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Students of all grades gather in the courtyard during a lunch period to celebrate the beautiful June weather. Students are shown signing each others yearbooks, eating lunch and studying for that pesky final exam. However despite all the hardships and challenges the school year brings, there is a feeling of sadness present as another great school year comes to a close.

ACT'S The Taming of the Shrew

By Damien Augustin

This spring's ACT production of Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew was a hit. It was a show filled with jokes, gags, and plenty of action. The show began with Sly, a drunk played by Richard Rothblatt, who passes out in the streets only to awake as a pawn in a plot to make him believe that he is a respectable gentleman who is actually viewing a play. This Play within a play is where the story is focused.

The first thing an audience member noticed as the curtain opened on this play within a play was the amazing scenery. The tall orange with red curtain walls gave the audience the impression that he or she was sitting in some one's living room. The credit for this

marvel goes to the ACT tech crew, headed up by sophomore Julie Anderson. Not only was the scenery impres-



Alison Geffner (left) and Jared Morgenstern (right) as Katherine and Petruchio respectively.

These wild 'gets-ups' helped to keep the audience involved in the action. They also aided in the story telling. After all, not every one is fluent in Shakespeare, and it was refreshing to have these wonderful costumes and props to be a translating agent.

The show also benefited from great acting. It is not difficult to spot those who are not strangers to the stage and who have talent. I was greatly impressed with the two leads: Allison Geffner and Jared Morgenstern. These two fine players were the foundation of the whole operation. Ali played the part of Katherine, a young rambunctious girl who is something of a Shrew. She played the part masterfully and her

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sive, but so were the various costumes the actors wore throughout the show.

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**special feature****TRIBUTE TO RETIRING FACULTY MEMBERS****Mrs. Berlin • Spanish Teacher**

After 33 years of teaching, Ms. Berlin is retiring. Ms. Berlin, a former Syosset High School student, graduated in 1960, and was part of the first class that went to this high school from 9th to 12th grade. It was here that Ms. Berlin got her first desire to teach Spanish, after her Spanish teacher asked her to explain the subjunctive to her class.

Ms. Berlin started teaching in 1966 in the Mount Vernon School District and was teaching in Syosset one year later, because of her love for the school. Her favorite memory of teaching in Syosset is coaching the cheerleaders.

**Ms. Fuchs • Science Teacher**

Mrs. Fuchs began teaching at Syosset High School about fifteen years ago, after having been a substitute teacher in her home school district. She said that Syosset "has been a very good place to work, with good professional standards." According to Mrs. Fuchs, "it has been a pleasure to be a part of Syosset High School." Her most outstanding memories are of students and parents coming back to thank her. Although she has not had a chance to think about it yet, Mrs. Fuchs has "no hesitations" about retiring, and she has "a long list of things to do."

**Mr. Wallis • Social Studies Teacher**

Mr. Wallis began his teaching career at Syosset High School in September of 1965, in his first job out of college. Throughout his years of teaching in Syosset, Mr. Wallis has thoroughly enjoyed working with the staff and students here. However, his most memorable moment is the day when he decided that it was time to move on, and he sent in his letter of resignation. Mr. Wallis said that he "has mixed emotions" about retiring, because, "on the one hand it's been a great career," and he enjoys teaching, and the people at the high school, "but there comes a time, and that time is now."

**Mr. Wieland • English Teacher, Librarian**

Mr. Wieland began teaching English in the Syosset School District in 1967, at Southwoods Middle School. He then moved on to teaching at H.B. Thompson, and the High School, before becoming the librarian in 1991. Mr. Wieland remembers his twenty-five years as a teacher the most, as well as the wonderful students he had. He said that he has "had a lot of fun," at Syosset High School, but he feels "great about retirement, and "is looking forward to trying new things."

**Mr. LaMonica • Foreign Language Dept. Chairperson**

When Mr. John LaMonica first began teaching in 1958, Syosset High School was new. There were no Middle Schools or Junior High Schools; South Woods and H. B. Thompson had not been built yet. That was 41 years ago, and now after many years of dedication to the school and the students, Mr. LaMonica has decided to retire.

"I became a teacher because I loved being in school, and I wanted to share my love of the things I have studied with the students," said Mr. LaMonica. Mr. LaMonica's first job in the Syosset School District was at the Syosset-Woodbury School, which served as a junior high school while the junior high schools were being built. Since no teaching jobs were available for French teachers, he got a job as a math teacher instead. Mr. LaMonica worked at the Syosset-Woodbury school for a year, and then in 1959 he started teaching French at South Woods.

From 1961 to 1978 he worked as a French teacher at Thompson. Then in 1978, Mr. LaMonica became junior high school chairperson of Foreign Languages. For many years he has enriched the minds of students, and became chairperson of the foreign language department in 1996.

When asked about his retirement, Mr. LaMonica said the following: "After you go to the same place every-day for years, it's hard to leave, but I decided it was time to make a change and to go on to another point in my life... Syosset has been a wonderful place to work. It provides students with a wonderful education in an atmosphere conducive to learning, and for teaching as well.

"I feel that I have accomplished all of my professional goals. I have had an opportunity to learn, teach, and become part of a wonderful foreign language team, and a wonderful school district."

Mr. LaMonica will be sorely missed. As Sophomore Dina Santori stated "I have known Mr. LaMonica since I was in sixth grade. He is a really nice guy, and he obviously cares deeply about the students here." Another sophomore stated "Mr. LaMonica is the nicest, sweetest teacher in this whole building."

special feature

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING FACULTY MEMBERS



Mrs. Collins • Social Studies

Mrs. Collins has been a long time teacher here at Syosset High School. Her work in the Social Studies department has brought her closer with so many of the school's students. She has taught a variety of classes ranging from 9th grade Global History to 12th grade Economics. As her tenure here at the high school comes to a close many students remarked how they will feel a certain emptiness in the school now that she has gone.



Mr. Contratti • English

Mr. Contratti, longtime English teacher at Syosset High, will be drawing his career to a close at the end of this year. From 1991 to 1998, Mr. Contratti was the advisor to *The Pulse*. Students of his Ninth and Tenth grade English classes remember him for his often amusing presentations of literature and light-hearted sense of humor. Recently at a reading in the school library, Mr. Contratti surprised a crowd with his incredibly accurate portrayal of HAL-9000, the computer from 2001. It's things like this that will make Mr. Contratti a permanent part of the School's history.



Mr. Eldi • Math

Mr. Eldi began teaching in 1963 in Levittown. Before coming to Syosset High School in 1967, he also taught in Bellmore. Mr. Eldi has mixed emotions about retiring. Although he feels "ready to leave the job," he will "miss the people he works with." He will always remember the talented group of people he worked with in math department for 32 years. Mr. Eldi is moving to Amagansett, on the eastern end of Long Island, where he is building a house, but other than that he "has no fixed plans," and does not know what he is going to do.

