



The Breeze



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Where's the heat?

By: Jessica Roberge '05

On Tuesday evening of January 13th, it was discovered that one of the main water pipes for the heating system at Somerset High School had broken and was leaking. The 37-year-old underground pipe in the courtyard was connected to the boiler and the heat had to be shut down in the 1967 portion of the building. This section included the new auditorium, gymnasium, music room, 500' corridor, library, and administrative offices, which is about half of the school. As a result, the high school was closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of that week.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Stephen Furtado, explained that the pipe burst was caused by deterioration of the pipe over the years and cold weather may have been an additional factor. Because of the risk of the pipes freezing, the water from the entire heating system had to be drained.

"Fixing the problem took a lot of coordination," Principal Donald Rebello stated. Engineers were called in to assess the situation. The main pipe, which came from underground, was cut. Luckily, no heavy machinery was needed in the courtyard to do this. Company specialists installed a new 5-inch pipe near the art gallery into the computer lab, connecting it to other main pipes. Dr. Furtado explained that they had to carefully cut through brick and place hangers on the ceiling to support the pipe.

Mr. Rebello commends the custodial staff, especially Mr. O'Connell, Head Custodian, and Mr. Campos for their nice job and long hours of dedication to help fix the problem.

The new pipe was connected, the heat was turned on, and the students were able

to return to school the following Tuesday, though there were problems in a few of the classrooms. Ceils in these rooms had not drained properly, and the water that was left had frozen. Once the heat was turned back on, air pressure caused these frozen pipes to burst. Mr. Rebello explained that these problems were quickly fixed, and as of right now, everything is working correctly.

Dr. Furtado said that the 1967 heating system was not the heating system they expected to have problems with. The School Committee knew that the steam heating system in the older part of the building was a problem and architects from the Feasibility Study found out how bad the pipes really are. "Though they are not harmful, the pipes are corroded, breaking, and leaking," Dr. Furtado stated. "They're bad."

Dr. Furtado explained that they need a lot of funds to design and install a new heating system. The cost could be anywhere from \$750,000 to \$1.5 million.

Dr. Furtado explained that he will write to the state commission of education and request that the missed days, Wednesday and Thursday, be waived and not be made up at the end of the year. The "cold day" that was on Friday must be made up. The snow day the school had in early December must also be made up. If the high school has to make up all four days, school will be let out on June 25th. School is not allowed to be held in July, meaning the school only has three more days they can miss until days will be cut out of April vacation.



Leo, "the school mascot."

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Holocaust Survivor

K.C. Dowd '04

On December 11th you could hear a pin drop in the Somerset High School auditorium. All eyes and hears were focused on Mrs. Gerda Klein, a courageous Holocaust survivor who graced our students with her recollections of one of the most horrific regimes of the twentieth century. U.S. Representative James P. McGovern invited Mrs. Klein to speak to the students to encourage their involvement in worthy causes. He challenged the students to assist in the fight against world hunger. Rep. McGovern is the co-chairman of the Congressional Hunger Center and hopes to ignite a sense of community service in a new generation of citizens.

Mrs. Klein addressed her mesmerized audience with incredible heartfelt emotion, as she told a story that mankind must never forget. Every part of her survival was a miracle, which she has turned into a gift that she now shares with others through her lectures, books and charities.

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The need for change

By Chelsea Platt '06

Somerset High School has gone many years without change. Built in 1936, the school was designed for a very small population of students. Over the years, many changes were needed to help Somerset High School keep up with student population as well as curriculum changes. The last renovation to the school was in 1968, at that time the student population was much smaller than the population today. Today the students and teachers function daily in an environment that has not changed with the times. Based on a recent feasibility study report conducted by Kastle Boos Associates, Inc., the building is too small for our curriculum and schedule. The science, art and media areas are substandard; most of the general classrooms are inappropriate in size and have inadequate technology wiring. In the technology and physical education sections of the school there is inappropriate space and equipment. The teacher workrooms are undersized, as well as the administration and guidance departments. The safety equipment is out of date and there are also no sprinklers for fire safety. Also, the windows are thermally inefficient, and the roof is at the end of its life cycle. Based on this study, a new building is not the best option, and renovation/expansion is the most practical and financially responsible alternative. When asking Richard Fenstermaker, who is the chairman of the school committee, his opinion, he replied, "It is a long range plan and there is no room for a new school. The project must meet SBA requirements for reimbursements."

