as in the elementary years.

Teachers and administrators were present at the conference, including Principal Sidney Barish and Assistant Principals Rita Albert, Alphonse Campbell, and Carmine Matina.

One student asked the administrators if they would be willing to bring teachers with experience in African-American history.

Dr. Barish responded, "From my standpoint, we are very receptive to presenters coming in ... we would welcome [any] information." He suggested that the problem may not solely be an unavailability of knowledge, but a lack of receptivity on the part of students.

He added, "The school is just one part of the society ... Everyone has to do what they can."

Mr. Matina suggested that students might be able to work "within the system" to effect curriculum change. He informed the conference of an incipient "Curriculum Review in Social Studies," covering grades K-12.

The three-year-long review is to be chaired by social studies teacher Mark Rothman and Director of Personnel Robert Bracken. Mr. Matina suggested that students make their views known to the curriculum review board, and students expressed interest in sitting on such a board.

A second issue was that of "segrega-

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tion" between white and minority students at Schreiber.

"There's a feeling of isolation that came out loud and clear," said Dr. Barish.

Some white students expressed nervousness about approaching "strangers," and one stated that she was "shy."

Junior Isaac Moore responded that people should be "strong" and not be afraid to take a chance. But the "shy" girl said she couldn't be like Isaac—she couldn't be strong.

Moore's comic response perhaps best highlighted the theme of unity that the session's object appeared to be; he explored, "Be like me—not Mike—me!"

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## G.O. sponsors "The Dating Game" in the Valentine's Day spirit



Russell Miller

Cross-dressed bachelors and bachelorettes enjoy G.O. Dating Game.

Over 100 students were treated to a night of fun-filled entertainment on Tuesday, February 9, when the G.O. presented its first annual production of "The Dating Game."

The game was modeled after the television show "The Dating Game," in which a man or woman asks questions of three contestants of the other sex without seeing them, and then has to choose which one he or she wants to go on a date with.

In Schreiber's version, senior Barbara Tomeo was the female questioner and senior Jessica Brodsky was the male questioner.

Senior T.J. Bardong, junior Joey Massot, and sophomore Owen Poland posed as the women contestants, and junior Caroline Kirmser, sophomore Mellisa Thelmac, and freshman Amy Litwin posed as the male contestants.

According to G.O. co-adviser Amy Prochaska, "The participants made cross-dressing a lot of fun."

Prachaska and co-adviser Patricia Burr said the event went very well, and plan to have more events like it in the future.

"We've started a new tradition," said Burr.



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## "Commitment to communicate" yields Faculty Senate

by Matt Engel

It's one thing to complain about a problem, while it's another thing to do something about it. The entire faculty met on January 27 for a forum entitled "A Commitment to Communicate," and set into motion the establishment of a faculty senate.

According to science teacher Neil Rothman, who acted as a representative for some of Schreiber's teachers, the meeting was the first ever of its kind.

In his introduction, Mr. Rothman stated, "We are here today, through the efforts of a committee made up of professionals interested enough in the future of education at Schreiber to commit *positively*, to doing something about it."

The teachers were then divided into twelve groups of about twelve teachers per group, including two groups made up of administrators and department chairpersons.

The purpose was to allow the teachers to speak freely in their groups.

The questions that the groups had to discuss ranged from "How have the students changed throughout the years?" to "What do you expect of students by the time they graduate?" to "What can we [the teachers] do to achieve our expectations?"

The groups as a whole agreed on many answers, including the reduced overall ability of the students today

and the lack of concern that students have for themselves and others. They also felt that Schreiber now has a more heterogeneous population and that drug/alcohol abuse and dysfunctional families have led to a decline in the students' commitment towards school.

In response to the question "What do you expect of students by the time they graduate?" the teachers said they expect the students to develop self-esteem, respect for self and others, and responsibility for their actions.

They would like to see students take a stand on issues and become more students involved in community service.

Following the discussion groups period, each group selected a representative to express the groups' results with all of the students.

"It is a chance for the teachers to say things on their minds," said Mr. Rothman.

One of the new ideas is a Faculty Senate, which will empower the teachers to set the standards for the learning community.

Guidance department chairmen John Zanetti said, "This is not a one-shot deal. It will have a long-range effect."

A Student-Faculty Committee was also suggested in which the committee would implement standards and may be tied in to the G.O.

Mr. Zanetti added, "This is an opportunity for us to identify, discuss, and fine-tune certain issues."



# Schreiber continues in Westinghouse successes

by Supinda Bunyanavich

Senior Jonathan Shafter was chosen as one of the forty finalists of the 52nd Westinghouse Science Talent Search, a prestigious nationwide scholarship contest for high school seniors. Shafter is one of three finalists from Long Island. The forty finalists of the competition

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were announced on January 21, and were chosen out of the 300 semifinalists announced on January 19. Schreiber had four semifinalists—Seniors Shafter, Jeni Blum, Paul Krieger, and Archis Parasharami.

Shafter was happy with his performance. "I was really, really, really, really, really giddy with joy."

Shafter, along with the other finalists, will go on an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. from March 4-9.

There, a board of judges will select the top ten scholarship winners based upon previous written work and interviews. The first prize is a \$40,000 scholarship, and second and third prize winners will receive \$30,000 and \$20,000 scholarships, respectively.

Three \$15,000 and four \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded to the remaining top ten finalists. The other thirty finalists will receive \$1000 scholarships each.

Many Schreiber students have learned how to solve simultaneous equations in math class. Shafter says the computer program he designed over the summer would allow scientists and engineers to solve thousands of these equations at once.

"I came up with the idea on my own—it was original," he said. "It worked out well, and it has definite real world applications."

Shafter worked on his project at Brandeis University in Massachusetts. He had access to their resources as well as to the CM2, a multimillion dollar supercomputer which is also used for Defense Department work. According to Shafter, the computer is one of the fastest and most powerful in the world.

Shafter recalls one incident where he accidentally turned off the whole computer, shutting out the other forty researchers using the CM2.

