



MERRY CHRISTMAS

by Shannon Matheny

"Busy sidewalks,
Pretty sidewalks,
Dressed in holiday
style.

In the air there's
a feeling of
Christmas."

And indeed there is,
for December is a month
of love and smiles, and
most of all a feeling
of togetherness among
all men and women. In
all our hearts and
minds we know what
Christmas is all about.
It is the day when
the Savior was born.

"Away in a manger no
crib for his head, / The
little Lord Jesus lay
down his sweet head."
Many centuries ago this
happened in a land
far away, where camels
and poor peasants ex-
isted. The importance
of the birth of this
child has changed his-
tory and has given many
people hope in their
lives. You may see it
in a smile, feel it in
a kiss, but you can't
avoid the love that
this season brings.

Christmas envelopes
and wraps us all in its
warmth. When you re-
ceive gifts, think not
of what you've received
but why you have re-
ceived it. You will
probably realize it was
because of love, friend-
ship, and kindness.

The joyful time of
Christmas is but once
a year. Don't take it
for granted or spoil
it with a frown. Smile,
be happy, and feel your
heart grow.

December is a month
of giving for everyone,
but that doesn't mean
giving more tests, home
work or over the vaca-
tion reports. It's a
time of leniency for
teachers and laziness
for students. Catch up
on your first quarter
work, and don't let the
pressures of school get
you down. It's import-
ant, but so is your
mental state, and from
the looks of most of
you, the first four
months of school were
tough. Now is the time
to grab the old skis
and head for the slopes
for a crazy time. If
you don't ski, grab
your surfboard and head
for Florida. The wa-
ter is great this time
of year.

However, most of us
will be right here in
exciting Stamford, the
thriving metropolis of
the East, where little
snow falls, but the
waters freeze. No need
to fret though, we're
all in the same boat.

Naturally since this
is about Christmas and
December, we can't ne-
glect the mistletoe.
From what I've uncov-
ered, no one needs it,
so I won't pursue the
matter. Most of you
will pursue it your-
selves.

Have a great Christ-
mas holiday and a super
vacation. Don't forget
to smile, and dash
through the rest of the
year laughing all the
way.



Clarence Award

by Gwen Rothchild

In this issue the
Round Table is reviving
the Clarence Award, an
honor only given those
that deserve to be sin-
gled out for totally
absurd behavior.

This month's award
goes to the Board of
Education for their
fine job in mailing the
Open House invitations.

One question that
was asked and surely
will be asked again is,
"Why couldn't the stu-
dents just bring the
invitations home them-
selves?" No one could
give a good reason then
and one has not been
forthcoming.

The reason espoused
at the beginning was
that if the students
were asked to hand de-
liver the invitations
the majority would have
been delivered on the
way in any circular
file that was handy, and
the parents, for whom
they were intended,
would not receive them.

As it turned out,
they were right. The
majority of invitations
were never received.
This is due to the fact
that only 200 were sent
out, out of the 2000
delivered to the mail
handlers at the Board
of Education. I am

ing the Board of Educa-
tion employees for. It
seems they were mis-
placed, although it
seems strange that the
mail handlers weren't
surprised to find that
there were only 200
students attending the
high school that day.

Next year when the
same questions arise,
it might be a wise idea
to let the students
bring the invitations
home. This would save
money spent for postage
and "handling". Of
course, this year it
didn't cost very much
in this area, but a
repeat of this method
is not a satisfactory
solution.

Why does the Board
of Education think the
students are so irres-
ponsible they can't
even carry a piece of
paper home? If the
student doesn't want
his parents to attend
Open House, then it is
up to him. The same
holds for the students
who would like their
parents to attend. It
is their responsibility
to inform them. Most
students do this any-
way.

Therefore, the Clar-
ence Award is bestowed
on the Board of Educa-
tion, with the hope



The Round Table

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The Other Half



Cleveland Heights High School

by Marty Baum
 Some schools in our country are offering students innovative programs to meet their individual needs. One school in particular is Cleveland Heights High School which I attended through June of 1976.

Their alternative education program is called New School. It is an opportunity for students to take more responsibility for themselves and their learning experiences. New School students may earn all of their points there or can take some courses in the traditional school.

Courses are taught by students, student teachers, community volunteers and the New School staff. English, Math, Social Studies, and Science are still learned but in non-traditional ways.

As an example, a Writers' Workshop not confined to the classroom replaces the English Composition class. Math is related to real life problems instead of being taught as classroom theory. Social Studies can be covered by class in Art History, Archaeology, The American Indian and Backpacking. Science is taught through courses in Ecology and Oceanography. In addition, New School offers the student the opportunity to plan and participate in the development of his or her

it are part of the New School program. Students can work in political campaigns, learn modern dance or ballet, work at a hospital or senior citizens home for school credit.

Enrollment in New School is limited because it is an experimental program. Students are divided into two COL's (Community of Learners) to keep the group small. The two groups are housed in a different part of the New School building. Each COL is divided into homegroups (chosen by the students in September) with a teacher who serves as an adviser. Students and homegroup advisers together plan a schedule of learning activities. Four times a year students are evaluated by their homegroups advisers with the student's help.

An important feature of New School is the sense of community; a feeling of closeness and working together between the students and staff and of shared concerns for each other and their programs. This approach is helped by New School having its own classrooms, lounges and offices and by homegroup activities such as camping retreat dinners, and parties.

New School is a big success at Cleveland Heights High School. It can help students learn responsibility

Platter Chatter

Rumours

by Steve Berkowitz
 The subject of this article is rumors spelled R-U-M-O-U-R-S just to confuse you. It is not about Fleetwood Mac's latest album (which happens to be very good) but about rumors in the rock scene.

Rumors are what makes the rock industry what it is today. Many people will listen to a certain group or pay money to see that group just to see if a certain rumor holds true.

Here are some examples that have helped to keep the music business alive and prosperous:

Cat Stevens- It was rumored that he had TB and any concert could be his last.

Paul McCartney- This is a famous one. The Beatles last four albums sold big because of the rumor that Paul was dead. A very good example of this is all the hidden signs on the cover to the Abbey Road album.

Robert Plant- This one caused a big panic recently. Robert Plant lead singer of Led Zepplin, supposedly had throat cancer and would never be able to sing again. Then it was supposed to be so bad that he would die, but that rumor was quickly abolished when the Garden announced their early June concert.

Ace Frehly- of Kiss- I never heard this one until last week, but it made me laugh. The rumor is that he is a girl. Figure that one out!!!!

Gene Simmons, also of Kiss- He does a really good fire-breathing act

during their concerts, and the rumor was that he had burned himself to death. This was distorted from the fact that one of his fans in Tampa, Florida had been critically burned trying to imitate Simon's feat.

The Beatles- Klaatu- This is one of the best I have ever heard. The Beatles broke up in the early 70's, and people sought to get them together again. Then came the group Klaatu, who sounded just like the Beatles. If this wasn't enough, they recorded on the old Beatles label, Capitol, and remained very mysterious by not having any credits on the album cover. It was soon learned that Klaatu was an independently wealthy group of Canadians who want to be known only for their music. They want to keep their privacy and really have little need for the money.

Here are only six rumors, but there are countless numbers that are necessary to keep the music business alive.



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Bob Kordsiemon



by Lyle Kelsaw

As you may know it's that time of the year again when the basketballs fill the air and roaring crowds fill the gym and S.H.S. is ready for it.

Led by captain Bob Kordsiemon, the 6'5" senior sensation who has been playing for the Knight since his freshman year, the team is hoping to equal last year's exciting season.

Bob feels that in four years Coach Alswanger has molded him from a raw rookie into the seasoned veteran he has become.

Bob has always led an active life. He was born in Arizona and shortly thereafter ventured into Mexico with his family. From there they moved to Minnesota where he started school and has been an outstanding student ever since.

Even now, Bob is an honor student and a very hard worker. He has set very high goals for himself and has the courage and abilities to someday meet these goals. S.H.S. should be proud to have a young man like Bob as part of the student body.

Bob plans to attend college where he will major in journalism and psychology although he is still undecided as to a career. He says that one day he might like to be a teacher and basketball coach in a high school like his mentor Coach Alswanger.

He feels that his relationship with the school as a whole is much greater now that he is a senior. He is more part of the school instead of just a face and a number.

"S.H.S. has a lot to offer," says Bob, "It's

Black Knight Spotlight

Gabriele Napolitano

by Kevin Rhyner

Gabriele Napolitano is one of the most outstanding students at S.H.S. She plays four different sports,--tennis, softball, basketball and field hockey. She was captain of the team that went to the State quarter finals this year.

Her favorite sport is basketball. She has been the most valuable offensive player the past two seasons and has a chance to be the first girl in S.H.S. history to break one thousand points in her career. Last year she led her team to the State tournament where they finished third.

She has been a member of the Inter act club for three years, the band, for four years, and the Classical league for two years.

Gabby enjoys reading and is taking many top academic courses in school. How she manages to achieve good grades and still play sports is a good question, but she says that she tries to keep up with her work during the week and makes up anything she has missed over the weekend.

She feels, since the inception of Title IX, the girls athletic program at S.H.S. has improved in the quality and number of sports, the equipment, and the amount of gym time. This is a definite advantage which makes her very happy.

For her future plans she has applied to Boston College, Williams College, Yale and Princeton. Her top choice is Princeton because she wants to go to a college with both top academic and athletic standards, and Princeton is an ideal choice. In college she expects to study pre-law with the hopes of becoming an attorney. Who knows, Maybe we'll hear about her arguing a case in front of the Supreme Court Someday.



ARTHUR ASKS

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING UNDER THE MISTLETOE?

Siri Lynn - I'll never tell.

Gloria Mandi - Kissing a Philadelphia Flyer.

Eric Klein - Mellowing out with wine, women and song.

Tim Dougherty - Lighting Up.

Jim Seay - What do you think???

Mike Matheny - Being attacked by a hundred girls.

Shannon Matheny - Playing one on one.

Mr. Rembetsy - Who needs mistletoe?

Mr. Skruck - I would do under the mistletoe what I do naturally, without the mistletoe. I do not need props.

just too bad I can't pick up everything, but there just isn't enough time."

"After being here for four years and learning the ropes, I feel more mentally stable and prepared to deal with society."

"I owe a great deal of respect to Coach Alswanger, and all the other basketball coaches

for sticking with me and showing me the way. But I owe most of the credit to my mother who has provided for me to make it."

With these ideals and inspiration, it is no surprise that Bob Kordsiemon is going places. We'll be interested in seeing just how far he will go.

A Thought



by Lorraine Taylor

Blessed is the student that walketh not in
The company of the Unruly,
Nor setteth in the seats of the time
Wasters;

But his delight is in the school in which
He studies from day to day.

He shall be a student doing all his lesson
And whatsoe'er examination he taketh the
Same he shall pass.

The Unruly are not so but are like those
Whom the Principal driveth away;
The Principal knoweth the ways of good

