

End of Season Marks End of Outstanding Era

By: Chris Craig
the state tournament this year. Although the end of the season was upsetting, the girls also had some late season victories. They pulled out wins against both Brick Memorial and Middletown North.



This year's softball season was the end of an era. Coach Barnaba ended her 30th season on a high note compared to last year's dismal season. The girls managed to finish off the season with a 12-12 record.

The biggest upset of the Lady Warriors season was just missing out on

The team's last game came in the form of a loss against Central Regional. This was coach Barnaba's last game with the Lady



Warriors and as a tribute, players from her original softball team made an appearance at the game. (More can be found about Coach Barnaba and her career on page ##)



Not only is the team losing its great coach but also a large portion of the team. Many of the girls are seniors and will be continued on page 25

Baseball Finishes Winning Season

By: Eric Quatrone

The Manasquan Baseball team finished the year with a 14-11 record and had some great wins throughout the season. They beat both St. Rose and Wall, and also defeated the number six ranked team in the state, Rutherford. Manasquan played Rutherford as part of the Shore Challenge which was held at the Wall Municipal complex. Squan beat Rutherford 5-4 and also 10-run-ruled JFK High School 12-2.

With their winning record, Manasquan qualified for both the State Tournament and Shore Conference Tournament for

the first time since 2002. The Warriors were ranked as the 13th seeded team going into the SCT and were fortunate to have their first playoff game at home.

Squan faced off against Lacey and easily beat them, 9 - 1.

With the win, they went on to face a tough team in the number 4 seeded Toms River North, who ended up winning the SCT Championship

over Red Bank Catholic. Squan's game against TR North ended in a 3-2 defeat on a last inning rally by North. The season ended on a down note in the first

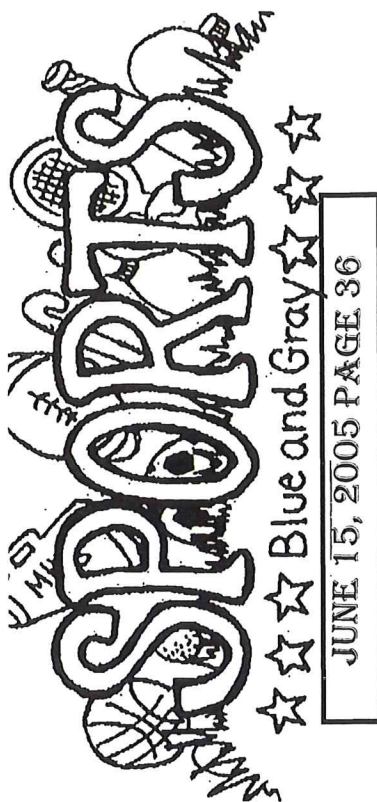


round of the NJSIAA Central Jersey III Tournament (which is the State Tournament). The Warriors lost 11-10 to Manchester, giving up a 10-5 lead.

It was a senior dominated team this year,

with a number of players having great individual seasons. Senior Pitcher A.J. Adamczyk was selected to represent Manasquan in the Carpenter's Cup, which is a tournament held between highschool teams from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Senior second basemen Mike Voskian along with Adamczyk were named to play in the Fight Against Cancer Classic All Star Game as well.

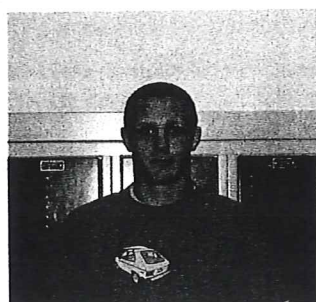
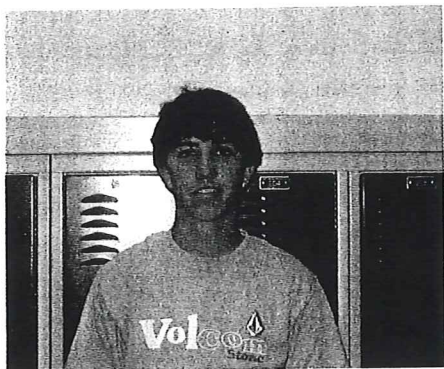
Seniors Emmett Smith and Nick Vasilenko carried the team in hitting during the end of the season, and both finished with a team high of four home runs each. Dave continued on page 26



Individual Athletic Accomplishments

Colin Ford, Senior

was the leading point scorer for the MHS boy's lacrosse team with 315 points.



Brendan Quigley, Kevin Kircher, & Thomas Salaway broke the school record in the 4x3 hurdles. They ran it in three minutes and eleven point one seconds.

Lauren Leddy, Senior

was a starting offensive player for the girl's lacrosse, and carried the team into the state tournament with 27 goals and 13 assists even after battling Mono for part of the season.



Caroline Sweeney & Ashley Aquilante both broke the school pole-vaulting record this year. Caroline cleared nine feet and Ashley cleared nine feet six inches.

Mike Kelly, Senior

was the captain of the boys tennis team this year, and the second singles player. He ended his career with a record of 11-8.



Jarrad Smoke, Junior

was the number one tennis singles player, and he maintained an undefeated record of 22-0.

Meg Wallace, Junior

was a valuable player on the Manasquan girl's lacrosse team this year. Her position was first home offender. She had 30 goals and 28 assists, and her best game this season was against Colts Neck when she scored 5 goals.



Tim Johnson, Senior & Paul Mackey, Junior

both made the cut in the Monmouth County Golf tournament for the 2005 golf season.

Nick Vasilenko, Senior

was the starting shortstop for the Manasquan baseball team, and he was tied for the team lead in home runs with 4- Emmett Smith also had 4 home runs.



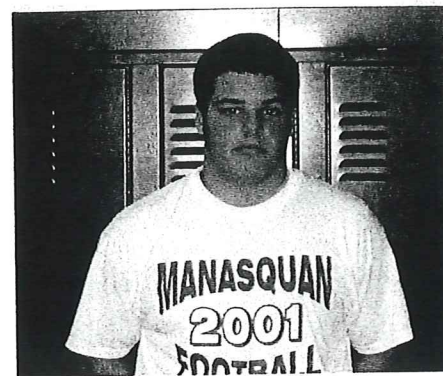
Individual Athletic Accomplishments

Lauren Stopa, Senior was the captain of the girl's varsity bowling team and she won the individual tournament at the 2005 Monmouth County Championships. Her highest personal score was 283 and her highest score in a match was 250.



