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Senior Josh Howel and Sophomore Ashley Costa were crowned Mr. & Ms. SHS

SHS stays drug free zone

By Jessica Roberge 05

In mid-March, an announcement was made over the loudspeaker at Somerset High School by Principal Donald Rebello concerning drugs being brought to school after an incident had recently occurred.

The announcement was made to reinforce that drugs will not be tolerated. The

SHS student handbook states that any drug offenses of any kind on school grounds or off the school grounds at any school activity, function, or event will carry special and severe penalties.

Principal Rebello stated that if students want to take the risk of bringing drugs to

school, they will suffer consequences such as suspension or expulsion.

He explained that if you are caught as a student with the possession of drugs you lose privileges such as competing in sports, scholarships, and federal aid.

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'Som'way sandwiches- you can eat fresh at SHS

By Jessica Roberge 05

The Somerset High School cafeteria has launched a new selection to their menu- a sandwich bar. Ms. Cynthia Davis, the new Physical Education and Health content coordinator, asked students in her health classes what foods they would eat at lunch that would be healthier. The major consensus was having sandwiches from Subway offered at lunch.

Though the school could not accommodate this request, many people helped to put together the cafeteria's own version of the sandwich bar. Ms. Davis stated that the manager of the cafeteria, Kathy Lesniak, was willing to try the idea and was very instrumental within the process.

On April 1st and 2nd, the cafeteria tested the sandwich bar. With the help of cafeteria workers Phyllis Mauretti, Leonatina Cabral, and Allison Viana, it was a great success. Health teacher Mrs. Kelly McCormack along with Ms. Davis also helped the first two days making the sandwiches. Student Christy Eckles made a sign board to help promote the sandwich bar as well.

The first day 114 sandwiches were sold, and on the second day 164 were sold. Ms. Davis explained that these two days were the best sales of lunches all year. She feels that the response of the students was great and would have been even better if it had been promoted more.

The sandwich bar contained ham, turkey, roast beef, tuna, rolls, pitas, and condiments, and were purchased by wholesale suppliers. In addition to these items, there are many other options that may be offered at the bar.

Cheryl Aubin, head of all the Somerset public school cafeterias observed on the Friday and gave the okay to continue with the sandwich bar for the rest of the year. Ms. Davis explains students keep coming up to her asking, "When is it coming back?"

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What was your best high school memory?



Chris Chagnon- The football breakfast club.



Andy Graves- Going to the Fleet center last year.



Brett Haworth- My end of the year BBQ. The turnout was impressive, this year will be better.



Shawn Levesque- The food fight my sophomore year.



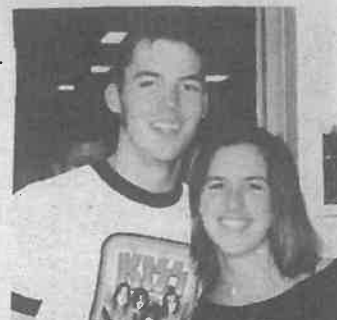
Pat Lee- My Junior year baseball game vs. Durfee. I was 5'5 with 2HRs and 9 RBIs.

Danielle Smith - Having the best human anatomy class with Ainsly.

Yara Youssef- Throwing disc with Eleni and Jayon.

Josh Howell- Having lots of fun with globes in history class my junior year.

Crystal Ferreira- Working in the school store with Jay Birge.



Jason Birge- Working in the school store with Crystal Ferreira.

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Sandwich bar continued...

The sandwich bar will start up May 4th and will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Depending on the success of the sandwich bar for the rest of this year, the bar may increase on the number of days it will be open for the next school year. It will be run by the cafeteria workers and

will be setup inside the serving lines.

Ms. Davis explains she is often called a nutrition expert, and although she wouldn't call herself an expert, Ms. Davis feels that the sandwich bar gives options for a descent lunch. It's about balance and the students can make it to their own

taste.

"The idea of the sandwich bar came from the students," Davis states. "That shows their ability to change the school." Ms. Davis also says, "You guys are so lucky here. People don't appreciate how lucky you students are. I had a blast!"

Drug policy continued...

Mr. Rebello also talked about the physical consequences of drugs saying, "Anyone who wants to experiment with or use drugs needs to consider both the physical and mental consequences." He explained that many people do not realize the damaging consequences of drug use.

