

THE HOME PAGE

By Jayne Greenberg, PTSA Executive Vice President

PTSA PARENT ED. PRESENTS:

Parenting Your Teen: Take Your Job Seriously ...But Not Too Seriously

Lizzie Stevenson, Tam and Redwood Counselor, will be our guest speaker

Location: Tam High Library—2nd Floor, Wood Hall

Monday Evening: April 23

Business Meeting: 6:30 pm

Parent Ed: 7 pm

See page 3 for a full description of this informative meeting

STAR TESTING – APRIL 24 – 27

For the full STAR schedule, go to the Tam High Website: tamhigh.org, About Tam, Schedules & Calendars, STAR testing. In summary:

Tuesday, April 24: Freshmen report at 10:10 am; Seniors report at 12:55 pm

Wednesday, April 25: Seniors report at 12:15 pm

Thursday, April 26: Seniors report at 12:20 pm

Friday, April 27: Freshmen, Juniors and Seniors report at 10:25 am

PTSA Free Bar-B-Q Lunch on Friday, April 27: 12:35-1:15 pm in Front Circle

MUSIC AND CTE PRODUCTIONS

This spring our Music and Drama Departments will bring us several exciting productions. On April 5 check out the "Broadway Revue," a chorus of showtunes, held at 142 Throckmorton Theater at 7 pm.

From CTE: "Made From Scratch: An Improv Theatre Production" directed by Robert Ernst will be performing April 3-4, 17 and 19 at 7 pm. In May, CTE's movement theater guest artist, Sheila Lopez and her cast are developing an original, collaborative theatre piece based on the silent film genre. See page 10 for all the details.

TAM FOUNDATION LAUNCHES ITS ANNUAL BUSINESS PARTNERS CAMPAIGN

Both small and large businesses will be asked to contribute to the Tam High Foundation which supports the excellent academic programs at our high school. We are especially grateful to the **Mill Valley Market**—when you shop there, if you mention "Tam High" before being checked out, they will donate 3 percent of your purchases directly to the school.

Tam High Foundation's Red and White Committee presents:

A Cinco De Mayo Bar-B-Q

Mariachi Music, Dinner, Dancing, Raffle

Friday, May 4, 2007

6:30-11:00p.m.

Mill Valley Community Center

180 Camino Alto

Mill Valley

\$50 per Person

Proceeds Benefit the Tam High Foundation

The Tam High Foundation was established in 1996 to provide financial support for public education at Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley. The Foundation's goal is to fund high quality academic programs and educational opportunities that contribute significantly to the experience of every Tam student.

More specifically, we provide teachers with the resources they need to execute big ideas and to solve little problems across every department.

Our current projects include a renovation of the Language Lab, acquiring more books for the second phase of the Library renovation, providing tutors for at risk students, supporting College and Career counseling, contributing to the guest artists' fund at CTE...the list is endless.

This year, our fourth annual party thrown by the Red and White Ball committee, is actually more of a Read and White Bar-B-Q! More casual, more affordable, more music, more party, more raffle, less auction ... actually, no auction.

As hundreds of Tam High parents can tell you, last year's event was a raging success, was sold out in two weeks, and was attended by alumni, parents, faculty and staff. We've invited the parents of next year's incoming freshman class, so please come and help us welcome them into the Tam community!

Our Red and White Bar-B-Q falls on Friday of Cinco de Mayo weekend, which guarantees that it will be a night to remember...so buy your tickets early, bring a friend, and put on those dancing shoes!

Tam High Foundation's Red and White Committee presents:

A CINCO DE MAYO BAR-B-Q



SALSA TASTING, DINNER, DANCING, RAFFLE, NO HOST BAR

Principal's Message

by Chris Holleran

Speak Up Campaign

Students in our Peer Resource class have started a campaign to encourage students to talk to a trusted adult whenever they hear talk or see evidence of another student in a crisis situation such as drug/ alcohol issues, eating disorders, depression or suicide. Anonymity is assured. A secured box outside the nurse's office provides a place for students to leave information. Our phone hotline (380-3507) is also available and is checked daily.

STAR Testing

The annual state testing is scheduled for the week of April 23. Please encourage your student to give his or her best effort on these tests. The results provide important information to teachers as they revise curriculum as well as being a high-profile statewide accounting of school performance. Please contact Assistant Principal Candace Curtis (380-3512) if you have questions about the STAR testing program. ✦

Unique Travel Opportunity

The City of Sausalito is organizing a delegation of students for a summer visit to their sister city, Sakaide, Japan. The delegation will leave on July 28 and return on August 8. Any Marin County student between the ages of 15-17 is eligible to apply. The deadline for submitting an application is April 6. Approximate cost will be \$2,300. Some scholarship money is available. Applications are available in the Assistant Principals' office. For more information contact Susan Roe at 415-331-3126. ✦