Currently, there are two options for school renovation/expansion which will address most of these issues. The first option is to increase the size of the school by 54,400 square feet which includes a new two story science and technology wing. Along with this science and technology wing, the plans call for a practice gym.

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Hockey team off to a great start.

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The need...

This project is going to start between 2007 and 2008. Planning for this project requires 12-14 months, and renovations and new construction will require 2 years. Sixty-two percent (62%) of the money used for this project comes from the 2003 reimbursement, and thirty-eight percent (38%) of the money comes from town contribution.

There are many goals that will be accomplished by improving the school. The following are examples of the goals to be accomplished: meeting program requirements, unifying dispersed departments and improving adjacencies, providing 21st century systems, equipment and technology, maximizing the re-use of existing spaces, and meeting code requirements. Also, these improvements will simplify circulation to ease congestion and improve efficiency.

Either one of the options would be a good choice for the Somerset High School. Both options solve the problems that the school has been having. This renovation/expansion of the high school is not only important to the students learning and safety, but it will also give the students and faculty more pride in their school.

It is important for Somerset High School to not only keep up with the times, but to stay ahead of educational needs to maintain and improve the quality of education for students.

The second option is to increase the size of the school by 35,700 square feet. This will include a new one story science wing, an auxiliary gym, business and social science, and reorganized technology. Both options will include student services, an expanded media center, a new mechanical section, and reorganized corridors, PE lockers, and athletics facilities. Over all, the 2004 probable project cost for option one is about \$38,546,879, unlike option two, which cost is about \$40,062,097, but with the escalation to 2007, option one will cost \$41,507,800, and option two will cost \$43,139,407.



JOHN REIS teaches Somerset High School students about dating violence and what is involved with a healthy relationship.

Holocaust Survivor...

Mrs. Klein was one of 120 survivors from a group of over 4,000 Jewish girls who were forced into concentration camps at Auschwitz in 1942. Used for "slave-labor", she endured three years of horrendous abuse in the Nazi camps, until by a chance of fate she met her liberator and future husband, Lieutenant Kurt Klein. He was first among the American troops who camp upon a Czech bicycle factory where Mrs. Klein and the remaining survivors were imprisoned. There, the Germans had set a bomb intending to annihilate those entrapped. Miraculously, torrential rains thwarted the timer from igniting yet another atrocity. Mrs. Klein's stated that her "faith in the human spirit was reawakened" when she opened the door of that death factory and met her rescuer, Lieutenant Kurt Klein of the United States of America.

Mrs. Klein has since written six books and founded the Gerda and Kurt Klein Foundation, which encourage "tolerance and student empowerment". Until the death of her husband last year, she and Mr. Klein had traveled the country speaking to our nation's youth. They shared a message while giving a history lesson in hopes of invoking genuine concern and commitment to humane causes, such as preventing hunger among the children of the world.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Klein's discussion the silence was deafening. Junior Kristina Cabral spoke emotionally, encompassing the sentiments of the audience when she stated that she did not have the words to express her feelings, "I'm just so taken by your story." Mrs. Klein, who had lost her entire family and childhood sixty years ago, called Kristina to her side and responded with a hug.

While it is difficult for us to comprehend the depth of the devastation experienced during the Holocaust, Mrs. Klein has been able to find the words to remind her listeners of the events that tore the world apart, and the heroics that worked to bring it together again. She hopes the sharing of her experiences will kindle our sense of humanity and involvement in helping those in need.

Mrs. Klein acknowledged with great appreciation the importance of the role the United States played in saving the lives of the millions of oppressed people victimized by the Nazis during the Holocaust, many of them teenagers and children. This, she implied, re-affirmed America's liberation of the Iraqi citizen's plight.

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Around School



The Booster's Athletic Club provides Varsity Jackets

KC Dowd

The Booster's Organization would like to inform all of the eligible athletes that the time to order their varsity jackets is now. These quality and prestigious jackets are a traditional statement of your active participation in a competitive school sport. As in prior years, the Somerset Boosters Organization provides the Varsity jackets at no cost to the student athletes. There is a charge for the "personalizing" of the jacket, which includes the participant's sport(s), number and name.

