

# Lack of security prompts faculty's unrest

**BY LESLIE VAN RUSKIRK** On November 10, Joanne Meldon, an Allerdice math teacher on the second floor annex corridors, was giving an algebra test to her students. Harassment and muggings seventh period students. Shortly after the test had begun, an unfamiliar girl entered the classroom and began laughing and talking to



Photo by Alan Sabarwal  
Students dawdle around the snack stand during third period as the administration institutes new building regulations to check class-cutters.

## Acts of Violence Increase in range

**By JENNY MATTHEWS** Allerdice. Suggestions for improved conditions included that police arrest and make parents pay a fine for students caught on neighborhood property. Another suggestion was the establishing of a smoking area for students.

A suggestion sheet was published after a meeting of Elizabeth Federation of Teachers members in the library Wednesday, Nov. 21. The teachers called for the sweeping of hallways. This

an apparent friend who was taking the test. Meldon requested that the girl leave the room. The girl shifted several obscenities at the teacher and finally left the room. A few moments later a different girl poked her head through the door and asked Meldon if she wanted to fight and then she, too, yelled obscenities. Meldon, convinced that the two were not going to leave, went to the door to get the annex security guard Emma Morris. But Morris had left early for a doctor's appointment, and no one was there.

One of the girls, who was tall and heavyset, walked up to Meldon and said, "I'm going to give you what you deserve." She then struck Meldon across the face, knocking her glasses to the floor and facing her. The girls escaped in different directions, but their identities were revealed and they were later apprehended. They are students at the Leitsche Alternative Learning Center.

Meldon decided to press charges, one of harassment and one of both harassment and assault.

At a hearing on December 12 Meldon was advised by City Magistrate Robert Tucker to drop the charges. He said that she hadn't been hospitalized and

therefore, the case would probably be thrown out of court. Meldon refused to drop the charges, and she won't know whether or not her case will go through the criminal court until January 25. Upset and angry at Tucker's advice, she said, "The whole thing was handled so poorly by Tucker I can't believe his logic. I have to be hospitalized before they'll do anything."

Joanne Meldon's case isn't totally unique. It could have happened — and has — to anyone at Allerdice, teachers or students. But like other incidents, it might have been prevented.

The most obvious question is why a security guard wasn't present at the time of the assault? Just because one of the guards couldn't be at her regular post doesn't mean it should have been left unattended. Another guard should have been hired or the present ones rotated. The point is that someone should have been there.

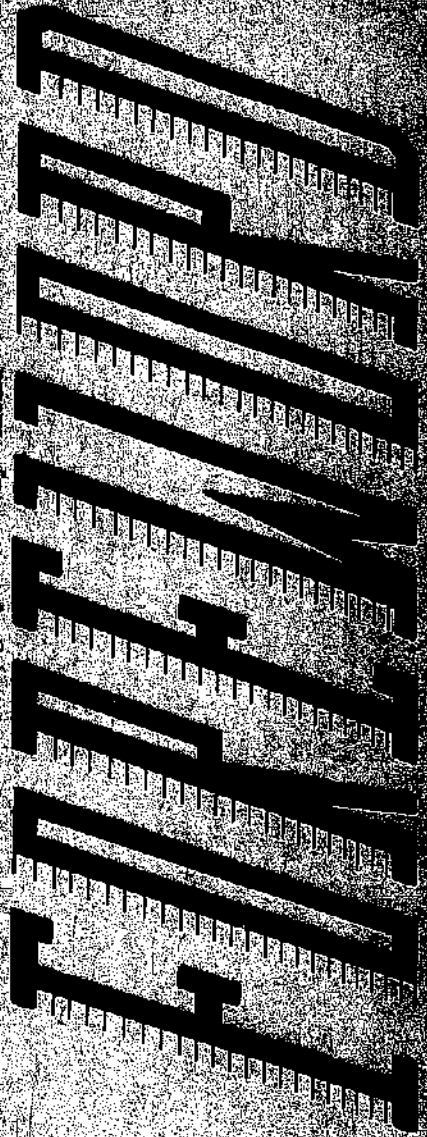
The administration in a counter attack against the wave of violence has implemented a set of rules and recommendations. One of these includes teachers' acting as hall guards during their free periods. Some teachers have complained — and rightly so. Why should

someone who has gone through four or more years of college in order to become a certified teacher be forced to sit in a hall and keep students in line? Their free period should be spent doing things that pertain to their classes. They should not be expected to double as guards during school hours.

One thing has become glaringly obvious. Allerdice is in an emergency situation. More guards are needed immediately and a more effective security system must be implemented. It is up to the administration to cut through the red tape and get this situation under control. The recent wave of violence must not continue if Allerdice wishes to keep its reputation as one of the best secondary schools in the city.

### CALENDAR

- December
  - 26 — N.H.S. Careers Seminar
  - 23 thru Jan. 2 — Winter Vacation
- January
  - 4 — Blood Bank Lecture on Donations
  - 9 — P.T.A. Board Meeting
  - 11 — Blood Bank Day (Seniors may donate blood)
  - 15 — Last day to return senior candy money for credit



# Mom League a calculated success

presented with a certificate of honor.

A second competition, similar to the math league, is sponsored by the Mathematics Council of Western Pennsylvania. Allerdice's math team, a member of the council, competed Monday December 4th placing with 12 points. Out of 17 teams, Allerdice ranked 2nd last year, Norwin first.

A 600 point test with a two hour time limit is composed of 40 questions.

Both the math team and league at Allerdice have yet to reach their ultimate goal.

"We want to place first, beating out our arch-rival, Norwin," Fulger said.

"The kids are fabulous for showing up," she adds. "I'm surprised we have so many interested kids. I sincerely believe we will have at least 50 at our next league contest and think overall the students are showing great interest in the math competitions."

By CAROL KENNEDY  
Allerdice's math team is ready for first place after placing second in the Western Pennsylvania math competition. The math league is also close to being number one in its field. After only one nationwide league competition, they placed ninth out of over 100 competing teams.

Each year the Atlantic Pacific High School Math League sponsors a competition for secondary schools throughout the United States and Canada. On October 16 and November 15, Taylor

teaching job. Olson hopes that the change does not affect other teachers.

"The average class size in elementary schools is 27.2, six days per class in middle schools is 22.42 and in high schools is 21.3," Olson continues.

Although there will be 115 issues positions next year, a 7.6 percent increase in salaries over the 1978 budget is included in the new proposal.

## Bihary interns

Ann Bihary, Allerdice math teacher, has taken on an additional position in the Allerdice staff as an administrative intern in order to earn her principal's certificate. Her duties deal primarily with 11th and 12th grade girls.

The process works like this: A teacher sends a referral to Bihary and Bihary sends the student one warning. If the cuts continue, the student is given detention for one hour. Further violation leads to suspension.

presser in her classroom. Melton is pressing charges.

Eric Toy, Allerdice sophomore, was in an alley across from Allerdice catching a smoke when assailants set him on fire, after tying him up and pouring lighter fluid on his legs.

Allerdice Principal William Fisher was involved in a physical confrontation with former students on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

He is pressing charges against the assailant who attacked him.

As a 14th Ward Urban Coalition meeting, concerned residents, parents, and a few teachers discussed the problems at

## News Briefs

# 'Birdie' gets off the ground

This year's senior class play is "Bye-Bye Birdie" and will be presented as a multi-media production with a slide show interwoven with the live presentation.

Rehearsals begin in February and the production is scheduled for mid-March. The play involves a rising star, Conrad Birdie (representing Elvis Presley) who is drafted, and the reactions of his fans at this news. His manager's secretary then comes up with a conditional idea, to have one girl picked from Birdie's fan club and have him kiss her goodbye on the Ed Sullivan show. The play deals with the picking of the girl and Birdie's farewell.

