



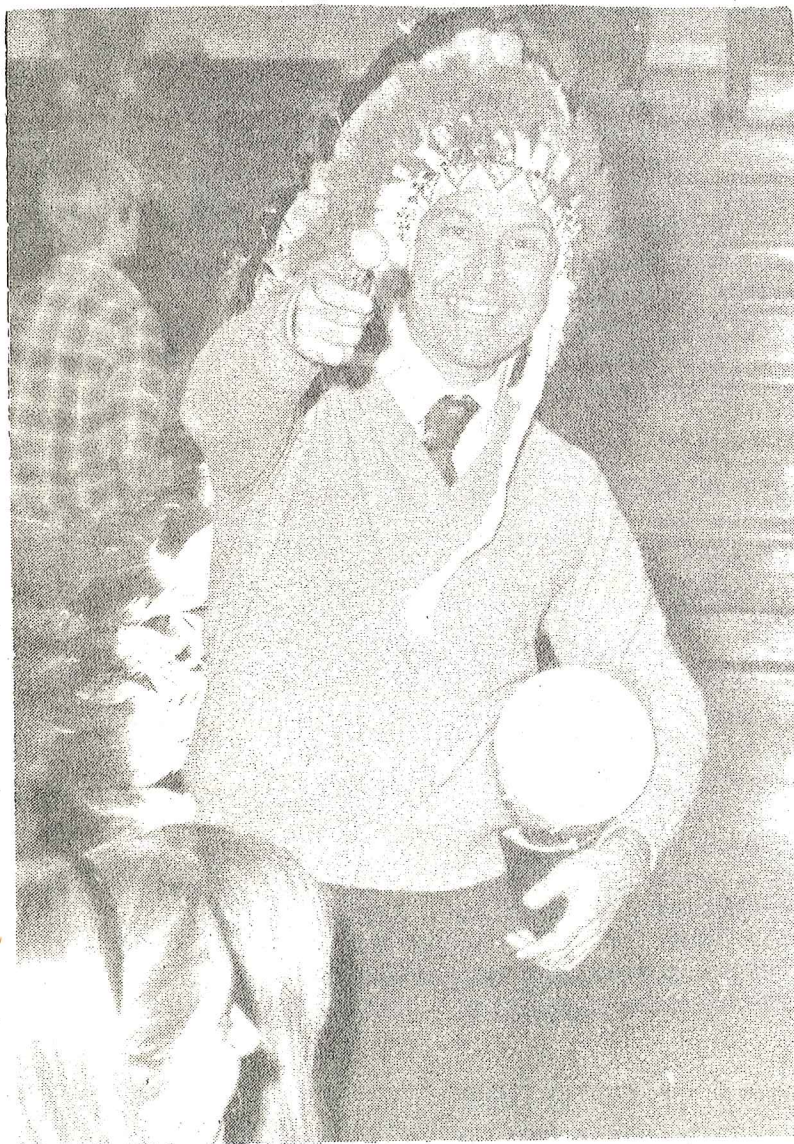
# WARRIOR

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## 'Chief' David Shafer Takes Over



"Each person is unique in the way he or she learns. Ideally, learning would use as its basis each person's own experiences and interests, though that's not always possible in our society," commented Dr. David A. Shafer, new high school principal.

Local businessmen and organizations have spent this past week welcoming the administrator. "They're very friendly people and easy to meet. The students, faculty and staff all expressed best wishes and tolerated my attempts to learn their names," he observed.

Before coming to Squan, Dr. Shafer was Supervisor of Instruction in Rockville Centre, New York. He heard about the job through New York University and applied because "it seemed like the next logical step in my career." Dr. Shafer was chosen for the position over 150 other applicants.

The principal has also been employed by the school systems of North Haven, Connecticut and Roslyn, Long Island. These schools are all similar to Manasquan in that they are suburban in character and close in size.

"More importantly, the composition of the student body reflects the value system that appears to be similar among the four locations," Shafer stated.

When asked to give his opinions on individualization, he responded, "Learning is done by a student, not to a student. Learning programs which place responsibility for the initiation of learning on the student's shoulders are to be desired."

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Dr. Shafer displays his rousing school spirit at last Friday's pep rally.

Photo by Kris Hauge



## Editorials (continued)

### 'Real' Conservatism in Action

In the last issue of the "Warrior," this writer published a piece praising the conservatively-run government of New Hampshire Governor Meldrim Thomson, resulting in an unusually healthy economic situation. Unlike most modern Republicans, Thomson does not espouse the wishy-washy "conservatism" of individuals such as Gerald Ford, instead he means business when it comes to slashing "Big Government."

Last week, U.S. News & World Report released a set of figures on the success of the Thomson regime. With the lowest taxes in the nation, New Hampshire has an unemployment rate of only 3%, almost three times below that of the national average and its New England neighbors. The low taxes have encouraged others to move in, increasing the number of New Hampshire jobs by over 22% in the last six years.

New Hampshire's neighbor, Massachusetts, is reportedly upset because Thomson calls the state "Taxachusetts." But just as states such as Massachusetts are on the defensive about their inefficient, high-tax government, New Jersey also is suffering the same consequences. With gubernatorial elections in our state this November, it is time for New Jerseyans to elect a man of Thomson's philosophy, abandoning the liberalism of Byrne and Cahill. Either that or New Jersey will continue to suffer under a double-digit unemployment rate. Not much of an option, is it?

Jack Trumpbour

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CORRECTION: In Jack Trumpbour's story last week on changes in the high school, there was a mis-statement. Dr. Thomas C. O'Rourke did in fact send a reply to Tony Graham on the unsafe conditions of the Tower. Keep smiling, Doc.

# Bell Calls On Goldberg

"In today's world, you can do what you want to do; the old adage 'Do your own thing' applies," stated Mr. Robert Gambone, career representative from Bell Telephone. "If you have what it takes, you'll make it."

Mr. Gambone addressed Mr. Louis Goldberg's Occupations classes on Tuesday, December 14.

Bell offers good wages and a starting salary competitive with those in other leading firms in New Jersey. There are many benefits such as: ten paid holidays, paid vacations, college tuition aid, payroll savings plan, small loan plan, hospital and medical-surgical plan, dental expense plan, pension plan, and life insurance.

