



The High School View

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Art and literary magazine breezes through competition

BY CHRIS ARING-SHARKOVITZ

For the first time in the regional high school's history, the student literary



This is the cover of the award-winning issue of Seabreezes, designed by senior Samantha Valley.

magazine, Seabreezes, won the highest award for excellence in the entire state of Massachusetts. The award,

sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English, is given annually to recognize superior achievement in writing, art, photography, graphic design, and editing.

Art teacher Janice Frame and English teacher Bill McCarthy served as the magazine's faculty advisers. Seniors Clare Boland and Charlotte Hall were the two editors in chief. This year Clare and Charlotte continue to be editors-in-chief along with senior Carter D'Angelo. Said Charlotte,

"I was extremely happy, shocked really, when I found out."

Mrs. Frame said, "I was

elated. It was the biggest award we've ever won." The award sets a high a standard of achievement for the new members of the magazine's editorial staff. Students who join now will see what previous students achieved and that will inspire others to produce work at the highest levels.

The Seabreezes editing staff of advisers and students selects the best works from the hundreds of pieces that are submitted each year. They try to pick pieces from all grades in order to represent the entire school. They choose from genres including art, photography, poetry, essays, stories, and more. Typically, art and English teachers encourage their students to submit work for consideration.

"When I heard about the award, I ran straight to my editors and thanked them for their hard work," said Mr. McCarthy. "I liked seeing their faces light up and feel a sense of accomplishment when I told them. I was

grateful to everyone who constructed it. It's a place where creative pieces can be rewarded and seen by many."

Said superintendent Jim Weiss, "The MVRHS Literary magazine has

always received some type of award in this competition; however, this year it received top honors as the #1 magazine in the state. Outstanding and well-deserved. I continue

to be impressed with the work of our students and the leadership of our faculty." **MSV**

Students interested in submitting work to Seabreezes or in serving on its staff should contact Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Frame, Charlotte Hall, or Clare Boland.

Flying discs spotted over Vineyard Haven



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Senior Kyle Joba-Woodruff and junior Julian Kelly founded an unofficial intramural Ultimate team. Last Saturday, the organized game of Ultimate reached a record-breaking attendance of over more than 20 participants. The students' unofficial intramural Ultimate team meets regularly in Veteran's Field Saturdays at one in the afternoon. All students, parents, and passers by are welcome to join in the game.

Nursing education planned for high school curriculum

BY OLIVIA JACOBS

Starting next fall, a nursing course will be offered to MVRHS students as a vocational-education elective. Initially, it will be geared toward freshmen who choose to participate in the vocational program. As it is gradually integrated into the high school, more advanced courses will be offered to upperclassmen. The goal is for the program to be fully functioning within three to four years.

Jeff Rothwell, Director of the Career and Technology Education "vocational/mentorship" program, said, "There is a real need for trained workers in the hospital. In the summer,

the hospital ends up hiring 'travelers,' nurses who travel to many different hospitals. The hospital has to pay for their housing. This program hopes to train local students who will go on to become trained, licensed nurses with good-paying jobs."

Ninth-grader Samantha Hargy said, "I think that the nursing program would really benefit our school. I would be interested in taking the program next year. It sounds really fun."

Mr. Rothwell spoke of the challenges in bringing this program to the high school. He said, "We don't have a teacher for the program yet. It will be a challenge to find one because it's only a

part-time job, and we want a professional. Also, we will need funding from Chapter 74, which provides federal and state money to help with the funds needed for the program. A lot of the teaching equipment, like the x-ray materials, will be expensive."

On Tuesday, January 8th, a meeting was held at MVRHS by Cape Cod Community College (CCCC) for Martha's Vineyard residents interested in taking nursing courses at the college. Some attendees were already nursing assistants, but most were looking to start their healthcare careers. While no high school students attended the meeting, the CCCC program director

is working closely with Mr. Rothwell to launch the nursing program at the high school. This will make it easier for students taking the high-school course to move on in their nursing career.

Mrs. MacDonald, guidance counselor, explained the program's origin. She said, "There was a lot of talk about bringing a nursing program into the high school since there is a lot of need for nursing on the Island. Every year, Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center leaves one spot open in their training classes for a high school student over the age of 17. We would like to have more classes in this field."

Mr. Rothwell said, "I hope this program will open up all of the career options for the students. Any student interested in the health field should take this class." **MSV**



(left) Parent Hudson Maynard, and senior Carl Gosselin, and senior Jack O'Malley all leap for the disk while Jack O'Malley looks on.

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