



CHRISTMAS

by Tracey Davies

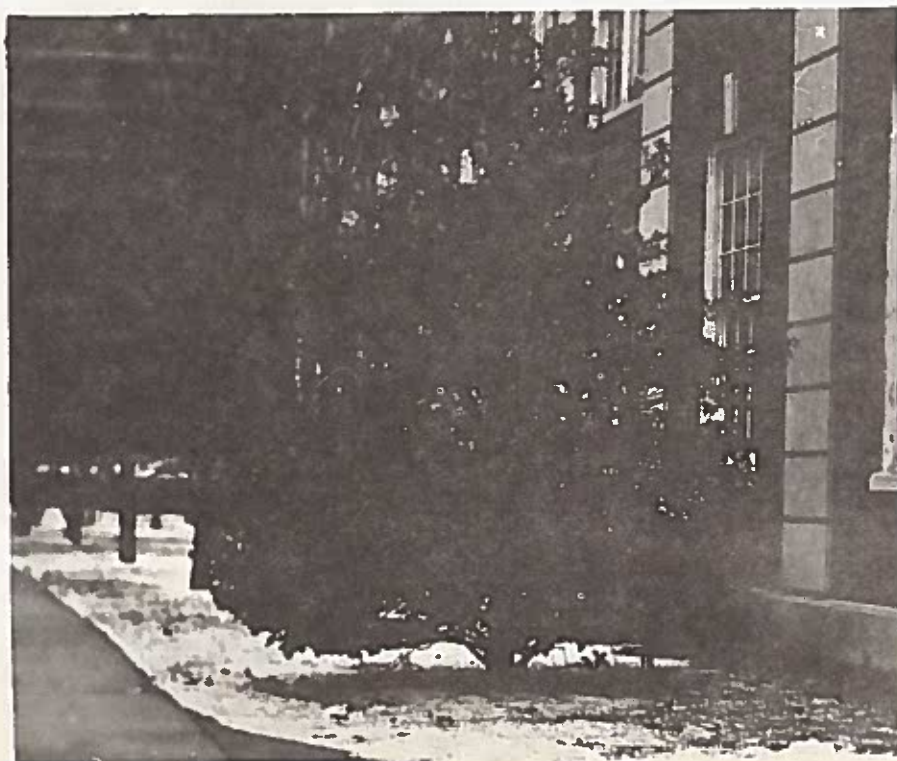
It's that time of year again, time for bundling up warm, for street corner Santa Claus', and early school dismissals. Yes, Christmas is just around the corner. There's the usual hustle and bustle in the streets. Store windows are decorated with gifts, Christmas trees and mechanical Santas.

Have you ever looked in one of the windows, looked at the reflection of yourself and the snow falling softly to the ground? As you're gazing, have you ever reflected on Christmas' past, Christmas' present and of Christmas' yet to come? Do you remember when you realized that there was no Santa Claus?

I remember. I was eight years old at the time and, being naturally curious, I decided to look for presents. Well, I found them, and my curiosity was quenched, especially since none of the presents were wrapped. I was immediately sorry that I'd found what I'd been looking for. Tears welled in my eyes as I hoped that these were from my parents and I still had presents to come from Santa. I was not being greedy, this hope consisted of a prayer that there really was a Santa Claus. The cold realization hit me Christmas morning as I opened my presents. I thought to myself, "These are the presents that were in my parent's room...there is no Santa Claus."

Nowadays I too am rushing around, hiding presents. The thrill of opening packages, however, is still as great as when I was a child.

I wonder what future Christmas' will be like. Will we still have our sidewalk Santas, will we still hear carolers outside our doors? I hope so, for Christmas is the one time of the year that people join together, as friends. This holiday is by far the most joyous, most festive one of all. This is truly the work of the infamous "Christmas Spirit."



It's in the Stars

by Mirella Pollifrone

The study of astrology has been a favorite pastime for centuries. Can it really show what kind of person you are? Can the stars influence your life? Can astrological sign provide revewaling and reliable information about a personality? Sybil Leek in her book, "Star Speak," says that they can. The following personality capsules may help you to decide.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)

Energy and enthusiasm are the keynotes for Aries. You have physical courage as well as the courage of convictions. You have a lot of optimism and the capability to seize opportunities. You have a tendency to fly into rages with little or no provocation and find it difficult to apologize.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

Taurean love of ease breeds self-indulgence especially concerning food, drink, and the search for the good things in life. You are very thorough and patient. You also have a good memory as well as being loyal and persistent. Taureans are generally kind towards animals, children, and to close associates.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

Geminis are keenly appreciative of values especially concerning artistic matters. You are very generous, have plenty of charm, and have a very small sense of dignity. You are extravagant with material things and their emotions. You have little tact. Male Geminis are given to bad language and disloyalty. The female Gemini will often rely on her physical charms to get what she wants and then sulk when she fails to get her own way.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Cancerians always have sympathy for others and are always willing to provide a shoulder to cry on. You are highly imaginative, persevering, and patient with relatives. Cancerians are usually cheerful.

LEO (July 23 - August 22)

Leos have brightness of heart and mind and have the ability to lead and gain respect. You have the power of organization, have well disciplined ambition, and are faithful and great and small matters. Leos are known for their remarkably accurate memories. You are forceful and determined but are most apt to upset your system by arguing. Leos have cheerful and sunny dispositions.

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Chanukah

by Sharon Feintuck

All my Chanukahs have been very special to me. There is one, however, that stands out prominently in my mind. At the time, it wasn't very pleasant but now it too holds a special meaning for me.

Chanukah usually falls on a date near Christmas. So naturally being a curious child, my favorite question was, "Daddy, if there are Christmas trees, why can't we have a Chanukah bush?"

And, I'd always get the same reply, "Because, sweetheart, it's just not our way." This was especially frustrating as I didn't understand what he meant by "our way".

I knew that Christians would celebrate Christmas and that the Jewish would celebrate Chanukah, but, despite the difference there were too many similarities that had me confused. For both holidays, people receive presents, both holidays fall near each other, and both holidays we use decorations.

When my non-Jewish friends asked me why we celebrate our "Christmas" on a different day, I'd say, "Because it's Chanukah, not Christmas!"

A few years later I asked my father to explain the difference between Chanukah and Christmas. He told me the story of Chanukah and the story of Christmas and the different customs and traditions and how they were developed.

Today the special meaning that Chanukah holds for me is togetherness. It's a time when our family can be together to celebrate a significant happening in our Jewish history. Sure presents and Chanukah bushes are fun, but they are just frivolous customs adopted through the years.

The Round Table

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by Sue Finnie

What Would You Like In Your Christmas Stocking?

Karyn D'agastino - A nice tall glass of R.C. Co.

Mary Sack - Jeff Addison.

Greg Sherwood - A K.N. 500

Demetra Crumbly - About four more inches!

Steve Denick - It probably wouldn't fit.

Mary Garrett - A hockey player!!

Teddy Milone - A good looking girl.

Nancy Price - A quarter pound ...er.

Dave Longo - Susan Anton.

Rich Carlucci - A key to his house.

Point of View

by Amy Katz

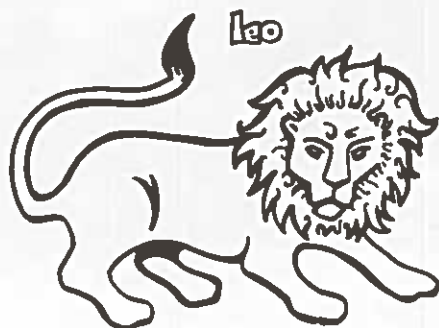
Many students voice their opinions or complaints about the cafeteria, gym classes, or the courtyard. I feel there are better things to discuss about our school. Let's look at the brighter side.

For the three previous years that I have attended Stamford High, the school year we are in now is the best. I am not saying this because I am a senior. The entire school seems to be changing rapidly and for the better.

I'll admit that when I was a freshman, I thought the school lacked in spirit and pride. Possibly it was because I was unfamiliar with the school, or perhaps because it was true. At any rate, our school is improving. Every year activities grow and spirit and pride are restored. This '78 - '79 school year should be excellent. Contributing factors include our winning football team and the prosperity of other sports. Sports bring back spirit and competitiveness to the school.

Perhaps the biggest turnaround in Stamford High has been the hiring of new teachers. The abundance of these young teachers bring the generation gap closer together. The mixture of the young teachers and the older teachers compliment each other and seem to blend in well with the students.

There are many ways to credit the progress in our school over these past few years. We can credit the coaches and teachers and the administration but let's not forget about us. We the students make or break the school. If the faculty and students compromise on the rules of the school, then Stamford High will continue to get better!



The Stars(continued)

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22)

Virgos are very loyal, honest, and have a healthy capacity for enjoying work. You have a tendency to worry unduly, especially when you fail to separate work from pleasure. Normally of a peaceful temperament, a Virgo is a perfectionist, an analyst, and a stickler for details

LIBRA (September 23 - October 23)

Librans have a strong desire for building and maintaining harmonious friendships. You are inclined to lean on someone else for support. You are sentimental and vain. You can be very persuasive and tactful when you want something but are essentially materialistic and inconsiderate of other people's wants, needs, and desires.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 21)

Strength of purpose and determination are the hallmarks of a Scorpio. You have a strong power of concentration, great physical courage, a love of the unusual, and the capability to accept responsibility. You are independent and adept at making up your own mind. Scorpions don't welcome the advice of others.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21)

Sportsmanship and a general desire to be friendly are characteristics of a Sagittarius. You are frank, resourceful, and like to give advice to others. False pride, overconfidence, and a lack of good judgement are typical of a Sagittarian. You can be very argumentative although you are generally happy and good-natured.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19)

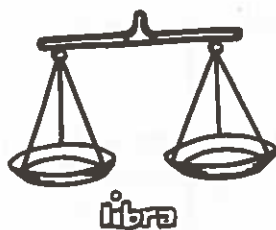
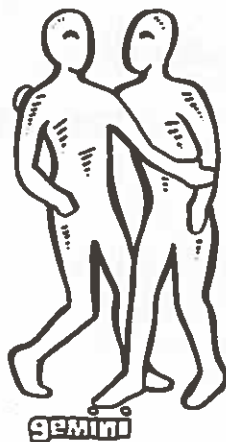
Those born under the sign of Capricorn are hard working and have well developed powers of concentration. Capricorns are extremely ambitious. You have control over your temper and emotions, but tend to brood.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18)

Stability, truthfulness, and patience are typical of the Aquarian. You are overly conscientious and worry too much over little things. You are fearful of making mistakes, and you are not one to be pressured into making a quick decision.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20)

Pisceans are imaginative, romantic, and idealistic. You are sympathetic to others as you are sensitive to their feelings. You are often hurt by being unable to help those you care for



Can You Identify These S.H.S. Students?



Lee Ann Santoro



Elaine Averbach



Teddy Milone



Tim Higgins



Sonia Abarzua

What About A Career In Writing

Not everyone writes Agatha Christie novels or does exposes on major government coverups, but if you enjoy working with words writing can be a rewarding career for you.

Writers, first of all, should know everything about everything. That's not possible, of course, so besides a certain knack for putting sentences together well and a good liberal arts education, a writer needs to know how to dig up facts wherever they may be.

The field of writing offers a tremendous number of career possibilities. Magazines, newspapers, advertising agencies, publishing houses, schools, large industries, small businesses, tourist companies, and dozens of other institutions need writers. Your work environment may range from a 100-year old cluttered city newsroom on a metropolitan daily newspaper to a slick modern one-man suite on Madison Avenue. The salary range for writers is just as wide. We've all heard stories of the starving writer in the attic down the street as well as the Truman Capotes who fly to Zurich just for breakfast. A good writer has no limitations.

Although some well-known writers have made their fortune with little formal education, it's a good idea to get as much education as possible before you take up the pen for good. Editors and others who hire new writers agree that the best education a writer can have is a general education.

A liberal arts degree with strong emphasis on English and various writing skills fits this bill just right. Taking this into consideration, it's not surprising that English majors from a liberal arts program make some of the best writers. And since "writing" these days usually means "typewriting" it's extremely important that



Mary Jane and Mary Ann Benke



you have a good mastery of the Smith Corona.

What can you do now to help prepare yourself for a writing career? The answer is so important we've set aside a special paragraph for it.

Write. That's correct. Artists learn to paint by painting and writers learn to write by writing. Along with your high school and college grammar, syntax, word choice, and vocabulary practice you need to write as much as possible. Try writing for your school magazine, or even for your town's newspaper. To make a success of writing you need eventually a long list of places which have published your work. You can start that list now by getting your writing into print, no matter how lowly the publication seems.

And a word of admonition! Writing is not easy to enter as a career. There are insensitive editors out there and people who can, believe it or not, live without your poetry. There are also snares such as split infinitives, deadwood, dangling participles, and (perish the thought!) cliches. They all represent potential pits which may entrap the newborn writer in you. They also represent challenges the kind of challenges writers can meet with just a twist of the hand!



Innuendo

John N. the "Scholar"!...F.S. owns the school...K. Dag "Shut up"!...What yellow V.W. caught what frizzhead stalled in the middle of the intersection?... E.A. Fro power!...T.M. nice game...D.G. loves B.B., G.A., E.W., D.J....Dazz says Hi...Junior, "How much is bail?"...Deep of Weep...Cip, "How's the Car" goof...J.T. and T.B. - HAY THERE!!!...A.M. how's A.H.(G.P.)...Mole - How's window business in Port!?(K.C. and J.M.)...K.P. love ya' K.C.)...The Schaff is back!!K.C. Doctor and Bert...K.D. as Cameo Kid ...S.F., How's Rad?...L.C. the "Whale"...T. H. "YOU SHUT UP"...D.B., How's E.G.?(S.G.)...L.V., Want me to come in??(M.T.)...K.D., I heard adoutM.A....E.R., Good luck with K.G....A.D., How's your diet?!...HI M.G. - Guess who!...L.S., Get those pounds off!!(A.D.)...F.S., I'm not too young!...J.A. and C.D., Good Luck!!...L.B. and L.C., How was school?...K.D., Good luck with C.R. again?...M.N. and B.W. - How are those RED ONES?...HEY H.E., Friends forever and always after, right?! - S.F....Hello Mrs. Schleppe!...Hey Kubes, it's DOUBTFUL you won't have any GUESTS on New Year's. Have the yogurt chips ready!(just kidding)....Hey M.O. and M.L., How's B.R., T.M. and the '67 tomato?...Michele, Still with SVE2?...Spar and J.C. ...T.C., No wonder you're failing algebra, eyes on M.M.!!!(M.P.)...V.W. to M.A.F. - Never go over the hill!There goes a palp...Mr. F. bong hits...How about a swim?(L.P. and M.P.)...S.R....How's your *buddie*??...K.G....Congrats on getting your license....Finally!!!...T.Y....*Happy Birthday!*(from C.D.)...We'll miss you, c.m. ! (from A.K., B.S., E.L.)...P.R., H.A. is free, are you?...P. Batt and C.Rat, this means war!!...Hi Alfonz!...Hey J. Hall, Nanu Nanu!!...M.L. is fooling around!!!!...

Dear Guinevere

Dear Guinevere,
I am 17 and too smart. What should I do?

Signed,
Smart A

Dear Smart A____,

If you let everyone know that about too many boys. You you're too smart you can cause start complaining when there trouble for yourself. So keep it isn't enough because then to yourself and you would be something might be wrong with better in the long run. you.

Dear Guinevere,

I am too sexy and can't keep the boys away from me. What should I do?

Signed,
Sexy

Dear Sexy,

You shouldn't complain

Black Knight Spotlight



Anne DalleAve

by Sharon Feintuck
Ask anybody and they'll tell you that Anne is one of the most involved people in Stamford High School. For the past three years Anne has been an active class officer. She's been a member of the Band for the past three years and for her fourth year she is one of the three Drum Majors. Also a member of the Honor Society, Anne has been awarded the DAR Citizenship Award.

In her free time Anne enjoys playing the flute. For exercise, she finds bikeriding and jogging very relaxing.

Anne is anxiously looking forward to college. She plans

to enter into the field of finance.

Anne has found the most satisfaction through the past few years working at class activities and having them become a success. Anne loved being at Stamford High but she had one criticism. When I asked her what she would like to see improved in Stamford High she said that "School spirit needs boosting."

Anne will miss her high school years and all the fun she had. But she'll always have the memories that will stay with her through life after high school.



Mike Adatto

by Michele Corridor

This issue's Spotlight is on two members of the Hockey Team. They are Assistant Captains John Doherty and Mike Addatto.

Hockey is more than skating and glamour; it's a lot of hard work forming offensive and defensive lines and trying to get perfect timing as a team. The boys practice every day for at least an hour and 15 minutes or as long as they can stay on the ice. The practice shows in their game. This year's team has very good form and well balanced lines. Everyone together makes a great team and they are proving it by beating Catholic 15-0 and Rip-

John Doherty

powam 7-1.

Besides hockey, John and Mike have jobs after school and must keep up their grades. This year's eligibility rules are the strictest ever. The boys must have 22 points from the previous year to be able to play. This means passing four classes and gym.

Mike and John feel that Coach Al Gurney is tough and that it's the only way to be. The team has great respect for him, and last season he won the Coach of the Year Award. With the help of the new assistant, Coach Hanley, the boys feel that the team can shine on... Good Luck Guys!!

Hits of the Year

Billboard's Top 16 Singles

1. You Don't Bring Me Flowers - Striesand/Diamond
2. MacArthur Park - Donna Summer
3. How Much I Feel - Ambrosia
4. Le Freak - Chic
5. I Just Wanna Stop - Gino Vanelli
6. Double Vision - Foreigner
7. I Love the Night Life - Alicia Bridges
8. Time Passages - Al Stewart
9. My Life - Billy Joel
10. Sharing the Night Together - Dr. Hook
11. Our Love, Don't Throw It Away - Andy Gibb
12. Strange Way - Firefall
13. You Needed Me - Anne Murray
14. Alive Again - Chicago
15. YMCA - Village People
16. Too Much Heaven - Bee Gees



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Bobby DeAngelis - To stop giving up the cheap ones.

Brian Lessard - To stop one of his bad habits of twirling his armpit hair into a braid.

Anne DalleAve - To stop Brian Lessard from making movies.

Louie M. - To stop smoking pot.

Mary Dorus - To stop falling down stairs.

Sharon Feintuck - To try and reform from being such a Bloomies junkie.

Donna Bogdanski - To stop being so shy and to become less serious.

Mike Mallozzi - To curb his dirty mind.

Ed Sandor - To try and make it to 6th period.

John Robotti - To try and stop eating his lunch during 4th period.

Mrs. Guarnieri - To try to keep the 6th period study quiet.

Maryanne Macari - To stop bothering people for their new Year's resolutions.