Bell Telephone and its subsidiaries employ more than one million people. The telephone company is the largest employer in New Jersey. Even in that large a company, jobs are scarce. Management has not hired anyone since 1974. Throughout the state last year, only five people were hired for any type of work.

Mr. Gambone showed the film "A Career is Calling" to the class. It revealed the eight types of employment and the skills and talents needed for these jobs. The jobs include line worker, service representative, frame worker, installer, operator, TSPS, director assistant, and clerical work.

Mr. Gambone advised early training for a job. "It is very selective, do anything to help yourself now because it might be too late in the future." There are many people who have been on waiting lists for a year. He declared, "The job market is tough; it can't get any worse."

It is essential for a perspective employee to present himself in the best light. At the interview, he is judged on past experiences, attendance, appearance, and likes and dislikes. A person need not have a high school diploma for employment.

The point stressed by Mr. Gambone is that there are more opportunities offered in a large company. If a person doesn't like the department, a transfer can be arranged. Each job though, is demanding in its own right.

"You have to work for what you want," concluded Mr. Gambone. "Something you do now might be meaningless, but in the long run it will be worthwhile. Try to do every thing you can."

Patti Martin





# Hollywood Nostalgia



This star was born May 20, 1908 in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and he was an excellent student in most of his subjects. He graduated from Princeton in 1932 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

He began working for Joshua Logan, a member of the Triangle Club for architects.

This celebrity began playing the accordion from four to six in the afternoon at Falmouth, Sandwich, East and West Barnstable and other Cape Cod towns.

At Falmouth there was a play opening called "Goodbye Again." Since there weren't enough male players, Mr. Logan, knowing this man who could play an accordion, signed him to the cast as a chauffeur and an auto mechanic.

"Goodbye Again" made Broadway and also made this accordion player a big hit among reviews.

That star of nostalgia and today is Jimmy Stewart.

There were some small roles that Stewart played in before hitting the big time. Some of them were "Murder Man," "A Journey by Night," "Rose Marie," and "Wife versus Secretary."

With the help of his close friend, Margaret Sullivan, Stewart got his first big part and made a big hit in Hollywood by playing in the movie "Next Time We Love."

After his first hit in Hollywood, many more roles were given to him. He played in movies such as "The Gorgeous Hussy," "Vicarious Lady," "Shopworn Angle," "Small Town Girl," "You Can't Take It with You," "Seventh Heaven," and "Made for Each Other."

During World War II, Jimmy Stewart was a pilot in the Air Corps, and he earned the rank of Colonel. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal. Also, in '59, he became a Brig - General of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and has also served as Director of the Air Force Association many times.

Through the years, Jimmy Stewart has had five Academy Award nominations, an Oscar Award for best actor of the year, a New York Critics best actor award, a Venice Film Festival Trophy for best actor, and a Screen Actors Guild award.

Some of Stewart's interests these days are flying and watching movies. He goes to see about three or four pictures a week, "just for the fun he gets out of it," he says.

Stewart's personal life revolves around his wife, Gloria McLean, whom he met in '49, and their two twin daughters, Kelly and Judy, 22. They are a close-knit family, always going on some sort of vacation around the world. They live in a comfortable home in Beverly Hills. Jimmy is known as un-Hollywood because he doesn't go for those big swimming pools or a kind of house that would take one's breath away.

When Stewart is through with making films, he would like to write and direct.

Right now his latest film release is "The Shootist" with John Wayne and Lauren Bacall.

Many nostalgia celebrities have retired, but some still have the get up and go, and one of them is Jimmy Stewart.

Debra Weidner



(Board Story-Continued)

certainly hope that I gave as much as I got out of by being a Board member. I feel that new people should be on the Board. You get a lot out of being a Board member and you learn a lot about people and a lot about your school system."

Question: ~~When~~ will the students get Behind-the-Wheel Driver's Education back?

Mr. Auwaerter: "At the present time, it would not be behind-the-wheel, it(Driver's Ed.) would be with simulators. The Federal grant could cover all expenses for one year and would also include a provision for inviting an outside driving school to offer their services to the students, for a small fee, after they have finished the program at the school. My two sons went through high school and because of their birthdays, never got the behind-the-wheel courses but they still got a 10% discount on their auto insurance. If we did get the simulators, we would have to put them in the elementary school, because there is just no other place to put them in the high school."

Mr. Auwaerter states that his sons received the 10% discount during the time that Squan had behind-the-wheel. But maybe that is just the point! Perhaps the insurance company assumed that these people had taken the behind-the-wheel course just because the school had the program. I don't know the answer to this, but you can be sure there will be an answer in the next issue of the Warrior.

Question: What is the ruling considering smoking on school grounds?

Mr. Auwaerter: "I hope there is no smoking in the high school and I hope there never will be any smoking in the school. It is illegal to smoke in school, on school grounds. If a teacher catches a student smoking, the teacher should bring the student to the office where the student should be suspended, but I think that the Civil Liberties Union would be on our tails so fast that you wouldn't know what hit you, and the way people feel these days, hell, you can't do anything!"

Much to Mr. Auwaerter's surprise, smoking is an everyday thing at Manasquan. Smoking is forbidden at Squan. Yet, do the teachers enforce this "Board policy"? A rare few do! Mr. Auwaerter is afraid of pressure of a policy he stands for as a Board member. All the teachers are afraid if they don't stop students from smoking in school. A great majority of this school does not smoke and is annoyed by those who do. A silent majority is the weakest people in the world. Squan has got to get some guts, courage, call it what you will, to stand up for what they think is right and not be pushed around and intimidated by a bullying few. Make up your mind about a topic, then speak out loud, so the whole world can hear you! Don't let the pressure get you down, because as long as you believe in yourself, you will never weaken or fall. Stand up for what you think is right!

Just a couple of notes to round up this week's column. I would like to thank Mr. Auwaerter for his time and effort in this interview. To the school, here is some food for thought: The only way you can make yourself heard is speak out, not mutter on the sidelines. Get into the action and be part of the game. Board meetings are held every third Monday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Manasquan Elementary School. Even if you are the only one at the Board meeting, feel good and important, because the board members aren't always there either. And remember, the more students at the Board of Education meetings, the better off the students, the "silent majority" is represented. Merry Christmas and have a good vacation!