Rachel Stanton, David DiGregorio, Michael Kass, Ari Stern, and David Roseman Contributed.

From The Editor

By David Roseman

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to take this time to wish the staff and students of Syosset High School a happy and safe summer. Another exciting year has passed, one which was filled with much happiness and joy, but sorrow as well. We must not forget the tragedies that have occurred and are taking place in the world around us, such as the Crisis in Kosovo, and the tragic shooting at Columbine High School.

I would like to say goodbye to all the teachers and members of the Syosset staff who have decided to retire after this school year. Each and every one of them will leave their stamp on Syosset High School in some fashion. A most endearing legacy will be left behind by our Assistant Principle, Mr. Ron Barry.

I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Barry during my sophomore year, and

I only wish that I could have met him sooner. As many members of the Syosset community know, Mr. Barry's door was always open for anyone to talk about anything, or to just take a jellybean or two. As the Editor In Chief of *the Pulse*, I feel honored to be working on the same newspaper that Mr. Barry started so many years ago, and to be given the opportunity to raise it to the high level of excellence that he set when he was the advisor, and *The Pulse* was the best school newspaper in New York.

I am glad that I had the chance to meet such a great and caring man as Mr. Barry during my high school years. I am sure that when I say that I will miss Mr. Barry next year and in the years to come, I am expressing the sentiment of all of those at Syosset High School. So long Mr. Barry, we'll be thinking of you.

A Legend Leaves SHS Farewell to Mr. Barry

By Anthony Fazio and Ari Stern

There are only a few people whose names come to mind when one thinks of the history of Syosset High School. These individuals have been around for a long period of time, causing their name to become synonymous with the school. One of them is Mr. Ronald Barry, who after a fabulous 42-year career at SHS, has decided to retire.



Our beloved Vice Principal, Mr. Ronald Barry, takes a moment from his busy day to pose for a photo

Mr. Barry began his teaching career in the spring of 1957 as an English teacher, just a few months after the opening of Syosset High School. In 1959, Mr. Barry was given the position of advisor to the school newspaper. In an effort to enhance the school paper, he attended a journalism fellowship in 1961 at Syracuse University. This program aimed to encourage journalism in high schools. He became the president of the Empire State Scholastic Press Association a few years later, serving from 1967-1968. Mr. Barry had to give up the Presidency, as he became Dean of Syosset High School at the beginning of 1969. He did not stop there, as he became the Assistant Principal of our school in 1979, the position he still holds today.

Throughout his years at Syosset High School, a couple of moments or events stick out in Mr. Barry's mind as being the most significant. One memorable event in his career was when he set up the Long Island Journalism Association, which still exists today. Another significant experience that followed was the day of the Kent State incident, in which three students were killed by the National Guard for a demonstration during the early 70's.

"The age of rebellion was very strong here (Syosset)," said Mr. Barry. This was evident when 250 students at Syosset responded to this incident by following the lead of the students at Kent State, and not entering the school. In order to help solve this problem, several administrators (including Mr. Barry) dealt with the national and social issues at hand with the students via seminars. This event probably sticks out in Mr. Barry's mind as being the most significant and special experience that he has ever been involved in.



Mr. Barry in his early days as an English teacher

Mr. Barry has accomplished a lot during his 42 tenure here at Syosset, but he believes that it is time to move on and enter a new phase of his life. During his time off Mr. Barry plans to occupy himself by continuing to travel with students to areas such as Holland, England, France, Austria, Italy, and Yugoslavia. He will also spend time with his three grandchildren, read, and get plenty of well deserved rest. Mr. Barry will surely be missed, yet he will always be remembered as one of the greatest individuals that Syosset High School has ever known.

For Tributes From Faculty Members, Turn The Page

special feature

STAFF TRIBUTES TO MR. BARRY



Dr. Schneider

Over the last eleven years, it has been my good fortune to work side by side with Mr. Ron Barry. My only regret is that I have not had the pleasure of knowing him longer.

Mr. Barry exemplifies the professional educator at his best. Whether as a teacher, Administrative Assistant, or Assistant Principal (all of the jobs he held here at Syosset high School), the people associated with him could not help but benefit from his energy, his sense of humor, his intelligence, his insight....and his love. And I say love because if anything characterizes Ron Barry, it is love – love for the students, love for the ideals and goals of the profession which he chose, love for those who have served with him, and a love for life which has manifested itself in a brilliant career which has spanned forty-to years.

I will miss him, we all will miss him terribly, and wish him the very best as he enters the “best years of his life.”



Mr. Al Yanosy

Throughout his career as an administrator, Mr. Barry experienced many firsts. For example, he was one of the first student teachers at Syosset High School. He was the first editor of *The Pulse*, and he was the first person ever to chaperone a music trip locally and abroad.

Mr. Barry received many awards for his personal achievements. Personal achievements are important, but what is the true measure of an individual? Is it only measured by the number of plaques or trophies or by the impact a person has on the lives of others? When we examine Mr. Barry's influence on the lives of others, he rises above all as a giant among men.

Mr. Barry, because of his unending contributions to the cause of humanity, has gained the respect of his peers and the admiration of the students for whom he is an excellent role model. His office is always filled with students. His expert guidance has led many students toward successful life choices for which they are always appreciate. For forty-two years, Mr. Barry has been a beacon at Syosset High School—guiding, supporting, directing, giving, and sharing in the lives of the people he touches. Affectionately, those who know him refer to him as Dr. “Yes.” Translated, Mr. Barry is Dr. “Can,” never Dr. “Can’t.”



Mr. Richard Collins

In a lifetime, you have an opportunity to meet a handful of truly extraordinary people. These individuals elevate the quality of life, remind us of what is important, and bring a sense of community to every endeavor. Ron Barry is just such an individual. He has been a beacon of support, insight, and wisdom to Syosset students and staff for over four decades. His sense of humor and joy for life have endeared him to all corners of Syosset. Personally, I will miss the privilege of his daily company—one of the great pleasures of life. I will do my best to fold the things he has taught me into all my work in the future. I wish him all the best: good health, happiness, and the pleasure of a good book.



Mrs. Beverly Gross, His Secretary

I have enjoyed working with Mr. Ron Barry for fourteen years and I wish him well in his retirement. He deserves only the best.



Mrs. Belanger

He has been very supportive and helpful with all [school] events, and we will miss him dearly.



Mr. Wallis

Mr. Barry has always encouraged me to the point that I know the consequences of failure are so non-threatening that I have always felt free to be a risk taker.



