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FRESHMEN ORIENTATION DAY: BETTER EVERY YEAR

Kara Taylor

On September 6, 1995, the class of 1999 entered Somerset High School as freshmen. After attending homeroom and learning the rotating period schedule, filling out the necessary forms, and receiving a grand tour, the freshmen viewed an assembly at which Mr. Rebello, Mr. Leary, Mr. Alves, and Mr. Horton welcomed the class and wished them luck in all of their endeavors here. Peer leaders Pam Tomawski, Lizz Summers, and myself motivated the new students to get involved with extracurricular activities, adjust to their new school, and try their best in all of their classes. Freshmen followed an abbreviated schedule and went to their classes for the first time. Although some freshmen did feel "lost" and "a little weird and disoriented," most were able to find their way around SHS with the guidance and direction of the peer leaders. After lunch, Mark Mainella, a motivational speaker,

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Azores Picture 1a

Each month the Breeze will feature a multi-cultural article. Can you guess on which beautiful island this picture was taken? Turn to p. 5 to learn more about it.
(photo by Christina Barbosa)

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Some confused but excited freshmen wander the halls during orientation.
(photo by Cate Marcille)

Hats Off to the New Dress Code?

Emily Peloquin

At the start of the new school year students expect to be presented with the new rules and regulations that have been set forth by the school administration over the summer. Upon returning to school on September 7, many Somerset High School students were surprised by the most recent addition to the student handbook. The school's new dress code has proven to be widely unpopular among students since its institution at the start of the 1995-96 school year. The new policy prohibits students at the high school from wearing any clothing that displays sexually explicit slogans, sayings or pictures that advocate the use of drugs or alcohol, the likeness of any illegal paraphernalia, or any clothing deemed to be offensive by the school's faculty. Popular lines of clothing such as the Coed Naked and Big Johnson T-shirt editions are considered unacceptable under the administration's most recent disciplinary program. This dress code also allows teachers the liberty to decide as to whether students will be allowed to wear hats in their classrooms. If a teacher makes it clear that hats are not to be worn in a particular class, students are now expected to adhere to that rule. In the case that a student refuses to remove his/her hat upon a teacher's request, a detention will be issued. Both aspects of the dress code are being strictly enforced.

This new policy has raised many concerns among students. The majority of students recently questioned did own at least

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Ms. Dana Campbell is the new Spanish teacher at SHS. Her interest in language began when she was a teenager; she started participating in student exchange programs when she was fourteen. She loves Somerset High and hopes to be a successful teacher this year.
(photo by Paul Golaszewski)

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A Freshman's Perspective

Madelyn Medeiros

I'll always remember my first day as a freshman at Somerset High. September 6, 1995, I got up at 6:00 a.m. That's pretty early for someone who's used to sleeping in until eleven! At 7:05 I left my house and started walking. I got to school at 7:20. (Do I have to walk this far twice every day?) "Okay, freshmen homerooms are on the second floor. Let's see. 401, 402, 408, 407. Did I miss it? No, it's not here. Shouldn't 411 be somewhere after 408? Help! Are all these people freshmen? I'll just walk down here. 409, 414, 415, 410. Oh, it must be here. 411! Yes! All I need to do now is find the rest of my classes."

Well, once I got my map, I thought I was all set. "But what

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Musictown Festival XXII - Get Involved!

Julie Averill

There's something for all music lovers at this year's Musictown Festival XXII. The Musictown Festival is a week and a half long celebration of Somerset's exceptional music program. It is dedicated this year to World War II veterans, and events, as well as musical programs, will revolve around a nostalgic and patriotic theme.

The celebration kicks off October 5 with the Musictown Ball, where the Musictown Queen, Princess and Miss Congeniality will be crowned. It is held at the Venus de Milo restaurant at 6pm. The Somerset High School Blue Raider Marching Band will perform a program centering around movie music before the Queen and her court are announced. Following this will be dancing with music provided by Harbour Lites. Tickets are \$16.00 for adults and \$12.00 for marching band students and can be obtained by calling Mrs. Barbara Lacerda at 673-8878.

Our annual "Kiddies Day" will take place October 7 at 9am. Children will participate in a multitude of activities including a march with the SHS Blue Raider Marching Band and shows by Singer-Guitarist Tom Lofstrom and the Miracle Fish Puppet Theatre. After the fun, stay and watch the marching band perform in a home football game (vs. Holliston) at 1:30pm.

The following day, Sunday, October 8, an exhibition by the Rhode Island Aero-modelers will take place at 10am at Slade Ferry Park, Rt. 138, Somerset. Snacks will be available.

The Symphonic Band and Chamber Players are currently rehearsing for Concert Night on October 11 at 7pm. Guest artists will be the Naragansett Bay Chorus. On the program will be the theme from Schindler's List, a John Philips Souza Medley for Brass Ensemble and Band, and many more.

Pops night, on Friday the 13th, will feature the Jazz Band and SHS chorale, as well as the newly formed SHS Double Vocal Quartet. Also on the program for Pops Night is a guest Jazz Combo, headed by Jack Gomes, and featuring several area professional artists.

"Kite Day", a kite making and flying party, will be held on Saturday, October 14 at Slade Farm Park. Registration will be at 12 noon, followed by a demonstration featuring KITE CO.

The Musictown Festival Grand Day, featuring over nine bands from all over Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maine, will take place on the 15th. The field shows will start with a SHS marching band pre-show at 10:45 at the Edward J. Hanson Memorial Field, SHS. At 2pm, the bands will take to the streets along with countless floats and other attractions. It is guaranteed to be an exciting day, for participants as well as spectators.

Please support SHS's music department by attending one or all of these events. They are a service to the area and are a rare opportunity to showcase one of the state's best musical programs.

New Girls' Teams for '95

Shyamalee Abraham

This year, Somerset High School has incorporated two new girls' athletics teams into their athletic curriculum. The coming seasons will be the first for the freshman girls' basketball team and the girls' tennis club.

The process for the incorporation of the teams was started a couple of years ago. Many parents and students came forward to the school committee expressing interest in more organized girls' sports teams. There were many school committee meetings in which the subject was debated. Also, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 requires that public schools are not to discriminate on the basis of gender or handicap in its educational programs or activities. However, schools are not required to comply unless a substantial amount of interest is expressed to the school board. After the initial interest was expressed and the school committee had debated, it then agreed to the establishment of the teams.

One difficulty in starting the new teams was the question of where the money would come from. How could a school that almost had to resort to "user fees" afford new equipment and new coaches? Fortunately, support for the new girls' teams was widespread among Somerset High School coaches. Most agreed to cut back on their equipment to help out the new teams. Also, the school committee felt that charging admission at girls' basketball and volleyball games would help bring in revenue for the teams to pay for equipment and coaches. Through small cuts in the budget, the money (about \$3,800.00 for the basketball team and \$1,700.00 for the tennis club) was easily supplied. The school was also given a generous \$750.00 grant from the Ocean Spray Company which will be used to pay for uniforms.