According to Focus Adolescent Ser-

vices, teenagers often don't see the link between their actions today and the consequences tomorrow.

Focus Adolescent Services also says that drug use is associated with a variety of negative consequences including increased risk of serious drug use later in life, school failure, and poor judgment

which may put teens at risk for accidents, violence, irresponsible behavior, depression, and even suicide.

Somerset High School is and will continue to be a drug free zone. Rebello stated, "Our sincere wish as educators is that our kids not engage in drug use."

Around School



Participants in the Science Olympiad from left to right- KC Dowd, John Patota, Megan Kelly, Kelsea Pavao, Yara Youssef, Jess Silva, Lyndsey Fortin, Aisha Stewart, Kara Potter and Ms. Paskowski

Seventeen SHS scientists win awards at Olympiad

By Anthony Dowd '07

On Saturday, March 20, seventeen students represented SHS at the Science Olympiad competition at Framingham State College in Framingham, Massachusetts. This involved the culmination of many months of brainstorming, research and finally designing a workable device that fit the protocol of a given scientific mechanism. The Somerset scientists were then required to unleash their contraption into specially designed areas to test its functions as described in the Science Olympiad rules and regulations. Any deviation from the specifications could result in the disqualification of the device.

The Science Olympiad is an international, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to increasing student interest in the field of science. This organization strives to improve the quality of science education while encouraging students to recognize their potential to succeed. The Science Olympiad Organization also seeks to acknowledge outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. It is modeled after an impressive Science Olympiad event that was initiated by Dr. Gerard J. Putz, Regional Science Center Director, Macomb Intermediate School District, and held in Michigan. Specifically, the purpose is to bring

science to life, encourage teamwork and problem solving. The intention is to ultimately encourage future professional and technical careers in the science fields.

The actual tournaments are interscholastic competitions that involve various individual and team events, which follow the format of popular games. Mrs. Paskowski explains, "Events are designed to encompass the many scientific disciplines. For example, the building events include a robot, a Rube Goldberg device, a mouse-trap car, a tower, a bottle rocket and musical instruments. Other areas tested include chemistry, biology, physics, mathematics, experimental design and astronomy. Within those general areas some specific topics included fossils, forestry, qualitative analysis, genetics diseases and map reading. Twenty events are chosen by a committee of teachers and coaches. In Massachusetts, each event is run by a teacher (or former teacher). I am the official coach, but Mrs. Rezendes helped out while I was recovering from surgery."

Mrs. Paskowski was pleased with this year's participants, "This year's team consisted of five seniors, four juniors and seven freshmen. The rules require that each team have no more than seven seniors. We would like to recruit some stu-

dents from the class of 2006 for next year. It is a very difficult tournament for freshmen. All of the events are AP level in their discipline. The lack of experience for the freshmen made the events quite challenging this year. The seniors and juniors tend to do better because their education is more complete."

"Overall, our team did quite well for a first time team, in a field of 29 teams (competing schools)."

* John Patota and KC Dowd earned 4rd place ribbons in Robot Ramble.

* Aisha Stewart and Lyndsey Fortin earned 6th place ribbons in Disease Detective*

* Jess Silva and Kara Potter were recognized (9th) for their performance in Sounds of Music.

* Mike Ostroski and Andrew Trembly placed 12th for their catapult in Storm the Castle.

* Megan Kelley and Kelsey Pavao finished 12th in a very competitive Mission Possible.

* Giselle Youssef and Katie Billington placed 12th in the trial event, the Birds and Bees.

* Other notable participants included Yara Youssef, Kara Potter, Michael DeMoranville, Nicole Flores and Spencer Feuerstein.

The events require the actual application of scientific concepts, facts and skills in demonstrating the participants' knowledge of his or her specifically designed device. Cooperation, teamwork, research and ingenuity are the key ingredients of this competition. Participants often find themselves rethinking their gadget when they arrive at the event and encounter unexpected glitches or see the competition. The ability to improvise is essential. K.C. Dowd and John Patota found themselves quickly redesigning their robot after observing other contests before their demonstration. This resulted in an impressive performance in the Robot Ramble contest.