## Silva Member of State DECA Board

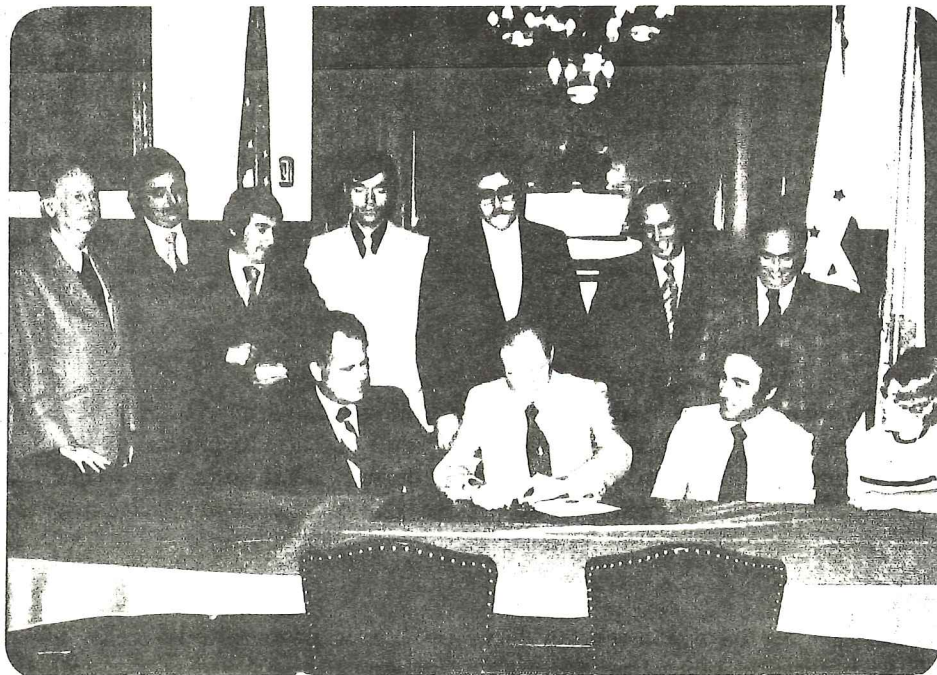
Mr. Robert Silva, Distributive Education teacher, is the new secretary to the New Jersey Association of Distributive Education Teachers. In September, Mr. Silva and the D.E. Board sat down in Governor Byrne's outer office and signed a proclamation claiming September as Distributive Education Month. Mr. Silva now hopes to have a Cooperative-Vocational Education Month.

The State's Mini-Conference will be held on January 28 at Middlesex County College said Mr. Silva. The following students will be attending: Tom Bogan Dot Horner, Janet Mangan, June Moriarty, Kim Reed, Lisa Marino, George McCormack, Tom White, Margaret Rudewicz, Pat Weir, and Diane Morgan.

The students will be involved in the marketing competitive events at the regional level. These events are like a trial test to see how well one is doing in a given event. Some of the events are Fashion Modeling, Advertising, Merchandise Mathematics, Sales Demonstration, Public Speaking, and Billboard Design and Display.

"I think I have a couple of first and second place Regional winners this year," said Mr. Silva, sitting in Room 120 with a smug look on his face.

When this reporter tried to get the names of these potential winners, Mr. Silva said, "It'll blow up their heads as if they're not big enough now. I have my faith and I'll keep it."

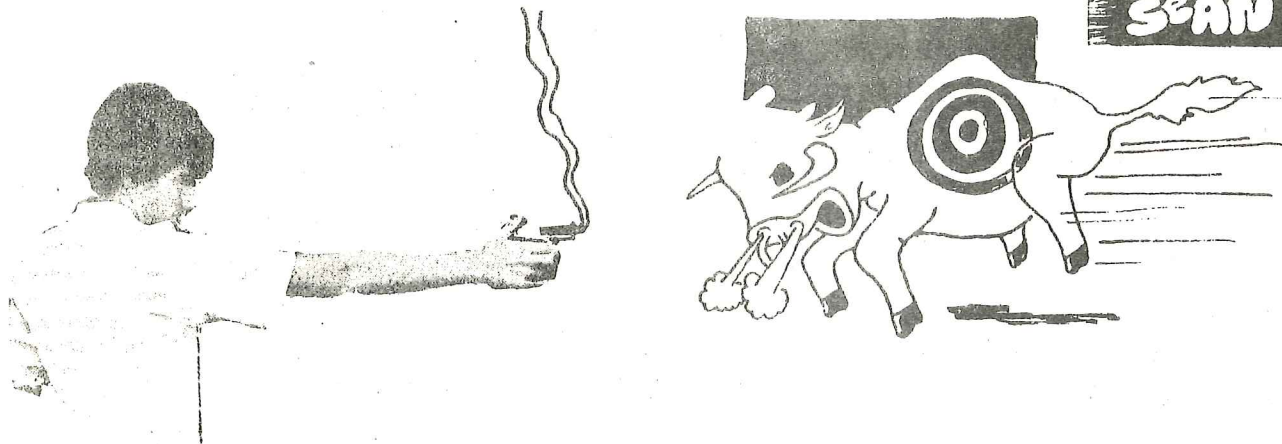


Mr. Robert Silva and the Board of Governors surround Governor Byrne as he signs the proclamation claiming September as Distributive Education Month.



# SHOOTING THE BULL WITH

## SEAN BOYAN



Christmas has rolled around on the calendar again. It's December and every student is eagerly awaiting the vacation. But for manufacturers it started three months ago. Companies have been pushing their products since September. The kids see them on television and nag their parents into submission until they get them. Big stores find it necessary to stay open on Sundays to make \$ during the Christmas rush. They put the good old green before their morals. You find that the small stores stay closed, but the big money makers keep those doors wide open. I went around the halls of Manasquan High School and asked some students, "Is Christmas too commercial and does it still have meaning for you?" These are just a few of the answers.

I feel that the real meaning of Christmas has been lost. People are more concerned with materialistic values than the love and well being that Christmas started with. Nobody is concerned with giving; they just want to receive. If people could go a year without presents, maybe then they could see how rewarding it is to be with friends and family.

Patti Martin - 11th grade

The Christmas spirit in the television world is very commercialized. It's almost as bad as the bicentennial craze. I don't think that it should be so glorified on television. I wish it would go back to the meaning it started with.

John O'Neil - 9th grade

Yes, but Christmas will always have meaning for me. If Christmas means something to you in December, you probably have the spirit of Christmas all year long. If all advertisers can think of is cashing in on Christ's birth, they should be sent back to the jungles - back to press time. Even though decorations are symbols of Christmas, the real meaning of Christmas should stay with us in our hearts the whole year.

