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Happy Holidays EGHS

By ERICA KAMIN

Between November 30 and December 8, while many Christians were scurrying about and worrying about what to buy for Christmas, members of the Jewish faith were celebrating the holiday of Hanukkah. Contrary to popular belief, Hanukkah, known as the "Festival of Lights," is not the "Jewish Christmas." In fact, Hanukkah and Christmas are not related at all.

Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration commemorating the victory of Judah the Maccabee and his small army over the Greek king Antiochus and his vast army. Antiochus was a very greedy man who demanded that everyone, including the Jews, bow down to his God, a statue of Zeus. Antiochus had the holy Temple of the Jews completely desecrated by spreading pigs' blood everywhere and using the temple as a sanctuary for his idols.

Many of the Jews liked the Greek customs and started worshipping Zeus. But a small band of Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee and his brothers, proclaimed their strong disapproval and challenged the Greek army. Maccabee, incidentally, means "hammer," and was given to Judah because as a fighter he was as persistent as a hard-hitting hammer.

After the Jews defeated the Greeks and Antiochus, they assigned the eight-day period immediately following as a period for thanks and for rededication of the temple and the holy altar. This explains the translation of Hanukkah, which is "dedication."

After the destruction of the Temple in later years the festival was linked with the miracle of the small amount of oil which burned for eight days. Hence the ritual of lighting the Hanukkah menorah was instituted.

The menorah is only one of the several symbols associated with Hanukkah. Hanukkah has special foods—potato latkes and sufganyot. Latkes are fried potato pancakes, and sufganyot are fried jelly doughnuts. Because of the miracle of the oil, it is customary for the latkes, doughnuts, and any other fried foods, to be fried in oil. Also associated with Hanukkah is the dreidel, or Hanukkah top. Jews used to study their religion in hiding because Antiochus forbade such study in public. While studying their religion they played with their tops.

The practice of gift giving originates from the distribution of Hanukkah gelt. Gelt is either real silver or gold coins, or chocolate coins with gold and silver foil wrappers. Gelt is given out to express the joy of the Jews' victory over Antiochus. Only in today's modern society has gelt been considered a parallel to material gifts.

The Festival of Hanukkah relates to events of today, as well as events throughout all of the Jewish history. Hanukkah basically represents the Jewish people's willingness to stand up and fight for their religion and their identity. This spirit has recurred again and again in Jewish history, and it serves as an important concept in today's society.

Student Council presents first annual gong show

By TOM BEALE

The Christmas Assembly this year promises to be a very different and enjoyable event. The Student Council presents the First Annual EGHS Gong Show.

This event, just like the ever popular TV show, consists of individuals who believe they have some talent to share with the school. One may dance, sing, act, or anything else as long as the act is deemed "appropriate" by the selection committee.

Before an act may appear in the show, it must "try out" at the auditions. If the act is acceptable, then it will appear in the final show. Of course, an act does not have to be completely practiced for the auditions. However, a detailed description must be given to the committee.

When a group has made it to the final show, one of two things happens. The group may be gonged or the group may finish its act, and be given a score by a panel of judges. The judges will be the faculty members. The act with the highest score at the end of the competition will be declared the winner, and presented with a prize.

The success of this event depends on you. You are the key to whether or not this show makes it. If you don't get involved, the show will not be a success. There are some rumors that channel 10 will be at the show, so that for any of you aspiring young talented people, this is your chance!

Physics Dept. wins an award

By LORI MAY

Would you believe someone who told you that East Greenwich High School has one of the best physics departments in the country? It is true. The National Association of Science Teachers has recently commended the school's physics department as being one of the ten best in the country.

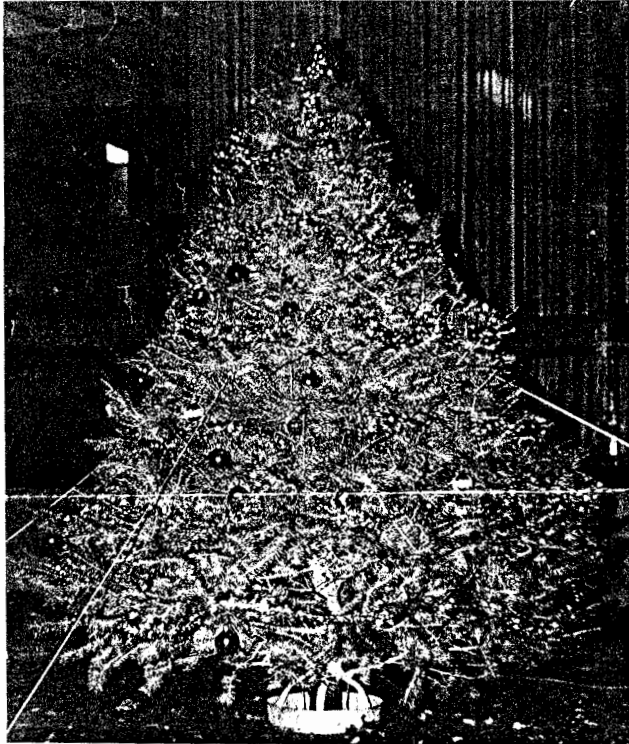
The award was based upon several factors. Physics teachers at EGHS filled out self-evaluations, completed questionnaires, sent sample examinations to the Association, and reported scores on the Advanced Placement and Achievement tests. Also included were the uncensored comments made by physics students.

Needless to say, the department is very proud of the distinction with which they have been honored. Unfortunately, there is

some disappointment connected with the award, which has received very little publicity. The department has met with very little response from faculty, the administration, and students. "It makes you wonder," remarked one faculty member, "whether you'll give this much effort again."

Physical science teacher Roger Ferland expressed that, "although we in the science department do a good job, most of the credit goes to the students. A very high percentage of students take physics, and those are the better students with whom we are working."

"We're not quite sure why we've been recognized," continued Ferland, "but needless to say we're very pleased."



EGHS through German eyes

By MICHAEL WEBER

On September 14, two days after arriving in Rhode Island, Jurgen Baumgartner and I entered East Greenwich High School. This time we were there to study; we had already been there last Easter, but only as visitors. Since our arrival, we have learned a great deal of different things about the American lifestyle and American schools.

Many new experiences made our stay in East Greenwich for the last three months very enjoyable. In our host families, we have had the opportunity to enjoy American food, American football, and the American day activities.

One of the biggest advantages in America is that you are allowed to drive when you are sixteen. In Germany, most students either ride bicycles or walk. Therefore, we are allowed to drink alcohol from the age of twelve, which rather eliminates the drunk driving problem. By the time a German student is allowed to drive, at eighteen years old, he/she is used to drinking. No one makes an issue out of it.

Your town also looks totally different from our town in Germany. East Greenwich has more room and therefore bigger houses, gardens, and roads.

Your school is also totally different. In Germany, you must go to school for thirteen years in order to receive your diploma. During most of the time, you take all your courses in the same class. In East Greenwich, students get to meet more people and make many friends. The classes offered in Germany are only academic in nature. Here, students also have the opportunity to take classes like cooking, photography, theatre for children, and woodworking.

One other difference is that students don't eat lunch at schools in Germany. In this

way, EGHS students have many more chances to meet new people and make friends with them.

High school in America is much easier than gymnasium (the name for "school" in Germany) or other schools in Europe. Classes in Germany are much more competitive and students have to study much harder. In my high school, everything is much more structured. The teacher-student relationship is not half as good as it is in this school. All the people are more friendly here.

Another thing I like about this school is the Pledge of Allegiance in homeroom. We don't have such a thing in Germany. Also, you don't get a chance to hear any news about the school because we don't have any morning announcements.

This school is much more "life-oriented" than German schools, which mainly prepare students for universities. The thing I like the most about school here is the after-school activities. German schools offer nothing like this, and in this way we lose a great deal. Activities give the student the opportunity to learn about life and himself.

Students at this school might not realize the advantage they have against students in Europe. Your school is a very good one for preparing a student for his adult life, but compared to European schools it lacks a little in academic education. That is why so many students in this country go on to college, compared to Germany, where only 20% of the graduates go to universities.

Jurgen and I are enjoying our stay here and would like to thank all the people who have helped us to adjust to our new environment. The transition has been made much easier thanks to all our friends here.

EDITORIALS

What in the world is happening?

The news these days seems to indicate that we are "teetering on the brink of disaster." International events grow worse daily. First there was the bombing of the marine barracks in Lebanon. Over one hundred Americans were killed for no apparent reason.

Next, the US invaded Grenada, a first step in what seems to be an escalating use of military power. Dangers are increasing steadily as the US shells Soviet-supported Syria, running "air strikes" against her positions in Lebanon. This might have been hard to envision just a few months ago, before this insane and increasingly habitual use of military might started. This open and free use of force does not come without a price. "Today's casualties" is again becoming a household phrase. Worse still, what new macabre retribution can we expect from our recently acquired enemies?

Is it all a mistake? Is it a mistake that a passenger 747 was shot down by the Soviets? Is it a mistake to have our marines in Lebanon? The marines were installed there as a "peacekeeping force;" it seems a paradox what these "peacekeeping forces" are doing now. Is it a mistake for the US to invade small Caribbean islands on the whim of a president? Is it a mistake to deploy new nuclear arms and halt the current Geneva talks? If any of these events are mistakes, they are all unnecessary ones, putting the world into grave peril.

The events of the past few months are not the only disturbing thing; the additional horror is that these bombings, air strikes, and invasions are becoming routine, not only for governments, but also for the average person—"Oh yeah, we bombed Syrian positions today—yawn—what else is new?" Consider the enormity of the consequences when a government takes on such a routine attitude.

The underlying reasons for all these "mini-wars" are at best vague. The idea of peacekeeping in Lebanon is absurd. The reasons for such a bold move in Grenada without an attempt at diplomacy are inexplicable. The idea of stopping "leftist thugs" on Central America is noble, yet it is not practical. The simple truth is that there isn't any valid excuse on the part of the governments for all this militarism. We can rest assured that our government is doing everything it can to insure our safety, as Congress leaves for a two month holiday vacation.

Tim Brogan
Junior Editor

'Discrimination — acting on the basis of prejudice'

Discrimination is not only a definition in the dictionary, but a feeling and an attitude. There are many forms of discrimination, but one of the worst types is racial or religious discrimination.

Why do we discriminate? There are various answers to this question: The way we were brought up, a negative experience with a member of a certain racial group, or just plain ignorance. How can we judge an entire race of people by just one conflict? Can we justify hatred for another because of the color of the skin or the religion he practices? No!

When we make ethnic slurs, do we think twice about what we've said? It may be that in our subconscious we associate the word with the group automatically.

Most of the time a bigot cannot rationalize and justify his prejudice. A bigot was once a child who held no prejudices. The bottom line is discrimination is wrong and has no place in our society.

Discrimination has found its way into society many times and has sparked the development of some of the darkest periods of history. Even in the United States, "the land of equality," organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, preach and encourage racism, anti-semitism, and other's religious inferiority.

We must realize that we are all equal as human beings. Open-mindedness is the key to equality and our perception of another. An unprejudiced person will be able to cope better with society. In the real world we have to interact with many kinds of people and understand their cultural differences, even though they conflict with our beliefs.

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Nuclear proliferation: out of control

By SEAN SWEENEY

On Wednesday, November 23, the Soviet Union pulled out of the nuclear arms negotiations in Geneva, Switzerland. The absence of negotiations and the continuing missile deployment will increase international dangers and instability. The possibility of a third country or terrorist group touching off a nuclear holocaust is not impossible. The possibility of a nuclear exchange between the Soviet Union and the United States is realistic, but the question is whether either country is careless enough to start it. A nuclear holocaust could result in the destruction of both the United States and the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union has left the negotiating table because of NATO's (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) decision to go ahead with the installation of 464 Tomahawk cruise missiles and 108 Pershing II's in Europe between now and 1988. The deployment schedule calls for the installation of cruise missiles in Italy, England, the Netherlands, and Belgium, and 108 Pershing II's in West Germany, in order to regain stability in that region.

The deployment of new weapons by the NATO forces has prompted the Soviet Union to announce its intentions to introduce new Soviet weapons to East Germany and Czechoslovakia. These missiles supposedly have the capability to reach targets throughout West Germany within two minutes. Due to the short time between

launch and impact, military leaders may be faced with making an immediate decision without confirming the attack.

The effects of a nuclear holocaust are devastating. In the initial stages of a nuclear war one billion people, a quarter of the world's population, could be killed instantly. There are five forces which are capable of starting the downfall of mankind. These forces include:

1. Gigantic shock waves;
2. Vaporizing heat from the detonation;
3. Fires from the burst of heat;
4. Direct exposure to radiation;
5. Fallout from radioactive particles drifting back to earth.

The nature of the explosion is all dependent upon the height of detonation from the ground. Soot and dirt from the explosions could blacken the skies and drive the temperature down approximately 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The United Nations estimates that there is an equivalent, in all of the nuclear weapons, of three tons of TNT for every person on earth. If one megaton bomb, equivalent to 1 million tons of TNT were dropped on a clear day, a person seven miles away would receive third degree burns. Any flammable materials within five miles of the explosion would burst into flames. The survivor of a nuclear war would face overcrowding in fallout shelters, lack of adequate food, and lack of uncontaminated water and spread of disease. Under these conditions, it is doubtful that anyone could exist normally after a nuclear war.

How not to worry

By SCOTT NALIBOW

Are you afraid of becoming a "worry wart"? Do you tend to worry about everything from your schoolwork, to your social life, to the fact that your shoelaces may be out of style? If so, you may need to learn how to appease these feelings of uneasiness.

First of all what does it mean to worry? This word has many denotations. Included are to be anxious or troubled and to bite and shake with the teeth. It may also help to know that most worries fall under one of two major categories. One would be worrying about problems that seem to have no solution in the mind of the worrier. The other heading includes situations over which one things he hasn't any control.

When should one worry? This seems like an easy question. However, how many people use worrying effectively? Of course, one should refrain from worrying over molehills. If one worries over insignificant problems over which he hasn't any control, what often happens is that he ends up compounding the problem in his mind. After putting himself through undue stress, the problem often presses without any complications to the person's life.

One should, however, use worrying as an instrument to motivate himself to action. This would prove useful in solving a problem over which one hasn't any control. This is the main purpose of worrying—to make you aware that which is not right and to incite you to improve these conditions. Thus an important point should be made. Before you decide to increase your blood pressure, have your heart pound, have your hands become clammy and develop headaches or worse, you must determine whether worrying is justified or pointless.

There are people, though, whose nature makes them seem to worry about everything. These people must learn how to cope with anxieties. They should realize their nature as soon as possible. They may think that as they get out of school and move on with their lives their fears and worries will either decrease or vanish altogether. If they are truly constant worriers, they must learn techniques to control their worries or they will lead pretty terrifying lives. Everyone must learn to cope with their problems. In what manner a person does or does not do this can have a marked effect upon that individual's life, as well as that of the people around him.

People, places and politics



*In London, England, gunmen stole nearly \$40 million in pure gold and diamonds, which was the largest single theft in British history.

*The space shuttle Columbia, on its ninth flight, carried with it Europe's Spacelab. The lab is a reusable scientific workshop secured in Columbia's cargo bay.

*Stores are unable to keep up with demands for Cabbage Patch Kids, which come complete with adoption papers. Coleco, the manufacturer of the dolls, uses a computer to alter each doll so that each one is unique. Consumers wait in line for hours and have rioted in some states.

*President Reagan and his seven national security advisors have agreed to proceed with research and development of weapons capable of repelling nuclear attacks in space.

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Movie Reviews

'The Right Stuff'

'Never Say Never Again'

By JERRY AZZOLI

'Educating Rita'

By KATHY McKITCHEN

The movie *Educating Rita* is a version of the London stage hit, *My Fair Lady*. Michael Caine stars as a dispirited, burned-out college literature professor who just doesn't care anymore. A street-smart young hairdresser from Liverpool named Rita signs up for literary tutorials in the college's Open University and is assigned to him.

With Julie Walters as Rita, the pair conduct a passionate, but entirely chaste affair as Caine transforms Rita into a literary expert. The film's message is that education is what allows any of us to become human; its triumph makes this Victorian idea entertaining.

'All the Right Moves'

All the Right Moves depicts the struggle of Stef, played by Tom Cruise, to win a college scholarship for his football skills. He and his girlfriend, portrayed by Lea Thompson, both are eager to break out of the confines of their small town. This small town is in Pennsylvania, where most men work in the steel mills. Stef must make "all the right moves" to achieve this football scholarship, and his dream to become an engineer.

Of all the great movies to hit the box office this fall, one of the best has to be the new action-packed drama, "The Right Stuff." This three hour epic takes an historical look back at our early explorations into aeronautics and space, tracing major events in the lives of famed heroes. Featured are the speed record-setting test pilot Chuck Yeager, and some of our first astronauts, including Alan Shepard, John Glenn and Gordon Cooper. The story was told humanistically, which made it very interesting, unlike the standard method in which this kind of history is usually reported. Combining that with unbelievable special effects and some realistic flight scenes made for a very exciting, enjoyable film.

Unlike "The Right Stuff," "Never Say Never Again," the James Bond, 007, thriller was a big disappointment. Good stuntwork and some scattered scenes of excitement were all that kept this film alive. Sean Connery, the original 007, replaced Roger Moore, who has portrayed the role in the last few pictures. In this story the master spy is put on the shelf by the British Secret Service because of his age and physical condition. Luckily for the audience, he returns to his job when the British Secret Service needs him for a dangerous case. Not only did the lead actor change in this movie, but the director and the musical score did too. Somehow this new Bond film lacks some of the pizzazz that many of the older, classic ones embodied as their strong points.

Will there be a day after?

By KATHY FINLEY

There has been a great deal of broadcasting of "The Day After" on commercial television. Those groups favoring nuclear disarmament have used the movie to their advantage and for gaining support.

"The Day After" depicts the effects of a nuclear strike on Kansas City, Kansas. The residents of Kansas City die instantly, while in neighboring Lawrence, others die slowly by radiation poisoning.

"Although based on scientific fact, this film is fiction. Because the graphic depiction of the effects of a nuclear war may not be suitable for younger viewers, parental discretion is advised." This message frequently flashed on the screen and was emphasized in newspapers. Antinuclear groups encouraged Americans to watch it, but not alone. The \$7 million film had 75 million

viewers. Hot lines were set up by psychiatrists everywhere. After the show, ABC-TV in New York received 1,075 telephone calls expressing their support or "negative views."

Edward Hume, writer of the ABC Theatre presentation, spent 6 months researching the subject. Most of the film's research was based on "The Effects of Nuclear War," a congressional study by the U.S. Office of Technology assessment.

The results of a full nuclear strike are likely to be much worse than that in "The Day After." It would not affect one designated area as with Hiroshima. The whole western hemisphere should be concerned with the threat of nuclear war. Senator Claiborne Pell states "My own belief is that a strategic nuclear bomb would do even more damage than portrayed in this film."



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Lady dribblers start season

By KRIS LAPRISE

The girls' basketball season began once again with over thirty girls trying out for the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams. After three days of play, Coach Paul Wragg and Coach Richard Brenner were able to make the final cuts, which trimmed the roster to twenty-five players.

The varsity team members are as follows: Seniors Maria Calvano, Wendy Dickerman, Ann Eubank, Harriet Holmes, Kris LaPrise, and Katie Levesque. Juniors Debbie Dietz, Kim Lawrence, Sue Lovegreen, and Michele Uhrin. Sophomores Patti Callaghan, Kim McKenney, and Chris Uhrin.

The Junior Varsity squad consists of Sophomores Tina Gorgio, and Sandy Kirwin. Freshman Trisha Caronia, Kris Coutoulakis, Lindy DeVanney, Sue Fairbanks, Sheryl Grilli, Lyn Koonce, Holly Morrison, Kris Morrison, Trina Shore, and Cheryl Wolfe.

On Thursday, December 1, the girls were host to a strong Woonsocket team in the first exhibition game of the season. In Junior Varsity action, the girls came up on the short end of a 24-26 score. Patti Callaghan led the team in scoring with 6 points, followed by Lynn Koonce with 5 points, Kris Coutoulakis with 4 points, Lindy DeVanney, Holly Morrison, Sue Lovegreen all with two points and Kim McKenney and Sheryl Grilli with 1 point apiece.

The Varsity game found the Lady Av's on the victorious side of a 54-43 score. Leading the Avengers in scoring were Ann Eubank with 24 points and Michele Uhrin with eleven. Other Avenger scorers included Kris LaPrise with six, Harriet Holmes with 5, Wendy Dickerman with 4 and Katie Levesque and Pattie Callaghan with two apiece.

The girls' next game will be against Cranston East on the 20th of December and then they will play in the Warwick Christmas Tournament on the 26th and 28th.



Michele Uhrin chips in two points.

Off to a bad start, Avenger icemen destined for success

By SCOTT NALIBOW

The East Greenwich High School hockey team, the Met B Division's two-time defending champion, opened its season December 3rd and 4th. Unfortunately for the Avengers, they lost to both Barrington and Woonsocket by respective scores of 7 to 0 and 3 to 0. Despite the scores of these games, the Avengers were not without their bright spots, as goalie Peter Bowen made more than thirty saves and defenseman Paul Burns played a good all-around game.

"This year's team," says coach Jim McDonald, "is young, with a lot of new faces." This is certainly evident in the fact that there are only six players returning from last year's squad.

Sophomore forward, Jeff Hebert, said that while the team will probably have a tough time at first, the new players will im-

prove quickly upon gaining experience. Coach McDonald is hopeful that the team will indeed demonstrate steady improvement.

Coach McDonald's strategy this season will be a defensively oriented one, as the Avengers will concentrate on preventing opponents from scoring, while the offense tries to sneak a few goals into the net of the opposition. "While we are not the odds-on team to take the championship," says McDonald, "with a lot of hard work I think the playoffs are realistic."

This year's team includes: defensemen Mike Della Grotta, John Drew, Paul Burns, Steve Sweeney, and Greg Lembree; forwards Tom Chabot, Dave Olson, Tom Swift, Mike Hebert, Gary Burns, Jeff Hebert, Chad Verdi, Peter Chabot, and Eric Browne; goalies Peter Bowen and Mike Ritacco.

Avenger hoopsters ready for a new season

By CHRIS YOUNG

The Avenger boys' basketball team "has a lot of learning to do," says returning head coach Raymond Pouliot "I expect some mistakes at the beginning because the team is relatively inexperienced at the varsity level."

The team does have three players, Richard Gammons, Tom Kiernan, and Greg Grant, who saw some varsity action last year, but the rest of the team basically played on junior varsity. This may not pose much of a problem because last year's JV team had an excellent record of eighteen wins, and five losses.

Coach Pouliot hopes to improve from the 5-11 varsity record last season. This year he hopes to make the playoffs. This may be hard to accomplish with the loss of giant center, Derrick Shirley.

