

# The Blue & Gray

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# MHS Chorus Performs Spring Concert

By: Jamee Shea

On Wednesday, May 2 chorus members were excited to finally sing songs they had practiced and perfected for almost six months.

The annual Chorus concert opened with singers standing in the aisles of the Nicholson Theater, singing the *Antiphonal Song of Joy* in A Capella, conducted by Tom Shannon.

Then the concert proceeded to the stage where the chorus sang, *O Be Joyful in the Lord*, *The Song that Goes like This* from Broadway's *Moty Python's*

*Spamalot*, *One Short Day* from Broadway's *Wicked*. *When you Tell Me That You Love Me* (soloist Colleen King), *The Prayer* (soloist Colleen King) *Walking in Memphis*, (soloists Tom Shannon and Shea Flood) and the popular song, *Listen to your Heart*.

A very special moment occurred when the Top Stick Five, an A Capella group consisting of Will Fonda, Tom Shannon, Dana VanHouten, Amanda Czerminski, and Nicole Klindtworth performed together for the first time.

Then Mr. Weisert and

President Nicole Klindtworth proudly announced the '07-'08 Chorus executive board.

Consisting of Elizabeth Maricic, Kaylyn Gray, and Tom Shannon, they will assist Vice President Dana VanHouten and President Anna Klindtworth who is coincidentally President Nicole's younger sister.

Additionally, Weisert took time to recognize Nicole Klindtworth, Will Fonda, and Amanda Czerminski for their hard work and dedication in their four years as chorus members.

Finally, the concert

concluded with the arrival of Gospel singer and MES's Occupational Therapist Phiny Williams powerfully singing gospel song *Holy, Holy, Holy* with backup vocals by the chorus.

Then they performed a humorous piece of work, *The Flu (I Got It From Agnus)*.

The concert ended with *When the Stars Fall From the Sky* in honor of the many leaving seniors.

Those seniors left the stage in tears knowing they had enjoyed this last concert to their fullest.

## Lindsay Barton Wins "Future Women in Business" Contest

Senior Lindsay Barton was honored on Thursday, May 10 by the MES-PTO "Women in Business Marketplance".

Lindsay won the "Future Woman in Business" contest, for a 17 page business plan she submitted to the contest.

"Writing a business plan is much harder than I expected," Lindsay told The Blue & Gray.

In her business plan Lindsay imagined that she was opening a health food store, and focused on the store's needs in order to succeed.

It is not really a goal of hers to open a health food store, but she does plan to major in dietetics next year in college.

"So creating a health food store was related to my career interests," Lindsay said.

Receiving the award in front of dozens of people at the Atlantic Club was frightening, however. "I was nervous," Lindsay admitted, "especially when I saw the MHS-TV crew there."

Once the TV cameras were turned off, Lindsay settled down. "It turned out to be fun, a



lot of fun actually," Lindsay said.

A highlight was meeting Diane Turton, who offered Lindsay any help she might need in launching her future business career. "She said I could email her anytime," Lindsay said. "She said she'd help me with any problems I have, or questions I need answered."

Lindsay also met the owner of the highly successful Atlantic Club. And approximately 15 other businesses owned by woman sent representatives to the fundraising ceremony.

Meeting two of Monmouth County's most successful female entrepreneurs proved quite thrilling. The whole experience proved quite thrilling, in fact. Although she didn't initially expect the award to mean so much to her, in the end Lindsay truly appreciated the moment.

## WANTED!! Ping Pong Table

The MHS Ping Pong Club needs a new Ping Pong table. If anyone can donate a used or new table, this is a great cause! Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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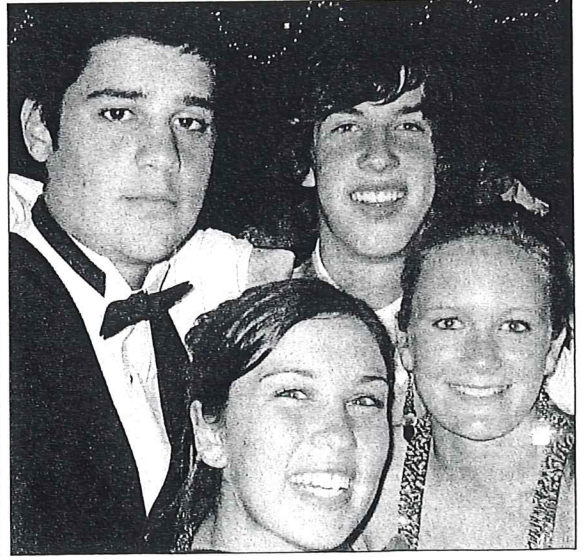
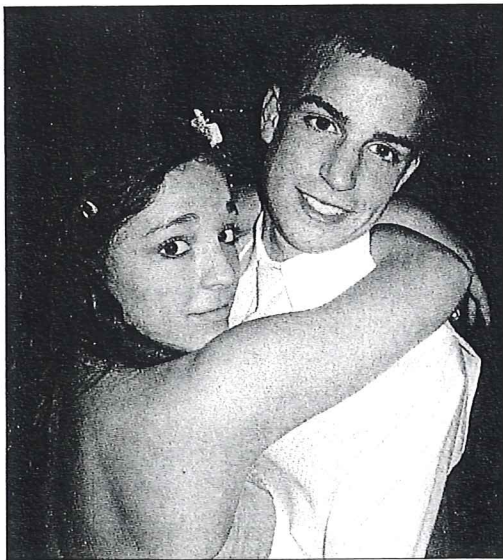
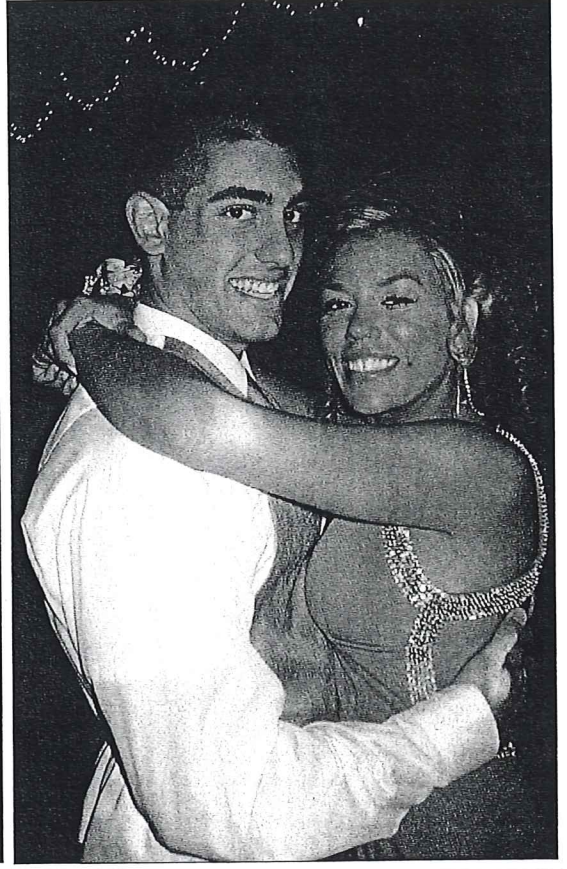
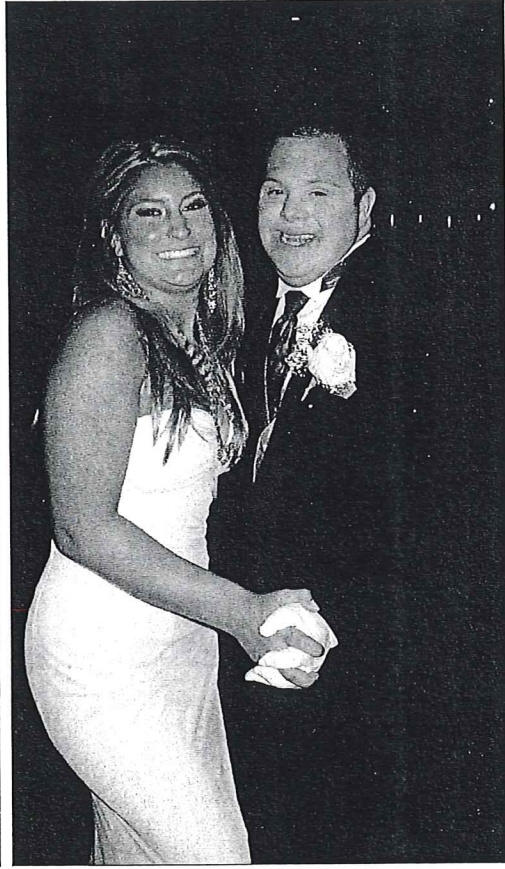
### SPORTS PHYSICALS

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# Gay Straight Alliance Supports Day of Silence

Day ends with symbolic "Breaking the Silence" party

By: Katya Palsi

Junior Jamee Shea was sitting in her Spanish classroom fifth block, listening to Senora Kenny's homework review. Suddenly Senora Kenny turned to Jamee and asked her a question. But Jamee shrugged and silently nodded her head. She unfolded her Day of Silence note and did not answer the question.

This scene occurred in classrooms throughout Manasquan High School and across the country.

On Wednesday, April 18, 2007 members of the Gay Straight Alliance and its supporters participated in the national Day of Silence. People do not speak for the day to symbolize the silence that LGBT's are forced to endure because of the pressure from society.