Michael DeSantis - 10th grade

When Patti Martin said, "Nobody's concerned with giving" - this is true in some cases, especially with children. You find they have the "Gimme, Gimme" attitude. But I must point out some people find giving and watching another person's expression when he opens a gift, more rewarding than anything else at Christmas time. This is the right attitude to have. A lot of people do a great deal of looking before they find the right gift. John O'Neil was right when he said, "Christmas advertisements were like the bicentennial craze." The latter is another sorry victim of the big companies' motto: "make a quick buck on a holiday." Out of the three above answers, Mike DeSantis brought out the most important point - Christ's birth. That's what it is all about. Remember that Saturday.



## Warrior of the Week

This Warrior of the Week has improved his skill a great deal. Bill Snow wrestles and participates in outdoor track.

Bill is co-captain of the wrestling team with John Hearn. As a sophomore, Bill wrestled some varsity at 135. Junior year he wrestled 148. This season he is wrestling at 141 and looks to do very impressively in the matches to come.

In outdoor track Bill throws the javelin. He was a very important factor in Squan's successful season last year. He took first and second in most of his meets with his best throw being 152 yards.

Besides sports Bill is an honor student and is interested in attending Emory, Wake Forest or the University of North Carolina. He would like to be a pre-med major.



## Warriorette of the Week

This warriorette of the week participates in Varsity Tennis and Varsity Cheerleading.

This Manasquan resident lettered as a sophomore and has accumulated a 26-4 record. Sandra Lang started second doubles along with Jamie Harvey.

The team won the class "B" championship and State Championship with a 19-1 record.

During the fall and winter, Sandy is a Varsity Cheerleader. She devotes a lot of time to the football and basketball teams.

Besides athletics, she is very active in many school activities. Sandra is ranked third in her class in academics and she would like to attend Wake Forest or Notre Dame, she would also like to major in Law or Languages.



Jay Lorenzo



# Undefeated Cagers Trounce Wall, 71-50

"There was an intense emotion throughout all of the players. Everyone put all they had into the game and it showed who's #1."

Big Blue basketball statistician Jennifer Belding accurately summed up Tuesday night's 71-50 drubbing of the Wall Township Crimson Knights at the Warrior Gym. Squan is off to one of its best starts in a long time, being ranked tenth in the Shore with a 3-0 record.

In the opening period, the Warriors hit for 11 straight points before Wall got on the board with 4:27 to play. Squan dominated the offensive boards, often getting fourth and fifth shots. The Knights had more than success hitting the side of the backboard than the rim and trailed 17-10 at the buzzer.

Rick Morgan controlled the second quarter tap and the Big Blue offense got right into gear. With 2:31 to play in the half, Rick hit four straight free throws to make the score 35-20. Wall rallied and went to the locker room down 36-26.

The second half seemed to be more of an exhibition than a game. Tyrone Mitchell showed how basketball should be played while Knight forward Rocco Kelly showed how it shouldn't.

Kelly ran into dribbling difficulty and the opportunistic Warriors capitalized. With time running out in the third quarter, "Doctor T" intercepted an errant Kelly pass and started the fast break. A sweet head-fake and an over-the-shoulder pass gave Rick Morgan an easy lay-up and Squan its biggest lead, 51-28.

Wall started to make a comeback in the fourth period, but the Doctor's electrifying play was an apt remedy. His deft passing, keen driving and impressive shot-blocking kept the crowd on its feet. In the meantime, Mark Lockenmeyer controlled the boards (leading all rebounders with 14), and Rick Morgan scored a game-high 16 points.

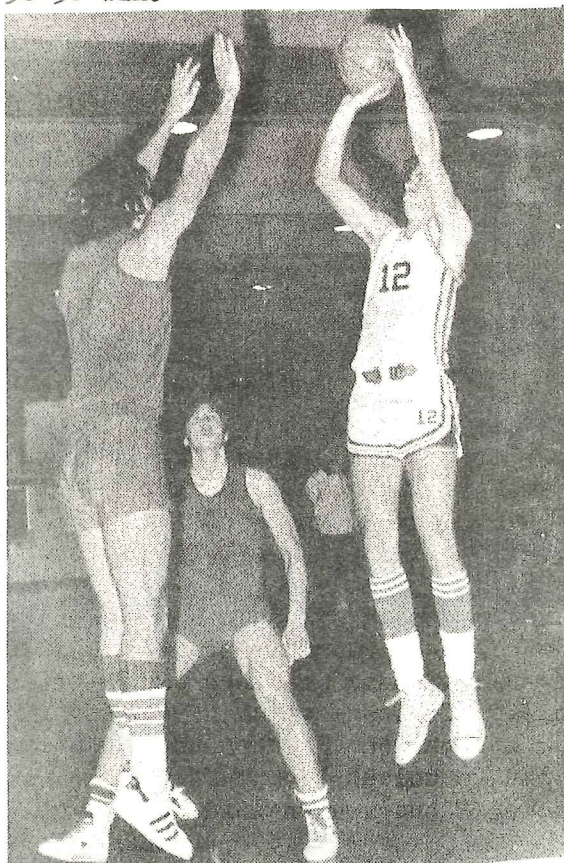
Coach Ron Gerlufsen praised his players for "non-selfish team play." This was indicative of the fact that five players

scored double figures. Morgan had 16, Lockenmeyer, 15, Mitchell, 13 and Jay Lorenzo and Al Nealon, 10 apiece. Squan out-rebounded Wall, 57-22.

The first win of the year was courtesy of the Brick Green Dragons, 58-42. After a see-saw first quarter, the Big Blue amassed a 31-19 halftime lead. The Warriors played stong the rest of the way and won quite easily. "Trigger" Nealon picked up 15 points while Lockenmeyer and Mitchell added 12 each.

"Taking the opener was a mental lift. The first win is always the hardest. It has definitely added incentive for the rest of the season," commented senior guard Jay Lorenzo.

Ocean Township was the second victim. Leading all the way, the Big Blue offense stalled late in the game to allow a Spartan comeback. Clutch foul shooting by Lorenzo and an amazing jumper by the Doctor iced the 56-50 win.



Al Nealon scores in the face of an Ocean opponent. Squan's next foe is Middletown North tonight at home at 8.



