



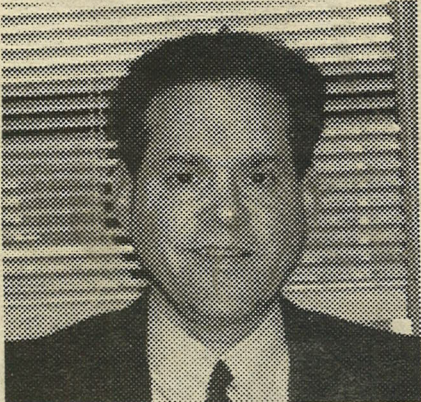
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# Six advance in Westinghouse Search

by Joshua Gewolb

Six seniors were selected as semifinalists in the 54th Annual Westinghouse Science Talent Search, a prestigious nationwide scholarship contest for high school seniors.

The number of students selected from Schreiber exceeded the number of students selected from the states of Indiana, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, and Oklahoma, and Washington D.C. combined.

The students were Supinda Bunyavanich, Matt Engel, Joshua Esguia, Lori Goldstein, Minsu Longiaru and Robin Schiff. Most students who entered the competition worked on projects over the summer at universities across the country as part of the Student Science Training Program.

Three hundred high school seniors from 183 high schools across the United States were named as semifinalists in the competitions.

The semifinalists range in age from

fifteen to eighteen and include 165 young men and 136 young women.

Judy Ferris, the science research teacher who advised all six semifinalists, said, "I was very excited because this is really a unique class. I never before had so many talented students that work hard. They rarely need prodding, they do more than is expected of them, and once they get interested in a topic, they just don't quit until they've answered it."

The students performed their projects this summer during internships at colleges and universities.

The semifinalists were selected from an applicant pool of 1,667 entries. They are now eligible to compete for forty scholarship awards worth \$205,000. The forty finalists will be announced on Tuesday, January 24.

New York State, once again, captured the highest number of semifinalists with total of 136. New York was followed by Florida with 17.

The Science Talent Search is sponsored by Westinghouse Electric Corpora-

tion in partnership with Science Service Inc.—a Washington, D.C. based nonprofit organization.

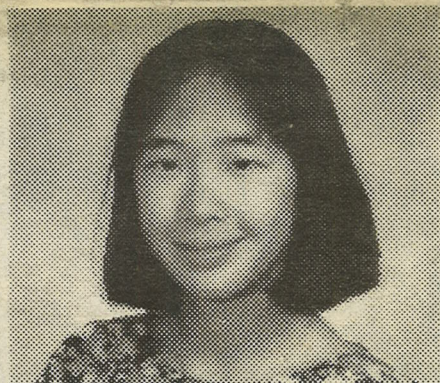
Dr. Alfred S. McLaren, President of Science Service, stated, "The caliber of the work performed by Science Talent Search entrants is comparable to that of students on the university graduate level. The potential exhibited by the honors students announced today should renew our faith in the American educational system."

In addition to being eligible to be named one of forty finalists in the Westinghouse competitions, all the semifinalists will receive special honors certificates and their names will be provided to colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Other science and math research students that entered the competition include Nerys Benfield, Nicole Berwald, Adam Block, Sarah Caban, Jen Cho, Carrie Dicken, Caroline Heller, Philip Jason, Natasha Moskvina, Caron Pinkus, Alexander Zalben and Richard Zentko.

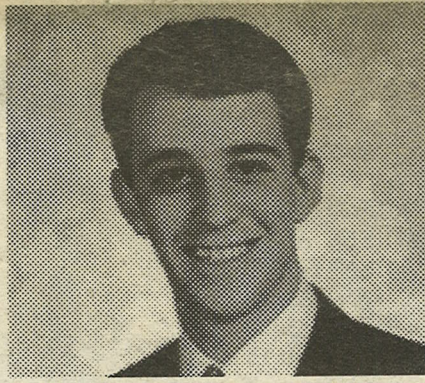
*The semifinalists and the locations at which their projects were conducted...*

**Supinda Bunyavanich**  
Mass. Institute of Tech.



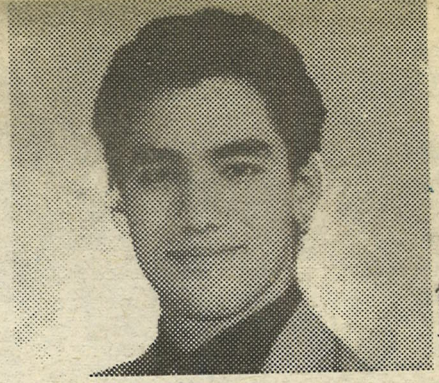
Bunyavanich's project involved an extract from the shells of shrimp and other arthropods. She found that, combined with clay, chitosan could be used to purify wastewater. After testing different types of chitosan, she identified a new cost-efficient method of chitosan production and discovered that chitosan extracted from crab shells is the most effective for wastewater treatment.

**Matt Engel**  
Univ. of Florida, Gainesville



Engel investigated how four types of plants transfer carbon from the seed to the germinated plant. Engel calculated the amount of carbon present in the plant prior to planting and after germination. Then he calculated an efficiency to determine which of the four plants used, cowpea, corn, soybean or peanut was the most efficient at germination and consequently, crop yield.

**Joshua Esguia**  
Boston University



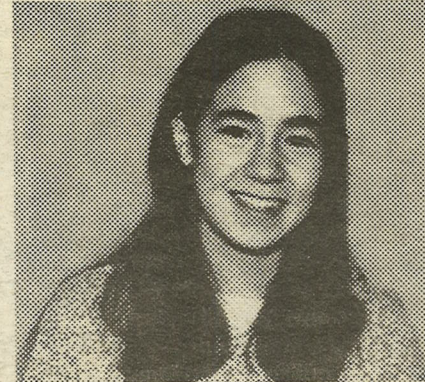
Esguia developed a new therapeutic technique for people whose muscles are immobilized as a result of a stroke. Currently when these people undergo rehabilitation, a physical therapist must be on hand to assist. Esguia developed, assembled, and tested a motorized arm brace with a small computer that collects data from the patients and automatically administers the proper therapy.

**Lori Goldstein**  
Univ. of California, Riverside



Goldstein worked with rapeseed plants, a source of medicinal oils. When a certain acid is present in the plant in high quantities, the quality of oil declines. Goldstein discovered the gene responsible for abnormally high acid production; breeders will now be able to select against plants that produce poor oil.

**Minsu Longiaru**  
Michigan State University



Longiaru investigated thin films of crystal shaped atoms. Such films are used in semiconductors and lasers, but the equipment used to make them costs over one million dollars. Longiaru was able to synthesize copper on silicon films in an undergraduate laboratory without such equipment.

**Robin Schiff**  
Mt. Sinai Hospital



Schiff's project dealt with the immune system, the body's defense against foreign substances. She investigated cells on the interior of the intestine that deal with foreign substances in the gut. She investigated how the cells deal with different foreign substances, and found each travel by different routes.



# MIDTERM SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1995

8:15 AM—10:15 AM

ROOM	STUDENTS	EXAM
118, 120, 140	A-Z	RCT WRITING

8:30 AM—10:00 AM

ROOM	TEACHER	EXAM
212	BOCARDE	AP ENGLISH
213	BOCARDE	AP ENGLISH
215	BOCARDE	AP ENGLISH
217	BOCARDE	AP ENGLISH
4	BROZA	SHAKESPEARE
6	BROZA	SHAKESPEARE
8	HAMBURGER	AMERICAN LITERATURE
10	HAMBURGER	AMERICAN LITERATURE
11	HAUGAARD	AMERICAN LITERATURE
13	HAUGAARD	AMERICAN LITERATURE
15	HAUGAARD	WORLD LITERATURE
17	NESBIT	WORLD LITERATURE
219	AUFSES	MYTHOLOGY
221	AUFSES	MYTHOLOGY

1:00 PM—3:00 PM

ROOM	TEACHER	EXAM
130	BASLAW	SEQUENTIAL 1R
131	BASLAW	SEQUENTIAL 1R
215	GOODRY	SEQUENTIAL 1R
217	GOODRY	SEQUENTIAL 1R
30	PICKUR	SEQUENTIAL 1R
134	PICKUR	SEQUENTIAL 1R
117	WEICKEL, J.	SEQUENTIAL 1R
31	PICKUR	SEQUENTIAL 1NR
10	HEALY	SEQUENTIAL 1NR
219	GOODRY	SEQUENTIAL 2R
221	GOODRY	SEQUENTIAL 2R
136	GERULA	SEQUENTIAL 2R
138	GERULA	SEQUENTIAL 2R
34	PICKUR	SEQUENTIAL 2R
4	WEICKEL, G.	SEQUENTIAL 2R
6	WEICKEL, G.	SEQUENTIAL 2R
11	HEALY	SEQUENTIAL 3R
35	LEDERER	SEQUENTIAL 3R
36	LEDERER	SEQUENTIAL 3R
19	SEINER	SEQUENTIAL 3R
21	SEINER	SEQUENTIAL 3R
125	WEICKEL, J.	SEQUENTIAL 3R
23	SEINER	SEQUENTIAL 3NR
18	SEINER	SEQUENTIAL 3NR
135	BASLAW	SEQUENTIAL 3NR
134	BASLAW	SEQUENTIAL 3NR
118	DI PIETRO	MATH 11H
120	DI PIETRO	MATH 11H
140	KELLER	SEQUENTIAL 2H
140	KELLER	SEQUENTIAL 2H
138	LABROCCA	SEQUENTIAL 2H
13	HEALY	SEQUENTIAL 3H
15	HEALY	SEQUENTIAL 3H
17	HEALY	PRE-CALC
3	SEINER	PRE-CALC
8	WEICKEL, G.	PRE-CALC
127	WEICKEL, J.	PRE-CALC
212	D'ANTONIO	COLLEGE ALGEBRA

212	D'ANTONIO	COLLEGE ALGEBRA
119	PIZZOLO	COLLEGE ALGEBRA
122	DI PIETRO	DISCRETE MATH
122	DI PIETRO	DISCRETE MATH

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1995

8:15 AM—10:30 AM

ROOM	STUDENTS	EXAM
140	A-M	RCT READING
122	N-Z	RCT READING

8:30 AM—10:30 AM

ROOM	EXAM
212	POLITICAL SCIENCE (BEGUN)
215	EUROPEAN AP QUALIFYING EXAM
217	EUROPEAN AP QUALIFYING EXAM
219	EUROPEAN AP QUALIFYING EXAM
221	EUROPEAN AP QUALIFYING EXAM
122	AMERICAN AP QUALIFYING EXAM
127	AMERICAN AP QUALIFYING EXAM

11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

ROOM	TEACHER	EXAM
213	MEYER	EARTH SCIENCE REGENTS
215	MEYER	EARTH SCIENCE REGENTS
212	FISH	EARTH SCIENCE REGENTS
217	FISH	EARTH SCIENCE REGENTS
219	FISH	EARTH SCIENCE REGENTS
221	KUNKEL	EARTH SCIENCE REGENTS
4	TRAVIS	BIOLOGY
6	COPPOLA	BIOLOGY
8	UHLINGER	BIOLOGY
10	UHLINGER	BIOLOGY
120	FERRIS	BIOLOGY- HONORS
118	JONES	BIOLOGY- HONORS
122	COPPOLA	BIOLOGY- HONORS
127	HERSCHENHOUS	BIOLOGY- HONORS
19	UHLINGER	BIOLOGY- REGENTS
21	UHLINGER	BIOLOGY- REGENTS
15	COPPOLA	BIOLOGY- REGENTS
17	COPPOLA	BIOLOGY- REGENTS
11	JONES	BIOLOGY- REGENTS
13	JONES	BIOLOGY- REGENTS
23	HERSCHENHOUS	BIOLOGY-REGENTS
16		ECONOMIC PROFICIENCY
18		ECONOMIC PROFICIENCY

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1995

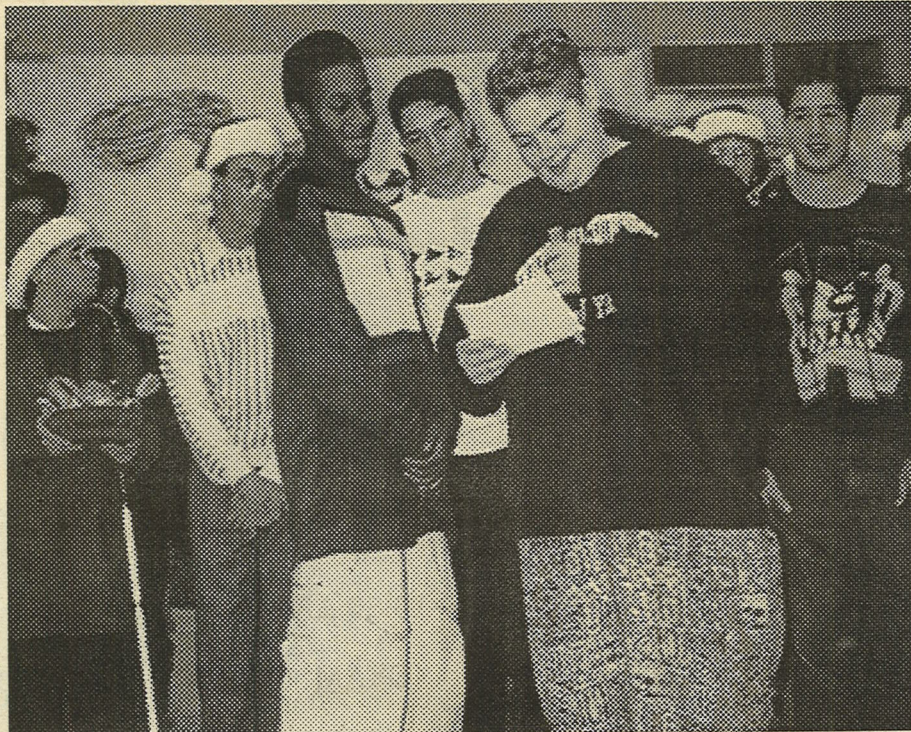
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140	RCT MATH
9	COMPREHENSIVE ENGLISH
7	RCT GLOBAL STUDIES

12:15 PM

140	RCT U. S. HISTORY
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Neil Miller

Freshman Billy Fearon speaks at the Helen Keller holiday party.