At the end of the day people gathered in the Manasquan cafeteria to "break the silence." "Breaking the Silence" was appropriately named. It symbolized opening the doors in society, gaining acceptance in society, and being open about one's orientation.

Over 45 people attended the gathering for \$2 each. Mounds of food and bright streamers filled the cafeteria as musicians and entertainers took the stage to perform for the enthusiastic crowd.

Among the various performers were Maggie and the Hat, Ryan Arnold, Louis D'Avanzo, Krista Duerr, and Red Wagon.

At the end of the celebration everyone moseyed their way onto the stage. Together they shouted at the top of their lungs, in order to symbolize the silence being broken.

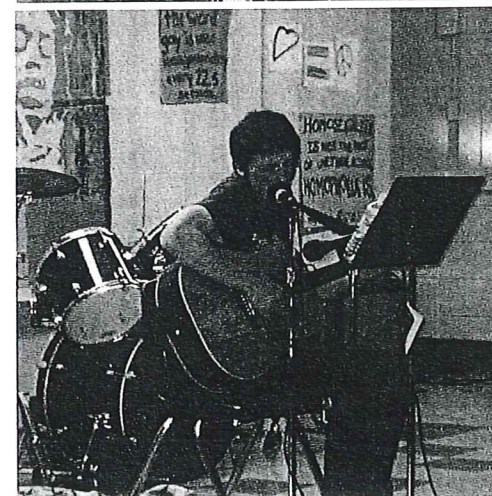
Thanks to the formation of the GSA this year, great strides have been made in impacting the way people think. More students this year participated in the Day of Silence than ever before.

Junior Jamee Shea provided the perfect summary of the event. "My freshman year people made fun of me so I quit. The same thing happened last year. This year I made it through the whole day, a lot more people were involved and it seemed more generally accepted."

## Day of Silence Vow

*"Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national youth movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies. My deliberate silence echoes that silence, which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices. Think about the voices you are not hearing today."*

Right: Anthony Silverman shows his passion as he rocks the cafeteria with Red Wagon; Below: Lizzie Skokos and Kelly McConnell, who helped to bring the Gay Straight Alliance to MHS and provide committed leadership to the cause; Below middle: students crowd the cafeteria to watch performances and "break the silence"; Bottom: Senior Ryan Arnold contributes an acoustic song to the evening.





# Pakutka and Weston Win Top Prize at Variety Show

## Eighteen Acts Provide Talent and Entertainment

By: John Zimmerman

There is no better way to start a show than talk of bar-b-q tofu, exotic dancers, and saving endangered species. For the third annual Variety Show, Mr. Harvey started it like only he could with his blistering energy as host set the stage for the remainder of the night. Starting off the show was Yellow covering "I Will Survive". Not only energetic but also talented, Jack K's band was an excellent opener. The next act brought Morbid Vision to the stage. Not only were they outfitted in all black and fake blood for a macabre look, but they brought three rows of zombies on stage who knew how to have fun. They danced it, using lighters during ballads and singing along to NV's cover of Ozzy's "Crazy Train". The Mighty Morphing Rangers followed Morbid Vision with an extremely talented performance displaying a variety of martial arts skill. Following these rock bands was a mix of performances. From a duet by Emily Childs and Gray and KJ Pringle to Jamee "Over the Moon" monologue and Katie McLaughlin's "Get Samantha Casbarro showed an impressive display of contortions and the finale displayed a dance routine. Performing throughout the night was Amanda Czerminski singing "I Will Survive" and NV performing a cover



*Friends, cousins, artists... winners: Junior Maggie Pakutka and sophomore Sophia Weston won the Manasquan High School Variety Show, with their acoustic rendition of "Hot in Here".*



of "Crazy Train". A.M. Ensemble did a Lynard Skynard Tribute as well as Red Hot Chili Peppers song. Last year's winners Jester performed an energetic and electric version of "London Bridges" and displayed the same talent they needed to win last year.

One of the most heartfelt and outstanding performances was by MHS senior Louis D'Avanzo. Louis covered "Messenger Bird's Song" by Bright Eyes. His solo acoustic performance was amazing and felt throughout the theatre. Mr. Harvey was so moved that he and Louis hugged it out after his performance.

The other acoustic performance that night was done by Maggie Pakutka and Sophia Weston. Their inventive interpretation of "Hot in Here" by Nelly captured the judges and earned them the top prize of frozen \$100!

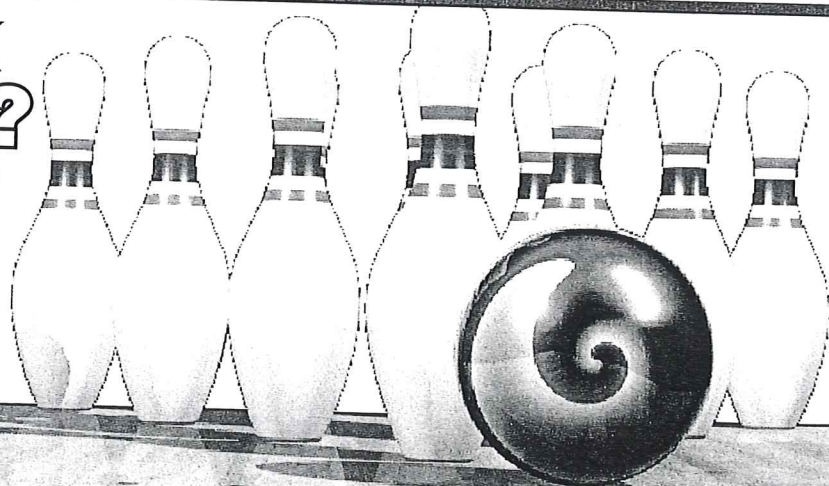
The night finished with Ben the unicyclist displaying his improved talent on the unicycle as well as his ability to juggle and make balloon animals. Despite the fact that he made some questionable balloon animals according to Judge Mr. Higgins he displayed a great skill and grace atop the cycle.

Overall the Variety show was a great success and we can only thank the performers, Mr. Weisert and his stage crew for how smoothly it went. You can only look forward to next year now and anticipate the best.

## Do You Think You Can Bowl?

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# Work at Main Street Gallery

Schwartz is the only junior participant. He has been drawing since he was a little kid and discovered his true talent his sophomore year in high school when he took his first art class. Music acts as his biggest inspiration and he is interested in the possibility of pursuing art in college.

RJ Read is a senior at MHS who despite his talent does not plan on continuing art after high school. His favorite medium to work with is paper.

Jon Baker will attend the Art Institute of Philadelphia next year, and hopes to later transfer to the University of the Arts. He is most proud of his artwork entitled "Ying Yang Twins," and he enjoys working with markers and colored pencils.

Pat Grady is majoring in fine arts at the Delaware College of Art and Design in the Fall. He has always been interested in art because his mom is an art teacher at Brielle Elementary School. He enjoys producing mixed media and prints.

Gen Guoin will be minoring in art in the Fall at Drexel University. She always liked art classes and joined one as soon as she could at MHS. She loves photography and impressionistic pieces. She is most proud of her collage because it looks like her and took the most amount of time and patience.

Agata Jenczelewska has been

interested in art since she was a child. She took her first art class after decorating her dad's checkbook with glue and glitter. She is most proud of her piece called "Gypsie" because in all her other works there was something she wanted to change about the final product, but this one she wouldn't change a thing about.

These artists are very talented and lucky to experience all the opportunities MHS has offered them.



Gen Guoin:

"Love and my surroundings."



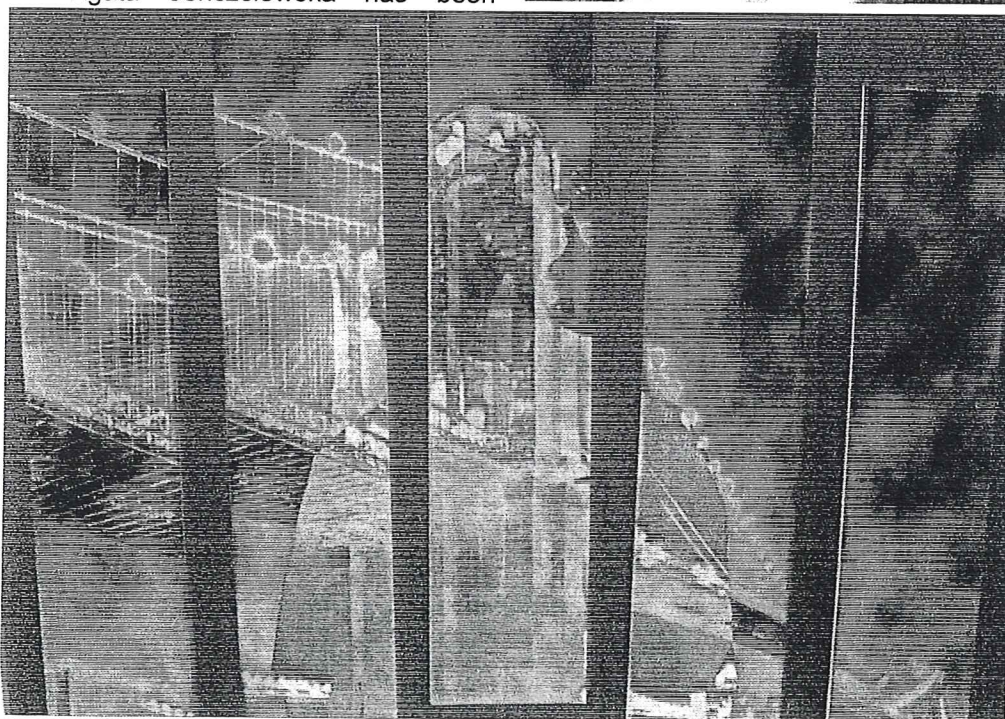
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Agata Jenczelewska:

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What inspires you most for your art?



