

The Round Table

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Free!

Secret course offerings uncovered by The Round Table

As you all know, the juniors, sophomores and freshmen have been making their course selections for next year, (they're hoping that they get there, but we're not talking about that now). Well, the guidance counselors, being the guidance counselors that they are, never told the students about several new courses that are being offered. So on April 4th they have to reschedule anybody who wants to take these brand new courses. Remember, if you want to sign up for any of these courses you have to go to your guidance counselor on April 4. Now they might tell you that there are no such courses as these, but don't you believe them for a second! You just keep bugging them until they let you sign up. The counselors just don't want all that extra work.

You're anxious to hear about the courses but you're skeptical, well don't even think that because here they are. These are only half year courses and will supplement each other. Now these are really excellent courses! So, pay attention!

Survival - This course will be taught by Mr. Coppola and Mrs. Gleason. This involves camping out in the White Mountains of Vermont for one half the school year, rather like the executive intern program. You will climb up and down mountains, raft down cool mountain streams, swim in freezing mountain lakes - wow, this course sounds so

good that I think that I'm going to take it! You cook over an open fire, fish, hunt and everything thing that you would do while you're camping. Because of the school work that you will be missing there will be several teachers, one for each subject, coming with you. They will provide 45 minutes of individual tutoring each day, but there will be no homework, now isn't that just great?

The teachers that will be going are: Mr. McGovern, Ms. Gibson, Mr. Cote, Mrs. Bleuler and Ms. Baxter. There are only 20 openings so sign up now. This course counts for 15 points.

Broadway Appreciation - This course will be taught by Mr. Kubinec, Mr. McWilliams and Mr. Levy. If you want to grow up to be a critic for the New York Times or Daily News, I would strongly suggest taking this class. Two days each week for one half of the school year you will travel into New York City by train and take a cab to a Broadway show. You will also be visiting off and off-off Broadway shows. After the shows you will eat lunch or dinner at one of New York's fine restaurants and journey back to school. The next day you will go to the English office or the DECA room and write a review. All expenses will be paid as well as special souvenir programs.

Horse Racing or Being a Jockey - This course will be taught by Mr.

Gardner and Mr. Macari. For three days each week you will travel to Saratoga Race Track in New York and stay overnight at the Paradise Motor Inn in Bennington, Vt. At the raceway you will learn how to be a jockey or a trainer for race horses. This will include a demonstration by Mr. Gardner on the proper techniques of studying the animals in the paddock area in order to play the game. A really incredible class! There is one requirement for the class: you must be under 5'5" and weigh less than 125 pounds. This class is worth 10 points.

The Sky is the Limit - Sorry guys and gals, we can't send you into outer space, but Mr. Preu and Miss "Diz" Denninger will put you close enough! They are the teachers of this extraordinary class. If you ever wanted to sky dive, ride in a helium balloon or glide through the air like a bird, *this is the class for you!* The class meets for two periods daily with many field trips. 10 points can be earned by a successful sky dive or balloon trip. No credit will be given for students who crash.

If any of these classes interest you, which I'm sure they do, get to your counselor and badger him or her until you win. They will probably deny the existence of these courses since it means more paperwork, but don't you be discouraged. Take it from *The Round Table*, these courses are available!

Teacher vanishes—clues look fishy

Much to the administration's dismay, Stamford High's best kept secret has been exposed in a most tragic way. Unknown to many at this school, we have been harboring an illegal fish. It is a carnivorous and vicious tropical pirhana.

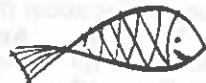
Until now, most people have been led to believe that the only fish of this kind in the Stamford school system was at Westhill. Now the fact that SHS possesses one has become known. Before this time, only the administration, a handful of students and Biology teacher Mr. Deary, had known of the fish's presence.