Mr. Manzo

Every time I had a problem or a question, he went out of his way to answer it, or to solve the problem. When I was a student teacher, he observed me and gave suggestions to me, which he did not have to do. Whenever I meet people from all over Long Island, who went to Syosset High School, they know Mr. Barry and remember him fondly.



Mr. Kalish

I wish Mr. Barry a most exciting and well-deserved retirement. The staff, students, and community of Syosset will sorely miss him. His relaxed manner and his positive attitude, even during times of trouble at the high school, illustrated the appropriate behavior for Syosset administrators, Mr. Barry will always be a friend to all. I personally will miss him, and I am fortunate to have a very precious, personal note that he presented to me on December 13, 1995.

spector's reviews

Spectora Takes On The Phantom Menace

By Ken Spector

In addition to doing my regular movie reviews I have decided to write a critique on *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*, basically so I could get all it's huge fans off my back. After doing a little research I bring you three tips to follow while waiting on line- don't call a Star Wars fan a Trekkie, make sure you know the difference between Bossk and Momaw Nadon, and please, NEVER, EVER scream Star Wars STINKS!

First of all, I would just like to say, (I am ever so delicately tiptoeing around the edge of this subject since, thanks to this paper, I yet again fear for my life), I did not find it as good as the previous films. It was extremely hard to get into the excitement because there weren't any memorable characters. All the characters in the movie seemed to be one person. They all had the same personality and no mind of their own, except for one certain individual known as Mr. Jar Jar Binx, who was annoying, irritating, vexing and many similar big words.

If Jar Jar Binx did not exist, this movie would be almost 30% better. Let's look at his cons. Not only does he move around non-stop like Roger Rabbit hopped-up on Prozac, but it's hard to understand him. He hurts the rest of the char-

acters more than he helps them. Jar Jar Binx appears to be created for the younger audiences along with many other background characters. Okay, now let's look at his pros..... nevermind, there are none. Basically, if you ever bump into this char-



Liam Neeson as Qui-Gon Jinn and Ewan McGregor as Obi-Wan Kenobi battle for the planet Naboo in The Phantom Menace

acter do us all a favor and eradicate his sorry carcass. And what's up with ultra-sunburned Darth Maul! They hype him up as the next Darth Vader, and then he appears for three minutes and has two lines!

The old movies were much better. Instead of modern, computer generated effects, puppets which actually stood in front of the actors were used. The movements and actions of the actors in the previous movies seemed much more realistic than the those in the new movie, pri-

marily because actors in *The Phantom Menace* spoke to imaginary characters. Somehow watching actors talk to a piece of tape or a guy in a blue screen suit doesn't quite seem as realistic.

Additionally, the late seventies mood of the previous three movies feels much more exotic and wonderous than the late nineties version, where we viewers see things that we have seen a million times before, only digitally regenerated. Also, nothing in the old movies was truly politically correct. Now we can't say this or do that- it starts to feel a little claustrophobic after a while.

Despite all of these terrible things George Lucas, as always, jam-packs every second with endless amounts of new species and fabulous special effects. So unless you see this movie over 28 times, you will always find something new. For instance, many hidden creatures, including such familiar faces as E.T, Willow and Big Bird, (well, Big Bird isn't really in it but he should be), are scattered throughout the movie. It's no surprise coming from George Lucas, the founder of Industrial Light and Magic. He has a beard, which alone makes him a famous movie director. Everybody has got to



love this movie's great Pod Race scene. My personal favorite character is the Gooberfish. You gotta love him.

Sure, Star Wars may seem geeky, but frankly, if you don't see this one in the theaters, you are definitely going to be left out of conversations over the summer. This is the biggest movie event of the year. Movie studios have been working their schedules around it, so there will not be many other great movies this summer.

Spectroscale Rating: B

A Moment With Spectra The Pulse Movie Reviews

By Ken Spector

I don't know about you people, but for me the school year has come and gone so quickly. It seems like only yesterday I was thinking "Only 49 days left till Christmas vacation!" Well, that was seven months ago and now as I sit here in the dungeon of a Denny's Restaurant I write my last movie review of the school year. But before I get to the following films we hold so dear, I just want all of you to think about the past nine months of your lives. The good times and the bad. The hard times and the easy. The original times and the fat free. And don't forget: Never eat at Denny's.

chief of police is named McBane just like the guy from *The Simpsons*. A small company creates a machine that makes a whole world out of electricity and



A scene from The Thirteenth Floor

people that can think and feel in a fake 1937 world. The true human bodies stay on earth while they experience another reality in their minds. However, they can die whilst in this dream-like state. It practically is *The Matrix*! It also states, if you ever want to find out if your reality is real or not all you have to do is drive somewhere you never thought of going without any stops, distractions or use of road signs. I want everyone to try this and see if it really happens. Come on! The beginning is boring, the middle is slow, and the finale is dumb. The plot is a good idea though.

BASIS: There are multiple amounts of earths and none of them really exist except one, which built a machine for entertainment purposes, spawning the others.

Instinct

Drama
MPAA Rating: R
Spectroscale Rating: A+



If you want to see a real movie, try this one. It was magnificent...beautiful, even! Many of it's advertisements portray it as an extremely violent movie. This is not it's true nature. Anthony Hopkins from *Silence of the Lambs* and Cuba Gooding Jr from *Jerry McGuire* really pull through with this one, far beyond the limits. It is mostly about freedom. Yet, so many things are symbolized so deeply, I can't even list them!

This movie has something for everyone: (except kids) action, drama, comedy, everything. You definitely don't want to miss it.

BASIS: A professor who has studied/lived with gorillas for two years comes back to civilization acting animalistic and one of his colleagues tries to bring him back into reality.

The Mummy

Science Fiction
MPAA Rating: PG-13
Spectroscale Rating: C



Sorry ladies. But Brendan Fraizer is getting into a pattern of starring in a lot of terrible movies lately. His last one being the "so bad, I'd rather eat some old guys toe nails" *Blast From The Past*, Which was one of the worst films

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Spectroscale

- A: Better than your average bear
- B: Your regular movie
- C: Typical crap fest
- Z: Almost as bad as WaterWorld

The Thirteenth Floor

Science Fiction
MPAA Rating: R
Spectroscale Rating: C-

Okay. This movie is just a huge rip off from a bunch of other movies. The main character acts like Jeff Goldblum in *Jurassic Park*. The whole idea is highly similar to *The Matrix* and the

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A Moment With Spector

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of the year! And now the ever promising *Mummy*, which disintegrated my every intention to sit through almost two and a half hours of garbage. Despite it's pretty good special effects, what really ruined this movie was the huge amounts of coincidences. Frazier always knows when there is danger even from a mile away. Somehow ninjas or guys pretending to be ninjas show up out of nowhere on a boat in the middle of the ocean. The heroes crash an airplane and land in quicksand which happens to be located exclusively in that exact spot and nowhere else in the desert. Not even a foot away. Plus a few conveniently placed manholes, swords and lanterns. And to top it all off. Lot's of cheesy Egyptian music. Every character except Fraizer and the Mummy are all literally bumbling idiots who smack into things, have IQ's of nine and knock things over.

