

# The Breeze



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## Let It Snow...And Snow...And Snow?

Kara Taylor

Your loud, annoying alarm clock blares in your ear at some ungodly hour of the morning. You groan and pull the covers over your head, thinking that whoever is able to get up at this time is obviously from some foreign planet. Just as you're about to press the snooze button for the fourth time, Mom calls out, "Snow day! No school today, hon!" As if blessed with a miracle, you blissfully roll over and re-enter that placid dreamland that beckons you throughout your classes during the cold winter. However, as you snuggle back into your warm bed, did you ever think about CONSEQUENCES? What effect will all of these snow days have on our school calendar, and how will we make up for all of the missed classes?

As of right now, Term II has been extended by one week. It will now end on February 2 instead of January 26. Also, all subsequent terms will be extended for that extra week. The last day of school for students is now June 19, and one extra day will continue to be added to the school year for each additional snow day that is missed. If the number of snow days exceeds five this year, a decision may have to be made on the state level. In 1978, Somerset High School had approximately ten snow days. Therefore, the State Department of Education issued a local waiver of the 180-day school year. However, if the number of snow days remains between five and ten, students will be spending those first

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The Senior Class and guests enjoyed a night of dancing at the Senior Semi-Formal held on Sunday, January 14 at the Somerset Lodge. See article on p. 6.

## Walking a New Beat

Shyamalee Abraham

During the week of November 27th the Positive Influence Program was established at Somerset High School. It is a program that brings Somerset police officers into the high school three days a week for four hours a day. This is not the first time such a program has been introduced to Somerset High School. As recently as ten to fifteen years ago full-time police officers were employed at the high school to watch over the parking lots. However, due to financial restrictions, the earlier program had to be cut. Recently though, the School Improvement Council, under the sub-committee of School Security, deemed it necessary for more security measures to be taken. Again the lack of funds was a stumbling block. But the Somerset Police Department, working with the DARE program, received a grant for \$25,000.00 for school security purposes. They used this money to employ the part-time officers at Somerset High.

The Positive Influence Program was generated from concern for student and faculty safety at our school. The program was designed to promote and enhance security and protect the safety and welfare of Somerset High students and faculty. Employing police officers at the high school also serves as a preventative measure against any undesirable circumstances. Vice Principal Leonard Alves, the administrator of the program, hopes the presence of the police officers will create an atmosphere conducive to learning around the school.

Although the police officers

are employed at the high school mainly as a security measure, Vice Principal Alves also intended the program to promote positive images of the police force for the students and establish a good, positive officer-student relationship. The officers not only strengthen safety, they also assert a positive influence on the student body. They are invited to attend classes whenever possible and mingle with the student body to get to know and understand the students better. The police officers will also assist in any way possible in student problems arising outside of school, such as domestic disturbances. The focus of the Positive Influence Program is to help and reassure the students and not to frighten or intimidate them. So far, the student reaction to the Positive Influence Program, although a bit reserved at first, has been for the most part respectful and friendly. Very few negative incidents have occurred while this program has been employed. The students and officers are attentive to each other and behave with mutual respect. Vice Principal Alves says a major goal for the program is to someday expand it to a full-time service.

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Officer Wayne Ferrerria helps to provide a safer environment at SHS as part of the Positive Influence Program.

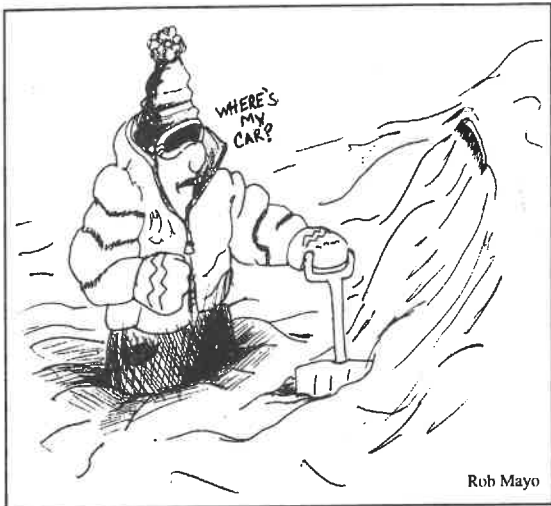
## Locker Room Thefts

Madelyn Medeiros

Unfortunately, there have been some thefts in the locker rooms lately. According to Athletic Director Mr. Horton, the thefts seem to happen in cycles: sometimes there won't be any for a month, and then there will be a few at around the same time.

Perhaps one reason for the thefts is that some locks get jammed and don't lock. In one instance, a student couldn't lock her locker so she left it open. When she came back for her next class, a pair of sweatpants had been stolen.

Although locker room theft isn't a major problem, the issue has been addressed, and someone has been hired to patrol the locker rooms after school.



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sunny days of summer in class. As Mr. Rebello wisely states, "With the new Time and Learning Regulations, the Massachusetts Department of Education is more stringent than ever; therefore, a waive of missed class time is very unlikely."

The decision to call a snow day is not a simple process. The Somerset Schools' central office personnel contacts the Somerset Department of Public Works to determine the condition of the roads and two weather services to learn of the possibilities of more snow. If the conditions bode morning commute conditions that are bad enough to presage dangerous driving, the snow day is called the night before. However, if the conditions are iffy and the

snow may not begin until later in the day, the conditions are ascertained in the morning, and the snow day is announced by 6 AM at the latest.

Once a snow day has been decided, the Superintendent has a protocol as to whom to notify and in what order. The school principals are notified, and are in turn responsible for calling key people, such as crossing guards. Two local radio stations are notified ( WHTB and WSAR ) and three Rhode Island television stations ( WLNE Channel 6, WJAR Channel 10, and WHJJ Channel 12 ) are made aware.

As for our custodial staff, Mr. Charlton and his co-workers have

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**New Substitute Vice-Principal**

Shyamalee Abraham

As many of you may know, there has been a new faculty face in the classrooms and administrative offices of Somerset High School. Acting Vice-Principal Frank DuVally started substitute teaching at the high school in November and on January 15, started substituting for Vice-Principal Charles Leary. Mr. DuVally was chosen because of his experience as a school administrator. Previous to his substitute teaching at Somerset, Mr. DuVally was an English teacher for twenty-four years and an assistant Vice-Principal for five years at the secondary school level in Providence. He retired in June of 1995. Mr. DuVally decided to take up teaching again because it had been five years since he last taught.

As acting Vice-Principal, Mr. DuVally is expected to take on regular vice principal duties dealing with the ninth and eleventh grade such as dealing with discipline and tardiness. It is not known how long Mr. DuVally will have to act as Vice-Principal, but he is enjoying his work very much and plans to continue substitute teaching at Somerset indefinitely. Mr. DuVally would like to thank the students and staff of Somerset High School for the warm reception he has received while here.

Mr. DuVally, acting vice-principal of Somerset High School.

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**Peer Mediation Goes to Work**

Pam Tomawski

On November 13, eighteen very diverse Somerset students gathered in a small classroom somewhat unaware of but willing to accept everything that would happen to them that day. These students were selected from a group of about 60 people who applied to the Peer Mediation program. Craig Aldrich, Tracy Almeida, Nicholas Botelho, Lisa Dube, Joshua Dupras, Shannon Fleck, Stephanie Fortin, Shannon Lee, Mary Kate Marchand, Nicole Martins, Tara Medeiros, Josh Mello, Lydia Morgan, Anthony Quartochi, Jeremy Shorrock, Jennifer Sousa, Julie Sullivan and Pamela Tomawski were faced with a goal; to become a peer mediator in three days. After twenty hours of training, the students left the room with a certificate that proves they are certified peer mediators. Along with this

certificate some of these students also gained a new respect for each other and the rest of the school.

Alex Nesson, Peer Mediation Coordinator, and Somerset teachers Mrs. Jaryna and Mrs. Powell also participated in the program which was led by Amanda Frye Leinhos, the Director of Mediation Services for ComCare.

The Mediation Program was established at Somerset to provide the students with a calm environment in which they can meet with certified mediators who will help them solve their conflicts. Although the many snow days have not helped with scheduling, there have been a number of successful mediations at Somerset High School. That's right, it's actually working!

The whole process of a mediation is voluntary, so the stu-

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Get Well Soon,




Mr. Leary

Students look forward to more days, but could too many affect the end of the year school calendar?



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# Commentary



## Equal Education?

Julie Averill

I've always wondered what really separates the "good" students from the "bad" at Somerset High School. I sometimes feel that the school system is not always fair to all its students. For example, many students are labeled, often at the earliest ages, to be "not as smart" as their counterparts. I personally was "branded" at the tender age of seven as I entered the Somerset schools. Luckily, I was one student that showed promise as a child and was indeed put into the "smarter" reading groups, math classes, etc. Many students, however, are not so lucky and this label of smart, average, or below average, otherwise known as level one, level two, and level three stays with them not only in elementary and middle schools, but in the high school as well as, astonishingly, college and adult life.

One example of being "stuck" in our leveling system is myself. I was considered pretty advanced in elementary school, I am proud to say. However, once I entered

the middle school, many of my marks, particularly in math and science, decreased considerably. I was, in turn, dropped into level two in these subjects. Also, to my dismay, I was dropped out of the top level English and Social Studies classes. At the time, being busy with boyfriends and curling my bangs, I was not too concerned. Little did I know, I was endangering my future by not being seriously challenged to my personal aptitude.

Many students at the high school are in the level two programs at SHS, including myself. However, many are there quite involuntarily. Many have been told since the first grade that they were mediocre or average and have been treated accordingly. This is why they have trouble with difficult classes. They were never taught to expand their knowledge through such programs as "Spectrum" or "Future Problem Solving" in their younger years. These presumably small differences in elementary school- harder spelling words, special study skills, guest speakers, foreign language, and the list grows- add up to a tremendous deficit in the level two and three student. All of these factors add up many times, convincing the student that he is only "average".

This may be very true, that a particular student is "average",

but I challenge anyone to try to show me one person in the world that isn't average at one thing, and extraordinary in another. For every disadvantage, there is an advantage, and the early grades in Somerset just don't allow every student to expand all his/her talents. We are drilled day and night- SCIENCE, MATH, READING, SOCIAL STUDIES, SPELLING, etc. What ever happened to music, dance, visual art, athletics, as well as simple skills such as the abilities to reason, feel, teach, work with people, have fun, and so on? Science has shown that the latter is often much more important than the former and yet where on the SHS course list is "Dealing With People 101" and "Coping with Real Life IV"? People with these exceptional skills are grossly left out of the running in the most critical college qualifiers- class rank, transcript, and SAT's. It is evident that something must be done about this extremely important problem, not only in Somerset, but around the world. After all, what will the world be like when all of the most powerful and influential people in the world have SAT scores of 1590, yet are neurotic paranoid schizophrenics? Consider the future, please.

**Editors' Note:** This article reflects the author's opinion based on her own experiences. Recently, steps have been taken to minimize ability grouping for instruction at Somerset elementary and junior high schools.




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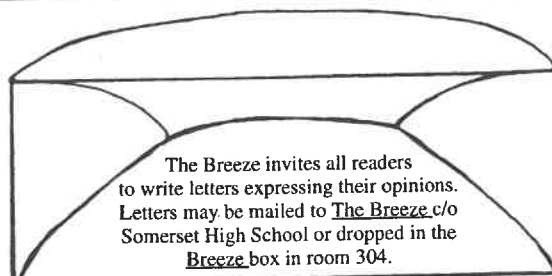


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## College Confusion

Jen Cohen

Most high school seniors would agree that the process of applying to colleges is extremely stressful. When I first began receiving college mail, I was completely overwhelmed. All of the schools sounded the same, and they all said, "You are just the type of student we are looking for." I had no idea how to narrow down the choices. As I thought about the numerous decisions I would be faced with and the piles of paperwork I would have to fill out, living with my parents for the rest of my life did not seem like such a bad option. Once I had regained my senses, however, I began to look at college handbooks and soon realized that...I really did not know what I was doing.

Throughout junior year, people kept telling me to "Be sure to start early." Unfortunately, nobody told me where to start. I tried to remember what I had learned in Career Ed freshman year, but eventually realized that I had not learned very much. As a

freshman, I had not been interested in thinking about college or a career. I had viewed Career Ed as being "boring, pointless, and a waste of time." Now, I believe the class could be very useful- not to freshmen, however, but to juniors. If the class were offered as an optional way of learning about how to choose and apply to colleges, it would be much more helpful than it currently is. Had I taken Career Ed last year, I would not have been so intimidated when I began the college search process.

By now, most seniors have sent out all of their applications, and some have already received answers. Unfortunately, we cannot relax yet; there are still plenty of financial aid and scholarship forms to complete. I never expected this to be easy, but I also never thought it would be so time-consuming and stressful. I wish I had heeded the warnings to "Be sure to start early." If someone had given me a bit of guidance, perhaps I would have done so.

## Styrofoam Spotted at Somerset High!

Angelika Brockhoff

All of Somerset recycles, yet our very own cafeteria utilizes styrofoam trays! (However it's not as evil as it seems.) The trays are actually recyclable, but the process of shipping them to New York (where the recycling factory is located) is nearly impossible.

But why are we even using them? That's a question easily answered. We're short on washable plastic trays. Most likely, this shortage is a result of students throwing the trays away or teach-

ers taking them outside the cafeteria and not returning them. So, fellow creatures and lovers of nature, let us all do our duty in preserving the environment by returning our trays to the kitchen staff!

In addition, abstaining from using the styrofoam trays is another sure-fire way not to deplete the ozone layer. Paper plates are available. They are not an equal substitute in size (they're kind of small), but how much of an inconvenience is it really?



**Blues Traveler**  
Brian Lewandowski

If you like blues and rock then this is perfect music for you. Blues Traveler has four albums out. Their first album, in 1990, was called "Blues Traveler" which features John Popper's earthy vocals and harmonica expertise. The name of their second album is "Travelers and Thieves".

Blues Traveler released another album two years later called "Save His Soul". Just one year later they debuted their most recent album, "Four", with its strong jam and pop inflections. "Look Around" and "Hook" are my favorite songs. "Look Around" has an excellent feature by John Popper on harmonica. "Hook" also has a nice harmonica feature along with excellent vocals and guitar riffs. Four people make up the band and they are John Popper playing harmonicas and doing lead vocals. Chan Kinchla playing guitar and mandolin as well as background vocals; Bob Sheehan playing 4-string, 5-string, and fretless basses and doing background vocals and, finally, Brendan Hill playing drums, and handling the percussion. Interesting instruments, good lyrics, and talented performers combine to give us another hit recording to enjoy.

If you girls out there are looking for a "girl's night out", Waiting To Exhale is the movie to see. Though dubbed a "male-bashing" movie, it is more about the strength of women and friendships. True, it does not give a very good image of men today, but it does portray some very realistic situations. Without any doubt, the movie would easily entertain a woman before it would a man. The premise of the movie is that four successful, proud women are simply trying to find true love. The only problem is that they must go through a royal run-around before getting there, if they even get there. It is impossible to describe the movie without revealing too much. It is an incredible, moving experience sure to please an audience.

**MORTAL KOMBAT - THE EPITOME OF VIOLENCE IN THE MOVIES**

Julie Averill

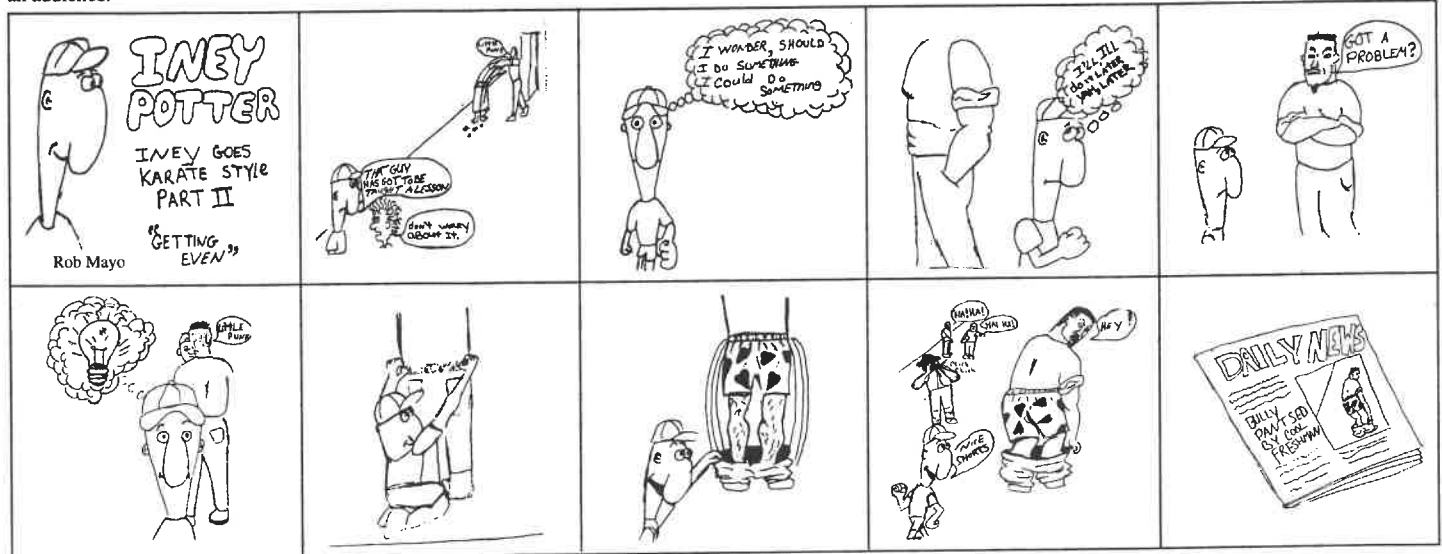


Upon waking up on the Saturday that was Christmas Eve's eve, I found that my brother (he's 11) had rented Mortal Kombat (the movie). As I sat down to watch it, in quiet anticipation, wearing my big blue slippers and oh-so-cozy Brown University sweatshirt, I remember my brother's words. "OhmyGodthatmoviewassoocool!!!!" Naturally, I was prepared to absolutely hate it. I did.

Besides having the lamest "Let's-make-up-a-stupid-story-that-will-make-us-a-lot-of-money" plot possible, the whole movie was a giant carnivorous bloodfest. Rated PG13, Mortal Kombat was enough to scare the pants off of me and my mother (17 and 39). The story is about (I think!?) these three ninja fighters who save the entire world from this (you guessed it!) evil sorcerer from another dimension. Two men and one woman make up our heroes, with the woman, of course, being captured in the middle of the movie. Hey, would it really be an action movie without the characteristic sexist woman-in-despair theme? Of course not!! Anyway, these characters are so disgustingly stereotypical it

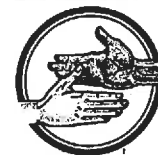
sickened my stomach. You had your Asian character. Of course the most skillful ninja, the Asian was there only to seek revenge for the death of his brother. Let me tell ya, I wept at his nobility. Next was the stupid pompous American. All he did throughout the movie was whine and tell stupid jokes. I'm sorry, but would you crack one-liners if the fate of millions of people rested on your shoulders? I think not. And of course there was the already mentioned woman in despair. I don't know whether to congratulate the script writers for sticking in every stupid plot idea known to man or not. They even had, in addition to the woman in despair, a grieving mysterious princess. Go figure!

In my humble opinion, this movie is a perfect example of why the government and other organizations are attacking the movie industry. Stupid, plotless, million dollar movies are poisoning young people's minds and making them think, subconsciously, about violence. I would definitely not recommend this movie for anyone under thirteen, or anyone with an IQ higher than their shoe size!





# Perspectives



## Grandma Havisham's & Grandma Whetherall's Mushy Lovey-Dovey Gift Guide to V-Day

[Why V-Day is Evil]

Kerri Machado

Hey, kiddies! It's past that fabulous time of the year when you have been sufficiently buried under a lavish pile of gifts, have pigged-out until you literally fell asleep in your plate, stayed up until mid-night and made so much noise your grandmother is now completely deaf. It's past all that, and now V-Day has come to ruin all that previous joy! Males, I hear you groaning along with me! Shout it! V-Day is eeeevil! I hear you!

Now are any of you kiddies out there clueless about V-Day, huh? OK, here are some hints for you... V-Day is celebrated in February, it's VERY, extremely pink, and it is named after some massacred guy or something. Got it yet? It's, oh, I cringe to say it - Valentine's Day. Evil! Who's got the garlic? Gramma Foley? Pass some this way, quick!

Now, let me fend off the vicious mushes out there in readerland. Give Grandma the chance to explain. The only V-Day gift Grandma has ever received is a dead mouse on her doorstep. (Note: This generous gift is always presented by my cat, who has no claws and is missing a paw. How she manages to catch such a lovely gift never ceases to amaze me.)

OK! So I'm a bit BITTER! But, my other source of this deep hatred is just that (and I'm sure the males will agree with me), you males are clueless! You haven't any idea what makes a good V-Day gift! Is Grandma wrong here? This is why I have devised the Perfect Gift Guide For Guys. Males of the world, rejoice!

First off, and being a Grandma I'm allowed to say this: males are

inherently born with a clueless gene. This gene allows them to buy you windshield wipers as a romantic gift! (And they do think it's romantic, females.) It's just the way they are. This gene also controls the Sports Reference File. This gene is why a male can quote the price of any baseball card ever made, and the whole 1978 Yankee roster with RBI and batting averages... This is why they can not remember the date of your anniversary.

But pish, posh! I was recently discussing the state of our relationship with my husband. (Note: As males age their Sports Reference File grows. This is why they can't remember where the fridge is but can give you a play by play summary of their senior Thanksgiving Day game.) Anyway it went something like this:  
Me: Do you realize we've been together for 62 years?  
Male: Sixty-two? Hmmm, that was who was that?! The 1962 Super Bowl?! I know this...

Me: Do you think that's a long relationship, dear?  
Male: Yes I do know... hmmm, 1962! Who won the World Series in '62? In '62 I had that Ford, she was nice. I bet Ol' Bess in the drive could use an oil change. Honey, I'm going out to change Bess's oil.

Females, prepare for the worst. Males, good luck. Here are some gift rules: Do not give us females anything related to our cars - especially mechanic lessons! Don't you know our cars run by little fairies and magic? Second: Nothing PINK! Third: Do give us a nice smooch as you present it to us. Finally: No dead mice, please - I already have some.

## The Year of the Rat

Rebecca Sablo

There are a great variety of cultural festivals held around the world. Many festivals in Europe and Asia are foreign to Americans. Austria and Singapore are two countries with a wide variety of festivals quite different from our familiar Valentine's Day and Halloween.

Austria is often referred to as the Land of Music. The nickname is appropriate because of the renowned composers born in Austria, and the multiple festivities involving music and the arts. Mozart, who composed over 600 works by the time of his death, and Beethoven, considered by some to be the greatest composer in the Western tradition, were both born in Austria. The Fasching Festival in February is one of the many festivals of the arts. Parades are held throughout the day. Dancers in masks, hats, and fancy dress perform. Another arts festival of even more importance is the famous Salzburg Festival. The operas, concerts, live street theaters, and lectures are the main source of entertainment. This

event attracts over 170,000 visitors, 60% from abroad, between the last week in July through August.

In Singapore the year is filled with festivities due to the ethnic and religious diversity. Chinese, Malays, Indians, and Eurasians make up a large percent of Singapore's population. The main religions of Singapore are Taoism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and Christianity. Although race and religion are closely connected, people respect faiths other than their own. Most Singapore Taoists and Buddhists are Chinese. One of the most popular Chinese festivals held is the Chinese or the Lunar New Year. The day is set aside to make plans for the future. The Chinese often use the Chinese Lunar Calendar. The calendar was invented by ancient Chinese astrologers and is made up of 12-year cycles. Each year is paired with an animal, and people born under these years supposedly take on the characteristics of that animal. Nineteen ninety-six is the Year of the Rat. In the Muslim religion a month of fasting between sunrise and sunset called Ramadan is observed. The fasting is believed to cleanse the body and soul and reminds Muslims of the suffering of others. During the fasting month it is customary to ask forgiveness from elders of past misdeeds and for all Muslims to contribute money to the Muslim religious council to help poor students.

## A Breeze From the Past: "Learn to Dance..."

Mel Maronn

Several articles focusing on Valentine's Day were found in previous Breezes. An early issue of the Breeze (February, 1948) had an article entitled "Do's and Don'ts for Dates." It included a list of steps to follow, for both boys and girls, in order to succeed in having dates that are more fun! Some steps for girls were "Be ready on time" and "If he can't dance, teach him." Other tips for the guys included "Don't be afraid to talk; she's interested" and "Learn to dance; it's not so hard as you think it looks."

An activity that was featured in the February 1949 Breeze highlighted the "Cupid's Holiday of Hearts Dance" presented by the Junior Class. It was a romantic evening with effective decorations and the choosing of the King and Queen. The article was followed by a list of couples who attended the dance.

The annual "Sweetheart Swirl" was a dance mentioned in the February 1961 issue. It was sponsored by the majorettes and flagtwirlers. Entertainment was provided by the newly organized "Dance Band" at the high school. Part of the proceeds from the dance were donated to Channel 2, the Educational T.V. station in Boston. The generosity from the students on Valentine's Day was greatly appreciated.

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# Around.....

## Swinging at the Semi

Lori Boulanger

On Sunday, January 14th, the annual Senior Semi-Formal was held at the Somerset Lodge. It is one of the many events held for seniors to enjoy with each other during their last year of school together. Due to the severe snow storm just one week before, it looked as though the semi was going to be cancelled. Luckily, some seniors reserved or bought tickets in advance, and the semi went on.

I was one of the many seniors who had no intentions of attending the semi until Sunday night. I felt that the price was a little high and I was not in the mood to go to another dance with the same people. With much convincing and an incredible desire to dance, I finally decided to go. Fortunately, tick-

ets were sold at the door.

Overall, the semi had very few negative aspects; the parking lot needed plowing and de-icing (I almost fell twice!), and I did not particularly care for the food. However, the dancing was great. The D.J., Brad Pineault (and friends), played an excellent mix of the most popular dance songs past and present. If it were not for cramps or sweating too much, I am sure everyone would have danced all night.

I am glad I decided to attend the Senior Semi. It gave me a chance to relax and have a good time. I cannot speak for everyone, but I believe that at least 90% of those who went to the semi had a great time.

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DJ Brad Pineault leads the crowd in the "YMCA."

## Amnesty Brings Message from Africa

Laura Burke

Iggy Ryangoma was recently a guest speaker for Amnesty International at Somerset High School. Mr. Ryangoma was born in Rwanda in 1968 as a member of the Hutu tribe. The Hutu and Tutsi tribes are the main tribes in Rwanda that have been in conflict for five centuries. After 1959, when the King Kigari V died, there was a social revolution in Rwanda. The Tutsi monarchy was replaced by a democracy and over half the Tutsi fled between 1959 and 1964. In October of 1990, the Tutsi tribe tried to take over Rwanda. Hutu and Tutsi extremists began killing each other. Many innocent people were killed just for belonging to either tribe.

Although he was born a Hutu, Mr. Ryangoma was mistaken for a Tutsi because he is tall and has long fingers. These traits are attributed to the Tutsi tribe. A group of Hutu extremists threatened to burn his house if he did not give them money. Mr. Ryangoma consented to their demands and was later visited by another group who just wanted to kill him. They made him and his family lie on the ground and just as they were about to shoot them, a friend Mr. Ryangoma knew in the army stopped the Hutus from shooting.

Later, he and several other people walked to a refugee camp in Zaire without food or water. In the refugee camp, he had to gather dead bodies, including those of some people he knew.

Today, Mr. Ryangoma resides in Boston. He is a musician and a student at Berklee College of Music. At the end of his speech here at Somerset, he played a song on a Rwandan instrument that resembles miniature piano. Mr. Ryangoma was a great speaker and performer for Amnesty International.

## A Taste of Something New

Christina Barbosa

A new idea has been introduced and put to good use at Somerset High School. Third- and fourth-year foreign language students at the high school are now introducing the languages to fifth graders throughout Somerset. The languages included are Portuguese, Spanish, French, and Latin. The program will run for sixteen weeks.

For quite some time now, this idea has been suggested but only now has it actually been acted upon. This program exposes the kids to new experiences, opportunities, and most of all, culture. It gives them the chance to get their feet wet in a new language and see if they have a knack for it. Without any doubt, learning a second language can only be to their advantage and it also gives the kids a break from their normal school schedules.

From my own personal experience with the kids, I can honestly say that they seem to enjoy the time my friend Marina Pestana and I spend with them on Wednesdays. The two of us teach Mr. Miranda's class at North Elementary. Both Marina and I speak fluent Portuguese, so naturally that is what we are teaching the students. Though it is only one half hour, an incredible amount of material is covered! This is due to the kids' willingness to learn, their excitement about the situation, and the fact that they soak everything up as if they were sponges. In fact, Marina and I have run out of material and find ourselves reviewing previously learned things over and over. We keep thinking that we will stump them, but they

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## Elks Teenagers of the Month

The Teenager of the Month Program, sponsored by the Elks Lodge, each month recognizes outstanding youth, one girl and one boy, at local high schools. The basis for selection of the award is achievement, citizenship, scholarship, and leadership. Here are the four recipients from Somerset High School for the months of December and January.

### December-

Kara E. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor of 11 Woodland Drive, Somerset, has been active in National Honor Society (Executive Board and President), Peer Leadership (President), Concert Band, School Newspaper, Spring Track, Amnesty International, and other activities. She has received the Xerox Award, the Harvard Book Award, the Rensselaer Medal, the Brown Book Award, and the Superintendent's Academic Excellence Award.

Paul M. Golaszewski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Foley of 114 Colonial Drive, Somerset, and Ronald F. Golaszewski of Worcester, MA, has participated

in National Honor Society (Executive Board and Treasurer), School Newspaper (Assistant Editor), Cross Country, Track, Debate, Video Club, and other activities. He has been the recipient of the Harvard Book Award, the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, the Principal's Leadership Award, and the DAR Outstanding Student in History Award.

### January-

Jennifer M. Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cohen of 290 Connecticut Ave, Somerset, has been a member of Marching Band, Color Guard, Chorus, Concert Choir, School Newspaper (Editor for two years), Drama Workshop, Amnesty International, Yearbook, National Honor Society, and Girls' Glee. Miss Cohen has also been awarded the Williams Book Award and the DAR Good Citizen Award.

Sean M. Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kelley of 118 Highland Ave, Westport, has participated in Basketball, Cross Country, Track, Ski Club, Debate (Secretary), and Peer Leadership. He received the Coaches Award for Spring Track in grade 10.

## Somerset High School Competition Majorettes

Amy Branco

Somerset High School has been competing successfully in the New England Majorette Association (N.E.M.A.) for decades. During last year's season, the squads placed in the top three frequently. The 'B' squad was fifth overall for the season, while the novice squad finished third overall. Again this year, Somerset will be entering in two of the four levels of squad competition. The novice squad consists of girls in grades five through eight, while the "B" squad is comprised of girls in grades seven through twelve.

This year, practices for squad tryouts began in July. During this period of time, the girls learned sequences from the routines that are to be performed this season. All girls trying out were also required to make up a one-and-a-half to three minute routine of their own. Tryouts were judged by squad advisor Donna Freitas, along with former advisor Liz Hyde. Senior Kim Little was announced 'B' squad captain for the second (Turn to MAJORETTES, p. 10)

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Jazz Chorale members rehearse for the Tri-County Chorale Concert.

## A Joining of Voices

Sylvia Silva

"In music one must think with the heart and feel with the brain." If you've ever talked to a musician about how he feels about what he does, he'll probably tell you he plays or creates what he feels, not what he thinks. George Szell didn't agree. And after seeing first-hand how much thought can go into one simple song, neither do I.

For two days, over one hundred students sang. They didn't just sing the notes on the page, but under the direction of choral director Brian O'Connell, the 1996 Tri-County chorus learned to sing the feelings behind each and every piece for their concert, which was held on the twentieth of January. Having never come together before, they made the four pieces they sang sound like magic, and did so because of the thought and love that went into their only nine hours together. While nine hours seems like a lot, when compared to the months usually spent pre-

paring for a concert, it is nothing. However, the students involved didn't let that affect the results; in fact, they used it to make the concert even better.

The annually held Tri-County Choral Festival is an opportunity for six schools from three different counties to come together and sing, without the pressure of competition. The students that are chosen from each school are some of the best, yet being the best seems the farthest thing from their minds as they laugh and joke with other students, who under ordinary circumstances would be their rivals.

Opening the concert was Somerset's own Jazz Choral which was followed by a special performance by the New Bedford High School Jazz Choir. As the Tri-County chorus went to their places, the excitement built during those nine hours of serious rehearsing was beginning to shine

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The Emily Peloquin March for Freedom: Senior Emily Peloquin leads the P&I History class through the halls on a "March for Freedom." The march was part of her term project on the role of music in the Civil Rights Movement.



# Sports

## MARY KATE'S PICTURE

### CONGRATULATIONS...

to Junior Mary Kate Marchand who is currently the number one shotputter in Massachusetts for the high school division. Mary Kate has won every dual meet this season in Winter Track. She has also received first place in many of the larger meets, such as State Coaches, in which she holds the shot put record (39'9"). Recently, she broke the school record that was held by Nikki Castonguay (39'3 3/4"), with a throw of 39'4" against Connolly. Since then she has gone on to beat her own record with a throw of 39'9". Mary Kate also holds the Sophomore and Junior records in shotput for Somerset.

## Winter Track

Jodie Braz

The winter track team at Somerset High is already off to a running start this season. Coach "B" and Coach Az have been getting Somerset ready for the 1995-96 season. These runners, throwers, and jumpers have already faced some of the toughest teams in the EAC. We have a lot of freshmen who have courageously signed up for the winter track team. Most of these freshmen were recruited into Az's army of throwers. The team is led by six mighty captains, three juniors and three seniors. Leslie Crofton is the master of the mile and two-mile. Joe Donnelly, the man, can run an incredible quarter and 600m. Jonathan Azevedo runs a competitive 1,000m, 800m and can run a great quarter time as well. Senior Sean Kelley is our star high jumper for the team and he is a tough man to beat when it comes to the hurdles. Pam Tomawski is one of our top sprinters on the team and she also high jumps. Jay Parent is a state qualifier in the mile and can run an outstanding 800m and 400m.

There are already many people who qualified for the state class meet to be held in February at the State Track Facility at Roxbury College. They are Mary-Kate Marchand in shot and in the 4x400m relay, Mary-Kate Cichon and Nate Charette in the 50m, Leslie Crofton in the mile, two-mile, 4x400m and 4x800m relays, Jay Parent in the mile, Sarah D'Angelo in 50m hurdles, Brianne Richard in 50m hurdles, 300m, and the 4x400m relay, Holly (Sherm) Sherman in the 600m, and the 4x400 and 4x800m relays, Tascha Gaspar in the 4x800m, Jodie Braz in the 1,000m and in the 4x400 and 4x800m relays, Sarah Fasel in the 4x400m relay, Sara Rego in the shot-put, Sean Kelley in the high jump, and Justin Kenney in the 300m.

Some records have been broken this season. Scott Maggs broke the freshman record for the hurdles. Mary-Kate Cichon broke her own record this year in the 50m dash. Justin Kenney has broken the freshman record for the 300m. Mary-Kate Marchand

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## Ice Hockey

Justin Silvia

The Raiders started off the season 3 - 1 - 1 and everything was looking great until the team's star player, Nathan Taylor, got injured. Just before Taylor got injured, he set the record for the all-time scoring leader of Somerset High School as he beat Ron Marcellus. After they pulled Taylor off the ice, the Raiders lost their second game to Medway. As the team prepared for their rival Connolly, they were unsure of what was going to happen. After a very poor game by the Raiders, the team was so mad that they made sure that they would not let themselves play like that again. After beating Dartmouth, Portsmouth, and then a very big win against Feehan, the Raiders were looking pretty good. After the Feehan game there was a lot of excitement because they have not beaten Feehan in 2 years. As they got into the locker room, coach Prenda said, "That was the best game I saw our team play this year." Then as the team had to face East Boston, a team who was 19-0-1 last year, they really didn't come to play but you can't win them all. During the East Boston game Nathan Taylor, who was injured earlier in the season, came to play and got injured again. The team is shaken up but they know that they can win without him.

## Support Winter Sports

## Wrestlers Set Scoring Record

Margaret Peachy

On the long trip to Holbrook, on January 22, the wrestling team probably did not know that they were about to set a new school record: score 68 team points in a match.

Freshman Tommy Mello, 103, started off the match by getting the technical fall by accumulating a score of 20-4. Mello on the season is 13-9 with 7 pins. Freshman Josh Cristman, 112, came out on the mat and pinned his opponent in the first period. This was his second win, both by pins. Chris Borges, wrestling at 119, has four wins, two of which were by pins. Borges lost a tough match against Holbrook.

Kenny Oliveira destroyed his opponent with a 59 second pin, giving Somerset a 17-6 lead. Oliveira has five wins, all by pins. Jared Monast got his first win of the season by a pin. Joe Nunes has been out of commission for most of the season due to injury but he has one win. After Monast's pin Mark O'Brian suffered a tough loss. Mark has seven wins on the season. Rob Mayo went out and avenged the loss by pinning his opponent in 1:56. Mayo has been a standout on the team this year with a record of 11-10 and eight pins.

Tri-captain Rob Chapman gave Somerset its fifth pin of the day. He has 7 wins, 6 of which were by pins. Matt Plosker, 152, did not wrestle due to illness. He has six wins this season with five pins. Chad Parkman had to drop





## Somerset's Gymnastics Team

Stephanie Marcellino

Somerset High School's gymnastics team has a 2-and-2 record so far this season. The team has had two home competitions, one against Durfee High and the other against Attleboro High. The team lost these two meets but won their two away competitions against New Bedford and Case High School. Coach Toi Fortes, Assistant Coach Joe Mellen, leading scorer Alison Parent, and the rest of the team will compete in the EAC meet February 10.

The SHS gymnastics team is en route to a winning season this year.

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The Boys' Varsity Basketball team gets psyched up before their game versus Coyle.

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### Winter Track

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has broken the shot-put record for Somerset and is the top thrower in the state! The girls' team has a record of 3-1 and the boys' team record is 1-3. The track team is off to a good start this season, and we expect to see these talented athletes end with a successful season.

The freshmen on the winter track team are Sarah Agugusto, Adam Boulanger, John Cabeceras, Patrick Considine, Jennifer DeCosta, Sarah Fasel, Greg Fontaine, Julia Horvitz, Carl Johnson, Justin Kenney, Richard Langfield, Scott Maggs, Emily McNamara, Elizabeth Murry, David Nievera, Tarrah Parent, and Brain Worsley. The sophomores on the team are Marc Davis, James Friar, Tascha Gaspar, Louis Ginsberg, Beth Jennings, Lydia Morgan, Kim Southworth, and John Tomawski. The juniors on the team are Brian Austin, Jonathan Azevedo, Jodie Braz, Erik Bryan, Mary-Kate Cichon, Leslie Crofton, Joseph Donnelly, Sarah Horvitz, Mary-Kate Marchand, Mike Mcgee, Shawn Parent, Sara Rego, Brianna Richard, Holly Sherman, and Matt Silvia. The seniors are Angelika Brockoff, Nathan Charette, Katie Considine, Sarah D'Angelo, Meredith Jennings, Sean Kelley, Jason Lopes, Jason Parent, Lizz Summers, and Pamela Tomawski.

## Upcoming Contests

### Boys' Basketball (Varsity and JV):

2/6 vs. Durfee (A) 5:30  
2/9 vs. Stang (H) 5:30  
2/13 vs. Connolly (A) 5:30  
2/16 vs. Dartmouth (H) 5:30  
2/20 Wareham Tournament (Wareham) TBA  
2/21 Wareham Tournament (Wareham) TBA



### Boys' Basketball (Freshmen):

2/6 vs. Durfee (A) 3:30  
2/9 vs. Stang (H) 3:30  
2/13 vs. Connolly (A) 3:30  
2/16 vs. Dartmouth (H) 3:30

### Girls' Basketball (Varsity and JV):

2/6 vs. Durfee (H) 5:30  
2/9 vs. Stang (A) 5:30  
2/13 vs. Connolly (H) 5:30  
2/16 vs. Dartmouth (A) 5:30  
2/20 Wareham Tournament (Wareham) TBA  
2/21 Wareham Tournament (Wareham) TBA



### Girls' Basketball (Freshmen):

2/9 vs. Stang (A) 3:30  
2/13 vs. Connolly (H) 3:30  
2/16 vs. Dartmouth (A) 3:30

### Ice Hockey (Varsity):

2/7 vs. Stang (A) 6:00  
2/10 vs. Feehan (H) 8:00  
2/12 vs. Seekonk (H) 7:00  
2/19 vs. East Boston (A)



### Ice Hockey (JV):

2/5 vs. O.R.R. (H) 7:00  
2/14 vs. Portsmouth (A) 7:30  
2/22 vs. Portsmouth (H) 2:00



### Winter Track (Boys' and Girls'):

2/7 EAC Meet (Voke) 4:00  
2/25 B+C Class Meet (St. Track Facility) TBA  
3/2 All State Meet (St. Track Facility) TBA  
3/9 N.E. Indoor Meet (St. Track Facility) TBA

### Gymnastics:

2/10 EAC Meet (TBA) TBA  
2/17 So. Sectionals (TBA) TBA  
2/21 Girls' State Meet (TBA) TBA



### Wrestling:

2/11 Sectionals (Marshfield) 10:00  
2/16 & 2/17 States (Salem) 2:00  
2/24 All States (Reading) 10:00  
3/2 New England's (TBA) TBA



**Majorettes**

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consecutive year. Eighth grader Jen Crider was announced as the captain of the novice squad, with fifth grader Mary Jane Mello as assistant captain. Other 'B' squad members include: seniors Vicki Archambault and Jodi Poole, juniors Amy Branco, Molly Kelley, Amy Gagnon, and Kerri Clark, sophomore Beth Simas, freshmen Amy Lima and Kim Lescault, eighth-grader Sara Lopes, and seventh-grader Alison Texeira.

Upon making a squad, all members were required to attend a twirling and dance camp led by Donna Freitas, owner of the "Me & Sis Studio of Twirling and Dance" in Fall River. Here, the squad members learned several dancing and twirling techniques that are now being used in their routine. Once the camp ended, the squads continued to practice several times a week throughout the summer. During the school year, practices are held weekly on Monday nights in the S.H.S. gymnasium.

In order to raise money for their N.E.M.A. entrance fee and their uniforms, the majorettes held a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Wendy's in Somerset on Septem-

ber 24. There was an outstanding turnout, and the girls raised a remarkable amount of money. The members of the squads wish to thank their advisor, Donna, all the parents who helped out, and all who attended that day. Without all of you, the fundraiser would not have been a success.

Over the past few years, the Somerset squads have been working hard to become one of the top squads in their division. This year, the squad members are very confident about their routine, and feel that they have a great chance of placing in the top three overall for the season. The theme for their routine this year is GREASE!. The medley consists of "Shakin' at the High School Hop" and "Summer Nights" from the new Broadway cast recording of GREASE!, and "We Go Together", from the movie Uptown Saturday Night. The squad is very excited about this season and they hope to have several students at their first competition at Durfee High School on February 25, as well as at all the other competitions this season. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Good luck to all squad members!

**1996 COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

Sun, Feb. 25	Durfee
Sun, Mar. 3	Apponoquet
Sun, Mar. 10	Norton
Sun, Mar. 17	Bishop Feehan
Sun, Mar. 24	Seekonk
Sun, Mar. 31	Brockton
Sun, Apr. 14 - CHAMPIONSHIPS -	New Bedford

**Voices**

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through. In fact, for their first three songs, which consisted of "Hallelujah Amen," "Nishka Bonia," and "Hush," all relatively quiet, calming songs, the chorus seemed like it was about to explode, and on the first note of their final piece, "A Soulful Celebration's Hallelujah Chorus" they did. The movement and sound that came out of the students on stage seemed so natural and alive; it was as if they had been singing together forever. Featuring soloists from most, if not all of the six schools, it was a beautiful mix of all the students' talents, and truly was a sight to see!

**Taste**

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continue to amaze us! So far, in two weeks we have covered the students' names, greetings, the numbers, the alphabet, as well as the days of the week. At any given moment, there are numerous hands in the air, anxiously waiting to be called on, eager to give an answer. They love it! One of the greatest points about the whole thing is that everyone gets to participate. They get to listen to each other, and at times learn from each others' mispronunciations. They are not afraid to try; they want to learn.

I know that the other classes have also been doing very well, all of them displaying their interest. This experience for me, as well as the other high school students participating, has been a most positive one. Besides, it is kind of fun being on the other side of the desk.

**Mediation**

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Students that have participated decided to on their own accord. The mediations are also extremely confidential, which also poses a problem for the program. No one is talking about the successful mediations! The mediators are not allowed to discuss the mediations once they are over, so the advertising is left to the people who participated in the mediation. The only way the program can grow is if people who go through a mediation aren't afraid to spread the word on how successful it is.

As of now, the Peer Mediation Program is off to a good start, but there is always room for improvement. The mediators at Somerset High School are ready the minute a conflict arises.

If you think you know anyone who could benefit from this program, let them know that it has worked for people in our school. If they seem interested tell them to contact Alex Nesson, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Jaryna, or any school official.

**Snow**

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sufficient manpower and equipment to clear the school grounds. The problem is becoming, however, where in the world can the snow go?? If the situation worsens, the snow might have to be trucked off the school grounds. In fact, it has become necessary for the custodial staff to climb to the roof with small snowblowers to remove snow from the school's roof. Since we do have a flat roof over our heads, the weight of the snow could actually cave it in!

For all of you seniors that may be panicking, there is no need to worry. Since graduation day is locked in for June 2 and cannot be altered, the senior calendar and finals schedule will remain intact. The only change that could possibly occur is a borrowing of days from Term III to add to Term IV for the seniors only, since Term IV will be unusually brief. However, because of the confusion that would be caused with Term III ending at different times for different grades, the possibility of this occurring is quite slim.

So the next time a snow day is called and you contentedly close your eyes, just think for a moment, "Am I going to be doing homework at the Fourth of July fireworks?" As Mr. Rebello concluded, "I sincerely hope that we don't have to use too many more snow days so that we are able to allow everyone to have a lengthy and comfortable summer vacation."

**Somerset Debaters Host Rounds Five and Six**

Paul Golaszewski

On Thursday, January 11, the Somerset High debate team hosted the first two rounds of the new year. The debate, which had been re-scheduled from the previous Tuesday on account of the Blizzard of '96, brought together seven of the eight teams in the Eastern Massachusetts Debate Conference (E.M.D.C.) for their fifth and sixth competitions. After Mr. Levesque, Somerset's coach, announced the several forfeits due to illness and the weather, the debaters headed towards their assigned rooms for their respective rounds.

Once again, Somerset has been one of the dominant teams in the league thus far; however, the newly-formed Stang team and the large New Bedford team are also doing quite well. Four out of the top five negative varsity debaters are from Somerset. Somerset also has three of the top ten affirmative debaters to date.

Co-captains Jessica Lagassee and Victoria Woodward, along with Secretary Sean Kelley and Mr. Levesque, have worked hard this season to lead their team to victory. The last two rounds of the regular season will be held on Tuesday, February 6, at Norton High School. In early March, finals, consisting of three switch rounds, will be held at Tabor Academy in Marion. In these switch rounds, the debaters will not know which side of the resolution, affirmative or negative, they will be debating until a few minutes before their round actually begins. Finals are the last competition of the '95-'96 debate season, and the debaters will also receive any awards they may have won at that time.

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## SHS Recent Game Results

**Boys' Basketball (Freshmen):**

1/5 Somerset 43, Stang 45  
 1/9 Somerset 45, Coyle 59  
 1/12 Somerset 26, Feehan 61  
 1/16 Somerset 39, Attleboro 79  
 1/19 Somerset 60, Connolly 55  
 1/22 Somerset 30, Attleboro 67  
 1/23 Somerset 26, Dartmouth 48  
 1/26 Somerset 53, Coyle 54

**Girls' Basketball (JV):**

1/5 Somerset 33, Stang 46  
 1/9 Somerset 18, Coyle 25  
 1/12 Somerset 31, Feehan 45  
 1/16 Somerset 25, Attleboro 54  
 1/19 Somerset 42, Connolly 28  
 1/23 Somerset 30, Dartmouth 67  
 1/25 Somerset 39, Coyle 33

**Boys' Basketball (JV):**

1/9 Somerset 53, Coyle 71  
 1/16 Somerset 50, Attleboro 70  
 1/19 Somerset 55, Connolly 53  
 1/22 Somerset 58, Attleboro 61  
 1/26 Somerset 51, Coyle 70

**Girls' Basketball (Freshmen):**

1/5 Somerset 54, Stang 22  
 1/9 Somerset 46, Coyle 13  
 1/12 Somerset 51, Feehan 48  
 1/16 Somerset 40, Attleboro 25  
 1/19 Somerset 53, Connolly 8  
 1/23 Somerset 47, Dartmouth 37  
 1/25 Somerset 35, Coyle 23

**Boys' Basketball (Varsity):**

1/6 Somerset 38, Case 47  
 1/9 Somerset 56, Coyle 60  
 1/12 Somerset 47, Feehan 74  
 1/16 Somerset 50, Attleboro 71  
 1/19 Somerset 63, Connolly 55  
 1/22 Somerset 63, Attleboro 88  
 1/23 Somerset 51, Dartmouth 74  
 1/26 Somerset 73, Coyle 88

**Ice Hockey (JV):**

1/6 Somerset 0, NB Voke 1  
 1/22 Somerset 2, Diman 4  
 1/25 Somerset 0, NB Voke 3

**Ice Hockey (Varsity):**

1/6 Somerset 3, Medway 6  
 1/10 Somerset 1, Connolly 6  
 1/13 Somerset 10, Dartmouth 3  
 1/17 Somerset 8, Portsmouth 2  
 1/20 Somerset 6, Feehan 4  
 1/24 Somerset 6, East Boston 8  
 1/27 Somerset 2, Coyle 4

**Girls' Basketball (Varsity):**

1/5 Somerset 28, Stang 45  
 1/6 Somerset 56, Case 45  
 1/9 Somerset 53, Coyle 37  
 1/12 Somerset 45, Feehan 61  
 1/16 Somerset 44, Attleboro 43  
 1/19 Somerset 60, Connolly 34  
 1/23 Somerset 59, Dartmouth 53  
 1/25 Somerset 53, Coyle 41

**Gymnastics:**

1/13 Somerset 113.6, New Bedford 111.6  
 1/18 Somerset 115.2, Naucet 106.1  
 1/20 Somerset 116.6, Nantucket 105  
 1/22 Somerset 114, Marshfield 120

**Wrestling:**

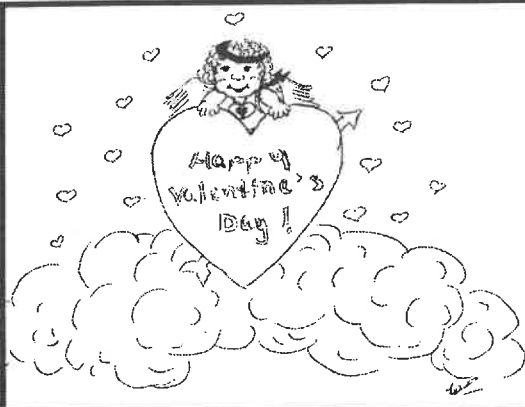
1/13 Somerset 30, North Attleboro 47  
 Somerset 18, Bridgewater/Raynham 60  
 1/17 Somerset 39, Southeastern 40  
 1/20 Somerset 6, Plymouth South 69  
 Somerset 9, Durfee 64  
 1/22 Somerset 68, Holbrook 12  
 1/24 Somerset 26, Tri County 44

**Winter Track:**

1/5 Somerset 24, Attleboro 62 (B)  
 Somerset 50, Attleboro 33 (G)  
 1/16 Somerset 49, Connolly 37 (B)  
 Somerset 63, Connolly 17 (G)  
 1/24 Somerset 56, Stang 30 (B)  
 Somerset 49, Stang 36 (G)



Herald New Ad #3



To Craig Love Kim  
I love you honey. Happy  
Valentine's Day!  
P.S. Will you still be mine after  
this?

To Dawson: Roses are red.  
Violets are blue.  
I'm very glad I met you!  
Sarah

To Kara From Beth  
Thanks for being such a great  
friend.  
Happy Valentine's Day.

To Dan,  
Have a great Valentine's Day!!!  
Love always, Beckie

Dear Brenda (You know who you  
are)  
Guess who loves you?  
1,2,3...Give up?  
Dylan does, Sweetie Pie

Chère Kara, Bonjour du Saint  
Valentine. Tu es m'amie la plus  
adorable et la plus chère. Amore,  
Joe

To my favorite kitty from  
Beverly Hills.  
As if! Josh ain't got nothing on  
you!  
Purrrr. Love, Cher

To Vincent Vega From Mia  
Wallace  
Uncle Andy and Joe Mumma  
give  
their sunniest wishes to you!

Happy Valentine's Day  
Grandma Taylor!!  
Love, K.T.

To Mrs. Cohen (my friend),  
Hi and have a good day!!!! See  
you next snow day! Bye,  
Christie

Happy Valentine's Day, Howard!  
I Love You, S.T.

PAULA  
YOU'RE THE GREATEST!  
LOVE, DANIEL

To Ali M.  
Hey baby. I want you to tickle  
my...funny bone!  
Love, your geek

Hey, Patty!  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
Love, Chuck

To Jenn From Me  
You are cool! Stay in school!

To Mia (Victoria) From Vincent  
Merry Valentine's Day and Happy  
New Year in four rooms!

To Jen  
Happy Valentine's Day  
Love Brandon

To Paul G.  
Would a rose by any other name  
still smell the same? Heck no!

Dear Dylan,  
Happy Valentine's Day  
Sweetie Pie Love, Brenda

Hi Mr. Peachy!  
Thanks for returning my tape!  
Jen

Andy Courchiane From Nancy  
Just wanted to tell you that  
you're always in my heart

PAULA  
YOU'RE THE COOLEST!  
LOVE, DAVE

Hey Mike,  
Hope you have a great Valentine's  
Day and  
I love you more!! Love, Short-stop

To K.C., M.F., D.L., and G.K.;  
Line up the  
rockers; it's time for a party!  
Happy V-day, Pals! From I.M.P.

AIMEE, MATT, AND JOHN  
THINK OF US WHILE YOU'RE  
IN FLORIDA!  
LOVE, KARA, ELLEN, H.L.

TO BRIDGET, A V-DAY CUTIE  
DISNEY WORLD IS WAITING  
FOR YOU!  
LOVE, KARA, ELLEN, AND  
H.L.

MICHELE AND DAVID  
HAPPY FIRST AMERICAN V-  
DAY!  
LOVE, KARA AND ELLEN

K.T.  
THANKS FOR ALL THE T.L.C.  
XOXO H.L.T.

KARA  
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE OUR  
VALENTINE  
LOVE, MOM AND DAD

LOVE TO BIG BOB  
MY HEARTTHROB

HAPPY V-DAY B-DAY, JOE  
HUZZA! HUZZA!

ROSES ARE RED. VIOLETS  
ARE BLUE.  
SOON IT WILL BE B.C. OR B.U.  
PLEASE  
BE MY VALENTINE KARA.  
LOVE ROBBIE

ROSES ARE RED. VIOLETS  
ARE BLUE.  
25 YEARS IS LIKE SECONDS  
WITH YOU  
BE MY VALENTINE TAG.  
LOVE BOB

TO M.S.P. AND J.F.P.,  
YOU ARE THE APPLES OF  
OUR EYES.  
HAPPY V-DAY! LOVE, MOM  
AND DAD

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY  
SUZYCAKES!  
FROM: SUZYCAKES LEWIS

HEY MR. OCTOBER PSST  
COWS AND COWS  
AND COWS PSST I LOVE YOU

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY  
LOVE ROB

ANGIE, I LOVE YOU  
WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME  
LOVE ALWAYS, JON  
PAQUETTE

PAULA  
YOU'RE THE CUTEST!  
LOVE, TOBY

HAPPY V-DAY MOM, DAD,  
LISA,  
SARAH, VALERIE, AND  
COACH!  
FROM NEN

HAVE A GREAT VALENTINE'S  
DAY TO  
ALL OF MY FRIENDS!  
OXOXO R.Y.

TO SOPHIA FROM  
JAY  
THE IMAGE OF LOVE IS IN  
YOUR FACE  
HOLD ME FOREVER IN YOUR  
EMBRACE

TO PAUL G. FROM ME  
HOW DO I LIKE THEE, LET ME  
COUNT  
THE WAYS: Y=X-X^2

B.B. AND J.N.- SPAGHETTI IS  
YUMMY,  
BOWLING IS FUN, "THE  
GROUP"  
OUTINGS ARE NUMBER ONE!

GREEN IS GRASS, WHITE IS  
THE SNOW,  
BETH P. IS THE COOLEST GIRL  
I KNOW!  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOSEPPE!  
LOVE,  
CARROT, THE BLACK FOX,  
FLUFFY,  
BATMAN, AND LEM P.S. YOU  
SMELL

SCHMAE SCHMAE SCHMAE  
SCHMAE SCHMAE  
SCHMAE SCHMAE- GET  
PSYCHED, RELAY  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

HEY NICKIE- THIS  
VALENTINE'S DAY,  
I HOPE YOU SURF THE AT-  
LANTIC!  
REMEMBER TO DRINK YOUR  
WATER!

MOM AND DAD- HAPPY  
EARLY 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY! YOU GUYS  
ARE THE BEST!  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! -K.

MONSIEUR JERRY- JE VAIS  
UTILISER  
LA CIRCONLOCUTION POUR  
ENTRER  
TON COEUR. ADORES-TU LE  
VELOURS?

TO MY HERO(INE)  
MARY KATE  
#1 IN THE STATE!

BIG RED,  
YOU'VE GOT THE KAVORKA!

PIGLET IS PINK, KERMIT IS  
KEEN,  
IN MY OPINION, THERE IS NO  
ONE  
MORE AWESOME THAN  
CHRISTINE BEAN

TO JENNY, OUR VALENTINE  
LOOKING FORWARD TO THE  
WA. VACA!  
LOVE, B,T,K

I LOVE YOUR FLAT FEET,  
YOUR PUFFY  
HAIR, AND YOUR PSYCHO-  
LOGICALLY  
DAMAGING EYES! TI VOGLIO  
BENE

CARLEY AND CHELSEA  
SALMM.  
BE MY VALENTINE!  
LOVE, GRANDMA

BIG GUY!  
BE MINE!  
ROSEBUD

TO SHYAMALEE  
I WANT TO SKIN YOU!

DEAR KEVIN S.  
YOU LEAVE MY SKIN THE  
HECK ALONE!

TO: NANCY FROM: BRAD  
SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!

TO KATHY COSTA  
YOUR VOICE MAKES ME  
SHIVER.  
I LOVE YOU. - YOUR SECRET  
ADMIRER

ROSE ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE  
BLUE  
YOU WILL BE TOO  
WHEN I CHOKE THE AIR OUT  
OF YOU!

DEAR KRISTEN V. I THINK  
YOU'RE SO  
HOT! I WANT YOU BIG  
TIME! PLEASE CALL  
ME. LOVE ALWAYS DAVE  
LAMARCA

TO MEREDITH FROM P.  
HADDY V-DAY! OH YEAH,  
NICE STEMS!

TO RYAN:  
A MILLION WORDS COULDN'T  
EXPLAIN,  
WHAT MY HEART WANTS TO  
SAY.  
A MILION TEARS COULDN'T  
HELP  
ME NOT TO FEEL THIS WAY.

YOU'RE SO SWEET, YOU  
STOLE MY HEART,  
SO ON THIS VALENTINE,  
I THOUGHT I'D GIVE AN-  
OTHER TRY.  
I LOVE YOU, WILL YOU  
PLEASE BE MINE?  
LOVE ALWAYS, LYN

TO JARED FROM KIM  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY  
BABE  
I LOVE YOU!!!!