Senior Awards Night

Senior Awards Night will be held on Thursday, June 7, in Caldwell Theatre. All seniors who receive scholarships or awards, including those from colleges they plan to attend, are asked to notify the Assistant Principals' office. Parents or students may email the information to moleary@tamdistrict.org. ✦

Seniors in Good Standing

Seniors are required to be in "good standing" in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Please review the policy on page 12 of the Student Handbook. You must pass all of your classes; have four or fewer unexcused absences in any class, including tutorial; have good behavior; and you must pay all of your outstanding book bills. Seniors: it is your responsibility to monitor your attendance and make sure unexcused absences get cleared in a timely manner. ✦

Grading Periods for the Remainder of the School Year

End of 5th Grading Period	April 6
Grades Mailed	April 20
End of Second Semester	June 14

DID YOU KNOW?

100% participation + 100% effort = accurate reflection of Tam students' caliber.

Tam's reputation depends on all students' strong performances on STAR.

Your student's participation makes a difference!
All 9th – 11th grade students will be tested April 24-27.

The Whole Tam Family



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Tam Takes Second at State Mock Trial Championships

It was a very close and exciting final trial—and we're thrilled our "young" team was in it. Tam lost that final round but they still won second place at the State Championships March 25! The kids have lots to be proud of, and so does Tam. Thirty-four county teams competed (narrowed from a field of well over 400 hundred teams).

And just a quick comment about Michael Pollard-Krause. His devotion and hard work has been invaluable to the team. The kids love him and truly appreciate all of the time he spends coaching and organizing the team (September through March—that's a LOT of time). ✦

PTSA Meetings

April 23 in the Library

6:30 pm - PTSA Meeting

7 pm - Speaker Lizzie Stevenson, Tam and Redwood counselor, "Parenting Your Teen: Take Your Job Seriously...But Not Too Seriously."

May 7 in the Hawk Nest faculty room in the Student Center

Last PTSA Meeting of the Year

8:45 am

Take a school tour and see what construction is in store for the campus. There will also be an election of officers

Tam PTSA Meeting Agenda

May 7, 2007, 8:45 a.m.

1. Call to order
2. Principal's report
3. Announcements
4. Election of PTSA Board for 2007/2008
5. Approve minutes—April
6. Treasurer's report
 - a. Approval of checks
7. Campus beautification
8. PTSA event dates
9. Membership Committee report
10. Nominating Committee
11. THF
12. Thumb
13. Boosters
14. School Board report

Parent Ed—April

PARENTING YOUR TEEN: TAKE YOUR JOB SERIOUSLY...But Not Too Seriously

Lizzie Stevenson, counselor
at both Tam High and Redwood

Monday, April 23

7-8:30 p.m.

Tam High Library, on the second floor of Wood Hall

Often the biggest enemy we have in parenting our teens is fear—of the known and the unknown. Common parental laments are: "How will my child get through this stage without doing damage to him/herself? What in the world can I do about it?"

This evening will be an exceptionally frank and immediately useful evening for parents. Lizzie Stevenson, MFT intern and Tam and Redwood counselor, is a delightful speaker and an experienced teen counselor. She will discuss a more informed and personal approach to this dilemma. The first half of the evening will be a presentation and the second half will be a roundtable discussion.

Her belief is that each each of us as parents really know our child's unique strengths and weaknesses and the parent's job is to accurately assess and evaluate their own teen. The evening will discuss three elements of parenting:

(1) Understand/assess your particular teen's coping skills (i.e., talking to friends, using sports, art, music), his/her emotional strengths and weaknesses (reserved, outgoing, a tendency toward anxiety or depression), social strengths/weaknesses (support system or lack thereof, type of connections to peers or other adults), and academic approach (good/bad study habits, a doer, needs tutoring);

(2) Help your teen bolster him/herself using available resources (family vacations, biofeedback, counseling, nature experiences, sports, medication or whatever else might help);

(3) Evaluate and assess your own strengths/weaknesses in parenting (anxiety, ambition, lack of specific knowledge, unfortunate associations with your own adolescence, sense of humor) and putting together a plan for yourself to help you cope in the best way (support system, consultation, readings, meditation or other stress reducing techniques).

Lizzie will give handouts for use in evaluating your teen and yourself (this does not mean giving the handout to your child!) to use as a reference and model and will give a list of local resources.

This is a wonderful opportunity to look inward in thinking of ways to help you and your teen flourish together. This is a free PTSA-sponsored evening open to all adults. Refreshments will be served. Questions or for more information contact Gail Mason, agmbean@comcast.net. *

PTSA News

Volunteers Needed

Each year the PTSA supplies snacks on the morning of STAR testing to students as they arrive on campus. Volunteers are needed to hand out the snacks between 7:15 to 8 am Tuesday, April 24-Thursday April 26.

The PTSA also provides a FREE school-wide barb-b-q on Friday, April 27, to celebrate the end of STAR testing. Participants are needed from 10 am to 1:30 pm. Please check your calendars and join us on campus. These events are fun and the students enjoy parents on campus when they are handing out food. Be one of the parents. Call or email Bonnie Freiberg 388-4785 bkfreiberg1@mac.com. *

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Diggin' in the Dirt

By Gail Mason

WELL, THE SUN AND SPRING are finally here and with them come two wonderful opportunities to help with our ongoing landscape improvement efforts! We're really hoping to make some substantial headway both this year and next toward having the grounds look particularly good for the 100th anniversary celebrations.

Saturday, April 21, 9 am-noon, we'll be weeding and mulching the campus. For those of you who notice weeds you'll notice that the Tam campus is rampant and needs many hands to help! Bring your trowel, your work gloves and two large bags of shredded cedar bark mulch (can be purchased at Sloat, American Soil or almost anywhere) and join us in a major cleanup effort! Community Service hours are available to kids if they help.

Saturday, May 19, 9 am-noon, we are having a Spring Fling to plant and put together a new garden in front of Phoenix Hall in the Freshman Court (soon to be Art Court!) area of Tam (in front of the Ceramics Building). The district will be sodding and irrigating the lawn areas there and we will be building a small curved pathway and putting in benches and plantings to complete this area as both an all school beautiful hangout and an "outdoor classroom." We'll add tables and umbrellas. This will be a major effort and we need lots of strong backs and hands to help put this together. Bring your kids (Community Service hours available), your friends, anyone who enjoys creating a garden out of a "blank space" and dress in your old clothes. Bring shovels, pick axes, work gloves and hats and meet us in front of the Ceramics Building behind Wood Hall. We'll supply the water and music.

Please take a moment if you can make it to one or both of these mornings, to email Gail Mason, agmbean@comcast.net so we have some idea of the number of participants.

Finally, we're asking that everyone please open their wallets and help out by making a donation to the PTSA Beautification Committee. This whole effort is dependent entirely on your donations and we are in desperate need of funds for plants. A contribution of \$100 or more will buy a small tree, \$50 a flowering shrub, \$25 buys bulbs and or flowers, \$10 a bag of mulch or soil. All donations are tax deductible. Please fill out the donation form and send your check (earmarked Tam Beautification) to Tam High PTSA, 700 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941.

I want to thank Kevin at Green Jeans Nursery for his generous continuing contributions of plants. And thank you Jennifer Latimer for your donation of three large cedars which now stand proudly in front of Hoetger Hall alongside newly planted boxwood hedges. We'll prune them to be thin and elegant to add to the Mediterrean look of our beautiful Tam Campus.

Thank you all for helping the PTSA Beautification Committee restore and revive Tam High's garden areas this spring! This is the fun part! ♣



Join the beautification team on May 19 to plant a new garden in front of Phoenix Hall.

Yes! I would like to help the PTSA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE restore and revive Tam High's landscape this spring.

____ Please call me and/or put me on the email list regarding upcoming work days

____ Here is my donation:

___\$100 ___\$50 ___\$25 ___ \$10 ___other (Make check payable to: Tam High PTSA)

Name _____

Address _____

City & zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please give what you can. We depend entirely on your donations - \$100 or more will purchase a small tree, \$50 a flowering shrub, \$25 buys 25 spring bulbs, \$10 a bag of mulch. All donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to: Tam High PTSA, 700 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941. THANK YOU!

Safe and Sober Grad Night Raffle Tickets Sales



BUY RAFFLE TICKETS to support “Safe and Sober Grad Night” for the Class of 2007! Tickets are currently on sale at many school events and by the family of every member of the senior class.

\$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25, make your check out to Tam Grad Night 2007. You could win tickets to A's or Giants' games, wine packages, dinner at various area restaurants, a room make-over, or RESERVED SEAT & PARKING FOR GRADUATION 2007!

We would like to thank our generous donors: Donna Bohegian, the administration of Tam High, Eddie Savino, the Brazen Head Restaurant, Liverpool Lil's Restaurant, the Bechelli family, the Sharyon family, the Geyer family, Francine Castner, Kim Schiffrin, Idell Cowen, the Holway-Painter family, Robin Preusser and Sissy Latino (“Transformations”), and the Lorenzi family.

Please plan to buy tickets and support this highly successful and popular event. We can't do this without your help. Thank you! Peggy Sharyon 383-6677 and Elizabeth Suzuki 269-3139. ✪

It's Grad Night 2007...you have your feet up and a cup of tea in your hand. Your senior has graduated and is out for the night. You have no worries as you sip your tea because your graduate is having fun at **Tam High's Safe and Sober Grad Night!**

Help make this scenario come true for the parents and students of Tamalpais High School's Class of 2007!

\$100___ \$50___ \$25___ Other___

Name _____

Address _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Please make checks out and send to:

Tam Safe and Sober Grad Night

700 Miller Ave.

Mill Valley, CA 94941

Tax ID #68-0194361

Safe and Sober Grad Night 2007

ON BEHALF OF the Tamalpais High School Class of 2007, we want to thank everyone who has made a donation to Safe & Sober Grad Night. This evening is the final gathering of the whole class before the students disperse to their travels, jobs, colleges and futures.

Every year parents are responsible for raising the money to host this event. With the help of parents like you, we are able to raise the funds needed to host the alcohol- and drug-free party to keep our children safe, sober, and off the roads.

We appreciate your commitment to helping keep these graduates safe and setting a good example for all future students. ✪

Free Lunch!

“Hungry Hawk” Help Needed

Students are needed to work at the “Hungry Hawk” cafe during break and lunch.

Pay is \$8 plus lunch each day.

Call or email Helen: 380-3567 or
hpsaros@tamdistrict.org

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Parent Ed—May

MARIJUANA AND THE BRAIN: An Honest, Nonjudgemental Look at Marijuana

With Ralph Cantor

Thursday, May 17

6:30-8 p.m.

Ruby Scott Gym

Ralph Cantor is an immensely popular educator and adolescent counselor who has developed a wide range of affirmative programs with teens for the past 25 years. He is an experienced trainer and is the author of “Days of Respect.” Ralph will be working during the day with students and staff in both large and small groups on the effects of drugs and alcohol on the brain.

The parent evening is an interactive, nonjudgmental and honest exchange with parents about not only the effects (and popularity) of drugs on the adolescent brain but also HOW TO TALK to your kids about drugs, the social setting both in and out of school in terms of drug culture and will address substance use/abuse in a more personal way.

Ralph Cantor is a wonderful leader and this evening will be immensely valuable to parents. Refreshments will be served. ✪

Businesses Supporting Tam Tam Supporting Businesses

By Cynthia Chiarappa

WHEN A BUSINESS SUPPORTS TAM HIGH, Tam High supports the business. It's the perfect synergy that builds a strong community. The Tam High Foundation is about to launch its annual Business Partners Campaign, asking businesses to make tax-deductible contributions to academic programs at Tamalpais High School. We are fortunate to receive support from the community—businesses large and small who realize that their contribution makes a direct impact in the classroom.

We are especially grateful to the **Mill Valley Market**—when you shop there, if you mention “Tam High” before being checked out, they will donate 3 percent of your purchases directly to the school. In fact, during the month of February, they have been contributing four percent.

If you are a business owner, or know one, we encourage you to support us—there are many ways to give, and many ways to receive exposure for your business.

The coming school year will present a unique opportunity for businesses and parents in Mill Valley—Tam High will be celebrating its centennial in May of 2008! Because of this, you will see a Centennial theme run through many of the things we do during the course of the academic year. The Business Directory will celebrate this milestone, so we encourage all businesses to participate in the Business Partners Campaign so that you are not left out.

For more information on levels of giving—and advertising opportunities resulting from your contribution—please contact Jennifer Nichols at jnichols@pacbell.net.

You will receive a letter confirming your tax deductible donation. The Tam High Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation, Tam High Foundation Tax ID No. 68-0385326. For more information and a listing of our funded projects please check www.tamhighfoundation.org. ♦

EVERY 15 MINUTES

BY THE TIME YOU ARE READING this article, the Every 15 Minutes program will have been presented on March 27 and 28. The two-day program began with a simulated car crash and concluded with a school-wide assembly. We worked hard to bring this powerful program to our school to send our students home with the message that the decision to drink and drive can prove to be life altering.

Teenagers are constantly reminded about the choices they have to make involving alcohol and how many others are affected by their decisions. They know the intellectual statistics. However, many teens share the belief it will never happen to them. This powerful program is designed to create awareness among students that they are not invincible. They experience first hand how their actions affect the lives of so many other people.

Thank you so much to the many parent volunteers who stepped forward to assist with this program and to the many families who contributed financially. We could not have done it without you. ♦

Host a Foreign Exchange Student

Experience a Year You'll Never Forget!

Your local exchange student representative is seeking homes for high school teenagers from over 30 different countries for the coming school year. Our young people have a desire to polish their English skills and experience American family life and culture. They attend local public high schools and come with their own spending money and insurance. They ask only for an American family to welcome them into their hearts and home.

Our kids already speak good English and are prepared to participate in home activities while attending public high school locally.

Whether you are married or single, with or without children, retired or just starting out, won't you reach out and make an exceptional student's dream come true?

For more specific information about student exchange, including our Outbound Programs for American Students, please call Autumn Wagner at (415) 507-0316 or email: awagner@lucasvalley.net ♦



Saturday, May 18, 2007

American Graffiti AGAIN

A fundraiser for the Mead Theater Stage

All Friends of Tam Welcome

7 pm Free Dance Lessons

8 pm Dance to the Music

of the famous **Bolinas Music Club Band**

Gustafson Gym

original site of the American Graffiti Sock-Hop

Shoes will be checked at the door

to protect the new gym floor

Adults \$20 advance; \$25 at the door

Students \$5

Tickets sold in advance at Village Music

9 E. Blithedale Ave

Sponsored by the Tam Alumni Association

Info 380-2888

Parent to Parent Connection

by Sandra T. Mack and Rebecca Foust Pilcher
Parent to Parent Connection (p2p) Representatives

March 14's meeting on Broadening Your Student's High School Experience was a real eye-opener. Who knew that there were so many ways for our students to have fun and feel successful, besides the traditional academic and athletic "tracks?" Over 50 parents attended to hear a panel of speakers discuss the San Andreas option, TEAM, AIM, LINK CREW, Peer Resource, the Mock Trial program, Adult Ed classes and taking classes at College of Marin while still in high school. Thanks to all who turned out for the meeting!

Transition Binder: Redwood Resource teacher MaryAnne Dahl has put together a fantastic binder about post high school options ranging from two and four year college to vocational options. Copies are available for browsing in your school's counseling office and resource room.

P2p is looking for parents to serve on TPAC (Tamalpais Parent Advisory Committee), the steering committee that represents the individual high schools and helps to plan p2p's monthly meetings. Interested parents please contact p2p@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us.

p2p 2007 Meeting Schedule

Program, 7:00 pm; Informal parent discussion, 6:00 pm.

4/18/07 **Get me outta here!** Meeting Graduation Outcome and High School Exit Exam Requirements/issues for LD kids

5/02/07 **Help! My kid forgets everything and is disorganized! Executive functioning problems and how to solve them** (Dr. Ellen Krantz) Also, Getting Ready for a Successful High School Experience: How to develop a four-year plan, tips for making the transition easier, the summer transition workshop.

All meetings are held in Kreps Conference Center adjacent to the east (back) parking lot at Redwood High School at the intersection of Lucky and Doherty Drives. Doors open at 6 pm for informal parent discussions and Q/A prior to the formal program.

If you have any questions or would like to be placed on our mailing list, contact us at p2p@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us or visit our website at www.tamdistrict.org/p2p.

We hope to see you at our next meeting! ✪

High Notes

from the Music Department



The Jazz Band, along with Spiro Tsingaris and two parent chaperones, will be going on their exciting trip to New York from March 28 to April 1. The Jazz Band will be performing at a National Heritage Music Festival. All will see a New York Philharmonic open rehearsal and a Broadway play while they are there. Have fun!



APRIL EVENTS

On April 5, don't miss a chorus of show tunes at the Broadway Revue, held at the Throckmorton Theatre. Call time is 6 pm, show is at 7 pm.

THUMB's biggest fundraiser, the PHONE-A-THON, happens on the evenings of April 17, 18 and 19. Please consider giving generously when our music students call to request support for acoustical upgrades for Ruby Scott Auditorium, student scholarships, instrument purchase and repair, piano accompanist for classes and concerts, field trips, administrative support for the music director and clinics. If you miss our call, tax deductible donations can be made to THUMB, c/o Tamalpais High School, 700 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941 and are much appreciated. Your contributions allow music to continue to be a fundamental and important part of our students' educations. THANK YOU!

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

All THUMB music students are eligible to prepare a piece and have an opportunity to earn one of eight scholarships or awards designed to provide money for private music lessons. Auditions will be held on April 25 in the Caldwell Theatre. Applications are available from the Music Department.

The final THUMB meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, May 16. Music parents, please plan to attend so that we can vote on a slate of officers for the School Year 07/08.

SPRING CONCERT will be on June 8, 7 PM. ✪

Spot the Light Bulb

Throughout this issue, look for this light bulb. It's there to show you that the group you are reading about is funded, at least in part, by donations to the Tam High Foundation. Thank you Tam High Foundation for lighting up this issue!



Tam High Foundation Honors Our Annual Campaign Supporters

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New Works for Spring Season at CTE

AS MARCH COMES TO A CLOSE and April brings us into the final advanced plays of the CTE season, a variety of new works are in the final stages of development and rehearsal. Developing new plays is



The three weird sisters surround Lady Macbeth in the recent CTE production of "Macbeth." Clockwise from center: Hannah Shore, Rachael Greenberg, Katie Marham and Natalie Lundgren.

exciting but they require the dedication of all students involved since they must use all their skills in brainstorming, creativity and persistence to bring these new works to life. Following an exciting year of scripted plays, closing with all new works is a great way to end the inaugural season in the new Caldwell Theatre.

As we go to press, one of the two Improvisation shows will have finished performing. But the second "Made From Scratch: Improv Theatre" production directed by Robert Ernst will be performing April 3-4, 17 and 19 at 7 pm. The final script based on student collaboration is in the last stages of production. Student designers are moving into high gear to come up with sound and lighting design as well as costumes and a basic set. Due to the nature of developmental works, these technical elements are often uncertain until the script is finalized. This play will feature live music that interplays with the story and the actors. It will also be performed up at the Mother Lode Drama Festival in Sutter Creek where Tam won a Superior Award last year for another "risky" original play. Hopes are high to repeat the success this year.

The featured play that will open in May is under the direction of movement theatre guest artist, Sheila Lopez, who directed "Phillip Glass Buys a Loaf of Bread," by David Ives, earlier this year. The sensational lighting, sound and costumes along with the precise movement of the actors made this show a favorite of audiences in the Advanced Fall One Acts.

This time around, Sheila Lopez and her cast are developing an original, collaborative theatre piece based on the silent film genre. After studying silent films, both mainstream and experimental, they are creating their own "movie." Inspiration has been drawn from the earliest Edison film studies and films; the avant-garde films of the 1920's, and comic masters such as Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin, the Keystone Kops, and Louise Brooks in "Diary of a Lost Girl." Some of the films are fiction and some are fictionalized-documentary work. Silent film footage will be incorporated into the production as well as vintage music that played such an important part of many classic and/or little known silent films of the past.

The "Silent Film" production is untitled as we go to press but the theme settled on involves "The Home for Wayward Girls."

Sheila and her actors are hard at work weaving together character and storytelling in a way that pays homage to these historic films. Often the morality message involved "good versus evil." These plot devices form a central framework for the CTE play. However, theatre is the primary art form of delivery instead of film. The production is designed to honor this era of film history and is sure to be full of humor, pathos, and memorable visuals.

Performances will be in the Daniel Caldwell Theatre (located at the back of Tam's campus) on May 8-12 at 7 pm. Box Office Hours will be announced on the CTE Box Office voice mail: 380-3535 or you can visit their website: www.ctetam.org for the latest information. Ticket prices are \$5 for Students/ Seniors and \$10 for Adults. Patrons must occupy the seat 10 minutes before curtain to hold the seat. Due to the intimate setting in the Caldwell, latecomers cannot be seated. ♣



Made from Scratch: Two Original Plays



Program 2 A Developmental Piece (Top Picture) Teddy Hulsker, Robbie Bruens, Allie Lindkvist, Lucy Litvak, Casey Hanley, Margot McGrath, Paris Hayes, Casper Gorner, Gina Levy, Chantal Schoenherz, Cassandra Bell, Nathan Birnbaum, Chris Rosso. Program 1 Improvisation Theatre (Bottom Picture): D'George Hines, Ben BenAry, Micah Tichenor, Barbara Begley, Emily Rath, Ariel Marx, Rhiannon Brogan, Maggie Gorelick.

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Internship News

Students are now in the midst of their spring internships. The Spring Internship Program will continue through April 27. If your student is interested in a summer internship, applications will be available this month. See Camille Borgo for an application.

Other School to Career Services

As the School to Career Liaison for Tamalpais High School, I am available in the College and Career Center on Wednesdays and Fridays 7:45-4 pm and Thursdays 7:45-11:30 am. I am available to assist students with internship placement and preparation, provide students with job shadows, and help students with finding informational interviewing opportunities. I also assist students with resume writing, interviewing skills, and participation in other organized career exploration events and activities. ✪

On the Shelf

Mill Valley Public Library

Here's what's happening in April and early May for teens at the Mill Valley Public Library. Remember, events at the library are always FREE.

On Thursday, April 5, from 7-8:30 pm, we will present "The Art and Craft of Ukrainian Egg Painting." Tam art teacher Lynne Klein will teach the eastern European tradition of "pysanky," creating decorated eggs by using beeswax and colored dyes. Materials will be supplied. Signup is required.

On Thursday, May 3, from 7-8:30 pm, we will present "Food and You," with nutritionist Nancy Bloom, R.D. Her presentation will focus on sifting through food facts and fiction to find the diet that's really right for you during the teen years. Then on Thursday, May 10, from 7-8:30 pm, Darcy Van Gelder-Vasudev will return to the library to bring the ancient art of Henna painting to our Creekside Room. This workshop includes a discussion on the origins and history of henna, safety issues, recipes for mixing henna, elements of design, a demonstration, and hands-on practice. The Henna Workshop is a Teen Only event and signup is required. Parental permission is required for teens under 18. For more information about programs and services for teens at the library, contact Donna Brown at 389-4292 x125 or email dbrown@cityofmillvalley.org ✪



Sophomores Hannah Tichenor, Jedel Benson, and Molly Maloney pose with a few of their Valentine's Day Rose-grams.



Senior VP Lauren Lorenzi and Senior President Caitlin Bechelli stand in front of their Open House Silent Auction benefitting the senior class.

Calling All Former Students of The Little School in Mill Valley

This year Gracie Conner is celebrating her 25th anniversary serving families in the Marin community. Gracie has been taking care of children with love and humor and she holds a place in all of our hearts.