The final time for the ordering and fitting of the jacket will be held outside of the gymnasium Friday, February 6th, at 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Below is a list of eligible students who have earned their jacket. Don't be left out in the cold, wear your colors proudly! Those who feel their name should be on this list, please come to the ordering/fitting night and inform the Booster's.

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| Men | Kayleigh Ferreira |
| Scott Borges | Jen Fitzgerald |
| Nathan Camara | Lindsay Fortin |
| Kevin Carney | Thais Fournier |
| Christopher Cordeiro | Allie Hart |
| Justin Correa | Alyson Hryciw |
| Steve Dolph | Kim Johnson |
| Mark Fairchild | Megan Kelly |
| Ray Goddu | Kristen Kohler |
| Sean Gonsalves | Allie Leblanc |
| Jason Greene | Rebekah Manuels |
| Jacob Gustafson | Valerie Martins |
| Shawn Levesque | Jess Mcshane |
| Jeff Palmer | Rebecca Mendzela |
| Kevin Silvestre | Soibhan Minor |
| Andrew Sousa | Barbara Monteiro |
| Andrew St. Amour | Caitlin Mullins |
| Pat Sullivan | Kelsey Pavac |
| Jease Vezina | Courtney Rannacher |
| Women | Amanda Renard |
| Jen Cadorette | Jill Silva |
| Lauren Camara | Victoria Vieira |
| Amy Ferreira | Yara Youssef |

Spirit Week at Somerset High

By: Jessica Roberge 05

A sense of School Spirit emerged the week of January 12 at Somerset High School with Spirit Week. Planned by Student Council, each day of this week had a different theme. Monday was Hat Day, Tuesday Twin Day, Wednesday Mismatch Day, Thursday Tropical Day, and Friday Superfan Day! Students were allowed to dress appropriately for the theme of each day.

William Fyfe, Representative-at-Large for the Election Board of Student Council and a junior at Somerset feels that the level of School Spirit is no less at Somerset High than at other surrounding schools, though he states, there's always room for improvement. He feels that when the students have something to support at the school, school spirit increases.

William spoke of last year when the boys basketball team made it to the State Semi-finals at the Fleet Center. Because of the team's great accomplishments, the school came together to support and cheer on the team. Students and faculty became Somerset High School Superfans, making and wearing t-shirts to show their pride of the team.

Ms. da Costa, advisor for Student Council and a teacher in the History Department says that certain activities in the school help to foster school spirit, though the challenge is getting more students and faculty to participate. She feels that being either actively involved with or being a spectator of school activities are excellent examples of having pride in one's school.

Ms. Cavallaro, a teacher in the Business Department, feels that though there is school spirit at Somerset High School, it could be much better. She explains that certain sports help to bring on more spirit, especially those that win.

Ms. Cavallaro says that because of the new fire code at the school, it makes it difficult to promote school spirit. Signs are not allowed in the hallways to publicize the many activities and games taking place in the school. She feels it is an unfortunate thing that signs are not allowed to be hung

because students used to take time to make these signs and everyone really got into the excitement of the sports teams.

William Fyfe states that when people litter the school, or put graffiti in the school, it shows a lack of pride and school spirit. Though many students have respect for their school, there are those who do not. Ms. Cavallaro adds that it is always the same students with school spirit. Ms. da Costa states that when students are mean and disrespectful to their peers and to the faculty, there is no sense of community in the school.

Fyfe feels that if a larger number of the faculty members got involved in the extra curricular activities, school spirit would be greatly increased. If more of the faculty went to sports games, music concerts, and school events, more students may also want to become more involved with school activities.

Student Council feels they have done a good job publicizing Spirit Week and hope that the week will enhance the spirit of the school. William Fyfe, Ms. da Costa, and Ms. Cavallaro all feel that if a large number of students and faculty participate, the school will benefit greatly and everyone will have fun. Bill states, "When students can relate school with fun, it results in school spirit."

Fun is exactly what Student Council wants spirit week to generate, along with a sense of school spirit. Ms. da Costa says that school will be more enjoyable if students can feel excited about things at school and different events throughout the year.