But Pouliot says, "This year, the team is much faster overall." Because of the team's speed, he promises to fast break and use the press more often. Also, the squad has three ballhandlers in contrast with last year's one. "The shooting has remained about the same," he adds.

The team is again playing in the same league, and there are several exhibition games as well. The coach wants to use these games to gain experience. The first league game is at Johnston on December 16. On December 19, the team will play Middletown at home in an exhibition contest.

The 1983 varsity roster includes: Wayne Andsager, Jeff Field, Richard Gammons, Greg Grant, Keith Kinsella, Frank McIntyre, Doug Oliver, John Cameron, Jeff Dumont, Tom Kiernan, Paul Vallely, and Mike Whetstone.

This year's Avenger junior varsity basketball team under assistant coach Don

Bowen includes: Ben Galego, Dan Hackett, Jim Kershaw, Greg Ladas, Scott LaLonde, Jon Shore, Lou Walton, Scott Anderson, Bill Kershaw, Mike Kiernan, Ken Knox, Anthony Sako, and Chris Young.



Greg Grant travels the court.

Wrestlers hope to repeat last year's success

By KEN KNOX

Many of last year's varsity wrestlers have graduated, but Coach Roger Allard thinks he can still have a very successful season. "The team as a whole is not as strong as last season's team, but our individual strength is very good," says Allard.

At the center of that strength will be Joe Amato who has a good chance to make the All-State team this year. He will most likely qualify for the New England meet, thereby becoming the first wrestler ever to accomplish that three times.


Other wrestlers who figure to do very well this year are Dean Sullivan and Dan Cimino at the 107 lb. and 114 lb. weight classes, respectively. Dean is only a sophomore, and his future looks bright as a member of the squad. Cimino, a junior, is one of the better wrestlers on the team and will play a large role in leading the Avengers to victory.

Mike Megridichian, Scott Camper, and newcomer Jim Hanley also look very strong this year. Megridichian and Camper have improved greatly since last year, and Hanley is quickly proving that he deserves to wrestle in either the 128 lb. or 134 lb. class. Junior Bob Calvano will wrestle in the unlimited category. Coach Allard says, "He's really toughened up since last year." These men should be the nucleus of the team.

A strong group of freshmen will also be vying for spots on the varsity squad. Coach Allard is very impressed with freshman Jim Holbrook, who will be battling for the 134 lb. weight class with Anthony Caronia and Jay Lynch. Mike Celio will wrestle the 100 lb. class and Bill Trask will compete in the 187 lb. category.

Justin Boesch has improved but will have to beat out Perry Day for the 140 lb. spot. Paul Trask and Brian Leyden both look very good in the 157 lb. class.

All in all, the Avenger team looks promising but will have to work very hard to regain last year's division championship.



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Lady Gymnasts look for a successful season

By KRISTIN LAPRISE

The girls' gymnastics team has begun practice for the 1983-84 season and hopes for a successful year. This year's squad under the direction of Coach Joanne Hedgepeth, includes Senior Captain Linda Tordoff, Junior Co-captain Maryanne Daly, juniors Kathy Burns, Amy Gould, and Mary Klehm, sophomores Julie Lepry, Erin McGeary, Diane Megridichian, Alison Newton, Leslie Peacock, and freshmen Erin Cooney, and Erica Quattrucci.

Losing only one senior to graduation, the team hopes to pick up where it left off last year. Senior Linda Tordoff, named to first team All-State last season, will play a major

role in the future success of the team. She is currently the vaulting and bars state champion and looks to successfully defend her title this coming season.

Junior, Maryanne Daly, also looks to be a major factor in this year's success. Coach Hedgepeth commented that both Linda and Maryanne look strong for upcoming meets. Newcomer Erica Quattrucci also appears to be a promising asset to the team especially on the beam, bars, and floor exercises.

The girls' first meet will be at home on December 21st vs. Warwick at 7:00 p.m. The Spectrum wishes to extend the best of luck to the team.