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Softball Aims for States

By: Chris Craig

As the softball during the Monmouth season carries on, the County Tournament. "We softball team is looking were really pumped up towards the state tournament. After falling short of the 500 record needed to make shore conference, the girls are looking to redeem themselves.

With a current record of 9-10, the girls look back upon the season with a few games in mind. Their biggest victory came when they ten runned wall at their May 9th game at Rash Field. The girls dominated the entire game closing it out with a 12-0 victory. Another great win came when the team faced St. Rose in a night game



about the game" said senior Jamie Kapalko. The team started with an early lead and held on until the end of coming out on top with a final score of 9-6.

The Lady Warriors went into their game against Ocean knowing they were a strong team. However, the two teams battled it out, going into extra innings but ultimately falling, ending the game with a 2-1 loss.

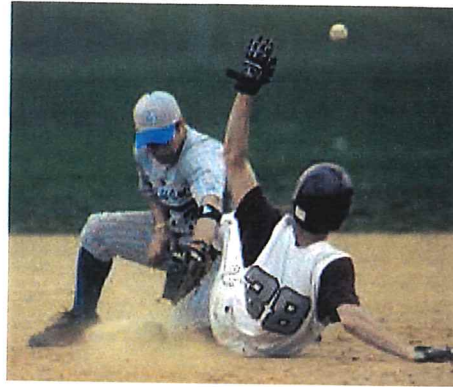
Senior Kelly Nolan was quoted as saying "The season is good, we're doing a lot better then last year". Good luck to all the girls for the rest of the regular season and on making the state tournament.



Squan Tears Down the Wall

By: Eric Quatrone

This season for the Blue Claws minor league Manasquan baseball team stadium. Manasquan was



trailing for most of the game 4-1, but in the top of the 7th they came back to score four runs. Key hits by Nick Vasilenko, Dave Armstrong, and Mike Voskian produced the runs.

A.J. Adamczyk has been filled with ups and downs, heart breaking losses, and come from behind victories. The latest of their last inning wins came against arch rival Wall, on Wednesday, May 11. Manasquan won the game 7-5, with the help of

A.J. Adamczyk pitched the entire game and ended it by striking out the first, second, and third hole hitters in St. Rose's lineup on nine pitches.

Coach Gordon commented, "The Wall and St. Rose games were a huge

win for us. They are our two biggest rivals and we played them very well."

Key wins for the Warriors also came against Rumson and Red Bank Catholic. Squan swept RBC this year, one of the top teams in the conference.

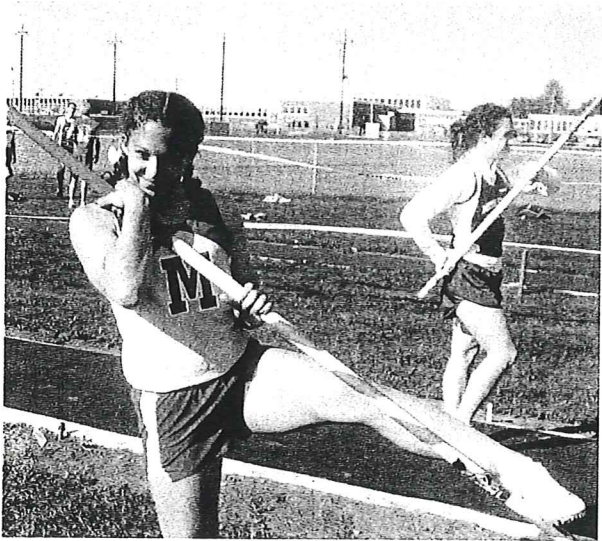
Junior Pitcher/Infielder James McNulty said that, "We have a lot of talent on the team this year. We always seem to find away to come back after being



Athletes Soar Despite Losing Record

By: Caroline Sweeney

The Boy's and Girl's Track teams are having a rough season. Both teams have a record of 0-5. Although the record doesn't show it, they do however have strong stand-out athletes. Devin Rich has had some strong



Freshman pole vaulter Ashley Aqualante stretches out before her event

throws this year in the shot-put as well. "We're overly impressed with the great lengths that we have crossed to break our personal records," said Girard. Long jumper and triple jumper Jen Ragan, who holds the schools triple jump record, is also having a terrific season. Nichole Hawkins is exceptionally talented in the shot-put, long jump, and high jump. MHS's group of high jumpers are fantastic at what they do. Alycia Piazza, Alison Siderko, and Nichole Hawkins have improved greatly since last year. This year Hawkins soared over 5 feet 4 inches at one of this seasons meets.

The teams have a large, talented staff of coaches this year. Miss Z. coaches the distance runners, high jumpers, long jumpers, and triple jumpers. Mr. Higgins coaches the throwers in the javelin, shot-put, and discus events. Coach McHarris coaches the 100 and 200 sprinters. Miss Gmitter instructs the middle distance runners, and also tackles the challenge of the hurdling team. Mr. Read is the pole vaulting coach, along with former student Sean Walsh. The boys' team has a strong hurdle team. The hurdlers, RJ Read, Thom Salaway, and Kevin Kircher, recently broke the 4 x 3 hurdle school record. The new record is now 3 minutes 14.5 seconds, which is quite an accomplishment.