If you can write a line, share a memory or a good thought for Gracie, we would appreciate hearing from you. Tell her when you were in her class and send a photo of yourself now. We are trying to make a memory book for your first teacher after Mom and Dad. Write to her c/o Ann Baker at The Little School, 285 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA 94941.

Thank you and we hope you are thriving. ✪

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 4: POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING NIGHT

Tam will hold a Post-High School Planning Night for sophomores, juniors and their parents on Wednesday, April 4, at 6:30 pm in Tam's Ruby Scott Gym. Come and learn about the admissions process for the University of California, California State University, private schools, and the programs and transfer options at community colleges. There will also be a brief discussion on financial aid. Our speakers will be from UC Berkeley, San Francisco State, the College of Marin and Mt. Holyoke College (MA). Students and parents are urged to attend this extremely informative event.

APRIL 27: COLLEGE OF MARIN PLACEMENT TESTS

Seniors planning to attend College of Marin next fall will have an opportunity to take the mandatory placement tests in English and math on Friday, April 26, 8:30 am-noon, in the College and Career Center. Make-up tests will be given in May. Seniors planning to attend another community college should call the school now for information on its placement tests. Sign up for the COM exam in the College and Career Center.

APRIL 26 & MAY 2: COLLEGE FAIRS

Dominican University will host a College Fair on Wednesday, May 2, 6-8 pm, in its gymnasium in San Rafael. There will be

workshops and booths sponsored by more than 150 colleges. There will be another College Fair on Thursday, April 26, 3-7 pm, in the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, San Francisco. For more information, go to nacac.com.

ONLINE SUMMER ACADEMIC CLASSES

The California Virtual High School offers students the opportunity to advance and enrich their academic experiences through online summer courses. These courses are designed specifically for California students to meet the UC entrance requirements. Students will receive all course materials, assignments, and announcements online. In order to receive credit at Tam, students need to obtain permission in advance from Tam's principal, Chris Holleran. For further information, contact UC College Prep at 866-482-7737, e-mail uccp@uccp.org, or go to www.uccp.org, click on "students," then "on-line courses."

SAT and ACT REGISTRATION DATES

The SAT will be given on May 5 and June 2. April 11 is the late registration deadline (extra fee) for the May test. The deadline for the June test date is April 27; the late registration deadline is May 9. Sign up online at collegeboard.com

The last ACT for the '06-'07 school year is June 9. May 4 is the regular dead-

line and May 18 the late registration deadline for the June test. Sign up online at act.org.

Juniors applying to four-year colleges should take the SAT Reasoning Test this spring. In addition, juniors may also choose to take the ACT. Juniors who plan to apply to the University of California also need to submit two SAT Subject Tests. Students who are completing a subject this year, such as biology, are strongly advised to take the Subject Test in that area this spring instead of waiting until senior year when they will have forgotten some of the material.

The College and Career Center has practice books and information on preparing for the tests. Free SAT and ACT test preparation is available online at: www.uccp.org or www.number2.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS

The College and Career Center compiles a scholarship list each week and posts it around campus and online. For the most recent list, ask your student to drop by the College and Career Center or log on to www.tamhigh.org, click on "College and Career Center" and then "Scholarships/Green Sheet." Students do not need to have a 4.0 or attend a four-year college to earn a scholarship. Awards may be based on need, merit, community service, talents (such as sports or art), interests (such as engineering or botany), ethnicity, where the student lives, where a parent works or a combination of any of these characteristics. Applications are available online and in the College and Career Center.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Senior Awards Night will be held Thursday, June 7, in Caldwell Theatre. All seniors who receive scholarships or awards, including those from colleges they plan to attend, are asked to notify the assistant principals' office. Parents or students may email the information to moleary@tamdistrict.org.

OPEN HOUSE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

One way to visit campuses is to take advantage of Open House and Preview programs, sponsored by many universities. Below are a few open house dates at schools popular with Tam students. For information on other colleges, contact the campus directly.

CAMPUS EVENT	DATE	For More Information:
UC Davis Picnic Day	April 14	picnicday.ucdavis.edu
CSU Humboldt Preview	April 13, 14	humboldt.edu
UC Irvine	April 21	uci.edu/celebrate
UC Berkeley Cal Day	April 21	berkeley.edu/calday
CSU Long Beach	April 28	outreach.csulb.edu/openhouse

By Tom Davey

Tam Athletes Light Up the League

An early daylight savings time and unseasonably dry weather are contributing to a great spring start for Tam athletes.

As of our March 20 deadline, the boys' and girls' track teams are both 4-0 with several Hawks participants among the Marin County Athletic League leaders. For the boys, senior Ryan Gallagher leads the league in the 100 meters and senior Gavin Saffian tops the league in the long jump and triple jump. Senior Claire Jansen is tops in the 100-meter hurdles while Emilie Olson heads the list of runners in the 1600 and 3200 meters.