## Ocean Drenches Warrior JV, 64-49

Following their awesome 78-43 victory over Brick, the J V Hoopsters' dignity suffered a relapse. The Ocean Spartans defeated the Warriors 64-49 last Friday.

Squan's major weakness was its lack of rebounding. This flaw took its toll in the clutch fourth quarter as Squan rushed shots with no one under the boards to offset a miss. Squan also began to play overly aggressive defense, committing unaffordable fouls.

With 2 minutes left to play and down by 8, the Warriors had a trying chance, but to no avail. The defense resorted to fouling and only widened the Spartans' lead. In those two minutes remaining Squan gave the Spartans 9 points while only scoring 2 to lose 64-49.

Squan was in the game up until the half. The Warriors were steadily trailing 13-12 at the end of the first quarter. They went on to take a narrow 24-23 lead.

The third period changed the game perspective. The Spartans scored 16 points while Squan's only scoring came from Kevin Bridges (5 points) and Tom Rousseau (4 points). This gave Ocean a favorable 39-33 lead going into the final quarter.

## JV Hoopsters Lance Wall Knights, 33-24

Squan's J V basketball team overcame the 'Knight's' howling forces of Tuesday evening's archrival match up with a 33-24 come-from-behind triumph.

The Warriors were trailing Wall ever since the first basket in a low scoring defensive game. Squan managed to tie the score by the end of the first quarter, 8-8, on a Kevin Bridges jumper on the buzzer.

The Knights pulled back ahead in the start of the second period but Squan was right behind. Steve Ramey put the Warriors ahead, 13-12, on a break-away layup. Squan went on to give the Knights six points and the lead on a surge of overly aggressive fouling. Wall went on to lead at the half 18-13.

At the half, the game appeared more of a foul shooting contest for the Knights, scoring 10 points at the line and only 8 from the floor.

Squan quickly rallied back into the game with the start of the third quarter. Mark Dale netted four consecutive points narrowing the Knights' lead to 18-17. Squan's offense then took over where the defense left off scoring 8 consecutive baskets and holding Wall's scoring for the period to 2 points. This strong third period gave the Warriors a 25-20 lead.

Mansquan continued to build-up their lead scoring eight points and held the Knights to a measly foul shot going into the final 1½ minutes of play. Mark Dale scored the final basket for the Warriors with a minute left to seal the verdict. Wall went on to score the final basket which was of little value, giving the Warriors a 9 point, 33-24, triumph.

The game's leading scorers were Kevin Bridges-10, Mark Dale-8, John Litowinsky-6, Mike Weeks-5, and John Armando-4.



# Falcons Down JV Grapplers, 42-37

"We are beating ourselves," stated Russel Gleeson, as the Manasquan JV grapplers dropped their first home match, 42-37, against Central Regional Golden Falcons last Thursday at Squan. "We really do not have enough experience," concluded Coach Gleeson.

At the 101 pound class, both teams had to forfeit due to injuries.

In the 108 class, sophomore Frank Bachman had a tough match before being pinned in the second period. The loss evened Frank's record at 1-1 this season.

Pat Hamilton also was pinned in the second period. The loss evened Pat's record at 1-1 at 115.

Joe Hopp has been a bright spot for the JV grapplers thus far this season as he pinned his man for his second straight victory of the young season.

At 122, Kevin Jones had a tough match before he was pinned in the first period.



Junior Steve Sarandos, wrestling at 170 for the JV grapplers, has his man in a pinning combination. He won his match over a Central foe, 13-4. The JV grapplers' next match is Wednesday, December 22 against the Lakewood Piners. Squan's matmen have been invited to Wall's Christmas Tournament Dec. 28-30.

Jamie Wladich has been a solid wrestler since he was a freshman and is continuing in his own style, but he also dropped the match 7-4.

Keith Keffler, one of the newest grapplers, does not have much experience and it showed as he was pinned in the first period.

At 148 and 188, juniors Pat Lynch and Kenny Winkleman won their matches by forfeit.

Sophomore Phil Stanley lost 4-0 but he has been wrestling well this season.

At 170, Steve Sarandos scored a major decision, 13-4, in an easy match. Steve is having an excellent season coming off his victory to make him perfect at 2-0.

In the heavyweight, Brian Barber was pinned in the first period, but Brian has experience and should come on strong as the season progresses.

The loss evened Squan's record at 1-1 this season.

## Warrior Wrestlers

### Look Tough (cont.)

Senior Tedd Vitale looked good early in his match but inexperience caught up with him. Tedd was pinned by his opponent who outweighed him by 30 pounds.

The team's record is 1-0-1, not including last night's match against Lakewood. They will participate in the Wall Christmas Tournament December 28-9. The regular season resumes January 5 when the team travels to Long Branch.



# T.V. Movie Review

by Debra Weidner

"The Loneliest Runner" is based on a true story of a 13 - year - old boy who grew up with the shame of wetting his bed, and through much training, he became the world's Golden Medal champion for the U.S.

The 1976 Monday night movie was written and directed by Micheal Landon, star of "Little House on the Prairie," who portrayed John Curtis, the runner towards the end of the movie. Most of the credit goes to a young actor named Lance Kerwin who played Curtis as a young boy.

John Curtis' running career began when he use to run home from school every day, only to find that his mother would put his wet sheet out the window.

Curtis was put through misery by his mother, who never gave him any support, encouragement and always had the tendency to embarrass him. He soon became paranoid that all his friends knew about his bed wetting.

While trying out for the junior high track team, the coach noticed how fast he was and moved him to the Varsity.

The movie goes along with all the emotional stress put on the boy and his trying to cope with it.

"The Loneliest Runner" was directed very well, and made a good choice for picking Lance Kerwin. The young actor did a tremendous job by showing his rising talent. He is one actor that will keep climbing the ladder to success.

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## RBC Downs Girls' Basketball, 47-39

After taking their first two contests, the Girls' Basketball team fell to defeat at the hands of Red Bank Catholic, 47-39, on Tuesday.

They trailed 10-8 after one quarter but rallied to take a 17-13 half-time lead. Foul trouble in the second half made things easier for the Caseys. They outscored the Warriors 21-10 in the final period for the win.

Squan's wins were at the expense of Lakewood (65-41) and Ocean (61-51). Kathy Seger leads all scorers with 13 points per game and Beth Stout has 12.