The throwing team has many of new participants. Most of those

who returned this year have broken their personal bests such as juniors Billy Bruchetta, Ian Honauer, and John Girard, and sophomores Martin Marshall and Mike Mele. Senior Devin Rich has had some strong

throws this year in the shot-put as well. "We're overly impressed with the great lengths that we have crossed to break our personal records," said Girard. Long jumper and triple jumper Jen Ragan, who holds the schools triple jump record, is also having a terrific season. Nichole Hawkins is exceptionally talented in the shot-put, long jump, and high jump.

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Manasquan's young group of pole vaulter's are having a great season. Sophomore Mark Cavallieri, RJ Read, Caroline Sweeney, and Freshmen Ashley Aquilante have all achieved outstanding personal bests.

The track season isn't over yet. There are still Counties, RBC duel meet, Shore Conference, Sectionals, and States left. Good luck all the athletes in the weeks to come.

Baseball continued from back page

down a few runs in the early innings. We are a very tough team."

Manasquan's record currently stands at (10-8) and are getting

Boys' Tennis Serves it Up

By: Michaela Dooley

Boys' tennis is having a great season so far! Right now their record stands at a very respectable 10-5, and things are only looking up. They made it into the Shore Conference tournament, in which they did very well. They recently won in a tough match against Red Bank Regional (in the Shore Conference Tournament), and they have qualified for States.

Jarrad Smoke has been the stand-out player of the tennis team by far this season. He holds an amazing undefeated personal record of 18-0, and also won the Monmouth County Singles Tournament. He qualified for the State's Singles Tournament,

and his team has high hopes of him making it very far into the tournament and plan to see him coming out having done very well.

Other key players have been Mike Kelly who plays second singles, Brian Batarris who plays third singles, and Bryson McTighe and John VanWagner who play first doubles.

With a big game like Red Bank Regional behind them, Coach Cahill has bright hopes for the games coming up. "I think we're going to do well," he said.

Now the boys' tennis team is looking forward to a big game against West Windsor Plainsborough today and going even further into the State tournament.



College Acceptances

As of May 13, 2005:

Ilana Rothbein	Indiana University Simmons College	David Tessin	East Carolina University High Point University Philadelphia University
Kiley Rummier	Johnson & Wales University Rider University	Christopher Tilton	Pennsylvania College of Technology
Albert Senavitis	University of the Arts School of Visual Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts	Barbara Torres	Florida Southern College Eckerd College
Sally Shadlun	New York University Clemson University Temple University Suffolk University Boston University Pratt Institute Penn State	Kevan Tucker	Johnson & Wales
Alison Siderko	Quinnipiac University University of the Sciences in Philadelphia Duquesne University Ithaca College Northeastern University Springfield University University of Scranton	Whitney Van Voorhis	Seton Hall University Salve Regina Sacred Heart University
Christine Sigrist	Georgian Court University	Alexander Vanden-Bulcke	Wingate University Rider University Elizabethtown College
Katharine Skuback	Wesley College Seton Hall University Susquehanna University Rowan University Rutgers University Hofstra University Goucher College	Nicholas Vasilenko	Caldwell College Lebanon Valley College Susquehanna University Moravian College Elizabethtown College Allegheny College
Emmett Smith	West Virginia University Penn State	Caitlin Veilleux	West Virginia University Manhattan College
Justin Smith	Centenary College University of North Carolina at Pembroke Wesley College High Point University	Alana Veliz	Georgian Court University
Katie Smith	Loyola College Providence College Fairfield University University of Vermont University of North Carolina at Wilmington	Jonathan Viguers	The University of Scranton Rider University
Gregory Speirs	Penn State Purdue University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Seton Hall University	Catherine Walsifer	Cabrini College Marist College
Samantha Strimpler	Indiana University Stevens Institute of Technology	Brynn Walzer	Georgian Court University
Dana Tamburella	East Carolina University High Point University Philadelphia University Mercyhurst College University of Charleston UNC Charlotte	Matthew White	Fairfield University University of Notre Dame Providence College Tufts University
		Nicole Willms	Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
		Russell Young	Fordham University Temple University Northeastern University Rutgers University Drexel University
		Theodore Zaleski	Franklin Pierce Rider University Roger Williams University University of Rhode Island UNC Charlotte

