

The Round Table

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State test administered at SHS

by Heather Barry

On October 14, 15 and 16 all ninth graders at Stamford High were tested in mathematics and English to assess their skills and determine who needed special remediation. These tests were mandated by the Connecticut General Assembly which in June 1978 passed Public Law 78-194 concerning remedial education aid. This resulted in the Education Evaluation and Remedial Assistance (EERA) examination.

The purpose of this exam is to find and help students who need assistance in basic skills. It is also a basis to provide the state with information regarding those areas of state education which need improvement.

The state wide test is administered to all ninth grade students during the month of October.

Any ninth grader enrolled in public school, vocational-technical school or an endowed or incorporated high school or academy in Connecticut is given these tests.

The four parts of the EERA exam are:

1. Reading - this test measures a student's ability to understand non-fictional English at different levels of difficulty.

2. Mathematics - this test measures a student's ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide whole numbers, fractions and decimals; to figure percentages; to find area and perimeter; to read and interpret tables, charts and graphs; to apply approximate answers, and other mathematic skills.

3. Language Arts - this test is multiple choice testing punctuation, spelling, grammar, composition and organizational skills; and use of the library.

4. Writing sample - the students are given a topic based on a personal experience and asked to write about that topic for 25 minutes.

The results of the EERA tests are used as a device for the purpose of identifying those students who need remedial help. The exam cannot be used



as a requirement for promotion or graduation.

The students who score below the level of expected performance will be eligible for remedial assistance and further testing, if necessary. The results are also used as guidelines for each individual

school's curricular programs. In addition, the tests results provide important information about the state wide educational progress.

Each student's tests scores are mailed to his or her parents and a copy is also kept on file with his/her academic record.

Halloween enjoys long-standing tradition

by Cristina Abella

Halloween is supposedly a time of devils, witches and superstitions. In the past, Halloween was a time for games and rituals to predict the future. How did this come to be? Let's look at the history of Halloween and its superstitions.

Ancient Rome was the scene of the origin of Halloween. During the Roman occupation of Great Britain, the first day of November was reserved for people to pray for martyrs who died for some noble cause. It was then called Halligan or All Hallows before it was known

later as Halloween.

Many people believed that witches, goblins, ghosts and spirits were real. People even thought that spells were cast on the eve of November 1st. They began to believe that children born on Halloween would have power to see ghosts and spirits. The Bretons thought that the forty-eight hours of Halloween were when the poor souls were liberated from Purgatory and were free to revisit their old homes, so everything must be done to make them welcome.

Most people avoided the church yard and cemetery on Halloween. Spirits of the dead

walked on that night. If a man met a spirit face to face, he would fall dead in his tracks.

A white hare was feared more than any ghost on Halloween. The superstition said that when a maiden, have loved not wisely but too well, dies of a broken heart, her spirit comes back in the shape of a white hare to haunt her deceiver. The phantom follows him everywhere and is visible only to him. This "causes his death" on Halloween. The black cat signified the companions of witches, which led to the belief that they were bad

luck. People had a strange belief that gates, buggies and chairs were stolen and put on their roofs by evil spirits.

In many ways, people in ancient Britain thought they could predict the future. They believed certain signs and symbols would enable them to read the future. They also thought that jumping over candles could predict their future.

When you go out tonight, beware of the cemetery, crossing in front of black cats and meeting evil spirits...and one more thing...Happy Halloween.

Dr. King speaks out on issues concerning SHS



by Tory Hamilton

A few years ago Stamford High sent out invitations for applications for the position of principal of SHS. One of those invited was Dr. Thelma King. With mutual agreement (and a cut in pay for her) Dr. King was asked to assume the position.

One of the first things to occur was the establishment of PAC (Principals Advisory Council) five years ago. At first PAC was basically a small group of parents. It soon developed into a board of teachers, students, parents, administrators, Board of Education members and Dr. King herself. Unfortunately PAC, she feels, has become

ineffective due to a few anti-accomplishment and uncommunitive teachers.

However, Dr. King feels that she has developed good relationships with a perfect administration and a majority of the teachers. As to the controversy surrounding both the school and herself Dr. King believes that it has been "blown out of proportion" and is due to a handful of teachers with a "personal vendetta." Also the rumors of the closing of SHS are ridiculous. SHS has been awarded scholarships on academic merit and the city as a whole is considered more highly than most cities.

When asked exactly what her job is Dr. King replied "Everything here happens because of me; if it is bad it comes back to me; if it is good it is because of me."

Asked of school morale she declined direct comment but did say "You receive from the school what you put into it. Stamford High is its students - it would be nothing without them. They are the best part of being here."

On Dr. King's wall there is a quote. It reads: "A woman must work twice as hard as a man to be considered half as good." Dr. King is certainly doing here best to live up to this.

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Secret course offerings uncovered by The Round Table

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Teacher vanishes—clues look fishy

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

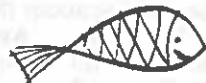
Until now, most people have been led to believe that the only fish of this kind in the Stamford school system was at Westhill. Now the fact that SHS possesses one has become known. Before this time, only the administration, a handful of students and Biology teacher Mr. Deary, had known of the fish's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

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

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

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

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

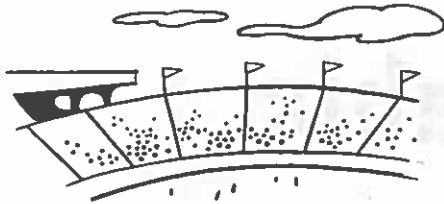


Mr. Deary. Officials believe he has met with the unkindest cut of all, eaten by his pet fish.

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

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

Stay tuned for more details. Film at eleven.



Thespians stage *General Hospital*

Trade talks highlight coaches meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New bathroom policy announced

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

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

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

Each shift ends five minutes before

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

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

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

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



LETTERS

Dear Editor,

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

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

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

Ciao,
Mellow Mike

Cap and Gown fees increased

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

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

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

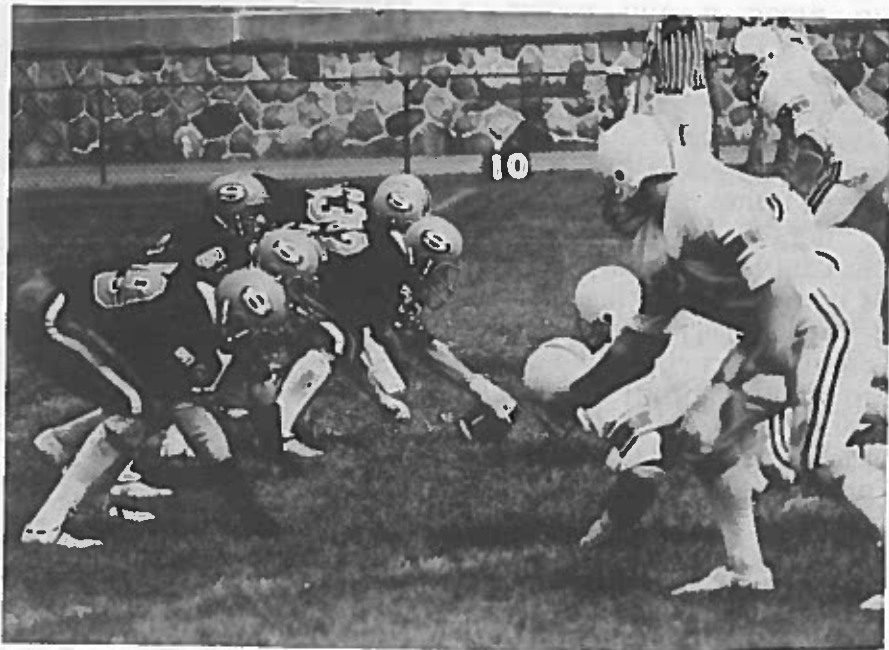
However, you will be able to pick up your diploma at a later date for a late fee of \$50. That day will be your only chance to get your diploma. If you miss that day you're out of luck since your diploma will be returned to the printer.

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

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

SHS football kicks off season

by Bob Greene



Coach Egan takes command

by Bob Greene

The Stamford High football program went through a major overhaul this year with the resignation of Head Coach Marc Lyons. Lyons, who coached the Knights for five seasons, left the job for outside business interests. His replacement was a young Rippowam alumnus named Jay Egan. Since taking over at the helm of the Knights last spring, Coach Egan has worked hard to make Stamford High a strong football power as it once was.

After graduating from Rippowam in 1973, Coach Egan went to the University of Miami on a football scholarship. He became a starting linebacker and lettered in both his junior and senior years.

His teaching career started in Miami, but after one year he moved back to Stamford where he coached wrestling at Stamford High in 1978 and was defensive coordinator for the Westhill football team in 1979 and 1980. He now has achieved one of his goals by becoming a head football coach.

I asked Coach Egan what he had hoped to accomplish here at SHS. First, he said he wanted to bring back the school spirit and get student participation up to the level of the early '70's when Stamford High was a football power. He also wanted to instill a winning attitude and environment for his players.

It is obvious that school spirit has declined in recent years. Egan said, "The apathetic attitude of the teachers and their views on sports have reflected onto the students, causing them to lose interest."

He feels that by getting students and faculty more involved, they will start to get a good feeling about their school.

We then discussed his coaching philosophy. He said he wanted the boys to enjoy football, but at the same time learn discipline and understand

it. He said that if you understand *why* you are doing something, you will be less inclined to take it lightly.

My final question to Coach Egan was, "How do you feel about becoming head coach at Stamford High?"

He said, "It is a great honor, since the school has long held the tradition of being a football power."

He also said it was a great opportunity and a very workable program. He hopes to establish a strong program here and then move on to coach college ball.

In reflecting upon Mr. Jay Egan's comments, this reporter got the distinct impression that the man loves what he does. He is very dedicated and works very hard. He can be strict at times, but retains his sense of humor. Talking with him was a pleasure and we wish him success at SHS.

Volleyball

by Sue Dorso

The 1981 Volleyball team, headed by co-captains Andrea Wahnowski and Liz Willis, feel they are ready to reach this year's goal of qualifying for the state play-offs, which requires seven victories. After a disappointing three-ten record last year, coach DeMatteis says they have a better team this year than ever before and the experience of previous years made this year a good one. The team's setters are Stephanie DePietro, Lisa James and Andrea Wahnowski. Michelle Ballo, Alicia Bannon, Laura Martinelli and Liz Willis are the spikers for the team, and all seven of the girls serve as blockers.

This year they played twelve teams from Fairfield County including Westhill, which was Stamford's biggest challenge because of their great records during the past years.

The final home game is Monday, November 2nd against Norwalk in the gym.

The Stamford High football team has a long tradition as one of the state's great gridiron powers. And though last year's one and nine record was very disappointing, Stamford hoped for bigger and better things to happen in 1981.

The Black Knights were led this year by new head Coach Jay Egan. He was surrounded by a gifted group of coaches. The offensive backfield was coordinated by Coaches Pike and Matefuri. The defensive line was handled by Coaches Samperi and Jordan. All these men put in many dedicated and long hours to help in the success of the Stamford High football program.

This year's co-captains are seniors Dino Gentile and Marc Moavero. Both saw extensive playing time last year, and did a good job of heading the Knights on the field in 1981.

Gentile was the glue of the defense at linebacker along with senior James Core. The defensive line, made up of almost all seniors, was led by co-captain Moavero at tackle. Flanking him were sophomore Jerry Rotante at noseguard and senior Rick Rozier at tackle. The ends were seniors Vincent Adams and Bob Greene. Also seeing time on the line were junior Len Morrell and senior Jeff Pasiak who was injured in

the first game.

The defensive backfield was a fairly young one led by senior Daryl Schmidt. Accompanying him were juniors Furess Whittington, Louis McBride and sophomore Tony Salley. Everold Foster, who was supposed to start, missed part of the season due to an injury.

This year's offense was powered by a senior filled line. At center the Knights went with Steve Guzda. At his sides were Marc Moavero and Bob Greene. The tackles were Mike Moker and Rick Rozier. At tight end Stamford used Vincent Adams and Steve Denick.

The offensive backfield was led by senior quarterback Darren Romano who had two gifted receivers to throw to in juniors Willie Tobler and Furess Whittington. Tobler was used at split end and Whittington was the slot back. The runners were seniors Wayne Rogalski, Felix Lapotts and Dino Gentile. Rogalski also took a turn at running the offense, beginning his QB tenure against Andrew Warde.

This year's squad worked very hard and tried to bring Stamford High back to its old form as a competitive football team.

The last home game is Saturday, November 7th vs. Catholic at two p.m.

Young swimmers make splash

by Heather Barry

Lap 110 and they're almost done! The girls' swim season is on. From September through early November, the girls practice six days a week at the Westhill High pool.

This year there was a good turnout at team tryouts. There were many new people, mostly freshmen.

The new swimming coach for 1981 is Vickie Chapman. She swam for the Rippowam High School swim team and for Southern Connecticut State College. Coach Chapman is also a lifeguard and gives swimming lessons at the Italian Center. She loves popcorn and makes great cakes!

Under Coach Chapman the girls worked hard, swimming over 100 laps a day. Even though it was hard work the atmosphere was comfortable because the girls were all friendly. Although they were competitive as a team, they didn't compete with each other. All the members encouraged and cheered each other on. Even if they weren't always the fastest, they certainly were the noisiest!

This year the girls' swim team swam against: Brien McMahon, Greenwich, Staples, Trumbull, Wilton, Westhill and Rippowam. They have their final meet against Norwalk Monday, November 2nd, at Westhill High School at 3:15 pm. The team consists of one senior, Kathy Woods; juniors Barbie Korfman, Kathy Kreis, Karol Nielson, Dorothy Sullivan, Clair Wise; sophomores Heather Barry, Paula Carlton, Amie Seastead;

freshmen Regina Bellantese, Sondra Denick, Lisa Jasse, Serena Mulhern, Karen Pucci and Jennifer Scalise. The team captains for this year are Sarah Jalet and Rachel Sexton.

If you have never seen the girls' swim team compete, why not come to Westhill Monday afternoon and cheer them on.

Field Hockey

by Janet Schoenfeld

Headed by captains Barb Palumbo and Donna Farina, the Stamford varsity field hockey team is planning for the future. They began this season, not aiming for a brilliant showing, but trying to rebuild. Having lost seven seniors, they were left with a young team of two seniors, five juniors and seven sophomores. The seniors are Joan Campell and Barb Palumbo. The juniors are Marnie Alvarado, Dana Bocuzzi, Cheryl Calo, Donna Farina and Jill Ladata. The sophomores are Sharon Harper, Chris LaScala, Karen Levine, Pam Paspalis, Kim Quick, Dee Rosum and Janet Schoenfeld.

The varsity coach is gym teacher Brenda Baxter. Miss Baxter played college field hockey and she coaches basketball in the winter. Miss Denninger is the junior varsity coach whose squad is primarily made up of freshman. By next year and especially in 1983 SHS field hockey will be once again be a sport to reckon with.

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PSAT's scheduled for October 31

by Sherre Lazar

The Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Tests (PSAT's) will be given 8:15 Saturday, October 31st at Stamford High School.

The tests will be administered in the cafeteria by proctors (those who give the tests) who are stationed throughout the room. The tests take approximately two hours.

Freshmen, sophomores and especially juniors who register with the guidance secretary can take the tests. Students get a card signifying they paid the \$5.25 fee and were told when and where to take the tests. Registration opened three weeks ago and closes October 30th at two pm.

The PSAT's include verbal and non-verbal (mathematics) testing similar to the SAT's.

