


SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS are standing Ed Kazajian and sitting left to right: Peter Christian, Maria Cafarelli and Tim Braun. Missing from the picture is Karen Keating.


CLASS OF '日1 OFFICERS are standing left to right: Zach Lyons and Mark Kos. Seated left to right are Jessica Potts, Shari Guidos and Linda Schadler.


Photo by Linda Pheiffer
NEWLY ELECTED 1982 CLASS OFFICERS are standing left to right, Angel Giovanone, and Mona Golub. Sitting left to right: Amy Frankel, Julie Frankel and Neal Finklestein.

## EXAM SCHEDULE

School Final Examination Schedule for June 1979
June 12
Tucsday Morning
English
June 12
Tuesday Afternoon
Latin
June 13
Wedresday Morning
Social Studies
June 13
Wednesday Afterncon
Spanish
Jone 14
Thursday Morning
Mathematics
June 14
Thursday Afternoon
German
June 15
Friday Morning
French
Jane 15
Friday Afternoon
Science
Regents Examination and Competence Test Schedule for June 1979 Jone 18
Monday 9:15 a.m.
Comprehensive social studies

June 18
Monday 1:15 p.m
Tenth year mathematics
Eleventh year mathematics
June 19
Tuesday 9:15 a.m.
Comprehensive English
Ninth year mathematics
June 19
Tuesday $1: 15$ p.m.
Comp. French
Comp. German
Comp. Latin
Comp. Spanish

## June 20

Wednesday 9:15 a.m.
Shorthand II \& transcription
Chemistry
Physics
June 20
Wednesday 1:15 p.m.
Biology Earth Science

June 21
Thursday 9:15 a.m.
BCT in reading BCT in mathematics BCT in mathematics

June 21
Thursday 1:15 p.m. BCT in writing skills

## Voters Pass Budget, Propositions

## By Jocelyn Muullen

The Niskyuna School Budget for 1979-80 was passed by a vote of 1421 to 502 . The incumbent president of the Board of Education, Mr. Vincent Reilly, Sr. was re-elected to a five-year term the same day.

The proposed budget was $\$ 12,953,125$ an increase of $\$ 311,320$ or $2.46 \%$ of the $78-79$ budget. This increase is the smallest in eleven years.

Two propositions were listed separately on the ballot. The first allowed for the addition of three new tennis courts at the high school, and the repair of the courts at Iroquois Middle School. Proposition Two covered the purchase of five buses, not to exceed a cost of $\$ 102,000$. The approved $79-80$ budget allows for the continuation of all current programs and services, as well as the above mentioned propositions.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joseph Brust is
extremely pleased with the results of the vote, which illustrates an increase in voter support over 1978. Dr. Brust is also proud the Board of Education was able to limit the increase to $2.46 \%$ when the cost of living and inflation are up 7 or $6 \%$. Dr. Brust stated that declining enrollment and subsequent staff reduction, as well as an increase in state and Federal aid helped to keep the budget increase low.

With so much money alloted for sports facilities, Dr. Brust was asked about the possibility of a swimming pool being installed at the high school in the future. He commented, "The chances of a pool are good, but only in cooperation with the town council. In that case, the pool facilities would be open to all Niskayuna residents, which would necessitate the addition or expansion of lacker rooms, showers and other related equipment."

## School on Good Friday?

There has been recent discussion amongst school board members concerning the 1979-80 school calendar on a decision not to close system schools on Good Friday of next year.

This would lengthen our school year by only one day, however to the Christian community this is one of, if not, the most important religious holy days in the Christian year.

It is not mandatory under State or Federal law for a school board to make any special considerations for religious holy days in the systems school calendar. Just as the ruling by the Supreme Court dismissed prayer in the school under the grounds of separation of church and state, they also stated that no school system has to close during a religious holy day.

Because we are a public school system we must be governed, and rightly so, under the separation of church and state. Having school on Good Friday however is moving the court decision a bit too far.

Under the same Federal ruling, the Supreme Court also stated that any student who wishes to pray during school hours must be released from classes. The same ruling, however, does not say that the student may be released from his class work responsibility of the day missed. Therefore by
being religious and paying patronage to his god, in this case on Good Friday, the student is being penalized. He is a day behind all who chose to attend school and is forced to make up all back work. May this be minor form of religious persecution?

The proponents of having school on Good Friday state that other denominations don't have their religious holy days such as Yom Kippur, Hannikah, Roshashana, Mohamids ascension day, etc. off, so why should Christian denominations have a special privilege having their religious holy days off?

The simple fact is numbers. The Christian population ranks about $80 \%$ and they have a clear majority. The $20 \%$ however are without a doubt also entitled to their religious vacations and should be given that consideration.

There are very few non-Christians who would protest a day's retreat from school and a day's vacation for those in our school system on next Good Friday. Therefore, it is our opinion that the school calendar should be written allowing religious freedom for all creeds. Both Christian and semites should be given consideration in order to have students worship without pressure of missing school.

## School Grounds Littered

While walking around the school grounds on beautiful spring days, members of the Warrior's editorial board noticed an excess of trash, inside and outside the building.

The litter inside the school is not as serious a problem; the janitors clean nightly. But even with garbage cans at most hall corners and crossroads, ice cream wrappers and soda cans find their way more readily to the floor.

The students at Niskayuna should be more concerned with the buildup of trash outside. The smoking area by the old cafeteria consists of cracked concrete covered with cigarette butts, aluminum pop tops, and paper wrappers. Until the arrival of Willie Arrington, the Rap Room looked much the same.

Now the problem is no longer confined to school property. As spring blossoms into summer, the
garbage finds its way to the paths leading over the hill, to Flavorland and to Grand Union. If the refuse is carried in, then it can just as easily be stuffed into a pocket and carried back out. People just don't stop to think about the consequences of a careless act.