Mrs. Betty Caplan, the coordinator of the play, said, "This play is the most popular high school play in the country because the kids can relate to it. Not only that but it also has great music."

Only the title role of Birdie has been cast now to Herman Mitchell. Auditions for the rest of the roles

will be held in January. Any senior wishing to be in the play is asked to sign up with Caplan in room 404. Auditions will be held in the auditorium after school.

Caplan asks that those wishing to be vocal soloists bring their own music and be prepared to read lines and perform a show tune. She says that she expects "at least one-half of the senior class to be involved" as 100 on-stage and 150 off-stage personnel.

## Budget cuts jobs

Pittsburgh Public School Superintendent Jerry C. Olson recently proposed a \$144 million budget for 1979.

This budget is not only in balance, but it will, in my opinion, preserve and enhance the excellent educational program we have in the city of Pittsburgh," Olson said. The budget allocates for 119 fewer positions, 83 of which are

Allerdice students participated in the first two of six tests. At 7:00 AM, fifty-eight Allerdice High School students performed six one-point problems on logic, number theory, and supplementary topics of math electives. The purpose of the contest is to help encourage high schools to create and consider mathematics teams and competitions an integral part of a complete mathematics program.

Any high school student in grades 9-12 of a member school is eligible to participate. Each school has a designated faculty sponsor responsible for the security of the test until it is given and for the contest results. At Allerdice, Catherine Fulger is the math team sponsor and Martha Kunkle, her assistant proctor.

The contest, given during the year at six week intervals, consists of ten tests of forty problems each in all areas, although pre-calculus mathematics. Students work within a thirty-minute time limit. Fifty-eight students arrived at the first contest and sixty-three at the second.

Of 255 participating schools, a total of 88% students, Allerdice ranked ninth among the standings with 48 points, one below "arch-rival" Norwin High School, also of Pennsylvania. Each school is permitted as many participants as there are students interested, but only the ten highest scores count toward the total team score. Top scorers of the Allerdice team after the first test were: Seniors Steve Langer and Tim McGuire, Juniors Justin Chiang and Rich Lesser, and Sophomore Jeremy Resnick.

Top scorers on the second test were Seniors McGuire and Howard Lewin, and Sophomore Jeremy Resnick. Students who complete three league contests will be

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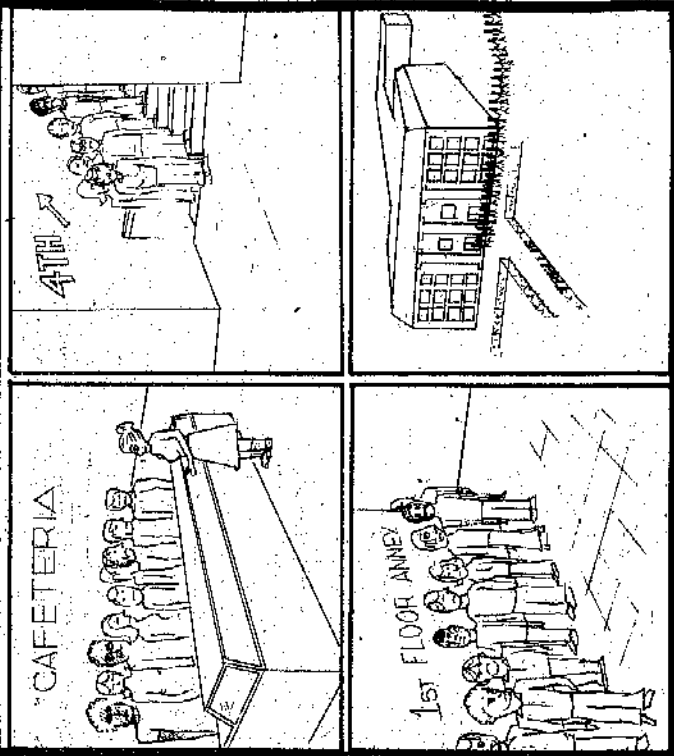
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# THE LUNCH LINE



## Schedule policy unfair

# Fisher favors few

By SYBIL COFFEY

Are students on the co-op program (a program in which the school arranges employment for students who need jobs) really the only ones leaving school early? Last year when scheduling started, it was announced that everyone, including seniors, must have a full day of classes with the exception of those students taking part in the co-op program. Now we're near the end of the first semester of the year and it is evident that Principal William Fisher's iron clad policy has rusted a little. There are a lot of students leaving school before 2:25 and not all of them are in the co-op program."

he's been making. The board doesn't think the "special co-ops" are legitimate and in many cases they're not. Some students who say they have a job get their parent, relative or friend to sign as their employer even though really don't work or work very little. In other cases, students get abbreviated schedules for jobs after school hours.

Many of these seniors didn't go to their latter period electives and just left the building. Some cut while others got special permission from Fisher. There were cases of students taking classes outside of Alderdice and what Fisher calls "special co-ops."

"Special co-op" is for students who get a job on their own, not through the school's program. There are presently a lot of "special co-ops" but "this will be the last year for it," Fisher stated. The reason for this, Fisher explained, was that the Board hasn't taken too well to the exceptions

The students have found a way to beat the system. Although Fisher will probably be stricter in the future, this year they've gotten away with getting out of school early. While these students may be laughing at their own cleverness, there are several students who were not so lucky or, perhaps not so dishonest, who are stuck in unnecessary classes. Hopefully, next year's policy will be more consistent in order to be fair to all students.

## Community forum

# Truth makes us tardy

Dear Editor,  
If you think our government is corrupt, you should take a look at Alderdice's tardy policy. You have to be a politician to survive it. The honest person who forgets his note and goes to the office to have them call his home to verify this, is treated as if he had committed a crime. The dishonest person who forges his note right in front of the tardy desk is accepted with open arms.

## TA colors dull

Dear Editor,  
As a concerned member of the student body, I would like to take this opportunity to voice a concern that I think is felt by many: A definite lack of pizzazz in our school colors. It's not that I have anything against green, or white for that matter, but together — well, let's

Although there are underclassmen not in the co-op program who get out of school early, most of the owners of shortened schedules are seniors. They made out their

# 'Like' is REALLY good

By DAVID R. AMENTA

Nothing represents today's generation gap more than the "over forties" criticisms of the three most important phrases of modern English: "like", "really", and "you know". Like how do they expect us to talk, much less write, you know, without using "like" and "you know." You know? Like older people like parents and teachers don't like understand the meaning and subtle shading of each "like",

statement, a declaration of feeling, or a flaming accusation. "You know" can appear at the beginning of a sentence or the middle, but "you know's" specialty is appearing at the end of sentences, you know? "You know" is great conversationally. It makes the speakers feel something in common because they both know the same thing. "You know" is invaluable to modern communication, you know, because it gives the

If you want to go home you'd better tell her the second one.

Some movies are good, but others are really good. Let's say your friend is hit by a car. "He's bad," his parents say. So what could have happened, a few broken ribs, a black eye, maybe a cast or two? Now then, if his parents tell you, "Oh, he's really bad," different images crowd your mind. Disinfected doctors with bright operating lights. and shame

many, the secretary agrees to give the student a late slip if he promises to bring a note the next day.

The student walks out of the office angry and disgusted and instead of being ten minutes late to class, he has missed the whole period.

Name withheld

## How now, Brown cow?

Dear Editor,

As 1980 nears, many people are speculating on possible presidential candidates. Governor Edmund "Jerry" Brown of California is a popular speculation. Brown was recently re-elected by a large margin. Political analysts said that a substantial victory would encourage Brown to announce his candidacy for the presidency.

