

# J.P. Stevens Hawkeye

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## Stevens Leads International Debate

The debate club, named somewhat erroneously, has grown tremendously since its initiation nine years ago. According to its advisor, Mr. Ronald Schuster, it has expanded from approximately ten members to about 45. It is, however, not a "debate" club in the true sense of the word. The more accurate name would be, "The Model United Nations" club, for that is basically what the club focuses its attentions on. This wasn't always true, however. Originally, the club was involved in debates. Each year a single controversial topic would be chosen for use by debate clubs all across the country. This, however, had its disadvantages. Some students from various areas had the opportunity to attend summer camps, especially designed to coach these students until they were thoroughly familiar with the topic, and could therefore dominate most of the debate sessions. This seemed to be an unfair advantage, so the debate club decided to stop attending these debates.

For the past six years, John P. Stevens has held an annual Model United Nations, through the joint sponsorship of the social studies department and the debate club. Essentially, it is a model of the United Nations organization in New York City. Participating students are assigned different countries to repre-

sent and they then form delegations, research the country's foreign and domestic policies, its social, economic and its political problems, in order to gain a complete knowledge of the country.

The debate club also attends an annual National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN) in New York. Here over 1,500 students participate from all over the nation. The members of the debate club have the opportunity to attend either the Model U.S. in New York, or the Student State Legislature, which occurs in April. This year about 29 students from the J.P.S. debate club attended. They stayed at the Statler Hilton Hotel, where the model U.N. was being held, for four days, Thursday, March 8 through Sunday, March 11.

The National High School Model United Nations consisted of a Security Council with delegations representing about 15 nations, and the General Assembly, with 135 delegations as well as some "observed nations," such as North and South Korea, Holy See, Switzerland and the Palestine Liberation Organization, who are not members of the U.S., but send delegates to observe the proceedings. The Security Council deals mainly with political issues, while the General Assembly deals with world problems—social, economic,



A tense moment at the National High School Model United Nations.

cultural, as well as political. Another division, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), focuses on a country's economic condition and foreign policy.

In the Security Council this year, our squad was assigned the Soviet

Union. In the General Assembly, they received Madagascar (an island country off the south African coast), and in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, they were given Saudi Arabia.

The students of the debate club prepared for in advance for this excursion. Before attending the Model United Nations, they had to become thoroughly acquainted with their specific countries, its foreign policy, economic problems, current events, as well as its needs and goals. They were to adopt that country's frame of reference and to view situations from that specific stand-

point. For the last few weeks before the big event, there were weekly briefings, in which members were urged to exchange and review compiled information in a final attempt to become totally familiar with the countries.

Throughout the four days at the Statler Hilton, there was a series of meetings of the different delegations. Sometimes these sessions would last into the early morning

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## Electives Revamped

by Amy Hoenig

It's that time of year again. Juniors and sophomores are starting to plan their schedules for the 1979-80 school year.

The English, Business, and Art departments all have new electives to offer, according to Frank Petrucci, guidance counselor.

The new electives, as well as ones previously offered, will run provided that enough students want to take the course. This usually means that about 15 students must sign up for the course, Petrucci explained.

"Students should sign up for the courses they want even if someone says that the course probably won't run," said Leonard Carter, English department chairman.

Creative Writing and Journalism Workshop are new

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## Class Briefs

### SOPHOMORE

One word to describe the Sophomore Class is "busy." The dance that was held on March 16 turned out to be more successful than expected. The decorations were fantastic. And a special thanks is given to Valerie Achu, Lorraine Judeann, Laura Vinnie, and especially Crystal Fisher. With the help of our new advisors, Miss Halem and Mrs. Nicotia, more fund raisers will be planned, such as candy sales, a car wash, and T-shirt sales. All sophomores are urged to buy a T-shirt to promote class spirit.

### JUNIOR

On April 25, juniors and their guests will dine and dance at the Pines Manor on Route 27 in Edison. The theme of the prom will be "Precious and Few." Presently entertainment for the prom has not been chosen, but the Prom Committee is in the process of auditioning bands.

The last performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" will be this Friday March 30 and Saturday March 31. Tickets are \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults, and can be obtained from members of the cast and crew. The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m.

In order to raise funds, the Junior class is sponsoring a cookie sale the weeks of March 12-23.

### SENIOR

The annual Donkey Basketball game was a success for the Senior Class on all counts. The class would like to extend their thanks to all who participated in making it an enjoyable evening.

The Senior Class is sponsoring a paper drive March 31 and April 1. Papers can be dropped off at the trailer situated in the school parking lot.

The Seniors who sold Easter Candy may pick up their orders in room 229 on April 4.

The Senior Class as a whole has voted to use profits from the Class play, "Pippin" to lower prom bids. It has also been decided that the theme for this year's Senior Prom will be the "Theme from Mahogany" (commonly known as "Do You Know Where You're Going To"). The Prom will be held on June 1 in the Town and Campus in West Orange.

## Bon Appetit!

The French National Honor Society is sponsoring a Crepe Sale on Sunday, April 8 in front of the Stop & Shop at Tano Mall in Edison, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Do you like your crepes with whipped cream, strawberries, jelly or chocolate filling? Bon appetit!

## Stevens Welcomes Israeli Students

by Sheri Klein

Recently we were fortunate enough to have two very special guests come to visit our high school. Ruti Schuster and Zvi Shenker are two teenagers who live in Israel. Both of them were chosen from among many to come to the United States and talk to different high school groups about their lifestyle in Israel. From their brief talk one could see that there are several differences between the Israelis and the Americans.

School for the Israelis is very different. The Israelis attend school six days a week. Saturday, their holy day, is their only free day. Also, the types of schools are varied. Ruti explained that she is a secular Jew; and therefore, attends a school that does not have any religious studies. Zvi, on the other hand, attends a school where there is as much of an accent on reli-

gious studies as on other studies.

Regardless of the type of high school one attends, at the end of the high school one must pass the Bachot. This is an exam which encompasses all that one should have learned during high school. One's whole future is based on passing this exam.

Only about 20% of all Jews in Israel are religious. However, as Zvi pointed out, "Almost all Israelis that are Jews are religious in one way or another." He continued on to say that although some are more religious than others, most Jews follow some religious customs. Some go to Friday night services and others observe Yom Kippur.

Following high school, at the age of 18, every Israeli is expected to join the army. The boys serve for three years, and the girls for two. Most of the Israelis don't mind serving.

"We must watch out for ourselves. Israel needs our

army," said Ruti. "It is an honor to defend our country. It is an honor and a duty which I personally look forward to."

The Arabs although the major enemies of Israel also live in Israel and are a definite part of the country. They have a right to vote and serve in the Parliament. However, the Arabs are not allowed to serve in the Israeli army for security reasons.

When asked about the drinking and drug problem in Israel, Zvi replied that it was basically non-existent. Yet, he admitted that there must be some drinking and drug problems. He said that he really wasn't looking for it so he may not see it. At any rate he was sure it was not as bad as it is in the United States.

In the closing of their talk they reminded us that Israel is not similar to America because it is not a Western Country. It is a Middle-Eastern country with Western influences.



# EDITORIAL

## Extra Money Should Benefit Entire Class

This letter is in reference to the decision by the senior class to reduce its prom bids. I feel that the class council and the class advisors showed poor judgement in putting the question to a vote. The extra money in the treasury was raised by the *senior class*. For this reason I feel that reduced prom bids is not a wise expenditure of the funds. The entire senior class does not attend the prom. While this is a nice thought, the entire senior class should see the rewards for their work in raising this money.

I realize that both the advisors and officers felt that a vote was the fair way to settle the matter. There are times, however, when a vote is *not* the correct way to settle a problem. The advisors and officers should have made a decision which would have benefited the *entire* class.

David Gorbunoff



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Juniors in Senior Parking Lot?

When the weather is bad, and there is only five minutes to the bell, the last thing a senior wants to do is circle the parking lot for ten minutes looking for a space.

This, unfortunately, happens quite often. One reason for this is that juniors are parking their cars in the senior lot. The school security guard cannot always catch the juniors because many of their cars display stickers bought by seniors for their junior friends.

This is extremely unfair and annoying to seniors who have waited two years to use the lot and now discover that they can't find a space. The senior parking lot is for senior privilege and should not be abused by juniors who don't want to walk a few extra steps from the junior lot.

One way to stop these "junior space-takers" is for seniors to report them to Dr. LaPlace so that he can take the proper action. It's time for juniors to realize that seniors have waited longer than they have for this privilege and it's something they will not give up easily.

To assure clean and sanitary lavatory conditions, the Student Council has proposed that the Board of Education repair three sets of bathrooms provided that vandalism be lowered. The Stevens Administration and faculty has therefore been debating a potential course of action initiated by the Student Council Bathroom Committee. Basically, this plan which was revised by the Administrator, will require a student to present a pass to a teacher-monitor posted outside the lavatories. This system will begin on Monday, March 12.

This proposal was presented to the faculty on February 8 by Robert Wisclo, Student Council advisor, since no member of the Student Council attended the meeting.

The teachers who attended feel that action is necessary to improve bathroom conditions;

Spring has Sprung!



however, some question whether bathroom monitoring is their responsibility or if it will cause students embarrassment.

Although something must be done to eliminate as much bathroom vandalism as possible, this plan will not realistically satisfy that need. The Administration is attempting to separate the two vital issues, vandalism and smoking, and deal with them individually. The proposal will not work since there is an important link between smoking, which is the major cause of vandalism, and the damage itself.

One suggestion for a more effective proposal could be to repair the four sets of bathrooms as noted before and have those teachers who wish to participate, monitor the lavatories. However, one set of bathrooms or the lobby should be open at all times for smoking, to avoid vandalism in the renovated lavatories.

If vandalism should occur in the designated smoking area, then the privilege could be suspended for a period of time until still providing sanitary conditions in the repaired bathrooms.

Some action is long overdue to improve lavatory conditions, but failing to recognize the obvious connection between smoking and bathroom vandalism will make any proposal ineffective.

Michele Gieger

### Tone Down Tunes

Last year, a jukebox was purchased by the student council with approval of the administration. The jukebox was placed in the cafeteria and played during lunches. This year, the jukebox has not been playing during lunches, and few students seem to know why.