BASIS: An ancient Mummy's Curse comes into power and those who unleashed it, must stop it.

Soon To Be In Theaters

Since I won't be able to guide you through the theaters this summer, Here is a list of some summer movies I know about. See what's out there.

Lake Placid- A giant Prehistoric Alligator moves into a swamp and decides to eat its tasty locals.

Deep Blue Sea- A giant shark with a mouth the size of Jaws attacks scientists who are living in an underwater house.

The Astronaut's Wife- An alien goes into an astronaut in space and when he returns home and has kids with his wife they might be aliens too. Starring Johnny Depp.

The General's Daughter- John Travolta is a Detective investigating a crime in the army.

Big Daddy- Adam Sandler gets stuck with and raises a kid alone.

Blue Streak- Martin Lawrence plays a crook who hides a diamond and gets arrested. When he finally goes back

to get it. Its hiding spot has been built into a Police Station and he becomes a cop to retrieve it.

Stigmata- A woman is possessed by Jesus.

Tarzan- Disney's next animated movie.

American Pie- A teenage boy deals with hormones and sex.

The Haunting- A haunted house gets the best of people.

Sleepy Hollow- Tim Burton's version of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman. Also Starring Johnny Depp.

South Park- The kids go to military school.

Muppets From Space- Exactly what it sounds like.

The Wild Wild West- Will Smith and Kevin Kline are secret Service cowboys out to stop an evil oil driller and his gigantic mechanical tarantula.



Will Smith and Kevin Kline battle Kenneth Brannaugh in Wild Wild West

Inspector Gadget- Matthew Broderick plays both the Inspector and the Evil Inspector. Unfortunately they show all of Dr. Claw who is just a skinny nerdy Dr.

Summer Of Sam- Spike Lee's next film. A murder mystery starring John Leguizamo.

Bowfinger- Starring Steve Martin and Eddie Murphy. About a nerd turned movie star.

Wow. It sounds like a promising summer filled with lots of unrealistic stuff. Anyways, I'd like to thank all of you for sticking with me and giving me feedback. A great summer to all of my readers. Keep watching the classics and avoid the popcorn. See ya next fall.

**the pulse
wishes the
class of 1999
the best of luck**



Lunch

Dear Friend or Savage Beast?

By Ken Spector

Everybody knows what lunch is, and everybody knows that lunch is a standard part of a typical day. However, does this mean we students should be forced to eat it? Most of the time this happens unintentionally, but some students have too many basic courses throughout the school day to add a required lunch period. No matter if this so called feeding time is everyday or every other day, this rule still exists. How is this a bad thing?

Be it Acting, Tech, Art or Chorus, many students would like to take an extra elective of their choice, one that they don't think they will have another chance to take. Yet in this school, these people are denied their privilege to get the full rights and potential they deserve for these rare classes. Why are they rare? They are rare because after High School students will not get the opportunity to take free classes almost everyday. These classes are right at people's fingertips yet access is denied due to a plate of three meatballs and a spoon-

ful of watered-down sauce.

Lunch is a relatively important meal of the day. One reason it is required for every student is for health purposes. But honestly, No matter how much any school straightens up it menus and provides better meals, school food is still school food and how healthy can that be. Lunch also gives us energy during the middle of the day, obviously, but people could just pick up a quick lunch or snack during break time. All the school would need to do add an extra cashier or and the lines will move much quicker and efficiently than they do now. Or the school has could assign one period a day when students are allowed to eat reasonable non-distracting food in class.

So should we give the Students what they want, or should we just give them Chicken fries and fish patty on a bun? You decide. If anyone wants to back me up with this please chuck a letter underneath the Pulse office door right outside of C- hall or mention something to Dr. Schnieder.

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the students say... Compiled by Ken Spector

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST DURING YOUR SENIOR YEAR?



"Free periods and taking more elective classes."

JUNIOR MICHAEL KASS



"Having a car. Being able to go to school whenever I want. Not having to worry about school pressures."

SOPHOMORE WENDY EICHLER



"Not having as many responsibilities and going to college."

JUNIOR MEGAN HEUNKE



"I look forward to having a car and more freedom next year."

JUNIOR PETER INTINDOLI

WELL, WE HERE AT **THE PULSE** HOPE THAT ALL OF YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE. AND AS FOR THE GRADUATING SENIORS, ENJOY THE NEXT 60 YEARS OF WORK.

Are You Ready to Be Set Free Into the World?

By Tandi Hassid

"What grade are you in?" a lady asked me. "I'm a senior now." I replied. "Oh. A senior! Fun. Fun year. Am I right?" What would be your answer to this question if you were in my place? Starting with the very first day of elementary school, every single one of us, pictures becoming a Senior in High School as a goal that they must strive to reach. It's the shining star in the sky of our dreams. In first grade, you can barely contain yourself to become a fifth grader. The most powerful, maturist and wisest person ever created. { In elementary school anyway. But that's all that exists, isn't it? }

The same feeling sinks into us when a petty eighth grader metamorphosizes into an imperative ninth grader. But as you grow older and older, all the desires and dreams focus in

on the last year of High School. The merit for all your hard work. Senior Year. The illusionary image of going to the prom, the most exciting thing during your reign over the past nine months. Driving your own car and giving your friends a ride. Having the power and ability of dominance over the younger students. As a matter of fact, the desire to be considered as a senior, disliked and having adults fear they are becoming senior citizens is a great sensation!

"Have you decided who you're going to pick as a date for the prom yet?" An eleventh grader asked his friend. "No. But we still have one more year to go." "Well, you know I've always hated the last minute rush."

When you get to the "wonderland" of Senior year, concern about the last minutes rush would be more towards filling out college ap-

plications, essays, visiting different campuses, etc. Unlike the previous decade plus tax, when you finally have reached this point, Now is the time when you have to look back. Now, venture into your past. What you've accomplished and what you've missed. This is the time in which either you feel proud of yourself or otherwise dissatisfied with your past. And that is, I think, One of the greatest truths of your senior year. The truth that you are now mature enough to judge yourself and take a wise look at your past and future. No matter how you lived in the past, it's gone. So live now. The way you want to build your future.