Kelly Carmody, Senior was the captain of the girls cross country team this year, and was a strong runner for the team. Her best personal time was 21 minutes and 7 seconds in a 5K race.

Mike Voskian, Senior



graced Manasquan football with his right foot playing the part of place kicker and punter. In addition he made Third Team All Shore and First Team All Liberty Division.

Tim Donovan, Senior had a great bowling season this year with an overall average of 178. His personal best score was 283 and his highest series was 665.



Tim Burke, Senior

bowled some great sets this year with an average of 166. His personal best score was 224 and his high series was 565.



Katherine Kelly, Freshmen

excelled in swimming the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM for the MHS swim team. She made 3rd Team All County in the Star Ledger.



Emmett Walling, Junior

is the best swimmer that has ever come through MHS. This year Emmett was 1st Team All Shore, 1st Team All Conference, Shore Conference Swimmer of the Year, State Champion, County Champion and Conference Champion. Emmett holds the county record in the 200 IM and the conference record in the 100 breaststroke.



Keith Bradley, Senior

showed his athletic talent this basketball season with a grand total of 431 points. He had many good games, but the most memorable was the Christmas Tournament finals when he scored 22 points in the first half.



Jason Westrol, Junior

was a great team player on the basketball team with 567 points and 114 assists. Jason played very well in the games against Raritan scoring 24 points in the first game and 26 in the second.



Ryan McGrath, Sophomore

showed her love and skills for soccer this year by being chosen as a Class A. Central All Division player.



Spurs, Pistons Advance to the NBA Finals

By: Brendan Ward

The NBA playoffs have been excellent this



year unlike previous years. As a sports fan, the last time I can remember when I was this interested in the NBA playoffs was 1998, when Michael Jordan won his last championship. The San Antonio Spurs and the Detroit Pistons have survived and advanced to the NBA Finals. Both teams look for that coveted hardware, the NBA championship. Spurs' star Tim Duncan is looking for his third ring, while the Pistons are looking to defend their title.

The playoffs so far have been unbelievable. One reason is the emergence of the Phoenix Suns. The Suns play a fast-paced style of game and are very fun to watch. Behind league MVP, Steve Nash, the Suns advanced to the Western Conference finals against the San Antonio Spurs. The Spurs won the series in five games, despite Suns center, Amare Stoudemire, averaging 37 points per game.



The

Spurs are not a big surprise to see in the NBA Finals because of their playoff experience. Tim Duncan has already won 2 rings,



while most of the others have at least 1. Manu Ginobili has really stepped up big team for the Spurs this post-season. He has been one of the key reasons why the Spurs are making a return trip.

In the Eastern Conference Finals, the Miami Heat and Detroit Pistons squared off. Despite Shaq having a thigh injury that has limited his

effectiveness, the Heat still jumped out to a 3-2 series lead with a



convincing victory in Game 5. Dwayne Wade left game 5 early with a strained rib cage. The Detroit Pistons routed the Heat in game 6 and went on to win a close game 7.

The Finals are set. It will be the San Antonio Spurs and the Detroit Pistons. Both teams have excellent defenses. I think that the Pistons will defend their title. I pick the Pistons in 7 games with Rip Hamilton winning Finals MVP.

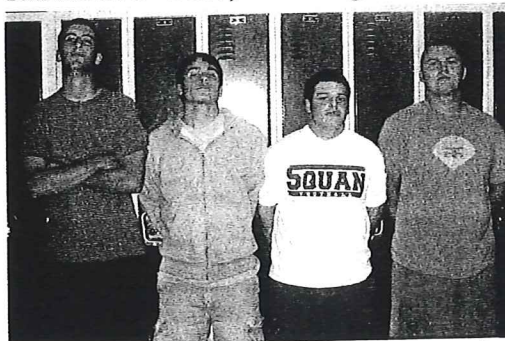
Baseball continued from back page

Armstrong and T.J. LaBaugh also had great years. LaBaugh was one of the best defensive catchers in the county and hit a huge home run against Wall. Armstrong led the team in steals and hit very well at the DH spot. A couple of underclassman also had good seasons, in juniors Joe Florentine and James McNulty. Both pitched and played infield, and both held their own at the plate. Other players contributing were sophomore Brad Newman, who hit in the cleanup spot for part of the

year and started at 1st Base, some games at catcher and

senior Mike Grille, who had some big hits and pitched well, junior

Mike Falciani, who made some crazy catches in the outfield, senior Breece Panepinto, who pitched well and had a great game against JFK, and Jesse Monaghan, who started



Seniors Dave Armstrong, Eric Quatrone, Mike Voskian, and AJ Adameczyk

had some big hits in key games. There was a lot of talent on the field at

all times for Manasquan. To unofficially close out the year and give credit where it was due, the team held its annual team dinner for all players and parents in the baseball

program. This year it was held at Piancone's South in Brielle. Mr. LaBaugh put together an amazing video which featured pictures and footage of highlights from the season.

Senior players were honored and were given a wooden bat with their names engraved in them, as well as a beautiful collage of pictures which was put together by Mrs. Monaghan. All in all, it was a great night which capped off a terrific year for Manasquan Baseball.