Interacting with students from competing schools throughout Massachusetts is another advantage of participation. Exchanging ideas and discussing tested strategies is especially helpful for students who will return next year to compete, with a more seasoned approach. During many contests you hear the cheering and encouragement from the onlookers, as there would be in any competition. The actual award of participation in the Science Olympiad is not in the ribbon count, but in the process of achieving one's goal of applying a concept with knowledge and skill to an imaginative creation that does what it is intended to do.



Perspectives



Final editor's thoughts at SHS

By KC Dowd '04

The class of 2004 entered SHS at the turn of a new century. Not just any century, the twenty-first century and the new millennium. We have shared some great experiences with a diverse group of talented individuals, all potentially with yet unrealized extraordinary futures. In the four years that we have graced the halls of SHS much has changed in our world. How we adapt to those changes will determine the choices we make and the roads that we take. Author T.S. Elliot once said, "Only those who risk going too far can possibly know how far one can go." Who will be the trailblazers? Someone has to go the distance and pave the way. The SHS class of 2004 is filled with those someones. Whether you choose to take the superhighway or the long and winding road, just keep on moving forward. You'll know when you've arrived.

We all have friends and acquaintances that are obviously gifted in various areas. Among us are musicians, artists, computer analysts, mechanics, mathematicians, writers, comedians, thinkers, architects, dreamers and schemers. I sense there are many more of you with yet unrevealed ambitions that will, in ten years, be the talk of our reunion. Should you aspire to arrange flowers or electrons, paint murals or houses, design bridges or backyards, do it with fervor. When we meet again, it won't matter what you have accumulated. Who you have become will, however, leave a life long impression on those you encounter. Character and integrity will measure your success.

The only constant in life is change. After graduation, nothing will ever be the

same. This is true of each day following. We are entering a world of great uncertainty: an unstable economy, a war and its aftermath, an election, and increased outsourcing of our jobs. What lies ahead is our future. It is now up to all of us to make sense of how we plan on living it. Retreating into the obscurity of apathy is not the way to go. Change directions, get a map, or call upon one of your friends from the class of 2004, if times get rough.

I would like to thank those teachers, coaches and advisors who have genuinely inspired us along the way. You have made a difference in someone's life, who will in turn have an impact another's future, and so on. You may have initiated many positives that will transcend through the next millennium. Just imagine that! So, when you are looking up from the operating table and seeing a member of the class of 2004, seconds before the anesthesiologist says, "Count backwards," take comfort in knowing you may have helped to put him or her there. (Hopefully you never put them in ISS!) We will be taking over soon, and you can be confident you taught us well.

I have also enjoyed sharing my thoughts with those who have cared to read the fine print. It is now my pleasure to introduce Jessica Roberge as the upcoming Editor of the Breeze. It is not an easy task to meet the obligations of a school newspaper. I'm sure Jessica will do so with creativity and veracity. I wish Jessica, as well as all of the Breeze members, continued success in representing the true interests of the students of Somerset High School. Finally, I wish the members of the class of 2004 a long and prosperous life.

Dear Bev



Dear Bev,

I have a problem with my girlfriend. She always wants to be with me and is constantly telling me how much she loves me. I love the attention and it makes me feel good about myself to know how much she cares but sometimes it can be overwhelming. I never have time to hang out with my friends anymore. I love being with her and I don't want to end our relationship. How can I tell her to take a step back without hurting her feelings?

Signed, Suffocated

Dear Suffocated,

Why don't you try explaining your feelings to her? She may welcome a little time to hang with her friends too. Then when you're together, you'll appreciate each other more.

Dear Bev,

My parents got divorced when I was really young. My sister and I went to live with our mother. I remained very close with my dad and saw him every weekend. My sister, however, blamed the divorce on my dad and refused to visit him. Now my sister is getting married and doesn't want our dad to be at the wedding. My dad is really hurt and feels terrible. Do you think it's fair for my sister to do this? How can I make her change her mind?

Signed, Daddy's little girl

Dear DLG,

I don't think there is much you can do but you can try talking to your sister. Tell her that she'll only ever have one father. Remind her of when you both were little and of the happy times you shared with your dad. Also tell her how much he still loves her and how excluding him will break his heart. If she sticks with her attitude, she is the one who will be sorry one day.

Dear Readers,

Last month I printed the following letter:

There's a boy I like and I would like you to ask your male readers the following question: Do guys like it when girls ask them out? I need to know. Please ask and let me know. Signed, Wondering

I had a few replies and it was unanimous - All of the boys who replied said that they would love it if a girl asked them out.