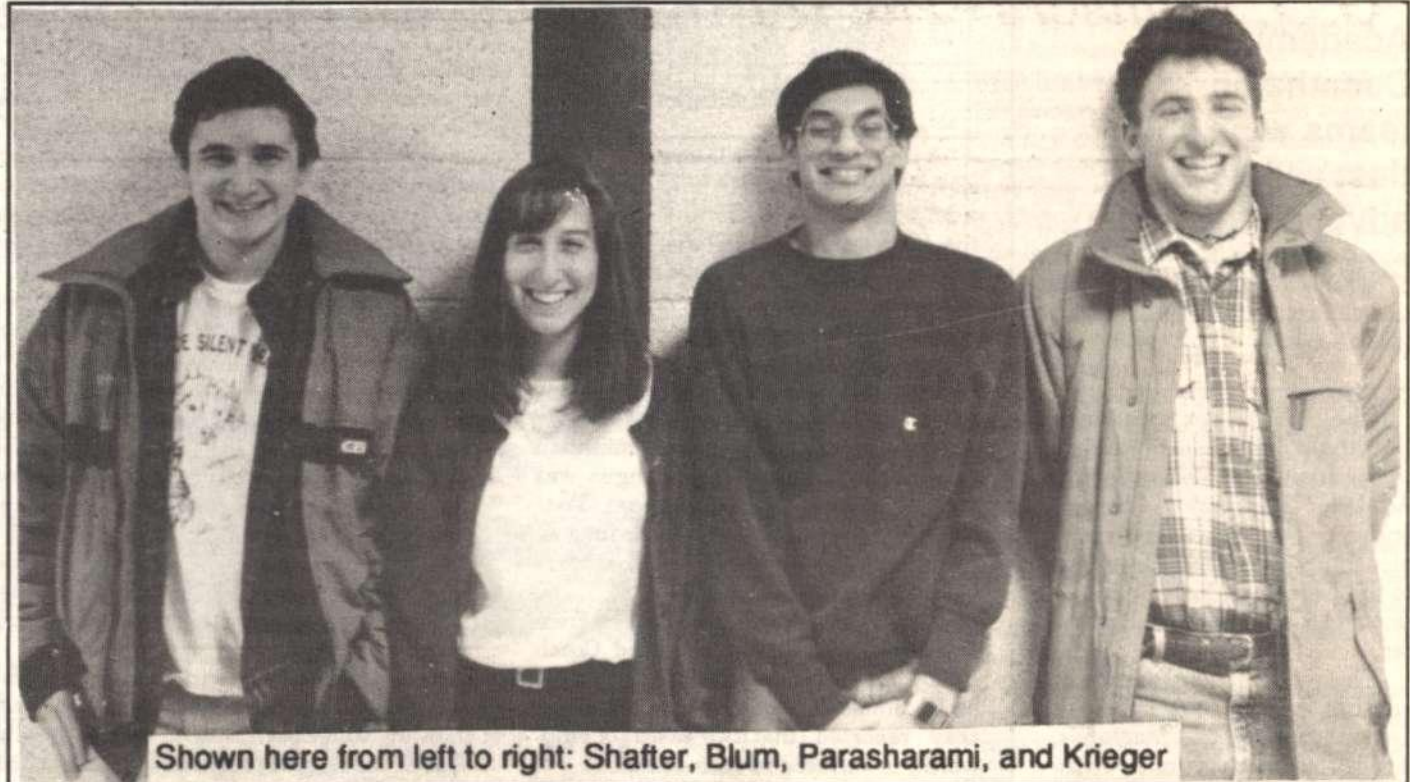
"I tried to disconnect only myself from the computer, but the command had

*'The hardest part of the project was at the end when it wouldn't work!'*—Jennifer Blum, senior

been changed so that instead I told the computer to shut down. It was a mess."

Shafter said he had to do a lot of background study before he was ready to begin actual work on his project. "I spent the first half of the summer just preparing to write the program."

According to math research teacher Elaine Labrocca, Shafter gained the ex-



Shown here from left to right: Shafter, Blum, Parasharami, and Krieger

perience necessary to work on the project from the math research program.

"Shafter has worked hard all three years and has really put the effort into the course," said Labrocca.

Shafter is the first student to become a finalist from Schreiber's math research program, which is only five years old. The three other Westinghouse semi-

brane of this bacteria is determined, more effective antibiotics could be developed to combat it. Blum identified three of the sugars and five of the fatty acids that comprise the outer membrane.

Blum spent the majority of her time at Michigan in the lab—either actually doing research or reading about related research. However, she did have time

Krieger tried to see if he could make a better fuel cell by changing the cata-

*'I sat there for four hours just twisting these knobs!'*

—Archis Parasharami, senior

## Westinghouse project titles—can you figure 'em out?

*The Genetic Matrix Optimizer—a Parallel Genetic Algorithm to Optimize the Band Width of Sparse Matrices.*

Jon Shafter

*Determination of the Structure of Lipid A and Core Oligosaccharide of A Band Lipopolysaccharide from the AK1401 Strain of Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Jeni Blum

*Fabrication and Evaluation of Fiber Optic Probes for the Tip of a Near Field Scanning Optical Microscope.*

Archis Parasharami

*A Novel Fuel Cell Utilizing Homogeneous Electrocatalysts Supported on Molten Salts for Co-Generation of Acetaldehyde.*

Paul Krieger

finalists from Schreiber, all members of Schreiber's science research program, also spent their summers researching their projects.

Jeni Blum worked on her project at Michigan State University for seven weeks. She studied the outer membrane of a bacteria called *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* which is one of the major causes of death for cystic fibrosis victims.

Current antibiotics are not effective in killing this bacteria due to its strong outer membrane. Researchers believe that if the structure of the outer mem-

to enjoy the Ann Arbor art fair and the company of high school students from around the country.

"The hardest part of the project was at the end when it wouldn't work!" she said. Blum had to repeat the last part of her experiment four times before she got any results.

Paul Krieger spent seven weeks researching at the University of Iowa. Krieger worked on creating more efficient fuel cells, a type of battery which uses different materials, but "works just like a Duracell."

lyst, the chemical which reacts with the fuels in the cell to produce electricity.

Though Krieger says his work went smoothly, he did have some interesting experiences. "Once I burned holes in my shoes with acid," he said.

"After working so hard and spending so much time doing one thing," said Krieger, "it's excellent to have someone recognize my hard work."

For seven weeks at Boston University and MIT, Archis Parasharami worked on making a much more effective microscope by using fiber optics, currently used in telecommunications. "With this microscope," said Parasharami, "researchers hope to be able to visually examine an individual atom."

Parasharami attempted to design the optical fibers which would be used in this microscope. "Through my research we gained a greater understanding of the process of making these fibers."

Parasharami spent between eight and twelve hours a day in the lab. In one case, he remembers a trying experience aligning a laser beam through a lens. "I sat there for four hours just twisting these knobs!"

Parasharami was able to gain more than just a Westinghouse project from his time at Boston University—"Not only did I have the opportunity to have a fulfilling research experience, I also had the chance to experience Boston, a very exciting city."

Blum, Parasharami, and Krieger all expressed their gratitude to Ms. Ferris, Schreiber's science research teacher:

Said Blum, "I wouldn't have been able to do all my work without her. She's really the best."

Krieger said, "A lot of credit has to be given to Ms. Ferris because she helped me every step of the way ... plus, she's a very good-looking woman with a hot car."



## AWARDS

## Academic Decathlon teams wins counties; will now advance to state competition

by Jon Bass

The Schreiber Academic Decathlon Team defeated its competition in the Nassau County Academic Decathlon Championship on February 6. The championship victory sends Schreiber to the New York State Competition on March 5 and 6 in Rochester.

The team, which consists of seniors Lydia Bergen, Josh Leventhal, Campbell MacInnes, Archis Parasharami, Julie Pleines, and Sanjay Uphadajay, and juniors Kira Attwood, Emmie Chen, and Marc Lindemann, amassed a total of 25,045 points, beating second place Massapequa by 2,000 points and third place Manhasset by 4,500 points.

"I think the team did a great job—with a group like this we have an excellent chance of doing well in the states," said Attwood.

Decathlon adviser assistant principal Carmine Matina said he "was very proud of the team."

# Ringworm routs wrestlers

by Keith Altman

A ringworm epidemic struck the Varsity Wrestling team in mid-December, sidelining 12 members and disrupting the team's schedule for the rest of the season. The origin of the epidemic is unknown.

During the week of December 20, a Port wrestler noticed a circular rash and reported it to wrestling Coach Bob Busby. After the wrestler was diagnosed as having ringworm, a thorough examination for this highly contagious fungus was given to each member of the team. Four wrestlers were found to have the fungus, while another eight cases were to surface before the epidemic ended.

"One [possible origin] could be from wrestlers on other teams," said Coach Busby. "We wrestled Clarke High School on December 17, and shortly afterwards, they reported [that] two cases [of ringworm] ... surfaced in their school."