College Choices

As of June 10, 2005:

David Tessin	UNC Charlotte
Christopher Tilton	Pennsylvania College of Tech
Barbara Torres	Eckerd College
Kevan Tucker	Johnson & Wales
Whitney Van Voorhis	Seton Hall University
Alexander Vanden-Bulcke	Wingate University
Nicholas Vasilenko	Susquehanna University
Caitlin Veilleux	Manhattan College
Alana Veliz	Georgian Court University
Jonathan Viguers	Marist College
Catherine Walsifer	Marist College
Brynn Walzer	Georgian Court University
Matthew White	University of Notre Dame
Nicole Willms	Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

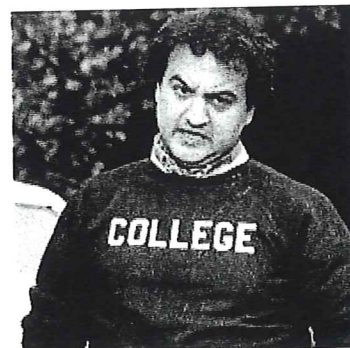
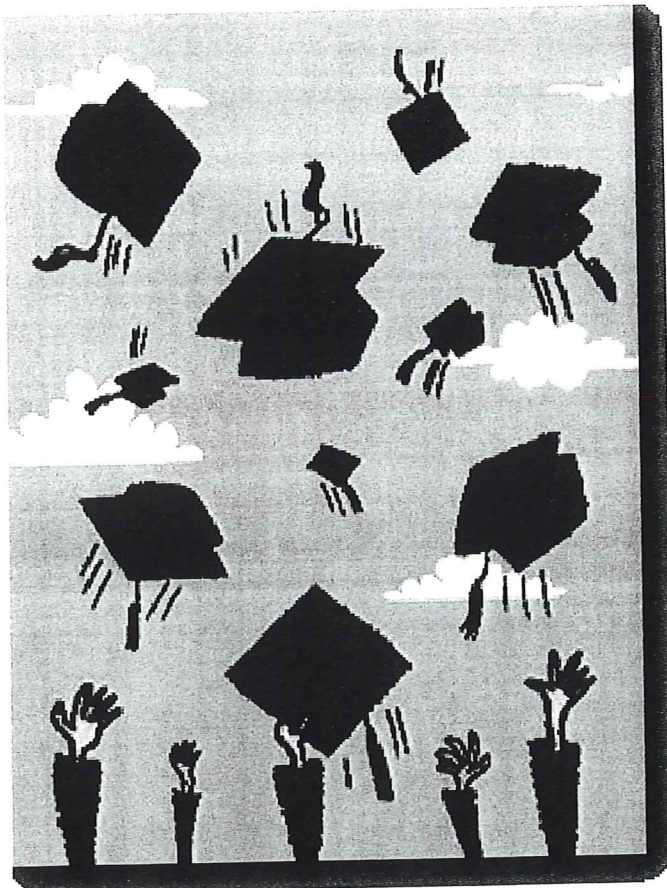


The admissions building at East Carolina University

Russell Young	Rutgers University
Theodore Zaleski	Rider University

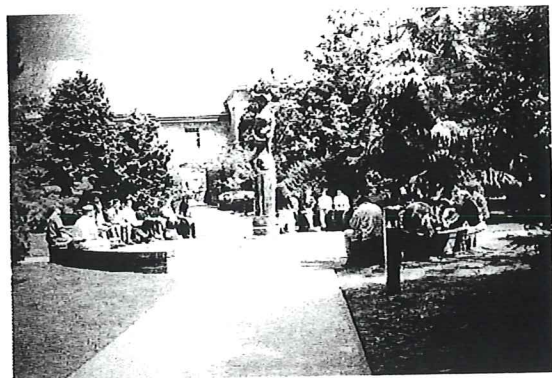
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College Choices

As of June 10, 2005:



The courtyard at Hofstra University

Julianne Gardner	West Virginia University
William Gegan	Barton College
Nicole Giguere	Westchester University
Liam Golding	University of Colorado
Cathryn Gorlinsky	University of Delaware
Alex Groezinger	University of Vermont
Melissa Harrison	University of Scranton
Margaret Harley	Towson University
Devon Hart	Lycoming College
Bob Herbert	Ithaca College



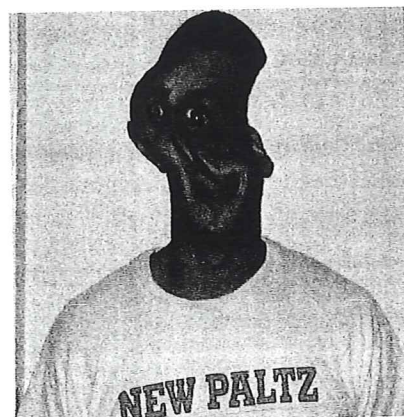
The dragon statue at Drexel University

Meredith Herrmann	The College of New Jersey
Brittany Homer	Bethany College
Lauren Horn	University of Delaware
Chris Hoyler	Wheaton University
Edward Hunter	New Jersey Institute of Technology
Julie Illmensee	Georgian Court University
Mary Imgrund	Philadelphia University
Jesse Irons	West Virginia University
Austin Jacobus	Flagler College
Christopher Jarahian	University of Hartford
Jamie Kapalko	Villanova University
Brennan Kelly	The Catholic University
Mike Kenderian	The Catholic University of America
Sarah King	Marist College
Kaitlin Kinstel	Rider University
Maddy Klein	Ramapo University
Alison Kreger	The College of New Jersey
Timothy Langan	Manhattan College
Lauren Leddy	University of Delaware
Sal Librizzi	College of Charleston
Stephen Livingston	Villanova University
Katie Lobosco	Gettysburg College
Kristin Maclearie	Manhattan College
Tyler Magyar	Hunter College
Megan Maloney	Laboratory Institue of Merchandising
Mark Mantlick	West Virginia University
Katie Maricic	The College of New Jersey
Beth Masterson	Fairfield University
Carly McCoy	University of Denver
Nicole Meserole	University of Vermont
Megan Mihelic	Saint Joseph's Universty

A black and white portrait of a man with a mustache, wearing a dark shirt, looking directly at the camera. The image is grainy and has a high-contrast, almost stencil-like quality.

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Random Chat

By: John Girard



Alright dudes. Final edition of Random Chat for this year. I had to do something special. So I figured why not an alumni edition and who better to talk with other than my brother and sister, Jim (Porkchop) and Ellie Girard. This is going to be sweet.

John: Okay, Ellie. Have you ever had an uncontrollable urge to kick beavers?

Ellie: No, I can't say I have, but I have had urges to kick you.