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William Gegan	Barton College	Mike Kenderian	University of Hartford Roger Williams University The Catholic University of America
Nicole Giguere	Old Dominion University Rider University Westchester University	Sarah King	Lynn University Lasell College Philadelphie University Old Dominion University Laboratory Institute of Merchandising
Liam Golding	University of Vermont University of Rhode Island University of Colorado Rutgers University University of Denver	Kaitlin Kinstel	Rider University
Cathryn Gorlinsky	University of Delaware	Maddy Klein	Richard Stockton College Rutgers University
Alex Groezinger	University of Rhode Island University of Vermont	Alison Kreger	The College of New Jersey
Melissa Harrison	University of Scranton Temple University Marist College	Timothy Langan	Rutgers University York College Manhattan College Rowan University Washington College
Devon Hart	Lycoming College	Lauren Leddy	University of Delaware
Bob Herbert	Ithaca College	Sal Librizzi	Manhattan College College of Charleston University of Rhode Island The University of Vermont
Meredith Herrmann	The College of New Jersey	Stephen Livingston	Towson University Loyola College
Brittany Homer	Bethany College	Katie Lobosco	The College of New Jersey Gettysburg College Lafayette College Lehigh University
Lauren Horn	Rowan University Sacred Heart University University of Delaware Moravian College	Kristin Maclearie	Manhattan College Wagner College Pace University
Chris Hoyler	Goucher College	Megan Maloney	Indiana University of Pennsylvania Pace University Philadelphia University Laboratory Institue of Merchandising
Edward Hunter	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Mark Mantlick	West Virginia University
Julie Illmensee	West Virginia University Georgian Court University	Katie Maricic	The College of New Jersey Fordham University
Mary Imgrund	Philadelphia University	Beth Masterson	Loyola College Fordham University Providence College Fairfield University The College of New Jersey Wake Forest Univeristy
Jesse Irons	Southern Illinois University Purdue University Aurora University		
Austin Jacobus	Flagler College		
Christopher Jarahan	Franklin Pierce University of Hartford Dominican College		
Jamie Kapalko	The College of New Jersey Villanova University		
Brennan Kelly	Manhattan College Salve Regina University Wagner College The Catholic University		

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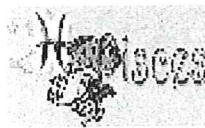


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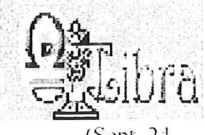
HOROSCOPES

By: Natalie Wilt
and Amanda
Nadrowski



(Feb. 20-Mar.

Positive connections can be made if you get involved in environmental organizations. Sudden trips will take you by surprise. Any capricious behavior will confuse loved ones and your mood swings will result in loneliness. Mingle with individuals who are established and can give you some serious insight into business and future trends.



(Sept. 24

Don't reveal anything about your personal life that could be used adversely. Don't overspend on friends or children. Either way, you're up for a passionate encounter with someone special. Look at your options before making commitments that could jeopardize your financial position.



(Jan. 21 -Feb.

You could pick up valuable knowledge through conversations with experienced individuals. You can get into self awareness groups or look into physical enhancement programs. Social events will lead to a strong and stable relationship. Hassles with close friends or family will put a damper on your day and result in isolation and loneliness.



(July 23-Aug

You are best to deal with those outside your family. If possible, rely on coworkers to back your objectives, and talk to superiors in order to get approval. Pleasure trips will ease the tension between you and your mate. It may be a disappointing day emotionally.



(Dec 22.- Jan.

Get involved in fitness programs that will bring you in contact with new friends. Your involvement in sports or entertainment will lead to new romances. Your partner may push buttons that infuriate you. Get domestic chores out of the way early.



(June 22-July

Ask those in key positions to help you overcome the delays and to support your concerns in order to move on. Your best gains will come through helping others emotionally. Someone you work with could have a personal interest in you. Try to channel your energy into physical work.



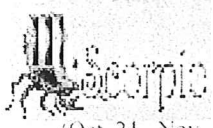
(Nov. 23

Better still, take your mate and let them foot the bill. However, you should be concerned about what they want in return. You will be attracted to unusual forms of entertainment and foreign cultures. Be up front if you don't want to be embarrassed.



(Apr. 21- may

Love could develop with someone of a different cultural background. Your questions will help you ferret out secret information. Realize that you don't have to do everything yourself. You need to spend some time reflecting on past experiences and involvement's.



(Oct. 24 - Nov.

You will be able to get your own way if you use your intellectual charm and know how. Catch up on correspondence. If you can get away for a vacation, do so. You can accomplish the most if you travel for business purposes.



(Aug. 23

Opportunities for romance will develop through group endeavors; however, the association isn't likely to last. Don't let someone take the credit for a job you did. You can complete any projects efficiently, especially if you put the effort in yourself. If you can, try to work out of your home this month.



(Mar. 21- April

You can make money if you put your savings into conservative investments. Problems with relatives and friends could surface. Don't push your luck with your boss. You can bet that you'll draw attention to yourself.

Spring Jumble

By: Sam Buddle

For those of you
who breeze right
through each
issue's puzzles,
try this for a little
spice:
May's puzzle is in
Spanish!

This month's
theme: Spring
time!



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You've Gotta' be Kidding me!?

By: Caroline Sweeney and Tina Carbone

What goes around the world, but yet stays
in a corner?