In Article II, Section 1 of the Somerset High School Student Council Constitution, the first sentence states: "The purpose of this organization is to plan and organize activities to promote school spirit among the students of Somerset High School, as well as to provide an outlet for fellow students to voice their opinions and ideas in order to improve the school." Be-

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SHS goes multi-media with "new" news program

Anthony Dowd '07

Audio-visual students and media enthusiasts at SHS have initiated a new venture. Still in its early stages, Raider Times is the latest undertaking that adds yet another medium to keep the citizens in tuned to school district happenings. Senior Patrick Adam, who has been active in audio/video activities, has launched a news program designed to cover the different events that are occurring throughout the Somerset School District. Adam presented this idea as a class initiative to his Television Production teacher, Ms. Bourassa, who is also the audio/video advisor. It was well received by both Mrs. Bourassa and Principal Mr. Rebello. Now that Channel 98 is up and running, student generated televised programming is certainly the appropriate next step.

According to Pat, The Raider Times is a news program that informs the Channel 98 viewers about what is going on in the Somerset Public Schools. This includes the middle school and elementary schools, Coucens, athletic events, science fairs, and

any programs involving the school community will eventually be covered. Video footage of the events aired is planned when possible, establishing a more realistic televised format. The program is still in its organizational stages, though the pilot show has aired and another is in the works.

Pat has considerable experience in the video area. He is the official camera person in charge of taping the school committee meetings, and is called upon to handle related duties at SHS. Pat has obtained editing skills as well as the ability to operate lighting and sound systems. He has recruited a team of diverse talents to support him with this endeavor. Assisting Pat with the writing and producing tasks is KC Dowd. Tess Sullivan hosts the show. Andrea Shoesmith and Lindsey Berube are also on board to assist with filming and special reports. The show airs bi-weekly at 7:00 pm, on Tuesdays.

Principal, Mr. Rebello shared his thoughts about this project. "I think the students' new production program will be

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Commentary



Dear Bev,



Dear Bev,
I think I'm the first guy writing to you I have an opinion I would like the whole school to hear. Lunch is too short. In other parts of the country, lunch is 45 minutes. We have less than a half hour. Every day I throw half my lunch away. Some kids get sick from hunger. Other kids have indigestion from eating too fast. Okay, that's my opinion. Signed, Hungry

Dear Hungry,
Thanks for your opinion - I agree.

Dear Bev,

I have a friend who lies about everything. She has imaginary boyfriends and she makes up these crazy stories about stuff they do and places they go. She tells so many lies that I can't tell what's the truth anymore! Apart from that, she's a really great friend and we always have fun when we get together so I don't want to end our friendship. Should I tell her to stop or just pretend I believe her?

Signed, Confused

Dear Confused,

I have no idea how to get your friend to stop lying but my advice is to let her know your feelings. She probably leads a boring life and enjoys her fantasies more than reality. Since you said you would like to continue being friends with her, tell her to be herself and let her know you're there for her.

Editor's Thoughts



KC Dowd '04

The New Year ushers in unaltered hopes of new beginnings and unforeseen possibilities. Tangled in the promises of resolutions are good intentions and a new lease on life. Soon after our declarations of change are decreed, the usual sets in. For many, the world continues on its predictable course of self-indulgence and personal gain. While there is nothing wrong with self preservation and improving one's standing, this year consider attaining those aspirations without any offense to others. It seems that those who take themselves too seriously, expect everyone else to do so also. Lighten up! Eliminate arrogance and condescending tones from your attitude reference repertoire and replace them with tolerance and open-mindedness. You might see a whole new perspective. Sometimes a small change in perception ignites a huge change in outcome.

After the Somerset - Durfee basketball game, on December 23, the Christmas spirit made its rounds and the best of the evening was apparent. It wasn't that Somerset won, in an overtime, heart-stopping finish. Though that was exciting. It wasn't the return of the Super Fans. Though they are a welcome and big part of our team. It was the celebration following the game, which included an impromptu slam-dunk match featuring two previous players, Tony Gaffney from Somerset ('03) and Avery Oliver from Durfee ('02), that brought the rival crowd together. Durfee and Somerset fans and team members gathered around to cheer both alumni in the dunk test. It was what it should be, a good time win or lose.

Jacques Steinberg Gives Back

By KC Dowd

January 12, 2004
Dear Mr. Steinberg,

We are writing to you in great appreciation for your generous donation to The Breeze.

Your gift will allow us to purchase a new camera, which we are in great need of. It is truly heartening to see that as an alumnus of Somerset High School and previous Breeze editor, you remember your roots. Your thoughtfulness will go a long way, especially given these fiscally challenging times.