"I definitely feel that we will be a definite contender this year. Our main competition will be from Asbury Park and Monmouth Regional," commented Coach Pat Barnaba.

"We have a well-balanced team. We're a good shooting team, tough on the boards and play aggressive defense," she added. Miss Barnaba is a believer of the team concept where "everyone is the star."

Squan will participate in a Christmas tournament December 28. Middletown South will be the first opponent. They have moved up to Class A because of keener competition. They were runner-up in B a year ago.



# Orray Clayton participates in "TUBA-Christmas"

"I thought it was a lot of fun playing with 299 other tuba players at the same time," said Orray Clayton, the Warrior Band's representative in the annual "TubaChristmas" held at Rockefeller Center this past Sunday.

Each year the TubaChristmas is presented in memory of the late great tuba player, William J. Bell (Christmas Day, 1902 - August 7, 1971). This year's special guest conductor was Colonel Arnald D. Gabriel of the United States Air Force Band.

Orray, along with 299 other bass and tenor tuba players were invited and encouraged to bring their instruments to take part in this unique Christmas Concert. This concert not only honors a great musician but helps to advance the cause of the tuba as a truly great instrument and to bring added fun and joy to this traditionally happy time of the year.

All the music for the Tuba Christmas was arranged by American composer Alec Wilder.



Orray Clayton

The fact that the tuba is presently in a renaissance cannot be denied or ignored. Great composers are writing concertos, sonatas, better band and orchestra parts; arrangers and orchestrators are increasingly writing more important parts for the tuba in television and film scores; jazz writers have discovered the jazz tubists; all in all it is an exciting time for the tuba player. Now we must endeavor to gain visibility and proper recognition for the tuba from the public audience.

Kris Hauge

## Merry TubaChristmas



# CHRISTMAS

Ronald LaSala

Santa Claus, mistletoe, a Christmas tree, gifts, a nativity scene, and a holly wreath on the door are all symbols of Christmas to most of us. But the question arises, "Where did all these customs come from?"

The date at which Christmas is celebrated was not known, so in 336 A.D. the church decreed it to be the 25 of December. Although in some countries, e.g. Armenia, Christ's birth is celebrated on January 6. The reason for this is the association of the 25th with the Roman observances of the Saturnalia (December 17-24) and the "natalis invicti solis", the Mithraic festival of the birth of the sun. Even as late as 1644, the English Parliament with the pressure of the Puritan movement, forbade the observance of the Christmas festival.

About 1,200 years ago, an English missionary named Winfred, (later called Boniface), traveled through northern Germany. One day he met a group of Druids at an oak tree. They were about to sacrifice young Prince Asulf to the god Thor, to whom the oak tree was sacred. Winfred stopped them and cut down "the bloody tree". A young fir tree immediately appeared where the oak had stood. Winfred told the Druids that the fir was the new holy tree. He said that its wood provided homes for them and that it was the tree of peace and the tree of Christ. Thus the Christmas tree got its start.

Mistletoe decorates many homes around the world and it got its start in Scandinavia where it is considered the plant of peace. If enemies met under it, they declared a truce for the day.

Many countries have widely diversified customs of Christmas and many have contributed to our own customs of the holiday season.

England has a very popular tradition called the 'Wassail Bowl' (a Saxon term for 'your health') which is made with ale, roasted apples, eggs, sugar, nutmeg, cloves and ginger that is drunk hot. Villagers would travel around town caroling at neighbors' doors and in return for the music they would receive a glass of the neighbor's wassail bowl. During Queen Victoria's reign Christmas was re-enstated and a new character made the scene, Father Christmas, a French import.

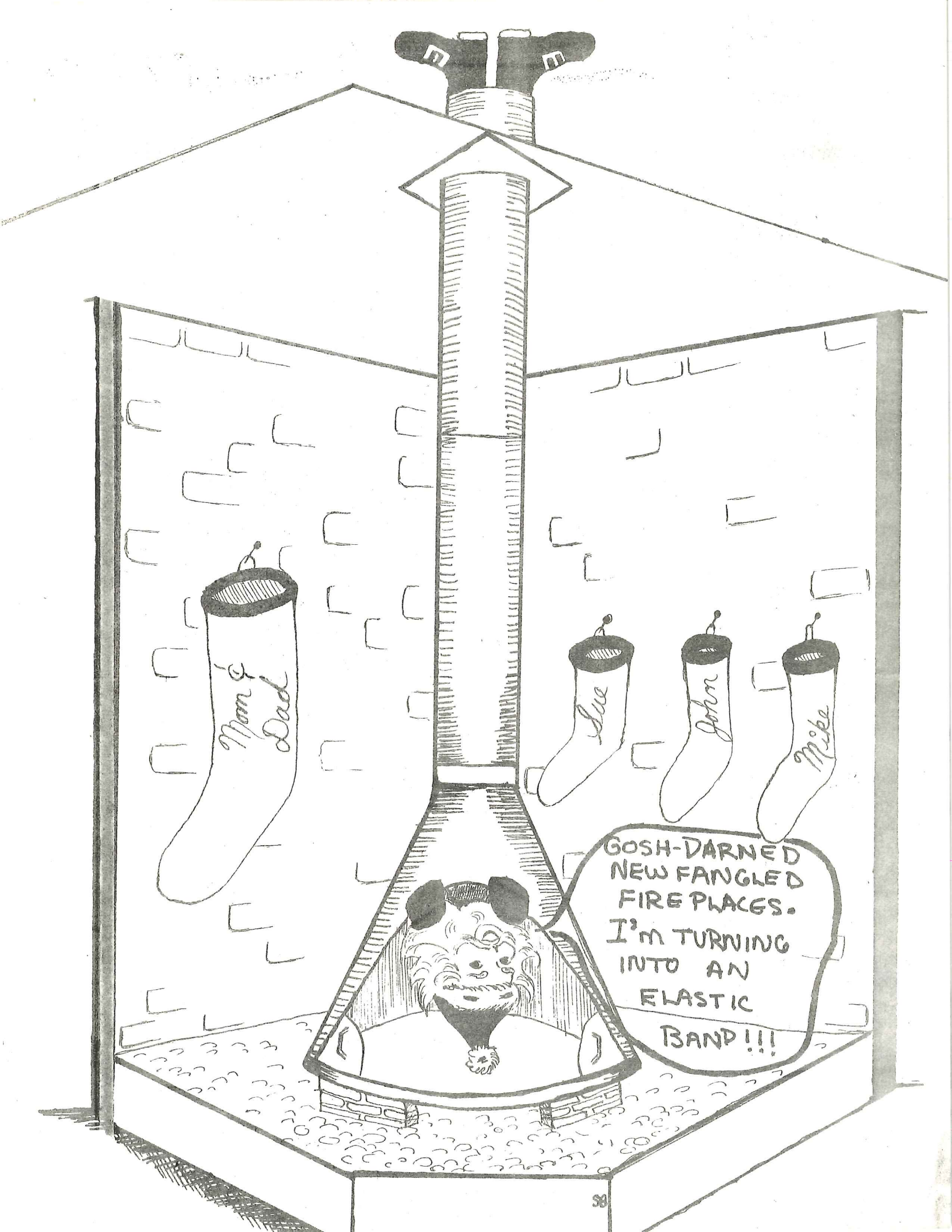
Christmas oatmeal cookies were brought into the picture by the Scotch and were called Bannock Cakes.

