

# J.P. Stevens Hawkeye

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## ACTWU Protest Rally

by Laurence Lerman

At 10 a.m. Saturday December 9th, the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU) staged a protest rally to "let the public know" about the alleged anti-union and poor labor practices of the J.P. Stevens Company. Approximately 200 people gathered in the Junior Parking Lot in front of our school to speak out for what they believe is right. They did this in the pouring rain. The rain, however, didn't seem to suppress the feelings displayed by the demonstrators. The rally was part of a nationwide boycott of all products manufactured by the textile company, which was controlled by the late John P. Stevens, whom our school was named after.

Obviously, this wasn't enough to give the demonstrators a permit to hold their rally on the school grounds. Instead, the rally was held across the street, with the police guarding both entrances to the school. The ACTWU has applied twice to use the school and its grounds, but the Board of Education turned down both applications.

Robert Bussell, the New Jersey coordinator of the boy-



Protestors at a recent ACTWU demonstration against the J.P. Stevens Textile Company.

cott, organized the demonstration onto the parking lot for which no permit is required. I asked Mr. Bussell what he hoped to accomplish by having the demonstration. "A demonstration is the most obvious symbol of our discontentment," he said. "It can be an excellent way of calling attention to a cause that we are concerned about."

Bussell thinks the majority of the public is on the side of the workers, who want to unionize and develop better working conditions.

"Support continues to grow and our struggle will be won in time. And in time is on our side." Add to this he added grimly, "If we aren't successful, it will be a very bad blow to the entire labor movement."

When I asked him if other industries in the same situation could follow their lead, he replied, "Absolutely. All industries should follow us and get what they deserve."

A major issue raised at the rally was the "health haz-

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## Mr. Alley Speaks on School Issues

by Donna Mehle

"I like people" was one of the statements of Principal Harold R. Alley at a press conference Wednesday, November 8.

While commenting on many subjects, Mr. Alley spoke of his feelings as an educator toward students. Although the principal agrees that the school does have "burt out kids," he added optimistically, "there are an awful lot of good people."

Mr. Alley spoke on the newly installed speed bumps, a pertinent issue to students, which the principal said he requested five years ago.

Although Herbert Mathiasen, director of Edison Township maintenance, warned that bumps could cause problems, Mr. Alley felt speeding could cause lost lives. At Mr. Alley's request, the security guard, Thomas Skully, recommended where the bumps should be installed.

Because Mr. Alley "fought long and hard for a security guard," he expressed hope the Board of Education will continue to employ Mr. Skully after CETA funds run out in December. Because of Mr. Skully's employment, the principal added, the vandalism problem has been alleviated.

In the wake of passing holidays, such as Columbus Day, Election Day, and Veteran's Day, Mr. Alley commented on why the school was in session. After the snowstorms last year, he and Emil Ferlicchi, president of the Edison Township Education Association (ETE), made a joint calendar proposal.

Their goal was to achieve "the best sensible approach to not have school into June," he explained. This proposal was given to the Board of Education, and was accepted with exception of one day.

Another relevant topic for this school year which Mr. Alley discussed was the new field trip regulations. The new laws have "greatly reduced the requests for trips," according to Mr. Alley. He explained that a few years ago in Colt's Neck, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that students could not take part in any activity not funded by the Board of Education.

But this decision was not mandated throughout the state. Then, because of a situation in the Woodbridge school system, the New Jersey Commissioner of Education decided all schools must comply with this decision.

Because the school's fund for trips is approximately five thousand dollars, the Board of Education must decide which trips have priority. The new ruling has discouraged teachers from requesting permission for trips because of the red tape involved.

Mr. Alley added that extra-curricular clubs are one way of getting around the decision, since these trips would take place after school or on weekends.

Another policy change is the weighting of grades according to the type of class a student is enrolled in. This new ruling changes the rank system beginning with the Class of '80.

Mr. Alley confessed he was a "voice of dissidence" when this ruling was being

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## Student Council News

by Mary Karch

At the bell which ended ninth period on Thursday, November 16, the auditorium doors opened and about 55 students poured out. Who were they? What were they doing behind closed doors?

Well, November 16 marked the first meeting of the entire Student Council: the officers, the executive council, and the homeroom representatives. The period was devoted to the organization of various committees; each will have a specific job and function. The officers and the executive council met a couple of times to set down the goals to which these committees will be striving.

The name of the street on which the school is located is planned to be changed, and a committee was formed to work on that procedure. Another committee was formed to organize the bonfire, scheduled by the Student Council for the Thanksgiving Day game. The Student Council also arranged for the additional pep rally, and for

bus transportation to the away football games. There is a committee whose job is to investigate the possibility of enlarging the parking lot. Students will be working on committees to arrange assemblies, to allow seniors the privilege of going out for lunch, and to attend Board of Education meetings. In addition,

the Student Council wants to settle students' complaints, fix up the bathrooms, and possibly arrive at a smoking break compromise.

The Student Council would like to get YOU involved too. If you have any ideas or would like to work on a committee, see one of the officers or come to the Student Council Office.

### SOPHOMORE

The Sophomore class council has been very busy planning fund-raisers to make money for their class.

From Dec. 11 thru 18, sophomores will sell candy to make a profit for the class.

The night of the bon-fire, donuts and hot chocolate were successfully sold.

From Nov. 27 thru Dec. 8, class dues will be collected during homeroom. Sophomores are urged to give \$2.50 to the homeroom representa-

tive. The payment of class dues will reduce the junior and senior prom costs.

Last week, booklets asking for volunteers and explaining the future fund-raisers were passed out to all sophomores during homeroom. The completed forms of volunteers should be returned to homeroom reps.

"The Christmas Show" will be presented to the students at the Cerebral Palsy Center in Roosevelt Park. Acts will be approximately 3 minutes long and performers will be spreading the Winter Holiday Spirit.