Brown is a typical political chameleon. He is like a weather

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and would reap to renew interest in our school. Personally, I think that gold or maybe fluorescent hot pink would be smashing. Either color would definitely liven up our choir robes, band uniforms, and gym suits.

Maybe this is asking for a bit much I suppose we'll all just have to green and bear it.

A. Friedman

## Stash that trash

Dear Editor,

We were shocked recently to hear that the administration and faculty are going to "sweep" the halls. We understand that the financial situation of the Pittsburgh Public Schools is difficult and we do support certain measures to improve efficiency. However, we do not think it is proper for our teachers and administrators to have to do manual labor while they should be teaching class and doing whatever administrators do. We especially feel it's improper for security personnel to be "sweeping" the halls when they could be looking for chronic class cutters.

A few years ago, Mr. Fisher began picking up trash in the halls and apparently the Board has taken this to an extreme. Taking into consideration the rising cost of food, we wonder what the Board intends to do with this trash.

Ed Heath  
Cliff Spungen

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really isn't any reason to say what the speaker just said, because everybody knows except for the people who are too old or out of it to know, and... well... you know. "You know" speaks of a shared experience, a similar life and similar influences. Growing up in the sixties, getting beaten up in bathrooms, trying dope for the first time, living in pollution, not seeing much of anything good in the far future; "you know" is the perfect summary.

"Really" is another word that is just really fabulous. You can take anything, anything at all, and make more of it with just one word, "really". Like, school is boring for some people, but to others school is really boring. Who's more bored? Obviously, those who are really bored in school. Say you get sick, and you want to go home. Which do you tell the nurse: "I'm sick and in pain" or, "I'm really sick, and really, really in pain!"

Next comes "you know". You know that "you know" means, it's just that people in their forties have trouble understanding "you know". "You know" is a truly marvelous phrase. "You know" can be a question; a bold outright

What can I say? Slang exists in every language and each age has its own special form of speech. Our generation's only distinction is like, really man, like, we can say a lot with, like, a few crucial words, like "like", "really", "you know", etc. Either that, or we say less and less the more we try to say it like, wow, like I don't know, like, why is everything such a bummer, like you never seen, like... you know?

## Good grades merit rewards

What pep rallies have you attended for the juniors who are about to take their National Merit Semifinalist Qualifying Test (PSAT'S)?

Athletes work very hard to attain excellence in their sports, but scholars also put forth a tremendous effort to reach supremacy in their specialties. I spend many nights frantically cramming for tests, long hours diligently doing my homework, and I devote many good weekends to writing term papers. What compensation do I receive? A green and white slip of paper stating that I am on the honor roll. Athletes, on the other hand, are given trophies, dinners, jackets, and many other honors for their efforts.

Events related to sports are also given special privileges. "Assembly Day" schedules were devised to encourage student participation in football games and pep rallies, but the Math Contest and SAT's receive no such provision. Is this consistent with the professed emphasis on academics at Alderdice?

Knowledge may be it's own reward, but a tangible incentive might help many students do better work. I don't wish to undermine the importance of sports at Taylor Alderdice. On the contrary, I merely wish to point out the inequities of the present system. Both athletic and scholarly prowess are necessary to maintain Alderdice's illustrious record, so why don't they receive the same degree of respect?



Photo courtesy of United Artists

Hobbit Frodo Baggins shakes a finger at Gollum in "Lord of the Rings."

# Clinic open to all

By KIM BARRROW

The Pittsburgh Free Clinic, one of the many serving the Pittsburgh area, is broken down into four basic parts: The contraceptive care unit includes birth control, pregnancy testing, pre-natal care, and abortion procedures. The adolescent health care unit offers common health education on such subjects as drug and alcohol abuse and sexuality. Often by request counselors from the clinic go to various public schools and have group rap sessions with the students on the various areas. The Patient Rights Program is set up to inform patients of their rights for free or low cost medical care, under the newly passed Hill-Burton Act. The clinic is open evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and

serves about 10,000 people each year, 3,500 of which are adolescents.

The clinic is funded by the Department of Housing, Education, and Welfare, HEW. It also receives funds from the state and city under CETA. These funds are spread throughout the clinic.

General Disease treatment and testing, laboratory testing, and individual and group counseling are available at the clinic. The staff consists of approximately 150 volunteers and 25 paid workers.

Anyone interested in volunteering may do so. The clinic trains the volunteers in the perinatal, venereal disease counseling and testing, patient record management, health care and phone answering. For more information about volunteering call 661-6804. Anyone interested in the Pitt-

# Fantasy lives on screen

By BILL BLOCH

A world where Wizards have awesome powers, where elves and dwarfs fight against a horrendous Dark Lord. Fantasy? Yes, J.R.R. Tolkien's classic *The Lord of the Rings* has been turned into a two hour and 15 minute animated epic. Ralph Bakshi, the producer, is also known for his productions of *Wizards and Fritz the Cat*.

Bakshi took on a problem of gigantic proportions in converting the highly complex fantasy into a movie. Plans for a *Lord of the Rings* movie had been considered and discarded by Walt Disney Productions, Stanley Kubrick, and John Boorman. They rejected the novel because of the many subplots and minor characters confusing to the unread movie-goer. Peter S. Beagle and Chris Conking have done a remarkable job in transposing the trilogy into a screenplay.

The plot is slightly reminiscent of *Star Wars*: i.e. good versus evil, but with many different variations. The tale opens with Bilbo Baggins, an old hobbit, giving a speech at his

birthday party. At the conclusion of his speech, he suddenly disappears. When he re-appears, the viewer gets a glimpse of a golden ring. The ring is the focal point of the movie. The ring was forged by Sauron, a type of a devil, and it has incredible powers, including that of making a person disappear. Sauron needs his ring back to enslave all of Middle Earth, while Frodo Baggins, Bilbo's heir, realizes he must take the ring to Rivendell, where the ring's fate will be decided. From this point, the suspense builds as all are in pursuit of the ring.

Bakshi did an excellent job on the technical part of the movie. By staging and filming the *Lord of the Rings* with real actors, and then doing the animation, Bakshi manages to project realism into his characters. The Protagonists, Frodo, Sam, Pippin, Merry, Gandalf, Aragorn, Boromir, Gimli, and Legolas, all have a full range of expressions, an effect never seen before in a cartoon. The medieval-type battle scenes are

poetry in motion, as Bakshi's technique becomes especially evident. Literally hundreds of orcs—the "bad guys"—and men are moving at the same time. However, there are two major flaws in the film. The movie may be confusing if you haven't read the trilogy because of the story's close adherence to the novels. The action switches around without warning, and many names and places are only briefly mentioned. The second problem is the film's length. The two hour movie doesn't even complete the trilogy. At the movie's conclusion appear the words "End of Part One." This causes some consternation as one realizes that he must wait until next year to see the conclusion.

The *Lord of the Rings* is an exciting tale of good and evil with enough magic and battlescenes to enchant any child or adult. It is a pleasant way to spend an evening. The *Lord of the Rings* is playing at the King Cinema West and at the King Cinema Court in Oakland. It will be running through Christmas.

# Music notes

# Canada rocks music

By STUART SHEPPARD

Canada is threatening America with explosive bombs, not the type that blow up, but those that resound with high-intensity music. The threat is due to our lack of innovative bands, save a few rare exceptions. Riding the crest of excellent releases from Canada are Heat In The Street, by the Pat Traverse Band; and Hemispheres, by Rush.

Pat Traverse, known primarily for his sizzling guitar work, has added a new dimension to the

intensive music in the exclusive of For Me." Thrall adds a unique perspective. The newly developed guitar synthesizer sets a wistful, reflective rhythm leaving Travers free to enhance his solo.

