

THE HOME PAGE

By Jayne Greenberg, PTSA Executive Vice President

Year-end PTSA Meeting – May 7

When: Monday, May 7 at 8:45 am

Where: Hawks Nest – faculty room in Student Center

Topic: School safety, modernization update, followed by a school tour.

C.T.E./Tam Drama Wins Big at Motherlode Festival

Tam came home with nine awards from the 34th annual Motherlode Festival, including a first place in the male monologue competition and "Superior Production" for CTE's production of their original play, "City of Puppets." For details, see page 7.

Senior Activities

Be sure to check out the schedule for senior activities on page 2. Tickets for the prom on May 20 and Great America on June 11 are on sale in Room 120, Lower Wood Hall, through May 4.

Great Season for Tam Sports

As of the end of April, boys and girls track, boys tennis, girls swimming and girls lacrosse all were first or tied for first in MCAL.

Late Update: Boys tennis beat Redwood for the MCAL championship. Tamgirls swimmers Katie Schlueter, Aoife Duffy, Amelia Harvey and Erin Schlueter broke Tam team records for the 200- and 400-meter relay, qualifying for NCS.

College Acceptances

Tam students were accepted at excellent colleges and universities across the country. See "the list" on page 8. Congratulations seniors!

Tam High e-mail List

Tam High sends out regular e-mails containing important information about students, classes, meetings, events, procedures, etc. If you are not on the e-mail list and would like to be, please contact jaynegreenberg@hotmail.com with your e-mail address and your student's grade.

Events at Mill Valley Library

Check out these upcoming free events at the Mill Valley Library: May 10, 7-8:30 pm, Darcy Van Gelder-Vasudev will lead a henna workshop. Signup required. May 17, 7-8:30 pm, Psychologist Joanie Farley Gillispie, will present "Cyber Safety." Thursday, June 7, 7-8:30 pm, "Your Money," with Financial Analyst Richard Fletcher, CFA.

"Every 15 Minutes" at Tam High Strikes Home with Students

By Susan Cluff, PTSA Safety Committee

Mill Valley, California—It had all the elements of a real life tragedy. A two-car crash on southbound Miller Avenue. A swarm of cop cars, paramedics, and fire trucks, sirens wailing, pulling up to the scene. Three students trapped in one of the cars, one covered in blood and protruding through the windshield, two more badly injured. The long, agonizing wait while the rammed car gets taken apart with power tools and the student's bodies removed and carried off in ambulances, a helicopter, and a coroner's van. The drunken driver, also a student, given a breath-alizer and sobriety tests by the side of the road, then arrested and taken to the county jail.

Yet the gruesome scene in front of Tam High Tuesday morning was not real at all, but a real-time simulation for the school's 1,100 students designed to prevent teen drinking and driving and save lives. Called "Every Fifteen Minutes, the joint effort by MV Police and Fire departments, California Highway Patrol, California Office of Traffic Safety, and Tamalpais High School, was a stark illustration of how many people are killed daily in drunk driving accidents in the United States— approximately one every 15 minutes.

"This was a dramatic example of not only what can happen if students decide to drink and drive, but what the aftermath looks and feels like," explained Chris Holleran, principal at Tam High. "It is a disturbing and difficult lesson, but extremely effective in terms of helping kids understand the impact of their decisions and the effect those decisions can have."

The two-day event began with the staged accident, which was choreographed minute by minute and viewed by the entire student body from bleacher seats erected in the school parking lot. Deliberately gory, realistic and emotionally draining, the crash scene was treated



Scenes from a Nightmare. Photos by Steve Eckdish

as a training session by local police, fire, emergency and rescue agencies, as they closed roads, broke out the jaws of life, treated injuries, and landed a helicopter on Tam High's fields to emergency airlift an injured passenger to safety.

When classes resumed, the "Every 15 minutes" message was drilled home every quarter hour when a classmate's name was called out and removed from class by the Grim Reaper, wearing a black robe and carrying a scythe. Twenty students and one teacher were then made up as "dead" with theatre makeup, their obituaries read, and mock tombstones placed on the front lawn in front of the school. The students' parents—who had given their permission ahead of time—were then called and told their child had been killed by a drunk driver.

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Principal's Message

by Chris Holleran

Golden Bell Awards

The Marin County Office of Education makes annual awards to people who have made significant contributions to the students of Marin County schools. This year Tam High is honoring Spanish teacher Cheryl Mochalski and the Tam district is honoring parent volunteers Jayne Greenberg and Gail Mason. Congratulations to all of our award winners.

Dance Incident

The joint school/police investigation into the assault after the dance in March has thus far yielded two suspensions with more suspensions and/or arrests possible. Some areas of concern brought out by this incident and its aftermath are:

- The assault appears to be opportunistic and relied on a presumption of anonymity
- Over 20 students who were in the immediate vicinity of the assault have been interviewed resulting in very little helpful information

These two areas of concern are troubling in that those responsible for the assault felt little or no concern for the victims which is compounded by witnesses unwilling to provide important information. While this is not a problem unique to our community, it is nonetheless one which needs to be addressed on every level. Silence in the face of inappropriate and/or criminal behavior empowers those who engage in those activities. Your support and assistance in our efforts to maintain a safe campus for everyone are appreciated and essential.★

How to Get Your Teenager to Be More Responsible

With speaker Max Yusim, LCSW

Saturday, May 12, 2007

9 am – noon

Tam District Office

395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur

Learn the counter-intuitive world of how adolescents learn responsibility. Parenting a teenager is a true paradox in that the only way to teach accountability is to allow them to learn it themselves. Max presents common problem scenarios that parents and teenagers face every day and demonstrates the kind of parenting responses that are effective as well as the ones that just plain don't work.

