



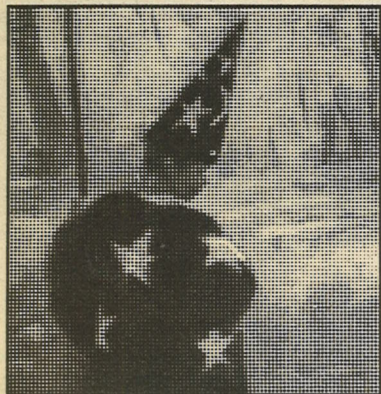
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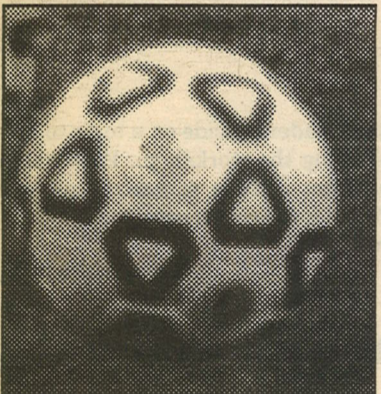
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Schreiber goes Dole

Clinton wins poll

by Josh Gewolb

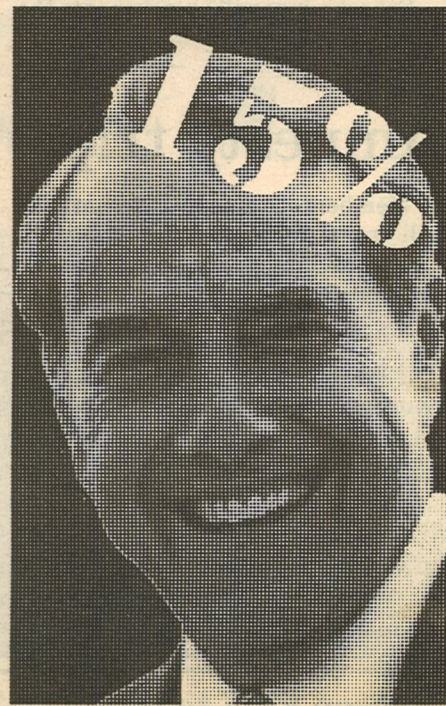
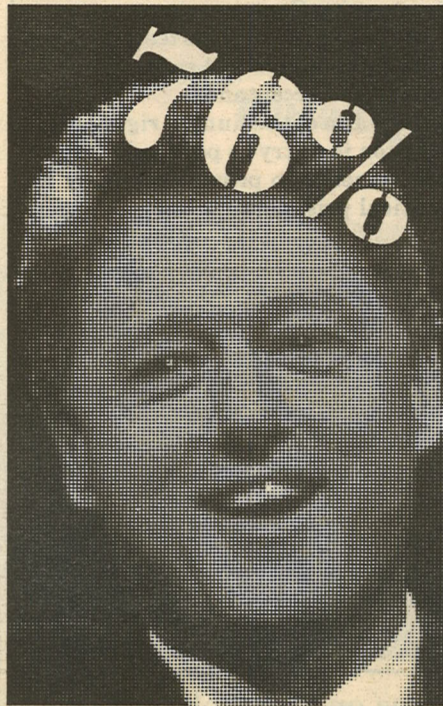
Bill Clinton knocked the pants off Bob Dole in a *Schreiber Times* straw poll conducted in selected homerooms on October 18 and 21.

Clinton received 76% of the vote whereas his Republican challenger took in a measly 15%. Dole received only 23 more votes than his marginal challengers, Ross Perot and Ralph Nader. About one third of the school, four-hundred-fourteen students, participated in the straw poll.

Despite their 5.1:1 preference for Clinton, students displayed widespread ignorance of the candidates' positions on the issues. In a separate random sample of 70 students, only 37% of participants were able to correctly identify Dole as the candidate favoring a constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget. Less than two-thirds of the students knew that Dole was the candidate who wanted to make it harder for women to obtain abortions.

Disenchantment with the candidates was not widespread: only 28% of the students said they were unhappy with their options in this year's contest.

Clinton drew voters from both Republican and Independent voter bases; only 45% of students identified themselves as Democrats, whereas over 75% of students voted for Clinton. Thirty-six percent of the student body marches with the Republican elephant and 19% are independents. One student identified himself as a Com-



Bob Dole promises to cut taxes by 15%. 15% of students chose him in a straw poll.

munist.

Forty-six percent of the four-hundred-fourteen students surveyed identified themselves as interested in politics.

On the other end of the spectrum, 25% of the respondents indicated that the outcome of the presidential election would have no effect on their lives.

Over half of the smaller student group

misidentified the candidates' respective positions on the budget and defense spending.

Less than 60% of students were able to match the candidates with their views on affirmative action and family leave.

The students were aware, however, of their ignorance: only 35.5% reported that they were well informed.

Graduation date changed

by Susanna Bass and Bradley Block

The administration announced on October 22 that graduation and the Gambol will be held on Friday, June 27, four days after the official end of school and at least two weeks after the end of classes.

Originally, the Gambol was scheduled for Friday, June 20 and the graduation for Tuesday, June 24.

Principal Sidney Barish announced the changes in a letter sent to faculty members and parents of seniors.

In a *Schreiber Times* poll, 59% of the one-hundred-thirty-four seniors surveyed indicated that they support the change.

According to administrators, the original dates raised some controversy among seniors taking the Chemistry Regents on Monday, June 23. Assistant Principal Carmine Matina said that he received several complaints from seniors and parents of seniors taking the exam.

Students and parents were also concerned that the tradition of having the Gambol and graduation on the same day

should be kept, Matina and other administrators said.

Barish said that the Gambol cannot be held before June 20 because the gym will be used by classes until that date.

The Gambol cannot be held on a weekday, according to Barish, because such a change "would require parents of seniors

to be available one or two weekdays and [that] could conflict with work schedules." Junior parents would also need "to be available on a weekday to take down the Gambol set."

"We can't be assured that every stu-

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What seniors think

Percent favoring	Description
32%	Option 1: Gambol and graduation both on Friday, June 20.
9%	Option 2: Gambol on Friday, June 20 and graduation on Tuesday, June 24.
59%	Option 3: Gambol and graduation both on Friday, June 27.

Results based on survey of 134 seniors or 45% of the class taken on October 24.

Coming soon....

Improv group

A company of student actors from the American Theater Festival will perform in the auditorium on November 8.

The group, which consists of C.W. Post students, specializes in improvisation and *commedia dell'arte*, a special Italian comic form from the Renaissance, based on improvisation.

The performance is open to all students. The group will choose twenty-five students from the audience to perform along with them.

School issues will be woven into the improvisations.

—Benson Jose

Amnesty trip

Members of Amnesty International will travel to Boston University for

the Northeast Regional Amnesty International Conference from November 8-9.

This conference includes seminars and workshops for all high school and college chapters of the international group.

Members of Amnesty have held several fund raisers to pay for the trip. For example, tee shirts and baked goods have been sold.

Amnesty International will also be participating in the March for Tolerance on November 3 at the Herricks Community Center.

At the march, various teenagers and interfaith leaders will speak about diversity and acceptance.

One aim of the human rights organization is to try to persuade foreign governments to provide amnesty for political prisoners.

—Kate Pedatella

Editor's apology:

Due to a series of editing errors, names of artists were omitted from several graphics in the previous issue of *The Schreiber Times*. The editors apologize to the art department for this omission. Narges Pourmand should receive credit for the centerfold graphics and Nahoko Hara should be listed as a staff member.

In addition, photos in the sports section were incorrectly credited. The editors apologize to the photography section for these mistakes.

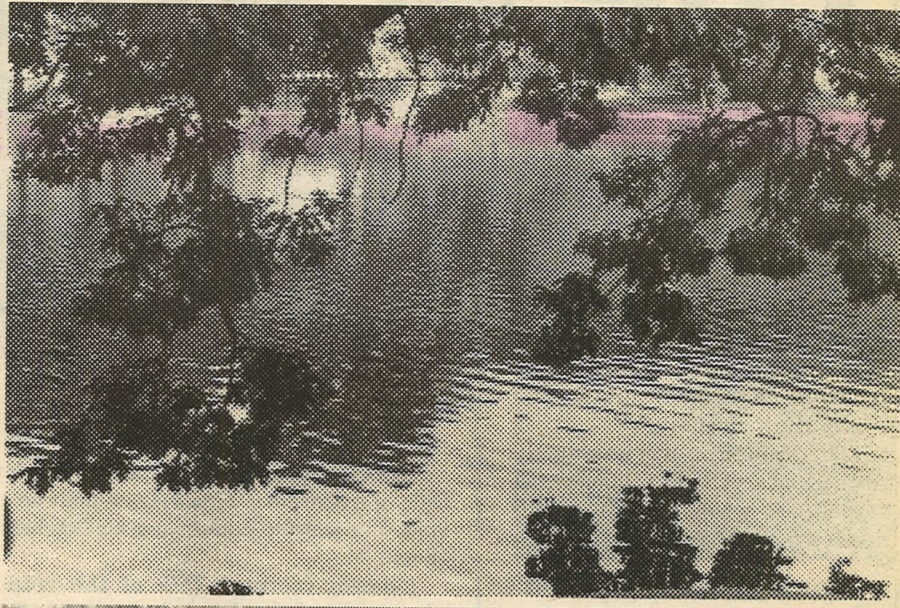
In unrelated business, the editors thank Ronald Costello for providing photos for the photo feature.

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Photo Gallery



Janine Helder (top) captures the essence of a placid pond.
Melissa Tiberia's camera lens (bottom) reflects the beauty of fall.

News Briefs

Key Club update

Key Club began the school year with a series of volunteer activities to help local charities, including walk-a-thons, fund-raisers, and divisional meetings.

The club assisted Playing-it-Safe, a group which works to prevent child abuse, at its annual walk-a-thon. Key Club members helped the organization with administrative tasks such as registration and providing water for walkers. The activity started at 7:30 a.m. on a Sunday morning.

Two weeks earlier Key Club participated in another walk-a-thon to raise money for a Port Washington based charity called Cancer Care. The walk began and finished at Manorhaven Park on Sunday, October 7.

Last Thursday, Schreiber hosted a divisional meeting for several North Shore Key Club chapters. Over fifteen students attended. It was the first time this school has been the host for several years.

Key Club is also continuing the *New York Times* for Charity program this year. Through this program, faculty members subscribe to the paper, and every morning members of the club deliver the papers to their mailboxes.

The \$150 earned per month is donated to the Pediatric Trauma Center.

On October 31, the Key Club will be assisting in the annual Community Halloween Party.

Key Club is the largest service organization for high school students. It is in the midst of a world wide service project for iodine deficiency syndrome.

—Benson Jose

Leadership meeting

The student government held a leadership conference on October 10 at the Public Library to help representatives feel more comfortable speaking in front of a large group.

Principal Sid Barish, who spoke of the importance of leadership, opened the conference. Following his presentation, the students participated in ice breakers and activities emphasizing the importance of leadership.

George T. Hamre, a jewelry and garment salesman for Herff Jones Inc., led parts of the conference and conducted the preliminary ice breakers.

Executive officer Nick Kovner said, "I think now people will be more comfortable speaking up and taking action."

Hamre felt the event was a great

success, because it "demonstrated school spirit, pride, and unity. It also served as a motivational lesson to all student leaders and taught the students that in working together, everybody achieves more. It makes them a team."

Despite disappointing attendance, advisor Trish Burr said, "I still think the event was very successful."

—Matthew T. Gewolb

Relationships workshop

The first communication workshop on relationships was held on October 9 at the Port Washington Public Library.

At the workshop, which was led by cochairs seniors Shelly Lebovitch, Abby Kurland and Elizabeth Mao, students discussed all aspects of relationships, the difficulties in maintaining relationships, and how to improve or maintain existing relationships.

Faculty advisor Carolyn Franks said, "I feel very pleased with the seriousness of purpose and dedication of the students, and with what is accomplished during each workshop. We have had positive feedback from students involved. Through the workshops, students feel more of a part of the student body."

Communication workshops, which consist of group discussions, presentations, and skits, are held once a month.

Student leaders decide on a topic to discuss during the workshop. Past workshop topics include stress, drugs and alcohol, abusive relationships, AIDS, and depression.

—Jeff Baik

Car wash successful

The Human Relations Club (HRC) raised approximately \$260 through a car wash held on October 8 for the Senior Citizens Luncheon, which the group organizes each year for Pride in Port.

Any money remaining will be used for other activities organized by HRC. Every year the Senior Citizens Center in Manorhaven invites eighty-five senior citizens. The HRC members and directors set up and serve the food in Schreiber's cafeteria. They also greet the incoming citizens. According to Cindy Polay, one of the officers of HRC, "The directors and members of the Human Relations Club are very excited for this upcoming event because we enjoy working with the community."

The HRC also has a contest in which SF Falconer's Florists allows students to create centerpieces for tables. The best centerpiece will be used at the luncheon.

The members washed forty-five cars in Weber Circle and charged \$5 per car.

—Benson Jose

Halloween Dance attracts ghouls

by Carolyn Chang

Fifty students attended a Halloween Dance sponsored by the class clubs on October 25.

The event raised only approximately \$200, the majority of which went to pay the disc jockey.

In addition, two \$50 gift certificates to Nobody Beats the Wiz were given to senior Kris Baker and sophomore Laurie DeLuca as prizes for their costumes; the two came as a ghoulish couple.

The student government also donated last year's Battle of the Bands tee shirts, which were given to the students who wore costumes to the dance.

These and other expenses actually outweighed profits, and the class clubs had to absorb a loss.

The original intent of the dance was to get students in the spirit of Halloween and raise money for the class clubs. Sophomore class club advisor Eric Begun also said, "What we're trying to build is a tradition of dances so they become institutionalized."

Class club officials were disappointed with the attendance. Fresh-

man class club adviser Patricia Raimondo attributes the lack of students at the dance to a variety of situations.

For example, the class clubs were unable to book the cafeteria the Tuesday or Wednesday before Halloween, she said.

Attendance might have been greater on these days.

Raimondo also said that students had to "take their participation in clubs more seriously and encourage others to attend."

Since the dance was held on a Friday, it was forced to compete with the weekend social events of the students, said sophomore class club advisor Eric Begun. "There was a lot of competition from private parties," Begun said.

Last year there was an approximate \$200 profit, which was divided evenly among the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior class clubs. Class clubs meet every Tuesday morning.



Senior Kris Baker and sophomore Laurie DeLuca were the ghoulish couple of the evening. The dance, organized by the class clubs, attracted approximately fifty students. Class Club advisers were disappointed with the sparse attendance.

Congress to run election

by Jessica Kirstein

Students will vote on October 30 and October 31 in the "Student Mock Presidential Election," organized by the Model Congress Club to increase awareness about presidential elections and general politics.

For the popular vote, students will vote by a hand count in their social studies classes.