Furthermore, Port was in a tournament two days before the Clarke match. None of the other teams present at the tournament reported ringworm cases.

Since the cases of ringworm were discovered, the wrestling gym has been sanitized twice daily with a disinfectant called Virex.

Despite the regular practice of mopping the wrestling mats each day before practice, the ringworm fungus Dermatophytosis was somehow able to spread into the gym. According to a team member, this could have happened as a result of clothes that were improperly

washed, dirty sneaker soles, or from direct person-to-person contact.

Dermatophytosis is only contagious upon direct contact with exposed skin. The fungus manifests itself in a ring-shaped rash. It is because of this ring that the fungus is often incorrectly considered a parasite.

Although ringworm is spread only through direct contact, it is very hardy. The fungus thrives in high temperatures

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and humidity. It can live in almost any environment, including dirt and the floors of showers, said Coach Busby.

One of the biggest problems in detecting the fungus, according to School Nurse Annette Keenan, is that there is a ten to fourteen-day incubation period, during which a person who has contracted the disease may not necessarily show any symptoms.

Once it has been identified, said Ms. Keenan, the fungus is treatable. All members of the team who were found to have ringworm were given an antibiotic and had to stop wrestling for one week, beginning Monday, January 4.

"When something like this happens, we need medical care immediately. Mrs. Keenan has done a tremendous amount

of work to help us," said Athletic Director Thomas Romeo.

Because twelve of the team members could not participate, the wrestling team was forced to make severe schedule alterations. Several of the team's matches were canceled and others were postponed.

"We felt that the number of boys who was eligible and their experience dictated that we were not to continue to wrestle until we had a more experienced line-up. We felt that it would be in their best interest to wait a while," said Dr. Romeo. Mr. Busby and Mr. Weitzel are working diligently to get the boys back into shape—we'll see what happens."

To some, like eleventh-grade Varsity wrestler Scott Yorg, the disruption of the season was much more of an upset than actually having contracted ringworm.

"The worst part about this whole mess is that the attitudes and morales of the team have suffered, and I feel that we have lost the better part of the season," commented Yorg.

With the exception of the twelve wrestlers who contracted ringworm, there were no other cases reported this year. Physical education classes had been held in the wrestling room prior to this incident, yet there were no other reported cases. "I don't think that the mats were the infectious agent because not one other student who used the wrestling room outside of the team got it," said Mrs. Clarke.

Coach Busby added, "I think that the school district was very careful in trying to protect our athletes and the athletes of other schools. I honestly feel that they exercised every possible precaution."

## Newsbriefs

### Kaleidoscope wins A.S.P.A. award

by Jon Bass

Kaleidoscope, Schreiber's literary magazine, was recognized with high honors by the American Scholastic Press Association. Winning first place for best magazine, best photography, and best artwork, the 1992 edition garnered 905 points out of a possible 1000.

In the critique, *Kaleidoscope's*

"brilliant photography and artwork" were cited.

English teacher Carol Nesbit, who resigned from a semester leave, will resume her role as adviser.

Kaleidoscope contributors meet on alternate Thursdays to share and critique entries. The next meeting will be held on February 25, at 3:05 p.m. in room 127. Artwork, poetry, and prose are welcomed. A mid-April publication is projected.

### Students advance in Science Bowl

by Matt Engel

A team consisting of seniors captain Seth Altman, Lawrence Marcus, Archis Parasharami and David Schonbrun and junior Ben Getting passed the first two rounds of the National Science Bowl on February 7.

Thirty-two teams from Long Island competed in the single-elimination quiz bowl program held at the Brookhaven National Labs in Upton. Eight teams advanced to go onto the televised quarterfinals on February 23. Four teams will then advance to the semifinals on February 24, and the top two teams will go head-to-head in the finals on February 25.

In the first round, the Port Washington team defeated Shoreham-Wading River in a match that came down to the final question at the buzzer. The Port squad then started the second round

shakily against Patchogue-Medford but gained its composure. According to Port Washington Science Bowl Coach Michael Koenig, "The team almost didn't let Patchogue answer any of the questions."

Each of the five team members has his specialties, but they were all selected because of their well-roundedness.

First, toss-up questions are read and the two teams have a chance to buzz in and answer them. The team that successfully answers the question is given a bonus question that only they can answer.

Mr. Koenig attributed the team's success to their perseverance.

He said that Port has a very good chance but that there will be some tough competition in the next few rounds.

"The guys practiced answering questions a lot but when it comes down to it, they're all really bright," said Mr. Koenig.

Mr. Koenig singled out Lawrence Marcus: "He knew things that no one else knows."

### National History Day a success

by Josh Silbert

"Communication-The Universal Language" was the theme of this year's National History Day competition, which twenty-two Schreiber students entered on January 23. First and second place winners on the district level will advance to the regional contests at Hofstra on March 23.

Though the senior division of the competition is open to students in grades 9-12, only freshmen entered this year's contest.

First place in the group performance category, which had three entries, was taken by freshmen Sarah Rosenberg, Kristen DeLuca, David Lobell, Joseph Clemente and Mark Solomon, for their project entitled, "Effect of Communication on the Decline and Fall of the Soviet Union."

"We expect and hope to do well [in later rounds] but if we don't we really had a fun time working. Of course the honors credit won't hurt either," said Rosenberg.

Second place was won by freshmen Sarah Blanchard, Dana Cernigliaro, Joanie Costello, and Lee Knight for their performance entitled "Deaf-Blindness: Breaking the Barriers of Communication."

"The experience... I think, will prove to be invaluable for us later in school as we get more research assignments. We all had a great time competing [together] since we all were friends ... and I think we

will do well in the regionals," said Blanchard.

Freshman David Mao took first place in the research category with his paper on the "Role of Communication through Education in Chinese Society."

Freshman Stephanie Cho's rendition of "Eleanor Roosevelt—The Universal Communicator" won her individual performance first place honors.

No second place award was given in either the research or individual performance categories, since only one student entered each category.

