

The Sharon High Times

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IS THERE LIFE OUTSIDE SHARON HIGH?



How many times have you been asked this brain-stumper: "So what do you Sharon people do for fun?" To find the solution, we polled a random sampling of homerooms from each grade. The results? Sharon High encompasses such a diversified group of students that it's difficult to generalize. However, we did uncover several trends.

Seniors seem to spend the least time glued to the TV set. More than half of those polled view less than an hour a day. Approximately half of the juniors and sophomores and over 70% of the freshmen watch between one and three hours daily. Which shows are most people watching? It seems as if everyone has his own favorite, but the name that cropped up most often was M*A*S*H.

Seniors also make up the smallest group of "soapies": only 35% claim to watch soap operas, followed by roughly half of the juniors and freshmen and 40% of the sophomores. The average viewer follows one program--you guessed it, General Hospital.

How many Sharon families have pay TV? Roughly 25% of those polled say they do. The most popular brand is STAR, with over 70% of the votes, trailed by Preview, owned by approximately 20%. Has this increased their TV viewing? More than half said yes.

Those of us who aren't fortunate enough to have pay TV can always go to the movies. Over 2/3 of those polled go to movies between one and three times a month, while roughly a quarter frequent the cinema only a few times per year. An average of less than 10% go to the movies at least once a week. The most common recently viewed movies are Stripes, Arthur, and American Werewolf in London; the all-time favorite are Stripes and Raiders of The Lost Ark.

It looks like rock rules at Sharon High. When asked to rate several different types of music, students of all grades overwhelmingly voted hard rock #1. This was followed by mellow rock by all grades except freshmen, who ranked it #3 and chose pop as second best.

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Jazz and country were middle of the road for most people, while the most unpopular types of music were disco, classical, and musack. This trend is reflected by the candidates for favorite groups: The Rolling Stones, Doors, Beatles, and Led Zeppelin were most frequently mentioned. The most popular current songs were "Juke Box Hero" and "Endless Love." The all-time favorite song? Answers varied tremendously, but the most frequent was "Stairway to Heaven."

How do people listen to their favorite music? The majority of seniors prefer albums. This inclination seems to decrease with age; 53% of juniors, 62% of sophomores, and 75% of freshmen would rather listen to the radio. Which stations do they tune into? COZ was the #1 choice for over 30% of the school. A newcomer, HJY, was voted #2 by the seniors and #3 by juniors and sophomores. AAF was the seniors' third choice and the second choice of juniors, sophomores and freshmen. The third favorite of freshmen was JB-105.

It seems that a week doesn't go by without someone making plans to go to a concert. How many have most students actually been to? The answers are surprising. Approximately 3/5 of the seniors, 7/10 of the juniors and sophomores, and 4/5 of the freshmen attend less than one per year. In their entire lives, the average senior and junior have been to three, the sophomores has seen two, and the freshman, a grand total of zero.

If you could see any group in concert, past or present, which would it be? The most common answers were the Beatles, the Doors, and the Stones. The all-time favorite concert actually attended was the Kinks. The next concert planned? Those either very optimistic or very lucky listed the Rolling Stones.

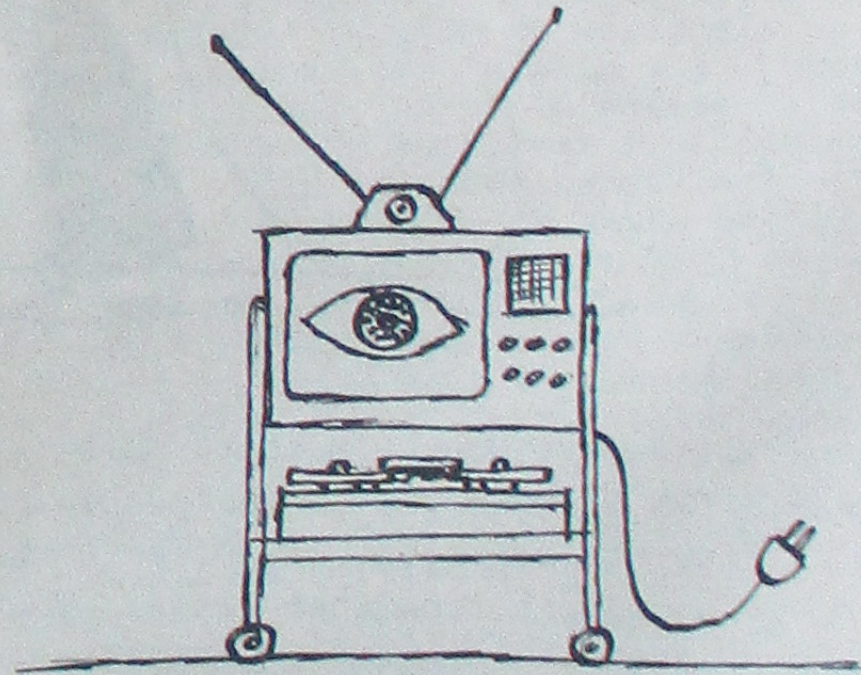
But what do SHS teenagers do on the average weekend? The most popular response was partying, followed by sports and movies. When compared to several activities, parties were rated #1 by all grades except freshmen, who gave them a #3. Concerts and drive-ins were other favorites, while the most unpopular activities were unanimously dances, bowling, and rollerskating.

Would you rather go on a date or out with a group of friends? The majority of students would rather date. This tendency increases slightly with age, followed by over 70% of seniors, 60% of juniors, and 50% of sophomores and freshmen. Do most students sit home nights studying? Roughly 45% of seniors, 40% of juniors, and sophomores, and 20% of freshmen go out a few nights a week. Approximately 35% of seniors, 45% of juniors, 25% of sophomores, and 35% of freshmen save it for the weekend. Does anyone stay home weekends? 17% of sophomores and 33% of the freshmen claim to go out only a few times per month.

So what does all this information tell us? We can now have peace of mind, we've quenched the rumors, and spread the news - there is life in Sharon.

- Wendi Diamond

Entertainment Survey				
Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshman	
1. How many hours do you watch TV each day?				
a) Less than one hour				
53%	17%	17%	25%	
b) Between one & three hours				
29%	50%	59%	72%	
c) Between three & five hours				
12%	26%	20%	7%	
d) More than five hours				
6%	5%	5%	3%	
2. What is your favorite show?				
most common answer for all grades-M*A*S*H				
3. Do you watch soap operas?				
a) <u>yes</u>				
35%	53%	43%	50%	
b) <u>no</u>				
64%	47%	57%	50%	
4. How many soaps do you follow?				
average for all grades-ONE				
5. What is your favorite soap opera?				
most common answer-General Hospital				
6. Does your family have pay TV?				
a) <u>yes</u>				
29%	18%	34%	25%	
b) <u>no</u>				
71%	82%	66%	75%	
7. Which brand?				
a) <u>STAR</u>				
71%	89%	77%	83%	
b) <u>PREVIEW</u>				
29%	11%	23%	17%	
8. Has it increased your TV viewing?				
a) <u>yes</u>				
62%	53%	55%	50%	
b) <u>no</u>				
38%	47%	45%	50%	



9. How often do you go to the movies?				
a) At least once a week				
13%	3%	10%	4%	
b) Two or three times a month				
35%	27%	20%	35%	
c) About once a month				
33%	40.5%	37.5%	33%	
d) A few times a year				
20%	30%	32%	23%	
10. What is the most recent movie you have seen?				
most common-Stripes, Arthur, American Werewolf in London				
11. What is your all-time favorite movie?				
most common-Raiders of the Lost Ark, Stripes				
12. Do you prefer to listen to albums?				
60%	47%	38%	25%	
Or the radio:				
40%	53%	62%	75%	

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places to go

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The following is a listing of various places to go in the Sharon area. We are not trying to be complete; it is only our impressions of a few places. Ours is not the last word; your opinions may be different. If you have never been to one of the places listed, it will at least give you an idea of what it's like.

