

# The Breeze

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## A Message of Hope from SHS

Kara Taylor

Travis Roy, a freshman at Boston University, had dreams of being a Division I hockey player all his life. He endured long hours of practice and many struggles in order to become the best player he possibly could. All of the dreams that Travis had thought so unattainable seemed to be coming true during his freshman year of college - he was playing Division I ice hockey for Boston University. However, his world came crashing down when, after playing only 11 seconds in his first game, Travis was severely injured and is now possibly paralyzed.

After watching the interview of Travis's parents on the WBZ News Show, our principal, Mr. Rebello, was filled with compassion for what he called "a real tragedy." When Travis's parents stated that all they could do for Travis right now was to give him hope and encouragement, Mr. Rebello thought that it would be an extremely nice gesture if the students of Somerset High School could also provide some encouragement. He discussed the idea with Mr. Horton, our athletic director, who contacted the art department to make the card. Three of Mrs. Goulart's art students designed the card and it was available for all students to sign in the cafeteria during lunch. The cooperation of all the parties to make this effort a success was a tribute to SHS's commitment to compassion and caring for others.

A special thank you goes out to everyone who helped to construct the card and especially to all who signed it. Hopefully it will give Travis some comfort in his time of need. Let's all hope that Travis is back on the ice as soon as possible!



Pam Tomawski presents the card for Travis Roy designed by art students and signed by many SHS students. photo by Cate Marcille

## Student IDs

Jonathan Azevedo

The School Advisory Council of Somerset High School has a plan to issue students of Somerset High School personal identification cards at the beginning of next year to aid in keeping our school safe. Several years ago a student was attacked at Dartmouth High School which raised awareness that the systems of security at the time of the attack no longer worked and it was extremely easy for any person to enter schools. This caused many schools, including Somerset High School, to install cameras and a door that would only open if permission were granted from the office.

The student identification cards will have the student's name, the student's picture, and

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## Seniors: Sweet Victory

Christina Barbosa

On November 22, the seniors left the annual Case rally with a bang! After rounding up a whopping 442 pounds worth of pennies (which will be used for charity), and belting out numerous tunes from "The Sound of Music," the seniors made their mark in rally history. Senior rally class advisor Mr. Pineault stated that, "We've never had three buckets of pennies before! This could be a record." With Kara Taylor playing the Reverend Mother and Pam Tomawski as Maria, the skit was

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## Burn the Marsh?

Joseph Donnelly

Mr. Aguiar, the Somerset Recreation Director, is proposing to burn the marsh near South St. to enhance the wildlife habitat. Of particular concern is the dominating Phragmites communis, or reed grass, that is strangling the marsh. Burning the marsh may allow for important circulation to take place that is currently restricted. However, some environmentalists are questioning the effects of burning the marsh. Therefore, extensive research is going to be performed to answer various questions concerning the burning of the marsh.

Philosophical and environmental issues can be raised on this issue. For example, humans built the parking lot which may now be harming the marsh's ecosystem; however, do we have the right to correct it? Do we have the right to interfere in the delicate natural balance of the marsh? What about

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## Dogs Find No Drugs

Madelyn Medeiros

In the beginning of November, a canine drug search was conducted at Somerset High School. On that day an announcement was made that all students were to stay in their classrooms. During third period, specially trained dogs and their handlers came into the school to search for drugs in the lockers. The search was part of the administration's ongoing attempt to decrease the amount of drugs in the school. According to Mr. Rebello, the searches were recommended by the School Improvement Council. This council was formed under the Education Reform Act, passed by the state legislature in June 1993. Part of the Education Reform Act requires enhancing security in schools, which includes reducing the amount of drugs in schools. One suggestion was to conduct these searches to make students

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Workers repair the bleachers in the gymnasium at Somerset High School. (see article, p. 10)

photo by Paul Golaszewski



Seniors Lizz Summers, Kara Taylor, Cate Marcille, Jenn Silva, and ? rehearse their victorious skit, "The Sound of Football." photo by Jen Cohen

## Seniors

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also a success. From dancing nuns to a prancing raider, the seniors had the crowd roaring.

The juniors took second place in this year's rally. Their theme was "Gilligan's Island" with Matt Silva as Gilligan. Their skit also included Maryann played by Jill Harvey and Ginger played by Shandell Raposa. The juniors collected 372 pounds of pennies.

Coming in at third place were the freshmen. They did exceptionally well despite their inexperience. There is hardly a time when the freshmen come in anything but last. Much to everyone's dismay, this class of freshmen set out to be the exception. Using scenes from Ace Ventura (played by Stacey Ferreira), Ghostbusters, and Forrest Gump, as well as gathering 147 pounds of pennies, won these freshmen their place.

In fourth place were the sophomores. The theme used was "Cinderello" and the skit featured Heather Baptista, Lindsey Haddad, Missy Souza, and Matt Plosker as the fairy godmother. The sophomores also collected 140 pounds worth of pennies. Without a doubt, the sophomores are sure to make a strong comeback next year.

The Case rally has to one of the greatest days of the school year! It is a day for the school to pull together and show their tremendous support for their school. A freshman or senior, participant or observer, the spirit is there in every last one.

## Dogs

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think twice about bringing drugs to school. So far, two searches have been conducted (one this year and one last year). Students should expect more this year.

The procedure of the search is that administrators schedule a random date on short notice. Then, teams consisting of a dog, its handler, and an administrator walk through the halls, checking the lockers for drugs. They also check random classrooms, but never students themselves.

If drugs are found, the school must inform the police and suspend the student. Then, the student can explain at an expulsion hearing. They may or may not be expelled, but Somerset High has expelled students in the past for the possession of drugs since it is a criminal act.

If there is probable cause, such as a tip from a student, it is legal for the school to search the student's locker. Unlike searching a home, no warrant is needed because, according to the courts, the lockers are school property. Although some students feel that the searches are an invasion of privacy, the courts have decided that they are legal as long as students themselves are not searched.

When asked if he thought that the searches were effective, Mr. Rebello replied that "for the extreme minority of students that would bring drugs to school it acts as a deterrent and makes them think twice about bringing drugs." However, the administration is aware that the searches will not completely solve the problem of drugs in school and other methods will be used.

## Harvard University: A Review

Shyamalee Abraham

On Saturday, November 4th, Harvard University, in Cambridge, MA, hosted a large open house for prospective students. The day started with a helpful information session during which applications, admissions, campus life, and financial aid were discussed. Following was a full campus tour of all the facilities that Harvard had to offer. The information session and campus tour proved to be very helpful in deciding if Harvard was the right school for me.

Harvard has a very impressive campus that boasts state-of-the-art facilities alongside quaint 18th century buildings. Although it is a fairly large school (around 13,000 students), Harvard still has a rustic and personable charm about it. The people I met and spoke with were all very friendly and helpful. Along with their excellent academic program, Harvard has an outstanding nationally-renowned athletic program consisting of over forty men's and women's sports teams. Also, the professors selected to teach Harvard students are some of the best in the nation.