John: So Jim, have you ever wanted midget tossing to be a professional sport?

Porkchop: My subscription to Obscure Sports Quarterly speaks highly of midget tossing. Almost as good as the Lumberjack Competition.

John: Nice, nice. What is your favorite Backstreet Boy's song, Ellie?

Ellie: I will have to go with "Everybody". The dance moves are off the chain. Howie Dorough is my guilty pleasure.

John: Interesting. Jim, who do you find more amusing? Beavis or Butt-Head?

Porkchop: I like the teacher more. He reminds me of the great and talented James Mawn.

John: Haha, indeed. Okay here is one for both of you. If you had a choice of being mauled by a bear, or winning millions of dollars, which would you pick?

Ellie: I would have to go with millions of dollars "Trebek".

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Nicknames

By: Kevin Jones

Match the students names with each of the nicknames listed to reveal alternate persona

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| 1. Tim Johnson | A. S.B. |
| 2. Matt Donofrio | B. Grizzly Adams |
| 3. Tim Burke | C. Duck |
| 4. Nicole Meserole | D. Adi |
| 5. Jenny Monello | E. Mongloid |
| 6. Adam Bartolomeu | F. Mr. President |
| 7. Alex Groezinger | G. J-Mo |
| 8. Shannon Brown | H. Mez |
| 9. Greg Speirs | I. Matt House |
| 10. Eric Quatrone | J. Chimney |

Beach Lingo

By Kevin Jones

SURF'S UP!

Gron - A young boy surfer



Dude - A friend

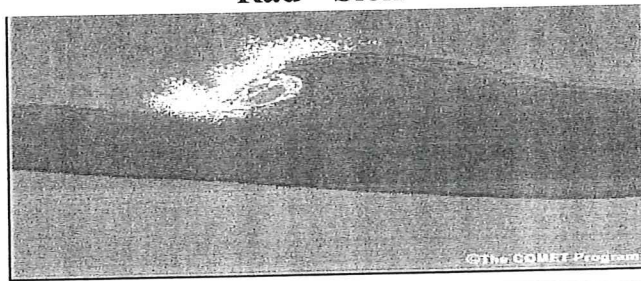
Gnarly - Crazy

Killer - Insanely good

Sick - Cool

Tubular - Wide open barrels

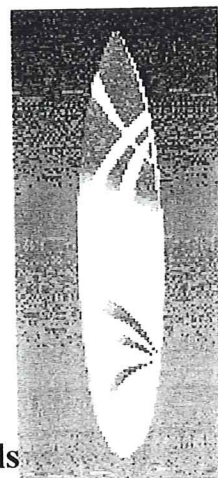
Rad - Sick



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Porkchop: Millionaires are over-rated. Maul me, baby!!!

John: I was just curious. See you guys later.

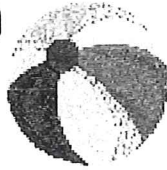


Summer Jumble

By: Sam Buddle

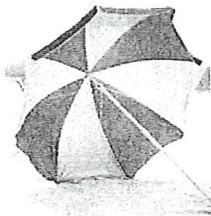


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You've Gotta' be Kidding me!?

By: Kevin Jones

We felt it was only fair to embarrass and question the knowledge of the Blue & Gray staff, so they were challenged to spell the word: V-A-C-U-U-M.

Nora Johnson:

V-a-c-u-u-m-e



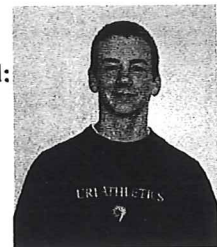
Chris Hoyler:

V-a-c-u-u-m-e



Brendan Ward:

V-a-c-u-u-m



Matt Gebhart:

F-a-c-c-u-m

(... wow)



Sam Buddle:

V-a-c-u-u-m-e

(Vacuum doesn't start with an F)



Nicole Hawkins:

V-a-c-u-u-m



Answer: V-a-c-u-u-m

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Summer Concerts

Top Ten Summer Concerts

By: John Girard



Like many of my fellow classmates, I enjoy music. Jam bands man. That's what it's all about. Pure music and improvisation. With the approach of summer, I am now frantically looking for tickets to concerts that I am looking forward to. The following are my top ten most anticipated concerts for this summer. They have been strategically arranged by their date of occurrence.

1. **Dark Star Orchestra:** June 3, 2005
Count Basie Theater, Red Bank, NJ
2. **Santana:** June 14, 2005 PNC
Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ
3. **Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson:** June 16,
2005 First Energy Park, Lakewood, NJ
4. **Steve Miller Band:** June 18, 2005
PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ
5. **Tom Petty and The Black Crowes:** June 22,
2005 PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel NJ
6. **James Taylor:** June 25/26, 2005
PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ
7. **Dave Matthews Band:** July 5/6,
2005 Tweeter Center, Camden, NJ
8. **Zooma Tour:** July 8, 2005 PNC
Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ
9. **Allman Brothers and moe.:** August 23,
2005 PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ
10. **Jack Johnson:** September 14, 2005
PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ

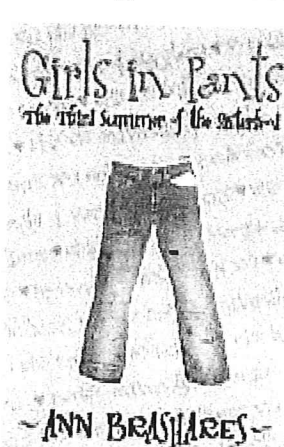
Now that's one amazing summer lineup. First stop for me will be the Count Basie Theater in Red Bank, New Jersey to watch Dark Star Orchestra perform countless Grateful Dead hits. For those of you who read this list you should look into these concerts. They are going to awesome. Rock on!!!

Book Review

Sister Hood of The Traveling Pants: III

By: Larissa Reto

Ann Brashares recently came out with yet another hit, the third book in the *Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants* book series. *Girls in Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood* is a juicy novel that anyone can enjoy. Readers embark on another summer journey with their favorite best friends, Tibby, Carmen, Lena, and Bridget.

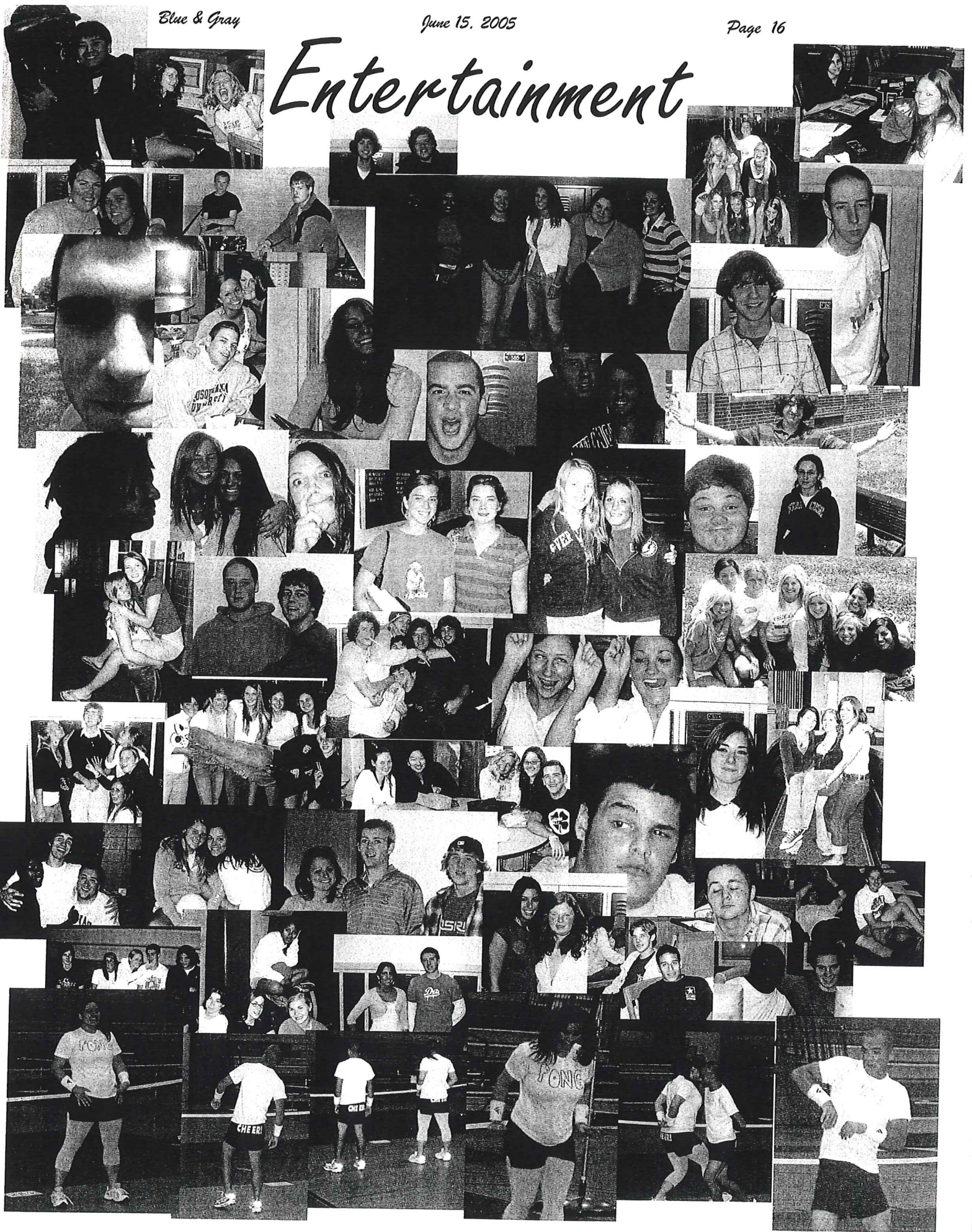


It is the last summer before college, and the season brings new challenges for each girl. Tibby struggles with a family tragedy while trying to make one of

her close friends into her boyfriend. Carmen doesn't know how to react at the news that her middle-aged mom is pregnant with her new husband. Bridget is unpleasantly surprised when she's reunited at soccer camp with the boy who broke her heart. Finally, Lena is struggling with the memories of a lost love, a new found hobby that her parents don't approve of, and her grieving grandmother living with her and her family. The sisterhood continues as the girls pass the pants on to each other throughout the summer. They help each other through their problems, and the books ending leaves readers pleasantly surprised.

For anyone who hasn't read any of Ann Brashares's series, you should definitely start now! Get sucked into the life of four girls with four unique personalities, and many life altering problems. For those of you who have read the first two books, the third one is the best of all! *Girls in Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood* is the perfect book to read as your basking in the sun at a pool or on the beach. So, get into the summer spirit and enjoy this summers greatest read!

Entertainment



Ten of Manasquan

High School's

Finest

By: Megan Fechter

The Greek Philosopher Aristotle said, "Those who act receive the prizes." For the top ten graduating seniors of the class of 2005 their actions over the past four years have awarded them a coveted position in our high school. Dedicated to education these ten individuals have worked extremely hard to get where they are today. Focused on receiving not

only good grades but an abundance of knowledge, these students are role models in our community. Their efforts not only in the classroom but on the fields and in clubs make this group a perfect 10!

Jamie Kapalko, this years Valedictorian challenges herself with a tough course load consisting of mainly advanced placement classes. When she isn't hitting the books she is hitting softballs on the varsity team where she acts as captain. With the highest GPA in our class, a great attitude, and endless

motivation Jamie Kapalko is proud to represent the graduating class of 2005. Nicole Farese holds the number two position in the class. She is an active member of the Spanish Honor Society and has participated in spring and winter track. She is headed for Bucknell next year where she is sure to continue her academic success. Samantha Strimpler a whiz when it comes to math and science is number three in the class. She will be attending Steven's Institute of Technology next year and plans to major in mechanical engineering. Sam is not only a mathematician she is also interested in the French language and horse back riding. Number four

goes to Matt White who will be attending Notre Dame in the fall. Although he might not always be in class his impressive grades and commitment to the community makes him an all around great student and person. Rounding out the top five Katie Lobosco will be attending Gettysburg College. Katie participates in a multitude of activities including varsity softball and soccer. All five of these students are members of the National Honor Society and help other students by tutoring during their lunches and study halls.

Rounding out the top ten are Ali Kreger (The College of New Jersey), Gina Citarella (Boston University), Beth Masterson (Fairfield University), Erica Leonhardt (University of Delaware), and Meredith Hermann (Virginia Tech).

Congratulations to these students. Best wishes to them in the future.

Members of the Class of 2005 recall their favorite things, people, and events that made their experience at Manasquan truly unique.

"Mr. Lempa is a classy individual and is the funniest guy I've met!"
-- Steve Livingston

"I'll remember all the good times I've had with my friends in high school."
--Lindsey Rutledge:

"My most memorable moments in high school were the drama Club Cast parties."
--Kerrin Galinis

"Anything with Mr. Henderson and Mrs. Best is good because they are awesome teachers."
--Jonathan Viguers

"I'll never forget how Mr. Harvey made kids audition their accents before they could read in class."
--Erin Rauch-Sassen

"A funny memory was when there was a chicken in the garbage can as a senior prank."
--Chris Morgan

"One of the best memories I've had was when I was new at Manasquan and everyone was so nice to me."
--Alyssa Bonacci

"My favorite memory at Manasquan was definitely the Senior Prom."
--Kali Erstein

"I'll never forget the Senior Prom and watching Matt Castillo and Lauren Stopa circle dancing."
--Katharine Skuback

"When I look back on high school, I think of all the times I've hung out with my friends."
--Tim Johnson

"Mr. Henderson has to be the best teacher here at Manasquan."
--Kourtney Sweeney:

"The best memory of high school had to be when I started playing guitar in study hall and a teacher took it away from me."
--Hector Gundlach

"When I look back on high school, I will think of how much the swim team became a family."
--Katie Maricic

Reflections

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graduated in 1975, Connie Kordulak, who sticks out in her mind. Ms. Barnaba had her as a student and she was on her basketball team and on her soccer team. They are now good friends and Connie assists her in coaching field hockey.

One thing that Ms. Barnaba is not going to miss, she said, is getting up with the alarm clock. However, she is going to miss all of her students and her fellow faculty and friends very much.

Ms. Barnaba plans on getting involved in some volunteer work, wishes to travel, and play some golf in the future. She is going to continue coaching field hockey for Manasquan High School.

Ms. Barnaba stated, "I've had a kaleidoscope of experiences here. It's like my home, where I grew up. I'm very grateful for all the friends I have here at Manasquan and know that I will keep them. I am very fortunate with all the students that I have coached and taught. This is really a great school."

Manasquan is going to miss you very much and we all wish you good luck in the future!

Retiring Teachers

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HENDERSON
MRS.
NORDELL

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repairing and restoring cars of all ages. He also commented that during the cold winter months, he will not be staying here, but rather going out west to be someplace warm.

Over his career, he has taught many students and helped out around the school. He served as a sophomore class advisor and helped the sophomore classes design homecoming themes and plan dances. Aside from being a teacher and class advisor, he also spent his time after school coaching the bowling team.

From bowling meets to dances and homecoming floats, Mr. Henderson had done his fair share here at MHS. He said that Manasquan High School is such a great place to teach and he's glad he spent all his time here. Even though he is sad to leave, he said spending all of his teaching years here has been fantastic.

Thanks Mr. Henderson for your wonderful teaching job. From students to staff, you will be greatly missed as well as the other retirees.



This was when she had her classroom across the street in the elementary school, before the new wing was added to the high school. She said that she just loved teaching them, which took a close second as one of her most memorable classes she ever taught.

Most memorably, though, was having her daughter in one of her classes. She has three children, all of whom went to Manasquan High School. Another of her children had a baby recently, which is one of the reasons why she is retiring this year. Another reason Mrs. Nordell has chosen to retire at this time is because she is ready for something new. She plans to travel with her husband and also do some projects that she has been putting off for a while.

As for the future of the Living Skills Department, have no fear. The high school is actively looking for someone to replace her. With scheduling just about over, the speed with which the gourmet cooking and catering classes fill up is

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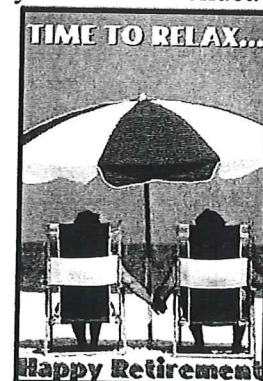
When asked what she will be doing after she retires, Mrs. Higgins said she will be working at another local high school, but she couldn't give away what one because her freshman students have to find out on their own...sorry guys.

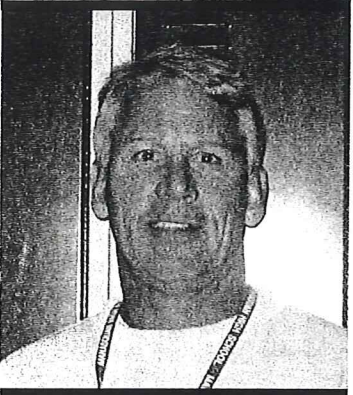
While talking with Mrs. Higgins, I asked what her most memorable moment was, and she said when she received the 1993-1994 Teacher of the Year Award.

Thank you Mrs. Higgins for teaching at MHS, your presence next year will be missed greatly.

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still fresh in our minds. If this is any testament to how many students truly enjoy Mrs. Nordell's classes, we know that Mrs. Nordell will be greatly missed. Mrs. Nordell, we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.





Mr. Henderson

After 33 years **profiled by maggie ward**

of being graced with his presence, the students and staff at MHS will be saying farewell to a talented educator this year. Mr. Lou Henderson has been a great asset to the science department over these past years and will be greatly missed.

Throughout his teaching experience here at MHS, Mr. Henderson has taught all areas of science

such as Earth Science, Lab Bio, Environmental Science, Astronomy, and Meteorology. When asked what he liked most about teaching, he said he enjoyed the classroom environment and the students. "The kids are fun and great to be around."