If the gravity and extent of the problem was pointed out to the custodians and administration, extra trash receptacles might be produced with few difficulties. Several well-placed garbage cans, located outside in the back parking lot and by the back doors may remind people where the trash belongs. After all, no friendly janitor is going to follow us around the great outdoors with his broom and dustpan. As long as the students don't care, the problem won't get solved, and it can only get worse. So give a hoot, Niskayuna students, and don't pollute. Use trash pails instead.

## Warrior Staff Members Graduate

The new Editorial Staff for next year's Warrior would like to extend its best wishes and fond farewell to the graduating editorial staff. Truly, Kathleen Vaughan, Dan Williams, Nora Hartshorne, and Karin Nelson have done an outstanding ' job.

They have brought our high school paper to a nationally ranked prize winner. Their time and
effort towards their goal of a constantly improving paper went far beyond their call of duty.

The former editors should be praised for their dedication and hard work as well as their many accomplishments. As the new editorial staff, we hope we can uphold the honor of the paper and the quality of work :. Good Luck.

## From Our Mailbag Haller Compliments Day In May Crew <br> Dear Editor:

As the result of a lot of hard work by many people, "A Day In May" turned out to be a very successful event. Over two hundred students were actively involved in working on it. Many more attended.

Although a number of clubs participated, many events were planned by students who were not club members. The day provided an opportunity to get to know new people as well as to enjoy being with old friends.

Credit for the planning goes to: freshmen - Amy Frankel and Maura Hoffman; sophomores - Liz Carter, Chris Coan, Zach Lyons, Linda Schadler and Gary Wohl; juniors - Kim Briggs, Lori Weinstein, Ann Marble, Enid Mastrianni, Jill McCormick, Jim Staalesen, Eileen Therrien, Carole Yunick; seniors Margaret Conary, Peggy Houlihan, Todd Johnson, Alicia Putnam, Gabi Ryan and Jared Spool. These people have worked since December to get everything organized. I can honestly say I have never seen a group of students anywhere who have done a better job planning and carrying through. It was a joy to work with them.

This event was a first for all of us. We know there is room for improvement if it is to be done again. However, the good points far outnumber the bad. Congratulations on a job well done to all who participated.

Sincerely,
Nancy Haller

## Warrior

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The WARRIOR welcomes new members at all meetings and work sessions. The WARRIOR is published by and for the students of Niskayuna High School. Editorials in the WARRIOR are written by editorial board members and represent the opinions of the majority of the editorial board and therefore carry no by-lines. The opinions expressed in columns and articles are those of the authors and are not to be construed as representative of student, faculty or administrative views.

Signed letters to the editor and articles are welcomed from all and may be left in the WARRIOR office in Room F202. We reserve the right to edit letters and articles for length and grammar, bu: we will not alter the ideas.

## May Day Leaders Project Fund Plans

By Lori Weinstein

At a meeting of committee heads of the Day in May carnival, improvements for future carnivals uses for the money and other topics were discussed.

A few possible uses for the money include assisting in the payment of school pool, paying for a student lounge, or setting aside money for future conferences, from which activities such as carnivals could spring.

The Day In May, held May 12 featured game booths, athletics, music, craft booths and a dance. The total take was $\$ 1600$, but after bills and loans were paid the profit was $\$ 464$.

Mr. Taormina, principal, sent letters to the students who ran the carnival offering congratulations on the success of the dav.

## Mathletes Win Cash Awards

By Lori Weinstein

The NHS Mathletes have received more honors this month.

In the Atlantic-Pacific Contest (national), the NHS team placed first in the NYS Region, for which they received a plaque. In the NYS Mathleague, they received a plaque for highest scorer in this region. And finally, in the Mathematical Association of America Contest, Amy Dunham received $\$ 100$, and Paul French $\$ 50$. This money was in addition to the pins they'd already received.

## Seniors To Graduate <br> At State Plaza <br> By Kim Molino

As the end of school approaches rapidly, the seniors have finalized their graduation plans reserving the Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza for the commencement exercises.

The festivities will begin with a welcoming speech by the Senior class president, Rick Hartunian, while Chris Shields, Maryellen McManus, Tara Walsh, and Kim Molino will be presenting the class gift and advisors' gifts.

Students will provide the "entertainment" aspect of the exercises. Speeches have been written and revised, therefore, Jonathon Finklestein, Lisa Garbowit, and Craig Roland will be ready to present their thoughts. The musical talents of the class will be displayed through Allen Brown's piano medley of songs that have been popular during the past four years and a number involving Karl Christensen, Rich Feiner, Karla Kuzawinski, Maryellen McManus, Kirk Miller, Karin Nelson, Alicia Putnam, Kris Swanson, Mary Valachovic, and John Ward, who are performing "We May Never Pass This Way Again."

Mr. Taormina will present the seniors to the Board of Education. Superintendent Dr. Joseph Brust and president of the Board of Education, Vincent Reilly, will also participate in the ceremony.

# Artists' Portfolios Displayed 

By Lori Weinstein
There is a flurry of activity in the Art Department this month.

At the Day In May on May 12, a series of consolidated works-artwork from each grade and art class-was shown.

Future plans include the Senior Honor Portfolio Showing. This will be a reception honoring seniors' portfolios, which will be exhibited. Three juniors: Enid Mastrianni, Francine Slavin, and Aliza Gartinkel, will also have their work shown as they were selected to attend the NYS Summer School for the Arts this summer.
Another reception, this one honoring the District Art Teachers, will be exhibiting their work. It will be held June 2 in the Board Room. The Board of Education is recognizing this group's work through the reception.

## NHS INDUSTRIAL ARTISTS GARNER PRIZES

By Dave Welch

Students in Mr. Loggins' Industrial Arts classes were given awards for Mechanical Drawing anc Architectural Drawing exhibits.

The awards display was directed by the Capita District Industrial Arts Association. This was thei! 11th annual student exhibit, and it was held at the Colonie Center Mall.

Students from Niskayuna High School and their respective projects were as follows: woodworkingRich Glover, first place; mechanical drawing. Paul Roberts, first place and honorable mention; and Phil Bolser, honorable mention. In Architectural Drawing, Bill Herdinich, Dave Terwilliger, Fred Blecinger, Eric Neihaus, and Jim White all took first place. Fred Polsinelli garnered honorable mention.

Tom Vickerson and John Finnecy received Certificates of Participation for their work in Mechanical Drawing.


# Senior Ball To Feature <br> 'Long, Winding Road' 

## By Kim Moline

The senior class officers have finalized plans for the June 24 Senior Ball at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza. Ron Cremisio's Quintet will be playing "The Long and Winding Road" |the theme of the ball) along with many other favorites.

Although most senior balls don't have a theme, "The Long and Winding Road" was chosen as a significant song to represent peoples' progress in life. "We've travelled so far down the road and yet there is so much more for us to discover," Chris Shields explained.

Seafood Newburg and beef carved to order will highlight the buffet that the class chose. Everything is included in this packaged deal for $\$ 20$ per couple. Tickets will be on sale June 4-8 during all lunch periods outside the old cafeteria.

## Rap room sports new look, new man

Willie Arrington, a 30 year old graduate of McMurray Collage in Abalene, Texas, replaced Andy Jonas as the new Rap Room attendant.

Willie is bringing a new look to the Rap Room with his crusade to keep it clean. No smoking is allowed in the nearby halls, more garbage cans and ash trays have been put is use, and the walls and tables are being kept cleaner.

Along with the new look comes a hot new item; a "Million Dollar Tournament Soccer Game". Willie obtained the foosball table from a friend who owns an amusement company by "pulling a few strings."

The Rap Room is guaranteed a percentage of the proceeds, and with people battling to put their quarter on the table, the profits should be large.

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Willie plans to use the money to fix up the Rap Room and take some kids on a field trip at the end of the year.

A very athletic person, Willie played professional baseball with the Kansas City Royals from 1967 to 1971. After moving to the Schenectady area, he taught boxing and coached basketball at Trinity Institute in Albany. When asked how he likes his job so far, Willie replied, 'I've always enjoyed spending time with kids. I don't expect any problems, especially now that the foosball table is here."

The students that spend time in the Rap Room seem to get along well with him. But if there is trouble, all Willie Arrington has to do is flex a muscle and it stops.

## Student Projects Journey to Space <br> \author{ By Christine White 

}In early 1982 the space shuttle will take off on its journey into space. Along with it will ride one or more self-contained experiments engineered by Niskayuna students.

General Steel Fabricators, a company in Latham, has reserved a $21 / 2$ cubic foot space aboard the NASA shuttle for Niskayuna High. They were able to obtain it through the NASA "Get-a-Way Special" in which $11 / 2,21 / 2$, and 5 cubic foot compartments are being offered for educational and commercial uses.

On May 18 a preliminary contest was held to exhibit the experiments entered. The projects were judged on novelty, presentation, practicality, and progress. The judges officiating at the event were Mr. Jack Mewherter, a radio-chemist from Knolls, Dr. Charles Bean, a bio-physicist from the GE Research and Development Center and Dr. Gerhard Salinger, head of the physics department at RPI.

There were ten experiments entered in the contest. Three of them received awards. Awards went to Track Etching of Cosmic Rays by Katherine Early, Space Bearings produced by Andrew DeBlois and Masan Cirpili and a project on the Behavior of Chlamydomanas Mexicana (an alga) in Space engineered by Ellen Williams.

Honorable Mentions were awarded to PIRES Infra-Red Survey by Fred Schwartz and Behram Ghandi and Laser Communications submitted by 7th graders Greg Fox and John Schillings.

A second contest will be held in which one or two experiments, depending on the size of each, will be picked for the shuttle. A representative of NASA, Mr. Ernest J. St from Goddard Space Center will come to Niskayuna and work in cooperation with Mr. Atherton, chairman of the Science Department, and the inventor to finalize all the details of the experiment.

Finally, in 1982 a piece of Niskayuna ingenuity will lift off from Kennedy Space Center and enter the realm of space.

## Ives' Essay Wins Award

By Bab Farley

Jim Ives, a junior from Niskayuna High School recently won the Stata Education Department's Essay Contest for high school students.

He entered the contest in January of this year along with two students from every school in New York State.

Out of the thousands who entered in the category of Composition-Essay, Jim was one of 40 who won the State's honor of being chosen winners. Along with his recognition came a trip to the State Capitol, where Jim met with his Assemblyman Clark C. Wemple and his State Senator Hugh T. Farley. Jim received a certificate of merit presented by Senator Farley.

Jim's award-winning composition deals with Man and Security using references to Shakespeare, and states that man stunts his advance socially and technologically if he hangs on to security rather than displacing his fears and taking a chance towards his goals.
Jim plans to graduate early next year and then tour Europe. He then plans to return to the states to go to college where he would like to study to become an author.

## Mailbag cont. from page 2

## Prom Committee Thanks Citizens

In organizing the Junior Prom this year, the prom committee found the community responsive to all their needs. All of the flowers were generously donated by Doris Remis, and Helderberg Bluestone provided all of the artificial rocks used by the decorations committee. Friendly Ice Cream supplied an endless amount of sherbet free of charge, Economy Union furnished fruit, Mr. Seras performed all the catering services, and Bellevue Hospital provided many of the paper goods used for
the dance.
The prom committee would like to extend thanks to all who helped the prom effort and a special thanks to Mr. Kessler and his custodial staff along with Mr. John Chiument from QSP corporation, and of course, our class advisers Mr. Goodness and Miss Moffitt without whose help the prom would not have so successful.

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# NHS Artists Earn National Acclaim 

By Jocelyn Mullan

Francine Slavin won a full scholarship to the New York State Summer School of the Visual Arts at Fredonia College, while Enid Mastriani, Aliza Grafinkle and Bob Borowski won partial scholarships.

Niskayuna wins national contests in many catagories, and art is no exception. In the 52nd National Scholastic Art Awards Competition, Laura Seftel received a scholarship to Washington University in St. Louis, and Claire Schmidt won a scholarship to the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. Charlie Cagliostro received a national gold medal in photography, and Jo Bell, Charlie Cagliostro, Mike Jacobs and Bob Mahoney were blue ribbon finalists in photography.

Fran Slavin was awarded a State University Certificate of Commendation for her pencil drawing, which was on exhibit at the 7th Annual New York State High School Art Show at the Empire State Plaza.

At the sectional Arts and Crafts Competition, Claire Schmidt won first prize for a drawing, and four honorable mentions. Doug Dales received a second prize for a collagraph print, and Lisa Liermann, Laura Seftel, Fran Slavin and Audrey Tepper received honorable mentions. Diane Saul won first prize for printed fabric, Mickey Falconio won first prize for a woven tapestry. Pam Nellhaus won second prize with a woven bag, and Carla Kuzawinski earned a second prize for her woven tapestry.


Wooden shoes tap out a Dutch song.
Photo by Greg Germer


Photo by Greg Germer
Ethnic booths line the driveway of the Schenectady


Museum's Festival of Nations held May 19.


## Review Variety in Meals <br> By Lori Weinstain

For the hungry restaurant-goer who desires good food, good fun, and good drinks, Steak and Ale is the place to try.

This fine restaurant is located on the corner of Nott Street and Balltown Road, and offers many excellent dishes at low prices. The range is from $\$ 5.95$ to $\$ 9.95$.

If it's steak one craves, for $\$ 5.95$, steak done to one's liking and a baked potato can be ordered and served with a smile, as are all foods there. Another good combination is steak and chicken, which can be had for the low price of $\$ 6.95$.

If one is in a 'fishy' mood, the seafood portion of the menu is quite good. Steak and lobster, a personal favorite of mine, can be purchased for $\$ 9.95$. At lower prices scallops may be ordered and eaten in the warm atmosphere for $\$ 6.45$. Another specialty is their marinated chicken which sells for $\$ 5.95$.

With each order, one receives their choice of potato or rice, a loaf of warm delicious bread, and one is urged to halp oneself to the salad bar, which could be satisfying as a meal also.

The salad bar boasts fresh lettuce, cherry tomatoes, and alfalfa sprouts, to name a few. This area of Steak and Ale is usually quite crowded as the salads are excellent.

A favorite dessert of mine is the Tumbleweed. This consists of a mixture of ice cream, liquor, and whipped cream. The sundaes and various pies and cakes are also quite good.

Reservations are recommended as Steak and Ale is usually quite busy during the week, and especially on weokends.

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# Norma Rae, Best of "Woman's Picture" 


#### Abstract

By Barbora Roland Move over Julia, Turning Point, A Woman Under the Influence, An Unmarried Woman and every other memorable project in recent years that has contributed to giving the so-called "woman's picture" new and better meaning. Norma Rae is the new lady in town, and she arrived with a dazzling, award-caliber performance by Sally Field in the title role, but that's just one of many superb parts to this moving motion picture. The story of a small town Southern millworker, a widow with two children, her complex relationships with those dear and not so dear to her, particularly with her new husband (Beau Bridges) and with a union organizer from New York (Ron Leibman), her defiance of anti-labor sentiment and her renewed esteem in herself, is one of the most emotionally satisfying tales in ages. The screenplay by Irving Ravetch and Harriet Frank, Jr. the direction by Martin Ritt, and the cinematography by John A. Alonzo are such sensitive accomplishments that they are sure to be remembered when award time rolls around next year.

The movie is as tough as it's heroine. Norma Rae has been through enough, lived enough and seen enough in her small Alabama hometown to know that the same dead end that trapped her parents and is doing the same to her awaits her kids. When a labor organizer comes to town from New York and tries to unionize the textile millworkers, he is met with hostility by the bosses, apathy by the workers. Then he teams up with Norma Rae, who sees a ray of hope and a chance to distinguish herself by helping him in his cause.

Norma Rae's screenwriters, director and crew have done a splendid job of evoking the rhythms of life in the rural south, and the film moves in a


## Review

## Parc V Great For Salads, Cozy Dining

The Parc V Cafe, iocated on the Albany-Shaker Road, across from the Americana Inn, has always caught my eye as I've driven by because of the overflowing parking lot. As you enter the cafe, it is amazing that restaurant that looks so small on the outside can seem to absorb so many people and still keep its warm, intimate atmosphere. This atmosphere is further enhanced by the three cosy eating levels, tastefully decorated with beautiful hanging plants.

The Parc $V$ offers a little something for everyone. The bar offers a cosy place to relax after work or a movie. The drinks are fairly priced at $\$ 1.65$ including tax, and are made specially with chilled glasses and bits of fruit.

The restaurant itself specializes in salad, salad and more salad. The assortments available to top your luscious salad are numerous, ranging from avocado, crab meat, ham, cheese, mushrooms, spinach, and tomatoes to turkey.

Keeping in line with their promise to offer unusual toppings for their salads in their hamburgers. Anything you ever wanted on a hamburger but were afraid to ask for is listed on the menu. The regular hamburger called the burger/burger is a six ounce patty on a hardroll with lettuce, tomatoes, and onions. In addition an excellent coleslaw is included for no extra charge, which leaves the price for this delight at only $\$ 1.95$. For additional charge your burger can be topped with spinach, mushrooms, onion, jalapeno peppers, olives, and bacon to name a few. Extensive use is made of pineapple, grapes, and melon as a garnish.

For the diet conscious a pineapple boat, consisting of a half of a pineapple, full of your choice of cottage cheese or frozen yogurt surrounded on a huge platter by date nut bread, half of a honey dew melon, strawberries, watermelon, and grapes, at $\$ 4.45$ a dieter can think they are in heaven, as I know I did.

## Review

## Fireside enjoyable for dinner or lunch

By Amy Jaffe
A pleasant change from the fast food pizza chains in the Fireside Sandwich and Pub located on Eastern Avenue across from Price Chopper.

The blazing fire in their large stone hearth warmly greets you as you enter the softly lit restaurant. Their menu ranges from well made saucy, cheesy pizzas starting at $\$ 3.00$ to a large assortment of stuffed sandwiches and other Italian specialities. Their meatball sandwich covered with melted mouzarella cheese, together with a salad, make a dinner or lunch fit for even the most discrimnating palates. For $\$ 2.85$ it is truly an economical meal.

When first delivered, the size of their triple decker club sandwiches give the impression that one could never eat the entire thing. A delicious cheese-laden onion soup complete with French bread croutons at only $\$ 1.50$ is an excellent way to start any meal.

The restaurant is open from 11:30 a.m. till the wee hours of the morning, and makes a nice start or finish for an evening out on the town. Parking is easily available due to Fireside's close proximity to the Price Chopper lot. All the items on the menu are prepared fresh upon the arrival of your order and so you must allow about 15 minutes for your pizza or other delight to be served.
leisurely way, but along its way observes so much about the human condition that it is never less than entertaining and often deeply affecting. In a film like this one, the casting is all-important, and here it seems flawless. Ron leibman, now enjoying success on television as Kaz, is superb as the brash, committed and caring Northerner, while Barbara Baxley and Pat Hingle are totally convincing as Norma Rae's parents. Beau Bridges, as her compassionate mate, gives his best performance to date. Which leaves Sally Field. Her characterization is a triumph. Field, who made such palatable TV series as The Flying Nun and The Girl With Something Extra and stunned viewers with her award-winning acting in Sybil, makes Norma Rae's every gesture, thought and emotion clearly felt. Field's Norma Rae is a consummate performance, one to tuck away in one's memory forever.

## 'Snatchers' Fuzzy Film <br> By John Ustrom

In the aftermath of Star Wars, Close Encounters, The Invasion of the Body Snatchers is the last twitch of life in a series of alien type films in the science fiction genre.

Director, Philip Kaufman, spends little effort clarifying the story line or defining the characters' relationships thus disorienting the audience. The resulting confusion helps to hide the unoriginality of the plot. Even though the film is a panic of gore and paranoia, the theme of doom for the human race shows vividly through the story of how an entire populace is duplicated, and replaced by the pods of mysterious space flowers, creating a new species incapable of love, hate, or any other emotion.

The film's strong points are its suspense and thrills, but it is no motion picture extravaganza like its predecessors.

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# Bennys Retire After 40 Years Service 



Photo by Peter Abbey
Mr. and Mrs. Benny retire after 40 years of collective service at Niskayuna.

Forty years of dedicated service will be ended when Mr. Armando 'Amy' Benny, supervisor of Buildings and Grounds of Niskayuna High School and his wife, Mrs. Ann Benny, Media Production Llbrarian retire this June.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Benny both worked at Niskayuna, each was involved in their own separate jobs. Mr. Benny first came to the Niskayuna District and started as a custodian at Craig Elementary School; from there he progressed to head custodian, then to building supervisor and finally to his present position. During his years with Niskayuna Mr. Benny's duties included general supervision, stage crew, setting up the gym for basketball games, coaching bowling, being a teacher substitute in gym classes, and the organization of the school year for the first few years. Mr. Benny gives a lot of credit to his staff of dedicated people like Mr. Kessler and Mr. Hartshorne for without them and others like them his job would not have been so enjoyable.
"When the high school was first opened and I knew every student and their parents, it was such a close knit group." Many people have wondered where Mr. Benny got his nickname "Amy". The story was recently related in an article in the Union Star. In brief, Mr. Benny stated, "When I was younger, my aim was exceptionally good. At first my friends started to call me 'Aim' and after a while it just became Amy. This nickname has lasted Mr. Benny throughout his childhood and is still used today.

Over the years Niskayuna has changed and


Photo by Linda Pheiffer
improved, Benny pointed out. The Board of Education has started to spend more money on maintenance and has thus alleviated many major expenses by correcting the problem when it first occurs. "One improvement would be to hire a few more people," replied Benny. In regard to the students, more freedom is now allowed because the students are becoming more mature. They are dressing better, are more on the ball and are more able to say no to things they don't approve of."

Before coming to the Niskayuna District, Mr. Benny worked first at General Electric and then owned his own sand and gravel business. He first came to Niskayuna as a temporary worker and the job became permanent.

The other half of the story belongs to Mrs. Ann Benny. She first came to Niskayuna and worked in the main office for one year. For the other ten years she worked in the Media Production Department, and was involved in media production, mounting slides and photos, reproducing records, cassettes, and tapes, working overhead machines and working all of the library machines. The Media Production Department, could be greatly improved with new equipment. She also feels that meeting her present boss, Charlie McCambridge, was a very memorable experience. Before coming to work at Niskayuna, Mrs. Benny worked at the Schenectady General Army Depot.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny have common interests and hobbies ranging from golf, fishing, bowling and gardening to working hard. When they retire the Bennys will work at the printing business they have in their home in Scotia and enjoy their five grand children.

The story of how this special couple met is interesting. First Mrs. Benny's side:
"I was visiting my cousin's house which was right near where Amy lived. I was 12 or 13 at the time and we saw each other, got introduced and steadily saw each other until we got married."

Now Mr. Benny's story:
"Ann's aunt lived right down the street from me and one day I was riding my bike. I saw Ann, gave a double take, hit the building, and we have been going together ever since."

It doesn't really matter if the stories aren't exactly the same but what does matter is that this special couple met.

Mr. Benny enjoyed working with all of the teachers but one especially stands out in his mind. ''Mr. Walker has always been like a son to me. Sometimes I refer to him as the mouth, but it is always meant with affection."
"I really enjoyed being here and I will miss it terribly. It has been a good job and I enjoyed it." Mr. Benny stated.

Mr. and Mrs. Taormina dance to the band Autumn at the Junior Prom.

## One Chauffer's Experience

## Senior Drives, Listens, Waits and Waits

The following story is based on true facts. The names have been deleted to protect the innocent [and not so innocent].

The day began like any other, but it was May 19, the day of the Junior Prom. I washed and shined the car, showered and dressed in my classiest duds. At six o'clock I left the house and began my adventure.

No, I was not attending the prom, rather I was acting as a chauffer. The fee paid for the entire night was a mere seven dollars. I arrived at my client's home shortly after the finish of the Preakness Stakes. He was nearly finished dressing and I had just a very short wait. My client managed to have on his tuxedo when he left the house, but somehow managed to forget the prom tickets, the corsage and the key to the house. He broke in through the garage and was able to straighten everything out. My client told me that I looked very sharp except for the baseball cap that I wore and he asked me to remove it. I reluctantly did so.

My client claimed to know the exact location of the girl's house. We proceeded down Balltown Road towards our destination and a few short hours later, we found it.

The girl's father was diligently working on their car in the driveway. My client confidently exited the car and walked to the door. Approximately ten minutes and several electronic flashes later, the couple came through the front door and headed for the car. I flipped the radio from the Lynyrd Skynyrd on WPTR to a little Lawrence Welk on WROW. We then left for our second destination, Neustead's. Mrs. Neustead claimed that there were no dinner reservations until 9:00, so my client bought some beer instead. We left Neustead's and then went to the car to drink it. My client, the gentleman that he is, gave his date a hand-painted ceramic beer mug that he had made in the shape of a boot, while he drank it straight from the bottle. The girl, being ignorant of the laws of physics drank the beer with the toe up. Following her first swig the trapped air in the top of the boot rushed out and brought with it a small stream of beer that put a designer's pattern on her borrowed dress.

The couple finished their two beers and we proceeded to Steak and Ale for dinner. I dropped them at the front door and instructed my client to call when they requested a ride home. I then went home for my own dinner. About an hour later, the phone rang and I left to pick them up. They said that the dinner was very good. They had steak and topped off the meal with some Irish coffee. We then took the scenic route from Steak and Ale to the school by driving through the Flavorland parking lot and then even by the Grand Union. When we got to the school, it was still fairly early and there were not many people there. I drove slowly around the circle and dropped them off. I then drove home to savor a
little Love Boat and Fantasy Island. I got undressed and lay quietly on the couch with a bottle of Molson's and a jar of Planter's. Shortly after the beginning of Weekend Update on Saturday Night Live, the phone rang and my client requested that I pick them up. I quickly got dressed and rushed over to the school.

The young girl, having contracted a bad case of athlete's foot from drinking beer out of the beer mug, demanded to be taken home. We found her house with little trouble this time. She was seated behind me and my client was next to her. After we pulled into her driveway, I got out of the car, and in a vain effort to shut her door for her, managed to slam it on my leg. Following a brief goodnight ceremony, my client came back to the car and I took him to his house to change for the after prom. A number of other friends who lived in the neighborhood had also gone home to change, so we all fraternized in the street briefly.

At about ten minutes to two and several Miller's later, we left for the After Prom which was held at the Walter C. Girling Center. I had gotten some directions as to how to get there so we proceeded down VanVranken Ave. About a half mile down the
road we approached a driveway with a large sign in front. I assumed that it was the Girling Center but as we approached it my client claimed that it was Union College. I sped up to look forward until I noticed that it was the Union College Walter C. Girling Center. We pulled into the driveway and drove to the rear parking lot. We passed several cars with the windows fogged up and a number of cars with occupants innocently cradling beer bottles in their laps who lifted them up only after it was discerned that we were not the police. I dropped my client off in front and he went inside. I left without any further incidents.

The television programming at that hour in the morning was not good sol fell asleep until about ten minutes to three when it was time to leave and pick him up. I once again drove to the Walter C. Girling Center and passed an even greater amount of fogged up cars and cars with several kids looking into space. My client walked over to the car and I took him home without any trouble. I went home and crawled into bed at exactly twelve minutes to four and slept until the following afternoon. It was an experience I will not quickly forget. It was definitely a night to remember.


Photo by Linda Pheiffer
Greg Germer and Lynn Boothe demonstrate their dancingrability at the after prom, held May 19 at the Girling Center.

# Portraits taken with care by Photo Fantasy 

A unique photography studio located off Troy Road on Inman Road is named Photo Fantasy Studio. A combination of personalized service, quality work, imaginative ideas and friendly people make the Photo Fantasy Studio a welcome change from the norm. Photo Fantasy offers a multitude of ideas and services ranging from senior memory albums, love story wedding books, photo jewelry, posters, and photo wall decor, to complete social stationery, silk flowers, commercial accessories, and graduation announcements.

The studio is operated by a special couple, Jim and Launa Ullery with the help of their little boy. Jim's interest in photography started when he was a junior in high school. He was the editor of his yearbook at Shaker High School and they did not have any pictures or anyone available to take them. One of his first events he photographed was the Senior Christmas Ball. For this occasion, he took Launa and the camera (although he seemed to spend more time with his camera than with Launa). Fortunately, things have improved since then and now both Launa and his camera have a place in his life. At the dance, he met Charlie Vera of Vera Studios and worked with him for two years.

Two of Photo Fantasy's most unique services are their senior memory album and their love story album. "Our senior memory album is our answer to contract photographers who underbid local studios. The contract photographers seem less expensive to the high school administrators, but unfortunately, it is not the administrators who are getting their portraits taken. Our senior memory album, as an addition to or an alternative for seniors, is a full
color autograph book." Any student who is presently a junior can be photographed by Photo Fantasy, who will supply a black and white photo for the yearbook. "The quality will be equal and in most instances better than the contract photographer's work. Included in the price of the senior portrait, is the senior memory album, which is a collection of all seniors' photos who have had their portraits taken at Photo Fantasy." Jim and Launa stress that they want to take the kind of portrait that you want taken. Launa remarked, "Our only limit is your imagination. When you come for your portrait sitting, you can bring a change of clothes, your pets, your guitar, or whatever makes you special from everyone else."

As well as doing formal, cap and gown or prom portraits, the studio can do informal relaxed pictures. An example of this is one couple who liked to ski. Jim and Launa went with them to a ski resort and photographed them while they were skiing. This could apply to a student who, for example, likes to ride horses. The student could have his or her portrait taken with the horse. These are just a few examples, but many other ideas are just as easily implemented.

One of the most important times in a person's life will be when they get married. Photo Fantasy, with their love story album, goes behind the scenes to the people they really are. Instead of just taking set poses at the ceremony and reception, Photo Fantasy's photographers will start where the couple first met and take it from there. By the time the wedding comes along, the couple will be well acquainted with Photo Fantasy's photographer and the photographer, in turn, will know the people
well. The result of this is a specialized wedding album that is tailored to you. Explains Launa, "'One couple that came to the studio loved to camp. For the love story album, they brought their tent and gear to the studio. In the end they had a beautiful album that said more about them than just the formal poses really could."

The prices at Photo Fantasy are reasonable. Their policy is one of no camera charge. The initial deposit goes toward the final order. There are also special prices for seniors which can be learned by calling the studio. The work is guaranteed. If you are not pleased with the quality of the sitting, it can be retaken.

The studio is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and Saturdays until $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Later hours can be arranged by calling for an appointment.

Photo Fantasy will be opening another studio on Route 7 this summer. They will keep their present studio, as a convenience for their Niskayuna customers. It will be used as an office and showroom and will also allow for after hours appointments.
"Both Launa and I feel that Niskayuna's high school newspaper is one of our very best forms of advertising. We are very interested in Niskayuna -the school, the community. Someday our son will be going there, and if in any way we can contribute something, just let us know." Photo Fantasy is willing to assist in fund raising and any other school activities. Photo Fantasy is the place to go for specialized service. You never feel rushed and as you walk in the door, the friendly atmosphere surrounds you.

## Cameo modeling school offers professional training, placement

By Ann Herrlinger and Susan Micheli

Located on the second floor of the Colonie Tennis Club at 636 Albany-Shaker Road, the plush, shag carpeted and softly lit Cameo School of Modeling hints of some of the most famous modeling agencies in New York City. Likewise, the school's professionalism is displayed through the atmosphere of the place. A quiet lounge and conversation area grace the first floor where the tennis courts are located, and go up a carpeted stairway and through some sheer drapes and there is found the heart of the Cameo School of Modeling.

Arleen Garelick, coordinator of the Cameo School, first studied modeling at age fifteen. She is a graduate of the Barbizon School of Modeling and has done some modeling in New York City. When asked why she returned to the Capital District area, she replied that "the area needed some new pizazz . . . it was somewhat saturated with the same type of modeling businesses."

Cameo School does not lose contact with the girl after the course is through. and even after she has "graduated" from it, her name and studio photograph are kept in an active file with which

Cameo consults when a client calls.
A girl can choose either an 8 -week self-improvement course or an 8 -week modeling course or she can combine the two. The self-improvement course helps "build self-confidence in a girl, correct her makeup and hair, and help build her wardrobe," while the modeling course details poses and placement for actual modeling.

The Cameo School of Modeling is licensed by the New York State Board of Education, unlike other studios, which means they have certain curriculum to fulfill and certain guidelines to follow. The school is also a member of the World Modeling Association. The teachers are all certified by the State and have had at least two years of modeling experience.

The Cameo School employs a very unique advantage -- a video technique workshop in which a girl models for a video camera. After, the film is played back to the girl where she can observe her mistakes and correct them, as well as observe her pluses. When a girl is ready, the school will send her to pageants, TV commercial appearances for local businesses, photography bookings for area
media and disco fashion shows. Some girls are even assigned specialty modeling in which a featured part of the body is photographed, such as hair, hands or eyes. Miss Garelick says that if a person is "really serious about modeling as a career, she should go to New York City, but here, there are excellent opportunities for part-time work."

Another interesting feature of the Cameo School of Modeling is its affiliation with the Colonie Tennis Club. A girl may use the sauna, whirlpool, exercise room and swimming pool during the 8 week course she elects to take.

A girl can be anywhere from age 13 to age 65 to join, and with teenagers "education is still stressed -- you won't be modeling all your life. Modeling is a tricky business. Once your look is known, it's all over."

Next month, a curriculum for boys and men will be started, as well as one for children. Want a change of pace that could help you and your self-image? Call Cameo School of Modeling, and try it out. It could prove to be profitable for you.

great blue herons return - Two colonies of Great Blue Herons are nesting in the wooded swamp in Glenville and Galway. The Great Blue Herons can easily be seen fishing in the wildlife preserve on Riverview Road in Vishers Ferry. The herons feed on frogs, mice, small rats, snakes, salamanders and insects. The most unusual thing about the Great Blue Heron is its massive size. It is the largest of all wading birds standing 4 feet tall, weighing 6-8 pounds and having an unbelieveable wingspan of $6^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$. The herons hatch their young in nests about 70 feet above the ground between April 24 and June 9. The Great Blue Heron arrives around March 30 and leaves for the South in November.



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## By Dan Williams

Many people know him as the coach who helped bring a State basketball title to Niskayuna. Some know him as their gym teacher way back at Hillside. But, very few recognize him as a great cross country coach.
Who is this man who donates hours of his time to help young athletes grow and develop? He is Tom Howley, who was recently selected as the New York-New England District Cross Country Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. He is currently being considered for national awards and honors.

On June 22, Howley will trek down to Orlando, Florida to receive his prestigious award and vie with seven other district winners for the national award. There, he will attend the 14th annual NHSACA convention-clinic.
"I am surprised and thrilled to receive such an honor. I really did not expect it," reflected Howley. "I did not seek the award, it was just given to me."
Coach Howley got his start at Niskayuna in 1958 when he was asked by the athletic director, Ray Gifford, to direct the beginning program for one year. Today, 21 years later, he is still here at Niskayuna, garnering many recent awards. According to Howley, "The State championship meant much more to me because it was a team effort, not an individual honor. I enjoy honors that come to my teams more than my personal honors."

Coach Howley has been awarded previous coaching honors in 1968 and 1973, when he was
named as the New York State Coach of the Year. This present honor is prestigious mainly because of the criteria involved. Howley was named for his coaching tenure, won-lost record, championships, coaching honors and his service to the community,
"I am surprised and thrilled to receive such an honor ... it was just given to me."
profession and high school athletes.
His excellent coaching record include 78 invitational meet victories, 5 sectional titles, 68 dual wins, and seven league championships. The first three years helped Howley to become interested and involved with cross country. Howley's teams became an instant sectional power by taking the league and sectional titles. The program was just beginning to peak. "I've never considered retiring, I enjoy coaching very much. The team won the championship in our first year, which was really interesting."

Gary Connor, two time state champ was probably Howley's most prized possession. His running skills will always be present in Niskayuna's record books. His state titles in 1968 and 1969 were preceded by a runner-up finish as a sophomore in 1967. "Connors was my best runner by a long shot," added Howley, who has seen many great runners in his days of coaching.

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## Eagles Tip Magic, Take Over Lead

By Bob Farley

The Albany Eagles pro-soccer team took over sole position of first place in the Eastern Division of the American Soccer League by defeating Columbus Saturday May 20 at Bleecker Stadium.

The Eagles lead their division by one point over the Columbus Magic and by three points over last years world champs the New York Apollo. Albany, however, has a definite advantage in number of games played since they have participated in more matches than their counterparts in their division.

The fact still remains that our area has not only a major league soccer team but a nationally known first place contender. The Eagles still have the bulk of their schedule remaining and are definitely a strong contender for the National Championship.

In order to win the ASL title, however, they must consequently beat New York, Columbus, and Western Division leader, California. In the past few games the Eagles have begun to muster an offense to compliment their all-star defense. New trades have strengthened the team in lacking areas particularly on offense, and their Coach Gjelosh Nikac and team Captain Andjelko Tesan are extrememly optimistic about the remaining games of the season. If Albany can hold their first place lead they would become the first area pro team to win a championship in the major leagues.

## Howley Captures Nat'I Spotlight

Tom Howley has compiled an impressive basketball record as well. In 30 years as head coach of St. Columba's and Niskayuna, his teams have won 356 games, an amazing figure. His squads have won five Suburban Council Championships, four Parochial League titles, a State Championship, and key sectional, regional and holiday tournament victories.

The key player in the State Championship drive was guard John Leonard, who Howley calls, "the best all-around player l've ever coached." But then Howley, not wanting to slight anyone, replied, "But it is like comparing apples and oranges, there is so much to consider."

Last year after the 75 - 55 victory over JamesvilleDeWitt for the State title, Howley was quoted as saying, "Before we played a game this year we said Rochester was our goal and by God it came true." He added, "And these kids decided that once they made it to Rochester, they had come too far to stop and they were going all the way."
The huge red banner hanging in the gym might belong to some other school like Jamesville-DeWitt, if it wasn't for Howley's leadership. He will never take full credit for a victory, not even partial credit.

## Grid Captains Expect Winning Season

By Lori Weinstein
The Niskayuna football squad expects a good season this coming fall. Their record last year was 4-5, but this year with a new coach (Phil Chrys) and some good JV prospects; linemen Todd Snyder, Brian O'Neill, and Mark Kos, the team hopes to do well. Another fine player, Guiseppe Capobianco, a star running back, received All-Area Honorable Mention last year and has two good seasons ahead of him.

In addition, some good returning varsity players, Paul Massaroni, running back and Rich Grimaldi, center, should help the team have a good season.

Coach Phil Chrys, the new varsity coach was described as "very good, a hard worker who will get the team in shape," according to co-captains John Groetch and Tim Howell.

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When school officials presented the banner to Howley, his gleaming smile was a symbol of the enjoyment that he receives from his coaching positions.

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