## Freshmen party at HKNC

by Susanna Bass

Approximately thirty members of the Freshman Learning Community attended a holiday party on December 15 at the Helen Keller National Center in Sands Point, continuing the twelve year tradition.

The students participated in the activities and brought gifts with them.

Freshmen Billy Fearon, Michael Nastasi and Maria Mora presented the gifts to the center on behalf of the entire Freshman Learning Community. The gifts included a crock pot for the Independent Living Program, a coffee maker and a Belgian waffle iron, a large print calculator and a goose neck lamp for the Work Training area, games and puzzles for the residents and craft supplies.

Preceding the gift presentation, the students watched a performance of "The Grinch Stole Christmas at Helen Keller National Center" performed by students at the center. The students performed the play by signing, miming and acting. The sketch was voice interpreted for the

"hearing" audience.

The performance was very successful. "Parents, guests, volunteers, staff and all students clapped, stamped their feet and waved their hands to applaud the splendid and humorous production," said Barbara Hausman, media contact at the center.

Prior to the students attending the center, Michelle Smithdas, who is deaf-blind, spoke to the group of students about the causes of deaf-blindness, how to communicate with someone who is deaf-blind, and how people travel and work independently.

The students then practiced fingerspelling their own names. Smithdas is an instructor in the Communications Department at the center. Allison Burrows accompanied Smithdas and served as her interpreter.

Ms. Hausman said, "Another year, another successful exchange of ideas and thoughtfulness, another group of Port students who shared some fun and became more aware of and sensitive to people who happen to live without sight and sound. That's what holidays are all about."

## Student government to buy computer

by Joshua Gewolb

The student government recently decided to purchase a computer for the use of student government members and officers.

A majority of the student government's members voted to buy the computer at the student government's biweekly Friday morning meeting on January 6, after a debate over the merits of such a purchase.

The student government officers spoke in favor of the purchase of the machine. They stated that currently the lack of a computer in their homeroom prohibits them for working productively because they often have to type various items and the lack of a computer in the homeroom forces them to use computers in their homes.

In response to a question from a **Schreiber Times** reporter as to why the student government could not use computers in business, English, social studies, and publications computer centers, student government adviser Patricia Burr

stated that these computers were "reserved" for the use of specific groups.

English department chairman John Broza noted that the department's computers are "never" reserved, and are open for all students to use "from 7:45 in the morning to 6:00 at night Monday through Thursday." There are fourteen Apple computers and six Macintosh computers located in the English department computer lab.

Student government members, as students of Schrieber, currently have access to over eighty computers, including IBM compatible, Macintosh and Apple machines.

Student government officers noted that they would not be the only people to use the purchased computer as student government members would also be invited to make use of the machines.

Following the vote, junior Jarrett White asked to have future votes involving major decisions such as the purchase of a computer, be taken by secret ballot, because he believed many students decided to vote for the purchase because their friends were voting for it.

## Ass't superintendent resigns

### Business chief leaves suddenly after six year tenure

by Joshua Gewolb

Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Business Dr. Richard Helfont announced his resignation last week, ending a six year tenure. The school board approved his resignation with regrets at its meeting yesterday, January 17.

Dr. Helfont's resignation leaves the Port Washington School District without permanent employees in two of its three most important district wide positions. Dr. William Heebink, former Superintendent of Schools, resigned in June. Only Ann Israel, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Instructional and Human Resources remains.

Dr. Alvin (Bud) Baron, Interim-Superintendent of Schools described Dr. Helfont's new position as "a promotion of sorts," in a phone interview.

Dr. Helfont will become Assistant Superintendent of West Suffolk BOCES on March 1.

Dr. Helfont informed Dr. Baron and school board members of his resignation on January 11 and made the resignation public in a memo posted in the main office on January 12.

Assistant Principal Carmine Matina

confirmed that the memo was authentic.

The school district hopes to have a replacement for Dr. Helfont by July. According to Dr. Baron, an interim assistant superintendent will be appointed to fill in for Dr. Helfont until a new superintendent is appointed. Once the

new superintendent takes office, he will begin a search for a permanent replacement for Dr. Helfont.

Dr. Baron explained that this delay is necessary, because as the new assistant superintendent will work closely with the new superintendent, it is essential that the new superintendent play a role in the selection process.

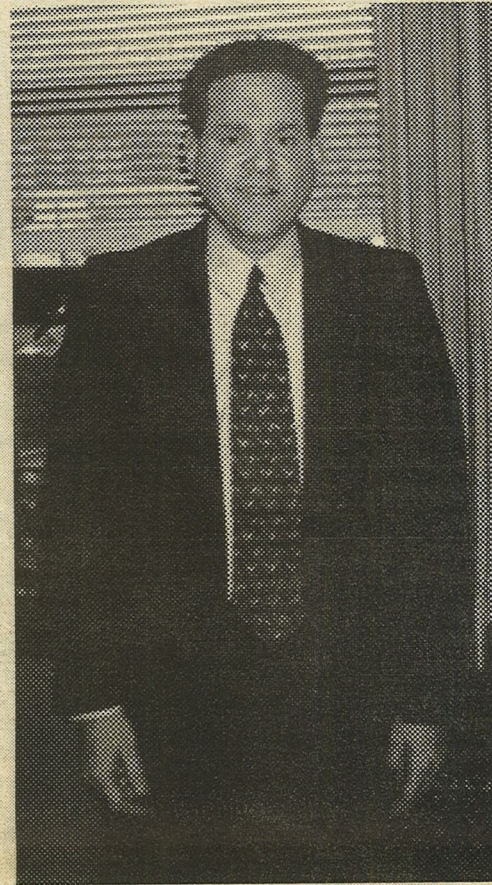
Dr. Baron said, "It was an absolute pleasure for me to work with [Dr. Helfont]. ... He provided me with information on the budget reports." In a staff memo, he wrote, "We con-

gratulate [Dr. Helfont] and wish him well in this very exciting role."

Dr. Helfont has a doctorate in finance.

He is also a member of the board of the New York State Insurance Reciprocal which handles liability insurance for school districts.

Dr. Baron said, "Dr. Helfont is impeccably qualified to serve as a chief business official."



Dr. Richard Helfont

Ashish Kapadia

## Dr. Crisci helps students with stress

by Carolyn Chang and Danielle Lindemann

Workshops to help reduce the stress level of students were held January 10-13.

Students at the workshops talked with school psychologist Richard Crisci about the various causes of their stress. School, job and parental pressure were three main themes.

Attendees openly complained that there were too few hours in the day to accommodate their work load. Dr. Crisci went on to demonstrate various helpful techniques to relieve tension and increase productivity and efficiency.

These include:

1. Try getting the most challenging homework out of the way first when you have the most energy and are most alert.

2. Take five to ten minute study breaks for every forty-five minutes of concentrated work.

3. Try to get in at least an hour of work in the morning before school. Studies show that this is the time when students

can absorb the most information.

4. Eat a nutritious snack before you begin work. Sugar may energize you at first, but will eventually lead to a "sugar crash" later on.

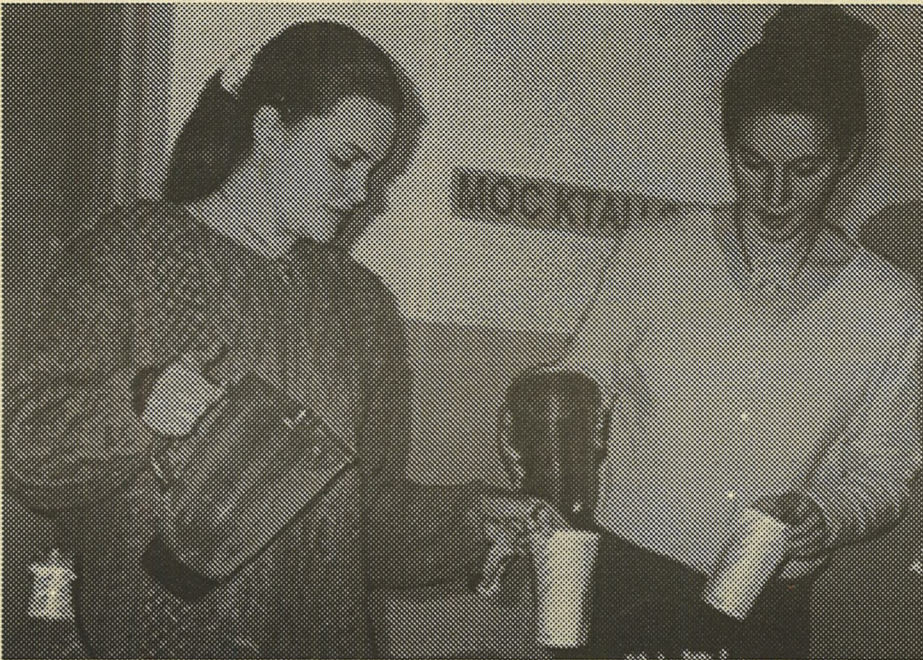
5. You may want to look into simple breathing exercises to keep you calm.

6. When taking multiple choice tests, first answer only the questions that you are absolutely positive about, thus increasing your self-confidence. The second time through, narrow the options down to two possible choices and make an educated guess. Then check over your answers.

Concluding the workshops, Dr. Crisci sparked a debate over whether or not parents should be taught ways to avoid placing unnecessary pressure on their children. Dr. Crisci agreed that even if parental pressure was limited, students would still burden themselves with unnecessary stress.

Dr. Crisci ended by stating that he hoped participants would return and report back to him if their stress-relieving techniques were successful.





## SADD plans "Cram Jam"

by Gary Schmirer

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) is continuing its campaign to reduce stress and drug and alcohol abuse.

SADD Advisor Neil Miller said, "The purpose of SADD is to make life easier. We're here to promote safe and stress-free living."

The club will hold the first annual "Cram Jam" on January 23. The purpose of the event is to reduce the stress

associated with midterms. The cafeteria will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. and teachers will be available to assist students by answering questions. Refreshments, including coffee, donuts, soda and juice, will be provided.

Last month, the organization successfully sold mocktails, cocktails without alcohol, in the cafeteria. The money raised will be used to further SADD's goals.

In February SADD is planning a dinner for all students to promote nutrition and good eating. The organization also hopes to feature a guest speaker.

## Students to enter speech contest

by Elizabeth Kass

The local round of the 1995 Nassau County Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Contest will be held after school on February 13.

Five of the participating students will be chosen to represent Schreiber at the semi-final rounds held on March 1 at the Old Orchard Museum at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in Oyster Bay. One student from each school will be chosen as a finalist. They will then compete at the finals held on March 15.

Each participant in the semifinals will receive a certificate of merit. The finalist from each school will also receive a Theodore Roosevelt Association Medal

and \$1000 in U.S. Savings Bonds. The grand finalist selected from the final round will be awarded \$2000 in U.S. Savings Bonds and a sculptured bust of Theodore Roosevelt.

The local round is being coordinated by English department chairperson John Broza and social studies department chairperson Dr. Mark Rothman.

Entrants must give an original speech on a topic related to the life of President Theodore Roosevelt. The speech, which must be five minutes in duration, must be memorized.

Judging at Schreiber will be done by a panel of teachers. Educators, community leaders and members of the Theodore Roosevelt Association will judge the semifinals and finals.

## Student government holds meeting

by David Austerweil

The student government made several important decisions at its January 6 meeting.

The student government will sponsor a concert on February 3 at 9 p.m. After the two school bands, Violent Rage and Here Me Now play in the auditorium, the alumni band Cool Turkey will play in the cafeteria and food will be served.

The blue and white sports night teams began the meeting by asking for a donation of \$300 to fund the purchase of costumes and take care of other expenditures associated with sports night.

It was difficult for the government to decide how to give money to teams. The officers and members of the government were unsure as to how the sports night's teams would reciprocate the government's generosity. In the end, the majority of the

representatives voted to give each of the teams \$150 outright, and an additional \$150 if at least a quota of twenty people from their teams attended the next student government event. Many representatives were against giving money to the teams based on their attendance at the concert because they believed students should attend the concert because they want to go, not to fulfill a quota.

The government also decided to purchase a computer at the meeting. (See article, page 3.) In late December, the band, the choir and some student government students visited St. Stephen's Church to spend a day with the senior citizens. The student government provided drinks, refreshments, and flowers for the senior citizens while the band and choir provided entertainment.

The student government will meet again Friday.

*Angie Cha contributed to this article.*

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Key Club to visit hospital

The Key Club will be taking a trip to the Pediatric Trauma Unit at North Shore Hospital today.

The students will receive a tour of the unit and give candy to the children there.

The trip will last from 4:30 to approximately 7:30.

The trip is being made possible by the Kiwanas Club of Port Washington which will provide transportation and insurance. The Kiwanas Club is a major contributor to the Kiwanas center.

### Panel discusses disorders

Approximately fifty people attended the January 4 High School Association (HSA) meeting on the topic of eating disorders.

The meeting was led by a ten member panel featuring keynote speaker Dr. Randi Realson. The panel also consisted of seniors Jeff Friedman, Adam Oberstein, Robin Schiff, Caren Sencer and Melissa Troccoli, and juniors Jeff Seo and Allison Sulham. Two Schreiber alumni spoke about their recovery from eating disorders.

The main topics discussed at the meeting were bulimia and anorexia. Dr. Realson said that the signs of bulimia are bingeing and a sense of lack of control. He stated that the signs of anorexia are being fifteen percent below average weight and having a fear of gaining weight.

### It's Academic competes

The It's Academic team, coached by Assistant Principal Carmine Matina, finished second with a score of 340 at their second three team competition of the year, held on January 11 at Malverne High School.

Garden City finished first with a score of 490 and Malverne finished third with 320. The six person squad consists of seniors Supinda Bunyavanich, Matt Engel, Minsu Longiaru and Kris Wolmar, and juniors Jason Giordano and Mark Solomon. Bunyavanich, Engel, Wolmar and Giordano started for the team. Midway into the meet, Longiaru and Solomon switched places with Wolmar and Giordano.

There is one more competition this season. The team's cumulative points determine whether or not they will make the playoffs. The top four teams compete in the playoffs.

### Alumni speak on panel

Nineteen alumni returned to Schreiber on January 6 to hold three discussions on college life.

The alumni discussed several topics including dormitory rooms, professors, tests and fraternities.

Panelists included alumni Lisa Barr, Giovanna Bellafato, Rosanna Bellafato, Corey Bodner, Marissa Codey, Rachel Davidson, Natasha Fain, Matthew Frank, E.J. Kahn, Lindsay King, Marc Lindemann, Jason Mayer, Danielle McGrade, Christina Pavlak, Laurie Rinke, Bryce Romer, Helena Rushansky, Anne Seigert and Molly Small.

### Class club plans ski trip

The sophomore class club, advised by David O'Connor, is sponsoring a ski trip to Windham Mountain on January 28.

Because it is a one day trip the students will depart from Schreiber at 5:15 a.m. and return by 9:00 p.m. Eligibility for the trip is limited to sophomores.

For those students who have their own skis, the cost of the trip will be \$45.00. Students who need to rent skis will have to pay \$60.50.

*Articles by Ashish Kapadia, Joshua Gewolb, Elizabeth Kass and Jeff Friedman.*

### District creates committee

The Port Washington School District established a new Standards Committee to address, over a two year period, what is expected of graduating students.

The committee's first job is to construct a draft of district standards for the twelfth grade. Input from parents and community members is requested by the Board of Education before the final copy is made.

Administrators on the committee are Principal Sid Barish, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Ann Israel, Assistant Principal Carmine Matina and Assistant Principal Joyce Shapiro.

Dick Barry, Serena Bogucki, Weber Junior High School Assistant Principal Maria Dubie, Carol Gannon, Creative Arts Director Dave Meoli, Olga Dufour, Jackie Bendick, foreign language chairperson Elaine Berman, Mary Anne Cariello, Carolyn Franks, Rory Freed, Philip Glover, Eli Jannes, Tessa Jordan, Mary Ann Leonard, Deborah Levine, Ann Murray, social studies chairman Mark Rothman, Barbara Schmidt, Marilyn Sittner and Laura Staib are also on the committee.

### Group raises funds for A/C

The Air Conditioning Fund Committee is currently campaigning to raise funds for a new air conditioning system in the auditorium.

For years guests in the auditorium watching concerts, musicals and plays during the late spring and summer were subject to excessive heat and humidity resulting from the lack of an air conditioning system.

The Home and School Association (HSA) donated two thousand dollars to the fund. Other community members and organizations pledged over three thousand dollars. Flyers handed out at the fall musical *Sweet Charity* brought in over three hundred dollars from the community, and English as a Second Language (ESL) students also collected twenty five dollars.

During the summer of 1995, renovations of the sound and lighting systems and repainting work will be done. Air conditioning fund committee members believe that this would be an ideal time to install an air conditioning system. However the fund needs donations. A total of thirty-five thousand dollars are needed for the installation job.

### Stock game to begin soon

The spring competition of the stock market game begins soon. The game teaches students about investing. Interested students should come to a meeting tomorrow at 7:45 a.m. or 3:05 p.m. in the social studies resource center.



# Abortion doctors targeted

by Elizabeth Kass

A lone gunman, allegedly a twenty-two year old New Hampshire hairdresser named John Salvi, wreaked havoc along a stretch of Beacon Street in Brookline, Massachusetts as he terrorized two abortion clinics, killing two people and wounding five on December 30.

According to news reports, the accused calmly approached the front desk of the first abortion clinic he targeted, asked if it was the Planned Parenthood clinic and upon hearing that it was, took out a .22 caliber semiautomatic rifle, shot the receptionist dead, and proceeded to fire bullets all over the room.

Approximately ten minutes later Salvi allegedly struck again at the Preterm Health Services abortion clinic located a few miles down Beacon Street. Once again he took out a rifle, shot the receptionist dead and continued spraying bullets throughout the room. When a security guard shot back, the gunman fled running backwards and firing in his retreat.

As Salvi fled, police were able to identify him via a receipt found in a bag he left at the scene. Local, state and national law enforcement officials were launching a multi state manhunt when news came of a nonfatal shooting at the Hillcrest abortion clinic in Norfolk, Virginia. The suspect arrested in that incident was John Salvi, the suspect at large for the Brookline shootings.

The murderous spree totaled two dead and five wounded. It brought to five the number of abortion clinic killings occurring throughout the nation over the last two years.

In addition to these violent acts there have also been many less violent acts against clinic workers and patients. Assaults and physical harassment have lit-

erally become commonplace at clinics throughout the nation. There have even been incidents of fire bombings.

The recent killings were quickly condemned by abortion activists on all sides of the issue. The director of the well known antiabortion group Operation Rescue openly condemned the incident saying "you don't use murder to solve the problem of other murder."

At this point police have not found any evidence showing that Salvi belonged to a specific antiabortion group. Salvi had, however, been seen demonstrating outside clinics in the Boston area and had a picture of a fetus inside his truck.

Just last summer there was a double murder at an abortion clinic in Pensacola, Florida. The gunman, Paul Hill, is currently under a death sentence. Hill openly stated that he believes murdering abortion workers is "justifiable homicide."

In 1993 a physician in Wichita, Kansas was wounded in what was considered an anti-abortion incident. A manual issued by the antiabortion group Army of God was found in the backyard of Shelley

Shannon, who is currently serving ten years in jail for the incident. The manual encourages people to "torch" clinics.

This past May President Bill Clinton signed a law known as the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act. The act forbids anyone to use any force or threat tactics to intimidate people entering or leaving abortion clinics.

Attorney General Janet Reno created the Clinic Violence Task Force after the abortion murders in Florida last year. The job of the Task Force was to determine if there was a conspiracy against abortion clinics.

United States Marshals were given the job of guarding several clinics. The number of marshals, nevertheless, was drastically reduced in the fall with the belief that threats against clinics had decreased.

That does not seem to be the case. In addition to the Brookline massacre, there have been numerous threats made to abortion clinics and doctors throughout the country over the past year.

The Planned Parenthood clinic in Brookline had been receiving more threats than usual during the month preceding the incident.

Many believe that the large amount of threats to that clinic in particular stems from the fact that it is one of twenty abortion clinics around the country testing the so-called French abortion pill, RU-486.

A new CBS news poll shows that seventy five percent of those surveyed believe anti-abortion protesting deserves blame for the recent abortion clinic murders in Brookline, Massachusetts.

A CNN News poll on the same topic gave similar answers with two thirds of those surveyed believing that some of the blame should go to anti-abortion protesters for raising such angry sentiments.

Over the course of the past two weeks several abortion clinics on Long Island have received an increased number of threats by antiabortion protesters.

A sign taped to the window of abortion clinics in Levitown, Garden City, and Hempstead read "Danger, this is a war zone. People are being killed here like Boston."



STUDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT STUDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Thelemaque: "Mover and shaker in Schreiber"

by Ashish Kapadia

According to John Cahill, senior Melissa Thelemaque is "a mover and shaker in Schreiber." She is vivacious, energetic, loud and one of the most active people in the Schreiber halls.

Thelemaque is heavily involved in several clubs. She is an Executive Council member, an Amnesty International leader, a Communication Workshop leader, vice-president of the National Honor Society and a peer counselor. She is also a member of the varsity lacrosse team.

Aside from managing five Advanced Placement courses including two foreign languages, Thelemaque finds the time to hold down a job at Bagel King in Manorhaven, babysit regularly and play indoor lacrosse in a tournament league.

Even though she devotes so much time to her extracurricular activities,



Melissa Thelemaque

Thelemaque has managed to keep a strong grade point average and was admitted to Brown University and the University of Michigan. She is still keeping her college plans open.

About all the work she does, Thelemaque said, "It's better to burn out than get some sleep." On the other hand, Thelemaque's advice to underclassmen is, "Everyone take it easy and do your best."

Senior Ben Goldfarb said, "Melissa Thelemaque is warm, caring, intelligent and when I need a hug, she's always there."

There are many sides to Thelemaque. She can change from a deep conversation on politics and the older generation to a quick spurt of humor. She also has a down to earth side to her. Like any other senior, she can't wait to graduate.

Senior Adam Block said, "Melissa is always putting a smile on my face. Her friends can always count on her, and she makes every class an experience."

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# Remembering King's dream

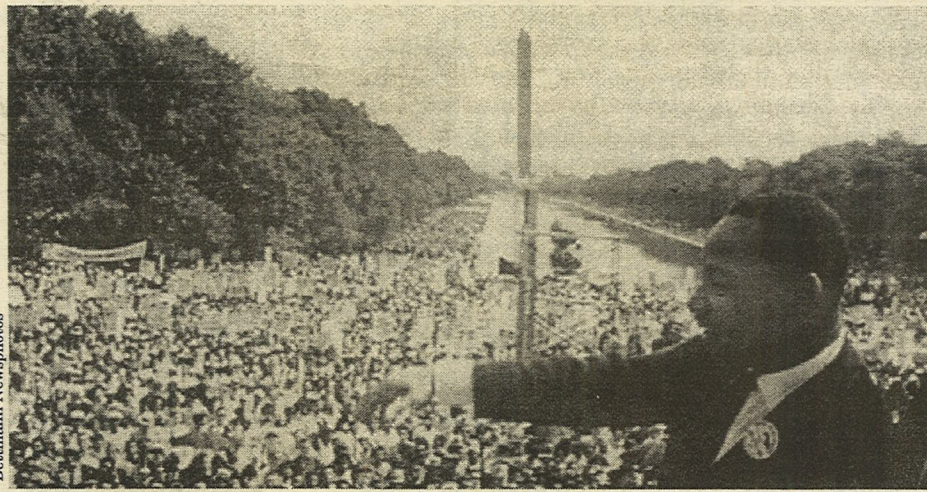
by Elizabeth Kass

The American people had the opportunity to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his life and his achievements on January 16.

Dr. King was a crusader who fought long and hard for civil rights. A firm believer in non-violent protest, Dr. King used peaceful tactics in his struggle to desegregate American society.

Dr. King is perhaps best remembered for his "I Have a Dream" speech in which he spoke of granting all Americans the civil liberties they have been guaranteed by the Constitution but have not yet received. Saying that America "has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked 'Insufficient Funds,'" Dr. King spoke of "rising from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice."

He explained how one hundred years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation officially freed the



Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his "I have a dream" speech, August 28, 1963.

Negro, the Negro was still not truly free in society.

Saying that "as we walk we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead," he spoke of never being satisfied until the Negro and the white truly have equal rights.

Dr. King had a dream for the future of

all Americans: "I say to you today, my friends, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident that all

men are created equal.'"

Although many problems of racial segregation have been resolved since Martin Luther King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, unfortunately numerous problems still remain unsolved. Prejudice and racism are still rampant in American society and continue to threaten people's lives and ideals daily.

In America, public facilities, in accordance with the law, are now unsegregated, but racially invoked violent and harassing incidents continue to frequently occur.

On a wider scale, Dr. King would vehemently disapprove of the unnecessary violence and bloodshed in the world. A true pacifist, Dr. King believed in achieving a better world by peaceful protest.

The message of hope delivered by Dr. King should still reverberate in our minds today. So as we take this time to remember Dr. King, we can also take the time to hope that perhaps in years to come we will all work towards permanently fulfilling his dreams and molding our society into one of peace.

## Chinese bring in the Year Of the Boar

by Michelle Chiu

In the Chinese tradition the New Year does not begin when the ball drops in Times Square, but rather at the end of January or the middle of February. This New Year, the year of the boar, falls on January 31. The beginning of the new year depends on the end of the lunar calendar.

Chinese New Year, the most festive holiday on the Chinese calendar, is a day of feasting and family gathering. Traditional Chinese housewives spend the week before New Year's preparing for the holiday. The entire house is cleaned for the new year.

The holiday also calls for the payment of debts and the closing of businesses for the first few days. The house is decorated with New Year's cake, rice, oranges and flowers. Red is the traditional color for all holidays and is most apparent during New Years. Strips of red paper with characters implying good fortune, wealth, longevity and happiness are placed on doors and around the house.

Animals are also an important part of the Chinese culture and there is a zodiac calendar that consists of twelve animals. The twelve animals are the dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, chicken, dog, rat, boar, ox, tiger and rabbit. Each year the calendar is rotated and a different animal is celebrated.

Gods play the most important role in the New Year celebration. During the holidays, paper gods are placed on the front door which will bring in wealth and happiness for the family. The most important god during the New Year's is the kitchen god who played a major role in both *Joy Luck Club* and *The Kitchen God's Wife* by Amy Tan. A picture of the kitchen god is placed in the kitchen throughout the year in every household.

The tale behind the kitchen god is that he is placed in a position where he can see every member of the household. Throughout the year he records the actions of every member of the family. By the 24th day of the twelfth month of the year he gives the Jade Emperor the reports of every family. Depending on your report the Emperor determines the amount of wealth and happiness the family will receive for the next year. Therefore it is important to treat the gods, especially the kitchen god, with much respect.

In every traditional Chinese household incense and mock money are burned to the kitchen god every morning throughout the year. It is a myth that the more money and incense you burn to the kitchen god, the better report he will give to the Emperor.

Traditional foods are served the night before the New Year, each dish implying wealth and good luck. After dinner families gather together and fill red pockets (called li sea) with money that will be given to the children of relatives and friends. A red pocket is a beautifully decorated red envelope usually labeled with the family's name and symbols of good luck. These pockets are also to be placed around the house so that they will bring in good fortune. Good luck candies are filled in dishes and offered to visitors on New Year's.

When New Year's Day arrives families dress in their new clothes and shoes and visit relatives and friends. Everywhere you go, you can hear a greeting of good fortune and happiness. The tradition is that with each greeting you give you will receive a red pocket of money.

Chinatown, in Manhattan, is most festive during New Year's. Firecrackers are lit everywhere and dragon parades are seen on every street. The firecrackers are lit in front of houses and businesses to scare away evil spirits, and the dragon is a symbol of good fortune.



Michelle Chiu

The red pocket (li sea) contains many symbols of good fortune. The family name is inscribed in the circle. The two fish symbolize longevity. The cherry blossom symbolizes beauty and wealth. The lotus blossom is a symbol of purity and creative power. The children and the firecracker symbolize happiness and the Chinese character represents peace and long life.



# Dealing with stress

by Rebecca Schiff

**stress** \ˈstres\ *n* a physical, chemical, or emotional factor that causes bodily or mental tension and may be a factor in disease causation. Sound familiar? With the first semester coming to a rapid close, and with midterms very soon, students may be experiencing strong feelings of stress.

Stress is common to people of all ages, and can arise for a variety of different reasons. Adolescent stress is unique in its causes. Since most adolescents attend school, much stress is academic-related. This can mean not having enough time to complete assignments because of extensive after-school activities and other responsibilities outside of school.

Many students often experience test anxiety, bringing upon a new wave of stressful feelings every time they have an exam. In an academically competitive school like Schreiber, many students place heavy emphasis on grades. This can create tense or unhealthy social situations. Such school pressures often overwhelm teenagers, making them feel out of control of their lives.

Stress over trivial things, such as grades, however can be avoided. Often the tension a student feels can be from the pressures they put on themselves. On this subject, senior Ben Goldfarb says,

"The key to maintaining a stress-free existence is realizing how little one test or paper grade really means in the great scheme of things. No grade can determine what kind of person you are, and that's what really matters."

There are some kinds of stress, however, that are beyond one's own control. Tension between parents, divorce, or money problems can be extremely stressful on the adolescent.

Getting caught in the middle of their parents' troubles, can leave someone feeling helpless and lonely. These problems and more violent scenarios such as child abuse or wife-beating often cause so much stress that psychological treatment is necessary.

Unfortunately, ways of dealing with stress are not always as positive as psychological treatment. Teens deal with the stress they feel by getting drunk at parties, using drugs, or engaging in other destructive behavior. These ways of dealing with life are just short-term ways to make the stress disappear. In the long run, the only way to deal with stress is to try to see where the problem is coming from and to seek help to resolve the problem.

It is important to distinguish between real problems and problems you bring upon yourself. The most important thing is to keep life in perspective by looking obstacles in the face and vowing to overcome them, and by knowing who you are.



## King, true hero

by Chaz Batson

Many people admire heroes from either a movie or a fairy tale. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a real life hero.

Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia to Reverend and Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was ordained as a minister and became pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

A civil rights leader, Dr. King spoke out about African Americans attaining, in a non-violent manner, what they were denied. An example of non-violent civil disobedience occurred when Rosa Parks was arrested for sitting in the front of a bus. Dr. King led a boycott on Montgomery buses until the buses were forced to integrate. Dr. King didn't just speak out

for African Americans but for all races and cultures being treated unequally.

Dr. King led the March on Washington D.C., August 28, 1963, where he made his "I Have a Dream" speech which touched the hearts of many. His speech opened the minds of people to a dream, a vision that one day we will all be equal.

Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee before he could continue to pursue his dream. We as a people should pick up where he left off and take it a step further. On January 16 we took the time out for a holiday. We must, however, take time to follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther King Jr. We must try to give it our best to treat each other as equals. So this year, instead of just taking time out to remember the man, we should take time out to remember and try to live up to the dream.

## Sophomores receive new research option

by Ari Rabin-Havt

Sophomores will now have the opportunity to take a social studies research course. Dr. Mark Rothman, chairman of the social studies department proposed a social science research course.

Soon after Dr. Rothman proposed the course, the necessary committees at Schreiber approved it. To finalize the course, the Board of Ed. will have to approve it at a meeting on January 17.

The course will provide an opportunity for a select group of students to do research in the social sciences. The students in the course will have to show an outstanding record of achievement in their social studies courses. In addition, they would have to go through a selection process similar to that of math and

science research. Also, the students could not take the other two research courses.

These students will be trained in methods and techniques of contemporary research and problem solving in the social sciences. After their training, course participants will begin an extensive research project. These projects will be entered in contests including those grants sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the New York State Humanities and American Express.

According to Dr. Rothman, this year's freshmen, next years sophomore's, will become the first class to participate in the program.

Dr. Rothman believes now is a good time to launch this course because of the schools new internet accounts. Dr. Rothman said, "I am delighted to get this opportunity off the ground."

## Model Congress plans trip to Washington, D.C.



President Bill Clinton speaking at the Junior State of America Conference

by Anthony Cho

The Port Washington Model Congress hopes to attend the Junior State of America Convention in Washington D.C.

This national organization centered in California is holding a conference for all of the east coast schools called "Congress '95." This three-day conference will offer high school students a unique opportunity to experience the workings of the United States Congress.

Students will be organized into com-

mittees where they will debate. In a format that mirrors the actual format of the United States Congress, bills passed by the committees will be brought to the floor of the Senate and House where they will be debated. Both revisions made in a House-Senate conference, the bill will be declared "law." The Junior State of America is a nationwide organization for students interested in politics, government, foreign affairs, law, and education.

The group will only be able to attend the event if it is economically feasible. In order to attend, the Model Congress will need to raise over \$4000 in funds. The members are holding fundraising events and have asked the student government and student store for donations.

Ten Port Washington Model Congress members will be attending a five hundred contestant Model Congress Competition in Oceanside on January 27, 28, and 29.

The Congress is also in the midst of its first annual membership drive. Flyers advertising the organization have been distributed to the social studies classes. Co-President junior Preeti Parasharami said, "Model Congress is always looking for enthusiastic students who are interested in government."

In addition to Parasharami, the club is led by co-President senior Jen Cho, General Chair sophomore Joshua Gewolb and Treasurer senior Stacy Mehrfar.



# The New Congress

## A Republican view

by Adam Block and Matt Engel

After a fourteen hour opening session of Congress without a Republican absence, new Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-GA) is working to employ his "Contract With America."

One of the most popular of the many reforms proposed by the New Congress is the Fiscal Responsibility Act. This amendment would state that Congress may spend no more money than it takes in each year. This amendment would create limits on taxing and spending by Congress.

One of the key areas the Republicans plan to cut from is the welfare system. Possible reforms in the welfare system may include limits on the duration of one's welfare support and a limit imposed on support for unwed mothers.

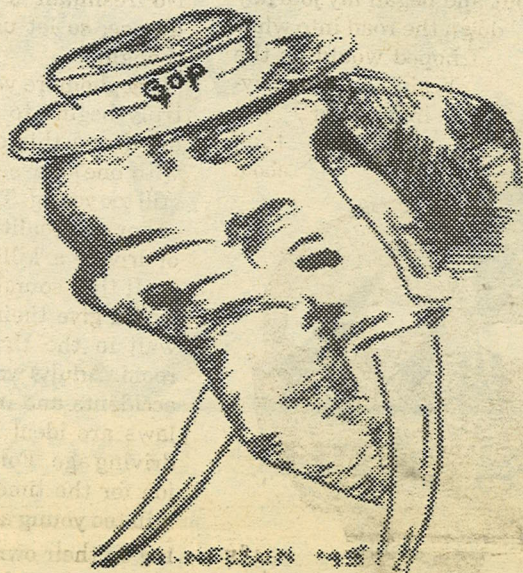
Gingrich's proposal, the Personal Responsibility Act would discourage illegitimacy and teen pregnancy by prohibiting welfare to minor mothers and denying increased aid for families with additional children on welfare.

It is Gingrich's belief that unwed mothers should have their children live in orphanages and, while most Republicans do not feel as strongly, most agree that it is time for these women to take responsibility for their actions.

Currently, a mother can have as many children as she wishes and receive more money from the federal government for each child. This provides an incentive for a woman to have more children at no expense to her own lifestyle while the rest of the nation has to pay more money to support her children, a plan supported by

the Democrats.

The Taking Back Our Streets Act is an anti-crime bill that will call for stricter sentencing and cut many social programs from last year's crime bill which are deemed wasteful. One social program that may be cut is the Midnight Basketball League which encourages students to play basketball at midnight on school nights when they should be resting or studying. This might also cut some of the luxuries provided to criminals such as cable TV. Many hard-working, law-abiding citizens must pay for Cable TV themselves if they are lucky enough to be able to afford it.



Although the Republican party is famous for its spending cuts, many government subsidies are simply being redirected.

The Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act will provide small business

incentives and a capital gains cut. This will attempt to boost the economy and help the lower-middle class families of America.

While it is not definite whether all of these reforms will pass, we can be sure that the first hundred days of Congress, in which the Republican party intends to implement the Contract, will mirror the Franklin Delano Roosevelt New Deal era.

While the reforms may not be the same, the Republicans will attempt to blitz reform after reform through Congress in an attempt to undo the mess that has been created over the Democrats' forty year reign.

## A Democrat view

by Joshua Silbert

The power of both the House of Representatives and Senate shifted from Democratic to Republican control on January 4, 1995. For the first time in forty years, a Republican, Georgian Newt Gingrich, holds the title of Speaker of the House. Not since 1955 when Joseph W. Martin was Speaker have Republicans held control of the House.

Having been out of power for so long, the Republicans tried to get as much as possible done in the first fourteen hours the House was in session. The Republicans passed many "reforms" with success and implemented others that they had campaigned for so hard and effectively.

I use the word reform in quotations for the reason that what Washington politicians call a reform are what most Americans would call good public relations work.

The first bill any new session of House puts up for vote is a set of rules governing the internal procedures that members work under and regulations for how business is conducted.

This bill included some good cost cutting measures such as eliminating three committees and eliminating numerous sub-committees. Other "reforms" just made it harder for the opposition to pass their measures.

Democrats tried to force a vote on an amendment to prohibit all but small gifts to lawmakers. Such influence peddling by lobbyists would clean up Congress and it could safely be said that it was what many angry voters wanted.

The Republicans refusal to put the measure up for a vote was the first example that business as usual is back in Washington even if it is now under Republican control.

Later in the session, Gingrich said that Congress would consider a broader



lobbying and ethics bill, killed in the last Congress by Senate Republicans, but this is one more that is likely to be put on the back burner.

Why would Republicans duck the issue early on and pass this chance to start implementing some real reform? The answer is simple and is the same reason why voters this past election were so upset at Democratic incumbents. Republicans did not want Democrats to steal their fire and be perceived as more zealous reformers. They didn't want to give Democrats a victory that they could trumpet to voters and say that they are on board for this reform trip.

Included in the bill passed on the first day was a provision to prohibit legislators from giving money from their office organizational accounts to the twenty-eight legislative service organizations (L.S.O.). L.S.O.s are groups that are proponents for certain measures for specific groups like women, Hispanics or African Americans. Many of the groups' sources of funding were cut.

This just serves to stifle opposition to the Republicans and quiet voices who have just as much right to be heard as others. Republicans have now made the road to passage for their proposals a little easier and in the process have excluded a worthy voice in public policy debate.

I support some things that Gingrich hopes to achieve. Cutting three committees was justified along with the law that makes Congressmen live under the same laws as you or I. An open and far reaching debate about social programs is a must. I don't necessarily agree with all of his means but I applaud his efforts to get the debate on the agenda.

This year promises to be a riveting one politically for many different reasons. The dynamics between House Democrats and Bill Clinton, the jockeying by Republicans for the party's nomination, and the dynamics between Republicans from the House and Senate will all provide fireworks and a truly dramatic year for both parties.

## A Moderate view on politics

by Joshua Gewolb

As a student who holds relatively moderate political views, I have mixed feelings about the newly inaugurated Republican congress. While I welcome the Republican's push for reforms, I am worried about their conservative stands on social issues.

I am disenchanted by the partisan politics that many people are playing, and hope to provide an objective analysis. I do not intend this review to be a comprehensive study of the entire Republican platform, but rather a brief evaluation of four interesting issues in current Congressional politics.

The Republicans propose an amendment to the Constitution requiring that Congress spend no more than it earns and take no more than it earns.

It is likely that Congress will pass the amendment, but before it is incorporated into the Constitution, it must be

ratified by thirty-eight states which may take several years.

The line-item veto is a reform that I support enthusiastically. Currently a President must either pass or veto a piece of legislation that is presented to him by Congress. In order to win support for their legislation, lawmakers often add provisions that are not related to the intent of the bill, but will encourage others to vote for the legislation.

In order to avoid being branded as the vetoers of legislation that enjoys great popularity, Presidents must pass the legislation, even though these additions may call for frivolous uses of government funds.

The proposed constitutional amendment will permit the President to select the provisions of the amendment with which he agrees and veto provisions that he disagrees with. The line-item veto has cut spending only slightly in states where it's on the books.

There are serious problems, however,

with the portion of the amendment requiring that Congress must balance its budget.

I find that I agree with only some aspects of the Democratic and Republican defense platforms.

Republicans believe no United States troops should be allowed to serve under the United Nations command, and call for "restoration" of national security funding in order to maintain American credibility in the world. The cuts that have been made by President Clinton and others in defense spending have resulted in a fall in readiness, and further cuts in the Pentagon's budget would jeopardize the armed forces.

While I concede that spending increases may be necessary and further cuts in the defense budget should definitely be prohibited, I disagree with the Republican's blanket prohibition on United States troops serving under United Nations command. Troop deployment

decisions should be made on a case by case basis.

Crime is one of the major concerns of the American people and as a result the Republicans have formulated a strong anti-crime position.

They hope to establish stronger truth in sentencing, a rule that allows evidence obtained in searches that are inadvertently conducted illegally to be admitted in court, make more effective death penalty provisions, cut social spending from this summer's crime bill, construct more prison, and provide additional policing.

They also hope to make it easier to deport illegal aliens who are convicted of crimes and limit lawsuits by prisoners. I welcome these proposals.

It is essential that we take an extremely tough attitude in crime, eliminate wasteful crime-prevention programs like midnight basketball leagues, and put more police on the streets.



# Driving for minors

Junior fondly remembers road test

by Alison Root

When I left school on Friday before our winter break, I had one thing on my mind. It wasn't the presents that would be under the tree on Christmas Day. It wasn't the idea of sleeping late for the next week, and it wasn't the joy of being free of school work. I was thinking about parallel parking, three point turns, checking my mirrors, looking over my shoulder, and always keeping my eyes on the road.

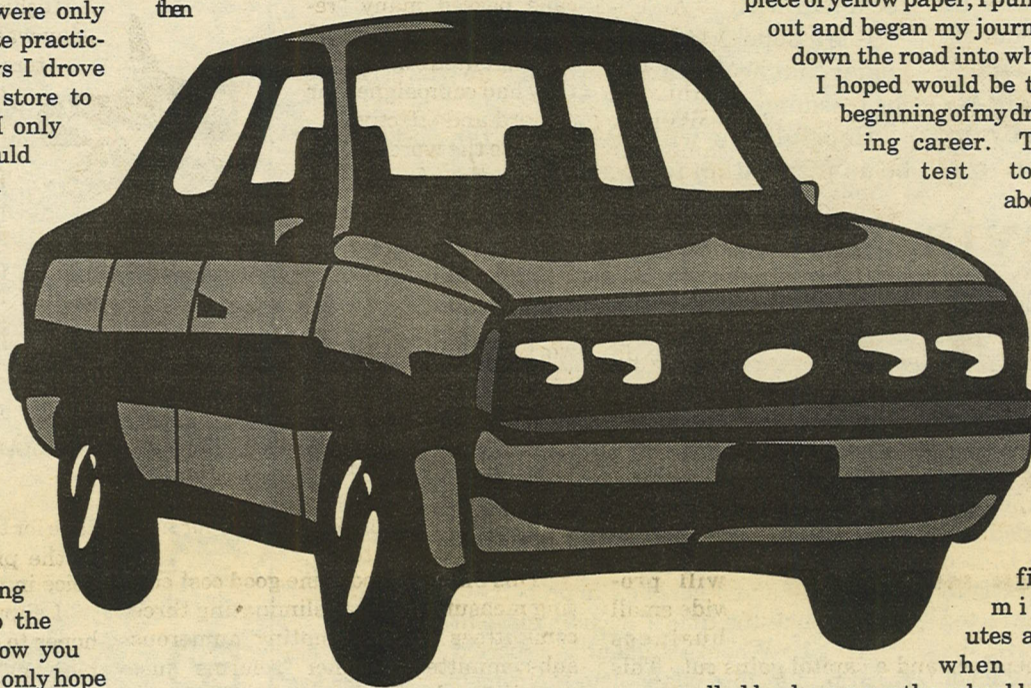
My vacation was focused on the fact that my road test was only two days after Christmas and there were only three days left for last minute practicing. For the next three days I drove anywhere from the grocery store to Blockbuster Video. Even if I only had to go down the block, I would whip out my car key and warm up the family Volvo.

Finally the morning of the twenty-seventh arrived and the anxiety level in my house was at an all-time high. As I ate my breakfast and unsuccessfully tried to keep a level head, my mom once again told me to be calm and to be a slightly more cautious driver than I usually am. My dad on the other hand only patted me on the back and gave me a knowing look that said something to the effect of, "Don't worry, I know you will do well and pass." I could only hope that the faith in my driving my dad possessed would be transmitted through his pat on the back.

I arrived in the Schreiber circle at 7:30 a.m. and boarded the bus to make the trek to Garden City Park where the test would be given. As soon as I boarded the bus I felt a wave of relief wash over me. I saw a group of my friends sitting in the back of the bus and going through the same anxiety and nervousness I was. It didn't take long before we were all sharing our fears and our driving weaknesses. It somehow made everyone feel better to know that they weren't the only ones who let the back of the car stick out when they parallel parked or

who forgot to check their mirrors before they made a three point turn.

When we got to the testing site our teacher read out the order we would be tested in and I tuned out after I heard that I would be number five. The thought of being one of the first ten people was one that both pleased and scared me at the same time. I was definitely pleased that I would get this over with quickly, but on the other hand, I didn't like the idea of "breaking in" the instructor for the rest of my classmates. What if the instructor was hard on people in the beginning of the day and then



let up on them as time went on? What if she had burned her toast for breakfast and was in a bad mood? Or worse yet, what if she was the kind of person who was only looking for perfection behind the wheel?

I waited about half an hour before my teacher told me that it was my turn and he pointed to the car near our school bus where the instructor was waiting. I walked across the road and tried to keep my legs from shaking. As I reached for the car door handle I realized that my heart was beating so hard, it felt like it was going to burst out of me. I was not the same person who only an hour ago had told my friends to stay calm and not

to worry. I had told them how sure I was that these instructors didn't wake up in the morning with the intention of failing a bunch of steering-wheel happy teenagers. Now I was beginning to doubt my own advice.

I opened the car door and sat down in the seat as I had done a hundred times before. Right away I knew that it was going to be okay. I felt like it was just another Driver Ed class and that the next move I would make would be to drive down Campus Drive and make a right onto Port Boulevard. After I went through a few formalities such as showing her my permit and signing a piece of yellow paper, I pulled out and began my journey down the road into what I hoped would be the beginning of my driving career. The test took about

five minutes and when I

pulled back up near the school bus, my hands began to sweat again. Suddenly I began to have flashbacks of the mistakes I had made during my test and I gave the woman a sideways glance to see what she was writing down on that yellow piece of paper. A few seconds later she told me that I had passed and then handed me the little yellow piece of paper as evidence.

I stepped out of the car and calmly tried to walk back to my friends. This time my legs were shaking with happiness and it was all I could do to keep from running. My vacation could now go on as planned and my future on the road was guaranteed.

Driving age should be eighteen

by Jeff Friedman

Many teenagers believe that the New York State driving age should be less than eighteen. How much less than eighteen varies, but a widespread agreement among many is that they should be fully licensed drivers *before* turning eighteen.

While much of the upper class has their class D license at age seventeen because they took Driver Education classes, the New York State driving age should remain at eighteen. Why? Well, it's very simple, maturity. Obviously there is a tremendous difference in maturity between a freshman and a senior. No freshman is ever going to have his license, so let us not even ponder the thought.

Sophomore year is the first year one truly begins to yearn for the right to drive and this complaint is registered with one's parents, who say: "They are still too young. They do not know enough about the realities and responsibilities of driving a 'killing machine.'"

If that sounds like the rap a parent would give their child, just look at the wall in the Driver's Education classroom. Adults would argue that all these accidents and infringements of driving laws are ideal reasons for raising the driving age. Forgetting about that opinion for the time being, a sophomore is still too young and immature to be driving on their own.

So what about juniors? There is a growth of maturity when one goes from junior to senior year. Many teenagers will have full drivers privilege by the advent of senior year because they will have taken Driver Education and passed their road test, so why not just make the age limit seventeen? Should we become a society that is comprised of haves and have-nots with regard to the right to be a Class D driver? The answer is no.

To keep the driving age at eighteen is being safe. One year in the scope of a lifetime is not so great. You will always be able to bum rides, use public transportation, or even physically get to the destination. Logical thinking tells us that eighteen is a proper age to be driving.

## Just mad about midterms

by Tara Kim

With midterms just around the corner, I have asked myself "Are midterms an accurate way to test someone's knowledge of what they have learned during the first half of the year, or is it just added stress?"

Certain people will disagree with what I am about to say, but I am willing to take that risk. I believe that midterms are indeed just added stress. It is hard enough for many students to study for their weekly tests. Studying for these midterms involves last minute cramming, panicking, and complaining.

We only temporarily grasp pieces of information that are essential to pass. Once we have taken the midterms we often tend to forget the information we once knew. Then the cycle of panicking, complaining, etc. return when it is time for the Regents or finals.

Maybe the reason for all this stress is because midterms count so heavily on our grades. For some teachers midterms are half a grade, equivalent to two tests, or may count as one.

"What will I get? Will I make honor roll? What's my Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) What happens if I don't pass the midterms?" I myself know that I get caught up with grades rather than learn-

ing.

Maybe the reason for the stress is because of the simple title "midterms." Would students do better if it was just called a "test?" Is the title too overwhelming for some? I guess it's up to the individual to decide.

Midterms may bring stress because it is a preview of how we will do on the Regents. If we fail these midterms we know that the next several months will be filled with extensive studying.

We also know that if we fail the Regents we will be spending our summer in summer school. It could be that fear brings upon stress.

Tests such as midterms and Regents

have caused schools to lose the whole goal of simply enriching a student's mind. Some teachers just want to teach what they are supposed to in order for their class to pass. Only a handful of teachers go to extended lengths to make their classes interesting and exciting.

Maybe what I have written is to blow off steam, but I don't think so. I know that whatever students may say against midterms they will never be done away with.

So for now we must study, study, study, enriching our minds and also passing midterms. (Should I be studying rather than writing this article?)



**EDITORIAL**

# A tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. is a man who has been one of the most influential people in the history of the United States.

He was a minister, an advocator of African American's rights, and a man who was intent on the freedom of all people.

His non-violent ideas were inspired by Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi and twenty-seven years after his death, he is still remembered as a man of inspiration and hope.

Dr. King was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. At the age of fourteen, Dr. King had one of his first confrontations about his color. He was riding on a bus with his teacher when the driver asked them to move to the back of the bus to make room for Caucasian riders. Dr. King refused until his teacher requested him to move and he was forced to stand in the back for several hours.

At this time in school he was known as a boy who would not fight, but would rather talk his way out of confrontations. He was liked by his classmates and seen as a normal teenager.

While in college, Dr. King decided that he was interested in sociology. After marrying his wife Coretta Scott, he entered the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church as a minister.

After a few years, Dr. King was not sure that he wanted to raise his family in a town that was full of segregation. However, he decided to stay and went on to become a leader of African American people in the South.

Dr. King is remembered as being an eloquent leader who was determined to finish his quest for freedom.

He led African American people in a fight for their freedom in a place as small as their town or as large as their country. He had a passion for freedom that was unstoppable and not to be reckoned with.

It is a hope that Dr. King is remembered as the leader that he was and the man who was striving for freedom.

Hopefully, he will not be forgotten and he will be an inspiration to us all.

# School board revises weapons policy

*Following in the footsteps of several New York State school districts, the Port Washington Union Free School District's Board of Education has revised several policies including its firearm policy. The administration would like to express that this revision was made because the previous policy was obsolete and did not fully define certain items. The administration would like to stress the fact that no incident in the building nor on campus provoked the revision.*

No student shall bring a firearm on any portion of the premises of a school owned or controlled by the Port Washington Public School system. A firearm is defined, consistent with Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of such weapon; any firearm muffler or silencer; or any destructive device. The term does not include antique firearms, unless the piece is capable of functioning as a firearm according to federal regulations cited.

In accordance with the provisions of the Gun-Free School Act (Public Law, 103-227, Title X, Part B), the Board of Education hereby adopts a policy pursuant to which a student who is determined to have brought a weapon as that term is defined in Title 18 U.S.C. section 921 to a school under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education, shall be excluded from school for a period not less than one year, provided that the Superintendent of Schools may modify such exclusion requirement on a case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations and after affording the student such due process as may be required.

The following regulations will implement the Board of Education's policy concerning the possession of firearms by students on school grounds.

If a student is found to be in possession of a firearm, as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, the following actions can occur based upon the potential danger to the health and safety of other students, staff and others on the property of the Board of Education at the time of such an incident.

1. When a student is reported as having a firearm in his/her possession, the principal, the assistant principal or a designee should be notified immediately.
2. If the student is brandishing the firearm in a threatening or potentially dangerous manner, the building administrator or a designee will immediately contact the police and apprise them of the situation and secure the premises until the police arrive to deal with the situation.
3. If a firearm surrendered by a student is confiscated from a student's locker or is found on the premises, the presence of this firearm will be reported to the police and the firearm secured until such time as the police arrive at the premises to remove the firearm.
4. As soon as the situation allows, the building administrator will inform the Superintendent of Schools of any situation involving a student with a firearm on school grounds.
5. Should the media gain knowledge of the situation, the Superintendent will determine the proper flow of communication between the schools and the media.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Senior responds to being called a Scrooge

In response to the editorial, "Don't be a Scrooge" (Volume XXXV, Issue 5), I was upset to find that you characterized the entire student body as greedy like Scrooge in Charles Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*. Your complaint was that Schreiber fell short of reaching the goals of the junior class club. There are nearly a dozen charities in Schreiber alone, hundreds on Long Island and thousands all across the United States. Different people have different beliefs on charity, who should receive it and how much they should receive. Just because a certain charity does not meet its own standards does not mean that everyone else is selfish. If someone were to give twenty dollars to the first ten beggars they saw at Penn Station and not give money to

the eleventh, would that person be selfish? If you are going to criticize all of Schreiber's students and faculty for being selfish, do a more thorough job researching. Conduct a schoolwide survey on the charitable activities of student and teacher or, better yet, instead of going by only one club's failure, (remember they did raise \$200), go by all of Schreiber's organizations which participate in charitable activities, like Key Club, Schreiber Student Outreach, Leukemia Society, student government, Amnesty International, Schreiber Media Center, Project Team and For A Community Effort.

Adam Block  
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## Drama Club to put on five one-act plays



Senior Michael Rinke in *Episode in the Life of an Author*.

by Joshua Silbert

The Drama Club will present five one act plays January 20-22. One of the club's advisors, Marc Gamell, will co-direct the plays with three senior members of the play troupe.

Mr. Gamell presented a panel of students with fourteen one-act plays from which to choose the evening's performances. Comprised of seniors club president Karen Howland, vice president Jason Hare, treasurer Michele Bianculli and secretary junior Elizabeth Albertson, the officers selected three club members to aid them in their selections. Junior Laurie Raymond, sophomore Rebecca Schiff and freshman Jeff Solomon rounded out the selection committee.

Jean Anouilh's *Episode in the Life of an Author*, Christopher Durang's *The Actor's Nightmare*, Brainerd Duffield's *The Lottery*, Israel Horowitz's *It's Called the Sugar Plum* and Louis Phillips' *Car Wash* were chosen by the panel.

"This is a very entertaining evening that these guys have picked. These five plays, put together, make up a moun-

tain of laughs and a lot of interesting and weird stuff. People who may not go to the theater a lot, who basically only go to musicals. . . they should really come, they will have an eye opener," said Mr. Gamell.

Of the five plays, four are comedies and each represent different types of humor.

"We picked the plays that we did because we wanted. . . to enjoy putting them on rather than plays that they would feel uncomfortable doing, plays that were way out of our age range. In some of them, we play thirty year old people but it's not as difficult," said Howland (*Sweet Charity, Lets Go to the Movies*).

*Episode in the Life of an Author*, co-directed by senior Jesse Peyronel is the story of how a perfectly rational playwright can be driven totally insane in the course of twenty minutes. The author, played by senior Mike Rinke (*Sweet Charity, Lets Go to the Movies*), is driven out of his mind by the simultaneous occurrence of his mother showing up to ask a favor, a fight with his wife, and at least a dozen other things happening.

*The Actor's Nightmare*, co-directed by senior Brooke Sadowsky, is based on a real nightmare the author had one evening. Senior Alexander Zalben (*Sweet Charity, Fiddler on the Roof, Bye Bye Birdie*) plays the author George, in the portrayal of Durang's nightmare.

"The way that this play is supposed to be done, is that although

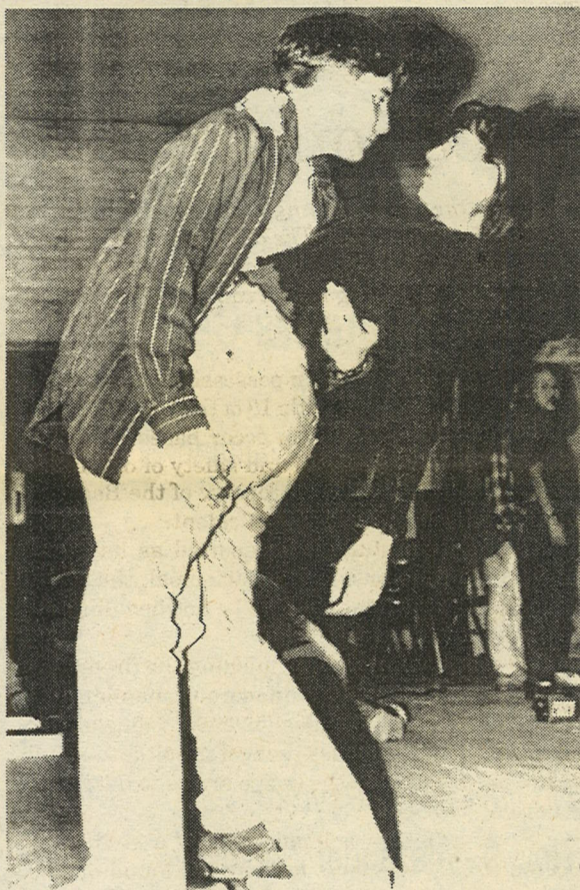
it is a funny play, it also supposed to be serious, as if this is [what actually happened]," said Zalben.

"For years and years and years, people [in the theater world] joked [about] the actor's nightmare, the real actor's nightmare . . . that you were suddenly thrust onto the stage in a play that you never read, in a play you never rehearsed, forced to do scenes with actors you never met and you don't know any of your lines," said Mr. Gamell, "What he has done is really written that, but with a twist. And it's very, very funny."

One of the more realistic comedy pieces, although all the plays have enough material to brand them at far-fetched, is *It's Called the Sugar Plum*. Hare's (*Sweet Charity, Into the Woods*) character, Zuckerman, runs over junior Marissa Fenech's (*Sweet Charity, Bye Bye Birdie*) boyfriend with his car. After Fenech's

character Joanna discovers that Hare was the culprit, she searches and finds out where he lives. The two begin arguing about which person was more significant in the life of the recently dead person which provides the basis of the story.

Initially the two are at odds with each other and as their discussion progresses, the antagonism between the two characters eases. It becomes more apparent throughout the course of their conversation that what the two are really fighting over is who was more important to the recently dead individual. The play, co-directed by senior Jen Gembs,



Senior Jason Hare and junior Marisa Fenech in *It's Called the Sugar Plum*.



Juniors Allison Newman and Sarah Rosenberg in *Car Wash*.

verges on the facetious as Zuckerman begins looking through newspapers to see if he is mentioned in relation to the man's death.

In addition to co-directing *The Actor's Nightmare*, Sadowsky will also assist direct *Car Wash*. Darlene, portrayed by junior Sarah Rosenberg (*Sweet Charity, Lets Go to the Movies*), takes her car to be washed and it never comes out of the other end of the tunnel. This extraordinary and unexpected event gives rise to an exploration of the topic of materialism and how important the automobile is to Rosenberg's character.

Mr. Phillips, the author of the *Car Wash*, is scheduled to speak with the cast before the play's opening. Now a professor at the School of Visual Arts in the CUNY system, Mr. Gamell hopes that Mr. Phillips will be able to provide some insight and advice for the students.

*The Lottery*, also co-directed by Gembs, takes place in a town square. People have gathered for the awarding of something, one of the surprises of the story.

While Mr. Gamell supervised the entire production of the plays and aided the student directors in the initial blocking of the play, he is quick to point out that the students' interpretations, approaches and techniques were more dominant than his own in the production of the plays.



Seniors Michele Bianculli and Alexander Zalben and junior Elizabeth Albertson in *The Actor's Nightmare*.



The Drama Club "awards" junior Limi Perry in *The Lottery*.



# Twelve Angry Jurors opens February 9



Senior Michele Bianculli reads the part of juror number four while senior Jesse Peyronel reads the part of juror number eight.

by Colleen Meehan

**Twelve Angry Jurors**, Schreiber's winter production, will open February 9 and run through February 12.

Casting for this production brought two big surprises. Three freshman, Chris Coady, Gennaro Savastano, and Jeff Solomon, were cast, along with newcomers to the Schreiber stage, Tamara Teeger and Jarrett White. Also, for the first time, a greater number of males than females were cast.

The play **Twelve Angry Jurors** is adapted from the television show by Reginald Rose. It is the story of what truly goes on behind the scenes of a murder trial. Twelve strangers must sort through evidence from the case to decide the conviction of a young man who has been accused of a murder.

The jurors are confined to one room for as long as it takes to reach a verdict. They don't agree on anything, except that their situation is less than ideal and their tempers are short.

As the story unfolds, opinions of the jurors regarding the guilt of the accused come into conflict, along with their personalities.

Senior Jesse Peyronel portrays the

even-tempered Juror number 8, who begins alone, trying to convince the other jurors to consider all the possibilities. This part, played by Henry Fondain in the movie **Twelve Angry Men**, is first supported by the elderly Juror number 9, played by senior Alex Zalben. Together, they reconstruct the evidence.

"I like my charac-

## Twelve Angry Jurors Cast List

Foreman - Ben Eichsteadt  
 Juror No. 2 - Gennaro Savastano  
 Juror No. 3 - Michael Rinke  
 Juror No. 4 - Michele Bianculli  
 Juror No. 5 - Chris Coady  
 Juror No. 6 - Tamara Teeger  
 Juror No. 7 - Jarrett White  
 Juror No. 8 - Jesse Peyronel  
 Juror No. 9 - Alexander Zalben  
 Juror No. 10 - Marissa Fenech  
 Juror No. 11 - Brooke Sadowsky  
 Juror No. 12 - Colleen Meehan  
 Guard - Jeff Solomon  
 Understudy For All Roles - Karen Howland

ter because throughout the play he strives for justice. He is very logical and is always looking for the best in others. I'm really enjoying this challenging role," said Peyronel.

Senior Mike Rinke plays opposite Peyronel, as his most persistent antagonist. Rinke's character cannot be satisfied by any of the arguments presented by his fellow

jurors. He is quick to form his opinion that the boy is guilty, and he attempts to intimidate those jurors who disagree with him.

"It's quite a challenge [playing Juror number 3]. His personality is really explosive. He just wants to hang the guy," said Rinke.

The jurors are involved in a series of conflicts, all of which must be overcome in the search for the truth.

This it is not the first time **Twelve Angry Jurors** will be enacted at Schreiber. Director Jeff Roberts defends the frequency of the production saying, "It is a fabulous ensemble piece. I plan on directing it again in five more years."

The audience will be seated on the stage (inside the jury room) with the actors.

Roberts, along with producer Mardi Braun call this year's jurors "one of the most talented casts" that they've ever worked with.

The actors themselves are all anxiously awaiting its opening, having fun stepping into character, and enjoying being an integral part of the performance, regardless of how many lines each has.

With the entire show set in one room, all of the jurors are on stage for the entire two hours.

## Orchestra plans library concerts

by Jason Hare

The first of a few concerts by the orchestra at the Port Washington Public Library will be performed there on January 26.

This concert will feature chamber music by Mozart and Beethoven, with professional guest pianist Patric Byers performing with sophomore cellist Sam Osterman and freshman violinist Timothy Chung.

Senior violist Jennifer Cho, sophomore cellist Anthony Cho and freshman flautist Margaret Wood will also be featured at the concert.

Senior Minsu Longiaru's performance

of Hadyn's "D Major Cello Concerto", previously scheduled to be performed at the concert on January 26, has been moved to a concert on March 2, also at the library.

Longiaru will perform this work with the Chamber Orchestra, along with other selected works.

A third Chamber concert will be performed on March 7. This concert will feature the Chamber Orchestra in Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto #4" with featured soloists, flautists senior Sarah Blankman, Kathy Cho and Wood.

A special concert will be performed on April 12. The Martha Graham Dancers will collaborate with the orchestra and choir in a specially commissioned work by Patric Byers.

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# The Best of 1994

## Schreiber Times' Top Ten Movies & Albums



Zade Rosenthal

Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jamie Lee Curtis embrace in **True Lies**.

by Jesse Peyronel

**10. True Lies** - This action flick was the most exciting "shoot-em-up" film of the year, followed closely by **Speed**. James Cameron's **True Lies** promised to be an explosive film with an entertaining story and it delivered with a powerful cast, including Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis, and Tom Arnold.

**9. Hoop Dreams** - Can documentaries be entertaining? This movie responds in the affirmative. The film really makes one care about the two National Basketball Association (NBA) hopefuls and their families. Compiled from more than one hundred hours of film, **Hoop Dreams** is edited so well that it gives one an "on-the-court" feel.

**8. Ready to Wear (Pret-a-porter)** - Robert Altman's fashion ex-



Linda R. Chen

The multi-talented Uma Thurman gives an alluring look while drinking a milkshake in **Pulp Fiction**.

travaganza received mixed reviews from critics and scathing comments from so-called "members" of the fashion world. Nonetheless the film is fun to watch, featuring an incredible cast and many real-life fashion cameos, including Kim Basinger, Sophia Loren, Tim Robbins, Julia Roberts, and Forrest Whittaker.

**7. Ed Wood** - Tim Burton's black-and-white biography of the worst filmmaker of all time was critically acclaimed but didn't do extremely well at the box office. The film featured Johnny Depp as the title character and Martin Landau as Bela Lugosi.

**6. Backbeat** - This film tells the historically accurate story of the Beatles' early days playing dingy clubs in Hamburg with the fifth Beatle, Stuart Sutcliffe. The uncanny casting and the great soundtrack make this one of the best films of '94.

**5. Blue, White, Red** - Alexander Kusyirinski's **Three Colors** series represents the peak of his great talents. The film makes great use of cinematic metaphors in an enjoyable way.

**4. Clerks** - This hilarious film by newcomer Kevin Smith cost under thirty grand to make and stormed through the Sundance Film Festival. It was much more of a generational film than Ben Stiller's **Reality Bites**.

**3. Bullets Over Broadway** - Woody Allen's funniest film in years was a delight with an excellent cast of John Cusack, Chaz Palminteri, Dianne Weist, and Jennifer Tilly.

**2. Forrest Gump** - Tom Hanks' lovable idiot savant took the nation by word-of-mouth, making it the highest grossing non-science fiction film ever.

**1. Pulp Fiction** - Quentin Tarantino's epic crime anthology starring John Travolta, Samuel Jackson, Uma Thurman, Harvey Keitel, and Christopher Walken was, by far, the best film of the year.



by Jason Hare

**10. Counting Crows, August and Everything After** - The debut album from this band spawned nationwide hits with "Mr. Jones" and "Round Here" and wooed audiences with honest portrayals of life as seen by the Crows. Van Morrison and Dylan comparisons aside, Adam Durutz' vocals are fantastic.

**9. Pearl Jam, Vitalogy** - Pearl Jam's third release, although of a slightly negative tone, still highlights the band rocking harder than ever, while remaining musically tight. "Betterman," and "Satan's Bed," already on Z-100, prove this point.

**8. Stone Temple Pilots, Purple** - Purple should dispel all comparisons of STP to any other band, such as Pearl Jam or Alice In Chains. "Interstate Love Song" is fantastic and the final track is hilarious.

**7. The Lion King, soundtrack** - The powerful team of Alan Menken and Elton John produced a great soundtrack to an equally excellent movie. "Hakuna Matata" is still floating around in everyone's head, with the talented voices of Nathan Lane and Ernie Sabella.

**6. Indigo Girls, Swamp Ophelia** - Amy Ray and Emily Saliers, faced with the pressure of following their excellent album **Rites of Passage** did not leave many disappointed. Songs such as "Least Complicated" remind fans about their

beautiful harmonies and guitars, along with many other usual instruments.

**5. The Eagles, Hell Freezes Over** - Although their new songs do not take any great risks, the reuniting of the Eagles still proves that the group can collaborate to create a sound nothing short of beautiful. Forget about ticket prices, simply sitting back and listening is good enough.

**4. The Who, 30 Years of Maximum R&B (Boxed Set)** - This boxed set released this year, although nothing new, deserves to be mentioned. With fourteen previously unreleased tracks, studio tid-

bits and commercials not to mention the remixing of all their original hits and more (over fifty), this box is perfect for all Who fans.

**3. Eric Clapton, From the Cradle** - Clapton returns to his roots, where everyone knew he always belonged. However, not only does his guitar create the blues, but the effective-

ness of his heart-wrenching vocals also lend a huge hand.

**2. Green Day, Dookie** - Obnoxious, disrespectful and naked, Green Day have nonetheless created an album that has pleased both fans and critics. "Basketcase" and "Longview" erupt with enough fury to drive one into a frenzy.

**1. R.E.M., Monster** - Finally, a band is not afraid to break free of the shackles that bind them. Leaving **Out of Time** and **Automatic for the People** behind, **Monster** produces a hard rocking, power-chord driven sound that fits the band perfectly—for the moment anyway.



Ryan Hamill

**Bullets Over Broadway's** Chaz Palminteri and John Cusack.



# Gymnastics wins opening meets

by Anthony Cho

The girls' varsity gymnastics team began its season with a convincing win over Hewlett on January 5. The Lady Vikings dominated the four events consisting of the uneven bars, the balance beam, the floor exercise, and the vault.

Led by junior Lee Knight and sophomore Katie Kintner, the girls defeated host Hewlett by a score of 120.1 to 73.8. Returning gymnasts junior Christine Dziadul and sophomore Jen Affatato also contributed in the first win of the season.

Kintner said, "We are going to be a lot better than I expected. Everybody has great potential all-around, a lot of strong people."

Dziadul said, "We have no seniors but I think we'll have a really great season if we have clean routines and work really hard."

The second meet was against Manhasset on January 11. The team was

on its way to a second victory when the meet was disrupted. Officials determined that the uneven bars were not regulation and the meet was postponed until a later date.

However, the girls competed in the other three events. Kintner placed first in both the vault and floor exercises while Affatato finished first on the balance beam. The Lady Vikings are currently leading the meet and the winner will be determined in the near future.

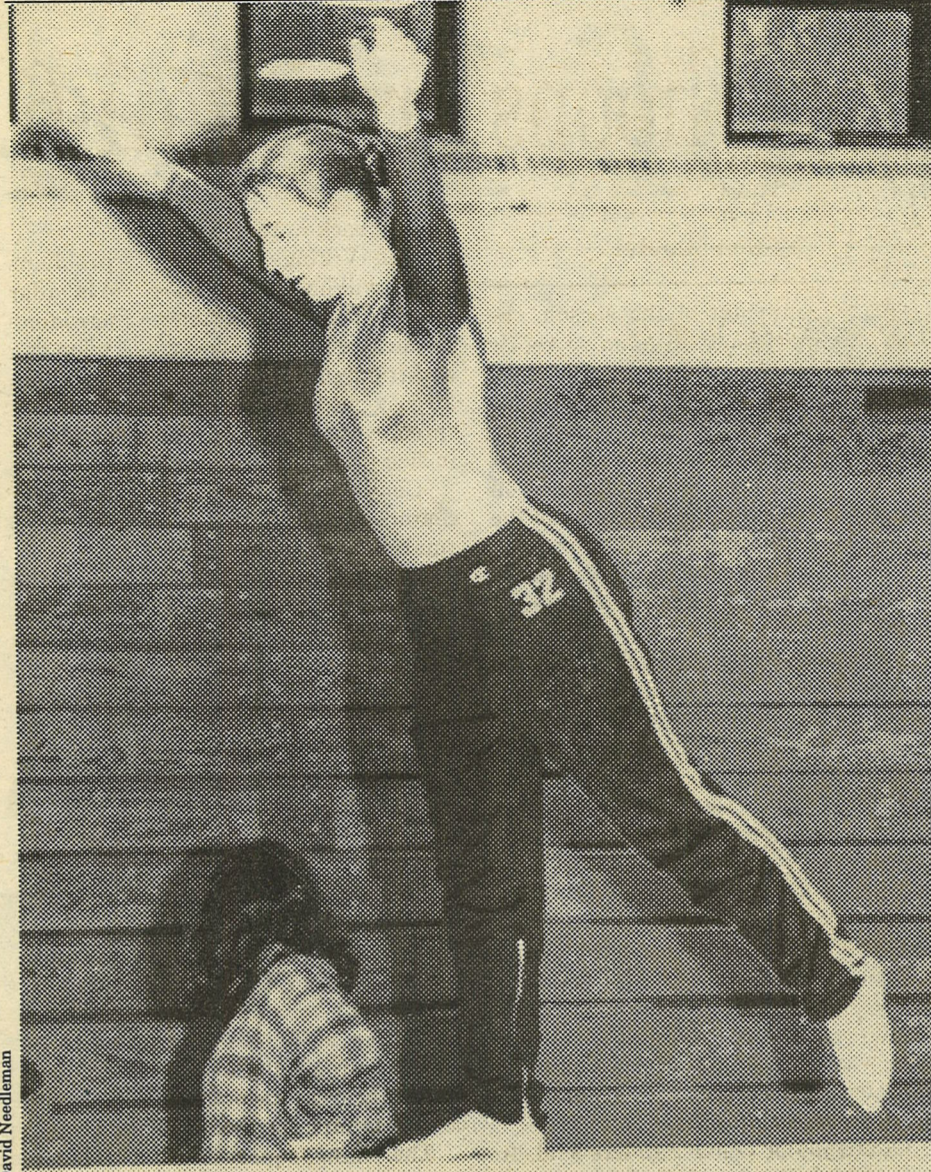
On the upcoming season freshman Bronwen Bares said, "I think we'll have a good time while we work hard. We have a really great team with a lot of potential."

After losing last year's top scorers Heather Vinarski, Larissa Comb and Jess Sucher to graduation, Coach Laura Cinelli believes the team is still very good.

Ms. Cinelli said, "I think we'll have a successful season and I'm glad to be here... We're still strong, very strong."

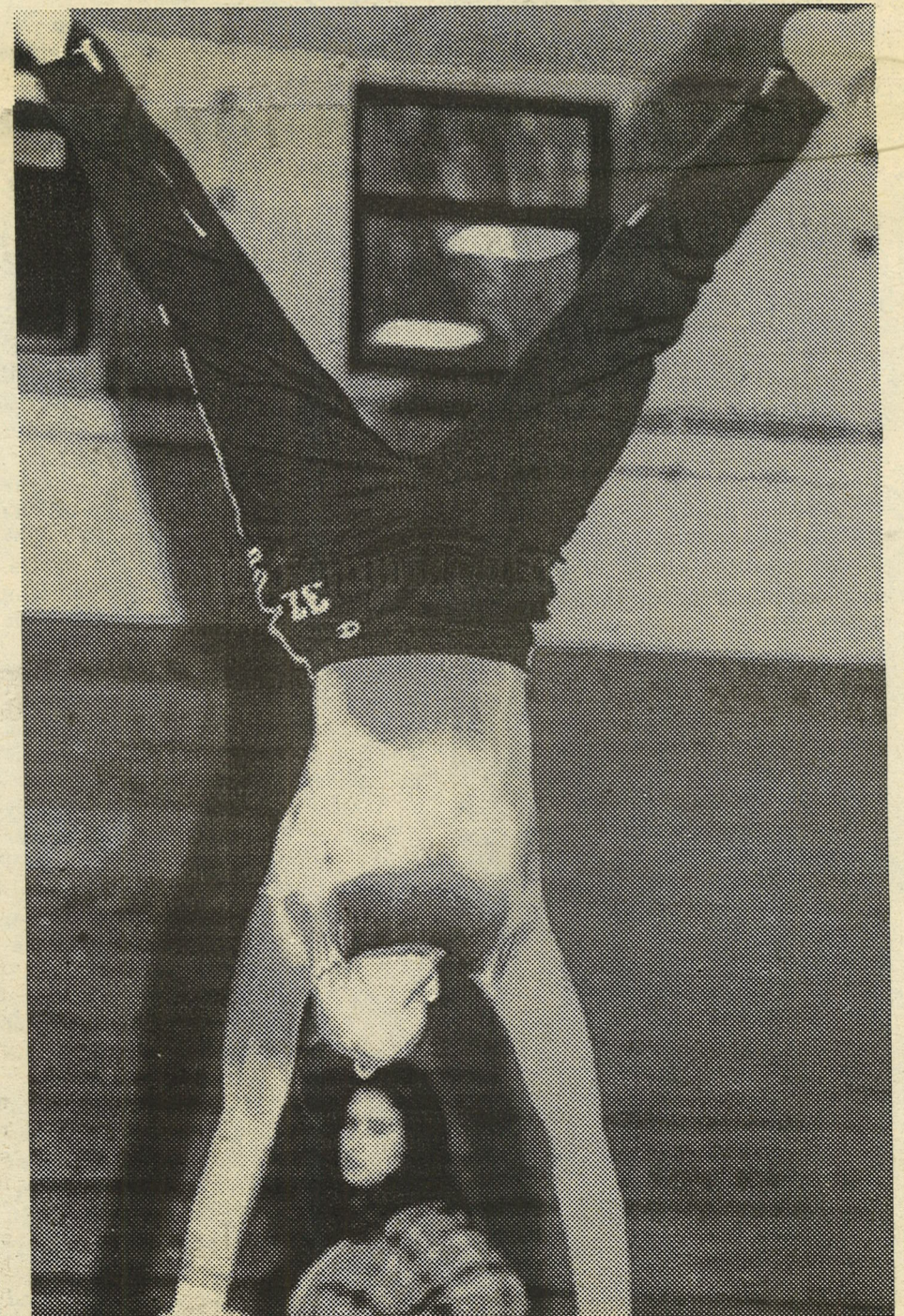
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*—Coach Laura Cinelli*



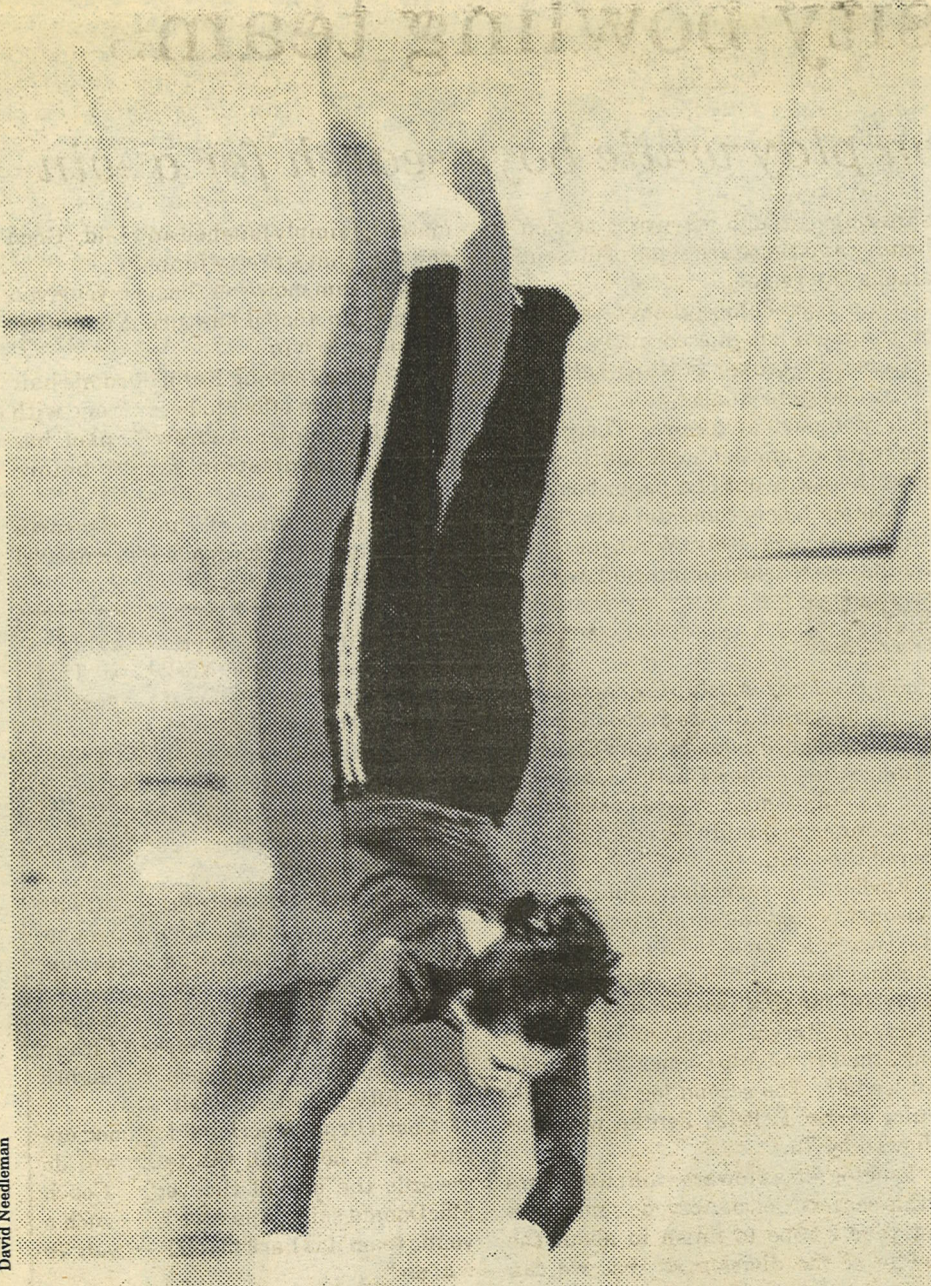
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Junior Chris Dziadul shows off her great balancing ability.



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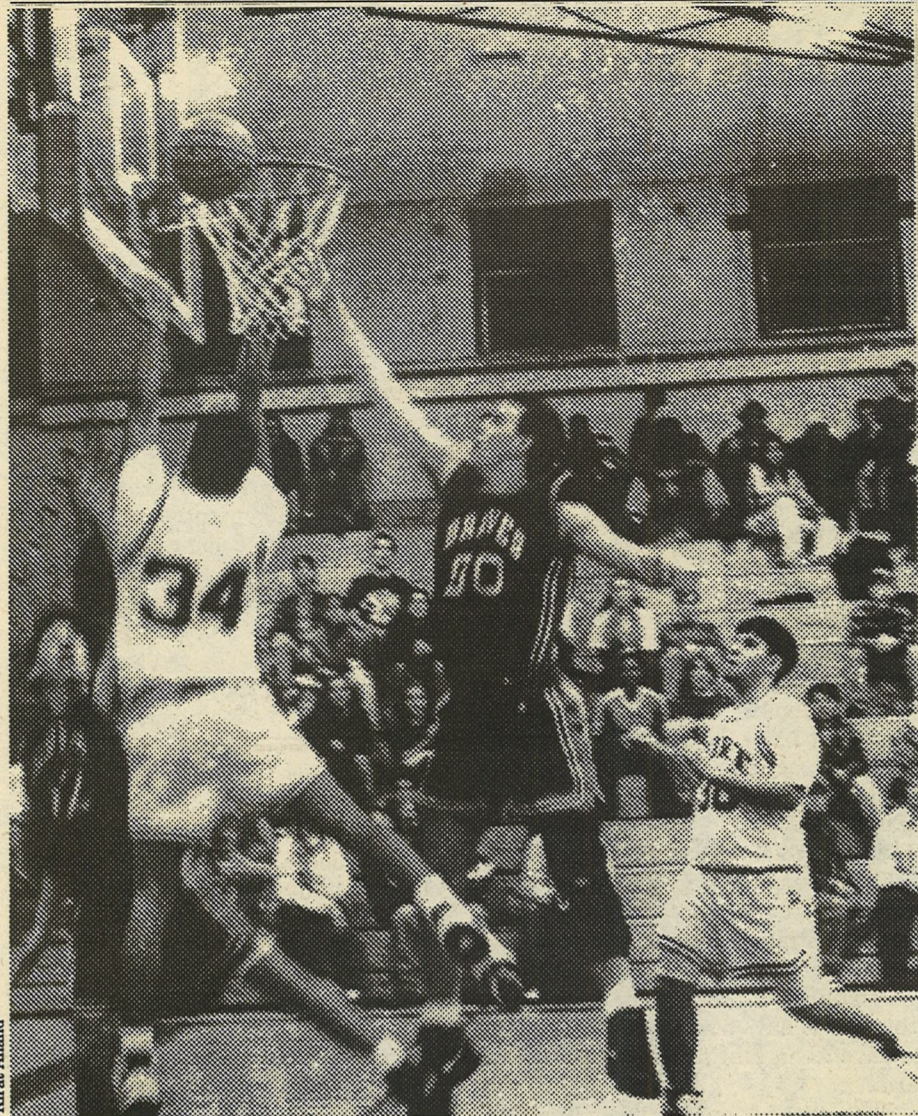
Junior Lee Knight does an impressive handstand.



David Needleman

Junior Chris Dziadul performs a handstand on a balance beam.





Senior forward Chaz Batson scores over Syosset's senior Michael Hanwacker as junior Carl Santelmo positions himself for a rebound.

## Boys' hoops drops to 1-6

by Ken Mandel

At the midpoint of the season, the boys' varsity basketball team currently has a disappointing 1-6 record. Since the Vikings' win on December 21 over Division, the team has dropped five straight.

The team's most recent loss came at the hands of Valley Stream Central on January 13, 73-42. The Vikings kept the score close for the majority of the first half but a run by Valley Stream at the end of the second put the Vikings down by twenty at the half.

In the second half, Valley Stream broke the game open. Valley Stream mounted a thirty-one point lead, scoring on almost every trip down the floor to make the final score 73-42.

Prior to that, the Vikings suffered another disheartening defeat, 78-45, on January 10 to East Meadow.

In the first half, the Vikings did a good job on defense, switching from a full court press to man-to-man to box and one. They were able to confuse East Meadow's potent offensive attack and shut down East Meadow's offensive stars. However, the team was not able to carry its galliant effort over to the second half and lost disappointingly, 78-45.

Guard junior Omar Sanders said, "It was a tough loss but hopefully we will

bounce back in the next game."

The Vikings have some problems which will have to be cleared up in order to make Port a quality team. There is one physical aspect, however, the team can do little to improve upon. Port, with its largest player measuring in at six foot three, cannot match up with other schools in size.

Center junior Imri Eisner said, "Our centers are the same size as other team's small forwards."

To make up for its lack of height, the Vikings have followed a game plan where all the team's points come from the perimeter. In order to be effective using this strategy, the Vikings must have consistency, which the team currently lacks. The team is frequently plagued by bad decisions, errant passes, and inaccurate outside shots.

In the team's one win over Division, Sanders said, "We were finding open men and hitting our outside shots."

To make matters worse, the Vikings are plagued with injuries. Forward junior Gary Maslow is out for approximately three weeks after injuring his elbow.

Maslow said, "It's frustrating to be injured and only able to watch the games. Hopefully in the upcoming weeks we will be able to turn the season around."

The Vikings square off today, at home, at 4:30 p.m. against Oceanside.

## Mixed results for Varsity bowling teams

*Girls' team looks forward to postseason play while boys search for a win*

by Joe Clemente

The girls' varsity bowling team is demolishing its opponents like a well-oiled machine. Thus far, the team is 7-1 and looking towards postseason play and a possible state championship.

The girls have enjoyed a nearly flawless year and team unity is high, even though the team suffered when their emotional leader Kristin DeLuca failed to show up for their last match. She was

so shocked by the fact that she had missed the bus that she was left ambling aimlessly around the parking lot muttering repeatedly, "Where's the bus?... It should be here... Where's the bus?" Despite her absence, the team managed to squeak out its seventh victory.

When asked whether or not the team could be stopped, Coach Vincent Dipietro answered "Nooooo, as long as our girls can remember to catch the bus, we can't be beaten."

The boys' varsity bowling team is

suffering through its worst season in history and there are signs of dissent among the ranks.

Junior Jon Pehlke, the veteran bowler on the team has missed many matches because of a broken bowling ball.

In addition, Pehlke said, "I can not deal with such amateurs. The guys on the team are nice enough but they can't bowl their way out of a paper bag."

Losing has become the expected result for the boys lately. When junior Rob Ioanna was asked if he had won his

match he simply laughed and said, "Good one Joe, that's pretty funny."

The team, however, has not yet given up hope. Instead it has turned to drastic measures to win.

Sophomore Doug Kahn dyed his hair jet black in an effort to become one with the ball. Junior Andrew Zankel has begun a meditation ritual before matches.

Hopefully some of these measures will pay off in the form of a much needed Viking win.

### Girls train for LAX season

As the girls' lacrosse season approaches, many players have begun training.

Last year the Lady Vikings finished first in both Nassau County and all of Long Island, dominating other teams. In order to defend this title, off-season training is crucial. The players must be in top condition for a season full of running, checking and scoring.

Fortunately, a program sponsored by the Police Athletic League (PAL) has offered lacrosse players an opportunity to prepare for the spring. Indoor lacrosse games have been scheduled by PAL at Nassau Community College from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Each game lasts one hour with a brief half-time and frequent substitutions. A team consists of fifteen to twenty members from the same school. Garden City, Cold Spring Harbor, Manhasset, St. Anthony's, Massapequa, East Meadow,

and Port Washington players all compete against each other.

The games are just as intense as the regular season except for the fact that these games are played indoor. Although the game play is slightly different, the girls benefit greatly. Many girls have been conditioned back into top form because of this league.

Junior Kathy Cho said, "It helps us to see what kind of competition we have for the upcoming season."

"It's good to have the practice with our fellow team members before the season actually begins," said senior Sarah Caban.

With the help of this competitive lacrosse program, the Lady Vikings are expecting another successful season.

### Injuries plague track teams

The boys' track team sent four people into New York City to run in the Sprint

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Medley in the Friendship Games on January 11. The team finished second in their heat although freshman Gary Yau was filling in for senior George Livingston who was ill. Senior Peter Clusener, the only runner to qualify for the finals, anchored the team.

Earlier this year at the Loughlin Games, Clusener posted the second best time for the two-mile race in school history. Clusener has qualified for the state finals in each of the past two years.

Junior Marvin Suria, who failed to make the Friendship Games semi-finals, ran leadoff. The second leg was run by senior Richard (RAZ) Zentko who was followed by Yau.

Looking ahead towards the latter parts of this season, Coach Acevedo said, "Like last year I hope to finish in about the middle of the division so that we can make the playoffs."

On the same date the girls' track team sent two speedwalkers to compete in the

two by eight-hundred meter relay at the 168th Armory in New York City. They finished in fifth place out of the twenty-two competing teams.

Senior anchorwoman Sarah Caban finished with the top time of the day in the eight hundred meter walk. Senior Melinda Kristofich ran the other leg for Port.

The team is extremely weakened with injuries to senior Alicia Cohen and sophomore Ruth Connors who have not competed all season.

Sophomore Justina Mintz runs short distances and recently finished fifth in the six hundred meter race and eighth in the fifty-five meter dash.

Coach Bruce MacDonald seemed unsure as to how well the team will do towards the end of the year. Coach MacDonald said, "Since we have such a young team it is hard to tell how well we will do."

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# VIKING SPORTS

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## Girls' hoops starts 3-1

by Ben Goldfarb

The girls' varsity basketball team fell to 3-1 on January 13, as third-ranked Massapequa came to Port's home floor and dominated the game 60-38. The loss to Massapequa broke the Lady Vikings' three game winning streak and gave Port its first loss in Conference I action.

Massapequa jumped out of the gate fast, got off to a 6-0 lead, and never looked back. Port's trapping defense was ineffective as Massapequa repeatedly broke the Lady Vikings' press with ease and came down the floor for uncontested layups. After one quarter of play, Massapequa was ahead 22-8 and had not attempted more than one shot from outside of ten feet.

The Lady Vikings were visibly shaken as Massapequa was in total control. Going into the half down 36-16, the game was out of their hands, and the Port girls would not cut into the lead in the second half.

The Lady Chiefs pushed the lead to as much as twenty-eight late in the third-quarter and were having their way. Port's defensive rebounding was over-matched by the big-women from Massapequa as the Lady Vikings continually gave up second and third shots to the Lady Chiefs.

Before the loss to Massapequa, Port had raised its record to 3-0 with a solid 47-43 win over Syosset on January 10. With the Lady Vikings down by one point, 43-42, with just over one minute remaining in the game, sophomore Laurie Ann Orr hit the front end of a one-and-one to tie the game.

Co-captain senior Beth Shackel then drained a fifteen-foot jumper to give Schreiber a lead that it would not relinquish. Shackel was virtually unstoppable as she scored a game-high thirty points. The Lady Vikings came up big in the clutch and showed a lot of guts to notch the win.

The Lady Vikings took to their home court to face Conference rival East Meadow on January 6. It was a shaky start for Schreiber as it turned the ball over on six of its first seven possessions and led by only one, 10-9, at the end of the first quarter.

Port started to pull away in the second quarter as sophomore Ana DiFeo heated up and helped the Vikings outscore East Meadow 16-11 in the quarter. East Meadow was beginning to have trouble with Schreiber's trapping defense and the turnovers were piling up.

With a 26-20 lead at the half, the Vi-



Senior Beth Shackel breaks the thousand point barrier against East Meadow.

ings came out of the break on fire, beginning the third quarter with a 15-2 run. With the Lady Vikings ahead 41-22, the game was out of reach for East Meadow and the game ended with Port on top 53-39.

Orr scored only two points but will be in many East Meadow nightmares as she was all over the court ripping the ball out of the other team's hands.

The win was a good one for the Lady Vikings but the story of the game was Shackel, who scored twenty-seven points and went over the one-thousand point mark for her career.

Only Schreiber basketball legend Christine Kubin has scored more points, with 1211. If Shackel averages approximately twenty points per game for the remainder of the season she will become Schreiber's all-time leader.

The Lady Vikings opened Conference

play this season with a convincing 67-55 win over Hempstead. Port's defense was intimidating, forcing numerous turnovers. Lady Viking junior Leah Wolk was a dominating force inside finishing with fifteen points and nine rebounds. Shackel was on fire, posting a career high thirty-six points.

Even though the loss to Massapequa was a big one, it is still early in the season. The Lady Vikings have the potential to compete for the Nassau County Crown again if they can pull everything together. If the Lady Vikings perform as they did against Massapequa when they face the likes of Farmingdale and Freeport, however, the result will most likely be the same.

Port will try to bounce back with consecutive home games against Baldwin on January 20 and against Freeport on January 27.

## Wrestling defeats Carey

by Ryan Silbert

Every winter Schreiber's wrestlers give impressive performances and enjoy great success. Each one of the participants shows grit and determination as they train under rigorous conditions. The dedication and commitment truly shows as Port is one of the top ranked teams halfway through the season.

Port's most recent match against Carey High School ended in a 51-15 win. Although some of the points were gained by forfeits, many were taken by tough head-to-head competition. Six points were each earned by sophomores Edwin Aguilar, Taisei Kikuchi, Kevin Meyran and Manuel Morales and junior Jeff Ahn. Another important win was posted by senior Charles Ham in a decision that added three points to the team's score. This win ended a two match losing streak against Herricks and Valley Stream Central.

The Vikings came out on the short end of a 28-25 score against Herricks. Port put up a valiant effort but was unable to pull out another win. Ahn needed only 3:48 to claim a victory while Meyran was able to pin his Herricks opponent after 1:00. Morales was able to pin his opponent in just 29 seconds.

"There aren't any great secrets to being a great wrestler; There is no question that it is hard work, and you get out of it as much as you put into it. Our guys put in a lot and it shows out there," said coach Bob Busby.

Just halfway through the season, many new and old faces alike have already proven themselves in their weight classes. Kikuchi has proved to be a force to be reckoned with, with three impressive wins against Glen Cove, Carey, and Wantagh. Other formidable sophomores include Edwin Aguilar and Manuel Morales. Edwin Aguilar along with his brother senior Freddy Aguilar, have already made the record books as being the first to win championships in their consecutive weight classes.

The next loss was against another one of Nassau's top ranked teams, Valley Stream Central. The loss once again was extremely close, 28-27. This match proved to be a great one for many of Port's wrestlers including senior Gonzalo Morales who brought home six points with a pin after 1:31 and Meyran who won a 5-0 decision.

Earlier in the month, the Valley Stream Invitational Tournament proved to be a high point for the team. It was at this tournament that Port took first place. It was no easy win, with Valley Stream coming up only four points short, 136-132. Out of the fourteen people on the team, nine placed.

Three days later, the team made their way to the well-regarded Glen Cove Challenge Cup where they captured a 28-12 win over Glen Cove and a 45-15 win over Friends Academy.

The wrestling team has a few tough matches ahead, but with the hard work and practice that the team demands and expects, Viking wrestling could prove to be a powerhouse.