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The Home Page

by Jayne Greenberg

PTSA Executive Vice President—Communications

**Monday, October 8, PTSA General Meeting,
8:45 am, Hawk's Nest .**

**Presentation: How to Get the Most Out of
Tam: Part One - Student Activities**

**Guest Speaker: Peter Berkhout,
Associated Student Body Advisor**

Please join us at the October PTSA General Meeting and hear ASB Advisor Peter Berkhout discuss the range of activities available to Tam students, the role of student leadership and learn exactly what that "S" in the PTSA is really all about! Everyone welcome!

Nothing to Do? Join a Club!

The list of clubs for this year is available at <http://staff.tamhigh.org/berkhout/asb.htm>. Club day is October 4 at lunch, so send your students out to find something to do!

Mill Valley Film Festival to show AIM Films

AIM films, "iGeneration," "Cheating the Dream" and "In Superheroes We Trust" will be shown on Saturday, October 13, at 11 am at the Rafael Theater as part of the Mill Valley Film Festival. Don't miss them.

Tam Students to Attend Camp Everytown

On October 17-20 at least 50 Tam students will attend Camp Everytown, a 3.5-day retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Students, along with school faculty and local leaders, will come together to work to create a caring and inclusive atmosphere in which the barriers of race, religion, culture, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity and physical disability no longer act to separate and divide. The Tam High Foundation has generously provided funding for 50 students to attend this year. We would like to take even more -- up to 60-80 students. If you would like to find out more about Camp Everytown and perhaps make a contribution, see the story on page 13.



Your Contributions Add to Tam's Success

Welcome to Tam High School, where we have you – parents and the community at large – to thank for many generous contributions of time and money that have over the years contributed to the school's success.

We're lucky at Tam not only to have many special, high-quality programs, but also many dedicated fundraising groups that ensure that our students' educational choices keep growing.

We know that for families who are new to Tam, it can be a little confusing at this time of year to try to keep everybody straight. So here's a cheat sheet to explain what each group does:

PTSA: Our Parent-Teacher-Student Association is very committed to keeping the lines of communication open among the three constituencies the organization represents. In addition to publishing the Whole Tam Family monthly newsletter, the PTSA sends email updates to keep families in the loop about important Tam events and makes it a priority to keep the school's website up-to-date. The group sponsors parent education meetings and a monthly "speaker's series." And whenever you see parent volunteers on campus at freshman and returning student orientation, senior awards night or AP exams, you are seeing the PTSA in action.

Tam High Foundation: The foundation is a parent volunteer group that raises money to enhance the quality of Tam's educational programs. Some of the programs that the foundation currently is funding include a new computer lab for the theater program's lighting, sound and visual productions; a pod cast for World History classes; a four-wheel alignment rack for automotive technology classes, and a literacy support collaborative. In addition, last year the foundation awarded nearly \$88,000 in instructional grants to teachers and administrators who submitted proposals asking for nuclear lab equipment for science classes, guest artists for drama classes, "probe ware" for math and science classes and document cameras for fine arts classes. And the Foundation also produces the Tam phone directory.

Boosters: The boosters club raises money to promote interscholastic sports and pays for such things as athletic equipment, uniforms, transportation, rallies and supplemental training programs for coaches and students. Over the years, the boosters also have purchased such major items as scoreboards for the ball fields and weight room equipment. The boosters also created pocket schedules for all sports.

THUMB: THUMB stands for Tam High United Music Boosters, a volunteer group dedicated to encouraging, promoting and providing financial assistance to the school's instrumental and choral music programs.

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Principles from the Principal

By Chris Holleran

Big Increase in Tam API

Due to a significant increase in scores on last spring's STAR and high school exit exam scores, Tam's API score went up an impressive 51 points to 857. This puts Tam among the top 3% of public high schools in California. Congratulations and thanks to our students, staff, and community for the hard work and support which contributed to this significant achievement.

Site Council

We still need at least one parent to serve on the school Site Council, which meets monthly and addresses school-wide improvement. Please contact Chris Holleran at cholleran@tamdistrict.org if you are interested or have questions.

TAM CENTENNIAL

This is Tam High's Centennial, with a year full of Centennial events. Be sure to take a look at the Centennial kick-off banner on the side of Gus Gym. Watch this newsletter for upcoming Centennial information or visit the web site Tam100.org.

If you'd like another copy of the commemorative Centennial, a few are still available for \$10. Contact Bonnie Freiberg bkfreiberg1@mac.com.



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TUHSD Trustees Support Centennial Efforts

"This centennial is and should be a big deal. Let's make it just that!" Centennial Committee co-chair Frank Gold appealed to the TUHSD Board of Trustees at their September 11 meeting. Along with Jim Wickham, former Tam teacher and Principal Gold co-chairs the Tam Centennial Committee composed of members from the PTSA, Tam High Foundation, Tam Alumni Association, Boosters, THUMB, and Tam staff.

Gold described the Tam Centennial Committee, its membership, goals, activities and budget. He noted these activities were projected to cost about \$80,000 and that the committee has begun fundraising. The Committee made two proposals to the Board. First, it asked the Board to have a district-wide celebration, for this is also the centennial for the entire district. Second, the Board was asked to provide specific support for committee efforts.

Committee members present were pleased to get a positive and enthusiastic reception from the trustees and anticipate the Board will provide some funds and plenty of energy as we count down through this exceptional year. What follows are Gold's introductory remarks to the Board.

"In April of 1906 many parts of the Bay Area were devastated. It was awful! And it moved people to action; things changed, creative energy flowed and building began.