Karissa Sltarelli:
"The moon"



Paige Mace:
"A globe"



Dana Schulz:
"A spaceship"



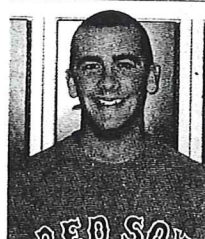
Bob Kryzwicki:
"A seatbelt"



Joe Dahrouge:
"An ant in a tour
bus"



Matt Castillo:
"A stamp"



Answer: A Stamp!

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Music Review

RISE AGAINST:

Siren Song of the Counter Culture

By: Kevin Jones

Rise Against, a small town band from Chicago is finally making big time progress as they bloom from the independent scene. Their third c.d., *Siren Song of the Counter Culture* is just what was needed to draw in fans nation wide. They have finally made the journey from being a small time stage opening band for groups such as NOFX, AFI, and Snapcase to having a newly released hit on MTV, "Give it all".

This well known song is just a taste of what the new album consists of. With a familiar and always likeable fast paced punk rock melody, the band achieves a new flavor with the growling voice of lead vocalist Tim McIlrath. With McIlrath's voice screaming the bands feelings to you throughout most of the album, the rhythm begins to slow and the lyrics begin to lighten towards the end. If your into fast paced punk rock and need a change, Rise Against's new album *Siren Song of the Counter Culture* is just what the doctor ordered.



New Record Releases

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King of the Corner

Hawthorne Heights

Silence in Black and White

Book Review

Gossip Girls

*"You're The One I Want
And Nobody Does It Better"*

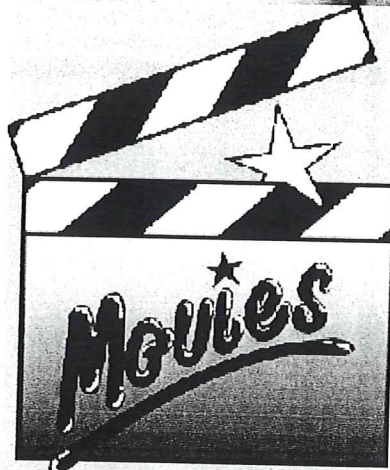
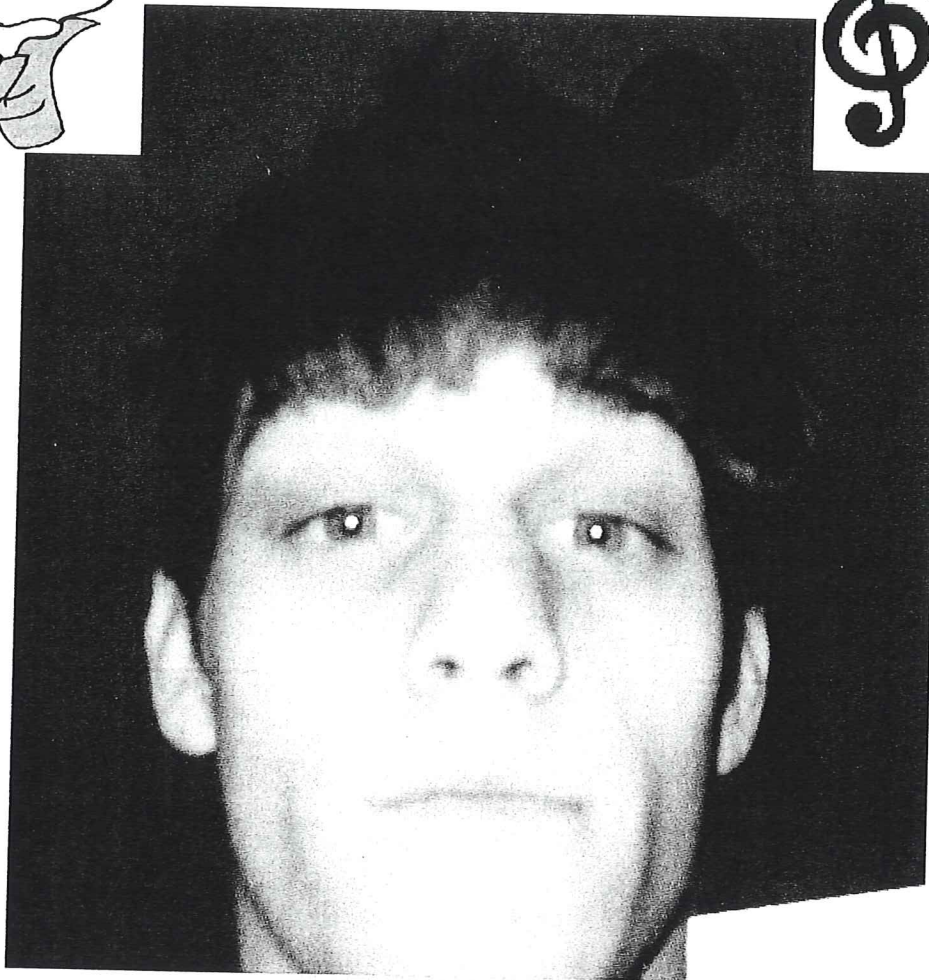
Larissa Reto

The gossip continues in the 6th and 7th book of Cecily von Ziegesar's popular series, Gossip Girl. In *You're the one that I want*, the 6th book, the extremely rich and spoiled Upper East Side teenagers have found something to stress about! Aside from shopping, partying, and frequent vacations, it's time to apply to college. Blair, Serena, and the rest of the gang can't seem to get their minds off of getting into the college of their dreams. But that's not the only stress they endure! The reality of cheating boyfriends, and lying best friends continues. Aside from all the stress, they are still trying as hard as they can to *relax* and enjoy their last year of high school. But relaxing sometimes seems impossible with all the gossip going around. Get sucked into this juicy novel and discover the life of rich kids beyond the Prada bags, the weekly manicures, and daily shopping sprees.

