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Bye bye Shields and Burns?

by SHERRY HANNAN
reporter

Mr. Shields and Ms. Burns are at the bottom of the food chain in regards to the English department teachers. Due to school budget cuts Burns and Shields will be displaced from their positions in the English de-

partment. This is Shields' second year at Narragansett High School. He is best known for his sweater vests and making not-so-funny jokes to his classes. Burns has been teaching here for one year and has entertained her classes with a unique brand of comedy and dry

"I think I can handle the football team."
-Ms. Burns

wit. In an effort to keep the newbies from having to foreclose on their homes,

the administration has offered them other positions at the school. "Because of my charming bedside manner, the administration believes I would be a great school nurse," Shields said.

Ms. Burns has had similar offers. Both the assistant football coach and boys locker room monitor posi-

tions have been made available to her. "I think I can handle the football team," Burns said. "I watch the Super Bowl every year."

Because of the budget cut, class sizes in the English department will be increased from 25 students to roughly 50 in each class,

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Variety Show of the decade

by TYLER CASEY & KIANI CARROLL
reporters

The class of 2010 held the annual junior variety show on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4. Many juniors were nervous approaching show time because of the lack of preparation they had put into the show.

"Since we got kicked out of the auditorium (Thursday night) and we only finished one half of the show, I am not sure if the show is going to turn out great," Stephanie Nero, junior, said.

The show kicked off with an intro video on Friday night with laughter and excitement. The young juniors backstage were getting even more nervous as it came closer to their time to shine in the spotlights of the junior variety show.

Jen Castro, junior, who ran the show backstage, told what she saw from the actors and actresses. "Everyone seemed excited and very nervous and to be honest I was for them seeing how we had a half of practice the night before," Castro said.

The show kept a move on and the sold out crowd loved it and couldn't even take a sip of their beverages because of the fright of laughing it up. Meanwhile the unity backstage

Ciao bella!

During April vacation, 27 NHS juniors and seniors explored Europe...



A panoramic view of the city of Florence. Florence retains many of its original architecture and is the home of many famous pieces of art.



Students in front of the Lion of Lucerne (Switzerland).



Leaning tower of Pisa.

Shapes: who needs 'em?

by ROSS GORENSKI
reporter

After thousands of years of having to deal with the hassles of geometry the Narragansett school board has recently decided there is no need for geometry at NHS.

"Geometry was really the most useless math we taught worldwide. Basically all it did was confuse kids and make teachers have to spend way too much time pounding it into their brains. The whole time I wanted to just say, 'Forget it you will never need it leave me alone.' Mrs. LaPointe, geometry teacher, said.

It was recently discussed at a board meeting that every chapter of the course can be done by modern day technology. After a series of heated debates over the matter, the School Board and PTO voted to ban geometry from NHS.

Students reacted positively towards this most shocking decision.

Kathryn Smurro, sophomore said she is extremely excited about this decision. "I was just souped that I didn't have to pass that class yo," Smurro said.

John Sheil, sophomore, said he no longer has to fear a savage tongue lashing. "Oh word, now my dad can't ground me for being a failure," Sheil said.

In another decision made by administration geom-

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(see VARIETY, p 3)

High school doors to heavenly hallways

by CODY OLIVEIRA
reporter

In a surprising twist, the administration decided to provide the freshmen class with new privileges geared towards making them more comfortable in their new environment.

These privileges are here to accommodate the freshmen class in making them feel more at ease in the new school.

High school is always something scary to 8th graders, wishing they could just stay in Middle School forever.

Despite the fact that with high school comes harder work, there are a few positive perspectives on the subject. To help with the stress caused by excess work and projects students will be allowed a 30 minute nap time in the middle of the day, along with a glass of warm milk and 5 Oreo or Chips Ahoy cookies.

Also, freshmen parents will be able to shadow their child every second Thursday in months ending with the letter "y".

Parents can also help teachers with teaching the lesson of the day, and if needed set up 15 minutes of recess for the children with good behavior and/or good grades on test/quizzes.

"Nap time, great for those students who need to catch up on their beauty sleep," Mrs.

DiSano, math teacher, said. She also had to say this DiSano also said recess would help. "The idea for recess is a good one, this way I can get my daily workout and throw dodge balls at the children who think I'm old," she said.

With these new privileges students should be excited to come to high school. There are many wonderful things you can achieve in High School. Many students might be happy with the privileges, but there will be consequences for those who misuse and abuse the privileges.

Punishment will be accountable for the crime. For bigger crimes you could lose out on recess, cookies & milk and nap time. The parent's privilege is immune to being cut because some students need the fire under their rars to be more mature than they are now.