We are also grateful for the matching gift offered by the New York Times. This will help us with our production expansion plans and with our continued efforts to maintain high standards. Your act of generosity will allow us to accomplish more of our goals.

We hope you have had the opportunity to read The Breeze, and find it to be a publication of interest and integrity. Again, Mr. Steinberg, we thank you for your support and the significant contribution that will be put to good use.

Kevin Dowd
Editor

George Austin
Advisor

Katherine Pereira
Advisor

Somerset graduate Jacques Steinberg, class of 1984, has recently given a generous money donation to The Breeze. Steinberg is a past Editor of the school newspaper and appreciates what it takes to put together a quality paper, especially with deadlines and funding constraints. He is a reporter for The New York Times and resides with his wife and children in New York. Steinberg is a national education correspondent, and in 1998 was awarded the grand prize of the Education Writers Association for his nine-part series on a Manhattan's Upper West Side third grade classroom. He is also the author of "The Gate-Keepers, Inside the Admissions Process of a Premier College." Steinberg has visited SHS to discuss the admissions process and offers essential strategies to those who hope to attend elite colleges.

Steinberg's donation also came with the pledge that The New York Times will match his gift. This will allow The Breeze to purchase a very much-needed camera and other related equipment to expand our production. We greatly appreciate Mr. Steinberg's donation and thoughtfulness. It is in this spirit of giving back to the community that one comes from that is so essential in maintaining important programs that are impacted by today's fiscal constraints. That initiative makes Jacques Steinberg a hometown hero. Thanks again!

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Perspectives



What is your New Year's resolution?

By Brittany Pierce

It's that time of the year again; a time to store old memories in photo albums and to create space for a whole new year! Hopefully everyone's New Year's parties were

amusing. If not, oh well, there's always next year. The big thing is, it's 2004 and we've almost finished half the school year! Soon, seniors will graduate! I can still remember when I was writing 1996 on my

papers and telling my dad to "Get with it" because "it's the 90's". I'm 17 and I feel old...how sad. Anyway, a new year always calls for a new resolution. Here, a few students tell us their.



GINA ANDREOZZI wants to "get better grades and try not to rebel against parents anymore."



ERICA WILBUR says to "stop biting my nails."



TONI ANN LABERGE will try to "stop shopping."

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SHS goes

good for the school. It will be another superb way to get news regarding student activities, such as athletics, music events and guidance information out to our students and other interested viewers. I also want to commend those students who have taken this initiative; Patrick Adams, Kevin Dowd, Tess Sullivan, Andrea Shoesmith and Lindsey Berube."

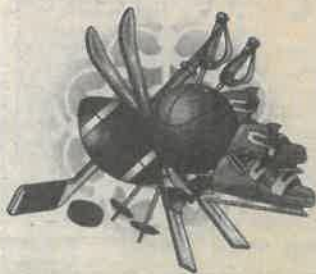
Students who are interested in participating in the program are encouraged to inquire in the A.V. room at the high school. Pat is open to different ideas and welcomes added assistance with this project. Increased student involvement allows for more news coverage. SHS can now claim itself to be a multi-media friendly educational facility given The Breeze, the Website, and now the Raider Times.

Spirit Week

cause promoting school spirit is one of their top priorities, the council has started planning other events along with Spirit Week.

There will be a rally for the entire school to attend on Friday, January 23. They want to include not only winter sports teams in the rally, but representatives from all of the extra curricular activities as well. Since several activities with the different groups will be involved, Student Council feels more people will enjoy this rally than previous rallies. Also, Student Council would like to hold an informal dance for all grades at some point in the year, which would be held in the cafeteria at the school.

School Spirit is alive at Somerset High. With the participation of the students and faculty members, Spirit Week was fun and exciting for everyone, and brought out the school spirit in all of us. This school spirit can be shown in the many activities that will be held throughout the school year, and students are encouraged to participate and have some fun!!



ANTHONY DOWD, a member of the Somerset High School freshmen boys basketball team, guards an opposing player during a recent game.



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 website to access
 course descriptions,
 school events, sports and
 all activities and clubs.
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Leo...

