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Biker botches basket, but bests bullying behaviors

by MATT PISTACCHIO & CODY OLIVEIRA
reporters

A mirage of feedback from both positive and negative standpoints poured in from Chris Poulos' stunt bike performance.

The freshmen class (and a few select sophomores) were pulled out of third period on Tuesday, March 10 to receive a talk about the emotional effect bullying has on its victims.

From a recent poll taken by the freshmen of NHS before the performance, the majority of freshmen feel that cliques, teasing people with disabilities, sexual harassment and harassing others regarding weight are definite problems in the school.

"I am happy that the kids took the survey seriously," Jeffrey Smith, vice principal, said. "They didn't just blow

it off; they answered honestly."

Last year Dr. Ruth Anderson and Catherine Capalbo thought there was an increasing bullying toll and lack for the emotional wellbeing of others.

It was then that the school found Chris Poulos, winner of 85 biking awards and spokesman for an entertaining anti-bullying movement.

With a variety of twists, turns, and other ways to defy gravity, Poulos took the freshman class on a trip through his long journey and taught how bullying affected his life, teaching empathy as well as morality.

"He did a very good job; he kept the kids' attention with his bike and sent a good message," Smith said.

Some of the students had a different

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Making memories in full vibrant color

by SHERRY HANNAN
reporter

One of the most exciting things that happen at the end of the school year is that the long awaited yearbook is finally released to students. This year's yearbook is new and improved. One of the biggest improvements is that it is in complete color.

In previous years, only the senior's pages were in color. Luckily for the staff, the cost of making the book in all color did not increase the price, but since the

ink and paper are in high demand, it caused a slight increase in the price of the books.

Samira Hosseini, senior and Alexia Reyes, senior are members of the yearbook class. This is the second year that both of them have participated in making the yearbook, and both have seen a lot of improvements.

"I thought we did an okay job last year, but this year it's a lot more organized and in color," Reyes said. The pages

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The Variety Show preview

by TYLER CASEY & KIANI CARROLL

Every year the junior class at Narragansett high school hosts the annual junior variety show. This show usually consist of many different acts all recapping the year in a humorous manner.

This year the class of 2010 will be putting on the show with big expectations to fulfill. These

expectations are making the show funny, doing it very appropriately, entertaining to the audience, and being original.

The junior class plans to accomplish all of these expectations and try to make the show the best Narragansett has ever seen. Ashley Luddy, junior, had this to say. "As a class we plan to make this the best show. We are all putting in a lot of

effort and putting it together as a class," Luddy said.

They wouldn't release any information about what the actual show will contain but Luddy has told us the scripts are in and they are going through and picking which will make it to the next level of Mr. Smith approving it.

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Principal of the year

by LEXY DAVIS
reporters

Mr. Daniel Warner, NHS principle, recently accepted the award for Principle of the Year.

Warner accepted this award humbly because he feels it is the school that is really the star rather than him.

When asked what he feels he achieved in order to receive this award he graciously

commended the school rather than himself "I feel I was able to receive this award because we just have a great school that was recognized by others."

Mr. Warner was nominated by fellow principle, Bob McCarthy, South Kingstown principle, and then the process began.

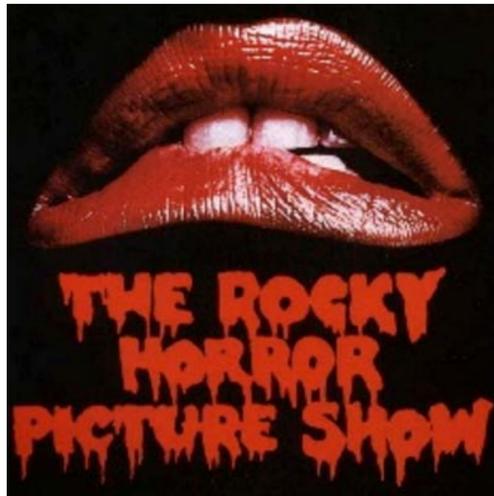
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Rocky Horror: the ultimate viewer experience

by DELANEY SAN MARTINO
reporter

Would you ever take rice, news paper, and water guns to see a movie at 11:15 at your local movie theatre? If yes, then you should go to the Rocky Horror Picture Show that plays every third Friday at Entertainment Cinemas. The actual movie plays while a performance takes place in the front of the theatre by live performers acting out the scenes in the film as they play. This movie is a very unique presentation including cross dressers and the title as "virgin" if you are attending for the first time.

When attending for the first time you may get a "V" drawn on your forehead representing your first viewing. The virgin process that takes place before the acting and



movie starts is a little intense, although you do not have to participate. Mrs. O'Brien, guidance counselor, said she remembers performing the dance at a school function although she has never seen the show.

"I've never attended or seen the movie, but I know it's a really fun experience," O'Brien said. The dance included in this late night fun is called the time warp, performed at certain times of the show. You can learn the steps before attending by looking them up on the internet.

