

A whole New Ballgame

Second Season Kicks Off

Neshaminy Maple Point High School opened its doors for its Sophomore season Sept. 9, and immediately the veterans of the school were aware of changes. During the off-season, the coaches had apparently conferred and decided new and improved rules were needed for their game. During a pre-game interview, Mr. Evans, the Principal influence of Maple Point, reviewed his strategy.

Commons Areas

A sure hit with students are the new Commons Areas and study hall policies. Rookies and 2nd year players are assigned to the Dining Room during unassigned time. After attendance is taken, (there are no seating requirements), almost anything the players want to do, they can do. Ping Pong tables, etc. will hopefully be provided by the Student Union.

Jrs. and Seniors are assigned to the Creative Arts Commons. More appropriate furniture than the stacking chairs found there now is coming, following a committee's decision as to what it should be. There is no attendance taken at the Jr.-Sr. Commons. All students assigned to either area can go outside in the back of the building.

The Administration scored more points when it decided to allow Juniors and Seniors the privilege of coming late or leaving early when they have a Study Hall

1st or 10th periods.
Quads to be used

Juniors and Seniors can, instead of going to the Commons



Mr. Evans.

Area, get a library pass, and then go to the Quads. The four areas, located on each corner of the library, are considered to be an extension of the library. After going into the library, a student can have his pass stamped "Quad."

Another addition to the library will be a computer used to obtain information about Career and Colleges. It is expected to be ready for use by the end of September.

Seniors bring changes

Many changes have been brought about now that we have Seniors. A Senior Class Trip, Senior Prom and, of course, Graduation will be a major part of Maple Point. Graduation will be held June 13 at an (as of yet) undetermined site. Possibilities for sites include Core Creek, outside the school, in the Gymnasium, and the traditional spot for Neshaminy graduations, the Stadium.

Elective programs in Social Studies and English are now a

part of the academic lineup. The program in use now is similar to the one used from Langhorne. The entire program might be changed in the future, though.

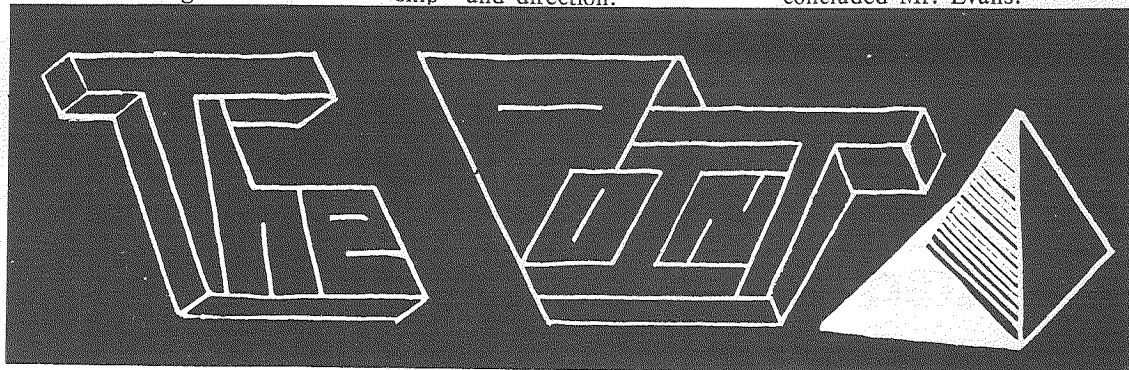
Leadership needed

Seniors are expected to provide one intangible that was missing last year. Leadership, in terms of example, are anticipated. The Student Union will also play a more active role, Mr. Evans hopes. He would like the student government organization to become more involved with student and teacher welfare, and to give the school "genuine leadership" and direction.

A Different Ballgame

The general attitude of the school is also changed. We are now a "true" Senior High School, have many new materials to work with, fewer "breaking in" problems, besides schedules, and a more positive outlook toward inter-scholastic competitions, since we are now on an equal level with other schools.

"The school will be different with Seniors, no doubt about it," concluded Mr. Evans.



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New Schedule an "Almost"

Five Make Semi-Finals

Neshaminy Maple Point has the distinct honor of having five National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists within the student body. They are Wade Weston, Dirk Elston, Tony LaBrasca, Eric Fallick and Bruce Goldberg.

These five are among the 15,000 (0.5% of all U.S. seniors) students from across the country who received the highest scores in the PSAT's taken last year. From the 15,000 semi-finalists about 13,500 finalists shall be chosen based on SAT scores and

the fulfillment of certain requirements. The finalists are then reviewed by the National Merit Selection Committee for grades, leadership qualities, interests, accomplishments, the schools evaluation, and the students own statements. After careful consideration, 1,000 finalists are chosen to receive \$1,000 National Merit scholarships. In addition, there are about 1,300 four-year Merit scholarships sponsored by corporations and other organizations and about 1,500 college and university sponsored scholarships.

If all things had gone as planned, Maple Point would be operating with an 8 period day this year. A new schedule was "ready to go" according to Mr. Van Horn, Curricular Ass't. Principal.

No Study Halls

Under the proposed schedule, all periods, including lunch, would have been 50 minutes. If a student had unassigned time, last period, he would be able to take the "early bus" home. The purpose of changing the schedule was to eliminate study halls. The

entire schedule, which was already set up, had very few study hall periods in it, said Van Horn.

Needed 2 buses

When planning the revamped schedule, the additional transportation was thought to be available. However, the number of buses needed to transport students to area Catholic Schools was underestimated. When fully investigated, it was discovered that the only way Neshaminy could provide buses for early dismissal was with the purchase of 2 additional vehicles and the hiring of 2 drivers. Van Horn said it was "basically a money matter" which prevented the new schedule from being introduced.

Next Year

Mr. Van Horn said that the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joseph Ferderbar, has "more or less promised" that Maple Point will use a different schedule next year providing that the "situations remain comparable." He went on to explain that Maple Point will begin the day earlier and, naturally, get out earlier, if we can't use the 8 period day outlined above.

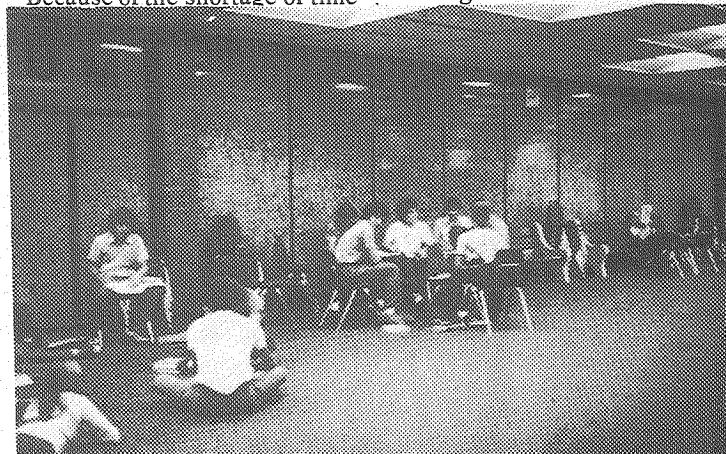
Crowds at Guidance

Because of the shortage of time

following the switching back to a 10 period day, a "third run" or the schedule was not completed. This resulted in massive crowds at the Guidance Office during the first week of school. These crowds, sometimes numbering almost 200 unhappy students, were all problems that would have been corrected had the proper amount of time been available. Mr. Brown, the Guidance Dept. Chairman, talked about one serious scheduling problem. "All 31 of the Work Program Student's schedules had to be redone. This, and most of the other problems we had were due to the misuse of the information we supplied to the computer, not the fault of our information."

One Week

After one week of hassles, confusion, changes, etc., it appeared that most scheduling problems were worked out. The huge masses had disappeared from the Guidance Area, your seat in Algebra remained the same for three days in a row, instead of being changed to accommodate the new student into the alphabetical seating chart. Maple Point will run smoothly once again.



Students in the new Junior-Senior Commons.

MAPLE POINT'S ON THE AIR

On Monday, September 13, Maple Point had the opportunity to broadcast on a local radio station. With the help of Stu Nagurka, Maple Point succeeded in that task. The radio station, WBCB (1490), is interested in having area high schools have their own radio program aired on their station periodically.

Stu was working on the program (which must be 14 minutes 30 second long), throughout the summer. It takes a lot of planning and many hours of constant work to come up with a script that will be 14 minutes 30 seconds exactly. After all when the radio station told Stu about the exact time, he wanted to make use of every second.

The first program was not only directed to Maple Point students.

It was also directed to the community. We wanted the community to be able to answer any question that they may have about our school. (ex. where are we located?, can the community be involved in our activities? etc.)

Maple Point on the Air is scheduled to be broadcast about every three weeks, and always on Monday nights. Stu will be receiving some help from a fellow junior, Sheldon Bogos, who is also interested in radio broadcasting. Sheldon will be working as the sports announcer.

If your club or organization is sponsoring event and you would like it to be announced before hand on Maple Point on the Air, please contact either Stu or Sheldon. In order for our announcers to plan for a success-

ful program, please give them at least two weeks notice. For example, if your event is being held on October 15, please notify them by October 1.

The second show of Maple Point on the Air is tentatively scheduled for October 4. Of course, we advise you to listen to the morning and afternoon announcements for the exact date and time of the program.

Stu is already promising that the second show is going to be even better than the first. Unfortunately, he is not informing us as to who their special guest will be or what subjects he'll be covering. You'll simply have to listen to each and every program in order to know what's happening on Maple Point on the Air.

Maple Point of View

Alien in our midst

How many students at Maple Point are aware that an alien is living in their midst? This alien is not of the green, antennae-topped variety, but rather is an exchange student who is attending high school in the United States as part of the American Field Service's foreign exchange program.

Doreen Dignowity, who will graduate as one of Maple Point's first senior class, comes to us from Mexico City, where she attends a French Lycee. For the next ten months, however, she will be a Maple Pointer.

Doreen is one of two American Field Service foreign exchange students who are attending school in the Neshaminy district. The other, Sopi Nawarat, who attends Neshaminy Langhorne, is a native of Thailand. In addition to this, one of Neshaminy's students, is now attending school in Brazil.

This article opened with a question. The answer is quite simple: very few! This state of affairs can be changed, however.

In the near future, Maple Point's Foreign Exchange Club will hold its first meeting. Those who attend the meeting will have an opportunity to meet Doreen, and to learn about her, her country, and her first impressions of the United States. At future meetings, students will be introduced to Sopi, and thus will be exposed to some Thai culture. Other meetings will introduce Maple Point's student body to other rich and varied cultures of the world.

The date of the first Exchange Club meeting will be announced soon: **pay attention...don't miss out on the activities which are going on at Maple Point...learn to recognize the aliens in our midst!**

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

It seems to me that at the ages of seventeen and eighteen, the majority of Maple Point seniors have reached a level of individual maturity that is worthy of at least the recognition of administration and faculty.

After this year's series of courses, some of us plan to continue the occupation of a student. Others will seek employment and begin the foundation of a solid career.

Many of us have already made commitments that leave us with responsibilities needing attention as soon as it can be taken care of during school hours, in short, during study halls.

Why then must we be so severely and repeatedly hassled for such trivial matters such as not sitting by the auditorium during unassigned time? Or being sent to the administrative assistance for retrieving books from a car parked outside the building?

To the editor:

During the first few weeks of school the student body of Maple Point managed successfully to keep up last year's tradition of apathy.

This was no mean victory! It has been a constant struggle against those factions who will always try to stifle creative apathy. In this letter I am making my plea to the student body to persist against those who would have us become active, and to preserve the state of apathy which we have struggled so hard to attain.

Throughout the last year the students of Maple Point have remained steadfast in keeping the status quo. Each month hordes of students avoided meetings of all kinds. If this constructive apathy fails to get us what we want, there are only two routes open to the students:

One is **militant apathy**. If we choose this course of action, three students must meet each day to discuss in vague terms the possibility of hurling peanuts at the administration—a tactic which has served Mr. Carter so well. The other route is to sacrifice everything we have stood for, for so long, and become involved.

Sincerely,
J.P. Gumby

If you are interested in joining the Point staff, see Mr. O'Brien or leave your name in the newspaper office. [B-247].

Cartoonist's Block

Maple Point Cartoonists Depict Their Views of



Squelching the Squeeze

In several of your classes these days you may have noticed that the period seemed rather short. The real truth of the matter is that

it has taken the teachers so long to take roll that there is no time left for them to lecture.

However, you may have cause to cheer up (or get depressed) pretty soon. The prediction is that the super-overcrowded classrooms will trim down to decent size, or at least a bearable size. Right now the overall teacher-student ratio is 1 to 21. While this sounds like a pretty good class size, it must be realized that this is just an average. As the situation stands at the writing of this article, the minimum number of students in a class is ten, while the maximum number is 46 (or rather, students coming out of your ears). This large gap can be easily explained, however. Certain classes had only a small number of student sign-ups, so while there might be only one or two teachers to man the classrooms, this is enough. However, in certain classes where registration went through the roof, there just aren't enough teachers to handle reasonably.

What happened to all those teachers who should be here in the classrooms is a question which is on everybody's mind. What happened, unfortunately, is that they have been cut. There just is not enough money right

now to pay the number of teachers we need. The school needs certain things built right now, such as a place for outdoor equipment storage, athletic fields, benches, and audio-visual equipment. The money for these projects comes from a contingency fund and also government refunds. What will be left is about 20,000 dollars. As large an amount as this may seem, it could barely support two full-time teachers. The situation is that the school cannot afford everything it wants at once (in fact the last school that could, we think, was on the old Ozzie and Harriet show).

However, as this article said at the beginning, all hope is not lost. The overcrowding is not totally due to a lack of teachers. A good amount of it is due to that rather abundant little creature, Mistakus Schedualus (or rather, the schedule mix-up). Once this now rapidly decreasing animal is fumigated from our school for good (at least this year, anyway), the maximum class size should be about 35.

This is the maximum size a class should be according to school board policy, and while this is still not exactly a George School figure, it isn't too bad.



The Point

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The Maple Point paper is the view, or if you have something to voice of the student body. If you say about the school, community, have a comment about one of our or world, write it down, and have articles, an opposing point of it printed in the Point.

Editor's Note

In the spring of last year Maple Point's Student Union voted to ratify a constitution. Below is a copy of that constitution as it was ratified.

The obvious question is, "Why is the copy there?" Since the question is being asked by me, I'll answer it.

When the constitution was written, it was decided that it should be a short constitution, short enough to be printed at the beginning of each year, in the student newspaper. The reason for this is quite simple. The document is meant to be a working constitution, rather than a piece of paper that sits in the

library where no one looks at it. It was printed so that the students would have a chance to change it.

Freshmen: As new members of the student body you have not seen the constitution before. This is an opportunity for you to suggest any changes which you feel should be made.

Students who attended Maple Point last year: You have had some time to see the constitution in action. If you feel that any changes should be made, suggest them!

Maple Point's constitution will only be useful if it serves the student body. Read it and judge for yourself.

Constitution

Although this is not the final form of the Constitution, it contains all of the basic ideas that will be included in it.

THE MAPLE POINT CONSTITUTION

I. Preamble

This Constitution is to serve the needs of the entire Student body of Neshaminy Maple Point High School.

II. General Membership

1. Any student may become a member of the Student Union. He/she may join at any time and may leave when he/she chooses.

2. After attending two of the previous four meetings a student has the right to vote on any general Union matters.

III. Officers

A. Duties

1. The general chairperson will preside over the general meetings. He/she will form a link between the Union and the Committees.

2. The general co-chairperson will assist the general chairperson. He/she is to take attendance at each meeting.

3. The general treasurer will keep accounts of all transactions and will report on financial status.

4. The general secretary will take notes on important matters at the general meetings and pass them on to the information Committee.

B. Requirements

1. The officers must keep a minimum of a 2.0 grade average.

2. The officers must be members in good standing.

3. The general chairperson must be a member of the eldest class at the time he/she will serve.

4. All officers will be nominated by the Student Union and elected by the student body in a general school-wide election.

IV. Election Procedure

A. Nominations

1. The officers will be nominated by the Student Union in a general Union meeting.

2. Any number of candidates may be suggested for nomination.

3. Each voting member of the Student Union will cast three votes each for three separate people for each office.

4. The three candidates with the most votes are nominated.

B. Elections

1. To be eligible to vote, a student must register.

2. Procedure for registration will be announced.

3. Campaigning will be limited to speeches given to each class of the student body.

4. The general election will be held no more than three weeks after the nominations.

V. Committees

A. All committees will elect officers who will have the duties as determined by the committee.

B. Permanent Committees

1. Three permanent committees will be the Concerns Committee, the Social Committee, and the Information Committee.

a. The Concerns committee

will deal with the concerns of the student body.

b. The Social committee will arrange social functions for the student body.

c. The Information committee will publish information about all Union functions and meetings before and after it occurs.

C. Temporary Committees

1. The temporary committees will be set up by a simple majority vote of the Student Union whenever they are deemed necessary.

D. Committees can make any decisions they feel are necessary.

1. Any matter that the general chairperson deems important will be voted on by the general Student Union.

2. The general Student Union vote can overrule any committee decision.

VI. Impeachment of Officers

A. Grounds for Impeachment

1. The failing to maintain the requirements stated in Section III.

B. B will grant impeachment

proceedings.

1. Repeated and severe breaking of school regulations will grant impeachment proceedings.

B. Procedure

1. Any member of the Student Union can raise the matter of impeachment.

2. After the presentation of the reasons by the member, a vote will be taken to determine if impeachment proceedings are necessary. A simple majority vote is needed to start proceedings.

3. If proceedings are found to be necessary, a committee will be formed to investigate the charges that were stated.

4. In one week, both the committee and the officer in question will have a chance to present their cases.

5. At the meeting after the presentation of the cases, a vote will be taken. A two-thirds majority vote is necessary for the removal of the officer.

VII. Replacement of Officer

A. If, for any reason an officer is not able to remain in office, new elections will be held to fill the vacant office.

B. The standard procedure for nomination and election of officers (Section IV) will be followed.

VIII. Amendments

A. Any member of the Student Union can make a request for an amendment to be added to this Constitution.

B. After the presentation of a reason for the amendment, a vote will be taken to determine if such an amendment should be further investigated.

C. If a simple majority vote ratifies the need for such an amendment, a committee will be formed for the investigation of it.

D. In one week, the committee will be asked to make their report and a general Union vote will be taken.

E. A two-thirds majority vote is needed to make an amendment to the Constitution.

POINT INTERVIEW: Travels Abroad

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THE POINT

Europe with its castles, wine, adventure and excitement is usually reserved for the rich, but that's not necessarily so. For, in the midst here at Maple Point, we have some of those continental travelers.

This past summer Mrs. Rago and her husband went to Italy. Herr Dugan and five students trekked off to Germany. And two of those students were from our school. And Mr. O'Brien traveled to Italy also. The following are some Point interviews with these seasoned world wanderers.

HERE IT IS FRIENDS THAT LONG AWAITED INTERVIEW WITH THOSE WORLD FAMOUS TRAVELERS ERIC GOEHL AND DAVE TOWNER!

POINT: IT'S MARVELOUS TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THIS INTERVIEW WITH YOU TWO. THANK YOU FOR SPARING US YOUR TIME. WE'RE SURE YOU HATED TO LEAVE SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS. SO WHERE DID YOU GO THIS SUMMER?

Eric: Deutschland.

Dave: No, we didn't. We went to Germany.

POINT: HOW WAS THE BEER? (THE POINT GETS RIGHT TO THE NITTY-GRITTY QUESTIONS RIGHT AWAY)

Dave: Great, especially the Dunkel (dark) beer.

Eric: Did you know that the first consumer protection laws were passed in Germany in the sixteenth century. They specified that German beer can be made from only four basic ingredients; no chemicals may be used as in American beers. Therefore, their beer is far superior and much more notable.

POINT: GREAT ERIC! MOVING RIGHT ALONG! WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TRIP?

Dave: The basic idea was cultural exchange. We went to meet the people. We went on a lot of trips in Germany. We met many students and everyone was extremely helpful and friendly.

Eric: Right, for example, one time we were lost at night. Another student in the group just went up

Dugan who teaches German here. He pretty much arrange the entire trip.

Eric: Yes, and his arrangements were great and quite reasonable. We were there a full four weeks.

POINT: WHAT KIND OF PLACES DID YOU STAY IN?

Dave: We stayed in homes mostly and for five days in a youth hostel.

Eric: We stayed at the homes of

medieval city. It reminded me of something out of a fairy tale.

Eric: The best thing to see was the meistersurm. It is a clock tower which depicts an old story about a man who saved the city from invasion by an army by drinking two litres (about 1/2 gallon) of wine without taking a breath. The enemy upon seeing this decided not to invade the town. There was also an interesting medieval torture museum.

the people were accused of.

POINT: WOULD YOU GO BACK AGAIN, NOT TO THE TORTURE MUSEUM BUT TO GERMANY?

Eric: Definitely.

POINT: BEFORE WE END THIS REMINISCENCE OF YOUR SUMMER EXPERIENCES TELL US ONE REALLY NEAT THING THAT HAPPENED ON YOUR TRIP.

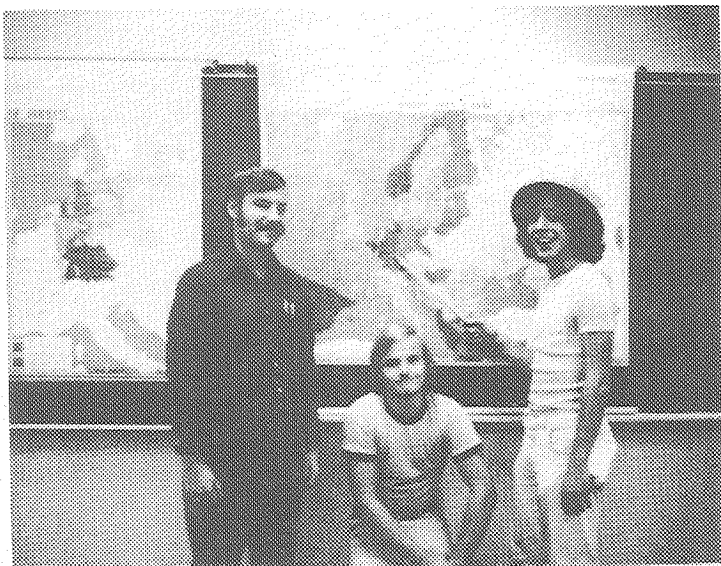
DAVE: We were in a youth hostel, five of us and thirty German boys one night.

ERIC: They were noisy and kept us awake till very late so in good fun we all ended up having a thirty-five man pillow fight.

DAVE: The next day when they were gone Eric and another guy in our group stole all the German kid's pajamas, filled the pants with shaving cream, tied them all together, and hung them out the window.

ERIC: That night they were a bit perturbed so the fight turned into one with airplane glue and two of spent three hours at a local gas station washing our hair with benzine to get the glue out. But it was all in good fun, no reenactments of World War II. I'd go back tomorrow.

DAVE: Me, too!



Mr. Dugan, Dave Towner and Eric Goehl.



A typical small town tourist attraction in Germany.

Dave: They had eye screws to pull out eyes, dunking seats, iron maidens, a rack type stretching machine. All of the tortures were designed to fit the crimes which

Save Your Soul!



Howdy friends, here we are the Save Your Wretched Soul Singers. We hope y'all like these songs we're gonna lip synch for ya, and maybe they will lead you away from the perils of degradation.

Why just last week we were singing in Peoria, Illinois when a young girl came up to me and said, "Gee, Mr. Sweetlips, I sure 'nuf did like your singin' and I ain't never gonna cheat on tests again."

Yes, friends, did you all know that the major cause of teenagers dropping out of school is failure to pass tests, which is, of course, caused by lack of studyin'.

Now take Jimmy here. (Please take him, Ha Ha!) When he was only four years old his mommy promised to take him to the zoo. However, mommy had to stay home to watch **The Young and**

The Useless of TV that day and she forgot about her promise to Jimmy.

He immediately forgot his Oedipus complex and rejected mommy altogether. During the divorce proceedings he even chose to live with daddy. As a result he, logically, has failed to read, which made it hard to study, which made it hard to write assignments, which also made it hard to take tests, and which ultimately made him drop out of college and immediately get a job as one of the Save Your Wretched Soul Singers. Let's have a big hand for Jimmy Sweetlips. ME!

But I was one of the lucky ones, friends. Y'all might not be so lucky. So make yer life better, and sing the chorus to our next song, "I done stomped upon my test, and mashed that sucker flat."

TRY THIS

1. In the movie 'Magical Mystery Tour', what were the only two words George Harrison spoke?
2. In the cartoon strip 'Peanuts', what is the occupation of Charlie Brown's father?
3. Of whom are the Hugo awards named after?
4. Who were the two creators of Superman?
5. What rock group has played the loudest?
6. Who was the painter of the famous 'American Gothic'?
7. Who held the longest reign of world heavyweight champion?
8. How tall was Baby Ruth?

Answers:
1. "Thank you."
2. He is a barber.
3. They are named after Hugo Gernsback.
4. Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.
5. Deep Purple at 117 decibels.
6. Grant Woods.
7. Joe Louis at eleven years.
8. Six foot, two inches.

Confessions of an Exchange Student

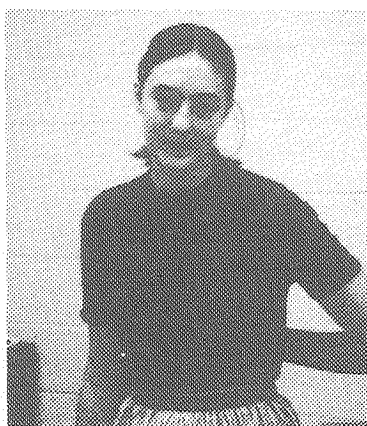
Peut-etre, la premiere question que vous vous poserez sur moi serit: "pourquoi est-ce qu'elle ecrit en francais si elle est mexicaine?" -Je vais vous repondre: J'ai la malchance d'etre accueillie par votre editeur en chef qui parle aussi francais. Et, si je pourrais me refuser a ecrire un article en anglais, je ne pouvais le faire pour un en francais, puisqu'au Mexique j'etudie cette langue depuis l'age de trois ans.

Au fait, je crois que j'ai oublie de me presenter, je suis Doreen Dignowity, je suis mexicaineet, le plus important, je vais rester parmi vous pendant cet te annee scolaire.

Je crois, que maintenant je devrais vous parler sur ce que represente pour moi une annee aux Etats-Unis, les impressions que j'ai eu et les problemes que j'ai rencontres jusqu'aujourd'hui.

La decision de quitter mon pays n'a pas ete facile apprendre; vous savez aus si bien que moi l'inquietude que l'on peut sentir vis a vis d'un changement d'ecole, essayez donc d'imaginer toutes les idees que peuvent vous veniren tete quand vous pensez a un changement radical: famille, amis, ecole, tout absolument tout!

Quand vous vous decidez a subir tous les changements, vous ne savez pas ce que vous etes entrain d'accepter; car meme si vous avez la chance de parler avec



un autre eleve etranger, vous n'etes pas capable de savoir la magnitude des differences ou jus qu'ou elles vont affecter: Il faut y etre pour le comprendre!

Pour ma part, quand j'etais au Mexique, une des choses qui m'inquietait le plus, c'etait de savoir comment les choses allaient marcher avec ma nouvelle famille, et, a ma grande surprise deux jours apres mon arrivee j'y formais deja partie.

Le plus grand probleme d'adaptation que j'ai rencontre c'est l'ecole; je n'y ai pas pense tellement dans ma ville puisque Physique c'est physique enAnglais, francais ou chinois, et les formules restent les memes mais quand vous lisez s#d/t au lieu V=D/T et que vous ne savez pas sur quoi le professeur est entrain de parler parce que la langue vous est inconnue, il vous prend souvent plusieurs jours pour

decouvrir que s= speed et que speed veut dir e vitesse. Parfois vous pouve vpris semtor tres decu, parce que apres avoir etudie pendant des heures et plus que vous ne le aisiez dans votre pays n'est meme pas capable de repondre a la moitie des questions.

Quelquefois, vous pouvez vous desesperie quand les formules et le developpement d'un problem que vous etiez habitue a faire vous abandonnent. Lorsque un professeur fait une blague sans que vous pas capable de definir quand est-qu'il a ouvert la parentheseou quand ist-ce qu'il l'a fermee. Vous vous apperceyez que yraiement vous n'avez rien assmite du cours. Assez souvent vous avez l'impression que vous d'etre tres stupide, et ce n'est pas du tout une sensation agreable, je vous assure.

Malgre tous les inconvenients, que nous pouvez trouver a changer de pays, je peux vous affirmer des maintenant que o'experience a gagner est tres grande. Pour moi, in tout cas, j'ai deja une base de comparaison, nous etes plus capable de voir des choses positives que bous trouvez dans voutre pays dt ququelles vous n'avez jamais prete attention. Je v differents, differents d'interpretation et bien que cela m e gene maintenant je suis sure que dans le futur ca sera une grande richesse, puisque je serai capable de penser de differentes manieres.

Sports Review

Football: Work Hard and Win

Just as this paper is being printed the Cougar football team is playing Council Rock. So we can't yet say the Cougar record is four wins, one loss. Hopefully, it will be by the time you get this paper.

However, the hard August and September practice sessions have paid off so far, because as of this writing Mr. Chaump's gridders have already surpassed last year's record of three wins and seven losses. As of October eighth they have three wins and only one loss.

DELHAAS

Last week, Delhaas had no defense against the powerful Cougar offensive team. Quarterback Tom Meier, went 85 yards for our first TD and passed to Jack Callender for another. John Kumbat ran 70 yards for a score, and Larry Gecht scored from 16 yards out. Mike Tusina also tallied on a 14 yard run. And Greg George scored from the 27 on a pass by Kirk Forchetti. The final score was MP 48 - Delhaas 20.

ST. JOE'S PREP

Against the Prep Larry Gecht scored on a six yard run in the first quarter and again in the third quarter after Bill Haman intercepted an errant Hawk Pass. Also Greg George scored in the fourth quarter on a pass play.

This win 20-14 avenged last year's 41-0 defeat at the hands of the Prep.

CENTRAL BUCKS EAST

The Cougars came off with a big win 3 Friday's ago beating Central Bucks East by the score of 26-20.

When asked about the win Mr. Chaump said, "The line was one hundred percent better."

The score could have easily been 32-20 except a touchdown by Mike Tusina was called back due to a penalty. As the game drew to a close the Cougar defensive line held as the CBers put on a late drive down to the two yard line.

Tom Meier scored two of the Cougar touchdowns, Mike Tusina scored one, and Larry Gecht scored the last one with Meier making the extra point to make it 26-20.

BETHLEHEM FREEDOM

A few weeks earlier was disappointing loss to Bensalem. The coaches attributed that loss to mistakes which always gave the opposition good field position, but even then Mr. Chaump said that Maple Point was going to have a great year. In that game it was apparent that there was a lot of talent on the MP side. For example there was a pass play to Greg George that went seventy yards, and a nine yard pass to Ron Pilla. Both went for touchdowns.

At that point we were winning 15-12. Then at half time with no time on the clock a penalty was called. This controversial situation gave Bethlehem another play to run, and they scored from the play which gave them the winning margin of 18-15.

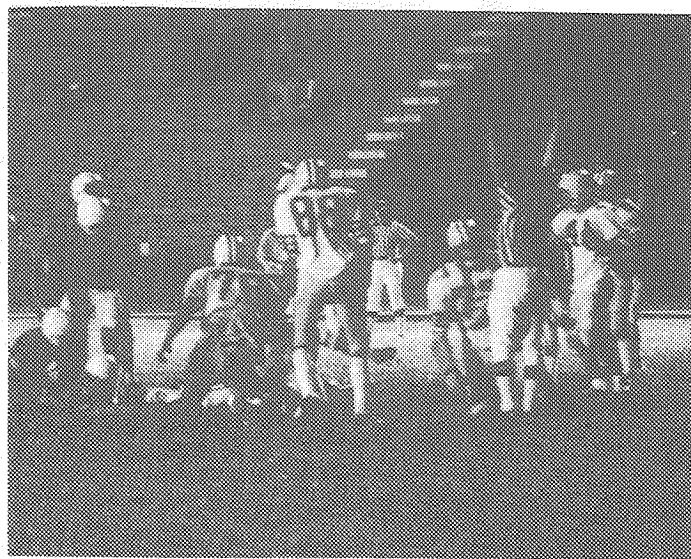
THE FUTURE

Hopefully, the MP football squad will continue their winning ways. Wins over Bensalem, Wilson and Langhorne are a distinct possibility and could easily give the Cougars the first of many winning seasons.

Maple Point then had to play last year's league champs, Delhaas. For most of the game, Maple Point was making an upset. Though luck would not hold and the team lost 5-3. On Friday the team had more bad luck with a close 2-1 loss to Neshaminy Langhorne. The team played well but like so many times before they could not pull it out. Members of the 76-77 Varsity are: Lloyd Weinstein, Scott Secrest, Kevin Smith, Mike Ferri, Neil Haneman, Ben Spedding, Bruce Hendrickson, Dave Kaplan, Tom Thompson, Tom Arabas, Ron Barger, Chris Cauffman, Charlie Hair, Mike Anderson, Scott Semmel, Scott Tumberg, Rich Shandiman.

The team is hoping to better last years 3-9-1. Coach Helmut Glaeser has been using new offenses and defenses, trying to find the right combination to a winning season.

Coach Richard Keefe, coach of the JV's, has a small team but is trying to make it up in ball control and speed, and is looking forward to a good season.



Referees signal a score as Maple Point defeats CB 26-20.

Off and Running

This year's Cross Country team, coached by Mr. Fischer, look very good this season. The Cougars last meet was a win over Council Rock. They started their season with a scrimmage victory over Bishop Egan on August 31st. By the score of 17 to 30. Maple Point opened their season with a win by forfeit over Holy Ghost on Sept. 7. However, the second meet was different, on Sept. 9 against Archbishop Wood, Maple Point was defeated 23 to 37. Though defeated in their last meet the cougars came right back with a tremendous victory over Katzenbach New Jersey School of the Deaf on Sept. 14 with Maple Point's George Aubley taking first on the 3 mile course, with a

time of 16 min. 21 sec. and Syd White taking second. With the rest of Maple Point taking the first 15 places. The cougars won the meet 15 to 50.

Maple Point has had two invitationals. The mill Street Run in which George Aubley took 2nd, Gil White took 3rd, and with Syd White taking 9th place. And the Neshaminy Invitational, with Maple Point's George Aubley placing 6th and Gil White taking 7th in a field of 110 runners. The Cougars have had two meets since the invitationals; a loss to Pennsbury 23 to 33, and their last meet a victory over Council Rock 22 to 34, extending their victories to 3 against only two losses.

Girls Hockey Looking Good

COUGAR FIELD HOCKEY

The Cougar Varsity field hockey team is still among the ranks of the undefeated in the Lower Bucks County Hockey League. Under the leadership of Mrs. Cunningham, our team has been working hard to improve last year's record. It started off with a week of camp at Delaware, followed by three weeks of four hour a day practices.

The first day of school our season opened with a game against Council Rock. It was a hard fought game ending in a 1-1 tie, with Laura Herr scoring the Cougar goal. Our second game against Woodrow Wilson was a well played game resulting in a 1-0 victory, with Anita Houghton scoring the winning goal. The third game against Delhaas was played well with another tie, 0-0. Some people may begin to wonder if a win or even another goal is in our future since our next three games, against Langhorne, Bensalem and Pennsbury also ended

in 0-0 ties.

When asked to compare this year to last, Mrs. Cunningham answers, "1001 percent better!"

Our Varsity team consists of: J. Ambruster, J. Borland, M. DeMatto, K. Downs, J. Fissinger, J. Goldberg, B. Hackett, L. Herr, M. Heltzel, A. Houghton, J. Langton, P. Moyer, L. Rohn, B. Semmel, and A. Sotile.

The J.V. is off to a good start with a record of 3 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties. We have three freshmen on our starting line-up who have each scored. Mrs. Ide, the J.V. coach, works hard with the girls and it shows.

The J.V. team consists of: B. Butler, M. Ciabrone, J. Danka, L. Daugherty, S. Dermer, I. Getz, P. Hackett, T. Hartman, C. Hayes, P. Heisson, T. Houston, M. Rue, C. Sinclair, L. Sinclair, B. Spencer, and R. Theobald.

The Freshman team, under the leadership of Miss Hobensack, unfortunately, started its season off with a 3-0 loss to Bensalem.

SOCCER: OFF TO ROUGH START



Lloyd Weinstein heads one.

The 76-77 Neshaminy-Maple Point Varsity soccer team has high hopes for this season. The team played its first official game in the Soccer Jamboree against Neshaminy-Langhorne. They lost 2-0, though putting up a good fight. The next game in the Jamboree for the Cougars was Bensalem. The varsity beat Bensalem with the judgment of the officials of the Jamboree. The Cougars then played Woodrow

Wilson for the Losers Bracket Championship. The Cougars beat Woodrow Wilson. To come in what is really third behind Council Rock and Neshaminy-Langhorne.

The team opened its league play against Council Rock and was set back with a score of 4-0. They played Woodrow Wilson, who they had beaten before, but could only manage a 2-2 tie.

AWARDS & KUDOS

Two weeks ago Mike Ferri, co-captain of the Varsity Soccer team, was honored by the Philadelphia Inquirer. Mike received a certificate as runner up for the outstanding soccer player of the week in the tri-state area. The

Inquirer surveys Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware to determine the best player each week. Mike received his award for scoring two goals against Woodrow Wilson which tied the game.



Mike Ferri & Mr. Glaeser accept Inquirer award.



This month several MP athletes have earned awards but Melanie Nickerson is our Athlete of The Month.

During the summer Melanie practiced twice a day running a total of about 73 miles a week. Now after school she runs about five miles a day.

All of this practice has paid off. During the summer Mel took second and fourth in two cross country races held in Core Creek Park.

This season she has a second place against Pennsbury, a third against Council Rock, and a third in a field of fifty runners in the Neshaminy Invitational. One of her best performances was at the Steel City Invitational in Coatsville where she ran eighth out of 157 runners.



Karen Downs & Becky Spencer lead the attack in practice.