After he leaves MHS, he plans to work on his favorite hobby of

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Throughout many other awards along the Mr. Johnson's career way. These coaching years will at Manasquan, he has be remembered forever by Mr. made numerous non-replaceable friends that will

miss him a great deal. Mr. Johnson's retirement is going to cause many people to shed a few tears because he is such a great guy.

He teaches physical education and has coached girl's basketball for 25 years. The team won two state tournaments, and was awarded

Mr. Johnson

profiled by tina carbone

Johnson. By doing such a great job coaching the girl's basketball team, he accomplished his goals that he set for himself.

"I've enjoyed my time here. Manasquan is a good school system, and the kids are excellent. I'm going to miss the good environment, all of the students and all of the friends that I've made," said Mr. Johnson.

Thank you for being such a great influence on us. Everyone at Manasquan wishes you the best in the future.

For the past thirty years, Mrs. JoEllen Higgins has graced the hallways and classrooms of MHS teaching many math classes. With this being Mrs. Higgins' last

Mrs. Higgins

profiled by nora johnson

year, her presence as an educator, employee in the math department will be missed terribly.

Throughout her teaching experience here, Mrs. Higgins has taught: Pre-Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, Calculus, Calculus II, Trigonometry and College level math classes. When asked what she will miss the most, Mrs. Higgins replied "the students."

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Manasquan High School isn't going to be the same without Ms. Barnaba. She has been here for an amazing 36 years, and has touched many students and faculty members throughout her career.

Reminiscing about her career, Ms. Barnaba remembered a student who

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Though you may know her as the Gourmet Cooking and Catering teacher, Mrs. Nordell, an MHS teacher for twenty-one years, has taught much more than that. Throughout her time at Manasquan, she taught classes (that are no longer offered) such as Sewing, Microwave Cooking, and Child Development, to name a few. However, Mrs. Nordell will be retiring this year along with a number of other long-time Manasquan legends.

I sat down with Mrs. Nordell a few weeks ago to discuss her decision to retire, and we ended up having a very memorable conversation. Did you know that Mrs. Nordell once taught kindergartners at the elementary school?

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Ms. Barnaba

profiled by tina carbone

Mrs. Nordell

profiled by michaella dooley

A 'Score' of a Different Sort

By: Tyler Magyar

Half-court was transformed into orchestra seating as block two Gym classes were treated to a performance of classical music. Sixteen musicians, who are known collectively as the East Coast Chamber Orchestra, hail from all across the eastern seaboard and are expertly trained in their respective instruments.

In lieu of gloves and rackets, cellos and violins were this period's equipment of choice. Comprising of three violin sections and one section each of violas, cellos, and upright basses, the group's sound was layered beautifully.



One orchestra member related his group to common ground that many MHS students share. The violinist, who doubled as the orchestra's comic relief, compared the unrelenting practice and teamwork required to perform music to those same requirements needed to succeed in sports.

Rather than work on their backhands or jump shots, students were told to exercise their minds. The orchestra would challenge them to think outside of the box as tempos, tones, and rhythms were constantly weaving in and out of their ears.



The Saturday following ECCO's impromptu performance, the band headed to Manasquan Algonquin Arts Theatre for a full night of music, which was free to students.

Whether it was just a break from running for a day or a truly cherished experience, Manasquan's visit from the East Coast Chamber Orchestra was one to remember, regardless of what was gained from it.

SOAR Participants Try Envisioning A New Landscape

By: Michaela Dooley

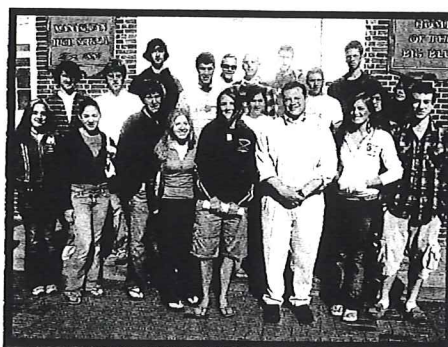
Landscape architecture: n : the branch of architecture dealing with the arrangement of land and buildings for human use and enjoyment

The latest SOAR project was something different indeed. Here at MHS we've seen CSI: Manasquan, a project on all sorts of marine trades, and maybe some of you seniors



can remember back to the Shakespeare festival we had our freshman year. For this project, Mr. Lempa and Mr. Hyland headed up a group of twenty-five students who learned all about what it means to be a landscape architect.

On May 19, 2005, the students first met with Manasquan High School alumnus Joe Mellilo. They talked with Mr. Mellilo about what landscape architecture was for a bit and then went outside where they identified four school sites for improvement using landscape architecture. They included: (a) the school front and drop off location (b) the stream site (for use as an outdoor classroom), (c) the tennis courts, and (d) the field garages and score board area. After surveying the areas, students paired up and worked together on a plan for their chosen site.



The finished product was to be a sheet of poster board depicting the group's design. Students were encouraged to use color, magazine clippings, and anything else to help best convey the idea

of what they would like to see done with the given area.

Everyone had a great time from start to finish. The plan for each area is hanging up in the downstairs hall between the old and new wings, and according to senior Annie Pearsall, "I didn't really know that much about landscape architecture before hand, but I had a really fun time!"

New Lunch Privilege

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number of eligible students significantly. In addition, only those seniors who have received no disciplinary referrals during their senior year, and who have accrued 30 or fewer demerits in the first three years of their MHS career can leave. Also, parental permission will be required for any participating student.

In their presentation to the Board, the seniors argued several points. One of the most discussed points of the evening was "senior privileges" or the lack thereof. Senior Carly McCoy pointed out, "We're not asking for a senior trip to Mexico, we just want to go outside for lunch." Senior class representatives and board members alike agreed, there should be something to separate seniors from underclassmen in a positive manner, and an open lunch is possibly the best way to do it.