The French have actually three characters in the place of Father Christmas. The 'Bonhomme Noel' leaves gifts for the children on the hearth or his companion Pere Fouettard leaves bundles of switches for the bad children. The small ones also leave their shoes on the hearth for Le Petit Noel (Christ Child) to fill with candies and nuts. This custom when adopted by the U.S. became the act of putting stockings on the mantelpiece. An extra note is that Bonhomme Noel is also called Pere Noel (Father Christmas).

St. Nicholas, whose festival is December 6, acts as a messenger for the Christkindl (Christ Child) and he passes out candies for the German kiddies. He mostly takes letters from children of what they want for Christmas and he decides if they've been good during the year. These German traditions have evolved into many things, such as the writing of letters to Santa and the name Kris Kringle from Christkindl and has become synonymous with our modern St. Nick, (Santa).

Swiss teenagers drink water from nine fountains on their way to midnight mass to fulfill a mythical requirement in that if they drank from all the fountains they would find their future spouse at the door of the church that night.





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# Morgan Advances to Presidency

For those of you who are still under the impression that Sean Scatuorchio is the president of the Student Council, let me set you straight. Sean resigned as president on November 19 because of personal reasons. As vice-president, Dianne Morgan was immediately moved to the position of president.

The new Student Council president is pushing to accomplish as much as the Board of Education allows. "I want to organize it so that it becomes an effective Student Council," said Dianne. For a start, she would like to change the unsanitary cafeteria conditions (as far as how the mustard and ketchup is dispensed), and hopes to have hot lunches instead of bag ones. Dianne would also like to increase the number of guidance counselors and reinstate drivers' ed. Last on the agenda, she would like to provide a student smoking lounge. "I think that we may have a chance in getting it. If it's against the state law to have a lounge, why do the teachers' have one? Besides more than half of the students smoke," expressed Dianne.

In February 1977, the president would like to have the elections for the following school year. In this way, the new officers will get a chance to learn how the student government is run and what changes should be made.

From Dianne's viewpoint, the majority of the upperclassmen are very apathetic while the underclassmen are responsive. At meetings the underclassmen are on the ball and contributive. "I feel in two years the Student Council will be a very powerful organization if the student interest keeps up," she added.

The new system in which the student government reaches the students is a much easier and more effective way than was used in the past years. The student council officers have a meeting among themselves. After the meeting, they speak to the junior, sophomore and freshman class officers about the issues. Then the class officers hold a meeting with the class representatives and these representatives return to their homerooms and discuss the matter.

Peggy Pinkman, secretary, and Cheryl Randolph, treasurer, help Dianne make decisions. "It's more work and responsibility without a vice-president, but three of us work together," she stated.

This well-rounded student has been involved in Student Council since freshman year. She has two varsity letters in field hockey and track and is on the honor roll.

After high school, Dianne is planning to attend either the University of Maryland or Wesleyan in West Virginia. At this point she hopes to major in psychology and plans to attend law school.

"I'll do things the way I see them, not as Sean saw them," Dianne emphasized.

Meave Charlebois



## Kiwanis Honor Society Members (con't)...

### Juniors

Anderson, Janet  
Neary, Craig  
Newton, Carol  
Vanderlinde, Joyce  
Martin, Patricia

### Seniors

Harvey, Jamie  
Hill, Kathleen  
Maronne, Carolyn  
Schmidhausler, Gretchen  
Warnke, Gretchen

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## Board of Education Award Winners...

### Sophomores

Alznauer, Catherine  
Ball, Brian  
Birkhead, Mary  
Boodey, John  
Boyan, Diane  
Brown, Judith  
Browning, Janet  
Canale, Frank  
Carver, Alan  
Dauer, David  
DeSantis, Michael  
Devereux, Michael  
Diubaldi, Robert  
Ferrentino, Linda  
Fisher, Wade  
Fitzgerald, Linda  
Grady, David  
Guzzo, Carl  
Hawthorne, Dara  
Healy, Andrea  
Hoffman, Emily  
Holly, Christine  
Kuhnemund, Michelle  
Laird, Lisa  
Lass, Deborah  
Lockenmeyer, Matthew  
Lund, Cynthia  
McBride, Maureen

Meyer, Merrie  
Moran, Martin  
Musa, Julia  
Owens, Andrew  
Ping, Matthew  
Power, Leslie  
Price, Paul  
Rafter, Anita  
Raliski, Jeffrey  
Rassmann, Richard  
Reid, Dana  
Savage, Gregory  
Seipp, Donna  
Shibla, Douglas  
Spinola, Susan  
Stanley, Philip  
Sullivan, Joseph  
Summers, Mary  
Taylor, William  
Tilton, Richard  
Trumpbour, Barbara  
Urbanek, Laura  
Vanwickle, Karole  
Vreeland, Cheryl  
Walker, John  
Waltzinger, Fredrick  
Weihs, Randall  
Woolley, George  
Yarrington, William

(con't)



# Board of Education Award Winners (con't)

## Juniors

Alexander, Timothy  
Anderson, Janet  
Bialas, Theresa  
Brewer, Lawrence  
Cameron, Nancy  
Cole, Tamara  
Cotov, Judith  
Coverdale, Patricia  
Coyle, Richard  
Coyne, Laura  
Dalgarno, Grace  
DeKogatis, Diane  
Fehrlin, Jacqueline  
Fendl, Richard

