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MEET THE RAIDERETTES



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It seems that during the basketball season, all attention is focused on Coach Kearns and the Blue Raiders, (not that we mind) so this week the "Breeze" has decided to change the scene a little. We won't change it from Basketball to Football, but from Boys' Basketball to Girls' Basketball.

The Raiderettes, coached by Miss Barbara Worton, have been showing plenty

of action on the courts, losing one game to Case, and winning one at the expense of Durfee.

This year, thirty-three girls are on the teams, nine on the Varsity and twenty-four, including twelve Freshmen, on the Jayvees. Of the Varsity, three are Seniors and three Juniors.

Let's take "time out" and meet the

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Editorial

It isn't very often that we don't take pride in this wonderful school of ours. If anyone asked you what school you go to you would quickly say, "Why, Somerset High, of course" and deep down you would feel pretty proud of the fact that you do. Then if the next question was, "Well, why do you think Somerset is tops?" what would you answer? Would you say, "I like Somerset because the educational system is up-to-date, the faculty is understanding, helpful and friendly, the students are the best friends I could find anywhere, the athletic standing as a whole is unbeatable and the cleanliness and attractiveness of Somerset High is ranked high on the list".

True, these facts may be, but think a moment. Are we playing our part in bettering S.H.S. by being good friends who lend a helping hand when needed, not only to our closest pals, but to everyone, faculty as well as students? Do we help to keep Somerset sparkling and

attractive by throwing papers in the baskets, instead of on the floor for the "next guy" to pick up and do we leave the cafeteria as spotless for the next group as it was before we entered. Do we? If so, we have reason to be proud.

Another point of discussion is school spirit. Although the athletic standing and spirit of S.H.S. has been very high in the past years, now it is the athletic standing that has kept its place but the spirit is far from being up to par.

Those of you who have attended the games know this. Two or three years ago seats at a game were as scarce as "hen's teeth". Now, how many people do you see standing up? Oh yes, there are some but the number can't even be compared to what it was in previous years.

Have any of you ever stopped to think of what a refrigerator looks like without food? That is just what it is going to be like over at the beautiful new gym.

A basketball game is a lot of fun to watch. After seeing one or two games you will be so interested in it you will never want to miss another. So get some spirit up, support your teams. You will feel better and it is guaranteed that the members of the team will feel a whole lot better too. It will give them something to fight for and something to be proud of.

When you write an A theme or receive a high mark in an exam you rather enjoy a bit of praise. Don't you think they could do with a little too?

Athlete Of The Week

"Jerry" Archard, an up-and-coming Freshman basketball star, made his debut with the Somerset High school JV's at the beginning of the season. He is a sharpshooter and controls the ball as though he had some sort of magic charm.

"Jerry" got his first chance to play varsity ball in the Somerset Case game and he really made a great showing.

We will be looking for you on the Varsity Squad in a couple of years so keep up the good work. We're rooting for you!

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girls, who are always fighting hard for the Blue and White.

Capt. Maeleen Murphy, Guard — "Murph" has been on the team for four years. She really sparks it with her pep and great speed.

Claudette Landry, Forward — Claudette is a great gal on the courts and can really charm the ball. We'll miss her next year.

Phyllis Moriarty, Forward — Phyl is playing ball for her last season. She does a good job of "screening" and "sinking them".

Joan Douthwright, Forward — Joan has been playing good ball for four years. She comes through when points are needed.

Barbara Traynor, Forward — Barb is really a "dead shot". She's a Junior and fortunately will be with us next year. Keep up the good work!

Lorraine Banville, Guard — Raine, a Senior, is a nifty ball player and a good sport, who is always in there fighting, thick or thin.

Veronica Burke, Guard — Ronnie is another guard who does a great job getting the ball. Small she may be, but watch her speed!

Jean Barlow, Guard — Jeanie is playing on the Varsity for the first time this year. She really gives her opponents a tough time. (hem!)

Joan Archard, Guard — Joan is a Junior, who is also experiencing her first year on the Varsity. She's a great "ball-handler".

That's the 1952 Varsity Squad. To Miss Worton, Captain Murphy, and the team, we wish "sharp-shooting" with their remaining games.

Jeanie's Masterpiece

To think that once, "I Couldn't Get Up the Nerve to Kiss Her Goodnight", and now it's "Down Down, Down" that long church aisle I go, "Just Because" I asked her to "Be My Love". "I Can't Get Out of This Mood", "Because" I haven't even

got "Just One More Chance". "Grand Central Station", has nothing on the crowd that's at this wedding of ours. Oh, I just gotta tell you why I feel like a "Garden In The Rain" (Sunk?) Oh, well, we'll soon be "Cruising Down The River" in a "Shrimp Boat" to good old "Bermuda", so I guess I'd better "Powder My Face With Sunshine". I'm gonna "Miss That Old Gang of Mine" but it doesn't matter when I'm "Near You", "Because" then I'm in "My Blue Heaven" with "Stardust" in my eyes and "Orchids In The Moonlight." "Tell Me Why" "I Love You Like I Do", I guess it's because "You Were Meant For Me." "We'll Build a Bungalow" after our "Aba Dabba Honeymoon" is over. You'll "Have To Be True Dear", or we'll be "Feuden-a-fussin' and a-fightin'" and we'll be "The Talk of the Town."

S. H. S. Banking Program

Are you planning to go to college after high school or begin your career? We know that all of you have big plans for the future and that's where Somerset High's banking program comes in. This system was adopted last January and has been in full swing ever since. Quite a few students have opened bank accounts, 25% to be exact, and since the week of January 21 was Natural Thrift Week we had quite a few new bankers from the Junior High.

Those people who bank can be assured that they will benefit greatly by it. Just a few cents a week will add up in no time, and by the end of four years you'll have quite a bit, (we know you won't have any trouble putting it to good use.) If you go to college, for example, this would help to pay some of the expenses, or you might want to use it in your Senior year which is an awfully expensive year for anybody.

So come on kids! If you haven't already taken advantage of this wonderful opportunity, hurry up, you certainly won't be sorry.

Hitting The Basket With Snoopy

Hi ya! Another two weeks have rolled around and it's time to discuss the latest! Quite a few seniors have attended the Ice Capades, for instance: Stelle and Dana, Ruthie and Earle, Kathleen and Bill, Olive and Porky, Claudette and Bob and Laura and Arnold. By the way, I heard Kay Goss saying that she had a date to go there also, but she wouldn't say who he was! Have fun? Couples at the last dance were, Jo Prato and Jack Balaguer, Ginny and Bob Broughton and the usual steadies. Here's a bit of news, Barbara Hathaway was escorted home from the Shorthand Club dance by Frank Misiorski of Case. Sam has been courting Jean Powers of Fall River lately. We hear that Porky had such a hard time trying to find Olive a birthday present that he asked her to make up a list. Well, at least she got something she wanted. Ronnie Panara was quite fascinated with a certain blonde from Attleboro who was in Frates the other night. Joan Vargas definitely seems to have an interest in a Durfee Senior. Billy Haworth was seen at the Shorthand Club Dance with Jackie Plunkett. Eileen Mello went home from the dance with Rene Bouchard. Judy, Joan, Mary, Barbara, and Maeleen seemed to have had a swell time at the last dance. The reason was that the Dighton fellows were there and escorted them home. Cecile Bienvenue has received her hope chest from Wesley Johnson. Laura Saraiva enjoys flirting with Jimmy Medeiros in the library last period. What's Arnold going to say? June and Joe, Ann and Nick, and Brenda and Jimmy D. went home from the last dance together. Joan Foulds seems to get a big kick out of talking to Carl Bridge in Geometry and cafeteria. Jane Parrott has a crush on Hopalong Cassidy. Elaine Rosenthal has a nice collection of pictures in her wallet, especially of George. Does Joan Benevides still like her friend from

Case? Ronny Cheney is the Sophomore girls' chivalric hero, but they don't want it known. Jeanne Gough, Barbara Maynard and Margaret Burgess have interests at Durfee. Tommy Jackson is dying to give a Junior girl a ride on his bike. Isn't that sweet? Emily Haynes is learning all the Dighton songs lately. Is it because of Bobby Blieu? Barbara Smith thinks Joe Borge is swell.

Has anyone noticed how excited Ann Burgess gets over a certain Freshman player on the JV's Jerry Archard played a wonderful game with Case. Not only did he lead the JV's, but he also played for the Varsity. Keep up the good work, Jerry! Jackie Benevides and Bill Anderson seem to look forward to coming home from the basketball games. Bob Sykes seemed lost at the game; reason, of course, was that Louise Cuttle wasn't able to go. June Chace and Marion Douthwright went home from the last dance together. We really shouldn't say alone though, because Jerry Doucette and Walter Curt escorted them. Has anyone seen Eleanor Martin's new poodle cut? It's cute! You know, some like those and others like the new horse tail hairdo. Quite the combination, huh? They're both very smart looking. Toodle-loo, until next time!

Basketball 1952

In past years, there has been no Narry League representative sent to the Southeastern Massachusetts High School tournament held in the Boston Garden each March. It may be that some of us have wondered why the officials of the Garden have seemingly slighted this area.

First off, the Garden wants only top teams of each league, so that it may present to the public a card that will produce a real champion of each class. Thus, to be invited, you must be the best in your respective league. And, as we know, the teams that have finished in the spotlight lately, have been unable to compete in the tourney, because the rules

of the schools will not permit them to do so.

Even if these schools did not have special laws prohibiting Garden participation, would the Garden still send an invitation? Probably not.

Although the Garden conducts the tourney, its first objective is to make money. In order to clear a profit, they have to have a considerably large number of people present while the show is going on. The size of the crowd depends upon the interest the regional population has in its school's efforts. The interest of the people determine how many of them will go to a game. High interest of the people determines how many means the Garden is empty, but for a few supporters and their echoes. The Garden can't make money on echoes.

Then the problem is not in the quality of the basketball played in this locality, but instead, in the interest, or rather lack of it shown by the general public.

There was a time when the gymnasiums of the Narry League, especially Somerset, could not hold all the people who wanted to see a game. Many were turned away after waiting long periods of time to purchase a ticket. Maybe you were one of those who were once turned away, after being shoved and pushed about in front of locked doors.

It is sadly admitted that now, no such condition exists. The gym often looks like the mouth of a giant, with the empty seats showing us his many missing teeth.

It seems as if the crowds should be larger than ever, because the number of students in the schools has increased, the population of the town has increased and the facilities for accomodating large numbers of fans are now a reality. Even the size of the school we have been attending has been increased by the addition of the Junior High, but still there is not a comparable increase in fans. Lack of interest in High School activities by many people, is the only reason this writer can find for the truth of the above facts.

The disappointing climax to the whole proposition that people have lost interest in High School basketball, is not that the Boston Garden will lose money, nor that Somerset gymnasium is a place lacking spectators, but in the fact that high school students, their parents, and the town's people, have lost an interest in a thing which ought to concern them, namely an active high school project, the point of which is to help make men and women out of boys and girls.

A Letter

Dear Edyter,

I is a nu citazun of Summerset Hi Skool, so I think I ort to tole you what good ole S.H.S. means to me. It means that I'se got abowt one hunnered and fivety chances to git meselve a boy frien this leap year. Rite now, I have been practisin shooting ma shot gun in the bac yard, cuz I aim to git me a man, deed or alive and speakin abowt fellers, I'se got my sites on a lotta fine specymens. L want you to no that I'se thinks the gals are purty nice too. Thoz contrapshuns that they ware on their feets are verry nice. I'll haf to ax pappy to git me sum. I thinks they calls them shus. I also like the skool itselve and especshiallee them bells that ring. They sorta brings back ole memories of pappy bac down on the farm callin the hawgs. I'se hafin a little trowble in unnerstandin what sum uf my nu friens sez cuz one day last week, I were talkin abowt sum homework I'se had to du and they sez that it were for the birds. Now I'se never seen a bird do homework. One thing I likes abowt skool is the basketball games. I thinks it vurry nice that you haf been able to gif work to those poor men who can't see. I think you call them referrees. I wood never haf guesst they coodent see, if the fella sittin nexted to me hadn't yelled that they were blind. Well, that's awl I can think uf to tole you. I'se gon-
na du sum more shootin in me bac yard.

Yores trooly,

Back Woods Bess

Spotlight On Dates

"What is your reaction when a girl asks you for a date?"

John Fleck—It all depends on the girl who asks you.

Tommy O'Connell—I don't think I'd go if a girl asked me for a date.

Billy Burgess—If it was Lana Turner, I might consider it!!

Gerry Doucette—I don't know, she must be crazy.

Dick Rego—I'd go if she had a lot of money and a nice car.

Joe Borge—It all depends on the occasion. If it was to go to a party or something like that I think I might go, but for a regular date I don't think I'd accept.

Ruthie Chorlton—I wouldn't know, I've never tried it and never will.

Maeleen Murphy—She certainly has courage!!

Audrey Swain—O. K.—If it's a dance at her school or a similar situation.

Jean Barlow—Uhh—It just don't wook wight!!!

Bill Southworth—I have yet to see the day.

Bill Ginalski—It's O. K. especially when the girl attends an all girl school and her school is having a dance.

Bob Trainor—I would go and have a good expensive time.

Larry Swain—It happens to me so much it doesn't bother me any more. Ho Hum!

Helen Sullivan—People who have the nerve, let them try it. It's not for me.

Question No. 2.—What is your opinion of kissing on the first date?

Evelyn Hathaway—No. You can't know a boy or girl well enough on the first date.

Fran Cadorette—As the saying goes. "It's O. K. if you like it"! (ha ha!)

Jim Sherman—No. not on the first night.

Emily Haynes—No. I don't want "Kissing Ameba" so soon.

John Fleck—Not a bad idea.

Janet Weeden—I don't think much of it.

Barbara Smith—Yes. If you know the boy or girl well enough. No, if you don't.

Gilbert DeCosta—It depends who the girl is.

Milton Bridge—No comment.

Bill Burgess—Of course, if you like the boy or girl.

Ronny Panara—It's wonderful any-time.

I guess most of you agree with Emily Post, that kissing should be avoided on the first date. Go out and have a lot of fun on that first date. You'll respect each other a lot more for it.



Disc Chatter

Do you want to hear a song with that special "oomph" to it??? A song that has not yet been sent to the top of the disc jockey's list? Here is one and it was first introduced to the fans when "An American In Paris" was released. Bob D. Clayton of Boston Ballroom first gave the disc a spin; the disc at the time was available only in an album but since then it is now available to record fans because of its sudden popularity.

Three minutes of a catchy tune, which is fast becoming one of the top favorites, is the sort of French sounding "Stairway to Paradise", with George Gueterrey doing the honors. As it's steadily climbing the ladder of success keep your ears tuned for "Stairway to Paradise". It's got it!!!

I Wonder

I feel so warm, so weary and tired when
I'm in school,
Oh—to be outdoors again where it's so
cool,

Once out, the air would waken my every
thought.
I'd dream of life itself 'stead of pencils
and chalk.

As I sit in class, hearing the tales of
dear Mr. Wright,
I try to read, but my eyes blur, impair-
ing my sight.

Sometimes class is quiet, and then
it's loud with noise,
Because of silly doings of childish boys.

The girls become angry and bored with
their doings,
Their pranks and remarks and foolish
cooings.

That's when I wonder why all this has to
be.
Oh, to be let out, to go on a wondrous
spree;

I'd forget my worries and tales of woe,
I'd go bowling or skating or take in a
show.

I'd leave all my books in my locker to
rot,
And there they would stay, no more for
me to cart!

But why bother with this—when all it
is a dream.
We'll just work together as a class-A
team.

I'll study and suffer and worry and
work.
And try to be far from a class No. 1
jerk!

Now that we think what school will thus
be,
We will smile and be happy. Won't we?

M. ROGERS

What Would Webster Say??

**What would you do with a "virago" if
you had one???**

Elaine Rosenthal—Give it to George
on his birthday.

Maeleen Murphy—Take it with me
everywhere I go.

Mr. Wright—Put it in a test tube so
that the Chemistry Lab class could see it.

Larry O'Toole—Make Jackson eat it.

Tommy Jackson—Use it to beat O'-
Toole at "Tic, Tac, Toe".

Miss Greene—Put in on the bulletin
board.

Carolyn Smith—Send it away on one
of the "Shrimp Boats".

Miss Mason—Put it in a cage.

Jack Balaguer—Pin it on my hats or
decorations.

June Kadlec—Give it to Mr. Kearns
for the rest of the basketball season.

Audrey Swain—Box it up and put it
out to sea.

John Fleck—Give it to Joe Borge.

Joe Borge—Give it to the JV's so they
can win a game.

Mr. Kearns—Wear it on St. Patrick's
Day.

Pat Chorlton—I'd choke it.

Billy Southworth—I wouldn't have it.

Shirley DeCosta—I'd eat it.

Helen Sullivan—I'd give it to Jimmy
Collins.

Bobby Kiley—I'd give it to Southworth
so it could help us in football next year.

Jimmy Sherman—Any old foolish
thing.

Olive Soares—I'd drive it down the
street.

Mary O'Toole—I'd ride it.

Jeanne Barlow—I'd burn it with sul-
phur in the lab.

Judy Singleton—I'd send it to Digh-
ton.

If any of you are wondering what a
"virago" is, it's a wild woman!!! (a vio-
lent-tempered, noisy woman).

Library Snitches

Looks At Books And Magazines

Rommel The Desert Fox - by Brigadier, Desmond Young.

A wonderful Biography about Field-Marshal Erwin Rommel, who was with the German Army during the Second World War. A man of great courage, he is called by Brigadier Young "The bravest of the brave." He served in the army faithfully and well, only to be accused of treason by an insane Hitler and his followers and then made to commit suicide. It is a wonderful, fast moving account of Rommel's campaigns both with the Africa Corps and in Europe. Just the book for those who admire men of courage and action.

From the girls point of view "Seventeen" is the magazine most in demand in the Library. Its many interesting articles and short stories make it easy for one (with no homework to do) to while the idle hours away. Another interesting feature about "Seventeen", and perhaps the real reason why it is rated far above any other magazine by Somerset High's better half (the ladies, in case you don't catch) is the great deal of attention paid to fashions and beauty tips. Page after page displays not only the current fashions and popular colors but the fashions to be shown in the not too distant future. Yes—the clothes are really out of this world—and so are some of the prices.

P. S.—You'll notice nothing is said about what the fellows like to read. Well, there isn't going to be anything said because I've never seen a fellow read a magazine; they just look at the interesting pictures!! hmmm!

Bob DeCosta To Represent SHS

On Friday, January 11, an election was conducted in the homerooms for the purpose of selecting a student to represent Somerset High School on Good Government Day.

When the ballots were counted, the

result was a tie between Estelle Cheney and Bob DeCosta. On Monday a second election took place and the result, believe it or not, was another tie.

Realizing that this could go on forever, Mrs. Whitney, our office clerk, drew the name of one of the tied candidates, the lucky one being Bob DeCosta, more commonly known as "Sam". The drawing took place in Mr. Kilgrew's office, in the presence of the candidates, and everything was done with their knowledge and consent.

Governor Dever has designated March 14, 1952 as Good Government Day on which the elected students from the various high schools in Massachusetts will assemble at the State House in Boston for the purpose of conducting proceedings in the same manner as the General Court.

The Governor's Glass Bowl drawing will be first and the Glass Bowl will contain a card for each winner at which time the State officers, Senators, Representatives, Governor's Councillors, etc. will be drawn so that everyone participates in the activities at the State House.

We can be sure that Sam will do a fine job and reflect credit on the school, as would, indeed, the other candidates.

Klass Klips

The Junior Class is conducting the Curtis Circulation Company's book subscription drive for two weeks. This drive has been very profitable to the class treasury for the two previous years. There will be prizes for the most money brought in and also a drawing at the end of the campaign for a Shaeffer pen and pencil set. Here's wishing a successful campaign for the Junior Class.

When Mr. and Mrs. Kilgrew's new daughter was born, the Freshman Class congratulated them by sending a dozen red roses to their home. In the following afternoon a class meeting was called and President Charlie Chorlton presented Mr. Kilgrew with a gift that Miss Scanlon, their class advisor, had so painstakingly picked out for little Helen.