Mrs. Marklein is in favor of the seniors leaving for lunch. She sees many benefits in the concept. For one, it gives seniors a privilege that sets them apart from the rest of the school, representing their "status". It also encourages

good academic work and behavior. If students know that they will be able to leave for lunch, it gives them something to look forward to and work towards. This should motivate all students to work harder in school and behave themselves, since level. If it *has* to be based on an academic level, she suggests that it should be 93% and above. It will be a good thing for incoming freshman because they will behave themselves and try not to get demerits so they will be able to leave their senior year.



Some of the qualified students are seen above as they head out to Main Street for lunch.

PHOTO BY CAROLINE SWEENEY

the privilege requires a 93% average and fewer than 30 demerits over the course of their freshman through junior years. Mrs. Marklein also hopes that the program will reduce the number of tardies to school. If students are late to school in the morning, they will not earn, or will lose, the privilege. Mrs. Marklein feels earning this privilege is directly related to a student's developing responsibility.

Mrs. Tully is also in favor of seniors leaving for lunch. However, she thinks it should be based only upon students' demerits rather than their academic

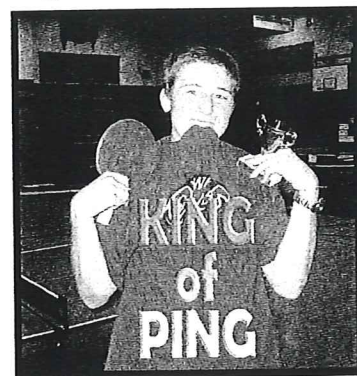
average be lowered from a 93% to a 90% or even 85%. If all goes well, this senior privilege may be granted to next year's senior class. Unfortunately, if this privilege is abused, it will not continue, but with the outstanding individuals leaving for the trial period, chances of that happening are slim.

Seniors, give yourselves a pat on the back for signing that petition. As for you Juniors, be careful not to lose something so many people invested time into and worked so hard towards. Work hard, get good grades, be on time to school, and avoid demerits so that come next year, you'll also be enjoying this unique opportunity.

Battling to be 'King of Ping'

By: Eric Quatrone

On Monday June 6th, a Ping Pong Tournament was held at MHS in the gym at 6 PM. Organized by Ping Pong Club advisor Mr. Harvey, the tournament was open to students from all grades, no teachers could enter, and proceeds went to the Together for Theresa Fund.



The final championship game was an exciting one, with Sophomore Alex Otchy beating Senior Geng Chen to win ping-pong bragging rights for the summer. Alex won a \$29.15 gift certificate to Surf Taco, as well as a 1st place trophy. Geng received a \$25.00 gift certificate to Surf Taco as runner-up.

Most spectators agreed that two matches involving Senior Dave Armstrong were the night's

Community Continues to Rally Support for Teresa Shroeder

By: Chris Hoyler

As the Blue and Gray reported last month, "Together for Teresa" continues to raise money for former MHS student Theresa Shroeder. Several charity benefits have taken place both inside and outside of MHS. One such event was the Key Club's Walk-a-thon, held on June 2nd. 286 students walked a mile in support of Teresa, as well as four other charities, and raised a grand total of \$1,555.00. The Ping Pong Club, run by Mr. Harvey, also held a Ping Pong Tournament in support of Teresa, raising over \$200 with just about 65 participants.

On May 15th, MHS was also affiliated with another benefit at Leggetts Bar in Manasquan, which raised several thousand dollars for "Together for Teresa". To date, charitable events have raised over \$35,000 for Teresa Shroeder. As the three month anniversary of her terrible, life-altering accident just recently passes, the Blue and Gray is happy to report that much progress is being made. Teresa is now able to move and partially feel her legs and hands; a great improvement from before.

We wish a safe, speedy recovery to Theresa and extend our warmest thanks to all who have donated their time and money to this urgent and important cause.



Environmental Club's Volleyball Tournament Serves an Ace

By: Maggie Ward and Lauren Speirs

What could be more fun than a volleyball tournament that's does not only raise funds for the Environmental Club, but also gives you a chance to show off your skills? On Wednesday, the 25th, many students and teachers participated in the 1st Annual Environmental Club Volleyball tournament. It was ten dollars for a team of 3 girls and 3 boys to play. The tournament began at 6 p.m. and there were seven teams, including one comprising of all faculty members. The faculty team was: Mr. Glenn, Mrs. Best, Mr. Higgins, Ms. Coning, Mrs. Gurtis (also known as Ms. Smith) and Mr. Gurtis.

The contest was played in the style of two-game elimination, which sent the team of Brad Newman, Mike Scuremen, Corey Lee, Dana Tausek, Laura Sweeney, and Liz Belka to victory. Mr. Glenn stated that Dana Tausek was by far the MVP of the tournament. The 'goofiest' team was definitely Tom Farese, Bob Hoenstein, Paul Mackey, Alicia Piazza, Andrea Early and Nora Wallace. They sported their matching black and red K-mart uniforms and sweatbands.

Sophomore Erika Librizzi said that the tournament was "Fun for the whole family with fierce competition." Mr. Glenn said that the tournament was "a lot fun and it will be even better next year." Knowing the art of the volley's intense fanbase here at Squan, we are certain it will be a hit.

Drama Club Reflects Upon a Great Year

By: Nicole Hawkins

The Drama Club banquet, held on May 21st in the MHS cafeteria, was a success. Many people showed up and enjoyed a feast and the annual induction ceremony. The banquet lasted from 7 pm to 10:30--much longer than anticipated, but a great time for all. The ceremony was held for the Thespian Society, where both new members were welcomed and old ones just came to reminisce. MHS's dramatists of both experienced and amateur

status got a feel for what the Drama Club is all about.

Anyone in Drama Club with at least 10 points is invited into the Thespian Society. There are different ranks in this Society, and once a member reaches 20 points they receive one star. Any additional 10 points thereafter receives another star. Once someone reaches 60 points, they are official a member of the honor bar.

The Thespian Society has been around

for many years and is an international group. Each school that has this society has different variations of points and stars. It is a very important group of people, all of whom are very dedicated to Drama Club. Most are great actors and actresses; some of which are exceptional and may just go on to great things in the acting field. Anyone who is a part of this would say it is a very rewarding experience.



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