- * Poor
- ** Fair
- *** Good
- **** Excellent

PIZZA/SUBS



Regina's Pizzeria *** Rte. 1, Walpole

While it isn't quite as good as the Regina's in Quincy Market, the pizza is still quite good. The take out orders are prompt and efficient and well worth the trip.

Town Spa ***½ 4 Rose St, Stoughton

Many people say that this is the best pizza anywhere. The only drawback is that it only comes in one (rather small) size, so if you want to buy a large quantity of pizza without spending a lot of money, this is not the place to go. The "Spa" is open til midnight, so it is a good place to go for food after you've been somewhere else.

Papa Gino's *** 115 Sharon St., Stoughton

This is pretty good pizza, and if you don't want pizza, you can have a salad, a sub, a hamburger or spaghetti. When you do buy a pizza, there is always a coupon around somewhere; you hardly ever have to pay full price.

Sharon House of Pizza*½ 8 Post Office Square, Sharon

This is not a place to go to sit down and eat; most people take out. Its strong point is its convenient location. The subs are infinitely better than the pizza.

Red Wing **

This is great pizza. They also have really good seafood plates. It is usually pretty crowded (especially on Friday nights), so it is easier to take out than to eat there.

FOOD

Burger King ***½ 102 Washington St., Canton

If you have not been here yet, you should go soon. The food is what you would expect from any fast-food place. The decor is really nice-unexpected in this type of restaurant. It has become a very popular place to go.

Kentucky Fried Chicken ***

This is where you go when you want something to eat, but you don't want a burger or pizza. The chicken is good, and the prices are reasonable.

The Honolulu*** (Rte. 1 Norwood)

Within the gaudy exterior is, in this reviewer's opinion, one of the finest Polynesian restaurants around Sharon. Oversized fan chairs, a statue of Buddha and a wishing well are all part of the exotic Hawaiian decor, and the food is no disappointment.

McDonalds****

There's nothing better than a Big Mac and Large Fries after a long day. It's the BEST!! If you haven't gone to McD's recently, book it down there babes!

MOVIE THEATERS

Orpheum Cinema *** 1 School St., Foxboro

This is a nice theater that shows fairly recent movies for only \$1.50 (the price was recently lowered from \$3.50). It is better than most theaters for this price.

Oriental Theater **½ 640 Washington St., Canton

This theater, although rather small-playing only one movie at a time, is a good place to go see an inexpensive movie, the cost being only \$1.50. However, the theater has a policy about not allowing in anyone under 17 (for any rated movie) unless they are accompanied by an adult or have a written permission card because it is a "family theater."



General Cinemas *** West- gate Mall, Brockton; South Shore Mall, Brain- tree

A nice, comfortable theater that plays 5 movies at a time, so there is usually a varied selection. However, the prices, unless one can get a discount pass, are high-\$4.00 in the evening. The matinees are more reasonable, if you don't mind going in the afternoon.

Sack Cinemas *** Pearl St., Brockton

This is also a very nice and comfortable "first-run" theater where one can view the most recent movies, but like the General Cinemas, the prices are the highest.

Norwood Cinema *** 109 Central Street, Norwood

One cannot go wrong here, since admission is only \$1.00. Two movies are shown at a time, and although they may not be very recent, the cost makes up for it and the theater itself is nice.

ICE CREAM

Friendly's ***½

This is the place to go when Crescent Ridge isn't open. The ice cream is good and the prices are fairly reasonable. (If you really want to pig out-a Jim Dandy is the thing to have.) The food is also good, and the service is usually courteous. The Friendly's on rte. 1 in Norwood is set up as a family-style restaurant, so if you have a choice, go to one of the others.

Brigham's ***½ 6 Wash- ington Street, Canton

This is good ice cream, but it tends to be rather expensive. The food is also all right, but there are other places to go that are just as good and are cheaper.

Newport Creamery **½ Walpole Mall

Like Brigham's, this is very good ice cream but on the expensive side. This is mainly a place to go when you are shopping in the Walpole Mall.

Crescent Ridge Dairy Bar **** 407 Bay Road, Sharon

(seasonal) Everyone knows about Crescent Ridge. It is excellent ice cream served in large portions at really good prices.



We gave the faculty the same survey that we gave the students. The results were more varied than the students' were because the teachers cover a greater range of ages. Some of their answers were quite interesting, and if you want to know which teachers gave some of the answers, we can't tell you because, unfortunately, the surveys were anonymous. (We would like to know whom some of them were from, ourselves.)

Most teachers either watch between one and three hours of television each day or watch less than one hour. Some of their favorite shows are: the six o'clock news (which got more votes than anything else), Dallas, 60 Minutes, The Dukes of Hazzard, M*A*S*H, sports, and movies. Only a few of them will admit to watching soap operas. The most popular is "The Guiding Light." There is only a very small number of teachers with pay T.V. (equally divided among Star, Preview, and HBO). Most of them say that it has increased their viewing time greatly.

The majority of teachers go to see a movie only a few times a year with a small percentage going once or twice a month. The most popular recent movies are "Arthur," "Eye of the Needle," and "Paternity." As for all-time favorite movies, "Gone With the Wind" has all of the rest beat, with "Doctor Zhivago" the second favorite. There are some Bogart fans among the teachers, two other favorite movies being "African Queen" and "Casablanca." Other popular movies are "The Sound of Music," "From Here to Eternity," and "Woody Allen movies in general."

As for music, the faculty of our school is evenly divided between those who listen to the radio and those who listen to albums. For a favorite group, Abba had three votes while the other votes varied among groups (and singers) from the Boston Pops, the Kingston Trio, Frank Sinatra, and Harry Belafonte to the Rolling Stones, Spyrogyra, Springsteen (yes, it was Bruce), and the Beatles.

Favorite songs were also diverse, but none of them were particularly recent--"People," "Yes, We Have No Bananas," "My Way," "My Funny Valentine," and "Summertime" being among the favored. The teme from "Arthur," "Endless Love," and "Consuela's Love Theme" were the only responses for the favorite song currently on the radio. Most teachers like classical, pop music, and jazz the best; whereas hard rock, disco and muzack are the least liked. Unsurprisingly, the most popular radio stations are WJIB, WHUE, and WEEI. Some teachers, however, do enjoy listening to WROR, and KISS-108.

When we asked what their all-time favorite concerts were, the replies ranged from "the Boston Symphony Orchestra anytime" to "Bob Marley in Madison Square Garden--1976." Other answers were Shanana, Heifez on the violin, Isaac Stein, and Elton John.

If the faculty could see any group or singer, who would it be? The most popular response was Frank Sinatra. Other teachers would like to see the Beatles, Elvis Presley, Barbra Streisand, the Drifters, and Barry Manilow.

Our teachers like to do all sorts of things on weekends. The things that showed up the most were: hiking, golf, family-type activities and just plain relaxing. Other pasttimes are shopping, reading, theater-going, horseback riding, fishing, playing street hockey and socializing with friends. (And you thought all they did was stay home and make up impossible tests to torture you with.)