In the 7th book, *Nobody Does It Better*, the stress of getting into college eases. Acceptance letters are finally mailed out and *most* people are pleased! Everyone except Blair Waldorf. And as you will find out, when Blair's not happy, *no one* is happy. In this most recent Gossip Girl novel, you'll discover juicy secrets, how these Upper East Side kids are spending their final weeks of high school, and new beginnings for people you *never* thought would be friends. You'll also be surprised to see what extremes certain people will go to just to get accepted to college. You won't be able to put it down! It's the best one yet!

So, get to your local Barnes and Nobles and pick up these two books! If you've been a Gossip Girl from the start, you simply can't go without reading these. Even if you haven't read a Gossip Girl book yet, why not get started now? It's the most popular series out there, and you can't afford to miss out on the gossip!

Entertainment



Joseph Ratzinger Becomes Pope Benedict XVI

By: Matt Gebhard

On April 24, the conclave stopped, white smoke arose from the top of the Vatican, and the ceremonial bells rang, signaling the selection of a new pope. Greeting the hundreds of thousands of people hoping to get a glance at the conclave's choice, Benedict XVI. A man elevated to cardinal in 1977, has been the church's top theologian for many years. Many considered Benedict an interesting pick because of his age (77) and conservative beliefs. He was born on Holy Saturday in 1927 and was raised in Traunstein, Germany. He was named Josef Ratzinger and baptized that same day. In 1941, he joined the Hitler Youth, as required by all German males at the age of 14. Josef spent time

fighting in WWII in the German army and Austrian Legion, a group infamous for brutalizing enemies.

However in 1945, Ratzinger deserted the army and returned home. In 1951, Ratzinger was ordained into priest-hood. Two years later he earned his doctorate in theology from the University of Munich. After years of working in many Universities on dogmatic theology and serving as chief theological advisor to Cardinal Josef Frings on the Second Vatican Council, Josef Ratzinger was named Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, by John Paul II. In 1998 Josef Ratzinger became named Vice-Dean of the College of Cardinals and in 2002 ascended to



Joseph Ratzinger, a former Cardinal from Germany, was selected as the new pope.

dean. Then finally, Ratzinger, was elected pope on April 19th and chose Benedict in order to commemorate, Pope Benedict the XV, leader of the Catholic Church during WWI.

Botany Students Visit Longwood Gardens

By: Annie Pearsall

On April 20th at 7:30 a.m., the MHS botany class piled onto a yellow school bus. They were off to have a fun filled day at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania with teacher Mr. Lempa and advisor Mr. Barlow.

After a long two hour ride, the students were relieved to get off the bus and stretch their legs while looking at some of the most beautiful scenery that they have ever seen in their lives. Dan Mayfield remembers, "It was like we had stepped into another world."

The class toured around the gardens for a few hours before retiring to the garden restaurant where Mr. Barlow

bought everyone a delicious lunch.

Longwood Gardens is one of the world's premier horticultural display gardens. It was created by industrialist Pierre S. du Pont and offers 1,050 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows; 20 outdoor gardens; 20 indoor gardens within 4 acres of heated greenhouses providing homes for 11,000 different types of plants. Senior Alex Rosa stated, "The day was beautiful and I have never seen such amazing gardens before."

Beautiful scenery was seen around the Botany Class's trip to Longwood Gardens on April 20th.

PHOTO: ANNIE PEARSALL



SOAR Students to Help with Upcoming Special Olympics

By: Tina Carbone

A select group of MHS students are currently participating in a very special SOAR project. Led by Mr. Higgins and Mrs. Hawrylak, this group will be attending the Special Olympics, and assisting in the events and activities that take place. This ceremony was very similar to the real Olympics.