The Model Congress will then mimic the electoral college by randomly assigning a state for most social studies classes to represent. Some classes will be combined to represent states with more electoral votes.

To help students make an informed decision, Model Congress distributed packets to all social studies classes explaining the electoral college and stating the candidates' views on various topics.

In addition, students received a blue form to help rate the presidential candidates on their performances in the October 16 debate.

Model Congress co-president Tom Eliasz said, "I'd really like to see more students in Schreiber get involved in today's political issues. The apathy among the school is shocking."

Pride in Port preview

by Melissa Brewster

The Pride in Port celebration will culminate this weekend with a parade on November 2.

Each of the class clubs has planned to make a float for the parade. The seniors' creation will be a model of a multi-colored hot air balloon. This represents the seniors flying away from Port Washington and moving on to new horizons.

The juniors' float will feature home sports. It will have an enormous football field with seven foot goal posts. A giant football will be aboard the float.

The sophomore class club will construct a rocket ship, symbolizing blasting off into the future.

The theme of the freshman float is Fall Harvest, which will feature picket fences, haystacks, pumpkins and leaves. The students will be dressed as

farmers and scarecrows.

In addition to the class clubs, the Girls Athletic Association and the Leaders' Club are jointly making a float. However, the theme of the float is a "secret" according to GAA adviser art teacher Kris Palatella.

The Latin Club will also be producing a float, whose theme is "The Gods Visit Port." Adviser Ruth Haukeland will drive students.

Due to the late start of the Pride in Port week, there will not be a pep rally. Traditionally, members of fall sports teams are introduced at the pep rally. However, fall sports have ended.

After the parade will be the homecoming football game. During the game, the community will dedicate a tree in the memory of police officer John Powers.

Ending the festivities will be a high school homecoming concert, where the band Stash, consisting of Schreiber alumni, will perform.

Clubs! Clubs! Clubs! Clubs! Clubs! Clubs! Clubs! Clubs! Clubs! Clubs!

Students start clubs

Friends Club

Junior Marcie Rubin and students in Evelyn Schonbrun's self-contained special education class founded The Friends Club.

The club was recently pumpkin decorating. About fifteen students participated in this event, held on October 24. They placed their names on ballots and picked names randomly.

Members then exchanged their pumpkins with the person they chose.

At the first meeting, held on October 10, members brainstormed activities for the group to participate in over the school year.

Ideas included picking pumpkins, seeing a movie, taking a trip, and a bake sale to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

According to Rubin, the purpose of the club is to bring students together

who ordinarily would not have a chance to meet through a variety of activities.

The Friends Club is advised by health teacher Meghan Freeley.

—Kate Pedatella

Kazoo Society

Forty students attended the first meeting of the Schreiber Kazoo Society, held on October 23.

Despite the organization's name, members of the Kazoo Society play a myriad of instruments. The club plans to go to nursing homes and hospitals where members will play their instruments.

The Kazoo Society also wants to go to local elementary schools and provide instrument workshops.

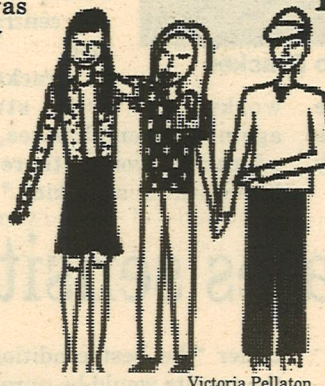
The club, founded by freshman

Matt Gewolb and advised by Joseph Mooney, had to get administration approval before it was allowed its first meeting.

Gewolb said, "I love music and if

we can use it to influence people in a positive way then this organization has been successful."

—Kate Pedatella



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Graduation date changed

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dent would graduate," Barish said when asked about the option of having graduation before the Chemistry Regents. "The tradition in Port Washington is that all students attending graduation are those who have satisfied the requirements. That is what the ceremony entails."

Other high schools, however, are able to avoid this problem. For example, Plainview High School holds its graduation before the Chemistry Regents, according to school officials.

It avoids the problem that the Regents poses because it does not give out diplomas during the graduation ceremony. All students participate in the ceremony and are given diplomas on a later date.

In the poll that *The Schreiber*

Times conducted, 32% of respondents favored holding the graduation and Gambol on Friday, June 20 and 9% called for holding the Gambol on June 20 and graduation on Tuesday, June 24. Senior Leila Nodjoumi, who backed the change, thought it was "ridiculous" to have the Gambol and graduation on separate days. "We should hold the tradition of having the Gambol and the graduation on the same day," she said.

Senior Nick Kovner noted the advantage of the changes for students

taking the Regents. "The change makes it easier for seniors who have to take the Regents. They can enjoy the weekend without having to worry about taking a test."

However senior Abby Kurland pointed out that the changes would pose difficulties for students who plan to take summer jobs, particularly jobs away from home. "I have to attend work early in the summer," she said. "Personally, I would rather have the Gambol and the graduation on the same day, on June 20."

'We should hold the tradition of having the gambol and graduation on the same day.'

—Leila Nodjoumi

Debaters win honors

by Kate Pedatella

The debate club, led by team captain junior Sara Weinstein, competed in its first Lincoln-Douglass Debate on October 26 at Kellenberg High School.

The topic for debate in this month's competition was "when in conflict, a business' responsibility to itself ought to be valued above its responsibility to society." The three students on the team—senior Ari Rabin-Havt, Weinstein and sophomore David Farber—had to argue both in favor and opposed to this concept in three qualifying rounds and achieve a record of at least 2-1. Weinstein was the only student to ascend to the next level.

Rabin-Havt and Weinstein competed on the intermediate level, while Farber competed on the novice level. The group is advised by Renee McClean.

Profile: Robert Bracken

by Jessica Kirstein

After administrator Alphonse Campbell's retirement on September 30, Bob Bracken assumed his new role as ninth grade administrator until a final determination regarding the administratorship is made by the school board.

Bracken worked full-time as the district's personnel director until this year when he was asked to replace Campbell. Bracken divides his time between Schreiber and the administrative building.

Bracken relishes his role as ninth grade administrator. He hopes that he can help ninth graders make the right choices so that they may receive a "quality education."



Bob Bracken

Bracken is happy to be back at Schreiber. After teaching social studies at Weber for sixteen years, Bracken worked in the Schreiber social studies department from 1985 to 1990. Bracken said, "I have always liked working at Schreiber."

After his five year stint at Schreiber, he worked as the district's Director of Personnel.

A short time later, Bracken became assistant principal at Sousa Elementary school. Throughout his four years at Sousa, he continued to work as Director of Personnel in the central administration.

Bracken is glad to be working with students once again. He emphasizes, "If you're in education, you're there because you like working with kids."

Barish advocates sensitivity

by Carolyn Chang

In response to concerns raised by students and parents about multiple tests on the same day, principal Sid Barish recently sent letters to the faculty encouraging them to be sensitive with regard to test scheduling.

The letters request teachers to try to accommodate student requests to change test dates if the situation requires. Barish hopes that teachers will not dismiss complaints about test dates as normal complaints of students who simply do not want to take the test.

The basis behind the letters lies in the fundamental purpose of testing. Barish believes that tests are used to assess what the students know about what is taught. Therefore, testing should occur

under "the best conditions," otherwise the results would be unreliable.

Each year, according to Barish, there are numerous complaints from students and parents about multiple tests on the same day. In addition, last year's Site Based Committee's survey on stress showed that students felt tests were major stress contributors.

At this point, the letters are only used to serve as reminders for teachers to heighten their sensitivity. Whether the teachers heed to the suggestion is solely at their discretion.

Some students have noted that certain teachers try to be more accommodating by allowing the class to vote on which days they would prefer to have a test. Junior Susan Graser said, "Sometimes if enough of the students in my class complain about the test date, the teacher will allow us to vote on which day would be better."

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Here's the point - if Karen had not found out about her abilities, she wouldn't have had the option. She would have just gone assuming that she knew what she was good at, and she might have missed something really important.

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Lally speaks to students at forum

by Danielle Lindemann

The Port Washington Model Congress held an open forum in the Weber auditorium on October 25, at which Port Washington residents were given the opportunity to question Republican congressional candidate Grant Lally.

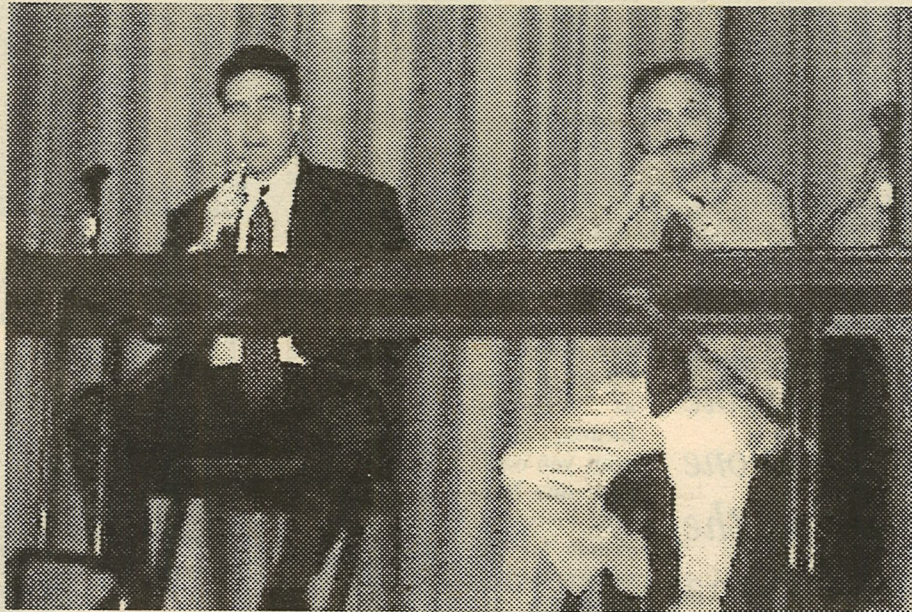
Approximately thirty people attended the open forum, the majority of whom were students.

The Model Congress club invited Lally's Democratic challenger, Gary Ackerman, to attend the forum as well, but he had to decline due to prior commitments.

Lally explained his positions concerning issues such as abortion, taxation, drugs, and educational vouchers. He also discussed topics which pertain solely to Long Island, for example, pollution and breast cancer.

When asked about his stand on abortion, Lally stated that he is pro-choice, with the exception of partial-birth abortions. He also believes in parental notification for teenagers seeking abortions. Lally said he supports a nationwide taxation system that requires people who make higher salaries to pay a higher percentage of a "flat tax." In other words everyone would pay an equal percentage of their salaries.

Lally stated that cigarettes are not drugs. He reasoned that, just because cigarettes can be addicting, they should



Congressional candidate Grant Lally seated next to forum moderator Ben Zwiirn (l-r) responds to questions posed by the audience members. The forum, organized by the Model Congress Club, was held on October 25.

not be made illegal. "Caffeine can be addicting," he emphasized, "and should coffee be made illegal? Should chocolate?" (Moderator Ben Zwiirn replied with a resounding "No, chocolate is good!")

Lally professed his support for the pending "Opportunity Scholarships for Children" program, which would provide \$1,000 and \$1,500 vouchers to students so that they could have a

choice between public or private school.

Lally also answered questions concerning pollution in the Long Island Sound and the high rate of breast cancer in the area.

While he said that water quality surrounding Long Island is improving, he stressed that there is more that can be done to eradicate pollution in the Sound. He also said that the breast cancer rate on the island should be studied.

Ornithologist visits school



Ornithologist Jay Teyan shows off a great horned owl. Teyan visited the school with his avian friends on October 25.

by Anita Jose

Professional ornithologist Jay Teyan presented a bird show featuring live raptors, to illustrate the features that the birds have developed to hunt efficiently.

The purpose of the presentation, according to science teacher Jim Jones, was to enrich his zoology class because it is "great for kids to see living things, as opposed to books."

The first bird that was showcased was the Kestrel falcon, which has pointed, angular wings, that give it increased speed to help it hunt other birds. Also displayed was the turkey vulture, which is a scavenger that preys on dead animals up to two weeks old. Because vultures must locate prey from above canopies of trees, impairing their sight and hearing, they have holes in their beaks that allow air to

channel into their nostrils.

Teyan also presented and spoke of the golden eagle, explaining to the audience that the bird generally hunts small mammals, but occasionally hunts and scavenges sheep and lambs. Ranchers, who often think that golden eagles hunt more livestock than they actually do, have helped to put the golden eagle on the endangered species list.

The ornithologist also introduced a Harris hawk, a bird that hunts cooperatively and perches on top of other hawks when space is limited. In addition, the audience saw a Great Horned Owl, a bird that is renowned for ridding communities of rodents and even cats.

The presenters of the Birds of Prey participate in environmental education programs all over Long Island and have been coming to Schreiber for several years.

NOW awards five seniors

by Carolyn Chang

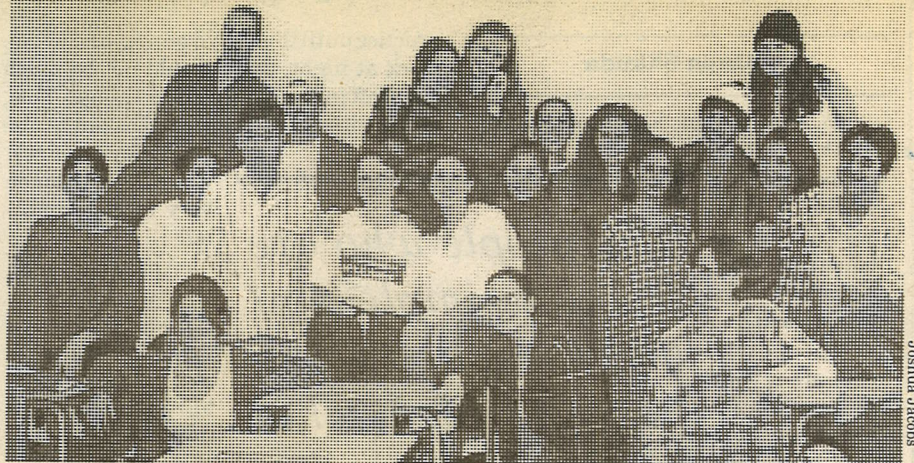
The Nassau County chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) honored five seniors on October 20 in its first annual Young Women of Achievement Awards Ceremony.

NOW commended Susanna Bass, Elizabeth Kass, Blakely Kay, Abigail Kurland, Emily Weinstein and seventy other winners for their academic merit, school and community leadership, and commitment to their extracurricular activities. They received certificates at a luncheon held at Hofstra University on October 20.

Kurland said, "I was honored to have won and to have seen so many involved young women."

The award, which was designed to recognize young women whom NOW believes will serve as role models for future generations, was open to junior high and high school students.

The students were nominated by guidance counselors Jennifer Biblowitz, Fred Buchman, and Kim Semder. The three stated in a written statement that they were "especially proud to have had the opportunity to nominate these special young women."



Seniors slept all day on October 25, the annual senior Pajama Day. Seniors bottom row (l-r) Laurie Ann Orr, Elizabeth Kass, and Vincent Lauria, middle row (l-r) Gary Schmirer, Kelly Espinoza, John Hong, Justina Mintz, Theodora Petratos, Cindy Young, Analisa Defeo, Liz Ezratty, Suzanne Doctor, Rich Chiovarelli, Leila Nodjumi, Caryn Davidson, Top row (l-r) Bradley Block, Mike Sobel, Lauren Weiss, Anne Wuerth, and Lisa Friedman posed during a break in AP English. Some students, such as senior Richard Chiovarelli cross-dressed for the occasion.

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With the absurd amount of money it costs to buy senior pictures, you can buy some wacky stuff

by Josh and Matt Gewolb

If you're a senior and want to buy multiple copies of your senior picture from Quasar photography, you can spend between \$65.95 for five "budget" photos and \$249.95 for a "super value" package.

No matter what package you choose, you get a truly super value. For \$249.95, for instance, you will receive fifty-eight photos plus "fifty class seals and the beautiful portrait portfolio."

Suppose you photograph with honors. If so you might be interested in the *magna cum laude*, which at \$229.95 is second in price only to the Super. The *laude* includes forty-three photographs of your beautiful face in three separate

poses. The photos can have a high gloss finish—"the sophisticated look of the 90's," according to the brochure—for an additional twelve bucks.

We would rather go bowling than buy a *laude*. For \$229.95, the price of the package, you could roll 68.6 games at Wantagh Lanes, according to Mark, the

manager. Closer to home at Herrill Lanes, however, you could bowl one hundred-forty-four games for the same price, provided you conducted the games on Sundays. Assuming

that you bowled three games per morning, you could bowl each Sunday till graduation and have enough money to rent shoes forty-eight and one-half times.

If Herricks is too tame for you, we

suggest a trip to Atlantic City. You can travel round trip to Atlantic City overnight five times for the price of the *magna cum laude* on a Classic Coach Bus, according to a company representative. If you need a portable toilet to take with you, you could rent one for 2.5 days from Help Portable toilets according to George, a clerk there, for the price of the *magna*.

Bug Us, the Port Washington-based exterminators, will inspect your home for rats, mice and fleas at any time during the day 2.4 times for the price of the

magna cum laude. One inspection, we were informed, however, would be more than sufficient.

Feeling antisocial? You can purchase seventy-seven feet of post and rail fencing from Abbey Fence in lieu of the *magna*.

For those readers with more refined tastes, piano tuning is a better way to waste money than buying photographs. Richard Cheshire, a tuner with twenty-seven years of experience, said he

would tune an upright piano 3.8 times for \$229.95. John Caranza, a professional piano tuner educated at Syracuse University, said he would go so far as to tune a grand piano 3.8 times for that price. Piano tuning, he informed us, however, is only necessary twice a year, though it might be useful more often for a high quality instrument.

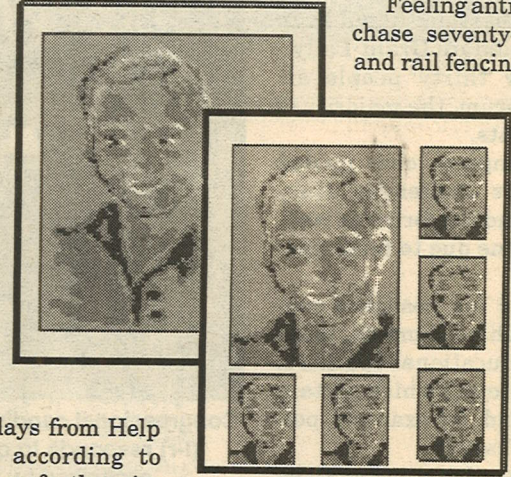
The Sharper Image has a long-standing reputation as a store where a lot of money can go a short way.

"We offer a wide range of products here," Catherine, a smooth talking sales representative informed us when we asked how a reader could spend \$229.95 at the Sharper Image. "Your readers might be interested in an item called the ultra-heart sound soother. It comes with ten distinct sounds including a heart, north woods, California coast, ocean brook, summer night, rain, forest, ocean and tropical cruise. The music lasts up to forty-five minutes. People place the units beside them when they read and when they don't want to be disturbed by a television or stereo. They measure 3.5 inches high by 5 inches wide. Two can be purchased for about \$229."

If you prefer the sound of a real ocean you can create one in your bathtub for \$229.95, according to Chris of Mutts and Butts Pet Center. Chris told us that you can buy seven hundred sixty six tropical fish for the price of the *magna cum laude*. What a deal!

Should you later decide to kill the fish, the Aldrich Chemical Company will ship one hundred nine point five grams of highly toxic N,N-Dimethyl-1,4-phenylenediamine oxalate to your home for \$229.95. Sadly, the compound is only available with a 99% purity.

The fact remains that the point of purchasing oodles of senior photographs at absurd prices is to indulge in egotism. You can wallpaper your walls with your image or make your every relative carry a wallet-sized photograph. Along these lines we offer two final suggestions: artist Connie Pointdexter will produce forty-six eleven by eleven inch illustrated "works of art" with your name on quality white vellum parchment for the price of the *magnum cum laude*, or Genovese drug stores will make 1,210 copies of a 4 x 6 photograph of your likeness. And you don't even have to be a senior.



Narges Pourmand

'If you need a portable toilet...you can rent one for 2.5 days...for the price of the magna [package]'

Block scheduling would be "the kiss of death"

Those in favor of the system must gain a realistic understanding of student life

by Aaron Shkuda

To the normal, hardworking student, block scheduling would be a disaster, but to an honors student, it would be the kiss of death.

The people who are trying to implement block scheduling have no idea what kind of stress students are under. The large amount of homework and

hard tests in most classes lead to extreme stress among students. Modular scheduling provides a needed rest at certain points of the day so that stress can be relieved, and it gives students time when work can be done. Block scheduling would take this valuable time away.

Block scheduling would also double the amount of time an individual would spend in class per day, and double the amount of homework. In addition, block scheduling would give teachers leeway to lecture for hours at a time. The stress that would result from implementing block scheduling would aggravate an already stressful environment.

The honor student would not be the only one affected by block scheduling. Students who participate in sports would not benefit from the system at all. After straight classes all day,

practice until the early evening, and homework at night, there would not be much time left in the day for other things. This, along with the physical strains put on the

body by sports, would lead to some very unhappy athletes.

Along with sports, other after school activities would be limited as well. A student who has just sat through three straight hours of classes would not be as likely to join a club, which would require the student to spend more time in school, than one who has had several

breaks throughout the day. This would lead to students not getting the full experience of Schreiber that the people who want to implement block scheduling also advocate.

There are many reasons *not* to implement block scheduling. More importantly there is no good reason to implement it in the first place. Some say block scheduling leads to a decrease in fights. I don't really think fights are a problem at Schreiber. Others want block scheduling because of the quiet, near empty halls to which it leads. Hall noise

levels have never been a serious problem at Schreiber either. Why do we need the change?

In the author's opinion, if block scheduling is implemented, there is one thing which would have to change. The size of the school cafeteria would have to be enlarged. There is no room to fit the student body in the cafeteria during the three (or even four) lunch periods for which block scheduling calls. Dividing the number of students by three or four yields a number that would violate fire codes if all of these people were to go to the cafeteria for lunch.

The final answer in the debate on block scheduling should come from the students. I challenge all those who are trying to put this system into place to take a poll of the students. There wouldn't be many in favor of block scheduling,

even freshmen without lunch mods.

We do not need to change for the sake of change. Block scheduling is

simply not a good idea.

We should not punish the many for behavioral problems of the few. We should do what is right for the students: keep modular scheduling!

'I challenge all those who are trying to put this system into place to take a poll of the students.'

NOW FOR THE REAL DEBATE

BOB DOLE

A candidate of integrity

by Alex Talcott

On November 5, Americans will have the opportunity to select the one person whom they feel should take over the most powerful position in the world: Presidency of the United States of America. I urge all voters to make the selection which is in their best interest: Bob Dole.

Education is most likely the issue of most interest among students today. Bob Dole believes that the quality of education depends on localization and expanded choice. Parents and communities, not Washington, know what is best for their children. Dole promotes and promises to implement an "Opportunity Scholarships for Children," program that would award \$1,000 and \$1,500 vouchers to students so they could attend either public or private school. In order to make a college education more attainable, Dole supports the Republican Budget Plan which would increase student loan funding by nearly 50% over the next seven years. Under this plan, interest paid on student loans would be partially tax deductible. Dole also looks to facilitate the needs of America's most needy students by increasing the maximum income needed for eligibility for the Pell Grant Award.

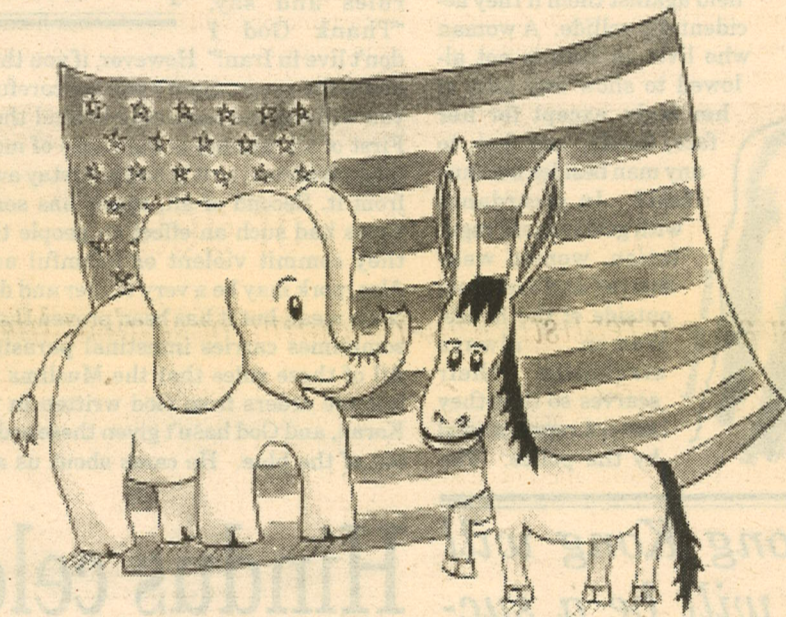
Despite living in a nation of controversy, Bob Dole is never afraid to make a stand on one issue of extreme importance, taxes and spending: On this issue, Dole has taken the side of the American people. The average American family today loses 38.2% of its income to taxes. These same people pay more in taxes than on food, shelter, and clothing combined. To combat this, Dole proposes a 15% pro-growth/pro-family tax cut, the elimination of the IRS, and a flatter, fairer, and simpler tax system under which nothing is taxed multiple times. To help the families of America save even more, Dole supports an amendment to the Constitution that would require a balanced budget. \$2,000 would be saved annually by a working family under a balanced budget. Dole guided the first balanced budget in 26 years through Congress as Senate Majority Leader only to have Clinton veto it. The truth is, if the American people have more money in their pockets, they can do more for themselves, their children, and their country.

Dole also believes that in addition to prosperity, safety is crucial to the American people. To provide Americans with such safety, Dole wishes to replace the Brady Bill with the automated instant check so all guns are made unavailable to convicted felons. He supports the peace corps program, abolition of parole for violent offenders, the mandatory penalties for crimes involving gun use, and increased funding for programs to reduce sex-related crimes. To keep criminals behind bars, Dole secured the passage of a *habeas corpus* reform which reduces abuse of the appeals process.

On the issue of abortion, Dole is personally Pro-Life yet tolerant of those who

disagree. He supports the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban which regulates the trimester during which an abortion can be performed. Dole also supports restrictions on abortion subject to the exceptions of endangered life of the mother, rape, and incest.

Another issue of importance to Dole is health care. His wife, Elizabeth, is President of the American Red Cross. He feels that self-employed individuals and small businesses should be eligible for the same tax deductions and low rates as larger companies. Dole also believes that medical savings accounts should be made available to all Americans to help them save in



Nahoko Hara

the interest of their personal health. As for Medicare, Dole's plan would rescue the Clinton Administration from bankruptcy by the year 2001 by allowing Medicare to grow at over twice the rate of inflation while still guaranteeing future availability. Dole supports Medicare beneficiaries in their right to choose the type of coverage they desire. As for Medicaid, Dole supports the redesigning of state programs to meet the needs of disabled individuals and low income families.

You may be asking yourself, "Will Bob Dole actually come through with all this?" Well, in addition to the fact that Republicans made Dole their majority leader in the Senate due to, in part, his honesty, few Democrats question Dole's word. Examples of this Democratic trust include former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley, who noted, "...he [Dole] keeps his word," former Oklahoma Senator David Boren, who asserted, "...you can make an agreement with him and know it will be kept," and Michigan Senator Carl Levin, who added, "...a person is only as good...reliable...or effective as his or her word. Robert Dole has earned much respect as a result of this."

So, on Election Day, be aware of the person who can correct our nation's bad and maintain its good: Bob Dole.

BILL CLINTON

Fighting for the future

by Lucas Hanft

This year's election is very important, for our nation will not just be choosing a leader for the next four years but voters will be choosing a leader to take us into the next century. Only one of the candidates has the right beliefs to make the next four years an era of building and development. This man is Bill Clinton.

Clinton has voted for the bills that will lead this country to the top of the world, and he has the right beliefs to keep us there. Clinton has worked hard to make health care accessible for all Americans,

Clinton will also strive to cut taxes. By fighting for bills that will expand the Earned Income Tax Credit by twenty-one billion dollars over five years, he has encouraged people on welfare to get jobs which, in turn, will cut taxes for forty million Americans. Clinton's plan for taxes is feasible, unlike Bob Dole's proposal. Again, Clinton acts on his beliefs; he doesn't say things simply to win favor with the American people.

As we plow into the next millennium, we must rid ourselves of prehistoric beliefs such as denying a woman access to choose an abortion. Clinton is pro-choice and feels that it is every woman's decision whether or not to have a baby. Bob Dole, on the other hand, believes that if someone in this high school got pregnant, she would have to have the baby regardless of her feelings on the subject. Dole has voted against every pro-choice bill in Congress.

Clinton is attempting to make our future better by educating the nation's children. He has expanded the Head Start Program for thousands of children, and he has made it easier for students to borrow money for college. He wants to make \$10,000 of college tuition tax deductible.

All Dole does is contradict himself on the issues of education. But the truth is that Dole wants to cut spending on education. Dole is quoted on record as saying that he wants to get rid of the education department in the government. Dole will only make it more difficult for young Americans to succeed in this world.

Furthermore, Dole has taken a clean presidential election and started to dirty it. How? By slinging mud at Clinton. Dole attacked Clinton's character, and he has made it a goal to make Clinton appear to be a bad man. In actuality, Dole's attacks prove that Clinton is a bigger man than Dole. He refused to retaliate against Dole and stuck to his beliefs and ideas instead of smearing Dole.