When asked to rate various activities, the teachers consistently placed movies, sports, and parties near the top while roller skating was at the bottom. (Why?)

The faculty is evenly divided among those who go out on weekends only, those who go out only a few times a month and those who go out a few times a week.

Steven Bortnick



SURVEY
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13. What are your favorite groups/singers?
most common-Rolling Stones, Doors, Led Zeppelin Beatles
14. What is your favorite song?
most common-Stairway to Heaven
15. What is your favorite song currently on the radio?
most common-Juke Box Hero, Endless Love
16. Rate this music from one to eight:

	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshman
#1-all grades:	Hard Rock			
#2-				
mellow rock.....				pop
#3-				
pop.....				mellow rock
#4-all grades:	jazz			
#5-				
classical	country.....	country		
#6-	country	classical	musack	disco
#7-	musack	musack	disco	classical
#8-	disco	disco	classical	musack

17. What are your favorite radio stations?
- | | Seniors | Juniors | Sophomores | Freshman |
|--------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| #1 | COZ
32% | COZ
35% | COZ
34% | COZ
38% |
| #2 | HJY
15% | AAF
20% | AAF
16% | AAF
29% |
| #3 | AAF
13% | HJY
15% | HJY
9% | JB 105
13% |
| other- | 40% | 30% | 41% | 20% |
18. How many concerts have you been to?
average
- | | Seniors | Juniors | Sophomores | Freshman |
|--|---------|---------|------------|----------|
| | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
19. How often do you go to concerts?
- | | Seniors | Juniors | Sophomores | Freshman |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|----------|
| a) At least three times per year | 7% | 7% | 5% | 0% |
| b) One or two per year | 35% | 25% | 23% | 22% |
| c) Less than one per year | 58% | 68% | 71% | 78% |
20. What is your all-time favorite concert?
most common: Kinks
21. If you could see any singer/group in concert, which would it be?
most common: Beatles, Doors, Stones
22. What is the next concert you plan to go to?
most common: Rolling Stones
23. What is your favorite weekend activity?
most common: partying, sports, movies
24. Rate these activities from one to eight
- | | Seniors | Juniors | Sophomores | Freshman |
|-----|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| #1- | parties | parties/concerts..... | | movies |
| #2- | concerts | movies | movies | sports |
| #3- | drive-ins | sports | sports/drive-ins | parties |
| #4- | sports | drive-ins | concerts | concerts |
| #5 | movies | dances | dances | drive-ins |
| #6 | roller-skating | bowling | roller-skating | dances/roller-skating |
| #7 | dances | roller-skating | bowling | bowling |
| #8 | bowling..... | | | |
25. Would you rather go on a date
- | | Seniors | Juniors | Sophomores | Freshman |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|----------|
| a) or out with a group of friends | 72% | 64% | 53% | 55% |
| | 28% | 35% | 47% | 44% |
26. How often do you go out?
- | | Seniors | Juniors | Sophomores | Freshman |
|----------------------|---------|---------|------------|----------|
| a) every day | 19% | 17% | 17% | 17% |
| b) few times a week | 44% | 37.5% | 39% | 17% |
| c) weekends only | 36% | 46% | 26% | 33% |
| d) few times a month | 0% | 0% | 17% | 33% |

welcome back!

Back after a two year's leave of absence is Mr. Beauchemin, who teaches Latin and French at SHS for five years - this is his sixth. He took two years off to go for a doctorate at Brown University.

Quite knowledgeable in the field of languages, Mr. Beauchemin knows Latin, French, and Greek, and is currently sitting in on Mrs. Garcia's classes in an attempt to learn Spanish.

Mr. Beauchemin will be holding Greek classes after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He says that it is not as hard as you might think. If you are interested, see Mr. Beauchemin in room 208.

BLOOD MOBILE



Again the bloodmobile unit paid a visit to S.H.S to drain our schoolmates & teachers of some 62 pints. Almost all of these 62 pints was given for Lien Chuong, the Vietnamese exchange student that was here last year. There were many volunteers to help keep the donators flowing smoothly in the check in and check out stations. Some of the Volunteers took temperatures, more were escorts for the dazed and drained blood donars and still and still others managed the refreshments area, eagerly taste-testing all the cookies before giving them to the needy donars. The entire day was a big success, thanx to the help of these volunteers and the organising skill of Mr. Liberman.

Who's New

Returning to S.H.S this year after living in Florida fo five years is junior, Lani Cohen. Lani went to school here in Sharon from first to fifth grade and moved to Miami Florida when she was in sixth grade. She attended Miami Sunset Sr. High School there and she says that although the school was large and luxurious, the teacher's here relate to the kid's better, and the classes are alot smaller,so you get to know alot more people.

Among her many interests, Lani enjoys to dance, especially to jazz. She likes rock concerts, listening to music, traveling and she loves animals. She also likes the responsibility of helping people. She did volenteer work over the summer, working with handicapped people.

So for now, she wants to do well in school, and hopes to go to a college here in the North. She eventually wants to become a physical therapist or something in the med. field.

Good Luck, Lani

Welcome back! CH

New Teacher

Mr. Tom Pandiscio is our new teacher on the block. He replaces Ms. Berman, who was offered a full time job at Stoughton High School and Mrs. Cunningham who went to teach at a private school.

Mr. Pandiscio teaches the fine art of Social Studies to grades 9-11.

A former New York teacher, under the principalship of our own David Schein, he resides in Boston and commutes daily. At night he can be found in the classrooms of B.U. studying for his Doctorate Degree in Education.

He is 29, and single.

We at the Sharon High Times wish him the best of luck in his position as a teacher here in our school.

--Larry Ross



The staff is trying lots of new ideas to make the yearbook more exciting. We are putting creative thoughts into this Marsengold to make it better.

This year the cost of the Marsengold is \$14.00. A book like this will last and last for years to come as you reminisce the wonderful years you spent at Sharon High. There are representatives for the homerooms and they will be coming in one week per month to collect money for those who want to buy a yearbook. There may notbe many extra so if you feel you may want one, take the risk and purchase one now.

If you want to participate in the yearbook or submit ideas, talk to Mr. Bryant or one of the 14 editors who will be happy to take your suggestions.

-- Jen Kaplan

MARSENGOLD

The Sharon High School year book, called Marsengold, which you may not have heard much about, is getting underway. The staff is busy working hard to improve the existing yearbook. The layout editors, Marjorie Dunn and Kelly Boyle, have found a new and interesting way to put the seniors and their quotes.

senior news

The seniors are off to a good start this year, and we have once again proved our group effort by the superb float we produced at the Homecoming game this past Saturday afternoon.

In addition, we sponsored the costume contest on Halloween. Approximately twelve kids won, entitling them to a five dollar gift certificate to the candy store. Overall the day was a total success, and people were dressed in everything and anything.

Unfortunately this year we will not be able to have the senior service day, but we will try to incorporate something different to raise money.

Drama Club News

Now that the season is underway, numerous things are happening in the Drama Club. President Melanie Sandberg wants to form committees within the club. She also wants old and new members alike to suggest ideas and activities to do outside of the play. Hopefully, there will soon be a suggestion box in which to drop written ideas. A lot can be done with a single idea from one individual member.

Last year, someone thought up the idea of having the group see a live play in Boston. It was a very successful venture.

Now that the play, "Godspell", is at a stage of final auditions for the cast, more than ever, we need people to help out with make-up, lighting, publicity, etc. Getting involved and helping to put on a play is a very rewarding experience. We hope that more people will become interested. To find out the details, just drop by one of the Drama Club meetings, or talk to me or one of the officers.

