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## Tam High Students Sweep Up at the Bay Area Science Fair

Judging for the Bay Area Science Fair was held on March 14. Congratulations to our Tam winners:

Jessica Whiteley won first place in the Engineering and Computer Applications category with her entry: "The Effect of Weight on LEGO Brick Bonds". She will be going to the state fair on April 30.

Erika Witt won second place in the Biological Sciences category and is heading to state as an alternate. Her project was titled: "Determining Which Antibiotic is Most Likely to Prevent Resistance by Effectively Killing Bacteria".

Lauren Killingsworth won third place in the Biological Sciences category with her project: "The Effect of Daily Tongue Scraping on Amount of Bacteria on the Tongue".

Miles Lundgren won fourth place for his entry: "The Effect of Tire Pressure on a Car's Fuel Economy" in the Physical Science category.

Go Tam Science! 



*Jessica Whiteley.*



*Miles Lundgren*



*Best in Show 3D:  
Life-size ceramic self-portrait  
bust by Spence Peterson*

*Best of Show Painting: Emily Low Schwenk*

*Best in Show  
Photography:  
Mari Lillestol*

## Top Honors for Tam's Rising Star Artists

On Sunday, March 11 Tam High took top honors in all three Visual Arts disciplines at the Rising Stars 21st Annual Marin County High School exhibition. This is the most prestigious show of the year, comprised of the very best work done by students from every high school in the county and juried by professional artists and gallery owners. It was held at the Marin Art & Garden Center in Ross from March 11-25. Tam's exhibition entry was funded by PATH.


AP Art senior Emily Low Schwenk won Best in Show for Painting, AP Photography senior Mari Lillestol won Best in Show for Photography, and Ceramics junior Spence Robertson won Best in Show for 3D Ceramics.

Congratulations to all of Tam's talented artists! 

## Principal's Message

*by Tom Drescher, Principal*

It's hard to believe, but there are less than 50 school days left in the academic year! I'm sure we're all looking forward to Spring Break, the week of April 9. Tam students will be abroad in four different programs and countries this year during this break, including England (drama), France (French), Italy (art) and Spain (Spanish). I have been given the exciting opportunity to join the French students as a chaperone, and will also be paying a brief visit to our students studying in Pamplona, Spain. For several years I have heard such great things about these trips that I feel very fortunate to experience it firsthand this year.

STAR testing begins immediately following Spring Break, on Monday, April 16, with make-up tests scheduled for the week of April 23. Please help your student be in their best testing mode by encouraging them to get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast, just as they should every day! Advanced Placement tests will be held May 7 through May 18. 


## Tam High Graduation Ceremony on June 8 in Mead Theatre

Do you have a senior who will be graduating this year? Everyone needs a ticket to attend, and tickets will be given out only to seniors at the breakfast on June 8. This year, each senior will receive six tickets. The Tam tradition is to start the ceremony promptly at 6 pm in Mead Theater, the amphitheater at the back of the campus. The ceremony typically lasts one hour, and is followed by an optional reception in the Student Center. Most activity on campus will be over by 8 pm.

Please be aware that the entrance to all seating (except for guests in wheelchairs and their attendants) is from the top of Mead Theater. Allow enough time to park and walk into Mead Theater from the area behind the ceramics building, or have a driver drop off guests at the top of Mead on the Homestead Avenue entrance.

Guests in wheelchairs: ONLY those in a wheelchair or their attendants may enter from the bottom of Mead. There is space at the edge of the stage for eight guests with wheelchairs, and one attendant may sit directly behind each person in a wheelchair. A reservation is required for a wheelchair space.

For guests who have difficulty walking: There is a section at the top of Mead Theater that is reserved for those with limited mobility. These guests may be dropped off at the top of Mead Theater via the Homestead Avenue entrance just past Benefield Hall. Please note that there are a few steps from the road to this section.

To reserve a space in either the wheelchair or limited mobility section, please call the Assistant Principals' Office at 380-3512 before June 1. 

# TAMALPAIS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**April 26, 2012**

**Gustafson Gym, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Jazz Band

Refreshments

Senior Class Silent Auction

Student Schedules

**Classroom Visits, 7:30-8:30 pm**



# STAR SCHEDULE April 2012

**Monday, April 16:** Regular 7-period schedule

## DAY 1: Tuesday, April 17

(Seniors report at 12:10)

8:00 – 9:25	ELA Part 1	12th do not test
9:25 – 9:40	Break	
9:45 – 11:25	ELA Part 2	12th do not test
11:25 – 12:05	Lunch	
12:10 – 1:40	<b>1st Period</b>	
1:40-1:50	Break	
1:55-3:25	<b>2nd period</b>	

## DAY 2: Wednesday, April 18

(9th graders report at 10:20, seniors report at 11:00 for Senior Class Meeting)

8:00 – 8:55	Social Studies - Part 1	<b>Sophomores &amp; Juniors;</b>
9:00 – 9:55	Social Studies - Part 2	<b>Freshmen do not test</b>
9:55 – 10:15	Break	
10:20 – 11:20	Science Part 1	12th do not test
11:25 – 12:25	Science Part 2	12th do not test
12:25-1:05	Lunch	
1:15-2:45	<b>5th Period</b>	

## DAY 3: Thursday, April 19

(Seniors report at 12:10)

8:00 – 9:30	Math - Part 1	12th do not test
9:30 – 9:45	Break	
9:50 – 11:35	Math – Part 2	12th do not test
11:35 – 12:05	Lunch	
12:10 – 1:40	<b>3rd Period</b>	
1:40-1:50	Break	
1:55 – 3:25	<b>4th Period</b>	

