



# The High School View

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## Homecoming festivities inspire spirit and fun

By Julia Cooper

Homecoming weekend began in an eruption of screams last Friday during a pep rally in the high school's gym--and concluded following the football game with a celebratory dance Saturday night in the cafeteria.

The first team to enter the gym during the pep rally and be greeted by the cheers of their peers was the State Tournament qualifying golf team. Soon to follow was the girls' soccer team, whose coach, Richard Bennett, praised their improvement, saying, "our team has the best record the program has seen in eight years." Following the girls' soccer team was the boys' soccer team, which entered with an impressive backflip combination by its junior varsity goalie, sophomore Matt Stone. Boys' soccer coach, Damon Burke, brought forward his captains, seniors Jack Roberts, Rodrigo Honorato, and Marc Natichioni, and junior Sam Entner, to recognize their titles as Eastern Athletic Conference All-Stars.

After the soccer teams came the boys' and girls' cross-country teams, whose entrance song "You Belong with Me" by Taylor Swift brought the audience to its feet. Soon after the cross-country team joined the crowd, the girls' field hockey team entered to join coach Lisa Knight with a dance number to Psy's "Gangnam Style." The football team entered the gym in a flood of purple. The coach, Donald Herman, urged the students and faculty in the crowd to attend the football game that evening against Cardinal Spellman to cheer on their fellow Vineyarders.

The classic pep rally activities then ensued, moderated by student council representatives seniors Madeline Webster and Samuel Oslin. The underdog freshman team, led by speedster Christopher Aring-Sharkovitz, stunned the crowd by

winning the opening activity, the notorious "Dizzy Bat Relay." The juniors then reigned victorious in the "Ping-Pong Ball Blowing Relay." The sophomores proved to be superior in the "Half-Court" contest, where sophomores Tim Roberts and

and the wind as the stands filled at 6:30 PM. As the sun set over the field, even the clouds were sporting their purple pride. Said senior Michael Schroeder, "Even though it's so cold out here, I feel like the stands are being warmed by the energy of

mer Vineyard football player and alumni Je'Vaughn Crooks, "seeing my fellow football players on the field reminded me of the struggles we've faced in the past. I can still see that fire burning in them. It just needed a little more kindling



(left) Seniors Charlotte Lowell-Bettencourt, Leila Quinn and Samantha Chaves dance in the cafeteria where the annual Homecoming Dance was held last Saturday night. (right) Sophomore Emily Debetten-court is tapped out of the dance competition that was one of several events pitting the different grades against each other in friendly competition as part of the Homecoming weekend pep rally that was held last Friday.

Andrew Wiley were both able to score a basket for their team, and be the only scoring players across all grades. The senior team finally got on the board after seniors Maggie Riseborough and Kevin Burchill won the final activity, the "Dance Off."

That evening, the Vineyard football team played under the lights at McCarthy Field against the Division I team of Cardinal Spellman. The fans faced the cold

our school spirit."

Throughout the evening, the name Matt Anastasi, of the Cardinal Spellman Cardinals, continued to be bellowed through McCarthy Field's speakers as he pushed through the Vineyard's strong defensive line for well over 100 yards, scoring a total of three touchdowns. The game ended for the Vineyarders with a loss, 31-6 to the Cardinals.

"Even though we lost today," said for-



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tonight."

The next day, Saturday, October 12, the boys' soccer team took to the same field to face the Bishop Feehan Shamrocks. The Vineyarders again were defeated with a final score of 2-0. For the team to make it into the State Tournament they will need to win their next four games. Said senior captain Marc, "It was a tough loss that we really should have made a win. We didn't play as well as we have played all season. The team has great potential, but we need to wake up and come together if we want to keep going."

Later that evening, students arrived at the school's cafeteria for the homecoming dance. After two hours of dancing and mingling, the nominees for homecoming court were called up for crowning. The homecoming princes were freshman Greg McCarron, sophomore Elie Jordi, and junior Kyle Stobie. The homecoming princesses were freshman Samantha Hargy, sophomore Diamond Araujo, and junior Isabelle Wadleigh. Homecoming king and queen were then announced, with seniors Sam Oslin and Alayna Hutchinson claiming the throne. Sam, who was absent from the dance because he was in Barnstable running for the Vineyard's cross-country team, contributing to their second place title in the Bob McIntyre Twilight Cross Country Invitational.

Said sophomore Lucy Hackney, "The only thing that could've made the night better was if the cross country team was able to celebrate their homecoming weekend victory with us."

## Teacher goes back to school

By Ina Thigith

For one regional high school history teacher, Kate Holter, this past summer was marked by the transition from grading essays to writing them herself. Ms. Holter spent seven weeks during the summer attending Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English in Vermont.

Ms. Holter set out to obtain her master's degree at Bread Loaf, inspired and encouraged by a number of colleagues including history teacher Corinne Kurtz who earned an advanced degree at the school.

Ms. Holter also chose Middlebury for a multitude of other reasons. "The school offers great courses taught by an impressive faculty. Students come from all over the world. It's in the beautiful Vermont mountains. There are so many reasons to go," she said.

During her stay she took two classes, Critical Media Literacy and Harms of Literature, both of which helped enhance her

skills and knowledge as a teacher. "I think that anytime you step out of your comfort zone for a challenge it makes you a stronger teacher," she said.

Ms. Holter was also able to derive a clearer understanding of how language shapes society and how to look at the world in a more critical way. She was able to share this experience with teachers from around the world, which gave her a larger appreciation and awareness of different teaching methods and philosophies.

During her summer of scholarship, she was able to explore the rich similarities that connect the worlds of history and English, confirming her belief that both areas of study are intertwined.

Next summer she plans on continuing courses at Middlebury. Ms. Holter said, "I'm really glad I made the decision to begin the journey at Bread Loaf. It's enhanced my way of teaching and thinking. I'm already looking forward to going back next summer."

## Walkers raise money for hunger relief

By Lily Bick

Gold did not line the streets--though the seven mile circuit starting and ending at Saint Augustine's Church in Vineyard Haven and pausing at the Oak Bluffs Campground's Methodist Church helped Crop Walkers earn \$20,000 last Sunday.

Nearly 100 Islanders participated in this year's walk to raise money to relieve hunger both on the Island and around the world. More than 140 Crop Walks are held throughout New England.

The Vineyard Crop Walk was coordinated by the Martha's Vineyard Clergy Association, with help from Reverend Alden Besse who, at 88, has been walking for 32 years.

The walk was led by Tony Peak on the bagpipes, followed by students, teachers, parishioners, and supporters from the community. The high school's National Honor Society (NHS) raised over \$80 for the walk. Senior NHS president and Student Council vice president Madeline Webster played a big part in getting students involved. "The National Honor Society decided that this was going to be one of our projects for the year," said Maddie. "It's a global cause. I have been doing it for four years now."

History teacher Olsen Houghton also helped in spreading the word around the school. He supplied the Student Council, the NHS, and his leadership class with information about how to participate. Mr. Houghton has walked six times.

Some of the money raised in the crop walk--this year \$5,000--will go to benefit the Island Food Pantry. Food Pantry coordinator Armen Hanjian attended the walk bearing an "Island Food Pantry" banner.

The rest of the money will go to poverty relief efforts around the world. Said Mr. Besse, "We help the needy and help them help themselves, with better seeds and cultivation systems."

The walk included people of all different ages. Said senior NHS member Michael Schroeder, "There was a feeling of joy when we crossed the finish line."

Senior Annie Burton who attended the walk said, "It is a great cause. I work with the food pantry. It's great to see people donating because it's hard to see but there are really needy people on the Island."

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