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# Student Alliance Club Continues Busy Schedule

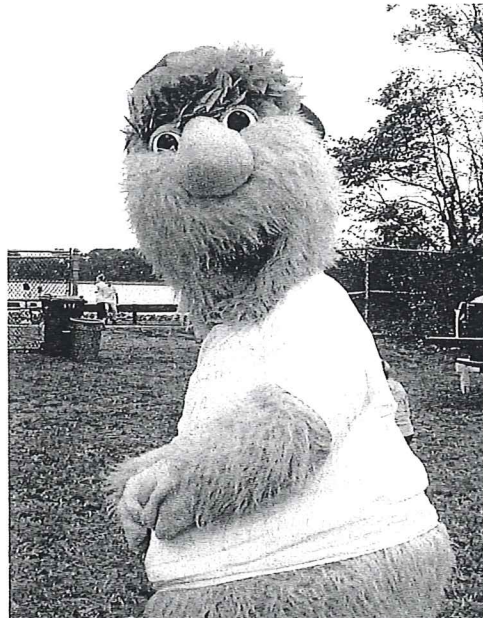
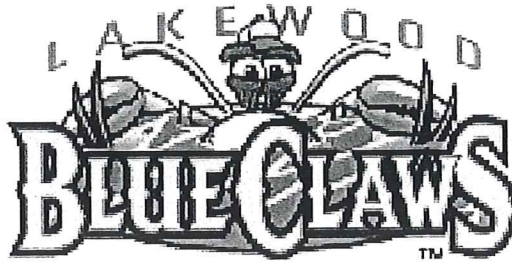
By: Jackie Kaufmann

Mrs. Sanders, otherwise known as the MHS Student Assistance Coordinator, has put a great deal of time and effort into this year's Student Alliance Club. The Student Alliance Club holds events that are open to all students, and aimed toward creating drug-free community projects and activities.

The Club stresses the abundance of fun activities available to students that do not include any type of drug or alcohol use.

The Student Alliance Club's recent events include a bike-a-thon, a Blue Claws baseball game, and a volleyball tournament. At each of these events, the theme of drug and alcohol awareness and forbiddance is prevalent. Mrs. Sanders and her Student Alliance Club members work hard to advertise and plan each event, hanging up posters and notices in the halls and handing out flyers to many students.

Unfortunately, though great effort was put into the bike-a-thon, it was not as successful as had been hoped. Few students came and this was upsetting. Those who did come, however, enjoyed a nice bike ride along the bike path from Manasquan to Allaire State Park and back. It was a beautiful day and pleasant ride for the participants.



**Don't forget to sign up for the Clash of the Clubs Volleyball tournament!**

The riders received community service hours participating. Next year, hopefully this event will be more successful.

On a different note, the Blue Claws baseball game was fantastic. Thirteen students attended this game on April 24<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed each others' company. Even though the Blue Claws lost, the day was still a gain.

The May 3<sup>rd</sup> Volleyball tournament was fun as well. Teachers and students were able to sign up in the cafeteria during lunch periods for a mere \$12.00 per team. It was held in the gym between 7:00-9:00 PM and prizes, donated by local vendors, were awarded to the winners. Seniors Brad Newman, Alex Otchy, Steve Schatzman, Eddie Kirshenbaum and Kelly Mahon formed the powerhouse winning team.

Student Alliance's next event, Clash of the Clubs, is an attempt to build on that volleyball success. Representatives of different school clubs, including Student Alliance, Spanish Club, French Club, DECA, Student Council, Yearbook, Lacrosse, Football, Soccer, Basketball will compete. Teams of 9 players will play two matches up to ten points.

Please come and support the Student Alliance Club and all of their hard work. Don't forget to sign up.

## HEY KIDS AND PARENTS!

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Hit The Beach  
This July?

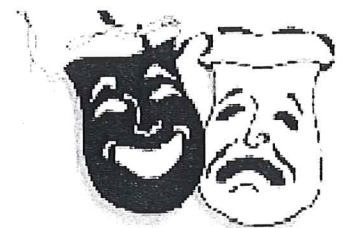
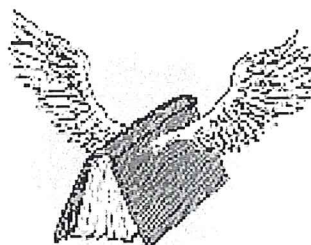
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# Massacre Claims 33 Lives

## Surviving Virginia Tech

By: Lauren Speirs

Only four people survived in the German class after a gunman burst in and shot at each student. "He never said a word the whole time. I've never seen a straighter face." This is how 20-year-old mechanical engineering student at Virginia Tech, Trey Perkins, described Cho Seung-Hui.

This second floor of Norris Hall is where the gunman took his greatest toll of as many as a dozen people. Mr. Perkins came out completely uninjured after crouching behind desks in the back of the classroom.

Students were trying to escape through the windows as others were hiding under their desks as Cho fired and reloaded over and over again. After this, he left the classroom only to return again.

Before the attacks, students had been gathered in the classroom for about an hour with their professor, Christopher Bishop, known as Jamie. Everything seemed normal as they were learning their lesson on the origins of German when someone opened the door and peered in the classroom. This was nothing out of the ordinary, the class figured it was just another lost student looking for a classroom.

Approximately ten minutes later, the door burst open and the gunman took direct aim at Mr. Bishop and killed him. Bishop was a beloved, young, 35-year-old professor who was known for riding his bicycle to get around campus.

Cho wasted no time, and immediately turned and fired at the terrified students, starting with the first row. As he took aim at students, classmates hit the floor and tried to shield themselves with desks.

Another Virginia Tech student, a 20-year-old biology student, Derek O'Dell, who was in the classroom at the time of the attacks, said that the gunman, "came into our room, he didn't say anything. He was very calm, very determined, methodical in his killing. He shot as he opened the door."

After his rampage, Cho left the room suddenly, leaving the hurt and injured students bleeding on the floor. Mr. Perkins said he was afraid that he was still close by and would return if he thought anyone was still alive in the classroom.

"I told people that were still up and conscious, 'Just be quiet because we don't want him to think there are people in

Mr. O'Dell recalled: "I sprinted on the top of the desk to the door, because the aisle was clogged with people, and I used my foot as a wedge against the door. It was almost like you had to fight for your life. If you didn't, you died."

Mr. Perkins was amazed at O'Dell's strength and how he was able to hold off the gunman, with a very serious injury. "It was just amazing to me that he was still up and leaning against the door," he said. "Derek was able to hold him off while I was helping other people."

O'Dell didn't even notice at first that he had been shot. "I looked down and realized I was bleeding," he said.

"That's when I took off my belt and used it as a tourniquet and called 911 on my cell."

The gunman was relentless and continued to fire at the door, desperately trying to get into the room and at least two more students were injured from this. A senior and Eagle Scout, Kevin Sterne, was shot twice in the right thigh and suffered a pierced artery. He survived until help arrived by fashioning a tourniquet



*Students gathered at the Virginia Tech campus for a vigil to remember students who died.*

here because he'll come back in," he said.

Mr. O'Dell had been shot in the arm but when he heard gunshots in the hallway, he and other students pushed themselves up against the door to prevent Cho from re-entering.

Mr. Perkins was using his jacket and sweatshirt to stop the blood flow out of the wounds of his fellow students. As he was doing this, the gunman tried to push the door open but the students pushed back and allowed him only to open the door a crack.

out of an electrical cord to stop the bleeding.

Katelyn Carney, who is a junior majoring in international business, was shot in the left hand while helping to keep the door closed.

Mr. Perkins could not get over Cho's lack of expression during the attacks. "He was just disgusting; he just had no facial expression, showed no signs of emotion or anything," he said. "I guess there has to be something terribly wrong with you to do something like that in the first place."



# Tech: Student Editorials

## Preventing Another Tragedy

By: Kaitlin McGuinness

Following the events at Virginia Tech, frantic probing has taken place as to where the blame rests for the tragedy. According to Las Vegas lawyer Brent Bryson, several families of victims are considering filing lawsuits against the university, and an independent review panel was appointed by the Governor of Virginia to "provide a thoughtful, objective analysis of the circumstances leading up to, during, and immediately after Monday's horrible events."

Although hindsight is 20-20, there seems to be many steps which could have been taken to prevent the tragedy at Virginia Tech.