## DAY 4: Friday, April 20

8:00 – 10:10	Science Parts 1 & 2 (includes a 10 min break)	Sophomores only; 9th, 11th, and 12th do not test
10:10 – 10:15	Break	
10:20 – 11:50	<b>6th period</b>	
11:50 – 12:30	Lunch	PTSA BAR-B-QUE Lunch!
12:35 – 1:15	Tutorial	
1:25 – 2:55	<b>7th period</b>	

**Make ups: Monday, April 23rd – Wednesday, April 25th**

## Message from the PTSA President

by Gwen Hubbard, PTSA President

Our second meeting on the topic of Drug & Alcohol usage went extremely well. Our speaker, Ralph Cantor, discussed the effects of usage on the teenage brain and provided parents with talking points for discussion with their own teens. In addition, Tom Drescher introduced the Tam High Drug and Alcohol Task Force participants. We will hear about their work at future PTSA meetings.

The PTSA also hosted the much-anticipated luncheon for Tam teachers on March 23 in Ruby Scott gym. Many thanks to Helene Siegel-Fotos, and all of her volunteers, for the beautiful and delicious buffet they put together.

April brings Star Testing. The PTSA will provide test preparation assistance, as well as snacks for students and teachers. If you would like to help out, send me an email ([gwenhubbard@comcast.net](mailto:gwenhubbard@comcast.net)).

We are also gearing up for graduation and our Safe & Sober event. If you would like to assist with any of the grad festivities, please email Leslie Wachtel at [mvleslieann@yahoo.com](mailto:mvleslieann@yahoo.com).

The Tam High community thrives because of all the volunteers that help in so many ways. We have lined up some great volunteers for next year, but still need assistance in a few areas:

- newsletter
- communications
- campus beautification.

The PTSA always has a place for your talents and your time, so please get involved and help us make a difference at Tam!

Please join us for our next meeting for a screening of Miss Representation:

Wednesday, April 4, 7 pm. in the Student Center.  
We are excited to bring the film "Miss Representation" to Tam High. This eye-opening film by Jennifer Newsom exposes how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in America.  
All parents and students are invited and encouraged to view the film.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or comments at [gwenhubbard@comcast.net](mailto:gwenhubbard@comcast.net).

Please share your student's news with the College and Career Center. 

## Get Involved...Help Tam High and Help Your PTSA!

Some of our dedicated PTSA volunteers will be graduating at the end of this year.  
Please consider adding your talents and your time to our volunteer pool.

Some general areas where we could use your help include:

- communications
- hospitality
- campus beautification
- parent education

Help the Tam High PTSA make a difference for students,  
teachers and your high school community!

Contact Gwen Hubbard at [gwenhubbard@comcast.net](mailto:gwenhubbard@comcast.net) for more information.



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**MILL VALLEY****PTSA | TAM HIGH****April 4, 2012 7:00pm - 9:00pm****FREE ADMISSION****Tam High Student Center**

Tam High | 700 Miller Avenue

*(Adjacent to the rear parking on Almonte Blvd)***PARENTS & STUDENTS INVITED****Register at**<http://conta.cc/MissRepresentationApril4>**Tam High PTSA presents a private screening for parents & students of film documentary:****About the film:**

Like drawing back a curtain to let bright light stream in, *Miss Representation* uncovers a glaring reality we live with every day, but fail to see. Written and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the film exposes how mainstream media contributes to the underrepresentation of women in positions of power and influence in America. The film challenges the media's limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls, which make it difficult for women to achieve leadership positions and for the average woman to feel powerful about herself.

With stories from teenage girls and provocative interviews with politicians, journalists, entertainers, activists and academics like Condoleezza Rice, Nancy Pelosi, Katie Couric and Gloria Steinem, the film provides a new perspective on the message that mainstream media gives and its effects on our society and culture.

**DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THIS GROUNDBREAKING FILM!****Program****7:00pm** | Screening of film documentary *MISS REPRESENTATION***Questions?****Deborah Dal Fovo** | Tam High PTSA Events contact | [info@deborahdalfovo.com](mailto:info@deborahdalfovo.com)





*Tam High Foundation annual fundraiser chairs: Michelle Griffin, Julie Kertzman, Deborah Dilley (not pictured), Lis Fuchs (not pictured)*


## TAM HIGH FOUNDATION NEWS

*by Deborah Miller, Tam High Foundation Communications Chair*

### THANK YOU—We Have Reached Our Goal!

The generous support of parent donors and business partners has made it possible for the Tam High Foundation (THF) to meet our 2011-12 fundraising goal of \$425,000.

These funds enable the Tam High Foundation to assist every student and department at Tam High. To name only a few examples, THF grants provide technology to numerous classrooms and departments, extended hours and books for the library, high-quality cameras for the AIM program, and guest artists for CTE. Your gifts to the Tam High Foundation build strong and talented students and future adults.

Thank you to all! 

### Join the Fun: Annual Tam High Supper Club Date Approaching

The 2012 Tam High Supper Club event will be held on Sunday, April 29 at the Outdoor Art Club in the heart of Mill Valley. The Supper Club is the THF's annual fundraising event. You won't want to miss it!

Because of all the great food, beverages and entertainment, this event is sure to be a sell out. Buy your tickets today. Order your tickets online at [www.tamhighfoundation.org](http://www.tamhighfoundation.org).


Join us for fabulous food and wine as you are entertained with art, music, and dramatic presentations by YOUR highly talented TAM STUDENTS.

We look forward to seeing you at the Supper Club on April 29. 