Please come again if you've already seen Max at the last presentation. You'll have many more opportunities to practice.★

AP Testing Schedule

The schedule for AP Testing can be found on the Tam High website under the Academics tab; Advanced Placement and Honors or http://tamhigh.org/downloads/070305_AP_test_sched.pdf. ★

Math Department Request

The math department is in need of a small (approx. 3 cu. ft.) refrigerator. If you can help, please contact Peter Foster, Math Department Chair, pfoster@tamdistrict.org or 388-3292 x5096. ★

Senior Week Schedule

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| Monday, June 11 | Senior Trip to Great America |
| Tuesday, June 12 | Senior Checkout and Grad Practice |
| Wednesday, June 13 | Game Day and Grad Practice |
| Thursday, June 14 | Senior Breakfast 6 pm Graduation |

The Whole Tam Family



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2007 FINALS WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, June 11

Regular dismissal at 3:20 pm

1st Period Final (8-10 am)

Regular, shortened schedule follows

Tuesday – Thursday

Minimum Days

12:25 dismissal

Tuesday, June 12

2nd and 3rd Period Finals

Wednesday, June 13

4th and 5th Period Finals

Thursday, June 14

6th and 7th Period Finals

For more detail, go to the Tam Website and click on "About Tam, Schedules & Calendars, Finals Schedule."

Tamalpais Unified High School District School Board Update

The end of the school year is approaching for our students, but your School Board will continue to meet and make educational decisions throughout the summer. The educational needs of the district and ongoing facility modernization decisions promise to make these summer meetings informative. Try to attend and see what is ahead for our district and our school.

The School Board will meet in Kreps Conference Center at Redwood High School at 7pm on the following dates, all Tuesdays: May 8 (5 pm workshop; 7pm regular meeting), May 22, June 12, June 26 and a July date to be determined. All regular business meetings begin at 7 pm. Check the district website for the

agendas that are sent out the weekend before the meeting: www.tamdistrict.org. Come to a meeting and see your School Board at work for our students. ✪

Someone Important is Leaving Tam

Administrative Assistant Eileen van Moppes will be leaving Tam after 25 years. Eileen has played a vital role at Tam and the whole Tam community will miss her. She could always be counted on for a smile, a kind word and all the answers to your problems. She leaves with our warmest wishes and deepest appreciation for being a vital part of Tam's on-campus family. Please stop in the office and say THANK YOU. ✪

P T S A

Junior Parents: Help Wanted: No Experience Necessary!

Want to participate in a fun party, knowing you are helping our graduates be safe and sober? Next month, this year's seniors will graduate and move on to new adventures. Grad Night has become a tradition at Tam, keeping graduates safe, sober and off the highways.

We need junior parents to help chaperone during Grad Night. Yes, it means losing some sleep, but it also means being a part of a memorable night for these special graduates. WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact Cindy McCauley msf49erfan@comcast.net or 381-5730. It will be fun and any parent can help, so please call! ✪

LAST MINUTE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you have ever wanted to volunteer for a Tam event, now is the time! There are THREE EVENTS that the PTSA is sponsoring that need your volunteer support.

1. Mill Valley Middle School 8th Grade Visit to Tam, Wednesday, May 30, 9:45-10:45 am. Volunteers are needed to help pass out treats to the visiting students and teachers.
2. Senior Awards Reception, Thursday, June 7. Plates of cookies are needed for the evening reception.
3. Graduation Reception, Thursday, June 14. Help is desperately needed. Volunteers are needed for set-up and/or to serve. It's a fun event. The undergraduate parents give their time to make this a special event for seniors and their families.

If you have questions or want to lend your support for any/or all of these activities, contact Bonnie Freiberg 388-4785 or email bkfreiberg1@mac.com. ✪

Last Staff Appreciation Coffee/Breakfast of the Year

Yes, you still have time to jump in and say thank you to the Tam Staff. Friday, May 18, starting at 7:15 am, is the last Staff Appreciation Coffee/Breakfast. The event will be in the Hawk's Nest-faculty room in the Student Center. Please contribute baked goods, fruit, egg dishes etc. This is the last THANK YOU to the Tam staff who have made the education of our students their top priority. Remember, you are welcome to join this informal morning. Please respond to Helene Siegel-Fotos with your contribution at bash5@sbcglobal.net. ✪

KUDOS CORNER

This has been another busy year for the Tam PTSA. The volunteers who provided support for various campus activities were wonderful and the number is huge. Activities on campus could not have been planned without our large number of generous and talented parent volunteers.