Dear Bev,

My friend recently got her bellybutton pierced and I'd really like to get mine pierced too. I know my parents would never let me. My friend got it done without her parent's permission and they still don't know. Do you think I should just go behind my parent's backs like she did and try to hide it from them?

Signed, Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

If you really want this done and you're sure that they'll say no, you should ask them anyway. If they say no, wait a few months and ask again. Explain how it's something you really want. If they continue to say no, just wait until you're eighteen and free to make your own choices.

Dear Bev,

My dad just got a new job and has been acting weird every night when he comes home from work. He's been spending a lot of time in his room alone and talking on the phone to his "business partners". He's also been wearing a new cologne and taking better care of himself. I hate to even consider that he could be cheating on my mom but I can't get the thought out of my head. I don't know if I should tell my mom about my feelings or maybe confront him about it. It's really bothering me because he's changed a lot since he's got this job and has been spending less and less time at home. Please let me know what you would do in this situation.

Signed, Worried

Dear Worried,

Don't you think that your mother has noticed the same things that you have? She may have already confronted him about this, without you knowing. Your parents need to have some privacy, just like you, and I don't think you should worry about it too much. Maybe he just wants to look better for his new job. But if you are still really worried, talk to him and let him know your feelings.

Entertainment



Third annual prom fashion show - a super success

By Jan Taylor '06

The third annual Prom Fashion Show at Somerset High School was a super success once again this year. This fundraiser was headed by Mrs. Alice Ferris and Mrs. Kelly McCormack and hosted by Mr. Robert "Big Guy" Taylor. It was a great night to see some of the styles for this year's prom modeled.

The prom fashion show raised approximately \$2,000 in tickets, refreshments, and donations. All of the proceeds will go towards reducing the cost of the junior/senior prom tickets.

This year, there were more students who modeled and contributed in the fashion show than in past years. The show included 24 females and 23 males, including 3 male teachers from SHS who volunteered their time to be part of it.

Mrs. Ferris and Mrs. McCormack were very happy with the turnout of the fundraiser. They were also very happy with the dedication and time that most of the students put in order to make the fashion show the success that it was.

"I think the prom fashion show was a great way to get students from different activities around the school to get together for not just a night of fun, but to raise a considerable amount of money as well," Mrs. Ferris said. "The students involved in (the fashion show) promoted it in a very good way."

Another attraction to this year's prom fashion show was the entertainment provided during the intermission. This year, the group "Capacity", which includes a few former and current Somerset High School students, performed during the intermission. The band members include Ryan Fisher, Sean Kingsbury, Chris Herndon, Matt Violette, and JD Driscoll.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's prom fashion show at Somerset High School. Hope all the juniors and seniors have fun at the prom!



Thais Fournier, was a model for the prom fashion show

Adelaide, played by Anne-Marie Mendonca 'Guys and Dolls' a success

Andrew Tremblay '07

On the weekend of March 26, Somerset High School put on three performances of the musical *Guys and Dolls*. Under the direction of Mr. Michael Winslow, a music teacher at SHS, the production was a wonderful success.

Guys and Dolls is a comedy written by Frank Loesser, Jo Swerling, and Abe Burrows that revolves around Nathan Detroit, the organizer of the oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York. He is faced with the conflict of finding a place to hold his illegal crap game as Lieutenant Brannigan is breathing down his neck. And with his girlfriend of 14 years, Adelaide, nagging to finally get married, he has his hands full.

To try and get money to hold his crap game, Nathan makes a ridiculous bet with the big-time gambler Sky Masterson, betting him he can't make the pure-at-heart Salvation Army-type reformer Sarah

Brown fall in love with him. So the stage is set for some hilarious situations.

Exceptional performances were put on by the four main characters, Nathan Detroit, played by Brian Moniz, Miss Adelaide, played by Anne-Marie Mendonca, Sky Masterson, played by Jacob Gustafson, and Sarah Brown, played by Katrina Costa. A great job was also done by the rest of the supporting cast, including Jason Mello, Nick Reed, Anthony Medeiros, Matt Francoeur, Ben Medeiros, Andrew Nunes, Christine Silva, Pat Adam, Toni-Ann LaBerge, Annie Perkins, and Dan Francoeur.

Directing his first musical for the Somerset High School, Mr. Winslow was assisted by Brian Marks, assistant director, and Erin Smith, choreographer. Mrs. Ginny Troutman of the Art Department also spent a lot of time and effort on set design and construction.

The production staff included technical

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Culture spreads throughout high school

By Jessica Roberge '05

Multicultural Week was held March 15th through the 19th at Somerset High School to help students learn about different cultures. Mr. Ernest Perron, content coordinator of the World Language department, is in charge of Multicultural Week each year.

In 1995, former Superintendent of Somerset Public Schools, Dr. Cabral, had suggested the idea for the foreign language department to institute a program to get the whole school involved. Multicultural Week has been an annual event ever since.

Mr. Perron explains that his main goal with the week is to get students to see that people in other cultures are no different from the people in our own culture. Mr. Perron states, "All human beings have the same desires and want the same things from life."

Over the years, Multicultural Week has been cut back. In the past, they found that presentations given every day for the whole school interfered with class. This year, there were two presentations open to the entire school. Certain presentations are available to particular departments where the information is related to the content of the curriculum.

There were no presentations on Monday, but on Tuesday of Multicultural Week a presentation was made by Mr. Charles Chase involving the Japanese language and culture and was available to all foreign language and social studies classes.

On Wednesday, art teacher Mrs. Ginny Troutman made a presentation on Japan to the freshman of all the foreign language and social studies classes. This was the same presentation she had made last year to the school in which the students who are now freshmen were not able to see.

Also on Wednesday, a presentation by USA Karate on this martial art and the philosophy behind it was available to the entire school. There were no presentations on Thursday.

On Friday, Studio 76 Hip Hop Dance School, led by owner and choreographer Christopher Roberge, presented dances of the hip hop, reggae, and Latin cultures. This was also open to the entire student body.

Mr. Perron always enjoys Multicultural Week and tries to find universal presentations that are most beneficial to the entire student body. He feels the students benefit from the week and says, "Students always enjoy being out of class. It is something new that's different from the regular routine."



ADELAIDE (Anne-Marie Mendonca) tries to console Sarah Brown (Katrina Costa) in the second to last scene of the "Guys and Dolls" production.



SHS marching band performed in Disney World over April vacation

Virtual courses

In the fall of 2004 students at Somerset High School will be offered an alternative to the ordinary classroom environment. Virtual High School is a non-profit consortium of schools that offer online courses to the participating schools' students. In exchange for a school providing one teacher to teach an online VHS course, that school receives 20 student seats each semester and its students can take any course in the VHS course catalog. This catalog and the VHS handbook can be found at www.govhs.org.

Through participation in VHS, schools can greatly increase their course offerings to their students. They can make courses available to their students that typically wouldn't be offered because of staffing or enrollment issues. Examples of VHS courses include Pre-Veterinary Medicine, Meteorology: A Study of Atmospheric Interactions or Career Awareness in the New Millennium. VHS is the only online course provider selected by the International Baccalaureate Organization to offer IB courses online. VHS is offering the IB course: Information Technology in a Global Society and is developing additional IB courses.

Students participating in VHS Net-Courses receive rigorous course content in their courses; and have the opportunity to participate with other students from other states in a virtual classroom learning experience. Students who take online courses learn to create multimedia presentation skills, collaborate in online discussions, assess web resources, and foster team-building skills that are essential to the 21st Century learner.

Students should contact their guidance counselor or should visit the library for additional information.

Guys and Dolls...

director Pat Adam, a senior, who not only played a minor role in the play but also oversaw all lighting, sound, and special effects. The stage director was Lindsey Maioto, Amy Parise ran the lighting, and Will Camara ran all sound.

But where would a musical be without music? Mr. Robert Soares conducted the Pit Orchestra which consisted of over twenty people, including now retired music teacher Mr. Bruce Maggs on piano and Fine Arts Coordinator Lori Anderson on violin.

Overall, the production was a lot of time and a lot of hard work, but it paid off. The cast and crew put together a wonderful performance.

The show, which ran on March 26th, 27th, and 28th, drew a combined audience of around 700 people.

If you missed this year's performance put on by the Somerset High School's Music Department, be sure to catch next year's performance. Judging by the Guys and Dolls performance, next year's is sure to be amazing.