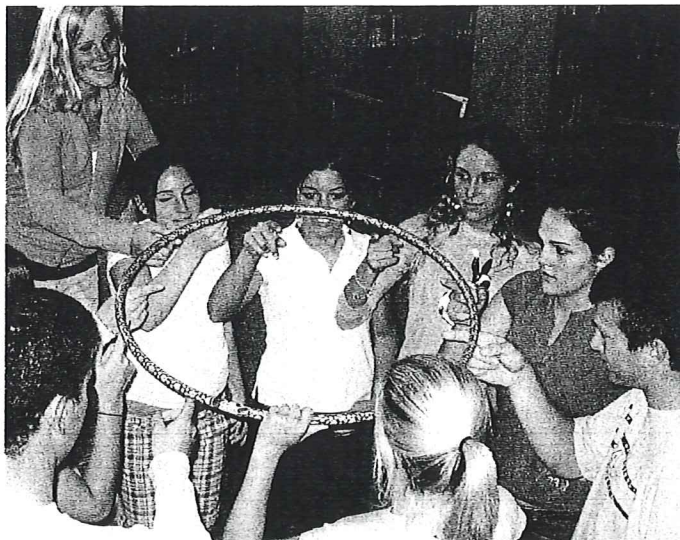
In preparation for this activity, the MHS students learned how to be a better leader by doing various exercises here in the school and outside. The SOAR students were split into two groups, and had to perform a certain task that would teach them different skills including teambuilding, communication, and cooperation. One exercise included a student leading a blindfolded student. These two students, who didn't know each other, asked each other a series of questions. They walked around the school and had a lot of laughs because it was hard to direct the blindfolded person around. This obstacle would be impossible if the students didn't communicate and listen, both skills that are needed to be a leader. Another activity the students participated in was an exercise that had about 9 or 10 students in a circle and putting one of their fingers on a hula-hoop. The goal was to lower the hula-hoop to the ground, with every person's finger touching it. Easier

said than done! Many problems occurred, including one side tipping over, or one side not going down fast enough. But overall, many laughs were heard and the students learned how to cooperate with each other. The students were served pizza for lunch after their day of hard work.

These SOAR students deserve recognition for their hard work and their devotion to less fortunate kids. They are going out of their way to entertain these athletes and at the same time, they are also being taught all the skills that are needed in order to be a leader. Mrs. Hawrylak said, "I'm very proud of the students who came out for the project and I think they'll enjoy it." From what I saw, it was far from easy and they did a great job. Congratulations to the SOAR students who didn't give up and gave their time to help others!

A group of SOAR students participate in an activity involving a hula hoop to improve their team work skills.

PHOTO: TINA CARBONE



Mr. Bryant Receives Hard-Earned Award

By: Lauren Speirs and Maggie Ward

Congratulations to Mr. Bryant for receiving the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year Award! He works very hard and his students enjoy having him in the classroom. Everyone agrees that he deserves some recognition.

Mr. Bryant says that Manasquan is a great place to teach because of our wonderful traditions. Also, the fact that the kids here are fun and easy to teach, makes his job very enjoyable. He added that the teaching experience here is very rewarding. Jessica Rogers, a student in his U.S. I honors class, said, "Mr. Bryant is one of my favorite teachers in the school because he makes his class fun."

Mr. Bryant was very surprised and appreciative that the school nominated him for this award. The Manasquan VFW puts aside a very generous amount of money for the community. For example, they provide scholarships to high school students that range in amount from \$250 to \$500. This year is the 75th anniversary of this very charitable organization. So, congratulations to Mr. Bryant for getting some recognition for his great teachings.

Foreign Language National Honor Societies

Induct New Members

By: Eric Quattrone

On Thursday, May 5, the Foreign Language National Honor Societies held inductions at the Jack Nicholson Theatre. Advisors Senora Vergara and Madam Kerenksy organized and ran the event.

Thirteen new members were inducted, adding to the 17 previous students already in the society. Entry requirements include: being a level 3 or higher foreign language student, 93 GPA, member of your respective foreign language club, and being involved in your community.

Mr. McCormack read an opening statement to start off the night. Previous members were all

on stage along with Senora Vergara and Madam Kerenksy. Michaela Dooley read a history of the Spanish Honor Society in Spanish, followed by Matt Castillo translating into English. Colin Ford also read a

"The ceremony went very smoothly. I am pleased with the way everything turned out. Overall, it was a great night."

*Foreign Language National Honor Society
President Michaela Dooley*

history of the passing of the torch in Ancient Greece in French, with Nicole Farese translating in English.

Brian Wheeler played the piano in the background throughout the night.

Finally, Michaela Dooley read the requirements needed for membership. Following that was a sign-in by all members. Then, each student was given a candle, and they were lit one by one down the row. After that, each student recited a pledge.

Newly inducted members are: Elizabeth Bryndza, Donald Burke, Christina Caamano, Molly Donovan, Katie Dwyer, Emily Govel, Lauren Hansen,

Leslie Labruto, Kelsey Scribner, Laurine Stafin, Katelyn Perkowski, Jennifer Pretz, and Jane Wenthe.

Spring Concert Hits All The Right Notes

By: Nicole Hawkins

Sing! Dance! Put your sunglasses on! Yes, this is what happened at the annual spring concert on May 4. The chorus wore their tuxedos and was accompanied by Mrs. Eichorn. There was a decent amount of people in the audience, many were children. The chorus had a little surprise at the end when they whipped out the shades for *Walking on Sunshine*.

The A cappella choir sang a piece called *Inscription of Hope*, which was actually written on the walls of the prisons that the Jews were put into during the Holocaust. The words are chilling, and the song is very deep. It sounded beautiful and it drew some of the people in the audience a little closer.