MAKING THE  
DIFFERENCE

### Tam High Foundation Asks Teachers for Major Grants Proposals

Tam High Foundation is receiving proposals from teachers requesting major grant awards for their curriculum areas. The THF grants committee is beginning the review of proposals with input from Principal Tom Drescher and, for technology proposals, with feedback from technology staff at Tam High and the Tam Unified School District. The final selections will be approved by the Tam High Foundation Board in May. Watch the Tam Family for details of the grants awarded. 

## News from PATH

### Mill Valley First Tuesday Art Walk

Tam students participated in their second Mill Valley First Tuesday Art Walk in March. Drawings, paintings, photography, and ceramic works were on display at the 142 Throckmorton Theater for the month. Thanks to the theater proprietors, PATH, the Tam High Foundation, and Caletti Jungsten Construction for contributing space, support, frames, and beautiful new pedestals. This not only gives our students opportunities to be part of the professional art scene; they also look great doing it! 🦅

*Isabella (Bella) Jensen, 10th grade Draw/Paint student and her painting at the Mill Valley First Tuesday Art Walk*



### Guest Artist Daniel Oliver

In another real world experience, ceramics students had the opportunity to work with guest artist Daniel Oliver for two days of inspiration, demonstration, and hands-on art making. Daniel's amazing hand-built boxes have been shown often in Marin County at the Sausalito Art Festival, the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival, and Artisans Gallery, as well as many other venues throughout the West. Students enjoyed learning how he creates his rich surfaces laden with textures, impressed handmade stamps, and slip trailed glazes, as well as the whimsical forms and elaborate handles he uses to make his one-of-a-kind pots.

Daniel came to us thanks to a Tam High Foundation Grant. It would be impossible to overestimate the value the guest artist program brings to students. Not only do guest artists reinforce everything we try to teach students in a totally authentic and enthralling way, but they act as collaborative partners and help elevate students' own work. This support is a huge asset to our programs. 🦅



*Guest artist Daniel Oliver*

## PATH's Art Salon & Soiree

PATH's first ever Art Salon & Soiree was held on Sunday, March 25 at Studio 333 Art Gallery in Sausalito. Photos and volunteer appreciation will be shared in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, we would like to thank all our donors that helped make our soiree a great success:

### Thank you to our Silent Auction donors:

Anonymous  
Bar Bocce  
Brad Butler, Sculptor  
Classic Kids Photography  
Cost Plus World Market  
Gregory Dugan, Artist  
RoseAnn Frank  
Frantoio  
Lynne Klein, Artist  
Katy Kuhn, Artist  
Le Garage  
Amy Liu  
Sarah Oliver Handbags  
Lisa Ouse-Hicks  
Outback Steakhouse  
Helen Pacula, Artist  
Daria Painter Jewelry  
Salito's Crab House & Prime Rib  
Sausalito Yacht Club  
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Darcy J. Sears, Sculptor  
Sushi Ran  
Tam Bikes  
Tam High Ceramics Students  
Tam High Draw/Paint Students  
Tam High Photography Students  
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### Thank you to our food and beverage donors:

Dianda's Italian American Pastry  
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Piatti  
Safeway  
Marcella & Eddie Savino  
Sweet Things  
Tamalpie Pizza  
Trader Joe's  
Whole Foods

### Thank you to our musicians:

Close Enough  
Owen Plant

### Thank you to our graphic designer:

Katy Kuhn, Artist 🦅





The Tam High Foundation  
Presents

## THE TAM SUPPER CLUB AND SILENT AUCTION

April 29, 2012  
5-9pm



### PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE NOW!

Please join us for a fabulous evening at the Mill Valley Outdoor Art Club to benefit the Tam High Foundation. This is our major fund-raising event of the year, and a chance for you to not only support Tam High, but also to see and listen to some of our most talented students as they perform just for you!

- Wine and beer tasting, oyster bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, fabulous raffle, open bar -

**\$95 per person**

**BUY TICKETS AT [WWW.TAMHIGHFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.TAMHIGHFOUNDATION.ORG)**

Help the Tam High Foundation by providing sponsorship for the Supper Club!

**Platinum Circle  
Sponsors \$1000**

Includes two teacher sponsorships, attendance for two, three raffle tickets, and a mention in the program and at the event.

**Gold Circle  
Sponsors \$500**

Includes a teacher sponsorship, attendance for two, two raffle tickets, and a mention in the program and at the event.

**Silver Circle  
Sponsors \$300**

Includes attendance for two, a raffle ticket, and a mention in the program and at the event.

**Sponsor a  
Teacher  
\$50**

Please contact Lisa Barger 415-465-0282 [lbarger@mac.com](mailto:lbarger@mac.com) if you would like to be a sponsor.



## News from the College and Career Center

by Susan Gertman, College and Career Specialist—  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### April 16: Marin County College Fair

More than 150 colleges and post-secondary programs will be represented at the Marin County College Fair on Monday, April 16, 6-8 pm, at the Conlan Recreation Center of Dominican University of California in San Rafael. There will also be workshops on financial aid and playing college sports. The college fair is free and open to the public.

Save time at the fair and the bother of filling out contact cards for different colleges by pre-registering online at [www.wacaccollegefair.com](http://www.wacaccollegefair.com).

#### April 18: College of Marin Placement Test

Seniors planning to attend College of Marin next fall will have an opportunity to take the mandatory placement tests in English and math at Tam on Wednesday, April 18, 9 am-noon, in the computer lab. Make-up tests will be given at COM. Seniors planning to attend other community colleges should contact their school now for information on its placement tests. Sign up for the COM Placement Test in the College and Career Center.

Students must have registered to attend COM and have received a COM student identification number in order to take the placement tests.

#### SAT and ACT Registration Dates

The last SATs for this school year will be given on May 5 and June 2. Sign up online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). The last ACTs will be on April 14 and June 9. Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Sign up early for a convenient location. Tam is not a testing site.

Juniors applying to four-year colleges are encouraged to take the SAT Reasoning Test this spring. In addition, many juniors choose to take the ACT, which is accepted equally with the SAT. Juniors planning to apply to highly competitive colleges are advised to take two Subject Tests. Although the University of California no longer requires Subject Tests for eligibility, some campuses recommend that "students vying for slots in competitive majors take the tests to demonstrate subject proficiency." For more information on the UC policy on Subject Tests, go to: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements/examination-requirement/SAT-subject-tests/index.html>.

[edu/admissions/freshman/requirements/examination-requirement/SAT-subject-tests/index.html](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements/examination-requirement/SAT-subject-tests/index.html).

Students who will complete a subject, such as biology, this year are strongly advised to take the Subject Test in that area this spring instead of waiting until senior year when they will have forgotten some of the material.

The College and Career Center has practice books that students may borrow to prepare for the SAT, ACT, Subject Tests, and AP exams. Free SAT and ACT test preparation is available online at [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com).

#### Scholarships for Seniors

Each week the College and Career Center publishes the Green Sheet, a list of local scholarships, which is emailed to seniors and their parents. It is also available online at [www.tamhigh.org](http://www.tamhigh.org). Click on Support > College and Career Center > Green Sheet.

Students do not need to have a 4.0 or attend a four-year college to receive a scholarship. Awards may be based on need, merit, community service, talent (such as sports or art), interests (such as engineering or gardening), ethnicity, where the student lives, where a parent works or a combination of any of these factors. Some scholarships are just for Tam seniors.

**College Acceptances:** Following is a list of college acceptances that have been reported to the College and Career Center as of March 13.

Art Institute of Chicago, Bard, Brown, Cal Maritime, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Central Washington, Chapman, College of the Atlantic, College of Wooster, Colorado State, Connecticut College, Cornell, CSU Channel Island, CSU Chico, CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU East Bay, CSU Fullerton, CSU Monterey Bay, DePaul, Dominican, Eckerd, Emerson, Emory, Fordham, Gonzaga, Hampshire, Hofstra, Humboldt, Kalamazoo, Lewis and Clark, Loyola Marymount, Marquette, Menlo, Mills, Montana State, NYU, Northland, Oregon State, Otis, Penn State, Pitzer, Pomona, Prescott, Quinnipiac, San Francisco State, Santa Clara, Savannah College of Art and Design, Seattle U, Sonoma State, Southern Oregon, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's of California, Tulane, U of Arizona, U of Arizona Honors College, UC Merced, UC Riverside, U of Chicago, U of Colorado-Denver, U of Colorado-Boulder, U of Denver, U of Hawaii, U of Idaho, U of Indiana, U of Manchester (England), U of New

Mexico, U of Minnesota, U of Northern Arizona, U of Oregon, U of the Pacific, U of Portland, U of Puget Sound, U of Rochester, U of San Diego, U of San Francisco, U of St. Thomas, U of Vermont, U of Victoria (Canada), U of Virginia, U of Western Washington, U of Wisconsin, Wagner, Washington and Lee, Whittier and Willamette.

## Reel News

*News from the Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media*

### AIM Film Festival Coming to Throckmorton Theater in May

#### Save the date: Thursday, May 31 at 7 pm

The 9th Annual AIM Film Festival (AIM's annual showcase of young filmmaking talent) is coming soon to the Throckmorton Theater in downtown Mill Valley. This year promises to be as great as always, and includes premiers of comedies, music videos, and AIM's award-winning documentaries. Tickets (available as the date draws near) are \$5 for students and AIM alumni and \$20 for adults.

#### 10-Hour Project

AIM students have had a busy second semester but everything was put on hold one Friday in February. When students arrived at school, they were placed in groups of about ten and given camera equipment, three "ingredients," and ten hours to complete a 3-minute movie. A favorite of students, the annual "10-Hour Project" is a fun experience that gives new meaning to the idea of working under pressure. The storylines of the films are up to students' creativity, but they all contained the three magic elements: a rash, tofu, and intelligent design. Students were given until 6 pm to work on their movies, after which they gathered in the lab to watch their creations. You will see some of these crazy films at the festival in May.

#### Student Emmys

Finally, AIM eagerly awaits the results of the annual National Association of Television Arts and Sciences High School Awards for Student Television Awards for Excellence, better known as the Student Emmys. This year films were entered in several categories, with the hope of a continued sweep in the documentary (non-fiction) award. AIM has won that award every year of our existence, so we hope to continue the trend. We should find out results in the next month.

## A STAMPEDE OF ACTORS: RHINOCEROS AT CTE


by Susan Brashear, CTE Co-Program Director and Samantha Emory, Student Public Relations Manager

Following a spring filled with Regency romance and an edgy fairy-tale, CTE Drama presents the power-packed final main-stage show of the season, *Rhinoceros* by Eugene Ionesco. It opens Tuesday, April 24 and closes Sunday April 29 (no show April 26). This absurdist play is directed by Robert Ernst, a veteran of the avant-garde, "on the edge" theatre as a well-known playwright, actor, musician and one-man force of nature. Mr. Ernst works his mad-capped magic once again with *Rhinoceros* as he has in past CTE productions *Play Roulette*, *Crow And Weasel* and *Nothing*. His high energy and verbal virtuosity are a natural pairing with this provocative work by one of the masters of Theatre Of The Absurd, Eugene Ionesco.

Mr. Ernst's sense of adventure and original artistic voice inspire his company of advanced drama actors to create their larger-than-life characters. The high-stakes circumstances of Ionesco's brilliant satire explore conformity versus. individuality, mass hysteria, modern culture and other musings as a town and its people are faced with a very big problem; the invasion of destructive rhinos. The intriguing characters are forced to try and resolve the conflict as panic spreads throughout the homes and businesses in the town, with devastating effect. Advanced senior Robin Weisselberg assists with staging as choreographer for the cast (9 actors with several cameo appearances). To achieve the verbal and acting gymnastics that tell this story, the acting ensemble is focused on building group dynamics in rehearsals, risk taking, and developing vocal acrobatics to convey the strange world of Ionesco's antic play.

CTE student designers must also help create the sights and sounds of *Rhinoceros*.

The setting, costumes, lighting, sound, and props help transport the audience into the absurdist milieu through bold ideas and visual metaphors that support the concepts. Full of surprises, unity, and collaboration between the director and the designers must support Ionesco's themes and convey ideas to provoke both laughter and thought for the audience. Although the meaning of the play will land individually, the evening will hopefully entertain while it evokes conversation about our modern society.

*Rhinoceros* opens on Tuesday, April 24 (no show April 26 due to Tam Open House) and plays through Sunday, April 29 at the Caldwell Theatre, located at the back of Tam's campus. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$12 for adults, available when CTE's Box Office opens at 6:00 PM on the day of each performance. Advanced tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.ctetam.org/tickets> up to 8 hours before curtain time of the same day. House doors open at 6:30 PM and seats are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The show begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Please join us for this final, thought-provoking performance to wrap up the CTE 2011-12 Season. 

### Rhinoceros Cast:

Cesar Ayala  
Matthew Berry  
Mason Fernandez  
Onwyn Healy  
Jessie Kim  
Robin Weisselberg  
Lucy Black  
Elissa Hansen-Arend  
Michael Van Zandt

### Rhinoceros Designers + Crew:

Emily Pathman – Stage Manager  
Steven Rodriguez – Stage Manager  
Gabe Marino – Lighting Designer  
Morgan Hill- Set Designer  
Lila Hood – Costume Designer  
Mia Anderson – Property Designer  
Trevor Williams – Sound Designer  
Sam Kassover – Tech Director  
Marisa McDonald – 1st Hand  
Jenna Wallace – Master Electrician  
Adam Sultan – Sound Board Operator  
Mac Parker – Run/Build Crew  
Hayley Murphy – Run/Build Crew

Also coming up is CTE's Spring One Act Festival in May, starring beginning and intermediate drama students directed by advanced drama student directors. Performances are May 8-11, 15-19, 22-24 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Caldwell Theatre. Mark your calendars.

## Wil Owens: The Life of a Tam Legend

by Max Shulman, Reprinted from the Tam News

"I guess I had been here two years," recalled Wil Owens, Tam's head campus supervisor. "A teacher called me down to the parking lot and said, 'Wil, smell.' We smelled nothing but marijuana emanating in volumes from a vehicle. So we found the student, and we asked him whether or not it would be okay if we searched his car. Upon searching the car, we found marijuana, quantities, large quantities. It was serious. He was in business. We found scales, we found paraphernalia... the irony of it all was that he saw nothing wrong with it."



It is Owens's response to the incident, however, that reflects the balance that he has found between being a strict campus supervisor, and having compassion for the entire student body. "Don't get me wrong, if it had been off campus, I wouldn't have cared. But to be on campus, and have that quantity, and the paraphernalia, it's just wrong. And, he allowed us to go through his car... it was like he was asking us to bust him. I even told the young man. I said, 'Did you want us to bust you?' Eventually, it turned out that the kid told me that his parents didn't believe he was a bad person. So I said to him,

"You're not a bad person, you're just stupid. You were in business, I got it, but you were stupid..." Owens recalled with a laugh.

For nine years, Owens has graced Tam's campus with his presence, disciplining students as necessary all the while maintaining both a pleasant attitude and a positive outlook on life in general. "I say good morning to everyone, that is initially what I do," said Owens. "I shake hands, pat people on the back, I hug people. I let them know it's okay to be here. I'm saying, come in, have a good time, and make the most of [your experience] without being a problem."

To truly understand Owens's demeanor and attitude, however, one must look at Owens's life before Tam.

"We're talkin' about the '50s, when I was in high school. We're talkin' about a small, coastal town in California... There weren't many African-Americans there, I was the only one in the entire student body."

Owens was an athlete in high school. This gained him recognition with both peers and teachers.

"Everybody knew me," said Owens. "I don't want to say I was 'accepted,' but that's what it really boiled down to. I was Wil. Most people knew me as Wil, who played football, ran track, and always had a smile on his face." Playing high school sports shaped a physical aspect of Owens's character which the Tam community witnesses daily.

Owens's cane has a back story. "[It] comes from an old football injury. I had a dislocated hip and it was repaired [surgically]." Owens had a cast running from his hip to the end of his leg and was bed-ridden for weeks. "I now walk with a limp because I refuse to have a hip replacement," said Owens. "I just refuse. I don't see the point in it."

Needless to say, Owens's high school experience was drastically different from that of most of Tam's student body.

"Here, there is a diversification of people well beyond what I experienced while I was in high school," said Owens. He sees a wide variety of kids every day, each landing in a different spot on the social spectrum, each with a different story, a different background. Perhaps partly due to his own high school experience, Owens manages to treat everyone equally, with a high standard of compassion.

Owens does notice that, though discrimination is not as obvious at Tam, it is still present. "Here, there is conflict," he said, "It's very sophisticated conflict, very sophisticated prejudice, it's very sophisticated segregation, but it's here. It gets colored in a lot of ways. Case and point: if you walk on this campus, you see groups of African-American students, always pocketed together. The one culture here that I think has more acceptance and mobility amongst the races, are the Latino kids... You don't see them glomming together as a group, they are spread out over the campus, as opposed to the African-Americans. That all goes back to where they live. [The African-Americans] live in Marin City, which is an encapsulated environment," said Owens. He continued, "My job here is to help the young African-Americans understand that there should be a greater emphasis on spreading yourself out, introducing yourself to more people. They see me do it all the time."



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After high school Owens served in the Army as a lieutenant. He served from 1964 to 1967. "I was drafted, there was a draft back then," said Owens. "We're talking about the '50s and '60s. It wasn't a volunteer army, it was conscription and it was everybody and anybody. If you could walk and breathe and talk you got drafted. From there, you had to make choices about where you were going to go and how you were going to live your life in the military. I chose the airborne, and from there I was sent to Vietnam, and from there I had a job that I had to do, a very specific job," said Owens.

Owens was not willing to disclose any more information about his duties in the military. "It was simply reconnaissance," said Owens, "and I'll leave it at that...There were eight of us, and all eight of us got back...I'm very proud of the fact that all eight of us returned." He was a part of the 101st airborne division, which required that he jump out of helicopters into the Vietnam jungle.

"Before they realized that it was a fool's idea, they dropped a whole division into the Vietnamese jungle, and of course they were slaughtered. The advent of the helicopter made that all different, and so helicopters became the transport in the Vietnam War... Helicopters could go anywhere and everywhere as long as there were LZs (Landing Zones)."

Owens jumped out of numerous helicopters. "I did it for a reason. As a private first class, you only made \$90 dollars a month. I could not live on \$90 dollars a month; I don't care what anybody thought. After finishing AIT (Advanced Infantry Training) going into the paratroopers allowed me to make more money. Every jump I made, I made more money. We were always jumping," said Owens. He approximates that he made around 25 jumps. "There is no way for me to describe to you what it is to jump out of a plane. All you do is jump out of a plane, fall a few feet, and the pull your chute. You're going at such a speed, you can't even begin to fathom how fast you're falling," said Owens.

After the Army, Owens found himself in Marin, working at Sunny Hills Children's Services in San Anselmo. Owens was required to work with

teenagers who had been abused, abandoned, or otherwise traumatized at some point in their lives.

Owens eventually stopped working at Sunny Hills to take on the full-time job of being stay-at-home dad and take care of his daughter, Tam English teacher Christina Owens. "I was a house dad while my daughter was growing up. My wife was teaching at Redwood and my daughter was becoming of age where she no longer needed me around the house. So my wife says to me, 'Why don't you go find yourself a job?' So I said to her, that's an idea."

"So I came to Tam, and I went through the interview process. They called me back the same day and said; you've been hired."

It was that hour-long interview which would determine the next nine years of Owens life. "If I hadn't gotten the job, I probably would have gone to a restaurant and looked at being a


As calm, cool, and collected his poise may make him appear, Owens takes his job of guiding a safe community very seriously. "Don't treat this like middle school, this is not middle school, this is high school. We will bust you; we may not catch you the first time, we may not catch you the second time, but believe me, we will catch you. And we will catch you when you least expect it. When you think we're not looking, that's when we're looking. That's when we're gonna find you, and that's when we're gonna come down on you," Owens said.

A day in Owens's shoes consists of constant interaction, conversation, and action. "My day is impacted by people all the time, if not in crisis, then in laughter. When I leave, I look to the solitude of my house and the [jazz] music that I listen to," said Owens.

Although Owens has decided to retire at the end of next year, it seems that he will miss his job and the Tam student body.



bartender," said Owens. "[Being around people] is very important to me, given that I'm a sociology graduate [from UC Berkeley]. I believe in helping people understand how their social settings impact their lives...I try to develop communities, a system that says; there is support here, whether you want it or not. I try to be the guide to help people find their way around it, and within it."

"If anything [this job] has made me younger. I have more energy, I'm more alert, I'm engaged continuously throughout the day. So how could I get old? If you're interacting with young people who are enthused, and who are excited about learning...that makes the job a whole lot easier," said Owens. 



## BOOSTER NEWS



### Tam Varsity Baseball

The 2012 Tamalpais Hawks varsity baseball team started their season in a winning fashion by beating Healdsburg, Montgomery and Washington High. Unfortunately, they fell short to Alhambra and Miramonte, two east bay teams. In the home game against Washington Harry Spilman broke open a win with a three-RBI double. Starting pitcher Jake Dorfman secured the win. The majority of the team is hitting over 300 average. Sam Raffe is batting 500 while Kit Larson leads the teams in RBIs. Starting pitchers Kit Larson and Matt Davis already have 21 strikes-outs combined and middle relief pitcher Kenny Rosenberg has the lowest batting average against him of .111.



*Jon Wachtel with one of his 3 team leading steals*

### Tam Junior Varsity Baseball: Strength in Numbers

Coach Elias Feldman enters his second year with Tam's Junior Varsity Baseball team with a deep and versatile squad. Feldman will suit up 18 ball players this season, 11 sophomores and 7 juniors; competition for playing time will be fierce. Fortunately, Feldman has assistant coaches Chen-Li Rejie and Barry Horton to help push the hard-working group of athletes and motivate a bench filled with potential starters.

Healdsburg High School found out the hard way that all 18 Hawks can play. The full squad banged out 20 hits and 25 runs in the opener with the hit parade starting early and not ending until the sun had dipped behind Mt. Tam. The pre-season rounded out with a second win over Martinez and losses to difficult foes Montgomery and Miramonte.

Entering league play, the Hawks will run out a pitching rotation of contrasting styles. Six foot two sophomore Max Gamboa features a live fastball. Junior Zach Tolpen showed his grit and



*Varsity Baseball: National Anthem at Healdsburg*

guile holding one of the East Bay's strongest baseball programs at bay when he limited Miramonte High School to 1 earned run in a tough 3-1 loss. Standout lefty sophomore Gabe Bouchard will round out the rotation when he returns from a pre-season leg injury.

The bullpen may not yet be able to grow a good beard, but they should be feared nonetheless. Junior lefty Drew Baumert has been untouchable in relief thus far, but coach Feldman has also gotten strong outings and some filthy breaking pitches in relief by Alex Davis and Elliott Dorenbaum.

Defensively, Feldman has a combination of speed and power in the outfield. In left field sophomore Will Coomber logs the bulk of the innings with center and right seeing a strong platoon led by junior Danny Kennedy, junior Milan Greene, and sophomore Sammy Huffman, with sophomore Hank Townsend, junior Berto Garcia, and Dorenbaum playing well off the bench.

A quartet of power-hitting sophomores will man the corners, led at first base by the sure-handed Bret Bower and Gabe Bouchard. Third base will be handled by sophomores Weston Lazarus and Angelo DeLorenzi. Up the middle, a set of Hawks have played well with sophomore Alex Davis, junior Nick Silva, sophomore Will Banks, and Tolpen covering more territory than a Republican Presidential hopeful.

Behind the plate there is one man: sophomore Pablo Feldman (younger brother of Coach Elias). A JV starter as a freshman, Feldman has caught every inning this season. The hard-working younger Feldman was also voted a

team captain along with Will Coomber.

At the plate, this team shows its true character. With no shortage of swagger, the bulk of Feldman's line-up likes to swing early and often. The middle of the line-up is led by Lazarus, Coomber, and Bowyer; a trio that presents a

tough stretch for any pitcher. More often than not, they have had the opportunity to drive home Kennedy who has started the season with an on-base percentage in the stratospheric range. But Kennedy is just one possible weapon at the top of the order with a host of speedsters on the roster.

Feldman's Hawks have strength in number and a 2 and 2 record entering league play. With a host of options on the bench and a group competing in practice every day, the 2012 JV season should be one the boys will remember for some time.

### Boys' Freshman Baseball: Tam Freshman Demolish Tamales

On a field that can best be compared to the "Field of Dreams", carved out of a pasture on the grounds of the old high school, Tamalpais Freshman unleashed their wrath on the Tamales Junior Varsity 14-3. Tam pitchers Mason Collins, Jack Elias, and Colin Galeste tamed the Tamales hitters. After a relatively quiet first inning the Tamalpais bats came alive with superior hitting performances from nearly every player. The game was effectively over after three innings. The Tam freshmen had been hungry for a game and unfortunately for Tamales, they became the victim. The freshmen kick off their regular season against Novato at home, March 14, weather permitting.



### Boys' Swim Team

The Tam boys' swim team is off to a great start this season. Senior Luke Sohn and juniors Elliot Ordway and Miguel Mattox led the team to wins over Novato, Terra Linda, and San Marin. The team now sits 3-0 in MCAL competition. The schedule will get busy these next few weeks as the team travels to Berkeley and Vallejo for away meets before hosting rival Marin Catholic the week before spring break. MC may be the biggest hurdle to clear in the team's quest for a fourth straight MCAL championship.

## BOOSTER NEWS

### Tam Girls' Varsity Lacrosse

Tam Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team is turning heads this season. The team of 19 players started its season with a 17-1 victory over Ygnacio Valley High. Top scorer Emily Schwenk had 7 goals and 3 assists. Georgie Kirn had 3 goals, and Amanda Catherine had 2 goals. Bridget Lowry and Lauren Young each had a goal as did Sara Drake, Shea Drake, and Story Vreeland. Emma Savino, Alex Cabana, Lauren Young, and Story Vreeland all had assists. Goalie Baylin Vreeland had 6 saves.



Tam faced Dougherty Valley High in San Ramon for their second game where the opponent's level of play defeated Tam 1-14. Emily Schwenk scored the goal and had two shots on goal. Story Vreeland and Shea Drake both had shots on goal, but the Dougherty goalie held her ground. First year player Junior Alaina Waluk had one ground ball and a turnover. Goalie Baylin Vreeland had 18 saves.

Tam faced Lick-Wilmerding for its first MCAL game and first home game on March 13 in a heavy downpour. The rain did not slow the girls down. Tam prevailed 15 - 4. Emily Schwenk was high point scorer with 5 goals. Shea Drake contributed 3 goals and 1 assist. Lauren Young scored 2 goals and 2 assists. Georgie Kirn scored 2 goals; Amanda Catherine, Sara Drake, and Alex Cabana each scored 1 goal. Emma Savino, Alaina Waluk, and Sara Drake all had assists. Story Vreeland had a shot on goal and Bridget Lowry had several ground balls. Casey Fritz, Anna Lipman, Tati Urbina, and Laura Uzes offered considerable hustle on defense. Amanda Moe, Charlotte Kaufman, and Rachel Roberts rounded out the squad with dependable play. Goalie Baylin Vreeland had 23 saves. The girls exhibited exceptional teamwork

for a great start to the MCAL season. We welcome the new head coach, Valerie Feldman. A recent transplant from New York, Val lettered and won multiple awards in lacrosse, soccer, and ice hockey in high school. She played lacrosse 4 years at Boston's Endicott College, where she started and played in every game, and was Co-Captain her senior year. She led the team in points, goals, and assists all four years. She was also head coach for the Guilderland Modified team for the 2011 season. Coach Val said: "I like to bring a whole new level of intensity. Every one of the girls loves the pace and the energy this year. We work hard and hopefully it's going to pay off." Valerie is joined by Assistant Coach John Vreeland. Baylin Vreeland and Casey Fritz are co-captains.

In addition to the new coaches, Girls' Lacrosse is also extremely grateful to Tam Athletics and Tam Boosters for assisting with a few clinics, new uniforms, and vital transportation to our many distant away games. If you want to see some lacrosse action, check out a game. We have several home games in April, and Tam is hosting both MCAL and NCS tournaments in early May.

*Senior, Baylin Vreeland, Goalkeeper*



*Senior, Emily Schwenk, Attack (#3)*

### Girls' Soccer

From fire-powered offense to high-power defense: that's the switch the Tam High varsity girls' soccer program is making this year under coach Shane Kennedy. The Tam girls won the 2011 MCAL regular season and playoff titles, and advanced to the NCS semifinal game, behind the dynamic presence of MCAL Player of the Year Kalia Rothlind and all-MCAL first team player Storie Ledger. But with those attacking

players departed for Division 1 programs, Tam's senior-heavy team is making the switch to a defensive mindset.

"We're really good defensively," Kennedy said. "The biggest issue is how we are going to score goals."

In the early weeks of the season, Tam managed to score enough to start out with a 4-2 record. Both losses were 1-0 affairs, one in the preseason to University and the other in a determined effort at MCAL-favorite Marin Catholic – a performance Kennedy thinks bodes well for the future.

"That was pretty exciting," Kennedy said.

Goalkeeper Liz Archer leads Tam's defense from goal. She will be backed up by McCall Hoyt, who returns after a year away from soccer. Hoyt, who was a first team MCAL goalkeeper as a freshman, is playing in the field but is available to backup Archer if needed.

Seniors returning to Tam include 2011 MCAL-first team player Nicole Henderson, MCAL-honorable mention Caitlin Firmage, Jane Lee, Nicole Amyx, Megan Monroe, Quinlan Cacic,

Lena Geupel and Jenna Lea. Jessye Baker-Lavine expected return from a knee injury will bolster Tam's midfield. Juniors on the team include returning varsity players Kaitlin Gillespie and Hoyt as well as Taylor Bontz, Daniela Hunt, Isabella Dahlke and Amy Yoger. The sophomore class includes

returning varsity players Olivia Heitz and Archer, plus Rachael Ferm, Rachel Ferroni and Annie Ganz. Kennedy has been impressed by the contributions of his three freshmen: Lauren Lampl, Hannah Monroe and Michaela Firmage.

"We have a lot of tough kids who work hard," said Kennedy. "I expect us to be in the mix."



## Good Guys Wear White Hats: An Interview with Tam Track Coach Kevin Engle

If you've ever been to a Tam track meet, you might have noticed the burly guy in a white hat standing about as far away from the starting line as possible. That's Tam track head coach Kevin Engle, and if you guessed he's a former football player you'd be right. Coach Engle works at shoe store Arch Rival in the Strawberry Shopping Center when he's not training athletes, shouting encouragement as his runners turn the far corner of the track, or planning for the next meet.

Coach Engle recently took time out of his busy schedule to answer a few questions:

### **Tell us about your background:**

In high school I played football, basketball, and track. In track I competed in every event except javelin and discus. I was recruited to play football at Wayne State University in Nebraska. I played one year, transferred to the University of Nebraska, graduated and taught elementary school for 4 years.

### **What brought you to Tam?**

Terry LaCount, Tam's track coach invited me to coach hurdles in 1996. When Terry left in 1999 I became head coach.

### **Almost 10% of the student body at Tam joins the track team. That's an amazing statistic. What are you guys doing right?**

All the coaches work hard to create an atmosphere where everyone can succeed. No matter what your skill level, we'll put you in a position where you can be successful. You can make a personal record, be part of a team, and you'll get the same coaching as our elite athletes. Plus it's co-ed.

### **What's your coaching philosophy?**

It's not about winning. It's about being part of the team. I want to build something that the school, the kids, and the community can be proud of. I want to create an atmosphere where kids can have their own success, teach them the skills necessary to achieve it, and put them in positions to get better.

We hold kids accountable. We talk about goal setting, what they'll do to achieve those goals, and how to get better. Last but not least, we teach them how to compete and not be afraid of losing. I don't focus on wins and losses; I focus on their effort that day. When you give your best, good things are going to happen. 🦅





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3	7 PM - TUHSD BOARD MEETING	Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS
4	7 PM - PTSA - Screening of <i>Miss Representation</i>	Tam Student Center
6	Last day to register for AP tests	
6	Last day of RS (report period 5)	
9-13	NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK	
16	6-8 PM Marin County College Fair	Dominican College
17-20	STAR TESTING	
18	9 AM - NOON College of Marin Placement Test	Computer Lab
24	7 PM - TUHSD BOARD MEETING	Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS
24-29	7 PM - CTE PRESENTS: Rhinoceros (no show 4/26)	Caldwell Theatre
26	6:30 PM Open House	Gus Gym
27	MINIMUM DAY	Dismissal 12:35 pm
29	TAM HIGH SUPPER CLUB	MV Outdoor Art Club
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5	JUNIOR / SENIOR PROM	
7-16	AP TESTING	
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