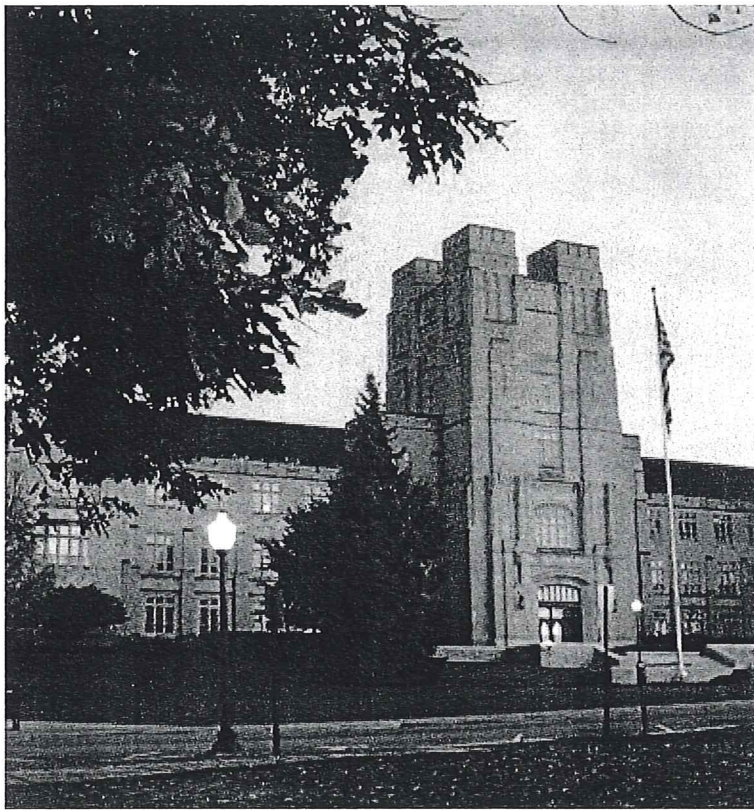
There were several blaring indications of the shooter, Seung-Hui Cho's fragile mental state, such as his seclusion, disturbed writings, and incidents of stalking and harassment. In fact, his creative writing professor was so concerned by his behavior that she had him removed from her class. He was referred to university authorities, because he was felt to be suicidal, and he was entered into a mental health facility. However, he could not be held without his consent, and he left the facility after psychologists determined he was a threat to himself, but not others.

All of these factors indicate that the college must have been aware that Cho was "at-risk".

However, the school was limited in its options. Several universities have recently come under fire for ejecting students because of mental illness, and are facing lawsuits. Also, in February a bill was unanimously passed by the Virginia state legislature that prohibited public universities from expelling or penalizing students on account of mental

health problems. A student suspended in Virginia due to mental health problems commented "I hope that this difficult experience will result in positive changes in how student mental health issues are handled at campuses across the country."

One month later, Cho could not be expelled, and the 'handling' Cho's of his mental health issues was far from adequate to help this troubled student.



*The Virginia Tech campus (above) is now home to the deadliest shooting in the U.S.*

Whether this tragedy could have been prevented is now rather irrelevant, as dozens of young lives have already been taken. Instead of laying blame, a more fitting testament to those who lost their lives would be to attempt to learn from this tragedy and take steps to create a safer, more nurturing environment in order to prevent history from repeating itself.

First, a precaution universities could use is to mandate those who have been diagnosed with mental illness and are deemed a danger to themselves or others to attend therapy. Even though Virginia

Tech did intervene when Cho was reported as suicidal, it was inadequate to help this student. Regular, mandated therapy could have intercepted vital warning signs such as being depressive, angry, giving off subtle signals, and finally withdrawal, and could have possibly averted a tragedy.

Also, Cho was extremely isolated. He barely socialized or even spoke to anyone. Those around him had no idea

that he was capable of such atrocities. Maybe universities could put systems in place where students check in with mentors or 'buddies' in order to ensure that every student has some social contact, and students can self-monitor for harmful behavior.

The shootings have reinvigorated the debate over gun control. Many are using the case to advance their cause, and are striving to make weapons more difficult to obtain.

In response to the issue, Deputy White House Press Secretary Dana Perino said, "The president believes that there is a right for people to bear arms, but that all laws must be followed" However, Cho followed all existing laws when obtaining the weapons he used in the massacre.

According to the Associated Press in London "The Virginia Tech shootings sparked criticism of U.S. gun control laws around the world Tuesday. Editorials lashed out at the availability of weapons, and the leader of Australia -one of America's closest allies - declared that America's gun culture was costing lives".

Instead of playing the blame game, we can make vital choices in light of this tragedy to prevent such a thing from ever happening again. Measures can be taken that protect our students, and to protect their civil liberties.



# Buckle Up Governor, It's the Law

By: Alissa Dering

Governor Richard Codey, who is filling in for Governor Corzine until his return, has admitted that he is "a little surprised and...upset" that the majority of the public has been focused on the speeding and seat belt aspects of Jon Corzine's car crash. Why shouldn't we be?

In the past year many teenagers have been seriously injured or killed in car accidents where the passengers had not been wearing seatbelts or had been speeding.

Most recently, five students were rushed to the hospital from a nearly fatal accident in Tinton Falls on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Because of the heightened number of accidents among teenage drivers, the New Jersey legislature has been working towards increasing the driving age once again.

New Jersey is infamous for its strict

driving regulations. It is true that teenage drivers are inexperienced compared to adults, but does that mean our governor,



political representative and role model should disobey the same laws? New Jersey outshines other states with a 90% rate of drivers wearing seatbelts (compared to the national average of 81% according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration), yet sadly enough, our own governor comes near death

ignoring his own state's safety precautions.

A seat belt citation will cost any offender \$46, a meager price for one's life. Although Jon Corzine is well aware of what the NJ driving laws entail, his chief of staff Tom Shea said that the governor was "not always amenable to suggestion."

Corzine admitted that he set a "poor example" for the public, which is true. However, by voluntarily paying the \$46 seat belt citation and also agreeing to cover the enormous medical bills out of pocket instead of burdening tax payers, I believe he has redeemed himself.

Speeding almost 30mph over the limit and disregarding the seat belt law could have been a deadly combination. Corzine simply made a stupid decision, but at least he has demonstrated that a real leader takes responsibility for his own actions.

## Nor'easter Tears Through the New Jersey Shore

By: Lauren Speirs

Heavy rain in the Garden State caused many evacuations, power outages, road closures and at least two deaths. Several rivers went way over the flood level, causing serious damage in such areas.

The rain began late on Saturday night, April 14<sup>th</sup>, and lasted all the way through to Monday morning, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and, according to officials, over 1,400 people had to be evacuated from their homes.

In 1999 in Bound Brook, there were two deaths and severe damage after Hurricane Floyd. In this same area this year, five homes caught on fire and burned to the ground when emergency personnel couldn't get around the high waters to get to the homes. More than 100 cots had been set up in the basement of the local church in the basement with food and water provided by volunteers in the classrooms.

The Raritan River was more

than ten feet above flood stage on Monday afternoon and Dale Johnson was forced to evacuate for the third time through waist-deep, brown water while pushing his dog in a crate.

"I want to move out. I can't take it after this one," he said. Johnson lives in a second-floor apartment 200 feet from the Raritan River with his girlfriend and dog.

On Monday afternoon, 8,000 people were still without power and acting Governor Richard J. Codey declared a state of emergency. The storm claimed at least two lives in New Jersey, Niranjank Soni, 52, of Edison and a 79-year-old man who died in Belleville.

A 50-foot high stone wall collapsed in Union City and led rescue workers with search dogs and heavy machinery to search the area. According to Jeff Welz, director of North Regional Fire and Rescue, no one was injured in the collapse.

Transportation officials said that over 50 roads were closed, including two main roads in Camden, Routes 30 and 130. Urban areas such as Hoboken and Jersey City were very difficult to access.

Newark Liberty International Airport had 85 canceled flights and flights were delayed a few hours according to Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Teterboro Airport, which deals with corporate and private aircraft, closed early on Monday morning because of flooded runways and remained closed for the rest of the day.

The central area of New Jersey was hit the hardest. Middlesex and Somerset counties reported the most evacuations with many schools in this county closed. The storm was expected to be the worst storm since 1992, when the December nor'easter caused millions of dollars worth of damage to buildings, boardwalks and beaches in this state.



# Women's Basketball



Rutgers women's basketball coach Vivian Stringer (top left) responded to racial comments made by Bernard McGuirk (top right) and Don Imus (center right) of NBC towards members of the Rutgers basketball team (bottom).

## Editorial

By: Arvis Kirkland

After being fired for his racial comments about the Rutgers women's basketball team, the debate has changed to whether or not Don Imus' comments were extreme or fair.

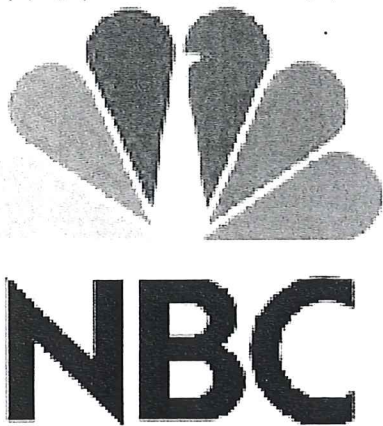
Yes, jump on the old man who goes out of line and says racial remarks about successful, young women. However, there will always be people who say stupid remarks, but it's not against the law to be "deemed" stupid. Otherwise the prisons would be more crowded than they are.

Bottom line is if you don't like it, change the channel, if you don't like someone's music, don't burn or buy their c.d. There are a lot of people who speak before they think and put their foot in their mouth, like Don Imus, but let's be fair about it. He's just repeating how others feel.

You have "comedians" all over from black to white who constantly joke about black people and white people and insult women too. Then you have rappers who portray women in the worst way on their records. The difference is it sells, and it sells good.