Before they can be full-fledged teams, the freshman basketball team and the tennis team have to be considered clubs for one year. The school does this to see if there will be enough interest through the year for the incorporation of a team. The only difference between the girls' tennis club and tennis team is that the club plays an abbreviated schedule of matches. Also, girls who would rather play on the varsity tennis team than the club still have the right to try out for the varsity team. Many will remember the start of the girls' soccer team last year. Although the procedure to start the soccer team was very much the same as it was for basketball and tennis, it was one of the very few teams that was started without being a club first.

The start of these new teams is a big step for the equality of female athletes at the high school. The goal of Title IX is to

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The Breeze Poll of the Month

Jen Rezendes & Jon Azevedo

Wrestling in it, dying your hair, or just plain eating it, there are more than half a billion boxes of J-ELLO sold each year. But what is J-ELLO really made out of? We asked students and a few faculty around Somerset High School, and here are a few of their responses:

bacon	animal bones
chemicals	nuclear waste
pig snout	gum
crushed fruit	Coloring
sugar	gelatin

Answer: Chemically treated and cooked animal skins from which gelatin is extracted. It also contains less 2% of every recommended vitamin and mineral.

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Dress Code

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one article of clothing that might be considered inappropriate under the new set of rules. While some students see the new dress code only as an inconvenience, others find it to be an inexcusable infringement on their rights of self expression. Still other students are concerned with the economic strain they will feel, having spent their hard-earned money on clothing that they are now unable to wear. At the same time, there are many students who agree that a dress code is necessary. These students are pleased to see that one is finally being implemented.


Freshman

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are those bars near the 100's? Walls? Oh, stairs. I knew that."

On top of figuring out the map, I was assigned to a locker with two other people. "Well, that's not too bad. I'll just go down to the library... if I can find it. Hmmm. Shouldn't there be a hallway around here?" When I got to the library, I was assigned to a new locker which was close to my old one (Whew. I was afraid I'd end up with one at the other end of the school).

I made it to my classes without too many tragedies and soon I was on my way home. I had made it through my first day of high school! Only 179 more to go! Of course, tomorrow all the upperclassmen would be there. Uh-oh...

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Commentary



From Blue Paper to Newspaper: Re-creating the Breeze

Jen Cohen, Paul Golaszewski, and Cate Marcille

In the past few years, comments and criticisms about the Breeze have ranged from "I hate it" to "I don't read it" to "Why is it on blue paper?" Well, last summer we, the editors, along with our new co-advisors Mrs. Peachy and Mr. McNamara, decided to make some improvements to help enhance the Breeze's image and popularity.

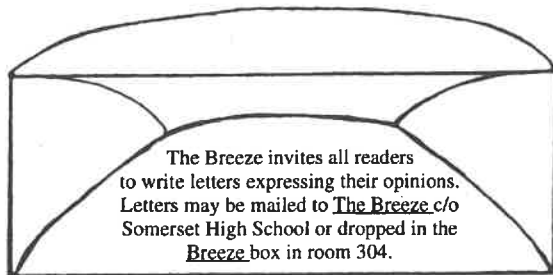
First, we had to find an alternative to the blue paper that we had been printing on for the last three years. After shopping around for some newsprint prices, we entered into a contract with the Fall River Herald News. Now that the Breeze was going to be printed on newsprint, we had to change the whole layout of the paper. In previous years, articles had been randomly placed throughout the paper regardless of their subjects. With the new format, we decided to divide the paper into distinct sections to make it more similar to an actual newspaper.

During the summer, we brainstormed for layout ideas and finally, after much debating and arguing among us, we decided on what you are now reading. The next step proved to be the most volatile of all, choosing the graphics to appear with the headers. After bickering about the dots in Around School for weeks on end, we eventually agreed upon the present graphics.

Mobilizing the staff to write articles for the new Breeze was the next step. At first we were afraid that we would have a dearth of writers, but there were many welcome new faces at the first staff meeting in September. They may have been attracted to write for the Breeze because of our media blitz the first week of school; we hung various promotional posters around the school encouraging new writers, photographers, and cartoonists.

Along with all of the other changes, we also had to create policies and guidelines for photographs, drawings, and advertisements. Having gained experience by attending a journalism class a few summers ago where she learned photo journalism, Cate volunteered to take pictures for the October issue. We appointed a Business Manager, Jerry Proulx, to coordinate the advertisements and other sources of funding. We decided to handle the cartoons on a drawing-by-drawing basis; we hoped to have some sort of political cartoon satirizing student life as well as a regular comic strip.

Because of our contract with the Herald News we had a strict schedule for editing to abide by. Although we were a bit disorganized in September, we managed to put together our debut issue in time to meet the Herald's deadline. Despite the hassle and the fuss, we knew that it would be well worth it on October 2 when our paper appeared for the first time in front of 37,000 readers. We hope that you enjoy reading the new Breeze and we welcome your opinions about it.



A Message from Mr. Rebello

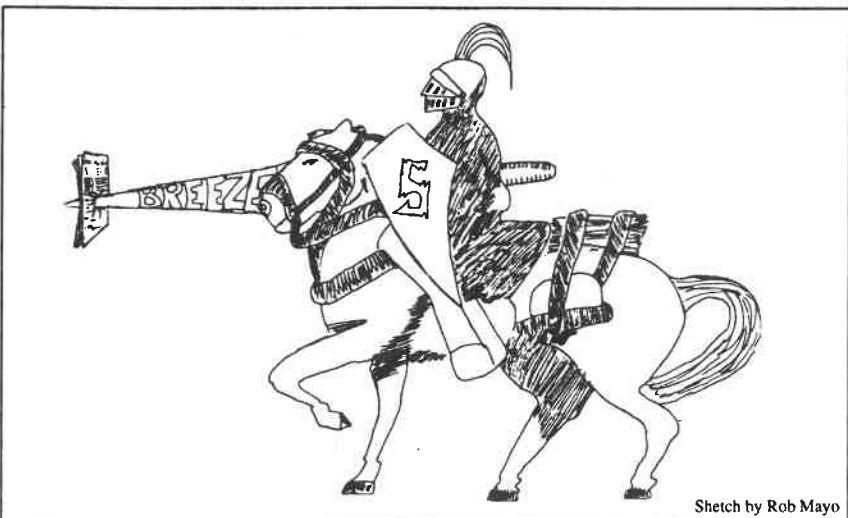
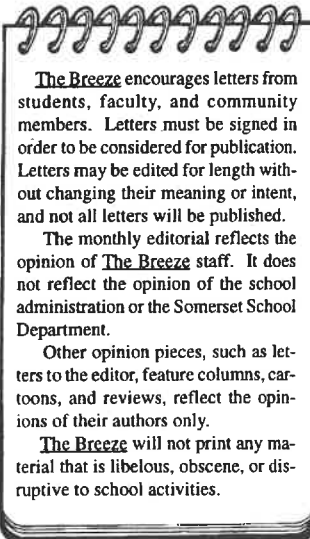
On behalf of the administration at Somerset High, it is my pleasure to welcome all students and staff members back for the 1995-1996 school year. We are looking forward to a very successful year and it is our sincere hope that this will be the best year yet at Somerset High School.

