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expecting.

"Baby Boom

by Elizabeth Willis The second baby boom is now upon us. Those children born in post World War II baby boom are now having babies of their own. For the next several years the nation will be in the era of another "Baby Boom."

Here at SHS we are "Baby having our own Boom." Three of our teachers are soon to be mothers.

Mrs. Tish Sinni, special education teacher is expecting first child on January 30. She wants to have a boy whose name would be Matthew James. the event that she has a girl, she will named Caroline Linton.

While most pregnant women crave pickles and ice cream, Mrs. Sinni craves chocolate milk which she indulges in by the quart. She finds teaching a bit tiring now, but in the begin-ning of the school year she had no problems. She plans to return to SHS in April to finish the year.

In our foreign language department we find



Mrs. Maria Cahill who is in her eighth month. She is due to have her March 23. The first child on February 26, but as yet is undecided about possible names. Mrs. Cahill finds teaching pregnant quite fatiguing, but she said that she plans to return "in a while."

Hidden in the gym area we notice a little weight gain in Mrs. Linda Kawecki. She is

carrying her first child who is due on names she has chosen are Matthew or Meredith.

The first thing she does when she gets home while from school is make a bowl of popcorn which she has the most craving. As far as her teaching goes, she has found that she feels better than ever and the rigid schedule still OK with her.

wonder if she can still demonstrate dances her advanced classes!

All three of our teachers are planning use natural childbirth. They each are looking forward to this wonderful event with anticipation and iety. We wish them all the luck in the world.

We'll check out the infants in the spring, and see how the mothers are faring.

Confessions of a class cutter

As I reflect on my past two years at S.H.S. and look at this past quarter of my third year, I realize how drastically I've

changed. In my first year at Stamford High I was an unknown freshman, new to the ways of high school life. That year is the year that a student is more susceptible to peer-pressure, and in my case that's what caused my first bad year. My freshman year I had no old friends from junior high who I used to hang around with and had all new friends from the other junior highs. I do not regret having any of them as my friends, even though they were major contributors to my

It started out with cutting my seventh period class with a new friend of mine. That became a daily thing. I really wasn't "busted" for skipping and eventually I dropped the class. Also from skipping 7th led to missing 6th for a longer lunch time. By the end of the year my grades were pretty bad and I vowed that I would forget about that year and look forward to the next, a year when I

freshman year.

from last year and we would cut every once in a while. I had a friend who could drive and who had a sixth and seventh release. I would cut frequently with that friend.

By this time it was getting ridiculous. I was out of class more often than in After cutting 6th and 7th I went to work. When my mother showed up and took me out of work and back to school, I knew it - I was "BUSTED." I was told if I had been sixteen they wouldn't let me come back to school. I was really frightened by this and said to myself, "Girl - you better shape up, or they're shipping you out." For the most part I did .Considering I had already cut 118 classes by the end of February, I had to shape up fast. In June I failed important classes.

had a terrible fight with my night for the rest of my life. I ful fund raiser. And in the first quarter of my iors will use

think "I need a note for 5th, a readmit for Tuesday, and what not." There were so many difficulties in cutting and then trying to study for class.

I hope that those who read this won't just laugh at it, but think again before cutting another class.





Sadie Hawkins set for February 6

by Meredith Cowic The junior and sophomore classes are sponsoring a Sadie Hawkins Dance on February 6 in the SHS gym. two classes for the year- two will be music for everyportant classes. one and a professional During this past summer I D.J. will be on hand.

The two classes hope parents. I'll remember that this will be a successhad a real temper tantrum and will split the cost and that was when I was "reborn". the profits. The junthird year at SHS I've done bet- share for the prom and ter than both of my previous the sophomores money is

L'il Abner. On Sadie Hawkins Day any woman could force any man to marry her just by dragging him to the preacher, Marryin' Sam. was this way that Daisy Mae married L'il Abner.

While marriage not the goal of the SHS dance, it is a time for the girls to ask boys. This is your chance to get a with the guy you

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I personally have not cut one class in four years at SHS although I have been late occasion. Being late to second period no end of problems.

Let's evaluate the new system and use it or drop it. Just be consistent----that's all that I ask.

School spirit Who cares?

at Stamford High, a lack of all types of spirit you spend on your New Year???...S.G. asks B.P. for that matter. The student body seems terested in the school and has an almost cares?" attitude. There are signs of it every- nose to the New Year. B.G., the groovy where. Low participation in school activities, says "Be cool."...Bob, did you have a the cancelation of the dance marathon, the loss & Greene Christmas? of interest in the sports teams, etc., all point & to this.

of the administration. They appear to separate ies aren't snobs!...J.B., what a basket case!!! themselves from the students. When they speak R.R., learn how to skate! You do have adorable to us it is always negatively; rarely do we hear eyes R.R....Maybe D.R.....Hey, Rob B., a positive comment. This conveys a feeling indifference and if the leaders of the don"t care about the lack of spirit, why should

transmitted to us. Since adults don't seem care, it's difficult for students to take active interest in the school.

I'm not saying that this is the only reason for a lack of spirit, but it certainly is an important one. Perhaps if the administrators noise but when it comes to Innuendo you're mum? acted interested it would rub off on the teach. Well, not everyone is quiet...J.K., "like wow"

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solo project. It should be very interesting.

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A senior class theme song is still needed. I will cast my vote for "Thank You" by Zeppelin and I urge you to do the same. If you have other suggestions for a senior theme song The Round Table.

Innuendo

SENIORS - As the clock rings in '82 the gossip of SHS is still ticking away... The new year brings about more romances...S.G. & B.P. their Xmas love and more...D.R. and his date...H.P., a certain rah rah is watching you! T.H., I wish I had had you as an "instructor"!! Let's give the seniors a hand...P.B. gives J.B. by Sarah Bowen How do you kill a South Dakota eel? Ask the There is a definite lack of school spirit A row in room 252....G.P.J.J.T.F. -- How much did for her?...A few dedications...the first "Who dedicated to T.F. and B.P....J.J. dedicated his

JUNIORS - have their minds on food....Donna, how about some 29¢ pizzas after a long day..... One possible cause could be the attitude J.M. is not a crumb...P.A. and R.B., the cookof still likes you!...A.B., D.B., climbing school walls of Latin.

SOPHOMORES - Let's hear it for the sophs.... They really know how to spend a New Year's Eve! This feeling is passed along to teachers & M.V., we know who you rang the new year in with to but we won't tell!...Some new loves for the new year...R.S., finally made "the big move" M.V....S.B. found a great way to prevent hypothermia...W.A., go for it!!...

FRESHMEN - Why do you always make so much ers and students; thus producing an all around love that green hair!...D.C.. stop your yelling

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Hockey team glides into '82

by Brett Katz The Stamford High School ice hockey team lead by coach Paul Fay, is shooting for a winning record in 1981-1982 season. Last years squad finished with a disappointing record of 8-11-1, but 9 members have returned skate for the Knights this season.

Returning skaters include:

Senior Forward, and captain Greg Weir, seniors-Mike Mocker and Steve Makovsky, Juniors Scott Stenquist' and Brian defenders Donnelly and Ed Fries, Sophmores-Mike Mehan and Rich defender Riddle. Also returning starting Goalie, is Paul Gallager.

The remainder of the roster is as follows: Senior Joe Tully, Juniors-John Ruggiero, Mike Tausek, and Sam Boccuzzi, Sophmore Walter Beck. Freshmen also made the squad, they are:defender Dan Riddle and Forwards Larry Ridgway and Clark Morganstern.

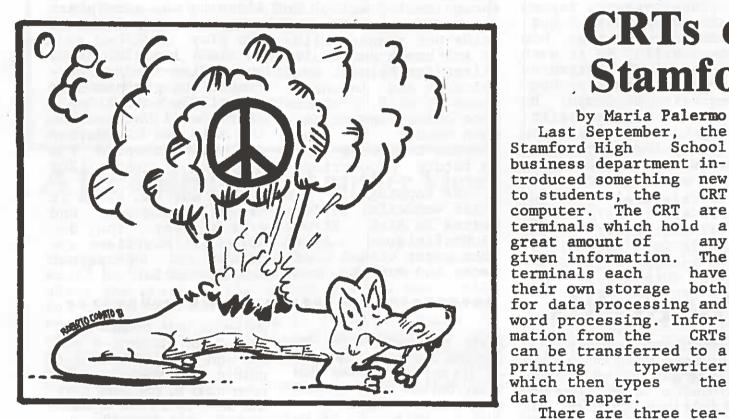
Coach Fay feels the team is better

last year, and should produce a winning record. "All have to do is play together, and use some of the teamwork we showed the pre-season in practices."

You can read about the Hockey scores and scorers in the new Round Table Weekly Up-

date.

CRTs come to



Prep out?--Hippie In?

by Dawn Schneider 1981 may be the year of the prep, but if you're one of those people who would like to rip the alligators off those pink and green Lacoste shirts, you're not alone.

Stamford High's majority may be preppy, but at last fashion is branching into all different directions. People are now doing and wearing whatever they want, for comfort or individualism.

One of the newest trends here at Stamford High seems to be the "Hippie" (for lack of a better word). You may have noticed people walking down the halls of school wearing no shoes - (why should they? people don't wear gloves to cover their hand all the time). Their clothes are brightly covered with tie-dye which they do themselves. (very creative).

Most preps will think this trend is T.T.F.W. (too tacky for words) - What! Gasp! Go without my dock siders? Tiedie my favorite Levis? Put patches on my fair isle sweater! Never!

But this new style surely shows these people's T.D.C. (Total Design Concept). All rightsforget fashion for a minute. Maybe you're not a free spirit. But honestly, can layers upon layers of itchy sweaters be more comfortable than your favorite rags? Do you run out and buy new 25 dollar Izod shirts everytime Matt Baron slices off your alligator? Don't you think it's more practical to re-dye your old tee shirts or patch up your old pants? Maybe I still haven't convinced you, but with the spread of this new trend - alligators may become

Stamford High by Maria Palermo Last September, the Stamford High School business department introduced something new to students, the computer. The CRT are terminals which hold a

any

which then types data on paper. There are three teachers in the business department who have been trained on CRTs--Mr. Pociadlo, Miss Skwiersky and Mrs. Cantow. Mr. Pociadlo

explained the many fun-

ctions of the CRT computer by saying that it gives students the first ability to see hand data processing in action. He also it will be very helpful to students when courses are introduced dealing with the CRTs.

These courses include systems ysis, information programming and word processing. Mr. Pociadlo feels these will be excellent courses students because they are all job related.

Students interested in the CRT computer should consider courses. They will be good experience anyone interested the field of computers as a career.

The Hoop Scoop

typewriter

& Brett Katz constant In November, Stam- threat. ford High basketball Moriarty squad Jim definitely had reason Robert look upon his team Servance, with optimism. as one of the top teams Clemons; center the team's fortunes. the Knights rank player personnel a critical drop two-thirds of players to return for the 81-82 season, for reasons.

1981-82 So the Knights took the floor led by sharpshooting senior, co-captain, Mike "Chill" Wilhoit. Wilhoit's backcourt companion is junior Darrell Brinkley. the forward spots, the Knights use versatile senior Vincent Adams team co-captain Darryl Schmidt. At

the center spot is im-

by Bob Greene in his first year of Rick kozier organized ball, is a

Rounding the Knights are Boone, Darrell Ranked Colson, and in the county by oppos- Kenny Bryant and Mark ing coaches, three key Bender; Sophomore Tony players appeared to be Salley; and freshman the · Rick Staba.

As captain and Wilhoit said, took team has the talent, when but lacks height, those so to win we must play failed together as a team.





Dracula wins critical acclaim

Stamford High School Thespian Society's production of Dracula, performed during the thrid week of December, was excellent. Spearheading this successful effort was director/ player Tom McDonough. Tom's portfolio inincludes many performing endeavors but this is his first effort behind the bullhorn. admirable He does an job, and the play runs fluidly from scene to scene and situation to situation. Tom's acting reputation is well known, and he does justice to it here. As John Harker, he projects his anger, dismay and lust very professionally.

Chris Napolitano, playing the title role, elegant, civil, and splendid. He seems to be comfortable the devilish cocoon of Count Dracula, , with a

Behind the footligh

by Rick Strout The stage is set, the lights go down, the curtain is ready to go, but this time something is very different; I'm not in my usual place in the audience, I am up there on stage behind the footlights!

How did this happen? What went wrong? I didn't expect

by Bruce Miller very commanding very commanding stage presence. Chris' list of credits is long, and this notch on his gun is surely an important should one. He proud of this mance, and proud of the horrifying memories instilled the minds of viewers.

William Kim, playing Professor von Helsing, is excellent in this difficult role. His talent, however, seemed peruntapped in this formance. Seeing him do so well in a part not seemingly suited to him, one wonders exquisite he would be in a role more befitting his talents.

Mary Stack found the perfect role for herself playing Lucy. She portrays the innocent good and the perverse evil with equal fervor and is very natural with her movements and gestures. She plays

things to work out this way. I didn't plan on working so hard staying after school everyday to rehearse, staying awake late at night studying my lines. But most of all, I didn't expect to enjoy it! What a surprise it was to learn that there was so much more to acting than standing on a stage and saying lines!

to a shattering role climax.

Cliff Wiltshire does a spectacular job Butterworth in his first stage effort. He reacts particularly well with Debbie White (Miss Wells) and their scene together is a delight. Cliff can look forward to a multitude of roles the British American Stage.

Debbie White, playing Miss Wells, does exceptionally well. In the small part, she holds her scenes solidly and has a particular talent for being conspicuous and inconspi- resses who performed in cuous at will, there- 'the middle school matfore being unobtrusive inee. Patti White when needed. I look forward to seeing her in future productions.

Yet topping all these wonderful performances is Rick Strout as Renfield. Aside from great visual effects and superb body

language, he plays his juicy part to its peak. He steals all: his scenes and will easily rank among the best high school players. I sat, eyes wide, awaiting his next entrance.

Lane Lombardia Dr. Seward, Lucy's father.

The technical stage crews did a wonderful job with special effects and outstanding sets which immensely added to the atmosphere and professionalism of the play.

Also, I would like to mention the two actthe maid and Liz Warner as Lucy captivated the audience of over Dolan students.

Any way you slice it it was a good play and a great cast. They deserve out heartiest applause and perpetual curtain calls.

Every movement, every expression, has much importance. It's not only learning what to say, but how to say it, where to be when it's said and at the right time so I had to know other lines besides my own. Anything an actor has to do that is connected with the production is as important as

the leading role, because like a finely-tuned machine, it will not work if any part of it is missing. You think you will never make it, you think there will never be an end to those rehersals, but eventually, you get to opening night; the frustrations are forgotten, the curtain goes up, and the show goes on!

Knight Light Rick Menapace

by Bruce Miller him. Rick Menapace is more than an outstanding person. His ability this year's great intelligence or effort, but rather is an innate talent. He has used this talent well and is now president of both the Student Council and American Field Service tage of. It's club at SHS. He is a if you want it, senior member of the student liaison committee, and was an active Boy Scout. Still he maintains a respectable grade point average but insists he is "...not a number like 3.0."

Rick has had influences on his life, not the least of is his older brother John who attends Syracuse University. While not trying to take anything away from John, he says, "Anyone you live with is a big influence, even your dog."

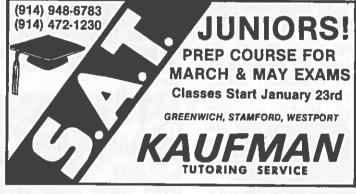
Rick's parents have also played parts in his life. Rick works at their business, the Cottage Bake Shop, after school and on weekends

When asked what advice he would give freshmen to lead stems not from he simply stated, "They have different problems than I had."

He went on to say that this school does offer "a great opportunity to learn and it the should be taken advanthere just have to go and get it."

> In Rick's future college is almost definite, but he is considering taking a year off after high school to work. If not, then limit. the sky's the





Honor Society thrives

by Cindy Steele Is there really no school spirit left in the school? Not true in this case. The Honor Society is one of the few places where the school spirit thrives.

President Cathy Raymond told me of many projects arousing in the near future by the Honor Society.

This year a new project is being planned.

A tutoring program is being organized for any student who has trouble in a certain subject.

Any students having such problems should contact a member of the Honor Society.

One of the recent trips the Honor Society had planned was a college visit to the University of Connecticut, on October 29th. It gave many students the idea of what UCONN was all about for those who were interested.

One of the wave to arouse

play. One of the reasons for this was to get students to go see their fellow classmates show their talent and for the Society to show unity of clubs working together to help each

Another famous project is the carnation sale on Valentine's Day which was a big success last year.

I spoke to some students such as Maria Palermo and Henry Pensiero to get an idea of what it was like to be in the Society, and if it was hard to keep up their grades to stay in it. It's not hard to keep up with the grades and since it is their senior year, it's not as difficult. They enjoy being on it and it will be an advantage for their forthcoming college record.

The people that run the Honor Society are Cathy Raymond — President; Joan Riordan — Vice President;