Sports



March Madness for Micah

By Jessica Koberge '05

The Somerset community recently came together for a great cause. March Madness for Micah was held on Friday, March 26th in the Somerset Middle School gymnasium. The event was held to raise money and show support for Micah Moskoff, a sixth grader at the middle school who is battling leukemia.

Mr. Steve Greene, who organized the event, explained it was a great night. He has known Micah since she was in fourth grade, and has coached her basketball team. When asked why he planned this event he replied, "I care about my little Micah."

The event included a basketball game, which is Micah's favorite sport. The game was between the SMS girls team, with assistance from SHS varsity players Jason Greene and Bud Gaffney (both gloved on one hand), and the SMS boys basketball team, with assistance from SHS varsity players Allie Hart and Amanda Gaffney.

There was also an exciting halftime show that included performances by the SMS cheerleaders and by Studio 76 Hip Hop Dance School. A spectacular slam dunk performance also followed the game!

All proceeds from the night went to the Moskoff family. Tickets were sold, the SHS Student Council sold baked goods, the Somerset Little League sold popcorn, raffles were sold, and local businesses also donated various items to help make the night a great success.

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Somerset athletic director is applying for acceptance into the old colony league

Sports teams on the move

By Jan Taylor '06

Somerset High School is moving all of its sports teams to a new league. Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year, SHS will be competing in the Old Colony League.

Athletic director Whit Horton said the decision to switch leagues was made after Dartmouth High School and Attleboro High School announced that they will be leaving the Eastern Athletic Conference to join the OCL. Somerset has had most of its teams competing in the EAC for the past fifteen years.

Horton said that Somerset moving to the OCL is a good move. The OCL currently has Taunton, Bridgewater-Raynham, Barnstable, and Marshfield, all of which are public schools. Besides Somerset, Dartmouth, and Attleboro, the EAC has all Catholic schools. Catholic schools are run much differently than public schools. For example, Catholic schools have students from many different towns, and some students go there because they have great athletic programs. Also, students in Catholic schools do not have to take and pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Test (MCAS).

"We need to be in a league that has all public schools," Horton said. "They have

many of the same situations we face," Horton said when Somerset joins the OCL with Dartmouth and Attleboro in the fall of 2005, the level of competition will be excellent. He feels that a few of the teams at Somerset will be very successful against teams in the OCL.

"We might be even better in a new league," Horton said. "Our athletes might make more of a commitment to their sports if they know they will be challenged a lot."

Horton said that as of right now, Somerset is not looking for a long term commitment to the OCL. He said that after the 2005-2006 school year, if the level of competition is too overwhelming for the athletes, they will leave the league and possibly try to join the South Coast Conference.

Even though Horton is confident that Somerset will be successful in the OCL, he is concerned because the teams in the league have a larger student population than Somerset has. Somerset currently had about 1,000 students right now. However, the possibility of losing Berkley students when Berkley's contract allowing their high school students to attend Somerset ends in 2008 would decrease the number of students attending SHS.

Horton said that Somerset could be dropped from the OCL if the school does not have at least 1,000 students.

Boys tennis team beats Feehan

Andrew Tremblay '07

On a windy Saturday afternoon, May 1st, something very exciting was happening at the Somerset High School tennis courts. The Somerset Boys Tennis Team did something they were not been able to do for eleven years before: beat Feehan. Despite a slow start, the team was able to pull out a 3-2 victory over the Shamrocks.

Somerset's tennis team always seems to fall short of beating the Bishop Feehan, for to settle for second place. In the last

eleven years the team has lost all 22 matches against Feehan, but lost only 9 others against all other teams.

The team was looking forward to turning the tide this year with a This is the Year type of attitude very well known to Boston Red Sox fans. The motivational phrase that was used over and over during the week preceding the match was Regime Change.

A few days before the match, team members found an e-mail in their inboxes from Coach Doug Chapman, a normal oc-

currence, as the coach sends out fairly regular newsletters. What was inside the e-mails was probably somewhat surprising. It wasn't a newsletter, match information, or announcements like they most likely expected. Rather, it was the words REGIME CHANGE typed in big, bold, capitalized letters.

Motivational phrases kept showing up throughout the week as well as on game-day. In the team locker room, signs were posted up on every other locker reading,

Regime Change It's Time, No fear, Just do it.

There was no doubt that the Somerset Boys Tennis Team wanted to beat Bishop Feehan. And no one wanted it more than Coach Chapman.

Doug Chapman has been head coach of the Blue Raiders Boys Tennis Team for 26 of the 32 seasons it has existed. In those 26 years, Coach Chapman's team has won nearly 80 percent of its matches. But

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Somerset High School boys tennis team beats Feehan for the first time in 11 years...

Bishop Feehan has seemed to take the upper hand over Somerset in each of the last eleven years.

"We've had some excellent teams, teams that have finished with overall records like 17-3 and 18-2, and that has been good for no better than second place," said Coach Chapman.

The Somerset team deserved to win this match, putting out a great comeback performance. After digging themselves in a hole, the team was able to overcome a 4-1 deficit that faced them after all first sets were completed.

Junior co-captain and first singles player Matt Charest set a tone for the match. Charest was the only player to win his first set, though he got off to a slow start himself. After falling behind 1-3 in the first set, he was able to win eleven of his next twelve games to take his match 6-3, 6-1

over Matt Finn of Bishop Feehan.

However, by far the greatest comeback of the match, and arguably one of the greatest comebacks in recent Somerset Tennis history was completed by junior Kevin Silvestre and sophomore Eric Fenstermaker in first doubles. The pair looked as if they were asleep during the first set, which they lost 0-6. But as their opponents seemed to get overconfident, Silvestre and Fenstermaker regained their composure and got serious.

"Eric and Kevin finally adapted to the conditions, changed their strategy and showed true character and grit," said Coach Chapman.

After getting blanked in their first set, the first doubles team came storming back, winning twelve of their thirteen final games and taking the match 0-6, 6-1, 6-0.

This proved to be the deciding factor as

the team was only able to take one of the other three matches. Second doubles player Nathan Eleuterio, a junior, sealed the deal by taking his match 1-6, 6-2, 6-3 over Bishop Feehan's Alex Buckley. However, third singles player Ryan Coute, also a junior, had a difficult time finishing off his opponent and lost 5-7, 6-1, 5-7. Finally, the second doubles team of senior co-captain Kyle Lopes and sophomore John Donaghey struggled, losing their match 3-6, 4-6.

By defeating Bishop Feehan, the Raiders have beat all of their Eastern Athletic Conference opponents, including third place Dartmouth twice.

As of May 10th, the boys tennis team is still undefeated with an overall record of 11-0 and a conference record of 9-0. The team is having an outstanding season. Not only are they undefeated, but the team has

won 51 of its 57 individual matches, with a total of seven shutouts in their eleven team matches. The team has been led by first and second singles players Matt Charest and Nathan Eleuterio, who are both yet to be beat so far this season.

As for Coach Doug Chapman, he couldn't be more pleased.

"We've had some thrilling classic matches with them during this time, so it was great to finally win one of them," said Coach Chapman. He went on to say, "It's certainly a relief, it definitely feels good to finally beat them."

Their next meeting against Bishop Feehan is slated for May 11th at Feehan. With a win, the Raiders can clinch at least a co-championship atop the EAC, and complete what the team has coined their regime change.

No speed limits here

By: Anthony Dowd '07

Speed, mobility and determination define the Blue Raider Boy's Varsity Track Team.

Coach Azevedo recognizes some outstanding talent when he speaks about his track team. "Mike Pierce has been exceptional in the high jump and 100 meters. KC Dowd demonstrates great overall athleticism with his command of the high hurdles, one of the more challenging events, and his solid triple jump performance. Mark Fairchild, another strong contributor, consistently is a place finisher in the long jump and 800 meters. Donnelly Roberts is strong in the grueling mile and two mile. Apollo Skarpos comes through in the shot put and discus. Noted point getters include Nate Coolidge, Pat McCrohan and Tom Bigelow. Nick Rezendes, Tim Daley, Christian Roberts and Justin Correia have also made their mark. Strong throwers include James Smith and brother, Nick Smith, both in the javelin and Brett Haworth in the discus and shot."

Coach Azevedo also recognized some personal bests with athletes John Patota, Mike White, Andrew Gunning, Anthony Dowd and Andrew Patota. "Our remaining meets will be very close," predicts Coach Az. "Stang, Coyle and Connolly are evenly matched."