-Chris Hughes

The pep rally is soon approaching, and we are sure to win the spirit contest. With our Sharon High eagle, Al LeBlanc, how can we go wrong?

Finally, we are starting to plan class night. All suggestions will be considered so don't be shy- voice your opinion.

We have many things we can do and we want to do. Be a part of the class- it can be very satisfying.

-- Jen Kaplan

MATH MEMOIRS

Once again, The Sharon High School Math Team has moved into a position to dominate the Southeastern Mass. Math League. Out of a possible 200 points, Sharon received 132 with the next closest contender Dover-Sherborn far behind at 72 points. The individual members of the team also did extremely well. The high scorer of the entire meet was Sharon junior Gene Zilberstein who brought the team a perfect score of eighteen points. Leslie Nadoian was the top freshman at the meet with a score of fifteen. Barri Gold with a twelve had the second highest score in her grade, and Michele Sarin, also a sophomore, was third with an eleven. Congratulations to all these high scorers for their performances. The team will soon be starting competition in the Greater Boston Math League, and all hope they will perform as well as in the past.

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rules!

Mr. Schein has established an ad hoc committee to examine and suggest changes in the rules and regulations at Sharon High School. There are representatives from the administration, faculty, and student body. The members of the committee are Mr. Blanchon, Mr. Houde, Mr. Chappuis, Miss Fitzgerald, Miss Reynolds, Mr. Pretti, Mr. Murray, Tara Goodwin, Gerald Gamm, Sarah Katz, and Jodi Lyons. Chaired by Mr. Chappuis, the committee will meet every Thursday until mid January when a final report will be given to Mr. Schein.

The rule review process will include taking surveys of the student body and faculty and visiting other schools similar to Sharon. The committee is limited to examining rules that pertain to time outside of the classroom. Meetings are open to all students and faculty members.

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SPORTS NEWS

Varsity Field hockey

As the season comes to an end, we have many seniors leaving the team. A total of eleven seniors will leave, making way for new members. Co-captains Kiersten Wood and Jennifer Loiselle have led the team throughout the season. Even though the season was a disappointment, (3-10), the captains never gave up, and their enthusiasm rubbed off on the team.

From the beginning of the season until the end, the defense has held up and kept the opposing teams away from the goal. Ilene Guy has done a terrific job as goalie. Nancy McCaffery, Marjorie Dunn, and Sara Danca, the three half-backs, have helped both the offensive and defensive ends. Without their skill, we would have lost every game. Patty Caufield, Lori Korwin, Karin Sinman and Mala Shalek have alternated into the game as fullbacks. These backs did a great job!

The offense of the team had many talents of their own. The starting line-up of Jennifer Loiselle, Tracy Davenport, Kiersten Wood, Tracy Waterman and Maureen Laurie brought the ball down the field and scored the goals. Also playing the offensive were Debbie Goldenberg and Beth Sigueland.

A special thanks goes to Miss Decas. With all her dedication and coaching she has helped us all out. This was her first year as Varsity Coach, and we all feel she has done a great job. Keep up the good work!

- Mala



Varsity Soccer

Steven Bortnick

After a very disappointing first half of the season, (1-5-1), the soccer team seems to have turned things around. So far, in the second half, they are 2-2-0. They started their second half season on the right foot, defeating King Phillip. The score was 1-0, as Eric Ginsberg scored the lone goal of the game. The team had many good chances to score but couldn't put the ball between the crossbars more than once. Overall, however, it was a good win.

Sharon then went to lose two in a row to two outstanding teams, Foxboro and Franklin. The team played as well as possible but could not keep up with their over-powering foes.

Next, Sharon played North Attleboro, tied for third in the league, and beat them 2-1. It was an excellent victory for Sharon, as

everyone played very well. Dennis Foley was outstanding in goal for the Eagles. Sharon scored on a header by Marcellus Walker from Eric Ginsberg and on a shot by Tai Tran. The Eagles have three games remaining in their season, and hopefully can pull close to 500 ball.

- Rick Lehrer

The boys cross-country team has been steadily improving its record to 4-1 with victories over North Attleboro, Oliver Ames, Canton, and Mansfield.

Despite Co-Captain Jim Messina's second place finish during the North Attleboro meet, the team won with the help of Co-Captain Dan Epstein's third place, John Melanson's fourth place, and Francis Doiron's sixth place finishing to a 22-39 victory.

In the Oliver Ames meet, Co-Captains Jim Messina and Dan Epstein placed first and second with times of 13:40 and 13:47. Adam Cheyer, John Melanson and Francis Doiron placed fifth, sixth, and seventh to give Sharon a 21-36 win.

The Canton meet was very exciting. Jim Messina, Dan Epstein, Francis Doiron's first, second, and third placing, along with Adam Cheyer and John Melanson's fifth and sixth place finishing helped sweep Canton with a score of 17-43.

At the Mansfield meet Jim Messina and Dan Epstein drove in first and second which gave Sharon a 24-33 win. Good efforts made by Adam Cheyer, John Melanson and Francis Doiron sided Sharon in their win.

--Eric Traiger

The Sharon High Girls Cross-Country team finished their dualmeet season on a very high note. They were 6-0, and everyone ran well. In most dualmeets, the other team had only one or two runners in the top ten with Sharon girls taking all the other places.

In the recent Catholic Memorial Invitational Meet, the girls won the Division II team title. Leslie Cooper won the meet, Barbara Courtade was second, Kelly Boyle was seventh, Eva Linblat was thirteenth and Michelle Guy was twenty-fifth. The girls had a low score of 48 points, and the next closest team had 100 points.

Left in the season are the League Meet, the State Class Meet, and the State Coaches Meet, and the girls are looking forward to all of them.

-Leslie Cooper

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Bishop Fenwick

Things weren't looking very good for the Eagles football team after September 26: they had just lost their 2nd game, and they had to face Bishop Fenwick. Fenwick has 18 of its 22 starters coming back from last year, and to make things worse, Sharon's star Ron Baskerville was out because of an injury. All of these things made the Eagles rise to the occasion Sharon started the game off deep in their own end, and within a few minutes they marched down field to score. The Eagle defense stopped Fenwick, giving the QB only enough time to run backwards. Sharon recieved the ball deep in it's own end once again, but that didn't matter. Sharon soon made it 14-0. Early in the second quarter, Sharon's steam roller offense made it 21-0. Sharon's defense seemed better than a brick wall, because there were times when it pushed Fenwick's offense backwards. Early in the third quarter, Sharon scored to make it 28-0, allowing Coach Allman to give the younger team members some Varsity experience. The final score was Sharon 35 and Bishop Fenwick 6. The main reason Sharon performed so well was that they finally played like a team. Each play had 11 men doing their job. The player that played far beyond what anyone would have thought was Jimmy Drydon, who filled Ron's shoes. Jimmy got four touchdowns.

- Joe Fillion

Foxboro, Stoughton, and King Philip

October 10th was a long day for the Eagles. Ron Baskerville didn't play because of an injury, and things weren't going well. Sharon was held scoreless in the first half as Foxboro dominated, scoring 34 points. The Eagles came back, but not far enough, as they lost 34-14, making their record 1-3.