### JUNIOR

With the candy and doughnut sales held during November, and the "December Disco" on December first, the Junior class seems to be well on its way toward a successful year. The "Disco" which the Juniors worked very hard on, was helped a great deal by a disc jockey who helped set the mood. Continuing to strive for a success, the class is contemplating a movie in the near future. Class president Lenny Hersh urges all juniors who have questions or ideas, to

contact him or Miss Dudas, class adviser.

### SENIOR

As December winds down, so does the Senior class fundraising activities. The big money fundraiser is the class play, "Pippin". All the efforts of the class of '79 will be directed towards this production. Students are asked to work diligently to sell ads for the program. Deadline for ads is December 22. Help support this year's graduating class; buy a ticket for Pippin! The show will be presented January 18, 19 and 20. Be there.

## Class Briefs



# EDITORIALS

As you have seen in this newspaper, last Saturday a demonstration was held protesting the employment practices and working conditions of the J.P. Stevens Textile Company. The Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU) of the AFL-CIO staged a protest urging everyone who would listen to boycott all of J.P. Stevens textile products in retaliation for alleged Stevens injustice. These alleged injustices include inadequate salaries and pensions, unhealthy working conditions, price fixing, and discrimination in employment practices. The ACTWU may have a sound argument, and may be just in staging such a demonstration, but I feel the union was severely misguided in wishing its protest here at J.P. Stevens High School.

The ACTWU attempted twice to use the J.P. Stevens High School as the site of its protest because "it is a symbol of the J.P. Stevens empire." Twice, however, they were rebuffed, once by the board of education, and once by the mayor, because the protest failed to "fit the needs of the community." This is absolutely correct. The J.P. Stevens High School has no connection whatsoever to the J.P. Stevens Textile Company. The buildings and grounds are community property, and are dedicated to Stevens for his tireless service and individual foresight in his tenure as president of the Board of Education. The dedication of the high school, and its job of educating Edison youth, have no connection to the textile com-



## Sequel to Summer Sociology: Schuster Subpoenaed

by Dan Ichel

For Mr. Ronald Schuster, beloved teacher and Chairman of J.P. Stevens' Social Studies Department, his annual course in Summer Sociology has always been known to hold a number of unusual surprises. Indeed, the course's experimental curriculum and somewhat loosely structured classroom design, with its emphasis on "practical" rather than "textbook" learning, has been a source of great fun and interest for both him and his pupils. But when, on October 19, 1978, Mr. Schuster received a subpoena from the Plainfield Municipal Court summoning him to appear as a witness in a case he had become involved with through his Sociology class, one can bet this was one surprise he had not expected.

The story began back in July when, as part of his Sociology curriculum, Mr. Schuster had planned for each of his students, as well as himself, to accompany a Plainfield police officer on a patrol car ride-along. These police ride-alongs, as they

pany, and should not have been involved in its corporate troubles.

Does the union feel threatened by the high school? Too bad. I have lost any sympathy I had for the union's complaints because of its unfortunate decision to involve the high school in its protest. I am glad the union was blocked in its attempt to use the high school (Bravo Board of Ed!

During the past few months, I've heard many people make negative comments towards the school newspaper. These comments include, "You only give it out because nobody will buy it" and "Look at how cheap the paper is" and "The articles stink". I would like to answer these comments. Last year, when we sold the paper, we had a circulation of 250 copies each month. We are distributing the paper free this year for two reasons. First, we don't think that students should have to pay for a student newspaper. Second, we have a fine business staff that earns enough money in advertising so that we don't have to sell the paper.

We felt that newspaper would make HAWKEYE look like a real newspaper. In addition, it is less expensive, which is another reason we can distribute HAWKEYE free of charge.

We try to print articles that will appeal to most of the student body. If anyone feels that the articles are poorly written, he/she is invited to come to the newspaper office any day after school, and we will be more than happy to let him/her write an article for the January issue.

We realize that there is room for improvement in the paper. We welcome your ideas and suggestions, just leave them in the Hawkeye mailbox in the front office.

were designated, were taken at the risk of each individual, and were designed to give students a short exposure to some of the daily hazards and problems faced by policemen. While the Plainfield Police assumed no responsibility for a student's safety during the ride-along, precautions were taken to insure that students would remain relatively free from danger. Such precautions were, as one might expect, met with considerable objection by some of the class's more "adventurous" students.

The ride-alongs continued for almost a week, and when each student as well as Mr. Schuster had had the opportunity to reflect on the ride-along, all agreed that it was a most unique social experience.

Nothing was heard of the Plainfield police until October 19, almost three months later. Mr. Schuster received in his school mailbox a subpoena from the Plainfield Municipal Court; summoning him to appear as a witness in court and to testify on behalf

Bravo Mayor Yelencis!) and only wish it could have been stopped from using the public parking lot across the street, where unfortunately no permit is required. The high school has now been directly involved in the union's dispute, and will bear that taint until it is resolved. Any further involvement can only bode ill for the school, and must be discouraged.

## Alley Speaks

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considered, for he feels the capable student is worthy of academic expertise, irrelevant of the weight of a grade, and since this ruling, the less capable student is forced to accept a lower rank.

Because of the ruling, students "may shy away from elective programs," concluded the principal. This is because electives are not weighted.

With electives as well as other courses, many students have requested schedule changes. Mr. Alley commented that "scheduling is very intricately done," and it

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is very difficult to make a change. If he as an administrator allows one student a schedule change, he must allow it of anyone who asks. This, according to the principal, would become chaotic.

Commenting on teacher involvement in advising activities, Mr. Alley noted it has improved since last year. At the beginning of the school year, three extra curricular positions were open; now only the Sophomore Class advisor position is unfilled. Yet the principal noted that many faculty members have families and are uninterested in being

very busy outside of school time.