"Soon after the horrible quake and fire, in July of that same year, local residents voted to establish a union high school district for Southern Marin. In August construction plans were initiated, and in December a name was chosen: Tamalpais High School. On August 5, 1908, the district opened its doors to 64 students whose classrooms for a time were makeshift affairs with canvas roofs similar to many other post-earthquake structures.

"It was a time of great energy, immense creativity, and personal expansion. In this context, the Union High School District would flourish through great leadership, a shared vision, outstanding faculty, and full community support. All present TUHSD communities were served by the District's only school for close to 50 years. Proud Tam grads are everywhere.

"Today, that same Union High School District is about to complete its 100th year of providing superior educational services for all its communities. Today, there are five schools, each unique, all distinguished, and nearly all retooled for century number two. For 100 years the trustees of this district have earned and held the trust of the many communities they represented. Citizen trustees have served their fellow citizens with complete distinction. For 100 years!

"It is time to celebrate achievements, honor individuals, blow our own horn, and party. The Tam High school community asks trustees to share in our planning and support our efforts. We also ask you to lead a district-wide celebration with the same pride, vigor and enthusiasm we feel. This centennial is and should be a big deal. Let's make it just that."

To stay up to date or contribute to this effort, check the centennial website frequently: Tam100.org. ♦

Diggin' in the Dirt

by Gail Mason

Well, we are off to an abundant start to this year's campus beautification and landscape improvement. The Back to Tam Day work party and barbecue sponsored by the Tam Alumni Association was a huge success! One hundred and twenty-one people came. There were 43 students, at least 10 Tam staff and 68 parents and alums working side-by-side on campus.

A tremendous amount of work was accomplished by work parties of mixed ages and skills. Students turned huge piles of rose-colored gravel into ground cover at the entrance to the Orange Court and the Greenwood Hall eating area. An entire small building was painted to match the rest of the school (thanks to the able leadership of Tam alumnus Scotty Alexander). Large ugly retaining walls were painted, plants were planted, mulch was spread, dozens of benches and handrails were stained and an entire dumpster was filled with bags of pulled weeds and pruned plants. Orange Court is now weed-free, tidy and fragrant with newly cut lavender.

The food at the barbecue was well-earned and delicious (thanks to Wilann Sefton). Workers were treated to great music played by three wonderful musicians, Tam High's Henry Moser and Jackson Phillips, along with their friend Eric Wolff. The gallons of school-colored paint that were left over were donated to Tam for future repairs.

Leadership teacher Peter Berkout pulled weeds with abandon. Past Tam Principal Frank Gold painted walls and shoveled gravel together with Tam freshmen. A Tam graduate from 1938 played the school song on his trumpet. The water main was broken so there was only water in one area on campus. And so it went.

A huge thank you to all the students, parents, alumni and staff who showed up, volunteered their Saturday and worked like stevedores improving the Tam campus. The weather was great, the feeling was

great and the school looks great (if you ignore that gigantic hole in the middle of campus). A particularly heartfelt and large thank you to Tam Beautification Co-Chair Jill Templeton and Tam Alumni Bill Sefton, George Cagwin, Jeff McCreary and Reed Dillingham for helping pull this all together and paying for all the supplies, food, plants, paint, everything to make the day so successful. They were beyond generous.

Take a look at some color photos of the event on pages 8-9. A slideshow of more photographs is on the Tam High website in our new Landscape/Beautification section, so be sure to check it out (thank you, Jen Dolan). It was truly a pleasure to see so much being done together by members of the Tam High community, both past and present.

What's next on our agenda? We're working with Environmental Science teacher Lyanne Abreu to see if she and her students can plant a fall/winter vegetable and herb garden on campus and have the results used in the kitchen to bring really "local produce" onto the scene. Thank you to Lee Budish for your invaluable help with this project. Lyanne's class is also considering the possibility of putting in a garden of California native plants to promote the idea of good horticultural practices on campus.

We also have planned four more work party days throughout the year but will keep you apprised as the time approaches. It is, as always, scheduled according to the campus needs and the weather. Count on one more before major rains hit (let's hope the rains hit) and two in the spring when the weeds begin to go wild.

So thanks for the support from all of you and please contact me, Gail Mason, if you would like to donate time (and let's not forget money ... we always need it!) to help continue with the improvement and beautification of your Tam High campus. Have a fertile autumn! ♦

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who stepped up and assisted in welcoming the staff back to the first breakfast in September. Our next breakfast is Halloween, Wednesday, October 31. This is always a fun event. We need a volunteer to manage all the decorations (there will be help for implementation). If you would like to bake a Halloween specialty, or would like to be in charge of decorations, please contact Helene Siegel-Fotos at bash5@sbcglobal.net or 389-8598.

Tam PTSA Agenda— October 8, 2007 8:45 am

1. Call to order
2. Announcements
3. Principals Report
4. Guest Presentation: OSB Advisor
5. Approve Minutes – September
6. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Approval of checks
7. Campus Beautification
8. PTSA event dates
9. Membership Committee Report
10. THF
11. Thumb
12. Boosters
13. School Board Report



Parents and students at Tam High PTSA fundraising booth served delicious Mexican food from Grilly's and Lucinda's at this year's Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival.

Taqueria Thanks

The PTSA's biggest fundraiser of the year, the food booth at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival, was a huge success due to the hard work of our dedicated volunteers. Huge thanks go to Jeffrey Freiberg for chairing the booth for the third year and to our wonderful volunteer booth builders, John Zak and Paul Chapman. Special thanks goes to Lucinda's and Grilly's restaurants for supplying the booth's food choices.

This year over 75 parent volunteers staffed the booth over the weekend. The booth also saw over 20 Tam students and a couple of last year's graduates volunteer for shifts. Everyone found the weekend weather beautiful and their work in the booth fun as well as a great service to the Tam PTSA and the town of Mill Valley. Thank you to all the volunteers who spent part of their weekend helping serve burritos, churros and salad wraps.