It didn't look good for the Eagles, but but they didn't quite. With a week of improvement on the practice field, it seemed that they were ready to play Stoughton. It seemed that way, but Sharon marched down the field to the one yard line and fumbled the ball. With time running out in the first half, Stoughton rsn a big play and scored to make it 6-0. Sharon, again, came out in the third quarter to play hard football. The touchdown was good, but the extra point was lost, making it a 6-6 ballgame. It remained that way until there were 50 seconds left in the game, when Sharon got the ball deep in its own end. In 46 seconds, the Eagles drove down the field. Peter Badoin, who had missed the extra point earlier, redeemed himself as he kicked a 27-yard field goal. Final score: 9-6, Sharon over Stoughton, making the record 2-3.

Sharon had won, but there was still a lot of improvement to be made. The Eagles didn't seem different as they came out against King Philip. The Eagles marched right down the field, but this time they scored. K.P. scored once before the half, but not before Sharon had put another touchdown on the board. In the second half, the Eagles' defense prevented K.P. from scoring as the Eagles scored yet another. The final score was 21-7, making Sharon's record an even 3-3.

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The Pro Scene

Some bright happenings came from this past baseball season, especially from our favorite team, the Boston Red Sox. Carney Lansford won his first and hopefully not his last batting title with a .336 average, and Dwight Evans had his best year ever, hitting .294 with 22 homers and 72 RBI's... The Red Sox had planned to move Dave Stapleton to first base in 1982, but with Yastrzemski still around, it may not materialize... With their three game sweep of the Oakland Athletics, the New York Yankees are favored to win their 25th World's Championship. Their first flag came in 1923... It's nice to see someone besides Reggie Jackson leading the Yankees in October... At a victory party after the final Oakland game, the new hero, Graig Nettles, decked Reggie with one punch...George Brett certainly played as if he had hemmeroid problems during the A's three game sweep of the Kansas City Royals... Some scouts believe that Mike Heath is one of the best defensive catchers in the American League. They must be blind... Bill Almon of the Chicago White Sox had a tremendous year and should receive the Comeback Player of the Year award... Speaking of awards, it's time for ours: American League: Most Valuable Player-Rollie Fingers; Cy Young-Rollie Fingers; Rookie of the Year-

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Dave Righetti; Manager of the Year- Billy Martin, with Ralph Houk a close second; Executive of the Year- Haywood Sullivan? But just look at the results of the infamous trades with the Angels... Now the National League Awards: Most Valuable Player-Mike Schmidt; Cy Young-Nolan Ryan; Rookie of the Year-Fernando Valenzuela and Tim Lincecum; Comeback Player of the Year-Bob Knepper; Manager of the year-John MacNamara; Executive of the Year- Whitey Herzog... Andre Dawson deserves to be mentioned when the MVP award is brought up. He had a super year. Too bad he choked in the playoffs... The Cy Young award was the toughest decision. Fernando Valenzuela,

The Celtics' chances of repeating as World Champions have been going steadily downhill, due mainly to the situation at guard. Danny Ainge has been tied up legally by the Toronto Blue Jays, and probably won't be with the Celtics until late this season, if at all. Chris Ford and M.L. Carr have been injured, thus worsening the situation, and the play of rookies Charles Bradley and Tracy Jackson has not been up to NBA standards. Still, the Celtics will find some way to win... Larry Bird was found by a San Antonio jury to be acting in self-defense when he struck a truck driver with his tote bag in an incident after a game there in 1980... Seattle has installed a new cable television network for broadcasting Sonisc games. So far, the project has flopped, with only 8000 subscribers, which is a little surprising. Seattle should have a strong team and erase the memories of last year's diastorous season... Bill Fitch coached in a benefit game for Landon Turner, the former Indiana University star who was severely injured in an auto accident over the summer... Larry Smith, a rookie last year and one of the league's leading rebounders, wants, -Yup, you guessed it, his contract renegotiated... Marques Johnson has decided that he doesn't want to be traded from Milwaukee after all. Money does talk.

The hikey season is under way and the Boston Bruins are looking very good, thanks to the help of some new faces and some old veterans... Due to his blazing speed, accurate shooting, and bone-crushing body checking, Norm Leveille has proved to be a quality leftwinger. He, Tom Fergus, and a rejuvenated Terry O'Reilly form one of the most exciting lines Boston has seen since the Esposito, Hodge, Cashman line in the early seventies... As usual, Rick Middleton is doing his thing, but there is a question mark in goal. Rogie Vachon is getting old, Jim Craig is somewhere in the minors, and Marco Baron never knows where he's going... Herb Prooks found out that New York is no bed of roses after the Rangers lost their first three games... Bobby Carpenter assisted on a goal on his first National Hockey League shift, and later scored in the same game... It's disgusting to open up the morning paper and see that half the previous night's games were ties. Sudden death should definitely be added... The greatest finds in the



NHL last year were the Stastny brothers Peter and Anton, acquired by the Quebec Nordiques. They had defected from Czechoslovakia. This year the Nordiques brought over a third Stastny, Mariun, the oldest of the three. A true steal by Quebec... With the Colorado Rockies off to a 1-4 start and the bruins in possession of their number one draft pick, Boston may have a shot at sensational right winger Brian Bellows... Wayne Gretzky is starting where he left off last year with four goals and nine assists in his first six games... The close-checking style of hockey in the late sixties and early seventies was a much better brand of hockey than the wide open style encouraged today. The reason for the change is the emphasis in junior hockey nowadays on offense, neglecting to teach defense, for it is the high-scoring players who are drafted high and paid the most.

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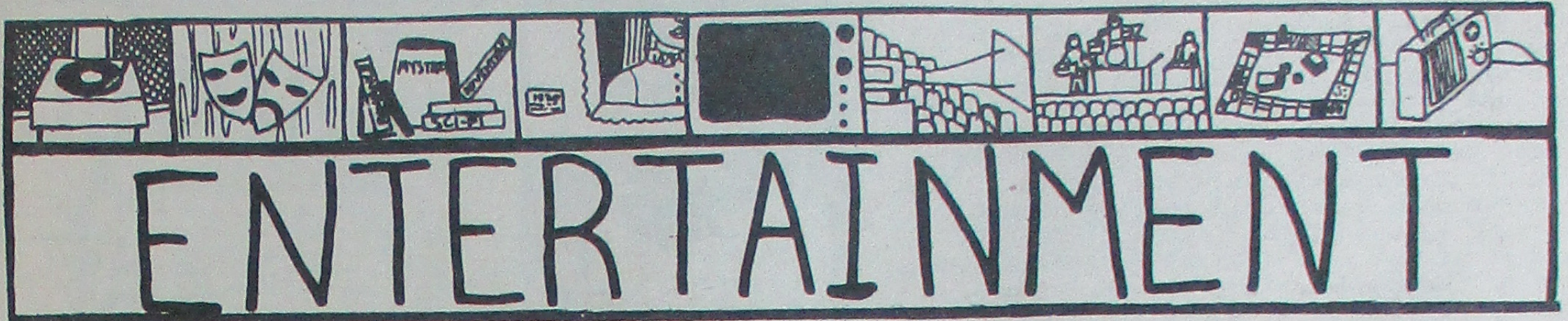
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September 26 at the Orpheum Theater

Joe Perry's departure from Aerosmith was probably the best thing that ever happened to the rock and roll world. He has recently released a new album entitled I've Got the Rock and Rolls Again and a tour to go with it.

He has been playing in and around Boston for quite some time now. On September 13 he opened for Z Z Top, and he is opening for Nazareth at the Ocean State Theater in November. His only headlining appearance in the area, however, was at the Orpheum Theater on September 26.

After a very good opening show by New England, it was time for the Joe Perry Project. They started things off with the Aerosmith classic, "Toys in the Attic." Nine songs from the new album were included in the set, featuring the well-known Balloon cut, "Listen to the Rock," "East Coast, West Coast," "South Station Blues," and the title track. Also included were five songs from the first album and a cover version of Aerosmith's "Same Old Song and Dance."

Perry's band members are all rock and rollers from the New England area. They are as follows: Charlie Farren-Lead Vocals; Rhythm Guitar, David Hull-Bass Guitar, Bonnie Stewart-Drums, and Joe Perry-Lead Guitar; Vocals.

Although they played for only a little over an hour the songs were short and tight, and there was very little inbetween song talk.

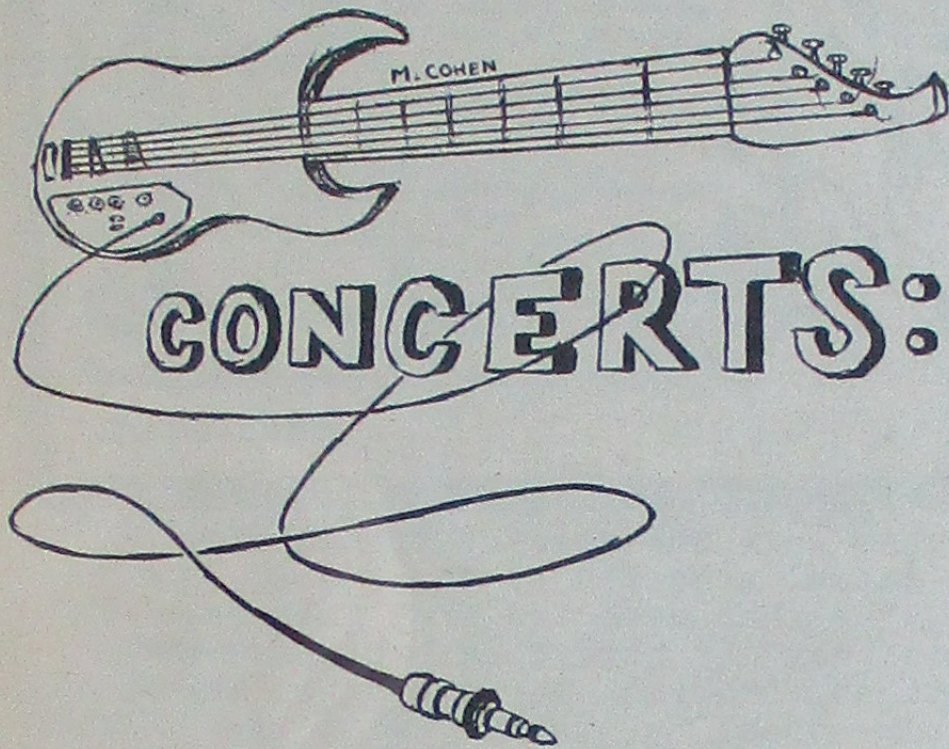
I am convinced that Joe Perry definately had got the ROCK and ROLLS again.

--Rob Paxson

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Nov. 8	The Stanley Clark George Duke Project	Berklee Performance Center
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BILLY SQUIER- who is he?

Billy Squier- his latest LP, Don't Say No, grew up in Wellesley Hills. His first band, Magic Terry and The Universe, came from The Psychedelic half of the late sixties. The band went to New York where they fell apart after about a year. Billy came back to Boston and went to go to the Berklee School of Music. There he joined The Sidewinders, a new wave band. They put out a self-titled album which is now a collectors item.

In 1974, he fronted the band Piper, who received some national attention with their Beatles-type music. After two albums, Piper and Can't Wait, Squier wanted to go solo. In 1980, he produced his first solo effort, The Tale of the Tape, a semi-hard rocking album.

This year's album, Don't say no, has several hit singles including, "The Stroke," "Lonely is the Night," "What do you want from me." He wrote all his songs for this album in just one month. He has been opening for such groups as Pat Benatar, Journey, REO Speedwagon, and with Foreigner.

He'll be cutting a Christmas single for the holidays entitled "Christmas is the Time to say I Love You." Recently he headlined at a few clubs around Boston, which was like homecoming.

Now do you know who Billy Squier is?

--Peter Rinnig

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CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

***½

Continental Divide, a romantic comedy in the Tracy-Hepburn vein, stars John Belushi as Suchek, a muckraking columnist for the Chicago Sun Times. Starring opposite Belushi is Blair Brown (Altered States), who plays a reclusive lady who researches bald eagles in the Rockies.

Although the beginning of the film is slow, the majority makes a fine piece of entertainment. The story is set in both Chicago and Colorado. It involves Suchek, who decides to take it easy from his regular Chicago beat in order to do an interview with the bird watcher. He travels to Colorado and at first meeting, they don't hit it off too well, but stays because of the secluded location. They gradually develop feeling for one another after many trials and tribulations. They become so close that they, the two, must make some major decisions about their lives.

Thus far this is the best role and film of Belushi's career. He doesn't act wild like his Bluto character in Animal House or like his Jake Blues character in The Blues Brothers. He plays very well off Brown's character and I hope Belushi continues to make lite hearted comedies like this one. Not only does Belushi deliver his lines brilliantly, his facial expressions speak louder than words. Blair Brown is not wildly seductive as she was in her role in Altered States. She makes her character a believable woman of today. On screen, Belushi and Brown have a natural chemistry and are to the on screen romantic couples as Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor are to comedy teams.

The screenplay was written by Lawrence Kasden, who wrote Body Heat. Continental Divide's story contains today's problems of choosing between careers and being tied down in a relationship.

The scenery of Colorado Rockies is beautiful. It should be considering that cast and crews had to be carried by helicopters in order to film at the otherwise inaccessible 14,000 foot location. One of the best part of the film is the contemporary ending which shows Hollywood is with the times. Along with Albert Brook's Modern Romance, Continental Divide makes way for true, contemporary, American films containing real problems as well as real solutions. Continental Divide is almost flawless. Although the beginning is slow, the film will make your eyes water and heart beat faster as you watch it with undivided attention.

By Bruce Griff

True Confessions Rated "R" ***

In Robert De Niro's last film, "Raging Bull", he showed up the iron, punch-taking jaw of the young boxer Jake La Motta & the distressing decline of this washed up fighter. In "True Confessions", De Niro plays a rising young priest, Msgr. Desmond Spellacy. He conforms to this part so superbly that we can't even imagine him as a boxer in his last film.

"True Confessions" shows the anxiety between hypocrisy & integrity in the young priest who is on his way up in the world. Desmond is the chancellor of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles in the 1940's. He is constantly helping Cardinal Danaher (Cyril Cusack). His job is to get things done, which means he has to judge what is morally wrong & what must be done for the benefit of the Church. All this comes in contact with a vicious murder that's being investigated by Detective Sgt. Tom Spellacy (Robert Duvall), who happens to be Desmond's brother.

Though the movie drags on a bit, this is covered up by brilliant acting & a super cast. It includes Burgess Meredith as an old priest who won't conform to the New Ways, Kenneth McMillan as a cynical cop, Rose Gregorio as a hooker who knows everyone & yet, is still lonely.

This movie contains crooked businessmen, pornographers, crooked lawyers & psycho killers. It is a well done movie & I recommend it with much vigor.

-- Sanford Tassel

All The Marbles *½ (R)

All the Marbles stars Vicki Fredrick and Laurene Landon as two women wrestlers called the California Dolls, and their manager Burt Young.

There is no excitement in the film, and when the girls aren't fighting in the ring, they are on the road, not saying very much; just arguing with their manager, who thinks "his girls" are too good to fight for the marbles.

The film makes no effort to show the problems the girls go through when they are broke. You would have to be off your marbles to see this film.

Arthur

**** (PG)

Arthur, which stars Dudley Moore as a very rich bachelor, is one of the funniest movies I have ever seen. If you haven't seen Arthur, you should.

Arthur is supposed to marry a lady of his parents' choice, whom he doesn't like very much, but, instead of marrying her, he falls in love with a poor girl he meets while she is stealing a tie for her father's birthday.

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only when i laugh

"Only When I Laugh" is a funny, serious & meaningful film. It was the first film written by Neil Simon that has received an "R" rating. Marsha Mason stars as Georgia Hines & gives another one of her brilliant performances. Kristy McNichol (best known for her role as Buddy on Family) is equally as brilliant as Georgia's daughter, Polly Hines.

This movie is about Georgia Hines & how she copes with being an ex-alcoholic. The movie starts off with Georgia coming home after being in an alcoholic rehabilitation in Long Island for twelve weeks. She comes home to her two best friends, Jimmy (James Coco) & Toby (Joan Hackett), who help her cope & make her feel right at home.

As the movie picks up we learn of her daughter Polly who is very charming, sensible & sensitive for a 17 year old. Polly has been living with her father for the past few years but wants to live with her mother for her senior year of High School.

This is where I'll leave off as you'll have to find out what becomes of them & their relationship.

I highly recommend "Only When I Laugh". Although there are a few profanities it is a good family movie.

-- Victor Miller

HUMOR

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The Winemakers	The Stompers

--Larry Ross

#4 The condemned Sudaki spy was being led out to be shot on a cold and rainy day. After a number of minutes, the spy said angrily, "What despicable animals you Libians are to shoot a man on a day like this!"

One of the gunmen said bitterly, "What are you complaining about? We've got to walk back!"

#77 Jones and Smith were in a restaurant together when Jones ordered tongue.
"How can you order that, Jones?" asked Smith, "When you know that it was in some animal's mouth?"
Replied Jones, "Would you rather I order eggs?"

#82 The president of the college asked the head of the physics department to his office. When the professor got there, the president complained, "The physics department keeps ordering all kinds of expensive equipment! Why can't you be more like the math and philosophy departments?"
"Well," said the professor, "we need all kinds of equipment to teach the kids correctly, whereas the math department needs only pencils, erasers, and paper. And the philosophy department doesn't even need erasers."

From "Isaac Asimov's Treasury of Humor"
By John Abreau

#61 Robinson was a compulsive gambler, and he always lost, until one day, while he was playing roulette, a voice said in his ear, "Put it all on 22 red!" Robinson, startled, turned and looked around, but there was nobody behind him. Again, he heard, "Put it all on 22 red!" Robinson did so, and he won.

For three days the voice kept telling him what to bet, and he kept winning. "24 Black!" "12 Red!" "15 Red!"

Finally, on the fourth day, Robinson went and gathered everything he owned in the world. He put three mortgages on his house, liquidated his business, and went to the casino. The voice said, "Put it all on 21 Red!" Robinson did.

The operator spun the wheel and rolled the ball, and they went around and around and around, until the ball settled in 21 Red, but at the last moment, the ball bounced out and over to 17 Black.

And the voice said, "Oh, heck!"

-John Abreau

Teacher Profile - Mr. Thurway

The Sharon High Tives has had lots of teacher profiles in the past but although many questions about your teachers were answered, I know that there was one question left in many of your minds and I am here to answer that question for you now, "What about Mr. Thurway?" Well, we were hesitant to tell you about this last year because we weren't sure if it was true or just hearday, but when I talked to him he admitted that yes, he was from out of space. Mr. Thurway, whose name was originally just Thurway, came from a small moon off Jupiter and spent many happy hours playing in the craters that made up what he called home. He was fairly well respected by the people that lived on his moon, but as he got older he started to get into trouble. "You see," he confided in me shyly, "I was always pretty popular with the girls." As it turns out, he got caught walking on the dark side of the moon with a neighborhood girl and was severely reprimanded. But did that keep him out of trouble? No! He was caught again. Then; the icing on the cake was when he was charged with possession of moondust. Thurway was given the name Mr. Thurway and banished to the Earth. His culture was not completely unfamiliar with Earth, because some of their people have been their. In fact some of Mr. Thurway's cousins appeared in Close Encounters, but his family is not speaking to them now because they feel they've exploited their alienism.

Well anyway Mr. Thurway, all alone in a strange place tried to fit in by attempting such earthly practices as growing his hair, but he couldn't seem to get a job until one day a member of the Sharon High school staff spotted him sitting on a bench and thought he looked intelligent, and as they were in need of a Math Teacher they hired him. We are still trying to figure out if he really understands what he's teaching. Oh well, Mr. Thurway, keep trying.

prep riots

Cambridge, MA:
Violent demonstrations were held yesterday in Harvard Square, in opposition to the sale of penny-loafers, alligator shirts and argile socks to preppies. Many street gangs, punk rockers, and Democrats attended, holding picket lines in front of "Prep Shops" hanging famous preppy figures in effigy, and staging a symbolic burning of a pile of books including The Preppy Handbook and miscellaneous works of F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Politicians, including some democratic leaders, feel the demonstrations were wrong. The democratic leaders, though, said they must stop preppydom in a less violent way.

The demonstrators said that later this month they will be holding more demonstrations in Connecticut, Newport, and at the L.L. Bean warehouse in Maine.

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"Nothing to do in this town--I'm bored." How many times have you heard it? The complaint is universal. It isn't indigenous to Sharon. There are bored kids with "nothing to do" on the streets of New York City. The problem is attitude-not community.

I am pleased to find that the majority of Sharon students seem to have overcome the limitations of a small isolated town. Despite the lack of public transportation, and a paucity of cultural opportunities, many kids are finding constructive outlets for their time. They tap an obvious resource....their intelligence. The truly fortunate understand the pleasure of real commitment.

It isn't hard to find. Look around you. Sharon High School abounds with examples of kids your age committing themselves to something rewarding. Look in the computer room when most students have left school. What kind of satisfaction do these machines offer? Why would someone sing or play the piano when there is no audience? Why freeze during October field hockey, or broil at September football practice? Insanity? Commitment!

The weekend "keg party" is the fool's escape from confronting opportunity. It is natural for teenagers to take risks or defy authority. But why not risk the pleasures of a real challenge....the discovery of your own creativity. Why not rebel....against the negative pressure of the peer group. When the group ultimately separates, you are left with yourself. Make yourself interesting.

I challenge you all to discover something new this year. From chess to football, there must be something. Help yourself by helping others as a volunteer at a hospital. Be a tutor. Be a scholar! Do something....and do it with all you've got. COMMIT yourself.

Pogo said, "We have met the enemy, and he is us." You are your only restraint.

Tests: Measures of Ability or Vulnerability?

What are tests for? Is the purpose of tests to measure how much students know or is it to scare them into studying more intensely? Are tests really a measure of a student's ability, or are they just given to find his weakness? Perhaps tests are valued more than they should be. Class participation, effort, and quality of work should be taken into greater consideration, because they reveal more about a student's qualities than any test ever could.