According to Bob Wisclo, student council advisor, the problem lies with a few teachers who are annoyed with music playing during their lunch duties. These teachers have given student monitors to the jukebox "a very hard time" about adjusting volume. Due to these hassles, few students have volunteers to be monitors. Therefore the jukebox cannot be played.

"I think it would be good for the kids to play music during the lunches, and money made from the jukebox gives funds to the student council," said Mr. Wisclo. Why should an estimated 2 teachers, in a school of approximately 1,600 students and teachers, be able to discontinue a project that has been approved by the administration, and is beneficial to the relaxation of students during their lunch break?

Perhaps the jukebox can be adjusted at a permanent volume, agreed upon by everyone, so there can be no discrepancies in the rules. Until action is taken, a costly project is wasting in limbo.

Teri Coleman

## Electives Revamped

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semester electives in the English department. This is the first time *Creative Writing* is being offered at Stevens, but it has been offered at Edison High School. The course is designed for students with good English language skills. Students will have the opportunity to express and improve their creativity.

*Journalism Workshop* is new to Stevens and Edison High. Students taking this elective will aid in the production and publication of the school newspaper.

*The Modern Novel and Science Fiction* are two other semester electives in the English department. The first deals with the novel in modern times, and the second focuses on science fiction literature.

*Sales, Consumer Economics, Consumer Law, and Applied Consumer Law* are four new semester electives in the Business department. These electives have also been offered at Edison High.

*Sales* will concentrate on teaching students the specifics of selling goods and services. *Consumer Economics* is designed to show students the correct ways of buying and

using the goods and services available to them.

*Consumer Law* and *Applied Consumer Law* are replacing *Business Law*, a past elective. *Consumer Law* deals with the basic concepts of contracts as applied to sales, employment, and other general areas. *Applied Consumer Law* deals with insurance, checks, notes, drafts, property, wills, leases, and business organization.

*Printmaking & Design* is a full year elective new to both Stevens and Edison High. Students learn the elements of design through screen printing, lithography, etching, relief printing, and other graphic processes. Individualized instruction, group projects, and technical demonstrations are all part of the course.

Guidance counselors should be finished scheduling students by April 30. Students can change their schedules any time before August 1, Petrucci said.

Another change that students should be aware of in the upcoming school year concerns the number of credits needed to graduate. This year's seniors only need 100 credits to graduate, while next year's seniors will need 115, Petrucci pointed out.

## QUEST EDITORIALS

### O.J.: The "Uninvolved" Teacher?

by Diane Sullivan

O.J. Simpson, look out! John P. Stevens has its own superstar. This "O.J." doesn't run though, he tackles — projects, that is.

When students complain about lack of faculty involvement, you can be sure they're not talking about History teacher Jay Simpson, not by a long shot.

"O.J.," as he is sometimes called, stated that this has been a "rest" year for him. "I'm not as involved in school activities this year as I was in the past," he commented.

More teachers should be so "not involved." Besides his continuing involvement with the Hand-in-Hand and Special Olympic programs, which occupy much of his time, Mr. Simpson, this year, has served as coach of the Senior Powder-Puff Football team, faculty adviser to the Explorers Club, and temporary adviser to the sophomore class.

This "O.J." might never win a superbowl, but he'll never have to worry about being traded either, because, around Stevens, he's got too many fans.

### Tidy Toilets Troubled

by David Goldberg

The most recent inflammatory and counterproductive statements of the school administration reflect a constant policy of intransigence and reaction in the face of wide-spread student alienation and deprivation. Recent outpouring of student non-violent protest over the recent wave of bathroom closings and passbook measures have been met with the most vicious shrug of the shoulder by school and other leaders.

The glorious new order of school restroom facilities promises to achieve a great breakthrough on the personal hygiene front. However, in spite of all past efforts on their behalf, the sniveling little worms among the student population persist in their tirades in favor of free choice.

The Administrators did not bring this school to where it is today in order to then see it subverted from the inside by student demagogues and spoiled little kids used to getting everything they ask for.



# Chemistry Teacher Catalyzes the Arts

by David Ambler

If you were, by any chance walking down the Science Hall on the day before Christmas vacation, you might have been drawn into room 228 by the strange sights and sounds there. In case you haven't guessed by now, it was the annual holiday Chemist-tree Party. The man behind this school tradition is Mr. Rod Levenduski, chemistry teacher. Besides having a fertile imagination and a boundless sense of humor, Mr. Lev (as he is affectionately called) has

many hidden talents, and is a very interesting person to know.

