



Spring

Spring is finally here! For seniors it means two remaining months until the prom, and the long-awaited graduation. Juniors are becoming painfully aware of the aggravation that accompanies S.A.T.'s, college choices, or work. But, the school year is gradually winding its way down to June, the ending of classes for most; the beginning of summer school for the unfortunate.

It is becoming more difficult to choose between class attendance or a day at the beach. SHS seems more confining than ever. Third quarter displays its seeming eternity.

People are uncovered as for the first time the unyielding winter weather has thawed its pleasant, lingering days. At last we can peel off a few layers of protective clothing.

Athletes can escape the thick air of the gymnasium, and enjoy the unconfined outdoors. Track has been removed from the second floor to the stadium where one can run a mile without becoming dizzy.

Gym make-ups contain a variety as a student may do sit-ups outdoors on the field rather than in the gym.

The courtyard will once again be convenient, an enjoyable facility providing smokers and non-smokers with a pleasant atmosphere of trees and possible lawns if the trampled grass grows in.

The infamous "spring fever" will once again take its toll around many and no one will really mind. Spring is a season that refreshes us



Music Man debuts April 22

by Larry Roberg
Stamford High's Thespian Society presents its latest show, *The Music Man*, April 22 and 23 at Burdick Middle School.

The plot of the show deals with a traveling con man, Harold Hill (Lou Ursone), who attempts to sell townspeople the idea of starting up a brass band. The only problem is that Hill knows nothing about music, and is out to swindle the people. The plot is complicated when he falls in love with the town's librarian, Marian, (Tina Vaccaro).

There are a few people who see through Hill's plot. They are Mayor Shinn (Larry Roberg), Marcellus Washburn, (Mike Hughes) and Charlie Cowell (Mark Gilbert). Other characters include, Eulalie Shinn (Irene Sinrich), Zeneeta Shinn (Vanessa Vaccaro), Gracie Shinn (Roberta Gaipa), Tommy Djilas (Steven Konstantinis), Mrs. Paroo (Carolyn Kaiser), Winthrop (Pat de Hayes), and Amaryllis (Rivka Wasserman).

The barbershop quartet is formed by Tony

Cobb, Chris Karukas, Mike Matheny, and Dana Bogdanski. Their wives are Betsy MacInnis, Pamela Smith, Belinda Lopez, and Sidnie White. Constable Locke is played by Jim Kelly. The chorus and dancers are composed of Cara Herman, Anne Gale, Andrea Gelfon, Liz Miller, Maryann Macari, Maryann Martino, Sherri Ziontz, Jodi Ziontz, Agnes Liptak, Betsy Kirhoffer, and Dave Vodoli.

Mr. Joe Downey is the director, assisted by Sherry Marlowe and Amy Glica, with special assistance from Irene Sinrich. The producer for the show is Mr. Joseph DiMattina with his assistant, Ellen Panageas. The faculty technical advisor is Mrs. Pat Archer, with her stage manager Sandy Weiss. The choir and orchestra are under the direction of Mr. Salvatore Vacari with help from Sidnie White. The pianist is Mike Rosenfeld.

The show will be presented at Burdick Middle School April 22 and 23, with the curtain going up at 8:15. Tickets are \$2.50 at the door.

Tattle Tape comes to Media Center

by Andre Oliveri

Have you ever experienced the frustration of going to the Media Center to take out books that you need for a report and you look in the card catalogue, find them all listed, but when you go to the shelves none are there? They are not checked out, instead, they are misplaced or stolen.

The library annually loses about 2500 books with the dollar value of \$10,000 due to these thefts.

To put an end to the problem, the library is going to install a detection system similar to that of the Ferguson Library. The cost will be great, but this step must be taken to avert high losses.

The library hopes that this measure will be strong enough to stop the vandals. But it really should not be necessary to begin with. When you steal a book, it hurts a lot of people who in the future may need it for a resource. It is unfortunate that the Board of Education has to spend so much money correcting things that have been vandalized. If they did not have to deal with all of these corrections, who knows, maybe the student body could enjoy a little luxury like a decent cafeteria or some better programming.

The Stamford High School Round Table was the 1976-77 recipient of the American International College's Press Bowl Award for its presidential poll in the November issue.

High schools from all over New England competed in the Press Forum held in March at the school. A plaque will be on display commemorating this



The Round Table

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Open Student Lounge: Pro & Con

by Andre Oliveri
When I first came to this school last year, I wondered why were freshmen and sophomores excluded from the student lounge?