Although Harvard may not be the school for everyone, all who are interested are encouraged to apply for admission. Students should not let the stigma of the extremely competitive admissions process dissuade them from applying. If you are interested in Harvard University, you can obtain literature and an application and information on campus visits and tours through the admissions office by writing to:

Office of Admissions and Financial Aid  
Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges  
Byerly Hall  
8 Garden Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138

## Student IDs

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possibly his or her age. The ID's are also going to replace the library cards. The planned cards are computer generated and similar to a credit card, unlike other schools' cards in the area which are laminated like a license. The Advisory Council feels this will greatly deter any alteration to the cards.

Many high schools in the area as well as most colleges have identification cards so this idea is not radical. Some schools require that these cards be used to unlock doors for entrance, but Somerset High has decided against this. Mrs. Ward, a faculty member of last year's advisory council, pre-

resented the ideas to the student council last spring. The student council approved the idea because the benefits outweighed the negative aspects of the ID's. The only problem the student council had with the idea is that if a student loses his or her ID, he or she will have to pay for its replacement as he or she would a library card, but the difference is that the charge would be around four or five dollars compared to only one dollar in the library. The benefits included having picture identification which most students do not have but need and aiding in the safety of the school.

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# Commentary



## A Rank Odor at Somerset High School

Paul Golaszewski

Class rank is perhaps one of the most pointless, degrading methods of measuring a student's intelligence. Rank merely determines which students received the best grades, not which ones are necessarily the smartest. Some teachers tend to be easier graders than others, and grading can sometimes be a subjective process. Is number 42 really smarter than number 43? Maybe, maybe not. Although rank itself is an inherently flawed method of gauging intelligence, the ranking system here at SHS contains some additional inaccuracies.

At Somerset High, the official method of calculating class rank is to add up the number of quality points earned by a student in each class that is worth and divide that the number of the student

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five credits number by classes that took. Quality points are weighted according to the level of difficulty of the course. Seems fair enough, right? Wrong. Under this system, many students are penalized for taking extra classes while their fellow students sit in study hall or frees and benefit from the system. How can this be?

Take for example a typical student, Johnny Conscientious. Johnny takes five level one classes and receives straight A's. Hence, his grade point average is: 5 (number of classes took) times 6 (number of quality points for each A in level one) divided by 5 (number of classes took) which equals a 6.0. Now, Mary Prepared is a much better student than Johnny; she takes five level ones, but also takes two additional level two classes that are not offered for level one credit. Mary also receives straight A's, but her GPA is 5 (level ones) times 6 (quality points per level one A) plus 2 (level two classes) times 5 (quality points per level two A) divided by 7 (total number of classes) equals 5.71, significantly lower than Johnny's GPA. Mary is clearly the better student for taking these additional courses; however, Johnny will come out ahead in class rank. In essence, Somerset High rewards Johnny for sitting in the cafeteria while Mary is in a class.

There is no easy solution to the ranking problem. Somerset High's ranking method is indeed fairer than some other high schools that do not weigh their rank according to level. However, this problem has been occurring each year when rank is released in late October, and the school still has not changed its policy. Class rank is important to most students and can be a critical factor in determining college admissions; hence, the school owes it to the students to redress the faults within the system. It only makes sense that students taking more courses should benefit in class rank, not suffer. Surely, there must be

a better way to rank students; after all, this problem will not go away until Somerset High decides to revise the ranking system.

## New Class Attendance Policy is Unnecessary

Laura Burke

Currently in effect is the new Class Attendance Policy. Under this policy students are only allowed to miss ten classes per term in a course that meets ten periods a week. Nine absences are allowed for a class that meets nine periods a week, etc. Any student exceeding this limit will receive a 59 for a term grade in that class. If a student does not exceed the limit the next term, the 59 from the previous term will be upgraded to the student's actual average. The absences not counted toward the absence limit are observance of religious holidays, observance of bereavement, illness, absence due to attendance at a school-sponsored activity, and absences due to suspension. Truancy is counted twice toward the absence limit. The purpose of this policy is to "insure continuity and consistency in the educational process."

I think this policy is totally unnecessary. If a student has not worked continuously and consistently, his or her grade will most likely reflect this. If a student has worked hard, he or she will probably receive a good grade. If a few absences due to family matters or orthodontist appointments do not affect the student's grades, why should administration have the right to change them? The good thing about this class attendance policy is that it has an appeals process so that if a student does not agree with having his or her grade changed, it can be brought to the attention of the administration. However, this can be a great inconvenience. The grade a student gets is the grade he or she deserves; since truancy is punished anyway, the new class attendance policy is totally unnecessary.

The Breeze invites all readers to write letters expressing their opinions. Letters may be mailed to The Breeze c/o Somerset High School or dropped in the Breeze box in room 304.

## Mutation by Robin Cook: A Review

Shyamalee Abraham

Dr. Robin Cook is the author of many fictional medical thrillers. Among them is the novel



Mutation. I thought this book was extremely suspense-filled and I thoroughly enjoyed it. The plot keeps you on the edge of your seat while it examines the perils of an eccentric doctor who mutates his son's genes, while his son is still in the womb, resulting in a child of incredible intelligence. Unfortunately, the super-genius child also lacks a conscience. His parents must struggle to stop the young genius his sinister plans.

You may shy away from medical thrillers because of their very technical and scientific nature. Robin Cook's novels do have a science-fiction them; however, they are very easy to follow and understand. His books are more mystery/suspense than scientific. I found that after I started reading Mutation, I had a very difficult time putting it down. This page-turner is bound to hold your attention until the very last page. I recommend Mutation to anyone who is searching for something entertaining to read.

## Yes- A Work of Art!

To Whom It May Concern: I have been reading the new Breeze and I must say that I am impressed.

I can see how much time and energy has gone into the creation and distribution of the paper, and I do enjoy how the articles for parents seem to catch the eye on the first page.

Keep up the excellent work!  
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kathryn N. Coray



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**MURDER, INK. ....**  
Joseph Donnelly and Kara Taylor

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rettotop off the night. Once you arrive at 135 Child Street in Warren, RI, you enter a different world of the mysterious. First, the guests are seated at quaint tables with candles in a cozy dining room. Then, dinner is served, consisting of a salad, chicken with spicy wild rice pilaf and stuffed shells, and a dessert of rich chocolate mousse. Suddenly, the actors begin their performance, visiting each table and cajoling the audience into participation. Throughout the play, the guests are involved in the action; some are even nicknamed (such names as Sleepy and Dr. Bumstein were audience members of the cast) by the actors and contribute a great deal to the mystery. The plot lines are hysterical, with such characters as Freddy, whose father thought him to be 13 when he was actually 30, and a hobo with

a get-rich-quick scheme involving turning manure into bread. Once the murder is acted out and the investigation is on to seek out the true murderer, the audience is separated into groups and must question the suspects in order to determine the culprit. After the questioning is completed, the groups must debate over the real killer and then accuse the suspect in front of all the guests. We correctly chose the murderer, Freddy; however, to our disappointment, no prize was awarded for our fine detective skills (the only letdown of the evening). As an added bonus, a musical revue was performed at the very end of the evening. Classic numbers were performed, including "New York, New York" and "It Had To Be You." The audience was involved right up until the finale, with the singers dedicating their songs to Dr. Bumstein. The productions at Murder, Ink. change every six weeks, with a new menu, a new theme, and a

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# Perspectives



## La Navidad en España

Kathryn McMillan

Los tres días festivos importantes de invierno en España son la Nochebuena, La Navidad (el veinticinco de diciembre) y el Día de los Reyes (el seis de enero). En España se preparan las casas por decorarlas con verduras, guinaldas y plantas, velas, y luces festivas. La influencia de los Estados Unidos se presenta más y más ea la España moderna.

Las comidas de la estación varían de región a región. Sin embargo, las más populares son: castañas asadas, paella (una comida de arroz), besugo (una comida de pescado), y marzipan (un pastel que se hace de almendras, azúcar, y huevos). Además mucha gente come el pavo asado, atracado con pan rallado, aceite de oliva, ajo, puerco, cebollas, setas, y frutas. Estos platos son la cena que se sirve en las casas de las familias grandes por la estación navideña.

Hay muchas actividades pre-navideñas. Entre ellas es la colocación de la escena del Nacimiento en un cuarto de la casa. También, la gente les manda regalos navideños a los policías del barrio. Las compañías grandes les regalan a sus clientes preferidos. Algunos chicos les mandan cartas navideñas a los Tres Reyes y los visitan en los almacenes locales. Algunos adultos siguen la tradición antigua de comer una docena de uvas mientras las campanas suenan anunciando el Año Nuevo. Es un signo que se va a experimentar la buena fortuna por todo el año que esta comenzando si se puede cumplir esta acción antes de que las companas acaben de sonar. Se cantan villancicos y hay bailes y cuentos especiales durante esta estacion festiva.

La Nochebuena comienza con una comida grande y después de comer se visita a los enfermos y se asiste a la Misa de Medianoche.

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## A Breeze from the Past

Melissa Maronn

Reading the December 20, 1940, issue of the school newspaper, one would find that the name of the paper was not the Breeze but Somerset High School News. Most of the articles in this month's issue were written about the Christmas season. "Santa's X-Mas List" took up all of one page. A few wishes caught my eye. Teddy Williams asked for "a pair of red flannels to go with his red jacket." Ginnie Durfee wanted "one of those new shawl kerchiefs - so her hair wouldn't blow mornings coming up the hill." Priscilla Bell wished for "a new Chevrolet (a convertible by all means)."

A review of the Christmas assembly was given in the newspaper. The student body and faculty thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas songs and recitations which were given by the girls' glee club. There were also vocal solos and a winter dance specialty. Students were reminded that a Christmas dance was to be held that evening in the auditorium. Eddy Vierra's twelve piece orchestra was to provide the music.

Holiday greetings from twelve faculty members were featured on the front page of this issue. Mr. Johnson's tidings seemed to say it all - "It is a pleasure for me to be able to wish all 'Somersetites' a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

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There once was a little girl walking along the beach after a terrible storm. As she strolled, she picked up the starfish one by one that had been washed up on the shore and began to throw them back into the ocean so that they could survive. An old man approached her and questioned, "What do you think you're doing, little girl? There are thousands of starfish washed up on the beach. There's no way you can make a difference. The little girl became discouraged for a moment and then, after thinking for a bit, she picked up a starfish and hurled it out into the ocean as far as she could. She looked the man straight in the eye and said, "Well, I just made a difference to that one."

Like this little girl, I was able to make a difference in one little section of the world on October 21, 1995. Despite stormy weather, I and over 10,000 other concerned citizens turned out to help complete 240 community service projects throughout Greater Boston. At this 7th Annual City Year Serve-a-thon, we also raised more money than ever before. This money helps City Year and its 300 corps members meet vital community needs all year long. These Corps members, 17 to 23-year-olds from all backgrounds, tutor children, run after-school programs, and transform vacant lots into community gardens. October 21 also marked a new chapter in Serve-a-thon history; it marked City Year's first National Serve-a-thon. Over 25,000 people volunteered at this day of community service and fund raising in Boston, Chicago, Columbia, Columbus, Providence, and San Jose. All across America, powerful messages of hope and inspiration were spread throughout countless communities.

## City Year Serve-a-thon 1995: Putting Idealism to Work

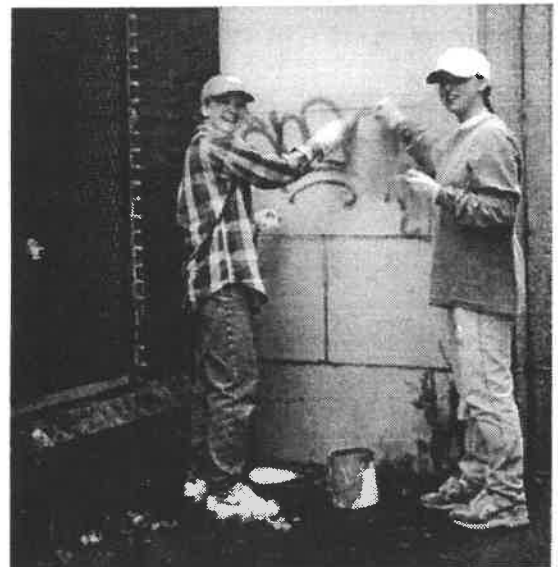
Kara Taylor

In the morning, after registering, we located our project number sign and waited for our project coordinator...and waited...and waited. Soon we found out that our original project had been canceled due to inclement weather. Therefore, we were reassigned and joined up with another group. The City Year Corps members led us in calisthenics and we were addressed and encouraged by several dignitaries from the city government. My friends from the HOBY Alumni Association and I were then led to our service site, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in Dorchester. We painted over graffiti, cleaned up leaves and trash, and painted the floor of a locker room. Throughout the project, all volunteers gathered together in a tight circle to share feelings and words of encouragement. When we were finished, we were supposed to head back to the Boston Common for the Serve-

a-thon party. Unfortunately, however, because of the high wind warnings, this year's celebration had to be canceled.

The feeling of accomplishment upon completing the City Year Serve-a-thon was tremendous. After we had Martin Luther King, Jr. School appeared to be a cleaner, brighter place to learn. We were all so excited, picturing the faces of the kids when they viewed what we had done, the evidence that people do really care about them.

The City Year Serve-a-thon is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling experience. For information on volunteering next year, you can contact City Year at 285 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02116, or call the corporation at 617-927-2500. Remember, as Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Everyone has the ability to be great, because everyone can serve."



Kara Taylor (left) spruces up the Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in Dorchester.  
photo supplied by Kara Taylor



# Around.....

## Principal's Leadership Award

Paul Golaszewski has been announced as the recipient of the 1995 - 1996 Principal's Leadership Award sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The award is based upon excellence in academics, leadership, and citizenship. The award qualifies Paul to enter a national scholarship competition with other Principal's Leadership Award recipients.

Paul is currently tied for number one in his class and he has received several other awards in the past such as the Harvard Book Award, the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Chancellor's Talent Award, and National Merit Commended Student. Paul has been a member of Video Club, Amnesty International, Debate, Track, and is the Assistant Editor of the *Breeze*. Paul has also been actively involved in volunteer work at St. Anne's Hospital and the Fall River Animal Rescue League. Congratulations are extended to Paul for receiving the Principal's Leadership Award, as well as his other achievements.



Margaret Peachy and Laura Burke pose beneath t-shirts made by various Amnesty International groups at the Boston University Activism Day. photo by Jen Cohen

## A Classical Club

Kathryn McMillan

On Monday, November 6th, members of the new Junior Classical League (a.k.a. J.C.L.) met for the first time as an official organization. This club, which is nationally established, is designed to enrich the study of either classical Latin or Greek in an enjoyable way. Somerset's chapter consists of Latin students and a few students who independently study Greek.

The first meeting was brief yet important. After Mrs. Wardwell, the group's teacher-advisor, explained a few important things like registration, the group elected Pam Tomawski and Sarah Horvitz as their Consul and Pro-Consul (president and vice-president), respectively. Kathryn Mohammad was chosen as secretary for the group. Once these first official matters were taken care of, the group dismissed with plans to meet again on November 14th.

During that second meeting the legend of Perseus, a Greek mythical hero, was explained so that the group will be able to perform that legend in play form this year. Like last year, Mrs. Wardwell's Latin classes will be performing the play for high school students during a first period sometime in the future; however, they also are aiming to bring the performance to the junior high school in order to help increase the Latin enrollment.

Other future plans of this group are to take field trips related to Latin and to throw a toga party, whose full definition remains a bit unclear. During the meetings the group will also discuss the upcoming National Latin Exam, which awards medals of gold, silver, brass, and bronze to students who score well. For the benefit of the senior members, available scholarships will also be a topic of conversation. A last activity that has been discussed is the CANE writing contest, whose topic this year is mythical creatures. This contest is open to any students who study Latin or Greek.

Membership in this exciting new club is open to all students who are studying Latin or Greek now or have studied Latin or Greek in the past.



The cast of "You the Jury" takes their bow after a strong performance.

photo by Jessica LaCava

## A Night of Suspense

Margaret Peachy

On November 17 and 18 the Drama Workshop presented two one-act plays, *The Monkey's Paw* and *You the Jury*.

*The Monkey's Paw* is the chilling story of a monkey's paw which will grant three wishes to three different people. One will get his wish though it comes indirectly and usually from something else bad that happens. Jeremy Goodwin played the part of the Sargent who gives his friend Mr. White (Derek Ashton) the paw. White makes his first wish for 200 pounds. His wish is granted, but he receives the money through his daughter's (Becca Sablo) "accidental" death. Ashton then, forfeiting to his wife's (Amanda Beaulieu) relentless badgering, wishes Helen back to life. The audience hears Sablo's haunting voice calling to her mother. The play comes to an end with Ashton wishing Sablo dead again. Also featured in this play was Suzette Oliviera. Sablo and Beaulieu provided the audience with some fine acting.

The second play performed was *You the Jury*. This play was unique in the sense that audience members were randomly chosen to be on the jury and determine the ending. The plaintiff (Julie Averill) accused the defendant (Craig Aldrich) of stealing \$2000 from her. The prosecutor (Richard Warner) tried to convince the jury that the defendant was guilty. Despite Warner's efforts, the defense lawyer (Jason Ferris) brought up very convincing evidence to place a reasonable doubt in the minds of the jurors, and the defendant was found not guilty in both performances. Allyson Viera played the part of the judge very well. Witnesses were Joe Borges, Jen Plunkett, Joe Arruda, Victoria Woodward, Joanna Taitz, Jerry Proulx, and Katie Salomon. Strong performances were delivered by Julie Averill and Allyson Viera.

A special congratulations goes out to directors Miss Hamlen and Mr. Maggs on a fine job.

### REMINDER

During all three lunches the week of December 18 - 22, there will be a pledge drive in the cafeteria. If you pledge to wear your safety belt and encourage others to do so for the following two weeks, you can win prizes of all kinds!

### REMINDER

All students will soon receive in the mail the annual Christmas cards with the red ribbon attached. Please remember to tie the red ribbon on your family's car to encourage a safe, sober holiday season!

# School



The annual music department Halloween party was visited by some surprise guests, Harvey Two-Face (Josh Rapoza) and his gals Sugar (Melissa Maronn) and Spice (Jenn Desbiens).  
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## The Great Debate

Lori Boulanger

During fifth period every day Mr. Peachy teaches his Modern History class. A class covering significant topics in modern world history, this class is taught in a unique manner. For instance, for two weeks the students in this class held a Great Debate. The Great Debate was a unit of activities in the Modern History course in which the students basically taught themselves.

Kelly Arruda, Jon Azevedo, Stephanie De Costa, Joe Donnelly, Jen Rezendes, Matt Smith, Ali Viera, Jen Plunkett, Adam Palmisciano, Erik Bryan, Rob Chapman, Collin Cordeiro, Pat Morgan, Kevin Rapsosa, Frank Murphy, and Katie Demeo, are the sixteen students who make up this class. During the Great Debate, these students listened attentively while the positions of four countries during the Age of Absolute Monarchs were presented. Jen Plunkett, as King Louis XIV, represented France. Steph DeCosta, as King Philip, represented Spain. Ali Viera, as Catherine the Great, represented Russia. Jon Azevedo, as Frederick the Great, represented Prussia. Each of these four students had to thoroughly research their country and its leader in order to make the debate successful.

To start the debate each "leader" had to present to the class their country's view point and position during the Age of Absolute Monarchs. After each of the presentations were made, the most interesting part of the debate began. Each country's position was questioned and defended.

I was able to attend a Modern History class during the Great Debate. While I watched, Prussia was being questioned by Russia. Jon Azevedo did an excellent job defending his country's position while Ali Viera shot out harsh, yet interesting questions. It was evident that each of these students was extremely prepared to represent his or her assigned country.

For all the students in the Modern History class, the Great Debate gave an excellent opportunity to learn history in a unique way. Different from the conventional way of learning, the Great Debate gave the fifth period class of modern history a fun way to learn about the Age of Absolute Monarchs. By researching the topic themselves and learning from each other, the students are apt to better understand and remember this section of world history. The Great Debate was created by Mr. Peachy. It is one of the many ideas he has to teach students in a way they enjoy. So, for all Somerset High School sophomores and juniors, if the Great Debate sounds interesting to you, next year when it comes time to choose new schedules, put Modern History on your list.

## Superintendent's Academic Excellence Award

Kara E. Taylor has been chosen to receive the 1995 - 1996 Superintendent's Academic Excellence Award sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents. The award is based upon excellence in academics, leadership, and citizenship. The award also carries a \$500 scholarship along with it.

Kara, who is tied for number one in her class, has also been the recipient of the Harvard Book Award, the Brown Book Award, the Rensselaer Medal for excellence in Mathematics and Sciences, and the Xerox Award for Humanities and Social Sciences. Kara has participated in several extracurricular activities and sports throughout high school including Symphonic Band, Cheerleading, Spring Track and Field, and Peer Leadership. She has also volunteered her time at hospitals, soup kitchens, and city projects. Congratulations are extended to Kara for her multiple achievements.

## International Day of Action

Paul Golaszewski

On Monday November 20, members of Amnesty International initiated a petition drive to help promote awareness of human rights abuses. Each member was assigned a different human rights abuse case from various countries around the globe, and had to give a brief oral presentation in his or her classes on his or her case. The goal of this program was not only to collect signatures for the petitions, but also to promote awareness around the school about human rights abuses. Petitions were circulated concerning cases from Romania, China, India, Argentina, and Rwanda, as well as several other nations. The petitions either asked for the release of prisoners of conscience, all of whom had not advocated violence, or asked for an investigation into the deaths of prisoners of conscience.

Overall, the drive was a success as many signatures were collected for the petitions and several classes were briefly educated on the important issue of human rights.



Catherine the Great (Ali Viera) and King Louis XIV (Jen Plunkett) debate.  
photo by Jen Cohen



The AP Physics class recently held its annual Crane Competition. Student Peter Fasel carefully places weight in the bucket to test his crane's efficiency. Dave LaCava was the eventual winner of the crane contest.

photo by Amy Branco



### Case, Shmase

Margaret Peachy

It looks like the 49ers trophy will be staying at Somerset High School for at least one more year. The Somerset Blue Raiders triumphed over the Case Cardinals, for the third year in a row, in the traditionally freezing cold Thanksgiving day game.

The enormous crowd started pouring in at Case at 9:00 for the 10:00 game. Soon after, both teams took the field for their pre-game warm-ups. At 10:00 the announcer introduced the starting line-ups. Then the Cardinals' marching band presented the Star Spangled Banner after Case won the coin toss at mid-field.

Dave Lamarca kicked off for the Raiders. Case's opening drive was short-lived due to Bob Bacon and Jason Gooch leading the Raider defense. Their combined efforts stopped the Cardinals at the 50.

After Somerset acquired the ball, Gooch took over on offense. Gooch had five carries in the Raiders' first drive. Soon the Raiders found themselves facing fourth down, and Coach Wright decided to go for it. The first play of the second quarter was an incomplete touchdown pass from Matt Silva intended for Kevin Lopes in the endzone.

Case took no time coming back. They worked their way up the field, but after a big play a penalty pushed them back, and on third down Josh Plosker sacked the quarterback McMahon.

Mike Borges had a great return on the kick-off. After Silva ran the ball it was back to Gooch. Gooch scored a would-be touchdown from the Case 45 yard line except a penalty against the Raiders off-set the play and pushed them back 10 yards. Somerset seemed to be cursed after that. On the next play there was a Somerset fumble that Case recovered. But the Raider defense stepped up to stop Case.

Scott Menard and Jeremy Monast combined efforts to sack McMahon for a loss of 10. Then McMahon was hit again for a loss of 8 by Plosker and Bacon. This forced Case to surrender the ball to Somerset.

Lopes had a 20 yard return to give Somerset excellent field position. Lopes lead the Raiders down the field with a 45 yard reception from Silva to put the ball on the four. From there it was an easy run for Gooch into the end zone. Unfortunately Lopes' kick was a little bit wide for the extra point. The first half came to a close with the score Somerset 6, Case 0.

The halftime show put on by the Somerset marching band and the Case marching band was outstanding.

The second half started with Somerset receiving the ball. On the next play Jay Vincelette ran 35 yards for the touchdown. The Raiders made an unsuccessful attempt for the extra two points.

On the Cardinals possession Gooch lead the Raider defense including a sack.

During Somerset's next drive Vincelette brought the ball from the 50 to the 10. This play set up the Silva scramble into the end zone. Once again Somerset tried for the extra two but could not connect.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter Somerset slacked off a bit. A Somerset fumble lead to Case's only touchdown. Case was able to connect for the extra two.

Somerset came alive again after that. Danny White lead the offense with two big carries to give the team good field position. Silva decided to hand off the ball to Bobby Rivers for a five yard touchdown run. Lopes put up a good kick for the extra point.

In the last minutes of the game Coach Wright put in some of his subs. He left in Bacon though, who had a near interception.

The Somerset Blue Raiders came together on Thanksgiving for their 25-8 victory over Case.

### Winter Track Preview

Pamela Tomawski

The Somerset High School winter track season will officially begin on November 27, rain or shine. It is guaranteed that this team will be battling mother nature every day until at least 5:00 in preparation for a very exciting season. Although they lost some talent with last year's graduating class, the team has many veterans and a slew of newcomers.

Seniors that are returning are Angelika Brockhoff, Sarah D'Angelo, Sean Kelley, Jason Lopes, Lizz Summers, and Pamela Tomawski. The new seniors are Mererith Jennings and Nathan Charette.

Junior veterans are Brian Austin, Jonathan Azevedo, Jodie Braz, Mary Kate Cichon, Leslie Crofton, Katie Demeo, Joe Donnelly, Rick Gaspar, Sarah Horvitz, Mary Kate Marchand, Mike McGee, Sara Rego, Brianna Richard, Holly Sherman, and Matt Silvia. New runners are Jamie Norman, Shawn Parent and Shandell Raposa.

James Friar, Tascha Gaspar, Louis Ginsberg, Kim Southworth, and John Tomawski are veteran sophomores, while Jackie Beaulieu, Marc Davis, Beth Jennings, Heather Medeiros, Katie Ponte, and Kim Sosa are new to the team.

The many freshmen include Joseph August, Kathlene Audette, Sarah Augusto, Katie Borges, John Cabeceras, Pat Considine, Valerie Costa, Jennifer DeCosta, Sarah Fasel, Greg Fontaine, Amanda Fournier, Julia Horvitz, Carl Johnson, Justin Kenney, Richard Langfield, Scott Maggs, Emily McNamara, Kristen Menard, Elizabeth Murray, Stephanie Newton, Tarrah Parent, Diana Rezendes, Andrea Simard, and Brian Worsley.

### Lopiano, Ozug and Silvia

#### Calling the Shots

Margaret Peachy



To prepare for the upcoming girls' basketball season the captains came together to get the team in shape. Diana Lopiano, Jen Ozug and Shellie Silvia were calling the shots in the pre-season captains' practices.

Returning from last year's varsity team are seniors Lopiano, Ozug, and Silvia. The juniors are Mandee DaCosta, Ali Berube, and Brooke Lafluer. The two returning sophomores are Lori Vallet and Lindsey Haddad.

The captains are looking forward to a successful season with an experienced team. They hope stupid mistakes will be at a minimum this season because of the age of the players. The captains' goals for this season are to finish at least second in the EAC and to qualify and to still be alive during tournament time.

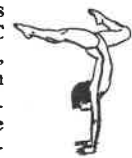
Come support the girls' basketball team on December 15 when they host Apponequet in their first home game.

### Somerset Gymnastics Team 1995-96

Jodie Braz

The gymnastics team at Somerset High returns for a hopeful and winning season. They have four seniors, one junior, and one sophomore returning. The seniors on the team are Beth Peterson, Steph Czepiel, Marina Pestana, and Jen Martin. The one junior returning is Alison Parent. The only sophomore is Steph Fernandes. There was a good turnout for the 1995-96 sign ups. When asked about future expectations for the team, senior Beth Peterson replied, "If we all work hard, we will have a good season".

The gymnastics team starts practicing on Monday November 27. The team has a jamboree, which includes the whole EAC conference, coming up on December 8. Somerset will be hosting the jamboree this year, so come down and cheer our Raiders on!



### Support Winter Sports Enjoy the Games!

Your Ticket to All Season Home Openers	Somerset High School Winter Sports 1995-1996	<b>Basketball (Boys' Varsity and J.V.)</b> Dec 12 vs. Case (H) 5:30
		<b>Basketball (Boys' Freshman)</b> Dec 28 vs. Dighton-Rehoboth (H) 10:00
		<b>Basketball (Girls' Varsity and J.V.)</b> Dec 15 vs. Apponequet (H) 5:30
		<b>Basketball (Girls' Freshman)</b> Jan 5 vs. Slang (H) 3:30
		<b>Gymnastics</b> Dec 8 Jamboree (Somerset) 11:00
		<b>Ice Hockey (Varsity)</b> Dec 10 Jamboree (Driscoll) TBA
		<b>Ice Hockey (J.V.)</b> Dec 19 vs. O.R.R. (A) 9:00
		<b>Winter Track</b> Dec 9 EAC Relays (Wheaton) 9:00
		<b>Wrestling</b> Dec 14 vs. Middleboro (H) 7:00



<b>Cross Country (Boys)</b>		<b>Football</b>		<b>Soccer (Boys)</b>	
	Conference Record		Conference Record		Conference Record
	W-L		W-L		W-L-T Pts
Bishop Feehan	6-0	Dartmouth	4-1	Attleboro	10-1-1 21
Dartmouth	5-1	Attleboro	4-1	Coyle and Cassidy	7-2-3 17
Attleboro	4-2	Bishop Feehan	3-1	Dartmouth	7-3-2 16
Somerset	3-3	Somerset	2-3	Somerset	4-3-5 13
Bishop Connolly	2-4	Bishop Stang	1-4	Bishop Feehan	4-5-3 11
Coyle and Cassidy	1-5	Coyle and Cassidy	0-4	Bishop Stang	2-8-2 6
Bishop Stang	0-6			Bishop Connolly	0-12-0 0

<b>Cross Country (Girls)</b>		<b>Soccer (Girls)</b>	
	Conference Record		Conference Record
	W-L		W-L-T Pts
Bishop Feehan	6-0	Bishop Connolly	8-2-0 16
Dartmouth	5-1	Attleboro	5-2-3 13
Somerset	4-2	Dartmouth	5-3-2 12
Attleboro	3-3	Coyle and Cassidy	4-4-2 10
Bishop Connolly	2-4	Bishop Stang	4-5-1 9
Coyle and Cassidy	1-5	Somerset	0-10-0 0
Bishop Stang	0-6		

<b>Field Hockey</b>		
	Conference Record	
	W-L-T Pts	
Bishop Stang	7-3-2 16	
Dartmouth	7-3-2 16	
Somerset	6-3-3 15	
West Bridgewater	5-4-3 13	
Durfee	4-4-4 12	
Westport	4-5-2 10	
Attleboro	0-8-2 2	

**Eastern Athletic  
Conference  
Final Standings  
Fall Sports**

Statistics compiled and prepared by Bill  
Breen,  
Sports Information Director,  
Coyle and Cassidy High School



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**Wrestling 95-96**  
Margaret Peachy



This upcoming wrestling season has the potential to be the most successful one ever. The team has eight returning lettermen this year, and along with the veterans, the freshman class has a lot of potential.

Returning from last year are senior Rob Chapman (145), juniors Kevin Raposo (152), Adam Palmisciano (171) and Josh Plosker (215), and sophomores Chris Borges (112), Matt Plosker (135), Rob Mayo (140), and Justin Souza (140). The seven promising freshmen are Peter Cabral and Jamie Cabral (103), Tommy Mello and Ryan Correia (112), Josh Crisman (119), Joe Auclair (152), and Josh Monast (160). These wrestlers, as well as the returning j.v. wrestlers, compose the largest turn out the wrestling team has ever had. The team is young this season with only one senior. Coach Nick Peachy feels that the inexperience may hurt the team at the beginning of the season, but the team will improve with every match.

In preparation for wrestling's sixth sea-

son, many team members have been lifting weights and wrestling at Brockton High School every Tuesday and Thursday evening. Many of the wrestlers also attended a three-day clinic this summer at SHS that was run by the Rhode Island College head wrestling coach.

Coach Peachy wants to see his team improve on last year's outcome by seizing the Mayflower League championship. This is the team's third year in the Mayflower League. In it's first year, Somerset took first, and last year took second. Four wrestlers qualified for the state tournament from last year's squad; Coach Peachy wants to send more this season. Peachy sees "steady improvement as a team each year and hopes to continue that success this year."

The wrestling team's season opener, against Middleboro, is at home on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the old auditorium. Come show your school spirit and cheer on the 95-96 wrestling team.

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**1996 CLASS SCHEDULE**

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY, JANUARY 8th</b>   | <b>MONDAY, JULY 22nd</b>     |
| <b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26th</b> | <b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th</b> |
| <b>MONDAY, APRIL 1st</b>     | <b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15th</b> |
| <b>MONDAY, MAY 6th</b>       | <b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18th</b> |
| <b>MONDAY, JUNE 17th</b>     |                              |

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## December Sports Schedule

### Basketball (Boys' Varsity and J.V.)

Dec 12 vs. Case (H) 5:30  
 Dec 19 vs. Attleboro (A) 5:30  
 Dec 22 vs. Westport (A) 5:30  
 Dec 29 vs. Westport (H) 5:30

### Basketball (Boys' Freshman)

Dec 15 vs. Dighton-Rehoboth (A) 3:00  
 Dec 19 vs. Attleboro (A) 3:30  
 Dec 22 vs. Westport (A) 3:15  
 Dec 28 vs. Dighton-Rehoboth (H) 10:00  
 Dec 29 vs. Westport (H) 3:15

### Basketball (Girls' Varsity and J.V.)

Dec 12 vs. Case (A) 5:30  
 Dec 15 vs. Apponequet (H) 5:30  
 Dec 27 vs. Durfee (A) 11:00  
 Dec 30 vs. Apponequet (A) 1:30

### Basketball (Girls' Freshman)

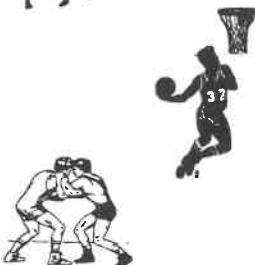
Jan 5 vs. Stang (H) 3:30

### Gymnastics

Dec 8 Jamboree (Somerset) 11:00  
 Dec 15 vs. Durfee (H) 6:30  
 Dec 21 vs. Case (A) 6:30  
 Dec 27 vs. Nauset (H) 1:00  
 Dec 29 vs. Holliston (A) 3:30

### Ice Hockey (Varsity)

Dec 10 Jamboree (Driscoll) TBA  
 Dec 16 vs. Medway (H) 8:00  
 Dec 20 vs. Stang (H) 6:00  
 Dec 23 vs. Nauset (H) 6:00  
 Dec 27 vs. Portsmouth (H) 4:00  
 Dec 29 vs. New Bedford Voke (H) 12:00  
 Dec 30 vs. Nauset (A) 8:00



### Ice Hockey (J.V.)

Dec 19 vs. O.R.R. (A) 9:00  
 Dec 26 vs. Diman (A) 3:00



### Winter Track

Dec 9 EAC Relays (Wheaton) 9:00  
 Dec 14 vs. Attleboro (Wheaton) 3:15  
 Dec 21 vs. Dartmouth (Wheaton) 3:15  
 Dec 23 Developmental Mt. (St. Track Fac.) TBA  
 Dec 28 vs. Feehan (Durfee) 2:00

### Wrestling

Dec 14 vs. Middleboro (H) 7:00  
 Dec 16 Cranston West Tournament (Cranston W.) 10:00  
 Dec 19 vs. Randolph and Silver Lake (Randolph) 4:00  
 Dec 23 E. Lyme Duals (A) 10:00  
 Dec 28/29 Christmas Tournament (Marshfield) 10:00  
 Dec 30 vs. Lexington, Leominster, and Nashua (Leo.) 10:00

## Gymnasium Bleachers Declared Unsafe

Shyamalee Abraham

Recently, New England Engineering, an inspection company, declared the gymnasium bleachers unsafe. New England Engineering routinely does annual inspections of all mechanisms and pieces of machinery in the school. The problem lies with the mechanisms on the underside of the bleachers. There will be some necessary welding to be done and also some planks will be replaced. The bleachers in the gymnasium today are the originals that were installed in 1948. Although they have been regularly maintained, they have never been replaced. At first, it was thought the renovation of the bleachers would cost up to \$11,000.00, however, after bidding the final cost came down to \$9,400.00. They are currently working on the bleachers.

## España

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Entonces es la hora de dormir para descansar antes del comienzo del Gran Día.

Por la mañana de la Navidad se pone el niño Jesus en el nacimiento y se asiste a mas misas. Se pasa el día come Puchero Olla, pavo, y turrón, bebiendo vino, y cantando y bailando. Muchos chicos arrastran por las calles lenos navideños esperando regalos de dulces de sus vecinos.

El ultimo día festivo de la estación navideña es el Día de los Reyes que ocurre doce días despues la Navidad. Por la noche del cinco de enero, los niños ponen paja, comida, y agua para los camellos de los Reyes y también colocan los zapatos en que los Reyes van a poner regalos pequeños. Por la mañana se levantan muy temprano para encontrar lo que les dejaron los Reyes.

De los Estados Unidos a España: Felices Pascuas de Navidad y paz en la tierra a los hombres de buena voluntad.

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## January Sports Schedule

### Basketball (Boys' Varsity and J.V.)

Jan 5 vs. Stang (A) 5:30  
 Jan 6 vs. Case (A) 5:30  
 Jan 9 vs. Coyle (A) 5:30  
 Jan 12 vs. Feehan (A) 5:30  
 Jan 16 vs. Attleboro (H) 5:30  
 Jan 19 vs. Connolly (H) 5:30  
 Jan 23 vs. Dartmouth (A) 5:30  
 Jan 26 vs. Coyle (H) 5:30  
 Jan 30 vs. Feehan (H) 5:30

### Basketball (Boys' Freshman)

Jan 5 vs. Stang (A) 3:15  
 Jan 9 vs. Coyle (A) 3:30  
 Jan 12 vs. Feehan (A) 3:30  
 Jan 16 vs. Attleboro (H) 3:30  
 Jan 19 vs. Connolly (H) 3:30  
 Jan 23 vs. Dartmouth (A) 3:30  
 Jan 26 vs. Coyle (H) 3:30  
 Jan 30 vs. Feehan (H) 3:30

### Basketball (Girls' Varsity and J.V.)

Jan 5 vs. Stang (H) 5:30  
 Jan 6 vs. Case (H) 5:30  
 Jan 9 vs. Coyle (H) 5:30  
 Jan 12 vs. Feehan (H) 5:30  
 Jan 16 vs. Attleboro (A) 5:30  
 Jan 19 vs. Connolly (A) 5:30  
 Jan 23 vs. Dartmouth (H) 5:30  
 Jan 25 vs. Coyle (A) 5:30  
 Jan 30 vs. Feehan (A) 5:30

### Ice Hockey (J.V.)

Jan 6 vs. N. B. Voke (H) 5:00  
 Jan 8 vs. Durfee (H) 4:00  
 Jan 22 vs. Diman (H) 4:00  
 Jan 25 vs. N. B. Voke (A) 8:00



### Winter Track

Jan 6 vs. Developmental Mt. (St. Track Fac.) TBA  
 Jan 9 vs. Durfee (Wheaton) 3:15  
 Jan 14 vs. Martin Luther King (St. Track Fac.) TBA  
 Jan 16 vs. Connolly (Wheaton) 3:15  
 Jan 20 Qual. Meeting (St. Track Fac.) TBA  
 Jan 24 vs. Stang (Voke) 6:30  
 Jan 27 Auerbach Fr/Soph (St. Track Fac.) TBA  
 Jan 29 vs. Coyle (Durfee) 6:30

### Wrestling

Jan 3 vs. Holbrook (A) 3:30  
 Jan 6 vs. Hingham & Plymouth N. (Ply. N.) 10:00  
 Jan 13 vs. B-Raynham & N. Att. (B-R)  
 Jan 17 vs. Southeastern (H) 3:30  
 Jan 20 vs. Durfee, Fram., & Ply. S. (Durfee) 10:00  
 Jan 24 vs. Tri-County (H) 3:30  
 Jan 27 N. Attleboro Tournament (A) 10:00  
 Jan 31 vs. Nauset (A) 5:00



### Basketball (Girls' Freshman)

Jan 5 vs. Stang (H) 3:30  
 Jan 9 vs. Coyle (H) 3:30  
 Jan 12 vs. Feehan (H) 3:30  
 Jan 16 vs. Attleboro (A) 3:30  
 Jan 19 vs. Connolly (A) 3:30  
 Jan 23 vs. Dartmouth (H) 3:30  
 Jan 25 vs. Coyle (A) 4:00  
 Jan 30 vs. Feehan (A) 3:30



### Gymnastics

Jan 5 vs. Attleboro (H) 6:30  
 Jan 9 vs. Foxboro (A) 4:00  
 Jan 13 vs. New Bedford (A) 11:00  
 Jan 20 vs. Nantucket (A) 1:00  
 Jan 22 vs. Marshfield (H) 6:30  
 Jan 26 vs. Case (H) 6:30

### Ice Hockey (Varsity)

Jan 3 vs. Coyle (A) 6:00  
 Jan 6 vs. Medway (A) 8:00  
 Jan 10 vs. Connolly (H) 8:00  
 Jan 13 vs. Dartmouth (A) 6:00  
 Jan 17 vs. Portsmouth (A) 7:30  
 Jan 20 vs. Feehan (A) 6:00  
 Jan 24 vs. East Boston (H) 4:00  
 Jan 27 vs. Coyle (H) 6:00  
 Jan 31 vs. Connolly (A) 8:00



## Elks Teenagers of the Month

### October

The Breeze would like to congratulate October's Elks Teenagers of the month, Pamela J. Tomawski and Peter A. Fasel.

**Pamela J. Tomawski**, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tomawski. Pam is very involved at Somerset High School. She sings in various music groups, runs cross country and track, writes for the Breeze, is active in peer leadership, the yearbook, and drama, and she is a member of National Honor Society. In addition, Pam is also president and a representative in Student Council and serves on the School Improvement Council.

**Peter A. Fasel**, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stetson. He plays both basketball and baseball and is a member of the National Honor Society.

### November

Congratulations also go to November's Elks Teenagers of the Month, Kara Rebello and Benjamin Fasel.

**Kara Rebello**, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rebello. She served on the executive board of National Honor Society in eleventh grade and she is secretary this year. She has been a cheerleader for four years and she has played clarinet in several music groups. Kara has participated in Ski Club, peer leadership, and yearbook. She won the Holy Cross Book Award and has worked as a volunteer at Rhode Island Hospital.

**Benjamin Fasel**, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stetson. He is a four year member of the baseball and basketball teams and a three year member of National Honor Society. Ben also won a Sportsmanship award for baseball.

### Congratulations

Pam, Pete, Kara, and Ben! Good Luck in the future!

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Lizz Summers tests the efficiency of her crane in the recent AP Physics Crane competition.

photo by Amy Branco

**Marsh**

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also be raised. The effects of burning the marsh on the wildlife habitats, vegetation, air pollution, and more must also be considered.

This study will involve identifying plants and wildlife, researching food chains and living patterns, and examining the uniqueness of a saltwater and freshwater marsh. The goal of this project is to answer whether the burning of the marsh will destroy or enhance its environment. This project will include hands-on research as well as book research, consultations with environmentalists and botanists, and much more. The exact depth of this project will depend on the participants involved. If you feel you may be interested contact Mr. Aguiar in the guidance office for more information.



Students sign greeting card for Boston University player Travis Roy (story, p. 1).

**Student Council Plans to Boogie**

Rebecca Sablo

Student Council held its fourth meeting on Monday, November 13. Dr. Cabral was an observer at the meeting. He commented that he was impressed by the number of Student Council-sponsored activities going on in the school and community. Plans for a 60's and 70's theme dance were discussed further and are coming closer to completion. The dance is planned for some time after Christmas vacation.

On November 9, a few members attended SEMASC, South Eastern Massachusetts Association of Student Councils. Dennis-Yarmouth High School was the site of this year's convention. Schools from all over southeastern Massachusetts were present. Members attended conferences and a motivation session.

Student Council would like to remind all students and faculty that our meetings are open to all. If you are interested in attending, check with a member to find out the date of the next meeting.

**Le Français Dans Le Monde D'Aujourd'hui**

Une des qualités les plus importantes des hommes est leur capacité de communiquer. Les langues facilitent cette capacité. Elles pourvoient les mots avec lesquels les hommes peuvent exprimer leurs idées et leurs émotions. J'adore les mots. C'est en apprenant l'anglais, mon cours préféré, qui me remonte d'étudier le français.

Le français est une belle langue qui représente une belle culture. La culture française a influé grandement sur la culture américaine. Cette influence s'étend d'usage des mots français dans la langue anglaise aux formes d'art, surtout dans la littérature. Beaucoup de mots anglais qui rapporte à la nourriture ou aux restaurants, comme «croissant», «à la carte», et «maître d'», proviennent de la langue française. Les phrases habituelles, «déjà-vu» et «rendez-vous» sont françaises aussi. *Le Fantôme de l'Opéra* et *Les Misérables*, deux romans français, ont été transformés en des musicals modernes populaires. L'influence de la langue française s'étend bien au delà de la France.

Le français est très important dans le monde moderne. Ce n'est plus la seule langue du commerce international, mais c'est encore une des langues principales de la diplomatie. Beaucoup de gens parlent français en outre d'une autre langue. J'aime l'apprendre et j'espère que cette belle langue restera toujours préminent à l'avenir.



"Minister", Ali Vieira, Jon Azevedo, and Adam Palmisciano represent their countries in the Great Debate (story, p. 7)

**Countries and Festivities**

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Around the world, different countries celebrate many different holidays. Some are religious while others are political or traditional. Below are a few holidays which will be celebrated around the world this winter and spring.

A Russian New Year is a day of celebration. Christmas trees are decorated, gifts are exchanged, and a large meal is eaten to represent a plentiful new year. Other Christian holidays such as Easter and Christmas have recently resumed being celebrated in Russia.

Many ethnic groups in the former Soviet Union celebrate their own holidays. The Tartars celebrate *Sabantui* and Muslims celebrate *Navruz* in the spring to welcome the upcoming summer harvest. *Sabantui* consists of competitive games which are very popular. On the preceding days, cookies, decorated eggs, and small presents are given to children. On *Navruz* the Muslims of Asian Russia sing songs and carry bouquets of flowers to honor the new summer season.

In Germany, Christmas Eve, December 5, is more widely celebrated than Christmas day. Trees are decorated, gifts are exchanged, and homes are adorned with fir branches and advent wreaths. That night, children put their shoes outside their bedrooms in hope that "Saint Nicholas" will fill them with gifts.

In Japan, New Year's Day involves celebration across the nation. Japanese businesses close and people attend family reunions. The front of the houses are decorated with three bamboo and pine branches and a rope is strung across the gate. In the living room, a special stand is decorated with rice cakes, seaweed, dried sardines, a lobster, and ferns. The Japanese also cook a soup called Zoni made of crushed rice cakes, fish or chicken, and vegetables. They also drink a spiced drink called Toso, and they pack trays known as "heavy boxes" with treats for guests. New Year's Day is regarded by the Japanese as a day for visiting relatives and the local shrine.

In India, people commemorate the birthdays of gods, prophets, saints, and gurus with great enthusiasm. Muslims celebrate Miulad-un-Nabi, the prophet Mohammed's birthday. Sikhs celebrate Guru Parab, and Jains honor the birthday of Mahavira at the shrine Gimar. Indian Christians celebrate Christmas by reenacting nativity scenes. Even many non-Christians in Indian cities have used the Christmas tree, Santa Claus, parties, and gifts to celebrate goodwill in the winter season.



Margaret Peachy models the Amnesty International t-shirt. The candles symbolize hope for victims of human rights abuses (story, p.7).