If you are joining in on the fun for the second/plus time you might be comfortable bring some props. Some of the props you can bring are: rice, newspaper, water guns, candles, flashlights, rubber gloves, noise makers, con-

fetti, toilet paper, toast, party hat, bell, cards, hot dogs and prunes. They introduce themselves throughout the show in which they are used by the audience at certain times. As far as attire goes dress-

ing strangely and standing out is the way to go. The first time you attend you do not have to worry about looking unique, but once you experience and view how other attendees dress you with most likely feel out of place in regular blue jeans and a t-shirt. Most of the dedicated viewers dress up as their favorite character which is usually some sort of proactive outfit consisting mostly of the color black.

Jacob Desforges, sophomore, said he has never been, but thinks it would be a good experience. "I have never been to the show, but I think it would be a wicked fun!" Desforges said. The next show is playing at the Entertainment Cinemas on 3/20/2009 starting at 11:15 p.m. If you have an open mind and a sense of humor go check it out!



Huzzah for clothes!

by KYLE DOUBRAVA
reporter

It's not an everyday routine to donate thirty boxes of clothes and other accessories to the less fortunate, but for the NHS National Honor Society the yearly ritual is becoming more and more exhilarating.

The Honor Society partakes in quarterly projects to maintain their status as members and this past quarter's mission was to donate dozens of boxes of clothes to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Foundation. "I think each year we do very well," said Good. "The people in the community and the parents and students here at Narragansett High School are very generous."

Good said that the most difficult phase of the assignment was to sort the loads of clothes based on gender and size, which takes a unified effort from the members. Many members stayed after hours to sort through

all of the clothes and to pack up the boxes.

Mrs. O'Brien, Honor Society coordinator, was ecstatic to report that the output of clothes was probably the most successful yet. "I feel as though we had more clothes and good quality clothes than any other year. We had everything from men's to women's clothes to baby clothes."

The members are required to perform ten hours of community service per quarter, and this assignment is eligible for that condition. Not only does this project satisfy the community service portion of their Society position, but all participating members have a feeling of satisfaction upon completion, said O'Brien.

"If they (members) embrace what it means to collect clothing for those who are less fortunate than they are and if they advertise it well and if they participate I think the drive will continue to be successful," said O'Brien.

Johnny Beksha: the meaning of Mr. President

by ASHLEY CARR
Reporter

Each year an election is held to choose the next class president. This is a big responsibility, and for junior year, Johnny Beksha was chosen to fill the spot.

For those who are not familiar with the title as class president, the student who is chosen is responsible for making the bigger decisions for our class, such as plans with the variety show, fundraisers and prom, and making sure each of these plans are in action.

"For prom we're doing really well. The Variety show started as a struggle, but now we're on top of things and it's going really well," Johnny Beksha, junior, said.

"I feel that through all of the stress and pressure from other students, Johnny gets done what needs to be done," Shelby Reynolds, junior, said.

Planned for April 3 and 4, the junior class has been holding meetings every Thursday afterschool from 2:00-3:00 for those interested in helping out with



the variety show. Also, there are fundraisers going on throughout the year to help raise money for this year's junior prom.

"We decided to stick with our calendar fundraiser because it's worked well in the past and it earns us the money we need. The calendars have really helped us with prom," Beksha said.

Class president requires a lot of hard work and dedication. Along with the vice president, and other members of the class council, Beksha must attend every

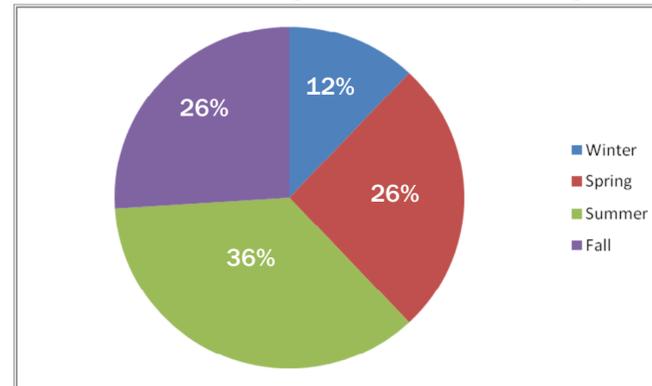
meeting and stay on top of plans and deadlines. "He listens to the class instead of just doing what he wants" Reynolds said. He must also make sure that the entire class is aware of these things, and not just the students who attend the meetings.

"For the most part, it's a team effort with everyone, but as president I have to be a leader for everyone and keep everything organized and make sure we're getting done what we need to get done."

The Maritimes: "Holy Maritimes Batman!"



Monthly Survey: Favorite Season



"My favorite season is summer because it is sunny, warm, and I love being able to go to the beach."
-Katie Richardson



"My favorite season is fall because it is not too hot nor too cold, the grass is green and everything is full of vibrant colors."
-Mr. Costello



"My favorite season is summer because it is really warm and there's no school!"