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Fashion Show A Success

By Soren Gandhi

"New York, New York" was the theme of the 2nd Annual Syosset High School Fashion Show held on Saturday, April 24, 1999. Once again headed by advisors Mrs. Eileen DePaolo and Mrs. Andrea Sponenberg, with the assistance of Rich Mancini and Roy Dippel conducted the staging, sound, scenery, lighting and video, were able to bring the show to life. Many people flocked to the auditorium to see how the second fashion would compare with last year's.

With the song "Acid" being played in the background, Paul Jean and Taline Andonian started the show by conducted their dance with the "rave" in the dark. This was followed by fashions courtesy of "Max and Gino's" and "Lone Star." Just like last year, "Max and Gino's" presented their clothing in the skit done by four students who danced to the song, "Judgement Day." The popular hit song "No Scrubs" by TLC was the

beat to the fashions present by "Lone Star" in the fourth segment. This was followed by clothes from "The Avenue," "Caprices," "Treadmix," and "Camille and Yvette."

While there were many females in the show, only five males decided to participate in it this year. Sijun Kim, Sunny Panjwani, Paul Jean, Tim Joo, and Mike Mashioff displayed fashions from "Mansouri Sport" and "Sybelle." There were even six teachers who modeled for "Estelle's Dressy Dresses," "VIP Formals," and "S&S Formals."

The show turned out to be a great success. Tara Paulose and Megha Shah, two of the many female models, loved the show. After the show, Megha said, "It turned out great, even though we didn't have much time to plan it." Tara summed it up best when she said, "It was really fun because this year, lots of people were involved and made it much more like a real fashion show."

Research Through The Year

By Soren Gandhi

Throughout spring, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade research classes participated in two renowned science fairs and also attended the INTEL International Fair held at Philadelphia, where the top finalists of the INTEL, formerly known as the Westinghouse Competition, presented their projects.

The advanced research classes attended the INTEL international fair on May 6 during the whole day. The classes departed the school early in the morning as they took a coach bus to Philadelphia where they first visited the Franklin Institute. Many of the students enjoyed the hands on experiments and other computer oriented exhibits. The students then enjoyed a Imax movie in an Omnimax theatre where they learned the mysteries of Egypt including a brief history on the exploration of the pharaohs tombs and other facts about the pyramids. After the visit to the museum, students questioned the Intel finalists at the Intelconvention center.

On April 25, the LeaRonan Invitational Science Fair took place where sixteen students out of thirty students won awards. Coming from the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades, the sixteen students won in various fields including Astronomy and Zoology. Scott Pollack won first place in Computer

Science. Evelina Khukhashvili won Honorable Mention in Biochemistry. Holly Bender took 1st place in Prototype Engineering while Stephen Yau finished third. Danny Abramowitz and Russell McAleavy took a Merit Award. Joey Tsai won 1st place and Jessy Chacko and Lisa Salzer won 3rd place in the category of General Biology, and David Kahne won an Honors Award. Michael Grabarz and Ian Yohai won 1st and second place in psychology, sociology and animal behavior field, while Christina Shim, David Roseman, Shari Gamm, and Manisha Lotlikar won Honors Awards.

"I was so nervous when doing my presentation to the judges, but when I won an award in High Honors, I felt my presentation was indeed done very well," said sophomore Jessy Chako after doing well at the Long Island Science Congress. Soren Gandhi and Manisha Lotlikar all won first place at the LISC competition. Other great projects that won awards were Holly Bender who won second place along with Rori Edelstein. Adam Hinckley and his partner Evan Greenberg along with Jeff Stern received Honorable Mention.

The projects, which won at LISC and LeaRonan, were available for everyone to see at the 10th Annual Science Research Fair held in the Auxiliary Gym on May 27th.

New Gun Laws Passed

By Ari Stern

Citing recent attacks in Colorado and Georgia, President Clinton urged Congress to push for new gun control legislation. The Senate responded quickly, passing a juvenile crime bill on May 20 that included new firearm measures. Republicans, who are notorious for supporting the National Rifle Association and currently control Congress, passed the bill presumably in order to get further public support in upcoming elections in 2000.

The bill, sponsored by Utah Republican Orrin Hatch and New Jersey Democrat Frank Lautenberg, requires background checks on all transactions at gun shows. The measure ensures the most dangerous juveniles are prosecuted as adults and requires mandatory prison sentences for juveniles who discharge guns on school property. Furthermore, the bill dedicates \$1 billion annually for five years to cracking down on violent young criminals and gang members and expanding delinquency-prevention programs.

While most of the gun control programs have been passed by the state and federal government, Nassau County is starting to pass some of its own laws. The most recent of these laws is the Child Protection Act of 1998, which

required that all toy guns have an orange stripe on their handles in order to let police officers know it is not an actual weapon.

"Gun control must be looked upon with greater scrutiny," said Judith Jacobs (D-Woodbury), who was recently elected minority leader of Nassau County's 19-member legislature. She strongly opposes the 1998 Child Protection Act (citing many police officers that



Mrs. Judith Jacobs (D-Woodbury)

"it causes more problems due to criminals painting real handguns with an orange stripe.")

Mrs. Jacobs wants to push for "greater awareness" in different school districts, with more programs orchestrated for both parents and children. While she doesn't condone the use of metal detectors or armed security guards, Mrs. Jacobs believes that "school districts should make their own decisions in making a safe environment for their students."

Tri-M Ends Great Year

By Melanie Weinstein and Penny Tiglias

Once again it has been a very exciting year for Tri-M International Music Honor Society. The club participated in many events within the school and community.

Tri-M tries to reach out to other communities who are not as fortunate as Syosset to have music programs. In November, the members of the club went to the Bronx to give a concert for students. The highlight of the students' day was when the members of Tri-M selected two students to lead the orchestra, giving them a hands on experience and the desire to bring music into their school.

The club also tries to visit nursing homes every month, and dinner recitals for the parents of the members of Tri-M. Other activities of the club this year included selling roses

on valentine's Day, as well as taking trips to New York City to see Titanic and the opera Intermezzo.

Two of the most challenging Tri-M projects this year was hosting NYSSMA and All-County. Tri-M members worked hard to keep things running smoothly, and everyone showed much dedication and commitment.

In March, Tri-M had their annual induction ceremony. Thirty-seven members were inducted, and there were performances by the string quartet, an adalette quartet, Adam Dreyfus, and a cello solo by honorary inductee, debbie Sepe.

Recently, the club was fortunate to be visited by Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone. They performed for the club during one of the meetings.

Tri-M is hoping to be named Tri-M chapter of the year, and are awaiting the news.

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Star Wars: The Phantom Menace! Syosset High School Students Join Crowds Camping Outside Theaters

By Michael Kass

Everyone's heard of the *Star Wars* fanatics who waited on line for weeks and weeks to get their tickets, and then for days to get good seats. A few such fans came from right here at Syosset High School.