Thanks to all for taking time to make a wide range of activities possible. Volunteers stuffed envelopes for the summer mailings and then staffed the beginning of school registration, as well as providing a free BBQ to incoming freshmen during orientation. Volunteers created and ran the "Tam Taco Booth" at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival. Volunteers prepared four Appreciation Coffee/Breakfasts for the Tam staff and created a marvelous Appreciation Luncheon. Volunteers provided free snacks for students taking the Exit Exam and free early morning snacks each day of the STAR testing and then served a BBQ for the entire school at the end of testing. (A BBQ for over 1,000 – served in 45 minutes.) Volunteers also chaperoned the dances and backed up various Leadership activities such as the Holiday tree sale. ✪

Diggin' in the Dirt

By Gail Mason

SATURDAY APRIL 21 WAS EARTH DAY and Tam High had 20 or so wonderful volunteers helping weed and mulch Orange Court, below the Dry Garden area and the slope behind Wood Hall. Check out how great those areas look after their ministrations (20 big black bags full of weeds later!). It was great to see three or four whole families there: Thank you Kelli, Howard and Patti Bertenthal; Eloise and David Kirn and Kristin, Ahlquist; Leslie Flax Abel, Deb McNeil; Penni Gladstone and Peter Graumann; Karen Jernstedt; Brian Douglass; Alex Rosenberg; Peter Wallace; Sean Simirley; Angelica Ruiz and her son Christopher and a few others who came by and worked hard and steadily but who slipped by the sign-in sheet! Special thanks to Howard Bertenthal for donating and delivering three truckloads of mulch for our mulching party. And thanks to Kevin at Green Jeans nursery for all of the donated plants. Everyone worked like a beaver weeding and laying out mulch and then... the rains came, settling the mulch down to do it's job. So thank you all for your hard work and help.

There are a couple of other beautiful campus things to notice. Freshman Court (just below the Ceramics Building) has been freshly irrigated and sod laid down and the surrounding areas have been slowly planted with Mediterranean plants. Thanks to the Tam High Foundation there are now lovely tables and benches—lots of benches—for everyone to sit on and eat lunch at during this lovely spring weather. Thanks also to Terra Teak for the oval bench added to Freshman Court and for deep discounts on other benches and tables we have purchased from them. In five weeks the white plastic barriers protecting the new sod will be removed and there will be a beautiful garden for the whole campus to use for meetings, classes or hanging around in the sun. Thank you Joe Knighten, head of District Maintenance and Operations, for the sod. And thank you Tam High Foundation for plants and furniture. Check it out everyone!

Well, the Tam High Landscape Beautification will get some great help and advice now...we have been declared a Marin County Master Gardener's Certified Site, which means that we can have advice and help from this wonderful local organization that helps develop eco-system based horticultural practices that are environmentally sound. They will be helping us at the next work party (The Spring Fling, May 19, Food, music, planting, come!!) to help us rid the campus of weed infestations in a couple of sites (behind the Student Center) by sheet mulching, a process of layering (like lasagne making) with newspapers, cardboard and mulch that organically and easily rids the area of weeds. Come learn how to do it. They'll also give lessons in pruning and caretaking of camellias (the ones in front of Wood Hall are ratty and dying). So be proud of our campus and come join in helping to get it more and more



Kristin Ahlquist, Leslie Flax Abel, Eloise Kirn and Alex Rosenberg enjoying each other's company while weeding in Orange Court.

ready for the 100th anniversary next year. We need all the gloved hands we can get! We're meeting Saturday, May 19, 9 am - noon at Tam next to the flagpole. We may also be painting a bit so wear messy clothes, bring work gloves, pick axes, hats, shovels, whatever you've got. We're also going to needs tons of newspapers and cardboard so save it up to bring!

Please email Gail Mason at agmbean@comcast.net quickly to say you'll be coming so we can have an idea of how many workers can make it.

THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY THIS YEAR TO HELP WITH THE CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION. COME! BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY! THE KIDS (and you, too, of course) CAN GET COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

And finally, please check out the newly installed five historical podium-type markers on campus, sponsored by the Tam High Foundation and researched by Tam students. They look great. You'll find them by Gus Gym, Wood Hall, Dry Garden, Ruby Scott Gym and Mead Theater. They will be joined this summer by five more markers that are currently being researched by students in Cynthia Griffith's class. Thanks to Tam parent Rick Flaster for donating materials and installing the markers.

We'll have an historical site walk ready for next year's celebration. We really are beautiful!

Happy gardening in this wonderful weather. ✪

Parent to Parent Connection

By Becky Foust Pilcher
P2P Coordinator

THIS WAS A BANNER YEAR for Parent to Parent Connection (P2P), our support group for parents of TUHSD high school kids with learning challenges. All of our monthly Wednesday night meetings were well-attended, with over 100 parents at the January meeting on four-year college options after high school and almost as many at February's meeting on two-year college and vocational skills options. We brought in several new speakers and new program formats such as student panels to keep things interesting, while at the same time continuing programs of perennial interest, like this past month's meeting about graduation outcomes and the high school exit exam.

Your high school representative met one Tuesday morning each month throughout the 2006-7 school year with TUHSD special education director Karen Mates and Student Instruction Director Carol Eber to discuss issues important to our parent constituency. One concern raised at the meetings this year, the need to have better transitional support for incoming freshmen, has been addressed at the district level. This summer, for the first time, incoming 9th graders with IEP's and 504 plans will receive transition help and counseling separate from the broader summer transition program for students "at risk" for academic failure.

This year P2P worked especially hard to make organized contact with the feeder schools, inviting middle school parents to our November program on "Which High School is Best for My Student" and to our next (and last) meeting on May 2, described below. One of our most satisfying outreach efforts was a panel of high school students who spoke on April 2 to Ross Middle School students about their experience with learning challenges such as ADHD, cerebral palsy, dyslexia, Tourette's, and autism.

Once again, P2P's mission is to help parents whose kids are struggling in school, not only those with IEP's and 504 plans, but also those who have not been formally identified but still are not thriving for a variety of reasons. In this endeavor we are grateful to have the support of the TUHSD, as well as of many "veteran" parents whose commitment to their kids' academic and social success in high school is an inspiration to us all.

Does this sound familiar? Help! My kid is disorganized and forgets everything! On May 2, Dr. Ellen Krantz will speak about executive functioning, and will offer some advice on Help with Transitions—into and out of High School. All meeting programs begin at 7 pm at Kreps Conference Center at Redwood High School, back parking lot at the intersection of Lucky and Doherty Drives. Beginning with the May 2 meeting and thereafter next year, doors open at 6:30 pm (instead of 6:00 pm as in the past) for informal parent meet-and-greet prior to the evening's program. For more information contact us at P2P@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us or P2P@tamdistrict.org, and welcome! *



Friday, 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

Businesses, Time Is Running Out!

By Cynthia Chiarappa

YOUR OPPORTUNITY to publicize your business within the Tam High community is here—but time is running out. Supporting the Tam High Foundation gives you the chance to place an ad in the upcoming Centennial school directory—as well as help Tam High academic programs. Clearly, a win-win for all.

Become a Tam High Business Partner today and display a specially designed Centennial logo in your window for everyone to see!

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. *

High Notes

from the Music Department



The Jazz Band's trip to New York, March 28 to April 1, was a wonderful experience for all. Thanks to all the parents for their support for this fabulous trip. The Jazz Band achieved a silver rating at the National Heritage Music Festival.

This was the highest rating given to any jazz band at the competition. Congratulations music students!

THUMB's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Phonathon, was a huge success this year!

Many, many thanks to the Tam Community for your widespread support. Thank you so much, Shirley Berman, for organizing and coming up with a much-improved system. Thanks to Spiro and all the music students who volunteered an evening or more to call donors. Thanks also to the parents who helped each night with the mailings.

Scholarship auditions were held on April 25. There were many more applicants this year.

The final THUMB meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, May 16, at 7 pm, in the Band Box. Please, music parents, plan to attend to confirm officers for next year.

Look for the Jazz Band at the Marin Home and Garden



Tam Jazz Band ready to leave for the National Heritage Music Festival in New York City.

Show June 3, exact time to be determined.

The culmination of all of this year's work in the music classes can be heard at the Spring Concert, held in Ruby Scott Auditorium, June 8, at 7 pm. Mandatory dress rehearsal is June 7, from 6:30 to 8:45 pm. Come and be rewarded with abundant musical talent from all of our music students. It will be a treat indeed. ♣

Powerful Energy to Light Their Minds

THE END OF THE YEAR is upon us, and it is time to pause and reflect on what we collectively have been able to accomplish for the sake of our children. This year, we funded, among other things:

- Auto shop hydraulic lift
- Daniel Caldwell Theatre digitization
- Tam High website development & expansion
- Literacy support for struggling 9th & 10th grade students
- Library after-school staffing
- 24 instructional and student support grants totaling over \$87,000

This would not have been possible without your support! Together, we are making a difference in creating the best possible learning environment for our children.

Have a great summer, and stay tuned for next fall, when we share the goals for next year's effort to "Light their Minds." ♣

EVERY 15 MINUTES, *Continued from page 1*

The "dead" students, and their parents, then participated in a retreat on Tuesday night, and wrote goodbye letters to each other, expressing the things they wished they had said or done if they had known they were about to die. These letters were read at an assembly at school the next morning along with a 15-minute videotape of the crash, filmed and edited by Tam High AIM students, which followed the victims to the hospital and the morgue, and the drunk driver to jail. A simulated court scene was also held in front of the students, with a local sentencing judge, prosecutor and defense attorney presenting evidence in the case and the defendant given an opportunity to apologize to the victims and their families.

The video and the letters are an extremely powerful part of the experience," says Diana Jansen, a parent who helped organize this event as well as the one held at Tam High four years ago. "Many of the students (and parents) were reduced to tears, just thinking about how they would feel if something like this happened to them, or someone they loved."

If I had one more chance to live, I'd tell you how much I love you," wrote Christine Chapman to her parents. "I can't believe I'll never see you again." "All my life, I've waited for the future," wrote Nick LaPlante. "Now I've killed your dreams as well as mine." "Eighteen years was only a few short moments," read Rachael Greenberg. "I wanted so much more."

Chris Holleran says that the administration plans to do the "Every 15 Minutes" Program again in four years, so that all students have a chance see it once while they are at Tam High.

Wayward Girls: CTE Play Explores Silent Film Era

CONSERVATORY THEATRE ENSEMBLE continues its spring season of new works with a world premiere, “Wayward Girls.” The play is directed and choreographed by guest artist Sheila Lopez. Performance dates will be May 8-12 at 7 pm at the new Daniel Caldwell Theatre. This final main-stage production of the school year epitomizes innovation and collaboration as a cornerstone of the “ensemble” philosophy. Wayward Girls, conceived and choreographed by director Sheila Lopez and her cast of 13 drama students, is a stage production modeled after early 20th century silent films.

A unique process was used to develop the play. The cast began by watching silent films for three weeks, everything from Edison films to Charlie Chaplin to Buster Keaton. This preparation immersed the cast in the style and sentiment of silent films while familiarizing them with classic plots and characters. With this knowledge and a simple “OK, go!” from director Lopez, the cast improvised scenes modeled after the enduring stories and characters of silent film. They explored different choreographic possibilities until Lopez saw something she liked. At that point, she began the task of compiling improvised material into a full-length play.

“It’s interesting to see how we have made the movies our own while still managing to stay true to the originals,” said cast member Lauren Wright.

Students involved are very enthusiastic about the rehearsals. According to cast member Mackenzie Amara, the process of creating “Wayward Girls” is “awe-inspiring”.

“To watch a group of students create something out of nothing gives me faith in the creativity of my peers,” says Amara. Much of the success of this experience can be attributed to the guidance of Sheila Lopez. Cast member Sam Congdon describes her as “the coolest, most inspiring, most relaxing, most intelligent, kindest person I’ve ever met.” Congdon has learned that “there are other ways to tell a story other than basing it off a written script.”

CTE audiences will remember the exciting staging and visual delight of Sheila’s earlier work this year, “Phillip Glass Buys A Loaf of Bread,” a real standout in the Advanced One Acts last fall. Wayward Girls incorporates silent film footage into the production as well as vintage music, such an important part of many classic and/or little known silent films of the past. The production is designed to honor this era of film history with humor, pathos, and memorable visuals. Everyone is encouraged to attend this “one of a kind” play that will finish out the main-stage season for CTE this year.

Performances will be in the Daniel Caldwell Theatre (located at the back of Tam’s campus) on May 8-12 at 7:00 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.



CTE Brings Home Awards

CONSERVATORY THEATRE ENSEMBLE-TAM DRAMA attended the 36th Motherlode Theatre Festival at Amador High School in Sutter Creek, California, and came home with nine awards!

The three-day theatre festival and competition draws high schools from the Bay Area (including Redwood, Drake, Terra Linda and Mountain View), the Sierra foothills, and as far south as Fresno.

Students compete in monologues, duet-scenes, and one-act play productions. Pomme Koch won first place in the male monologue competition after making it through the first and semi-final rounds. Pomme used these same monologues to gain acceptance to the selective actor training program at the University of Michigan. Jesse Kavanaugh and Ander Frischer made it to the semifinals with their outstanding monologues.

Cassandra Bell and Maggie Gorelick also made the semi finals with one of the most challenging duet scenes shown at the festival, “The Maids” by Jean Genet.

The highlight for Tam’s students was CTE’s original play, “City of Puppets” being named a “Superior Production.” The show also won the Judges’ award for Ensemble, Tech, and Music. Teddy Hulsker, Chris Rosso, Casper Gorner and Paris Hayes created the live musical score for the play. Paris, Casey Hanley, and Allie Lindqvist were singled out for Individual Performance awards. Robbie Bruens and his team of student writers took the Playwriting award for creating the amazing script.

Behind the scenes, the student technical crew, led by Autumn Williams-Hertz and Steph Haughton, made all things possible. Technical theatre Guest Artist Heather Basarab provided specialized tech instruction thanks to this year’s generous Programmatic grant from the Tam High Foundation. Guest Artist Bob Ernst directed the production and led the ensemble through the 8-week rehearsal process.

The show closed at the festival, but we hope to see you May 8 at the Caldwell as we open our next world premiere, “Wayward Girls.”

College and Career Center

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Tam High staff and community members will honor the Class of '07 at Senior Awards Night on Thursday, June 7. The event will begin at 6:30pm in the new Caldwell Theatre.

TESTING

The last ACT of the school year will be given on June 9. The registration deadline is May 4, and late sign-ups will be accepted until May 18. The SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests will be given once more on June 2. The late registration deadline is May 9. Students must register directly with the College Board or ACT at collegeboard.com or act.org.

Students who plan on applying to the University of California are required to submit the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT with writing and two SAT Subject Tests. All testing for the UC must be completed by December of senior year.

COLLEGE OF MARIN PLACEMENT TESTS

COM will offer two test dates for students who plan to attend in the fall but have not yet taken the required placement tests in English and math. The tests will be given at the Kentfield campus on Wednesday, May 2, 3:30-6:45 pm and at the Indian Valley campus on Wednesday, May 9, 3:30-6:45 pm. To register, call the Testing Office at 485-9469.

Students who wish to take COM's English as a Second Language test should call 485-9642.

CLASSES AT COLLEGE OF MARIN

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors who wish to take college credit classes at College of Marin this summer or in the fall must register in person. Registration begins May 22. Graduating seniors who plan to attend COM over the summer or in the fall may begin registering by phone or online starting May 4. The number to call for summer registration is 883-3342; the number for the fall is 883-3220.

ROP SUMMER 2007

The Regional Occupational Program will offer a number of free classes to high school students this summer. In addition to a summer internship program, there will be classes in culinary occupations at the Marin Youth Center in San Rafael, automotive technology at San Marin, early childhood education at the Marin County Office of Education and business office technology in Terra Linda. In addition, there will be a construction internship for students who have already taken the construction program. Call the ROP office at 499-5860 to enroll.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Tam seniors have been accepted by a varied and impressive list of schools including the following (reported by students to the College and Career Center as of April 20). A comprehensive list will be posted in mid-May.

California State University: Cal Poly, Chico, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, San Marcos, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose and Sonoma.

University of California: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Merced, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz

Western Colleges and Universities: Arizona State, California College of the Arts, Chapman, Dominican, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Gonzaga, Harvey Mudd, Lewis & Clark, Marymount, Oregon State, Pomona, Regis, Santa Clara, Stanford, U. of Arizona, U. of Colorado, U. of Oregon, U. of Puget Sound, U of Redlands, U of Washington, Whitman and Whittier.

Eastern Colleges and Universities: Amherst, Boston College, Boston U., Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth, Dickinson, Hofstra, Howard, Marymount Manhattan, Middlebury, Mt. Holyoke, NYU, Northeastern, Parsons School of Design, Rensselaer Polytech, Sarah Lawrence, Skidmore, Smith, St. Lawrence, Temple,

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Towson, Tufts, U of Rochester, Vassar, Wellesley, Wesleyan, Wheaton and Williams.

Midwestern and Southeastern Colleges and Universities: American, DePaul, George Washington, Howard, Illinois Institute of Technology, Kenyon, Marquette, Northwestern, U of Michigan and U of Wisconsin.

International Colleges and Universities: London School of Fashion and Richmond U in London.

This list clearly shows that Tam students are admitted to excellent colleges and universities across the country. At Tam we encourage students to apply to colleges that fit their particular academic strengths, interests and preferences and not because of name recognition. These same criteria guide our advice to students in deciding which of their choices to attend or whether to consider a community college, the military, or work. We wish great success and happiness to all of our graduates.

THANK YOU

The work of the College and Career Center could not be done without the help and generosity of devoted volunteers. I particularly want to thank Rosie Macho who retires this year after six years of putting out the Green Sheet, Tam's weekly list of scholarship opportunities (for the first three years with Mary Beth Kampman). If you have benefited from the Green Sheet, please join me in thanking Rosie. I would also like to thank computer specialist and data guru Joanne Berry; and regular volunteers Lynette Denison, Susan Garratt, Karen Rosenbluth and Kipp Delbyck.

Thanks, too, to the Tam High Foundation for generously supporting the work of the College and Career Center. Earlier this year I attended a tour of colleges in southern California—Cal Arts, Chapman, Marymount, Mt. St. Mary's and Otis. The generosity of the Foundation allows me to see and learn more about colleges that are of interest to Tam students. *

School to Career

Summer Internships

Students are completing their spring internships as we begin to prepare for summer. The Summer Internship Program begins on June 18 and ends on July 27. Students work a minimum of eight hours per week at their internship placement, plus attend a 2.5 hour ROP Workplace Learning class that is held one time a week during the six week summer program. If your student is interested in a summer internship, applications are available in the College and Career Center. *Summer Internship Program applications are due May 15, 2007.*

Parents, Teens, and the Law Event

In recognition of Law Day, the Marin Bar Association and the Marin County Office of Education are hosting a public forum for parents and teens to learn about their rights and responsibilities on issues directly relating to teens and their families.

Camille Borgo, School to Career Liaison
College and Career Center
cborgo@tamdistrict.org

Topics will include: Marin County's Social Host Ordinance—civil and criminal consequences, crimes and consequences of a criminal record for teens, drinking and driving on prom night, sex and the law, violence and teens, and bullying.
*Wednesday, May 23, 2007, 7 - 9 pm,
Marin County Office of Education, 1111 Las Gallinas Avenue, San Rafael*

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 am – 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. ✦

Redwood High School (415) 945-3604
Tamalpais High School (415) 380-3558



Design and Stylist Interns Senior Sarah Bartel (L) and Junior Kyra Simon working at atmospha, an interior design company in San Rafael.

Peer Resource Teams Up With Tam PTSA to Encourage Students to SpeakUP

Peer Resource and the Tam Counseling Department have decided to combat the "code of silence" that teens often have. We are encouraging teens to speak up when they know that a friend is doing something that is unhealthy or painful; such as drug and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, depression, bullying, loneliness, self-mutilation or abusive relationships and other self-destructive behavior.

With this goal in mind, Peer Resource has created the SpeakUP poster campaign using different powerful images that illustrate some of the above behaviors. The posters ask Tam students to SpeakUP and talk to a trusted adult in the Tam community if they or someone they know needs help. Peer Resource has also created a checklist for students to fill out and

put in a locked box outside of the nurse's office if they want to anonymously let one of our counselors know that a friend is in need of help.

After the great response the poster campaign received, Peer Resource asked the PTSA if they would be willing to support a SpeakUP poster contest to involve the entire school in the effort. The PTSA generously donated four \$100 gift cards, which made the contest appeal to many more students. We will be selecting and announcing the winners of the contest in the next two weeks! Look for the new SpeakUP posters around campus in May. Thanks Tam High PTSA! ✦

Peer Resource Student Presentation

*May 5, 10:30 am - noon
Peer Resource Students from Drake,
Redwood and Tam High*

Each High School Peer Resource team will offer a brief sample of presentations they give to the student body at each of their respective schools. This presentation is the third in a series of four provided by Bay Area Community Resources. Questions? Call Thia Haselton, MFT at Drake: 458-3443 or Carol Eber at 945-3727.

Reel News

News from the Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media

REGIONAL STUDENT EMMY AWARDS were recently announced, and for the fourth consecutive year AIM students brought home multiple honors.

Jennie Fredrich, Jay Glasenk, Taylor Schwartz, Kayvon Beykpour and Aaron Wasserman won Best Documentary for “Benchmark.” Caitlin Wells, Josh Yiangou, Molly Hale and Lucas Guilkey won Honorable Mention in the Documentary category for “What If Jesus Were Gay.” “What If Jesus Were Gay” also won Best Writing.

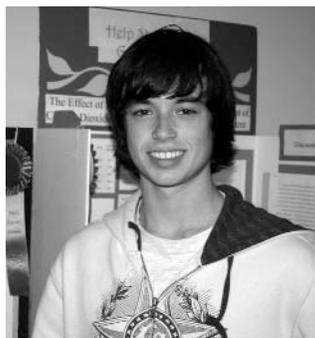
“Oranges,” by Tam graduates Lucas Guilkey and Paolo Speirn won Best Film in the Arts and Entertainment category.

Chelsea Walsh, Walter Bromwell, Lucia Dillman and Evan Von Lackum won Best Film in the Technical Achievement category for “Born to Will” and Chelsea Walsh, Kaija Cummings and Ariel Berman won Honorable Mention in Technical Achievement for “Eat.”

You can see award-winning student films at our annual film festival Friday, June 8, at 142 Throckmorton at 7 pm. If you’re a business owner, please contact AIM student Jay Glasenk at jacob.glasenk@gmail.com to place an ad for your business in the film festival program. Attended by several hundred Marin residents, the film festival is a great way to get affordable advertising. All listing are tax-deductible and help support Tam’s student film academy. ★

Tam Students Winners at Science Fair

SEVERAL STUDENTS FROM TAM HIGH were recognized for their entries into the recent Marin County Science Fair. Of these, Danny Sacks, a 10th grader, won the Grand Prize in the Engineering Sciences category, while fellow 10th grader Lila Scott won the Grand Prize in the Physical Sciences category.



Science fair winner Danny Sacks

Danny’s project, entitled “The Effects of Magnetism on Motion,” sought to understand whether circular motion could be enhanced by utilizing the effects of strategically placed magnets on the surface of a spinning top. Lila’s project, “The Effects of Running vs. Walking in the Rain,” examined which strategy would result in a person becoming

less drenched. The experiment was based on the weight of water on a subject’s clothing in each scenario.

Several other Tam students were placed highly in the competition. Congratulations to all those who participated! ★

Calling All WW2 Veterans

The theme for this year’s AIM Film Festival is The American Dream, and one group of junior and senior high school students would like to focus on WW2 veterans for their documentary. If you, a relative or someone you know who lives locally would be willing to talk with students about your experience, please e-mail Jay Glasenk at jacob.glasenk@gmail.com. The students would like to document these important stories before it’s too late. Thank you.

Leadership News

JUST TO FOLLOW UP on last month’s events, thanks to the Tam student body for donating 42 units of blood in our Spring Blood Drive. We did have a few people turned away because of anemia so parents make sure that your children are eating their spinach! Also, we had great attendance, decorations, and DJ at our Mardi Gras Spring Dance. Our first ever STEP IT UP dance rally was a huge success featuring a variety of dance troupes at Tam.

The 06-07 school year is coming to an end. The senior class has a very exciting end of the year coming up. Attention Seniors! Senior Prom is the night of May 20. The senior class trip to Great America is on June 11. Seniors, get excited because in addition to using the rides, you are also able to use the new water park! Tickets for both Prom and Great America will be on sale in room 120, Lower Wood Hall, from until May 4. Seniors, yes you are almost done with High School! Senior graduation activities week is from June 11 – 14. Graduation is on June 14.

Get Ready! The Freshman and Sophomore classes will each be having car washes. This class fundraiser is open to anybody—if you are a freshman or sophomore and would like to help at your car wash, stop by Room 154 and let your class officers know. Dates and locations of the car washes will be announced.

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Spring One Acts

Believe it or not, it is almost time for the CTE Spring One Act Festival! Performances will be May 22- 26, May 29- 31 and June 1 & 2. at 7 pm. Additionally, there will be two matinee performances at 2 pm on Saturday, May 26 and Saturday, June 2.

This year, short plays will be featured, directed by advanced students and acted by first and second year drama students. Please visit the CTE website in May for a more detailed schedule of the plays and days to purchase advanced tickets.

—Lucy Litvak/ CTE Publicity Team

By Tom Davey

Boys and Girls Track, Boys Tennis, Girls Swimming and Girls Lacrosse All Tied for First in MCAL

THE BOYS AND GIRLS VARSITY track teams are both undefeated in Marin County Athletic League competition as of our April 23 deadline. But an upcoming showdown this week against archrival Redwood, also with undefeated boys and girls teams, will leave just one school atop each of the standings.

Senior Gavin Saffian is tops in the county with a long jump of over 23 feet and a 44-foot triple jump. Gavin is one of three Tam long- and triple-jumpers who are among the six best in the league. Senior Ryan Gallagher leads the league in the 100-meter sprint. Stars on the girls' team include sophomore Linden McGreevy in the 100- and 200-meter sprints and sophomore Molly Malone in the 800 meters. Senior Emilie Olsen has the league's best time in the 3200 meters but is now out with a broken toe and hopes to return for the MCAL finals.

The boys tennis team beat Redwood at the MCAL championship, receiving an automatic bid to the NCS tournament.

Although the Hawks beat Redwood in both head-to-head matches, Tam had to forfeit the earlier league win because a transfer student's paperwork had not been submitted to the league before that match. Tam's top players are seniors Scott and Alex Chun and sophomore C.J. Fazekas.

The girls swim team is guaranteed a share of first place after defeating Marin Catholic for the third time in a row. The team is currently in a four-way tie for first with a 5-1 record. The girls 400 freestyle relay team of senior Aoife Duffy, junior Katie Schlueter, sophomore Amelia Harvey, and freshman Erin Schlueter has already qualified for the North Coast Section tournament. Many other Hawks swimmers also have times that may qualify them for the finals. Thanks to the depth of the program (no pun intended) often the second through fifth place finishers help determine the team's wins.

The girls' lacrosse team, at 5-0, is tied with Redwood for the league lead. Top players include seniors Katie Jewett, Rachael Greenberg, and juniors Lisa Mithus and Kat McNeil.

The boys swim team is currently at 4-2 and tied for third after recently beating Terra Linda for the first time in several years. Junior Rene Rico is one of the league's top divers and sophomore



Alex Chun warms up his serve.

Nolan Mattox set a school record in the 500-meter freestyle.

After several very competitive low-scoring games, the girls' soccer team is in fourth place with a 5-1-4 record. Notable players include sophomore goalie Gabriella Guaiumi and seniors Alex Vara and Hanna Boston for their defense. Meanwhile, the girls junior varsity soccer team is undefeated and tied for first place with Terra Linda.

With a record of 6-5 in league play and 12-7 overall, the boys baseball team has a good chance of making the league playoffs and a shot at the NCS tournament. The team is led by senior pitchers David Colvin and Spencer Kennedy. Hawks players ranking among the league's best hitters include junior J.D. Rieger, sophomore Colton Danz and senior Eddie Geyer.

The junior varsity baseball team got off to a rough start but has won its last three games in a row. And the freshmen team is currently undefeated.

The girls softball team is in sixth place with a 6-6 record and fighting for a playoff spot. (The six top teams go to the MCAL playoffs.) The team is led by pitchers Hallie Richards and sophomore Cara Trombadore. Junior Annemarie Iker does the catching and leads the team in hitting.

The boys golf team is in sixth place at 6-7. Junior Cory Hamilton is the top golfer. The boys volleyball team is 2-5 in a rebuilding year but still has a shot at the playoffs.

Tam has hired a new football coach, Tony Keefer, of Santa Rosa.★

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Traditionally we have a Farewell Rally at the end of the year. Currently the ASB rally committee is planning the rally. For those who would like to participate, see Mr. Berkhout for more info, and there will be a rally rehearsal May 23. The Farewell Rally will take place on May 25 in Mead Theatre during tutorial.

New merchandise has been designed and is now ready to be sold. Girls can enjoy the trendy American Apparel 70s basketball shorts

while showing Tam spirit. Attention underclassmen boys, looking for gym wear? Be sure to pick up the new boys shorts along with a Tam vintage t-shirt for a stylish workout outfit. Lanyards for your keys, spiritwear sweatshirts and sweatpants are all available now! New great deal for girls, yoga pants now only \$5.00 (limited sizes)! Visit Room 120, Lower Wood Hall to get prices. ★



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| MAY 2007 | | |
| 2 | 7 PM – P2P MEETING | KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL |
| 2 | 7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING | LIBRARY |
| 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 |
| 8-12 | 7 PM – CTE PRESENTS "WAYWARD GIRLS" | CALDWELL THEATRE |
| 16 | 7 PM – THUMB MEETING | BAND BOX |
| 18 | 7:15 AM – PTSA STAFF APPRECIATION COFFEE | HAWK S NEST STUDENT CENTER |
| 21 | NO SCHOOL – STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY | |
| 22 | 7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING | KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL |
| 28 | NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY | |
| JUNE 2007 | | |
| 6 | 7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING | LIBRARY |
| 7 | 6:30 PM – SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT | CALDWELL THEATRE |
| 8 | 7 PM – SPRING CONCERT | RUBY SCOTT AUDITORIUM |
| 12 | 7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING | KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL |
| 12-14 | 12:30 PM DISMISSAL – FINALS WEEK | |
| 14 | 6 PM – GRADUATION | MEAD THEATRE |
| 26 | 7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING | KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL |