

# The High School View

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## Along goes Mary

By Katherine Donegan

This Friday, assistant librarian Mary Newsom will cap her pen, close her books, and hang up the phone for the last time in the regional high school's library. The end of this week marks the beginning of her retirement and the end of a decade of a wonderful experience working at the school.

Mrs. Newsom would sign passes for students, answer phone calls, deliver information, organize books, and answer any questions that students and teachers had. She also worked on the yearbook.

Mrs. Newsom will not be leaving the Island that has been a part of her life for over 50 years. After meeting her husband John Newsom on the first day of her freshman year at the Rochester Institute of Technology, she began coming with him to the Vineyard every summer since 1960. "We al-

ways knew that we would end up living year-round on the Island," said Mrs. Newsom.

That prediction came true after inheriting Mr. Newsom's mother's house in the campground in Oak Bluffs 20 years ago. Originally a retail buyer before moving to the Island, after moving here Mrs. Newsom has had several jobs. She was a decorator and the manager of an antiques store. After her grandchildren were born, a job as the new assistant librarian led to the great experience she has had working here for the past 10 years. Mrs. Newsom said, "The job fit me perfectly. I loved chatting with the students and reading, and I have had whole summers to spend time with my grandchildren."

Mrs. Newsom has come to represent a force of calm and organization within the often busy and



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Mrs. Newsom works at her computer. She has worked as the assistant librarian at the regional high school for 10 years and will retire this Friday.

bustling school library. "She'll be terribly missed," said sophomore

Colby Weron.

"I will be really sad when she

leaves," said junior Alex Mazza. "Mrs. Newsom was always really sweet to all the students and always helped us out whenever we needed her."

Sandy Mott, head librarian and close friend, said, "Mary is a very sweet woman and very generous--and she loves her family."

Mrs. Newsom was not only helpful and kind, but was also dedicated. Wade Johnson, head of the high school copy center, said, "Mary Newsom represents the type of person who has quiet dedication without fanfare. She consistently has to embody a professional role, and she does so without criticism or complaint."

After she begins her retirement, Mrs. Newsom plans on traveling and spending more time with her grandchildren, as well as spending time in Florida. Said Mrs. Newsom, "I thought I was going to finish the year, but I decided that I wanted to go someplace nice and warm for the wintertime."

## Promising season begins

By Alyssa Adler

After finishing as champions of the Eastern Athletic Conference last school year with a 19-4 record overall, the boys varsity basketball team's senior co-captains Delmont Araujo, Peter Keaney, and William Stewart have equally high expectations for the upcoming season.

"This year we'll be just as good, if not better," said Delmont Araujo. "Our team is like a family. Most of us have all been playing together since we were young--which has given us the chance to bond even further as a team."

Head coach Michael Joyce is looking forward to a successful year as well.

"The team this year has a strong basketball and ability IQ," said Mr. Joyce. "They're making a lot of progress and working together as a unit."

After a double-overtime loss to Cardinal Spellman of Brockton last season during the play-

offs, the varsity team remains optimistic and views the loss as an opportunity to grow and become more successful this year and move deeper into the playoffs.

"As long as we play unselfishly and continue to work hard and push each other in practice, I think we have the potential this season to go even further than we

went last year," said William Stewart.

"The current team is a close group of men who are talented on and off the court and unselfish with the basketball," said high school alumnus Randall Jette, a former captain of last season's team. "They will be hard to stop because of their post presence and lights out three-point shooting."

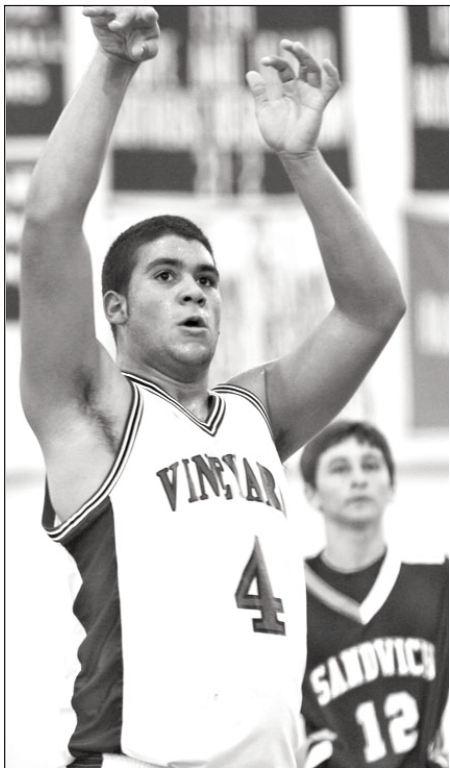


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(Left) Senior Delmont Araujo successfully shoots a free throw. (Right) Junior Izak Browne goes for a rebound, challenged by Sandwich defenders.

## Luncheon celebrates Brazilian traditions

By EmmaJean Holley

The hallway around the high school's culinary arts classroom was spiced with the aroma of traditional cultural dishes on Monday during the Brazilian/American Friendship Lunch. The lunch, in its second year, showcases and celebrates the Brazilian culture.

History department chair Elaine Weintraub suggested the idea to her Brazilian History class last year.

"We wanted to bring the culture up front and center, to say, 'This is our school, too,'" said Dr. Weintraub. "Back then, there was a sort of novelty about the idea, but now we know what we're doing more. We worked hard as a class and as a community to honor what we hope will be a continuing tradition here. All good parties look like they're no trouble at all, and we all took that responsibility to make it appear effortless."

Island musician Dan Waters provided an authentic guitar accompaniment for senior and Minnesingers member Rebecca Tenorio. "There is a specific way of playing guitar in the traditional Brazilian fashion," said Dr. Weintraub. "Instead of strumming the strings, as is more traditional in America, Brazilian music is very rhythm-based. We were lucky to have him, because he really understands the nuances of that mu-

sical style."

Members of the larger Island community also came to support the efforts of the luncheon.

"I'm here in large part to show my solidarity," said Edgartown School committee member Leslie Baynes. "I think this is a very good thing -- it's bringing exposure to a wonderful culture. It's nice to see young people here showing support as well. I myself am an immigrant from England."

Student guests at the lunch reflected on the significance of the event.

"I feel like a lot of people doubted and underestimated the Brazilians here," said senior Rodrigo Honorato. "There was a lot of animosity toward the immigrant population. But look, we're about to eat the most delicious food there is on the Island. It's exciting to be able to show what we can offer."

Senior Alex Guest, a member of the Brazilian History class, said, "I wanted to show my support for my classmates by coming. I think it's important to bring together all the different cultures of the school like this."

"The lunch makes it clear that the Brazilian culture is strong at this school," said senior William Jurczyk. "That's a unique aspect of the school, and one that should be celebrated."

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