

### The Sewanhaka Chieftain

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## Opportunity Is Unlimited

Looking back were these three long years but they seem to have passed so quickly. Now is the time to remember the good times, the bad times, the dances and parties, the friends you made, some of whom you'll never see again. And it's time to look ahead too, to graduation and what comes afterwards.

Some of you might have to serve your country and if you do, remember what you are fighting for. You won't be fighting just for ideals and your family; you'll be giving the children of tomorrow a chance to continue their education.

And some day you'll look back, too. But first you must make the best of the days ahead of you. The world is yours. Some will set forth to conquer the world and others will let it conquer them.

Those who have planned well and studied will succeed. You may become a bank president or end up selling fish. The more time you waste, the longer it will take to get you where you want to go, and worse yet, as a result you may never get there.

Do the best you can all your life and you'll never have cause to complain or to regret.

## The Future Is Yours Alone

Graduation is drawing closer day by day. We wonder if this year's class will be any different from the rest?

Some of these possible grads will leave school, stopping their education within sight of the goal. Others, naturally will have withdrawn because of necessity. This is most regrettable.

But how many will fall by the wayside, flunking and failing for lack of effort in the final sprint on the classes homestretch? It is almost as though our trackmen were to run a good race and then decided to stop and sit down within a few short feet of the finish line.

Suppose our pioneers had stopped at the Mississippi? American history students know there would be no gold, no wheat, no wealth and no power in our country.

Graduation is your tool to happiness and prosperity. Take that final sprint, and face the world with confidence and preparation.

## On the Job Gets Firsts

Sewanhaka's 37 years of academic life is reaching an end with another successful chapter in the book of education.

There are many firsts and recognized honors during the year. SHS is considered tops as a comprehensive curriculum high school by educators. This is possible because of teachers and administrators who are "on the job."

Farewell to the seniors, and hats off to the rest of the student body still at work toward graduation in 1968, 1969 and on.

## Advice for Sophs, Juniors

A senior's advice and 672 seniors agree, is that the sophs and juniors should prepare themselves now for the future.

Today's students should prepare themselves for a job while in Sewanhaka, or for basic marketable skill training that will lead to a job.

## From the Editors Desk . . .

"Without vision, the people perish."

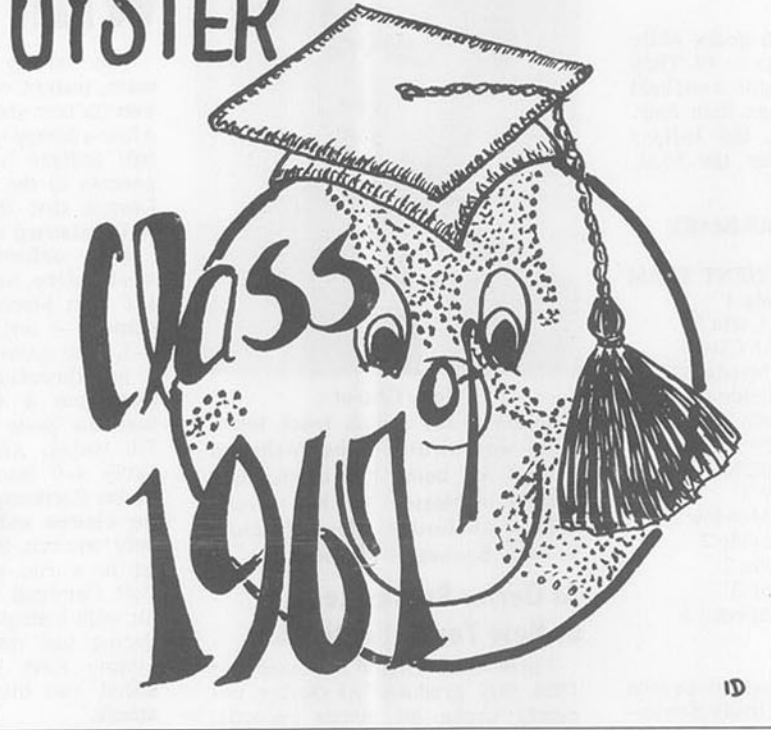
With this thought in mind, I commenced the task of piloting the "Chieftain", a journalistic effort dedicated to reporting the news accurately, concisely and without bias, two years ago. It has been an arduous undertaking, one that has given me infinite satisfaction and pleasure in seeing a job well done. Thanks are also in order for my staff who have worked diligently with me to see the fruits of our labor. It has been a challenge and I have met it.

When the 672 seniors leave this pentagonal building, they too, will have to meet a challenge. The challenge of making the world a better place to live is theirs. They will succeed only with perseverance, industry, and dedication in a cause needing their utmost attention.

May I wish you all success in your endeavors. "May the best of your past, be the worst of your future."

Claudia Caruana  
Editor-in-Chief

## THE WORLD IS YOUR OYSTER



## Fire Causes \$1,000. Damages To Field House in 3rd Blaze

At 11:20 on Friday, June 2, another supposedly routine fire drill alarm rang. As students jogged down the fire exit stairs, someone shouted, "Hey, this one's for real" and great black clouds rolling across the field proved that it was.

Four minutes later, seven fire engines arrived. Mark Cook, a horticulture student working on a tractor or motor, noticed smoke and reported the fire 11:18 a.m.

Ten minutes later, students were back at their desks and the incident was, most likely, promptly forgotten by most.

But for still another hour 57 firemen worked at the building. Smothering the blaze was only a minor first part. Most of the time was spent in hacking off charred wood, detaching burnt roofing and disposing of debris.

It seemed like an unnecessary waste of time to those who believed that delinquency was behind it, and most of the firemen were of this opinion.

"Bad kids had to start it," remarked one of the men, Fred Brown. "Didn't start by itself."

Another fireman mentioned that "one of your female students reported seeing two boys running away from the building just before it started."

And in the end, what do we have? An estimated \$1000 worth of damage was done, unnecessarily, time and effort was spent, 83 classes were interrupted, the football team will have to wait longer for lockers in the fieldhouse and not least of all 57 men were pulled away from

their jobs and leisure time.

Why? Because, as one of the men put it, "Somewhere in your school, you have two boys who like to play with matches."

At 6:20 on Thursday evening, May 18th great clouds of smoke were seen coming from the large, flat-roofed brick building near the lacrosse playing fields. The field house was on fire.

Boys playing on the field and children from the surrounding neighborhood started running, and gathered to watch. Within fourteen minutes, 12 fire engines came screeching to the scene. By now 20 foot high flames were licking the east side of the building.

Close to a hundred firemen and other fire department officials and assistants worked for an hour to douse the blaze, and hack away burnt wood. Blackened beams were spewn about everywhere, and the door had to be ripped off its hinges so that the men could get at the fire from where it seemed to come from the wooden benches, hurdles and such piles.

An estimated 500 people turned out to "rubber neck." Most of these were children excited at the idea of a good-sized blaze occurring in an otherwise uneventful Floral Park.

A group of officials stood around discussing things when the reporter singled out one of them, and asked for the cause.

## Dads Initiate Mauro Scholarship

The tragic death of Raymond Mauro, son of Dad's Club secretary Mario Mauro, has brought tragedy close to home. Raymond was an honor graduate in the 1964 class of Sewanhaka High School.

The Dad's Club has planned with the gracious help of SHS parents, friends and faculty, to establish a "Raymond Mauro Scholarship" to be presented each year to a worthy student of Sewanhaka who plans a college career in math or science.

Contributions, however large or small, will help make it possible. It is still not too late to contribute. Please send your contribution to: Mr. Vincent T. Smith, c/o Sewanhaka Dad's Club, 500 Tulip Avenue, Floral Park, New York.

## State Unit Awards Prize to Voc. Senior

Senior Joseph Kratzer, a Vocational Industrial education student is the recipient of New York State's first place prize in the annual competition held by the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. This is a national youth organization for Vocational Industrial Education students.

Joe's first place project is a micrometer boring head. This is a modern tool used for precision boring. His teacher, Mr. Alfred Kagan, suggested that he enter it in the contest. Joe worked 80 hours on the project before finally entering it in the annual statewide competition.

## The Voice of the Students

QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT SPENT AT SHS IN THE PAST THREE YEARS?

CATHY HENNEBERG, 115: My most memorable event was when we went sketching to Roslyn Harbor with the art class. Then Betsy Jacobsen, Sharon Fay, and I made our lunches by the duck pond, and Betsy fell in.

JOANNE HOERNER, 313: My most memorable day was the day I cut out of school and got third degree burns from the sun and I had to convince my teachers I was home sick.

TOM HENRY, 313: I think my most memorable moment in SHS was when we baked Pizza in the altitude chamber in the I&A lab.

SUSAN STEINKRAUS, TDH1: My most memorable moment in my three years at Sewanhaka was when my girlfriend brought in her pet monkey and put it in my teacher's filing cabinet.

MARIANNE MALLIN, 304: The time the Rockettes marched in the Pulaski Day Parade and one of my friends fell in the middle of 5th Avenue, during the parade.

JERRY SHIELDS, 303: My most memorable event was the Chieftain trip to the Columbia Scholastic Press Conference this year. I ended up in the Bronx Zoo watching the orangutan for four hours, and having pleasant thoughts of school.

ALLEN DITTENHOEFER, 204: One of my most memorable moments at SHS was our first football game this year against Mepham. The game was played in a downpour of rain and in thick mud. We won the game in the final seconds.

BOB SENSALÉ, 315: My most memorable day was when the horse-shoe tracks appeared on the I&A ceiling.

STEVEN EYERMAN, 322: The time I was marching in a parade with the marching band as drum major and my hat fell off.

MARILYN CARAVELLA, 204: First period English and Mr. Lucrezio's going away party. This is the first time I didn't fall asleep first period.

SHEONA DOWNIE, 115: The SHS memory which will long remain with me was election night 1967 when six students sat in the Cit Ed. office and heard that U.S.P. was no longer a fantasy but a reality.

FRED HOLZE, 310: The day after the fire in the architecture field house and a whole year's work went down the drain poured by firemen's hose.

JIM WALSH, 316: Field trip to Rhode Island with the Varsity baseball team.

TOM SCHIOTTIS, TDH2: I always remember the band party that was held one night in the band room. There was a fire going in the fireplace and great music.

CARL LAU, Boy's Gym: My most memorable moment during the past three years was meeting up with Mr. Ritch, the Varsity Lacrosse coach and being able to play under his direction.

MARILYN SHATTUCK, 315: For the past three years I have joined several organizations but the one club which brings memories to my mind is Girls' Leader Corps. It is one of the most active clubs in Sewanhaka and I would certainly join again if I had the chance.

CATHY STADLER, TDH1: My most memorable moment was when I was inducted into the National Honor Society.

FRANCES SISTO, TDH1: My most memorable moment was when I passed one of Mrs. Bergland's tests.

CHERYL STEPHENS, TDH1: My most memorable moment spent in SHS was when I won the popularity poll.

DOROTHY CLAESON, 208: Everything that happened to me in SHS is memorable, just being a part of SHS I will never forget.

HARRY MOSS, 326: The most memorable moment at SHS was getting the cast party of "Damn Yankees" to Mrs. Waddell's house. It took about 2 1/2 hours to get there and about 2 hours to get home. I was never so lost in all my life. Even the police never heard of where she lives. It was literally out in the sticks.

JANICE SPADOLA, 326: Our singing farewell to Miss Poissant in the girls' washroom.

LINDA DECKER, 113: My most memorable moment spent at SHS in the past three years was when I was accepted into the National Honor Society. The night that the ceremony took place I shall never forget.

## The Global Mail Call

Peter Grier, age 22 of the class of 1962, is stationed in Ounin Nang, Vietnam since October. He is married to Rose Robertson of Jamaica and has three children.

Richard Skidmore class of '66 is studying poetry at N.Y.U. and is presently working as a salesman in an New York import shop.

Ed Shankman and Daniel Posner class of '66 are both studying at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Robert Pietnasko in the Army has been sent to Germany. Richard Monzinger, a '64 graduate is now training in air and ground communications.

John Guiliano, also a '64 grad, will be starting his senior year at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Susan Reichgott has been named a Wellesley Scholar and has just been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

A June wedding has been planned for Ronald Sturtz, a 1963 SHS grad and his fiancée, Merry L. Elesier. Ron is a student at the University of Pennsylvania where he is majoring in political science. He plans to attend law school next fall. Merry, from Reading, Pennsylvania, attended Syracuse University and is currently enrolled in the pre-social welfare program at Temple University where she is a senior.

## From the High School Globe

From St. Louis, Missouri students of NORMANDY HIGH SCHOOL are presenting a stage version of "Tom Jones."

In Mineola, the Band from MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL is slated to play at EXPO '67 during the month of July. The band will represent the United States.

"Pillow Talk" was recently presented by the high school students at UNION HIGH SCHOOL, in Union, New Jersey.

Authorities at PRINCESS ANNE HIGH SCHOOL in Virginia Beach, Virginia, admitted that they were using horsemeat in the meals that they served in the cafeteria. "Say It With Music" was the Choral Theme in this year's Spring Concert at GARDEN CITY HIGH, May 19th.

At Catholic CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL in Columbus, Ohio, the Junior Ball theme was "Swiss Inn."