The answers most often received from teachers, juniors, and seniors went like this: "Freshmen and sophomores are just not as responsible as upperclassmen," or "Seniors and juniors deserve the privilege," or best of all, "Well...because".

All of these answers are ridiculous. First of all, the lounge has virtually been destroyed by people, (juniors and seniors) chipping tables, breaking machines, and generally not taking care of the place.

Secondly, no one is trying to end discrimination, and thirdly, because why?

Freshmen and Sophomores are equally distributed and important in the student body and deserve equal rights.

Even though I'll be a junior next year, I think freshmen and sophomores should be given a chance. How about having a one month trial period next year to see if they can han-

by Mike Maguire
High school is an experience of constant growth and advancement. One's first two years in high school are usually spent being pushed around, spat upon, looked down on and treated like, well, like an underclassman. When a student reaches the status "upperclassman" he is entitled to special privileges. Being an upperclassman is a goal that most freshmen and sophomores look forward to so that they too can take advantage of the special privileges denied them in their former years. To allow underclassmen to use the student lounge, partake in seventh period release, and receive other privileges normally reserved for juniors and seniors would erase anything special about being an upperclassman. The upperclassmen have spent their two years as "slightly siblings" and they deserve privileges exclusive of underclassmen, just as today's underclassmen will have their chance in the years to come.

I'm afraid my point will be missed by most freshmen and sophomores now, however, if you

Knight Light

Mike Maguire



by Shannon Matheny
If you ever catch yourself glancing at a tall, electrifying Senior, you've probably been looking at Mike Maguire. Though it is rare to see him in daylight or on weekdays, you can feel his presence when he is around. Since he has been at SHS, Mike has contributed a lot to the continuance of class activities. He's one of the main reasons the class is still going. He was its treasurer for two terms, co-chairman of the Sophomore Magazine drive and has worked on many dances, including this year's senior prom.

The class however has not been Mike's only interest. Mike can usually be seen walking through the halls with several girls, with that impish grin he has. How can they refuse???

Other activities in has four years have been the National Honor Society, Key Club, Spanish Club and the Round Table Staff.

When asked about SHS, Mike replied, "Going to school at SHS has been a tremendous experience. I've learned so much about life and people." Mike's feelings were not all positive.

He strongly feels that most students don't give a damn about what happens in school and are content to let everyone else do the work. But when something goes wrong, you bet you'll hear about it. Mike is also one of the many students who believes there is a double standard at

SHS. He says there are too many factions here—Jock, Non-Jock, Black, White, and Rich, Poor. The school would be so much better if people would learn to respect each other.

Mike's favorite group is the Beach Boys. You can see him driving in his Vega and you'll hear music pouring out the windows. Also, if you are in a quiet place and hear strange humming, it's a Maguire.

Mike's plans for college include studying political science or law at the University of Connecticut.

On weekends, Mike can be found at Darlings or the Brass Rail indulging in his favorite pastime.

In conclusion, Mike would like to thank all the teachers for trying to push a little sense into his head and thank all his friends for some great times.

All in all, Mike is a great guy with a super personality.

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"Frailty, thy name is woman."

by Shannon Matheny
Have you ever really wanted to do something, play football, run for office, and then been told "No, you're a woman". Well it's happened to millions of women all over the country. Some states say women can't lift over 10 or 15 pounds for a certain job, because of their so called frailty. Men can choose their professions, men can decide what weights to lift, so why can't we?

Phyllis Schlafly hopes to defeat the Equal Rights Amendment. She claims it's destructive to our way of life. She believes essentially, women belong in the home. I believe everyone should at least be able to make up his own mind regardless of sex.

The U.S. adopted the 14th amendment concerning voting power, discrimination against aliens, discrimination against the poor and most importantly, against racial discrimination.

I find it humiliating not to be consid-

ered equal in my own country.

The main thrust of ERA is towards employment. Equal pay for equal work is one goal and the restrictive work laws for women declared unconstitutional is another.

ERA needs ratification in 38 states by 1979 to be a permanent amendment. They have 35. There has been a controversy over this matter since Nebraska, Idaho, and Tennessee have rescinded their approval towards ERA. Attorney General Bell has ruled that states may not rescind approval.

It's about time for ERA to stop being whispered about and voted in. I find it outrageous that after 200 years, in the year 1977, when we find in the eyes of the law that all men are equal but women are not. Isn't it UnAmerican to say you're for "inequality". Women are just as good as men and if men had realized that long ago, this amendment wouldn't have been necessary.



***Knight Light* Andrea Luery**

by Andrea Storch
When deciding upon this month's female Knight Light, the Roundtable staff sought someone interesting, full of life, hard working, vivacious, and unusual. An impossibility right? Not really, Andrea Luery contains all those fantastic qualities and more. Very rarely does one come into contact with a person who has so much life, but Andrea seems to bubble over with happiness and brighten all those around her.

Andrea is only 5 ft. tall, yet these 5 ft. seem to be packed with zest. She is a devout vegetarian, swearing off meat due to the cruelties inflicted upon animals. She informs all those who dare ask all about the assistives and hormones shot into these helpless creatures and continues to explain the abuses and wastes which occur.

Andrea is very politically involved. Last year she participated in the Executive Internship program by working for four months in Governor Ella Grasso's Southern Office. She campaigned heavily for Gloria Schaffer in this area and proclaimed the greatness of Jimmy Carter. A very strong-minded liberal, with strong political ideals, Andrea has met with Governor Grasso several times and occasionally journeys to the state capital to sit in on the General Assembly. As a Democratic Political leader

of the future, Andrea plans to major in Government at Beloit University in Beloit, Wisconsin.

To all those who know Andrea well, her prized possession in life is Katie, her bearded collie. This beautiful year old puppy stands almost as tall as Andrea and together they enjoy many hours of romping through the woods.

Andrea has spent many months traveling. As a student at the Bicentennial Day School, she spent four months abroad in Israel, where she mastered Hebrew and now teaches this intricate language to elementary school children. She traveled cross-country and discovered her love for the slower paced life of the West. Last summer she attended Cornell University where she took part in an AP program.

Andrea seems to find time out of a busy day of working after school and volunteering at the Governor's office to pursue her hobbies of skiing, back-packing and horseback riding. She enjoys cooking exotic vegetarian delicacies and eating them.

Anyone who has come into contact with Andrea is truly fortunate. She has a plethora of happiness which seems to flow from her smile into the hearts of others. I am fortunate enough to know her, and her uniqueness is what takes her the perfect friend. It is too bad that everyone cannot benefit from the charm of Andrea Luery.

ARTHUR ASKS

What do you look forward to most on weekends?

Mrs. Bastian: A night with Ben Jonson.

Bob K: slaying fire breathing dragons.

Bill Casey: saving damsels in distress.

Enrique Barrimeo: Playing tennis (in the castle court, of course.)

Mr. Ash: embarking upon a quest -just "dragon" alone.

INNUENDO

SENIORS

D.B. and S.L.: Best of luck again!!!! J.R. and M.M. will Boston ever be the same? Senior Skip Dav.....Nice heads A.K. and D.B.!!! J.A. came through! S.N. and M.R. going strong! J.D. and F.L.-still! R.S.-a new "scientific" discovery huh? And by the way, how is J.J.??? M.G.-can love be found in later years? Or, is it truly a frosh? Someone's going to get a call..don't worry, no one will ever know!!!

JUNIORS

Good times at hockey parties!!! J.M.: we like your taste more and more!! P.M. and T.C. still going strong? B.C. is Florida really safe???? Or, shall we ask K.C.????? What do you think A.B.? T.C. Beware-we hear that a mystery man is in hot pursuit. Watch out P.M.!!!!!! D.D. what's the story?????? S.K. and lover in the Senior Class? (S.S.) What's new???? S.O. and T.M.-is it sports only?

SOPHOMORES

M.S.: what is the new game plan??? Or is it a riddle??? Drive carefully!!! Lots of couples lately. What is going on with M.A.???? P.R., change of heart?(J.V.)....M.S. and T.W.? T.O. and B.M., strangers in the halls!!!! M.D.... anything interesting??? S.W. and M.R.? STILL?

FRESHMEN

K.K. and M.N.? S.F. and D.M.: messed up!! J.D. and who? P.Q.-best of luck this season. E.R. getting up there, and transportation too! E.S. will you ever be nice, and tell??? Rox, how's

Black Knight Spotlight

Sharon Potenza



by Andrea Storch
Now that spring has sprung, and warmer weather abounds, the spring sports are in full swing. Various students can be seen prancing around the fields and courts. Sharon "Boog" Potenza is just one of these athletes who seems to come alive during the tennis season.

Sharon is the type of person who lights up an entire room when she enters. Her unique laugh and broad smile add to her determination and high self-esteem, and make her an asset to her teammates and peers.

Tennis is a demanding sport. During the summer, Sharon coaches NJTL and puts in three hours of practice a day. The psychology involved in tennis is also demanding. Sharon psychs herself up by creating a "false hate" against her opponent. On the court, you are her enemy, but once the game is over, you are back to being friends.

Sharon hopes to enter the field of medicine specializing in pathology or internal medicine. If that fails, she claims she can always marry a millionaire! At one time, Sharon considered tennis as a career, but quickly gave it up for a more substantial occupation.

Sharon comes from a family of athletes. Her sister Sherrie is a star basketball player. Tennis came naturally to "Boog". She has only been playing for four years and has already been to one state tournament. Last year, she and Cindy Jaworski placed in the top 16

beginning for a first year tennis team member! They also received the Coach's Award at the spring awards assembly.

Sharon enjoys other activities as well. She plays the guitar, enjoys baseball and basketball and is an avid reader.

When asked about this year's team, she replied, "They are a young team and these can be considered building years".

Sharon's one grudge against tennis players is that they all parade around in their whites. "Boog" hesitates to wear them and feels that they should be a sign of expertise.

Someone once said, "A good friend is like a piece of gold. To find one is to find a treasure". Sharon is certainly a good friend always there in good and bad times. She'll reach her goals in the present and future because of her strong determination and only the best is in store for her.

Mike Cobb

by Steve Berkowitz
When you hear the family name Cobb, what do you think of? Jimmy, a standout on the state championship SHS football team, Ernie, all-American basketball star, or Gary, the outstanding 3 sportman, now showing his talents at USC?

Well, we have a Cobb at SHS now, who is no less outstanding than his alumni relatives. His name is Mike and he lives up to the Cobb family name.

Mike played football this year just like a Cobb should. He was all-city, all-county, and second team all-state. He was voted to the all Bridgeport News First team and the Daily News all-First team. He played two positions on the team, cornerback, a defensive position, and halfback, an offensive position.

He played basketball last year but skipped this year because of his commitment to his studies. But he'll go

back to sports this spring when he goes out to play baseball for our school. He plays two positions on the baseball team also (not at the same time, of course) pitcher and outfield. He has also played in other baseball leagues in his summers. He led his National Babe Ruth team to the state championship when he was 15 and his team was the runner up got the state crown when he was 13.

Now, I bet you're thinking that an outstanding athlete can't be a good student. You're very wrong!!!! Mike has always been an excellent student and has been accepted to Cornell, Syracuse, Princeton, RPI, and Penn State Universities.

Mike has already decided to go to Cornell, where he'll play football.

Mike's ambition is to be an aero-space engineer and he has already started to prepare for his intended career. He spent the past summer at Lehigh University where he attended the Minority Introduction to Engineering seminar.

He is a member of the Varsity "S" Club and is now busily preparing for the upcoming baseball season. He is very optimistic about SHS's chances for success.

Normally, around this time, we wish luck to the subject of the article and tell him how we want him to succeed, but not this time. With so much going for him, Mike Cobb doesn't need to be wished luck for his future success; he already has it.



For: Senior Exemptions

by Mike Maguire
It's June of your Senior year. You're happy it's almost over, but then again you're not. The plans for the graduation party are going forward, the guests have been invited and all the food ordered. You look back on all the memories of the past four years with a smile. You remember parties, the friends, the good times and the bad. You've been accepted to school and from here it's downhill until September. But you forgot one thing--final exams. Yes, those dreaded clouds that hang over your head to spoil your last few days in high school. You have a solid B average in all your classes and final exams probably won't change your grade. Even if they do change your grade, you don't really care because high school is behind you, you are looking towards the future.

This situation is hypothetical, but the problem is one that plagues almost every senior at Stamford High. Except in cases where the exam will decide a passing or failing grade, thus deciding if one graduates,

also that a senior must trod through before graduation.

Final exams, should they be continued for seniors, or abolished? The solution is not an easy one. One answer as I see it, is to exempt all those students who have an A average and all those who, by taking the exam can only lower their grade. For example, if a student has a solid B average and by taking the exam, his grade can only be hurt, then he should be exempt. If, by taking the exam, however, a student can raise his grade, the option to do so should be left open. In situations where the student's passing or failing is at stake, the exam should have to be taken. However, in cases where taking the exam can only hurt you, I can't see why a senior must go through the time, trouble, and effort to take an exam that will do little to change his grade or his future plans. This is only a suggestion and there are many wrinkles to be ironed out in a system such as this, however, at least it is a start, a chance to enable seniors to end their days at SHS with a smile, not a