There is one more new privilege coming to the freshmen. This privilege is phone/iPod use during school hours. Even though most students do it anyways, there will be a half hour during the day that a student may use their cell phone or listen to music. For the music, it must be clean lyrics and school appropriate.

Oh yea, too bad this could NEVER happen in a Rhode Island public school. **April Fools.**

Human dissection



by JENNA MAIRS
reporter

The biology two classes are known for the dissection of fetal pigs every year, after the study of the human muscles and bones. However, this year, the dissection will be taken to a completely new level.

Each Bio two class will be dissecting human cadavers this year, instead of fetal pigs. The cadavers are more closely related to the studies of the students, rather than the anatomy of a pig.

Ever since the class trip to the physical therapy department at the University of Rhode Island, students have taken much more of an interest in the dissection of the human body.

The cadavers were donated by the department, for student research.

"We are allowed to use the cadavers as long as they are properly stored and not used in any other manner than besides pure research," Zabel said.

However, some students are opposed to the idea of actual human bodies for dissection. "Dissecting frogs and maybe pigs is one thing, but we shouldn't have to cut open another person," Amy Cannon, junior, said.

Part of the class project is to open the cadaver, and identify the major muscles and bones in the body, while diagramming and labeling each part in specific detail. Students must be able to identify all

major bones learned in class, and the muscles that correspond to them. "Seeing each specific bone or muscle helps the student to understand the big picture, in a sense of how the body functions and how everything plays a role," Zabel said.

Each cadaver will be pre-opened for the students, and all students will be required to use a scalpel to cut through certain fatty tissue and muscle groups, as directed by Zabel, to find the specific parts they need to complete the project.

This project is set to start in early May, and will be completed before the month is out. In addition, every fact and quotation in this story is entirely untrue.

April fool's!

Ocean Science Bowl

by JENNA MAIRS
reporter

When it comes to the topic of oceanography, few students really know what goes on in the underwater world. However, Ocean Science Bowl is made up of students with an interest in what's below the surface.

Ocean Science Bowl is almost like a quiz show, in which students answer questions by buzzing in.

The team went to the regional competition in Feb-

ruary, where there is a live competition with teams from schools throughout Rhode Island and Connecticut.

"We did pretty well, we probably came in the middle of the pack," Krous said. To add on to the regional competition, there was also a video competition. Overall, the video came in third place, and featured each of the members of the Ocean Science Bowl team. This year's video topic was the importance of biodiversity.

"It was informative, but also very creative. Shane [McNamara] played Bill Nye the Ocean Science Guy, Charlotte [Kreger]

was the crocodile hunter, Hilary [Humulock] played Jacques Costeau, and Max [Rittner] and Matt [Iannucci] played the guys from Myth busters," Krous said.

Rachel Slivkowsky, team captain, filmed and directed the video. "I was the director and videographer of the movie," Slivkowsky said "I told everyone what to do and where to go."

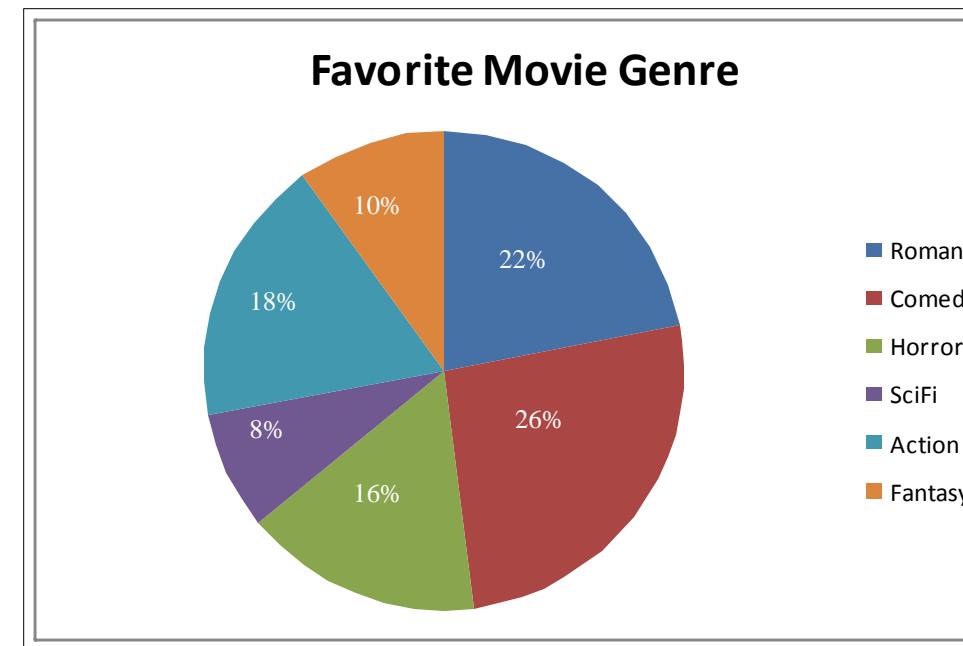
"To actually make it took about forty five minutes,

but it took a lot of planning and prepping," Slivkowsky said.

