

Tam Staff and Students Receive Awards at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Celebration

The tenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration was held in Marin City on January 21. Festivities included the construction of an intergenerational peace garden by community members and the Marin Conservation Corps. Dan Daniels of the NAACP was the keynote speaker and many elected officials spoke as well. Tam Senior D'George Hines and friends provided the entertainment.

Many awards were received by Tam staff and students. Librarian Specialist Barbara "Babs" Morgan received the Marin City Community Service Award. Staff Assistant Jewel Barrow received the Marin City Community Leadership Award. Students Malachia Hoover, Marquice Clay and Tyrell Coleman received Hannah Project Awards for improved academic achievement, and Jae Min Shin, Charlotte Rosenfield and Mackenzie Engel won awards for their artwork.

Photo's to follow in Student Life on page 10

Mark Your Calendars:

PTSA Meeting

Monday, February 4 at 8:30 am
(note earlier start time)

In the Hawks' Nest (back of the Student Center)

Speaker: Mill Valley Police Department Officer Jim Wickham will discuss the newly-adopted social host ordinance.

Tam's Annual Open House

Thursday, March 20

Gus Gym

6:30 pm program;

7 pm classroom visits

Reel News -- from the Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media

AIM Welcomes Peter Coyote, Announces Sophomore Application Deadlines

by Chloe Erskine, AIM Student

As the first semester came to a close, AIM was abuzz with finishing documentaries and visiting with guest speakers. AIM students worked long hours finishing and perfecting their first semester documentaries. They were prompted to examine an aspect of the American lifestyle that has changed since the Summer of Love and the topics covered in the films ranged far and wide. Themes included the music business, technology, news and media coverage, dating, major league baseball and the Bolinas Art School.

In early December, we were excited to welcome a special guest speaker, Peter Coyote! Mr. Coyote spoke to the students and teachers for two captivating hours about working with the Haight-Ashbury group "The Diggers" and living in San Francisco in the 1960s, including the famous Summer of Love in 1967. After his talk he fielded questions from the audience.

Starting second semester, AIM will have a guest speaker every Friday to discuss and educate



the students on a variety of curriculum issues covered in economics and government, English and media studies classes including the political parties, the upcoming election, the Iraq war and the film

AIM students Stefanie Rockers, Aharon Bram and Emily Bernstein are shocked when actor Peter Coyote tells them that while he was with the Diggers he didn't buy a car for 22 years.

process (including direction, narration, cinematography and writing). AIM is putting out an open call asking any professionals who have insight in these areas to please contact Ms. Scharf, Mr. Tarpinian, or Mr. Goldstein at 3aimteachers@gmail.com if you would be willing to speak or share your work with us.

Finally, applications for sophomores interested in joining AIM in the fall will soon be available. AIM students will visit sophomore history classes to talk about the program, answer questions, show sample films, and hand out applications in early February. There will be student information meetings on Friday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 13 during tutorial in the Student Center. There will also be a parent information meeting on Wednesday, February 13, at 7 pm, upstairs in the Student Center. All sophomore applications are due on Friday, March 7.

Is Your Teen Depressed? Or is it Just Typical Teen Angst?

A forum on adolescent depression

Tam District Parent Awareness Series
Kreps Conference Center, Redwood High School
Thursday, February 7, 2008
7 – 8:30 pm

- ☞ Learn to recognize possible signs of depression in your teen
- ☞ Explore ways to support and talk with your teen
- ☞ What avenues are available for prevention?
- ☞ What about medication?
- ☞ Learn more about teens' developmental needs and deepen your ability to understand and respond to the teens in your life.

Presented by Dave Talamo, MFT, and Gavin Front, Drake High School senior.

Questions? Call Thia Haselton, MFT, at Drake: 458-3443 or Carol Eber at 945-3727 ♦

PARENT UNIVERSITY XII

Hosted by Healthy Teens Marin

The 12th annual Parent University, a free conference for parents of middle and high school students, will be held on Saturday, February 9, at Redwood High School (395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur) from 8:30 am to 1 pm.

Lynn Ponton, MD, author of "The Romance of Risk" and "Sex Lives of Teenagers" will give the keynote presentation titled "Risky Business – Parenting Middle & High School Students through the Risky Years." Dr. Ponton's presentation will be followed by free workshops on topics such as alcohol and drug use among teens, teen internet use, anger and stress management, raising boys, navigating the teen scene, parent/teen communication, talking to your teen about sex, cyber safety and many more.

All workshops are designed to help parents of teens meet today's challenges and will be led by experts who have extensive experience and success with teens. Parents will have the opportunity to attend two workshops during the half-day conference. A complete listing of workshops is posted on www.healthyteensmarin.org.

No pre-registration is required! Registration begins at 8:30 am with workshops running until 1 pm. Free on-site childcare will also be provided. Additionally, resource material for teens, parents and families will be available and representatives from Book Passage of Corte Madera will be on hand selling books on parenting topics.

Parent University is sponsored by Healthy Teens Marin (healthyteensmarin.org). For more information, contact Lisa Schwartz at the Marin County Office of Education at 499-5877



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Tam Honorees:

Jewel Barrow was honored for her humanitarian work at the Marin County Human Rights Commission awards dinner on January 24. Jewel is a Marin City resident, and has worked at the Tam High and Sausalito school districts for 39 years. Jewel's job title is Staff Assistant, but she serves the community in many ways. She is a year-round advocate, mentor, and role model for the African-American students at Tam and the district summer school. On January 21, she was also awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Leadership Award at the annual celebration. Congratulations Jewel!

The Human Rights Commission honored other Marin residents as well at their recent awards dinner. There was a special recognition for Marin City youth activist Jerry McIntosh, who died in April. Jerry was a beloved coach and mentor at Tam, and worked with troubled youth throughout the Bay Area. Principal Chris Holleran said about Jerry, "I have rarely known a person with a bigger heart for young people, an enthusiasm for life, and a passion for bringing out the best in everyone he met."

Tam Senior D'George Hines also received a humanitarian award. He is a leader in the student body and Black Student Union, and works with many community and church groups. D'George loves to sing and is never without a smile. Congratulations D'George! ♦

Modernization Work Continues Despite the Wet Winter Weather

Here's a look at some of the modernization activity that took place on campus during the last week of January:

- Repair water main
- Finish excavating Lower Keyser footings
- Pour concrete into Lower Keyser footings and install rebar
- Begin excavation of Upper Keyser footings

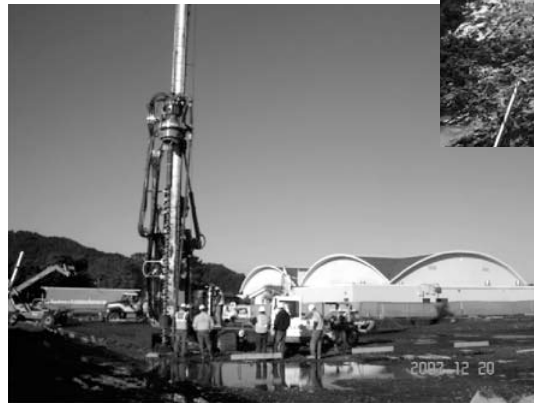
Foundation work continues on the rest of the Keyser foundation in the coming weeks.



Retaining wall



Lower Keyser footing excavation



Test pile drilling for new pool



New Tardy Policy

Student tardies continue to be a concern for teachers and administration. When Students show up late to class, they miss valuable class time including bell quizzes, warm-up activities, class lecture and dissemination of other important information. In addition, students late to class disrupt the learning environment for others.

In order to remedy this problem, Tam administration will pilot a new tardy policy that helps support regular, punctual class attendance. Students will be issued a detention for every third tardy they receive for a class. For example, a student with nine tardies in the same class throughout a semester would receive a detention at the 3rd, 6th, and 9th tardy. Our goal is to help reinforce the importance of arriving to class on time, which ultimately improves overall classroom success. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Spell-Check for Seniors

Seniors/Parents: Diplomas will be ordered soon for all graduating seniors. Please check in with the principal's secretary in the main office by February 15 to let her know how you would like your name to appear. Stop by to verify the spelling of your name, or email moleary@tamdistrict.org. Thank you!

**PTSA Agenda—
February 4, 2008
8:30 am**

1. Call to order
2. Announcements
3. Approve Minutes – December
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Approval of checks
6. PTSA event dates
7. Membership Committee Report
8. Speaker: MVPD Officer Jim Wickham

Goodies Needed for Valentines Breakfast

On February 14 the PTSA will provide another delicious coffee/breakfast for our most deserving faculty and staff. Everyone is more than welcome to participate by providing a yummy sweet or savory dish for this event. If you are on the "baker's" list, I will send out my usual plea for support as the event gets closer. But if you are not on that list and want to participate, please let me know! All contributions are greatly appreciated by me as well as the faculty and staff. If you can help decorate the afternoon before or help with set-up, clean-up or maintenance the day of, that would also be extremely welcome. I look forward to hearing from you. Helene Siegel-Fotos hm. 389-8598, cell 717-7189 or email bash5@sbcglobal.net.



FOUNDATIONS

Keep the Momentum Going!

By Cynthia Chiarappa

The Tam community is responding in record numbers to the Tam High Foundation's call for support. We closed 2007 with a bang with over 43 donations arriving in December. We want to thank the 522 families and community members who have donated to the

Annual Campaign so far. It is truly an outstanding achievement that benefits each and every student at Tam.

If you have not yet given, it is not too late! You can still make an impact on Tam this school year. Our goal is 100 percent family participation – all gifts, large or small, matter. You can also support your child when you

shop – go to our web site at www.tamhighfoundation.org to see how easy it is to get free money for the school.

Please donate today by completing the pledge below and see the difference you can make in your child's education. You can also donate online at www.tamhighfoundation.org

Tam High Students Thank You for Putting Education First

Cut out and mail this pledge form to:

Tam High Foundation, 700 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941 (415) 380-3565



TAM HIGH ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Telephone: _____

I pledge: \$100 \$300 \$500 \$1,000
\$2,500 \$5,000 \$10,000 other

Please check appropriate boxes:

My check for \$_____ is enclosed payable to:
TAM HIGH FOUNDATION

Charge to my credit card Visa Mastercard

Signature: _____

_____ exp. _____

charge entire amount now

charge montly, divide now until June

charge in \$_____ increments until pledge is met

My company participates in a matching fund program. THF id#63-0385326

Online Giving: www.tamhighfoundation.org

Help Celebrate 100 Years!

Get ready to celebrate Tam's 100th birthday. Tam's annual gala event and fundraising auction will be held this year on May 26 at the Mill Valley Community Center.

We are in the process of planning this festive evening and would love to include everyone who has the inclination to help. We are in need of helpers on each and every committee: solicitations, food, decorations, baskets, communication, check-in and cleanup.

We are also accepting donations for the event. We would love to receive bed and breakfast/hotel accommodations, restaurant certificates for two or more, airline miles to accompany our already-donated accommodations in Italy, or a week at a vacation home. We would also love to receive creatively filled baskets and offers for parties. Let your imagination go wild!

All proceeds from the auction will go to Tam High Foundation. If willing and able, please call or e-mail Parti Bertenthal (388-5863) howardbertenthal@aol.com or Joyce Porter (308-0490) jporter3@hotmail.com. ❖

News from Parent to Parent Connection

By Sandra Tanner Mack and Janet Miller, p2p Coordinators

Happy New Year from Parent to Parent Connection

Did you know that the University of California has a guaranteed junior admission agreement with all California Community Colleges? Did you know that the curriculum at community colleges is equivalent to Cal's?

For the parents of students with learning challenges, be they mild or significant, the high school years often are a high stress time for the entire family. This is why we hope you will join us on February 13, for our second meeting of 2008, titled "Four Year College Isn't the Only Way: Other Options, Including Two Year Colleges" with Robert Flynn from College of Marin & Barbara McCune, Drake college and career counselor.

Robert Flynn has been an academic counselor at COM for the past 30 years and is also a parent. He has valuable, time-tested insights to share in helping both parent and student "find their way." Drake College and Career Counselor Barbara McCune will speak about alternatives to attending a four year college directly out of high school. This evening will provide parents with an opportunity to learn and ask questions about viable and exciting options to further your student's education beyond high school.

As usual, we will open each meeting a half hour before the program to allow for informal discussion and networking with other parents.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Upcoming p2p Meeting Schedule

(Second Wednesday of every month, 6:30 pm-9pm, Kreps Conference Center, Redwood High School; program at 7 pm, informal parent meeting time, 6:30-7pm.)

February 9: Bound4College, Parent/Student Saturday Workshop, 10 am – 12:30 pm; REGISTRATION CLOSED AS OF 11/2/2007.

February 13: Four Year College Isn't the Only Way: Other Options, Including Two Year Colleges. Robert Flynn from COM and Barbara McCune, Drake college & career counselor.

March 12: Broadening High School Experience: Some New and Nontraditional Options (TEAM, internships, Regional Occupational Program, Drake's Engineering Academy, Outward Bound, peer counseling, Teen Emergency Response Team, construction technology class). ❖

High Notes

from the Music Department

Come one, come all to a night of serenading and beautiful music played by our music students at our fabulous Valentine's Dinner, February 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, in Ruby Scott Auditorium. Dinner will be catered by Gira Polli, with an assortment of desserts from local Marin bakeries. The cost for this annual fundraising dinner is \$20 for adults, \$15 for teens, \$10 for children, and \$10 for music students. Entrance is through the Daniel Caldwell Performing Arts Center. Hope to see you there.



The Music Department's Solo and Ensemble Concerts will be held on February 6 and 13 at 6:30 pm in the Daniel Caldwell Theatre. There is an abundance of talent so do come and listen to our very talented music students.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

March 6: District Band Festival, with the Symphonic Orchestra, Dominican University, at 7 pm.

March 7: Chabot College Jazz Festival, with the Jazz Band.

March 13: THUMB meeting at 7 pm in the music room (Band Box). We will discuss the annual Phonathon and the Centennial Celebration in May, in which the Music Department will play a big part. Music parents please plan to attend.

On April 3, members of the choir will perform in the Broadway Revue, held at 142 Throckmorton Theatre, at 7 pm. This is always a delightful performance of show tunes. ❖

Senior Parents – Safe & Sober Grad Night Update

Our first Grad Night meeting in January was very successful. Thank you to all the parents who attended and signed up for committees. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to help, please call or email us. We are especially in need of volunteers (moms & dads) for chaperones, set-up, food prep, and clean-up. This is a great experience you won't soon forget. Don't miss out on all the fun!

The first week in February you should have received a letter in the mail asking you to make a donation in support of Safe and Sober Grad Night. It costs over \$100 per students to put this event together which covers all the food, music, entertainment, activities, facility rental, decorations, prizes, give aways, and much more. Our primary means for raising these funds is donations from parents, local businesses, and civic organizations. Please give as generously as possible and remember Grad Night is FREE for all students in the graduating class as well as a very special evening for everyone.

Besides donations we, senior parents, also sponsor a raffle that you will be hearing more about in March. Each family will receive raffle tickets which you will be asked to sell and all proceeds go to support this event. We have received many wonderful raffle items which will make selling the tickets very easy. A special thank you goes out to all the parents who have donated items for the raffle.

What should you do today? Mail in your Grad Night donation (extremely important), volunteer for a committee (very important), and enjoy this final semester (essential). Our next meeting will be February 13 at 7 pm in the back of the Student Center. Hope to see you there!

Bonnie Freiberg: bkfreiberg1@mac.com (388-4785)

Cindy McCauley: msf49erfan@comcast.net (381-5730)

On the Shelf

From the Mill Valley Public Library

Here's what's happening in February for teens at the Mill Valley Public Library. Remember, events at the library are always free. On Thursday, February 7, from 7-8 pm, we will present "Marine Mammals and Oil Spills," a program from the Marine Mammal Center that discusses the complex ways marine mammals adapt to their environment, and how human actions, like the recent oil spill in San Francisco Bay, affect their survival strategies. This program is for teens only (ages 13-19).

For more information contact Donna Brown at 389-4292 x125 or email dbrown@cityofmillvalley.org.

CENTENNIAL WEEKEND EVENTS ANNOUNCED

Plan to stay in town this Memorial Day weekend so you don't miss all the fun! The Tam 100 Centennial Committee has been meeting monthly for the past year planning celebrations for the weekend of May 24-26. Funds generated from events will help create the new campus Centennial Plaza for the reconstructed Keyser facility. All community members, alumni, and staff are invited to participate – over 10,000 invitations will be sent out this spring! Here's some of what you can expect.

Centennial Weekend Schedule

Friday, May 23

Afternoon: Centennial Student Rally; possibly movie or play performance

Evening: Mini reunions by class or decade

Saturday, May 24

Morning: 5K fun run

Evening: Tam documentary premiere; CTE "Yearbook" production

Sunday, May 25

Morning & Afternoon: History Walk through Tam by Mill Valley historical society

Evening: Tam Foundation Centennial Dinner Event

Monday, May 26

Morning: Parade and merchandise sales

Afternoon: "Day on the Green" with live music, food, games

Evening: Fireworks!

The main event will be the Centennial Dinner Event on Sunday, May 25, a combined project of the Tam High Foundation, the Tam Alumni Association, and the Tam 100 Centennial Committee. Hundreds of people will gather under a huge tent for reunions, a silent auction, sit-down dinner, music, dancing and surprises. Two Tam teachers are preparing a documentary on the high school experience with Tam as the background, the Tam drama department will present an original production based on real quotations from Tam yearbooks, the Tam music department is organizing a marvelous music festival for the entire family, and Centennial merchandise from shirts to aprons is now on sale.

For more information and updates, check out www.Tam100.org.

Marin County School to Career Partnership

Nancy Westreich, School to Career Liaison

College and Career Center

Redwood High School (415) 945-3604

Tamalpais High School (415) 380-3558

nwestreich@tamdistrict.org



Summer Opportunities

Internships are a great way to explore a potential career and get work experience. Internships through the School to Career Partnership are available in a wide variety of fields, including healthcare, computers, community groups, business, law, environment, media, hospitality and more. Students usually have more time to focus on their internship during the summer than during the school year and often have a richer experience. Some examples of these richer opportunities include being able to see courtroom procedures, going on a full-day photo shoot, observing surgical procedures or following a reporter on interviews. During the summer students are required to work a minimum of nine hours per week for the six-week period as well as attend a once a week ROP (Regional Occupational Program) career management class at the Marin County Office of Education. The summer program runs from June 16-July 25. Applications are due on May 30 and will be available after spring break.

Spring Internships

Spring internships will begin on February 25 and go through April 25. Students are required to work a minimum of six hours a week after school for this eight-week period.

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 Tuesdays and Thursdays. I assist students with internship placement and preparation and help students set up job shadow or informational interviewing opportunities. I also assist students with resume writing, interviewing skills, and offer career exploration field trips events and activities.

Leadership News

by Peter Berkhout, Activities Director

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Welcome back!

Tam's Canned Food Drive was a rousing success, blasting through our goal of 1500 cans by a more than 500-can margin! Thanks to all the families who donated and helped out hundreds of local hungry families served by the Marin Community Food Bank.

The Junior Class (of 2009) will organize the first major Leadership event of 2008: the Junior/Senior Winter Formal. This year's dance will be held at the Golden Gate Club in the Presidio on Saturday, February 9. Tam's administration has updated the school's dance behavior policy. Check out the new procedures by clicking the "Tam Dance Info" link on the ASB website (<http://staff.tamhigh.org/berkhout/pages/dance.htm>).

Looking ahead: the Senior silent auction is coming up at the March 20 Open House. We are looking for any donations including things like sports tickets, voice lessons, bottles of wine, etc. Please contact Laura Philpott via email at lauralizzer89@comcast.net, or phone at (415) 302-5311. Donations will be due in early March.

As always, for questions, or to get involved with the Activities Program at Tam, please email me at pberkhout@tamdistrict.org

Drama Department Looking for Yearbook Messages from Tam's Past

The Tam Drama Department is developing an original play based on past Tam yearbook signatures and messages. We've been gathering samples of PAI (the traditional name of the Tamal-PAI-as yearbook) signatures going way back in Tam history. Tam Drama alum Wendell Willat (1985) is the guest director leading the project. Fourteen student actors will act in the play that will run May 7-10 at the Daniel Caldwell Performing Arts Center. A crew of eight students will design the technical aspects of the production. We hope that the play will also contribute to the Tam Centennial activities happening in late May.

We are looking for material that is meaningful, funny, heartfelt, or that captures the unique experiences that have been shared at Tam over the years. So far we've found material going back to the 1930s and we hope to find the earliest PAI material possible. Original music will also be a part of the project. The text will be edited, juxtaposed, and pieced together for dramatic effect.

If you have signatures or messages from past Tam yearbooks that you think might be potential material, please photocopy them and put them in my mailbox at school, or send by regular mail. Let us know if you would prefer names to be included or not.

Thanks for your help as we generate this unique script,

Ben Cleaveland and Susan Brashear

Tam Drama Teachers

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Shakespeare and New Works Round Out the CTE Season

by Susan Brashear, CTE Co-Program Director

Following such an eventful and productive fall season is a little tricky but CTE likes challenges. A little of the old and plenty of the new are the remaining projects on deck for the CTE season finale. Shakespeare's popular "A Midsummer Night's Dream" with its lovers, fools, and fanciful characters will be first up in March, quickly followed in April by "Scary Play," a contemporary short play that also will go to the Mother Lode Festival. After these two, most of the works will be original or newly adapted works that fulfill CTE's goals of presenting new student works this spring.

Mark your calendars for March 11-15 for "A Midsummer Night's Dream" directed by Julianna Rees. Shakespeare's tale of mixed-up lovers caught in a fairy dispute in the forest during a summer night will be given a contemporary twist in this interpretation. This Classic Theatre production will be suitable for all ages and is sponsored by the Tam High Foundation.

"Scary Play" will be performed at Tam on April 17 and 22-24 with a weekend away at the Mother Lode Drama Festival at Amador High School. CTE's founder, Daniel Caldwell, will direct the play. It will be quickly followed by "A Slice of Pai" developed and directed by CTE/Tam grad Wendell Willat from entries and comments gathered from real-life yearbooks. This work, in honor of the Tam Centennial, will be performed May 7-10 with additional performances on the Centennial weekend May 24-26.

One of the most exciting developments involved in the area of new works is the Spring New Plays Festival that is funded by the Matthews Family Visiting Scholars Fund. This fund provides a guest artist to mentor and guide students wishing to write plays that will be produced either in the Spring One Act Festival or in staged readings this coming spring. Guest artist Robert Ernst is working closely with student leaders Robbie Bruens and Teddy Hulsker to design seminars and provide editing support for the more than 20 student playwrights.

Bob Ernst is a local actor, performer, and playwright well known to Bay Area audiences. Upon graduation from the University of Iowa, he was part of the Iowa Writer's Workshop and co-founded the Iowa Theatre Lab, inspired by Jerzy Grotowski's acclaimed Polish Laboratory Theatre. When he moved to the Bay Area, he began teaching at the Magic Theatre where he also performed. He was the co-founder of the famous Blake Street Haweyes (which included Whoopi Goldberg) in 1975. Bob has also developed and performed many original solo works over the years including many that received Dean Goodman Awards. Currently he is the recipient of grants from Marin Arts Council, Alter-Theatre, Z-Space, Theatre Bay Area and the Zellerbach Foundation for his continuing work on a "pocket opera" entitled "Catherine's Care."

This surge of interest in writing plays stems both from Bob's collaborative writing as a guest artist, and last year's Playground Project that produced four short plays written by students and performed in staged readings last spring. Another factor in the success of CTE students is the Magic Theatre's Launchpad Series for young playwrights. CTE students have won top and semi-finalist honors for the past two years in this Bay Area contest.

The Matthews Family Visiting Scholars Fund was formed shortly after the tragic loss of former CTE student Joshua Matthews last August. In Josh's memory, his family established the fund to provide other students with special instruction or projects that lie outside the regular CTE season and budget. Josh's passion for theater was a prominent part of his life and his family generously wished for other students to have additional opportunities to enjoy specialized guest artists in unique projects. What will make the Spring New Plays Festival especially significant is the long-term benefit of having new student works in the repertoire for the spring one act festival, making the goal of all performing only student-written plays in the spring within reach.

Thirty CTE students will make the journey to London in April to see many top actors, both British and American, in plays at the National Theatre, the Royal Court, the Donmar, the Royal

Shakespeare Company, and the Old Vic. Workshops, backstage tours and London sites related to the rich history of British theater will round out the much-anticipated trip. The students will be accompanied by Susan Brashear, Ben Cleaveland and Heather Basarab and will leave March 31 and return April 11. This will be the fourth time that CTE has undertaken this educational school trip with advanced students.

Although the 2007-08 CTE Season is ambitious and challenging, this is also a particularly satisfying year as the design and technical elements of the program continue to grow and complement the acting and directing program. More students will design this year than ever before under the tutelage of Heather Basarab, CTE's technical director and production manager. The icing on the cake will be all the new plays written by students this year that will continue to provide shows for future CTE students in years to come. There is indeed much to look forward to this spring.

Mock Trial Wins Lucky Number 13

Congratulations to Tam's Mock Trial team who are county champions for the thirteenth year in a row. Championships were held over two weekends at the Marin Superior Court, with Tam prevailing over a challenging group of Marin teams. In addition to the Championship, individual awards for outstanding performance in their respective roles went to Maggie Norby-Adams, Anna Russell, IndiAna Gowland, Ben Harris, Casey Khademi, Margot Cardamone and Carrie Brandon.

Kudos to captains Eric Brandon and Laurel Engbretson for their team leadership and to all of the coaches, especially the devoted David Vogelstein and teacher coach Aaron Pribble, for the many hours of work they put into the team.

The team will represent Marin at the Mock Trial State Championships in Riverside on March 28-30.

College and Career Center Services

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5 & March 12: Pre-Registration for College of Marin—A representative from the College of Marin will be in the College and Career Center on Tuesday, February 5, during lunch and on Wednesday, March 12, during tutorial, to meet with seniors interested in attending COM next fall. The rep will explain the vocational, two-year and transfer options available at community college, financial aid and how to register. Students will have the opportunity to fill out an application.

February 13: Financial Aid Application Workshop—Representatives from the Marin Education Fund will be in the computer lab in Hoetger Hall during tutorial, 9:45-10:45 am, on Wednesday, February 13, to help seniors and parents fill out financial aid applications. The Marin Education Fund is an excellent source of financial aid and scholarship information. Go to marineducationfund.org or call 459-4240.

PRACTICE TESTS—Tam offers practice SAT, ACT and subject tests to help students familiarize themselves with college entrance exams. The fee, \$10 each for the SAT and ACT and \$5 for each subject test, is payable in cash or a check made out to the Tam High PTSA. The fees support a PTSA scholarship. Signups are in the College and Career Center. Tests will be held in the Student Center.

February 6: Practice SAT Reasoning Test—There will be a full-length practice SAT on Wednesday, February 6, a minimum day, from 1:15 to 5:15 pm. Signup deadline: February 4.

March 7: Practice ACT—A practice ACT will be held on Wednesday, March 7, from 3 to 7 pm. Signup deadline: March 5.

March 21: Practice SAT Subject Tests—Students may take one or two practice subject tests on Wednesday, March 22, from 3 to 5:15 pm. Students must know which tests they want to take when signing up. Signup Deadline: March 16.

SAT and ACT—Students are encouraged to register online for the SAT at collegeboard.org and the ACT at actstudent.org. Registration forms are available in the College and Career Center. Register early for a convenient location. Tam is not a test site.

Testing Tips: Most juniors applying to four-year colleges should take the SAT reasoning test in March, May or June. Juniors may also want to take the ACT in April or June in addition to or instead of the SAT. The College and Career Center has registration forms, practice books and information on preparing for these tests. Juniors who plan to apply to the University of California and other competitive colleges and universities also need to submit two SAT subject tests. Sophomores and juniors who are completing an academic subject this year are strongly advised to take a subject test in that area this spring. For example, students now taking AP Biology should take the biology subject test in May or June and not wait until senior year when they will have forgotten some of the material.

CHSPE—The California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE), which awards the legal equivalent of a high school diploma, will be given on Saturday, March 15. Students must be 16 or in the tenth grade to take the exam. For more information, go to www.chspe.net or call 866-342-4773. Registration is required.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES—The College and Career Center maintains files on summer programs in the US and abroad. Come by and look through the materials, including a particularly helpful book, *Early College Programs: Summer College Programs for High School Students*, by Hydrisko. This book suggests programs in particular fields and includes sections on programs for underrepresented students and for students with learning disabilities.

Here are some other suggestions for summer programs and contact information:

The Academic Talent Development Program at UC Berkeley. June 16-July 25. Deadline: February 27. www.atdp.berkeley.edu.

UC Davis Young Scholars Program is an interdisciplinary program in biological and natural sciences for sophomores and juniors with mentored research in university laboratories. June 22-August 2. Applications due: March 31. www.ysp.ucdavis.edu.

California State Summer School for the Arts offers four weeks of classes in animation, visual arts, creative writing, music, dance, film and theater on the campus of Cal Arts near Los Angeles. Financial aid is available. Applications due: February 29. www.innerspark.us

FINANCIAL AID and SCHOLARSHIPS

Information on scholarships and financial aid is available at the College and Career Center and online at PrepHQ (go to tamhigh.org and click on Academics, then Counseling and follow the link to PrepHQ).

Students planning to attend a California college, including community colleges and vocational schools, are eligible to apply for a Cal Grant. In order to apply, a GPA verification form must be completed by the school registrar, Betty Sue Johnson, and mailed by the student no later than March 2. It is a good idea to make a copy of all forms and obtain a certificate of mailing. Cal Grant forms are available in the College and Career Center.

EARLY COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Each year a few seniors receive good news early from colleges. Students have told me they have been accepted at: Amherst, Beloit, Biola, Boston College, Bowdoin, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CSU Chico, CSU Humboldt, CSU Monterey Bay, Dominican, Gonzaga, Grand Canyon, Holy Names, Loyola Marymount, Mt. Holyoke, Seattle U, Stanford, U of Arizona, U of Oregon and Whittier. When your student hears good news, please ask him or her to share it at the College and Career Center. ❖

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Tam Staff and Students Receive Awards at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Celebration



(Clockwise from Upper Left):
Happy Birthday Martin, Tyrell Coleman receives his award, Mackenzie Engel and Jae Min Shin show their medals and certificates, Barbara Morgan after receiving her award, Assistant Principal Candace Curtis and Mackenzie Engel at the awards, Bettie Hodges of the Hannah project presents Malachia Hoover with her award, Jewel Barrow receiving her award, Marquice Clay displays his award.



Boys' Basketball in Playoff Hunt

By Tom Davey

As of our January 20 editorial deadline, Tam's varsity boys' basketball team is in the hunt for a playoff spot. Currently, the Hawks, with a 4-3 league record, are in a three-way tie for fourth place with Terra Linda and Redwood. Six of the ten teams in the league will compete in the Marin County Athletic League playoffs.

Tam's key scoring threats are senior forwards Mike Mitchell and Ryan Wickham. Mitchell, the team's top scorer, was recently named Prep of the Week by the Independent Journal. Wickham, earlier plagued by injuries and illness, should play a major role in the final stretch of the season.

The boys' junior varsity team is off to a strong 5-1 start. The team's only loss was against Marin Catholic, the league's leading team. Much of the success can be attributed to sophomores Ely Washauer and Mitch Abramson. Washauer plays point guard and Abramson leads the team in rebounds.

A season after making the North Coast Section playoffs for the first time ever, the girls' varsity team is back in a rebuilding mode after losing some key players to graduation. The team is currently in seventh place with a 2-5 league record. Two of the team's bright spots are seniors Jamie Andreson and Emma Washauer. Andreson, a forward, was recently named IJ Prep of the Week. Washauer plays point guard.

The JV girls' team, at 5-1, is currently tied for first place. The team is lead by sophomores Kelsey Engstrom and Ava Geupel. Engstrom is a forward and Geupel plays the post position.

The Hawks wrestling team came away from its first meet of the season with a win against Drake and a loss against Marin Catholic. Junior Josh Ren beat both his opponents in the 105 pound weight class and senior Lucas Klabunde won both his bouts in the 147 pound division.

In wrestling, each meet carries more significance than it would in other sports because there are only four league meets in a season. Each meet combines three teams and each team meets with other league teams only once.

Spring sports tryouts will be February 4. Interested students should turn in their permission forms as soon as possible to athletic director Gene Ng. Forms are available on the school website at tamhigh.org.

The next Boosters meeting will be February 6 at 7:30 pm in the school library in Wood Hall. All parents are invited to attend.

The Booster's annual crab feed and auction will be February 10. For tickets, contact Patty Boston at 381-8959.

Sunday, February 10, 2008

The Fifth Annual Tamalpais High School Crab & Pasta Feed

*Presented by the Tam Boosters
to benefit ALL Red Tailed Hawk
Sports Teams*

All the fresh Dungeness crab you can eat with salad, pasta, sourdough bread and dessert. The cracked crab and pasta is specially prepared by Chef Chaz Borna of San Rafael Joe's. Don't miss out on the special entertainment, a mini live auction and raffle with unique prizes, eating with the coaches and being waited on by Tam's stellar athletes!

If you are interested in making donations to the auction and raffle or to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Jim Wickham 381-1265 or Patti Boston 381-8959, pj32flynn@aol.com.



Tam Tennis Boys' Invitational Tournament Fundraiser

February 9-10

Doubles Tournament at MV Tennis Club and Boyle Park

\$50 per entry

Two matches guaranteed

For more information contact jaynegreenberg@hotmail.com



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Date	Time/Event	Location
4	8:30 AM – PTSA MEETING. SPEAKER: MVPD OFFICER JIM WICKHAM RE MILL VALLEY'S NEW SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE	HAWKS' NEST (FORMERLY STAFF LOUNGE)
6	MINIMUM DAY – 12:35 DISMISSAL	STUDENT CENTER
6	1:15-5:15 PM – PRACTICE SAT (PRE-REGISTRATION BY FEB. 4 REQUIRED)	CALDWELL THEATRE
6	6:30 PM – SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONCERT 1	LIBRARY
6	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	RUBY SCOTT AUDITORIUM
7	6:30-8:30 PM – THUMB VALENTINE'S DINNER & CONCERT FUNDRAISER	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
7	7-8:30 PM – DISTRICT PARENT AWARENESS SERIES	REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
9	8:30 AM -1 PM – PARENT UNIVERSITY	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
9	10 AM - 12:30 PM – P2P WORKSHOP "BOUND FOR COLLEGE"	GOLDEN GATE CLUB, PRESIDIO
9	8-11 PM – JR/SR WINTER FORMAL	MV TENNIS CLUB & BOYLE PARK
9-10	BOYS' TENNIS FUNDRAISER	MILL VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
10	5 PM – BOOSTERS CRAB FEED	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
12	7:30 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	CALDWELL THEATRE
13	6:30 PM – SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONCERT 2	HAWKS' NEST
13	7 PM – GRAD NIGHT MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
13	7 PM – P2P MEETING	UPSTAIRS, STUDENT CENTER
13	7 PM – AIM INFORMATIONAL MEETING	HAWKS' NEST
14	7:15-11 AM – TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST	
18-22	PRESIDENTS' HOLIDAYS & RECESS DAYS – NO SCHOOL	
MARCH 2008		
3	8:45 AM – PTSA MEETING	HAWKS' NEST
4	7:30 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
5	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	LIBRARY
7	3-7 PM – PRACTICE ACT (PRE-REGISTRATION BY MARCH 5 REQUIRED)	STUDENT CENTER
11-15	7 PM – CTE PRESENTS "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"	CALDWELL THEATRE