Students take the tests for many reasons. The PSAT's give an idea of what to expect on the important SAT's. PSAT's show your strengths and weaknesses. They can also qualify you, if your scores are high enough, for the National Merit Scholarship finals, a scholarship given to high-scoring juniors. Miss Hurtado recommends that students take the PSAT's twice; in the sophomore year as practice for the taking of them in your junior year.

Even though the scores will be on the transcript which colleges examine, you can still take the SAT's but can not possibly qualify for the National Merit Scholarships.

Most students seem to agree that studying can't help. But one student disagrees, you can study she says, and you should, she insists. Other students say you should study the vocabulary but you can't study for the math. On the matter of studying, one student even went so far as to say the SAT booklets don't do any good. Don't "study" but look over the vocabulary, says Miss Hurtado.

In the past, some students

have complained that the tests were very hard. Some said they were never taught the math or were not familiar with the English. But students who were nervous during the PSAT's felt more comfortable during the SAT's because they knew what to expect.

Consequently it is a good idea to take the PSAT's. And at a bargain price of \$5.25 (compared to the SAT's cost of \$12.25) you can't go wrong.

Movie Madness

by Karen Pike

In 1979 selling junk food in public schools was outlawed. Another way to raise money for school activities was needed. Mr. Vaccaro and Mr. Carpentieri thought of showing a movie, hopefully, once a month. It seemed like a good idea then and still is.

The "Movie of the Month", as it is called, has helped raise a lot of money. However, most people don't know where the money goes. There is no one group that benefits from the money. It is used by Stamford High students.

Last year the money helped pay for the flowers for the children of Atlanta, the Class of 82's junior prom and several field trips.

This year they are hoping to show movies in October, December, February, April and June. Something new may be introduced in February. Mr. Vaccaro is working on getting a 3-D movie. If you have any suggestions give them to Mr. Vaccaro or Mr. Carpentieri.

So far only Stamford High School has been successful with the Movie of the Month. Rip-powam tried it once but has not tried it since.

There have been no big problems except for a couple of

Innuendo

S.H.S. has been busy with gossip lately and I've done my best to find it all.

The Seniors seem to be the busiest. Did you know?? Hey B.P. How's the Q's treating your mind? T.F. K.L. How much is in the collection pot this Saturday? L.W. Hey B.G. How's the mosquito bite? G.P., T.F., J.J., B.P. - ALLNIGHTER!! B.P. S.F. Golf course forever, Later Beauty Queen. L.M. Did you have to go home after Courtland? L.W. Too much Prep for the big guy to handle. A.G. how many more cars?? K.M. Cheers to Mr. P.T.F. L.M. "Miss Volleyball America" L.W. Hey Wahlstrom & Co: I hear that Mr. Pooh is a lightweight! L.C. had a great time at UCONN. Say Kevin! What were you doing in that little red bug at the beach? Greg W., rumour has it that your sixth period class, especially J.O., thinks that you are an AIRHEAD! T.F., G.P., J.J., B.P. - What, we didnt stay up all night! Field Hockey players to it for the goal! Also Greg, rumour has it that you can't handle criticism. J.B. How's working life?? T.F. L.W. How's your big red lolly?? K.C. How was the ride? Did you really get a flat? Ski - we got K.C. all figured out. Hey J.C. alias Ricky, who lasted longer? I guess M.C. proved you wrong! D.L. - How's life. . . UGE! To Senior Class . . . Wee! L.R. you might get your protractor back for Christmas! B.P. and S.A. still going strong for 19 months - thru the "Best and Worst of Times!" Hey M.S. - I think everything is going to be okay now. Hey S.R. heard you have another car to add to your collection - (new '80 Firebird and '73 Camaro). B.P. - How many more are you going to your collection - no repeats. Hey C.S. where is Sugar Mountain? The volleyball team is serious, The Rubber Shoe. B.P. - C.R., H.M., J.J. were the best. G.B.T.F.B.P. - What? We didn't go to the dam 100 times. J.F. - how's your bumps? B.P. - you'll get him.

The Juniors have their own stories to tell . . . The hay in the barn seems to be keeping its color. Hey L.M. you owe some big bucks on a bet from a football game. M.O. and Ian still going strong after decades. B.M. had a sex change when he was three, huh! D.H. In this class you'll have the most fun. Hogie!! M.B. Grounded for life!! Donna, did you do your J.J.'s and T.T.'s? B.M. thanks for all the rides during tropical storms and the coldest morns - Did you have an operation at the age of three? L.B. I never thought you'd choose milk and cookies over me.

The Sophomores must be keeping their gossip to themselves, but I did manage to hear that Pam and Sharon like T.M. Nicole how's that detective work coming? Hey Kim be Quick about it! Hey Snooky how's it going? Barb. S.C. Congrats about cheering?? M.C. don't forget your confetti.

The Freshman didn't have much to say but give them time - I'm sure we'll hear something. Little Lovello - don't go followin' C.L.'s footsteps. L.G. Congratulations on making the volleyball team.

Until next time go out and find something new and interesting to gossip about.

P.S. - B.M. says that is not true. He says he was four!

Potential fire hazard extinguished

By Cindy Steele

I bet when everyone came into school on the first day, they looked around the first floor and said "Wow!" Yes, the new fire doors are supposedly "the what's new" at S.H.S. Mr. Markosky and Mr. Tucci said the reason for the new doors was for the safety of the school.

The Stamford fire marshal had declared the third floor a safety hazard, and had the doors not been installed, the third floor would have been closed.

It seems every time we have a fire drill the third floor students get stuck on the stairs by the main office. In order to quicken the evacuation of the third floor the school has

arranged fire doors on the first, second, and third floors, all to be located in that one stairway. When the alarm goes off the doors shut automatically. While the doors may inconvenience students with classes in the center corridors the third floor will be vacated efficiently which is the object of a fire drill so when people are trying to come down from the second and third floor, the first and second floor corridor is blocked off, so those people on the second floor won't use those stairs. At other times the doors are held open with electric magnets. The doors do not lock; when they shut, it is still possible to push them open. So everyone can feel much safer in his classes just knowing this.

things. First of all, students from SHS shouldn't sell tickets to their friends from other schools. Another thing is missing classes to see the movie. Students must have

permission from their teachers, either written or verbal.

The Movie of the Month was a big success last year and it looks like it will be this year too.



Cross-Country

by Bruce Miller

The words "Cross Country" conjure up images of tall, skinny men running over primitive terrain. At Stamford High, this idea is false. The SHS varsity cross-country team, coached by Vincent Cioeta, is a well-trained, highly conditioned group. Led by veteran Anis Shilleh, this year's squad maintains the desire and ability needed for the sport, but lacks experience. Only two of the members of the team have run cross country before. The remaining members are rookies. But these rookies have ability.

Mr. Cioeta feels this year is a building year, as he trains the up and coming freshmen (two of whom are varsity) for the rigors of competition. Daily practice consists of 10-14 miles of road work. Meets are 3.1 miles and scoring is measured by the first 5 place finishers from each team's place added together. The J.V. is strong this year, with outstanding runners in Billy Samers, Orlando Roman, and Andrew Chackas. Coach Cioeta feels that these, in addition to Mark Nicholson and Boun Kounsanith who are on varsity, are the future of Stamford High cross-country and this is a future we all look forward to.

Soccer Team Sets New Goals

by Sarah Bowen

Although the soccer team may have started off on the wrong foot by losing their first game, they quickly got back on the right track.

Mr. Bruce, the soccer coach, in comparing this year's team to last year's said there are some differences. The team, on the whole, is made of young players unlike last year's. The team lost many of last year's starting players who graduated in June. The team has also lost two players due to grades. Mr. Bruce states emphatically that that was the Board of Education ruling and by no means his own. This year the team has only two starting seniors but they do have many starting juniors. Due to all of these factors Mr. Bruce says that the team may not be

Rock Revue

by Jim Bitzonis

Recently The Grateful Dead came out with a double live album entitled *Dead Set*. The album contains live performances recorded in New York City and San Francisco.

Dead Set is an extreme jam session and classic Dead song such as *Space*, *Fire on the Mountain*, and *Franklin's Tower* are superbly performed.

It is amazing how The Grateful Dead, in their third decade of performing (1960's, '70's, '80's) are still very popular. The Dead will be performing soon in the greater New York area and as the old saying goes, "There's nothing like a Grateful Dead concert!"

The classic and unforgettable Rolling Stones, another extremely popular tri-decade group, has recently emerged with a new album. It is called *Tattoo You* and contains the hit *Start Me Up* which has repetitious lyrics reminiscent of the early Stones, although the beat is more prominent. The Stones are currently touring the

United States and will be appearing in our area in early November. Don't miss them.

To all Who fans, a greatest hits package entitled *Hooligans* will be released for Christmas. Coincidentally, The Who will also be coming to New York for concert performances this winter. They will definitely be intense, sold out concerts.

On Saturday October 31st, you will be able to see the insanity of Frank Zappa at the Palladium. Zappa has been appearing in the New York area on Halloween for many years now. His well-known style is both original and unique. He puts on a great show.

The purpose of *ROCK REVUE* is to keep you, the students of Stamford High School, informed on newly released albums, upcoming concerts and rock and roll entertainment. If you have an idea for a future *ROCK REVUE*, contact The Round Table in Room 205.

Simon & Garfunkel reunited for one night

By Joe O'Rourke

On September 19, 1981 one of the all time leading duets in rock music, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, were reunited for a free concert in New York City's Central Park. Approximately five hundred thousand people showed up for this nostalgic event.

When the two announced their reunion, their fans and the rest of the music world were overjoyed. Fans started to pour into Manhattan days before the concert, camping out in the sometimes dangerous park, drinking beer and eating junk food, preparing for the big day. Many of the already drunk fans arrived at Grand Central Station and headed straight for the park by taxis, buses or foot.

Once at the concert, the fans

jostled with their counterparts for a good position from which to watch the concert. When Simon and Garfunkel stepped on the stage, the crowd became hysterical. From the first song to the last song, the crowd never shut up. Popular oldies like "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and "The Boxer" were so loudly applauded that I thought my ears were going to burn out. After the concert the crowds left in different directions, leaving empty beer bottles or cans, blankets and coolers. Talk of the concert was high on the list of the departing fans.

The only question in my mind still is, "Can these guys still put out songs of the caliber of the ones they wrote in the sixties?" I hope so, for music's sake.

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are signs of it. Mr. Bruce says that when the soccer youth league started out it had only 400 participants. Now it has over 1,600 players. Mr. Bruce says he accounts this mainly to the growing interest in professional soccer all over America. As a matter of fact, this year's NASL rookie of the year was UCONN's Joe Morrone. Perhaps in a few years Stamford will become a soccer town too.

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Knight Light

Kathy Callahan

by Kelly Mechaley

When you mention the name Kathy Callahan no one ever says, "Who?" Everyone knows Kathy or has heard of her. She is the epitome of a high school student. She always tries to be the best she can be at whatever she does. She is involved in this school in every way, and her cheerful face can be seen at almost all school activities.

Kathy is an achiever. Her grades are always A's and she is a member of the National Honor Society. She will also be appearing in this year's issue of *Who's Who in American High School Students*.

Besides being a fine student, Kathy is a very talented athlete and always finds time to practice, even with her busy schedule. She played volleyball during her sophomore and junior years and has been a fine addition to the basketball team throughout her high school career. She is an excellent guard and a real asset to the team. She has also played softball since her freshman year, primarily as an outfielder.

This year Kathy was elected vice-president of the senior class.

"I ran for vice-president because I wanted to get involved. For three years I didn't do anything to help the class. This year I thought I could help bring back some spirit and pride to Stamford High."

Kathy's wish is to have the senior class really pull together to raise money to defray some of the expense of the prom, scheduled for May 28th. With people like Kathy leading the way, our senior class is bound to thrive.

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