"There has been a decline in morality in general," Mr. Alley commented during the course of the press conference. "Society condones things that shouldn't be condoned—students reflect that."

Yet Mr. Alley observed that students question more than before. He said he understands and respects this. The average student is a "basically good person" and "when you (an educator) can't respect youth, you should get out of the business," he added.

## Look Beyond Labels

I graduated from JPS last year, and on the day of my commencement, I solemnly vowed to myself that I would never, under any circumstances, return to those hallowed halls that had done such a thorough job of alienating me for three years. Needless to say, the majority of my time spent at Stevens wasn't the greatest. I could attribute this to many causes: teachers who tried to intimidate me, administrative decisions that seriously cut back student privileges, taking gym...I could continue. As a matter of fact, I could write an endless tirade against the English Department but this I feel, is not the most pressing problem that JPS has to deal with. The element of high school life that

I found most difficult to deal with was labels.

Let me first define the word "Label" with a couple of examples. Suppose Joe (or Jane) Student sees a person walking down the hall who seems a little (or maybe a lot) spaced. He says to himself, "What a derelict." In another instance, he notes the passage of a student who never seems to take his nose out of the book: the type who has gotten straight A's since kindergarten. Immediately, the "normal" student comments to him/herself, "What a brownie. If I studied that much, I'd hate myself." What does all this mean? The words derelict and brownie are labels, or rather, unjust representations of a person. Instead of knowing the person, we get lazy and become satisfied with just knowing his label. We come to these conclusions through shortsightedness, stupidity, prejudice and a variety of other ugly ideals whose names I am sure are not unfamiliar to you.

This was, and is, what irritates me most, not only about JPS, but people in general (myself included). It amazes me how we son for no more than a few seconds and immediately

come to a conclusion about their personality and character. We never stop to think that the person we are so busy prejudging is much the same as we are. There is more to anyone than meets the eye. In my years at Stevens, was a derelict, I know, though, that if half the people who plastered the sign "DERELICT" on me had taken the time to get inside of me a little more, they may have been mildly surprised at what they saw. Instead, they became perfectly comfortable with the stereotype they burdened me with, and expected me to play the part they had casted me in.

I never revolted. Those who try (and I have known a few) end up disgusted with the blind prejudice that they have to deal with. Instead, I just muddled through, with relative ease. Luckily, I saw what other people thought of me and it made it much easier to know who I could really trust. As a matter of fact, I used to laugh at my "peers"; those who were supposedly so intelligent and so respectable that they could throw labels at whomever they pleased, people they would never really know. I couldn't help but to laugh and shrug these people off. After all, if these people are going to judge me without facts, are they really worth my time? YES, MY TIME. It takes time to be honest with those around you. It takes time to undo all the damage that those around me have done. It takes time to get to know someone. Why should I give time to understanding the people who gave no time to understanding me? I have come to the conclusion that it is futile to throw punches at prejudice of this type. The only way to combat something of this nature is through education and enlightenment. At my seemingly meager level, however, it seemed that rather than destroy something indestruct-

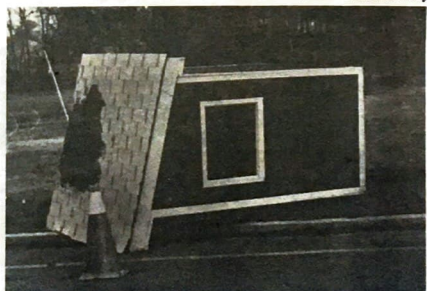
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# Star Athlete Makes All-Star Team

by Judy Wilinsky

Field hockey Co-Captain Susan Twine is the only student in Edison to be named to the North Jersey Field Hockey Association's (NJFHA) All-Star Team.

Susan, along with the rest of the team, will be awarded a trophy at a banquet Thursday, December 14, at the L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside, said Mrs. Mary Lou Deady, girls' field hockey coach.

To make the NJFHA All-Star Team, a player must win the votes of the game's officials, the opposing team's coaches and the player's own coach for the game's most valuable player. At the end of the season, the association tallies up the votes and the girls who receive the most votes make the team, explained Susan. She played in every game of the season without getting substituted.

Susan explained that there are three separate levels to the All-Star team. The highest level, which Susan is on, is the first team, followed by the second team and honorable mention. Susan reported that there were 48 girls who made the All-Star Team this year.

Of the 90 eligible schools, 57 of them participated in the competition, said Susan. She

also said that a school is eligible to participate "if they are in the North Jersey area."

Asked if any other teammate made the team, Sue said no, but two teammates and she made the All-County Team. Susan was again placed into the first team, with Senior Cindy Donnelly making the second team and junior Linda Scott making honorable mention.

Susan, who is graduating number five in her class, played left inner as a sophomore and defensive center in her junior and senior year. She said that she hopes to continue playing field hockey when she goes to college. "I play because I enjoy it and because it is something to work for," she said.

Susan learned how to play field hockey when she was in the seventh grade. "It was an interest that I picked up from watching my mother play," she explained. Susan's mother, who used to play for the NJFHA's team, officiates the games for the Association.

For the past six years Sue has attended the NJFHA Camp in Summit to improve her skills as a player. The camp holds two-one week sessions during the summer, with about two-hundred high school girls attending, said Sue.



Susan Twine: Stevens' nominee for the All-Star field hockey team.

When asked how the Hawks' field hockey team did this season, Susan replied that the team's record was 6-9, and that the team has come "along way since last year," when they ended their season with a 1-14 record.

"Unless there is a pick-up in interest, there will be no team next year," commented Coach Deady. She said that this is due to the fact that there are 10 members graduating this year and only four returning players next year.

Mrs. Deady attributes the sport's lack of popularity to the fact that students aren't exposed to it enough in junior and senior high school. Also, "Because of the popularity of soccer, many of our students go out for that instead of field hockey," she replied.

Susan confessed that the sport "involves a lot of hard work but it is a good feeling to be part of a team."

# Pippin Marches On

by Jill Stern

Pippin is in its fourth month of rehearsal and is going strong! There are over one hundred people involved in the production, including cast, crew, and musicians, and everyone is really getting psyched for the January performances.

When asked how he felt about the show's progress, director Mr. Glick said, "I'm especially pleased about the progress of those who are new to the drama department. I am convinced that we are capable of producing a large show, and I'm sure I will be using large casts again in the future." Mr. Glick also indicated that he is very pleased with the sets designed by Lisa Portnoff and Nancy Lipman, and expressed his appreciation of Mr. Leventudsky's hard work.

Three cast members were asked to comment about Pippin. Cast member and cos-

tume designer Karen Cook said, "I think it's going to be the best production of Pippin any high school ever put on!" Cast member and company understudy Sean McElhiney replied, "I think the show is going extremely well. Mrs. Goff is doing a great job with the choreography." Dancer Lisa Novac thinks that "Scott Maynard is perfect for the lead—he has an excellent voice!"

When there are one hundred people working diligently towards the same goal, the results are bound to be explosive—and they will be. "Join Us!" on January 18, 19 and 20.

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# The Pacivist Guide to Cultivating Your Teacher

by Laurence Lerman

As you may recall, the last issue of The Hawkeye contained an article entitled "How to Get Your Teacher". In it were several hideous methods on how to turn your teacher from a civilized human being into a potentially deadly psychopath. This is all well and good, but for our readers who may be pacifists, I have devised my own guide on how to win your teacher's heart and get an "A" in the process. I call it the theory of "Boundless Generosity". Anyone else might call it "Bribery".

I believe we are now dealing with two types of students. First there is the student who must raise his/her grade from a "D" or an "F" all the way to an "A". He will give anything and everything just for that first letter in the Roman Alphabet. We will call this student "Desperate". The second type of student is the one who is trying to raise his grade from a "B" or a "C" to an "A". However, he isn't as desperate as Student I. Ergo, he will spend as little money as possible and expend a minimum of effort. We will call him "Cheap".

To start off, you must first gain the trust and friendship of your teacher. The "cheap" student will do this by fixing the teacher's broken refrigerator. The "Desperate" student will buy the teacher a new one. Next, you should show some interest in your teacher's past. The "Cheap" student will do this by asking the teacher how he liked High School. The "Desperate" student will do this by paying

for all the expenses for the teacher to go to his/her High School reunion in Idaho. Remember, do favors that your teacher will appreciate. The "Desperate" student will buy his teacher tickets to the New York City Ballet, while the "Cheap" student will buy tickets for a Midget Wrestling match from a scalper. By now, your teacher is probably deeply attached to you and ready to give you the "A" you've been longing for. There is one final factor. You must take your teacher out to dinner. Watch the "Desperate" student pass out as his eyes set upon the bill from the 21 Club. Ladies and gentlemen, you have just earned an "A" without working at all.

Now, you can do whatever you want. Maybe you can even do four to six years in the slammer if it is discovered that it was you who robbed all those places to pay for the "Boundless Generosity" you have showered upon your teacher. But as I think about it, I realize that this method is

not for everyone. Therefore, I will give you another devious plan on how to get an "A". It involves a man named Don Corleone and some employees and...

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able, it became easier to laugh at those who employed their particular type of "reason." I'm glad I didn't. Don't judge books by their covers...there's a lot more there than meets the eye.

### ACTWU Protest

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ards" that are claimed to be present in the J.P. Stevens plants throughout the South. A pamphlet distributed at the rally states that the cotton dust levels at the plants are almost three times as much as the Federal permissible level. This leads to a sickness known as "brown lung," which supposedly incapacitates thousands of workers each year.

Other areas of protest raised by workers were: discrimination in hiring, promoting of minorities, and bad wages. From these allied situations emerges the cry of, "For Justice and for Dignity. Boycott J.P. Stevens Products!"

The rally was attended by civic groups, church groups, local residents and also by unions that want to see the

workers of Stevens Co. unionized. Ernest Jannett, a member of the Local 827 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Telephone Workers Union, told me what he thought about the Stevens Co. "The company is unfair to people who want to organize the company," he told me. "The company is anti-union and anti-organization."

Several people, through the rain, spoke to the crowd and voiced their opinions on the situation. Two men who spoke were Joe Coponi, the Regional Director of the Quinn State Region of the ACTWU and Tom Cowan, an Assemblyman from Hudson County and a member of the Local 825 Operating Engineers Union.

Another important speaker was Mr. Joseph Molino, president of the New Jersey State Senate and acting Governor when Governor Byrne is out of the state. He, along with several other men, explained their version of the working conditions in North and South Carolina and Georgia.

Mike Szpak, the Area Director of the boycott, spoke about the bad name the company has gained. "A week ago," he said, "the kids in that school were cheering their football team and shouting 'We are Number 1'. Well,

we're saying almost the same thing—'We're the Number 1 National Disgrace!'" "You all know the Stevens family," he continued, "and how nice they are. They donate to the church, they donate to the school, they donate to all kinds of charities. Well haven't you ever wondered where all that money comes from? It's the money that the workers aren't getting paid and should be getting in their paychecks!" And to that Bussel added, "It's like if your friend stole a new Cadillac and gave it to you. You know you don't have the right to it and shouldn't keep it, because it is blood money!"

They key speaker at the rally was Mr. Charles Marcianite, the State President of the American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

Marcianite claims the Stevens Co. is "fighting against the organization of workers and refuses to negotiate any type of agreement."

When I inquired who was needed for more support, Marcianite answered, "The consumers are the one's who will make it succeed. If they stop buying Stevens products at Sterns and Gimbel's, they'll know we mean business."

At the conclusion of the rally, the people walked up and down the sidewalk in front of the school, obviously to taunt the police. When I asked a policeman what he

thought about it, he just said, "It's a legal demonstration and I can't do anything to stop it."

As the people went back to their dry cars and drove home at about 11:15 A.M., I asked Mr. Marcianite what was next.

He answered by saying, "No matter what happens, we won't quit."

Mayor Anthony Yelencics, who was apprehensive about the rally from the start, was unavailable for comment.

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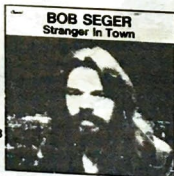
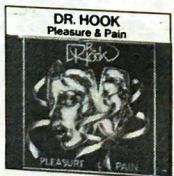
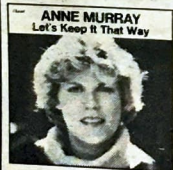
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## Mrs. Goodstein Cited as Outstanding Educator

by Judy Balmuth

Every year, the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation gives out special awards for outstanding teachers. There are awards given out to teachers of Elementary School Physical Education, High School Physical Education, College Physical Education, and Health. This year, we are proud to have a teacher in J.P. Stevens named "outstanding teacher in health of 1978". The recipient of this award is Mrs. Roseanne Goodstein.

Mrs. Goodstein attended Panzer College in New Jersey where she was a double major in Physical Education and in Health Education. She has been teaching at J.P. Stevens for nine years. Mrs. Goodstein originally taught Physical Education at Stevens, but she became more interested in Health and decided to switch to the subject. Mrs. Goodstein has students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades, and this year is exclusively teaching sex education. Mrs. Goodstein feels her classes are excellent this year, and the program is going well. "Students do a tremendous amount of growing up in the course," explained Mrs. Goodstein.

An awards Committee consisting of professionals, headed by Dr. Lawrence Snow of Highland Park, researched Mrs. Goodstein's work. This Committee judged the teachers on creative teaching ability, courses they helped to develop, and on certain workshops for fellow teachers. The members of the Awards Committee were able to examine Mrs. Goodstein's teaching ability by observing these workshops.

On November 2 at a Teacher's Convention in Atlantic City, Mrs. Goodstein won the award for being an outstanding health teacher. She received a plaque and a beautiful citation honoring her.

J.P. Stevens is proud to have such a hard working and dedicated health teacher as Mrs. Goodstein. She was recognized for her award also by local media. Congratulations to Mrs. Goodstein!



Mrs. Roseanne Goodstein, our outstanding Sex Ed. teacher.

## Something Having to do with Nothing

Sarcasm. Go ahead. Say it to yourself. Don't be bashful. C'mon. Say it out loud no matter what. Even if you are at home and your mother has her friends from the sewing club over and they think that you are really mature because you've grown so much since they last saw you, even though you could swear that you've never met them in your life. SAY IT!

To move along.....Sarcasm was first brought about in 712 A.D. (after dinner) and basically is derived from the Latin phrase "EE PLULUY COCHREL AMODUS" or "MONDAY IS BOYCOTT PORKCHOPS DAY." Why this word comes from this phrase is relatively unknown, and has left a ring of wonder around the scholars for many years. Due to this ring around the scholars, scholars would research this answer and research that answer, until one day some great prophet, some holy messenger from the great beyond (Brooklyn) finally revealed the answer: "Could you please repeat the question?" So ended the great inquisition that plagued man for centuries. Now the scholars could get back to reading whatever ("Whatever", by Craig M. Kreller, 712 A.D., Random House - now available in paperback). Now then, with this little summary of sarcasm in mind, let us examine how this literary device effects us in our daily conversation:

1) The statement, "Please punch me in the face" is a definite form of sarcasm. Though this phrase might be sarcastic in form, creatures who are illiterate and might not be familiar with literary devices could possibly tend to ignore the sarcastic tone and proceed to punch you in the face. Result: Sarcasm can be dangerous.

2) Frequently sarcasm is used among friends who

understand each others' speech patterns. A common sarcastic word is "Might", as in "Yeah, I MIGHT eat that rhinoceros." (In Europe this phrase is outlawed.)

NOTE: This article was intended to confuse you. If you do not understand, do not feel bad. You just possess a low I.Q.)

3) A phrase often used in America today is "Your Mother". Though this phrase is stated in order to anger people who are sensitive about their mothers, and is usually passed off as so, it is quite possible that the speaker stating the phrase at the time did, at one point or another, have some sort of fling with your mother. Therefore come the next time this person comes over your house, be aware

of his gestures towards your mother.

4) The word "Yeah", (or "Oh Yeah") is a common characteristic word, and it is sometimes hard to tell if sarcasm was implied when stated. For instance, if a father asks his son, "Johnny, did you kill the dog?" and Johnny replies "Yeah", it is likely that Johnny has an extremely obnoxious sense of humor. It is possible though, that Johnny did kill the dog, and therefore should not get dessert (unless the dessert is spinach pudding). If Johnny replies "Oh Yeah", it means that Johnny forgot to kill the dog, and will usually be followed up by, "I'll get to it in the morning."

Remember, National Sarcasm day is February 30, 1979. —Fes

## Jr. Prom Committee Proposes Plan

The Jr. Prom Committee, under chairpersons Lori Jannoni and Chris Petrocelli, is working diligently to make the prom as inexpensive and enjoyable as possible. The Prom Committee is divided into several subcommittees, such as the selection of a band, favors, bids, etc. These committees consist of volunteers from the Junior Class.

The prom is scheduled for Friday, April 27, the latest possible date available. All weekends were taken up in May, except for one which is when the S.A.T.'s are going to be given. This weekend was avoided since many juniors will be taking the tests. The prom must be at a hall in Edison, therefore ours will be held at the Pines Manor, where all previous Jr. Proms have been held. Class dues were recently collected, partly to finance the downpayment necessary for the Pines. The committee is presently involved in selecting a photographer from about five possibilities. They are interested in choosing one with high quality but who's not overpriced, as we have found the photographers of the past to be. The Band Committee has auditioned a couple of bands, however it would like to hear many others. If anyone knows of a good band for the Jr. Prom please contact Tami Lapidus. All other suggestions will be welcomed by Lenny Hersch, Lori, or Chris.

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# Sophomores Share Christmas Spirit

by Martin Irion

To bring Christmas spirit to the less fortunate in the community, the Sophomore Class has planned a Christmas Show.

The show will be presented by a group of sophomore volunteers who want to spread Christmas joy, said LaShaun Miller, Sophomore Class president. "I feel the Sophomore Class is very enthusiastic about the project," added Vice-President Sue Yannello.

The first performance, along with the Jay Cee Christmas Party, will be for children at the Cerebral Palsy School in Edison on Saturday, December 16. A second performance is planned for men at the Disabled Veterans Home in Edison on December 17, according to LaShaun.

Included in the show will be sing-a-longs for the children and the skit "Twelve Days of Christmas." Santa will also be there to greet the children, added LaShaun.

Transportation to and from the shows will not be a problem, as parents of students will supply the transportation, explained LaShaun.

Many of the costumes for the show will be made by individual students, said Sue. The costumes needed include elf dresses, Santa's helpers' uniforms and of course, a Santa's outfit.



Volunteer cast of the Sophomore Christmas Show.

In past years, other sophomore classes have presented Christmas shows for disabled children. "The shows have been very successful in past years," said Jay Simpson, temporary class adviser.

Students who are not in the Christmas show also feel that the show is a good idea. "I think this is great what the students are doing," said sophomore Phil Blank. "I like helping other people."

According to LaShaun, the Christmas Show is just one of the many service projects for the less fortunate. Many students in the cast also belong to community organizations such as the Hand in Hand program.

The group of 30 students in the cast have been practicing

individually but a group rehearsal has already been scheduled.

"I feel the show will be a great success," said LaShaun. "The Sophomore Class is putting great emphasis on this project because we feel it will be the biggest service project of this year."

# Schuster

(Continued from page 2)

of a certain police officer—the same officer who he had accompanied on the police ride-along.

Indeed, this was no simple coincidence or quirk of fate. As Mr. Schuster later found out, the officer was being charged of assault and battery against an arrested prisoner. Since Schuster was present in the patrol car when the arrest was made, he was now being called to give testimony as to whether or not a direct assault by the policeman was actually made.

Mr. Schuster appeared in Plainfield Municipal Court Exactly one week later. When the case which concerned him was finally called to hearing, he was called as a witness and gave his testimony. According to Mr. Schuster, the assault was never made, and he

supported this allegation by stating that no violence or threat of violence was employed by the officer during the arrest. To the best of Schuster's knowledge, any account by the prisoner of being forcibly threatened must have been purely contrived.

After giving his testimony, Mr. Schuster quickly left the Court. While he did not wait for a verdict to be announced, he felt assured, as the only witness (impartial witness, that is) on hand, that the assault charges against the officer would be dismissed.

In reflecting upon the trial, Mr. Schuster said he found the experience to be "most interesting". "I had, among other things, the opportunity to observe at great length a sampling of Municipal Court proceedings, and this in itself was worth the entire trip to court."

# A Touch of Class: Spanish Style

by Laurie Endicott and  
Mark Torres

Un niño pequeño miró en las ciéllas mientras caminaba por una noche fresca del otoño. El aire frío entumeció a su nariz de modo que ella goteó y el vapor de su aliento se iba como si fuera su alma en busca de descubrimientos. Sobre él, en los árboles que se vestían en colores brillantes pero ahora tenían solo ramas

desnudas, las estrellas jugaban juegos de esconder. Ellas parecían muy frías allí. Entre los árboles que soportaban las tinieblas sobre él. El miró con mucho gusto mientras viajaba a casa.

Las estrellas movían muy lentamente y su lustre era como gemas o las estrellas brillaban muy tígeramente y parecían palomas, cororas. Ellas se reían y brillaban y llamaron y parecían amigas al niño cuyos ojos eran llenos

de colores animados y movimientos.

La luna se levanto y las estrellas se escondieron de ella. Aunque brillaba con bondad era quieta y misteriosa, haciendo su papel. A las estrellas, ellas se alejen de nuevo. Pero, cuando ella no hiciera caso a ellas, lloraron y desaparecieron. Se necesita mucha paciencia si ellas aparecieran de nuevo.

El niño pisó en la calle y un farol escondió a las estrellas. El coro de luces se asustaba de faroles radiantes. Con corazón sin felicidad el niño continuaba caminando a casa a sus compañeras en la noche fría, dándolas para una cama cómoda y luces apagadas.

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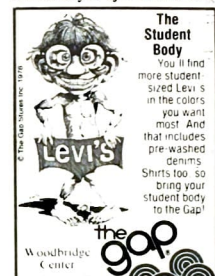
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# Soccer Season Kicks Off

by Judeann Giordano

Many students interested in spectator sports know that soccer is becoming a big sport in America. You also know that at Stevens we have two very good soccer teams defending part of our school's athletic reputation. The boys' varsity soccer team ended its season on November 3 with a record of 8-6-1, in which five out of the eight wins were shutouts. The first half of the season ended with a record of 2-5, at which Coach Collazo asked the J.V. Coach, Coach Chmara, for a few boys who were ready to play varsity soccer. These boys were: Dave Rashbaum, Scott Lauritsen and Jimmy Christopoulos. Thanks to these boys playing as well as they did, and to

Coach Collazo for changing some player's positions (defensive and offensive), the second half of the season ended with a record of 6-1-1, leaving a season record of 8-6-1.

The next question asked was, "Based on the varsity and J.V. juniors and sophomores, how do you think the team will be next year?" According to Collazo, "Next year's team will be good, however, they must practice in the off season...if they work hard in the off season, we should have an above average team next year." His comments, in general, were that he was pleased they didn't lose their enthusiasm or spirit after the poor start they had, and that they came back and



Steve Brody, Ken Pluskota and Andy Bloom (left to right) take in some action.

had a winning season. This year's varsity team consisted of many seniors and juniors with one sophomore.

The second boys' team is the J.V. team. They ended their season with a record of seven wins and eight losses, with most of the wins being shutouts. There were a total of fifteen boys on the team, eleven sophomores and four juniors. J.V. Coach Chmara and Varsity Coach Collazo

both agreed that Dave Rashbaum (who came up from J.V. to varsity) became one of the best defensive men in the area. Dave was usually assigned to the toughest man on the opposing team and did his job well.

Congratulations to both teams for a good season, and we hope that next year's teams will play as well as this year's teams. Good luck soccer Hawks!

# Boosters Save Club

by Michele Gieger

"We're gonna save it," declared President John Sottiriou in reference to the possible dissolving of the school's Booster Club.

Until recently a lack of parental interest and poor attendance at meetings jeopardized the existence of the Booster Club and its programs.

The soliciting of boosters is only one of the Booster Club's fund-raising activities. Operating the concession, publishing and circulating programs and conducting a raffle are methods used to support the activities of Booster Club.

The Booster Club has made various accomplishments this year. Among these are a "solorator" machine for treatment of athletes' injuries, in addition to as well as, a grill and freezer for the concession stand, and purchasing an assortment of jackets and sweaters. The Booster Club also provides two \$200 scholarships to students in sports activities.

One of the Booster Club's major functions is to conduct a fall, winter and spring banquet at no cost to students participating in athletics and related activities. The banquets are given to show appreciation for the efforts and participation of students and, to reward athletes achieving success and recognition during the sports season, explained Mr. Sottiriou.

## Winter Varsity J.V. Wrestling

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| December                  |                |
| 13 - Perth Amboy          | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 15 - Woodbridge           | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 20 - Piscataway           | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 28 - Conestoga Tournament |                |
| King of Prussia Penna     |                |

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|----------------------|----------------|
| January              |                |
| 3 - Colonia          | Away 7:30 p.m. |
| 6 - Cedar Ridge      | Away 1:00 p.m. |
| 9 - East Brunswick   | Away 8:00 p.m. |
| 13 - Sayreville      | Away           |
| 17 - Madison Central | Away 7:30 p.m. |
| 19 - Carteret        | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 24 -                 |                |
| 27 - J.F. Kennedy    | Home 1:00 p.m. |

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| February                        |                |
| 2 - Middlesex County Tournament |                |
| 3 - Middlesex County Tournament |                |
| Madison Central                 |                |
| 7 - Edison                      | Away 7:30 p.m. |
| 9 - Somerville                  | Home 7:30 p.m. |
| 13 - Westfield                  | Away 8:00 p.m. |
| 23 - District 19 Tournament     | Home           |
| 24 - District 19 Tournament     | Home           |

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| March                        |                   |
| 2 - Region Tournament        | Hunterdon Central |
| 3 - Region Tournament        | Hunterdon Central |
| 7 - Pre Quarter State Finals |                   |
| 17 - NJSIAA Finals           | Princeton         |

## Girls' Varsity J.V. Basketball

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| December         |                |
| 14 - Woodbridge  | Away 7:30 p.m. |
| 16 - Colonia     | Away 1:00 p.m. |
| 19 - Cedar Ridge | Away 7:30 p.m. |
| 21 - Edison      | Home 8:00 p.m. |

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|----------------------|----------------|
| January              |                |
| 3 - Carteret         | Away 7:30 p.m. |
| 5 - Sayreville       | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 8 - East Brunswick   | Away 8:00 p.m. |
| 10 - Madison Central | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 12 - Perth Amboy     | Away 8:00 p.m. |
| 15 - John F. Kennedy | Home 7:30 p.m. |
| 23 - Woodbridge      | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 26 - Colonia         | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 29 - Cedar Ridge     | Home 6:00 p.m. |
| 31 - Edison          | Away 7:30 p.m. |

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|----------------------|----------------|
| February             |                |
| 2 - Carteret         | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 6 - Sayreville       | Away 7:30 p.m. |
| 8 - East Brunswick   | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 14 - Perth Amboy     | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 16 - Madison Central | Away 7:30 p.m. |

## Winter Track

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| January                            |                      |
| 3 - Woodbridge & J.F. Kennedy      | Woodbridge 3:45 p.m. |
| 3 -                                |                      |
| 9 - East Brunswick                 | Home 3:45 p.m.       |
| 16 - Madison Central & Perth Amboy | Home 3:45 p.m.       |
| 28 - NJSIAA Replays                | Princeton 12:30 p.m. |

|                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| February                            |                         |
| 2 - County Relays                   | Lawrenceville 6:30 p.m. |
| 6 - Colonia & Edison                | Colonia 3:45 p.m.       |
| 9 - County Individual Championships |                         |
| 18 - NJSIAA Sectional Championships | Lawrenceville 6:30 p.m. |
| 22 - NJSIAA Sectional Championships | Princeton 12:30 p.m.    |
| 22 - Sayreville                     |                         |
| 24 - Cedar Ridge                    | Sayreville 3:45 p.m.    |
| 26 - NJSIAA All Group Open          | Princeton 7:30 p.m.     |

## Boys' Varsity J.V. Basketball

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| December         |                |
| 14 - Woodbridge  | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 16 - Colonia     | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 19 - Cedar Ridge | Home 8:00 p.m. |
| 21 - Edison      | Away 7:30 p.m. |

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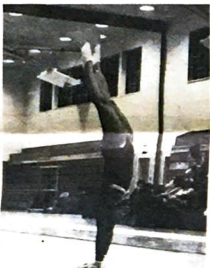




Hawks come onto the field prepared to destroy Watching Hills Warriors.