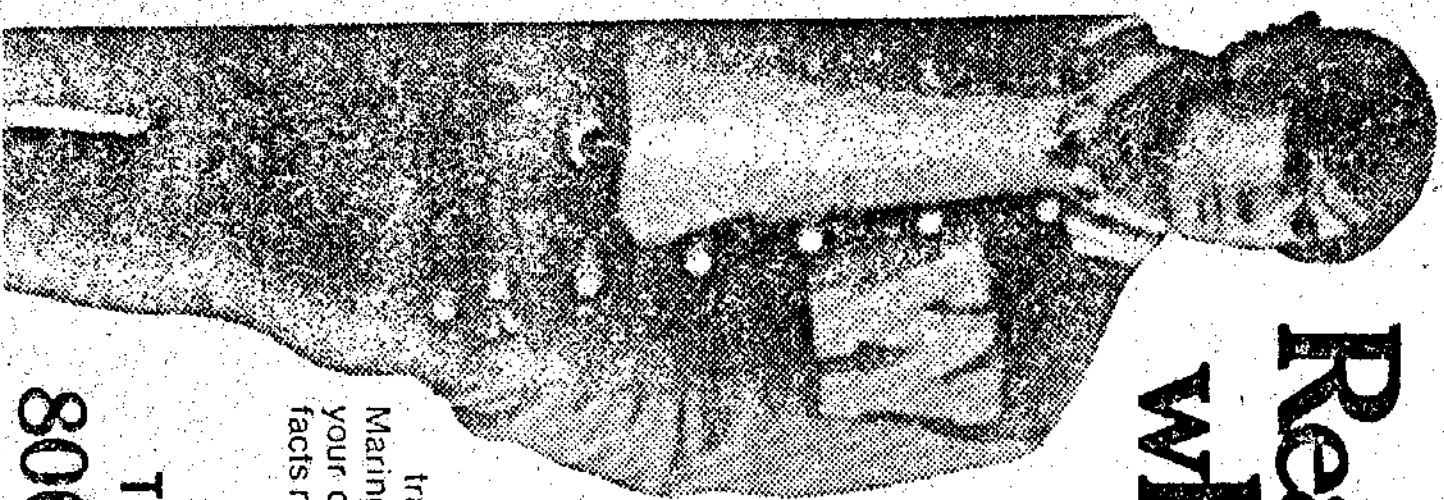
Not to be overlooked are the explosive tracks "Heat In The Street" and "Go All Night." Another piece to look forward to seeing live would be the driving instrumental, "Hammerhead," rocketing high-energy licks from speaker to speaker. These songs

blazing solos. Although this album continues in their tradition of enthralling music, Rush deviates from their past efforts in several interesting respects. Guitarist Alex Lifeson has cleaned up his usual fast-paced spaghetti solos, achieving a precise, calculated style resembling Jeff Beck in manner. Drummer Neil Peart wrote all the lyrics on this album, lacking the songs with poetic imagery, much like Yes and Genesis in that they are as enjoyable to read as to hear

blazing solos.

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that a hard rock group can explore new areas within its realm and not stagnate. As this album reveals an increasingly sophisticated style of music, it should fitly serve to devastate audiences more. The P.T.B. has always put on a fantastic show, and should kick out the jams even better with their new album. Ear plugs are recommended for this tour.

Rush continues in their unique brand of progressive music with their new album, *Hemispheres*. Loosely based on a theme of man's social discontent, Rush voices their philosophy that to exist in a state of tranquility, man must achieve a balance between reason and love. The side-long title track subtitled "Cygnus x-1 Book II," a continuation of "Book I" from their last album, involves a spaceship of travelers exploring the universe, witnessing man's attempts to exist in peace. The song is futuristic in nature, shifting from delicately blended synthesized melodies and acoustical interludes, to bitrages of powerchord progressions and

jokingly subtitled: "An Exercise In Self Indulgence." The track spans 12 different themes all based on Lifeson's strange nightmares. Filled with difficult time changes, this piece required 40 takes to record to perfection.

Rush's experiments with different modes of philosophy, lyrics, and music exemplifies their diversity, while still holding claim as one of the most amazing bands to daze a listener. They prove there is more to Canada than just a great view of Niagara Falls.

As the end of 1978 approaches, the Foreword staff takes a look at this year's music scene. Fill in your responses and put this coupon in the box provided in either the main office, or in the cafeteria.

**Favorite group**

**Favorite new group**

**Favorite disco single**

**Favorite single**

**Favorite album**

**Favorite male vocalist**

**Favorite female vocalist**

**Favorite instrumentalist**

The results of this poll will be published in the January issue of the Foreword.

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## Career choices

# Cancer researchers always in demand

By SANDI VERBIN

**WARNING — SODIUM SACCCHARIN HAS BEEN SHOWN TO CAUSE CANCER IN LABORATORY ANIMALS.**

Warning? Your hand stops in mid-air on its way to the shelf as a picture slowly forms in your mind. A mad scientist with a shining bald head and a wrinkled white lab coat hunches over smoking test tubes and bubbling beakers. He picks up a large syringe, attaches a foot-long needle to it, and with a piercing cry, plunges the needle into the quivering body of an innocent, pink-eyed mouse.

The image suddenly pops, and you carelessly toss the can of Tab into your shopping cart and continue on your way.

Just what is cancer research all about and is it really worthwhile to consider it as a possible career?

"Investigation of the various aspects of cancer research is one of the most challenging and potentially rewarding endeavors available to individuals who have imagination, an inquisitive mind, and a sound scientific background," stated Robert S. Verbin, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Diagnostic Services at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Dental Medicine. This is a generalization, one of the few ones you can make about this multi-faceted field.

"When you use the word cancer, you are talking about a number of different diseases that have certain things in common. One of the most common characteristics of all cancers is their ability to spread to all parts of the body," Verbin explained. Much of the similarity

that has a cancer research area in one of the departments and you enroll as a graduate student and you work under one of the faculty members who's studying some phase of cancer."

After the student has earned his degree, he may be hired by a university which will pay him a salary for his work, sometimes for teaching as well as for research. The funding for the actual experimentation, however, must come from outside organizations such as the National Cancer Institute or the American Cancer Society.

Now the scientist is ready to begin. The beginning may be nothing more than a shot in the dark, but, according to Verbin, this is not always true.

"Sometimes there's information based on studies that have been done before by other investigators, so you'd have to review all the articles that have been written on that particular drug which you are studying."

Sometimes, if nobody has worked with that particular drug,

you just select a dose that has a maximum effect on some biochemical property, for example a drug may inhibit DNA synthesis. You continue to study different doses until you get the smallest dose with the maximum effect."

The work can be frustrating. Even if a drug is shown to have an effect on the cell, the researcher cannot always make a solid conclusion. Many times he knows that a drug is carcinogenic but does not know how it causes the disease. Sometimes, even the most diligent research may yield nothing.

"Some people have worked for years and not come up with anything constructive because this is a very complex disease. We don't know enough about the normal cell, so studying the abnormal cell becomes pretty difficult," declared Verbin.

The field of cancer research is no doubt a difficult one, but it is a necessary and potentially rewarding one with many aspects that can appeal to many people, maybe even you.

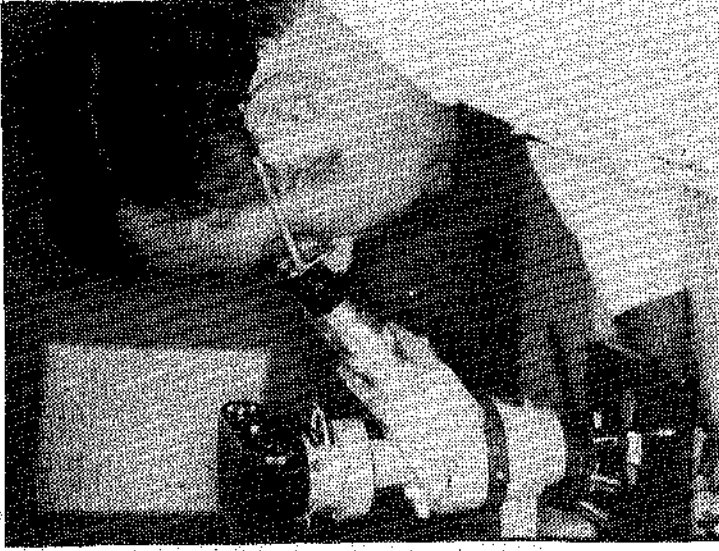


Photo courtesy of Dr. Robert S. Verbin

College, of course, is a must for anyone considering cancer research as a career. While in college, the student should take courses in chemistry, biology, histology, and physiology, among others.

This sounds like a pretty heavy schedule, yet it is only the beginning. After graduation, the prospective scientist should go on to graduate school to earn his Masters degree and/or doctorate (Ph.D.), which can take an additional two to six years. However, in graduate training there is an opportunity to do research while one is learning. This is made possible largely through training grants by the National Cancer

# Caught in Christmas crisis

By ERIC SANDBERG

About this time of year, Christmas shoppers are plagued by a familiar and sometimes agonizing problem. That is choosing the right gift for members of their family. Of course, little children are no problem. You get little Mary a Betty Ann Boo Doll. If you pour water into her nose, she automatically wets herself and develops a plasticine rash. For little Bobby you can get a box of Micronauts and a rather masochistic little doll that can be

ready up to her ears in pot holders left over from her last birthday. Two years ago my father got my mother a CB radio which he has been referring to as "my CB" ever since. The next year, for revenge, my mother got my father a large jar of Macadamia nuts. She then proceeded to eat most of them. I had a relative that used to give his wife a board that had on it Merry Christmas spelled out in one hundred dollar bills. Then one year she got a board that said Merry X-

told her that I liked "Yes" and I ended up getting "Kiss."

I heard about a man who didn't have any trouble finding a gift for his brother-in-law. He got him a .44 magnum. When the brother-in-law wanted to know if it worked, it was suggested that he try it out on the liquor store around the corner.

Well, this ends my little expose on Christmas shopping for loved ones. If it hasn't given you any ideas there is always one thing you can rely on. Yesiree, it's the

But what does a husband give his wife for Christmas? Diamonds are too expensive, and she is all make sure that I got what I wanted for Christmas so she asked me what kind of albums I would like. I have the next twenty days to order before midnight tonight!



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# Dragons off to a strong start

By DAVID PAUL

There will be no more laughing at the Allderdice Basketball Team. No snickers, no jeers, just pure praise. That is all that can be given to a team which finished third in Western Pennsylvania last year, with a 21-6 record. The same team

which demolished its first three opponents this year.

The Dragons started the season with a home game against the Shaler Titans, one of many suburban schools that Allderdice plays until it opens its city league schedule in early January.

The starting lineup of center Derrick Moore, forwards Frank Dobbs and Bill Blummer, and guards Nate Edmonds and Richard Ranson played Shaler tight in the first quarter and they came out with a 19-14 lead.

Playing aggressively, the

Dragons looked like a different team in the second quarter. Juniors Moore and Dobbs seemed to grab every possible rebound, while senior Edmonds made three straight layups opening up an 11 point lead. By halftime the Dragons were leading, 47-22.

The Dragons started the third period lackadastically. Shaler had many breakaway lay-ups. Coach Larry Neiberg then decided to bring in his second team, a move he explained by saying, "I wanted to see what all the kids could do. You have to have someone ready. They have to have experience against another school."

The second team continued the sloppy play. Guards Anthony Checks and Robert Dunson, forwards Scott Harvey and Jim Millorino and center Darrel Perkins threw away many passes and turned the ball over on numerous occasions. By the end of the 3rd quarter, the lead was relinquished, 58-56.

At the start of the fourth quarter, the first team was brought back in to play. They quickly regained the lead, with Moore and Dobbs again controlling the boards. Moore finished off the Titans with a slam dunk coming off a Nate Edmonds pass with 19 seconds remaining and Allderdice up, 81-72.

Moore finished with 25 points and 26 rebounds. Dobbs accumulated 21 points and also picked up 15 rebounds. Edmonds and Ransom combined for 31 points.

The second game was played at Upper St. Clair. The Dragons had trouble breaking the U.S.C. press, but still managed a 17-13 first quarter lead.

The second quarter started slowly with Allderdice throwing away many passes. It seemed like the Dragons could not put the ball in the basket. They were 12 for 30 from the floor at the end of the first half with U.S.C. leading, 28-25.

Then Allderdice got hot. They rallied for a 36-34 third quarter lead. The two teams traded baskets and the quarter ended with the Dragons up by two, 40-38.

The Dragons were carried by Edmonds and Blummer in the final period. Both played a very aggressive period. Edmonds hit on the long range shots, and Blummer continually cleared the boards and picked up loose balls. The game ended with Allderdice on top, 54-46. Moore finished with 21 points and 18 rebounds. Blummer gathered in 11 more rebounds and Edmonds fired in 18 points.

In the third game, Allderdice demolished Burgettstown, 73-58. Moore poured in 23 points and snatched a sensational 32 rebounds. Edmonds hit for 18 points while Blummer contributed 16.

The big question now is can Allderdice repeat last years performance? "It would be difficult," said Neiberg. "There is more balance this year. If we get out of the City we might. And to get that far, you have to have one hell of a ball club."



Photo by Tom Horowitz

Forwards Jim Millorino (34) and Scott Harvey (24) look on as Shaler puts up a shot.

## Hockey team "confident"

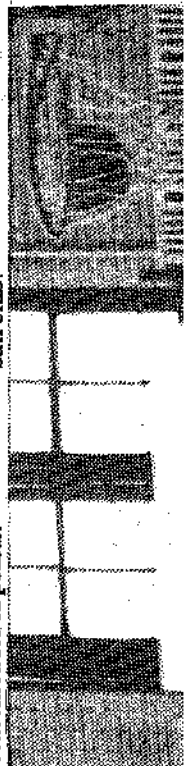
By PAUL SUPOWITZ

The Allderdice hockey team is off to a fairly strong start this year, with a record of 3-2-1 thus far. Despite their mediocre start, the team figures to do well.

In the opening game against Penn Hills, Allderdice built up a big lead and then seemed to relax.

The two leading scorers, Dee Rizzo and Buddy Martin. Others from last year's team include Rich Biestock, Damon Brown, Bob Corcoran, John Nicholas, and John Werner.

Newcomers who have contri-



Returning to this year's team are Sickle, and Pit Hill.

# Girl swimmers shine at state

In their next game, Allerdice faced first place Armstrong at Armstrong's home rink. The game ended in a 2-2 tie.

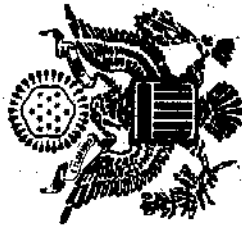
## JOIN THE PTA

Thursday, November 9 was an important date in Allerdice swimming history. This was the day of

the Girls' High School City Championship and State Qualifying Meet. Allerdices' girl swimmers captured 10 out of 11 gold medals. Six of these were new city records. The new records were set by Katie Holland, Kathy Howell, Binney Jannetta, Cindy Nett, Janet Tomasovich, and Judy Tomasovich. Also placing first were Linda Dusch, Nancy Graves, and Amy Tucker. Other members of the team include Randee Dolan, Dani Harris, Carmel McShane, Jenny Meyer, Pam Sankoro, Jody Spiegel, Jane Tomasovich, and Paula Tomasovich.

In total points, Allerdice almost doubled the second place team, Carrick's score, 377-196. Allerdice will be represented by swimmers at the state championships on March 8 at Penn State.

Coach Pauline DeLuca's only comment about this year's team was, "Fantastic. They broke records and did everything. The freshman were outstanding."



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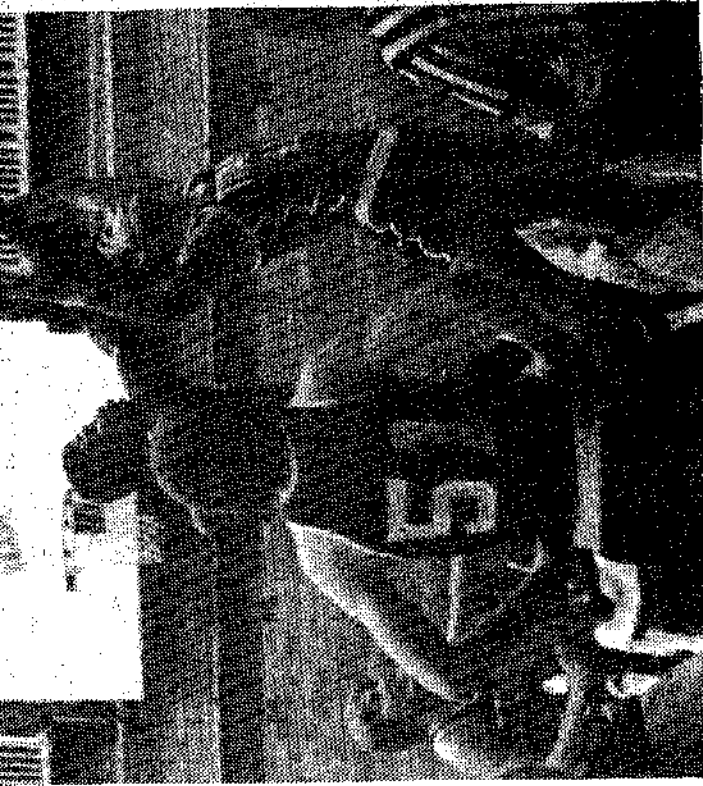


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Center Derrick Moore flies in for a lay-up against Shaler.

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# Swimmers ready to face foes

By RICHARD TITTEBAUM. Every day after school, there is a select group of students who remain at Allerdice, in the pool no less. These students are the boy's swim team. After school they swim anywhere from 2,000 yards to 3,000 yards under the supervision of Coach John DiFebo.

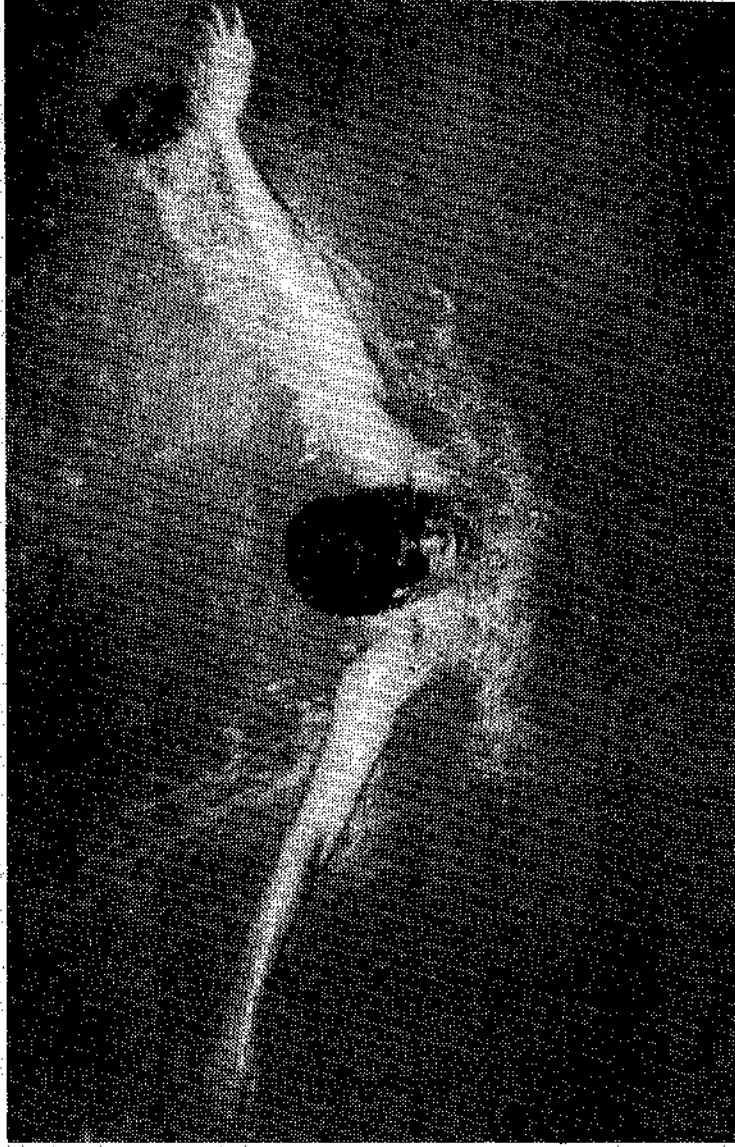
However this year the team isn't working extra hard. There isn't the drive to win that has been evident in past years. This drive has kept the Allerdice Swim Team winning every dual meet since 1966. As DiFebo very aptly put it, "We may lose one!"

There could be many explanations for a possible loss. Injury and sickness seem as if they will be contributing factors, but also the swimmers' ambition isn't very strong. This is shown at practice: first, out of 25 team members, only 15 or maybe 20 ever show up for practice. Second, once practice begins, the swimmers complain about trivialities such as water temperature.

Yet all is not lost. The swimmers who show up do so consistently. "The potential is there, I just have to work to bring it out," stated DiFebo. He is working intensely with the freshmen who make up a large part of the team. Captain, and top swimmer this year is Andy Margolis. Returning swimmers are Stuart Barmak, Mark Barnard, Mike Bromberger, Brian Cohen, David Faigen, Henry Frain, Scott Marktrauer, and Weir Strange. Robert Chernelstein, Carl Goldman, Steve Josowitz, Erick Meley, Patrick O'Bannon, Larry Rosenberg, Hugh Roth, Steve Sarloro, Zoel Silverman, John Sterling, Andrew Sucov, Paul Suppowitz, William Weiss, and David Yeloushan comprise the rest of the swimmers. The two divers who show great potential are John Dusch and Mike Yuhasz.

# Soccer club has successful year

By RICHARD TITTEBAUM. The Allerdice Soccer Club has ended its first year on a good note. The under 19A team coached by player/coach Craig MacKenzie ended the season 2-2-3. But this is good enough to advance them to the championships. None of the other teams finished quite as well. The under 19B team, coached by Tom MacMullin finished 3-7. The under 16A team, coached by Dr. Hal Rennert played only two



Senior Mike Bromberger practices his butterfly in anticipation of future meets.

Photo by Scott Lewis

# Girl hoopsters face tough schedule

By CHRIS MRAZIK. With ten league games, two championships, and the most difficult schedule in W.F.I.A.L., District 8 Section one, the Allerdice

Girl's Basketball Team is looking for its fifth city championship and possibly a state victory.

"We all believe we have plenty of talent. We have high aspirations," said Janet Davis, the confident coach of the girl's basketball squad. With her roster of highly talented girls, Coach Davis has great expectations. Her only remaining worries are Indiana and Carrick.

"Carrick as well as Indiana remain our rivals. We reached the finals of the Evergreen Classic with wins over Moon and Franklin Regional, and then we were put away by Indiana."

The team roster consists of: Forwards, Phyllis Allen, Cindy Harvey, Kathy Karlic, Mary Vaughn, Barbara Buckline, Lorinda Hall and

Harvey, Karlic, Myers, and Saunders. Team captains are Reola Buckins and Myers. Myers, a fast, sharp, shooter, had 37 points in the Franklin Regional game and has recently been nominated for All State Guard.

The girl's league games are against Peabody, Westinghouse, Brashear, Schenley, and Carrick. The team's major disadvantage is that the majority of the games are played away.

"This could hurt us. Last year our city hopes were dim," Davis said.

Hard-working, energetic dribblers are eager for the beginning of league play. Because of the away games and the absence of fans to cheer the team on, it could possibly change the team's spirit.



merged and the resulting team lost its final two games.

A girls' team was formed half way into the season. Larry Dailey coached this team. Their record of 1-11 doesn't tell the whole story. They played very well, considering the small amount of experience they had. They weren't strong offensively, but they sure shut down their opponents!

commented. Shore, the club's faculty advisor.

198's record is also deceiving because they are a second string team, and many of the teams they played were first string.

Along with the success goes a lot of responsibility to the coaches, and manager of each team. Adults are needed and parental help in anything is always welcome.

Another problem the team has experienced is money. As yet it is not funded by the school board, therefore, all of the players foot the

HEADS UP — Kelvin Gardner (R) and Scott Lewis take the ball away from North Allegheny.

bill.

One more problem is how to recognize the outstanding players. Some players have taken it upon themselves to buy letters and unofficially wear them. But Shore is now investigating some way to recognize the talented players.

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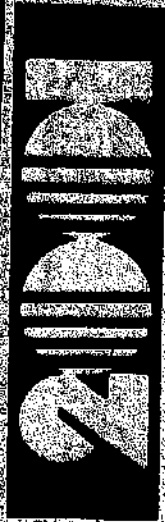
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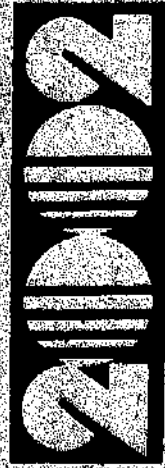
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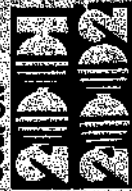


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**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  
Congratulations to the Happy Couple, don't forget that Dan pays the bill — H2SO4

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Hey SHIDNEY!

Roger S. can be a snob — A.R., H.Z.  
Beth — How's the Tennis coming?

**BIBLE CALL: A TAPE LIBRARY 641-2493 TAPE 179; WHAT ABOUT MARIJUANA?**

Heleen Z. — SHUT UP! Your English class.  
**AMANTA — WHO IS ARNIE? CARMEL.**

Gottlieb, Lynne, Susan — Hey guys, it's cold back here! Eve.  
It's 6:20 x 10<sup>23</sup> you moron.

**LORI JUST LOVES GREEN BEANS.**  
Les: You shouldn't tease me about faïres, if you didn't easy method, Suz.

Shoshana — Go for No. 11  
C.U.B. — IT'S ALL AN ILLUSION.

**STU — I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO ASSOCIATE WITH PUNKS BUT**

**SPRINGSTEEN RETURNS!!!!!!!!!!!!**  
David — Lily Tomlin is fine, but office machines????????? — Leslie.

**MR. KELANIC — PSHT PSHT PSHT PSHT PSHT PSHT!**  
Who does it best?

Randy R., Who did you pick up on the way to the Sem? —  
**DEATLE IS A PEASANT.**  
Dan, how's the weather in St. Paul?  
Mrs. Sherman I can't hear

Canan — Joker and "The Registered Airhead" will destroy Room 266, P.L.S.

Louis Cyrone never buys BOUTE!!!  
Victor S. — I Love You, Marry Me — AN OLDER WOMAN.

**WHO SAID THAT THE SENIOR CUT DAY IS DEAD? IT LIVES AGAIN — STAY TUNED TO THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER DETAILS, W.G.J.A.**

This is the female room. Really like!!!  
Chris — Where's your dress? — Jill

Eric L. Map Wheel? L.S.  
E.L. I Love You, Pride and Joy.

Mark Gaudin knows his Flashpods.  
It's an Emergency!!!  
Let's hear it for the Christmas program! Go A-Chart! Love, Andy and Robin.

We're happy when we see HAPPY!  
J. and Y. — You're working with TNT — Dynamite!!!

SS — L D I A B E S  
Cuddi — No, No! Anything but Rhyme) — J.R.  
Tooties — The door is open Y.C.C.

Mad — Oh no! California.  
Gnome — Smile! — Heidi.  
Maddy — Beware the Spotmaker — Gretchen.

Put brain in gear before moving mouth.  
SM: Wipe that smirk off your puss. Love, Suzanne-Needle

To Mrs. Kublak's 7th period chemistry class — Read the labels, set a better table.  
Marty, Mercy, & Dins. It's time to "FREAK OUT"!!!! Jodi.

Les — Billy Joel is s-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o cool! D.S.  
Toni I'll put a cougar in your tank. Slurp!

Look out FOR THAT PICKLE!!!!  
..... SHADEL.....

Kublak's 7th period chemistry — it's irrelevant!!!  
Rika — Here's your classified — Pain.

**MIKE — KIL-LING-TON WAITS FOR ME.**  
I don't understand your answer.

**JAK, SUCICLE IS PAINLESS — LYNNE.**  
Ernie — Luv ya Babycakes — Jill.

**Sue — NORTHS / A / DRAGON / AWAY /**  
Sandrew's a cantaloupe with eyes!

**SHEILA MURPHY IS MORE THAN A TOMBOY AND IT SHOWS!**  
What am I talking to? A wall?

Hugh: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA Janet.  
Hey De-hov's H.H.?  
Piglet: What's it like to get a classified? Love Pook-bear.

We always knew we'd see the day when good old Jill would be 21.  
Jeff, the human Mustang Destroyer.

Tom my protectors from little kids: You're the greatest! Marcle.  
"LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!" GO A-CHOIR!!!!!!!!!!!!

**WENDY, EMORY, STEAL, EVERYONE!! STACEY.**  
Susan — Thanks for listening! — Heidi.

Guild poets — BOGART FOREVER! — Heidi.  
Good Luck Ninon — We'll miss you. Love, Sue and Nancy.

Wallpaper! Wo? Limsey Power!!!!  
Dale's Abel but all buns and no brains.

Blod — Where's your Polish shoes?  
Steve! Rainbows only come to those who seek them — SDM

Steamrock fever in L.A.  
What is the value of a male?  
Scott D. keep it warm!!

Lydia T. eats Green M & M's.  
Jabberwocky — Ira ties cure-buns!!!!  
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Bill — I Love You — Lorri.  
Kris, Kelly and Burray: Thanks for always being there when I need ya! — Bri.

Stu — Biblical allusions are transcendental.  
Go ahead and ask me.

Claire — I'll start the hot water, you get the book.  
Ask me a question, any question.

MLK: Thanks for nothing but I hope you found true love under the SUN, LAN.  
Hey Lips. . . , with you bin!

E.B. eats bananas!  
Shella: You take the high blow and I'll take the low blow. Jack: Get it now? How's your fuzzy? Suzanne.

**BECKY T. — I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT I SAID, ABOUT WHAT I SAID ABOUT YOUR FATHER, SINCERELY SINCERE, T.T.**  
Hg — Skiffle, peas, mountains? — Ms

"Pook" — see, the Aunt Jermlina bottle does smile back! — "Pookness"  
EVE — Beware of Skirbangles!

**THE OBSEQUIOUS BROTHERS ARE KEANE!**  
Beisy: Tennis in the snow isn't BAD!

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**YOUR MOTHER IS A TREE.**  
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**HARRY M. YOUR BALD SPOT LOOKS FINE, FINE, JUST FINE**  
Dear-Matt, Have a great No. 14 Love Karen.

Natime — Hai Quack! — Pam.  
A. Blake L. I really like you! Your secret admirer!

Erin — ROTARY CLUB!!  
Stowzone is for Bunnies.

Cliff: Erm, mes vashanta, K'dle (Kabay) of hetaf-kei hazeh? S.V.  
Eric L. — Sorry about what we said.

Martine — Do you like your dress today?  
SK — The best things in life are juicy — JW

**ABDAM SHERUHU — WHAT WE NEED IS A GIMMICK HOW ABOUT A MONOGRAMMED KEYCHAIN WITH EACH NEW MEMBERSHIP? FAITHFULLY, ERIELLA KIMDUSH.**

Manning a Hold Out!  
VPI Gobbler's are hokles!

Kathy — Double Vision — Pam.  
( LOVE YA BILBO — ARFI

Get psyched for TOURNY!!!! — N31ahface.  
Bob — What should we name THE BAND? — Woofers and Styl.

To my little sister — Swim team wouldn't have been the same without you — I love ya — Pam.  
GLUCOSE, SUCROSE, GELACTOS and PIA, S.P.

Wayne's my special person, Barb.  
**MIKEY N. HOW'S THE JOB? (YOU KNOW THE JOB YOU DON'T GET PAID AT!!!!!!)**

Ann-Ann: Hockey Jackles suck pucks, B.I.R.D.  
U.S. How's "THE BOY" S.M.

Joe W. — Have you? " yes?  
Amanta — stop filling her mind with trashy lies! — Carmel.

K2 is better than Reassignor.  
Marie, want some greenbeans? Lori.

L.K. — Call me sometime! S.K.  
poor EVAN, he strove to be a NER, but only succeeded in being a HAPF-NER.

Roberta Slutsky: The sky is falling.  
FNVPB: Isn't New York better than Washington, D.C.? — Hot Sox.

"Sergeant Moor", SWANEE NAPKINI — MAC  
Cat — Hope your rainbow stays locked up forever mine too! — Sat.

Ed — You can do what in the snow?  
Hey JD10: Cuir's a load!

L.T. I made a funny! Love, Y.  
T.D. HOLD THE LINE! S.S.  
H.O.T. — Merry Christmas — Love L.H.  
Kim — Great ideas are ugly!!!!!! Cindy.

Dara, we'll miss you, Love, Justin, Davi and Becky.  
Jim Zorn for President.

**J.Z. THANKS FOR TELLING ME YOUR SECRET! — LOVE Y.**  
Debbie: Keep your eyes on his fry, as it may disappear! — Carol.

Coccapoo. — Everything sucks! — Love Yomthead.  
T.D. HOW ABOUT GIVING ME A CHANCE? PLEASE, Guess Who?

**LISA, YOU'RE ONE OF A KIND, JULES.**  
WHAT'S HAPPENING? BRANDY, ANDI, ALCHY, RITZY, LOVE, TEQUILA.

TINY: You and Your Birthday!  
OLDTIMER: IMTHRUZU AYNZO AGADAH WHAT'S AFTER BOSTON? OLE GREENETHEYES.

Room 211: Let's hear it for Geal-ves-Adr Sopp Sing.  
Ann — Want to shake hands — S.

H — Want to eat licorice in the kitchen — S.  
What's happening? Tequila, Brandy, Alchy, Ritzzy, Love, Andi.

"Big Heist" Cast — Don't let your Meat loaf! — Mrs. Boston.  
M & R: Fuzzy / Duck how can you be so dense? Itg

Jeff R. — When you get a cold, do you blow your nose?  
THE NOSE GROWS

Andi, What's wrong with givin' him a B.J. Love Tequila.  
T.T. — Paranoid — S.

J — Love those in town weekends — S  
Vive Le Nez!

Marcle: 11 and 12 / 211 Freaky, hg.  
Sarilyn — He was only a helpless troubador.

Mindy — Florida, here we come!  
S.O.P. — Wood's are a lot nicer than Purcells, all the way around Love, Teulla.

What's happening? Alchy, Ritzzy, Tequila, Andi, Love, Brandy.  
Puffs are nicer to your nose.

S — Tight jeans will get us what we want — S  
M — I am taking singing lessons — S

Sarah — I'm ready to take a chance again — Egohead.  
Gang — Knockwood! — Me.

Marci — C300 and the boy's bathroom — really! Hg.  
Freddie — I really like your haircut.

Hey lips, where you been?????  
Todd — Count in your head not with it — S

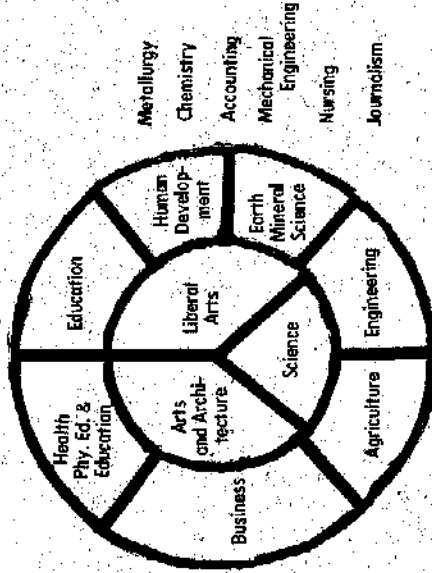
Miss F. and Todd — Watch out for the eyeballs — S

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Pam. — excellent — S  
E.L. Keep it up — joke, H.V.  
Brain — Little people are nice — S.G.  
J — you get what you get when you go for it. S & S.  
YEARBOOK — \$900 MISTAKE, REALLY PROFESSIONAL???  
Davie A. and Andy C. Shut your face.  
Nite Matt: Forever! And Merry Christmas! Love, Calh  
Suz. Rainbow Magic goes on, and on, and on. The Brit islefish!  
Stu — I thought I'd take the time since you don't seem to be able to.  
Fean — You think cards are dumb? How about Ads? Love, Ca  
RSM. "You are so . . .!" I'm HAPPY. Love CSM  
Hockey skates for sale — excellent condition. \$21.00, \$40.00.

Nancy-N-Genie forever.  
A very Happy Anniversary to Eilan-N-Glenn. Love, Nancy.  
Howdy, Mick. . . Oh, M.Y., you sure are a great ranch hand. Roy, Dais & Cora Beth. Happy Fall!  
Rebecca — It was nice while it lasted. Love always, Scott.  
The S.U.N. does shine! — C.D.  
What is a "Chef Delegate?"  
D.L., AF — A tubsteak a day helps keep the girlfriends away.  
Frostich/Witch, Marcus and Sylvia.  
Felices vacaciones, cross-country team!  
Haard — Schwartz stole your girl.

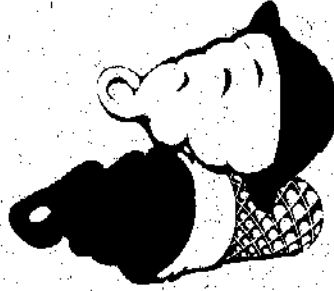
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Stew — you can be the king. I denounce the throne.



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