As you can see, Dole is wrong for the present, and wrong for our future. Clinton is a much more idealistic man. Only Clinton has the right ideas to lead us into the next century.

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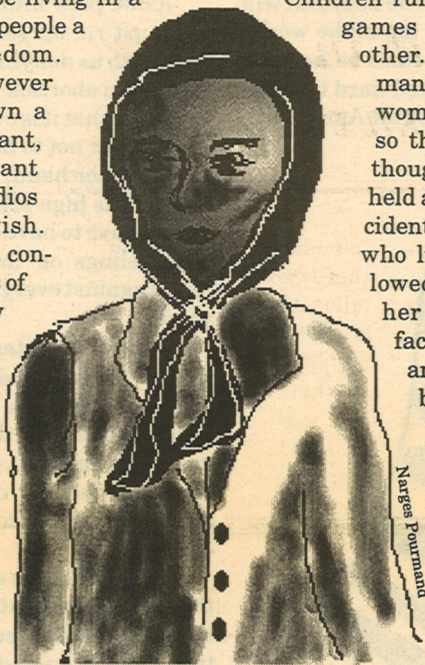
World Perspectives

Too much freedom is not a good thing Iranian immigrant defends her native culture

by Nazanin Farsidjani

People who live in America consider themselves lucky to be living in a country that gives its people a great deal of freedom. People can dress however they wish, chug down a beer anytime they want, eat whatever they want and blast their car radios as loudly as they wish. However, people don't consider the consequences of their actions. They also do not realize how different their lives would be if they lived in a strict country like Iran.

Iran is located in the Middle East and is a theocracy. The government of Iran is based on Islam, and it imposes an Islamic lifestyle.



In some ways, the streets of Iran seem like the streets in any other country. Citizens walk in and out of stores, often greeting people that they don't even know.

Children run about freely, playing games and talking to each other. However, Islam demands that grown men and women keep their distance so that they do not touch, though it is not going to be held against them if they accidentally collide. A woman who lives in Iran is not allowed to show any part of her body, except for her face, hands, and feet, to any man besides her husband. In accordance with government regulation, women wear scarves and overcoats outside of the house. Women always straighten their scarves so that they are not reprimanded by the police. The

people of Iran are also not allowed to listen to music, except for special occasions. The drinking of alcohol and eating of pork are strictly forbidden.

Most people look at these strict rules and say, "Thank God I don't live in Iran!" However, if you think about the government's policies carefully, you will see the reasoning behind them. First of all, alcohol is the cause of many fatal accidents, so it is better to stay away from it. Second of all, music has sometimes had such an effect on people that they commit violent or harmful acts. Also, pork may be a very tender and delicious meat, but it has been proven that it sometimes carries intestinal parasites. All of these rules that the Muslims follow are orders from God written in the Koran, and God hasn't given these orders out of the blue. He cares about us and

'The people who live in Iran do not have the degree of freedom that Americans do, but they have something more important: security.'

wants us to be safe and healthy.

It is true that the people who live in Iran do not have the degree of freedom that Americans do, but they have something more important: security. Parents can rest easily at night knowing that their children will not be killed by an intoxicated driver or a crazed lunatic driven to do harm because of a song. Also, they know that their daughters will not lure the attention of a sick-minded man because of the scarcity of her clothing. When one thinks about these issues carefully, he or she realizes that freedom might not always be to one's benefit.

'In my imagination, Hong Kong will still be fortunate and I will be a successful businesswoman who uses all of her efforts to make it even better.'

A year of change for Hong Kong

by Ngai Fong Chung

Next year will be difficult for all Chinese who call themselves "Hong Kong People." I also call myself a "Hong Kong Person." Even though I think that there is nothing wrong with calling myself Chinese, I love being part of the Hong Kong People.

Hong Kong has been a colony of Great Britain for ninety-eight years. On July 1, 1997, mainland China's government will take control of the island. The people of Hong Kong have a great deal of freedom under Great Britain's government. We should have the right to control our city, because, under our rule, Hong Kong's economy has grown quickly during the past few years. Hong Kong is not a little village anymore!

The people of Hong Kong are afraid to lose everything under the rule of mainland China's government. I don't dare to

imagine the government of the People's Republic. Maybe that's just because I don't know anything about it. I don't think it's a good idea to let "that government" rule us. We are the citizens who worked hard to get pride for ourselves. We should not let anyone or anything ruin our lives.

The only thing that we can do is to wait and see what will happen. In my imagination, Hong Kong will still be fortunate and I will be a successful businesswoman who uses all of her efforts to make it even better. This is not only my dream but the dream of all Hong Kong People.

I definitely will go back to Hong Kong before July. However, there is one big problem: I don't know if I can get an airplane ticket. I read in the newspaper that most hotel rooms are already booked. That means that many tourists will go to my city to see the change. I called some airlines, but they said that they know nothing about the tickets. I have to wait

Hindus celebrate Diwali

by Neetu Kapoor

Once again it's time for Diwali. Diwali can be described as the festival of lights, a time when you light up the house with beautiful colors. During the night, the sky lights up with many beautiful fireworks.

Diwali originated in my homeland, India. People have been celebrating this holy day

can be blessed, we put up beautiful lights and light up a candle in every room.

Families prepare beautiful meals to be shared with loved ones. To show respect, we also do not eat meat on this religious day. When all the guests arrive, we start to pray. We have numerous shrines and holy pictures to worship.

Afterwards, during



for centuries. Hindus all over the world gather and pray to their gods as a symbol of respect. Hindus get up early and start decorating their houses. People invite close family friends and relatives to celebrate this joyful day. The holiday is the day of victory, when good always rules over evil. So that our house

the ceremony we exchange presents. It is finally time for the family to gather at the dinner table and enjoy the holiday. After a beautiful day we look back and say we had a great Diwali.

Diwali is a very important holiday for Hindus. It is a yearly holiday that brings joy and happiness.

A good idea goes sour

Junior learns the reality behind college visits and tours

by Andrew Bond

I, along with my family, have recently begun to visit some college campuses. After the first few, I decided visiting colleges is a lot like communism. In theory it seems like a good idea, but in practice it just doesn't work.

One of the major problems with visiting colleges is that you don't go alone. If something involves college selection, parents tend to be involved. Most of the problems I point out regarding my college visits will have something to do with parents.

Trips usually begin with long automobile rides. "Why is this car ride different from all other car rides?" you may ask. This is an excellent question, and I will give an equally excellent response. Picture this: you wake up at six o'clock in the morning, far too early for a day that you would normally be waking up in late afternoon. You are then yelled at several times for taking too long to do everything. Once you're ready, your parents spend enough time for you to walk to the college and back getting themselves ready, yelling at you every time you ask them how long it will take them to get ready.

Eventually, however, you all get into the car, ready for a fun filled day, right? Hah hah hah, of course not! No; here your torture really begins as your parents try



to find your least favorite radio station. Luckily, I had brought my CD player along. Unluckily, I forgot to bring any fresh batteries, so I had to listen to 101.1 WCBS FM, the station which "plays your favorite oldies!" This struck me as strange since these were most certainly not my favorite oldies. In fact, I don't understand how the songs played by the station could be anyone's favorite oldies.

In any event, after suffering five hours of WCBS, you finally arrive. Now the fun really starts. You get to take a campus tour with an insanely perky tour guide who is almost always a junior in the honors program, majoring in communications, who has not had to sit in a car for the past five hours. I recall that this part made me especially angry.

While walking (for too long) around the campus, the tour guide asks if you have any questions. Here might be a good time to tell you that in college I

plan to major in something in the liberal arts and have no desire whatsoever to do anything even remotely involved in the sciences. I have made this extremely clear to my father, yet on every tour he asks about the science department. I then give him one of those "Dad, I have no desire whatsoever to do anything even remotely involved in science, so stop asking about the science department" looks. He persists in this inane line of questioning.

At about the middle of the tour we reach the "Statue of Some Guy or Animal Whose Nose Students Rub for Good Luck." They have one of these at every single college in the United States. (Special Note: I believe Schreiber should get itself a statue of someone whose nose we can rub for good luck, and that modern art thingie out front doesn't count. It has no artistic value, let alone a nose.)

When the tour ends, my family splits up so we can each tour the campus on our own. My father heads toward the physics building and remarks, "Hey, they

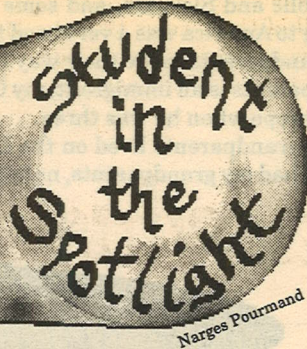
have a nuclear reactor here! Just a little one." My mother, well, I'm not quite sure where she goes. I get lost in the student union and end up waiting for my parents and munching on a candy bar (one of the better parts of the visit).

Finally, it's time

to go home. The ride back is pretty much like the ride there except it is darker and I'm not as tired. The radio offers a local country station, a ballroom dancing station and (for some inexplicable reason) an eighties techno-pop-bubble-gum type station. Actually, traveling through southern New Jersey we found an interesting AM station with a guy saying that everybody in America is going to hell. "Hmm," I think, "You mean I'm not already there?"

'In theory it [college visiting] seems like a good idea, but in practice it just doesn't work.'

Timothy Chung



by Anita Jose

Timothy Chung is a junior with a unique personality. "The point of life," as a friend once told him, "is creativity." Tim endeavors each day to live by these words, as he believes that we, "are God's creativity."

While Tim was born in Philadelphia, his parents are from South Korea and his two sisters, in the ninth and fifth grades, were born in New York.

He is a member of math research and likes to work with applied mathematics. Tim is active in his youth group and enjoys playing sports and using computers in his free time.

A typical Tim week is very busy, and weekends are spent in church related activities. Tim has a deep and committed belief in his spiritual and religious life. "My life is to glorify God," he said.

Timothy Chung has been involved with music since his early childhood. He has been playing the violin for ten years, and his whole family is musically talented. He has played in several school musicals including *Sweet Charity*, *Cinderella*, and *Dames at Sea*, and he will play in *Hello Dolly!* He has also performed at the Port Washington Public Library with the chamber music group, orchestra, and on

his own.

"Music reflects your personality," said Tim, with his usual blend of casual sweetness and intensity. Tim believes music can be used to enter the subconscious. "It is a very nice thing to have," he said.

Tim has played in the orchestra of the Manhattan School of Music. He has participated in the NYSSMA (New York State Scholastic Music Association) festival every year and since sixth grade has always earned a perfect score. Through this program he became eligible to enter the All-State Orchestra, but because of conflicts he chose not to do so. During the summer of his ninth grade year, he went to Europe and spent one and a half weeks in music school.

Tim has several goals in life. He intends to try to get the most out of high school, keep learning after school, major in several areas in college, and continue to be an active Christian. He believes that the purpose of learning is not just to receive good grades, to go to college, and to get a job. In the future he may work as a teacher, as a scientist (possibly studying the environment), or in the missionary field.

When asked what he predicted for the future, Tim responded, "I'm not sure what I'll be when I grow up, but I think it's gonna be all right."

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It is imperative that we cover the future in this issue as it is rapidly approaching.

The future, as one of our essayists tells us, is both tomorrow and 100 years from now. It is filled with UFOs and AIDS, overpopulation and great discoveries.

The essays here range from the light to the gravely serious, indicating students' mixed expectations for the rest of their lives.

Only one thing is certain: if we look far enough into the future, we'll all be dead.

FUTURE

Emily Weinstein

Looking backward

This summer I worked with a lot of twenty-some-things, many of whom have molted from the now-defunct term Generation-X and are hiding from further media abuse in Brooklyn. Brooklyn is the cool place to live now if you are rooted in New York, out of college and walking the line between doing what you love and eating on a regular basis. Now that I delight in actually being able to picture myself crammed into a dorm room, taking classes in Women Writers, Existentialism and Biomedical Ethics and eating infamous college food (which until very recently seemed an unimaginable existence), "life after college" has moved up to the space in my head reserved for the unfathomable and inevitable. This has led to a theory that with a little research and fine-tuning, may someday rock a world other than the one in my head.

As an extremely competitive and not entirely scrupulous eight-year-old, I remember leafing through the box of Trivial Pursuit questions and memorizing as many as I could, so that I might later beat any friends who would take up my challenge for a game. (Apparently at that point, the thrill of victory, however tainted, outweighed the thrill of pure competition.) One of the questions was, "Which city has more Jews, New York or Tel Aviv?" To research this topic, I trotted into the bathroom, where we had a large and semi-accurate Map of the World shower curtain. This shower curtain, consisting of a fairly distorted projection in which Greenland was the size of the entire continent of Europe, was the source of most of my geographic knowledge.

Thus, I give you my theory of the Evolution and Emigration of the New York Jew. My ancestors lived in the parts of Eastern Europe that caused my shower curtain to become obsolete very quickly. Some are from Poland, some are from what are now the Czech Republic and Slovakia, and some are from Russia. Back then, getting to America was a very good thing. And so all eight of my great-grandparents made their way to Ellis Island. Only one of my grandparents is an immigrant, my Grandpa Sam, who came over from Europe when he was three.

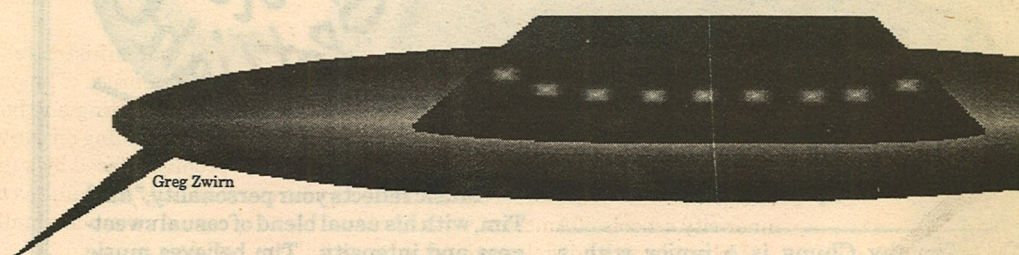
My great-grandparents lived on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. They had my grandparents, naming them things like Ruth

and Sam and Betty and Herb of names everyone's grand moved to the Bronx (my mother and to Brooklyn (my father the Lower East Side and into the world. Back then it was a very good thing. My Grandpa he was drafted into the army and he was an accountant and used to coerce others into ironing his shirts. He and my mother met each other in the fabled Bronx. They had my parents, who joined the Bobs and Howards. By this time, my mother's family moved to Queens. Grassier, who bought a house in Whitestone backyard.

The sterilized fifties soon gave way to the suffocating sixties. It was expected that American parents that they didn't have money to send their kids to Queens College for the both of them. They had a little luck and an evil plan that my parents met. They were the economic boom of the eighties. They were moving their little Jewish kids to the suburbs in Long Island and Westchester. Everyone I know has grandparents. Everyone's grandparents grandkids. Everyone's parents went to Queens. Everyone lives on Long Island.

When I get out of college, I will have enough money I will move to Europe. I will vacation in Prague, in the Czech Republic.

Some people reject Darwinism. They believe in creationism. They believe in God. If that's true, I'm not too worried about the planet of their origin. It'll be here in the fourth century.



Dara Silverstein

Freshman on the

The future is something that everyone is thinking about.

It is something that everyone cannot help but be curious about.

It is something uncertain.

As a member of the class of 2000, I always find myself wondering what the future holds for me and my peers.

We all like to think that by the time we become "adults," cars will float on a cloud of air and houses in the suburbs will tower high into the sky.

We need a reality check. At the 1964 Worlds Fair people predicted that in the year 2000 there would be cities underwater and on Mars. The year 2000 is only four short years away; these predictions are obviously not going to come true.

Students at Schreiber seem to be extremely excited about the

future, although some don't really believe it. Freshman Alexis Katz is not sure what the future will hold for her. "I do know it's going to happen, but I don't know when it will occur," Katz said. "I'm just not sure what society will be like." Other students base their predictions on the cartoon family the Jetsons. "I'm just kidding," I look forward to making predictions.

I am not sure if I truly believe in the future on Mars, but I cannot disagree with the fact that the future will be fundamentally different in the year 2000.

In the future anything is possible. We need to get out of control because you can't control the future. Remember that the future is only four years from now.

Jon Braman

A treeless future?

It is a glaring ignorance which has been growing for centuries. A terrible memory lapse that tears us from the lifeblood of the world. I don't know when we forgot that our connection to the nonhuman world is more than a casual practical acquaintance, that nature is more than an occasionally aesthetic supplier of raw materials. I don't know where we went wrong, but I know that we need to make serious changes in our life-styles in the future.

I am standing across the street from my house with my dog. The leaves around me are wet and widely spaced, clinging to the sidewalk with their stormy attachment to the Autumn evening.

There are no leaves above me.

Looking diagonally toward the green roof of my house, I see six holes, six scars in the sky, bleeding out the memory of three broad armed maples, a beech tree, a sycamore, and a majestic two hundred year old oak.

I wake up in the morning and see a dismembered trunk outside my window. There are more birds at our feeder this morning, but today their songs are nervous, their fluttering is displaced as orphans.

Sometimes it is difficult to hear. Virgin forests are leveled in Oregon. The stink of burning moss fills a thatched hut in Brazil. The statistics of environmental catastrophes are staggering. They are often too large to internalize.

I do believe that we should try to listen, recall our childhoods perhaps, or imagine the woodsy shrouds of our species' beginning. The cries we will hear are more than whimpers. They are cries of thousands of mysteriously dying species. They are indelible toxic scars on earth's surface. They are the merciless destruction of the primeval fabric which links birth to death, ties growth to aging, binds life to life.

And in the face of such pleas we have done almost nothing. We who are responsible for holocausts and wars of the most global and bloody kind, who have devoted centuries of energy to stabbing our

mother in her great green back. We have only begun to realize our fatal attraction to human "progress," only begun to recognize the trend we began toward complete annihilation, not only of ourselves or of a few endangered species, but of all life. All life.

Thank life we have begun. Thank life that although South Florida is a wasteland of malls and pesticide, Alaska is not yet a theme park. Some of us have begun the work, the real work, plodding earnestly forward through the mud of hundreds of justiceless offenses to the environment. Thank life for Green Peace, the Nature Conservancy and the World Wildlife Fund. Thank life for Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington.

When we look at the obstacles, too many issues. lives, so deeply tied to contrary and detrimental the living world. We body is at fault. It is for everyone. I blame no

present, we see too many obstacles. We see ourselves in our own a way of life which is con- to the ecology and health of see a world in which every- so easy to claim innocence one more than myself.

But when we look to the future we look for hope, for the possibility of smoothness, grace and endless life. We must also look for rumors of returning, for if we are to halt this trend before our lease on life expires we must return to a primitive understanding. The earth must inhabit us as we inhabit it. Not only is nature a "thou" as opposed to an "it," it is the body of the spirit and ideals which have sustained and will sustain for longer than our glittering human accomplishments. The wilderness is the last remnant of truth free from our civilization of masks, symbols, and representations. Nature is everything. As we are. As we are nature.

As we are orphans now. As we are a huge mass of lost children, large enough and strong enough to stir up a storm to wipe out the world.

The cloud has already obscured our view of ourselves and of our relationship to everything else. We must return.

Ben Brod

Education in the future

As we approach the end of the millennium, the problems in the United States educational system are becoming more pronounced. These problems include low test scores, low academic achievement, teen violence and drug use, and high drop out rates. The problems are exacerbated in the public inner-city schools of America.

Urban decay and violence has taken its toll on inner-city schools. As a result of overcrowding, bureaucracy, lack of funds, and inefficient administration, the inner-city public schools are failing miserably in their role to provide quality education for the nation's youth. In inner-city schools, overcrowding has produced an environment in which there is less personal attention placed on the student. As a result, more urban students are using drugs and getting involved in illegal activities. A student's unwillingness to learn could cause low academic performance and low test scores. Larger budgets would allow schools to purchase more expensive and better technology (such as computers) to allow students to become computer literate and perform better in the business world. However, because the inner-city schools are usually situated in poor, run-down areas, the tax revenues are not high enough to provide a sufficient school budget. Inefficient administration and bureaucracy provide for a waste of funds to finance unnecessary positions. For example, a school or school district might have too

many administrators. Money is wasted paying their salaries. The problems in inner-city schools are not getting any better.

Depending on the wealth of the community, the problems faced by suburban and rural schools are basically the same as those of inner-city schools except on a much smaller scale.

The proposed "basic" school of the future envisioned by the late Ernest Boyer will include smaller class sizes, a redesigned course curriculum more personal attention directed to the student, a higher level of technology in the schools. Unfortunately this is not likely to occur because of problems with the funding for such a project. Most schools simply don't have enough money for this undertaking. If the number of immigrants continues at its present pace, the inner city schools, and some suburban schools, will be unable to support such an immense amount of students.

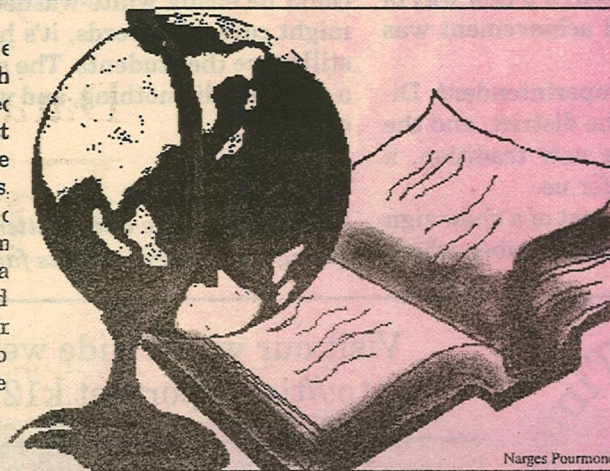
The overcrowded schools which are unable to adopt the basic school will most likely continue to drop in their ability to provide a quality education to the nation's youth. Class sizes will increase and the teachers would be unable to control the stu-

dents. Students will graduate from high school without a firm grasp on the five basic studies. Funding for schools will also decrease because of the increased amount of students. Since the schools would not be able to sponsor antidrug programs and programs against teen pregnancy, drug use,

and teen pregnancy will increase. The lack of personal attention toward the student will result in the rapid decline in the educational system.

Of course there is still hope. In 1994 President Clinton signed the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, which offers \$400,000,000 in federal grants over a five year period to state and local school districts that create a rigorous course curriculum and set high academic standards for their students. This sets eight goals to improve the educational system of the United States.

Various freshmen were asked the questions: Where do you think the educational system of the United States is headed and what do you think education will be like a few decades from now? "If it's anything like the movies, it's going to stink," stated Doug Morea. Shirley Cho and Stacey Dankner both agreed that "the gap between the good schools and the bad schools will increase." Dan Halperin said, "It's bad and getting worse."



Security Officer disputes quotation

TO THE EDITOR:

The October 2, 1996 issue of *The Schreiber Times* incorrectly quoted me in the article on student smoking. I never said that the administrators ignore smokers or do not enforce the school's policy against smoking. In fact, I said just the opposite. All of the administrators are quick to identify smokers and punish them according to school rules. We work together to do our best to prevent smoking on campus.

ARTHUR RODWELL
SECURITY OFFICER

The editors stand behind all quotations in the story as they were printed.

The Times concedes that the administrators should have been contacted to rebut statements about their nonenforcement of the smoking policy in the last issue. In a series of interviews following the issue, each of the administrators stated that they frequently patrol the campus for smokers.

Evidence gathered by The Times, however, strongly suggests that enforcement of the smok-

ing policy is lax. "Mr. Campbell was the only administrator that did anything about smoking," said one senior, who insisted on anonymity.

"I smoke in front of Schreiber every day and never get caught," said a second senior on the condition that his name was not used. A third senior said he has never "seen [administrators] patrolling the steps by Monfort." The editors themselves each see many students smoking on campus daily.

Though it is obvious that smoking occurs on campus, no students served detention for being caught smoking this year on October 21 (a date randomly selected by The Times), according to self-reported information from students in detention.

The editorial position of The Times is not necessarily that the administrators should be the prime enforcers of the smoking policy. To have administrators spend time patrolling the perimeter of the school for smokers is a waste of their time and district funds. We believe, however, that more action should be taken to curtail an obvious smoking problem.

Alumna regrets erasure of history

TO THE EDITOR,

Last Thursday, after reading an article in a local Port Washington newspaper, I glanced at the author's name and a brief smile of recognition crossed my face. It's not that I personally know the author, Sari Makofsky, but I know her name, because for my first three years at Schreiber I stared at it on the infamous backstage theater walls. I don't know who Sari Makofsky is, or what she looks like, but I know that since she painted her name on that wall that she dedicated part of her life to theater at Schreiber, and so we must have something in common. The difference between us now is that I will never get to leave my mark on the Schreiber stage like all of those wonderful thespians before me.

Last November, after much debate, the Board of Education accepted a bid for construction that included the painting of the backstage walls. At this time the Schreiber Drama Club, Performing Arts students, and even me personally made the deal that we would not put our names on the wall (thus continuing the old tradition) if a new way of commemorating our work and achievement was started.

We were promised by the Superintendent, Director of Performing Arts for the district, and the producer of our shows that a new tradition, a "better" one, would be started for us.

Their idea was to have each cast of a show sign a poster, and start a gallery at Schreiber which

would display all the posters for years to come. They felt that our (the students) tradition of painting our names on the wall had gotten too out of hand, so they wanted complete control over the new tradition. They were to be in charge of providing the posters, and then hanging them.

Three Performing Arts department shows have gone by and no posters have appeared on the walls. In fact, during the last show, "Dames at Sea," no poster was presented to the students to sign. The administration and faculty wanted to instill and have control over a better tradition. Well, they have full control over the posters and none are being displayed. I would hardly call this a better tradition.

After spending four wonderful years at Schreiber and becoming close with every Performing Arts teacher, I hate to let my memories be spoiled by unfortunate mistakes and broken promises. I fought hard to save those walls and accepted the administration's compromise with hope.

The theater walls were not something that could be easily white-washed. Though the paint might cover the words, it's history and influence still move the students. The administration made a promise, did nothing, and was then reminded of it.

SARAH ROSENBERG
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Times calls for political literacy

According to a *Schreiber Times* poll, students are disinterested in politics. The findings are consistent with those from a 1996 Harvard survey which found that the general public is apathetic about politics.

Disinterest in politics at Schreiber has resulted in students being uninformed. Only 35.5% of the students participating in the poll said they were "well informed" about the candidates.

Less than two thirds of the students in a separate smaller sample group were able to identify Clinton's position on abortion, but he won overwhelmingly anyway. Thirty-seven percent of students identified Dole's position on a balanced budget but they rejected him outright.

The Harvard survey, conducted by the University in cooperation with the *Washington Post* and the Kaiser Foundation, found that only 60% of Americans could name the vice-president. The group concluded that voter attitudes "did not always match reality."



Imagine if you knew as little about Bob Dole's hairstyle as you know about his views.

The Schreiber Times is more interested in political literacy than electoral advocacy. The editors are not endorsing a Presidential candidate but we want students, the voters of the future, to start educating themselves about politics before they start choosing candidates.

Following politics is incredibly important. You are or will soon be directly affected by the government. For example, some students are already taxpayers and others will depend on the government for college funding. Disinterest is dangerous and unwarranted.

If you want to educate yourself, pick up a newspaper or magazine at the library or access one of the several nonpartisan political world wide web sites (try <http://www.nytimes.com/issues>). Closer to Schreiber, students can participate in any of the several worthwhile programs offered by the Model Congress Club or enroll in the excellent political science course taught by Eric Begun.

Do you prefer Dylan Thomas to T.S. Eliot? You'd have to read their poems to form a preference. Similarly, you have to study the issues to pick a Presidential candidate to support.

Revenge of the Grinch

Students lack pep. The obvious remedy would be a pep rally. But the pep rally has been cancelled.

The Grinch stole Christmas. He stole the washers. He stole the blenders. He stole the Pep Rally.

The Pep Rally has always been held on the day before homecoming to rally whatever little school spirit we may have. This year, however, homecoming is November 2. This precludes a Pep Rally because the regular season for all sports (save football) will be over by that date. There is very little for which to rally pep.

One of the school's major faults is its lack of school spirit and pride. There are minimal turnouts for sporting events and special activities like Halloween Dances.

Although the Pep Rallies of years past

were seen by some as an opportunity to get out of class forty-five minutes early, they were one of the few organized occasions in the year when the school tried to exhibit a little spirit.

The Pep Rally made Schreiber (momentarily) the classic American high school it isn't. The marching band played, kings and queens of each grade were crowned, sports teams were introduced, and a student rock band played.

There is no Grinch. There is no one to blame — except, perhaps, Julius Caesar who created the modern calendar — for the lack of a Pep Rally this year.

It would be silly to rally pep for sports seasons that are over. In the future an event should be scheduled so our pep can be rallied.

Rethink banner choice

The Schreiber Times joins the Leaders' Club and the Girls' Athletic Association in disagreeing with the Athletic Association of Port Washington's decision to hang banners recognizing the boys' football and basketball teams in the gymnasium. *The Times* generally agrees with the worthwhile programs of the Athletic Association. In fact, we applaud the idea of hanging banners. We contend, however, that the Athletic Association's choice of teams to honor is at best arbitrary and at worst sexist.

Why honor the boys' football and basketball teams? Such honors would be appropriate if the teams had the strongest two records of Schreiber sports clubs. This, however, is not

the case. While the *Times* enthusiastically roots for the boys' football and basketball teams their records in recent years are inferior to the records of many other sports teams. Schreiber is not known for its boys' football and basketball teams. To take two outstanding examples, the school is known for an excellent girls' field hockey team and a terrific boys' lacrosse team.

We understand that only a few teams can be honored with banners now and that it would be impractical to put up banners for every team Schreiber fields. We know that other banners are on the way. We believe, however, the Athletic Association should choose a more representative group of teams to recognize.

Mailbox

TO THE EDITORS:

As Executive Board members of the Leaders Club and members of the Girls' Athletic Association, we would like to cast our dismay and disapproval over the process by which a selective group of banners are scheduled to hang from our gym. Presently, two banners of boys' sports (football and basketball) are hanging in the Schreiber gymnasium. We understand that there are supposed to be two girls' banners coming soon. We feel that if banners are to be put in the gym that they represent all sports.

We applaud the Athletic Association of Port Washington (AAPW) for its efforts in getting the banner project underway since the banners are to acknowledge the championships of all sports. We understand that financial constraints do not allow for all the banners to be made this year and possibly will take up to two or more years to complete.

We strongly suggest in the interest of fairness to the present athletes, that no banners be hung in the gymnasium until all of Schreiber's sports — male and female — can be represented equally with the tradition that the banners are supposed to represent.

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Graham: teacher, author & illustrator

by Peter Squires

Art department chairman Mark Graham recently published his first children's book entitled *Halloween Junkyard Dogs*. This is Graham's debut as a children's author, although he has illustrated more than fifteen children's books, such as, *My Father's Hands*, *Where's the Baby?*, and *The Dream Jar*, which came out last spring.

Halloween Junkyard Dogs, which was written and illustrated by Graham, is being published by William Morrow. The book is about two boys who grew up on an island, near a big city, who end up having a great adventure on Halloween night. The story involves mystery, magic, and of course, dogs.

Graham said, "I got the idea for the book while working with students doing drawings out by the Monfort cemetery." He went on to say, "Many of the characters and settings are based around scenes in Port Washington, such

as the water and the look of the town."

Graham is currently working with many different editors, art directors, and a designer. This is all in preparation for the final stage of production, the printing. Although the story for the book is done, there are still many illustrations that need to be completed before the book is submitted to the printer.

Graham has high hopes, that if he gets everything off to the printer in time, the book will be released by around this time next year. He says, "Even for a simple children's book, the craft of writing is very difficult, and I've had to make a lot of revisions."

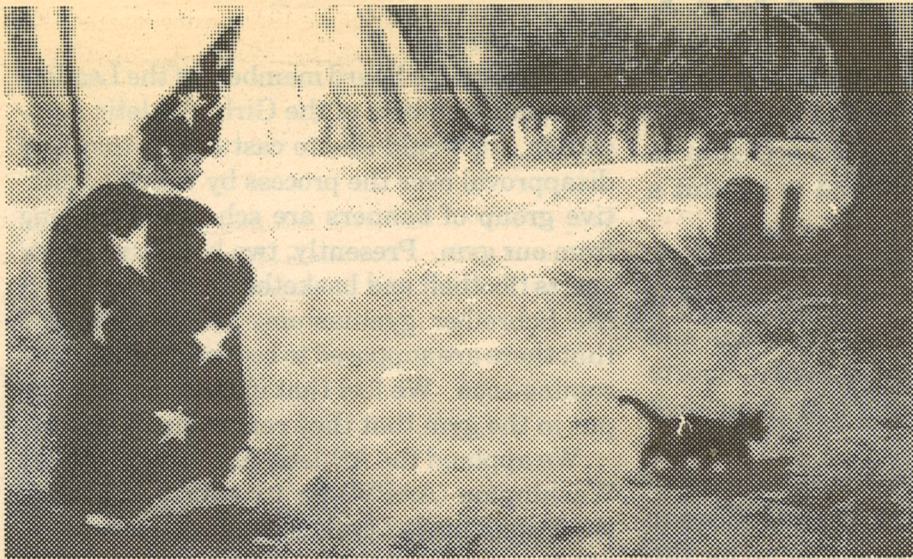
Graham's last project before the beginning of his own book, was doing the illustrations for another book entitled *If I Were the Queen of the World*, published by Simon and Schuster. Graham is excited about the release of this book which is scheduled for Christmas season of this year.

Graham teaches advanced placement art.



Mark Graham

The night is young for these trick-or-treaters who are having tons of fun on Halloween. This is one of many talented illustrations from Graham's book.



Mark Graham

The cemetery in the book is based on the Monfort Hill cemetery by Schreiber. The wizard child dares not cross the path of the black cat.

Drama club plans workshops

by Nicol Stavrinou

Drama club director Mark Gammel is leading two three-part improvisational theater workshops to improve first time and veteran actors' abilities to deal with "touchy" points of acting such as close contact. The workshops will occur on November 1, 8 and 15.

The drama club held introductory sessions for the upcoming workshops on October 18 and 25. The executive board of the drama club is coordinating these workshops dedicated to improving improvisational acting skills.

"Improv is one of the most difficult aspects of acting. It's important to be able to react to others on stage," commented co-president senior Erica Cave.

The sessions will consist of improvi-

sational games and exercises designed to allow for comfort and security on the stage.

Improv has been a major focus of Gammel's for a number of years now. His workshops and sessions, which took place throughout the duration of the 1995-1996 school year, were extremely successful. First time actors and stage veterans alike benefitted from Gammel's improvisation, technique, and speech workshops.

However, any performer would agree that among the three, improv was by far the most beneficial.

Junior Christopher Coady, co-president of the drama club, encourages all students to attend regardless of acting experience "because it's one of the less bogus workshops that you'll find at Schreiber."



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Can't help lovin' that *Show Boat*

by Melissa Brewster

"Fish gotta swim and birds gotta fly. I gotta love one man 'till I die, can't help lovin' that man of mine."

This is just one line of the many

musical numbers from *Show Boat* you'll be humming for weeks if you see the dazzling Broadway show. The show opens on a levee on the banks of the Mississippi River. Immediately the viewer is deeply immersed into 1887 life in the South. Captain Andy runs a showboat known as "Cotton Blossom," where box seats are thirty-five cents,

orchestra seats are twenty-five cents, and the ten cent balcony seats are "colored only."

When the curtain opens, you meet the beautiful and talented Julie, who performs on the "Cotton Blossom" with her husband Steve. Captain Andy's daughter Magnolia is sad when Julie and Steve leave. While Magnolia pines for love, she meets Ravenal. They fall in love and become the stars of "Cotton Blossom." When they are married, they move to Chicago.

Life continues on the showboat, complete with its good fortune and surprising tragedies. Time passes, with the discovery of electricity and the coming of war. You, the viewer, meet Ellie and Frank (two comics), as well as Joe who sings the foreboding song "Ol' Man River." Showboat ends with the Roaring Twenties, the Jazz Age, the Stock Market crash and the Great Depression.

Show Boat, although an entertaining musical, does have a serious philosophical point to make: "Time is a river, the mighty force of its steady, unending flow shapes and alters the course of history and people's lives."

Show Boat was thoroughly enjoyable. The costumes, with their minute details, were exquisite. Women's bristles start large and get flatter as the show progresses. Silhouettes of the performers change from bristle line to knee length flapper dresses. Even men's hats vary significantly as the show progresses. The set is excellent, and each scene is distinctly portrayed.

Show Boat originally opened on Broad-

way in 1927, featuring a score written by Jerome Kein and Oscar Hammerstein II. This 1994 version is a blend of the 1927 production, the 1936 film, and the 1946 Broadway revival. *Show Boat* will be closing this January to go on tour. Tickets are pricey, but the performance is worth the trip to Manhattan's Gershwin Theater. The novel *Show Boat* by Edna Ferber is also worth reading.



John Cullum and Carole Shelley playing Captain Andy and Parthy, respectively. They look on in sorrow as the "Cotton Blossom" lifts anchor.



Lonette McKee plays the part of Julie. She sings of her long lost beloved "Bill."

Catherine Ashmore for the Gershwin Theater

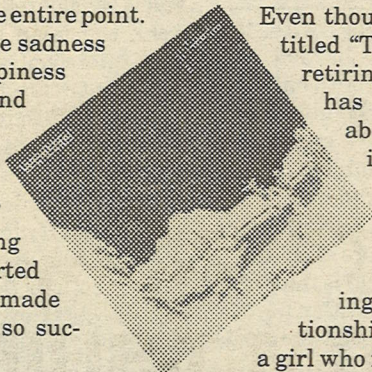
Weezer's *Pinkerton*

by Aaron Shkuda

Amid little fanfare, Weezer released its second album, *Pinkerton*, on September 23. Fifties references and songs about articles of clothing are featured, but if that's all you like about Weezer, then you're missing the entire point. Weezer sings about the sadness and bittersweet happiness involved in rejection and dreaming of the life of those deemed by the social hierarchy of the world as "losers."

These things, along with their catchy distorted guitar songs, are what made Weezer's first album so successful.

The musical elements of Weezer haven't changed much. The songs on *Pinkerton* are as catchy as ever, and their guitars create a fuzzy background of distorted, constant noise. The only real change in guitars is that it seems that the band has invested some of the money it made from its first album in a new distortion pedal. The drums have gotten louder, but the beats remain quite simple. One different song, from a musical standpoint (besides the acoustic "Butterfly") is



"El-scorcho." It's a mix of singing that's almost rapping, chanting choruses, and wild, spontaneous tempo changes. This might sound strange to some, but take in mind that the song was good enough to be chosen as the first single off the album.

The real difference in *Pinkerton* is the more positive songs, with an element of sadness and longing still apparent.

Even though one of the songs is entitled "The Good Life," it is about retiring to a life of fun that one has lost. "No Other One" is about a bad relationship that is not ended because of the fear of loneliness. Surprisingly enough, there is a song on *Pinkerton* that is all happiness. "Falling For You" is about a relationship finally working out with a girl who is supposedly too "cool" for someone.

Of course, there are the classic Weezer songs about unquenched desire for that special someone, but this time there are some unique twists. "Pink Triangle" is about being rejected after proposing because the girl turns out to be a lesbian, and "Across the Sea" is about a fan of Rivers who writes him from Japan. All these troubles lead to the inevitable conclusion of giving up.

Everyone who likes Weezer or music in that genre should appreciate *Pinkerton*.

Sleepers is a must see

by Dan Katz

Sleepers tells two stories concerning a group of inner-city kids. Acclaimed filmmaker Barry Levinson directs an all-star cast that includes Brad Pitt (Mike), Robert De Niro (Father Bobby), Kevin Bacon (Shawn Nokes), and Dustin Hoffman (Dan Snyder) in this thought provoking drama.

The first of the stories takes place in the '60s when Mike, John, Tommy and Shakes are still boys. They wander the streets of New York, doing anything to get a buck, whether it is a job for the church or the mob. Their best friend is Father Bobby, a wisecracking, cigarette smoking priest who doesn't believe in judging people.

One day, the four friends decide to pull a prank, like they do every now and then. Shakes went up to a hot dog vender and ordered a hot dog. When the vender gave it to him, he took off without paying, and the vender ran after him. While he ran, the other three boys went to the stand and stuffed their faces. After that, they pushed the hot dog stand down a flight of stairs. It should have been a harmless prank to get free food, but unfortunately it ended up in murder.

The boys were sentenced to a year in juvenile detention, during which they

were physically and sexually abused by a sadistic guard, Shawn Nokes. They emerged mentally scarred for life.

The second story, which happens to be a courtroom drama, starts off when John and Tommy, now adults and hardened criminals, murder Nokes for what he did to them over a decade earlier. Shakes and Mike discover their plan. Mike, now an anti-social lawyer, approaches Shakes with a scheme to get their old friends off the hook, and at the same time get back at the other guards who tortured them. Mike's plan includes acting as the prosecution, getting favors from the mob, and getting their old friend Father Bobby to lie on the witness stand.

Sleepers is a tear jerking, nauseating, and often frightening work of art. It has an excellent story line, and is brilliantly directed, but the best part is the cast, especially Bacon, De Niro, and Hoffman. Bacon's role as the villain is dazzling. The first time the audience sees Bacon's character, it already despises him. De Niro's performance as a tough guy priest with a heart of gold is wonderful. Dustin Hoffman is remarkably witty as the has-been-junkie who defends John and Tommy. *Sleepers* is a fast paced ride into the world of murder and revenge.

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Girls' soccer falls in overtime

by Eunice Kim

Members of the girls' varsity soccer team were labeled as underdogs coming into their first playoff game against Oceanside. Although Port finished first in its conference, the Lady Vikings were facing a conference one team which placed second in their conference. Despite the odds the Lady Vikings concentrated their energy to play a well executed game, unfortunately falling one goal short in the second half of overtime to lose by a close score of 2-3.

From the bus ride to the practice before the big game, Port created a sense of teamwork and team spirit. Port's enthusiasm led team members to believe that they worked and executed well that they could go against all odds and come home victorious. The Lady Vikings were led by twelve veteran seniors yearning to advance to the next game.

Coming into the first half the girls came onto the field carrying with them their optimism. Port clearly dominated the first half with the excellent work of the defense. However Oceanside, having the first possession, kicked it up the field with an early breakaway. The defense hustled back and saved Port from an early goal. Senior goalie Candice Fordin quickly recovered the ball and kicked it high and far in the air, perfectly placing the ball in front of junior Lauren Bracchi. Bracchi quickly passed it toward the other forward, junior Roberta Meo. She dribbled the ball swiftly passed the defenders and shot the ball, but unfortunately it floated above the crossbar. The several goal attempts by Oceanside were diminished by Port's incredible defensive line. Oceanside brought tense moments in front of the goalie box but the defense shot down Oceanside's second chance in scoring. As

the opponents brought up the ball again they shot, and Fordin watched the ball dribble by her fingers. Oceanside came through with the first goal of the game taking the lead 1-0. Now in a must score situation Port brought back its dominance both offensively and defensively. Port took several shots on goal but Oceanside's excellent defense was able to clear the ball each time. Finally with five minutes left in the half; Bracchi perfectly centered the ball in front of Meo, leaving her to kick the ball into the net, as the team tied the game at one a piece. Both teams anxious to end the game with a lead, dove and slid to get possession of the ball. A corner kick by senior half back Chrissi Corbisiero, with two minutes left in the half, booted the ball over the heads of Oceanside's defense and was found in front of junior Michelle Viana's foot. She placed the ball on the top right corner, bewildering Oceanside's goalie, gaining the lead with the score 2-1, and ending the half.

Coming into the second half Port started off with possession of the ball, but the direction was quickly changed and taken away by the opposing team. Once again Port's goalie came through to save the day with a much needed save. Oceanside's feeling of vengeance was in the air, and Port knew that if neither of them scored the Lady Vikings would be victorious. With five minutes left in the second half, the Viking defense was rattled by the attack made by Oceanside's offensive line. It was only a matter of seconds before Oceanside tied the game with a goal. Although the game was ended in a tie, senior captain Katie Kintner confidently said "This is our game, this is our game!"

Coming into overtime the Lady Vikings were cheered by the incredible support of the faithful fans. Screaming and



Senior Catherine DiBenedetto burns a Valley Stream Central defender. After toasting one Di opponent, she moves downfield to toast another.

hollering by the fans brought the feeling of a home field game. Amazed by the fans' support, the girls could not help but turn around and smile. Corbisiero started off with the ball. She passed to Meo, but the ball was misjudged and was snatched by Oceanside's goalie. Both sides worked hard to gain possession of the ball, and several players from both sides were given yellow cards for their energy. Once again Corbisiero, off an indirect kick, passed it to Bracchi. Unfortunately Oceanside's defense was able to clear the ball. With a minute left in the first half of overtime, senior Catherine DiBenedetto took Port's last attempt at a goal with a hard shot saved by the goalie.

In the second half of overtime, both teams were exhausted. Nevertheless Port managed to show its excellence again,

bringing the ball down early and shooting wide. Suddenly Oceanside came out on a surge kicking the ball down the field, and passing Port's defense to score the winning goal. But Port never gave up and continued to give its best effort. A corner kick by Chrissi Corbisiero to senior Wendy Zuluaga was shot wide, and the momentum turned once again. Senior Emily Friedman came from across the field and shut down the Oceanside offense. She passed it to Corbisiero, who then passed it to Bracchi. Doing her best to pass the Oceanside defense she plowed a defense man, receiving the red card. With twenty seconds remaining in the game DiBenedetto crossed it to Kintner, but the Lady Vikings' last attempt was halted as the goalie saved the ball. The final score was 3-2.

Girls' JV soccer shoots and scores

by Peter Yoon

The girls' junior varsity soccer team, under the masterful direction of Coach Cinelli, finished its season with an 8-3 record. The season concluded with a 3-0 win at home against Syosset on October 18. Port dominated the whole game in all corners of the field. Freshman Rebecca Friedman scored early for Port off a cross from junior captain Kristin Kummer, thus foreshadowing Port's shutout. Still, Port did not let its guard down, as the defense kept the ball from entering its side of the field. The offense, full of energy, went on a shooting rampage. Nevertheless, Syosset's defense and goalie were able to keep Port from scoring. Then, twenty-one minutes into the game, Syosset came off of a sudden burst and ran down the field with a dangerous breakaway, but Port's quick defense was able to shut

down Syosset's first scoring attempt.

Coming into the second half, Port continued to show its excellence, as the offense proceeded to shoot the ball. With twelve minutes left in the half, a great pass by sophomore Julie Zankel allowed sophomore Jessica Zuluaga to score the second goal of the game. Port came close to scoring two minutes later off an indirect kick by freshman Patti Ezratti, but the ball hit the left post and Syosset's defense was able to clear it. The same situation came along again with fourteen minutes into the game, as Zankel came through with another assist to give a shot to sophomore Lauren Piacentini diminishing all chances of Syosset's comeback. The final score was 3-0. Coach Cinelli reflected on the season, saying, "We were a great team this season and we improved tremendously skill wise. Not only did the girls play well together, but were also extremely dedicated to playing the game."

Checkmate! Checkmate!

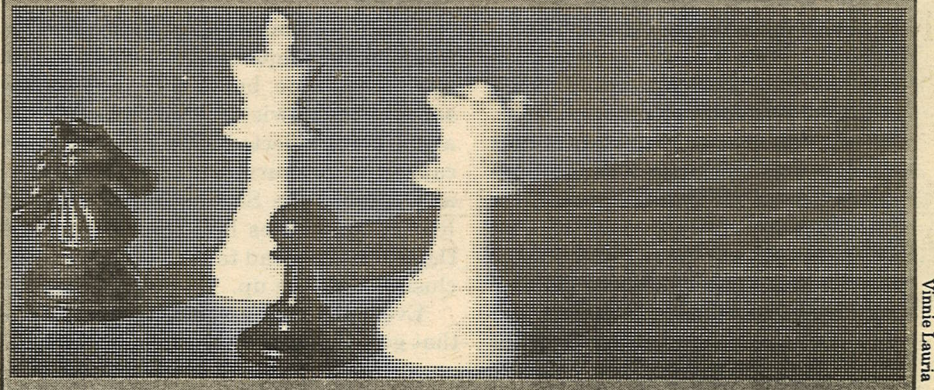
by Eric Corriel

Thirty-two pieces clashed with the sound of thunder. They battled and grappled with one another until only one army stood and was able to claim victory. Only they didn't battle with sword and shield; they used their minds. They came. They saw. They conquered. They were the chess team and they trampled Great Neck South by a score of 36-8.

The Schreiber chess world is undergoing a revolution. The foundation for the revolution is based on the fact that this year the chess team has entered the

Nassau County Scholastic Chess League. The League consists of sixteen teams and is considered very competitive. Last week the team not only welcomed its first interscholastic match in over ten years, but Schreiber soundly defeated its opponents. Contributing to the team's first victory were seniors Gregory Irgang and Sanjay Shukla, juniors David Austerweil and Joe Kelly, and sophomores Josh Graham and Adam Schepp.

Competing in the League will require team members to give each match their best efforts. Coach David O'Connor will call upon his players to give each game their all.



Yinnie Laura

Boys' soccer blows past first round

by Robert Greif



Senior Danny Saldana skillfully dribbles past an East Meadow defender. The Vikings defeated East Meadow 4-0 in the first round of the playoffs.

It's playoff time! The boys' varsity soccer team began its post-season run in dramatic fashion, knocking off East Meadow 4-0. With an enthusiastic crowd gathered in support of the team, the Vikings did not disappoint their fans as they put together an all-around intensive effort on their way to an easy victory.

The win came just three days after the team had defeated Oceanside 3-1 in its final regular season game of the year, a win which ensured third place for the Vikings in the divisional standings.

As the first half began, it was East Meadow players who first took to the attack, constantly finding their way into the Port defensive zone.

Junior goaltender Matt Hill made two phenomenal saves with East Meadow pressing deep into the Port zone. Then Hill's defense left nothing more to chance. Junior defenseman David Kahn prevented a dangerous East Meadow breakaway opportunity, using an impressive combination of speed and shear power in stealing the ball from his overmatched opponent. With the game still scoreless and with just under fifteen minutes remaining in the first half, it was now the Viking offense's turn to take over the game.

The momentum quickly shifted sides, as the revitalized Port offense relentlessly pursued the East Meadow net. The attack was initiated when junior forward David Cohen penetrated the East Meadow defense and nearly gave his team the lead on a beautiful breakaway attempt. However, the Vikings were not to be denied.

Keeping the ball in the offensive zone, the team kept the pressure on, and it paid dividends with twelve minutes remaining in the first half, when senior Kevin

Meyran tallied up the team's first goal. Meyran capitalized on an East Meadow defensive breakdown, gaining control of the ball and consequently drilling it into the lower right corner of the net, giving the goaltender no time to react. With a 1-0 lead and a contagious feeling of confidence, the Vikings were now well on the road to victory.

Meyran's goal was soon followed by another relentless offensive Port attack. Senior Mark Newman drove to the net on two occasions, but East Meadow's goaltender came up big with two stops.

Then the game was given its first touch of controversy when the officials failed to call a foul on a blatant take down of Cohen by an East Meadow defender. Soon after the missed call by the officials, with four minutes remaining in the half,

another controversial situation arose when the referee was basically talked into penalizing Port with a yellow card. The call was simply a ridiculous one, but the outraged Vikings let their play do the talking.

In the final minutes of the half, junior Angel Silva scored the second goal of the afternoon on a beautiful assist from Cohen. Cohen once again persisted through the East Meadow defense like it was not even there, then steered a beautiful cross pass to Silva, who gave his team a 2-0 lead to take proudly into half-time.

As one excited fan so fittingly put it, "the intensity that they're playing with out there is unbelievable."

As the second half kicked off, it was clear that Coach Roger Winter had his

team well equipped to hold on to its 2-0 lead. The Vikings came out aggressive, yet cautious not to let the lead slip away.

A rare East Meadow attack came about ten minutes into the final half, but Hill remained calm and collective and steered away the attempt, following it up with a convincing clear. Minutes of safe and sound soccer on the part of the Vikings ensued, as they protected their lead with great poise and confidence.

The final boost they needed came with exactly twenty minutes remaining in the game, when Cohen was awarded a penalty shot following a takedown. Cohen easily put the ball past the bewildered East Meadow goalie, and the lead was now heightened to 3-0.

The superb Viking defense allowed no more East Meadow opportunities from that point on with seniors Dan Saldana, Luis Alvarez, and junior David Kahn, denying the remote possibility of an East Meadow comeback.

With thirteen minutes left on the clock, the offense chipped in once again as junior Jose Machuca put together a great individual effort and launched a shot over the head of the East Meadow goaltender, who was forced into playing way out of position.

With an overwhelming 4-0 lead, Port simply ran out the final minutes on the clock.

As the crowd rose to its feet giving a well-deserved ovation to the team, one could not help but think of the potential that this team possesses as its playoff run lingers.

If their 4-0 win over East Meadow is any indication—a victory in which every single player who stepped foot on the field was able to contribute in one way or another—it looks as if the near future for this team could be full of more victories similar to this one.

Kristen Miller

Varsity Stats

Players	Goals	Assists
Alvarez, Luis	1	0
Behrens, Nick	1	0
Cohen, David	5	5
Escobar, Nils	2	1
Garcia, Jarohan	4	2
Kahn, David	1	1
Lehman, Zach	1	0
Mayer, Jared	1	2
Meyran, Kevin	4	1
Newman, Mark	3	3
Ramirez, Ed	0	2
Saldana, Dan	4	1
Goalies	Saves	
Hill, Matt	65	
Weiss, Michael	38	

JV soccer shines



Junior David DiCamillo scrambles to a loose ball in the corner.

by Scott Freifeld

The boys' junior varsity soccer team completed its season with a 10-0-1 record. In the team's last game on October 23, the Vikings crushed Oceanside by a score of 6-0.

The team exploded in the second half adding five goals to the one that was scored in the first half. Juniors David DiCamillo and Victor Kim and freshmen Brian Dermody, Derek Kwartler and Jason Meyers all contributed goals. Junior goalie Joey Maslow made a number of spectacular saves to help secure the shut-

out for Port.

The Vikings passed through the season like a hot knife cutting through butter until the knife cooled against Massapequa on October 15. In that matchup the game was knotted at three goals until Port finally pulled it out with a clutch goal by sophomore Joel Cornblau.

"This season was one to be remembered," said freshman Jesse Dinner. "The entire season was a combined team effort."

"I think that this team was one of the best JV soccer teams I have ever seen play," added freshman Evan Knight. "This team had no weaknesses in any area."

Jason Osborne

Vikings get sacked hard

by Nick Kovner

It's been that kind of a season for the Vikings. On Saturday, October 19, Port came back from fourteen points down, mounted its best drive of the season, took the lead, and then lost the game three plays later in a bout with Long Beach.

The Vikings came out pretty flat early in the first half. They were not wrapping up on their tackles and their lines were able to gain very little penetration against Long Beach. Port fell behind 14-0 in the second quarter, as the Long Beach running game was very effective in controlling the ball and eating up the clock. Port, however, as the Vikings have done all year, fought back, and in the second quarter got on the board, as junior Felix Moreo scored on a seven yard sweep. Junior Jose Machuka tacked on the extra point

to cut the Long Beach lead to seven. As the end of the half neared, it appeared that the Vikings were gaining some seri-

"Hopefully we'll be able to put it all together by Homecoming so we can give the fans something positive to remember us by."

— Brian Hess

ous momentum, and that Port would prove victorious in the second half.

Port came out fired up in the second half. The defense shut down the Long

Beach offense, holding it to three-and-outs on their first three possessions. Midway through the fourth quarter, the Vikings began to seriously move the ball. Senior quarterback Jimmy Vattes was eluding defenders left and right, as he was able to run for a first down, giving the Vikings some breathing room. Vattes then dropped back and lofted a high pass to senior wide receiver Scott Wilpon, who hauled in the catch for a thirty-five yard pickup. The Vikings scored just three plays later, as senior running back Brian Hess pounded his way into the end zone to cut the lead to one point. Port lined up for the extra point attempt, but junior holder Brandon Kurz picked up the snap and sprinted, untouched, into the end zone for the two point conversion, giving the Vikings a 15-14 lead. The team was fired up and it appeared that Port would finally win a game that they deserved to win. But it just wasn't meant to be.

Long Beach took the kickoff on its own thirty-yard line and in just three plays hit paydirt via a forty-five yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion was good and Long Beach was up 22-15.

That would be the final score, as the Vikings had one more chance but could not muster any offense.

After the game Hess commented, "It just seems like whatever we do, we just can't hold on. If it's not one thing it's another."

Hopefully we'll be able to put it all together by Homecoming, so we can give the fans something positive to remember us by."

Last week, Port was totally overpowered, as Hempstead cruised to a 45-0 victory over the Vikings. The Vikings were undersized and could not mount any sort of offensive drive, nor could they stop the Hempstead offense.

The Vikings will look to bounce back this week, as they play host to East Meadow at 2:00 on November 2. It will be Pride in Port weekend, so the bleachers should be rockin' with fans.

JV football drops to 3-2

by Ken Mandelkern

The boys' junior varsity football team hit a stumbling block on Saturday, October 26. The Vikings were defeated 24-32 by Hempstead and its high-powered offense.

Port's defense was unable to contain the volatile offense of Hempstead and the Vikings found themselves down by seven. Another score by the visitors put Port down 14-0. On the very next possession, Port fumbled the ball and the opponents recovered deep in the Viking territory. Three downs later, the score was 21-0.

The only bright spot of the day was freshman Jason Ham, who made a spectacular kickoff return of ninety yards to finally put the Vikings on the scoreboard. Ham scored again, but his efforts were too little too late. The Vikings lost 22-34 dropping their record to 3-2. The Vikings were plagued with three fumbles and were not able to overcome their mistakes.

The Vikings hosted Syosset on Saturday, October 5. They played a very strong offensive game and a very tough defensive game. Ham contributed four touchdowns on fourteen carries for two-hundred-seventy-five yards. Sophomore quarterback Aaron Shkuda connected with sophomore Charlie Perry for a sixty yard touchdown. The defense was led by sophomore captains Tom Love and Tim Scott.

"We haven't played to the best of our ability on a consistent basis," commented sophomore wide receiver Michael Hooper.

"It's been a successful season so far," said sophomore wide receiver Charlie Perry. "Despite our disappointing losses, we hope to finish strong."

JV Volleyball squad wins last game

by Brian Pakk

The girls' junior varsity volleyball team won its last home game of the season on October 24, against Long Beach, improving its record to 5-9.

The Lady Vikings gave up the first points to their opponents, but quickly regained their composure and came back strong to take the lead. After a serving rampage by sophomores Julie Cho and Olivia Cha, Port was up 9-5.

Freshman Jessica Goltche and Elaine Yepez ensured the win by scoring crucial points. Sophomore Gloria Lee finished off the opponents with an ace. Port took the first set 15-11.

Port started off the second set strong with several aces. Long Beach, however, was not dismayed and stepped up the intensity of its offense to take the lead.

Long Beach's lead did not last long. The tide changed with the strong serving of freshman Erin Cohen, and the excellent spiking by freshman Tiffany Caporaso. Sophomore Sarah Cullen scored the winning point, ending the second set at 15-10.

"We definitely gave our best team effort for the entire season," commented Coach Jean Vogeley.



Senior quarterback Jimmy Vattes looks down field for an open receiver as senior running back Brian Hess buys him some time.

Volleyball leaves the court on good note

by Quincey Dong

The farewell game for this year's seniors was a memorable one for the girls' varsity volleyball team. The Lady Vikings dominated Long Beach on October 24, boosting their record to 3-11. Despite its poor record, Port has been a strong contender in its conference and played a number of very close matches.

"Most of our matches were decided in either four or five sets," said Coach Maria Giamanco. "The majority of the games we played were decided by two points. We just came up short in the end. It's very frustrating when you play well and are not winning."

The team was determined not to suffer another heartbreaking loss in its final home game. Before the match, seniors Patti Chow, Analisa DiFeo, Mari Marra, Nicole Saccone, and Emily Seems were all given a rose and a hug from the team. When all of the pleasantries were over, the team prepared to face Long Beach. The crowd and the opponents were ready, but Port was not.

Long Beach quickly jumped to a 3-1 lead. Port came back to score four points, but was silenced by Long Beach and lost the first set 5-15. Port was having trouble

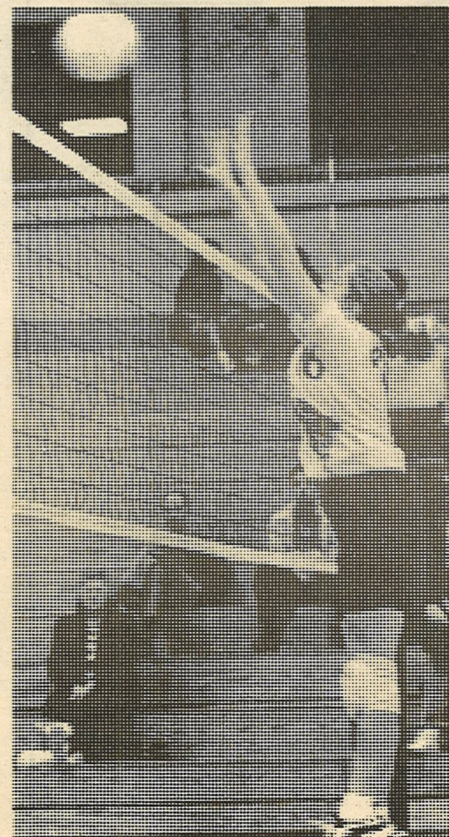
passing the ball and was making too many mental mistakes.

The Lady Vikings came back with an aggressive defense in the second set. Juniors Ronna Marra and Keiko Niwa made several acrobatic digs, keeping the ball off the floor. Junior Ali Wilson helped the defense with her dominance at the net. The team was playing together and communicating well. Sophomore Sara Ross led the serving barrage with four aces as Port closed out the second set 15-5.

With the crowd and momentum on its side, Port moved into the third set and opened up with a 9-0 lead. Junior setter Dori Brill did a good job mixing up the sets and keeping the Long Beach defense guessing. However, Long Beach fought back and cut the lead to two. After a timeout, Port regained its focus and went on to take the third set 15-8.

Port's defense and blocking continued to dominate the Long Beach team in the fourth set. Seems was serving very tough as Port surged out to a 7-2 lead. The stubborn defense was anchored by Marra and Saccone. After a brief run by Long Beach, Port ended the match with a 15-8 win.

Despite its less than stellar record, the entire team contributed to a memorable victory for the departing seniors.



Senior Emily Seems skies against a blazing Long Beach spike.

Field hockey returns to post season

Lady Vikings lose to Garden City

by Lucas Hanft

The girls' varsity field hockey team finished its season losing to the undefeated Garden City team by a close score of 1-0 on October 23.

The Lady Vikings played valiantly but Garden City, last year's state champion, was too hot for the Port team to handle.

Before the game, many of the Port players seemed optimistic. Senior Alissa Wright said, "We started with a young team, but we're going all the way, baby." Senior Barrie Lazar, one of the captains of the team said, "We have the power and the strength to go all the way."

Coach Bob Busby said, "Today's game will be our hardest of the year. Garden City was the state champions last year, and they haven't lost this year. It is going to be a real good game."

During the early moments of the game, Port seemed to be in control. Unfortunately, the sense of control was false, as Garden City scored the first and only

goal about midway through the first half. In spite of Port's gallant efforts throughout the rest of the half, Garden City thwarted many of Port's scoring opportunities. Lazar led the Vikings' efforts, but many botched scoring attempts resulted in Port's game long scoring drought.

Throughout the second half, junior Sue Cleva led Port on the defensive end. Her long drives down the field gave the offense many scoring opportunities.

Unfortunately the credo "sometimes the best offense is a good defense" did not apply to Port. In this game, the outstanding playing of the Port defense gave the team a hope of scoring. But this hope faded.

With their defeat at the hands of Garden City, the Lady Vikings finished their regular season with a record of 7-3-2. In spite of their latest loss, the Lady Vikings will be playing in the post season.

Coach Busby said, "Our season went pretty well. We finished with a 7-3-2 record. We are playing in the playoffs, and we hope to win the county's."



Senior Alissa Wright scurries to recover the ball. The Vikings lost in a galliant effort by a score of 1-0.

Cross country dashes passed competition

by Matt Gewolb

The machine has been thoroughly lubricated and is running smoothly. The varsity cross country team is off to a great start with a division record of 13-4. The team consists of both boys and girls who train together but compete as separate boys and girls squads.

The boys' team's most recent success came on October 23 against stiff competition. Although they were running on a tough course, the boys finished second, losing only to Mephram, a perennial powerhouse. Sophomore Joe Handelman,

one of the team's stand-out runners, said he felt the victory came in part from the team's grudge against Lawrence.

"Last year, a couple of their guys started pushing us and elbowing us during the race," Handelman said. "This year we were really tough against them and we ended up beating them." Coach Acevedo was pleasantly surprised by the excellent performance of his four sophomore runners: Charles Geizhals, Thomas Gil, Handelman, and Steve Park. The team is held together by the strong leadership of senior Taisei Kikuchi and junior Luke Livingston.

The girls' cross country runners are

also enjoying a great season. Senior Justina Mintz is one of the top female runners on Long Island with an undefeated record in both conference and divisional meets. Freshmen Nachi Hoshino and Kristin Kovner are showing great potential by running varsity races.

"The team is practicing real hard," commented Kovner. "I think we will be really strong contenders. We have a good chance of making the County meet. We're lucky to have had good training."

In conclusion Mintz said, "Our team had a really good season despite the fact that not everyone will run next Saturday."

Profile: Justina Mintz, track star

by Eric Corriel

It all started about four years ago with a seemingly inconsequential color war race at Buckley. The sun was out; the school was psyched, and Mintz was ready to race. She laced up her shoes and took to the field to race the 50 yard dash. Once the race was over, the stop watch smiled and its face read some interesting numbers, record breaking numbers. Suddenly, this seemingly inconsequential race had aftershocks that shook the world of Justina Mintz.

The color war race piqued Justina's interest in track, and from then on her growth has been exponential. Looking for an outlet for her potential, she turned to Schreiber's sports program. As a freshman she experimented with the junior varsity soccer and basketball teams, during the fall and winter respectively, but she saw the light with the advent of spring when she decided to join spring track. As a freshman she started with baby steps, running the 100 and 200 meter races in the spring. Sophomore year she ran the 55 and 300 meter races for the winter track team and when the snow melted, she ran the 100, 200 and 400 meter races. When junior year came along, she expanded upon her track foundations by running for Schreiber's fall, winter, and spring track teams where



Over the hills and through the woods to the finish line senior Justina Mintz goes. Mintz managed to qualify for the county's on Saturday.

she ran the 1500, 3000, 5000 meter races. Although she joined the cross country team primarily as an instrument to improve her overall running skills, an interest quickly arose in long distance running. This interest has been thoroughly expanded this year. As a senior she is currently running the 5k for cross-country. She has won a multitude of divisional

and county titles.

The method behind the madness is simple. She runs because it is a great stress reliever, because it helps manage her time and because she loves doing it. The fact that she loves what she does is perhaps the sole propeller that has allowed her to achieve the echelon of superiority that she has reached.

Tennis ends with high spirits

by Eric Corriel

The girls' varsity tennis team finished its season on October 17 with a 1-13 record placing last in Conference I. The team will be competing in Conference II next year due to its unsuccessful season.

Despite their many losses, the girls had an enjoyable season. As Coach Mackover pointed out, "We had a nice season, and the girls really improved their game. I look forward to next year and think that the girls will be more competitive in Conference II."

Junior Marcie Rubin and sophomore Nina Mandel, who played first doubles, had the best record on the team, finishing with six wins and eight losses. Rubin said, "Considering that a lot of our team graduated last year, I think we did pretty well. The important thing is that we had fun!"

Senior Caryn Davidson was named All Conference.

JV tennis shows much potential

by Jason Bleuwas

They took to the courts in September, and by late October they left the courts leaving a superb record to speak of their actions. The girls' junior varsity tennis team finished off a great year with a record of 7-3. The team has proven to be one of the strongest junior varsity teams in recent history.

Freshmen Stacy Dankner and Jamie Levi finished off with an 8-2 record in doubles. Also leading the team to victory were junior Laura Rave and freshman Shannon Schlusel. Coach Uiberall said, "They are getting better at strategies and better at playing a point instead of just hitting around."



HALLO-HAPPY-WEEEEEEEN



Hello, Fear



by Kate Pedatella

When you think of the month of October, you probably think first of Halloween. While you're at it, the subject of costumes and candy may enter your train of thought, as well as any parties that might be held. You might not actually know that this is a holiday (albeit not one that gives us a day off from school, but a holiday nonetheless) and that there is something more to it besides dressing up in funny costumes and the obligatory rush to buy massive amounts of candy and eat it before the trick-or-treaters do.

The salient quality of Halloween is fear. It has always been a time to examine those things which frighten us, strike terror into our hearts, and turn our stomachs with a wretched stick.

Fears are an important part of all our lives. We all have them, however much pop culture may deny it with "No Fear" T-shirts and propaganda. A significant part of having fears is not only that you acknowledge that you have them, but also that you try to identify what they are.

There are many different kinds of fears which people our age face. We are scared that we will not get the kind of grades we want or feel we deserve. On that same note, among applying seniors, there is the often

intense panic of being rejected by their college of choice.

There is also the fear of another kind of rejection: peer rejection. Even the most popular person can sometimes doubt

A few Schreiber students were asked the following question, in an informal "cafeteria" poll:

"What are the biggest fears of Schreiber students?"

- "of being free and having nobody to be with," Sophomore Veronica Maldonado.
- "Getting beat up," Junior Diego Bentacourt.
- "Not fitting in," Freshman Darnelle Owens.
- "Bringing home a bad report card," Senior Ray Merriweather.
- "Having a kid, getting AIDS, becoming an alcoholic," Sophomore Brian Cespedez.
- "I am afraid that I'm just wasting my time [in high school]...but I do it anyway," Junior Tom Eliaz.

the extent of their acceptance. Unfortunately, it is a staple of the "teen experience."

We also fear things like AIDS, cancer, and other potentially fatal diseases. The statistics are very frightening.

We should all welcome the coming of Halloween as a convenient time to examine our fears and try to overcome them by identification and confrontation. Even if we can't overcome them, we can at least try to see how they make an impact on our lives.



From SPIRITS to SAINTS, a SPOOKY history

by Anita Jose

Our Halloween costumes today may have as much to do with television sitcoms or political candidates as ghosts and goblins, but the celebration of Halloween has its roots in the shrouds of our dark and mythical past.

Halloween is a holiday that has greatly changed over the years, yet most of its customs have very old sources. It is believed that over two thousand years ago, Halloween originated from a festival celebrated by the Celts, a European people who lived in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and France. It was called Samhain after the Celtic lord of the dead, who sent ghosts to the earth on the night of October 31. If Samhain were angry, he could send many evil ghosts. In order to scare off the ghosts, the Celts built fires on hilltops and wore costumes made of animal heads and skins. Celtic priests called Druids burned animals and human enemies.

They studied the remains of animals and people, believing Samhain would hide

hints about the future in the remains if he was pleased with the sacrifice. The Samhain festival remains in our Halloween customs with the idea of ghosts and the tradition of wearing Halloween costumes. Orange and black came to be known as the colors of a night when orange flames would light up a black sky.

In late October the Romans celebrated Feralia, a time when they honored the dead. Near this time, they also held a festival in honor of Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees and set out apples and nuts for her. They also ate apples and

nuts, ran races, and played games. When the Roman festival blended with Samhain, Samhain became less concerned with killing, and the first Halloween foods became apples and nuts.

During the sixth century A.D., many Celts converted to Christianity. Christian priests transferred All Hallows' Day (today recognized as All Saints' Day) to November 1 in an effort to replace Samhain. Eventually, Christian ideas replaced the Celtic lord Samhain with the devil. The night before November 1 became known as All Hallows' Eve, (All Saints' Evening)

that most kindergarten teachers speak with the same corny warm inflections at home and at school.

But others view the wearing of masks as a natural or even positive phenomenon. "I talk about it in my Shakespeare class," commented English department chairman John Broza. "We have to wear them to survive. It's not necessarily bad. If we all told the truth it would be chaos."

"School life should be different," suggested junior Erin Kinney. "It's a good thing. If not, when you get sick of school, you would get sick of life."

"Many teachers don't expose their personal sides," said science teacher Judy Ferris. "It's a natural outgrowth of being in a leadership position." But Ferris points out that the same is true of students. "Things go on in their daily lives that we don't know anything about."

Ferris continues to stress the importance of teachers being seen "as humans." At the same time that it is "good to let kids laugh at you," Ferris believes, teachers also "ought to act as role models, because they are."

Many students and teachers have a similar acceptance of this quality of school life. "It's a fact of society," said junior Scott Rosenberg. "It's benefitting to others."

Perhaps the most telling answer to the question of whether we should disguise ourselves in school came from science teacher Mike Koenig. "Why not?" he said.

So it seems that masks are widespread. Disguises dominate our school. But in the spirit of the terrifying tales of Halloween, imagine coming into school one day to find all the facades torn down. Imagine a national "Honesty Day" when we would stand fully exposed, naked, basking in the light of the truth we strive—or live—to hide.

Pumpkins by Narges Pourmand. Faces by Jun Yun Kim