-Steve Pelletier

WARNER

His nomination was given to the Rhode Island Principle Association who then sent Mr. Warner an application. Warner then answered a series of questions based on things such as leadership and student education.

The Rhode Island Association sent down a team of interviewers to talk with the central office administration, teachers, parents, and students to get an idea of what kind of person Mr. Warner is.

Narragansett Alumni as well as student believe that Mr. Warner was a perfect choice for this award.

"Mr. Warner is very deserving of this award because he always puts the students first and is very supportive of the teachers." Mr. Smith, Vice Principle of Narragansett High School, said.

Students were also amazed when they heard the news, Stephanie Paiva, Junior, had nothing but praise.

"When I found out that Mr. Warner was the princi-

ple of the year I was really happy, we have an amazing school with an amazing principle and I'm really glad that he got the recognition he deserved." Stephanie Paiva, junior, said.

Mr. Warner found out about his award two weeks ago. He was sitting in his office because he had a meeting when the astounding news of his win was announced.

There will be an award ceremony in May of which Mr. Warner will receive state recognition.

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The administration has to deem the show appropriate every year. They don't want anything that could be offensive to teachers or students to be shown to the public. It is like the same process of going over the float scripts for spirit week, but it is more in depth. After the script is approved, the administration still needs to see a run through of the entire show to make sure they didn't miss anything that could be offensive.

The junior class is very excited to be putting on the show. They hold weekly meetings to discuss and plan the show.

Along with the variety show the juniors on Thursdays have to worry about getting their prom settled with as well. This can become a very stressful time to be a junior involved with all these fun times.

Ryan Mycroft, a junior football star, believes that our show is going to be great and be the best all time. "Our VS (variety show) is gonna be the bomb like tick-

tick," Mycroft said.

Senior, Cam Hutchinson, had this to say "Good luck topping last years," Hutchinson said.

As to how the actual variety show is going to turn out is to be determined. The show is going to take place sometime during the spring.

Hopefully the variety show this year will hold up to the expectations it has and give the Narragansett people something to laugh at, enjoy and talk about for many school years to come from this point forward.



YEARBOOK

impression of Poulos' performance: "I found it pretty pointless," said one freshman. "His tricks were good, but we know all about bullying; we did-

n't need the show."

On a lighter note, many students enjoyed the performance and gained some new knowledge. "It was pretty sick," Austin Vieira, freshman, said. "It was very informational and exciting."

YEARBOOK

have new and unique layouts since the class used a different program, the Year tech online program, created by Jostens. "The sports pages turned out much better," Hosseini said.

At the beginning of next week, the yearbook will be completely finished, meaning it took about six months to complete along with a lot of hard work and dedication. "The stress, picture taking, and designing of pages are finally over," Reyes said.

Pushes for students to buy the yearbooks have been greatly increased. Letters

have been sent home and students have received letters in their advisories reminding them to buy their yearbooks before it was too late.

Unfortunately, sales have not been doing as well as the staff hoped. Mr. Robert Shields is the teacher of the yearbook class and said sales are not where they need to be.

"We ordered 200 yearbooks this year, which is 80 less than last year," Shields said. "We still have 30 books remaining, so students should get their orders in soon to assure them a book".

There is no cutoff date for the remaining books, and

they will be sold until there are none left.

Last year, many extra books were ordered for those procrastinators but this year this will not happen. "We didn't order as many books as last year because many of them went unsold and caused the yearbook budget to end in a loss of funds," Shields said.

Yearbooks are still being sold, but there is a limited supply left and once they are gone, students will not be able to order them. The all color books cost \$80 and personalization is no longer being accepted. With a limited number of books remaining, Shields said to buy your copy soon.

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Once you read it...



You find it mildly amusing.

Facebook: More than just a hobby

When Facebook was first developed, it was solely for college students to be able to keep in touch with their friends and adults to keep in touch with co-workers and family. However, ever since high school students jumped on the bandwagon, Facebook has become the new MySpace, just with less creepers. If you walk down the hallway, your more than likely to hear about the new drama people found out through Facebook. You've probably heard more than once that nothing is official until it's on Facebook.

Admittedly or not, we all at one time have been Facebook stalkers, reading other people's wall posts or friend requesting someone just to see if you can find out dirt on them. Pictures can become scandalous and colleges and jobs now even check students profiles. People think they are cool when they change their status to say that they are getting high or drunk, or write things that probably only make sense to them.

If those things aren't annoying enough, the website itself changes about every month. It supposed to be an improvement but it turns out to be the exact opposite. The latest change to the website made it almost impossible to figure out. Just trying to read your own wall posts is now a pain.

Students these days can probably tell you more about what is happening on Facebook than they could about what is happening in the news. Facebook has become more than just a hobby, it is an obsession. It is now our students homepage on their computer, available on cell phones (not that we have them in school), and is probably visited almost as frequently as YouTube.

We need to take a step back and realize there's more to life than facebook!