Students including seniors Derek Andersen, Adam Lerman and Ranjan Abraham and juniors Ken Spector and Nick Amato were at the United Artists theater in Syosset for days, showing their *Star Wars* spirit.

Andersen even took to dressing as one of the characters, as did many other fans. With his red and black facial makeup and double-edged light-saber, he was an eerie look-alike for the movie's villain, Darth Maul.

Here are some photos taken at the theater during the pre-movie wait. And as always, May the Force be With You.

For more information on *Star Wars*, visit their website at:
<http://www.starwars.com>



Senior Derek Andersen donning a black cloak and red and black facial makeup. A freakishly accurate portrayal of Darth Maul.

»Senior Ranjan Abraham sports his double-edged light-saber



« Juniors Nick Amato and Ken Spector resting from their fierce dueling



» Spector jumps to avoid Derek's swing during a routine duel.



» Spector wields his light-saber in fury at the camera guy



« Senior Derek Andersen and Junior Nick Amato engaged in a light-saber duel

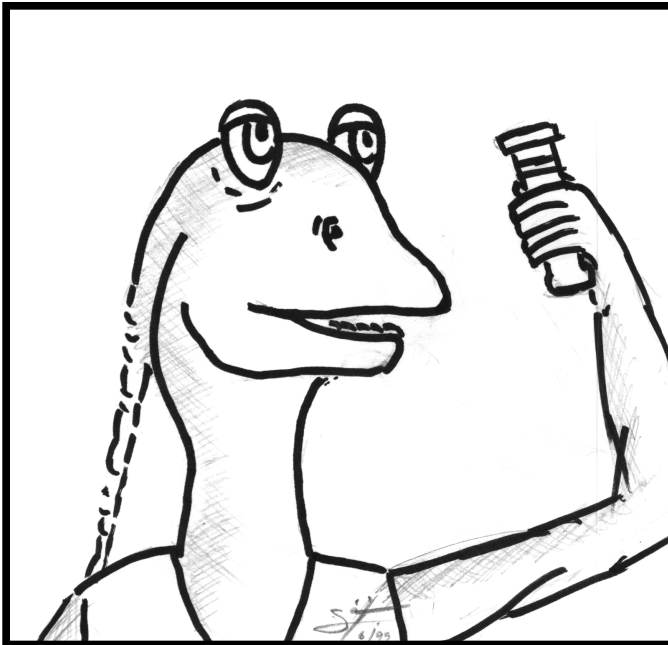


« Victory at last! The students show off their hard-earned tickets.

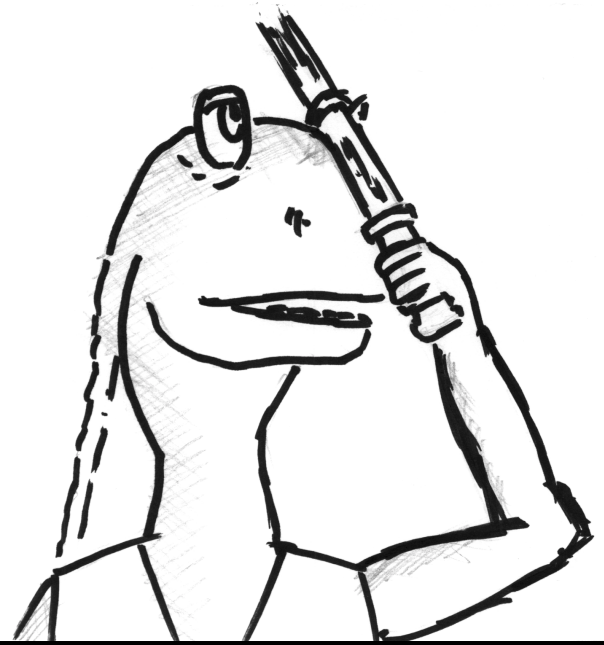


cartoon of the month

By Josh Sauberman



"Hey, whatsa this?"



"Ah! Sonofa—"

Jar Jar Binks' first and last encounter with a light saber

Taming of the Shrew *community event*

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presence seemed to dominate the stage. Petruchio, played by Jared Morgenstern, had the unique job of having to tame this shrew. Jared seemed very comfortable on stage (no doubt a



Ali Geffner struts her stuff as Katherine

result of being in many ACT shows), which helped the audience identify with him, making us feel as if we were truly there.

Another performance that caught my attention was that of Andrew Rubino who played Grumio. Andrew's acting was rich and engaging. He seemed to rattle off each line with lots of energy, while varying his tone, making him appear as if his character were a real person.

Another element that helped the show was the wide array of personality types. While this is written into the script, it takes a strong cast to full realize this diversity. For example, Adam

Lerman put something of a modern spin on his character (Hortensio), a guitar player. He came across as some sort of beat-nick left over from the 60s with his acoustic guitar, funny beard and 'hey man' kind of accent. This anachronism was both appropriate and humorous. Other notable performances were given by Aimee Deshays (Bianca) and Ethan Hova (Lucentio). These two had lots of charisma and seemed to play off each other very well. Justin Starr's portrayal of the old man (Gremio) was outstanding. Everything from his posture to his voice seemed to personify every one's stereotype of an old man.

Gene Connor, the director, must be happy with this year's Shakespearian production. I am sure that he is already



Adam Lerman as the 'beat-nick' Hortensio

planning next year's show, and if it is half as good as this year's, it will be a hit.



Enthusiastic teens show their support for the victims of the crisis in Kosovo by devoting their weekend to building bikes for the Kosovar children. Shown (from left to right) are juniors Eric Schwitzer, Megan Richer, Amy Sternfeld, Viraj Gadkar, Rob Caliolo, Kim Friedman, Robyn Finkelstein, and Evan Rosenstock. The program, which was called "Recycle A Cycle", was a great success and had been organized by Syosset Youth Services (SYS) under the direction of Mr. Tom Montalbano.

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Golf Team 1 Under Par

By Staff Writer

The Syosset Golf Team recently capped off an undefeated season by winning the LI Championship for the second straight year. After leading the County Tournament by 14 strokes after the first day, the team finished it off and



Keith Hendrickson

shot 793 for the two-day tournament. The 793 total was the lowest ever, beating the 798 that was shot last year. The LI championship was played on the Black Course at Bethpage State Gold Course, the site of the 2002 professional US OPEN. Jose Garrido, Keith Hendrickson, Ross Morgan, Ernest Fong, Ari Pillar, and Shaun Pappas all contributed to the team's victory.



Ernest Fong

In addition, Evan Rosenstock, Mark Wojtusiak, Jon Shrifin, and Evan Kanarack all helped to give Syosset its undefeated season. The team will lose its two senior captains this year, but with 4 starters returning, the team is looking very strong for next year.

Baseball Strikes Out

By Keith Gross

After winning the Nassau County Class A championship last year by defeating Massapequa and barely losing the Long Island Championship to Longwood, the Varsity Braves baseball team began with much confidence and high expectations.

The Braves jumped out to a quick start with an eight and one record. The team went through a shaky period when playing its nemesis Massapequa and Oceanside, but managed to secure the sixth seed for the playoffs.

The team's opponent turned out to be Oceanside, who had played well against the Braves earlier in the year. Although the Braves subsequently lost the game to Oceanside, which ended the season for the Braves, the season was full of much success. Senior Kevin Mannix earned All-County honors, Junior Bobby Ziolkowski was received All-Conference recognition, and Senior Mike Leonardi and Junior Ryan Galligan were named All-Division.

Even though the Braves are losing some key members of the team, next year, Ziolkowski and Galligan, and the rest of the remaining players on the team should be able to lead the Braves to glory.

Secret Garden Is A Splash

By Shari Gamm and Karen Zelenka

On May 7th, 1999 the Dolphin Club proudly presented this year's annual Synchronized Swim Show. Despite a hesitant start, members from both the High School and South Woods Middle School cooperated together to produce this year's spectacular production under the theme 'Secret Garden.' Opening with a full cast routine, the girls immediately captivated the audience's attention as they entered the pool with candles and extinguished them out by submerging under water as one. The show continued on, featuring routines that varied in degree of difficulty to a wide range of music from N'Sync to Yani.

Perhaps the most difficult routine to coordinate was the ever-popular co-ed routine. Accompanied by "Lighting Strikes," the choreography consisted of graceful water stunts including flips, ballet legs, and the famous "lift," where the guys let their female partners onto their shoulders. Despite some minor early setbacks, through practice and hard work, the group of 12 pulled together beautifully. Special thanks to David Fusco for being a "Dolphin" and saving the day.

Other highlights included the com-

edy routine, the diving routine, and the comical commentary of narrators Billy Boyce, Dave Fusco, and Chris Kung, and of course Senior Captain Natasia Peterson's magnificent solo. Natasia amazed the audience by her grace and style in the water as she swam to the song "Garden in My Room." After four years as a Dolphin, it was only fitting that she be the final act before closing.

Aside from Natasia, seniors Tanya Abela, Cyndi Fredericks, and juniors Paige Cullen, Shari Gamm, Gina Guerrieri, Jen Kirsch, and Janina Wong contribute to the show's success. These girls not only performed in numerous routines, but choreographed many acts, helped new members learn their routines, and stayed late on Saturdays to the scenery Alice Shander built.

Of course, the show would not have been possible without the outstanding guidance of Director Diane Alleva, and making her directorial debut, Terri White. Unfortunately due to illness, long time coach Barbara Babcock missed much of the season, but she was able to rejoin the group for the final rehearsals.

The Dolphin Club would like to wish a fond farewell to this year's seniors and is looking forward to another spectacular show next spring!

Girls' Lacrosse Undefeated!

By Kristen Haunss

The Girls Varsity Lacrosse team set program history by finishing the season undefeated, winning the Conference Championship. This coveted title was a result of a team effort, with a strong defense and a balanced attack, and was due to the coaching efforts of Ms. Christianson, Ms. Borenson, and Ms. McGlaughlin.

However, the team's post-season ended quickly with a disappointing loss to last year's County Champions, the Farmingdale Dalers. In an impressive effort, the Braves came out strong with Junior Gena Schuster scoring off a pass from Senior Kristen Haunss, to put the first points on the board. This lead was not to hold though, as the Dalers answered back, tying the score. But ten, Gena Schuster cut through the Dalers' defense to score again, off a pass from Senior Lynn Alampi. Despite these valiant efforts, the Dalers were able to take the lead and hold the Braves off from scoring until the closing minutes of the game when Kristen Haunss beat the goalie off a pass from Junior Sam Alexander.

The defense also put in a courageous effort, led by Senior Co-Captain Rachael Neuman, who made many amazing saves to hold back the Dalers' attack. Senior Co-Captain Rachel Friedman and Junior Kim Jacobs also played really well to hold off the Nassau County leading scorer.

Other essential members of the team were, Seniors Molly Ellwood, Lauren Glaser, and Laruen Carleton, Juniors Allison Kurtzman, Kristi Maguri, Kara Langhammer, Ali Finkler, Jackie Pinkow, Nicole Penucci, Rachel Merson, and Sophomore Jen Belk. Congratulations must also be given to the junior varsity players who got moved up to the varsity squad for the playoff game.

Some of the Braves were rewarded for their impressive play by receiving post season honors. Friedman was an All-American Honorable Mention, and All-County recipient. Neuman and Jacobs both received All-County Honorable Mention, and Haunss received All-Conference.

The Braves should be proud of their amazing season, and their championship banner. Look out for the Braves next season, as they move up to Conference I.



The Girls' Lacrosse team celebrates their undefeated season.

Syosset Seniors Win Tennis Title

By Kristen Haunss

Seniors Peter Harjes and Marc Lohser, the top seeded doubles team won the tennis state title in front of a crowd of 150 at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows on June 5. This emotional win came after a heartbreaking match in the finals last year. The team defeated an unseeded Manhasset team 6-2, 7-6 for the win. Said Lohser, "It's a really good feeling to finally finish what we started last year."

Although the seniors made the win look easy, it did not come without any setbacks. In the first set of their semifinal match, Harjes injured his left wrist, which altered his swing. The extreme heat, as well as taunts from the stands, also played a part. Despite these distractions, the seniors came from behind to win 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, over an Arlington team.

Before advancing to the State Tournament, they won the Nassau County Championship for the second year in a row, defeating a Hewlett team 7-5, 6-3.

This impressive streak will be put on the line this summer, as the two seniors travel to Florida to compete in the "All-American" Tournament. Here they will compete for the national title.

Although their partnership will end this summer, both plan to continue their love of tennis at the collegiate level. Peter is the top tennis recruit at the University of Maryland, and Marc is the top tennis recruit for Georgetown University.



Seniors Peter Harjes and Marc Lohser with Coach Dana Kaplan

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Varsity Lacrosse is Back in Full

By Jon Henrich

The Braves Varsity Boys' Lacrosse Team was looking to do what no other Syosset lacrosse team has done in many years: make the playoffs. With a preseason ranking of 14 out of the 18 team Conference A, there were not many expectations for them around the league, however, under the guidance of Coaches Capri, Caputo and Finnigan, they knew what no one else did.

When practice started on March 1st, the team's theme was "Braves Pride." The team had its own expectations, as they knew the playoffs were not an unrealistic goal. They even gave up their April vacation to go to Florida's Cocoa Expo. This brought the team closer together and allowed them to focus on trying to reach their goal. This week was used to practice and show the Florida teams what Long Island lacrosse was made of, and that Syosset was going to contend this year.

The Braves are led by what all good teams must have: a great offense, perhaps even one of the best in the county.

Led by probable All-American and future Princeton attendee Brian Lieberman, the defense is looking good. Also on defense are seniors Dave Johanson, Matt Dragunat and Ian Blaker, and juniors Nick Constantino, Evan Bloodgood and Zach Sonkin. The key to a great defense is a strong goalie, which the Braves have in the form of eighth grader Danny Loftus, who has only let little more than 3.5 goals per game in league play.

Senior attackmen Paul Kalish and Jared Kessler, Juniors Jesse Prince, Doug Moliterno and Jon Henrich, and eighth grader Greg Cohen lead the offense. With the help of midfielders Justin Miller, Jason Spira-Bauer, Andrew Applebaum, Dean Tsakanikas, Eli Perler, Nino Othman, Brett Maslin, and Steven Cohen, the Braves are averaging just over 10.5 goals per game in league play. The key to the offense is that they play very unselfishly and work



Brian Lieberman

the ball around, which is the reason for all of their successes.

The season started with a very disappointing 9-4 loss to Hicksville, but there was no way the team was about to give up there after all of the hard work they had been through. They came out of the second game against rival Plainveiw JFK, with a 6-2 victory. Their record then quickly improved to 4-1 with easy wins over Hempstead, Valley Stream Central and Uniondale. Then came the team's first test against MacArthur, which was passed with flying colors and a 13-2 victory.

Next up was Lawrence, and the situation was quite simple: whichever team wins clinches a playoff birth. In a hard fought game, Syosset was able to pull away and win 6-4 to clinch the playoffs for the first time in recent history. The team then became 7-1 with a victory over Elmont. After two tough losses to Oceanside by an 8-7 margin and to Long Beach 8-5, the Braves finished the season

with a 7-3 record.

The team was placed 7th in the playoffs which meant they had to play against Lawrence in the first round of the playoffs. This time around it was easier for them, and with 4 goals in the third quarter, they won 9-4. They then went on to play the number two team Port Washington in the quarterfinals at Hofstra. Losing 9-6 with three minutes to play, the Braves mounted a great comeback to send the game into overtime. In overtime, Syosset lost 12-10, but it was a great game and the team should be proud of how they played.

The team has far surpassed their expectations this year and they have gained respect around the league. This is a dangerous young team, and when they are on their game, these athletes can play with anyone in the league. The Braves made some noise in the playoffs and will be ready to go back and win at Hofstra next year.

Girls Spring Track Wins Divisions

By Jaime Wasserstrom

The Girls Spring Track team completed one of their best seasons ever. After last season, Division I was split into two subdivisions, moving Syosset into a more competitive division. Going into the Division meet, the team had confidence knowing that they had beaten almost every team in the division during the regular quad meets throughout the season. The girls knew that they had to score points in every event in order to clinch the win.

Several members of the team went to All-Division, and many other girls were able to score points in numerous events. In the 400 Intermediate Hurdles, Syosset went 1-2, and, Katie Muranski, Jessy Chako and Marsha Gee went into All-Division. They also went 1,2 and 3 in the 100-meter high hurdles. Jaime Wasserstrom came in second in the 100 meter dash, third in the 200 meters, and second in the triple jump. Jubilee Po came in second in the long jump, and led off the winning 4x400-meter relay, which also included Jessy Chako, Marsha Gee and Katie Muranski. Katie Hams won the high,

Eileen Lee won the discus, and Kara Tesoriero and Krista Tesoneris went second and third in the shot put.

Other scorers included Randi Rubel in the 400-meter, Lisa Salzer in the 1500-meter, Jubilee Po in the 800-meter, and the 4x800-relay team of Lisa Salzer, Randi Rubel, Holly Bender and Eileen Dunling. The final score was Syosset 142, Baldwin 110, and Farmingdale 96.

Coming off a huge win at the Divisions, the girls went on to take second at the Syosset Spring Fever Invitational, which includes teams from all over Long Island. Many girls also competed in the County meet, and the State Qualifier meet. In the 400 Intermediate Hurdles, Jessy Chako and Marsha Gee went fifth and sixth. In the 100 meter high hurdles, Jaime Wasserstrom and Jessy Chako went fifth and sixth. Jubilee Po came in fifth in the Long Jump. The 4x400-meter team of Jubilee Po, Marsha Gee, Jessy Chako and Katie Muranski came in third and was 2 seconds off a school record. Marsh Gee also received All-County Honors for her third place performance in the pentathlon at the state qualifiers.

Boys' Track Sprints to Try

By Risch Cafiero

As the school year comes to a close, the Boys Spring Track team concludes another successful season. At the end of this season, the "Runnin' Braves" also say goodbye to six graduating seniors, Captains Rich Cafiero, Jeremy Bellois and Jon Tan, as well as Kenny Weinberg, Hiranya Maru, and Jun Isoda, who have a combine 69 seasons of experience. The team will sorely miss their leadership and experience next year.

This season, the Braves took part in the National Scholastic Indoor Championships in Boston. The 4X800 meter team consisting of Jun Isoda, Jeremy Bellois, Rich Cafiero and Garrick Huie, ran a personal best of 8:01.60, placing them seventh, and .45 seconds away from All-American honors.

Highlights of the season included when the Braves took part in the Penn Relays. At this competition at UPenn, the Braves competed in the 4X800 meter, the 4X400 meter, and the 4X100 meter.

During the great regular season, the team had great performances not only from its varsity members, but from the junior varsity squad as well. Sophomores Chris Kan,

Tommy Cafiero, Juniors Rajive Maret, and Viraj Gadkar, and Freshmen Tien-Lung Chuang and Henry Kung all had outstanding seasons. After the successful regular season, the team entered their "Championship" season.

The Division Championships are held in Syosset for the first time in seven years, as the team took aim to win their first Spring Track Division Championship in nearly two decades. The Braves turned in their best performance, as All-Division Honors were earned by Jun Isoda in the 800, Jon Tan and Saugat Sen in the 200, Wesley Cheng in the high jump, Hiranya Maru in the hurdles and Dan Abromowitz in the 400 and 3200. Division champions were Garrick Huie in the 400, Jeremy Bellois in the 800, Rich Cafiero in the 1600, and James Duade in the 3200. The 4X100 and 4X400 meter runners also took first in their respective relays.

At the County meet, Rich Cafiero placed second in the 3200, Jeremy Bellois won the steeplechase and James Duade came in second, and Dan Abromowitz third in the 1600. All four runners earned All-County Honors for their accomplishments.

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