Boys' tennis, perennially one of the tops in the league, is off to its best start in recent years. For the first time in three years, Tam has defeated Redwood, the league champ the last two years. Led by seniors Scott and Alex Chun, the Hawks are 5-0 in league competition and 9-2 overall. Other key players are senior Elliot Morin and sophomore CJ Fazekas.

Tam's varsity baseball team is off to a 2-2 start in league play and 9-4 overall. Senior David Colvin, one of the league's top pitchers, allows few base runners and opposing team runs are rare when he's on the mound. The Hawks have several outstanding hitters. Among them are sophomore catcher Colton Danz and junior designated hitter JD Rieger.

Junior varsity baseball, at 0-4 and 2-4, is off to a slow start but won both games of a double header at Fort Bragg. The freshmen baseball team is 1-0 in league play after beating Drake and is 3-3 overall. The team is led by pitchers Ben Herrick, Mitch Abramson and Alex Ritchie.

The Hawks softball team is in third place with a 3-2 start under the guidance of new coach Christina Amoroso, formerly an assistant coach for the team. The team has two solid pitchers with junior Hallie Richards and sophomore Claire Trombadore.



A great double-team effort by Emma Washauer (L) and Scamp Garrat (No. 7) in the varsity game v. Branson.

The girls' soccer team is 0-1-1 in MCAL after playing Redwood and Branson, two of the top teams, and 3-1-1 overall. The Hawks are led by senior Annacy Wilson and sophomore goalie Gabriela Guaiumi. The JV soccer team is still unbeaten at 5-0.

The girls' lacrosse team is 2-3 overall with senior Katie Jewett and junior Lisa Mithun leading the charge. Boys' lacrosse is 2-2 with senior Sam Barton providing the leadership. Boys' volleyball with only four returning players is 1-1 in league play. Senior Nick London and sophomore Mott Schweitzer are key players.

Boys' golf, led by junior Cory Hamilton, is 1-2.

Tony Keefer, most recently offensive coordinator at College of Marin, will be the new head varsity football coach at Tam next fall. Two years ago, he served as quarterback coach at Maria Carrillo in Santa Rosa and prior to that he was running back coach at Northern Arizona University.

Tam's swim teams, deep with talent, paddle toward MCAL finals. The Tam boys swim team is off to a 3-0 start, beating Redwood, San Rafael, and Justin-Siena. The boys expect to finish near the top of the league this season, thanks in large part to the strong performances of young swimmers.

Sophomores Nolan Mattox, and Richard Fineman lead the boys. Nolan swims the 100-, 200- and 500-meter freestyle events, and the 100-meter butterfly. Richard swims the 200-meter freestyle, the 200-meter individual medley, and the 100-meter butterfly. Sophomore Andrew Latimer and Junior Ben Debenedictus are also big contributors.

These four swimmers are part of the medley relay team that has won all three of its races so far this year. This relay team has already qualified for the North Coast Section meet in May.

The Hawks girls' swim team, also 3-0, is anchored by senior (and homecoming queen) Aoife Duffy. The supporting cast includes juniors Katie Schleuter (100-meter breaststroke, 100-meter freestyle) and Yuki Sano (100-meter butterfly).

Sophomore Amelia Harvey has set school records in the 200-meter individual medley and the 100-meter butterfly. Freshmen Erin Schleuter and Mattie Winkler have also added several first MCAL first place finishes.★



Freshman sensation, Tara Salsbury, on the attack.



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4	6:30 PM – POST HIGH-SCHOOL PLANNING NIGHT	RUBY SCOTT GYM
4	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
4	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	LIBRARY
5	7 PM – BROADWAY REVUE	142 THROCKMORTON THEATRE
9-13	SPRING RECESS – NO SCHOOL	
17-19	THUMB PHONE-A-THON FUNDRAISER	
18	7 PM – P2P MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
21	9 AM-NOON – TAM BEAUTIFICATION WORK DAY	
23	PTSA MEETING & PARENT ED EVENING 6:30 PM – BUSINESS MEETING 7 PM – SPEAKER: PARENTING YOUR TEEN	LIBRARY
24	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
24-27	STAR TESTING	
27	8:30 AM-NOON – COLLEGE OF MARIN PLACEMENT TESTS	COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER
27	12:35 PM – FREE PTSA BAR-B-Q LUNCH	FRONT CIRCLE
28	10 AM – BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER	STUDENT CENTER

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4	6:30 PM – TAM HIGH FOUNDATION'S CINCO DE MAYO BAR-B-Q	MILL VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER 180 CAMINO ALTO
7	8:45 AM – FINAL PTSA MEETING FOR SCHOOL YEAR	HAWK'S NEST STUDENT CENTER
8	5 PM – TUHSD BOARD STUDY SESSION RE MODERNIZATION BUDGET 7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL