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For most attending the Prom, you had to get through your parents. To get through your parents, you had to take pictures! Posing here (from left) is Jay Birge, Amanda Harrington, K.C. Dowd, Riley Barrar, and Brett Haworth.

Somerset Prom 2003

By Garalyn Gray '04

This year's Junior/Senior Prom left us all believing that we "could not ask for more." It was held at the beautiful Lake Pearl Luciano's in Wrentham. Many students were seen on the lanai, enjoying the view that overlooked Lake Pearl. I speak for everyone when I say that Prom Advisors Ms. Cavallaro and Mrs. Pimento did an outstanding job in coordinating Somerset High School Prom 2003.

The announcement of Prom King, Queen, and court was long awaited. Tony Gaffney and Kristen Pavao were crowned King and Queen, while Juniors Tiffany LaRose and Astley Morrow, and Seniors Christina Cabral and Aubrey Fisher were adorned with the title of Princess.

Among the more than 500 students that participated in this year's prom, few complaints were heard about the offered menu. Almost all guests were happy with either the Chicken, Beef, or Vegetable plates. Similarly, Kiss 108 delivered a pleasing variety of music that led all to the dance floor. Yara Youssef, a junior, comments

that "the prom was all together really nice and went well. The only suggestion would be to have more slow songs next year." Others also expressed an interest in more slow songs for future proms.

Two substantial events helped lower the cost of the prom. The candy fundraiser that occurred last fall raised a considerable amount of money. Those who participated received a discount of 1/2 off a ticket for every 3 boxes of candy sold. The many students that were able to sell 5 boxes got a free ticket. Also, the junior class benefited greatly from the Prom Fashion Show, run by Mrs. Lawrence, that was held in late March. Both helped make this year's prom more affordable.

The glass with candle favors were appreciated by many students. They were appropriately decorated with the 2003 Prom song, "I could not ask for more," and shooting stars. Receiving the favors before prom helped spark excitement for the special night.

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Track refurbishment may happen this time with latest proposal

By KC Dowd '04

The run around on the refurbishing of the Somerset High School track takes another spin. The Somerset School Committee has voted 4-0 to accept bids to resurface and seal the dilapidated track, for an estimated \$30,000, approximately \$200,000 less than earlier projections. The intention is for the Highway Department to repair the drainage problem and other minor repairs within their abilities. A new, blue surface, reflecting the school's colors, could then be sprayed on during the summer months using the Novatrack process, which reportedly has worked well on other similar tracks. This is a new product that is produced by a Milford based company, Nova Sport U.S.A.

The school department has initiated the search for bids to spray the new surface that is actually an acrylic rubber. This process may be the most cost effective, as well as durable, for a projected usability span of five to eight years. The work is

planned for early July, with a target completion date by early fall.

Located at the SHS football field, the track is enjoyed by many town citizens of all ages for safe, off road fitness. It is also the training site of the Somerset High School track teams including the cross-country, winter track and spring track teams, their guest competition teams, as well as annual charity events. Its deterioration has prompted concern for safety due to numerous pits and/or loose gravel in the paths of the walkers and runners. It has also drawn criticism from visiting track teams who are generally used to more modern and athlete friendly facilities.

There is no doubt that the track is in disrepair and needs renovations. Our town citizens have already endorsed this sentiment, as reflected by their vote May, 2002. As time passes, the price tag will only increase. The school department may have found a reasonable solution to this marathon dilemma of how to resurface the track with some longevity and fiscal discretion.