All of this changed due to an odd sequence of events. The first incident occurred of March 5. Mr. Deary described the events of that afternoon in this way: "It was about 2:30 that I left the classroom for a drink of water. I thought it would be safe to leave the room open with the fish in the tank on my desk. However, when I came back to the room I was horrified by the sight of glass and water all over the floor. The pirhana was nowhere to be found. I gathered some teachers to aid in the search; thinking perhaps it had 'flown the

coop' so to speak, but it was nowhere to be found."

Wednesday March 17, Mr. Deary received a dozen green carnations, each bearing a part of a message that read, "If you want your fish back alive, meet us in the boys' bathroom on the 0 floor at 2:30 p.m. Monday. Bring \$900 in unmarked bills. If you fail to follow our instructions, the fish will be tortured and parts will be sent to you daily until our demands are met."

Mr. Deary, realizing that he had, after all, been keeping an illegal fish, decided to comply with the fishnapers directive. That was the last time that he was seen alive. When he failed to show up for his period 1 class on Tuesday, the new, yet empty, fish tank rebuked him by its presence. A diligent search uncovered some startling and horrifying pieces of evidence. The pirhana was found in a toilet in the aforementioned bathroom, overgorged. It had doubled in size and wore a look of satiation. On the floor was a loafer and a piece of green curduroy fabric. These articles have now been positively identified as belonging to

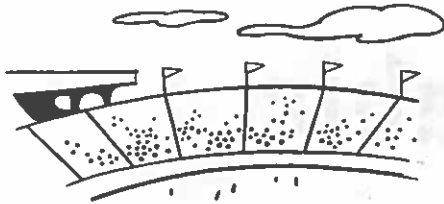


Mr. Deary. Officials believe he has met with the unkindest cut of all, eaten by his pet fish.

Mr. Markosky has taken action against the perpetrators of this dastardly deed. He said that sufficient evidence has been gathered pointing to the senior class. He said it was a "senior class prank which got a little out of hand." He suspects that the culprits were blaming their advisor for the lack of funds, and that the ransom money would have been used to defray the cost of the prom. President Mark Barrencea and Chris Napolitano have been questioned and indefinitely suspended from school pending a Board of Education hearing. Mrs. Wilcox, the other advisor said, "I don't understand their motives, don't we sell enough chips?"

Meanwhile, the Stamford Police Department has issued a warrant for Mr. Deary's arrest for harboring an illegal fish. Chief Considine said, "Well, at least we don't have to send him to prison, we can just put the fish in the fountain at the Town Center."

Stay tuned for more details. Film at eleven.



Thespians stage *General Hospital*

Trade talks highlight coaches meeting

The Board of Education has announced that because of the lack of real competition among the three high schools in inter-scholastic sports, they will allow each school to make one trade with one other school in hopes of improving competitive balance. This is particularly true of SHS, where a .500 record would be sufficient reward considering the lack luster results of our fall and winter programs.

Coach Pike of the baseball team, has been involved in heavy trade talks with the coaches of Rippowam, Catholic and Westhill in hopes of shoring up his pitching staff. It is rumored that sophomore Scott Drotar and freshman Matthew Wood will go to Westhill for pitching ace John Nimmons.

Many of the Westhill players feel that this trade would be unfair, but Coach Gerardi feels that acquiring two players with potential as well as more eligibility could prove advantageous over the next few years.

The Stamford High School Thespians Society has announced its intention to stage a new and steamier version of *General Hospital*, the highly rated ABC daytime drama. To star in this production are renowned Thespians Thomas J. McDonough and Mary Stack. Thomas, who will also direct this effort, will play the villain, David Gray. Tom denies that this is typecasting (despite his resemblance to the character), "I just can't see it myself although many people have mentioned it."

Miss Stack will play the multi-million dollar corporate leader, Lila Quartermaine. Our sources reveal that the role of Lila will be sizably enlarged to show Lila as more than the match of her husband, Edward. Miss Stack commented, "I'm supposed to short-out his pacemaker. It's a good role although the character is a little old for me."

Asked of her implication Mary replied, "I dance quite well so naturally I've always wanted to play Miss Marker."