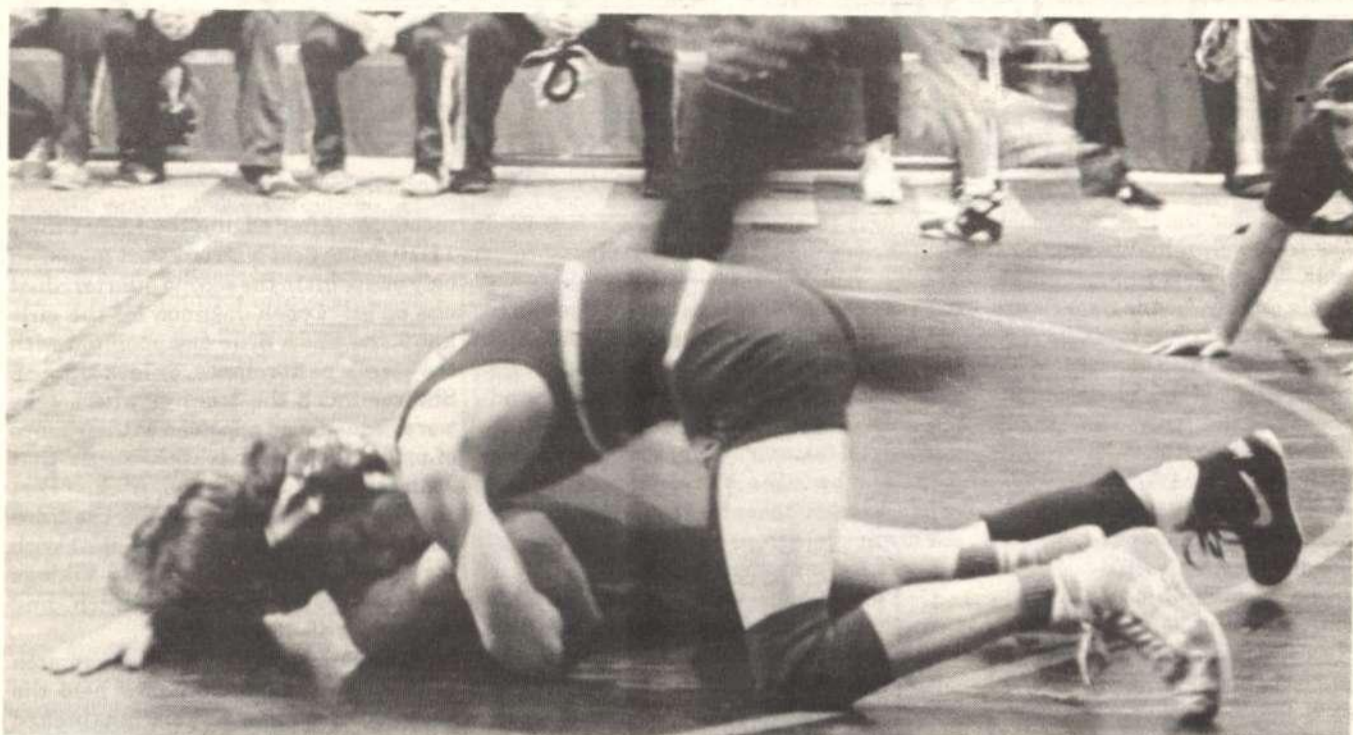
Freshmen Michael Greif, Matthew Stein, Sean Longiaru, and Simon Hanft won first place in the Group Media category with their project entitled "Media's Treatment and Effect of the TET Offensive."

The group physical class was won by freshmen Jeffery Ahr, David Kim, and Robert La Rocca for their project entitled "Hitler's Communication."

The individual media category was won by freshman Jason Giordano with his "Soviet Union" project. Second place was won by fellow freshman Gary Maslow with "FDR and the Fireside Chats".

Social Studies Chairperson Kay Stewart, who sponsored all Schreiber student involvement in the event, said, "The enthusiasm, commitment, and creativity [shown] by the participants was a tribute to their teachers ... they all demonstrated that history is alive and well today."





One way to contract ringworm.

## There's a fungus among us...

### Wrestlers fight odds and ringworm en route to dual meet tournament

by Lawrence Marcus

According to David Letterman, it is announcer Bill Wendell's second favorite word to pronounce. But, if you ask varsity wrestling coach Bob Busby, or any of Schreiber's wrestlers, you will find that it is not on any of their top ten lists, with the possible exception of "Top Ten Least Favorite Funguses." The word is ringworm, and it is a particularly troublesome fungus that has thrown a monkey wrench into the Viking season. For more information on the pesty fungus see page 4.

Although the ringworm has ruined the better portion of the season, the team is gearing up for the Dual Meet Tournament.

The Viking Wrestlers have only lost two matches so far this season. They have, however, only competed in three. The Vikings notched their sole win of the season versus Clarke, the first match of the season on December 17. The match was highlighted by rapid pins in the lower

and middle weight classes; the fastest being junior Rob Tesio's, in 1:28. Juniors Juan Zarate (3:46), Freddy Aguilar (3:08), and Tony Coccarelli (4:48), and senior Steve Mariboli (3:31) also pinned their Clarke rivals. In addition, sophomore Alex Maldonado proved that he could go the distance with a 11-5 decision.

And then the worm struck. After a brief hiatus, the team attempted to resume its winning ways on January 14, but lost to Manhasset 44-21. Several bright spots were pins by freshman Scott Savran (3:03), and sophomore Charles Ham (2:07). In addition Aguilar went the distance, pummeling his opponent 19-5. Plagued by worm-induced forfeits, the team was attempting to regroup when they suffered another setback the following day-Black Friday. The team was slaughtered by Freeport in a 60-6 breakdown, aided by the forced forfeits of five weight classes. The only bright spot was a technical fall (automatic win caused by fifteen point lead) by Zarate.

The humiliation led Coach Busby, believing that there was no point in continuing, to cancel the remaining meets. Despite the team's problems, Viking stars have had individual triumphs in tournaments. Although the team finished fifth of eight in the L.I. Lutheran tournament, many Vikings placed. They were Zarate (2nd place); Mariboli, Ham, and freshman Brant Martinez (3rd); and juniors Corey Bodner and Tony Coccarelli (4th). The Valley Stream Tournament was also highlighted by terrific performances by wrestlers Zarate, Martinez, Coccarelli, junior Don Affatato, and sophomore Brett Galdieri (2nd). Other impressive showings were made by Aguilar, freshman Dan Tilmont (3rd); Tesio and rookie freshman Jeff Ahn (4th).

These triumphs provide hope for the Dual Meet Tournament, as do the extended practices (three hours). Busby remarked that "the outlook is bright, we're looking forward to the qualifier. ... We'll be a formidable foe." Coccarelli added. "We'll surprise [many] people."

### Life in the fast lanes

#### Bowling Forum

by Preeti Parasharami

Unfortunately, the Boys Varsity Bowling team has been unable to get the ball rolling this season. That the team has managed only one win, 8-3 over Manhasset in nine games seems to reflect this. Coach John Hegi said, "Their performance was less than what I had expected." Although the Port bowlers' scores were deplorable for the most part, a few players seemed to show good bowling skills. Team captain Alain Lapter ranks high in Nassau County with a 174 average.

Senior Chester Pang has improved greatly over the past two years, watching his average rise from a 120 to 160. "I will miss the team, but I am happy that I had a chance to improve," Pang said.

According to the coach, other players with promising futures are freshman Andrew Zankel and junior Dhiren Khemlani. Despite the disappointing season, the team still maintains a positive attitude.

"Bowling is a great sport; it gives you the opportunity to practice outdoors all year long and it is harder to lose the ball than in golf!" Lapter concluded.

As for the girls, things are looking up. The Girls Varsity Bowling team has won forty percent of its matches. Although the Port Lady bowlers are few, their spirit is high. The team has defeated Great Neck, Uniondale, and Valley Stream. Three of Port's strongest bowlers who contributed to the team's wins are seniors Ting Chuu, Sue Grbic, and Amanda Posado.

Coach DiPietro hopes that in the future "more girls try out, because [bowling] is fun and gives you the chance to meet other girls personally."

#### Connors 6th in County

by Joshua Silbert

The Boys Winter Track team, coached by Bob Acevedo, ended its season on a sour note at the divisional finals on January 24th, but rebounded at the County Championships.

At the Counties, held at SUNY Farmingdale, junior sensation Matt Connors placed sixth in the 3200. His time of 10:00.7 was the second fastest in school history.

Rory Maher raced to a personal best in the 1000, with a time of 2:53.

"Everyone who lasted throughout the season worked very hard, and it paid off with the divisional placings," commented senior Michael Polay.

Connors ran 10:23 in the two-mile race which earned him a sixth place finish and a county qualifiers. Connors also anchored the 4x800 along with senior Rory Maher, sophomore Peter Clusener, and junior Jason Mayer. This relay team led the squad to another sixth-place finish with a 9:24 time.

Coach Acevedo was impressed by the strong performances of juniors Ferdie Yau, Richard Bienstock, Mark Hansen, and sophomore Richard Zentko, who also earned county honors by placing sixth in the 4x200 with a time of 1:47.

"Our team was small and all the participants worked very hard in a tough division. I was impressed that the team didn't let down even when times were tough," added Acevedo. Acevedo looks forward to next year when he expects incoming freshmen to greatly improve the success of the team.

For now, the team's hopes are riding on Connors, whom Acevedo feels has a legitimate shot in the state championships.

## Arthur Ashe 1943-1993

Arthur Ashe was a tennis superstar who transcended the boundaries of sport, to make tremendous strides in the areas of AIDS awareness and race relations, as well as any area where he devoted his effort. Ashe died during Black History Month, and there are few markable human beings to

Ashe never forgot his American to win one of a rare breed of platform in the public eyes of international im-

Media pressure from Ashe to make a public in fact, HIV positive, having virus from a contaminated



during one of his numerous heart operations. These heart problems had forced him into a premature retirement from the game of tennis.

Complications from AIDS brought on pneumonia, which led to Ashe's passing in New York City on February 6.

The response to Ashe's death is a testament to how great a man he was. Not one bad word has been, or could be written about this man. He was a true credit to his race—the human race.

by Will Goldfarb

### Notable Quotables

**The Caught with your Pants Down Award:** Freshman Karina King was disqualified after taking second-place in the 600-meter dash at the Divisional Championships for wearing spandex that was not a solid color. King got her spandex on right, then raced to a third-place finish in the 300-meter dash at the County Championships.

#### You Heard It Here First:

Although they have managed just two wins, the Boys Varsity Basketball team had plenty to say.

#### From the Horse's Mouth:

Junior E.J. Kahn on the remainder of the season and the team's hormones, "We're ready for our next 3 games. Our testosterone and adrenaline will be through the roof!"

#### From the Duck's Mouth:

Senior Dave "Quack" Powers on Hempstead, "We knew something was wrong when Hempstead wanted to know if we were the JV."

#### From the Three Little Pigs:

Goated Junior Pete Whitcomb on spirit, "My heart says we can win. My head says 'not by the hair on my chinny-chinny-chinny.'"



# Lady Vikings eye top spot

by Will Goldfarb

The final three games of the Girls Varsity Basketball team will define the team. Contests with division rivals Levittown District, and Freeport, and Conference II upstart Herricks, will be personal tests for the tenth-ranked team in New York State to determine if Port has what it takes to topple formidable Farmingdale from atop the ranks of the Class A power structure.

Farmingdale was a roadblock midway through the season that obstructed the Lady Viking steamroller. The Vikings cruised to a 6-0 record before they were rudely awakened by the big, bad, Lady Dalers. Coach Joannon was disappointed by the loss, but relieved that Port's weaknesses were exposed at such an early stage in the season. A realization of the team's faults during the County Class A tournament could have been deadly. Instead, Farmingdale highlighted Port's poor boxing out, momentary intensity lapses on offense, and imperfect fast break. Joannon noted the need to run a quicker break with improved timing, in addition to running the lanes and releasing better. The loss forced the Lady Vikings to patch up their weaknesses and add to their offensive arsenal.

Port rebounded and returned to their winning ways with three consecutive wins over Long Beach, Hicksville, and Syosset before their next big challenge: the Freeport Lady Red Devils. Port gave a solid effort and proved it belongs in the upper echelon of women's basketball. The lady hoopsters proved that they and Farmingdale are the class of the league by defeating the Lady Devils, 48-41, on a hostile Freeport turf.

Port fans have begun to turn out in large numbers to support the girls, and the Lady Vikings did not disappoint on January 22. Port stomped Oceanside 56-35 under the Friday night lights, cheered on by 300 screaming fans.

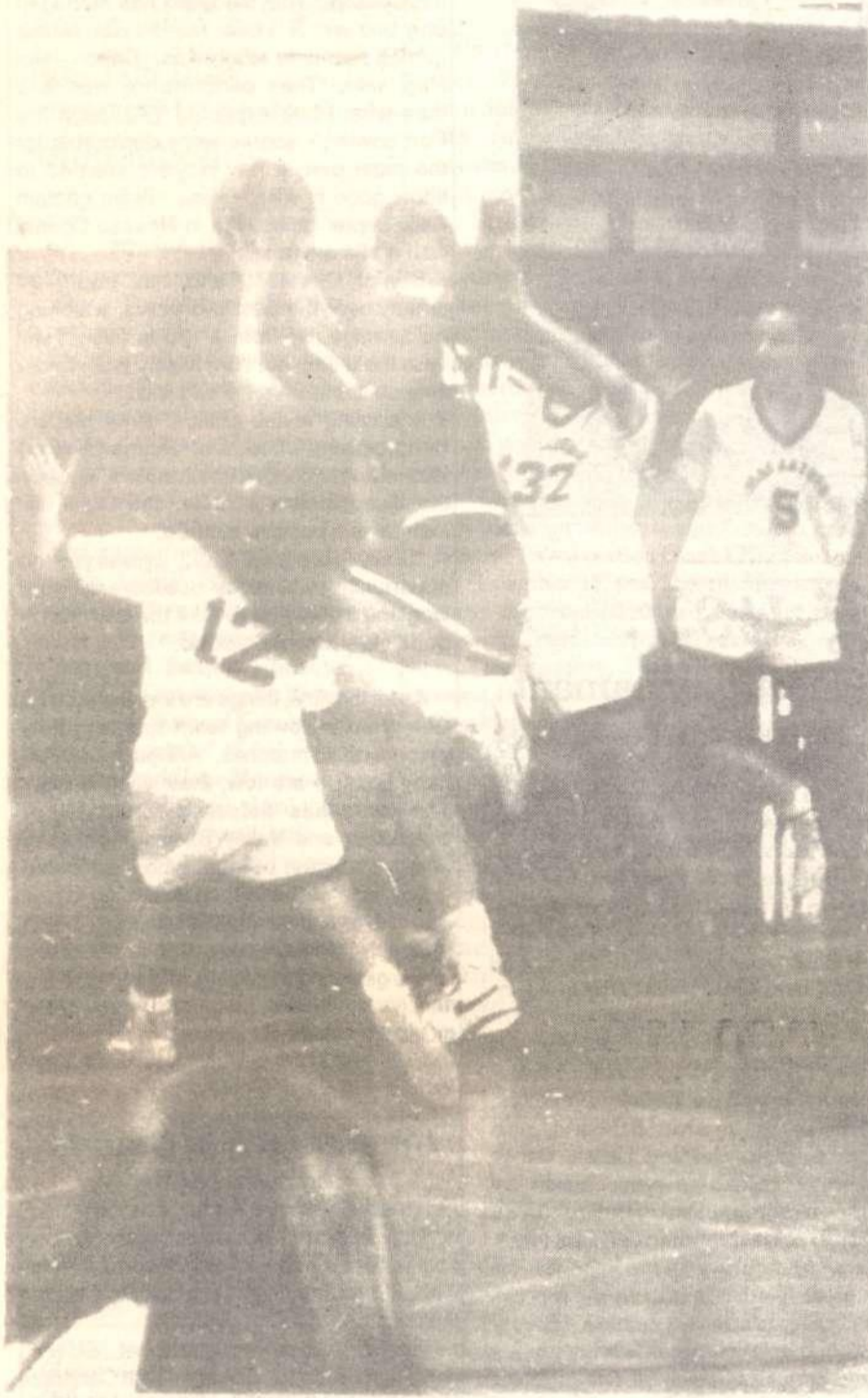
The team struggled against rival Massapequa in their next conference

matchup. After edging the Lady Chiefs 11-10 in the first quarter, Port managed only one point in the second quarter. Just one point! Coach Joannon let the girls know she was a little disappointed with the team's performance, or lack thereof. She reminded the team of where they were headed, and appealed to their sense of pride. Whatever it was exactly that Joannon said, it did the trick. Port outscored Massapequa 21-8 in the third quarter, and evened the score at 41 with two minutes to go. The Lady Vikings were too tough down the stretch, and fought to a 48-43 victory.

