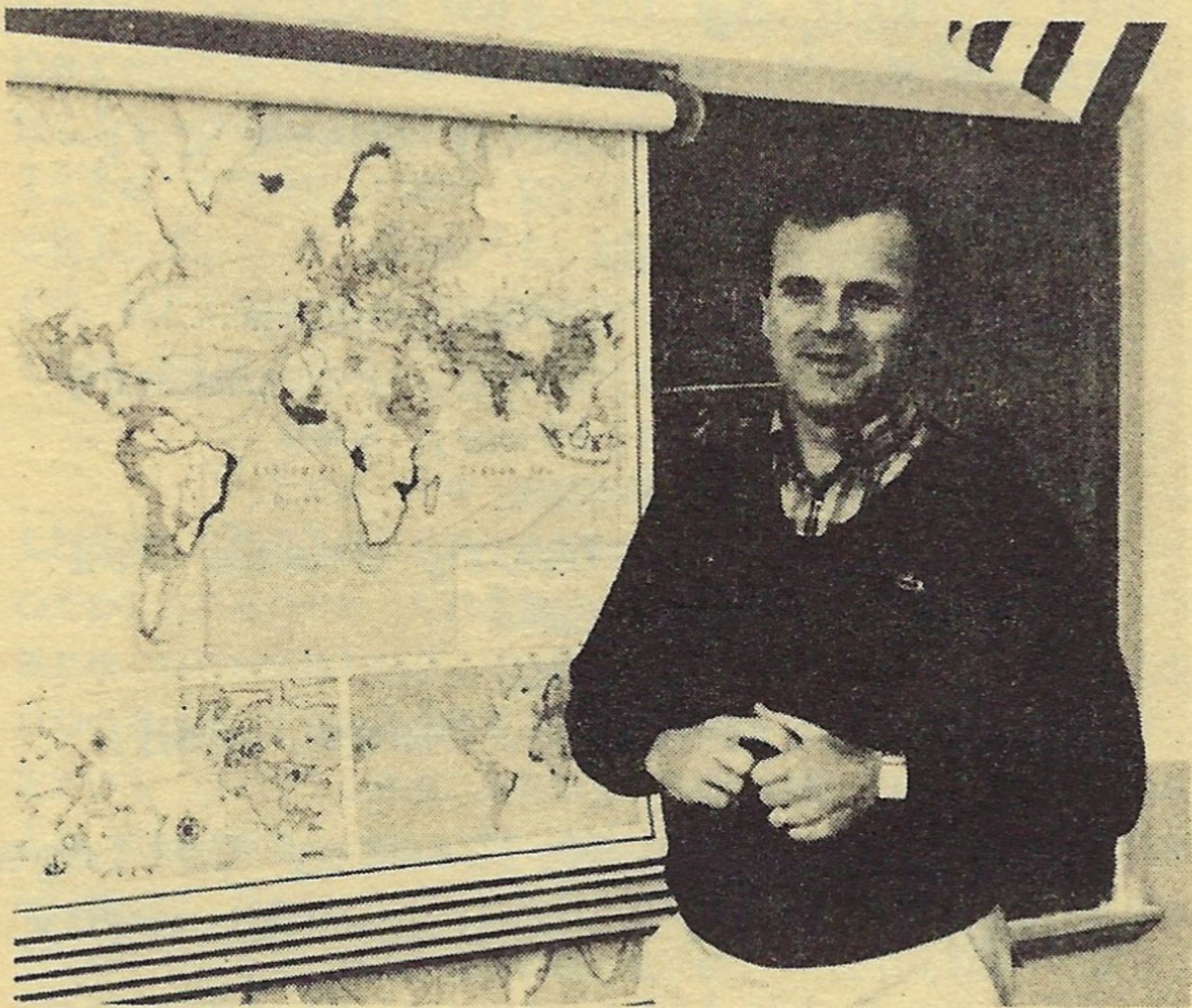


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## TEACHER FEATURE

Mr. John Soares

"I try to live a life that would provide a good example for students."

One of the many dedicated teachers at Somerset High School is Mr. John Soares. Not only does Mr. Soares teach history classes, but he also deals with some of Blue Raiders' most important football players.

In educating his students and training his football players, Coach Soares says he tries "to teach them the importance of direction and having goals in their lives... (of) maintaining a positive outlook and dealing with adversity... (and of) living by a code of ethics."

As one football player said, "He's always stressing goals... do everything possible to reach your goal, but stick by ethics and morals."

Mr. Soares grew up in Somerset, went through the Somerset school system, and says that Somerset schools have "one of the most diverse curriculums in Southeastern Massachusetts."

Mr. Soares attended Rhode Island College and Providence College, and majored in social studies.

He has been teaching for fourteen years. Four-and-a-half of those years were spent at South Middle, where he participated in the ski and cycling clubs.

He enjoys almost any outdoor sport, especially cycling, sailing, and skiing.

During his high school years, he was involved in football, basketball, and track. His main goal then, was "to become a teacher and remain in athletics."

Mr. Soares entered teaching because he wanted to contribute to the academic growth of students. He found that teaching provides a "dynamic environment" in which he is always "dealing with new learning experiences and different people."

One thing that does upset Mr. Soares is when he sees a student who "doesn't realize (his or her) maximum potential."

In the years to come, Mr. Soares hopes to continue "personal growth" and return to school, (possibly to further his studies of history or economics), after he has stopped coaching football.

Combining his abundance of knowledge and ability to deal with students, Mr. Soares is able to have a profoundly positive effect on his students and football players. We hope to have this outstanding educator at Somerset High School for many years to come.



# Editorially Speaking

by Debbie Isserlis

Hunger and the Food Drive: Won't You Help?

The Student Council of Somerset High School will be holding a canned food drive in the near future. The success of the food drive totally depends on the willingness of every member of the faculty and the student body to participate.

Worldwide, much generosity has been shown thanks to the efforts of people such as the group of famous British musicians called Band Aid, who wrote and recorded the song "Feed the World", and donated all of the profits to help the world's starving people. Oxfam is another organization which brings food, medical aid, and shelter to those who need them. The series of articles written by Mark Patinkin of the Providence Journal poignantly described the plight of famine-stricken Ethiopians. True, these people have done a lot to combat hunger, but there is so much more help that is still needed.

Compared to other communities throughout the world, most Somerset residents are far from poor. Many families have two or three cars, a VCR, or a swimming pool. How much sacrifice would these people have to make in order to donate a few cans of food to those people who are less fortunate than themselves?

I hereby issue a challenge for each student and faculty member at Somerset High School to bring in five cans of food for the food drive. You may ask if there is a reward for such a "sacrifice". Yes, there is. The reward is the personal satisfaction that you will feel when you know that you have done something good for needy people. Come, join the likes of people such as Kenny Rogers, Boy George, and Paul McCartney. Please help to feed hungry people. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

by Dawn Keeney

A few more lucky seniors have received college acceptances. CONGRATULATIONS everybody!

- Christine Barboza-Fitchburg State College
- Rob Benevides-Fitchburg State College, Emerson College, NYU, BU
- Dawn Keeney-SMU
- Karen McOwen-North Adams College
- Ken Nasiff-SMU
- Anne Oliveira-Framingham State College, Fitchburg State College, SMU
- Julie Pereira-SMU
- Lisa Rego-Fitchburg State College, SMU
- Lynn Rousseau-SMU
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## ABORTION PROS AND CONS

by Kristin Curry

Recently, I asked some Somerset High students to express their feelings on abortion. Here are their responses:

" It should be up to the individual whether or not abortion is the way to go. Only the parents know how the child's life will probably go and what kind of life they can provide for the child. I don't think it is right to bring an unwanted child into the world. " P.B.

" People need to realize that children are suffering in orphanages today because they are unwanted. We need to take it upon ourselves to use birth control devices instead of abortions. In cases such as rape, where the woman has no choice, abortion is the only alternative. Think of an illegitimate child growing up. The years of pain are much worse than a fetus being killed." J.T.

" I am for abortion. I feel that someone getting an abortion is better than keeping an unwanted child. When someone is not old enough to support a child or isn't even out of high school, they will not be able to care for the child properly." J.T.

" I am totally against abortion because to me, it is considered a crime and it prevents a new life on earth." K.E.

" I am for freedom of choice. I do not really like the idea of abortion, but if the woman wants to have one for reasons such as rape, then it is her right to do so. " J.C.

" I don't think a human being should take another human life. Today, you have many devices that can prevent a woman from getting pregnant. They should be mature enough, and responsible enough to think before they act. " G.D.

" A person may have been immature, or yet, very young. People have a right to change their mind and should always have a choice. " S.H.

"Abortion is a highly controversial subject in today's society. It is up to the individual to decide what is right for her. Factors such as her age and her level of maturity are great influences on her final decision. What kind of life would the child have if they came into the world unwanted? When going for the operation it is not a child, it is tissue with the potential of becoming a child. I think there are enough problems in this world without having millions of unwanted children being born every year. " T.P.

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### THE RELUCTANT DRAGON

by Gina DeGaetano

The Reluctant Dragon, directed by Miss Hamlen and Mr. Maggs, is sure to be a big hit.

This children's fairy-tale is about a dragon that is reluctant. A boy befriends him and tries to convince everyone in the village that this particular dragon is very sensitive and friendly. A knight is hired to kill the dragon, but instead they stage a fight. It looks so real that everyone is convinced the dragon is dead, including the knight who supposedly killed him. By the end, everyone in the village realizes that dragons really can be sensitive.

The main characters are-Renee Ouelette (dragon)-understudy-Gina DeGaetano, (Jan)-Liz Furtado-understudy-Lori Towers, (Ermen-garde)-Laura Wolfe, and (Sir George)-John Beaulieu. Other characters are Matt Wallace, Pete Beaulieu, Tim Kuenster, Becky Tavares, Jim Newton, Tricia Mullensky, Laurie Silveria, Kerri Davis, Lesley Toomey, Denise Bourassa, and Debbie Do-part.

With your help, this play can be a great success. Come and see your friends perform on April 26 and 27 at 7:30, or Sunday afternoon at 2:00.



## A YEAR WELL SPENT

Sail through the new year with 1985 sales! For the best time to buy anything from a new stereo to a prom dress, check the guide below, and save.

- JANUARY: Winter clothing, boots and shoes, handbags, games, lingerie, sportswear, cosmetics, costume jewelry, radios, sheets, towels, stationery, Christmas cards and wrapping.
- FEBRUARY: Stereos, used cars, winter clothing (watch out for damaged merchandise)
- MARCH: Luggage, winter-sports equipment such as skis and ice skates, sportswear, wintercoats, stockings, socks and gloves.
- APRIL: Spring coats and dresses (after Easter)
- MAY: Handbags and lingerie
- JUNE: Spring dresses and active sportswear
- JULY: Stereos, lingerie, summer clothing, bathing suits and other sportswear.
- AUGUST: Camping equipment and summer clothing.
- SEPTEMBER: Bicycles and fabrics.
- OCTOBER: School supplies, and Columbus Day sales.
- NOVEMBER: Shoes, fall coats, dresses and bicycles.
- DECEMBER: Be prepared. This month is the most expensive time to buy-with stores full of holiday gifts. But after Christmas, look for sales on everything!

## THE ADVENTURES OF THE COSMIC BLOB...

By The Terminator and Black Max

### THE ORIGIN OF THE COSMIC BLOB!!

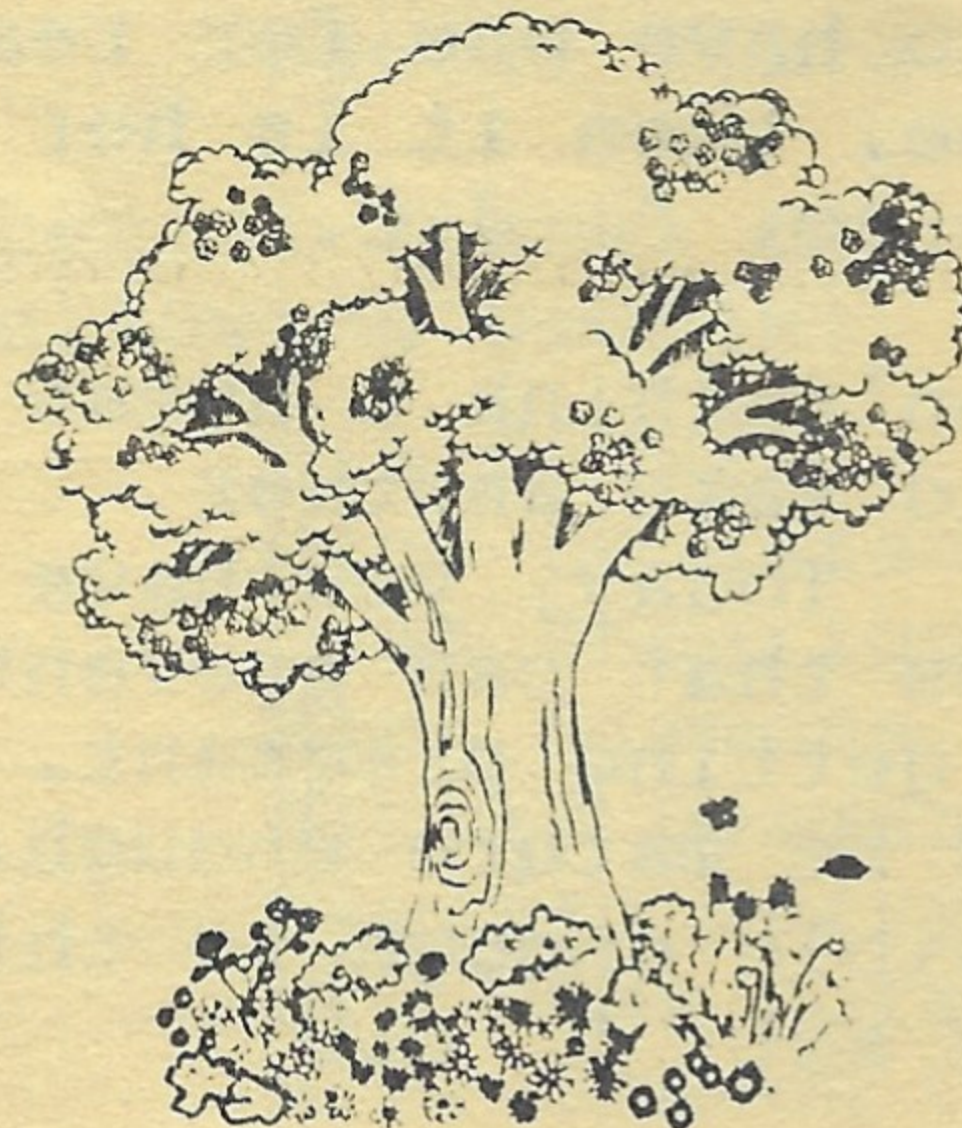
Long ago, in an area known to us only as "inner Space", the COSMIC BLOB was born. Random blobs of moldable jelly toothpaste coagulated to form the BLOB. Somehow, he was endowed with an evil personality, and began his reign of terror!!!!

Bent on turning everyone into hairless worms, he insidiously disguised himself as an innocent piece of jell-o. He traveled from galaxy to galaxy seeking out as many nice clean restaurants as he could find. Then he would lie on the counter waiting to be eaten. When the person went to eat him, he would jump on their face and give them gangrene. Over a period of many years, he depopulated planet after planet in this insidious manner.

On Earth, however, our hero, the lying down school crossing cow-swallow, stopped the BLOB dead in his tracks. Our hero apprehended the BLOB in a restaurant, while the BLOB attempted to turn a patron into a hairless worm. Our hero immediately jumped in the way of the BLOB, saving the patron from a horrible transformation. After grappling long and hard, our wonderful hero saved the Earth by banishing the BLOB to the Non-Smoking zone. All the people of the Earth rejoiced because the BLOB was forever banished into the zone, or so they thought.....

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### SPRING





FGTH is the hottest new band from Great Britain. Welcome to Pleasure Dome is an incredible collection of different types of songs from new wave to classic 70's songs or from anti-war to perversion: FGTH is able to make all of these styles gell into one of the best double albums of all time, and one of the best debut albums ever made. Unfortunately, the FGTH album has been in the center of a lot of controversy for their off-color and off-base lyrics. Although some of the radio censorship is just, (some of the songs deal with topics that even Mrs. Salmon's classes don't discuss) most of it is unfair and ridiculous.

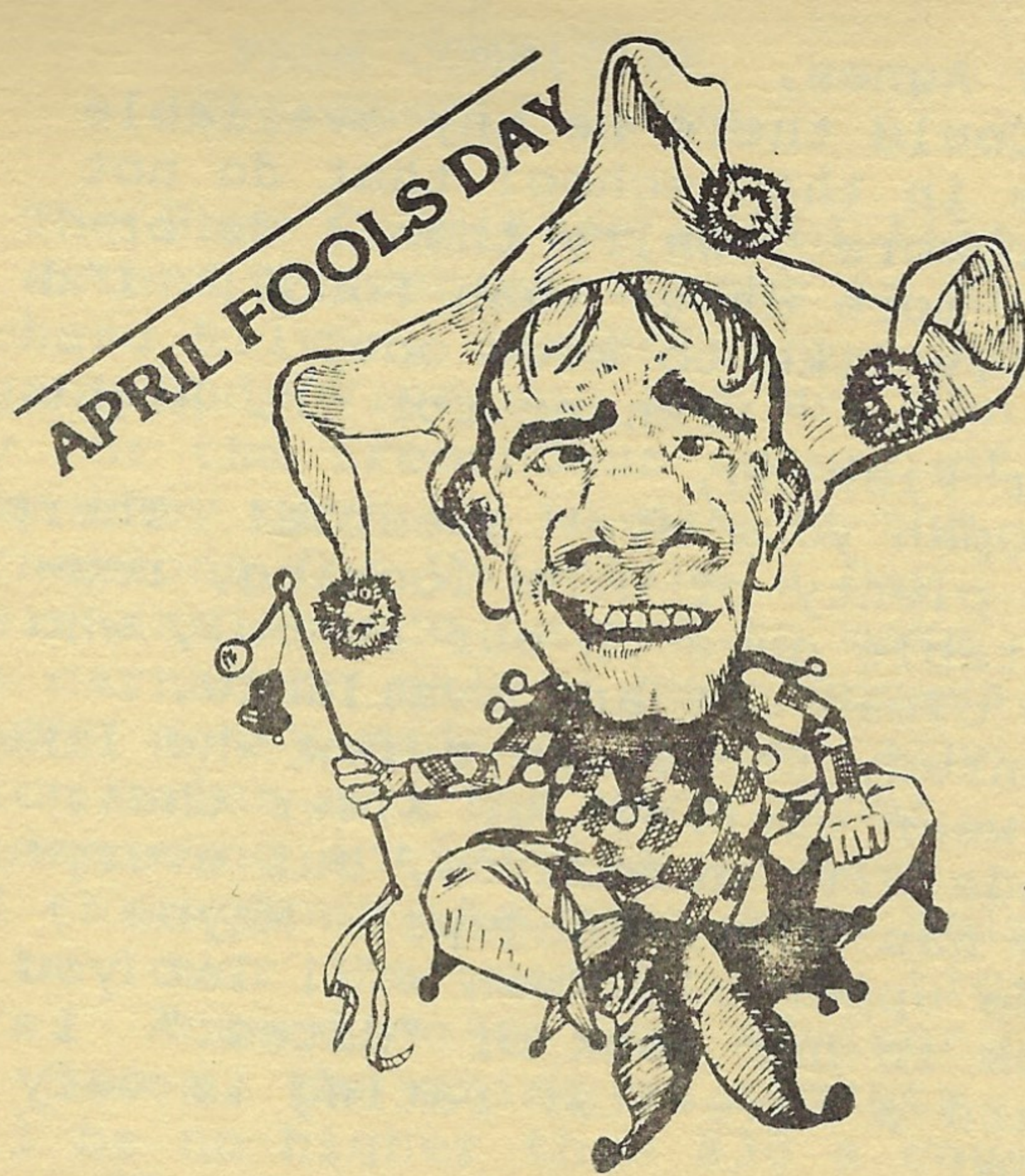
"Relax", often misunderstood by naive people, is the most popular song of the album to date, but not the best. At least 6 songs are as good, if not better than "Relax". The title track, "Welcome to the Pleasure Dome" is an incredible song with great music and few but powerful lyrics. It is also the longest song, lasting over 10 minutes.

"Two Tribes" is an excellent anti-war song which looks like chickenfeed when compared to its predecessor, "War". "War" is the second best song on the album. The lyrics, which are sung and spoken, are by far the best on the album, and call for social revolution in the name of love and pride.

"Ferry" and "Wish" are two other songs with great lyrics. "Ferry" is a slow, simple rock song. "Wish" is just the opposite. It is a straight-forward rock beat song that sounds like a "top 40" hit. Unfortunately, I doubt that it will ever get the radio publicity necessary for it to become a popular hit.

The new album by FGTH also contains 2 remakes of classical rock hits. "To Run", Bruce

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### "INTERESTING FACTS"

By Kim Hentershee

1. The best selling magazine in the United States is TV Guide.
2. Abraham Lincoln was the first president born outside the 13 original states.
3. When Coca-Cola first came out, it was known to the world as an "Esteemed Brain Tonic and Intellectual Beverage"
4. When Harry S. Truman, a Democrat, went to Disney Land, he refused to ride Dumbo the Elephant because it was the symbol of the Republicans.
5. "Shredded Wheat" was the first commercially manufactured breakfast cereal.
6. Virginia Dare was the first newborn of English parents in in the new world.
7. The cigarette commercial was banned from television on December 31, 1970.
8. The only one of the seven dwarfs without a beard is Dopey.
9. The name of the baby on the "Gerber" baby food bottle is Ann Turner.
- 5 10. The price tag on Minnie Pearl's hat reads \$1.98.



Dear Agnes,

Could there be any available guys in this school that do not wear more jewelry than I do or take more drugs than food?! I'd really like to meet one!

Fishing for Mr. Right

Dear Fishing,

Open your eyes sweetie! There are plenty of nice looking, respectable guys in our school, who are clean cut and available. Granted, there are a few who like to wear earrings or alter their minds with narcotics, but everyone has their hangups! Maybe some upper classman will let you peek in her book of "dates." I heard a five-star rating is very fine!

Dear Agnes,

What's the story with the Prom? Could I ask a guy to go with me, or does the guy have to do the asking?

Popping the Question

Dear Popping,

Don't be such a prude. This is the 80's! Ask any guy you want! Of course, you may feel obligated to pay your own way for tickets. Maybe you could even buy your date a corsage!

Dear Agnes,

Why do some girls wear so much make-up and wear such tight jeans? They look more like clowns than pretty ladies.

Put away the Powder Puff

Dear Put away,

Some girls feel that the only way to attract guys is to load on the "warpaint" and spray on their Calvin Kleins. I think it comes under the definition of insecurity. Most of these girls are truly beautiful, only the layers of blush, eye shadow and Mascara hide it. Try letting the girls know that they are pretty without the heavy cosmetics. That may be a step in the right direction.

"WORD SEARCH" By Kim Hentershee

B H E L Y R C I R E L A N D O  
A I N I G V W R U F J T T A M  
X Z P R R G I M P E R L Y S D  
E E E U O F N D A N K A F W C  
Q E J S U A D Q V X D J P T S  
N H C E I C I K A S Q U O C H  
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H T E S Z E T C V O V S C E M  
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S I I H G M F C Y D D U M S V

WORD LIST:

March	Irish
St Patrick's Day	Spring
Green	Warmer
Shamrock	Muddy
Ireland	Wind

The Spring Prom Fashions  
by K. Sullivan

Inside sources from Rome and Paris, the trendsetters of the fashion world, have been showing their latest lines in prom wear.

Calvin Klein has introduced his answer to men's desires. His favorite piece this spring is his lace mini skirt and see-through blouse. The model wearing that outfit was escorted by a male adorned with a white linen suit and a thin leather bowtie. "Just elegant," were Klein's words as other designers sighed in awe.

George Armani, yes, the one and only Georgio, has created a nautical prom line. The young girl's gown is decorated with large tuna fishes and tiny goldfishes. Of course, her date's wardrobe neatly matches hers with coordinating fishing poles and worms. "Very interesting!" exclaimed one bewildered critic.

Cheryl Tiegs has jumped into the fashion ring, to fight with competitors for the chance to land on every young girl's behind. She has already spread her name on every woman's garment at Sears. Can she do it internationally? The fashion world will sit on edge watching and waiting. Her prom gowns are clearly signed with her name on the lower





back. Just what everybody wants, some woman's name on their butt!

Michael Jackson has also leaped into the challenge for clothes success. His tuxedos come with the all-important, silver-studded white glove. The pants are a bit on the "high-water" side and can be rolled up even more. White socks complete the outfit. The girl, (Billy Jean? P.Y.T?), can choose from a silver-studded, strapless gown that resembles a toga, or choose a red striped dress that has a detachable skirt, which works by velcro fasteners. Why the skirt is removable is left up to the imagination!

Cyndi Lauper, that incredible fashion plate, has also introduced her prom choices for this spring. She selected a Goodyear tire for starters. This tire serves as a belt around her suede mini skirt, leather halter top and brass chains (which match her brass knuckles!) Her jewelry, made of refined tin cans, does not come from the Van Scoy Diamond Mine, but is very cheap! Her shoes were the finest sneakers she could find in the Army/Navy surplus store of Newport.

If any of the Somerset High student would like any more information on these outfits, they should call 1-800-221-3600.

(The Samaritans)



Springtime

Spring is coming,  
the snow finally clear.  
It's my most favorite time of  
the year.  
When the trees start to bud,  
and the flowers to bloom.  
It brings a new essence to every  
room.  
Soft spring breezes blow in my  
ear, as I listen to the birdsong  
which I'd been longing to hear.  
Holding a flower gently in my  
hands,  
I think about springtime in far  
away lands.  
As the last winter clouds,  
finally float away,  
I think about "SPRINGTIME" and a  
beautiful spring day.

by Michelle Gagnon **7**  
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The Prom Committee would like to extend a special thanks to Mr. Richard Silvia, Sue McCurry, Chris Regan, Judy Viveiros and Mr. Ken Day for the tremendous amount of help they gave us in making the carnations for Valentine's Day. Their assistance helped to make the carnation sale a huge success.

The money made from the carnation sales and the many other fundraising activities we have had throughout the year have helped to lower the cost of prom tickets. According to our advisor, Mr. Sorem, the price of tickets will be no higher than \$30 a couple. The prom will be held on Wednesday, May 29, in White's new ballroom. A band and a theme have yet to be decided upon.

The Prom Committee would like to add one more thanks to the list and this one is to our advisor, Mr. Doug Sorem. We would like to thank Mr. Sorem for all of his advice, opinions, suggestions, patience, understanding, and help throughout the year with both our problems in and out of school. We would just like him to know that he is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Saint Patrick's Day Trivia  
by Mark Simmons

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland. His death on March 17, 461, has been observed in America since colonial days.

There are many legends about Saint Patrick. One tells the tale of how he used the shamrock to illustrate the idea of the trinity.

Saint Patrick's Day has been observed by the nation as a holiday since 1845. It is celebrated in homes, churches, schools, and places of entertainment (Irish pubs). Some cities have Saint Patrick's Day Parades.

Green is the traditional color of Saint Patrick's Day. It represents the spirit of Ireland.

The most popular gift is a good luck charm called a blarney stone. Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



Student Expressions

Nancy-"How's wolf doin'?"-Jo  
 Lori L. loves Jim B.  
 "One More Night" - Jim  
 Jo- "Keep Smilin!" - Jo  
 "Remember, June 2!!"  
 "Florida's up and coming!"  
 I Luv P.E.  
 Berkely, "This is a good place  
 for a stick up!"  
 How could I forget June 2!!  
 Jo-"I'll miss you"-Nancy  
 Wish I knew how wolf is doin'!!!  
 B.T. loves T.F.  
 Dan-"Thanks for the talk on  
 2/23/85"-Nancy  
 Paul, how's Grimice  
 Melissa-Beware of the beast-  
 master-Jo  
 K.K., J.G., J.B., S.I., N.H.-"We've  
 Got Flashdance Fever."  
 Algy-remember the pepper?  
 Pete-watch your shoelace.  
 Dan-When are going to meet me?  
 Pete-Ice is COLD isn't it?  
 Pete-Ghostbusters  
 Hey Shel-Love that argyle sweater  
 -Mer  
 Hey! Don't I know you from the  
 bathroom?  
 Lori -It's still in reverse!!  
 Shel & Mer!  
 Hey Shel!, Party in the bathroom  
 at McDonalds!  
 Watch out Knight Rider here comes  
 Emma!  
 Hey, Sherlock, this is your  
 trusted companion Watson  
 Speaking.  
 Hey Cheryl, go wild on June 2nd!-A.W.  
 C.W., I'm a police-state fanatic!!!  
 Our scene magazine is #1 in the  
 Nielsen's!  
 P.J.M. & A.A.W.-FOREVER!!!!!!!!!!!!  
 So Pumpkin, how's the flyspirit?  
 I don't smoke cigarettes; it  
 gives you cancer.  
 Mental Deficiency is an art.  
 Pigion todd  
 Rich, you need a shave!!! Love, Mom  
 Hey Groffy! It looks pretty good!  
 Not bad S.G.!  
 Get Red.  
 Hey L.B. think about it!!!!A.W.!  
 L.B. Put your Dancin Shoes On!!A.W.  
 Senior Beach Party!  
 "ROCK WITH WIRED"!!! aw & lb  
 I love you Sharon Means!!!!  
 K.g.-Hi sup!-G.L.  
 The Party 4/84  
 DT, did you like the carnation?

Marc A. loves Stroker  
 #35 hoop-What a bod!!!  
 Senior Beach Party!!!  
 Matt, you send beautiful flowers!  
 C.S.-"Give me one more night!"  
 Drive 55!  
 Prince says, "You're a double  
 drag fool."  
 DMSK  
 Chris-who gave you your license?  
 Nicole 115 by March 20th?  
 M.M.- But is this a good card to  
 send?  
 How many times did you have to  
 let the dogs out last night??  
 Bon-Don't you hate girls who  
 dance like Madonna!!!!  
 What the Freak!!!  
 Chicago 17  
 Where in the world is Marshfield,  
 Lisa??  
 Hi Kerry  
 Hi there, guess who!!!  
 "1985" Yah!!!!  
 Florida, Here I come!!!  
 Kris-Had any tobacco (chew)  
 lately. Bonnie  
 Doug C. & Rick c. we don't want  
 your tobacco!!!-Bon & Kris  
 Laurie Loves Chris  
 Lisa Loves Cliff  
 L.J.P. Loves K.P. 4-ever!  
 Lore- "Only a few more weeks  
 then YES is back !!! Lisa  
 Lori we have to go out sometime!  
 YES!  
 L.L.-The beach, the Cape, and guys!  
 By the way, D.W., you LOSCCF, you  
 said first or third base!!  
 Beulah and her husband forever!  
 Get real, Sue!!  
 Hey Beggar, gotta problem???  
 Party at the 4-D Saturday night!  
 Hey Sue, not too coordinate!!-LS,  
 SB,MC.  
 Hey, need a shave???  
 Yeah! That beard was definitely  
 scrubby!!  
 Hey Emma, use Turbo Boost!!!  
 George Washington lives!!!  
 Ginny lets go to chemere-Lori  
 Hey Sue, have any crunchy gran-  
 olas lately??-"The Fox"  
 Chris O., How's your Leg??-guess  
 who??  
 Hi Mr. Smith!!-Shelly & Meredith  
 Beulah, Big Brother's watching  
 you!!-H.M.  
 Bob likes Jello with apple slices!  
 Hey Cheryl, S.W.!!!YA!!!!!!  
 Mennnn!!  
 Stay with the silver



# MUSIC

BY  
NANCY HOWARD

From May 1-5, the Blue Raider Marching Band will be in Winchester, Virginia for the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival.

Below is a brief schedule of the activities the band has planned to undergo during their stay in Virginia.

May 1st.

12:00 pm- leave school.  
10:00 pm- arrive at hotel.

May 2nd.

Sightsee- Luray Caverns,  
Skyline Drive.  
Practice.

May 3rd.

Sightsee.  
5:00 pm- night parade.

May 4th.

preliminaries for field show.  
12:00 pm parade.  
Night field show.

May 5th.

Morning- leave for home.  
10:00 pm- arrive home.

May 6th.

Back to school!



Spring Blood Drive  
by Robert Camara

On Monday, April 29, the Fall River Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its second annual blood drive. It will be sponsored by the Student Council. The last blood drive collected 75 pints, making it one of the most successful drives ever held. It is also the record for state high schools.

Mr. Day is hoping that this blood drive will be even more successful than the last one. If you would like to help with the blood drive, or would like to give blood, contact the chairpersons, Lori Towers and Carla Munroe.

## ENTERTAINMENT TRIVIA

- 1.) Rudy, Theo, Vanessa & Denise are the four children on what T.V. sit-com?
- 2.) What was Patsy Cline's real first name on "Happy Days"?
- 3.) Which member of Duran Duran is on the windmill in the video "Wild Boys"?
- 4.) On "Diff'rent Strokes", what is Arnold's teacher's name?
- 5.) What is the last name of the family featured on the "Cosby Show"?

by: Lesley Toomey

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The Breeze welcomes responses and opinions from its readers. Submit your views in writing in the suggestion box in the library.  
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FRANKIE (from pg.5)

Springsteen's first major hit, is a great remake, and could even be considered better than the original. The same can be said for "San Jose", written by Burt Bacharach and performed by Dionne Warwick.

After hearing the songs and the others on the album, one would think the ending would be anticlimatic, but FGTH comes up with a unique song called "Bang" which no one has ever heard the likes of. From the song, comes the saying "Frankie say".

The FGTH album is a collection of incredible and awesome songs that are sure to have their influences on future bands. Since some tracks will never be played on the radio, and one can never hear enough of the album, I strongly suggest that everyone get his own copy.



## NOT JUST DESSERTS

When You Think Your Grade's Unfair

Talking to a teacher about a grade you don't deserve can be touchy; A heated argument may cause problems for you the rest of the school year - but suffering in silence is not smart, either, since you'll never know what went wrong. What is the best approach?

Discuss your grades with the teacher in private, not in front of other students. Don't put the teacher on the defensive. Forced to defend a grade, the teacher will be less apt to change it.

Blame the computer if you can, but don't blame the teacher. Make it appear as if there has been an oversight or omission. Say, "I just wanted to make sure there wasn't a mix-up in the calculation of my grade."

Be diplomatic, and ask for an explanation rather than demanding that the grade be raised. If there's been no mistake but you still believe the grade is unfair, calmly explain why.

Let the teacher know if a personal problem has hindered your studies. Teachers are human, too. You might be given extra consideration.

Save all class papers and tests, so you'll be on solid ground if you suspect a teacher has made an error. Remember, always be respectful. Don't try to have the last word.

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## "STUPID SAYINGS"

By Kim Hentershee

In last month's issue, I listed several stupid sayings and the reason why they are stupid. In this issue, I have listed some sayings and will let you decide why they are funny.

1. I'll pick you up later.
2. Get off my back.
3. You are driving me up a wall.
4. You're looking for trouble.

# SPORTS

## SOMERSET GYMNASTS HAVE ANOTHER GREAT SEASON !

The 1984-85 Somerset gymnastics team has had an outstanding season. Their first meet was in New Bedford. The New Bedford gymnasts had high hopes of breaking Somerset's winning streak. They were seriously shot down when the Raiderettes proved that the Somerset team is AWESOME !

The Somerset team did not stop there. They improved with each practice. Once again, the team finished the season undefeated. They hit their all time high of 128.6 at their league meet ! Somerset also ranked sixth in the South Sectional meet. The gymnasts' record is now 99 consecutive dual meets won in 11 years !

There are 13 members of the Somerset gymnastics team. They are: Senior captains - Jodi Lizotte, Dawn DePaola, and Donna Arruda; Juniors - Chris Berthiaume, Theresa Therrien, and Charlene White; Sophomores - Cathy Sullivan, Liz Southworth, Traci Oliveira and Teen Keegan; Freshmen - Karen Seegal, Kathy Mendes and Stacey Philips.

Recently, there was a state individual meet held for the top 45 gymnasts in Mass. on each event. The following girls placed:

Dawn DePaola - beam, floor  
Theresa Therrien - uneven bars, beam  
Cathy Sullivan - beam

This is a great honor and accomplishment for these girls to be proud of.

The gymnasts owe a great deal to their coach, William Barnicoat. He has been assisted by Michael Leonard and Jerry Cruise.

Congratulations for a great season! Good Luck to next year's team --- as they hit 100 consecutive meet wins!!





TENNIS PREVIEW

by

TIM CROWELL

The 1985 Somerset High School tennis team is once again under the leadership of Douglas Chapman. Coach Chapman has led Somerset to two straight SMC division II titles. The assistant coach is Tommy Soares. Tommy has been with the team for seven straight years: Four years as a member of the team and three years as assistant coach.

This year's team should be as successful as it has been for the past three years. Somerset has won 29 straight league matches since 1982, and has the most overall wins (37) in the state. Framingham North is in second place with 35 straight wins.

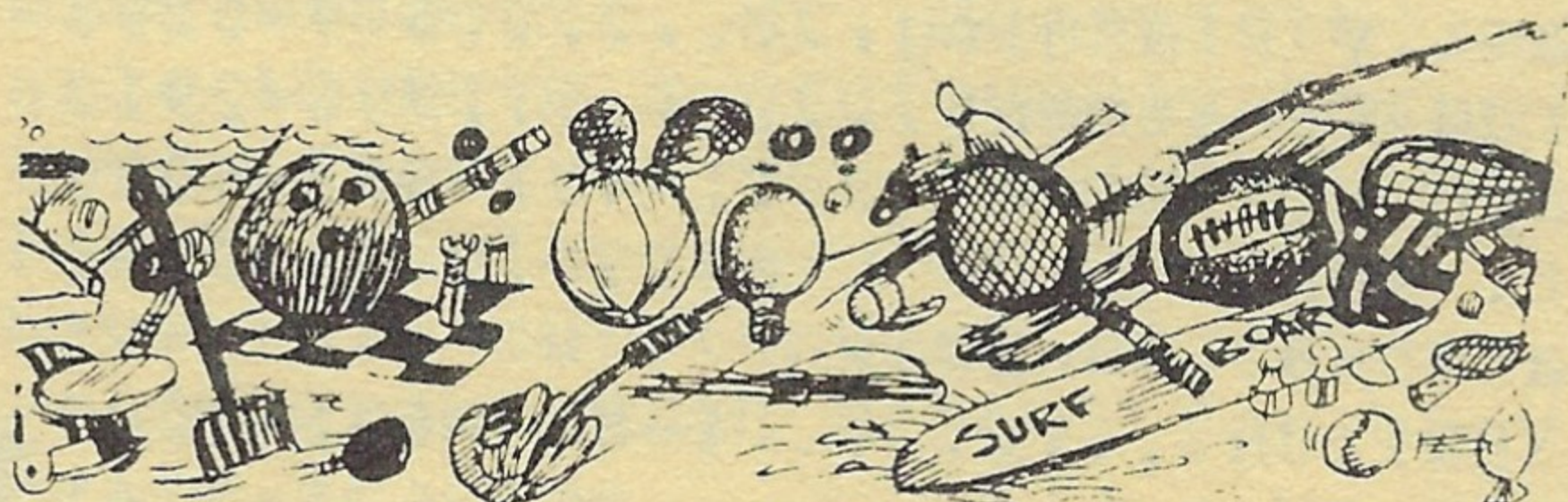
This year, Somerset is once again favored to win the SMC II title. We have four of our starters back: Eric Drowniak (our #1 single player), Brian Souliere, Lenny O'Neil, and Keith Arruda.

Added to the team this year will be David Sullivan. He is an excellent player and looks to be a great help in defending our SMC Division II title.

The winter track season has recently ended after having a very satisfying year. Those who remained on the team throughout the season should be commended. There were some bad times as well as many good ones.

Overall, for the boys, the nucleus of the team consisted of shot putter Matt Leary, sprinters Dave Teixeira, and Chris Chasse, and middle distance runner Pat Lockett. For the girls, high jumper Chris Reagan, middle distance runners Cheryl "Turbo" Collins, and Nancy Gray, and shot putter Cheryl Iodice were the major scorers. Also a great help to the team was freshman Karen Gray and sophomores Jenifer Marshall and Tim Collins.

Coaches Bernardo and Prario were pleased with the past season and have good expectations for the next winter season. With the multitude of freshmen and sophomores on the team this year, the team should be very competitive next year.





THE SKI CLUB  
By Kim Hentershee

The ski club, led by Mr. Zagorski, has gone on two trips so far this year.

The first time, they went to Mt. Watchuset located in the north-central part of Massachusetts. A total of 108 people went on the trip in two buses.

The second time, 49 people went to Loon Mountain for the day. The weather and the snow conditions were great.

The ski club has plans for a third trip. It will take place sometime in March or April. Anyone interested in spending a day skiing at Wildcat Mt. should see Mr. Zagorski for details.

The purpose of the club is to give an opportunity to those people who want to learn to ski. It also allows experienced persons to have fun with a large group of skiers.

So, if you like to ski or just want to learn how, see Mr. Zagorski and sign up now. Have fun...



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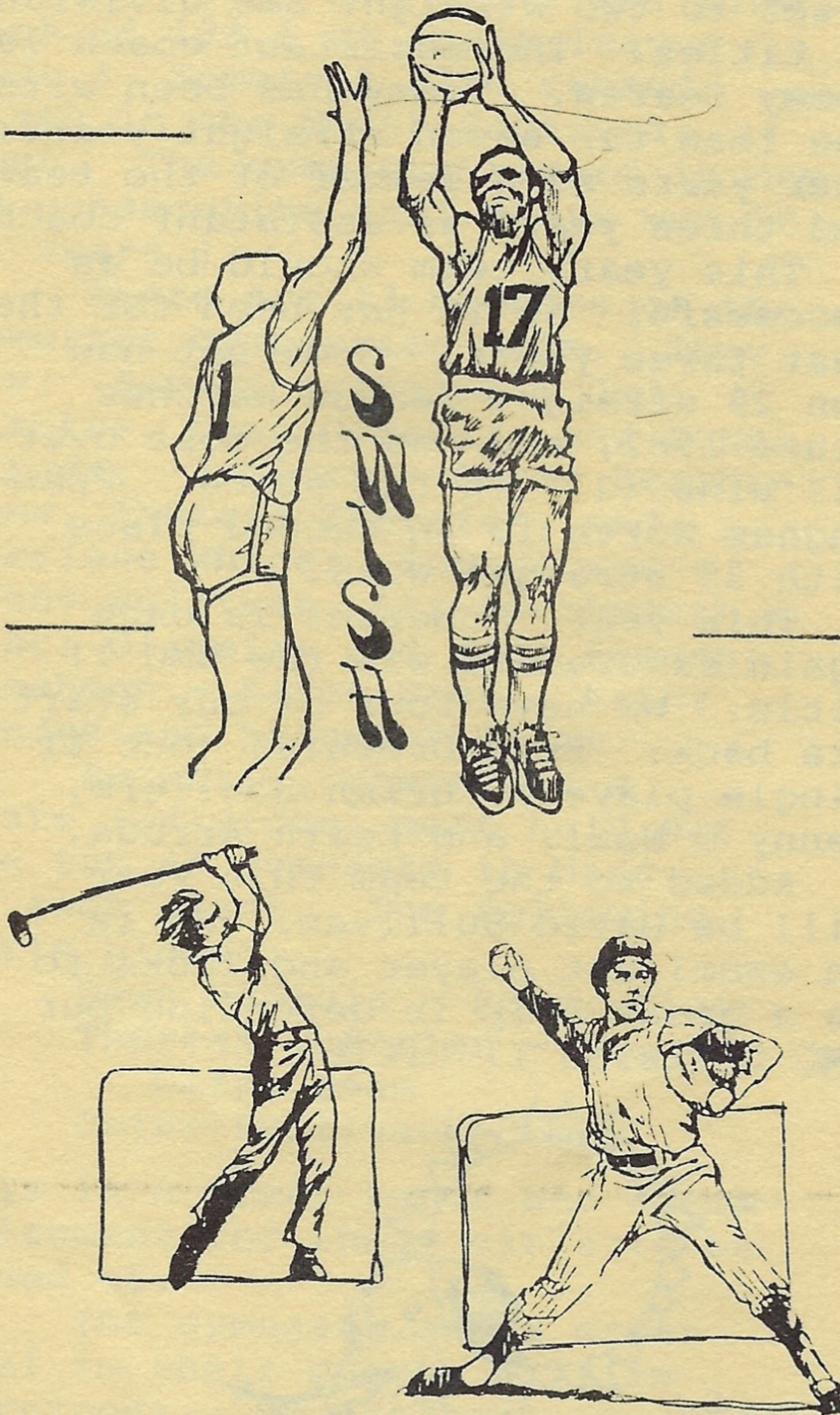
GIRLS' BASKETBALL  
by Nancy Howard

This year, Coach Worton had a young team to work with. The three seniors, who were also the team's tri-captains were: Pam Bustin, Cindy Stafford, and Renee Ouellette.

Because of the inexperience of many of the girls, Coach Worton relied on six key players.

Although the girls only won five out of their twenty starts, they had a very competitive season in Division I. They averaged 42.7 points per game. Bustin led with 11 points per game. In rebounding, Lisa Weinberg averaged 9.3 per game, Stafford had 7.7, and Ouellette pulled 5.3. Kristin Curry and Jen Howard also proved to be great assets to the team.

Next year, the Raiders will be playing in Division II.



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- 1.) Cosby Show
  - 2.) Warren
  - 3.) Simon Le Bon
  - 4.) Ms. Chung
  - 5.) Huxtable