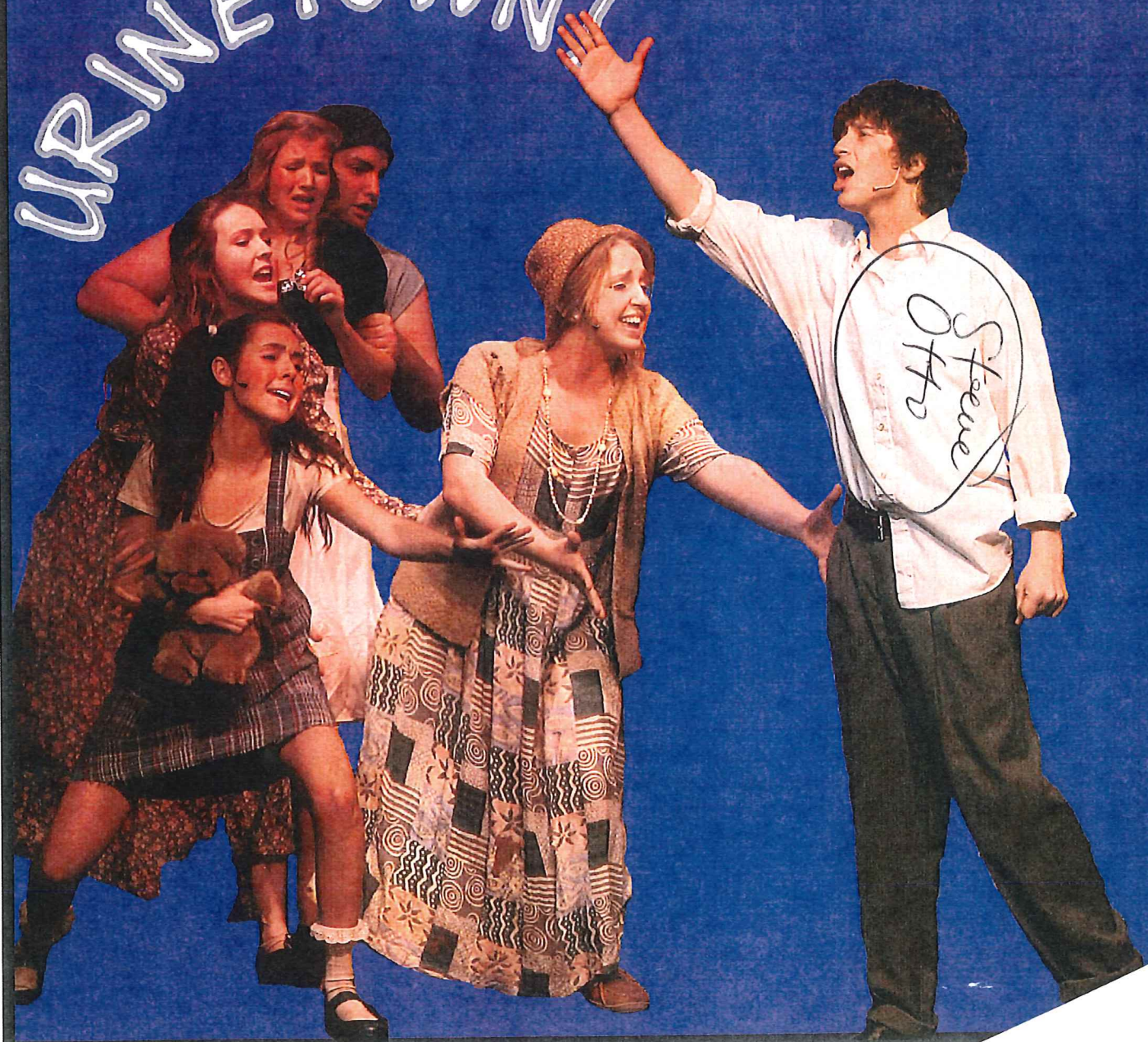




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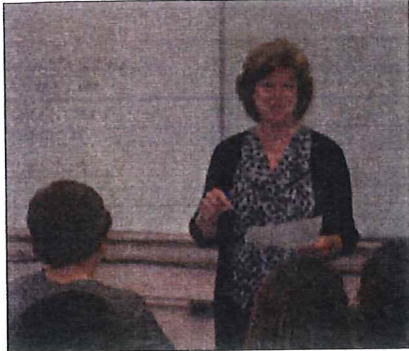
The Blue & Gray Laughter abounds in URINETOWN



Mrs. Freda Named Teacher of the Year

By: Steph Leather

"The hardest part is to be sure all of the students are comfortable with the material and they find their own level of success because many students struggle in mathematics. Not everyone is an 'A' student, but if you reach your level of success, I'm psyched for you. I don't want my students to feel intimidated."