Fisher, Dean  
Fleming, Tina  
Fletcher, Deborah  
Fulton, Nancy  
Hall, Harold  
Higgins, Colleen  
Hoagland, Linda  
Holly, Teresa  
Keil, Jean  
King, Donna  
Lang, Sandra  
LaVance, Gayle  
Martin, Patricia  
Mayne, Ann

Mennie, Carl  
Moglia, Jay  
Montana, Lisa  
Neary, Craig  
Newton, Carol  
Raffetto, Nancy  
Raffetto, Renee  
Randolph, Marilyn  
Sheppard, Alfred  
Sodini, Gregg  
Stout, Elizabeth  
Trumpbour, Virginia  
Vanderlinde, Joyce  
Voorhees, Patricia  
Ward, Joseph

## Seniors


Barlow, Brian  
Black, Alison  
Brady, Mark  
Brown, Duane  
Cervenka, Jean  
Cook, Daniel  
Ford, Gay  
Hansen, Karen  
Harvey, Jamie  
Harvey, Joanne  
Hill, Kathleen  
Jarema, Linda  
Johnston, Richard  
Kovats, Eric

Kuchar, Diane  
Lane, Lucinda  
LaSala, Ronald  
Lockenmeyer, Mark  
Lu, Fred  
Lucas, Patricia  
Marrone, Carolyn  
McKay, Andrew  
Musa, Joseph  
Oberhauser, Lori  
Pinkman, Margaret  
Scara, Susan  
Schatzman, Robert  
Schmidhausler, Gretchen

Seeger, Kathryn  
Seipp, Michael  
Sheehan, Kathleen  
Sheehan, Maureen  
Sheppard, Diane  
Sisti, Rosemarie  
Snow, William  
Stelluto, Anthony  
Sweeney, Kathleen  
Talalas, Randolph  
Thompson, Leslie  
Trumpbour, John  
Vivino, Michael  
Warnke, Gretchen

Awards Night will be held January 20th, 8 p.m. Anyone who feels that they've been "rooked" out of an award should contact Mrs. Limpantsis.

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## Shafer (continued)

"We should place greater emphasis on independent study because that's the kind of learning process a student will have to assume in later years. The major reason for college failures is due to the fact that these people never had to make wise choices with their time," continued Dr. Shafer.

He feels that a shared contribution of responsibilities between the student and the teacher should occur in the classroom. "A curriculum which describes skills and concepts that a person is to master is more desired than one which describes what a teacher will do. No one ever does enough for individualization, including the principal," he remarked.

When asked if he agrees with Superintendent of Schools Thomas O'Rourke on most issues he simply stated: "My philosophy about learning seems to parallel his."

Dr. Shafer mentioned that when there is a difference of opinion, "the two good doctors discuss it and come to a consensus."

In discussing the qualities of a good administrator, he added that he knows many highly successful female principals. According to Dr. Shafer, a good administrator is skillful at negotiating his own emotions as well as his actions. He or she should show nonjudgmental acceptance and respect for people while retaining skills in cultural judgement. Being able to enjoy his or her surroundings is essential. "An administrator should be willing to learn about himself."

Also touched upon were the problems of split sessions and regionalization. In regard to split sessions, Dr. Shafer said, "Ending split sessions will be a challenge for excellence."

Mr. Richard Englert, Math Department Chairman, has a few remarks concerning Manasquan's new principal, "He is very friendly and very easy to talk to. It is good for a principal to be active."

Born in Chicago, Dr. Shafer is one of five children. He grew up and attended school there. He went to college in New York State and took graduate training in Rhode Island, Illinois, Connecticut and Delaware.

When he finds the time, Dr. Shafer enjoys reading. He reads a large variety of books on all subjects. Speed listening, a form of listening which enables one to hear 1200 words a minute, also interests him.

He received his Doctorate at NYU, his masters at the University of New York and his bachelors at Nyack, New York.

"I think he has good intentions. What he's doing for school spirit is great," added Key Club member Wayne Burke.

"I am a learner...and I am a learning expeditor in the broadest sense," stated Shafer.

Gretchen Schmidhausler



# Blaha Gains Experience At Squan

"I try to tie realism into my classes," remarked Miss Mary Ellen Blaha, student English teacher, "and teach the students not to look at school as an institution."

Miss Blaha is teaching most of Miss McGrath's afternoon Grammar and Composition courses and Mr. Ravaioli's sixth period Science Fiction class. She also spends one period a day with Mrs. Spergel learning about library functions.

The English teacher is a local girl. She was raised in Wall and attended Wall High School. Currently she has one semester to complete for her degree in English Education. At the same time she will obtain her Associate Media Accreditation (library and AVA coordinator).

As a teacher, Miss Blaha has injected individualization into the classroom. "I tried some individualization in some of my classes, and it worked out very well. There are many factors contributing to the results of teaching. There are lots of ways to individualize learning, and variations on other methods," she added.

Since she is three years older than some of the students, Miss Blaha realizes how uninteresting some classes may be. "I try to tie in current events and happenings with the lessons I am teaching. I want to try these different methods to facilitate learning," she mentioned.

"I'm really happy to be out student teaching. It's more challenging than being a student because I'm responsible not only for myself but for getting other people involved in learning," she explained. After a few days teaching she realized as a student she was tired mentally, but as teacher, she got tired physically as well as mentally.

"I think Manasquan is a great school for me to student teach in. The teachers and students both are helpful and friendly," remarked Miss Blaha. "Regarding split sessions, seem to work very well at Manasquan. You need the space, and this is the most practical solution."

Her interests include reading all types of books and listening to music. Currently, her favorite singer is Jackson Browne. She is also an avid skier and swimmer. In her spare time she enjoys cross country travelling.

Miss Blaha will be leaving Manasquan on December 23. She has not decided on what career to follow. Teaching and writing will probably be first on her list though. "When I graduate I will become professional as soon as I can. After work, I would like to start travelling."

On her stay at Squan, Miss Blaha concluded, "I'm sorry my time is coming to a close. There is a lot more that I would like to accomplish. I'm really glad that I was able to teach at Manasquan. I will really miss the students and teachers."



Miss Mary Ellen Blaha enlightens Mr. Ravaioli's Science Fiction class. She will be leaving Manasquan on December 23.