For anyone who has ever stayed after school for any reason you all know one person, his name is Leopold Williams Boudereau. Also known as Leo. Although everyone knows him does anyone really know who he is or for that fact anything about him?

Leo was born on January 11th, 1929 in Fall River. He grew up in Fall River and attended many schools there. Leo's father was a photographer and his mother worked in the mills. Leo also had 2 brothers who have passed away and his sister is still alive. Leo went to school until eighth grade. He joined the army and served in WWII in Germany. When he left the army he was a corporal. Leo now lives in Swansea. His favorite pass time is to come to the high school and talk to us. He enjoys talking to us and spending time with us. Leo's favorite sport is baseball, he loves all seafood and mac and cheese. Leo's favorite color is blue. Leo now works at a church bagging food for poor people.

Leo's motto is "be nice and decent to all people no matter what." Think about it, his words could shape the world. If everyone is nice and decent to everyone then the world would be a better place. Take Leo's advice and be nice and decent to all people no matter what, and you could make the world better.



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Sports



SOME OF THE PLAYERS of the Somerset High School girls basketball team are pictured above.

Hockey team skates to fast start

Andrew Tremblay '07

Led by second year head coach Kevin Snyder, last season's EAC Champion Somerset High School hockey team has gotten off to an impressive start this season with seven wins, one loss, and one tie.

After the graduation of last year's very talented senior class, the expectations for this year's team were not very high, but the team believed in themselves. They have

goals to repeat as EAC Champions and to make the fast approaching playoffs. If they continue the way they have played so far this season, those are likely to become realities.

A sign of things to come for this Somerset team, which is a collaborate with Dighton-Rehoboth, was the Prende Cup. The annual tournament which took place just before Christmas is now in its fourth year. It is named for Joe Prenda, who is

considered to be a founding father of local hockey. The four teams that compete in the tournament every year are Somerset, Durfee, Bishop Connolly, and Diman.

The Somerset team played very well, defeating Bishop Connolly 5-2 in the first round. In the finals, Somerset beat Durfee High School 5-3 to win the Cup. The win in the finals marked the first time Somerset had defeated Durfee in over a decade.

It has been wins such as these that have

propelled the Somerset hockey team to a 10-3-1 record.

The team's lone loss came against Wareham, a non-league opponent, on December 31st. It was a good game, and included a hat trick from senior Tim Medeiros, who put out a good performance despite the 5-4 loss. They also tied Coyle Cassidy 1-1 January 7th, with the lone goal being scored by Jon Galego.

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SHS wrestlers are 19-1

By Jan Taylor '06

The Somerset High School Wrestling team has been nearly unbeatable this season. They are 19-1 with their only loss coming against Lincoln-Sudbury in their tournament on January 24th. Somerset is still undefeated in dual meets, and many of their wins have been by lopsided scores.

The Blue Raiders have had many superior wrestlers this season. J.D. Michno (105 pound weight class), Tim Mello (112), Brandon Schofield (119), Neal Rapoza (125), Matt Dabe (130), Eddie Michno (140), Bobby O'Brien (145), Mike Mendonca (152), Danny McGillick (160), Pat McCroghan (171), Shane Read (189), Chris Bell (215), and Apollo Skarpos (heavyweight) have all won nearly all of their matches this season. Thus Florianier, the only girl on the team, has also

been solid as a first year wrestler this year. All of the wrestlers have enjoyed the winning atmosphere that has proposed this season. They all work together as a team and count on each other to go out there and win matches.

Coach Peachy is very proud of the team's accomplishments this season. He is very happy with the work ethic and dedication that all of the wrestlers have. He said, "all of the wrestlers are very hard working and very determined athletes." Peachy said that the experience that many of the wrestlers have is the main reason why the wrestling team has been so good this season. He said, "Six of the seniors on the team have been wrestling for four years and most of the sophomores and juniors have been wrestling since their Freshman year also."

Coach Peachy feels that another aspect

of the wrestling team is that many of the wrestlers are very good athletes. He said that "all of the wrestlers either play other sports (during the school year) or wrestle during the off-season. That makes them very prepared for when wrestling season rolls around."

Another thing that Peachy is happy about is the depth on the team. Unlike a lot of other coaches, he is confident that all of his wrestlers will go out and win matches. He doesn't have to rely on just a handful of them to help win matches for Somerset. Coach Peachy feels that the Somerset wrestling team is one of the best teams in Massachusetts. He thinks they will go very far into the tournament this year.

"Our goal right now is to win the South Sectional Championship," he said. "However, if we go even farther than that, I'll be even happier."

Everyone is making contributions

Jan Taylor '06

The boys basketball season opened up with a hard fought win against Case, 61-57. The Raiders jumped out to an early lead in the first half, but Case fought hard to stay in the game. However, Somerset was always ready for an answer. Bud Gaffney, Jason Greene, Dylan Dunne, Jon Velozo, and Greg Molinar all had significant contributions in the first game of the season.

In the second game of the season, the Raiders beat Carver, 86-60. Carver jumped out to an early lead in the first half but Jared Phillips came off the bench and scored 21 points before halftime, and the Raiders never looked back after that. Adding to the list of players that had key baskets in the game were Adam Ryan, Bud Gaffney, Jon Velozo, Jay Greene, and Greg Molinar.

In the first home game of the season, the Raiders had a hard earned win against Duffee, 72-64. Somerset was down by as many as ten in the second half. However, they made an enormous comeback with about three minutes left in the game. Jay Greene was the key player in the comeback. After coach Lauzycki called a timeout to get his players back on track with about two minutes left in the game, Greene scored six points on free throws after being fouled three times. In overtime, the Raiders dominated. They scored 10 straight points. Jared Phillips and Greene both had key baskets that led the Raiders attack in overtime.

In the second home game of the season, the Raiders had another match against Carver. Once again, it was another rather easy win in which they won, 83-50. The Raiders had several runs in the game in which they

scored a lot of points. None of the players stood as having an outstanding game, but a "total team effort" led to the 33 point win against Carver.

In round number two against Case, the Raiders won, 59-56. Like the first game of the season against Case, the Raiders had to fight hard to win this game. They were down 56-55 with a few seconds left in the game, but Bud Gaffney stole the ball from a Case player, and passed it to Jared Phillips. Phillips then scored to give Somerset a 57-56 lead. A few seconds later, Phillips was fouled and hit two free throws to give Somerset the 59-56 win.

The Blue Raiders appear to be in good shape this season. All the players have been making contributions in every game so far. Perhaps this could be the season that they win the state championship. Go Raiders!

Good leadership has propelled the Somerset High hockey team...

Coach Snyder attributes much of the team's success to leadership from upperclassmen such as Tim Medeiros, Jeff Smith, Ross St. Laurent, Matt Laflamme, and Nick Coates from Somerset as well as Steve Grota and Jon Galego from Dighton-Rehoboth. He also gives credit to the second unit that includes Kevin Dias, Nate Bliss, and Ron Paiva, who, he says, have been playing very well. He has also been impressed with the play of some of the younger players, such as sophomore Derek Fortuna, who is playing with the strong first unit.

The up and gun styled Somerset offense has played tremendously. Captain Tim

Medeiros has had the hot hand, scoring 18 goals over the first 9 games, including four hat tricks. Other top goal scorers for the team are Kevin Dias with 8 goals, Nick Coates with 6 goals, Ron Paiva with 5 goals, and Derek Fortuna with 3 goals.

The strongest point of the team, according to Coach Snyder, has been the goaltending. So far this season, they have only allowed 18 goals, an average of 2 per game. This is opposed to the 44 total goals, almost 5 per game, scored by the Somerset offense. Steve Grota and Eric Silva have excelled in goal and are complemented by a very steady defense.

All this success has not distracted the players from their school work. The coaching staff is adamant that the players do well in the classroom as well as on the ice.

"They have to be students before they're athletes," says head coach Kevin Snyder.

The road ahead is promising, but it won't exactly be a cakewalk. Of the team's 11 remaining games, 8 are against league opponents. The coach categorizes the league match-ups as their biggest games, especially those against Coyle, Stang, and Feehan.

"You have to come to play every night,"

said Coach Snyder.

There are 2 remaining home games which are to be played at Driscoll Rink. They are February 11 against Feehan at 8 PM, and the last game of the season February 19 at 8 PM against Oliver Ames.

The Somerset High School hockey team doesn't always get the respect it deserves. Right now, many students don't realize the success of the school's hockey team, and some don't even know that this is a school hockey team. But despite a lack of recognition, this team keeps rolling along, flattening just about everything that comes in its way.

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