So do Americans prefer to hear insulting remarks about women rather than how good your wife and kids are to you because it doesn't sell. No one wants to hear a love story wrapped up in a rap lyric. Comedians aren't going to tell you how great their wife is and how inspirational women are because it doesn't make you laugh or make you richer.

My main point is, don't be so quick to judge Mr. Imus. He's being made an example of but our society needs stop the comedians, critics, and rappers, who are just like him.

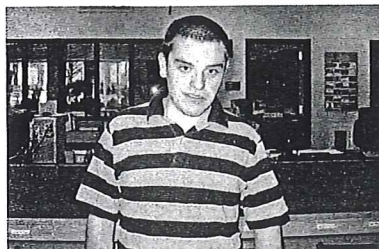






# Senior Birthday's

## April birthdays!



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Richard Nappi:  
April 4



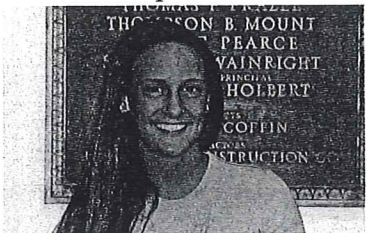
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Steve Diahy:  
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Chip Smith:  
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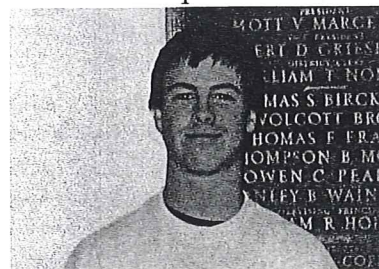
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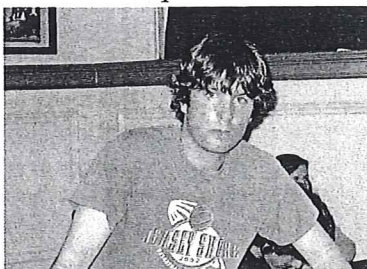
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Diane Mantlick:  
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Chris Dettlinger:  
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Brendan West:  
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Mark Henely:  
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Tanya Desko:  
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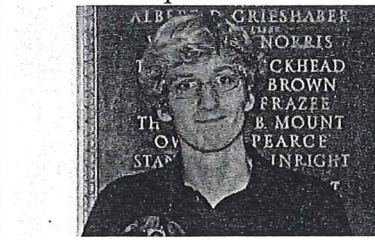
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Jason Pappas:  
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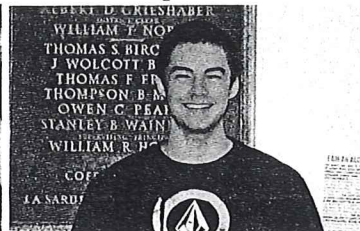
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Jeanne Valente:  
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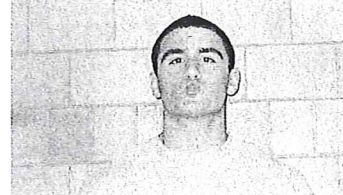
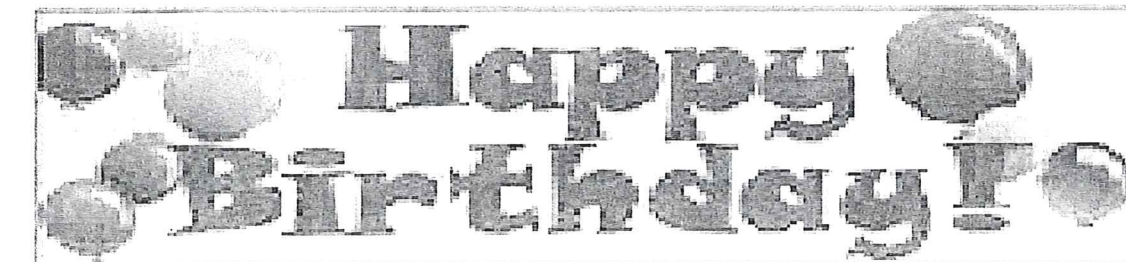
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Ian Crane:  
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Michael Ahern:  
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Eddie Kirschenbaum:  
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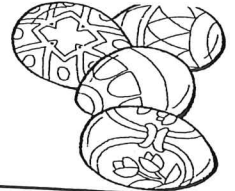


# May Word Search

By: John Zimmerman

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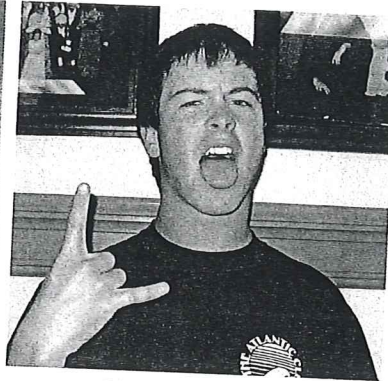


## If you had one wish, what would it be?

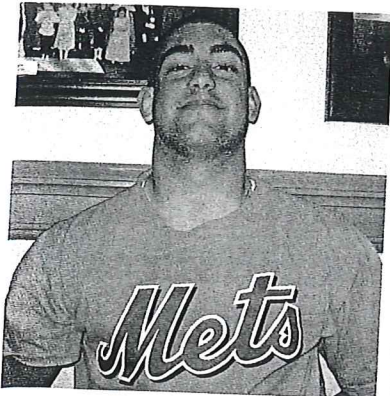
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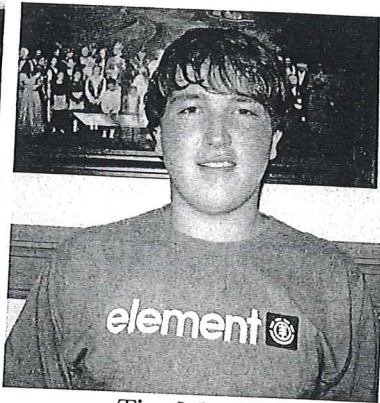
Natalie Nighland:  
"To marry Alex Vas or Eddie K.- they can fight over me"



Chris Dettlinger:  
"I would be a Rock Star"



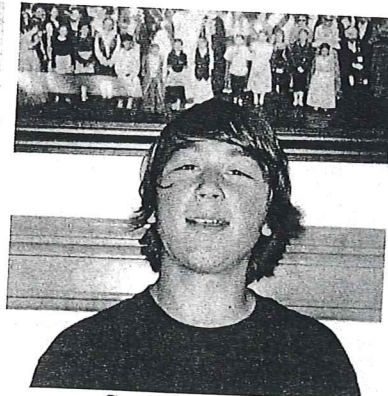
Frank Ciuffo:  
"To be the manager of the New York Mets"



Tim Munn:  
"To be a player for the Yankees"



Aedan Nielsen:  
"Going on a date with Natalie"



Scott Davis:  
"For a magic pair of pants that had all the money I needed in their pockets"

## May Jumbles

By: Arvis Kirkland

Unscramble the letters to look back at 2006 and the memories it left behind.

1. This national holiday is the first weekend in May honoring mothers.

**T S O H S R M / E Y D A**

2. April brings around this furry animal delivering eggs all around.

**S R T A E E / N U N B Y**

3. This Spanish Holiday is observed on May 5th.

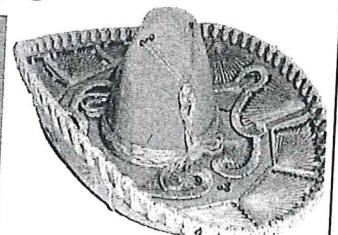
**O I N C C / E D / O M Y A**

4. May 8<sup>th</sup> is set aside to honor these people who helped us be better students.

**E C T A H R E / Y D A**

5. This singing piano man will celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**E S E T I V / D N E W O**





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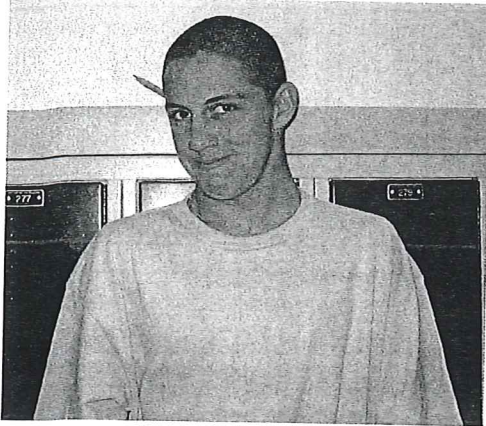
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# Blue Beat

## What was the best part of your Spring Break?

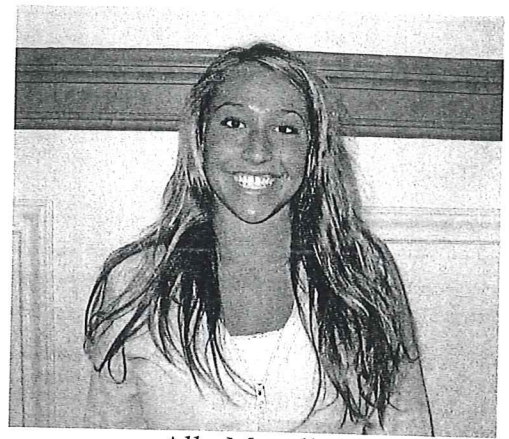
By: John Zimmerman



Dave McGillis:  
"Getting barreled"



Paige Mace:  
"The army camp- best vacation spot ever"



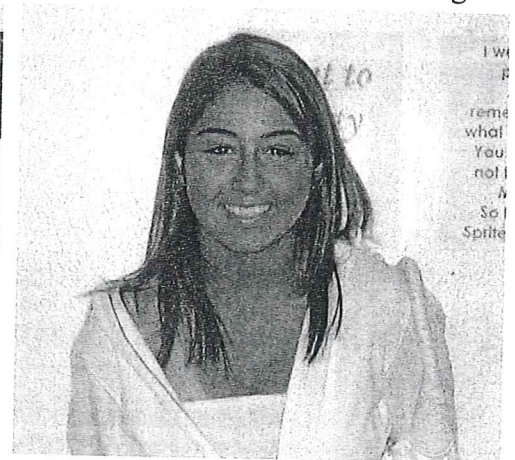
Ally Monello:  
"I went to visit my sister at college"



Kellyn McCrone:  
"I went to Punta Cana"



Stephanie Rhoades:  
"Spring Break in Spring Lake"



Tara Cuifo:  
"The nice weather"

## Top 10 Songs

According to I-tunes, a popular online music store, these are the recent top 10 hits.