I'd like to send a special message of welcome to the newest members of our staff. These include Spanish Instructor Ms. Dana Campbell, English Instructor Mr. Arthur Thibodeau, Librarian and Media-Specialist Mrs. Marge Machado and Library Secretary Mrs. Joyce Piszcz. Also congratulations are extended to our new Athletic Director, Mr. Whitney Horton. My best wishes for success go out to these individuals and I encourage our students to welcome them to our school as well.

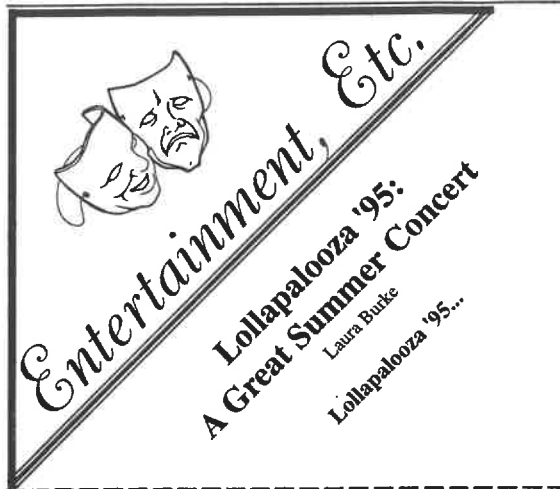
In addition, on behalf of our upperclassmen and the entire staff, my warmest regards are extended to the newest group of students at Somerset High School, the Class of 1999. We hope that our freshman class found the orientation program to be useful and informative. Our desire is that our freshmen feel comfortable and secure in their new learning environment.

The best advice that I can give to each freshman at this early point in their high school career is to seize every opportunity to take full advantage of what your school offers. Make success in the classroom your top priority while also becoming involved in some of the wide variety of available activities. Although you may find this hard to believe, your four years of high school will rapidly pass. Most current seniors would readily agree with this statement. To avoid any future regrets, freshmen should take my advice and seize every opportunity to have a fulfilling and rewarding high school experience.

Finally, the educational reform movement in Massachusetts is providing many exciting and challenging opportunities for both improvement and change within all public schools. We will all experience the impact of this statewide initiative while also being asked to contribute to change and growth at Somerset High School. I look forward to the challenge that awaits us in this regard, and I again wish all students and staff members the best of success for the 1995-1996 school year.



Sketch by Rob Mayo



Entertainment, Etc.
Lollapalooza '95:
A Great Summer Concert
 Laura Burke
 Lollapalooza '95...



Circle of Friends
 Heather Conroy



This was not one of the best movies I have ever seen. Despite all the great reviews it got, it doesn't get a good one from me. The story line was pretty good. The acting was pretty good too, but it could have used more liveliness.

Everyone seemed too serious, and worried too much. Benny's character, played by Minnie Driver, had an annoying personality. She complained constantly about how she looked which would drive anyone up a wall. Through practically the whole movie all she ever did was talk. I kept wishing that someone would duct tape her mouth shut. Chris O'Donnell got the raw end of the deal. Unlike his character in *Batman Forever* he played a real mama's boy.

Nan, played by Saffron Burrows, was the only realistic, lively one in the whole movie. Her snobby, daddy's-little-girl, self-centered, selfish, two-timing, so called "friend" attitude was the only thing that kept me awake. In her sneaky, devilish ways she sneaked behind her friend's back, stole her boyfriend, then claimed that he was the father of her baby. That's what I call entertainment!

Eve, played by Geraldine Rawe, was too sweet and too nice. She made me gag, but at the end of the movie she turned into a psychopath going after Nan with a knife. Sean, played by Alan Cumming, did a good job acting, but his character gave me the creeps. He was disgusting and perverted. Every time he walked into a room, I would get the chills.

This movie was boring and slow. When the characters talked (mostly all the time), they talked really softly, and with a strong Irish accent. It was sometimes hard to understand them. If you haven't seen this movie yet, I wouldn't recommend it. It would be a waste of money and time to rent it - that is, unless you need something to help you sleep.

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...was a great summer concert. The closest show of the Lollapalooza tour this year was held at Great Woods. Kicking off the show at the main stage were TheMighty Mighty BossTones, but I chose to explore the areainstead. Various food, clothing, political, and cultural booths made Lollapalooza unique. Many people beat the July heat by hanging out in the mist tent. As the heat grew more intense, the tent became more crowded, and the people inside grew a bit more rowdy. Some brave people chose to crowd surf to the end of the tent. Later on the mist tent was no longer needed due to the heavy rain.

When I returned to the main stage, I was greeted by many pieces of sod whizzing past me. Because of the rain, the grass had turned to sod and the fans

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The Truth About The Naked Truth

Jennifer Silva

The Naked Truth is a new fall show that airs at 9:30, Wednesdays on channel 6. It stars Tea Leoni as Nora Wilde, Pulitzer Prize-nominated photojournalist. Nora is now reduced to working at a sleazy tabloid called *The Comet* after being blackballed at every reputable paper in the country by her powerful ex-husband.

In the pilot, one of Nora's potential story subjects is "Guess" model Anna Nicole Smith (Smith appears as herself).

One plus for the show is that it is not a recycled story line, although it could get a little old seeing the same chase for a story week after week. In other respects, however, *The Naked Truth* may soon be "exposed" as a Murphy Brown copycat.

David Bowie with Very Special Guest Nine Inch Nails

Paul Golaszewski



On Saturday September 16, I had the pleasure to see David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails play to a sold out audience at the Great Woods Center for Performing Arts. While driving to the concert on I-495 it was obvious to me that several of the other cars on the highway had the same destination as myself; the passengers were decked out in black leather, black lipstick, and other "alternative" clothing. Upon arriving through the main gates, my camera was immediately discovered on my friend Vicki's body and confiscated; hence there are no photos to accompany this article.

When we entered the stage area, we were quite surprised and outraged to find that our lawn seats were actually "sand seats." That's right, instead of beautiful, lush, green grass to rest our behinds on, the whole area was turned into a giant sandbox in order to replant or refertilize or re- something the grass. After working our way towards the front of the crowd, we settled in to enjoy the show.

The first band to open was Prick. They were fairly good and managed to get the crowd going, but they only played a handful of songs before leaving the stage. Everyone waited in anticipation for Nine Inch Nails to take the stage next. When they finally came on, the crowd responded enthusiastically by screaming, moshing, and crowd surfing. Near the railing, it was becoming a bit too tight of a squeeze for us after a few songs. People were packed in so close together to get a glimpse of Trent Reznor that some people were falling over the railing. Luckily, Vicki managed to intimidate the crowd into letting us out by roaring the words "excuse me" into their faces. From then on, we spent the rest of the time watching the monitors.

After Nine Inch Nails electrified the crowd with such songs as "Closer" and "Piggy," David Bowie came on stage and the two performed a few songs together. However, after Nine Inch Nails left the stage, the concert turned into a real bore. By the end of the concert, about three-quarters of the crowd was sitting down (some people actually looked like they were sleeping) to listen to Bowie. Perhaps it was because it was only their second stop on the tour, but Bowie just didn't excite the crowd, except for some die-hard fans of his. I soon became anxious to leave; the weather was freezing, the sand was sandy, and a combination smell of pot, throw-up, and other unidentifiable odors was starting to annoy me. We stayed to the end just in case Nine Inch Nails came back on, but we had no such luck. Perhaps the concert would have been better if it had been Nine Inch Nails with very special guest David Bowie.



Perspectives



Breeze History

1928 at SHS: Slickums, Bobs, and Knickers

Mel Maronn

"Have you noticed Noela's new bob, the essence of Howard Gagne's slickum, or Mosher's new knickers?" Does this sound familiar? If you were a student in 1928, you would be reading this in your Breeze.

In the future issues of our school newspaper, we will be going back in time to various past articles of the Breeze.

Glancing over the October 5 issue of 1928, you would read about many different happenings at Somerset High. In that issue, the first of the year, a front page article boasted of the largest class to enter Somerset High School—38 students! Seniors were to graduate on June 26 (this would be sure to aggravate our present seniors). Can you imagine students answering the telephone in the main office and taking care of attendance and all tardy students? Well, it happened in 1928.

The athletic program was surely not what we have today. Volleyball became a new sport for girls. There was no football team that year since there were not enough of candidates that tried out. However, the baseball team had high hopes for many wins. It is also curious to note that references were made in this early Breeze, to students having recesses. (Didn't that end in elementary school?)

All of this news was in two pages for only ten cents. Unlike today, the students had to pay for their school newspaper!

Excitement in England

Lori Boulanger

This past summer I had an opportunity to attend a trip to London. The trip was offered through the Plymouth Bay Girl Scout Council at a very reasonable price. Over forty girls, ranging in age from 14 to 18, attended this trip, giving everyone a chance to meet new people.

The city of London offers several different places to see and history to learn about. During our nine-day tour, we visited the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Hampton Court, and St. Peter's Cathedral. Each of these historical landmarks taught us about the history of London, its people, and the importance of its royalty. We also saw the changing of the guards. Taking place inside the gates of Buckingham Palace, this has been a tradition in London for many years and attracts hundreds of tourists daily. Our trip to London brought my group a rare and unique opportunity; we had the chance to see a Gay and Lesbian Parade. Unlike the protests that sometimes occur in New York and Boston, this parade was non-violent and a learning experience. It showed how open and accepting Londoners are. It was different and hard to believe at first, but it is something I will never forget.

For teenagers and shoppers, London offers Piccadilly Circus. Much like Quincy Market on a larger scale, Piccadilly Circus offers Planet Hollywood, Harrod's Department Store, and several boutiques and eateries. For the kid in everyone, Hamley's, the world's largest toy store, can be found in London. Also, for those who like tennis, do not forget Wimbledon. However, if you go when we did, expect large crowds and bumper-to-bumper traffic.

Everything about London made it a very valuable trip, but what made it most worthwhile was the chance I had to see a totally different culture. From their modernized style of clothing to their old historical places, the city of London is a beautiful place to visit.

A Little Piece of Paradise

Christina Barbosa

Quite some distance between the shores of Europe and North America lies a remote little archipelago of islands rich in culture, knowledge, style, and beauty. Their charm and appeal can only be fully appreciated once one has visited there. These islands, of course, are the Azores.

The nine islands that make up this little piece of paradise are covered by lush forests and patchwork fields, each of which seem to tell its own story. These are the stories that fill the islands with mystery and legend. Legends exist that the Azores are the final remains of the lost continent of Atlantis.

Though the islands may be the "remains" of another legend, the people there have worked vigorously to make it a wonderful place. It is almost as if God has rewarded their hard work with rich vegetation and an environment that gives eternal enjoyment.

At exactly what moment in history the Azores were discovered still remains an unanswered question. Possible solutions include Plutarch's discovery of some "Atlantic islands" all the way through Polodyn's probable discovery of one of the islands.

Nonetheless, today these islands are thriving and prosperous. Easily recognized by their sense of stylish architecture and voguish personality, the Azores have made an impact on decorating and fashion throughout the world.

A culture full of a proud people is what surrounds every tourist there. Any stranger to any one of the islands is easily embraced by the cordial behavior and the radiance given off by everyone there.

Santa Maria, one of the islands, is known for its little white cottages stretched over much of its farmland. Sao Miguel, the largest island, including its capital Ponta Delgada, is a well known tourist area. The Santo Cristo feast brings islanders and tourists collectively every year here. Angra do Heroismo, found on Terceira, is the oldest town of the islands. Graciosa is known for its windmills that act as a reminder of its Dutch settlers. The island of Sao Jorge is the island of dairy farming. Whales are still slaughtered and processed on Pico. Old volcanoes still cover much of Faial. Rich in hydrangea and crops is the island of Flores. Corvo, the smallest island, is comprised of 400 people living off of their farms.

Labeled a mixture of Hawaii and the Caribbean, the Azores are an alluring place sure to please anyone.

Student Trooper Program

Joseph Donnelly

During this past summer, I was able to attend the Student Trooper Program at the State Police Academy in New Braintree, MA. The one-week program was sponsored by the American Legion. It provided insight into the rigors of state police training and was attended by students of various backgrounds from throughout Massachusetts.

The program was made of strict discipline and informative activities. The week's discipline included not talking unless told to do so, not moving at all while in formation, procedures for going to bed, and there was absolutely no talking back to drill instructors. Throughout the week, floors and the ground were referred to as "decks", beds as "racks", and wake-up as "reveille". During the week, discipline was lightened during classroom sessions, and we were allowed to relax. Activities of the week included classes on teen dating and violence, undercover work, narcotics, and pursuit driving. We also attended a K-9 presentation and a class on safety driving. Drilling was done each day to prepare for graduation. At graduation our "company" showed friends and relatives our precision at drilling and new skill at standing at attention a long while.

The week was worthwhile and the sense of accomplishment was real. The feeling of finishing a program that some people had to leave early was rewarding. I encourage anyone interested in a career in law enforcement or the military to consider next summer's program.



Around.....

National Honor Society Elections

Congratulations to all candidates who ran for a National Honor Society office. The election results are as follows:

President : Kara Taylor
 Vice President: Kim Viera
 Secretary: Kara Rebello
 Treasurer: Paul Golaszewski
 Executive Board: Jonathon Azevedo
 Jacklyn Diogo
 Mathew Horvitz
 Sarah Horvitz
 Jessica Lagasse

Student Council Elections

Here are the results of the recent Student Council elections:

President: Pamela Tomawski
 Vice President: Joseph Donnelly
 Minutes Secretary: Elizabeth Summers
 Corresponding Secretary: Elisabeth Bailey
 Treasurer: Angela Beaudoin

Congratulations are extended to all of the candidates who ran.

Amnesty International

Margaret Peachy

Have you seen all the posters around school about human rights? Well, in case you are curious about them, here's some information.

Amnesty International (AI) is a human rights organization that works for the release of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience all around the world. All these prisoners have not used or advocated violence and/or have been imprisoned because of their race, religious belief, or sex. Many are being tortured or have "disappeared". AI members write letters to the leader of the country where the prisoner is being held and urge him/her to free the prisoner. For example, political prisoner Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of a pro-democracy group in Myanmar (Burma) and Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1991, was released on July 10 after six years under house arrest. She had been the subject of an AI letter-writing campaign, and AI continues to pressure the government of Myanmar to improve their human rights record.

AI also has many campaigns each year, each lasting two to three months. During this time the group signs petitions and attends rallies for a particular cause to try to improve a troublesome situation.

Now that you know a little more about AI, come check it out. Keep an eye out for the meeting time and place and get involved. Remember - "Hope is Power".

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"Think as I think," said a man, "or you are abominably wicked; you are a toad."

And after I had thought of it, I said, "I will, then, be a toad." — the words of American author Stephen Crane as they appear on the SHS Amnesty International T-shirt.

Debate

Jessica Lagasse

Debate you say? That's right! Somerset High does indeed have a debate team. It is coached by Mr. Levesque and competes in twelve rounds of debate as part of the Eastern Massachusetts Debate Conference. This year's topic is China. The first formal meeting will be held some time in early October. If you would like more information or if you are interested in joining the team, you may speak to Mr. Levesque or wait until the first meeting. New members are always welcome and the team hopes you come see for yourself what an exciting and rewarding activity this really is!

Peer Leadership

Kara Taylor

Peer leaders, throughout the year, are involved in numerous activities. By participating in these activities, the peer leaders serve as role models and provide examples that, hopefully, the entire student body will follow. In the past, the Peer Leadership group has helped to organize Freshmen Orientation Day, the Red Cross Blood Drive, the After-Prom Party, and Multi-Cultural Week here at SHS. The members have also gone out into the community to volunteer their time and energy. The group has brought joy to the children of St. Vincent's Home with the annual Christmas Party, provided relief for the hungry assisting at the Church of the Ascension Soup Kitchen, and cheered the elderly by attending the Clifton Geriatric Senior Prom. Peer leaders also promote a drug and alcohol-free school community during all seasons of the year. At Christmas, the group sends a Christmas card to each Somerset High student. Included in the envelope is a red ribbon which, when tied to the antennae of the family car, serves as a reminder to keep the holidays safe, fun, and sober. Also, the peer leaders put on the Spring MIAA Chemical Health Night skits, which attempt to teach our student athletes about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, steroids, eating disorders, and other issues that could harm their athletic and academic abilities.

The Peer Leadership Group is an outstanding organization that is well worth considering. Please join us if you would like to feel good about yourself while at the same time helping to make the Somerset High community a better place.

If you would like to place an ad in the Breeze, please contact Somerset High School or The Herald News.

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Future Teachers

Kathryn McMillan

With the beginning of the new school year comes the beginning of all the school activities. One of these activities is Future Teachers. After talking with the groups advisor, Mr. Perron, I learned the details of this unique activity.

Someone who signs up to become a member of this club has the option to volunteer either as a teacher's aid at one of the elementary schools or as a tutor at the junior high level. Either way the work can be rewarding. You can go to any school and help any teacher of your choice. All that is needed is to simply inform Mr. Perron of your desires and he will perform the necessary correspondence between the teacher or principal that would be involved.

You do not necessarily have to want to teach as a career to join, you merely need to want to give something back to Somerset. There are many ways to do this. As a junior high tutor, you could work with students from grades six to eight in the subject that is your specialty. As an aid, you could help with mimeographing, correcting papers, reading stories, or helping the kids with their work.

Sign-ups for Future Teachers will probably be held around the end of September.

The Video Club

Shyamalee Abraham

As a new school year starts, the video club is getting geared up for another exciting and hopefully successful year. Under the direction of Mrs. Bourassa and the high school's new librarian, Mrs. Machado, the video club seems to have a very promising year ahead of them. Elections were held on Tuesday, September 12 for club officers. Senior Suzette Olivera was appointed president last school year. Graduating junior Katie Martelly was elected vice president and senior Todd Tavares was appointed secretary.

Much of the video club's activity is preparation for the state-wide video competition in May. Last year about thirteen schools in the area participated in the event. The competition is organized by M.O.V.E. (Massachusetts Organization of Video Educators). Each school system sponsoring an entry sends one instructor and three students to the awards conference. The students view and judge videos and make the final decisions. There are six categories of competition: major documentary or entertainment(5-10 minutes), short documentary or entertainment(5 minutes or less), public service announcement(1 minute), music or sports video(5 minutes or less), or theme video(Our City or Town- 10 minutes or less). Last year Somerset had three award-winning entries. A public service announcement done by Jay Laboeuf, Evan Thomas, Eric Smith, and Sean Arruda won second place. Suzette Olivera won second place for her theme video. Ali Maggs, Kevin Bourassa, Marc Davis, and John Martin won second place for their short entertainment video. This is a great accomplish-

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Orientation

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encouraged the freshmen class to take advantage of all opportunities and make the best of their high school years.

The Freshmen Orientation program continues to be a great success. It is important to be able to adjust to a new school without the upperclassmen in attendance. One freshman confided, "I wasn't as nervous because I knew it would be just us." Most of the faculty working with the students that day felt that the class seemed enthusiastic, polite, and cooperative. At the beginning of the day, many freshmen had familiar worries, such as, "I can't find anything!" or "Where am I?" However, by the end of the day, everything was running smoothly and the freshmen adapted well to their new building.

Many of the faculty members fully support the program and commented on its success. Mr. McManus wisely stated, the program is "a great idea for the freshmen to ease into the school and very significant for the peer leaders to help." Mr. Soares applauded the peer leaders, declaring that they "did a great job giving the freshmen a feel for Somerset High School from a student's perspective." Mr. Taylor, Peer Leadership Advisor, was extremely proud of his troops, stating, "It was a fine day. The peer leaders rose to the occasion and provided excellent examples which, hopefully, the incoming freshmen will emulate." Lastly, Mr. Rebello, principal of SHS, was "impressed with the freshmen's behavior, organization, and the way they moved throughout the school." He "is looking forward to one of the better classes here at Somerset." Mr. Rebello's gratitude and thanks go out to Mr. Taylor, Mr. Leary, Mrs. Kelley, Mr. Horton, the mentors, and the peer leaders. As our principal stated, "Freshmen Orientation Day was a huge success. It gets better every year!"

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Senior Nate Charette helps out at the annual Pierce Beach Clenn-up. (photo by Cate Marcille)

Seven Days in the Sun

Sylvia Silva

While most students spent the last days of their summer vacation sleeping late and relaxing, hundreds of athletes and musicians were very busy at Somerset High School, well before September 7.

Band Camp is seven days of fun (sweat, sore aching muscles, getting up when you'd rather sleep, the feeling of accomplishment) out in the mid-August heat. During our seven days together, the band not only learns the basics of music and marching, but we also relearn the importance of patience and teamwork.

The Band's five girl squads, which have been working together all summer, have given the instrumentalists a sneak peek to the visual wonders that lie ahead, as each squad performed the number of their choice for the rest of the band. Each routine was incredible, and we'd like to thank the girl squad's captains for all their hard work. The Band would also like to thank all the other section heads for their hard work.

This year's field show, a tribute to modern movie classics, is sure to keep fans in the stands during the half-time show. It includes the theme from Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark and two hits from the Disney original The Lion King.

The real end of summer. By the calendar, it was September 23, 1995, but most students would say it was September 6. Here senior, Shyamalee Abraham hits the books early at the Somerset Public Library.



"A Time for Hootin' and Hollerin'"

The Fall Sports Rally

Pamela Tomawski

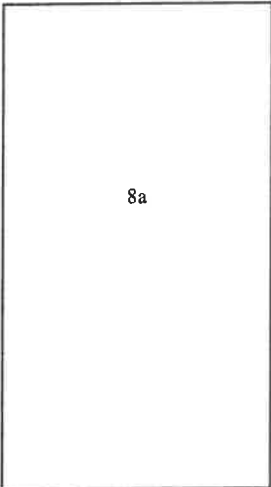
The Somerset Fall Sports season began with a bang when the entire student body spent the last hour of the day on Friday, September 15, showing their spirit for all the teams. Athletic director Whitney Horton Displayed his enthusiasm for his job when he led the school in the "Raiders' Chant". Students entered the gym prepared to be bored by long-winded speeches, but were surprised when they left with a little more pride than they had come in with.

The Somerset High School Marching Band proved that they are one of the best in the area with songs ranging from the National Anthem to the theme from Indiana Jones. Along with the entertainment from the band were the fall cheerleaders, who once again showed their talent and spirit as they back-flipped across the floor, amazing the crowd with their stunts.

Along with all the entertainment, there was also a fair share of speeches, but they were brief and to-the-point, so the crowd would not get bored.

Mr. Horton noted, when he was not busting his vocal chords with cheers, that the rally was a way to connect the student body. He said that it was a time for "hootin' and hollerin'" and a time to show support for the school. He stated that even though there are many different sports and groups, Somerset is still one student body that everyone belongs to and should have pride in. One of the most important messages that Mr. Horton gave was to "cheer for our team but not against the other team."

Mr. Horton succeeded in leading the school in an extremely energetic pep rally. Hopefully the positive attitudes that were displayed in the gym that afternoon will continue for the rest of the fall season and the entire school year.



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Coach Taylor poses in front of the practicing field hockey team. (photo by Cate Marcille)

A New Face at the Field Hockey Field

Margaret Peachy

"If I have to, I can do anything. I am strong, I am invincible, I am woman."
-Helen Reddy

This year Somerset High School has a new J.V. field hockey coach, Kristi Taylor.

Coach Taylor is originally from Newark, Delaware. This is where she started playing field hockey. In middle school she played goalie. Coach Taylor then played link (mid-field) for varsity in eighth grade at Caravel Academy. Unfortunately she was hindered by injuries which limited her playing time throughout her high school career.

Recognizing her inability to continue as a player, Coach Taylor showed her determination and love for the game by sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with the players she has coached.

Coach Taylor previously coached field hockey at New Castle Middle School in Delaware. Her philosophy of coaching is for the team to have fun and learn at the same time. She also believes a coach should be positive and constructive to help the team. She wants the girls to enjoy high school. In her eyes, a good player encourages others, compliments them, is a good student, and always gives 100%.

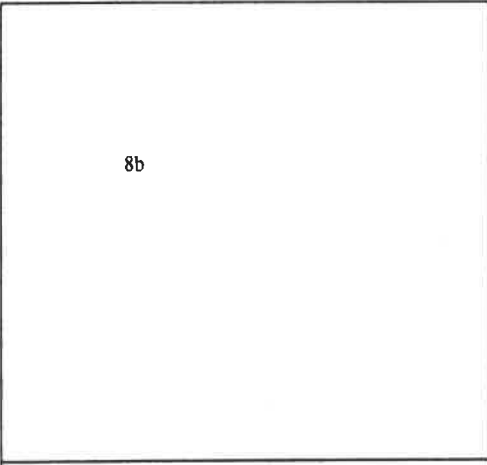
This season Coach Taylor hopes to see her team win by talking on the field, making good passes, and staying in position. She also hopes to get the team in good condition and improve their skills to varsity level.

We wish Coach Taylor and the J.V. field hockey team luck on a successful and fun season.

Teams

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provide the same number of athletic teams for girls as there are for boys. The new teams have helped reach that goal. According to Patricia Haddad, the chairperson of the school committee, it is finally time we realize that females are just as competitive as males in athletics and we should give them the chance to excel beyond their expectations.



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The victorious Girls' Soccer team (photo by Cate Marcille)

Recent Scores, Upcoming Contests

Cross Country

9/20 Somerset 23, Feehan 33 (B)
Somerset 18, Feehan 34 (G)
10/4 vs. Coyle (H) 3:30

Field Hockey

9/20 Somerset 2, Attleboro 0
9/22 Somerset 0, Dartmouth 1
10/4 vs. Stang (H) 3:30

Football

9/23 Somerset 6, Feehan 36
10/7 Holliston (H) 1:30

Soccer (Boys)

9/19 Somerset 2, Durfee 0
9/21 Somerset 1, Feehan 0
10/3 vs. Attleboro (A) 3:30

Soccer (Girls)

9/19 Somerset 0, Durfee 4
9/21 Somerset 4, Westport 2
9/23 Somerset 0, D-R 2
10/3 vs. Attleboro (H) 3:30

Volleyball

9/20 Somerset 2, Attleboro 1
9/22 Somerset 0, Dartmouth 2
9/23 Somerset 0, D-R 2
10/4 vs. Stang (H) 5:30

Victory At Last!

Laura Burke

On September 11, the Somerset Girls' Varsity Soccer team earned its first victory ever against New Bedford Voke. Freshman Margaux Ratte scored the winning goal on a penalty kick. A great team effort allowed Somerset to keep control of the ball throughout most of the game.

Coach Reis had a few words to say about this historical event: "I was extremely pleased with the effort put forth by my girls. We dominated from the opening whistle. The score (1-0) wasn't indicative of what transpired throughout the game. The Somerset Blue Raiders could have left New Bedford with a five or six goal win. I feel relieved that we finally got our first win in history."

Riddle Me This

Josh Rapoza

Riddle me this: what happens when you take 5 major stars, Tim Burton's producing, everyone's best known hero, and put them all together? Why, Batman Forever of course. This was definitely the best movie of the summer, mixing special-effects with humor, fiction, action, and of course, those "wonderful toys". Though some movie-goers are not comic readers, many truly love the "Caped Crusader" or "Dark Knight". And of course, you can't leave out the "Boy Wonder".

In his first part as Batman, Val Kilmer did a great job playing the role. His performance was better than Michael Keaton's in the first two Batman movies. Kilmer portrayed a much darker Knight as well as having a lighter side as the Millionaire Playboy Bruce Wayne. As for Chris O'Donnell, he had a great part as well. This is the first movie to introduce the character of Dick Grayson (a.k.a. Robin). There was only one disappointment I had with the character. Through most of the movie Dick Grayson was only Dick Grayson. Granted, he saved Batman a couple of times and took the car out for a spin, but there could have been a little more Robin and less Dick Grayson. Overall it was a good performance. Nicole Kidman's part was a world renowned shrink who "loved a man in uniform". All she really did was have a love triangle problem but with the same man (Batman and Bruce). In my opinion, she was like Viki Vale in the first movie, only with a different job.

Tommy Lee Jones had to have been one of the best villains. His portrayal of Two-Face was simply the best. The make-up and costume made the most of the character. The other "half" was his acting. As an Academy award winner, his "half-witted" comedy and his seriousness worked well together. His character, at the beginning, was District Attorney Harvey Dent. Being a follower of the law and an enforcer, he was friends with the Gotham police force, Bruce Wayne, and Batman, until one day when he was questioning a mob leader in court. The gangster had some hot acid in his pocket. When Harvey got close to him, he threw it at him. Dent blocked some of it with a piece of paper, but the rest got the left side of his face. This left half of his face deformed and part of his brain was affected. This led him to having split personalities and a life of crime. He blames this "deformation" on Batman since he wasn't there in time to save him.

In one of the best performances of his time, Jim Carrey was the best villain ever. In my opinion, he made the movie. Carrey played a scientist named Edward Nigma (E.Nigma or enigma). Nigma was obsessed with Bruce Wayne; he worshipped the man, until one day he offered an invention to him. Wayne turned it down and Nigma was fired from his position. He blamed all of this on Wayne. So he set out to get revenge on him. He was leaving riddles all over Gotham and while doing that, proposing his invention to Two-Face. The invention let people watch T.V. in 3-D. While doing that, it sent signals to brain waves and stole them, leading them back to Nigma, who was now called The Riddler. He used these waves to become smarter and richer. He bought out Wayne Enterprises and took Gotham by storm.

In the final act, the deadliest duo, Two-Face and The Riddler fight it out with the Dynamic Duo, Batman and Robin.

This movie is a true must see.

Do You Have The Right To Die?

Christina Barbosa

Suppose you get into a horrific car accident that leaves you in a coma. Some time later, you wake up to find a roomful of machines assisting your hardly existent life. After coming to terms with that idea, you become informed of the fact that you are paralyzed permanently and are to be bedridden for life. You are the only one who can possibly comprehend such suffering and you want to die. The only thing is, no one will let you.

A situation like this can lead to the highly controversial topic of euthanasia. Also called mercy killing, euthanasia is the practice of ending a life to release an individual from an incurable disease or intolerable suffering.

Voluntary euthanasia involves a request by the patient or his representative. Passive euthanasia is when no action is taken to prevent death, whereas active euthanasia involves deliberate action to cause death.

Euthanasia has been accepted both legally and morally in many societies, ancient Greece and Rome for example. But here, in the United States, this practice is completely illegal. If an act of euthanasia is committed, severe punishment is to be served.

With the rise of organized religion, euthanasia has been morally and ethically intolerable. Religions such as Christianity, Judaism, and Islam all hold human life sacred and condemn euthanasia in any form.

Organizations supporting the legalization of voluntary euthanasia have been established, gaining some support, but so far they have been unsuccessful in achieving their goal.

The "right - to - die" movement has received considerable

encouragement by the passage of laws in 40 states by 1990, which allow people to make living wills. These wills have the power to instruct doctors to withhold life-support systems from terminally ill patients.

The medical profession has been caught in the middle of all the social controversies. Government, medical, and religious groups all agree that doctors should not go to "extraordinary means" to prolong the life of a terminally ill patient. Whatever extraordinary means is considered to be is up to the patients family.

Doctors have used more than one method for euthanasia, from disconnecting life-support systems to injecting lethal drugs. Drugs, such as morphine, that decrease respiration have been used many times.

Another question to consider is what the definition of death is. Brain death, the point where the higher centers of the brain cease functioning, is a popular accepted definition in many states. With family permission, a life-support system that is turned off is also acceptable.

What most people do not realize is that some patients are actually on this see-saw of life every day. With AIDS and cancer on the rise, so is the idea of euthanasia. To the patients dealing with the intolerable, euthanasia is their passport out. For example, Dr. Jack Kevorkian was recently ordered to stand trial for assisting in two chronically ill patients' suicides. The only reason he is not being tried for murder is due to the fact that no one can prove he started the devices that killed the patients. Is this ending their suffering, or is this doctor getting away with murder? You decide.



The entrance to the Raymond J. McDonald Jr. Memorial Track and football field, home of the Somerset Blue Raiders.

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ment for Somerset students considering that all other schools who entered had their own high tech equipment to work with and in-school studios.

The Somerset High video club is lucky enough to have an affiliation with TCI cablevision of Somerset. Students have to take a basic training course on how to handle the equipment. The club has access to most of TCI's equipment and is allowed to shoot scenes in their studio.

Members of the video club also tape events, edit, and do interviews and on the spot filming. Usually, it takes about twenty to twenty-five hours to produce five minutes of film.

We wish the video club luck throughout the year.

Video club advisor Mrs. Bourassa and President Suzette Olivera hold awards won at last year's competition. (photo by Shyamalee Abraham)

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began throwing it until the former lawn turned into mud. A lot of people were mud-sliding until the security started throwing people out. A member of Pavement came on stage and threatened not to play until the people stopped throwing the sod. Pavement did eventually play a great show, despite the flying sod.

Later, playing at the second stage was Moby. The fans really enjoyed his techno-style music and his sense of humor. He and his band played music ranging from disco cover tunes to some more hard-core style music. The music was never monotonous and Moby turned out to be one of my favorite performers there.

Playing at the main stage after Moby had finished was Hole. Before playing, lead singer Courtney Love requested that the fans sing "Happy Birthday" to Thurston Moore, the lead singer of Sonic Youth. The songs I stuck around for were played well, but since I'm not a big fan of Hole, I decided to watch the Mighty Mighty BossTones' second performance at the other stage.

At the second stage, the Mighty Mighty BossTones played some of their newer material and again they did a great job. The small area around the second stage was crowded with fans dancing and moshing to songs like "Tin Soldier."

After checking out the Chinese stir fry dish, I got ready for the next and final performance at the main stage, Sonic Youth. Band members and married couple Kim Gordon and Thurston Moore took turns singing. They did a great job on songs such as "Bull in the Heather," but after the last song they spent so much time messing around with guitar effects that I got bored and decided to leave before the traffic became too heavy.

Overall, Lollapalooza '95 was not an average summer concert. The great performers, booths, and other activities made it a great experience.



October Sports Events

Field Hockey

10/6 vs. West Bridgewater (A) 3:30
 10/11 vs. Westport (A) 3:30
 10/13 vs. Attleboro (H) 3:30
 10/14 vs. Case (H) 10:30
 10/18 vs. Dartmouth (A) 3:30
 10/20 vs. Durfee (H) 3:30
 10/21 vs. Dighton-Rehoboth (H) 10:30
 10/27 vs. Stang (A) 3:30



Cross Country

10/9 Wampanoag at Wheaton
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 10/12 vs. Dartmouth (A) 3:30
 10/18 vs. Stang (H) 3:30
 10/24 vs. Connolly (A) 3:30
 10/28 EAC Meet at Wheaton 9:30



Soccer (Girls)

10/5 vs. Connolly (A) 3:30
 10/10 vs. Coyle (A) 3:30
 10/12 vs. Durfee (H) 3:30
 10/16 vs. New Bedford Voke (H) 3:15
 10/19 vs. Dartmouth (H) 3:30
 10/20 vs. Dighton-Rehoboth (A) 3:15
 10/24 vs. Stang (H) 3:30
 10/26 vs. Attleboro (A) 3:30



Football

10/14 vs. Stang (H) 2:00
 10/21 vs. Dighton-Rehoboth (A) 1:00
 10/28 vs. Coyle (H) 1:30

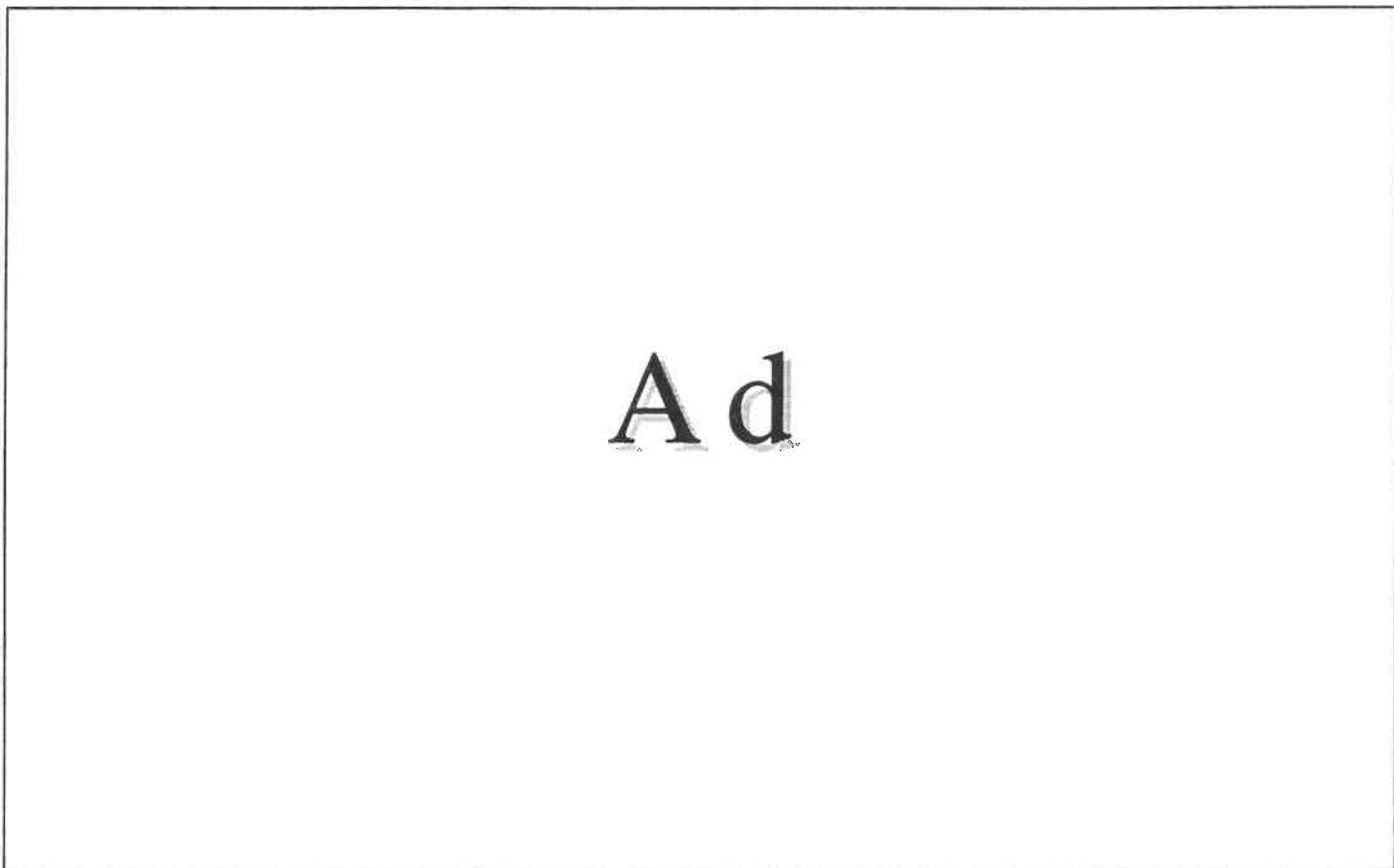


Soccer (Boys)

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 10/19 vs. Dartmouth (A) 3:30
 10/24 vs. Stang (A) 3:30
 10/26 vs. Attleboro (H) 3:30
 10/28 vs. Case (A) 9:00
 10/31 vs. Westport (A) 3:15

Volleyball

10/6 vs. Connolly (A) 3:30
 10/11 vs. Durfee (H) 5:30
 10/13 vs. Attleboro (A) 3:30
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 10/27 vs. Stang (A) 5:30



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