New kids on the block

by SHERRY HANNAN
 columnist



Imagine going to a new school in the middle of the school year where you know no one. High school can be a cruel place. Everyone has their cliques and new kids never really lose the term "new kid" associated with their name, if people even know their name.

Unfortunately, this is the case for a lot of students. I was once the new kid, back in second grade, but at that age, kids hardly remember if they knew you the day before or not. I could not imagine leaving school now, to go on someone else's turf. If high school isn't bad enough, college must be brutal.

Many kids end up going to states across the country with nothing but the things they brought from home. They have to get accustomed to living with a complete stranger, which may be someone that they can't stand, doing everything for themselves, and enduring classes that are long, boring, and nothing

like they are in high school. Professors will not be there to hold your hand or listen to lame excuses about how you couldn't get your work done because your friend got alcohol poisoning.

From here on out, everything you do matters and saying "sorry" or "oops", doesn't get you out of trouble anymore.

On the brighter side, it may be a new chance to start over, where no one (or so you hope) knows your name or your reputation. You gain a sense of freedom and the ability to do whatever you want without your parents knowing. But with great power comes great responsibility.

While you are able to do whatever you want, you still have to remember that now you're solely responsible for your own actions. You have to make sure your laundry is clean; you have food in your dorm room, and that your parents aren't there to get you out of any trouble that you get yourself into.

College is an opportunity to grow, learn, and obviously party, but maintain-

ing the balance of going to classes and studying along with partying can be difficult. Blowing off the class and failing it is a big deal, much more than it is in high school.

College isn't like high school, where you go for free. Either you or your parents are paying a lot of money for you to go to school and going there to just party like a rock star is a complete waste.

Another scary thing about college is what happens when you graduate. Once you're out, you're probably around age 22. You are now in the real world where you have to get a real job and pay more bills than just your cell phone.

Graduating high school is an exciting thing, but when you think about it, it's just pushing you one step closer to being in the big, real world where you have to fend for yourself. Its thoughts like these that make you miss being in kindergarten where the only you have to worry about is when you're getting your nap time and your snack. Oh the good old days..

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WORD ON THE STREET

What did you think of Loung Ung?



"I wish I was there because I heard it was awesome. In fact, one student told me it was like she was speaking poetry."

-Mr. Costello, Teacher



"Her presentation was very informative and makes me feel grateful that I live in America and have such a good life."

-Kate Richardson, Junior



"I thought she was very interesting. I liked how she was able to make her sad story lighthearted."

-Steve Pelletier, Junior

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Rihanna beat up or beat down?

by CODY OLVIERA
reporter

According to many sources on February 8, 2009 there was a disturbing 911 call to the Los Angeles police. An alleged domestic violence case involving R&B singer Chris Brown and girlfriend Rihanna.

Many details about why and what Brown did to Rihanna were out days later. The fight started out as an argument between the couple, after Rihanna read a three paged text message to Brown from an anonymous woman.

People Magazine states Brown tried forcing Rihanna out of the Lamborghini and banged her head against the passengers' window then he began to punch her in the face with his right hand while driving with his left, also bit her ear and had her in a headlock almost causing Rihanna to lose consciousness.

People Magazine also said Det. De Shon Andrews notes from the incident Brown stated to Rihanna "I'm going to beat the (bleep) out of you when we get home. You wait and see!" Rihanna called her assistant and left a message saying, "I am on my way home. Make sure the cops are there when I get there." Det. Andrews's

notes said that prompted Brown to reply "You just did the stupidest thing ever. Now I'm really going to kill you."

Brown turned himself in to the police and was charged with felony counts of assault and making criminal threats. With these charges Brown could spend up to four years and eight months in prison. Once he turned himself in USA Today stated that he was dropped from the Got Milk? and Double mint Gum ads.

Friday Rihanna appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show, and Oprah made a statement to Rihanna "He will hit you again." Three weeks after the fight the couple is back together. Even after everything she took him back. Will Rihanna drop the charges?

It's a proven fact that it takes a number of seven domestic violence incidents in one relationship before the person that is getting abused gets out of the relationship permanently. A lot of domestic violence cases get tossed to the side.

There are a lot of ways to get out but number one is HELP. Everyone who knows someone in a abusive relation wonders how come they just don't leave? It is not that easy, because domestic violence is not only physical but mental.

The pages come to life in "Watchmen"

by KYLE DOUBRAVA
reporter



The Verdict: 3 1/2 John Stamos's

Sitting comfortably at the Providence Place IMAX Theater I observed the incoming swarm of comic book gurus who have been waiting for over twenty years to see the film adaptation of the graphic novel "Watchmen." By the time the lights dimmed and the movie began, there wasn't an empty seat left in the theater.

"Watchmen" takes place in the fall of 1985 in New York City, where corruption is rampant and a small group of former superheroes seamlessly blend in with the crowd. However, they are forced to reunite to investigate the murder of one of their colleagues, the Comedian. Secrets are revealed, trusts are broken, heads are smashed, love erupts and the ending will have you scratching your chin in confusion if you're not a fan of the book or will have you giving a standing ova-

tion if you are.

Of course, the costumes were adapted directly from the novel, but the extreme detail that is each costume was dedicated to is simply insurmountable.

"Watchmen" did haul in about \$25.1 million on its opening night, including close to \$5 million for the midnight showings, but due to the "R" rating it restrains many of the younger fans from watching.

I was stunned to discover how closely related the book was to the film, in terms of dialogue. Directors and producers should find a way to implement their imagination and perhaps stun the audience with an event that no one would ever see coming. I felt like I was reading the

"Watchmen" film companion (but the tickets were much cheaper).

"Watchmen" fan Matt Prezioso, junior, was pleased overall with the adaptation. "The movie stayed true to the book, down to the exact quotes," Prezioso said. "The ending left little to be desired compared to the book but it was still good."

Some may be dumbfounded when they realize that the movie is close to three hours long. Comic book films have a tendency to extend past the two-hour mark, but the plot just seemed to drag on until the climactic finish. Some advice: do not make small children see this movie; they will be terrified of the constant gore and long running time.

Eatin' good in the neighborhood'

by KIANI CARROLL
reporter

In the South County Commons on a Friday or Saturday night, two things are usually noticed. One; the teenage population is at an all time high, and two; the line for Applebee's is always long with a substantial waiting time. This is due to the fact that the local restaurant has become the hangout for most middle school through high school students these days.

Applebee's is also popular for birthdays and family outings. It has the perfect location, being close to a

movie theater so the family can grab a bite to eat before the show.

The food is very good and in a reasonable price range for anyone. They have many appetizers to choose from as well. Their most famous is the appetizer sampler which brings together a delicious taste of four flavors. The sampler contains nachos, mozzarella sticks, boneless buffalo or honey BBQ wings, and bacon and cheese quesadillas.

The service is friendly and the wait staff is always spunky and caters to everyone's needs. A lot of the teenagers that go there

on a regular basis often times become friends with the waiters or waitresses.

Applebee's also has a very unique atmosphere. The walls are lined with older memorabilia including aged movie posters, a horse carousel, and license plates. They have a huge collection of sports memorabilia from the local schools of Prout, Narragansett, and SK, as well as professional teams.

So, whatever age you are, Applebee's is a great restaurant for eating out. It won't be a disappointment because you will be "eating good in the neighborhood."

Spiderman 3; a swinging good time

by ANDY SLICK
SHELDONSON
Guest reviewer

Spiderman 3 continues where it left off last time after the last one. Peter got the girl of his dreams Maryjane but his best friend Harry is not actually friends with Peter anymore because he found out that

Peter was Spiderman and the one who killed his dad frankly the first Green Goblin. The cops had new information about Peter's Uncle Ben's actual killer Flint Marco a.k.a. The Sandman later on.

It shows that Peter gets the suit but later on got rid of it after some bad things he did and then landed on

Eddie Brock seeking revenge on Peter for getting him fired from The Daily Bugle and becomes the most dangerous, monstrous, sadistic enemy Peter a.k.a. Spiderman ever had to face Venom.

This movie has a lot of action and a bit of twist and turns along the way but still that film was beast.

Mr. Goudreau: not just an average teacher



by JENNA MAIRS
reporter

Some people don't know him, but to others he's the help that they need exactly when they need it. It's Mr. Goudreau, one of the new special education teachers in the school.

Being a new teacher can be tough, but Goudreau finds it a better change than some. The new teacher feels welcomed. "Everyone's treated me very nicely so it makes it very easy to come to a new school," he said.

Goudreau teaches a study skills class, but also

collaborates with one class from each grade. He co-teaches a freshman Economics class, a sophomore Biology class, and a junior U.S. History class.

His Bachelor's degree is in history, which allows him to collaborate with Mr. Joubert and Mr. Cannon.

"We work together in class," Cannon said. "He brings great energy and enthusiasm."

Goudreau graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 2002, but later attended Rhode Island College for his certification in science and special educa-

tion. He also co-teaches Biology with Mr. Zabel.

Many of the schools where he previously taught are all in Northern Rhode Island, due to the fact that he lives in Chepachet.

He's taught at schools such as North Providence High School, Mount Pleasant, Coventry High School, Ponagansett High School and Burrillville High School.

One day, there was an advertisement in the newspaper for a new special education teacher. Goudreau considers himself lucky to have gotten an interview at

all, given his inexperience with teaching special education classes.

However, the superintendent gave him a callback, and he was the man for the job. "I appreciate the opportunity," he said. "It's good to be in a place where it's a good work ethic and everyone wants to exceed."

On a typical day, Goudreau makes the one hour commute from Chepachet to begin his day at the school. The morning begins with prep work, then either co-teaching twice or teaching his class alone, depending on the schedule.

He also devotes his time after school for any student with questions. "I work with a lot of students who need that extra help," he said.

When he's not at the school, Goudreau has other interests he follows. He considers himself an avid sports fan. "Basketball is my passion," he said.

He also takes interest in vehicles and music especially. Not only did he used to be a DJ in New York, but also is DJing the sophomore ring dance along with Mr. Joubert.



Environthon: students taking an interest in the world

by JENNA MAIRS
reporter

To some, the natural world holds no interest. To a few dedicated students in Environthon, the environment means so much more.

Environthon is for students who care about the environment and the issues going on with it. "Environthon is an academic team that goes to a statewide competition," Mr. Zabel, science teacher, said.

Each year, the environthon students build up their knowledge to compete against 47 other states around the nation. Taking first in this event will put them in the international competition, which has teams from around the world.

"In this competition there are five subject areas" Zabel said. "Forestry, soils, aquatics, wildlife, and a wildcard topic."

This year's wildcard topic is biodiversity, but in the past it has ranged from global warming to forest fires.

Every year the team prepares for the competition by training on Tuesdays after school each week. Training includes researching, questioning and building up the stu-

dents' knowledge. There are also three state sponsored trainings, which is like a practice meet before the competition.

The competition each year has the same layout. The students are broken into teams of five to answer questions, such as identifying certain trees or pelts. Each school can bring two or three teams.

There is also a written quiz that each student must take and an oral presentation on the wildcard topic. The presentation will be given in front of a team of experts in the field. They also have to make a proposal for the use of the land in the Ninigret Wildlife Foundation.

This year's competition is the third Thursday in May, and the internationals will be held in North Carolina.

"We're looking forward to crushing Wheeler and Coventry in the state competition," Jenn Castro, junior, said.

The school's Environthon team won the state competition in 2005 and 2006, and went to internationals in Missouri and Canada.

"Environthon rocks. First place only," Shane McNamara, senior, said.

School to career now an option

by KAITLYN MURRAY
reporter

No more are the days where students must be recommended for NHS' school to career class. Now, it can be found on the course selection for next year.

All students will have the opportunity to sign up and explore careers that they might be interested in. The goal of school to career is to get students to connect with the community and get a preview of what life will be like after high school.

Mary Ellen Keiser, school to career advisor, has been running the school to career classes for the past nine years, and has been witness to many of the changes the program has undergone.

"School to career originally began as a grant that allowed students who were interested in nontraditional paths after they graduate to explore all of their options," Keiser said. "Over the years though, we've received more and more students who join because they've heard of the class and want the chance to experience a career before they choose it as their major for the next four years in college."

Gradually over the last



four years, Keiser and the administration have been working to get school to career recognized as an option for all students, and now that they've reached their goal, Keiser said she couldn't be happier.

"I'm very excited that more students will have the opportunity to work side by side with people that can teach them all about the occupations they are interested in," Keiser said. "I'm sure there are student in this school that would benefit greatly from it by signing up for it."

Many students in the school have heard of school to career, but didn't think they were eligible to be in the class so they never tried. Now, they are excited for the chance. Students are excited to experience their possible careers.

"The class sounds really

interesting and it's a really good idea to have it as a choice now." Chelsea Louzon, junior, said. "I'd definitely sign up if my schedule wasn't already so full next year."

There's about thirty students enrolled in school to career this year. Unlike other courses, students are able to sign up multiple times throughout their high school experience and try out different internships with every year, also receiving credit for the classes.

"Students might one year go on location with a mechanic but later realize that it's not the profession they want to pursue, so they sign up the next year and take a placement with a glass blower," Keiser said.

"It's great because the employers become lifelong mentors to the students." she said.

The Chronicles of 'Gansett

Mariners down Westerly with one eye

by **MATT PISTACCHIO**
reporter

Narragansett, first in Division II-South, took a 1-0 start in this year's Rhode Island Interscholastic League Division II playoffs with a 72-57 win over the fifth place Westerly Bulldogs at CCRI on March 8.

Westerly, winless against the Mariners in the regular season, was coming off of a 62-59 first round upset win over North Providence.

Missed shots and unforced turnovers hampered both teams until point guard Brendan Kenny, senior, proceeded to put the points on the board.

"It's a good feeling being back in the playoffs again," Kenny said. "A nice court and an awesome atmosphere, you can't ask for better."

Jay Jeannotte, senior, the team's most prolific scorer, had some trouble on the offensive side in the first half.

"The first half came off a little slow for us, but our second half was probably one of our best all year," Jeannotte said.

The Mariners ended the game on a 46-31 run and shot a spectacular 28 for 30 from the foul line.

Kenny and Jeannotte finished the game with 20 points apiece, with Jeannotte only having two field goals in the first half. A reason for this might have been because he was only playing with one eye.

One of Jeannotte's eye contacts was knocked out during the game, however, he used his mom's contact lens instead for the rest of the match.

Coach David Gee was very pleased with the important victory. "You just have to stay in the moment when you're in the playoffs. Anything can happen," Gee said.



As in life, all good things inevitably come to an end

by **MATT PISTACCHIO**
reporter

The game the team had been expecting since day one was upon them, and they knew the reigning champs, Classical, would be tough to dethrone.

The Mariners were looking to win any way they could this season. They had Jay Jeannotte, who happens to be this year's Rhode Island High School Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

They even had a supporting cast of seasoned seniors: the speedy Brendan Kenny, the athletic Tyler Hoxsie, the rebounding Max Rittner, and the surprising three-ball abilities of Nate Patterson.

The final score was 69-49, but they did what the small town of Narragansett would have never thought could be done

again: win. There hasn't been a basketball banner raised up on the wall of the NHS gymnasium in years.

The team fought hard to get to the Ryan Center; they won six games by only as few as three points, including three one-point victories.

Just last game they were facing Coventry, the only team that beat them in the regular season, in midst of a fan packed CCRI arena in a win or go home situation. The game ended with a desperation air ball hoisted by Coventry's Trevor DiMiccio as the Mariners advanced to the Ryan Center.

During the Classical game, the only two three-pointers were made by Narragansett's player of the game, Patterson, but Narragansett missed almost double-digit three point attempts with a me-

nagerie of missed layups and jumpers to go in the mix.

Narragansett played hard throughout it all; key shots just didn't fall. The clock struck midnight on the Cinderella Mariners.

Although they lost, the Mariners are still the D-II South champions and the team had won the most games in school history.

Now next year's seniors will need to perform just as well as this year's if they want to hoist a D-II trophy. Austin Shepherd, a junior, is showing signs of dominance through his abilities as an offensive threat. Tyler Casey, a junior and a part of the regular seven man rotation, is also showing signs as a confident guard.

In the meantime, all we can do is wait until winter comes around once again.

Girl's lacrosse: Success is our middle name

by **TYLER CASEY**
reporter

Last year the girl's lacrosse team for Narragansett high school had an off season with a record of 1-13. They had many close games just never could capitalize and take a victory over any of their opponents.

The one win at the end of the season gave the girl's motivation to have a season to remember in the 2009 season.

Last season was great to get the younger players some good experience in a varsity-style game.

The girls have been working hard for the past few weeks on their fundamental skills such as: catching, throwing, and using their off hand, according to some of the players.

Rachel Sliwowski, senior, seems very motivated about the season. "This year will be great, cradling camp is going good," Sliwowski said.

The expectations from the coach, Mrs. Krous, are pretty unknown seeing how they moved down a division subsection meaning they won't play the full fledged Division I teams. The team moved up when they won the state championship in 2005.

"The key players this year is the whole team because we have a lot of strength within everyone and they all are a unit," Krous said. The captains won't be decided until at least a week or so into the season because all the nominations have to put on a mini practice and the team votes.

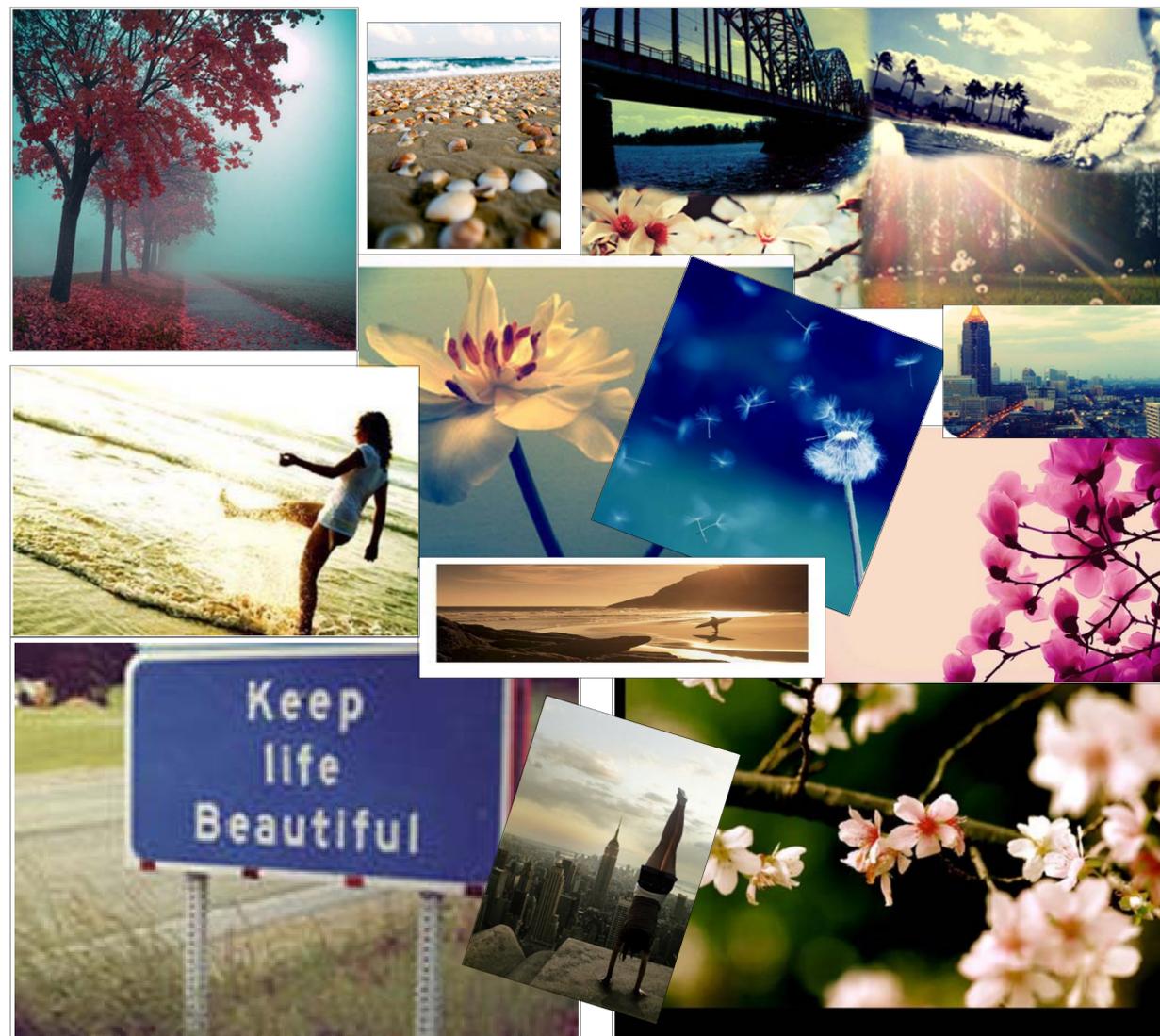
One problem that has arisen for the lacrosse team this year is that they are missing someone in the net. Krous said that it is very common for no one wanting to step up and be goalie because the goalie takes a lot of hard shots in the little pads they are allowed.

In the past two seasons the team has not had very much success adding to their win column but this year is the year they will write their story and prove themselves to Division I that they belong to play with them.



Mr. Adam Reis

1. Gary Coleman (Different Strokes)
2. Gary Coleman (Different Strokes)
3. Emmanuel Lewis (Webster)
4. Tiffany Brissette (Small Wonder)
5. Muppet Babies



Distracted: what are you missing?

by DELANEY SAN MARTINO
reporter

What have you missed today? Yesterday? Tomorrow? With the up rise of media and advances in technology natural beauty has never been so neglected. What are we missing due to the fact that we are distracted by media and technology?

Whether it's the television or the computer screen, the envy of the girl on the commercial or the effort to look like the star on the cover of Seventeen, we have all become distracted. What about the sunsets, the waves and the smells of spring. The sunsets replaced by fake backdrops, we forget they can be real. The sound of waves are drowned out by lyrics. The smell of the seasons ignored by perfumes and colognes.

Perhaps this problem isn't that bad yet. Yes, perhaps it's only the evening sunset or the sight of the first flower in bloom, but how long is it going to stay minor opportunities missed? At a slow process dinner conversations may be cut down and the person you talk to the most may be the person you see the least face to face. As much as the technology helps with communication, how much is too much? How

much of the beauty around us is going to be wasted?

This is the point Katie Riley, sophomore and I are attempting to express in our digital photography class. We were assigned to do a project on any topic we wanted. This is including a power point or slide show containing photos from the internet and pictures taken ourselves and a one page paper with research from one book and one internet source.

Digital Photography gives students a chance to express your thought and feelings towards a statement you are trying to make. We are trying to show that life has enough natural beauty that people should try a notice. With all the distractions in day to day life we need to take time to enjoy the small things life has to offer. Nature isn't fake or manmade; it's just waiting to be noticed.

Laine Wagner, sophomore is also in a digital photography class working on the same project. Her topic is teenage sexuality.

"For my project I am doing teenage sexuality. I am trying to express the media's effect on this subject and how sexuality has changed society," Wagner said.

"In magazines, televisions shows, commercials, and simply the style of modern day cloth-

ing has changed so much that some may consider it inappropriate. What causes these changes? It seems the more time goes on the more scandalous advertisements get," Wagner said.

"Some of my ideas for my pictures are pictures of young girls trying to look like women in magazines. Also trying to Photoshop a picture to look like it's on a face book page. This is making the statement that people try to make their sexuality public and are proud of it. Also for the photos I am allowed to get off the internet I am going to use advertisements such as Calvin Klein ads," Wagner said.

This class gives students an opportunity to express theme selves through their work to make statements and create original ideas. Some of our more minor assignments were just going around the school finding things such as ordinary to extraordinary.

This will be the first major project completed in class and seeing everyone's finished projects will be very interesting and could possibly change one's opinion on certain topics or make one realize something. Such as; what you're missing. Don't miss out on *your* life. Keep life beautiful.