"I love it here," Mrs. Freda declared.

When the 2012 MHS Teacher of the Year was announced on Monday, February 27, Mrs. Freda, a math teacher here at MHS since September in 1981, "was so surprised and overcome with emotion" to find that she had won. She described the recognition as "very humbling, yet exciting".

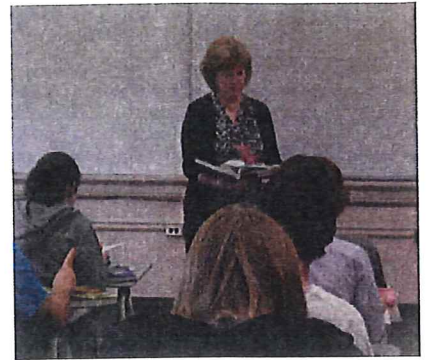
This dependable teacher has spent her career teaching here at Manasquan High School. "I love it here," she declared. Over the years, she has taught every class in the math department, "from General Math I through Calc Honors." However, she prefers to teach Calculus and Algebra. One of her Calculus students, senior Kieran Walsh, said that she is "a great teacher who is always willing to

listen to all the questions we have and more. She is one of the best teachers at our school. She makes sure we all understand the material."

Mrs. Freda knew that she was destined to be a math teacher when she was in high school at St. Al's in Jersey City. "Many of my friends had a tough time with math and I enjoyed helping them to better understand the material and at that point I knew that I wanted to teach math."

However, in high school, this elite educator had a favorite elective which has blossomed into a lifelong hobby. "To this day," the incredible instructor said, "I love to sew. Mrs. Parchins was so skilled." According to Mrs. Freda, she bestowed her talents and love for sewing onto her students. "I remember one girl making this gorgeous wedding dress. Our final was to make two suits. We actually had to model them, too and she judged us."

Mrs. Freda deserved this award. Her dedication to MHS and its students, whether they are in her classes or not, is outstanding. "It was wonderful to be honored by my peers and administration," she professed, "in a district that means so much to me, professionally and personally."



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Sports Medicine Class Gains Hands-on Learning Experience

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- Mr. Hyland

Rather than the traditional ways of learning a subject, such as listening to a lecture, reading from a textbook, or watching a video, Mr. Hyland's Sports Injury Management Class traveled to Jersey Shore University Medical Center on Tuesday, March 20, where they learned about medicine in a whole new way - stepping into the hospital morgue.

When asked about

the trip, senior Patty Ramirez's face lit up. "It was really awesome. So cool," she said with a big smile on her face.

Students listened to doctors talk about the human body, medical instruments and preserving organs, but the highlight of the trip was indisputable: holding a brain. Completely fascinated, a little grossed out and really weird were a few of the reactions to this new experience.

Mr. Hyland's words express the experience the best: "To teach medicine in the classroom is one thing, but to touch it is another story."



Above right: Members of the class gather in the morgue; at left: senior Jenn Kelly studies a brain, while fellow senior Jeanine Balestrieri looks on.

Model U.N students earn prizes in recent competition

By: Devin Gannon

In a two day event, Manasquan's Model UN club traveled to St. Peter's College in Jersey City, where 200 delegates from 14 NJ high schools competed in debates. With Mr. Fagen as an advisor, the club was prepared to take on the other schools in this simulation of the United Nations.

Senior Jay Cioffi said that he really enjoys Model UN, and benefited from the trip: "It was a really good opportunity to learn about other countries and debate real issues that are happening in the world today," he said.

This year, the MHS team represented the countries of Egypt and Iran. They needed to be knowledgeable about current world issues before debating. For example, topics such as global security implications of fragile states, changing social institutions to improve status of women in developing countries, and alleviating poverty in post-conflict states are typical.

After the two day conference, Manasquan came away with a few winners. Best Delegation went to seniors Brian Geiger and Mike Koreyva, while senior Ian Colrick and sophomore Evan Walsh won for Best Position Papers.

Looks like next year's club members will have to work hard in order to meet the high standards set by this year's students. Great job Manasquan!

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PURPLE DAY A HUGE SUCCESS



By: Amy Pretz

On March 22nd and 23rd, Kelly and Amy Pretz, along with the Key Club and National Honor Society, sold purple beaded bracelets in honor of epilepsy awareness. Kelly, a sophomore, was diagnosed with epilepsy a few years ago. She decided to start volunteering at the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey to learn more about epilepsy and to give back to those in need. Together with her sister, Amy, they decided to honor Purple Day, a nationally celebrated event, at Manasquan High School.

generous donation helping to boast the total even more.



Last year was the first year the sisters teamed up together to sell bracelets at MHS. Although they did well raising money for the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey, the total did not come even close to this year's amount. Almost all of the bracelets the sisters made were sold to eager students. Everyone was very supportive, including the teachers. The MHS teachers held a jeans day on March 23rd to help support the Pretz sisters' mission. In addition, the Key Club made a very

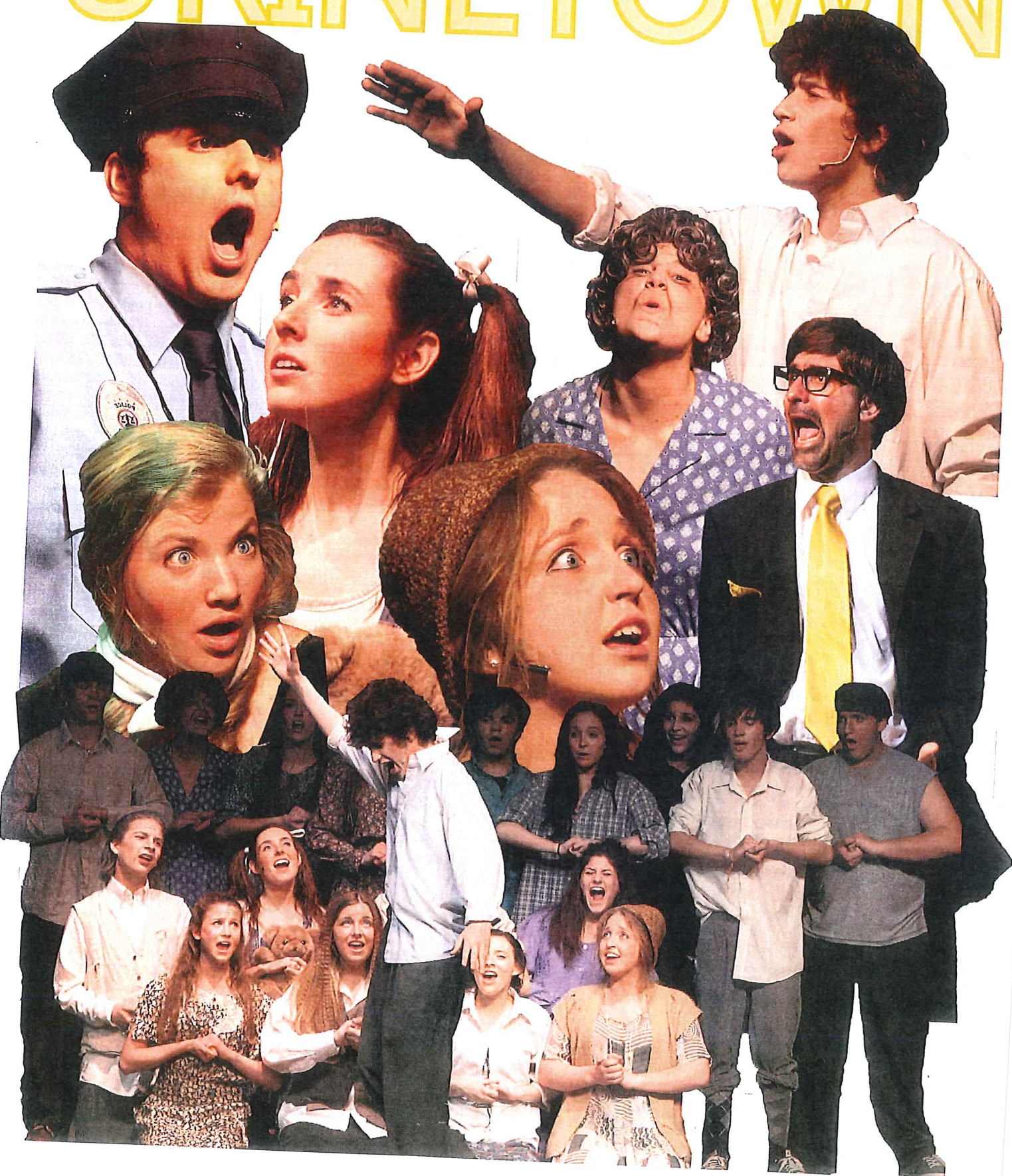
Even today, Kelly continues to raise epilepsy awareness. Kelly was recently published with her book *Rain at*

Midnight, a fictional tale of a girl with a secret (available at Booktowne). With each book sold, Kelly donates a dollar to the Epilepsy Foundation. Also, in the very near future, Kelly will be traveling to Washington, D.C. with the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey for the annual "Speak Up Speak Out" program that helps people with epilepsy to get involved in legislative activities.

"Kelly's strength and spirit are amazing. To take her own experiences with epileptic seizures and turn them into such positives is incredible," commented English teacher Mr. Mawn. "Not many high school students have a published book to their credit, but Kelly does. We can all learn from her positive attitude."

Thank you so much for all of your support and look out for Purple Day next year!

URINETOWN





Annual Academy of Finance Fashion Show

By: Gabby Galizio

The annual Academy of Finance Fashion Show proved to be another great success this year! Kids and parents alike gathered on Wednesday April 4th in the Jack to watch their classmates and children strut their stuff on our own MHS Runway. Equipped with both Casual and Formal Wear Categories, and even a gift auction and raffle for a bike and big screen TV, this event was entertaining and everyone left wondering the same thing: Where can I get their clothes? However after a short question and answer session with the MHS Models, let's just say these fashions from local businesses will be flying off the racks!

To begin the night, Seniors Billy Acciavatti and Taylor Larson emceed the event as they read funny anecdotes about each model. Things such as "Pat Gianforte aspires to beat Dave Carlson" and "Tim Barry is the 'Master of Calculus'" made for funny commentary that kept the crowd interested. For the casual wear portion teachers and students paired up to model the latest fashions from Rare Cargo. Some memorable models were definitely Senior Liz Holby, who had an amazing hair-do, compliments of Inspirations Hair Salon in Sea Girt, and wore electric pink skinny jeans and a black leather jacket. It was great to see her break out of her shell. Another stand out duo was senior Shea Heavey and junior Tommy Dettlinger. They had a flawless routine of dance moves and somersaults complete with a hilarious bird arm-flapping ending.

In between casual and formal wear, the

Academy of Finance allowed audience members to buy tickets for two raffles. The first they raffled off a bike, and the second, a flat screen TV which went to the Lorenzo Family. Also you could purchase tickets for a gift auction going on in the cafeteria where many gift baskets were won by students and their family members.

When the lights dimmed again in the theatre for the Formal Wear portion of the show, hosts Billy and Taylor were also dressed to the nines in fancy attire. While Billy looked dashing in a tux, Taylor wore an elegant jumpsuit that only someone with her sense of style could pull off! The other models were also decked out in tuxes and gowns that would be suitable for any glamorous occasion.

Some memorable ensembles had to be senior Georgiana Honrath who came out in a white evening gown donned in sparkles and feathers that left the crowd wanting more. Another funny couple was teacher Miss Apostolou in a glitter silver mini dress and Alec Lorenzo. Not only were their clothes great, but their comedy routine where Miss A continually pulled a "magic scarf" out of the arm of Alec's suit made the audience erupt in laughter.