## Mr. Lev's Background

Mr. Lev grew up in Bayonne, N.J. While in high school he participated in the New Jersey All-State Chorus for two years. In addition, he enjoyed lifting weights, sailing boats, and acting in his high school theater program. He attended Jersey City State College where he majored in the Physical Sciences. When he graduated, he became a teacher at John Adams Jr. High. After

teaching science and math there for a year, he was transferred to Edison High School where in addition to teaching chemistry and general science, he worked with the Academy of Science (an elite science club) and the Rifle Club. He was drafted in 1968 by the Army and went to Fort Bliss, Texas, which was "anything but blissful". While there he worked as an instructor on a Missile System. When he returned in 1970, he took up his present teaching post here at JPS. Except for performing in the first annual William F. Corio Memorial Variety Show, he spent his first year adjusting to the new school. While here at Stevens, Mr. Lev has become involved in many things. In 1973, he became the director of the Corio show. In 1973 and 1974, in addition to taking his second and third years of karate lessons, he was a performing member of the JPS Modern Dance Club. In both those years he had solo dances, during one of which he combined much of the style of karate with the graceful movements of dance while using an oriental weapon as a prop. If he hadn't torn a muscle in karate, he would probably still be dancing and taking karate to stay in shape. Last year Mr. Lev over took another important job at Stevens - that of production manager of the school theater program. He is responsible for

coordinating all of the crews so that the show can go on and be successful. Mr. Lev was married almost a year ago (during the run of "Godspell") and is living very happily in Old Bridge with his wife and two of her children by a previous marriage.

## A Positive Environment Needed

Mr. Lev enjoys teaching, but occasionally feels frustrated by an apparent lack of parental interest in education. He feels that to learn, a student must have a positive environment in which to work, and part of that environment is dependent upon the parents setting a good example for their teenagers. People have to take a positive attitude toward education for it to succeed.

## Future Goals

I asked Mr. Levenduski what he has enjoyed most

over the years and what his future goals are. He replied that music and theater have given him the most satisfaction over the years. Some of his goals are: to build the Stevens theater program so that more people can enjoy it, to help students rid themselves of facades and the affects of social conditioning. He would also like to live life unencumbered by foolish restrictions. He is frustrated by attempts to keep people from "making waves" even when they're working in a positive direction. He would love it if people could work together. According to Mr. Lev, time consists of the people you work with and what you do with them.

"Too many people are afraid of not giving of themselves and afraid of making mistakes (and admitting them.) As a result, instead of working together, we work against one another and don't achieve what we are truly capable of."



Mr. Lev: our "wild and crazy" chemistry teacher.

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# Students Team up with Their Asses

The gymnasium at J.P. Stevens was packed on the night of March 14, 1979, as hundreds of people showed up to see and action-packed basketball game. But as the fans entered the gym, they could see that this was not going to be their usual basketball game. At one end of the court were both boys and girls with green shirts, and at the other end were boys and girls in yellow shirts and any kind of head gear they could find. The crowd could also sense that something was different in the way announcers Chuck Elston and Rick Pelia read the rules: no pulling the tail or biting the ears, a dustpan and a brush will be provided, etc. But the clincher came when the starting lineup from both teams came on to the floor with donkeys. Yes, it was the annual J.P. Stevens Donkey Basketball Game between the juniors and the seniors.

The donkeys by the way, were provided by the Shaw Brothers of Sayre, Pennsylvania, who keep 85 of these donkeys solely for donkey basketball or baseball. There

has not been any serious injuries in the six years this operation has been in business.

At the start of the game, the teams lined up on opposite ends of the court, holding their asses (pardon the expression). As the ball was thrown in the center, the players raced for the ball, dragging their donkeys with them. The beginning of the game was disorganized, with most of the players having trouble mounting their donkeys.

For senior Alan Tyber, the first ride was especially frustrating, as he tried to get hold of a donkey that would start kicking whenever somebody got close to it. "I tried getting on, and I got kicked a couple of times," Tyber said. The donkey that Tyber had trouble with was causing trouble all night. Besides trying to kick anybody who got near it, the donkey performed several mating scenes with another donkey.

After the teams changed after the first five minutes, both teams and most of the donkeys settled down, and before long senior Tony Andrade hit a shot to put the Class of '79 ahead 2-0. With nine seconds left in the period, Andrade put in another bucket to give the seniors a 4-0 lead.



Tracey Landever waits for a pass.

As the seniors dominated the scoring in the first quarter, so did the juniors in the second. The Class of '80 got baskets from Joe Bongiovi, Jeff Miller, and Gary Martucci to take a 6-4 halftime edge.

The first brush with the brush (and dustpan) came with 5:51 to go in the third period. The victim was junior Drew Dazos. Meanwhile the seniors did all the scoring in the third quarter, as JoAnn Emmer and Tracey Landever put in baskets. The seniors led after three, 8-6. The juniors lost several chances to score in the third stanza, when Patti Tucker's ass (pardon the expression again) was parked under the basket for several minutes, but none of her teammates could feed her the ball.

The first five minutes of the quarter featured scoring due from Bongiovi and senior Steve Stanley. Stanley opened the fourth period scoring to give the seniors a 10-6 edge. Bongiovi tallied less than a

minute later to cut the seniors' lead to two. Within the next 39 seconds both Stanley and Bongiovi hit again, to bring the score to 12-10, in favor of the seniors. Once again it was Stanley's turn to score, and he responded by grabbing a rebound, trotting the length of the court on his donkey, stopping under the basket, and hitting his shot, to give the Seniors a 14-10 lead. Not surprisingly, Stanley knew how to ride a horse, and merely transferred his knowledge to a donkey. Martucci put in his second bucket of the game with just over three minutes to play, returning the Seniors' lead to two.

The final three minutes of regulation, with the Class of '79 holding onto a slim two point lead, proved exciting for the crowd, as well as for the players of both teams, who actually went onto the court to cheer their squads on. Finally, with time running out, Martucci missed an outside shot. Junior Wayne Miller came up with the rebound, and, in dramatic fashion, scrambled onto his donkey and put in the game-tying shot. The shot tied the game at 14-14, and sent the game into sudden death overtime, in which the first basket would win. The excitement was apparently too much for Wayne's donkey, and he was rewarded for his shot with a dustpan and brush.

Much of the crowd was on their feet during the thrilling overtime period that would decide the Donkey Basketball supremacy for another year.

Shortly after the overtime began, it ended on a ten-foot shot by senior Carl Adams. While Adams was being mobbed by teammates, the final score was put on the scoreboard: Seniors 16, Juniors 14.

In the end, it was a happy bunch of fans, and a relieved bunch of donkeys that left the gym, knowing that they had just seen one of the most thrilling of all the Donkey Basketball Games at J.P. Stevens High School.

## Debate



An Arab terrorist does his thing at the National High School Model United Nations.

(Continued from page 1) hours. The main goal was to reach agreements between countries on certain relevant problems, keeping the interests of one's own country in mind. Then a document was to be drawn up and approved by Sunday, when it would be presented to the General Assembly for a final vote. As Mr. Schuster said, "It was a total experience."

Mr. Schuster feels that this year's three outstanding delegations did better than last year's. Our students were aggressive and confident, which proved to be very worthwhile. In the first session, they went after leadership positions, we got eight. Some outstanding performances were made by Laurence Lerman, Lee Morales, Sue Barbon, Bruce Ackerman, Dean Potashner, Fred Gousez and Suna Qasin.

In the future, the debate club hopes to attend similar model U.N.s in Georgetown, University of Washington, Yale University in Connecticut, and Harvard University in Boston. The debate club itself stresses student leadership and even though the debate club now only focuses its attentions on the Model U. N. it is still an interesting club and worth your while to join.

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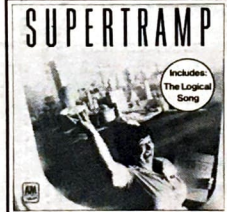
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# Break a Leg

by Jill Stern

Fiddler on the Roof is a success. If you haven't seen it yet it's not too late. Final performances are Friday and Saturday the 30 and 31 of March.

Butterflies Are Free is the third and final production of the year. Auditions were held

a few weeks ago. The play deals with the serio-comic relationship of a girl and a blind boy. *Butterflies Are Free* has four characters. Seniors Karen Cook, Rose Malague, Sean McElhiney, and David Ambler were cast. Mr. Glick will be directing and Debbi Smoyak will be the assistant director. Mr. Levendusky is the production manager.



Tevye (Fred Young) and the Papas in tradition.

## Boys Pocket It

by Lloyd Bronstein

The John P. Stevens Varsity Basketball Team finished the season with a 2-18 record. The Junior Varsity compiled a 12-8 record which incidentally is the best record ever attained by a John P. Stevens J.V. Basketball Team. Despite the appearance of the Varsity record, the team enjoyed a very productive and successful season, even though there weren't any seniors in the starting lineup, and only one on the entire team.

The team was led by junior standout Wayne Miller, who led the team in scoring with an 11.6 average, and was nominated to the All-County Team. "Miller has the ability to become a superstar next season if he continues his hard work and maintains a good attitude," observed Ciraulo.

In the past, Stevens has not had a contending basketball team. In fact, J.P.S. has had only two Varsity teams finish above .500 in its fifteen year history. Coach Ciraulo believes the main reason for

this is because most youths in Edison don't start playing organized basketball until the ninth grade. To remedy this problem Coach Ciraulo has initiated many new programs. Beginning in September, fifth and sixth graders will be playing in a round robin tournament on Saturday mornings. In addition to the tournament, playing instruction will be provided. A tournament will also be held for seventh and eighth graders. During the spring, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, there will be basketball clinics at Woodrow Wilson Jr. H.S. To improve the current team, Ciraulo is putting the basketball team on a weight program in the off-season. Over the summer the team will be entered in the Linden Basketball League.

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**Q. What are the AP exams like and how are they graded?**

A. In all subjects except Art, AP exams contain both multiple-choice questions, and free-response questions that require essay writing and other kinds of problem-solving. They are tough but fair exams, and range in length from 90 to 180 minutes. Each of 21 exams is developed and graded by college professors and AP teachers who specialize in the particular field. The multiple-choice answer sheets are scored by special scoring equipment, and the essays, solutions, and samples are evaluated by more than 750 college profes-

sors and AP teachers; the typical exam booklet receives four independent evaluations.

**Q. How do AP exam grades benefit the student?**

A. They open doors to extra options in college. You can avoid the boring repetition of work you've already done, go on to more interesting and advanced courses in your AP subjects, explore other subjects that interest you, and join honors and other special programs. If you earn the required grade on one AP exam, you may receive the equivalent of 6 to 8 semester hours of credit, worth \$300 to \$700, depending on your college. AP grades that earn you a full year of college credit are worth \$2,500 to \$10,000 in college costs alone. (Some of the most selective colleges and universities are among the more than 650 institutions that consider acceptable grades on three or more AP exams as evidence that you have done work comparable to a full year in college). By and large, colleges accept AP grades of 3, 4, or 5, although some accept 2 as well.

**Q. What are a student's chances of earning an AP grade of 2, 3, 4, or 5?**

A. Last May, 93 percent of all AP students got grades of

2 or above; 73 percent got 3 or above; 36 percent 4 or above; and 15 percent received the top grade, 5. As a rule of thumb, to merit a grade of 3, you need to answer correctly about half the questions on the multiple-choice portion of your AP exam, and do acceptable work on the free-response portion.

**Q. Is an AP grade really proof of college-level accomplishments?**

A. This question is inevitable. Despite their AP grades, many AP candidates find it hard to believe they actually know college-level materials as well as (in some cases better than) college freshmen and sophomores. In college, AP candidates tend to get higher grades in "sequence" (more advanced) courses than do other college students, and earn higher grade point averages for all subjects all during college. They are even more likely to graduate with honors, higher grade averages and more credits than students of matched ability who did not experience AP in high school. Even in the most selective colleges, 70 to 80 percent and more of the AP students who place into advanced courses in their AP subjects receive A's and B's. Fully 98 percent receive passing grades.

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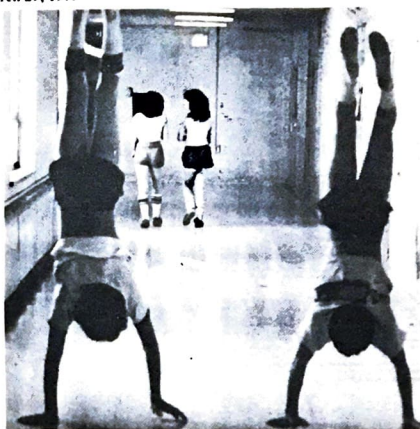
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## Boys Track is Off

According to the Boys' Track Coach Simonelli, the primary strength of this year's team will lie in the weights (shot put, javelin, discus,) and the jumps (high jump, long jump, pole vault.) The team also has a good crop of middle-distance and long distance runners who are coming off of good Cross Country and Indoor Track seasons. In addition, Simonelli said that there is talent in the hurdles and sprints, but that these groups have not as yet shown their high quality, and he hopes that they will mature during the season.

The leading weight men this season are Pat Miller and Tom O'Leary in the shot and discus, and Frank Valendo in the javelin. The jumpers are led by Lon Berg, who is described by Simonelli as "extreme high quality, a very good performer." Berg performs the high jump and long jump. He is joined in the high jump by Shaun Oarsley and Bill Kallio. The vaulters are Tom Reina and David Brown, who the Coach calls "enthusiastic and hard-working." The distances and middle-distances are manned by Ed



Runners loosening up for spring track.

Puc, the indoor county champion at a quarter mile, as well as Gary Germaine, Steve Cahn, Bob Lewis, Dave Pine, Bruce Cohen, and Vinnie Stallings. Puc, Willie Grubbs, and Andy Laria handle the sprints, while the principle hurdlers are Dennis Sherry and Craig Nessel.

The Boys' Track team this season is a blend of returning

veterans and sophomores who are going out for track for the first time. Coach Simonelli says that the team received a very good turnout of sophomores, and that the coaches are now busy "trying to fit them in, because many don't know what they're going to do, or where they're going to fit in."

The Coach is very optimistic and enthusiastic about the coming season. He observes that the athletes have a "superb attitude," and "work better as a group than any other team we've had in years."

The other top teams in the MCAC this year could be East Brunswick, Sayreville and Edison. The season opens April 3 against Sayreville.

## Bowlers Strike Strong Finish

The Boys Bowling Team rebounded from a slow start to finish third out of the eight teams in the conference. Although they did place third, they were only four points out of first place. "We had the ability to go all the way," commented Coach George Asprocolas. "We didn't get started until the end of the year."

Three bowlers landed on the all-county bowling team. Jim Gash and Billy Rauh made the first team. Gash averaging 180 and placing third out of a field of 147 bowlers, and Rauh averaging 172 and ranking fifteenth. Gash also finished fourth in the state individual tournament. Vinny Del Guercio made the second team, and finished in nineteenth place with a 170 average. Lou Viel received Honorable Mention, averaging 169.67 per game, and missing the all-county team by a third of a pin per game. The boys completed their fine season by winning the county tournament, led by Gash's 616 (201-202-213) series.

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The girls' team finished the season sixth out of the eight conference teams, but Coach Asprocolas still said that this year's team was the "best girls' team we've ever had." The team was led by Robin Simon, the lone Stevens girl on the all-county team, who averaged 153, and ranked fifth out of 133 female bowlers. The girls finished fourth in the eight-team county tournament, behind the strong performances of Simon and Sheila Tucker.



## Boys' Basketball

(Continued from page 5)

rolls around, all the players will be in good shape. This will make the selection of next years team more just and easier than in previous years.

J.P.S. is fortunate to have a coach as dedicated as Mr. Ciraulo. His rapport with the

boys on the team is excellent and very rarely found on the high school level. Coach Ciraulo emphasized that, "Next year the players who display the right attitude, work hard, and have the ability to take constructive criticism and learn from it will be the ones who will make the team." With a coach as knowledgeable and intelligent as Ciraulo, it is possible that within the next few years Stevens will be a strong contender in high school basketball competition in Middlesex County.



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## Golf Team Tees Off

The golf team is back in swing and Coach John Tooker is predicting another successful season. J.P. Stevens has a tradition of producing fine golf teams as well as fine individuals. In fact golf is only second to tennis as the most successful team in Stevens history. Since 1965, the team has captured 8 county championships and has always finished in the top 5 out of 25 teams in the county tournament. And in taking these championships, J.P.S. has developed some fine golfers. Jim Ulozas, who played from 1969 through 1971, took the county championship three times in three years. He set the national high school record for 9 holes of golf, finishing 7 under par. Jim now plays on the national PGA tour. He also accepted a head coach position at Union College. Pat Maglione, who played at the same time as Ulozas, was county champ in his senior year and has played in the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open Championships. Kevin Syring, who played from 1975 through 1977, took the county championship twice. He is now the assistant golf professional at Metuchen County Club.

As far as this season goes, Tooker looks to continue the tradition of fine golf. "We have always had a tradition of fine golf teams here at Stevens," said Tooker. "Even though this season is a rebuilding one, because of the heavy loss of 6 key seniors, I see no problems maintaining the fine record." The 6 lost seniors include Mark Madjeski, John Neagle, Kevin Kimmel, Ed Godfrey, Fred Koyen and Bill Martinez. Returning from last season is John McHugh, who will serve as senior captain this year. Last season he was voted by coaches in district as #1 golfer in district. "He has to anchor the team, what he does has a

large effect on the overall team performance," commented Tooker. He pointed out, however, that four other scores are needed for a win. "There are four others we are counting on very heavily. One of them is sophomore Jim Ferry, who was the only golfer to letter as a freshman at Stevens. Jimmy Gash, a junior, played in four matches last year and performed admirably." These two were good enough to have started on any other team last season, but because of our heavy load of seniors, they only got limited playing time." Dave Barnett, a 9th grader at Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School, has such a good reputation that Tooker is willing to give him a try. Tony Norcross, golf professional at Metuchen County Club, claims "Barnet is one of the finest golfers ever to come out of the club." Others vying for spots are sophomores Bob Spector, Jim Martinez and John Mortenson.



John McHugh follows through.

Tooker bases his confidence in the team on the positive attitude, ability, and confidence of his golfers. Tooker concluded by saying, "We lost the majority of our top golfers. Our team is young, inexperienced and untested in tournament competition. I feel the team will either rise like the Phoenix or sink like the Titanic."

## Girls Take to Their Heels

The Girls' Track Team will be trying to improve upon last year's record. Girls' coach Robert Weislo believes that the team will improve and will finish at least one of the top five teams in the ten team Middlesex County Athletic Conference (M.C.A.C.). Weislo's prediction is based on the strong turnout for this year's squad. "We don't have so many stars, but we make up for it in depth," he said.

According to Weislo, the team does have three runners who could be considered as stars. These three are: senior Lisa Noll in the distance events, senior Cathy Sweatman in the hurdles and Sheryl Norfleet in the sprints. In addition, there are other runners returning from last year who the coach expects to

do well. These include distance runners Mary Chang, Kathy Reynolds and Clea Carchia, middle-distance runners Evelyn Baconi and Diane Albrieti and sprinters Penny Nicolas and patti Gorelick. Newcomers to the track team who have stood out early in the season include Grace Coyle and Donna Pulcine, at the middle distances and as sprinters Mara Levine and Chris Heulitt. Heulitt is participating as a freshman.

Mr. Weislo says that the outstanding girl in the weights (discus, javelin and shot put) is senior Sheila Tucker, who throws the discus. The other two weight positions have not been decided yet.

The Girl's Track Team opens their season April 3, with a home meet against Sayreville.

## Track Team Completes Extended Season

by Janet Truskowski

This winter, the track team posted a 7 and 3 record. This year the team competed against two teams unlike the traditional dual meet. This new method sweetened an extended season, which may have been caused by postponed meets. This new method also allowed for the team to compete once and post results against two teams.

The season opened with a double dual against Woodbridge and J.F. Kennedy. Stevens defeated Woodbridge 46 to 31 and upset Kennedy 61 to 16. Nick Sotiriou and Ed Puc captured first and second place in the 60 yard dash with 6.6 seconds for their times. Bob Lewis finished second in the mile and Ed Puc came back to win the 440. Joe Horvath, Lon Berg and Tom O'Leary also finished first against Woodbridge.

On January 9, Stevens split the meet by losing to East Brunswick 46½ to 30½ and defeating Carteret 57½ to 19½.

On February 22, Stevens finished the season with an

upset over Cedar Ridge 46 to 16 and a narrow defeat by Sayreville 39 to 38.

Bob Lewis finished first in the mile and 2 mile against Sayreville but as disqualified in the relay. However, Stevens clocked a 3:47.3 with the help of Lombardi, Cohn, Germain, and Pine. Miller and O'Leary again combined for a first and second place in the shot. Berg and Oarsley gained six points in the high jump with 6'2 and 5'8.

The 60 yard dash was swept by Stevens sprinters Sotiriou, Puc, and Miller in their meet with Cedar Ridge. Lewis clocked a 4:46.5 in the mile earning him a first place finish. Cohn and Puc also took first place in the 440 and 880 and later combined with teammates Jim Lombardi and Gary Germain to win the mile relay. Berg and Oarsley were joined by Kallio to take nine points in the high jump. Miller and O'Leary added 8 points for their efforts in the shot put.

Overall the Stevens track team did well in double dual competition. The team also completed in country and districts meets as well.

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# Boys Make a Racket

by Bob Share  
and Mitch Dior

Of all the sports teams Stevens has, perhaps the most successful is the boys' tennis team. In eleven years of interscholastic competition, they have not suffered a losing season. Although last year's team sported a 23-3 record, Coach John Shafrenski considers last season "semi-disappointing," because the team did not have an individual championship, and they lost in the semifinals of the district tournament and in the finals of the county tournament. This year Shafrenski expects the same kind of year as last year, and believes that Stevens will be battling for the conference championship with Cedar Ridge, as they did last season.

This year Shafrenski will be looking to fill openings caused by the graduation of three major players: George Neelen, Steve Sitrin, and Todd Kaplan, but the way tryouts have been going, the holes will probably be filled very capably. The coach is pleased by this season's turnout—32 players tried to make the team, 19 made it, (the most ever on one team.) the coach said the competition was rough. The two starting doubles teams have not been decided yet but starters have been picked for the three singles spots. These three are Dan Brady, Randy Brause and

Dave Rosenberg. Despite the heavy turnout of seniors, juniors and sophomores, five freshmen from the junior high schools all have very good chances of making the team. Two who have tried are Woodrow Wilson's Mike Baer and John Adams' Phil Richards.

Shafrenski is looking forward to this season, recognizing the growth of other teams in Middlesex County. For the past four seasons, Stevens has had very little competition from any other school in the county, with the exception of Cedar Ridge. "When we leave the conference, it's a different story, having to battle teams such as Watchung Hills and Hunterdon Central."

Shafrenski feels the "day of one team dominating over other schools is over." He welcomes the growth and competition of other schools in the area. It is encouraging to see Central Jersey becoming an arena for high school tennis.

Shafrenski has been coaching for many years and enjoys every minute of it. "Coaching gives me a chance to interact with students in a way that is not comparable to the classroom. On the courts I'm not teaching a lesson, I'm teaching values, which is really what coaching is all about and what makes it so enjoyable for me."

But Shafrenski doesn't limit his coaching to the Stevens' team. In the summer he is the Director of Tennis for the Edison Recreation Department. He runs a comprehensive program all summer that includes competition between local towns, tennis lessons and well-received local tournaments. Anyone interested please see Mr. Shafrenski.



Randy Brause in the midst of a volley.

## Girls' Basketball Looks Ahead

The girls varsity basketball team concluded a disappointing season as far as a win-lose record, but the Junior Varsity team managed to compile a record of 15-8 and took second in the Middlesex County Tournament. From the standpoint of Coach Fred Ciciola, the varsity's 1-19 record was not reflective of the kind of season it was. "We matched up with the teams much better than the record indicates, even though I was very disappointed with our record," commented Ciciola. He went on to say, "Statistically we should have won more games, attributing the difference in most games to the lack of experience and a poor shooting percentage."

Ciciola gave other reasons why the girls didn't win more games though he wasn't trying to make excuses. "This year the league was dominated by seniors."

Ciciola feels that this year's experience combined with the loss of many players from other schools, will enable

the girls to match up very well and make them contenders next year.

Another reason why the girls faced a losing season was already mentioned. The lack of experience playing as a team, and for that matter playing basketball at all. "Other towns start programs when the girls are in 3rd and 4th grades, such as East Brunswick girls who have 6 years experience by the time they get to the high school level. Edison Township doesn't start the girls playing until they're in 9th grade. I've made some progress as far as getting 4th, 5th and 6th graders involved in recreation leagues. But I'm still trying to get a widespread program throughout the area."

"As far as next season goes, I feel the team is anxious to get going again. It's going to be a real dogfight to make varsity next year, because there was no real difference in the two teams this year. It will all depend on who works the hardest during the summer," cited Ciciola. All the girls will be participating in a summer league.

Individual statistics from the season are as follows: Diane Sullivan led all scorers with 232 points, an average of 11.6 points per game. Karin Raudsep was the leading rebounder with 110 rebounds,

an average of 5.5 points per game, which is way above normal. Anne Summers who was brought up from Junior Varsity around mid-season, shot 45% from the floor and 76% from the free-throw stripe, which were both highs on the team.

### Solutions to Last Issue's Sports Quiz

- 1) Don Drysdale of the Los Angeles Dodgers hurled six consecutive shutouts from May 14 through June 4, 1968.
- 2) Lester Patrick
- 3) The Pittsburgh Pipers won the first A.B.A. championship.
- 4) George Dixon was the first black fighter to be recognized as a world boxing champion in 1890.
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