## Team Swings to Finish

The J.P. Stevens Gymnastics team finished up its season with a 6-5-1 record. Many of the team's losses were very close. In the Middlesex County Championships J.P. Stevens took 4th place. In the last gymnastics meet against East Brunswick, Stevens scored its highest team score, 87-10. This is the highest team score recorded in all the years of gymnastics at J.P. Stevens. Overall the gymnastics team had a very good season.



One of our fine gymnasts shows her skill and agility on the floor exercises.



Quarterback Frank Gresh gets sacked as co-captains Mike Muna and Nick Sottriu look on.

## Practice Improves Field Hockey Record

The John P. Stevens Field Hockey team ended its season with a record of 6-9, a great improvement over last year's record, which was 1-11-1. Coached by Mrs. Deady, the girls practiced every day after school from 3:00-5:00, as well as occasional week-ends and holidays. The girls also worked hard individually, running on their own to increase their endurance and speed.

The members of the 1978 team are: goalie-Linda Scott; full backs-Cindy Donnelly, Nancy McDermott, and Janet Truskowski; half backs-Cornie Moll, Nancy Scott, and Sue Twine; forwards and defense-Dorrie Donnelly, Judy Jacyk, Beth Lehner, Donna Mitro, Tracey Rapach, Carol Scrudato, and Jenny Talke; manager Diane Sachs.

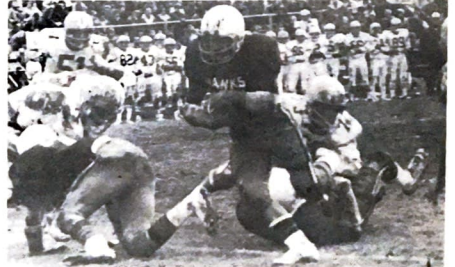
This year was the first that John P. Stevens Field Hockey team qualified to participate in the State Tournament. The highlight of the season was the county game against Hartridge. Stevens, seeded

by Mitch Dior

"It was well worth the effort", and "fine wine mellowers with age", are just two phrases that are symbolic of the 1978 J.P. Stevens Hawks football team. With the win over Watching Hills, the Hawks have repeated as Central Jersey Group IV champions, a feat which many critics thought impossible at the beginning of the season. A week before, the Hawks captured their second straight MCAC title by beating JFK, the second year in a row. Since the opening day loss to Union, the Hawks have improved each week and finally got their act together as they whipped Hunterdon Central in the semi-final playoff game, 31-14, defeated a tough JFK team 26-21, and won their championship game victory against Watching Hills, 14-7.

The annual Thanksgiving Day Kennedy game was played in a cold mist, and was the closest game for the Hawks since the Union game. Stevens was able to hold off a late J.F.K. surge to win the game. Stevens scored first when Quarterback Frank Gresh scored from the one yard line after a ten yard drive. However, the extra point failed. Kennedy came right back, and before the Stevens fans knew it the Mustangs were ahead 13-6. The Hawks came back taking

the ball on their own 33 yard line after the kickoff. Following the second J.F.K. touchdown, with only a few seconds left on the clock, Gresh flipped the ball to fullback Jon Gibson who in turn raced down the field for the score. At half-time J.P.S. tied the score



Nick SoHiriou carries the ball for one of his many spectacular runs.

14-14. The Hawks showed their strength and ability as a team by defeating J.F.K. once again, 26-21.

The Hawks opened the playoffs against Hunterdon Central, the same opponent as last year. For the second straight year, the Hawks knocked the Red Devils out of the playoffs, this time by a 31-14 score. After a shaky start, the Red Devils opened up a 6-0 lead and had fans biting their fingernails. The great awaken-

ing then took place as Stevens erupted for 31 unmatched points, as Nick Sottriu and Frank Gresh led the attack. Sottriu was the big gun in the first drive, which saw the Hawks march 77 yards with Sottriu picking up 42 yards in one carry. Gresh carried the

ball one yard for the score. Chapkowski kicked the extra point. Stevens leading 7-6, as the fans let out a loud roar. The Hawks added to the lead with two scores from Sottriu, one by Greg Cross and a field goal from Chapkowski, making the final score 31-14. Stevens. The win eliminated Hunterdon Central from the playoffs and boosted Stevens' record to an impressive 8-1 mark.

The big game this year was against Watching Hills. Beating Watching gave Stevens their second consecutive Group IV Championship. The game started to look like a blowout, with Carl Adams scoring on a 20 yard pass from Gresh, and Sottriu scoring on a 20 yard run. The score was 14-0 early in the first quarter, but the momentum suddenly changed, and it took a last-minute interception by senior John Black to end the game in victory for Stevens at 14-7.

Stevens has achieved the impossible as far as some critics are concerned. The Hawks finished with a 10-1 record, MCAC title, and Central Jersey Group IV championship. According to Coach Gutowski: "I am very proud of the boys, they have come a long way."

## New Raquet Seeks Members

A racquetball club was recently started at J.P. Stevens. Mr. Arthur Collazo had the idea for a racquetball club, and he is now the advisor.

The rules in Racquetball and Squash are very similar to the rules of handball, except that a racket is used. While Racquetball is relatively new, Squash is not much older. Squash originated in England about 1850, and was introduced into the United States from Canada in the 1880's. The sport, particularly popular in Australia, is also played in about 30 other nations throughout the world. The club consists of 32 members; they belong to a Racquetball Club in South

Plainfield. Sixteen members go on Tuesday, and the other sixteen go on Wednesday. The games of Racquetball or Squash can be played at the club.

If anyone is interested in either sport, contact the club advisor.

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