1. Makes me Wonder- Maroon 5
2. I'll stand By You- Carrie Underwood
3. Because of You- Ne-Yo
4. Never Again- Kelly Clarkson
5. Icky Thump- The White Stripes
6. Buy U A Drank- T-pain ft Yung Joc
7. Give it to me- Timbaland
8. Girlfriend- Avril Lavigne
9. Pop, Lock & Drop It- Huey
10. I tried- Bone Thugs-N- Harmony ft Akon

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# Quiz: Are You Just Friends?? Or More??



**1. You want to head to the mall but your best guy friend wants to check out the skate park. What do you do?**

A: Do your own thing. You don't have to do everything together.

B: Go to the skate park and spend the day doing what he wants.

C: Compromise—a couple of hours at the mall followed by some skating time!

**2. You're out with him when you see a guy you've been crushing on. You:**

A: Ignore your crush and hang with your guy friend. He never liked your crush much.

B: Stop and say hi, act cool and see how it goes. You could get a date out of it!

C: Say hi but stay with your guy friend. You can see your crush some other time.

**3. It's his birthday. You:**

A: Spend the day with him and his friends.

B: Ask him if he wants to go to the movies or out for a birthday dinner and get him a gift you know he'll remember.

C: Throw a big surprise party for him and invite all of his buddies.

**4. Your best guy friend tells you he has a crush on a girl at school. What do you do?**

A: Give him some advice and offer to put in a good word for you.

B: Quiz him on why he likes her. You'll help him out if he really wants you to, although you hate playing matchmaker.

C: Tell him he's wasting his time — she's not very nice

**5. You and your boyfriend get into a fight. You go to your guy friend for a shoulder to cry on. What happens?**

A: You spend the evening complaining about everything that's wrong with your boyfriend and hope that he'll agree.

B: He says that you can do better and you should forget about your ex and find someone else.

C: He tells you to stop being a baby and cheer up.

**6. In the cafeteria at school you see that there's no room at your guy friend's table. What do you do?**

A: Double check to make sure there isn't space and then skulk off to an empty table.

B: Just go and sit somewhere else.

C: Go over and tell them to make room so you can squeeze in and then spend lunch laughing with him and his friends.

**7. A friend of yours is having a party but you don't have anyone to go with. Do you call your guy friend to ask if he'll come?**

A: No. If he's going, you'll see him there, and if not, you have plenty of other friends that will be there.

B: Yes. You beg him to come with you so you don't have to turn up on your own like a total loser!

C: Yes — and he agrees right away.

**8. You and your guy friend have an argument at school and cancel your plans to hang out that night. Do you make the move to apologize?**

A: No, it was his fault.

B: Eh, maybe tomorrow!

C: Yes, there's no point spoiling your fun, is there?

If you answered 'A' to most of these, you and your best guy friend are cool just the way you are! You have a great time with each other, but you're not afraid to do your own thing as well. You have a great friendship that will last, even if you're not made for each other as far as romance!

If you answered 'B' to most of these, you definitely have a crush on your best guy friend, but make sure he feels the same way before you make a move. If he doesn't it could make things difficult between you. And with a friend like him, you wouldn't want that to happen, would you?

If you answered 'C' to most of these, you two sound like a perfect match! You have a lot in common and are willing to compromise when you don't want to do the same thing. It looks like your relationship could be full of fun and romance.

## Answers to May Jumbles

1. MOTHER'S DAY 2. EASTER BUNNY 3. CINCO DE MAYO 4. TEACHER'S DAY 5. STEVIE WONDER



# College Acceptances

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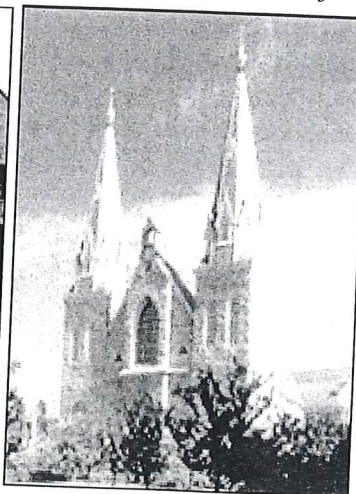
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Courtney Fischer	Randolph-Macon College Towson University	Kate Gillespie	Penn State University Monmouth University Rider University University of Massachusetts Amherst University of Delaware Rowan University	Lauren Hansen	Centenary College College of Mount Saint Vincent Fairleigh Dickinson University College of New Jersey
Megan Fitzgerald	Centenary College Neumann College	Kelly Glander	East Stroudsburg University	Paul Harley	United States Merchant Marine Academy State University of New York Maritime College Virginia Tech
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Michael Foerst	Wesley College Montclair State University Richard Stockton College	John Gorlinsky Emily Govel	West Virginia University University of South Carolina Roger Williams University The College of New Jersey University of Delaware James Madison University	Ryan Heisler	Towson University
Sloane Foley	Catholic University of America College of Charleston James Madison University Saint Joseph's University Towson University University of Connecticut University of New Hampshire University of Rhode Island University of Vermont Bryant University UNC Wilmington Boston University	Pat Grady	Delaware College of Art and Design School of Visual Arts	Samantha Holod	Coastal Carolina University Caldwell College
Will Fonda	Seton Hall University Villanova University	Steven Greib	Albright College	Allysa Homer	Virginia Wesleyan College College of Charleston Towson University
Anthony Frangione	University of Oregon	Genevieve Guoin	Drexel University	David Hyde	Rutgers University
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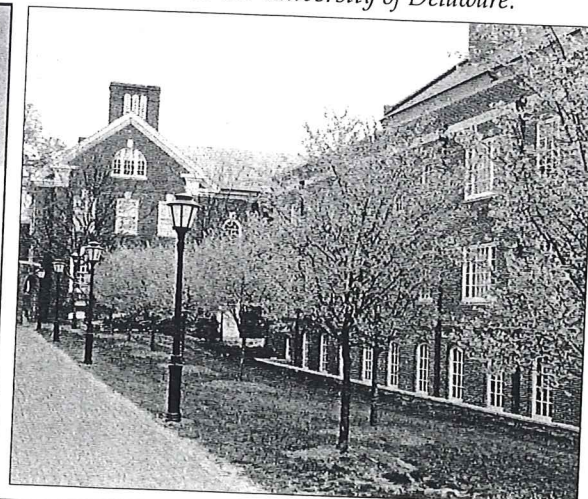
The beautiful architecture  
at Fairfield University.



The chapel  
at Villanova University.



DuPont Hall  
at the University of Delaware.



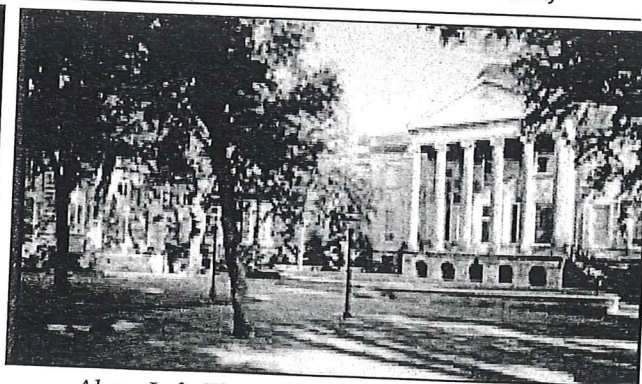
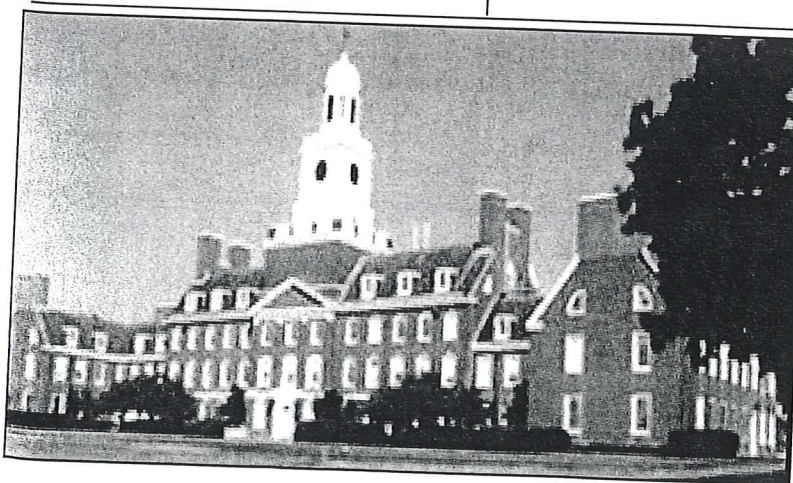


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Ryan McConnell	Norfolk State University Coastal Carolina University	Jennifer Pretz	Bucknell University	Heather Saake	Albright College East Stroudsburg University Marywood University Quinnipiac University
Geralyn Mercier	University of Richmond	Brendan Quigley	Susquehanna University Moravian College Loyola College in Maryland Gettysburg College	Kevin Sampson	University of New Haven Stevens Institute of Technology Drexel University
AJ Miller	Lafayette College	Christopher Ramirez	Wesley College	Abigail Scribner	Indiana University Michigan State University Purdue University University of Connecticut University of Pittsburgh University of Wisconsin Madison
Erin Miller	University of Maine University of New Hampshire Quinnipiac University	RJ Read	United States Merchant Marine Academy		Villanova University University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Pepperdine University
Beth Moody	Saint Anselm College University of Southern Maine University of Vermont Wesley College	Kaitlin Redy	Cabrini College Johnson & Wales University	Michael Scureman	Manhattan College
Jason Mopsick	Johnson & Wales University The Culinary Institute of America	Kathleen Rospos	Monmouth University Montclair State University Marywood University Mount Saint Mary College Wesley College University of Rhode Island Catholic University of America Moravian College Salisbury University West Chester University University of North Carolina	Kathryn Shinn	Mount Saint Mary College Wesley College Marywood University York College
Nicole Napowanetz	Ramapo College Rider University	Brian Rohrmann	Charlotte Virginia Tech	Jeffrey Sieminski	Penn State
Natalie Nighland	West Virginia University University of North Carolina Charlotte University of Rhode Island	Gillian Rummler	East Stroudsburg University University of Rhode Island	Benjamin Sisti	Rider University
Courtney Nolan	Castleton State College Saint Francis University			Chip Smith	Lynn University Northwood University Flagler College
Gage O'Connell	University of Pennsylvania			Thomas Snyder	West Virginia University University of Mississippi University of Alabama
Austin O'Malley	College of Charleston New York University			Lauren Speirs	Montclair State University University of South Florida Marymount Manhattan College Butler University
Kent Ochse	Fairfield University Northeastern University Ithaca College				
Sarah Palluzzi	Gwynedd-Mercy College University of Hartford				



Above Left: The campus of Rutgers University;  
Above: The College of Charleston campus.



# HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

## Pappas, Gordon Make SCT

By: Boomer Ward

The 2007 golf team is off to a solid start under new head coach Mr. Cahill and assistant coach, Mr. Price. The team currently stands at a record of 8-1.

The key members of this year's squad are seniors Jason Pappas, Kevin McCredie, and Brendan West. Juniors Sam Gordon, Brian Reilly, and freshman Matt Caughey are also vital to the team's success.

The opening match of the year was a success for the Warriors as they had a big win over local rival, Point Pleasant Boro. Squan shot a 165 as a team, while the Panthers shot a 215. They then lost their next match against RBC, as the Warriors shot 177 and the Caseys shot a 161. The Warriors have also added victories over talented teams such as Ocean, Matawan, and Long Branch.

Since then the Warriors have added two victories over Holmdel. One was Bamm Hollow Country Club, and the other match was held at Howell Park. In between the Holmdel wins, came a victory over Red Bank Regional.

Thursday, April 19, was a big day for the golf squad as they took place in the Monmouth County Tournament held at Hominy Hill Golf Course, a par 72 course. The eight teams in the tournament would qualify for the Shore Conference Tournament, and the Warriors just made the cut. They tied for 8<sup>th</sup> place with Manalapan as each school shot a 342, but Squan won the tie-breaker due to a higher fifth-man score.

For the individual competition, a golfer needed to shot 86 or under in order to qualify for the individual Shore Conference Tournament. Two Squan golfers were able to make the cut. Junior Sam Gordon tied for 7<sup>th</sup> place as he

## Warrior Baseball Has Its Ups & Downs

By: Tyler Toole

The spring season has had to knock in the winning run of a 6-5 its ups and downs for the Manasquan victory, which was Rumson-FH's first loss.

boy's Baseball team, but the players are optimistic that everything will even out.

With a record of 9-10, the Warriors have had some tough loses but some big wins as well this season.

"We had a tough loss against Red Bank Regional, but we are coming along and playing better now," said Tom Phillips. The game was on April 13 at Red Bank Regional, where the Warriors came up short in a 6-5 loss.

Phillips has been one of the bright stars for the squad this season. The junior shortstop is playing well on both offense and defense.

Earlier this season Phillips played a big role, in a win over Rumson-FH in twelve innings. Phillips singled

shot a 78 for the day, with a 36 on the back nine and a 42 on the back nine. 2006 Monmouth County Tournament champ, senior Jason Pappas, also qualified for the SCT. Pappas finished the day with an 81, with a 41 on the front nine and a 40 on the back nine.

The 2007 Shore Conference Tournament will take place on May 7. The Tourney will be held at Sea Oaks Golf Course in Little Egg Harbor.



Above: Steve Kircher delivers the pitch for the Warriors. Below: Catcher A.J. Miller goes to the mound to have a conference with pitcher, Alex Otchy.



Another bright spot for the Warriors was their 13-3 victory over Long Branch on April 25, in a Monmouth County Tournament game. The next tournament game will be played against St. Rose.

The squad has been getting enormous contributions from many players this season. Seniors AJ Miller, Brad Newman, and Alex Otchy have provided timely hitting and good defense for the team. Along with Phillips, juniors Chris Van Stolk and Steve Kircher have provided good hitting, defense, and good pitching.

Kircher was the hard luck loser in a 7-2 loss against Linden on April 29 at First Energy Park. The park is the home of the

Lakewood Blue Claws, and the team always highly anticipates playing there.

Led by Coach Gordon, the team hopes they can find some success and ride it into the playoffs. The Warriors' big upcoming games are against good teams such as the Wall Knights, the Point Boro Panthers, and the Marlboro Mustangs. Their biggest game of the season is against St. Rose on May 19th.





# HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



## McGrath's Dominance Leads Girls' Lacrosse

By: Travis Gassner

The Manasquan Girls' Lacrosse team has a solid season in 2007. Under the guidance of head coach Mrs. Eldridge and senior leadership, the girls were able to qualify for both the Shore Conference Tournament and the NJSIAA State Tournament.

The two main scorers for this year's squad have been seniors Ryan McGrath and Nora Wallace. McGrath had a stellar season, being on the leading scorers in the entire Shore Conference. McGrath also surpassed the 200 career

goal mark, which is a very impressive accomplishment as not many achieve that feat. McGrath has 63 goals and 19 assists on the season.

Wallace also has had a very productive season from her position of attack as she uses her speed to get past the defense. Even though Wallace was sidelined with an ankle injury a few weeks ago, she is back on the field, helping her team. Wallace has tallied 34 goals, and 28 assists.

The Warriors have also received strong contributions

from senior goalie Gill Rummeler, mid-fielder Lauren Hanson, and

other seniors and other under-classmen.

For the 2007 SCT, the Warriors received the #6 seed. Unfortunately, the girls lost a tough game against a very talented Jackson Jaguars team. The final tally was 14-11 in favor of Jackson.



Freshman Olivia McCarthy snags a pass out of the air on the crease and looks to shoot against the Purple Roses.

Despite the loss in the Shore Conference Tournament, the girls still have the state tournament to look forward to. They also have two more home games remaining: against Monmouth Regional on 5/16 and Southern Regional on 5/18.

## Boys' Lax Heads into SCT as #7 Seed

By: Travis Gassner

The boy's lacrosse team had a bit of a shaky start, but quickly recovered and now stands with an impressive 10-4 record. With the injuries of seniors Gage O'Connell and Martin Marshall, the team has relied heavily on its few seniors in Mahon, Gassner, and Heisler, and Truesdale, along with many strong underclassmen.

However, the biggest change was Coach Dowd's decision to move Heisler back to midfield and sophomore Zach Britton in to guard the cage. Britton has done an outstanding job for the Warriors so far.

Playing attack,

Mahon is leading the team in scoring, but juniors Justin Leddy and Brendan Kingsley have also made a large contribution at their attack positions. The midfield is still being anchored by seniors, Gassner and Heisler, juniors, Matt Trengrove and Greg Gavan, and freshman, Michael Frasco. Senior, Truesdale, along with junior Frank Ciuffo, and freshman Mike Brown are also doing a great job on defense.

The boys started off the season the wrong way, losing to both Toms River North and Colts Neck by a combined score of 20-6. However, the team

quickly made the corrections they needed and went on a solid seven-game winning streak. The streak included wins over Marlboro, Jackson Memorial, St. John Vianney, Toms River East, Barnegat Township, Red Bank Catholic, and Southern Regional.

Unfortunately, against conference rival, Rumson Fair-Haven, the boys fell 11-7 after a hard fought game. But the boys then bounced back with a physical 12-10 win over Red Bank Regional. Unfortunately, the boys had a horrible game against rival St. Rose, losing 21-13. However, the boys went on to beat Wall by a score of 10-6, two days later.

Now heading into the postseason, the Warriors still have two worthy opponents left on their regular season schedule. They face school rival CBA on May 12<sup>th</sup>, and north jersey powerhouse Moorestown on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

With a number seven seed, the Shore Conference Tournament begins for the boys on May 11<sup>th</sup>, where they will face Freehold Township at home. The Warriors also hope to win their first state tournament in school history this year.

Congratulations to Jeremy "Skinkis" Vincent for scoring his first career varsity goal against Barnegat.



# AJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## A-Rod's New Swing Causes Hot Start

By: Boomer Ward

Last year, boos rained down from the stands in Yankee Stadium as Alex Rodriguez stepped to plate. However, this year is a different story. The Yankees' third baseman is off to perhaps the best start in baseball history with an April to remember.

In 2006, Rodriguez had what is considered a poor year for him with 35 home-runs and 121 RBI's. That could be a great year for anyone else in the league, but not for #13 of the Yankees. He has won two MVP awards,

one with the Rangers and one with the Yankees, but he still receives criticism if he doesn't perform up to the "A-Rod level," which he is surpassing this year.

A-Rod already has 14 homers, 34 RBI's, and is batting .385 in 2007. The 14 long balls in April tie the record for the first month of the season as Albert Pujols pulled off the same feat last year. Rodriguez was one RBI behind the April record. Rodriguez has two walk-off homeruns this year at the Stadium. He hit

a walk-off grand slam against the Orioles with two outs, and he hit a game-winning three run homer against the Indians.

Many things can be accredited to the difference in A-Rod. It could be his revamped swing, his slimmer body, or even his more relaxed personality.

The change in A-Rod's swing may not seem exactly visible to the average fan, but if you dissect the swing, you will notice a difference. Kevin Long,

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### Lateral Head Movement

By moving the head forward during the stride, many elements of the swing become compromised.

### HEAD MOVEMENT

When the head moves, the eyes move, compromising vision.

### RIGHT TORSO

Slumps down at an angle; reduces rotation.

### HEAD WAS OVER

Rodriguez singling against the Indians last season.

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### Stationary Head Position

Swing elements fall more naturally into place and create a more efficient and powerful swing.

### NO HEAD MOVEMENT

Can see pitches better and can wait longer before committing to them.

### AXIS OF ROTATION

Greater bat speed is created when the swing rotates around a stationary spine. When torso moves forward, swing components slow down.

### HEAD IS OVER CALF

Arm extension is easier

Rodriguez's winning home run against the Indians last week.



PLAYOFFS

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## First Round Does Not Disappoint

By: Arvis Kirkland



## Spurs Take Out 'Melo



Michael Finley (#4) and the rest of the Spurs advanced past Carmelo (#15) and the Nuggets.

thirty seconds left to seal San Antonio's third victory and gave the Spurs a 3-1 lead in the first round of the playoffs. Robert Horry has been hitting big shots in playoffs his entire career, which he has gained respect and the name, "Big Shot". That took the motivation out of the Nuggets for the rest of the series. Tim Duncan and Tony Parker dominated the Nuggets sending them home in five games.



The Denver Nuggets, with newcomer Allen Iverson, also stunned the league when they beat the third seeded San Antonio Spurs in their first game of the playoffs. But the Spurs bounced back, winning the next two games, and taking a 2-1 lead over the Nuggets. In a pivotal Game 4, with thirty seconds remaining "Big Shot Rob", Robert Horry hit a three pointer



## Jazz Beat Rockets In 7 Games



Carlos Boozer goes up for two against the Rockets.

Tracy McGrady joined the Houston Rockets in the 2004 season. As good as he is, he has yet to advance to the second round of the playoffs.

They brought him

to Houston in hopes of pairing him with the new center from China which was a threat to all opposing teams in the NBA. They were to be the newer version of Kobe and Shaq when they dominated the NBA in the late 90's and early 2000's. But health problems and injuries kept them from doing that. This year, Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming are both healthy and better than ever in their search for a NBA title. They were playing the Utah Jazz, who has turned out to be one of the surprise teams of the season. This series was a battle for Houston with Utah dominating the first two games. Houston would go on to win the next three games with a chance to close out the Jazz in seven. This game went down to the wire, but with poise and patience went into Houston and stole Game 7, coming back to beat Houston on their home court. They will face off with Golden State in Round Two.

## Warriors Land the Biggest Upset in NBA Playoffs

The Playoffs kicked off on Sunday, May 13 with the Dallas Mavericks and the San Antonio Spurs. The top seeded Mavericks won their first game in the playoffs, moving them to the eighth seed. The San Antonio Spurs went to the NBA Finals last year where they lost to the Miami Heat. The Mavericks would go on to win the championship.



Mickael Pietrus jumps into the crowd after the Warriors shocked the Mavericks.

playoffs. When it looked as if Golden State was going to pull off the biggest playoff upset, Mavs MVP candidate Dirk Nowitzki battled back and pushed the series to a Game 6. Game 6 was played in Golden State and that gave them an advantage from the tip-off. Golden State shocked the entire league dominating the entire game and sending the defending Western Conference Champions home in the first round.



## Wallace, Bulls Breeze Past Heat



Dwight Howard goes up for layup.

The Bulls swept the Miami Heat out of the first round. This was a struggle all series for the Heat, playing their injured star Dwayne Wade, who was no where near healthy. He injured his shoulder,

February 21, against the Houston Rockets, while attempting to steal a pass from Houston forward, Shane Battier and never seemed to bounce back from it. He did all he could, but it just wasn't enough. The Heat also had their top star center, Shaquille O' Neal but his dominance was limited because he couldn't do it by himself. The Bulls shocked the league,

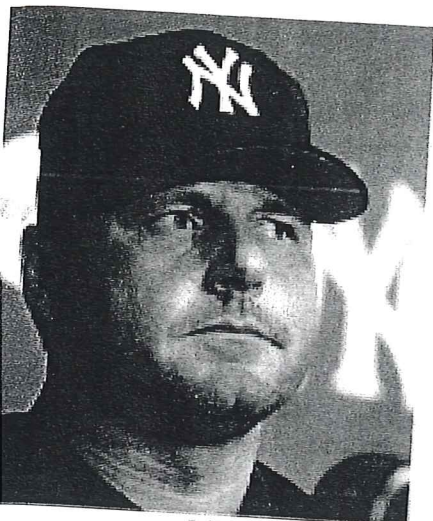
against all odds, looking poised against the veteran Miami Heat stripping them of their title after just one year. Chicago is no where near the team they were when Michael Jordan was there, but perhaps they are showing the league a sign of things to come. They will play the Pistons in the next round of the playoffs.



# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Clemens To Return to New York

By: Boomer Ward



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### Back in the Bronx

Roger Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young award winner, announced his return to the Yankees yesterday. A look at his career.

REGULAR SEASON	W-L	GS	SHO	INN	H	BB	SO	ERA
Yankees, 1984-96	192-111	382	38	2,776	2,359	856	2,590	3.06
Playoffs	1-2	9	0	55%	49	19	45	3.88
Yankees, 1997-98	41-13	67	6	498%	373	156	563	2.33
Playoffs								
Yankees, 1999-2003	77-36	157	2	1,004	945	367	946	3.99
Playoffs	7-4	17	1	100	81	34	98	3.24
Yankees, 2004-6	38-18	84	0	539	409	170	505	2.40
Playoffs	4-2	7	0	41	39	15	29	4.39
Season totals	348-178	690	46	4,817%	4,086	1,549	4,604	3.10
SEASON BREAKDOWN								
Games totals	4-4	11	0	66	62	30	52	4.36
Series totals	5-4	14	1	81%	70	26	71	3.87
Season totals	3-0	8	0	49%	37	12	49	2.37
Season totals	12-8	33	1	196%	169	68	172	3.66

### AWARDS AND RECORDS

- Cy Young award winner — 7 (1986, '87, '91, '97, '98, 2001 and 2004).
- A.L. Most Valuable Player, 1986.
- Record for most strikeouts in a nine-inning game — 20 (April 29, 1986; and Sept. 18, 1996).
- A.L. record for most consecutive seasons with 100 or more strikeouts — 18 (1986-2003).

### ACTIVE CAREER LEADER IN ...

Victories	348
Games started	690
Innings	4,817%
Strikeouts	4,604
Complete games	118
Shutouts	46

Hall of fame pitcher, Roger Clemens, shocked the world and the 52,553 fans at Yankee Stadium on Sunday May 6, when he announced his intention of returning to the New York Yankees.

The Yankees were in a three-team race with the Boston Red Sox and the Houston Astros to obtain "The Rocket."

Clemens will return to the Bronx, which is the place where he won two world championships, as well as one of his seven Cy Youngs. Clemens first stint with the Yanks lasted five years, spanning from 1999 to 2003. During his previous stay in New York, The Rocket compiled a record of 77-36 with an ERA of 3.99.

The biggest thing that the Rocket brings to New York is a reliable arm that give them 6 innings every start. With the Yankee rotation in shambals, the addition of Clemens is a big sigh of relief. With Clemens, the Yankees will have four solid starters: Clemens, Chien-Mien Wang, Mike Mussina, and Andy Pettitte. Clemens will also set a good example for the younger Yankee pitchers such as Phil Hughes, Darrell Rasner, and Jeff Karstens.

The salary for the Rocket will be \$28 million for one year. Clemens is the highest paid player on the Yankees, and all of New York and the rest of the Yankee fans around the globe hope that it is worth the investment. As for now, only time will tell how the Rocket does in his return to NY.



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