So long to seniors

As the school year draws to a close at good old Somerset High, the seniors are already breathing a sigh of relief in the wake of their graduation and anxiously awaiting the future. After an exciting prom night, held at Lake Pearl Luciano's on May 22, the seniors had to drag themselves through a grueling week of finals. We all survived, though, and had lots of fun relaxing at the senior breakfast on June 3. While signing yearbooks and reminiscing, I asked a few of my fellow classmates what their favorite moments from high school were. Most just got this dreamy look on their faces and said "Gee...that's a tough one...I really don't know." This answer was un-



derstandable, as I myself couldn't pick one moment, but was rather frustrating after the millionth time. A couple seniors did finally pick one moment from their past that they'd never forget. Lynn Mello said she'd always remember sleeping on the balcony in Virginia Beach with her friends on this year's band trip. Kelli Farias said Shannon Dubois falling under her chair in math class will be unforgettable (don't know how you managed that one, Shan). Ryan Avery mentioned the basketball team's awesome victory over Dartmouth this past season. Steve Nadeau said he'll always remember the time when Mr.



"Capacity" defeated stiff competition to win the first SHS "Battle of the Bands." Band members include: (from left) J.D. Driscoll, lead vocals, Sean Kingsbury, rhythm guitar/backup vocals, Matt Violette, lead guitar, Chris Herndon, bass guitar, and (across) Ryan Fisher on drums. Congratulations to "Capacity" and good luck!

So long seniors...

Crouch sprayed Bob Houde with disinfectant. A few, Katie Nadeau and Jackie Boardman among others, exclaimed without hesitation: "Getting out!!" I don't think they meant this remark to sound like the past four years have been horrible (only Katie and Jackie could tell you if I'm right or wrong), but I wholly agree that these past few weeks truly have been some of the most memorable. Maybe they will never be forgotten because they were the very last moments of our high school careers, but I think it's something more than that. With all the excitement that built up for prom and graduation, and the anticipation we now feel in preparation for going to college, this time has been unlike anything any of us has ever experienced. I hope everyone enjoyed this special time as much as I did. To all the seniors (well, SHS graduates, now), I sincerely congratulate you and wish each one of you the best of everything in the future.

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Choral director says goodbye

This year, Somerset High School is going to lose an inspiring member of its staff, Mr. Bruce Maggs. Mr. Maggs has been a teacher at Somerset High School for thirty-five years. During this time, he has taught numerous classes, led several groups, and served in various capacities in many music activities. Mr. Maggs has accomplished so much during his years at Somerset; he has an impressive resume and all our esteem to show for it.

During the past three decades, Mr. Maggs has had an astonishingly busy schedule. His days have been filled with teaching classes such as Music in the Theater, Vocal Techniques, Music Foundations, Music Technology, American Pop, and Play Production. Along with these classes, he has also directed the singing groups Concert Choir and Treble Choir. As is obvious from this impressive list, Mr. Maggs has always been kept busy from 7:25 in the morning to 2:05 in the afternoon.

In addition to his teaching, Mr. Maggs has presided over several clubs and contributed to many extracurricular activities. For years, this dedicated teacher has been a familiar figure on the football field, assisting with the direction of the Blue Raider Marching Band. He has helped in preparing this group for competitions and trips to places like Washington D.C. and Florida - no easy feat. Tirelessly, he has given up his autumn afternoons to see that this group of students is able to march in step, make their formations, and successfully put on half-time shows.

Mr. Maggs has also contributed his talents to the Drama Club, even being the co-director of this group for a time. For years, this music maker has assisted in the process of putting on productions by helping aspiring actors and actresses to learn to sing their numbers. He has been encouraging, giving counsel and praise when appropriate, in order to boost the morale of the performers. Patiently, he has gone over the same songs time and time again, teaching the students to sing their pieces with confidence. He has also been a key part in the orchestra pit, tackling complicated and significant piano parts. Without his dedication and skills, the school's drama department would not be what it is today.



Perspectives



What is happening to our world?

By KC Dowd '04

If you ever pay attention to national events, you'll notice things that one could classify as absurdities of twenty-first century life. A school district in Plumsted, NJ has been enlisted by the Justice Department to implement a test of an eye-recognition security system. At this time, the iris-scanning device will be used to identify those authorized to pick up students, as well as all school employees. This technology uses a video camera to record the colored ring circling the eye's pupil. It is reportedly more accurate than fingerprints, (and less messy), and other biometric markers. Apparently, the markings in the iris are unique to each person and do not alter with age.

This is also being tested in airports for obvious security precautions. Many find this to be too invasive and are concerned with civil rights privacy issues and in what other ways this people monitoring will be used. Others feel it's a necessary safety measure in regard to airports and schools. Is absurdity becoming a necessity? Read on.

The "Black Box", commonly associated with airline or space shuttle disasters, has now infiltrated land vehicles. Millions of trucks and cars are equipped with a similar system, located in the airbag

module. It is designed to record data relative to the vehicle's speed, seat belt use and breaking about five seconds prior to a crash. This data retrieval offers indisputable information that can be used in the reconstruction of an automobile accident. What remains to be seen is if this crash data can be used against a driver in a court of law or by an insurance company. This technology was originally hoped to improve safety in motor vehicles. It has now moved into the courtroom with a possible precedent setting case involving Michelle Zimmerman, from Beverly MA. Zimmerman was the driver of a fatal car crash and has been charged with vehicular homicide. The police, who retrieved information from her vehicle's "black box", without Zimmerman's permission, have disputed her claims of the accident circumstances. The data recorded excessive speed seconds before the accident. Are you aware if your vehicle is equipped with this device, and can it be used against you?

Another sign of the times is a textbook review, now being initiated by the state of California, to eliminate or alter references to food, labels, and even historical events in the name of political correctness. Apparently having nothing better to do, the vocabulary judges have determined that since soda, hot dogs, butter and other foods

are not considered nutritious any reference or pictures of those dangerous groceries should be eliminated from all textbooks. "Where's the beef?" Not it's in the California classrooms. Any perceived sexist or politically insensitive phrases are also banished. The Founding Fathers are now "The Framers," due to the overly male implication. Forget about Mount Rushmore. The carved faces of the four U.S. presidents may offend some Native Americans. This ludicrous list goes on quite long. Did you know that the word snowman also disturbs some group? Our frosty childhood friends will now be officially referred to as snowperson? Grandma is no longer a senior citizen, she is now to be referred to as "an older person." It is no longer a jungle out there, it's a rainforest. Words judged to be offensive, such as devil, are completely eliminated from any textbook. (Forget about Devil Dogs, they are doubly offensive).

Historical events are effectively being distorted. For instance, Native-Americans will no longer be pictured with braids or near teepees. Apparently, those Californians who are spear-heading this censorship find some events of our American history politically incorrect and have decided to eliminate it. This sensitivity to possible controversy is counterproductive

and amounts to altering real events that have shaped this Nation and impacted history. However publishers fear discord and want to make big sales. Effectively, they are telling it like they are told to, not how it really was.

Sue Snickel of the California Department of Education states, "I think our textbooks should be free of any stereotyping. We need to make sure that all ethnicities are represented. We need to make sure that both males and females are represented." (Anita Bogle, Fox News)

I say, what we really need is to be accurate and write the truth. Some Americans seem to be overly sensitive about the wrong things. How about being offended by poverty, hate crimes and corporate thieves?

These occurrences make one wonder if we have become an oversensitive, paranoid society or a cognizant and proactive society looking out for the masses. As more security measures creep into our daily lives, will more of our basic individual rights creep out? Certainly, precautions are needed; we live in a dangerous world. However, the fine line between protective state and police state may be getting thinner. The question remains, where do we draw that line?

Somerset Prom 2003 is held at Lake Pearl...

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This successful evening took a lot of work. From Advisor, Ms. Cavallaro, said "It was a lot of time, but definitely well worth it." It looks as though the prom advisors are not going to be getting a break soon because they are already preparing for next year's prom. The night of May 22 was one of dancing, laughter, and fun that will be remembered forever.

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Operation Iraqi freedom: Editor's Notes: A question is answered Good luck to retirees

By KC Dowd - Editor - '04

The long and emotionally debated question of should the United States led Coalition remove Hussein's vicious regime by force given Iraq's noncompliance, has been answered. There is no doubt that liberating a nation, thereby rescuing its people from continued inhuman atrocities, was the right action to take. In doing so, not only did the U.S.A. unshackle the oppressed, America demonstrated to the world, and all prospective exemists, that it would not tolerate potential threats or acts of terrorism. This in fact, was strongly communicated to the citizens of America by President Bush, in the hours following 9/11. The sleeping giant woke up and protected its domain. What has resulted is a phenomenal event in history; the Coalition has given the Iraqi people a great gift called freedom. Effectively, North Korea and Syria have taken notice, reversing some of their previous stands of possible world disruption.

Another disturbing question has also been answered. We now know that France, Germany and Russia not only had significant economic ties with Iraq, they were also providing weapons, underground bunkers and intelligence information to this reprehensible regime. These nations put their own self-serving agendas ahead of humanity and are now paying a crippling economic price. The people of France are pleading with their misdirected leader, Jacques Chirac, to apologize and reconcile with President Bush and the American people. Chirac also wants to get in on what he perceives to be the spoils of war. What makes France's undermining of our national security most offensive is the fact that the United States had baited them out of both World War I & II, as well as provided economic and military support during the Cold War era. (The last time France exhibited any integrity was during the French Revolution, and then they were fighting against each other!) The recent actions of Chirac exemplify that of a third world country desperate for credibility and relevance, (no offense to third world countries intended). That is not accomplished by betraying the nation that in many ways sustains your economy and security.

As for the question of world support,

more than forty-time nations openly supported Operation Iraqi Freedom and contributed in some way. The U.S.A. was never "going it alone," and the whole world does not hate the Americans. Some of these supporting nations are:

Afghanistan	Albania
Angola	Australia
Azerbaijan	Bulgaria
Columbia	Costa Rica
Czech Republic	Denmark
Dom. Republic	El Salvador
Eritrea	Estonia
Ethiopia	Georgia
Honduras	Hungary
Iceland	Italy
Japan	Kuwait
Latvia	Lithuania
Marcedonia	Marshall Is.
Micronesia	Netherlands
Nicaragua	Palau
Panama	Philippines
Poland	Portugal
Romania	Rwanda
Singapore	Slovakia
Solomon Is.	South Korea
Spain	Tonga
Turkey	Uganda
Ukraine	United Kingdom
Uzbekistan	

This amounts to about 1.23 billion people, representative of every major race, ethnicity and religion in the world. Every continent of the world was also represented and the numbers of nations who have seen the light are increasing. Coalition members contributed with logistical and intelligence support, operatives, direct military participation, response teams for chemical or biological threats, over-flight rights, humanitarian and reconstruction aid, and political support.

Certainly, we were never alone, as the press sometimes suggested.

Along with liberating a nation, decreasing terrorism, and reminding the world of our military presence, the United States of America realized who its true allies are. Once again, when called to serve our ultimate patriots, the American troops, came through with flying colors: red, white and blue. "Operation Iraqi Freedom" will have long-term significance for our homeland security and world harmony. Yes, it was the right thing to do. (All informed opinions are welcomed)

By KC Dowd - '04

The end of the school year has finally arrived, bringing with it huge changes ahead for all of us at SHS. The seniors are moving onto various colleges, employment or military services. Real life has begun; leaving behind a somewhat guarded lifestyle to a more self-driven, yet uncertain journey. Hopefully, all can take with you the positives of what has been, and prosper in whatever goals you have set.

Even the underclassmen (and women) will face increased expectations. The freshmen are entering a relatively new world. My advice, what you make of it is what you'll take from it. Sophomores are now acclimated and will direct their attention to the high stakes, high tension MCAS tests. Juniors will live a grueling year of more intense schedules and future decisions. Seniors are now expected to make some life changing decisions, search for colleges or tech schools, or find life sustaining employment. Hopefully, everyone will cram in a significant amount of fun and relaxation this summer, so we can attack these prospects with a clear head.

This year has been an exciting one for our sports teams. Seven league championships were celebrated and several school records were established. The Super-fan group evolved fueling home court advantage wherever the basketball team played. Hopefully, this phenomenon will translate to all varsity sports. The increased fury towards a unified goal inspired a camaraderie that brought the whole town, including Berkley, together, while a good time was had by all. Spring sports enjoyed success also. The girl's tennis team won their division, while the varsity baseball and boy's tennis teams earned tournament status.

Somerset High School is also losing some of its most dedicated educators and personnel. These individuals are retiring from their positions at SHS following more than thirty years of service. From the science department, Mrs. Marilyn Gaudreau, Mr. Milton Rocha and Mr. Richard Bernardo are formulating their departure. The history department ends an era as we bid farewell to Mr. Richard Smith. In the math department, Coordinator Mr. Gerald St. Amand has added his leave, calculating new undertakings. Guidance counselor Mrs. Elizabeth Sousa is also moving on. The music department will have to march on, as Mr. Bruce Maggs is leaving. The English department sees Mrs. Florence Taylor closing this chapter to begin another Ms. Sheila Fitzgerald of the physical education department is also



retiring. Also, Mr. Charles Levesque, teacher of foreign languages, will also leave. These are all individuals who have devoted their careers to education, through decades of extraordinary changes. We wish you all the best, with new endeavors to follow.

Another group that has been affected by the guidance of Mr. Maggs is the Jazz Chorale. The elite choir was founded by this musician and directed by him for all the years of its existence. As long as can be remembered, Mr. Maggs has spent at least two and a half hours after school each week working with students and molding them into musicians. He has worked diligently, arranging for the singers to participate in several concerts, such as Independence Harbor and Vespers. Also, many competitions have been attended by this group thanks to Mr. Maggs' commitment. This teacher has taken sacrifice days at a time to escort the Choral to Virginia Beach, Washington D.C. and several other locations. He has made his own leisure time expandable so that his students may gain great memories while in high school.

For those students who have spent countless hours under his tutelage, Mr. Maggs has become like a second father. This dedicated educator takes the time to learn the personalities of his students, and tries to best meet their needs as individuals. He not only provides knowledge about music, but also has been known to give advice when it is needed. He has gone beyond the title of teacher and director, to one of mentor.

The teacher who looks to replace Mr. Magg's will have a tough act to follow.

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Annual SHS recognition assembly held

SOMERSET-The 16th Annual Student Recognition Assembly was held on June 9 at Somerset High School.

Edward Abdallah received awards for excellence in Algebra I and excellence in keyboarding.

Patrick Adam received the Audio-Visual Award for School and Community Service.

Beverly Albermaz received the Excellence in Algebra I award.

Jennifer C. Almeida received the Top-Ranking Astronomy Student Award.

Jennifer L. Almeida received the Family and Consumer Science Award.

Kayla Almeida received the Improvement in English I Award.

Alycia Andrade received the Art Foundation Award.

Andrew Lima was given the Outstanding Achievement in Physics Award.

Megan Aspden was honored with the Spanish Student Teacher Award.

Ryan Avery was honored as

top ten student in the Class of 2003.

Matthew Barbosa received the 3D Computer Drafting Award.

Jesse Barboza was given the Excellence in Study of American History Award.

Elisa Barrar received the Social Studies Departmental Award and the Physical Education Departmental Award.

Riley Barrar was given the Business Departmental Award.

Thomas Bartram received the Creative Writer Award.

Kevin Belanger was given the Junior Year Sculpture Award.

Cindy Belchior received the Mathematics Departmental Award and

Excellence in Business Communication Award.

Julie Bertrand was honored as the Hardest Working Student in General Science.

Thomas Bigelow received the 3D Computer Drafting Award.

Mariah Bliss was given the Most Proficient Writer Award.

Kerry Botelho was given the The Quiet Calculus Student Award.

Christopher Brown received the Musical Achievement Award.

Matthew Brown received the The Calculus All-Student Award and was honored for being one of the top 10 students in the Class of 2003.

Nicholas Brown was given the Outstanding Effort and Achievement in English award and the Theodore Roosevelt Award for American History.

Leanne Byrne received the Social Studies Departmental Award.

Christina Cabral was honored as one of the top 10 students in the Class of 2003.

Kristina Cabral received the Outstanding Achievement in English Award.

Doyle Campion was given the United States History Profiles in Courage Award.

David Chippendale received the WSHS World and National

News Award.

Diana Church received the Effort and Achievement in Anatomy and Physiology Award.

Kara Church was given the Adam Smith Award for Economics.

Justin Correa received the Outstanding Achievement in Energy Transportation Award and the Excellent Work Ethic in English Award.

Andrew Correia received the Music Departmental Award.

Jonathan Correia was given the Outstanding Achievement in Physics Award.

Aaron Costa received the Outstanding Performance in Studio Ceramics Award.

Katrina Costa was given the Future Teachers Award for Community Service.

Timothy DeMoranville received the Musical Achievement Award.

Allison DoCouto was given the Excellence in Reading Award.

Christopher DoCouto was given the Physical Education Departmental Award and the Excellence in Marketing Award.

Julie Donaghey received the Excellence in Advanced Placement British Literature.

Jamie Donais received the Business Marketing Award.

Lindsay Dopart received the Perseverance and Diligence in Spanish Award.

Jonathan Driscoll was given the Industrial Technology Departmental Award.

Shannon Dubois received the Outstanding Achievement in Spanish V Award, A.P. Calculus Student of the Year Award and was honored as one of the top 10 students in the Class of 2003.

Nathan Eleuterio received the Excellence in Microsoft Word Award.

Andre Faria was given the Musical Achievement Award.

Justin Faria received the Industrial Technology Departmental Award.

Timothy Faria received the Business Departmental Award.

Musical Achievement Award.

Rebecca Farias was given the Financial Accounting Award.

Brittany Ferreira received the Effort and Achievement in Biology Award.

Cynthia Ferreira received the

Musical Achievement Award.

Kayleigh Ferreira was honored with the Excellence in Mathematics Award.

Sean Fitzgerald was given the A+ Computer Technician Award.

Jesse Foote received the Outstanding Achievement in French Award.

Julie-Anne Francoeur received the Science Departmental Award.

Billy Fyfe received the Physical Education Departmental Award.

Amanda Gaffney was given the Outstanding Performance in Studio Ceramics Award.

Amy Gallant received the English Departmental Award and the Science Departmental Award.

Elizabeth Gallant was given the English Departmental Award.

Elizabeth Gardner received the Outstanding Achievement in Geometry Award.

Greta Gaspar received the Excellence in Keyboarding I Award.

Nicole Gervais was given the Science Fair Winner Award.

Kathleen Golden was honored as one of the top 10 students in the Class of 2003.

Sean Golembewski received the CNC Programming Award.

Garalyn Gray received the Katie Couric Award for Excellence in Journalism.

Kyle Greene was given the Science Departmental Award and was honored as one of the top 10 students in the Class of 2003.

Jacob Gustafson received the Adam Smith Award for Economics.

Ryan Hattub received the World History Michelangelo Award.

Kayleigh Holt received the Excellence in Art Award and the Effort and Achievement in English Award.

Kimberly Hudson received the National Merit Commended Student Award and the Musical Achievement Award.

Holly Hussey was given the Physical Education Departmental Award, the Excellence in Geometry Award and the Engineering Integrity Award.

Chantelle Jacobs received the National Merit Commended Student Award.

John Jameson received the Ex-

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Kimberly Johnson received the High Achievement in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint Award.

Ryan Jones received the SHS Media Center Service Award.

Megan Kelly was given the World History "Renaissance Women" Award.

Chad Kershaw received the Excellence in English Award.

Todd Kershaw was given the Excellence in French Award.

David Kutz received the Future Pulitzer Prize Winner Award and the Sigmund Freud Award for Psychology.

Toni Ann LaBerge received the Leonardo DaVinci World History Award.

Brendan LaFond earned the Exemplary Display of Visual Basic Programming Design Award.

Tiffany LaRose won the Student Council Leadership Award.

Laura Lanigan received the Foreign Languages Departmental Award.

Ryan Lawrence was given the Outstanding Achievement in Geometry Award and the Business Management Award.

Alex Leite received the Excellence in English Award.

Alicia Lopes received the Science Fair Winner Award.

John (Jay) Lopes was given the "Sci-Techer" of the Year Award.

Heather-Lyn Makuch received the Outstanding Achievement in Algebra II Award and the Outstanding Achievement in Physics Award.

Valerie Martins received the Physical Education Departmental Award.

Vanessa Martins was given the Senior Reading Award and the "King of Success" Award.

Nicole May received the Effort and Achievement in Biology Award.

Trevor Medeiros received the Senior Reading Award and the "King of Success" Award.

Lynn Mello received the Musical Achievement Award.

Margaret Mello was honored as one of the top 10 students in

the Class of 2003.

John Michno received the Physical Education Departmental Award.

Siobhan Minor received the Science Fair Winner Award.

Brian Moniz won the Voracious Reader Award and the Excellence in English Award.

Melanie Moniz was given the Outstanding Achievement in Portuguese Award and the Anna Freud Award for Psychology Award.

Jessica Mosher received the Turnaround in Attitude Award.

Kayla Murphy was given the "Just Because" English Award.

Stephen Nadreau received the National Merit Commended Student Award.

Ashley Newman received the Future Teachers Award for Community Service and the Science and Technology Standout Award.

Kaylee Oliveira received the Science Fair Winner Award.

Shayne Parent was given the Outstanding Effort and Participation in Spanish Award.

Jennifer Patten received the Excellence in French Award and the Excellent Work Ethic in English Award.

Kristin Pavao was given the Business Departmental Award and the Senior Year Sculpture Award.

Meghan Penfold received the Future Teachers Award for Community Service.

Andrew Pereira was given the Consistent Effort in English I Award.

Matt Pettine received the Science Fair Winner Award.

Aniero Pontes was given the Improvement in English I Award.

Kara Potter was given the Engineering Technology Outstanding Quality Award.

Michelle Prevost was honored as a top 10 student in the Class of 2003.

Stephanie Proulx received the High Achievement in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint Award.

Kristen Rafanan was given the Excellence in Keyboarding Award.

Courtney Rannacher received the Outstanding Performance in Studio Ceramics Award.

Nicolas Reed was given the Music Departmental Awards.

Amanda Renaud received the Science Fair Winner Award.

Jessica Roberge was given the Business Departmental Award.

Christian Roberts received the Excellence in Art Award.

Stephanie Santos was given the Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry Award.

Erika Satanowski received the Social Studies Departmental Award. Amanda Saulino received the Excellence in A.P. British Literature Award and the Commitment and Dedication to Drawing Award.

Kristen Savicki was given the Award for Effort and Perseverance in Mathematics.

Emma Sevigny received the Musical Achievement Award.

Sarah Sevigny received the National Merit Commended Student Award, the Music Departmental Award, the Foreign Languages Departmental Award, the Outstanding Achievement in Spanish V Award and was honored as a top 10 student in the Class of 2003.

Caitlyn Shabselowitz received the Excellence in

Keyboarding Award

Nathaniel Sheehan received the Science Fair Winner Award.

Kevin Silvestre received the English Departmental Award.

Zachary Silvia was given the Excellence in Microsoft Word Award. Brian Simons was given the Most Helpful Science Student Award and the Super Chef Award.

Danielle Simons received the Excellence in Keyboarding Award.

Brian Smith received the Mathematics Departmental Award.

Jake Smith received the CNC Programming Award.

James Smith received the Most Improved Typist Award.

Jeff Smith was given the Science Fair Winner Award.

Jocelyn Smith received the Physical Education Departmental Award. Jamie Sousa received the Science Fair Winner Award.

Richard Stanley was given the A+ Computer Technician Award.

Aisha Stewart received the AP United States History Award and the

Excellence in A.P. British Literature Award.

Brittney Sullivan was given the SHS Student Council Leadership Award.

Patrick Sullivan received the Mathematics Departmental Award.

Tess Sullivan received the Outstanding Achievement in Spanish III Award. Cal Ripken Attendance Award and the Chaucer Award for Excellence in British Literature.

Nathan Tavares was given the Music Departmental Award and the SHS Knight in Shining Armor Award.

Jessica Tremblay was honored as a top 10 student in the Class of 2003.

Kimberly Thorpe received the Aspiring Biologist Award.

Eric Trowbridge was given the Industrial Technology Departmental Award and the Physical Education Departmental Award.

Amanda Viana received the National Merit Commended Student Award. Matthew Violette was given the Outstanding Achievement in Physics Award.

Jeffrey Viveiros received the Super Chef Award.

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Sports



What a year for the sports

It has been quite a year at Somerset High School this year, especially in sports. We had gone out of the thirteen reach the state tournament with one state championship. Wow!

In the fall, the soccer, volleyball, cross-country, football, and field hockey teams all had quality seasons. The soccer team again reached the state tournament and made it to the quarterfinals. The volleyball team brought home a state championship with an outstanding season led by Coach Liz Smith. The girls and boys cross-country teams had average seasons with finishes in the middle of the EAC. The football team won the most important game of the year on Thanksgiving when they defeated Case High School in a rivalry that has lasted many years. The field hockey team had a great year. They went into the state tournament and did very well, advancing a couple of rounds in.

In the winter, the boys basketball, girls basketball, wrestling, gymnastics, ice hockey, and winter track all had outstanding seasons. The boys basketball team was the highlight of the year at SHS. They had a magical run into the state semifinals and the Fleet Center and won the EAC conference. They had the whole school behind them with fan buses going to UMass and the Fleet Center. This season was following last year's 2-20 season.

They were eliminated at the Fleet Center by a very good Charlestown team. The girls basketball team also had an outstanding season, making it to the state tournament. They were heartbroken in the first round, losing in overtime.

The wrestling team finished the season as champions of the Mayflower League. Their highlight was an outstanding win



THE SOMERSET HIGH SCHOOL basketball team is seen attending its awards banquet. It was the team's last gathering after winning the Eastern Athletic Conference Championship and its improbable run to the semi-finals at the Fleet Center in

the state's Division 2 tournament. Mendez received the Division 2 Coach of the Year Award at the Boston Globe's Annual Awards Banquet last week.

against Durfee in the Petrillo Cup. The gymnastics team finished an impressive fifth in the South sectional, while winning the EAC. The ice hockey team had a season almost matching the boys basketball team. They were the first public school to win the EAC in 29 years. They advanced into the south section semifinals before running into a very good Bourne team. Rounding out the winter sports was the winter track team. That team consisted of many freshmen who improved through the course of the season.

The spring sports included contenders and not pretenders. The teams included baseball, softball, boys tennis, girls tennis, and spring track. The baseball team started off slow, but got better as the season continued. They made it to the state tournament,

but lost in the first round. The softball team was consistent throughout the season and into the tournament, making it to the third round. The girls tennis team won the EAC for the first time in that sport's history. They were eliminated in the first round of the tournament when nerves got to them. The boys tennis team had another great year, just finishing behind Fechan in the EAC. They advanced to the state quarterfinals and lost there to the defending state champions, Newton North. The spring track team had great leadership by some talented seniors and were a presence in the EAC.

As you can see, this year for sports at Somerset was a great one and we hope to improve on it next year. This task will be hard with a great senior class graduating.

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