All in all, the fashion show was a great success. Senior organizer Kristin Brown felt that this year was the most organized they have been in a while and did not feel rushed at all. The money from the gift auction and ticket sales all go towards the Academy of Finance Scholarships and towards the class fieldtrips that the Academy takes each year. It was definitely a night where the students here at MHS could live out their pipe dream of being "Manasquan's Next Top Model".



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and more!



BLUE & GRAY SPORTS

Lady Warriors Are State Champs!

By: Julia Callahan

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countered by a 3-pointer from Manasquan freshman Marina Mabrey to put the Warriors up 34-30. However, Gill St. Bernard's was not backing down; they answered Manasquan with five straight points to take over 35-34 with 3:25 left in the third quarter.

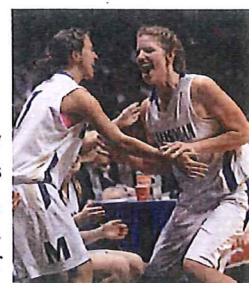
A surge of power filled the Warriors. They had come so far—they were not giving up now. At the 2:59 mark, Flaherty hit a clutch 19-footer to put Manasquan up by one. From then on, the Knights never led again. At

the end of the third quarter, Flaherty pulled out all the stops. With 42 seconds left, the sophomore drained a 3-pointer, rebounded a missed shot by Gill St. Bernard's, assisted Marina Mabrey for a layup, and made a steal allowing her to get one last layup in just before the buzzer. The Warriors stayed ahead in the fourth quarter, resulting in a final score of 67-55 and a clinched state title.

Though the girls' basketball team has had their fair share of controversies this year, they never let anything affect them on the court. They trained hard,

practiced hard, played hard.

They truly are legendary—and now, forever remembered as - the best team in the state!



Sophomore Sam Sullivan celebrates the state championship (above & below)



Despite the loss of star senior Michaela Mabrey (see below), the future looks bright, with talented players such as Katelyn Flaherty (far left), Sam Sullivan (right), and freshman Marina Mabrey (left) still around.

Michaela Mabrey: From MHS to McDonald's All-America

Michaela Mabrey isn't your average basketball player. To Michaela, basketball is more than a simple hobby or extracurricular activity. This senior lives and breathes basketball. The talented Mabrey will join the Fighting Irish in the fall, playing for the Notre Dame Women's basketball team. "I never thought I would go to Notre Dame," she said during a recent interview. "I always dreamt of going to UConn but I fell in love with Notre Dame the moment I walked on campus."

This year, Michaela beat out basketball players across the country for the McDonald's All-American award. Each year, McDonald's sponsors an East vs. West basketball game in which the best 12 girls are chosen to compete for the East coast. To be invited to play in this highly publicized game is a huge honor and accomplishment. "The McDonald's All-American game was a ton of fun. It made me realize that there are people better than me in different areas of the country, so I have to keep working hard," said Mabrey of her experience in the game.

While there is no doubt Michaela takes pride in her team, she was criticized

for a statement she made at the February Board of Education meeting, claiming to "hate Manasquan High school." When asked what she meant that winter day Michaela clarified: "When I said I hated Manasquan I meant that I hated the situation my teammates and I were put into (directed towards the let go of volunteer assistant coach, Tom Flaherty)." Today, Michaela wishes she worded her statement differently so that she didn't offend anyone. Michaela then added, "We have great teachers and the best student body at Manasquan."

There is no doubt this incredible basketball player will be remembered as one of the finest athletes in the history of Manasquan High School. On March 20, the Lady Warriors defeated Gill St. Bernard at the Izod Center to win the Tournament of Champions title. "It felt absolutely incredible," recalled Michaela. "I wish I could go back to that day sometimes. The feeling is indescribable." During her final season, Mabrey led the Warriors to their greatest season ever. Starting off her high school career playing for St. John Vianney, she quickly adjusted to the feel of MHS. When asked what accomplishment she was most proud of, Mabrey gave credit to her team. "I am most proud of our state championship wins. Our whole team deserved those awards." While she also takes pride in her individual undertakings, she recalled her proudest moments were accomplished with teammates right alongside of her.



MVP Michaela Mabrey holds the trophy