What do tests really tell us, anyway? That an average student, who can relate whatever knowledge he has on to paper well in a limited amount of time, will do better than an excellent student who can't cope with the pressures that tests generate? If that is the case, then the purpose of tests is self-defeating. They don't measure a student's ability; they measure his vulnerability. This is why other criteria must be used to measure a student's mental agility. Test alone cannot accomplish this.

Some teachers use tests as part of their arsenal for scaring students into studying harder. They aim their tests at their "lazy" students to make them work harder. The students usually do poorly on these tests, as they are meant to, but instead of responding positively by working harder, they just fall behind even more. The idea of getting students to apply themselves is a good one, but this is definitely a wrong method. Students should be encouraged, not chastised! The main purpose of teachers is to motivate students to learn; they aren't meant to punish their students by helping them fail. Teachers should relate their knowledge in the manner that is best understood by the students. To do this, they must allow the students to assume an active role in the class. Programs should be reconstructed so that students can become more involved in their courses, and will thus gain more knowledge from them. The emphasis in the past that has been placed on testing should be shifted to more teaching, so that students will benefit greater during their years of schooling.

- Joseph Videll

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LAURENCE AT LARGE

I can just see the conversation that went on at the school committee meeting as they discussed the new bus system.

"I've got an idea," said one member. "If we run the Junior High and the High School at the same time, we can cut the bus routes in half, thus saving money!" he explained as general approval and many nods came over the room.

"We'll have to take over the routing for the bus company," said another. And so it was.

As the new "Bus routes" committee met, unforeseen problems began to arise.

"There are too many kids for the number of busses we have," said the chairman.

"Since we cut down the bus routes by half, we can add a few more busses," said a smarter member of the committee.

"But that still won't be enough since the Junior High has $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as many students," came the answer.

"Well," said a third member, "If we run each bus twice, we can split up the present routes." This of course was agreed upon.

After a while, another problem arose. "Gee," said the chairman, "Now some busses which go to the more populated areas still have too many riders."

"All we have to do is drive some emptier busses across town to pick up the excess. And kids will only be allowed to ride on their assigned busses."

And so, since the School Committee always comes up with the "Best solution," we have our new bus system. Even though the busses still make 2 runs, even though some runs are longer than before, even though some kids have to walk a longer distance to their "assigned" bus stop and a lot get to school late, and even though each bus adds 4 miles a day running between the schools, we have benefited by learning a "valuable" lesson: in beurocracy it costs an arm and a leg to save money.



Student Parking

"There is a dark blue Buick in the school parking lot with license plate 29634. Please remove it at once."

How many times have we heard an announcement like this over the intercom? Some supercilious student had the insolence to park his car in the teachers' parking lot instead of in the student area across the street. At Sharon High this is a crime second only to mass murder.

Today my parents forbade me to take the car to school. They did this because they have discovered that, after only a month of parking in the so-called "Griffin Playground Parking Area," the paint on our car is scratched, the tires are already wearing out, and a hubcap is missing.

Griffin Playground Parking Area? The label is an insult to the man whose name it mocks. The frequency and immensity of potholes make it a unique and challenging obstacle course. In the morning it is a favorite activity among students to see who can avoid the most potholes and broken glass without smashing into another car. This becomes even more exciting in the winter, when we experience the thrill of guessing where they are hidden under the unplowed snow. Of course, after 2:00 we get to play "traffic jam," where we discover completely by chance how many cars can simultaneously fit through the narrow exit.

I am bringing this to the attention of the faculty because it is an experience they are unfortunately deprived of from the comfort of their well-paved, neatly-lined parking lot directly in front of the school. It is easy to ignore a problem when the only symptom one comes in contact with is the audacity of the student who dares attempt to sneak into the school lot. If there is a faculty member within eyeshot, you can bet the car will be expelled in an instant.

I do not expect any miracles. I merely believe that it is the responsibility of a school to provide adequate parking facilities for teachers and students alike. Until the Griffin Playground Parking Area is made acceptable even for the cars of the administration, it is the right of every student to park where his car will not be demolished.

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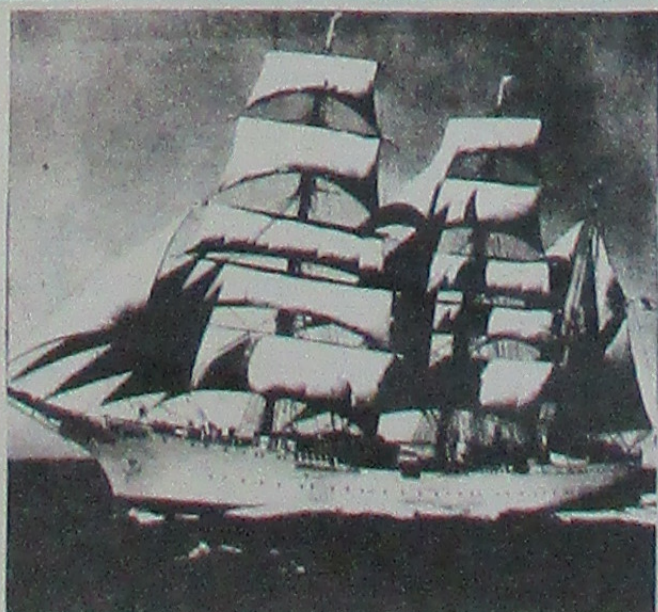
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Of all the relatively recent changes in the rules and regulations of Sharon High School, none has been so controversial as the elimination of the student smoking area. To smoke or not to smoke, that has been the question--and abolishment of the smoking area, the answer. Neither side of the issue lacks valid arguments. Students contend both that smoking is a physical addiction (6½-hours "cold turkey" would be impossible) and that getting a breath of fresh air is necessary to break the tension of the long school day. Administration and the school committee, on the other hand, are against a smoking area because they don't want to appear to endorse the habit or set it as an example to younger students, they can't eliminate the smoking of marijuana, and they see no way of preventing students from disrupting classes in session. Because the arguments for and against a smoking area are equally valid, the issue--the solution of which can satisfy but one side--will never be settled.

Instead, what can be discussed is a basic inequity in the status quo. An outsider visiting the school would see it as he walked down the main corridor: the smoke coming from the rooms on his left would be legal, but the smoke coming from the rooms on his right would be illegal. If this visitor to the school went into the teachers' lounges he would see unabashed smoking, but, across the hall in the student lounges (bathrooms), he would witness a criminal act performed by fugitives from justice.

This is naked hypocrisy! Students have been told they can't smoke because smoking is contrary to what Sharon High School stands for. Allowing high school students to smoke, this view goes, would encourage growth of the habit and its spreading to younger grades. If this argument is valid--which in all probability it is--then teachers are setting an example which is contrary to the philosophy of the school. Even more important, teachers, as role models, could be accused of encouraging and condoning smoking in their students, in much the same manner that high school students, by smoking, would be setting a negative example to younger children.

To some teachers, though, smoking is a virtual necessity. Either the habit is physically addicting or the relief it provides helps teachers cope with a tension-filled day. But--believe it or not!--students, too, are given the privileges of becoming addicted to cigarettes and of having to bear pressures each day, just like teachers.

The present policy of allowing teachers to smoke and of forbidding students the same right is absurd. Either allow students to smoke or abolish the practice among teachers. If the school and town are indeed fundamentally against smoking, then teachers, too, should be forced to suffer the same ignominy that students face daily--using a urinal for an ashtray.

Or, if the school wants to allow a continuing of the present demoralizing situation, perhaps it should adopt this motto: "All animals are equal--but some animals are more equal than others." Never before has Orwell had more relevance at Sharon High School.