Overall, Krous is pleased with the results of the competition. "I was really excited because it got the kids really psyched up for next year. It's a huge motivator, having done that well," Krous said.

The team's video will be playing at the Smithsonian.





"Action movies are the best because I really like the high pace and the plots are usually more complex."

-Mrs. Burns, English teacher



"Frightening movies are my favorite because I love being scared, I like the suspense at every corner."

-Alyssa Marfil, Junior



"My favorite movie genre is Sci-Fi because I love the special effects and the fact that there is a whole new world created with cool powers."

-Mr. Kutcher, Science teacher

SHIELDS

putting extra stress on the remaining English teachers to control their students.

Mrs. Gongoleski is one of those English teachers. "What? 50 students?! I couldn't possibly fit that many kids in my shoe-box sized classroom!" Gongoleski said.

Also due to the budget cut, students will also not have homework in order to save trees and ink for the copier. The money will now go to catering the staff's lunch every Friday.

"A teachers gotta eat," Gongoleski said. "It's not cheap feeding sixty teachers Surf N Turf every week!"

Despite the cut, Burns and Shields will not be missed very much. Their inability to comprehend the

English language was a setback in teaching English to their students.

This should be no surprise however, since Burns is from Guatemala and Shields is from East Guam. Shields' first language is Swahili and Burns' first language is Chinese.

"Swahili is the root of all modern language," Shields said. "Whoever said I'm not well versed in English clearly is an epic failure at life."

Fortunately, students will have the opportunity to learn from real teachers despite the large class size. Upon a quick background check, it was discovered that neither Shields nor Burns graduated from high school, let alone earn a college degree.

By the way, April Fools!

GEOMETRY

geometry is to be replaced by advanced basket weaving taught by Mr. Zabel. Basket weaving will provide students with a basic understanding of geometric shapes while channeling their inner artist.

"Basket weaving happens to be another one of my

hobbies, in addition to raising rabbits," Zabel said.

To heighten the experience of basket weaving, Zabel said he will play a selection of new age polka music to broaden the students' horizons.

"Embracing the spirit of basket weaving will channel your inner chi and

lead you along the path of nirvana," Zabel said.

Although this was a two-sided decision most students and teachers believe the school is taking a step in the right direction to assist student learning.

"Anything to get me out of geo kid, ya dig?" Smurro said.

By the way, April Fools.

See the world through language



EDITORIAL

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Thrown under the bus

The rumors have been confirmed. It has been mandated that any student attending this year's junior prom at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence, must take the buses provided by the school.

Not only are many students outraged, but the parents are fuming as well. Popular opinion seems to be that students should be allowed their own form of transportation, instead of a mandatory bus there.

The final decision on this issue was released only a few weeks ago, and many people also do not understand why they announced it so late. Many parents have already reserved party buses or limos for their child, and fear that they will lose their deposit, although the school claims that they will do their best to get all deposits back.

However, there shouldn't be an issue with the buses. The ride to Providence is little more than 30 minutes. Also, prom night is not just about the limos, it's about the experience, the time you spend with your peers and how much fun you make of the night.

Many of the students claim that the limos make the night, but they don't understand that limos are the only great thing about prom, and that its every class after this who has to take them, not only this year's juniors.

Not that the school is to be agreed with completely they do make some good points. The safety issue is of major concern, but that's not as big of an issue as it's made out to be.

However, some of the parents have made great arguments as well. A few have even stood in front of the school board to try and resolve this issue, but nothing can be changed until everyone bands together to tackle the issue.

Even though complaints have been made and parents have called, nothing can really be done to change the decision. All students attending the NHS junior prom must ride in the provided bus, as it has been mandated.

Proper grammar!

by SHERRY HANNAN
columnist



We've been reading and writing since kindergarten. First we learn how to write our ABC's and then our name and at some point we write in cursive.

As we get older, we learn to write more and more, with less cursive simply because printing is easier. On the SAT's, there is a part that you have to write in cursive. It almost took the whole group longer to write in cursive than it did to finish one section of the test. If you think about it, all we do in school is write, whether it is handwritten or typing on the computer.

We write lab reports, we write notes, we write essays, we write responses to questions, and we write papers. Despite having done this year after year, I don't feel as though my writing has gotten much better, except that I now know how to write a PIE paragraph inside and out.

High school is all about writing, writing, writing, and reading, reading, reading, but most of the time our writing is not nearly as good as it could be because we don't remember any of the mechanics that goes into it. Many times the only thing wrong with our papers are that we are using commas in all the wrong places, don't remember what an onomatopoeia is and use the wrong form of "their, there and they're" in the entire paper.

To solve this problem, I think we should have more grammatical lessons in English, rather than reading book after book that honestly most of us aren't reading anyway.

My reading skills have not gotten much better from the books I read in English, but I could tell you what a hyperbole is if I had another lesson on it.

Once we get into college, it's not like we can walk up to a professor and ask where the comma should go in a sentence.

Reading and writing is important in moderation, but honestly, what is a compound noun anyway?

April Fool's!

In the spirit of the month, the Maritimes staff has written a few stories which may or may not contain some fabrication.

In the April Fool's spirit, the staff has added a few either partially or entirely untrue stories to this month's edition.

During the publications class, a film was shown called "Shattered Glass", which was a true story entailing a man who was a reporter for the New Republic, and fabricated many of his stories, most of them with hardly any true fact.

The staff took it upon themselves to write stories not unlike those of Stephen Glass, although with a few differences. These stories may actually have some factual evidence, but with a few details skewed in one way or another.

Some of the stories also may be entirely true. The fun in the joke is knowing which ones are true, and which ones are a joke. April Fool's!

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WORD ON THE STREET

What will you do over April vacation?



I'll be spending my vacation in Tortola in the British Virgin Islands with my husband and daughter.

—Mrs. Keiser, faculty



I will be grading all of my labs and tests that I gave the week before, but for fun I will garden and spend time with my kids.

—Mr. Kutcher, faculty



I'll be in Norfolk, Virginia visiting my uncle.

—Lukejohn Bernfeld, junior

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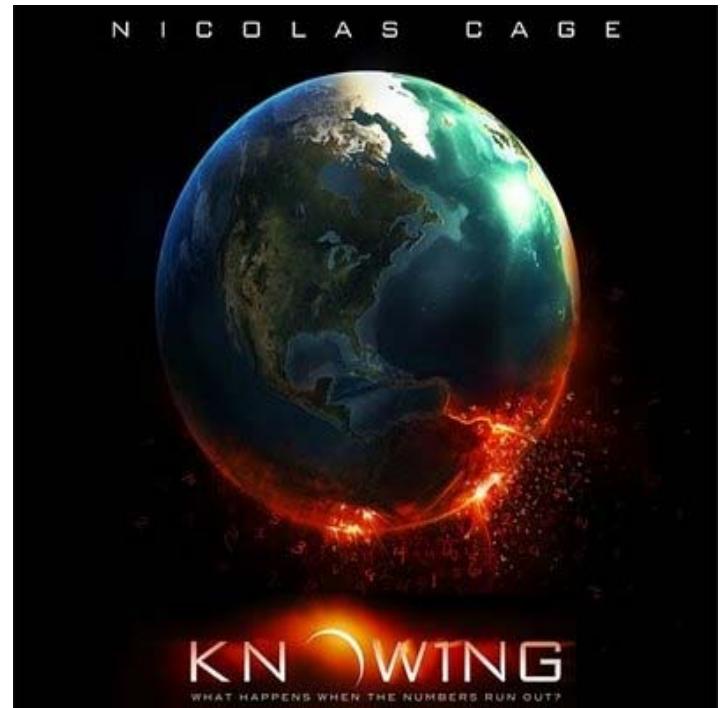
New age Apocalypse, anyone?

by KYLE DOUBRAVA
reporter

Observing several previews for a movie back when the calendar read "January", the trailer for the apocalypse film "Knowing", starring the satirical Nicolas Cage, caught my attention and forced me to anticipate eagerly for its release.

The film circulates around MIT professor John Koestler (Cage) and his young son Caleb who seems to possess his father's keenness and cleverness at first glimpse. After uncovering a time capsule buried by an elementary school fifty years earlier, John and Caleb discover an abnormal sheet of paper in the capsule which has a seemingly random array of numbers scrawled on it.

Using numerology John believes that the numbers all represent dates and locations of catastrophic



events that either have occurred or will occur in the near future. Watching a short sneak-peek clip of the movie or simply watching the trailer makes one scratch their heads thinking, "Haven't we seen thou-

sands of these kinds of movies already?" I will admit that the overall premise of "Knowing" is rather redundant, but moviegoers don't seem to mind. As of April 1 the film has earned almost

\$49 million from the box office. Disaster movies have earned an average of \$103.2 million in theaters, so this Nicolas Cage escapade better begin putting behinds in the seats if it wants to remain on the tinsel screen.

An interesting tidbit about "Knowing" is that it utilizes the intergalactic science-fiction technique to even further the plot and certainly provoke an inquiry when the credits finally roll (the movie is two hours long, lengthy for an action flick).

Those who I have spoken to about "Knowing" were deeply disappointed in its ending, claiming that they were on the edge of their seat for the first hour and fifty minutes and metaphorically wagging their finger for the remaining ten minutes. Personally I didn't mind the ending, but I think that once you've seen it is a pretty safe bet that

there will not be a "Knowing 2" or "Still Knowing."

Nicolas Cage was the perfect actor to play the role of John Koestler, using his periodic one-liners and establishing the fact that he is the modern day action/adventure movie hero.

However, the redundancy of apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic movies and TV shows shadows the possibly short-lived "Knowing" amidst other blockbuster hits.

In other words, "wrong place, wrong time."

Note: Rated PG-13. Running time 2h 1m. If you liked this movie then you will also like "Volcano", "Deep Impact", "Dante's Peak", and "Titanic".

The Verdict: 3/5 John Stamos's.



T.I.'s road to prison

by CODY OLIVEIRA
reporter

On Saturday Oct. 13, 2007 Clifford Harris otherwise known as T.I. was caught with three loaded pistols (One .40 caliber pistol and two .45 caliber pistols) in his Range Rover. Due to the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearm) agency received a search warrant to inspect T.I.'s house.

While searching the residence of T.I., numerous weapons were found. Such as: two rifles, three more pistols and a revolver. During the search they found a false wall in T.I.'s bedroom closet, which required his finger print to open. Within boxes that laid behind the wall were ammunition and more firearms.

Most of the firearms were purchased by his bodyguard, because in 1998, T.I. was convicted of possession of crack cocaine with the intent to sell it in Cobb County, Ga. Therefore, as a convicted felon he could not lawfully buy, receive or possess firearms and ammunition.

So he had his bodyguard get him the weapons. T.I. would give him the money

and his bodyguard would report back to him and give him the guns. One time he was caught buying three machine guns and two silencers, off of an undercover ATF agent.

After the bodyguard was arrested, he agreed to setup T.I. Later in the day T.I. and his bodyguard met at a local shopping center. There, T.I.'s vehicle was inspected by ATF agents where they found the firearms.

Since then, T.I. served 305 of 365 days under home confinement, and 1,030 of 1,500 hours of community service. When T.I. served part of his community service hours he was helping young people turn their lives around. He had created his own show *T.I.'s Road to Redemption*, in which starred all the children T.I. had influenced.

T.I. still has left to finish his 602 days of home confinement and his 470 hours of community service and a year and a day in prison, as well as three years of supervised release. After jail T.I. states he will come back with a new album. T.I.'s fans will stay true.

Coldstone Creamery new to the south county area

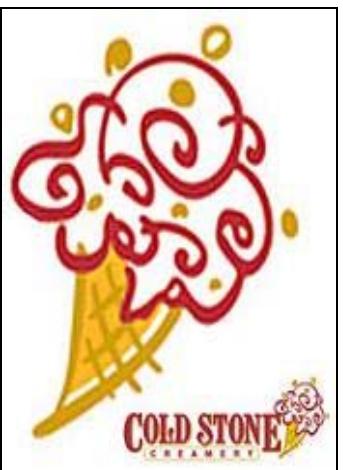
by TYLER CASEY
reporter

I scream, you scream, we all scream for Coldstone ice cream. The Coldstone Creamery, a chain of ice cream shops across the nation, just opened a new store in Tim Hortons located in Wakefield.

Coldstone is known for the fact that you can make your own ice cream creation. You can have as many possibilities as you would like. There is over 11 million combinations you can make. Some of the most popular flavors are the mint mint chocolate chocolate chip blend and cookie doughnut you want some.

Coldstone is also known for their singing skills. Their motto being "if you sing one, we will sing one." Meaning that the ice cream creators will sing an originally made song while making your ice cream if you give them a tip.

Coldstone will be in competition with locally owned and neighbor Brick-



mill dessert café. Brickmill has the same ice cream concept and techniques where the customer can make their own ice cream.

However Coldstone is one up on Brickmill with their singing abilities. This makes the atmosphere fun and enjoyable for everyone of all ages. The one in Warwick seems to be more fun than the new one.

Brickmill however, has a different environment than Coldstone. Brickmill is more of a relaxing and comfortable place to hang out and eat yummy desserts.

On the other hand Coldstone is attached to

Tim Hortons which can almost feel overwhelming to their customers. It is not the best environment to be enjoying ice cream while someone is complaining about coffee.

One thing Coldstone and Brickmill share is their high prices in their ice cream creations. The cheapest treat is around \$3.00 which includes two toppings and one scoop of ice cream.

In my opinion, Coldstone tops Brickmill in smooth texture of yummy ice cream. The toppings are pretty much the same, but the actual ice cream of Coldstone is better. Coldstone could be seen as the best ice cream shop in Rhode Island. Current locations in Rhode Island are Wakefield, Warwick, and Newport.

However, I would rather support Brickmill because it is locally owned and not a chain. Brickmill has a more homey sense and each scoop of ice cream is topped with a little bit of love making the customer love it.

Teachers elect the electives

by KAITLYN MURRAY
reporter

Gone are the days where students were given the privilege of choosing their own electives; these decisions are now up to the administration. The school committee made the decision two weeks ago on April 1st, and is now reviewing each student's recently submitted course selections.

Beginning next year, students will be placed in electives that teachers and counselors feel are the most productive for their schedule.

"The decision was made in the interest of helping NHS students get the help and graduation requirements they need," Mrs. Obrien, guidance counselor said. "If in the past a

student has struggled in a certain subject area, they will be placed into an elective from that department."

Many teachers see this as a great opportunity to get more students involved.

"I'm thrilled with the new plan," Mr. Reis, science teacher, said. "Now I can get even more kids to join oceanography. It's great!"

On a further note, electives that do not fall within the four core subjects will become second priority, except for those that are required to graduate, such as presentation skills. More creative classes, some of them generally taken by students because they seemed 'easy', may be taken out of the curriculum all together.

This could mean serious trouble for some of the faculty and staff.

"This is ridiculous," Ms. Gabrilowitz, art and ceramics teacher, said. "What about kids who aspire to be a painter or a musician but can't prepare for it in high school because they were forced to take creative writing?"

Students also are less than enthusiastic about those changes for next year.

"I can't believe they are doing this," Ashlie Champlin, junior, said. "I love my art classes, they can't take them away from me!"

Many students are planning a protest against the decision and will be outside the school with picket signs next week. If you are interested, contact Ashlie Champlin at

1-800-APRIL-FOOLS.

So many choices, so little time to choose



by KYLE DOUBRAVA
reporter

It is commonly said that junior year in high school is the most important one for any student, especially when it comes to academics. Colleges are able to see how you performed not only in the classroom but also in the community and

Any questions that fluttered juniors had concerning the requirements to get into certain colleges were answered on April 8 at the College Fair in Boston. Hordes of students from all over packed the Massachusetts Convention Center armed with bags filled with programs and business cards from various institutions.

Colleges ranging from Maine to Australia were answering any inquiries that college-bound stu-

dents had. Most of the questions that were asked had to do with aspects such as the most important factor in an application, the tuition cost and the strength of certain majors at that college.

Sean Wright, junior, found the College Fair to be very insightful. "The College Fair was a very comfortable environment," Wright said. "It was easy to get around and look at all of the colleges."

As a result of the vast amount of schools present at the fair, Wright is thinking more carefully about his college selection.

"I found some schools I hadn't considered but now might be looking into those schools. It was a great way to see my options for my future academic career," Wright said.

Although the Narragan-

sett buses arrived late to the fair, students easily seamed their way through the crowds and visited the schools that interested them.

Max Gardner, junior, was one of many students who found the College Fair to be helpful. "I thought the College Fair was a very engaging experience that gave us a good chance to get a first-person view of what colleges are really looking for as well as some insight on some colleges," Gardner said.

Now is the time for juniors to be narrowing down college choices and majors so when senior year rolls around they won't be scrambling between that and the Senior Project. It is safe to say that the College Fair opened up some opportunities for the junior class.



Music Required

by LEXY DAVIS
reporter

acceptance

"I think making music a required class is good. But they should also make art one too," Mrs. Peabody, art teacher, said.

NHS believes that adding music to the required curriculum will put Narragansett students at the top.

"Many students do not have a music related education and this would set them apart from their peers from other schools that are competing for acceptance to the same colleges," Mr. Shuman, guidance counselor, said.

The graduating class of 2009 was just able to pass by this new requirement but that is not so for the class of 2010 and years to follow.

With only one more full year ahead of them the class of 2010 will have to revise their class schedule to include a music class.

"I feel that every student should graduate knowing how to play at least one instrument, graduating with at least some knowledge of music will only benefit students," Mr. Healey, music teacher, said.

Students are now put to the task of completing and passing at least one music class in order to graduate. As colleges become more and more competitive the details are what make or break a student's chance of acceptance

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Mariners look ahead to new season

by MATT PISTACCHIO
reporter

Spring is in the air; Lacrosse is in full effect, golf players are on the tee, softball is on the diamond, and America's pastime is here. They're batting strong, rocking their hats straight forward with their shirts tucked in.

Last year's season was "a ball" according to Will Dawson, senior. "The season went really fast. We had three games a week with some really close wins," Dawson said.

In the '07-'08 season, the team went 12-13, making the Division I-South playoffs only to exit in the second round.

"Last year was pretty successful," Brendan Kenny, senior, said. "It could've been better, but still a solid year."

With a team filled with athletic seasoned seniors, this may turn out to be an all around season.

"I hope to learn to appreciate my teammates more. I just want to have fun and gain team chemistry," Kenny said.

For freshmen arriving to this team, it can be intimidating with so many veterans.

However, Andrew Calore is not intimidated.

"It's fun," Calore said. "You are learning a lot of new things about baseball and learning to try your hardest no matter what."

Rivals for this season include South Kingston, North Kingston, and Bishop Hendricken.

North Kingston is "supposed to be really good this year," Marc Cote, freshman, said.

Their seniority and experience may carry them forward but when it comes to baseball Narragansett seems to have an edge.

This is the only sport where Narragansett is placed in Division I.

This may be a problem as well as a guide.

The team is playing the best in the state this new level of competition may train young players to play at the Division I level.

This will be necessary in order to beat the North Kingstons, South Kingstons, and Hendrickens of the future.



Block Island Ferries cruise past Mariners

by MATT PISTACCHIO
reporter

It was a sad day for the Narragansett Mariners as Block Island pulled the mother of all upsets. The final score was 10-1, leaving Narragansett scarred in more ways than one.

Jay Jeannotte, starting pitcher and senior co-captain, pitched a no-hitter in that game. All runs scored by the Ferries were by errors.

"I pitched a pretty good game, but what can you do... It was all but over in the fifth inning and I decided to sit and think the rest of the game" Jeannotte said.

A series of unfortunate events unfolded for the Mariners as mistake after mistake piled up. The first was by the seasoned senior, Brendan Kenny, who failed to catch a point blank line drive because of a seemingly spirited beam of light cascading from the heavens, temporarily blinding him while the ball landed in his face.

"I saw the light back there...but then I said to myself, 'What would Brendan Kenny do?' I knew I needed to finish that game the BK way, and BK doesn't quit. McDonalds is for chumps" Kenny said. This error resulted in an inside the

park homerun.

When Brutus Bartlebee, Block Island's biggest player, attempted to bunt the ball, he drove it right to the unsuspecting sophomore backup pitcher, William Byrne. This resulted in a triple by Bartlebee.

Byrne was later driven to the hospital after suffering a catastrophic groin injury. As Byrne was carried off the mound on a stretcher, he muttered what would be his last words before the ambulance pulled away.

"Stop laughing, it's not funny. It's not! Please don't put this YouTube..." Byrne said.

The next error came from Julian Nelson, sophomore catcher. One of Jeannotte's pitches caught fire and went face-first into Nelson, and amidst all of the frantic screaming and running in circles, Bartlebee stole home.

The next few errors resulted in two inside the park grand slams. Three people were on base two consecutive times because of this error: the ball landed on the lids of the Mariner outfielders' hats causing mass confusion.

Both "homers" were scored off of the ball landing in the ocean.

The game was held at

Block Island, where their baseball field was on the beach.

First base was in the ocean, second base was on a sand dune, third base was in a ditch, and home plate was on a lifeguard chair. This was a great home field advantage for the Ferries, for the Mariners had never played in such an obstacle course as this.

Narragansett's offense was completely terminated by this inconvenience. Will Dawson, senior, and Tom Herchen, senior, both suffered cramps while trying to swim to first base, for they had not waited an hour after eating.

Marc Cote, freshman, scored the Mariners' only run off a homer that, like Jeannotte's last pitch, caught fire. This sight sent Nelson into another hysteria of screaming and running in circles.

"It felt good. It would be better if the ball went into outer space; I'd definitely get some airtime on National Geographic. Maybe another time" Cote said.

Perhaps.

The Mariners may have lost this game yet they learned a valuable lesson: How to attain over 576 million hits on Byrne's YouTube performance.

April fools, son.

Playoff dreams for Mariner softball

By KIANI CARROLL
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The Mariner Softball Team of 1978 won Narragansett High School's first state championship.

This year the softball team hopes to continue the reign of winning and go for the state championship themselves.

This year they plan to step it up and bring the heat in fast-pitch softball.

Their coach, Dean Healey, has high hopes for this season. "We started off with a win beating Portsmouth ten to two," Healey said.

This year the Mariner softball team looks strong and has good captains leading them.

"The captains are Chelsea Dentler, Rishia Pellegrino, and May-Ellen Vigent. All three are seniors and very good players as well as leaders," Healey said.

Although the captains will be a big part of the team, Mr. Healey also has a few other players he expects a lot from this season.

"Kaitlyn Murray will be our starting first baseman. Cassie Couture will be playing in the outfield," Healey said. "Sam Essex is going to be a big part of our hitting and a starting outfielder. Finally Hannah Linsley is our starting pitcher and had 13 strikeouts last game."

These players as well as the captains are going to help the softball team in winning games and making this season productive.

As for coaching goals this season, Mr. Healey has a few key ones.

"I want to make it to the playoffs again," Healey said. "On top of that I want to make it to the second round of the playoffs because that is when it becomes a double elimination process."

"After that the state championship would be nice," Healey said.

The Mariners are currently 2-0 as of April 8.

At the rate they are going, the season looks to be hopeful and successful for the Mariners softball team and all their fans.

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What's your top 5?

Homework Excuses

1. The game was on
2. Spending time with the GF
3. My goldfish died
4. My dog at it
5. I remembered but chose not to do it



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Prom Fashion: 2009 Season Looks

by DELANEY SAN MARTINO
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With spring here and summer on its way prom season is right around the corner! The internet has become a prime source for teenagers in search of their dream dress and accessories for the event. As the night gets closer attendants are wondering what's in for this season?

As said by an online website, the colors gold and white, bright colors, patterns, sequins, beads, tight fitting dresses and short dresses are in for this prom season.

Patterns such as floral and vibrant designs are in for this season. Short dresses are in for a flirty change in tradition although long dresses are still in for the original look of prom attire.

"2009 Prom Dresses: Trend Alerts

Must-Have Looks for Prom 2009 dresses:

Prints charming: whether you're a wild thing with animal instincts or a wallflower who loves flirty florals, prom 2009 dresses offer prints for every personality.

Keep it short: hike hemlines for a short prom dress that's fun and sooo flirty!

All about bows: add an extra touch that ties up a winning feminine look for any Prom dress.

Razzle dazzle: sparkling sequins in every size and color add instant glam and glitter.

Juicy colors: fruity flavors like papaya, plum and banana brighten your Prom night.

Go with the flow: soft chiffon Prom dresses sweep the dance floor for real drama," said www.sydneysscloset.com.

Some stores students can check out are located at The Providence Place Mall, such as: Macy's, Jc Penny and Nordstrom's. Also a store located in Cranston is Zuzu's Pedals.

A downfall for students shopping at the same stores and boutiques is the possibility of purchasing the same dress. Often times under classman who buy their dresses have the conflict of getting the same dress as an upper classman. In the unwritten rules of prom the under classman would be summoned to return and find a new dress.

Kasey Pickell, sophomore, said they have a system to prevent students from purchasing the same dress. "At Zuzu's Pedals they have a system that when you go in a buy dress they will ask you what school is hosting your prom and if anyone else comes in for that school's prom they will not let them purchase the dress. This prevents girls of getting the same dress," Pickell

said.

Whether prom goers are using the in season fashions simply or elaborately it doesn't matter. Whether it's lots of beads and sequins or a few; it's still what is in for this year.

A website suggests white instead of black to switch it up and be bold. Prom is definitely not a time to blend in, you want to stand out! There are many variations of the fashions that can be turned into your personal style. Although there are many styles and looks in fashion for 2009 it's still important to present your own unique style.

"When I went shopping for my dress I wasn't looking for anything in particular. I just wanted to find something that was better than my last dress," said Lucy Tillman, sophomore.

"My dress is dark red and silver and has sequins and a low cut back," Tillman also said.

Tillman's dress has many of this year's fashion. It includes sequins and a low cut back which are both in this season. Also the color of her dress is dark red but it is shiny which makes it bright which is also very in for 2009 Prom attire. Use these tips and looks to look your best for Prom 09!