Next came the long-awaited rematch with Farmingdale. Port now held the home court advantage, as 300 fans flocked to the gymnasium to see the top two teams in the county. Unfortunately the result was the same, as Farmingdale came out on top 47-40 in a war. Joannon noticed a lot of improvements, but felt the team still needs fine-tuning before a much-desired final confrontation at Hofstra on March 3. Port stayed close throughout the contest, down by just four with thirty seconds to go; however, Farmingdale's bruiser, Paula Basco, iced the game with key free throws. She was held to 20 after burning the Vikings for 29 in the first matchup. Port also out-rebounded the Lady Dalers 35-27, after being on the short end by sixteen in the first meeting.

Rebounding after a tough loss, Port swamped Long Beach 65-43. Long Beach managed to stay within eight during the first half, but a 22-8 third quarter onslaught buried the Lady Marines.

Now it is crunch time. Three tough games left before the playoffs begin. Farmingdale and Port seem to be locks for 1-2, but the other seeds will be decided down the stretch. The Lady Vikings have amassed an 11-2 record with total team contribution. The team is proving there's a new sheriff in town! Joannon concluded, "Our dream is to reach the finals for the first time. Hopefully our dream will turn into Farmingdale's nightmare."



Debbie Henderson powers for two over MacArthur's quadruple team.

## JV Hoops Roundup

### Boys Struggle

by Scott Orloff

The Boys Junior Varsity Basketball team fell to 1-11 on the season with a 67-41 loss to Syosset on January 27th.

Sophomores Michael Coulthurst, Robert Germani and Anthony Saccone and freshmen Alex Martinovich and Omar Sanders started the game for Port. From the opening tip it was all Syosset, as the Braves raced to a 14-0 lead. Syosset ruled the offensive boards throughout the first quarter. Sophomore Kenji Niwa was quickly inserted and provided a needed spark, scoring Port's only five points of the quarter.

In the second quarter, Port played well and hustled. The team mounted a small comeback in the middle of the second quarter but was buried by Syosset who led 42-12 at the half.

Many Schreiber players played hard in the third, especially freshman Randy Browne, who scored six points in the quarter. His

inspired play on the offensive boards, grabbing the rebound, putting it back in, getting fouled, and then making the shot, gave Port a needed boost. Saccone also played well in the third, hustling up and down the court, stealing balls, and scoring. Sanders did a great job at the point and Coulthurst and sophomore Ken Helder helped keep it close. Sophomore Nick Stravinos provided seven points in the quarter, including a pair of three pointers.

In the fourth, Schreiber put together a great comeback, cutting the Syosset lead to sixteen, 57-41. The comeback was engineered by Niwa and Martinovich who together carried Port in the fourth. Just when it looked as if the tides were turning, Syosset stepped up their defense and held Port to 0 for 13 shooting from the field down the stretch. The final score was a respectable 67-41 tally.

The scoring was led by Niwa with twelve, Browne with eleven, and Stravinos with seven.

Coach Laricchia feels somewhat dis-

appointed by the squad's record of 1-11 but thinks that the team's record could easily have been 6-5 if some minor incidents had gone the team's way. He would also like to work more with the team on fundamentals and fervently hopes that their outlook will brighten.

### Girls Miss Starters

by Matt Engel

Coach Bella Totino's Girls JV Basketball Team dropped its record to a sub-par 4-8 after a 33-29 loss to Long Beach on February 2.

Following a 1-4 stretch, the team demonstrated their improved skills in a tight loss to a team that had demolished them by 28 points during the teams' first meeting. The final score, 33-29, was a testament to the determination of Port, which was without two starters. The team just could not contain the imposing presence

of Long Beach's superstar, who pummeled Port for 23 points.

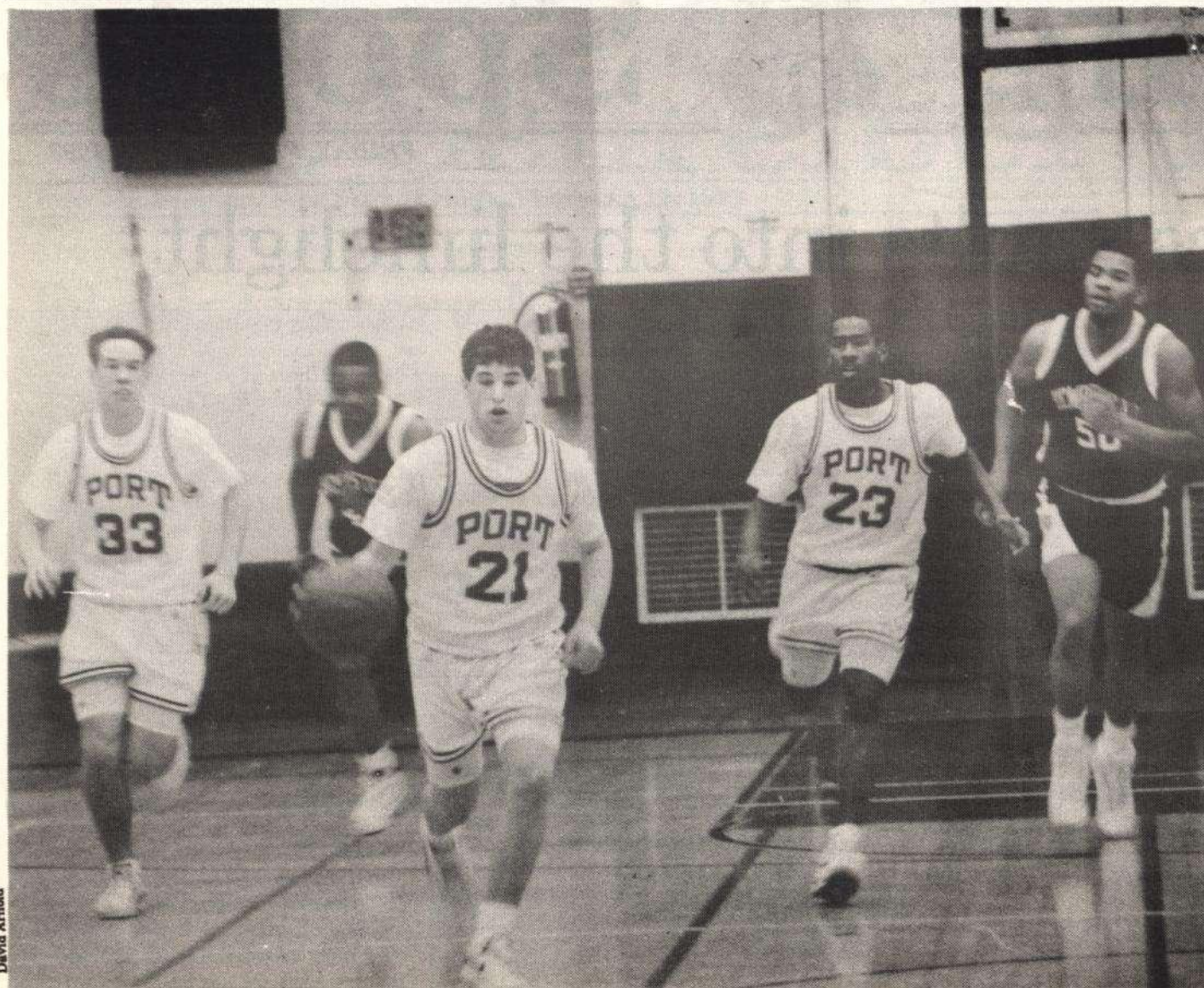
Totino cited all five of the team's starters, sophomores Vanessa Bloom and Adrienne Bracchi, and freshmen Caitlin Bruck, Lindsay Devine, and Emily Wu, as the team's strongest players.

After beginning the season with a respectable 2-3 record, the team dropped its next game 38-34 to Hicksville on January 14, in a game that went down to the buzzer. After the team outplayed Hicksville in the first half, the Port squad had trouble pulling down rebounds and sinking layups. Co-captain sophomore Vanessa Bloom led the team with twelve points.

Down three starters in the following game, all of the bench contributed in the team's solid win over Syosset 28-21 on January 16. Freshman Lindsay Devine poured in ten points as the team's tough defense forced numerous turnovers.

Coach Totino said, "The team is a lot more skilled than last year's team, but it needs a lot of perfect practice."





Jordan Karp leads Port's fast break in the Vikings' loss to Hempstead.

# Bouncing around the court

## Boys Basketball struggles, but blows out East Meadow

by Spencer Fordin

The Boys Varsity Basketball team's season has not fallen short of expectations. Unfortunately, this means that the Vikings have struggled, managing just two wins to date. The season has been disappointing.

"We know something was wrong when Hempstead wanted to know if we were the JV," quipped senior Dave "Quack" Powers. The return of Powers and fellow senior Eric "Ack" Vanags from injuries was supposed to spark the Vikings, but in the immortal words of Vanags, "Ack and Quack are back. We still stink."

The team played well in losses to Hempstead and Uniondale, but not well enough to topple the two powerhouses. Mental mistakes cost the team dearly in two losses to Syosset. The team missed foul shots and turned the ball over at crucial times. The Hempstead game was competitive, but Hempstead proved to be too much in the end. And Baldwin, Baldwin was just a horse of another color.

"Baldwin just flat out mauled us," explained senior

Jordan Karp. "They only won because I hurt my hamstring," added Powers. The 48-point margin suggests otherwise. The Vikings were scorched by All-American point guard Darius Burton who poured in twenty points, ten steals, and nine assists.

The team has had bright spots. Junior Isaac Moore's floor leadership and sophomore Lamont Milbourne's scoring have kept the team in contention.

It is important to remember that this is a young team. They beat Hicksville and whopped East Meadow by 22. Junior Bryce Romer's half-court, buzzer-beating chuck was icing on the cake, as the team's defense clamped down on East Meadow in the final minutes of the game, extending its eight-point lead to the games final

margin.

This season's struggle has hurt the team's morale. "My heart says we can win. My head says, 'not by the hair on my chinny-chin-chin,'" said the goatee-sporting junior Pete Whitcomb.

Unfortunately the players have even been critical of each other at times. No one can escape the criticisms. A 3-18 shooting performance versus Syosset, soft inside-play, and ball-handling problems were cited by the players as glaring weaknesses.

There is light at the end of the tunnel. Whitcomb, a long-range specialist, looked ahead to next season, "I can't wait 'til next year, when Kenji [JV sensation Niwa] and I shoot dookies [Whitcomb's term for three-pointers] all day." Powers retorted, "It'll be hard to shoot dookies from the bench."

On the serious side, E.J. Kahn was optimistic: "We're ready for our next three games. Our testosterone and adrenaline will be through the roof!"

This season has been tough, but the young team has shown great promise for next year. I'll miss Quack and Ack next season, God knows Hempstead will.



Dave Powers uses his good arm to deny Hempstead the ball.

# State of the NBA...

According to Bryce Romer

### NBA Mid-year Playoff Preview

With the annual All-Star Weekend only one week away, it appears as if the Chicago Bulls will have a crash course ahead in the team's course to three-peat. The New York Knicks look to be serious contenders, holding first place in the Atlantic Division. Look for the New Jersey Nets and the Cleveland Cavaliers to come on strong in the playoffs and the leagues young talents, the Orlando Magic and the Charlotte Hornets, to provide tough competition.

The Western Conference looked like a one-team race. The Phoenix Suns were the hottest club in the league until a recovered drug addict, John Lucas, replaced Jerry Tarkanian as head coach of the San Antonio Spurs. Since taking over as head coach, Lucas' Spurs have won nearly eighty percent of their games. The Portland Trailblazers have had their shot at the title and have come up short in recent years. There has been a Sonic boom in Seattle, but if the Sonics continue to play undisciplined, their chances at the title will decrease dramatically.

Unless the Knicks can gel and the Spurs can keep it up, look for a Phoenix versus Chicago final. The Suns will defeat "Da Bulls" in six.

### Midseason Awards

One award that just about has only one candidate is Rookie of the Year. Shaquille O'Neal is leading all rookies in the three top offensive categories: scoring, rebounding and blocked shots. This year's rookie class may be the best ever. So instead of just handing out the mid-season ROY award, the All-Rookie teams would be more adequate. The first team would consist of centers O'Neal and Alonzo Mourning joining three forwards; Clarence Weatherspoon, Christian Laettner and Tom Gugliotta. The second five would be guards Anthony Peeler, and Todd Day with LaPhonso Ellis, Robert Horry and Walt Williams rounding out the team.

The Most Valuable Player award has to go to Charles Barkley. Sir Charles has turned the Suns into the team to beat. Averaging nearly twenty-seven points per game, six assists and thirteen rebounds, Barkley could reclaim the title as the Round Mound of Rebound.

There might not be an award for what the New Jersey Nets have done, but after this season there should be. Does anyone remember who the Nets traded to get Drazen Petrovic. Petro has established himself as one of the NBA's top gunners. Draze is shooting close to fifty percent from three-point range and is among the leagues scoring leaders accompanying names such as Jordan, Barkley, Malone and Wilkins. He has keyed the Nets resurgence to Atlantic Division contention. If you can come up with a new award, the Nets deserve it.

### Sonic Boom

It's a Sonic Boom, no it's Reign Man, Shawn Kemp has jumped from high school ball straight to the pros. In his fourth season, Kemp is on the verge of stardom. Shawn has earned respect from his opposition and might earn a spot on his first all-star roster. He will be a long time representative in the all-star game and probably bring home some MVP awards in the future.

Junior Bryce Romer is a newcomer to Schreiber. He is a member of the Varsity Basketball team, and has written about the NFL for the Times.



# Viking Sports

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## Gymnastics vaults into the limelight

*Stars quietly soar to 10-1 mark*

by Will Goldfarb

The Girls Gymnastics team, coached by Kris Palatella, just wrapped up a stellar season, but who knew? Unfortunately, one of Schreiber's most talented teams has gone and continues to go largely unnoticed. All the girls did was go 10-1 and send a member of the team to the County Championships.

A loss to Farmingdale at the season's end was the perfect blemish on the team's otherwise sole season.

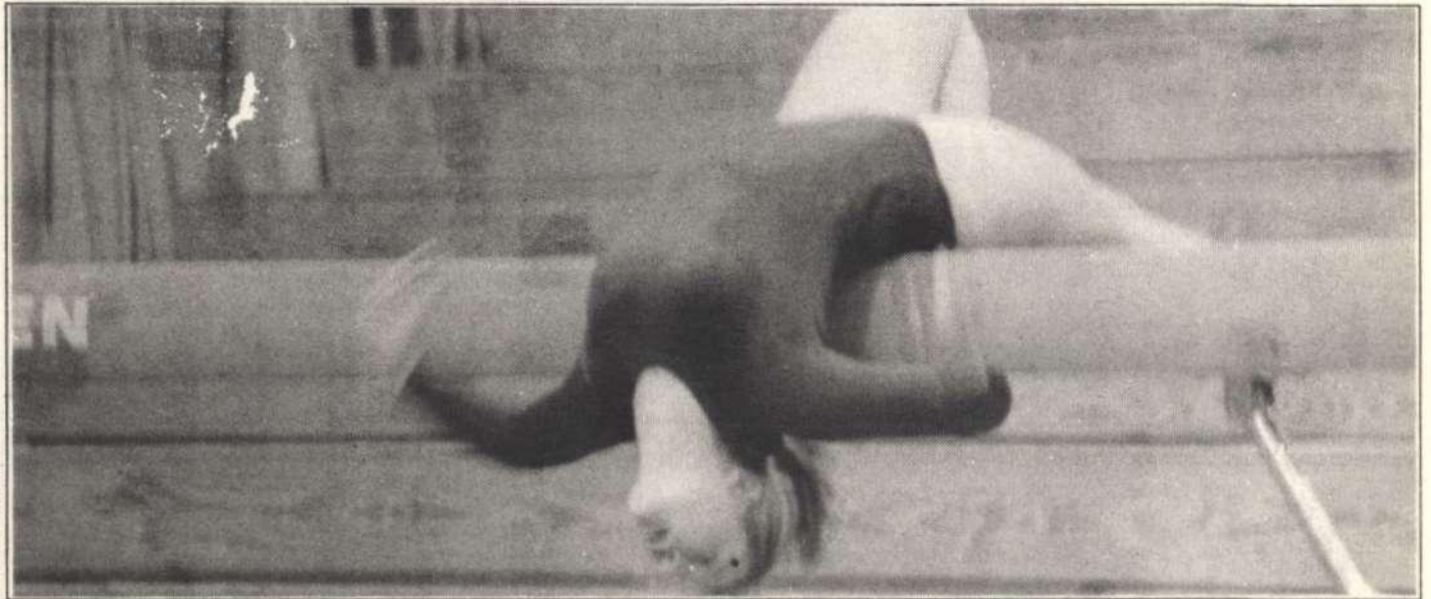
Coach Palatella was thrilled with the team's performance, as well as the fact that the team suffered no injuries. This year was Palatella's first season coaching at Schreiber after a few seasons at Weber; however, she is no rookie in this sport. She was a two-time county champion in both the uneven parallel bars and the all-around and ventured to the state championships to compete in the bars and vault.

Her experience has seemed to benefit the team. Palatella felt that, "the girls worked really well together. Our team is well-rounded," she continued, "other teams have four mediocre gymnasts and two stars, but all our girls are stars."

Team depth is a key component of every gymnastics team, since six gymnasts compete in each event and the top five scores are tabulated. Eight gymnasts anchored the team for the entire season.

Freshman Kinsley O'Garrow excelled all season long and qualified for the County Championships in the vault. Senior Val D'Alessandro also was strong on the vault.

Junior Amy Bratskeir was a dynamo on the uneven parallel bars. Her final-week performance of a 6.8 nearly landed



Larissa Comb does her version of the golden arch over the balance beam.



Kinsley O'Garrow vaults her way to the County Championships.

her a spot in the counties along with O'Garrow.

Junior Larissa Comb was a consistent performer on both the floor and beam. Her improvement on the bars also provided critical successes for the team.

Junior Jess Sucher gave the team important scores on the beam. She also was very strong on the vault and the floor exercises.

Despite "fighting the bar," as coach Palatella put it, freshman Sarah Rosenberg excelled on the floor.

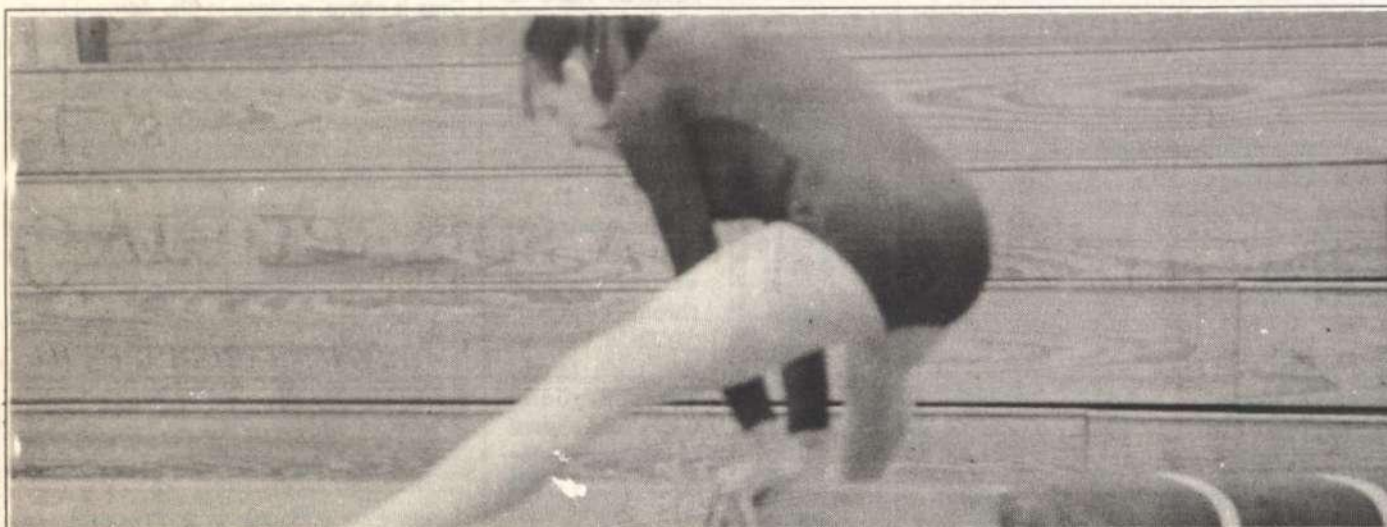
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Rookie Chris Dzidal trained hard the whole year and began to master the four-foot tall, four-inch wide, and sixteen-foot long beam of terror by the end of the season.

A death-defying bar mount catapulted junior Heather Vinarski to success on both the bars and vault. She also filled in for retired ex-champ senior Lori Lobell on the balance beam for the final three meets of the season.

Palatella said the team consists of a bunch of really good kids who work well together. Their team spirit is excellent, and all the players help one another. Many teams utilize two coaches, and the gymnasts practice in clubs, but Port managed to dominate Conference III with one coach, hard work, and determination to make up for nine idle months.

Most people don't understand, explained Palatella, that "gymnastics is so difficult because it demands physical strength and flexibility. ... It is physically and mentally challenging beyond your wildest dreams." Hopefully, in the future more people will take notice.



Sarah Rosenberg straddles and battles the beam.

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