There were several solos and duets in this concert. Nicole and Anna Klindtworth sang *Velvet Shoes*, by Randell Thompson. Their voices flowed together nicely producing a very calm, soothing sound. Both girls have a lot of potential, and are only in their first and second year in chorus. Erin Rauch-Sassen sang a piece she put together herself, *Where You Can't go Back*, while she played the guitar. She has a very unique yet beautiful voice and has no fear of showing off her talent that she has been so obviously blessed with. Donald Burke performed an aria from Mozarts' "Figaro". He has come a long way in his 3 years of chorus, and proved that very nicely.

Overall the concert was a

success, and, as always, the choir enjoyed performing. To all who did come to support the choir, it was greatly appreciated and please come again. Next year will have a whole new scenario, it only gets better!

New officers

for next year's chorus:

President: Kristen Wappel
Vice Presidents: Tim Sigler,
Clair Palmer, & Don Burke.

Awards received at Spring Concert:

National School Choir Award
-- Angela Ferrelli
Orion Award -- Rob Avakian
and Kerrin Galinis

New Athletic Fields

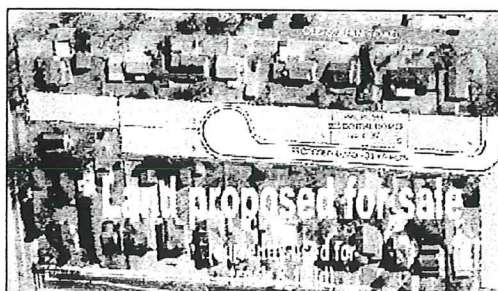
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of the Manasquan School District, provided useful information about the conceptual plans to the *Blue & Gray*.

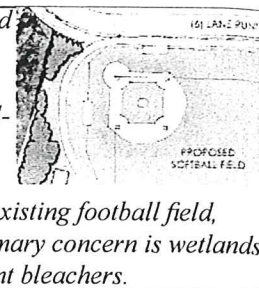
The plans call for a brand new all-purpose sports field, consisting of artificial grass similar to that at Giants Stadium. This field will be surrounded by a regulation sized, six-lane, 400 meter track. The main field will be used not only for football games, but also for other sports as well.

The present football field will be rotated so the long side will be lined up with the back of the school. A line of bleachers also will be placed against the school; this will give the athletes a chance to run out to the fields from underneath the fans. For awesome commentary a press box will be added on top of the school.

One of the biggest positives is the addition of the 400m track, enabling the school to host its first track and field events since around 1960. Presently, Manasquan cannot host events, because its track is too small.



At left, school-owned land to be sold as building lots on a newly developed cul-de-sac. A softball field is slated to replace part of the existing football field, seen at right. A primary concern is wetlands bordering the present bleachers.



However there are potential negatives too. The biggest appears to be the protected wetland located on the school property. Since the new field will cut into the wetlands, the Field committee is trying to get their plans approved by the DEA.

According to Mrs. Morris, it has been too long since we have invested money in the fields. The fields are used year round and experience plenty of wear and tear. As Mrs. Morris said "we want to go with an artificial surface because if we use grass it could take over a year before it could be played on again".

This might be disappointing, but even with the artificial surface juniors and seniors will be long gone before the new fields are up and ready to go. If all goes according to plan Mrs. Morris says the fields should

be ready by the fall of 2006. And, it must be stressed, that this is still a conceptual plan, and not a done deal.

For the plan to pass, the Board needs several factors to go its way. One of the major factors is funding. Borough Councilmen Bob Briant says that if all goes well these plans will not cost taxpayers a cent. The plan is to sell a narrow strip of property owned by the school district, located behind the field hockey field on North Main St., in order to fund the new fields. When asked about a price Mrs. Morris said it could cost around \$2 million, and stressed that this is still just an estimated amount.

Many Manasquan athletes are in favor of this new proposal. If the plans succeed and all goes well, it will not be long before we are able to show off our Warrior Pride in full glory!

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Students Lend an Arm, Pint After Pint

By: Larissa Reto



Manasquan High School ran its annual blood drive on Tuesday May 3, 2005. A total of 156 students participated, and ultimately collected 129 units of blood. After a busy month of planning, Don Burke, Mrs. Holey, Mrs. McCoy and the MHS Health Club ran yet another successful blood drive.

Don Laws, a volunteer from the Central New Jersey Blood Center provided more information as to what a blood drive is all about. According to Don, there is a massive shortage of blood in New Jersey. Blood actually has to be imported from a blood center in Kansas. In New Jersey, 60% of the population is eligible to give blood.

Sadly, only 5% of these people actually donate.

The Central New Jersey Blood Center hosts blood drives in as many high schools as possible. Many people don't think to go to a clinic in order to donate, but when it's hosted at a high school,

more people tend to participate. According to Don, a person can give blood or platelets every 56 days.