Attention Shoppers: Blue Tam Centennial aprons (like those worn by volunteers in the booth) are still available for \$15. To order, contact Bonnie Freiberg at bkfreiberg1@mac.com or call 388-4785. ♦

2007-08 Tam PTSA Executive Board Roster

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The Real Story: Tam Teen Panel Talks About Teen Culture Today, Including Drugs, Sex and ... Parents – Monday, November 5, 7-9 pm

Ruby Scott Theater (enter from Almonte)

Every generation of teens has its influences and concerns to understand and contend with. Every group of parents worries about what these influences are and how their teen will handle them. Sometimes getting information from your own adolescent is trying; sometimes it's impossible.

This evening offers a wonderful opportunity for parents only (especially parents of freshmen and sophomores) to hear from Tam students about what they feel about the social world they inhabit. A panel made of Peer Resource students along with the Peer Resource teacher and a Tam High counselor will talk about what really goes on in the life of our Tam High students. The bulk of the evening is

given over to answering questions from the parent audience. You will have the opportunity to ask the questions you really want to know the answers to (or are perhaps a little afraid to know the answers to?). The kids on the panel are open, genuine and respectful, while they honestly paint a realistic picture of their social world and the choices they have to make. This evening can be an eye opener for parents. This is a special evening and a unique opportunity to get information (and sympathy) and to develop another connection to the community of students and parents here at Tam High.

There is no admission charge for this event and light refreshments will be served. No registration is required. Questions? Call Gail Mason, agmbean@comcast.net or 389-6636. ♦



Avoid the Call ...

By Cynthia Chiarappa

October is Parent Campaign month – which means that unless you have already given to the Tam High Foundation, your family time may be interrupted by a friendly voice asking you to support your child's education. The Tam High Foundation has already received grant requests from teachers eager to put innovative ideas to work in the classroom. Parent and community contributions last year enabled us to fund all grant requests by December, so students benefited from your generosity for a great part of the year.

Our goal this year is 100% family participation. Your donation of \$500 will make a huge difference in your student's academic environment. And for those of you who wish to take a leadership role in the school community, you can become a Major Donor by giving \$1000 or more and receive perks such as an invitation to the exclusive Major Donor party, exclusive seating at THF events and recognition.

You can help! Please complete the pledge below and **see the difference you can make in your child's education.**

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

High Notes

from the Music Department



The Jazz Band entertained parents at Back to School Night on September 6. The Advanced Band and Jazz Band horns have been playing at Tam home football games and performed in the Centennial Homecoming parade and football game on September 29.

On October 5 there will be a music field trip to the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival in Golden Gate Park. On October 18 the Tam High Jazz Combo will perform at the Mill Valley Library at 7 pm.

THUMB held its first meeting on September 20. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 11, at 7 pm in the Band Box. Again, new music parents are encouraged to attend these meetings to help plan and volunteer at all music events. ♦

News from Parent to Parent Connection

By Sandra Tanner Mack and Janet Miller

Does your student have learning challenges? Do you have questions about his or her IEP (Individualized Education Plan) or 504 plan, or do you need to know more about such plans and how to make them more effective? If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” you can find help at Parent-to-Parent Connection (“p2p”), a Tam District support group for parents of high school students with learning challenges. Our parent meetings offer information from dynamic speakers on a wide variety of topics, and we open each meeting a half hour before the program to allow for informal discussion and networking with other parents.

As co-coordinators of p2p, we meet monthly with Tamalpais United High School District administrators Karen Mates, director of special education, and Carol Eber, director of student and instructional services, and with representatives from each district high school. At these meetings, we plan p2p programs and also voice your questions and concerns. If you would like to receive e-mail notices of meetings or have comments or questions, please contact p2p@tamdistrict.org. To find out more about p2p, visit our website at www.tamdistrict.org/p2p.

In the 2006 - 2007 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 meeting in May, described below. One of our most satisfying outreach efforts was a panel of high school students who spoke in April to Ross Middle School students about their experiences with learning challenges such as ADHD, cerebral palsy, dyslexia, Tourette’s syndrome, and autism.

We repeat some of our more popular programs from year to year, such as Jane McClure’s January presentation on college options for kids “not on the Harvard track.” **Please take note of a new, one-time, student/parent workshop on Saturday, February 9, 2008, from 10 am – 12:30 pm presented by Bound 4 College. Space is limited, see registration information below.**

Please join us for our second meeting on October 10, at 7 pm. This will afford you the chance to meet us and other like-minded parents. Our meeting agendas follow:

p2p 2007-08 Meeting Schedule

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

10/10/07 Social and emotional challenges and solutions for students with learning disabilities: Getting along with peers and teachers, self advocacy, getting plugged into high school. Dr. Virginia Bassi; role-playing workshop.

11/14/07 You do have choice for high school: Which high school best suits the needs of my student? Student and parent panels on high school options. Handout information on intra-district transfer policy and procedures

No December meeting

1/16/08 What’s next? Four-year colleges for students with learning issues: which ones to pick, how to get in; everything you wanted to know about four year colleges but were afraid to ask. Presented by Jane McClure.

2/9/08 Bound4College, parent/student Saturday workshop, 10 am – 12:30 pm. Space is limited, please register at p2p@tamdistrict.org, indicating how many will be attending.

2/13/08 Four-year College isn’t the only way: Other options, including two-year college. Robert Flynn from College of Marin and Barbara McCune, Drake High School college and career counselor.

3/12/08 Broadening the high school experience: Some new and nontraditional options. TEAM, internships, Regional Opportunity Program, Drake’s Engineering Academy, Outward Bound, peer counseling pilot program, teen emergency response team, construction technology class.

4/16/08 Get me outta here! Meeting graduation outcome and high school exit exam requirements/issues for LD kids.

5/14/08 Help! My kid forgets everything and is disorganized! Executive functioning problems and how to solve them by Dr. Barbara Easterlin. Getting ready for a successful high school experience. How to develop a four-year plan, tips for making the transition easier, and the summer transition workshop.

No June, July, or August meetings

In all our endeavors we are grateful to have the support of the Tamalpais United High School District, 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.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings! ♦

Join eScrip and Support Tam High

The eScrip program is a great way to support the Tam High Foundation, at no cost to you! If you're not already a member of eScrip, now is the time join this free and easy fundraising program. There are no receipts to collect, no vouchers or certificates to buy, no hassles for you -- and every purchase counts!

If you are new to Tam High and have previously supported Kiddo! you may want to switch to or add the Tam High Foundation to those groups you support with eScrip. And everyone, new member or old, needs to renew their Safeway Club Card and check to be sure their other credit cards information is correct before October 31 in order to avoid a loss of income to the Foundation.

You can join for the first time, switch to the Tam High Foundation or renew your Safeway card or other cards in one of three easy ways:

- You can mail the form you received in the first day packet to 700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley CA 94941 or fax it to 380-3517. (Call us at 380-3565 if you need a new form.) And don't worry if you don't know your e-Scrip number. We can look it up for you.
- Or you can log onto www.escrip.com and follow the easy instructions on the website.
- Or you can call Joanne Robinson at 381-0992 and she will take all of your information over the phone and do the rest for you.

Great news! The new Delano's Markets are now participating in the eScrip program!

And finally, don't forget when shopping at the Mill Valley Market to say "Tam High Foundation" before the end of your transaction. The market will then donate 3% of your purchase directly to the foundation.

If you have any questions, please call: Joanne Robinson or the Tam High Foundation office, 380-3565. Thank you for your support of Tam High!

The Tam High Foundation ♦



Students make use of laptops provided by the Tam High Foundation for research in the Tam library.

A Gold Mine to Be Discovered

The Tam High Library, located on the second floor of Wood Hall, is a gold mine of information waiting to be discovered. It provides important support for students and teachers alike, such as:

- Over 20,000 books, 60 current periodicals and other media
- 40 networked laptop and 15 desktop computers, and a color laser printer
- 10 digital video cameras and tripods
- 10 online databases, including EBSCO, Student Resource Center (Silver), LitFinder, and Opposing Viewpoints, among others
- Online catalogs for Tam High and MARINet, news links to local, national and worldwide media and links to websites with guidelines for citing sources

And students can access all of these online resources from home or other off-campus computers, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. How?

- Go to the Tam website at www.tamhigh.org
- Click on Library and choose from the scroll down menu
- Sites requiring a user name: Tamalpais; password: hawks

The library itself is open from 7:30 am to 7 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 am to 4 pm on Friday. Students may use the library during free periods and lunch, as well as tutorial if they obtain a pass before the start of a school day. The comfortable reading area has proven very popular with students and staff. Books and magazines may be checked out for three weeks and renewed as needed. The library does not charge fines, but students will be billed for all materials not returned by the end of the semester.

Library Media Teacher Mary Crowe, assisted by Library Specialist Barbara Morgan, has completed library orientation with all 9th grade English classes, as well as hosted all 10th grade science classes for research on their island project. With the upgrades to furniture and facilities funded by the Tam High Foundation, Ms. Crowe can have two classes utilizing the library simultaneously. Recently, two electronic screens were installed. Now teachers can use the LCD projector and laptop on a cart to bring additional resources to students as a group while in the library.

Tam's friendly, service-oriented library staff, Mary Crowe, Barbara Morgan and Manny Mier, are always eager to help. So encourage your students to take advantage of this school treasure! ♦

Back to Tam



n Day 2007!!



CTE's Production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" Explores Life in the Midst of Genocide

By Sam Congdon

CTE Advanced Drama Student

The history of World War II and the repercussions of the Holocaust have been the subject of multiple movies, books and history classes. As the historic events grow more distant and Holocaust survivors dwindle in numbers, the awful truth of the stories must reach the next generation with new impact. A new production based on the classic play, "The Diary of Anne Frank," is currently in rehearsal with CTE advanced students that strive to bring the story to TAM audiences to shed new light on past events.

The cast of Anne Frank has risen to the challenge of openly discussing one of the most violent atrocities to occur within the past few centuries: the Holocaust. CTE's students have been working with the director to create a piece of art that has the ability to connect to both contemporary issues as well as the personal issues of teenagers.

"In the paranoia of the world right now, this play is relevant," says director Susan Brashear of her choice to perform "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Wendy Kesselman, an adaptation of the play originally written by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. "There is so much hatred because of religion, race, heritage, and what country you come from. The judgment of people to the extreme is the Holocaust. And people are being judged all the time. This just shows what hatred leads to when it becomes organized and systematic."

The play is based directly off the writings of Anne Frank, a German Jew, who was forced to go into hiding as a teenager in Holland with her family to escape the German persecution of Jews. After receiving her diary as a present for her 13th birthday, she wrote, "I hope I will be able to confide everything to you... and I hope you will be a great source of comfort and support." For the next two years of her life, she wrote of her and her family's struggle to survive in isolation from the world, as well as the ordinary experiences of a 13-year-old girl. After her death at a German concentration camp, her diary was discovered and eventually published in 1946.

Besides being a record of historical events, the diary also contains personal memories for 13-year-old girl. Brashear says, "I think everyone can understand a teenage girl angry with her mother, angry with her father, or experiencing her first real romance. The fact that its backdrop is something so terrible says a lot about the human spirit."

"It's about the uncrushable spirit of people to be creative and find freedom in the most inhumane of situations," says Teddy Hulsker, who plays Mr. Dussel, a Jewish dentist also in hiding. "Despite the heaviness of the subject, the play has a lot of humorous moments. You find hope and you make the best of the situation."

The cast does not want the audience to walk away from the play caught up in the sadness of the event, but rather, to walk away with the understanding that although this is the story of a person trying to survive the

Holocaust, it is also the story of a teenage girl rising above the hate facing her. "Even though young, Anne had a lot of depth and her life was significant," says Brashear.

To understand such a difficult time in history, all the actors were required to read the actual diary of Anne Frank, do research, and had guest speakers come talk to them.

"We had a Jewish woman come in and talk to us about Jewish Holocaust survivors and put things in perspective," says Hulsker.

Brashear adds, "It's important that all the technical aspects go well: in the Annex they experienced the outside world through sound. The clothing, the period, and how it was. These things will help transport us there."

To achieve this affect, a set has been designed by guest artist Liz Seibert with lights by Mariel Rossman, costumes by Amy Kemp, and sound by Jesse Peri. Students, under the supervision of guest artist Heather Basarab, have been utilizing the resources of the new Daniel Caldwell Theatre to develop the themes of the play from as many angles as possible. The cast includes IndiAna Gowland, Robbie Bruens, Maggie Norby-Adams, Avra Friedman, Sam Congdon, Wyn Evans, Megan Orlando, Frank Alarcon, Teddy Hulsker, Kelly Witwicki and stage managed by Barbara Begley and Holly Nichols.

In the end, the play demonstrates that, "the human spirit can transcend even the worst of situations," says Brashear. And for this, Anne Frank will continue to inspire us.

Performances are Tuesday, October 2, through Saturday, October 6, at 7 pm every night. Ticket prices are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Same-day tickets are available for purchase up to one hour before the performance. The Daniel Caldwell Theatre is located at the back of Tam's campus, near Almonte Blvd. For more information, go to www.ctetam.org or call at (415) 380-3535. ♦



Maggie Norby-Adams (L) and IndiAna Gowland in a scene from "The Diary of Anne Frank."

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Keep Informed

To keep informed about College and Career Center events make sure each of your students registers for PrepHQ, the district's new student organizer. It is easy to register. Go to www.tamhigh.org, click on Academics, then Counseling and follow the link to Prep HQ. Once there, go to: "Click Here to Register."

SAT & ACT

You can download the 2007-2008 SAT and ACT testing calendars and register for either test by going online. For the SAT, go to www.collegeboard.com and for the ACT go to www.act.org. Students are encouraged to register online for both tests. Register early for a convenient test site.

Students applying to the University of California must complete all testing by the December test date. Certain impacted California State University campuses, including San Diego, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Sonoma, require students to complete testing by November. For more information on UC and CSU admissions requirements go to: universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions and csumentor.edu.

PSAT

Juniors and Sophomores: The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) will be given at Tam on Saturday, October 20, 8 am to noon. Students should check in at Gus Gym no later than 7:45 am. Student athletes who have a game that day and need an early test time should arrive at Gus Gym at 7 am. The early test starts promptly at 7:30.

Taking the PSAT gives students an opportunity to become familiar with the SAT and may help to improve future scores. Juniors who took the PSAT last year are strongly encouraged to take it again. The fee is \$30 and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to Tamalpais High School. Students may sign up in the counseling office during breaks, lunch and after school. The signup deadline is October 1.

CHSPE

The California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) will be given in San Rafael on October 20. Students who pass the CHSPE will receive a high school equivalency certificate and be able to leave high school with parental permission. Students must be at least 16 to take the test and pre-registration is required. For more information, go to www.chspe.net. The test will also be given on March 15 and June 21. The CHSPE is different than the California Exit Exam needed for graduation from Tam.

Financial Aide Profile

Students applying for financial aid at private colleges requiring the PROFILE should log on to www.profileonline.collegeboard.com. The entire application can be completed online. Students applying for early action or early decision need to fill out the PROFILE now.

College Reps at Tam

Representatives of colleges from across the U.S. come to Tam each fall to meet with students. These are wonderful opportunities for students to learn about the different colleges and the application process. The list expands daily and is announced in the bulletin. It is also available in the Career Center and on tamhigh.org (click on College and Career Center) and PrepHQ.

College Application Procedures

The applications for admission to the University of California and the California State University are available online during the first week of October. Help filling out the applications will be available to students during most tutorial periods throughout October and November in the College and Career Center and in special after-school online application workshops.

To access the applications online, log on to www.universityofcalifornia.edu and www.csumentor.edu. The application fee can be billed or paid with a credit card. Students may also apply online for a fee waiver. The filing period for most CSU campuses is from October 1 to November 30. UC accepts applications from November 1 to November 30.

The Common Application, used by 315 colleges, is available online at www.commonapp.org.

Upcoming Events

College Essay Writing Workshop: Dyan Pike, an independent college counselor and former English teacher, will give tips on how to write a personal essay for UC or private colleges on Friday, October 12, during tutorial. Please sign up in the College and Career Center.

Online UC and CSU Application Workshops: Wednesdays, 2:45-4:15 pm, in the Hoetger Hall computer lab. CSU Workshop: October 17; UC Workshop: October 24; UC and CSU Workshop: October 31.

College Planning for Juniors: Juniors and their parents are invited to preview what is ahead for students planning to attend two-year or four-year colleges on Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 pm in the Student Center. The counseling staff will review the timeline for standardized testing, college visits, filing applications and filing financial aid forms. ♦

On the Shelf

by Donna Brown

Young Adult Librarian, Mill Valley Public Library

Here's what's happening in October for teens at the Mill Valley Public Library. Remember, events at the library are always free. On Thursday, October 18, from 7-8 pm, we are delighted to welcome a "Jazz Ensemble" from Tam High. Then on Thursday, October 25, from 7-8 pm, we will present author Chris Strodger who will read passages from his book "Stories Light and Dark" and discuss the craft of writing stories in different voices and from various points of view.

Again we would like to remind students and parents of some excellent free online tools for homework help, AskNow and Live Homework Help. These resources are available to library cardholders who live in Mill Valley through our website www.millvalleylibrary.org. For more information about programs and services for teens at the Mill Valley Public Library, contact Donna Brown at 389-4292 x125 or email dbrown@cityofmillvalley.org

News from the Art Department

Tam's chapter of the National Art Honor Society had its first meeting and elected officers for the 2007-08 year. They are: president- Sophie Feller, vice president-Rebecca Thompson, treasurer-Claire Ellison, secretary Ariel Ermatinger, parliamentarian-Max Schieble, fundraising- Kelly Varian, exhibits- Sandrena Frischer and publicity- Becca Goldstein. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month for interested students in the 10th through 12th grades, enrolled in the visual arts programs at Tam and with a B average or better.

The Tam High School art exhibit showcasing student work in photography, ceramics, drawing and painting can be viewed September 28 - October 25, in the District Office, located at the Redwood High School campus in Larkspur.



Tam Student volunteers display their art at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival.



photo by Lauren Ellis



photo by Dane Holt

Reel News

News from the Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media

Barry Writes The Songs That Make The AIM Kids Sing

What do Barry Manilow, Michael Jackson, and a Tam parent all have in common? All have songs featured in AIM students' Mandy projects. The Mandy Project, named after Barry Manilow's classic "Mandy," is AIM's first film project of the year where students write their first original screenplay, shoot and edit their first film, and learn how to work successfully with a small group. Students are assigned a song – this year it's from the 80s – and a list

of diverse locations around the Bay Area from which they must capture footage and craft a compelling story. Mr. Goldstein's Digital Video Camera and Final Cut Pro Boot Camp taught students the fundamentals of cinematography and editing so that by the end of the project, students had learned the foundations of digital storytelling and video production.

Aside from the Mandy project, students are hard at work learning the fundamentals of rhetoric and capitalism. Mr. Tarpinian has been teaching about the history of the written word and in-depth study of rhetoric, while Ms. Scharf has been focused on teaching the laws of supply and demand by having students read excerpts from "The Worldly

Philosophers," "Naked Economics," "Freakonomics" and "The Wisdom of Crowds." With this curricular foundation students are ready to explore more complex and intriguing themes.

Don't forget that three AIM films, "iGeneration," "Cheating the Dream" and "In Superheroes We Trust," will be shown on Saturday, October 13, at 11 am at the Rafael Theater as part of the Mill Valley Film Festival. Come celebrate some excellent student work with us!

P.S. Can you guess the Tam parent? Be sure to check next month's AIM article for the answer. ♦

Camp Everytown Leadership Retreat - 400 Students and Counting!

Eric Saibel

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We are proud to offer to our Tam students the sixth edition of the Camp Everytown leadership and diversity retreat. When former Assistant Principal John Berry came to Tam in 2001, he brought with him the idea of providing an experience to the student body that would transcend the divisions – racial, gender, religious – common on any diverse high school campus. Our first group of students attended what was then known as “Camp Anytown” in the Santa Cruz mountains in January of 2003, and as of now we have sent over 400 student and staff delegates to participate in this unique opportunity.

Despite John’s departure from Tam to become principal at Davidson Middle School this year, we are committed to continuing this critical program to our students. This year, Abigail Levine (English, Link Crew), Chris Erlin (Math) and I form the leadership team. Camp will run from October 17-20.

I recently had a piece published in the Marin IJ (marinij.com/mar-invoice/ci_6728272) that sought to broaden our community’s awareness of Camp Everytown and solicit funds to help us keep this experience alive and well for current and future Tamalpais students. The cost per student for the 3.5-day retreat is \$215. This year, we enjoy the generous support of the Tamalpais High Foundation and we are confident that the foundation’s support will allow us to take at least 50 students. But given the other costs we incur – paying for our substitutes, transportation, insurance, stipends for non-district staffers – we cannot meet our goal of taking between 60 and 80 students (one year we took 90!) without further financial support.

As a three-time staff member at these retreats, I have found constant reaffirmation at Camp Everytown of why I chose a career in education ten years ago: a belief that schools, beyond academics, can and must be devices for social responsibility, understanding and change. We are one of the last societal institutions that takes all comers and aims to make them better than when they came in – better suited to live in an increasingly complex society and better able to relate compassionately and intelligently to its diverse populace. Camp Every-

town’s mission statement demonstrates its commitment to this idea: “At Camp Everytown, students, school faculty and community leaders work to create a caring and inclusive community in which the barriers of race, religion, culture, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and physical disability no longer act to separate and divide.”

Why Camp Everytown? Why not a program that comes to campus and involves more students? Part of the power of the program (and the primary reason for its cost) is that the students are away from Tam – away from the familiar surroundings, the well-established social groups, the distractions of extra-curricular activities. The students are able to create new paradigms of how they interact by making new friends or at least making contact with people they otherwise might have never met while students here.

Can we bring the magic of these 3.5 days back to campus? Does Camp serve as a permanent antidote against hateful speech or hostile acts? No, not always. But the students will walk away with one of the most memorable experiences of their lives, a foundational experience that goes beyond any lesson that could be taught in a classroom.

Your financial support will also ensure that we can develop meaningful follow-up activities to bring back to campus. To donate, please send checks payable to Tamalpais High School (with “Camp Everytown” on memo line) to:

Tamalpais High School, c/o Budget Secretary
700 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

This year we are also recruiting Tam grads as additional counselors/cabin supervisors. If you know of any responsible, motivated, caring 18+ year-old who might be interested in working with us, please contact Chris Erlin at cerlin@tamdistrict.org. For more information about Camp Everytown, please visit svccj.org/evertown.htm. You can read testimonials from Tam students and staff at tamhigh.org/mosaic/Testimonials.html. ♦

City Prepares for a Safe, “Zero Tolerance” Halloween

From the Mill Valley Halloween Task Force

In recent years the city of Mill Valley has seen an escalation in violence and vandalism on Halloween night. Determined to re-establish a safe and secure environment for all its residents, merchants and visitors, city officials worked with residents, parents and merchants to determine the best way to ensure the evening is fun for all, particularly the small children who enjoy trick or treat activities and the neighborhoods where much of the Halloween activity takes place.

Last year, the community experienced

disturbing behavior by some of the youth from Mill Valley and surrounding communities. Large unsupervised groups roamed through the Sycamore and Tamalpais Park neighborhoods, engaging in unacceptable behavior, which included tossing eggs and spraying shaving cream, causing damage to private property, assaulting other juveniles, and directing profanities at the police, adults trick-or-treating with their children, and each other.

So that such behavior would not occur again, a special committee of local residents

appointed by the city worked for several weeks to develop a public education and outreach program for this year’s Halloween activities. The goal is to have a safe Halloween – free of violent and unacceptable behavior. Success is dependent on the cooperation of parents, students and neighborhoods. Students, parents, and neighbors are advised that a “zero tolerance” policy will be in effect on Halloween night. Violations will not be tolerated and rules will be firmly enforced. Success will depend on everyone working together. ♦

Leadership News

by Peter Berkhout, Activities Director
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After September's homecoming festivities, October is a little quieter! Kudos to the Leadership class for pulling homecoming together a full month earlier than usual.

Club applications have been received and approved, and the new list of clubs for this year is available at <http://staff.tamhigh.org/berkhout/asb.htm>. Club Day is October 4 at lunch, so send your students out to find something to do!

Coming this month is the annual Fall Blood Drive. On Monday, October 15, the Blood Centers of the Pacific will be in the student center to receive donations from students and staff. Students must be at least 16 (16 year-olds need parent permission), weigh at least 110 lbs, and be in good health. There are also some restrictions on travel, so students should be able to identify where they've been in the last year on a map.

The end of October brings the due date for applications for the Student Member of the State Board of Education. The position is open to a junior (Class of 2009) for the 2008–2009 school year. Interested students should see Mr. Berkhout in room 154 for more information and the application packet.

Also, this month we kick our annual Holiday Tree Fundraiser into high gear! If your family purchases a tree for your holiday celebration, please consider buying one from us. This is a joint fundraiser with the Tam PTSA, and last year proceeds benefited Every 15 Minutes and Camp Everytown. Our trees are guaranteed to be the fullest, freshest, longest-lasting tree you've ever purchased! We will take preorders (you choose your tree type and height) until November 16, but it never hurts to get things out of the way early. Tree pickup dates are November 30 and December 1 this year. Find an order form in this issue of the Whole Tam Family or download one at www.tamhigh.org/trees. ♦

Your Contributions Add to Tam's Success (continued from front page)

CTE: Conservatory Theatre Ensemble is Tam's unique student-operated theater company. Under the direction of two full-time teachers, students run everything from directing and fundraising to publicity for productions. About 400 students are enrolled in the ten different drama classes that CTE offers, and the program produces more than 65 nights of live theater during the course of the academic year. Construction of the program's new 10,000-square-foot theater, called the Daniel Caldwell Performing Arts Center, was completed last year.

Tam News: Tam High's student newspaper publishes eight issues a year and has a readership of 1,200 students, parents and school staff. Under the direction of a teacher adviser, the newspaper's student-run editorial board oversees the day-to-day production of the publication. The newspaper has won awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the National Scholastic Press Association. The student members of the staff sell advertising and seek patron support.

Centennial: With the school's 100-year anniversary fast approaching in 2008, the Tam High Centennial Committee (whose members include the principal, alumni, parents, retired faculty and others) is planning multiple projects and events including a Tam Oral History Project, a centennial documentary and a celebration during Memorial Day weekend in 2008. The committee's website at Tam100.org lists (to keep it consistent with other article—or we could change the other one...) upcoming events and offers a Tam High School trivia quiz (no cheating, alums!). ♦

Tamalpais High School Christmas Tree Fundraiser

What: Tam is having its second annual Christmas tree sale.

When: The Tamalpais lot will be open on November 30 and December 1 (Fri./Sat.) for customers to choose the tree that they pre-ordered and paid for by November 16.

Why:

- THE TREES ARE FRESH, delivered from Oregon within 48 hours of being cut!
- TREES ARE CUSTOM-ORDERED to the size and type you choose
- You can SELECT YOUR TREE at the lot (On a first-come, first-served basis!)
- CUSTOMERS ARE SUPPORTING TAM HIGH SCHOOL

Order Form

Make check payable to Tam Christmas Trees and send with order form to Tamalpais Christmas Trees, 700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941. For questions call Peter Berkhout at 380-3571.

NOBLE FIR:

SIZE:	PRICE:	QUANTITY:
5/6'	\$70	_____
6/7'	\$85	_____
7/8'	\$95	_____
8/9'	\$110	_____
Total:		_____

DOUGLAS FIR:

SIZE:	PRICE:	QUANTITY:
5/6'	\$50	_____
6/7'	\$65	_____
7/8'	\$75	_____
8/9'	\$85	_____
Total:		_____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____





Alvin Wong and Max Perrey run past the waves in Stinson Beach.



Devin Patrick, Mariel Rossman, Tamsen Bell, Elsa Pearson, and Carrie Coats at the Viking Opener.

Hawks Cross Country Boys Run as a Pack

By Tom Davey

Tam's boys cross country team, running as a group, took first place in the annual Stinson Beach Relays. The two-mile competition, with 167 runners representing all the teams in the league, kicked off the cross country season.

Although the fastest Tam boy, junior Kalen Rago, placed 12th overall, his teammates captured four of the next five spots as Tam's top five boys finished within 11 seconds of each other. Just behind Rago were juniors Cory Rand and Chris Lowell.

Tam's girls' team finished a respectable fourth with junior Devin Patrick coming in 16th overall. Other Hawks standouts were junior Tamsen Bell and sophomore Emilie Abel.

Football's Improving Outlook

Expectations for Tam's football program for this season are not high, given the program's track record of the last several years. But the Hawks plan to be competitive in most of their games and improve on last year's record of a single league win.

As of our September 19 deadline, the team was 0-2 overall and 0-1 in league competition. In the game against Justin Siena, one of the better teams in the league, Tam managed to put 16 points on the board in a 49-16 loss. That's much less lopsided than most of last year's losses.

The Hawks are almost certainly the youngest varsity team in the league with only four seniors, 11 juniors and 18 sophomores. So if this group sticks together, it may have the potential to be one of the top teams over the next couple years. Key players are junior quarterback Colton Danz, senior lineman Andrew Edwinston, and junior running backs Jake Orlick and Danny DiCarlo.

Soccer on the Mend

Tam's boys' soccer team is picking up steam after a disappointing season last year, which followed a 2005 league championship. The team currently holds a 2-1-1 record under new coach Dustin Nygaard, who was formerly the girls' golf coach.

The Hawks have already beat Branson, one of the better teams, and have tied Redwood, which is favored to win the league title. Key players on this comeback team are senior goalie Braden Hoyt and senior Call Nichols. The junior varsity soccer team, under coach Greg Tatton, should also be a league contender.

The girls' tennis team is off to a 2-2 start following nail-biting 5-4 losses to Redwood and Marin Catholic, the league's top teams. Tam's top players include junior Ariel Sultan, sophomore Haley Bronstein and senior Janet Rumsey.

Water Polo Makes a Splash

Tam's girls' water polo team started the season with a bang by winning a tournament, beating James Logan High and Mission San Jose. Senior Katlyn Schlueter was named the tournament's most valuable player. Also highlighting the Hawk's roster are sophomore Erin Schlueter and junior Amelia Harvey.

The boys' water polo team, with only three seniors, is off to a 5-4 start with the losses coming against some very good teams. Junior David Phillips currently leads the team in scoring with 21 goals. Senior Kyle Patrick follows with 18 goals. The JV team is off to a 4-0 start with freshman Max Sieck scoring eight goals.

Girls' golf is 2-3 under new coach Kirk Hansen. Senior Angie Funnell shot a 37 in her first match and was named the Independent Journal's Prep of the Week. Assisting coach Hansen are Mill Valley Golf Course pro Will Karnofsky and Peacock Gap pro Ray Leach.

Girls' volleyball is in a rebuilding year after losing seven seniors to graduation. Beth Maseuli is the new varsity coach and Joe Kellogg runs the JV program.

Athletic director Gene Ng reminds students who plan to play winter and spring sports to turn in their athletic participation forms early.

Families with middle school kids take note: The numbers of kids trying out for boys' football and girls' golf have been dwindling. Your kids may be able to help salvage these programs. ♦

**Save the date - Boosters Crab and Pasta Feed -
Sunday February 10, 2008**



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Calendar of Events October 2007

TAM HIGH FOUNDATION PARENT CAMPAIGN MONTH

DATE	TIME/EVENT	LOCATION
2-6	7 PM – CTE PRESENTS “DIARY OF ANNE FRANK”	DANIEL CALDWELL THEATRE
3	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	LIBRARY
4	11:20-12:05 – CLUB DAY	FRONT OF SCHOOL
8	8:45 AM – PTSA MEETING	HAWK’S NEST (STAFF LOUNGE)
9	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
10	8 AM-12:35 PM – MINIMUM DAY	
10	7 PM – P2P MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
11	7 PM – THUMB MEETING	BAND BOX (MUSIC ROOM)
13	NOON – 10 PM – CTE DANCE-A-THON	RUBY SCOTT STAGE
13	11 AM – AIM FILMS AT MV FILM FESTIVAL	RAFAEL FILM CENTER 1118 4TH ST., SAN RAFAEL
15	8:30 AM-2 PM – BLOOD DRIVE	STUDENT CENTER
20	7:45 AM - NOON – PSAT	GUS GYM
22	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL	
23	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
31	7:15-11 AM – TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION COFFEE	HAWK’S NEST

November 2007

5	6:30 PM – PTSA MTG; 7-9 PM – TEEN PANEL	RUBY SCOTT THEATER
6-10	7 PM – CTE PRESENTS “ALICE IN WONDERLAND”	DANIEL CALDWELL THEATRE
7	8 AM-12:35 PM – MINIMUM DAY	
12	VETERAN’S DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL	