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Juniors inducted into NHS

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On the night of February 27, 2002 at 7:00 p. m. an elected group of juniors were inducted into National Honor Society (NHS). These students were selected based on academics, service, leadership, and character. For the juniors, their parents, and the senior members the evening started a 6:30 p.m. with a little reception where liquid refreshments and finger foods were served.

At 7:00 p.m. the pleasant ceremony began in the small auditorium (room 101). The senior members of NHS were arranged on the stage each with a tulip in their hand, while the new members were sitting in alphabetical

order in the first two rows of seats in the audience. The joyful and excited parents of the new members were sitting behind the students with cameras in their hands waiting to snap that precious picture of their son or daughter. Also, in front of the stage was a small table with a vase of tulips and five candles; there were two slender candles on each side of the larger candle in the middle.

The room was silent while everyone was patiently waiting for the first speaker to begin. Mr. George Grillo, one of the National Honor Society co-advisors, presented a short introduction to get the ceremony started, and then he introduced a few of the Madrigal singers. The Madrigals stood in the corner next to the American flag, and they gave a beautiful rendition of the

Star Spangled Banner.

After the performance Mr. Tony Pavia, principal of Stamford High School, presented a speech that was both inspiring and humorous. He informed the inductees that they are "the future and credibility of the organization, and this is not an end it is only a beginning."

Once his speech was over Mrs. Karen Grady, the other co-advisor, introduced the current officers of NHS. NHS President Richard Senatore, went first and started the candle lighting ceremony. Each of the other four officers in turn went up on stage and presented a short narrative on the guiding principles of NHS, and each lit one of four candles.

Once the opening ceremony was completed the induc-

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Big Brother Big Sister program ends for year

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This month marks the end of Interact's annual Big Brother Big Sister Program, in which Stamford High students travel once a week to each of Stamford's twelve elementary schools to play with the children in Roscco, the city's after-school program. From 3:30 to 5:00 on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, Stamford High students visit the elementary schools, and enjoy time with kids whose parents are working. Students participate by doing anything from helping the kids with their homework, watching movies with them, or even going outside and playing a game of touch football. Headed by Mr. Swenson and Stamford High's Interact club, the program has enjoyed enormous popularity in the past several years among students, and especially among the "little brothers and sisters" that anticipate the arrival of high school students

each week. This year was no exception, as a large amount of students continued to participate in the program.

As the high school students walk into the media center at Hart Elementary School, they are greeted by kids whose eyes light up after seeing them, one of them shouting, "Big brothers and sisters!" The program's enjoys tremendous popularity, not only because it is the single most participated in event of Stamford High's single largest club, but because each of the high school students that attends seem to share a love of children. Senior Rich Senatore remarked, "It's great if you love little kids and are willing to commit the time each week." Sophomore Amanda D'Onofrio said, "I really enjoy working with the kids. It's a lot of fun." With a smile on her face, sophomore Carolina Lescano added, "It's nice to see that we're appreciated here."

Interact members aren't the only ones who enjoy the visits. Many of the elementary students

express their appreciation each and every week. Amber Vines, a second grader at Hart Elementary School especially enjoys the company of high school students, saying "It's good that you guys come because you do a lot of things with us." Eric Malonson, also a second grader at Hart said, "It's good because you help us, you work with us, and you do fun things with us." He later added, "Can I put shaving cream in your hair now?"

With the Interact Charity Basketball Game, held at Stamford High on March 1st marking the end of the Big Brother Big Sister program, both high school students and elementary students throughout the city are slightly disappointed. The simple hour and a half that the kids spend with Interact members is very special to them, and they will undoubtedly miss that. Both groups now look forward to next year's program, however, which will unquestionably continue to be a success, and a good experience for all who choose to participate.

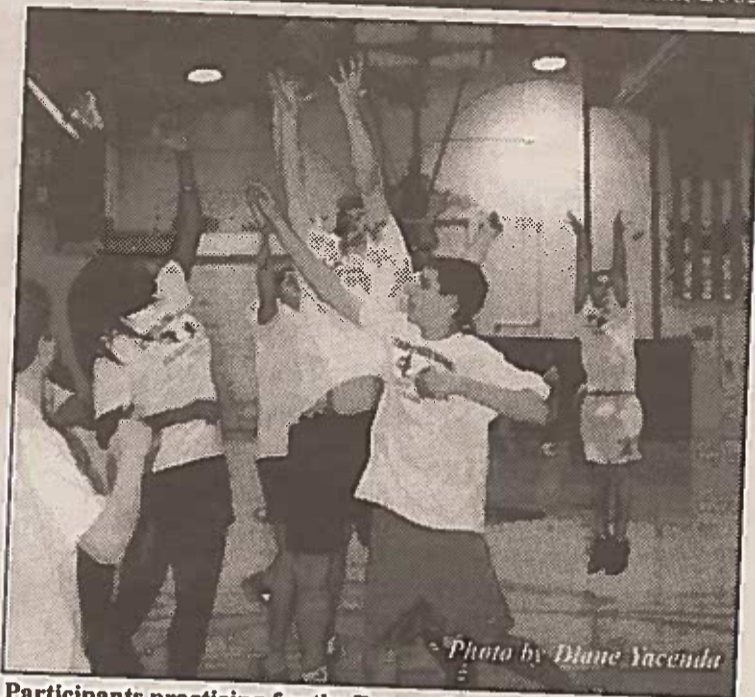


Photo by Diane Yacenda

Participants practicing for the Roscco-Interact basketball game held at Stamford High on March 1st.

Roscco-Interact basketball game a slam-dunk success

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On March 1, 2002 the Interact Club hosted the annual Roscco vs. Interact charity Basketball Game to benefit the Big Brother/ Big Sister Program in the Stamford High Gymnasium. Roscco is a non-profit organization which provides after-school care to children in the local Stamford elementary schools. Many Interact members participate in the Big Brother/ Big Sister program by volunteering their time and efforts through Roscco, and many showed up at the game to either play or show their support.

Twenty-five Big Brother/ Big Sister members played in the game, which is played between the volunteers and the site coordinators from various Roscco sites. For the last seven years Roscco has beaten the Interact players,

but the streak was stopped this year.

The Interact team scored the final basket with only 7 seconds left in the game, and held on to win 49-47. Mr. Swenson, the advisor of Interact remarked, "I was pleased with the outcome of the game, but I was even more pleased with the number of people involved."

Indeed, Interact had a large number of its members either playing, cheerleading, or working the concession stands. In addition Junior Josh Li was a member of the pep band, as he delighted the crowd with his musical prowess on the piano.

The game was a huge success, and while Mr. Swenson acknowledges that the amount of money raised for the program will not be known for several weeks, he felt that the number of people involved constitutes the game as a hit.

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We pledge to make every student in our school aware that they are welcome to join our staff.

We pledge to publish a newspaper that mirrors the concerns, interests, experiences, and opinions of the spectrum of our student body.

We pledge to publish a newspaper whose content and coverage reflect ours School's ethnic, racial, and religious make-up.

We pledge to work to create a newspaper that brings about a greater understanding and sense of mutual belonging to our school community.

We believe adherence to these pledges will make The Round Table a strong publication and an accurate representation of the Stamford High School community.

The Stamford High School community recent lost one of its members. Sophomore Anayia Hansley lost her battle with leukemia on Sunday, February 24. She was only 15 years old. Her death came as a shock to everyone at Stamford High, affecting teachers, students, and administrators alike. At her funeral on March 1, hundreds of students gathered at a South End church to pay their respects to Anayia and to say goodbye.

Unfortunately, this situation has become all too familiar to students and faculty. In the past five years Stamford High has lost three of its students. In 1998, Robyn Cook, then a junior, was killed in a hit-and-run car accident. Last year, another car accident too the life of Junior Melissa Todd. This year it is Anayia. The death of a loved one is always painful, and the shock and sadness felt by family and friends never fully goes away.

The atmosphere in Stamford High after Mr. Pavia's announcement of Anayia's passing, was one of grief and mourning. Students walking through the halls were a little quieter and calmer. A tragic event such as this touches everyone, causing a ripple effect; it does not just affect family and friends, but expands to everyone even remotely connected to the situation. Even if you never met or spoke with Anayia, you were shocked and disturbed to hear about her death. 3 News like this is sobering; it makes people think and reevaluate their lives. Why is it that we do not realize and fully appreciate what we

Our View

Anayia's friends, aware of her sickness which kept her out of school and in the hospital for weeks, knew what they had - a beloved friend who was sick, but who was going to get better. Part of the reason why Anayia's death is so hard to come to grips with is that it was so unexpected. She found out about her sickness in January and began treatment at Yale-New Haven Hospital, where she seemed to be doing better. Rather suddenly she stopped

It is one thing to hear about a sick student and think, "Wow, that is so sad." It is a completely different experience to be forced to deal with the death of a fellow student: a person who is a part of your everyday community, and in a sense, an image of yourself. Something like this puts everything in perspective, and confronts students head-on with the realization that we are not invincible, and that bad things can happen to us. For many, this sudden insight is just as hard to deal with as Anayia's actual death.

Many Stamford High upperclassmen still have lingering feelings about Melissa Todd's death, and even about Robyn Cook's. With the passing of Anayia Hansley, all SHS students now have another common bond, even if it is an unwanted one. We have all lost someone, whether we knew Anayia or not.

The healing process will surely be a hard one, and there is a long road ahead. What can we do to make the process easier? We can laugh, cry, and reminisce. All of these things will keep Anayia's memory alive and will help us all heal. Right now it seems that the pain and shock of losing her will never go away, but slowly it will fade. Although an ache will always remain in the hearts of those close to Anayia, she will never be forgotten by anyone. She has touched the lives of every single person at Stamford High, if not through her life, then through her death.

May Anayia, along with Melissa and Robyn,

responding to treatment and died shortly thereafter.

What is it like to know that your child, sibling or friend was healthy one day, and dying of leukemia the next? You must only ask someone who knew Anayia to find out the answer to this question. No amount of time or grieving will ever fully take away the pain of losing her. Teenagers seem to have a mindset that says they are invincible. It is so hard to understand the idea that someone so young and full of life can die. To most, that idea seems so foreign that not even a minute is wasted

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reality check.*

thinking about it - until it rests in peace.

Upcoming Events at SHS

Fri March 29- Good Friday, No School
Fri March 29- Registration Deadline for May SAT
Mon April 1- Fashion Show Rehearsal in Gym (6:30 to 8:30)
Wed April 3- Fashion Show Rehearsal in Gym (6:30 to 8:30)
Thu April 4- Half day (Staff Development)
Fri April 5- End of Third Quarter
Sat April 6- Kappa Alpha Psi Dance in Gym
Mon April 8- Fashion Show Rehearsal in Gym (6:30 to 8:30)
Tue April 9- Junior / Senior Fashion Show at Rippowam Aud.
Wed April 10- Late Registration Deadline for May SAT
Mon April 15 thru Fri April 19- Spring Break
Wed April 24- Report Cards Distributed
Thu April 25- Class of 2005 Burger King Night
Fri April 26- Registration Deadline for June SAT
Mon April 29 thru Fri May 3- CAPT Testing for Freshmen and Sophomores
Fri May 3- Spring Musical at SHS Aud. (8:00)
Sat May 4- SAT and SAT II Testing at SHS (8:00 AM)
Sat May 4- Spring Musical at SHS Aud. (8:00)
Mon May 6 thru Fri May 17- AP Testing
Wed May 8- Late Registration Deadline for June SAT
Fri May 10- Spring Musical at SHS Aud. (8:00)
Sat May 11- Spring Musical at SHS Aud. (2:00 and 8:00)
Fri May 17- Half Day (Staff Development)
Fri May 17- Junior Prom (8:00)
Mon May 27- No School, Memorial Day
Fri May 31- Senior Prom (8:00, Greenwich Hyatt)



Photo by Jennifer Yacenda

Juniors and Seniors participating in this year's fashion show are hoping that the event will be as successful as last year's show. Pictured here are two students, Erin Emmett and Scott Gold, who participated in that show.

SAT IIs scheduled to drop Score Choice option

David Eytel
Associate News Editor

There comes a time in most student's lives when they realize they have to take SAT IIs. Three of them. So many students take them, figuring that if they hold their scores and do poorly, no harm is done, and the only thing wasted is a few dollars and a Saturday morning. That has been true for the past several years, but suddenly there's a problem.

Beginning this fall, the College Board, the organization that writes all of these SAT tests, will be dropping its Score Choice option. This means that instead of students being able to pick and choose which scores go on their permanent records, the scores of every subject test that you take will be automatically added onto your transcript,

whether you would like them to be or not. It's good if you know what you're doing on the test, but it's bad if you're just blindly taking the test to see how you'd score, because you can no longer hide the scores from colleges.

According to collegeboard.com, the official website of the College Board, the Score Choice option is being eliminated because many people feel that it favors wealthy students, who have more money to take tests many times. Also, many seniors who hold their scores often forget to release them to colleges, and getting rid of the Score Choice option altogether would eliminate the problem. The College Board would like to let students know that nearly all of the nation's colleges only consider a student's highest SAT II scores, and is currently encouraging colleges to let their applicants know that.

This winter was warmest on record

David Eytel
Associate News Editor

It is a commonly known feeling. The final bell rings at 2:05, you leave your class, go to your locker to get your jacket, and head out of the school. You step outside, subconsciously expecting the worst, and suddenly you realize the sun is shining and it's actually warm outside. You think to yourself, "What kind of winter is this?"

The warmest one on record, actually. According to NOAA, November, 2001 through January, 2002 has been the warmest November through January period ever recorded.

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tion of the new members began. Mrs. Suzanne Koroshetz, assistant principal and co-advisor, Mrs. Grady, and Mr. Grillo each offered a brief biography of each of the members being inducted.

And it's not only our area of the country that is experiencing such unique conditions. In fact, this past January was overall the warmest January throughout the entire planet, since records were begun 123 years ago. The warming pattern in the contiguous United States is believed to be a result of long-term weather patterns, confirming that the average temperature in this country is going up 1.2 degrees each decade, since 1976.

In the northeast, warm conditions have also been coupled with near-drought conditions in several states along the east coast. Connecticut in particular has experienced the driest winter on record, with only a couple dustings of snow, and

very little rain through the end of February.

Stamford High students generally like the warmer weather we've had recently. Junior Lauren Campfield said, "This warm weather is great ... it feels like it's spring so I haven't gotten stuck in a winter time rut." Junior Erica Tobias added, "It's nice having warm days because it feels like spring, but I hope it rains soon!"

While some students did miss the traditional northeast winters of insanely cold weather, lots of snowfall, and good skiing conditions, most students seemed to react positively to the recent mild weather. As Junior Bella Kotlar exclaimed, "I'm lovin' it baby!"

As each student's name was called, a senior on the stage gave their flower to the junior, and the junior took the senior's seat on stage while the senior took the junior's spot in the audience.

After all the newly inducted juniors were on stage

Senatore led the new members in a recitation of the NHS Pledge.

Upon completion of the pledge Mrs. Koroshetz ended the ceremony with a few brief remarks saying, "Without support from home they wouldn't be up there."

Hypnotist dazzles audience and mesmerizes volunteers

Jennifer Yacenda
College Editor

March 19th, 2002, was a night to remember as Daniel LaRosa entertained a Stamford High crowd in the auditorium as he hypnotized brave volunteers. Though many students volunteered, the final cut was selective due to a series of tests that determined your capability to be hypnotized. The key to hypnosis LaRosa said, "was the smarter you are, the easier it is to be hypnotized." Those who fit this shoe included sophomores Amy Desjardins, Anthony Morgan, and Darlene Auguste, junior Andrew Dolian, and seniors Jerad Franklin, Sharif Little, and

Eddie Martinez.

Once the volunteers were established LaRosa began saying "you are a champion" and you will "feel greatness inside." He also forewarned the volunteers that there are four key components to hypnosis. The first aspect of hypnosis is that afterwards you will like yourself, feel good about yourself and your self-esteem will be given a tremendous boost. Second, you will feel like someone special, like a "champion." Third, after hypnosis, you will have a great dream and sleep like a baby or a log. And finally, you will achieve the goal you envision from the start of the evening. Once the components were made clear, the hypnotist began his routine.

The night started with flying a magic carpet, going to the beach, and enjoying life. When at the beach, LaRosa told the volunteers that it was hot and believe it or not, Darlene began to fan herself frantically and Eddie Martinez wiped away imaginary sweat. From the heat, the temperature switched to cold and Sharif Little began shivering and chattering his teeth as Amy started to get warm through friction by rubbing her arms. Also, among the evening's initial antics, were holding a baby, wearing the face of a champion, meeting and touching your favorite celebrity, and horse jockeying across the stage in chairs.

As the night continued, the laughs and hysterics grew and the volunteers while in a trance, gave the audience a night to remember. Among the brilliant memories, was the scenario: "you have just won a cash prize and there is a pickpocket in the crowd so you have to hide the money." Hiding spots included in pockets, under shirts, and in pants. The scenario was complicated when the pickpocket saw the hiding spot and the volunteers were asked to hide the money again. The punchline came when the money was covered with itching powder. Scrutinized faces came next and among the funniest, were Martinez who itched his crotch in excruciating pain and Andrew Dolian who attacked his chest with a look of dazed confusion.

Other highlights of the night were seeing football star Sharif Little hoola dance, seeing the students pose for various pictures, Egyptian danc-



Left to Right: Junior Andrew Dolian, sophomore Darlene Auguste, and seniors Sharif Little and Eddie Martinez stand in a hypnotic state.

ing, and finding Cleopatra in the crowd. When asked to find Cleopatra, sophomore Anthony Morgan approached junior Chris Rossi and began to dance and Sharif Little found football teammate Bubba Fabius to give him a private show. Yes, if you were not there you missed a sight to see.

For all those skeptics in the audience, Dan LaRosa throughout the night assured them that the students were really hypnotized. Among the convincing tests, were making the volunteers forget their last names, asking them how long they had been there with responses of a mere five minutes compared to the actual half hour, and seeing how relaxed they were as he lifted arms only to fall heavily to their sides. Also, part of the routine was making the crowd disappear, in which eyes widened and expressions of astonishment covered their faces. Then it was off to the circus for the volunteers whose heads shifted back and forth as if

watching actual trapeze artists. Shortly after, our very own students were a part of this circus. Sharif Little started to sell hot dogs, Darlene transformed into a mime, Anthony started to tight rope walk, and Jerad started to tame the lions including Amy, Eddie and Andrew Dolian.

The final acts included Anthony attempting opera singing, being a drill sergeant and ballet dancing. Sherief sang "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain" with an entourage of tap dancers including Eddie Martinez, Andrew Dolian and Jerad Franklin. Next, the volunteers interpreted the song "Aquarius," sung by Hair. LaRosa's act came to an end as the volunteers returned to their seats on stage. The student-volunteers awoke in a daze and fellow peers surrounded them as they came off the stage. The show was a success, laughs were plentiful and everyone enjoyed the show, whether or not they believe hypnosis is the real deal.



Dan LaRosa (right), guest hypnotist, stands next to senior Sharif Little (left) who is in a trance posing for the audience.

SHS students shine at DECA leadership conference

Jenna Goldstein
Managing Editor

On March 12, 2002, Stamford High DECA students participated in the Connecticut DECA School-to-Career Leadership Conference. The DECA program at Stamford High is a hands-on marketing program where students run a school store selling everything from their famous chocolate chip cookies to SHS logo sweatshirts. The conference, which was attended by 975 delegates from around Connecticut, was held at the Aqua Turf Conference Center in Southington, CT.

The purpose of the conference was to give marketing students from all over Connecticut the opportunity to compete against other students in any of several different business related areas. The competitions included retailing, entrepreneurship, fashion merchandising, technical marketing, financial services, hospitality, and travel and tourism. Student competitors are tested by means of a written exam, which included 100 multiple choice questions, as well as several role-playing situations which they perform in front of judges from businesses and universities.

At the end of the competition,

there was a program celebrating the 50th anniversary of DECA. An awards banquet and dance ended the day.

Mr. Howard Levy, the faculty advisor and head of DECA, escorted the field trip. Current DECA President April Lillie and State Delegate Matt Kyek accompanied him, along with 17 other students.

Senior Javier Silva, who has been a member of the DECA program for two years, participated in the marketing and financial services competition. After taking the multiple-choice test, he was interviewed by one of the judges. He played the role of a businessman trying to sell his

company's product to the judge. He said, "I tried my best during the competition. After that, we had lunch and talked to people from the other schools. The most fun part of the day was the dance and the banquet at the end. Overall," Silva said, "I had a great time at the conference. It was a lot of fun and I learned a lot."

Stamford High did well in the competitions, winning a trophy as Outstanding Chapter. Individual awards went to Senior Romy Mikhail, who won second place in the technical marketing event, and Senior Anna Levy, who was a state finalist in the upper-level accessory event.

The national DECA School-to-Career Leadership Development Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah from April 19-24. Danielle Horton, Anna Levy, Romy Mikhail, and Javier Silva will all be attending the conference, which will be supervised by Mr. Levy. The national conference agenda is very similar to the regional one. In addition to the competitions, there will be leadership workshops and social events. Two days are also set aside for students to visit the sites in the Salt Lake City area. Over 3,000 students from all over the country are expected to be attending this conference.

What in the world is so great about being tan anyway?

Brian Kaplowitz
Staff Writer

All right, that's enough! I just don't get it. I went away for February break to Orlando, Florida where, yes, the temperature was relatively warmer than up here in the northeast. As a result of these warmer temperatures, the atmosphere for sitting by a pool and allowing the sunrays to soak into my body was more conducive than the environment back home.

"Brian you look really cute today, what's different about you?" asked one of several young ladies. "Oh, you are tan of course!"

I must have heard this comment, question, and answer today about fifteen times! Am I only cute today, and not any other day that people look at me? Because if that is the case, then that is just not fair. Now I understand that a darker skin complexion is attractive and it's nice to have...but what is so great about being tan that someone's opinion of somebody else can change so drastically? I've taken a survey because I would like to know.

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tan? I think that looking or having a tan is overrated. People should focus more on looking burnt, so everyone will look like me!" - Caitlin Wyatt, senior

"Girls like to be tan because it makes us feel more comfortable about how we look." - Jena Nadro, senior

"Being tan is great. Except for the fact that the sun's rays are

cancerous. But other than that being tan is just absolutely dandy." - Jon Levy, senior

"It's good to be tan because it means that you've been able to sit out in the sun." - Carolyn Segerdell, senior

"I'm always tan, so I don't think about it much, but being out in the sun is always nice." Karesia Batan, senior

"Tanning is good for people who are very self-conscious about their bodies. They think tanning makes them look more attractive." - Amanda Morelli, senior

"When your face is tan, you do not have to wear any make-up." - Ashley DeFilippis, senior

"Personally, I don't like when girls get tan. They are usually bad at getting the same color all over, so their face usually looks multicolored." - Claudel Larose, senior

So it seems to me that there are differing opinions out there, making for a plethora of discussions about the issue. Regardless of how people feel though, the sun is one of G-d's greatest gifts to this world and we should all enjoy its pleasures.

A helping hand

Randy Miller
Staff Writer

"How are you doing in math class?" a girl in English class turned and asked a friend of hers.

"Not too good, it's impossible. I don't understand a word the teacher says. Anyway I just failed a test so my mom is making me get a tutor," the second girl said with a roll of her eyes and an irritated groan.

While I overheard the discussion I reminisced over past experiences in chemistry class, struggling with gas laws, and the Krebs cycle, or was that biology? Never the scientist at times I wondered if the problem had resided within me all those years or the teachers (who I preferred to find fault with).

My freshman year I had struggled to make it through the long year of biology on my own, and with plenty of studying I ended the year with mediocre grades. Sophomore year I battled with chemistry, and as a result my mom hired a tutor, one who regularly came to my house and lectured me on molecules, atoms, and electronic numbers. I made the mistake of thinking that the time spent with her would substitute for the work I would have been doing studying and doing homework. Needless to say I ended the year with less than satisfying results.

So I began to wonder if the problem wasn't with the teaching, maybe hiring a tutor would not solve the problem.

If a student is consistently weak in a subject, will being taught the same lesson twice really have a positive result? Is tutoring the answer or is there another solution? Could the only cure for the perpetual failure be moving down a level and giving up on the tedious work load?

Not to knock tutors, in certain circumstances I am fully supportive and understand their necessity (sometimes it really is the teacher!). But the tutor is not a miracle worker, and hiring one does not necessarily ensure good grades; and even if they did, should a student have to work that hard for one single class? If paying attention sufficiently and studying isn't enough, does a person really belong in that particular class?

Tutors are controversial for many reasons: some view them as an unfair advantage, while supporters claim the extra help gives them the edge. So if your learning style means that learning one on one with a tutor is the one way to be successful in your studies then by all means hire a tutor. But never substitute an extra teacher for extra studying, never replace out of class work for in class effort, and never look for easy solutions when a problem may need further examination.

Question of the Month:

Where do you envision yourself 15 years from now?

Julie Stoltman
Associates Opinions Editor

"In 15 years I will be Limone's AuPair, with a part-time job at ATO Records." Danielle Guerra, Freshman

"Living with my folks in Argentina." Senior Gabriel Poliboy

"I'll probably live near

the beach with the sun on my face, living in a mansion with my pretty, smart and rich wife, so I don't have to work." - Junior Jose Condor

"In 15 years I'll be making millions of dollars with a software called Macrohard." - Freshman Jenay Mekonen

"If I don't pass U.S. history, I'll still be here." - Senior Chris Sala

"I will be married to

my eighth wife living in a trailer somewhere in Utah, shootin' skunks." - Junior Dan Maimon

"Living in an isolated log cabin writing the great American novel." - Senior Eric Hartlett

"I'll be a Senator." Sophomore Billy Chnowski

"In 15 years I'll be living a good life and making a lot of money." - Junior Marcela

Mercado

"Hopefully done with school, making a ton of money, and most importantly, being happy and successful." - Senior Kristen Coleman

"Being a secret agent man." - Senior Adam Marcus

"Still going to high school parties." - Junior Evan Ratner

"In 15 years I'll be livin' large. A family, and a bangin' husband! Can't forget about the money and a big house. Holla!" - Freshman Andrea Riley

"County jail." - Senior Laura Asserfea

"If I don't pass AP Calculus, I will not get into college, and will be living under a bridge." - Senior Marina Gerbin

Fond (and not so fond) memories

Brian Kaplowitz
Staff Writer

When I walk down the aisle to mid-field of Boyle Stadium to greet Mr. Pavia as he hands me my diploma, I firmly believe that I will stand on that platform for a second or two, and will be carried away to the memories of my years here at Stamford High. Although there have been those moments where I just couldn't wait to get out of this place, I know I will miss every facet of SHS...well almost everything.

Over the past four years I have been involved in many activities some, which I have greatly looked forward to and others, which I have just dreaded. For example, while sports have always been a passion of mine, I didn't really enjoy running for the cross-country team. I'm not trying to knock Coach Brown or anyone else who runs it, but I guess running in the freezing cold was just too tiring and boring for me.

But enough about me. What I and the rest of Stamford High School are interested in knowing is, what has been your least favorite activity over the past

four years of high school?

"I dreaded archery in gym class. I was embarrassed because I could never hit the target. I cried when everyone made fun of me and called me pathetic." - **Claudell LaRose, Senior**

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Brian Kaplowitz

"I hated going to pep rallies. I found them pointless and uneventful." - **Justin Fendo, Senior**

"Walking past the cooking room on the sixth floor, because it just never smells right." - **Zac Maybo, Senior**

"Jewelry class was my least favorite, because it turned my hands green." - **Matt Lessard, Senior**

"Walking from the parking lot to the second floor in the morning is definitely the worst. By the time I get there, I am completely winded." - **Krystal Marbach,**

Senior

"I hate using the bathrooms because I always come out smelling like cigarettes." - **Jena Nadro, Senior**

"I hate walking through the hall ways because they are so always so crowded. I'm always forced to squeeze through everywhere, and I'm tired of it already." - **Steven Legutko, Senior**

"Starting school at 7:45 instead of 7:25 after my sophomore year. I did not look forward to waking up twenty minutes earlier each morning, and it just stopped me from being fully alert so early in the morning." - **Jenna Goldstein, Senior**

"My least favorite activity? Walking through the halls. It's like a bad sexual experience, lots of touching and bumping and you just can't wait to get out of there." - **David Eisner, Senior**

As readers may have noticed, the variety of answers is interesting and some are even humorous. At least some day down the road, the majority of us will be able to look back at the years of high school, smile at the good things, and just laugh off all the rest, because to be quite honest, it's all small stuff, and we shouldn't sweat it at all.

Random musings lead to some sharp insights

As with many things in life, the simple things prove most complex.

Julie Stoltman
Associates Opinions Editor

lege letters when you applied in December has to be some form of cruel and unusual punishment

-Poetry is just a more complicated way of saying things

-Paying \$72 to take an AP test where you can only get a score of 1-5 is a rip off

-Paying \$3.25 for a bottle of water at Madison Square Garden makes anyone who buys it look like a fool

-Pop-tarts taste better un-toasted

-College basketball is much more exciting than professional

-Putting gum under the desk is really an idiotic thing to do since most people sit in the same seat every day.

-Physics is really more of a math than a science

-If you were to not miss a day of school from kindergarten to 12 grade, you would have spent 2,340 days of your life in the classroom

-The Merritt Parkway is a much more pleasant ride than the I-95

-Writing your name on the stalls in the bathroom is incriminating evidence

-There is no such thing as too much sleep (This is a fact with which 90% of a Stamford High test group agrees.)

-Wearing a sweater and flip-flops in winter defeats the purpose of keeping warm

-Waiting until April 15 for col-

Please give blood - April 5

So, where is all of the snow?

Gyna Villard
Staff Writer

Well, it's the end of March and the Stamford area has yet to have anywhere near as much snow as it did last year. This is a shame. What else is winter for? It has been a winter that seems to resemble the fall, which seems to resemble the summer. Weird.

Many can't recall its ever being this warm this early in the year. Worst of all, any snow that does decide to grace this area with its presence is subject to a ground much too warm for accumulation. Therefore, none on the snow will even stick. What a shame.

Of course, without snow, how can school ever be canceled? Maybe the state will get hit with a solid blizzard, one that is worse than last year's attempt at one.

Snow is what the winter is for. It doesn't feel the same without having to do the back wrenching shoveling of the driveway, just to find out that four hours later, one has to repeat the process.

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The Scholastic Aptitude Tests just do not do the job

Lauren LaRusso
Associate Opinions Editor

Why should a test be kept that reduces knowledge to a set of isolated facts, turns reasoning onto an exercise of checking boxes, and drives two million kids insane every year? It shouldn't. SAT scores receive too much significance by college admissions officers, and have gone too far. "There is so much hype over SAT scores," said Junior Israela Nof, "it seems like when it comes down to it, they just mean everything."

In a March 2001 poll conducted by USA Today daily newspa-

per, American College students were asked what they think of the SAT. 40% replied that they should be eliminated, 39% thought that the exams are not good predictors of student ability, 13% said that they should be improved, and only 6% thought that the SAT is a good indicator.

The use of the SAT now has changed from the way its creators originally intended it to be used. Decades ago the executive board at Harvard wanted to grant a scholarship, but they found it difficult to differentiate between all of the applicants with similar transcripts from thousands of high schools. As a result, they used the SAT as a standardized

test to weed out these kids. Now, however, it has become a main factor in deciding how prepared for college a student is. College admissions officers tend to view it as being able to depict how well a student will perform academically in his first year of college.

The SAT has also become a test that many view as deciding how intelligent a student is. It's purpose is not an intelligence test, however, when applying to a highly competitive college, a high SAT score doesn't mean that the applicant will get in, whereas a low score plays a significant role in rejection.

Did you know that the SAT hasn't been changed in 4

decades? As technology changes, and our understanding of how people learn changes, so should the SAT.

Also more affluent students have an advantage in their methods of preparation for the SAT, which may greatly alter test scores. Many affluent people hire private SAT tutors, or enroll in classes. This significantly raises their scores. Those with less money to spare can't do this, so they either get low scores or get lucky and obtain a good score. Colleges, however, can't tell who got SAT help and who didn't. "SAT classes are really expensive," notes Junior Lauren Campfield, "which means that a

lot of people can't take them." SAT prep courses cost anywhere from \$800- \$1,200. These courses may significantly increase an SAT score, so those who can pay this money have an extreme advantage. So basically, the amount of money one has is contributing to whether or not he or she is granted admission into a certain college.

There are various reasons why the SAT should be eliminated as a method of determining a student's eligibility to attend a college. In addition to the extreme stress levels accompanying this test, it has become an unfair and inaccurate indication of the achievements and intelligence of a student.

Dear Mr. Lewis, here's what I think

Lauren LaRusso
Associate Opinions Editor

Following is an open letter written to NY Times editorial writer/columnist Anthony Lewis.

Dear Mr. Anthony Lewis,
Reading your article made me aware of an issue that I had never previously given thought to. Whenever I read about the war on terrorism or hear about it on the news, I am given the impression

that it is a concerted effort made by both the civilians and the government they support.

In your article 'Taking Our Liberties,' you warn that "constitutional bulwarks against concentrated power are threatened," and

proceed to illustrate just how this is taking place. Although your examples are effective and based on fact, you left out very important information about this war on terrorism; information that is more important than a few mishaps in government affairs. This information may describe the efforts of the government to provide food and other necessities to the innocent and oppressed peoples of terrorist countries, or might mention that it is important for the government to mobilize into a state of high alert. Personally, after the events of September 11, I want to be comforted by the fact that government officials are making an effort to keep us all safe. I would rather chance offending other countries, or even temporarily trample a few civil liberties, than allow something so tragic to happen again.

Previously, we were not alert enough, and the result now is children growing up without fathers and mothers, families torn apart, friends lost forever; a symbol of

American strength destroyed. The preservation of the leniency that had crept upon the American government before September 11 is not worth the possibility of another tragic event to happen.

I am aware that the intent of your article was not to imply that you wish another tragedy to take place, however, if in times like these we try too hard to be absurdly politically correct in situations that called for true awareness, then all we would be doing was inviting the terrorists to strike again.

I agree that the United States government can be forceful while still recognizing the boundaries of naturally deserved human rights, and they should strive to be this way. Trust, however, seems to be a thing of the past nowadays.... I would rather insult a million people, than cry for the death of even one.

Sincerely,

Lauren LaRusso

Where have the fast food places gone?

Andrew Dolian
Associate Sports Editor

Six years ago there were three major fast food places where students could choose from a variety of foods. Five years ago you could still actually be proud of the school's cafeteria. Now the fast food places that used to be in the cafeteria are all gone.

For the first time in a long time, Domino's pizza is no longer selling their delicious pizza slices in the small cafeteria. The local Domino's franchise would send out a messenger with four, five or six boxes of the plain cheese pizza encased in the red or blue heat retaining delivery pouches to arrive just in time for each of the three lunch waves. The delivery person arrived at the back door of the cafeteria and, would deliver the hot pizzas to the small cafeteria. There a Stamford high cafeteria worker would put the boxed pizzas into a warming oven to keep them warm, and would separate the slices on a rotating warming display from which hun-

gry students would make their selections.

Three years ago the famous Subway was also still part of the cafeteria. In this case, too, the local franchise would prepare a number of their more popular selections on wedges, and would deliver them to the cafeteria just in time for the lunch crowd. Students would have a choice of the wrapped sandwiches in addition to the regular fare of the cafeteria.

And it was just about six years ago that McDonald's also used to be a presence in the cafeteria to offer a number of their billions of served burgers to student eaters who could enjoy at least a sample of the 'two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun.' For many they served as a reminder of the home cooked meals they could get when they were not in school.

Now there is just the Marriott food that, as a number of people say, isn't too great. Of the loss of the several choices of foods in the cafeteria Senior Casey Colandro

said, "I used to be able to choose between Subway or Domino's pizza, but now there is nothing."

Walking out of school and finding something to eat off of school property during the lunch wave seems to be a popular thing to do. This behavior involves a very high risk because being caught by staff or security could lead to big problems. Nonetheless, fewer and fewer students seem to be showing up in their appointed lunch wave.

Junior John Kalinowski said, "I rarely eat what is sold in the cafeteria these days. It is way better to get what you crave outside of school. It is a risk," he continued, "I am willing to take for decent food."

Domino's, Subway, and McDonald's are all gone and their replacement/ reinstatement needs to be considered for coming years so students can have a variety instead of having to eat the school's selected. Freshman Jake Lazzarus summed up the situation when he said, "I never knew about all these places that use to be in the cafeteria, but now I hope that I will be able to eat something good in my remaining years at SHS."

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It doesn't feel the same not having to dig one's car out of an overcrowded parking lot. It doesn't feel the same waking up and realizing after calling the weather-check line that school is cancelled. Well, one can always hope.

What about all the skiers and the snowboarders? Where do they go? Probably a little more north than they would like.

Probably a little more north than Connecticut ski areas would like.

This is the time of year that skiers have been looking forward to the most. To be able to get outside and hit the trails after a long summer of no skiing. Now they have to drive hours away just to hit the wonderful mountains that are primed and ready for the winter season.

Hey, maybe next year we'll have at least a few more inches of nothing.

The Senior Spotlight: Kate Raddock

Peter Fiorita
Arts and Entertainment Editor

She has an engaging personality, is unbelievably athletic, and calling her smart still will not be saying enough. She is an ideal Stamford High School student and her name is Kate Raddock.

She is mostly known for her volleyball accomplishments, but has recently dug up a new interest on the sidelines at the basketball games. Yes, that is right!



Photo by D. Yucenda

Kate is one of the newest members of the girls' cheerleading team. Many questioned her legitimacy as a cheerleader and the gossip going around school was that Kate would never become such a thing. And that was true until the beginning days of December when Kate shocked everyone by taking this unexpected action and tried out for the cheerleading squad. Much to her surprise she made it. But of course she would; she won the senior superlative for the one having "Most School Spirit." She

is quoted as saying, "It was supposed to be a senior prank, but in the end I actually ended up liking it."

Now a cheerleader, she is a firm supporter of the affirmative in the argument that "cheerleading is a sport." "It's a lot harder than I thought it was," Kate stated. "Before I always laughed at the cheerleading team, but the tables have turned, and I am now the one constantly being made fun of."

Kate's radiant smile and diligence have not only allowed her to win over people the likes of Ms. Assunto, but have also helped her to achieve a prosperous high school career. Her work ethic has paid off, and as of right now, her senior year is filled with relaxation, if you look at things besides her four AP classes, since she has one the biggest worries off her mind: college. After weighing her options, and viewing all of the opportunities available to her, she decided that Amherst College would suit her best. There she will continue to



Photo by D. Yucenda

pursue her academic excellence and possibly her volleyball career as well.

Even at college, where the workload becomes almost unbearable, Kate will hold her own. If, in high school, she can be a member of the National Honor Society, and be named to the All-State and All-FCIAC volleyball first teams, while at the same time maintaining a 3.92 GPA, her college years will like-

ly be as easy as a kill on the volleyball court.

Although one might think Kate's enervating schedule would tire her, her unique sense of humor keeps her going everyday. It is her unbelievable perseverance that every person who knows her admires about her. And those special qualities she possesses now will not only make her successful in college, but in her life as well.

Car of the Month: Ryan Feinstein cruises in his Cavalier

Peter Fiorita
Arts & Entertainment Editor

It is often mistaken for a 'Granny's' car, but that is perfectly fine with him. "It's a fire engine," Ryan Feinstein said about his '94 Chevy Cavalier station wagon. "It may look like an old person's car, but watch when I'm done with it."

In some people's minds,

even with all the changes one plans to make to a station wagon, no one can ever make a grandma's car look nice. Feinstein, on the other hand, knows he can, and that is why he is so intent on doing it.

The standard features which a 1994 Cavalier is equipped are not the most intriguing. It includes A/C, an am/fm radio, and of course, seating for five, just enough room to

fit the grandchildren. One thing that seems to compensate for the otherwise dull features is the engine: a 3.2 liter V-6 engine with 187 horsepower.

So, you figure Feinstein bought the car for the engine, right? Not exactly. He loves taking the challenge of proving people wrong, especially when they say, "Ryan, your car will never look nice." Once he hears comments like these, he pumps his new Sony stereo system as a way to fend off the critics.

When someone remarks that the CD player is the best thing on the car, Feinstein simply chuckles and replies, "Hear this." In an attempt to quell his hecklers, Feinstein reaches for the most important button in the car: the volume, and cranks the music. Feinstein's four 10-inch subwoofers in the back along with a 1000-watt Sony amplifier work their magic, stopping any other people from hearing any further derogatory comments.

Senior Ryan Pape admitted, "I was skeptical at first, but now I give Ryan a lot of credit."

When I asked Feinstein what he plans to do next, before his critics come back for another round of repugnant statements, he answered, "Once people see

confidential, that will be among the last additions he is going to install on his car.

So it might be said that this car of the month is truly a work in progress, a work that is going to have to be appreciated in little stages as time and money allow.



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the finished product, they will be dropping their mouths in awe." Among the plans are a cold air intake, 18" inch chrome wheels, tinted windows, and some more goodies that he wants to keep

Regardless of what the critics might say or think, this particular '94 Chevy station wagon is one that has a lot of potential and may well turn out to be the Grammy Car With Guilttrip.

The Senior Spotlight:

Adam Marcus

Brian Kaplowitz
Staff Writer

In past "senior spotlights" the majority of the students being written about were relatively recognizable to the rest of the school. However, this article's remarkable scholar may not be one of the better-known students but is certainly one of the more well liked at SHS. The Round Table would like everyone to have the opportunity to become familiar with this distinguished gentleman. His name is Adam Marcus, and he could quite possibly be the smartest, nicest and most modest kid one could ever meet.

There have been many times when the subjects of these articles were described as the greatest, the smartest, most athletic, and most well rounded, and Adam Marcus is another one on the list; he is the real deal. He does everything a day will allow. From maintaining a high grade point average in a five AP class schedule, to helping kids with their homework, to attending club gatherings, and being a normal high school student, Marcus has demonstrated that he is more than capable of balancing all of these activities and leading a positive life. "Adam is the most patient person I've ever met. He never turns down a request to help someone with their homework," stated Marcus's best friend Eric Hartlett.

Marcus was born an only child to his mother Talia, and his father Rafael. Marcus thanks his father for his interest in computers, as he was the one who sparked his interest. He, at times, feels as if he is second best to his cat Peaches though. "Peaches is the star of the family. He constantly oscillates between obesity and a urinary track infection," said Marcus. "He is orange, plump, and furry when we don't shave him," he added.

As mentioned previously,

Marcus is currently enrolled in five AP classes, including chemistry, calculus, physics, English and computer science. Now many of you may think that a schedule like that would be completely overwhelming, but he has a different outlook on his situation. "It seems like a lot, but in reality it is nice to only have five classes," he said. Others could look at it that way if they really want to, but many people give him a lot of credit for taking on such a demanding schedule. Marcus enjoys a "n + .858 GPA" as he likes to state it, and by the end of this year will more than likely be ranked number one in the senior class, a feat that some in this class are envious of.

In order for Marcus to indulge in his interests and hobbies, he belongs to many

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Eric Hartlett

clubs and teams including the National Honor Society, Interact, Internet development team, Physics Club, and Club Connect. Not all of them are geared towards academics, as some are about computers and games. In addition, he enjoys assisting students with their homework because he enjoys helping others as a caring individual in this great society. "I plan to donate a lot of blood to people that are in need of it, as I have just turned seventeen," Marcus said.

Marcus, along with his friend Jeff Pan, is working on a documentary on Alon Turing, a World War II code breaker, for his History Day project. "I've been interested in cryptography for a while, so I found this pro-

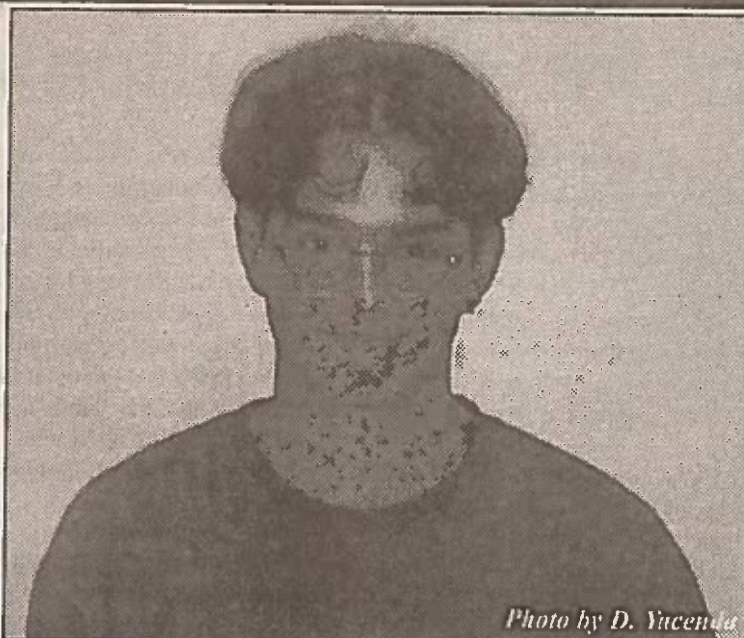


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ject interesting," he stated. But that is not all Marcus has an interest in. He finds pleasure in computers, going to punk/ska shows, and staying up late to all hours of the night with his friends. "I enjoy playing a massive amount of games online until odd hours in the morning with Eric (Hartlett)," Marcus said. "When we are completely bored, my friends and I perform shenanigans like eating way too much KFC popcorn chicken and bad Taco Bell."

Just recently Marcus showed his true colors by attending Karaoke night here at SHS, that took place on November 30. He was skeptical at first, but eventually cut loose and had a great time. "It was a lot more fun than I thought it would be. Eric and I sang, 'Point the Blame,' by Catch 22," he said. "As a surprise to many, we did quite the fun jig, commonly known as skanking," he added.

Marcus is looking forward to life after high school. He plans to attend college either at the University of Illinois or Carnegie Mellon. "I think either of these schools would best suit me, as they combine the engineering world and that artsy-fartsy one."

Either way Marcus will continue to strive in the next stage of his education and this world of scholarly things. "I'm considering working for a government intelligence agency when I grow up," said Adam. It didn't seem as if Marcus was being completely truthful, though, as he later stated that he would study computer sci-

ence and electrical engineering.

Marcus is on a mission to let the world know one thing. "I feel that it is necessary to inform the public that I am not 100% geek." Over the past four years, as people have observed Marcus, they can be sure that there is a lot more to him than his ingenuity. He can carry on a conversation on virtually any

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Adam Marcus

topic and he enjoys doing so quite often. He also likes to get out with friends. "I used to be sporty until the second grade, when I was on a baseball team. I slid into third base, and broke my leg in two places," he said. "After five months in a cast, my sporting career was over, but before I had enjoyed a few soccer stints also," Marcus said. Regardless of whether he is sporty or not, he is still a great kid.

Regardless of how one looks at it, Adam Marcus is a unique individual who has a lot to offer this world. Most believe that Marcus will go on to do great things in his life, as he is a focused, motivated and caring human being.

zzzzz...Sleep Deprivation

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Associate News Editor

Sleep deprivation is common at Stamford High. With the first bell ringing earlier this year, at 7:20 in the morning, and many students living in north Stamford having to leave their houses well before seven in the morning, you don't have to look hard to find sleep-deprived students at school. Many students find it very difficult to be themselves for the first few periods of the day. They find it tough to stay alert for anything, let alone academics. Because they are overtired and not stimulated during the day, some students nearly fall asleep in class.

Can you blame them? Countless studies show that high school students need more sleep than any other age group. According to Dr. Richard Simon Jr., of the St. Mary's Medical Sleep Disorder Center, teenagers, specifically those in high school, need between one to two hours more sleep than an average 9 or 10 year old, and yet they receive on average two hours less. This causes them to be the sleepest members of society. Unfortunately, constant sleepiness is associated with poor school performance, increased drug and alcohol abuse, and increased automobile accidents among young people. This level of sleepiness is also shown to be connected to the high rate of teenage suicides.

A Washington D.C. based nonprofit organization called the Washington Sleep Foundation found that young people need over nine hours of sleep in many cases to "function optimally." The study shows, however, that a large percentage of them receive less than seven hours, and even less than that in many cases. According to Dr. Mary Carskadon of Bradley Hospital in East Providence, R.I., high school students tend to fall asleep and awaken later due

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SAT's: Taking them often could be a mistake

Peter Fiorita
Arts & Entertainment Editor

It is often a sensitive topic for high school students. When asked about her opinion on the SATs, Senior Karesia Batan stated, "Don't even talk to me about them." Being a junior or senior, one can relate to the amount of distress placed on teenagers by the SATs. It is three-hour test that practically determines your future. It decides whether that individual meets a school's test requirements and questions whether a student is smart

enough to get into their college choices. The proposal "to do away with" the SATs in the college admissions process is being looked into, but for now they still manage to torment adolescent minds nationwide.

Imagine...you just got home from a hard day at school and you are going through the mail when you come across a rarity—an envelope that has your name on it. So you look at the return address and notice that The College Board has finally sent you your SAT results.

The results are in the envelope and you are scared to open

it. You finally get enough courage to open the envelope and either one of two things happens. You are ecstatic and very much satisfied knowing that your first time taking the SATs was your last. Or, unfortunately for most, that's not the case. For the majority, an increase in math and verbal will be obligatory to get into your desired choice of college.

What do you do? What do you do? Some people say that if you are not pleased with your scores, then you should take the SATs over again. It sounds simple, right? Nope! Students then

sign up for the test again, and those results come in and you still did not score as well as you wanted to. A small increase in your score makes you happy for a short while, but it still is not enough to get into the college you really want to go to.

It is now your third time taking the test and things still do not turn out in your favor. Very often you see determined students that feel like they can still do better on the test. They might be able to, but signing up one more time could turn out to be a really big mistake.

Many times students are told

not to register again after the third time taking the SATs. When colleges see that you really are not making any headway they then have a good idea in regard to what category you scored in. So you would basically be wasting your time and money.

Make sure you do not take the SATs more than three times because in doing so you are giving The College Board what they want: more money, while at the same time, you could possibly be reducing your chances of being admitted to your number one college choice.

DVD vs. VCR: A Fight For Respect ... Who will win?

Peter Fiorita
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Ahhh! The VCR, what a piece of machinery! It was a miracle worker; it got us through days when inclement weather kept us indoors or on Fridays when all we felt like doing was relaxing and watching a movie with our friends. But now this so-called revolutionary device of the 70s, 80s, and early '90s is becoming anachronistic. It's difficult to say goodbye to a machine that has made watching comedies, horror, sci-fi, and action movies possible, but I say,

"Move on over," because the DVD player has stolen the lime light! Thousands of people around the U.S. have already invested their money in DVD players for the better sound and picture it provides when compared to the VCR.

When it was announced that the "CD" would bring us music, everyone was skeptical about the whole idea because of their familiarity with what is now the archaic tape deck. Then, when electronic companies publicized the allegation that DVDs would be the new invention of the 21st century, again everyone thought of it as a waste of money.

However, as the number of DVD advertisements proliferated people began to research the new

...the actual DVD costs \$5 more than a tape. But the \$5 extra dollars are worth it.

device. Senior Tom Piro said, "When I heard of the DVD coming out, I knew it would be ten times better than a VCR."

And that it was, except that it ran your pocketbook a

couple of bucks more than a VCR. Depending on the brand name, a DVD player could cost you as much as \$250. If you are not a real movie person though, then the less expensive ones would be your best bet. Some of these models include ones from Philips and RCA, and would be priced at about \$125 at the most.

It's not only the DVD player that is more expensive; the actual DVD costs \$5 more than a tape. But the \$5 extra dollars are worth it. When you are watching your favorite movie at home and you want to go back to a particular scene, the DVD player allows you to do so without any hassle.

All you do is look at the listings of chapters, press the "BACK" button a couple of times and your favorite part will be played in a matter of seconds. How much easier can it get? It would take fifteen minutes to rewind the tape!

One thing that is imperative to know when purchasing a DVD player: you must take care of the DVDs. If you are the careless type, do not even contemplate buying a DVD player because you will create nothing but headaches for yourself. But if you are the prudent type, go get your DVD and just sit back and relax.

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to their physiological changes, causing a general increase of daytime sleepiness. Because of this study, many school districts have delayed the opening of school, resulting in an increase in student's grades, and a student body that functions better in school, and is generally healthier.

Unfortunately, because of Stamford High's early starting time, a student that manages to wake up as late as seven for school, would still have to consis-

tently be asleep by ten at night to achieve the nine hours needed for high school students. Obviously, getting to sleep by ten is not something many of us can normally do, whether we want to or not. As long as first period begins at 7:25 AM, we will have to remember to somehow get to bed at some kind of reasonable hour, even though it may not be the nine recommended hours. If not, we will continue to catch up on needed sleep in class, something that many teachers frown upon.

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Limousines and Party Vans and Boxters, Oh My!

Brian Kaplowitz
Staff Writer

With junior and senior proms just a few short weeks away, it's time that everyone begins investigating their options for transportation so that they show up in style. The possibilities are endless and the frustration that comes along with the entire process can be overwhelming at times. There are tons of avenues to the prom available to students ranging from limousines, to party vans, to your father's Jaguar, Mercedes Benz, BMW, or Porsche. So whichever decision you make, here is some information to help lead you calmly in that direction.

Limos:

Finding the right limousine to suit your needs is always an adventure. When making the decision on the brand, the size, the color of the car, and even organizing things so that everyone fits, the room for error and argument is vast and can be distressing. Limousines range in size from

the 'just big enough for two plus the driver' intimate style to the 'dozen and counting' party pack, so choosing the group of friends to ride along with can be just as important as choosing the limo, because "sour grapes" and animosity among your friends even before you start can ruin an otherwise great event.

Vans:

Party vans are another good choice for transporting you and your friends to and from pre-prom, to prom, and to after-prom. If you are looking to go with a large bunch of your friends, then a party van makes the most sense. First of all, it is a lot cheaper than the smaller limousine and after all, prom is about being together with the people who are most important to you. Second, the party van allows for more space and less confining surroundings. While it is often not as luxurious as the limousine, and sometimes it even looks more like a bus than anything else, it is also quite a bit easier to embark and disembark - it doesn't require quite so much

bending in the middle and chicken crawling the length of the passenger compartment.

Luxury Cars:

For those of you out there who wish to have a more private evening with your date, renting an expensive, classy automobile, or borrowing one from somebody close to you, may be the path you are looking for. If you are going to consider renting a vehicle, be sure that you check around to be sure that you will be able to rent a car, regardless of the availability or the style. Many rental companies refrain from providing automobiles to individuals under a certain age, making the pricing and the availability a moot point.

Borrowing a special vehicle from someone in your family or a close friend who is willing to take the risk is another option for getting a classy automobile. This is often the wisest decision financially, because unless your father or close friend is charging you for the use of their vehicle, the actual cost is relatively low or non-existent. While there may

be no set fee for the use of the car, with the low price comes the added responsibility and pressure of driving someone's borrowed car. In addition to the fact that you have to do all the driving, there is also no way that you will be able to totally forget whose car it is when making turns and cruising the roads in an unfamiliar car, hoping all the time that you will not put a dent or scratch the car in any way.

Whether you choose a limousine, a party van, or a luxurious car, the decision is up to you. After all, this is just your junior or senior prom. The most important thing is to have fun, for what will probably be one of the more memorable evenings of your lifetime.

General Information:

There are certain factors that one must consider when renting a limousine, party van, or classy car.

* The size and type of vehicle will alter the prices, as well as will the day of the week on which you choose to rent it. Weekends are the most popular time for rentals, so once

again the price may be relatively more expensive.

* One must also be aware of company rental policies regarding ages of passengers. Familiarize yourself with insurance rates, and the price of the package which being purchased, as well as figuring a gratuity for the hard-working driver.

* Prices for limousines in the tri-state area are also more expensive comparatively than across the nation, so don't forget to make sure you are getting the best rates around.

Average Prom Rental Costs:

- * 6 passenger limousine - \$350-600
 - * 8 passenger limousine - \$400-700
 - * 12 passenger limousine - \$500-900
 - * Rolls Royce - \$350-600
 - * Excalibur - \$350-600
- Other limousines/van websites
1. www.topclasslimo.com
 2. www.empirecars.com
 3. www.nyclimos.com
 4. www.michaelslimos.com
 5. www.antiquelimo.com
 6. www.jrbuses.com
 7. www.executive-express.com

What if you are dumped before the big day?

Anna Dreyser
Co-editor-and-chief

So you've got yourself that perfect dress or tuxedo, the corsage or boutonniere is waiting to be picked up at the florist and you can no longer contain your excitement about that special evening yet to come. You're anticipating the dancing, the food, the aftermath, and the moment of walking through those doors with your date. So what do you do when that special someone who promised to escort you to one of the culminating events in high school backs out of his or her end of the deal? The immediate response may be to cry, yell, or heave large objects in different directions. Yet, after all the tears and blood have been shed, it's time to be practical:

That's what friends are for!

Hunt down your last available friend and

guilt trip them into taking you. Remind them that prom, "is really an event to be with friends and to enjoy the last few high school moments together."

All in the family

If lacking a date is driving you to desperate measures, then there's always that option of bringing a family member- a DISTANT family member. If you really are considering this option, here are a few guidelines. First, it would not be wise to bring someone known to be a relative i.e. sibling, first cousin. Instead, seek out those in other states. Secondly, please refrain from inviting any one older than the teachers.

B-E aggressive

A little forceful persuasion never hurt anyone-too much. Don't wait around for Prince Charming to rescue you in your time of need. Instead grab your rope and

Lower your standards or at least your date's grade level.

If all the seniors and juniors at SHS seem to be occupied for the evening, there's still a selection of freshmen and sophomores to choose from.

Homecoming

This year, most college students will have returned from college hoping to rest from the exams and partying. This gives you a perfect opportunity to snatch them up for your date.

Go solo

Going stag is a lot more productive than one might think. No worries about committing to a date. Instead, enjoy your time with friends, dance with everyone and just celebrate how good you look.

Finally, don't let one little detail ruin your night

You've probably already spent so much time, money, and sweat glands on this one particular evening, so why quit now?



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In search of the 'Prom dress':

One of a kind, inexpensive and SMASHING!

Lauren LaRusso
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Prom 2002 is here, and, like many other junior and senior girls, you may be wondering just where to find that perfect dress for a perfect night. There are many different places you can go to shop for a prom dress, and there are pros and cons that come along with selecting a dress from each of these places.

First, there are the department stores. These include Lord and Taylor, which is located between High Ridge and Long Ridge Roads, and Macy's and Filenes, both of which are in the mall. These stores offer a wide selection of dresses. From the puffy princess dresses to slinky ones, department stores are a great place to look for various types of dresses in accommodat-

ing sizes.

In addition, for those who can't exactly pour their life savings into buying a dress, department stores often have a "sale rack" of prom dresses. These are mostly prom dresses that were not purchased from the season before, and are still very cute and wearable! I can almost guarantee that nobody is going to walk up to you at pre-prom and shout, "Scandalous! That dress you're wearing is from last season!" The only person who would know is you and your wallet.

The down side to shopping at a well-known department store is that there is a great chance that someone else at prom will show up wearing the exact same dress, and this situation must be avoided at all costs!

Another store to shop for prom dresses is A Step Ahead located in the shopping plaza on

High Ridge Road. The great advantage that this small shop has over all of the other stores is that it guarantees that nobody else will have your prom dress! A Step Ahead sells only one of each prom dress. It doesn't matter if the sizes are different. A Step Ahead holds only one of each design of a prom dress. Once the dress has been purchased, nobody else can purchase the same one. The only downside to buying a dress at this store is that they generally tend to be on the high priced side. But if you're willing to spend a little more on a dress that no other girl will be wearing, this is the place to go.

The mall is a good place to shop for prom dresses and accessories. In addition to the department stores, they have small stores that carry prom dresses, such as Cache. Like A Step Ahead, Cache is somewhat expensive. Their dresses, however, are often unique and are of high quality.

Sax Fifth Avenue, also offers a wide variety of formal dresses and is rather pricey. Keep your

eyes open, however, because dresses from Sax will soon be displayed at the April 9 presentation of the SHS Fashion Show.

If you have a special dress, fabric or style in mind, there is always the option of having a dress tailored for you by one of the several seamstresses who work in the Stamford area. Having a dress made gives you the opportunity to create the prom dress of your dreams. This route guarantees a perfect fit and that nobody will have the same dress.

In the Stamford area and frequently within easy driving distance, there are many different places to purchase a prom dress. These stores vary in factors such as cost and availability of selection, so each and every girl will inevitably find that perfect dress.

Happy hunting, have a great prom 2002!

I can almost guarantee that nobody is going to walk up to you at pre-prom and shout, "Scandalous! That dress you're wearing is from last season!"

Tanning to a toasty glow

Cristina Tuluca
Associate Features Editor

For those of you who would like to get some 'color' before the big night, there are a number of tanning salons in Stamford, many of which offer pre-prom specials or student discounts.

High Ridge Tanning: 322-6992
968-3 High Ridge Road (behind Kinko's, next to Weight Watchers)

S.A.E. Certified Staff

Pricing: First month is unlimited tanning for \$69.99, not including lotion and goggles. Goggle are \$6 and lotion is in packets \$4-7 and in bottles \$29 and up. The longer you tan, the more you save. Call to find out more about long-term tanning savings.

Solar Zone: 969-0299 or 969-0499

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Pre-Prom Special: First month is unlimited tanning for \$59 plus tax, including lotion and goggles. Second month is \$49 plus tax. (Go visit to get free coupons.)

Sun Glow Solar Salon: 325-4489

217 Bedford Street
By Appointment only

Pre-Prom special: First month of unlimited tanning is \$55. Students who acknowledge that they heard about Sun Glow Solar Salon through The Round Table newspaper will receive free lotion, worth \$15.

Beach Club: 967-0401
990 Hope Street

Pricing: One month of tanning in regular beds is \$59; three months is \$118. This does not include lotion or goggles.

Odyssey Hair Salon: 348-1917
941 Bedford Street

Pricing: 1 session is \$8.48; 3 sessions is \$21.20; 10 sessions is \$47.70; 15 sessions is \$58.30; 30 sessions is \$79.50.

Pre-Prom Special: One month unlimited tanning for 44.99 (offer good through June 1st.) 20% off products with this article.

Deckin' out in style for prom:

The gentleman's styler speaks out

Dan Renzetti
Associate Features Editor

This goes out to the dudes, mainly the juniors, who are contemplating their get-up for prom. The seniors already know since they have been through it once. They know you have to stand out, you can't just wear any old tux. Or maybe that's just what I think, but listen to what has to be said and maybe your opinion will change.

Of course you can go with the usual black and white tux, with a black tie or bow tie, and some black shoes, but do you really want to look like everyone else? Of course not. So I recommend that you consider the following threads for your prom attire.

There are other colors than black and white. Feel free to wear a tux that is sure to get attention. Look back at the 2001 Junior Prom, where Phil Fodiman, Kevin Gross, Justin Griffiths and Andrew Tobin came decked out in the brightest tux's you will ever

see topped off with canes, top-hats and sunglasses. As long as your date does not mind, make the night interesting and wear something that is sure to turn heads.

I personally like tuxes that are just one color all the way. The same color pants, jacket, vest, tie,



The tuxedo is no longer just a stodgy old suit. In its countless variations it lets you fly.

shoes and whatever else. At last year's junior prom, I went in an all white tux and hoped my date would not get mad at me. Not to brag or anything, but I think it looked pretty damn sick. Thus, one solid color might be the way to go for you.

However, the way I am seeing it this year, it's all about the pinstripes. It is my goal to find a black tux with white pinstripes going down it top to bottom. If you decide to take the pinstripe idea, just remember who you got it from.

On another note, dress the way you act, don't wear something boring if you're not that kind of person. If your date does not like what you want to wear, just simply tell her that she better find someone else - but be kind enough to tell her early enough so she can get another date. It is as simple as that.

So, junior and senior guys, find a tux that fits your personality and rock it with style.

Good prom vibes and keep it positive.

Flowers for the most discerning of dates:

Proms and posies to go with beaus and boutonnieres

Nancy Ringel
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There are many things that need to be planned for prom; limos, dresses and tuxedos are on the minds of nearly every prom-goer, but there are always some minor details that seem to be often overlooked. One thing that tends to be left until the last minute is finding a florist for corsages and boutonnieres.

So that you don't have to stress about this minor, yet important detail, below is a list of local florists and prices that will be ready for you come prom time. Flower arrangements come in both wristlets and pin-on styles, they are made of carnations,

roses, or orchids, and the price ranges depend on the type of flower you want for you corsage or boutonniere.

Make sure to order your corsage or boutonniere at least a week before prom to ensure that you get it, and you can pick it up right on prom day!

Arrangements by Nobu Florists
135 Main St.
324-4370

Corsages: \$17.50-\$27.50
Boutonnieres: \$5.00-\$7.00

Big City Flowers
1032 Long Ridge Rd.
968-2884

Corsages: from 20.00-\$30.00
(\$23.00 for most-commonly purchased corsage)

Boutonnieres: \$6.00

Corner Cottage
891 High Ridge Rd.
322-7795

Corsages: \$15.00

Boutonnieres: \$5.00-\$6.00
Eden Farms Florist & Garden Center
947 Stillwater Ave.
325-3445

Corsages: \$10.00 (single rose w/dressing)

Boutonnieres: \$9.00 (single rose w/dressing)

Floral Expressions
80 Southfield Ave.
964-9819

Corsages: \$20.00

Boutonnieres: \$7.00-\$8.00

Flower Works

841 Cove Rd.
356-8999

Corsages: \$20.00

Boutonnieres: \$7.00

P. Rogers & Co Florists and Floral Decorations

12 Pine Hill Ave.
327-4170

Corsages:

\$10.00 -

\$30.00

Boutonnieres: \$4.00-\$10.00
Petals Flower Shoppe
990 Hope St.
327-7548

Corsages: \$20.00

Boutonnieres: \$6.50

Pine Hill Flower Shop
1392 High Ridge Rd.
322-2188

Corsages: \$10.00-\$15.00

Boutonnieres: \$10.00-\$15.00

Pants and... Florist

1097 High Ridge Rd.
322-9947

Corsages: \$10.00-

\$25.00

Boutonnieres: \$8.50

Springdale Florists

28 Camp Ave.
329-8857

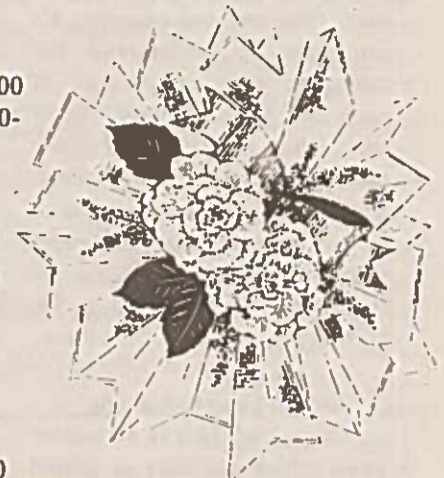
Corsages: \$5.50-\$27.50

Boutonnieres: \$3.50-\$8.50

Stamford Florist
625 Bedford St.
327-2170

Corsages: \$20.00-\$22.50

Boutonnieres: \$7.50



One last word on Underage Drinking

Lauren LaRusso
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Did you know that thirty-six percent of all fatal crashes involving underage drivers also involves alcohol? Underage drinking and impaired driving among youths continues to be a major problem throughout the United States. This can be attributed to ignorance of both teens and their parents. By knowing, and by taking seriously, the laws and repercussions for conducting oneself in a hazardous manner concerning alcohol, there is no doubt that lives can be saved. Drinking while driving is no accident. It is a preventable crime that kills.

Underage drinking occurs most heavily around prom, graduation, and Spring break. This chronic problem kills more than 2,000 people every year. Sadly, just the fact that it is against the law for minors to drink alcoholic beverages is not enough to dissuade many teens. The law does not seem real to them, and neither do the effects of drinking and driving. What does it take for teens to realize just how dangerous engaging in this activity can be? A death?

It should not have to go that far, yet most teens do not seem to care enough to comprehend how grave the danger is as long as they have not been personally

affected. By drinking and driving, people not only encourage the Grim Reaper to pay them a visit, but if caught, there is zero tolerance for underage drivers who use alcohol.

Zero tolerance ensures that underage drivers will face severe penalties if they are caught drinking and driving. In Connecticut, if a driver possesses a blood alcohol concentration level over .02, they will be found guilty of impaired driving.

This would be the least of the consequences for drinking and driving. The most frightening aspect is that drivers would be selfish enough to put themselves on the road, risking not only their lives but also the lives of innocent pedestrians, passengers and users of the roadways.

Seven out of ten teenagers do not drink alcohol or take drugs. If it seems as if "everyone is doing it," think again. Many youths, however, begin drinking at early ages, putting themselves at great risk for alcohol related problems later on in life. Almost one-third of teenagers report having had their first drink before their 13th birthday. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse ... but you know all of this. Suffice it to say that the advice is still good: Don't drink and drive. Being safe absolutely does not mean boring - it just means being considerate enough of a human being to understand the risks at hand.

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Sorting through the growing number of college guides

Part 1 of a 2 part series

Randy Miller
Staff Writer

Sometimes it seems that choosing a college guide is as difficult as choosing an actual college. With more books out there than one can imagine, it's important to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each one before purchasing of these often pricey books. Some cost as much as thirty dollars. What follows is an overview of two of the four larger and more popular guides available, a review of the remaining guides will be printed in the next issue.

Kaplan College Catalog

Overview: This is a massive guide which excludes no school and provides information for every type of student. Making

this large book seem smaller is the easy to read setup: the same eight categories are found on every page, though there are only seven when there is no graduate school attached to the college. Organized by general information academics, student life, admissions, finances, selectivity, graduates, and contact information - this book gives you all the general information you might need, minus the frills.

What they say: "Kaplan is proud to provide you with a window into over one thousand schools, with wide-ranging and up-to-date data compiled specifically to help you in the difficult and untimely rewarding search for a college that fits your needs."

What the critics say: no comments listed

Noteworthy features: The

guide provides unessential but interesting facts about each school including their mascots and a listing of famous alumni. In addition to the directory of schools Kaplan also provides valuable information and tips on how to choose a college and guidance on devising a strategy for doing so. For an allegedly unbiased view of other college guides, like this one, there are also sections of opinions, of critics, and an explanation of the system of rating schools.

The Princeton Review: The Best 331 Colleges

Overview: A more limited listing of colleges, this guide highlights the top schools in the country. Featuring an array of practical categories, this is a well organized and useful guide. Information on topics like acad-

emics, life, and student body is based on surveys completed by students at the schools, allowing potential applicants to get a real sense of each school.

What they say: "When we first began work on this project in 1991, there was a void in the world of college guides... No one publication provided prospective college students with in-depth statistical data from college on admission, financial aid, student body demographics, and academics, as well as narrative descriptions of college academic and social life on each campus based on the opinions of the very students who attend them... There wasn't then- and there still isn't now- any other college guide like this one."

What the critics say: "A great book because the colleges are

reviewed by the students who go there. Plus... it's a bargain." - CNN Morning News

"Provides the kind of feedback students would get from other students in a campus visit." - USA Today

"The offbeat indexes, along with the chattily written descriptions of each school, provides a colorful picture of each campus." - The New York Times

Noteworthy features: This book surveyed 65,000 students, and provides useful college application information such as admission criteria, deadlines, phone numbers, e-mail, and campus addresses. This book also brags a ranking system that is unique: 63 categories include ratings on academics, politics, quality of life, cafeteria food, social life, dormitories, freshman profiles, and more.

Aaron Raddock: A tale of an early decision

Jennifer Yacenda
College Page Editor

Aaron Raddock, is a senior who had his eyes set on the University of Virginia from the get go. UVA was, and is, his dream school and therefore he applied early decision. Early decision is a binding agreement meaning that if you apply for early decision and get in, you are required to attend. I had the chance to interview Aaron and get the details on his college experience, and to find out whether his dream has been answered.

First, Aaron was looking for "competitive schools in a college town with a population of 20,000; a lot more than Stamford High." To start his process, Aaron consulted different search engines focused on colleges and universities nationwide. In particular, he found the career center rather helpful. The career center, located on the first floor across from guidance, allowed Aaron to run several searches on the college engine as well as peruse the

different published college brochures. On paper, UVA caught his attention with their highly acclaimed business program, which he intends on pursuing at the college level. Aaron also found UVA to be a "competitive school in Charleston, a college town, and it seemed nice." Sounds like it was a perfect match.

In order to be a hundred percent sure about UVA, Aaron took five days with his dad to visit the different schools he was looking at. Among the schools he saw, UVA "stood out as the craziest." Aaron said "[His Dad] liked the people and UVA was high quality."

Even though the college process was left up to Aaron, his dad supported his decisions, and therefore, his Dad "was all for it."

Aaron did not want to leave UVA his only option, so he also applied early action to University of Michigan, another top school on his list. He reasoned, "if I didn't get into UVA or University of Michigan, I would have time to apply elsewhere since I would know the

official verdict by December." Nevertheless, Aaron's heart was set on UVA, it is "everything [he] wants and likes and where [he] wants to be."

After determining the college of his choice, Aaron got started on the application process as soon as possible. UVA's application asked the standard questions and is neither too lengthy nor too complicated to complete. UVA requires three essays, and this is where Aaron was able to show his true colors. First, he wrote answered the ordinary question asking what school he was applying to. Then his free write was about tennis and his community involvement through the sport. The last essay gave Aaron five topics from which to choose and he opted for the question on his favorite word.

Aaron's favorite word is 'balarious,' a made up word accompanying senior friend, David Eisner's 'balackorous,' and Ryan Pape's (also a senior friend) 'belemptious.' Aaron uses his word as a conversational tool to fill awkward moments or to spark a laugh or two.

Sometimes when people ask him what it means he says it is a synonym for "balackorous" or "belemptious." Frequently, "no one knows what I'm talking about," commented Aaron. His essay on 'balarious' was, without a doubt, one of a kind, a unique statement and an attention grabber. His essay most likely enhanced his application with its non-conformist style.

Wisely, Aaron Raddock 'suffered' the agonies of the early decision process, and survived.

Aaron Raddock got started as quickly as possible, and his early decision came through. He is going to the University of Virginia come next September. Aaron's Virginia visit, where he "had awesome guides, saw crazy

people, and everything looked amazing," clinched his decision. Since his acceptance, Aaron has applied for a few outside scholarships and is looking forward to the end of the year.

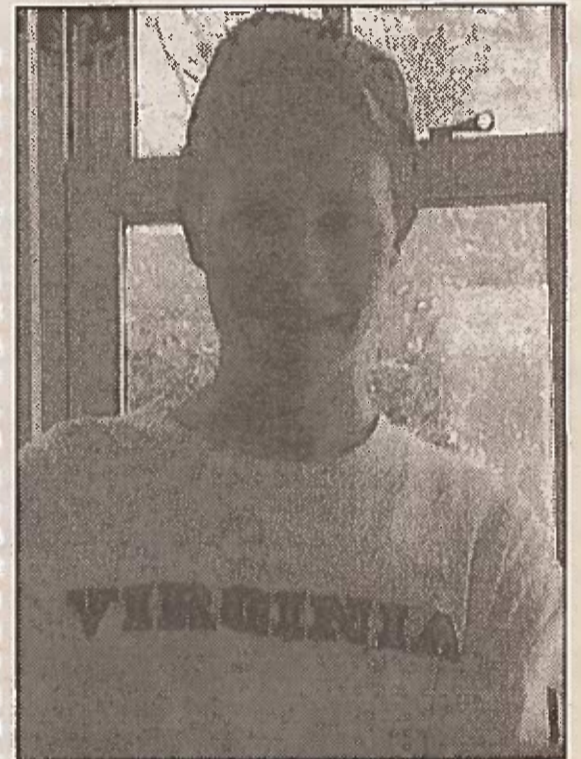


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Applications sent, hopes high, but 'The Waiting Game' continues

Julie Stoltman
Associate Opinions Editor

It's around 3:00 in the afternoon. You come home from school and like many seniors awaiting college admission letters, you rush to check the mailbox. Nothing. For many seniors this will be the every day routine, until the schools they have applied to decide to bombard them with decision letters during

the first week of April. Applications were finished in January, financial aid filed in February, and now it's March. The waiting game has officially begun.

For nearly the past three years, students of the senior class have been receiving mail on a daily basis from colleges hoping to provoke interest in their institutions. The process began with a few postcards sent every now and then; so you could become famil-

iar with the names of these universities. Later, envelopes containing letters and information packets boasting about superior facilities and balanced student to teacher ratios were sent in droves. Some schools enlisted alumni to write on their behalf, or had current students call to "answer any questions you might have about the university." It seemed as if schools were just begging students for their attention.

However, once these colleges

succeed in piquing your interest and motivating you to visit, they send out a different message. "We are a highly selective school," their admissions representatives say. Numbers will be brought up constantly; what SATs and GPA a prospective student will need to get into their "prestigious" universities, and what awards and activities are expected of accepted students. The colleges seem to discourage students from applying, after they have

gone to all the trouble to get your attention.

What is perhaps the most difficult part of the college process once applications are out, is adjusting to the lack of college mail you receive. No more random schools out west soliciting your attention or small technical schools bombarding you with information about their advanced technology. What was once a daily annoyance is now dearly missed. The waiting continues.

Some good advice for that upcoming college interview

Jennifer Yacenda
College Page Editor

The college interview. Though it is still some time away for the juniors and sophomores, it is never too early to begin to prepare for it. For me the experience is still fresh in my mind, as I have just recently been interviewed myself. Prior to my interview I, too, was brand new to the process so I looked in a few college handbooks and jotted down a couple notes here and there on the do's and don'ts of college interviewing.

Based on my first hand experience, I will try and give you all a picture of what to expect, though all interviewers do have their own methods and techniques for getting to know their prospects. Here are some of the things that I found to be helpful, and you might want to use them as a checklist before your own interview encounter.

- o Get to know the school you are interviewing for. Know some basic statistics, but don't memorize the brochures.

- o Know why you want to go the particular school; be passionate and decisive in your reasoning.

- o Be yourself.

- o Give yourself flavor by using details. Give the interviewer a chance to remember you.

- o Be honest; let your true colors shine through. If a college wants you, they want YOU.

- o To make your best

appearance, don't slouch or pick up things to 'play' with.

- o Look the interviewer in the eye and focus your attention.

- o Remember the name of your interviewer; greet him or her with a firm handshake upon introduction.

- o Do not ramble. Be as eloquent and articulate with your answers as you can, but don't overdo it.

- o Be confident.

- o Hot questions that you might prepare for:

1. How would your friends describe you? Why?

2. What extracurricular activities and outside interests are you most passionate about? Why?

3. What do you like about this school? Why?

4. Why do you want to attend this school?

5. Is there a question you hoped I'd ask you? Why?

Do you see a pattern here? Why? Why? Why? Why? Always know why.

6. Are there any questions I can answer about the school?

- o Know how you would fit into that school's environment.

- o Be more specific in your responses than general.

- o Have a plan for what you want the interviewer to know about you. Show your strengths.

My personal experience took place at Starbuck's and the interviewer and I held a lively conversation for about an hour. My interview did not feel like an

interview at all. It wasn't as though he had a checklist and had strict points to hit, though some may use that style of interview. Instead, he opted to get to know me through conversation ranging from college basketball,

to his kids, to my story, and to Alanis Morissette.

The key to a successful interview is giving your written application a personality. Your numbers are going to be like thousands of other applicants' num-

bers, so you have to give your chosen school a good reason to pick you. Stand out from among the bunch. Begin now to find that something about yourself that makes you stand out if you haven't found it already.

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The "nitty-gritty" on Dan Renzetti

Anna Levy
Staff Writer

Among the commonly known band, The Mutha Goose Killas, one will find a weird, yet enticing character, Dan Renzetti. Produced a long time ago by Papa Smurf and some chick, Daniel went on to do great things as he got older. He took a profound interest in music and entertainment and to this day still works at the circus on occasion, only selling popcorn, of course, but at least sets his goals high. One day he hopes to be a trainer. As his first feat as a trainer, Dan will try and train the whole group of 311 to walk the trapeze and play his favorite song at the same time. He has such power over this band because he is the founder, director, creator and sole provider of 311. They owe all their fame, fortune, even their lives to him, because without creator Dan Renzetti who is also

President, and vice president of the 311 fan club, none of their success would be at all possible. Kudos to you Dan!

The years passed and Dan began to develop this horrible habit of tree running. "See when I was younger, I used to have bad asthma, so if I was watching T.V. and started laughing too hard, it was tough to breathe so I would run into a tree to get my breath back, now I just do it all the time. It's truly comforting," he said. One would think that Dan's eccentric ways end at just that, but they don't. It exceeds the thoughts of even the most imaginative.

Dan's daily schedule consists of school, where he mostly laughs and sleeps. Each day he divides his time consuming classes between an even amount of sleep, laughing, and an occasional food break. He comes to school prepared in his 311 shirt, and when it's not 311, it is always yellow.

What would a surreal outfit be without the matching socks? Nothing at all, which is why Dan is lucky that every week his mom stocks up on yellow socks for him. The current count for Dan is up to 311 socks, and he plans on remaining at that number so he can be the first person to have 311 pairs of yellow socks in the Guinness Book of World Records.

He holds records for numerous other things too. For instance, one record is for swinging a key chain around his finger for 6 hours straight, until his hands hurt.

Next year Dan is off to some communications school in Massachusetts where he plans on living with his long time buddy Dave Engler. Together they plan on doing nothing but jamming all day for four straight years.

So over the years Dan's hopes have gone from the circus to some day being an MTV VJ. Good luck Dan!

The real deal on underage drinking and driving

Lauren LaRusso
Associate Opinions Editor

Did you know that thirty-six percent of all fatal crashes involving underage drivers also involves alcohol? Underage drinking and impaired driving among youths continues to be a major problem throughout the United States. This can be attributed to ignorance of both teens and their parents. By knowing, and most importantly, by taking seriously, the laws and repercussions for conducting oneself in a hazardous manner concerning alcohol, there is no doubt that lives can be saved. Drinking while driving is no accident. It is a preventable crime that kills.

Underage drinking occurs throughout the school year, but most heavily around prom, graduation, and Spring break. This chronic problem kills more than 2,000 people

every year. Sadly, just the fact that it is against the law for minors to drink alcoholic beverages is not enough to dissuade many teens. The law does not seem real enough to them, and neither do the effects of drinking and driving. What does it take for teens to realize just how dangerous engaging in this activity can be? A death?

It should not have to go that far, yet most teens do not seem to care enough to comprehend how grave the danger is as long as they have not been personally affected. By drinking and driving, people not only encourage the Grim Reaper to pay them a visit, but if they are caught, there is zero tolerance for underage drivers who use alcohol.

Zero tolerance policies ensure that underage drivers will face severe penalties if they are caught drinking and driving. In Connecticut, if a driver possess-

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What does a sunrise mean to you?

One student dances with the subject

Cristina Tuluca
Associate Features Editor

The window in my bathroom is built directly above the tub. Every day, I worry that someone will walk by and happen to glance at me while I shower for school. It's a silly notion, for why would anyone cut through my backyard, especially at 6 in the morning? I used to think, "What's the point of a shower curtain if anyone can plainly see inside?" I later realized, however, the architect's true intentions. I noticed that the window looked directly across the brook to the sky above the darkened fir trees. A rather remarkable thing happened, that has continued to reoccur at each 6 AM. The sun rose.

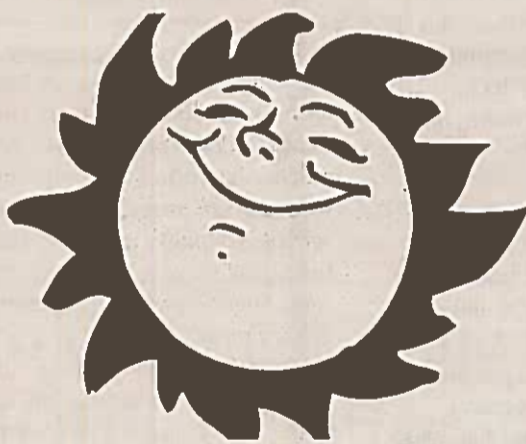
Scrubbing my hair no longer bores me, for I watch the sky play. Over the past year, I've noticed that while sunrises are usually spontaneous creatures,

they tend to follow a pattern. If the sky is clear and the weather has been dry, for instance, the tops of the fir trees seem to ignite with fire, and tentacles of pink, yellow and red flicker forward.

On rainy days, however, the entire earth adopts blue-gray undertones, and the clouds, as if heating on a stove, gradually warm, brightening to a cerulean. Some sparks of yellow slip from behind a cloud, and then the sky darkens once more.

The winter, I've found, likes speckles. It's as if the sky has become ill with a terrible case of chicken pox. I once mentioned this idea to a friend, and she said, "Well that's the strangest thing I've ever heard. Skies don't get sick, you know." I answered, "Well, strictly scientifically speaking, no, but

it's very imaginable. The winter is harsh—everyone gets sick, even the sky. It always gets better though until the end of the day when its' temperature flares up



again." She nodded her head.

My favorite sunrise happens very rarely, only when it has rained after midnight, and the dew is still drying on the tips of the grass blades.

The sky, in a quandary over what to wear for the day, opens

her entire closet of garments, which spill out in disarray. Gradually the colors settle with their own kind, and bands of pink, blue, purple, green, yellow and orange stretch past the tips of the fir trees.

One day while showering, I had the radio playing, and I noticed how precisely the sun rose in accordance to the music. While weather can influence a sunrise, the sort of music it wakes to is completely random. Sometimes, wisps of red and yellow flick across the sky, in

rhythm to the New Age music of Enya. The Star Wars theme song, I've found, is especially popular. First, a hue of pink softly veils the sky (duun). Then, waves of orange slowly seep through (dUUnn). Third, a pale yellow creeps in (dUUUNN). And last, a

thick red spills over the clouds (dUUN DUUUUNN!!). However, the sky is not always so pompous. Vivaldi and Mozart are also favorites, as beams of light intertwine and prance like nymphs in a forest. It's altogether a very jolly affair. Then again, happiness is not a requirement. There are days when the sunrise stretches and strains to Beethoven's 5th Symphony (or Metallica.) Dark, brutish colors shove into outer space. Heavy metal sunrises, though, are usually followed the next morning by a sharp contrast—perhaps a 70's disco—more specifically, Wild Cherry's "Play that Funky Music," where colors explode like fireworks all over the sky. Sunrises can dance so well.

My mother snapped at me one morning because I spent too much time in the shower admiring the sky, and missed the bus.

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Managing daily teacher workflow

Mona Mansoori
Lifestyles Editor

On some days teachers will assign so much work that you can't see straight, and the next day you have close to none. And why is it that every time one teacher wants to give you a test, every other teacher just happens to assign a chapter to read, a worksheet to do, and a paper to write?

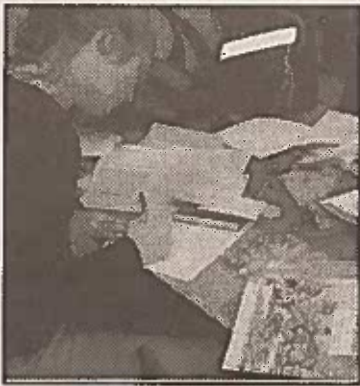
Some teachers are cautious of this and try to be flexible. "I try to space out my assignments, but even so, sometimes a deadline is a deadline," commented Mr. Maclehose.

However, what most teachers don't acknowledge is that most of us students are struggling with up to six other classes, a fact which could mean up to 6 long assignments each night. Completing the assignments, on top of extracurricular activities, can take a lot out of someone. "I don't get to sleep as much," said Junior Kristin Iorio. "I'm always up doing something for school."

This is the case for most students. However, the matter at hand isn't the amount of work, it's the way it gets spaced out. "I didn't have any homework last weekend, but on Monday and Thursday I had to do so much that I didn't have time to eat or talk on the phone," exclaimed Senior Krystle Marbach.

So how do you solve an issue like this? You can't! Well, not completely, but there are some things you as students could do to make the situation better.

1.) Talk to your teachers. "I'd say there's flexibility with most teachers," claimed history teacher, Mr. Arthur Brown. If you ask a teacher to reasonably modify an assignment and have a legitimate reason, there's a good chance he/she will accommodate that need.



As a member of the SHS Mock Trial Team, Julie Stoltman had to learn time management early so that she is able to participate in her favorite extracurricular activities.

2.) Don't procrastinate. Teachers usually give a good amount of time to finish an assignment, but many students leave it to the last minute. "I have a lot to work to do, especially with chemistry, but sometimes I don't start it early enough," admitted Senior Gabriel Poliboy.

3.) Keep up. Some teachers will assign reading, but if you skip a couple nights' worth you'll find yourself struggling to catch up. If you keep up with the class assignments - like the homework that is assigned but never checked so that you don't bother to do it - you'll be less pressured and stressed out comes time for testing.

4.) Manage your time. This is harder to do than most think. "I come home after school and relax for a while: I eat, watch TV, talk on the phone, meet up with friends. Sometimes I don't start my homework until 8 o'clock," commented Junior Sammie Maidenberg. Space out the work; do a little bit at a time and take breaks in between.

Nothing can "cure" the fact that teachers assign and will keep assigning, tons of work. But, instead of overwhelming yourself, follow some of those rules. You just need to keep in mind there's always a way to get through school.

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es a blood alcohol concentration level over .02, they will be found guilty of impaired driving.

This, however, would be the least of the consequences for drinking and driving. The most frightening aspect is that drivers would be selfish enough to put themselves on the road, risking not only their lives but also the lives of innocent pedestrians and passengers and other users of the roadways.

Believe it or not, seven out of ten teenagers do not drink alcohol or take drugs. If it seems as if "everyone is doing it," think again. Many youths, however, begin drinking at early ages, putting themselves at great risk for alcohol related problems later on in life. Almost one-third of teenagers report having had their first drink before their thirteenth birthday. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, youths who drink before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21. For each year's delay in the initiation of drinking, the likelihood of later alcohol abuse problems significantly decreases.

Youths who drink alcohol also seem to participate in other risky behaviors more often than those who abstain. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the more youths drink, the more likely they are to drink and drive, or to ride in a car where the driver has been drinking.

In addition, alcohol can

impair adolescents' judgments about sex and contraception, placing them at increased risk for HIV infection, other sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancy.

Young drinkers use tobacco and other drugs more often than those who do not drink. The 1998 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse found that one in three youths aged twelve to seventeen who used alcohol in the preceding month

effects. Nearly one-third of the teens responding to a 1998 American Academy of Pediatrics survey mistakenly believed that a twelve ounce can of beer contains less alcohol than a standard shot of distilled spirits. In addition, eight in ten teens said there is nothing wrong with underage drinking as long as teens are responsible about the amount they consume.

Despite the higher number of accidents and deaths associated with alcohol use, teens perceive alcohol to be less dangerous than other drugs. Forty eight percent of teenagers viewed illicit drugs as the biggest problem facing their generation, while fewer than ten percent identified it as alcohol.

The abuse of alcohol by teenagers today is both illegal and dangerous. To teenagers, there are few things more exciting than getting a driver's license. For many teenagers, a driver's license is much more than just a piece of plastic - it means independence, freedom from the school bus, the chance to date without parents around, etc. However, when the privilege of having a license is mixed with the influence of alcohol the results are, too often, deadly.

So, instead of being selfish enough to take a life, think before drinking. There are a lot of other ways to have fun and to make memories while staying sober. Being safe absolutely does not mean boring - it just means being considerate enough of a human being to understand the risks at hand.

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also used unauthorized drugs, compared to only one in thirty four non-drinkers. Rates of unlawful drug use continue to increase as the quantity of drinking rises. For example, among youths who binged in the past month (five or more drinks at a time), half used illicit drugs as well. Of youths who binged more than five times in the past month, two-thirds also used drugs.

Teenagers are, it seems, not well informed about alcohol's

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"You waste your time doing silly things. You procrastinate too much. Instead of concentrating on matters of importance, such as school, you dawdle, taking your time, just so you can watch the same sunrise every single morning." I made no reply.

Later, I remembered the Little Prince, a character in the book by Antoine de Saint-Exupery. Antoine wrote, "He was really very angry. He tossed his golden curls in the breeze. 'I know a planet where there is a certain red-faced gentleman. He has never smelled a flower. He has never looked at a star. He has never loved anyone. He has

never done anything in his life but add up figures. And all day he says over and over, just like you: 'I am busy with matters of consequence!' And that makes him swell up with pride. But he is not a man—he is a mushroom!" Sometimes, I think people forget what is important.

Another morning and the broad canvas of the sky lights with pulses of color and sound. The vast, unpredictable pageant draws its power from the quantum play of photons, forever unknowable, deep into the fabric of matter. If I keep my eyes really open, I can feel connected too, for a brief, joyful moment, with the big and the small, with the sunrise.

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JEEpERs CrEEpERs can sure give you the HEEbeJEEbees

Robert Rosado
Guest Reviewer

Movie Title: JEEpERs CrEEpERs (2001)

Cast: Gina Philips (Patricia 'Trish' Jenner), Justin Long (Darius 'Darry' Jenner), Jonathan Breck (The Creeper), Patricia Belcher (Jezelle Gay Hartman), Brandon Smith (Sgt. Davis Tubbes), Jon Beshara (Officer Gideon), Tom Tarantini (Jason 'Roach' Sawyer), and Eileen Brennan (The Cat Lady)

MPAA: Rated R for violence, gore, and language

VHS and DVD Release Date: Available

Star Rating: *** out of **** (3/4 stars)

Letter Grade: B+

Genres: Horror / Comedy / Drama

WhAT's EAting you?

Synopsis: It's spring break, and siblings Patricia (Gina Philips) and Darry Jenner (Justin Long) have bypassed the boring freeway to travel home on the eerie back roads of rural America. Following a nasty run-in with a monstrous truck with a license plate reading 'BEAT-NGU', Patricia and Darry spot a dark figure getting out of the very same rig a few miles down the road. The siblings watch in horror as the figure dumps two blood-drenched, life-sized objects wrapped in sheets down a drainpipe; a pipe that leads to the cellar of an abandoned church. Making the serious mistake of going back to investigate, Patricia and Darry are hurled further and further into a whirlwind of terror as they try, and fail, to escape the evil, ax-wielding, trench coat-clad, and possibly

supernatural force.

My Review: Besides having one of the coolest movie titles, and coolest villains, in quite a while, *Jeepers Creepers* certainly ranks as the best horror movie of 2001. Many young people, from teenagers, to college students, etc., claim that all old monster movies are stupid, with their bad acting and cheap effects. Well... for all of you horror movie fans out there... you can rest assured that the 'monster movie' genre has finally been reborn. Victor Salva (director and writer of *Powder*) skillfully shows modern audiences what you can do with a simple story. This is the basic plot: 'Brother and sister encounter the Boogeyman'. But, this isn't your average boogeyman. He doesn't wait until nighttime to get you, he does not live under your bed, nor will he go away if you hide under the covers. This boogeyman is evil, sadistic, and as relentless as Freddy Krueger. He will go to great lengths to get what he wants... and he won't stop until he does.

The film begins with one of the scariest sounds imaginable: dead silence. The audience finds itself on a desolate road in the middle of nowhere, with a small Chevy coming down the seemingly endless highway. Very quickly we are introduced to Patricia and Darry Jenner, two regular and all-American siblings, bickering pointlessly as siblings usually like to do. The audience first gets the impression that they do not get along. But, as their first scene, and the first in the film, for that matter, goes on, it becomes obvious that they love each other just as much as siblings possibly can. Their personalities are very distinct and solid:

Patricia, who has been wronged many times by her previous boyfriend(s), is very strong, mature, smart, and stern, but caring at the same time. Darry, the younger sibling, is fun-loving, mischievous, athletic, and childish.

Only several minutes after the film begins, an anonymous truck driver shatters their journey home, by aggressively trying to run their car off of the road multiple times. Later, we see the same figure dumping something down a large pipe. I wonder what it could be... The figure spots Patricia and Darry as they pass by him in their car. Once again, the figure jumps into his monstrous truck and speeds after them. To avoid getting killed, Darry purposely runs the car off of the highway... as the truck drives back into town. Darry bravely, but foolishly, persuades Patricia to drive back to the church, just to see what the figure dumped down the pipe. What Darry discovers will not be revealed here. All I can say is that this is one of the scariest opening sequences in a horror movie. It has a mood and tone that can best be described as 'Texas Chainsaw Massacre nostalgia'. In fact, the first half-hour of the film becomes increasingly difficult to watch, because of its escalating tension and suspense. After that, the film turns into a regular horror-comedy, following the siblings as they desperately try to escape the clutches of an unstoppable evil. But, at least it's all in great fun! Salva clearly wanted the audiences to not only get scared out of their wits, but have a great time in the process.

Basically a two-person show, it was up to Salva and producer Francis Ford Coppola (most

famous for writing and directing the cinematic masterpiece, *The Godfather*) to carefully select a pair of talented stars who would appear in 99.5% of the movie. Gina Philips (TV's "Ally McBeal") and Justin Long (TV's "Ed") do a fantastic job at fleshing out a realistic relationship. And in doing so, they actually make the audience care about them. Philips is a beautiful young actress who is just beginning to show her talent to the world. You can see in her eyes that she is really in depth with her character.

Long, who is brilliant as 'Warren Cheswick' on the popular TV show "Ed", is another remarkable talent. Not only is he an honest actor, but his facial expressions and reactions are priceless and his comedic timing is impeccable. You can expect to see great things in the future from these two actors.

Jonathan Breck (*Spiders*) is menacing as The Creeper, the enigmatic and dreadful figure that continuously stalks the two protagonists. Although he does not have any lines, he creates a memorable character with surprising ease. Patricia Belcher, who had a brief, but hilarious role as a hotel maid in *HeartBreakers*, is great as the much-ridiculed medium who must help Patricia and Darry before it's too late. Veteran actress Eileen Brennan (*Private Benjamin*) is amusing in a memorable cameo role as an eccentric, old woman... who has 'more than a couple' of cats living with her.

According to legendary horror director, Tobe Hooper (*Hellraiser*), *Jeepers Creepers* is 'the most scary, stylish horror movie in years'. Honestly, I

couldn't have said it better myself. Salva and Coppola, as well as production designers Steven Legler and Bradley Parker, have worked very hard to make this film a dark, dark piece of art. And their work certainly payed off. Every single scene looks as perfect as a picture, with every detail gloriously completed.

I know what you're thinking: 'Oh, no! It's a horror movie so it MUST be violent and gory!' If this is true, then you are gravely mistaken...no pun intended. With an expert use of shadows, eerie sounds, a clever musical score by Bennett Salvay, and lighting, or the lack thereof, this movie becomes very scary... without all of the blood and loud bursts of the soundtrack.

The movie does not necessarily center around the killer, but around the brother-sister relationship. In the climactic showdown at the end, you can see how the two siblings love each other. Surprisingly, Victor Salva has chosen *not* to let audiences off of the hook, emotionally. He leaves the audience with an image that is truly shocking... without any gore whatsoever. Not only is the final moment of *Jeepers Creepers* terrifying and untraditional, but it bravely proves, once and for all, that good does not always triumph in the face of pure evil.

In conclusion, I would just like to say that I wholeheartedly recommend this film. Just don't expect your below-average, neighborhood-friendly, by-the-numbers, run-of-the-mill slasher flick. *Jeepers Creepers* is above and beyond that.

For more information on this film, please visit www.JeepersCreepers.org!

Just what do you have to do to get some help here? Denzel Washington's "JOHN Q" offers us one answer.

Andrew Dolian
Associate Sports Editor

"John Q" is an action packed movie full of suspense but yet

full of sadness. The movie stars Denzel Washington as John Q. and Kimberly Elise as Denise Archibald, a hard-working, but financially strapped, Chicago Couple. John is a machinist in a factory and Denise is a super-

market cashier.

When the Archibalds' nine year old son, Mike (Daniel E. Smith), collapses during a Little League game and is rushed to the Emergency Room, John and Denise are told that Mike's heart

is enlarged to three times its normal size and that he'll die within a few days unless he gets a transplant. The "by-the-book" hospital administrator (Anne Heche) demands a \$75,000 down payment before she'll

place Mike's name on the organ recipient list.

John assumes his major-medical insurance at the factory will cover the entire cost of Mike's surgery, but he learns

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Mafia convinces Pavia to stay

I. P. Daily
Bathroom Attendant

On Saturday March 30, 2002 an extremely large news story dropped on my desk. The breaking news was that Mr. Pavia has decided to stay at Stamford High School, and to not take the principal position at New Canaan High School. This mind-boggling news seemed incredibly odd to me, since Mr. Pavia appeared to be set in his decision to depart from SHS, so I decided to do some digging on this matter.

On Sunday March 31, 2002 I chose to take a little trip over to New Canaan High School to see if I could uncover anything mysterious. As I was strolling through the halls a custodial engineer passed me by and slipped a piece of paper into my pocket. When he passed me by I casually took the note from pocket and began to read it.

On Friday evening, when I was cleaning up the

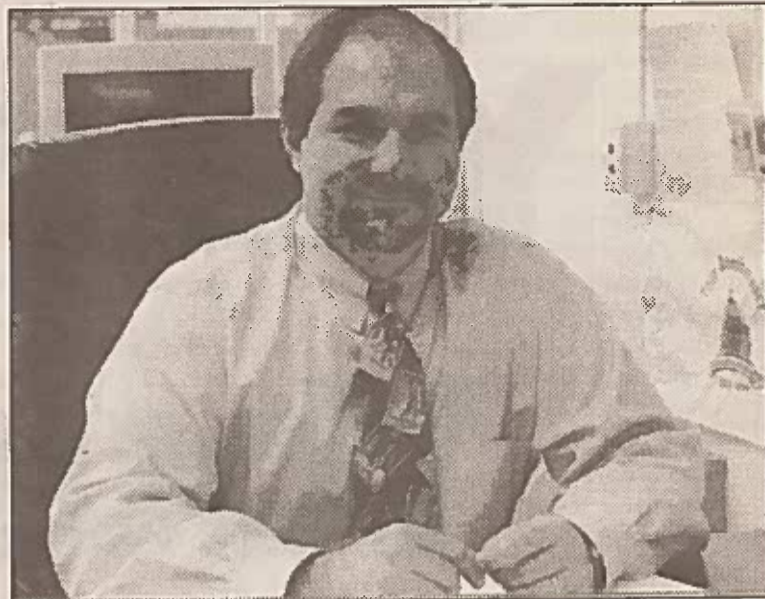
school, I came across a locked door. With my master key I carefully opened the door, and that is when I saw the horrifying sight. Mr. Pavia was tied down to a chair with ropes, with guys in dark suits standing around him. The guys appeared to be a part of the New Canaan Mafia. Using my wits, I quickly pulled the fire alarm hoping to spare Mr. Pavia's life. Please do not tell anyone.

Once I finished reading, I rapidly made a decision to make a meeting with Mr. Pavia to find out what actually occurred. During the meeting on Sunday, March 31, 2002 Mr. Pavia informed me, off the record, that the New Canaan Mafia went and kidnapped him from his own home. They threatened his life if he was going to become the new principal at New Canaan High School. Fearing for his life, and the lives of his family, Mr. Pavia told me that he decided to resign his new position. When I asked why they did it, he couldn't tell me because if he did he would have to kill

me. I decided to stir up some trouble in New Canaan hoping that I could come face to face with the New Canaan Mafia. When they picked me up and told me I would be swimming with the fishes, I thought it would be a good time ask why they did what they did. Joey Tight Lips wouldn't say anything, but Jimmy The Squealer opened his trap and told me everything.

He said that with Mr. Pavia's charming personality their hometown Mafia would fall apart. They just knew that with Mr. Pavia's bubbly personality they would never be able to resort to a life of crime, and they also knew that they would not be able to pull anything over his head.

The good news to be taken from this bad situation is that Mr. Pavia is remaining at Stamford High School. The bad news is that by the time you read this article the New Canaan Mafia will have already found out where you sleep.



Above: A Mr. Pavia returns to his desk. Below: Mafia chums give Mr. Anthony Pavia a memento of the offer he couldn't understand.

Teacher spotlight: Jeremy "the go-cart" White

Zacky Sammy
Restaurant Critic

With his lips puckered up and making his now famous countenance, Jeremy White was quoted as saying, "Yup, that's right. I'm the new principal." After the vacant spot seemed like it was going to remain unfilled, Mr. White, presently a first year economics teacher, decided to fill out the job application. He was initially doing it for the kids at SHS, but has since refuted the initial statement and said the real reason was so that stu-

dents like David Eisner and Dan Renzetti could be granted permission to continue their studies in the library once again.

"Instead of taking care of the everyday necessities at SHS, I decided to dedicate myself to persuading the librarians to allow all students into the library. If students like Dave and Dan want to put a penguin in the sunset along with a guitar in the background then that's fine. It's students like Dave and Dan that make our school so unique."

"Even though we were being retarded and changing the

wallpaper, which wasn't even a big deal (and personally I think it was absurd that we got kicked out. This



school is corrupt. I want out.), Mr. White stood by us." Dave and Dan stated when they gave their apolo-

gy speech to all of the librarians after school one day.

Mr. White really feels for students whose opportunity to become smarter is taken away from them. However, Mr. White does feel that there are certain situations where giving a student permission to go into the library just doesn't seem right. He firmly stated, "The kid had it coming. He was speaking to one of my students when the kid said that he didn't know who I was. How could I let that happen? I immediately got really angry, fell to the ground, and tried to hold in my anger, with my body looking like a

pencil, as stiff as possible."

For some reason when someone doesn't particularly know Mr. White, he takes some offense to it. Then, whenever that happens, he hands the person a 30 page paper on what he likes to do in his spare time, who his students are, and why it is good for a person to chew gum while reading his paper.

So, if you see Mr. White in the halls, make sure you say "HI, MR. WHITE," thirty decibels loud or else he will make your high school years an unfortunate experience. Luckily, I'm graduating ... I'm out.

BOT epidemic takes over SHS

Amanda Hugenkis
Love columnist

Temptations are all around SHS. Some taste good like M&Ms or a hot bagel. Other are temptations that high school students need to stay away from. Whether it is drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes students must be strong willed to stay out of trouble. Well the newest trend for high school students this year is far worse than anything Stamford High School administrators have seen before. Mr. Pavia stated, "Bots on the Table is one of the teen epidemics of our time." Yes, Bots on the Table, more commonly known as BOTs, is sweeping through the cafeteria in all three lunch waves. Just as you are ready to take a bite of your favorite sandwich, or dive into a freshly prepared salad, you have the view of a BOT right in your

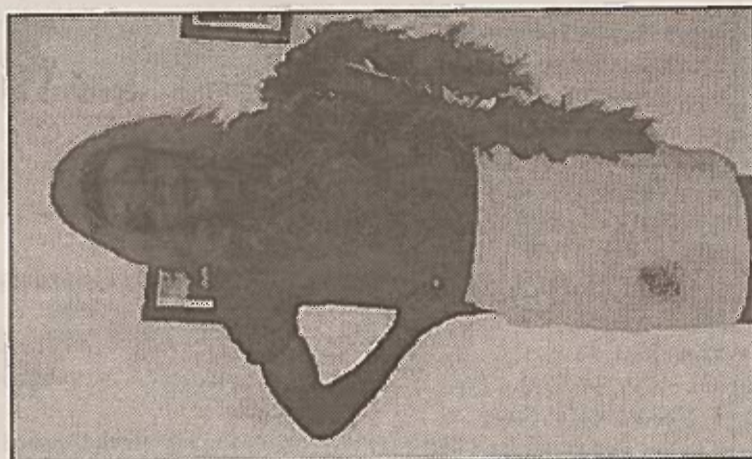
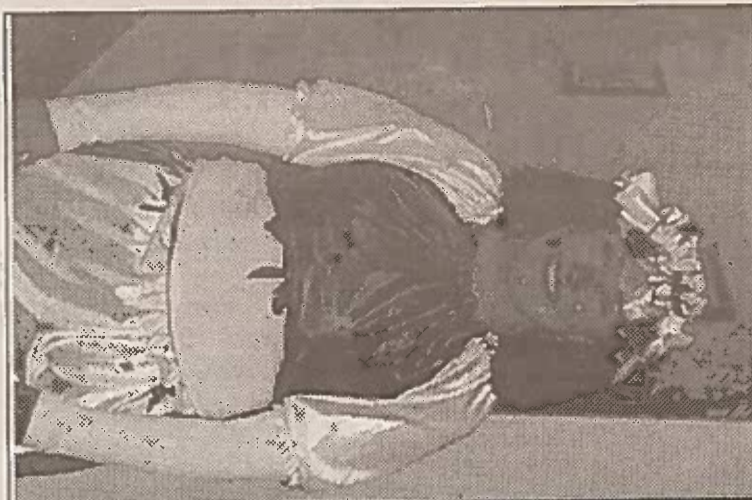
face. Senior Kate Raddock responded, "The BOT has forever affected the way I view my sandwiches." Kristen Coleman added, "As if trying to eat food in the small amount of time allotted for lunch wasn't enough, I have to continually deal with the effects of the BOT. There's got to be a cure!" There's nothing that makes a student less hungry than a label reading Jockey or Hanes staring right at him/her.

Then comes the problem of sanitation. Do you really think that those spray bottles are an adversary to BOTs. You have to wonder who or what was on this table before your food was. Do you really want to eat where a BOT used to be?

Well, don't worry students of SHS. There is no longer a fear of BOTs during lunch, for there is an administrator bent on the destruction of the BOT. That administrator is Mr. Tony Pavia.

Yes students, as one of his last actions as Principal of SHS Mr. Pavia plans on making SHS a BOT free environment. He states, "I think I speak for all of Stamford High when I say that we have a zero tolerance policy for the BOT." He will be patrolling the cafeteria; on the look out for any cheeks making a resting-place on the tables instead of the chairs. He is even thinking of forming a new position at Stamford High, the BOT monitor, who will be a constant force against the dreaded epidemic.

Mr. Pavia stated it best when he said, "The 50s had Elvis, the 60s had Rock Music, and now, the twenty-first century has BOTs. I won't rest until I strike this scourge from this school." We should all be on the lookout for the dreaded BOT. Our lunch waves will not be safe until Bots on the Table are no longer a problem.



Mystery Sleuth Case #1:

Steep stairs reveal Stamford High's biggest secret

Prissy Girl
Specialist

If you're an athlete, you know what I'm talking about. We've all been there before. That small room at the back of the gym... yeah, don't pretend you don't know what I'm referring to. Usually held open by a lonely shoe, some have reported to have heard ghostly screams echoing from it on a cold day. Cold isn't even the word to describe this place... it's the Ice Room.

Last year, due to a case of bad knees, I frequented the Ice Room on a regular basis. Every day after track practice, I would pester Jay, the trainer, for some plastic bags, and then head to retrieve my ice from a fridge-like contraption. One day, while I was shoveling my ice into my plastic bags, I noticed the steep stairs in the back of the room. They

ascended to another floor, but all I could see when I looked up was a dark hole.

My sense of adventure grabbed a hold of me and I knew that this was my calling. With slow but steady deliberation, I dropped my ice packets and climbed the stairs, rung by rung. To my surprise, they were rather steep... in fact, a little TOO steep... almost as if someone didn't want me to find out what was up there.

When I reached the top, I paused for a brief second to scan the surroundings.

The room was tiled and the floor was wet. A familiar, pungent smell reached my nostrils, but I couldn't quite discern what it was. With my back against the wall, I slowly slid behind a couch. All of a sudden, I heard the voices of Mr. LaBanca and Mr. Krein drifting towards me. They walked by the couch with... wet hair? Mr. LaBanca reached into his

pocket for some keys and opened a heavy wooden door across the room. Just as the door was about to close, I caught it with my foot. Holding my breath, I crept inside. What I saw was astounding.

Ten yards in front of me was a beautiful, glistening, Olympic sized pool. Quickly, I dashed behind a pool chair and watched in amazement as teachers from all over the school splashed around and sipped lemonade under pink parasols. "So THIS is where they go on their lunch break!" I thought.

I spotted Ms. Drugge doing a triple flip off the diving board and Mr. Mishuck barking like a seal... well I didn't quite understand that part, but anyway... To my left were seated Mr. LaBanca and Mr. Krein. Luckily, I managed to catch some snippets of their conversation:

Krein: Oh don't you just love this place!

LaBanca: Yep, I really do. And no kids to pester me about molecular biology! Ah, it's great! This underground teacher ring has really helped me out. Now all schools have some amazing secrets kept from the kids! Krein: Yes, simply amazing! Simply amazing!

Well, Mr. Krein, you certainly stole the words right out of my mouth.

I had heard just about enough, and got out of there as fast as I could. As I am writing this, I know that I may suffer the consequences from this "underground teacher ring," but the world should know that... Stamford High School has a pool!

The Round Fable is not responsible for any claims made in this article. Thus if you follow the stairs behind the ice machine you are entering at your own risk. Beware of teachers watching your every move, and sleep with one eye open.

It is April First do you know how many more minutes until the end of school? Figure out the answer and you receive a free subscription to the Round Fable.

Great inventions

Ivanna Tinkle
Computer Repairs

Throughout the ages, there have been many incredible thinkers that revolutionized life in their times. From the invention of the wheel to the microchip, people have constantly been inventing new things to improve ways of living. While many of the things we use in our lives today can be attributed to these great thinkers, there are some inventions that can make you doubt the intelligence of the human race.

Listed below are some of the most recent creative inventions.

1. Non stick Cellotape
2. Solar Powered Flash Light
3. A black highlighter pen
4. Glow in the dark sunglasses
5. Inflatable Anchor
6. Smooth Sandpaper
7. Waterproof sponge
8. Waterproof Teabags
9. AC adapter for Solar powered calculators
10. Fireproof Matches
11. Fireproof Cigarettes
12. Battery powered Battery Charger
13. Seatbelts for Motorbikes
14. Hand powered Chainsaw
15. Inflatable Dartboard
16. Silent Alarm Glock
17. A Pedal powered wheelchair
18. Braille Drivers Manual
19. Double sided playing cards
20. Ejector seats for Helicopters

SHS Breaking News Stories

Ima Really Lost
Professional Guide

Have you heard the latest news? There has been so much going on as of late and hopefully you have not been left in the dark. Yet, if you have not heard the newsworthy events that have taken place during this school year, allow us to help reveal some of Stamford High's greatest alterations.

1. Jenna Goldstein grew four inches.
2. Ryan Pape's fingernails have grown back to the point where his hands don't look like E.T.'s.
3. David Eisner stopped sucking his thumb.
4. Allison Brander stopped liking ... that special someone.
5. Mr. Terlizzo finally kicked someone out of class.
6. Mr. Pavia has decid-

ed to maintain his position as Principal of Stamford High School.

7. Mr. Mishuck no longer looks exactly like "Stone Cold" Steve Austin.
8. Claudel Larose does not get upset about everything that doesn't have anything to do with him.
9. Jordan Kaplowitz no longer looks like Krusty the Clown.
10. Young Mr. Brown had a good day, smiled and said, "I love Stamford High School. I love the faculty and the students. I really, really do."
11. Jon Levy didn't know the answer, but one of his brother's friends did know the answer to the question, "What is the average size of a math class in first grade in Ashford, CT?" By the way, the answer is 21 students.
12. Sharif Little admitted that he might not be the

biggest, strongest, best looking, all around nicest person ever.

13. The SHS basketball team won their first state championship in over ___ years.
14. Anna Levy began laughing out loud rather than her usual silent laugh. Now she looks like she is actually chuckling rather than silently choking.
15. Casey Colandro invited an outsider into her conversation, and after they made fun of her several times she said, "I love you. I really love you."
16. Pasha Torkamani stopped wearing that ridiculous red hat.
17. Mr. Carpentieri dressed himself for once, rather than just picking his outfit out of a store display window.
18. Vynette Lochard admitted that her spelling was wrong on numerous accounts, and began greeting customers of Rob's Place with, "Hello, how may I be of service to you?"



Methods of conserving water during drought season:

Annita Mann
Love Columnist

This winter we are unfortunate with the weather that we have been having. It barely snowed, and when it rained it only came down in little trickles. As a result of the beautiful, warm weather we are in a drought warning. Thus, you need to know the top eight things to do to conserve water during these hard times.

8. Use the bathroom only once a day.
7. Take a bath in the reservoir.
6. When brushing your teeth don't use tap water; use another liquid.
5. Instead of keeping fresh flowers, buy silk flowers. They last forever and they are just as pretty.
4. Create your own water with a little hydrogen and oxygen.
3. Find other substances to replace your water needs. Like soda it is composed of 40% water.
2. Don't wash your hands with soap and water; just use moisty naps.
1. Wash your clothes with toilet water because the detergent will kill all the germs in the.

Hopefully these eight ways to conserve water will be helpful to your and your family during this time need.

*The Round Table is not responsible if any of these ideas go awry.

Questions that can make your head hurt

Pickup Andropoff
The Thinker

Life is full of little questions that tickle our minds. They make us search through our brains for the answers, which we are unable to come up with. Here are some to keep you wondering:

Why doesn't glue stick to

the inside of the bottle?

Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?

What do chickens think we taste like?

What hair color do they put on the license of a bald man?

Why do they put brail dots on the drive-up ATM?

Why don't sheep shrink when they get wet?

If the 7 eleven is open 24

hours a day, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the doors?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

Is there another word for synonym?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is it naked or homeless?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

If FED EX and UPS were to merge, would they call it FED UP?

If quitters never win and winners never quit, who came up with "quit while your ahead"?

What would a chair look like if the legs bent the other way?

Why do we sterilize the needle for lethal injection?

If you choke a smurf, what color does it turn?

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Round Fable's Car of the month: Jessica Troy's Cozy Couple II

Anita Mann and Ivana Tinkle
Autovehical Specialists

If you have ever seen a little, freckled face girl driving down Strawberry Hill Avenue at 7:20 in the morning in her two-door, red and yellow, no window, no windshield, no mirror, no engine, one person, love mobile, then you have seen, the one and the only, Jessica Troy. You may recall this SHS junior from last year as the one who used to ride to school on her beloved tricycle but times have changed. In a recent interview, I had the pleasure to sit down with Jessica to ask her a couple of questions about her new mode of transportation.

1. Explain what happened to your tricycle.

It was on April 2, 2001, the day after the issue with my tricycle on the front page was released. I was called to Mr. Pavia's office for parking in his parking space. He gave me an hour-long lecture on how I should not park my trike where it does not belong. He threatened to give me a ticket but he let me go with a slap on the wrist because he sympathized with me. He then escorted me outside to the front of the building where I was horrified by the sight of an empty parking spot.

Someone had obviously stolen my beloved pink trike, and unfortunately, my high tech Turbo 400 state-of-the-art security system had failed me. Mr. Pavia left my side to call security as I stood there weeping over the rainbow-striped air freshener that once hung from the handlebars. The police were never



able to locate my trike so my parents decided it was time for me to buy a new automobile. While searching for a new tricycle, I fell in love all over again with the Cozy Couple II by Little Tikes. Just take a look at her-isn't she a beauty!

2. How do you compare your new car to your old tricycle?

Well, I guess I can say that

I'm a big kid now; I mean I can drive my own car. Plus, I do not have to worry about birds pooping on my head any more, and I do have a trunk than can hold both my WHOLE history book and my book bag at the same time. The best thing about my car, however, would have to be its size. This puppy fits both myself and my main man, Joey, which is why they call it the Cozy Couple II. But I can never and will never forget my tricycle...she will hold a special place in my heart.

3. Are there any other special features on your Cozy Double?

Hey watch it, buddy, the name is the Cozy Couple II, alright? Now to answer your question, my car probably has some of the best technology out there, including, a radio, a radar system, and a cup holder. I especially enjoy the jammin' system because I can never get enough of Hot 97.1 FM and its bouncing beats. My newly installed radar system also comes in handy so that I know to slow down when there are any po-po's in the area. And I built the cup holder myself in order to always be able to have my Kool Aid by my side as I zip down the Merritt Parkway to my getaway in the Bedrock hood.

4. So explain how your vehicle works with no engine and no gas required.

Well first you need to do is take a look at the bottom of my shoes. See how worn out they are, yes, that's because I drive like Fred Flintstone. I use my very own feet to accelerate and decelerate. At first, when I



started driving like this, my regular rubber-soled shoes would wear down very quickly, giving my feet nasty blisters and painful road burns. Once I saved up enough money, I decided to go to a specialized shoe store, where they took a mold of my foot in order to customize a brand new pair of aerodynamic and indestructible

Hermes. With these babies [points to shoes on feet] I can propel myself as fast as my little heart desires and not have to worry about burning any rubber.

5. Have you ever been in any accidents?

Yes, one, and one I'd like to forget. I was driving over the reservoir on my way to the next stop of my morning paper route, when all of a sudden, a ferocious three-legged poodle came chasing after me. At the same time, I got a painful cramp in my big toe, so the poodle caught up with me very quickly. It then managed to sink its tiny teeth into my rear left wheel. The plastic tire thereby blew out causing my car to head directly to the water. I struggled to stop but my feet were just not strong enough to slow the momentum of my car. Luckily, since plastic floats, my car saved my life as I drifted back to shore.

Even though this interview involved over a hundred questions, the Round Fable decided not to include the entire piece. Unfortunately, this is all the space we had for Jessica Troy and her shenanigans, but if you still want to read more about her you can look into the feature articles about her in Little Tikes Weekly and Big Kids Today. You can even call 1-800-WE-LUV-JT for more information.

David Eisner is announced new principal of SHS David Eisner is announced new principal of SHS

Douanna Boff
Headlight Specialist

In a brief press conference held the other day at David Eisner's mother's house or, as most of us know it, "Deb-Deb mom's crib," it was announced that Senior David S. Eisner will forgo college and take on the role of principal for the 2002-2003 school year. Eisner who was dressed appropriately for the event in a snow suit and goggles said, "I prefer not to look at my new job as principal, but more along the lines of dictator to all."

Eisner's first order of business is to redecorate Mr. Pavia's office. The door to the office will be replaced with a metal sheet that can only be

opened after answering a series of questions correctly. The questions will be asked by a specially designed computer in such a way that if a question is answered incorrectly, the computer forces you to watch Mr. Eisner eat for one hour. If you are lucky enough to answer correctly, the metal sheet slides up and you enter a dark, black, foggy dungeon. You will hear strange noises, as if you are in a cave, and you swear you can hear young children screaming in the back of the room. Mr. Eisner will be sitting in his vampire like chair facing the opposite direction. The only thing you are allowed to see are his hands petting his evil cat. His desk is a long slab of wood with spikes protruding from the sides, and his desk is

also protected by an electric fence, so nobody can get too close. Mr. Eisner also requested that the windows be boarded up so absolutely no sunlight reaches the office. Although appearing dark and desolate, it sounds very cozy.

Another demand that Mr. Eisner stated is that he gets to play at least one game for each varsity sport at SHS. This DOES include field hockey, girls' swimming, volleyball, girls' basketball, girls' soccer, girls' tennis, and softball. When asked why he would make such a demand, Eisner responded, "well, since I am the best at all sports, I will only be helping each team out."

Eisner has also gone ahead and fired all coaches and ath-

letic director Mr. Gurney. The new coaches are to be named at a later time. However, the new athletic director is Eisner's long time jacket, "Big Ugly."

The changes do not stop there, Eisner has also stated that a dress code will be in effect for the start of the 2002-2003 school year. However, the dress code is only mandatory for female students. Each female will have to wear bike shorts and a long rain jacket with a hood. I asked the new man in charge about the dress code and he responded with, "Listen, girls are always complaining about how they look, so I figured if I put them all in bike shorts and a long rain jacket with a hood, it will put all their fears to rest."

I also asked the new principal if he thought that only making girls have a dress code was a little sexist. Eisner responded simply with a chuckle and a swift, "no."

I for one am happy to be leaving the school before Eisner's reign starts. It appears that a cold black cloud is about to start hovering over the school, and there is nothing anybody can do about it.

Eisner closed out his press conference with these words, "This goes out to all incoming freshmen. Do whatever you can do to change school districts. Starting in September of 2002, nobody is safe from me. Nobody."

Startling words from a startling man. It appears that the time for Eisner, is now.

This is a list. This is a list of names and things associated with the names. What is this list for, you might ask. Yeah, go ahead and ask. Well, since you asked, this is a list of names and things associated with the names that was left over on the table. There was some room on this page.... so here it is. Thanks for asking.

SOME MINOR APRIL FOOLS

- 1.) Emily Pomerantz is selling her '98 Audi A4 1.8 Turbo for a Dodge Caravan.
- 2.) David Eisner admitted to his faults.
- 3.) Ryan Pape, for once, didn't try to visit all of his friends in one day.
- 4.) Claudel LaRose finally stopped doing the Harlem shake.
- 5.) Anna Levy didn't hang out with her Young Judaea friends for a weekend.
- 6.) Karesia Batan wasn't seen with the love of her life, Andrew "Dolomite" Dolian.
- 7.) Brian Kaplowitz stopped drinking the Super dooper diesel drink.
- 8.) Dan Renzetti is now the "bad" vibes chapman.
- 9.) Scott Gold took a break from Black Jack.
- 10.) Jenna Goldstein took a break from her studies for a whole "5" minutes.
- 11.) Gina Sinaguglia didn't talk about Eric cheating on her.
- 12.) Ashley Partington didn't lock her keys in her car.
- 13.) Casey Colandro pulled over on the "right" side of the road.
- 14.) Jena Nadro ruined the Nadro dynasty by quitting the family owned business at Dairy Inn.
- 15.) Jennifer Yacenda did not wear sandals to school.
- 16.) Jessica Plank didn't ask anyone if she had anything in her teeth.
- 17.) Lauren Mailhot decided to call it off with "Brucey" forever.
- 18.) Giorgio Vitiello came to school.
- 19.) Jon Levy groomed himself.
- 20.) Pasha Torkamani didn't try to beat someone up for once.
- 21.) Aaron Raddock finally decided to express his pain three years later for having his foot run over by Danielle Kaplowitz.
- 22.) Josh Sette attended his second period Economics class.
- 23.) Kevin Austin handed in his senior paper four weeks before it was due.
- 24.) Laura Pensiero found another love in her life (someone other than Josh Hartnett)!
- 25.) Ashley Partington swore to herself that she would make her OWN lunch.
- 26.) Craig DeGuzman thought it was better to use his real name (Chris).
- 27.) Ena Kunin never liked Mr. White.
- 28.) The Brown twins parked in the student parking lot (spaces designated only for students).
- 29.) Diana Lipsitz made it known that she did have just one bad experience at summer camp.
- 30.) Someone happened to see Amanda Morelli. (spotted?)

For teachers:

- 1.) Coach Kelley was serious in English class.
- 2.) Mr. Terolizzo called his students scholars instead of hooligans.
- 3.) Ms. Hatterman didn't smile for once.
- 4.) Mr. Fullin yelled at his students for not paying attention.
- 5.) Mr. White didn't kick Dan Renzetti out of class.
- 6.) Mr. Brown was a guest on SHS on the air and messed up the pledge.
- 7.) Music teacher Mr. Fasoli was seen on the 2nd floor.
- 8.) Mr. Roark grew an afro.
- 9.) Mr. Arcano has no opinion on this list.
- 10.) Mr. Vitelli is wearing a cardigan right now.



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Mr. MacChese listed them, and which are at the 4A level. of Schools and Colleges, "difference in their lives." place for everyone."

SHS Mock Trial team brings their cases to the court

Diane Yacenda
Photo Editor

The Mock Trial team demonstrates a similar competitive drive and school spirit as any other team at Stamford High. This "sport" may not involve much physical activity or attract large crowds but each participant still endures equally intense competitions. Every single one engages in both an intellectually challenging and nerve-wracking process.

There are two groups, one for the defense side and the other for the plaintiff side, of three lawyers and three witnesses that make up the team. Junior Howard Locker, Senior Carolyn Segerdell, and Senior Julie Stoltman argue the plaintiff's case for their clients Senior Galina Portnoy and Junior Chris Fountain. Senior Jon Levy supplements the case with his testimony as an expert witness. Seniors

Richard Senatore, Marina Gerbin, and Julia Perri, on the other hand, serve as the defense lawyers who use Senior Alina Shustarovich, Junior Israela Nof, and Junior Jeffrey Pan as witnesses.



Senior Julia Perri cross-examines witness.

In this mock trial case, Corey (Fountain) and Jamie (Portnoy) Blaze bring the Rest Easy Insurance Company to court for refusing to pay their claim regarding the burning of their home. They are joined

by detective Michael Ignitius (Levy), an expert in fire and arson investigation, whose opinion supports the Blazes' and refutes the insurance company's accusation of arson. Rest Easy uses employee Shawn Risney (Pan), scientific expert Nikki Johnson (Shustarovich), and Officer Smith (Nof) to defend their decision to deny the Blazes' claim and they additionally aim to prove that the fire was intentional, not accidental.

At the beginning of January, the Mock Trial Board distributes the year's specified case to all participating schools, which includes the basic facts, the witnesses' depositions, and the evidential exhibits. This allows for approximately two months to prepare and practice for perfection. The team spends endless hours reviewing the material and developing their approach to both sides based on the provided information. Principal Mr. Pavia, who has

been the advisor for 12 years, and English teacher Ms. Hatterman, who was one of Mr. Pavia's past participants, are the current advisors of the Mock Trial team. Professional lawyers Kelly Hodges and John Louizas also volunteer their time and their immense knowledge of the law to help out the Stamford High team. They teach the Mock Trial members about proper courtroom etiquette and legal matters in order to prepare them for competition.

On March 8, 2002, their day in court finally arrived. The plaintiff team challenged Westhill's defense while the defense team argued against Greenwich's plaintiff. Each team ended with a victory, and therefore, the team qualified for the next round. Norwalk, however, won each of their cases too so a tiebreaker was needed to decide which team deserved the Regional Championship. Their second day in court, rather in the

small auditorium, came on March 15, 2002 as just the defense team (chosen by lottery) competed. After winning this case, thereby claiming the Regional Champion title, the defense team (chosen by lottery) competed again at the state level versus Conard. Their disappointing loss in this competition unfortunately ended the Mock Trial team's season.

The experience nonetheless has been beneficial to all. For the participants, the experience has taught them to think quick on their feet and to remain cool, calm and collected under pressure. For Mr. Pavia, Ms. Hatterman and the professional lawyers, on the other hand, the experience has added to their level of stress and to their number of headaches. Besides that, however, the experience was surely enjoyable for them as they spent their free time with an interesting group of students.

Teacher Feature: Mr. MacLehose & Company

Brian Kaplowitz
Staff Writer

Mr. MacLehose came to Stamford High School in 1999, with high hopes and expectations for his new endeavor as a teacher. Boy, were his expectations ever fulfilled! Recently, Stamford High has afforded many teachers the opportunity to be involved with an unbelievable group of students. As a result, these teachers have excelled in their new positions as educators, and Mr. MacLehose is a prime example of this circumstance.

Mr. MacLehose grew up in New Providence, New Jersey. As a punk rock teenager, he was left with little to do but listen to his music and read every history book he could get his hands on. This was a result, of course, of there being little to do in his hometown. "There were no movie theaters, very few restaurants or bars. It was a very dry place," said Mr. MacLehose. As far as his years of schooling went, Mr. MacLehose hated them, and

never thought he'd be back teaching other kids, yet his true passions would soon come to the surface.

Before arriving at SHS, Mr. MacLehose worked for seven years at two separate New York City law firms. Before that he had worked in Colorado at a newspaper's advertising department. Yet, Mr. MacLehose felt that something was missing in his life. He had always had a passion for history, taking every social studies class available to him throughout high school, and majoring in American history at Oberlin College. And so he decided that teaching history to younger people would best fill his void. "I always thought I'd enjoy working with kids, and I love history. I figured, why not do something I enjoy, rather than something I just showed up to?" He followed through and went off to graduate school at the University of New Haven for a degree in education and made his journey to SHS.

Mr. MacLehose currently teaches 5 history classes, 2 of which are at the AP level.

Although Mr. MacLehose enjoys teaching all of his classes, he especially enjoys teaching the AP classes. "I like the challenge of teaching students who are engaged, excited to learn, and ask a lot of questions," he said. Though American history is what Mr. MacLehose teaches, he would really love to teach a class on the history of music and sports in America. He is also in the process of getting his sixth-year in administration at the University of Bridgeport.

Mr. MacLehose, also known as 'Mac-Daddy' and 'Mac-Daddy-to-the-hoes,' is quite proud of his player skills, which are known throughout the school. "Being the original Mac-Daddy, I'm glad I get plenty of props," Mr. MacLehose said. "Besides, it's better than my old name at another high school which was Mr. Mac-all-da-hoes."

Aside from teaching his history courses, Mr. MacLehose is an advisor for the history club, and currently co-chairs a committee for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges

(NEASC). In the small amount of spare time that he has, Mr. MacLehose tries to go to every SHS sporting event that he possibly can. Yet, his little free time has been further limited with a new addition to his family. Thomas William MacLehose was born January 31 of this year and is causing quite a stir in the MacLehose household.

"Thomas is doing great and my wife and I are really enjoying it. We can already tell that he's an angry young Scotsman. He has already been dubbed 'Mini-Mac' and 'Mac-Daddy Jr.,' as Mr. MacLehose told me. "From the incubator to the baby's crib the ladies couldn't get enough of him," Mr. MacLehose said. "The girls were drooling all over their bibs," he added.

When asked if Mr. MacLehose enjoyed teaching at Stamford High School in particular he responded, "I love and enjoy Stamford High, and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else but here. The mix of kids is great and I really enjoy making a difference in their lives."



The students certainly agree that the Mac-Daddy knows how to make a difference. Senior Gabe Poliboy reminisced, "Mr. MacLehose always found interesting ways to relate history to us. The time he brought in a Led Zeppelin song about social injustice was really cool."

Mr. MacLehose has made quite an impact on the students as well as the school in general during his short term here at SHS. His love for educating others and his desire to help lead them in the right direction is what drives him to do his best day in and day out. As Senior Ryan Pape commented, "There need to be more teachers like Mr. MacLehose in this school. He helps to make Stamford High School a better place for everyone."

Softball team prepares to step up to the plate

Jennifer Yacenda
College Editor

The girls' softball team is readily preparing for the rapidly approaching 2002 spring season. Monday, March 18th marked the first day of tryouts as well as disappointing weather. Cold and rain kept the team inside on the first day, but a slight improvement in weather allowed the team to practice outdoors on Tuesday. Unfortunately, they were inside again on Wednesday. Nevertheless, the weather did not keep the team from carrying on as usual as tryouts included the typi-

cal activities from hitting to running to sprinting to catching. This year, the team met weekly on Sunday evenings at Triple Crown--the local batting cage--to hone their skills prior to tryouts. The captains took responsibility and coordinated the group of girls in stretching, fielding and hitting.

This year, the three captains are four-year veterans (meaning they've played varsity softball since freshman year). These talented players are seniors Leslie Ferrara, Ashley DeFilippis, and Alison Brander. Leslie the team's starting center fielder is ready to go after recovering from a lateral meniscus tear. Ashley, who plays

first base is looking forward to the upcoming season as well as filling the shoes of a team captain. She said, "Ali, Leslie and I have played together for four years and we have learned how to work together as a cohesive unit and hopefully our leadership will bring us a successful season." And finally Ali the third baseman, is "really looking forward to the season." On a side note, Ali was recently honored as a Channel News 12 Connecticut Scholar Athlete of the Week. A short segment aired two weeks ago featuring her achievements and future goals. The four years of experience from the three captains this year is a priceless asset to the team and the coaches who have coached Leslie, Ali, and Ashley since they were freshmen.

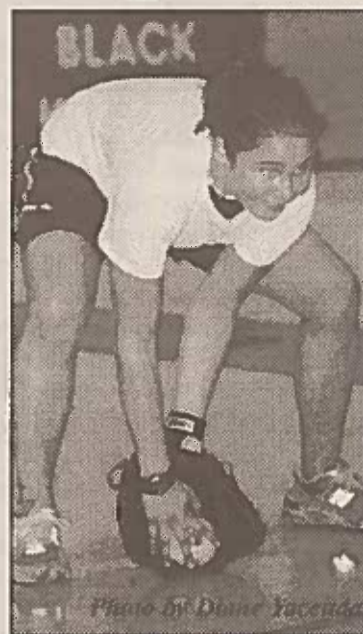
Tony Esposito is the head coach for the varsity squad and Art DeFilippis is the assistant coach. Mr. Bucciarelli coaches the Junior Varsity team and Rit Lacomis is responsible for the freshmen. Tony Esposito stresses building a team and keeping future seasons in mind when selecting current players. He looks for commitment and an allegiance to softball, especially to Stamford High softball. The num-

ber of girls this year has made the decision tough with twenty-seven freshmen, six sophomores, seven juniors, and ten seniors trying out to fill the fifty-four potential spots spread over the three teams.

The three teams are hoping to have promising seasons and look to further the development of the Stamford High softball program. The varsity team is ready for a new season as they finished last year with a 1-0 extra inning loss to Bristol Central high school in the quarterfinals of the state tournament.

The ending record for last season was twenty one wins and four losses. Over the past three years the team has gone 67-10, an impressive feat and even more impressive considering the FCIAC competition. Norwalk, Westhill, Bristol Central, and St. Joe's accounted for their four losses in 2001, and will be back with good competition again this year.

Other tough competitors include Staples and Trumbull. The girls are excited and look forward to beating those tough teams. Senior Jessica Plank commented, "our team has potential to have a winning season." She went on to say, "our coach is expecting us to do very well and



Sophomore catcher Natalie Savona scoops up a ground ball.

he is working us hard already asking for our very best because he believes in us." Leslie Ferrara, a senior, concurs and states that "if we work hard and give it all we have we will be one of the top teams in the FCIAC as well as in the state."

Clearly, the softball team has the experience, the talent and the ability to have a successful season. With hard work and determination, hopefully the team will succeed.



L to R: Junior Katie Olson and Senior Kate Raddock practice indoors.

Staff defeats seniors in the student-faculty volleyball game

Nancy Ringel
Associate News Editor

Friday, March 22nd was a victorious night for the faculty of Stamford High School. After the intense games of the underclassmen and upperclassmen at the student faculty volleyball tournament, the staff finally stepped onto the court, ready to face their fierce senior opponents. The two teams went head to head for most of the game, but after several long rallies in the final few points, the faculty emerged as winners.

The first game of the night featured the freshmen versus the sophomores. They started up the excitement for the evening with a good match. Freshmen are normally thought to be the weakest class in the

school, but the team worked together to give the sophomores solid competition. Though the sophomores put up a good fight, they were not able to overcome this solid play. The freshmen moved on to the next round with their win against the sophomores.

The second game of the night was between the juniors and the seniors. Though the juniors put forth a good effort, they were no match for strong senior team. The seniors dominated most of the game and clinched the win with a final score of 15 to 7. As the members of the senior team celebrated, the staff began preparing for the competition ahead.

Having lost only once before in the student faculty volleyball game (the previous year to the senior class, contrary to Mr. Pavia's claims), the staff walked on to the court

with an air of confidence. They were looking to win back their title, no matter the consequences. The seniors challenged this determination by starting the game with solid play. They also brought in tense excitement to the game with hard serves and strong hits. The faculty came back with equally good playing. As the score went back and forth, the audience nervously looked on, wincing with each fault of their preferred team.

The score reached 14-13, in favor of the seniors, and the staff failed to return a serve from the seniors' side. The score board showed 15-13, and the seniors flooded off the bench to congratulate one another. However, in the midst of all the excitement Porter, who was acting as the referee, stood on the sidelines rejecting the final point. As all eyes

turned to him, he announced that the seniors' winning serve had been a foot-fault (the server had stepped over the line) and the faculty was in possession of the ball. After much opposition from the seniors, the game finally resumed with the score of 14-13.

The seniors' momentum was slightly bruised, and this gave the faculty one last opportunity to pull through. They tied the score and stayed with the seniors for several more points, and a strong hit finally won the game. The final score was 17-15. The faculty celebrated their return to victory, and the seniors left with smiles on their faces. Though there was only one winning team, everyone played a good game and had fun.



Mr. Strazza serves the ball during the student-faculty volleyball game.

Winter sports' name their Most Valuable Players

Andrew Dolian
Associate Sports Editor

As all of the winter sports seasons came to an end coaches from the 7 varsity teams announced their selections for "Leaders and MVPs," and once again Stamford high's winter sports showed excellent performances.

The Stamford High School Hockey Team, which was Division II State Champs last year, had moved up to Division I for this year. As it looked at the outset of the season, SHS would not be such a competitor. Despite that less than sunny outlook, they had a good year for their first year in the division. Coach Haggerty named Senior Ray Dischino, and Sophomore David Haggerty as players who had shown tremendous leadership. "All we asked for was for them to go out there and put out their best effort, and Haggerty and

Dischino really showed that on defense this year."

Coach James Moriarty, head coach of the Stamford High basketball team, looked at this year as one in which to rebuild after losing standout Danny Melzer, but Stamford shocked the county with a 15-4 regular season record which set them up with the # 3 seed for the FCIAC Championships. Stamford closed out the first meeting with a win against Central, but ran into a brick wall when they came up against Greenwich in the semi-finals, even though Greenwich was a team whom they had beaten in the regular season. They tried to boost their dented confidence for the Class LL State tourney but lost to Norwalk and their star Joe Baker. The Black Knights played that game without starters Tyrell Aaron and Andre Brown who were benched for the game for disciplinary reasons. Coach Moriarty named Junior Captain Jered Ashe, and

Senior Lionell Hull as this season's top players. "Both of these players work hard and it shows that hard work pays off"

The girls' basketball team, which is coached by Curtis Tinnen, had gotten off to a pretty good year, until one starter, Leslie Ferrara, hurt her knee and was lost for the season. In the state tourney, Stamford couldn't pull the upset they needed against Trumbull High, and that was where the season came to an end. Coach Tinnen said, "Senior Diane Yacenda, does most of the things asked to do off the court and tears it up on the court"

Boys' indoor track, Coach Mr. Barnett said this about his selection for top runner, "Richard Senatore has been a part of this team for four years and is always there for his teammates and encourages them to do as best they can." The indoor track team placed 4th in the western division. To top it off they placed 12th in FCIACS and 14th

in States. They hope to have a good team next year.

The girls' track team selected two from among its ranks to honor. Justine Kovacs was the runner to come away with the MVP award, while Senior Jessica St. Juste, who had a good senior year, received the Coach's award. About the two girls Coach Art Brown said, "Our goal was to do well and we did, coming in 4th in the FCIAC. Justine Kovacs finished 1st in the 1600 and 3200 meter races. Justine," he continued, "also finished 1st in the Class L in the 1600, 3rd in the State Open, and 10th in New England." Though Justine Kovacs achieved so much this year, she is only a junior and still has another year to do well.

Senior Captains Pasha Torkamani, Ryan Mehner, and Brian Wallman, all of whom had successful individual records, led the Stamford High School's Boys' Wrestling Team to their

outstanding season. During the regular season Ryan Mehner put together a 27-3 record, as Pasha Torkamani had a record of 25-3, and Brian Wallman tagged a record of 24-5. Coach Levine said, "The team was 21-4, another 20-win season, and we have 11 returnees to the varsity line-up next year and look to be strong next year."

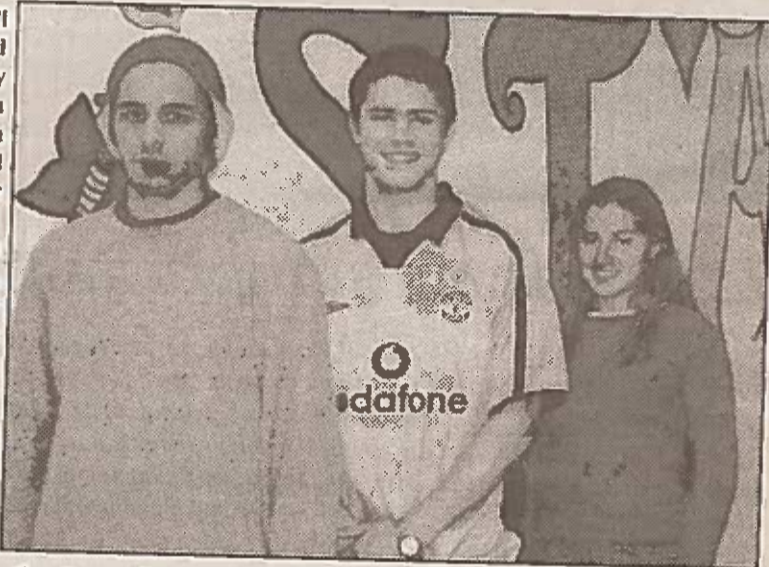
The boys' swim team, which struggled to compete this year, was lead by the phenomenon Freshman Andrew Pramberger. Of Pramberger Coach Kurt Bittel said, "If he has to win, he does whatever it takes to win."

As Stamford High School closed out the winter sports schedule it began to prepare for a host of successful Spring sport teams. If the new season's hopes are realized, perhaps an FCIAC or a state championship will soon be in our hands as the 2001-2002 school year comes to an end.



LEFT (L-R): Lionell Hull (basketball), David Haggerty (hockey), Ray Dischino (hockey), Brian Wallman (wrestling), Ryan Mehner (wrestling), and Andrew Pramberger (swimming).
RIGHT (L-R): Pasha Torkamani (wrestling), Richard Senatore (indoor track), Justine Kovacs (indoor track).
MISSING: Jared Ashe (basketball), D. Yacenda (basketball).

Photos by D. Yacenda



March Madness stirs Stamford High's basketball passion

Peter Fiorita
Arts and Entertainment Editor

It is said to be more entertaining and exhilarating than the National Basketball League and it can be deemed a valid argument. It's basketball in its purest form; it does not have the "money," which many believe corrupts the game, and it is simply the exhortation to be the best.

"What more can you ask for?" Senior Ryan Pape stated. And for college basketball lovers

in Stamford High, like Pape, he's right. College basketball is the best. Players give it their all, play their hearts out, and are out to prove themselves. Senior Chris DeGuzman said, "It's already fun to watch before March, but what makes it more exciting is that teams step up their game."

The seriousness that starts on the first day of March intrigues many college basketball fans. There can be an unknown team which has had an outstanding season in a conference where the competition is incomparable to

the competition of other leagues and once they get a bid in the tournament; people automatically think they will be eliminated in the first round. However, these "sleeper" teams can easily cause an upset by beating a top ranked team.

The uncertainty of the tournament is what keeps fans watching. Especially at the collegiate level, talent and good coaching will get teams to the NCAA tournament. It becomes surprising to people when we see teams that lack as much talent as others, but

end up winning because of their relentlessness and their drive to win, qualities which ultimately might bring them to the final four.

"Anything is possible" Senior Chris Pirone stated. "When I am given the brackets it becomes very difficult for me right about now because anything could happen."

Many times high schoolers, like many at Stamford High, decide that they can predict who will win the NCAA tournament. These students usually end up

being wrong. Maybe once or twice, the lucky guessers will get fortuitous outcomes, but to win the bracket, you really have to have a good knowledge of all of the participating teams, and even then nothing is guaranteed.

If you need to occupy your time during those homework breaks during the mad weeks of March, grab your controller, flip through the television channels, and I'm sure you'll find a couple of games that will, perhaps, make you become an avid fan of college basketball.

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Baseball team looking for another dream season

Carly Miller
Associate Sports Editor

The 2002 baseball season is fast approaching and all the players and coaches have started preparing. Following in the footsteps of a state championship team in 2001 the Black Knights Baseball Team of 2002 has a lot to work for. Last year's team won states, but lost the race for the FCIAC to Westhill.

During the last season, not once did we beat WHS; that is, not until it meant the most for the Black Knights. When we faced Westhill in the race for the state championship we beat them to advance and to eventually win states for the first time in over 50 years.

Many key players have been lost from last year's team but the coaches feel confident that the seniors of this year can take their

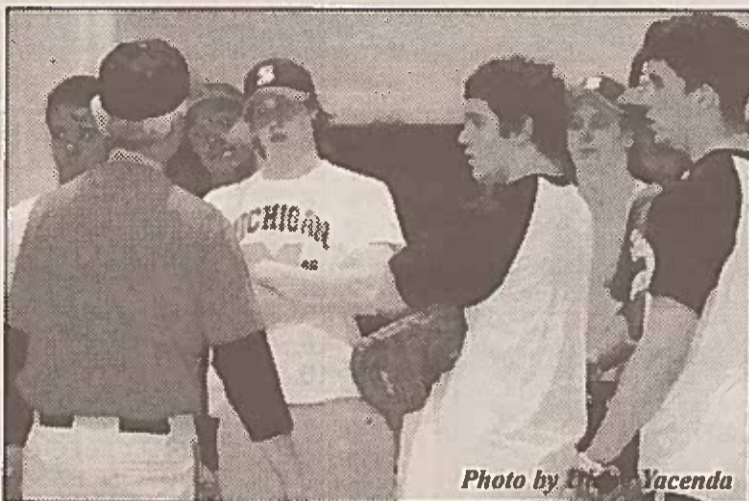
places and step up as leaders. "Leaders of the team will surface once the season starts," commented Head Coach Bob Augustyn. "I'm happy with the attitude of this year's squad. They want to prove that the level of play will stay competitive even though we lost some key players."

Among the key players lost to graduation were Mike Megale, Paul Totilo, Chris Quinlan, Mike Macchio, Beeford Bruno, Steve Unker, Ryan Mack, John Raus and Danny Melzer. "Although we lost a lot of seniors, last year's juniors are going to pick up the slack. Eddie Martinez and Brian Kaplowitz are showing a lot of senior leadership for this team," said Junior Varsity Coach Fred Kelley.

Although the team will miss its graduated seniors, the Black Knights of this year figure that

with enough work and dedication they can rebuild to were they were. "After winning the state

ent, committed, and dedicated to have another successful season."



Baseball team huddles around Head Coach Augustyn.

championship last year, this year is a rebuilding year," said Assistant Varsity Coach Frank Scott. "We have to find players who are tal-

"The baseball program as a whole has worked harder in the off season than ever before," commented Coach Kelley. "Many

people are competing for spots on varsity. Being state champs peaked the interest of kids to raise their play to a higher level. Many players of this year's team want a chance to repeat being state champs and be the first team in over 20 years to be the FCIAC champions."

All the coaches and players are looking forward to a successful and magical season. "If the chemistry melds like last year, we have what it takes to win," explained Coach Augustyn. "They know what they need and they are able to put individual needs aside to set their goals on the field and to concentrate on the team."

"Stay competitive, play winning baseball and we will carry on the competition here at Stamford High," were Coach Augustyn's final comments on the upcoming 2002 baseball season.

Girls' tennis at the net

Dan Renzetti
Associate Features Editor

The Stamford High girls' tennis team returns for their 2002 season with some spots to fill. The only returning varsity starters will be co-captains Jessica Engel and Jackie Chnowski, Junior Erica Tobias will most likely return to her #1 singles spot and Juniors Alex Bernshteyn and Lauren LaRusso will try and improve on their #3 doubles spot.

Most people do not think about tennis when it comes to thinking about tough FCIAC competition. The truth is Stamford is just not considered a tennis city. Playing against teams like New Canaan, Darien and

Greenwich, where tennis is just as popular as baseball and football are at Stamford High, is a very difficult task to take on.

However, give the girls' team credit. Last year they made it to states for the first time in a couple of years. Senior Co-Captain Jessica Engel said, "Last year was the first time we had made it to states since I have been on the team. It was a great accomplishment considering the teams we play. I hope we can improve on last year's record and make it back to post-season play."

With the help of their long time coach, Coach McHugh, the girls' tennis team is looking to have another strong year and to do the best they can.

Boys' tennis getting into full swing

Diane Yacenda
Photo Editor

The Stamford High boys' tennis team returns this Spring with hopes to improve on their 2000-2001 results. With about ten returning players, a couple prospective new members, and new court surfaces, the squad looks for a successful year. They managed to achieve a .500 record of 7-7 last season with only four returning members. This record thereby qualified the team to compete on both the FCIAC and State Class LL levels. The SHS team unfortunately missed out on the opportunity to play in the FCIAC playoffs due to bad weather and no one reached beyond the second round of the state playoffs.

The team consists of five singles players and two sets of doubles partners. These nine positions will be determined by the skill level of the players with the most talented player playing at the #1 singles spot, and the next best in the #2 position, and so on.

Returning Junior Captains Howard Locker and Andrew Dolian will most likely start at

one of the four top singles positions along with newcomer Sophomore Andrew Sanzo and fellow Senior Captain Dan Renzetti. Senior Aaron Raddock, Senior David Eisner, and Junior Igor Zelenberg, who



Senior Aaron Raddock prepares for upcoming season.

played rotating doubles together last year, return this year to possibly play doubles again or perhaps to shift over to the singles arena.

They are joined by Juniors Nitesh Banta, Mike Handler, Matt Ortegon, and Dave Eytel, who have also come out to play. With only nine starting positions, the team will still have a number of reserves that will practice with

the starters and play supplementary matches at the team competitions to gain more experience. But since the final line-up will not be decided until April 8th, anything can happen in between now and then.

And just as every other athletic team at Stamford High, these guys seek to defeat intercity rivals Westhill and Trinity to claim what may become their second consecutive city championship title. Hard work and determination were key ingredients in their triumphs last year and will hopefully aid the team again this year. They additionally anticipate victories over Danbury, Norwalk, McMahon, Central, and Wilton, the other five teams that Stamford High overcame in their seven victorious matches.

The other FCIAC opponents include Ridgefield, Greenwich, Fairfield, Staples, Trumbull, Darien, and New Canaan, but these teams have historically been among the elite competitors in the whole state. No matter which team they compete against, the SHS boys' tennis team will always put up a fight.

Come out and support Stamford High athletics: baseball, golf, lacrosse, softball, tennis, and track. Be a fan and sit in the stands!

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