Supporting roles will be performed by two other "old hands" as well as a talented newcomer. Christopher Napolitano, known for his biting performance as *Dracula* will portray young Dr. Noah Drake. He will spatter his scenes with performances of the song, "I've done everything for you, you've done nothing for me." Chris feels that the most demanding part of the role is the stipulation that

"Drac", as he is affectionately known, will have to supply his own costumes.

Playing Nurse Anne Logan is newcomer Annette Golenbock. "Mama G" commented, "It is such a diverse role; it will require great amounts of study." Good luck to her.

The role of Heather Webber will be enacted by Debbie White. Miss White said she was pleased to graduate from domestic service, but continues to protest against reports that she will not have difficulty behaving as if she were mentally unbalanced.

The program will be supported by commercial endorsements and grants. Sponsors include *The Frank Valenzisi School of Self-Defense* which will be represented by Dick Martin. "Marvy Martin" originally wanted to be a stand-up comic, but is grateful for this opportunity. Also slated to be a sponsor is Al Gurney of *Al's Alligator Shop* who is planning to advertise for himself.

Hopefully Troupe 3068 will enjoy a great success with this venture. Producer Richard Kubinec has great expectations, "It will be like a fantasy adventure." Offering no other comment he explained, "I'm keeping it all underground right now."

We wish the thespians luck and encourage you to buy the *I Love GH* nightshirts which are now on sale at DECA for five dollars.

New bathroom policy announced

The Stamford High School administration has issued a new policy concerning the bathroom situation. This policy is a result of the many complaints students have had about the bathrooms which are often locked.

The administrators have decided to do something about this problem. As of Thursday, April 1st, the bathrooms will be opened in shifts, according to floors. (This system is similar to that of the courtyard smoking system).

All bathrooms in the main (old) building will be opened in two shifts. The first, from 7:45 to 7:50, and the second from 1:08 to 1:13. The bathrooms in the new building will be opened from 9:20 until 9:25 and from 10:59 until 11:04.

Each shift ends five minutes before

the bell rings and the doors will be locked. This is so students will not hang around in the bathroom and be late for class.

Another change is that there will be a teacher stationed in each bathroom while it is opened. The teacher will make sure that there is no smoking in any of the student bathrooms. The teacher will also be there to announce the end of the shift. When the teacher announces that the five-minute shift is through, all students must leave the bathroom. If a student refuses to leave, administrative action will be taken, and there is the possibility of suspension. Students hanging around the bathrooms will not be tolerated.

The administrators feel that five minutes in the bathroom is more than a sufficient amount of time to spend.

Hopefully, this new policy will be an improvement, and it should be an end to all of the complaints.



LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I am a third year sophomore who is upset about all the talk about school violence. I have a solution to this problem. If each student were issued two marijuana cigarettes each day with instructions to smoke them before periods 1 and 5, there would be an immediate decrease in violent acts.

I know from personal experience that whenever I've taken a few tokes I'm much less likely to punch someone out or even stab someone who's been hassling me. If this technique were tried throughout the school I'm sure that everyone else out there would be as mellow as I am.

If it works out then maybe the teachers and administrators could try it. Let's all *mellow out!*

Ciao,
Mellow Mike

Cap and Gown fees increased

On April 1st a startling announcement was made to seniors. It concerns this year's graduates as well as undergraduates. From now on in order to graduate a student is required to pay a minimum of \$100 down payment for caps and gowns. It used to be that students could rent caps and gowns and pay only a maximum of \$13, but rental stores claim they are losing money and that to make their point, seniors must purchase the gowns and caps.

The cost altogether is \$150, of which \$100 is required as a down payment. Students must have the money in by April 2. There will not

be a make-up day. If money isn't in on time you will not be allowed to graduate with your classmates.

However, you will be able to pick up your diploma at a later date for a late fee of \$50. That day will be your only chance to get your diploma. If you miss that day you're out of luck since your diploma will be returned to the printer.

Students who try to walk at graduation who have not paid the entire \$150 will be taken out of line and arrested for fraud and disturbing the peace.

So remember ship the money in on time or you'll be shipped out.