Leading the charge with double digits and double wins against a stunned Dartmouth team, in a 69-67 victory, were Mike Pierce and KC Dowd. Pierce placed first in the 100 meters (11.3) and the 200 meters (23.8), with a second place finish in the high jump (6-0). Dowd had a pair of impressive first-place wins in the triple jump (36-2) and the 110 high hurdles at

A heart stopping meet against Durfee came down to the final event. A late schedule change left the Raiders short-footed, giving the Hilltoppers a 70-64 edge. Junior Mark Fairchild offered a double-digit performance with a win in the long jump (19-1), and placing second in the triple jump and 800 meters. Mike Pierce took the high jump (5-8) and placed second in the 100 and 200 meters. KC Dowd added 8 points with a win in the 300 hurdles and second in the 110 high hurdles. Also for SHS, Apollo Skarpos won the discus and placed second in the shot put. Christian Roberts contributed with a second place in both the one-mile and two-mile contest, demonstrating incredible stamina. The Raiders swept the 300 hurdles with Dowd in first, (47.4), Jay Mello in second and Tim Daley taking third place. Nate Coolidge won the 400 meters (55.2). The 4X400 team relay was won by Coolidge, Fairchild, Justin Correia and Brian Hill.

17.6. Also contributing big wins were Donnelly Roberts in the mile (5:09), Apollo Skarpos in the discus (123-4), and Nate Coolidge taking the 400 meters (53.8). Earning a pair of second place finishes were Mark Fairchild in the triple jump and 800 meters and Pat McCrohan in the discus and shot put.

The Raiders faced Bishop Feehan in their opening meet. State qualifying numbers were achieved by Mike Pierce. Pierce placed first in the high jump (5-10), second in the 100 meters (11.4) and third in the 200. KC Dowd won the triple jump (37-7). Nate Coolidge took the 400 meters (53.1) and Pat McCrohan placed second in the discus.

Brit Pierce: Shooting for 400 record

By Jan Taylor '06

Even though the Somerset High School girls track team has been overmatched in some of its meets this spring, there have been some outstanding individual performances. One of the girls that has been outstanding so far this season is senior captain Brittany Pierce.

Pierce always competes in four events. She competes in the high jump, long jump, 400 meter race, and the 4x400 meter relay. She has finished in first place in the high jump, long jump, and the 400 in all of the meets this season. She has also qualified for the All State meet in all those events this season, and her 4x400 relay team could also qualify for the state meet by the end of the season.

Pierce's best time in the 400 this season was in the second meet of the season against Bishop Feehan, where she ran it in 62.7 seconds. There have been talks that she could possibly break the school record in the 400 by the end of the season, which is 58.9 seconds. When asked about her thoughts on possibly breaking the school record in the 400, Pierce said "It's going

to be very hard to break the record in the 400, but I'll try best I can to try to break it." She said that the 400 meter race is probably the most difficult running event in track because it requires a lot of speed and endurance in order to be successful at it.

Pierce, who has also competed on the winter track team, said that she is very happy with the success she's had in track. She said that over the past four years, she has worked extremely hard to get to the level where she's at now. She thinks that her success as a sprinter and a jumper has encouraged some of the underclassmen girls to try her events.

Because she's been so successful at track, Pierce said she would like to continue to run track in college. She said that she would like to run track for Northeastern University in its division I program. She is looking closely at Northeastern, but she has been wait-listed there. However, she hopes that she will be taken off the waiting list there, and can compete on their winter and spring track teams next year. She is looking into a career in photography.

Micah continued...

Mrs. Claire Barrar helped Mr. Greene with the event. She has known the Moskoff family since Micah was in kindergarten and explained, "Micah and my daughter are joined at the hip." She explained how the night will help to pay medical bills for Micah.

The night was a great success, raising almost \$7,000.

After the game and slam dunk show, Micah addressed the crowd. She read a poem from a poster on a wall where she gets her treatment.

She spoke of how she has a greater appreciation of life, how she treasures her friends, that winning is not important, that attending school is now a blessing, how little arguments no longer seem important, and how she appreciates her family and all they do for her.

She thanked everyone for their help and support and also thanked Mr. Greene for all the work he put into the event.

Micah and her family were overwhelmed by the outcome and said it was wonderful. Micah explained, "I loved it."