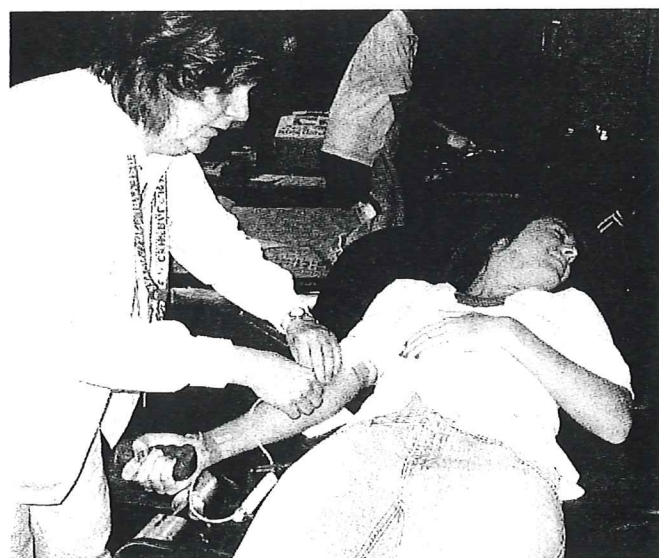
Here at Manasquan High School, the 156 students who participated gave blood *and* platelets. The process of giving blood takes an average of 10-15 minutes. When you are giving platelets, you are giving your red blood cells. The red blood cells are taken out of your blood, and everything else is put back in. This process takes an average of 45 minutes. This process takes longer than just giving blood because in addition to giving red blood cells,

your system is replenished. Although a few people felt nauseous afterwards and some people were scared at first, in the end, students said giving blood wasn't so bad and it was a really good experience. To make the process easier, students continued to tell



In total, 129 Manasquan students and staff members successfully donated blood. Above, Junior Christian Ries recuperates after donating. At left, from above: Katie Suchniak as she contributes; Sophomore Chuck Pisano braves the dreaded finger-prick; a group of upperclassmen fill out preliminary forms; a nurse checks on Junior Heather Carhart.

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themselves that their pint of blood was going to help save three lives! That fact made everything a little easier. After the students were done giving blood, they received free t-shirts, bagels, donuts, and cookies which were all donated by the community.

After all was said and done, school nurse Mrs. Holey comments that the blood drive was an *extremely*

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Students See France Beyond the Textbook

By: Megan Fechter

Over spring break, friends and family waved *au revoir* to Mrs. Kerensky, Mr. Januario and seven foreign language students as they embarked on a trip to Paris, France. Touring the Eiffel Tour, dining on a boat ride down the Seine, and walking tours around the city are cultural experiences that will never be forgotten.

Sam Strimpler, Emily Engler, Molly Donovan, Emily Govell, Laura Brahn, Katie Dwyer, and Almy Egan joined three students from MAST High School to spend a week abroad. From March 25th to April 1st these students spent their time testing their French speaking skills while getting acquainted

with the French lifestyle.

Despite a bad tour guide and getting lost several times they were able to see the Musee de Louvre, Musee d'Orsay, Fontainebleau, Versailles, and the Opera House. Senior Sam Strimpler recalled the fun of riding bikes in Fountain Bleau and getting lost in the woods. One hour later Sam and three friends made it back to their hotel, covered in mud. The students were even able to get in on some hard core culture when a riot broke out by the Eiffel Tour over the Swiss football team.

The students and teachers all *se sont bien amuses* time and the memories from the trip will last a lifetime.

Senioritis: A Student Plague

By: Amanda Nadrowski & Emmett Smith

As the warm spring months are approaching and summer is just around the corner, many senior students are suffering from a severe illness, known as "senioritis". This contagious disease has been rapidly spreading throughout the senior class. The earliest case was spotted back in September. Its symptoms include lack of motivation, inability to concentrate, severe boredom in class, and incompleteness of numerous assignments throughout the year.

If you find yourself suffering from these symptoms, you are not alone. This disease is plaguing the majority of the senior class. While these symptoms

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Above, prankster Tim Donovan reenacts the typical "distraction tactics" made famous by Senioritis, preventing seniors Katrina Foster-Moore and Jenny Monello from completing last-minute assignments.

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Faith-Based Group Unites Students and Athletes in MHS

By: Annie Pearsall

Did you ever wonder what the students gathered in room 120 were doing every Wednesday morning before school? Well, they are members of the Fellowship for Christian Athletes (a national group) more commonly known as the FCA. The FCA is a

group of approximately 15 students in the high school who share a common bond through their faith.

The FCA mission is to present to athletes, students, and coaches, and all whom they influence the challenge of receiving Jesus Christ

as their Lord and Savior.

Mr. James Freda has been a dedicated advisor of the FCA for four years after taking over for Mr. Schwartz. He enjoys sharing his faith with the young athletes and students as they open up their minds and hearts each week.

A usual meeting consists of an opening

prayer, bible reading and discussion, and then finally a closing prayer before the students break back into their everyday routine in the high school. Mr. Ted Kenny, youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Manasquan, leads the bible lesson. Junior Owen Boyle says, "I really enjoy

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