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Global Studies: Tam Students around the Globe

This year, Tam's Global Studies program hosted 25 students from Orthez, France and 15 students from Pamplona, Spain for 17 days during the fall semester. Our students were then reunited in France and Spain for 17 days during the month of April. They lived with their host families, went to school and were immersed in culture and language. The CTE / Global Studies program in London introduced theatre to 30 students and the varsity baseball team and girls' softball team traveled to Havana, Cuba to play ball with Cuban students during the February break. In March, the Marin County Board of Supervisors presented Tam athletes and staff with a resolution commending them for promoting friendship and understanding with the people of Cuba.

Tam students and their Frenchies at the French School, Lycée et Collège Gaston Fébus, on the last day of their trip.



Tam and Spanish students at the Bardenas Reales of Navarre natural park in Spain



CTE Drama students at Trafalgar Square, London



Tam Baseball and Softball: the "Visitadores"



Cuba: Marin County Board of Supervisors presents a resolution to Tam Students



Golden Bell and Terwilliger Award Winners

A message from Interim Principal Bob Vieth

To the Tam Community,

It is my pleasure to announce that **Lynne Klein** has been selected as the Tam High Golden Bell Award Winner for the 2012-2013 school year. Her dedicated and creative teaching, as well as her leadership in the arts is exceptional. Lynne will be honored at the awards ceremony in May at Dominican University.

Christina Amoroso is the Terwilliger Award Winner for the 2012-2013 school year. Her outstanding teaching in Physical Education and her leadership in athletics is appreciated by every coach, player, parent and staff member who interacts with the smooth running sports program at Tam.

Both of these exceptional women contribute greatly to the overall success at Tam High. On behalf of everyone at Tam I thank them for their service to the local school community.

Bob Vieth
Interim Principal

Tam High Graduation Ceremony on June 13, 2013 in Mead Theater

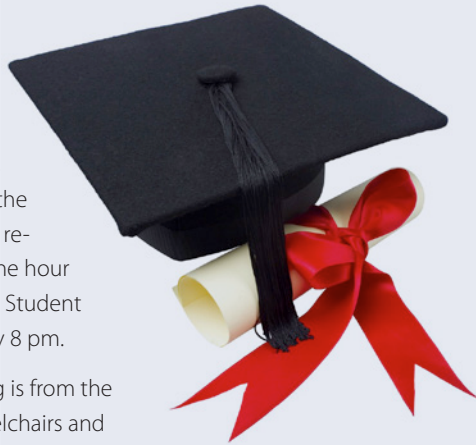
Do you have a senior who will be graduating this year? The Tam tradition is to start the ceremony promptly at 6 pm in Mead Theater, the amphitheatre at the back of the campus. Everyone needs a ticket to attend, and tickets will be given out only to seniors at the breakfast on June 13. This year, each senior will receive six tickets. 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 is from the top of Mead Theater, except for guests in wheelchairs and their attendants. 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 by June 7.



Tamalpais High School Final Exam Schedule

Week of JUNE 10-14, 2013

Monday, June 10

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| 1st period | 8:00-10:00 (final) |
| Break | 10:00-10:05 |
| 2nd period | 10:15-10:55 |
| 3rd period | 11:05-11:35* |
| 4th period | 11:45-12:15 |
| Lunch | 12:15-12:50 |
| 5th period | 1:00-1:30 |
| 6th period | 1:40-2:10 |
| 7th period | 2:20-2:50 |

Tuesday, June 11

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| 2nd period | 8:00-10:00 |
| Break | 10:00-10:15 |
| 3rd period | 10:25-12:25* |

Wednesday, June 12

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| 4th period | 8:00-10:00 |
| Break | 10:00-10:15 |
| 5th period | 10:25-12:25* |

Thursday, June 13

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| 6th period | 8:00-10:00 |
| Break | 10:00-10:15 |
| 7th period | 10:25-12:25* |

Friday, June 14

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| Teacher Work Day | |
| Non-Student Day | <i>*Bulletin read</i> |



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News from the PTSA

by Gwen Hubbard, PTSA President
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April was a busy month for the PTSA! Read on to see how your dues and donations have been put to good use.

Great turn out for Jeff Leiken

Our monthly meeting and speaker presentation by Jeffrey Leiken went very well, and we had a great turn out of both Tam and MVMS parents.

PTSA supports Student Center renovations

In support of the THF efforts to improve Tam's Student Center, the PTSA voted to donate \$10,000 of PTSA funds to Phase 2. Funds will be used to purchase a new table for the proposed outdoor courtyard. Construction is planned for the summer break, and we urge you to support this exciting and gigantic THF effort by purchasing a brick(s) at www.tamhighbricks.com - help bring the Student Center vision to reality!

Memorial Garden Transformations

Over break week, the Memorial Garden at Tam underwent the first phase of improvements and looks so much better. Read more about this on page 5 of the newsletter; many thanks to Kim Rago and Anne West for all of their efforts on this project!

Feeding our Hard-Working Tam Students and Staff

The PTSA provided volunteers to assist with STAR testing snacks for the teachers and students the entire week of testing. Thanks to Lisa Donahue, Leslie Wachtel, and Annette Gamboa for their assistance!

In addition, the PTSA provided food for the Senior Class meeting, and ended the week with a STAR test BBQ for all Tam students and staff.

Many thanks to all the fabulous parents who organized, assisted, collated, labeled, cooked, grilled, donated or baked brownies – in other words, to all who volunteered to benefit the Tam High community during these past weeks!! A very special thanks to Deborah Dilley for organizing the Friday BBQ – an event for the entire school that went smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Kathy King for organizing Open House and to all who donated or baked food. Also, a huge shout out to [Nothing Bundt Cakes](#), located in Corte Madera, for their generous and delicious donation of 200 "bundtlets". The food was greatly appreciated and rapidly consumed!

Safe & Sober Grad Night

We are fully 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 myleslieann@yahoo.com. If you would like to purchase a balloon bouquet to celebrate a graduating senior, just [click here](#) for the order form.

We Welcome Your Help

The Tam High community thrives because of all the volunteers that help in so many ways. The PTSA always has a place for your talents and your time, so please, get involved and help us make a difference at Tam! For more info visit www.tamdistrict.org/domain/472 or contact me at gwenhubbard@comcast.net.



Memorial Garden Restored

by Kim Rago (Tam parent '09, '16, '19)

The Memorial Garden had seen better days. This garden, nestled near the science building and dedicated to the late Tam student Linda Neeley and others, was neglected during the campus renovation. But during April spring break, it got some well-deserved attention.

Ann West, master gardener and parent of Elizabeth West (class of '11), spent time carefully drawing up new plans for the garden renovations. Taking into account that the garden should be easy to maintain, Ann created a wonderful restorative space for Tam students.

Not all the work was completed over break, but great improvements were made. New earth-tone paver stones now line the area under the picnic tables, bender boards to corral the gravel and form a meditative seating area were installed, and new irrigation lines for future plantings were run. A small solar panel attached above the science building door will power the irrigation controller. Geo Monley's students revived the wooden picnic tables and will be working on picnic benches.

Work still to be completed includes adding native grass plantings, rebuilding the crumbling rock wall and reviving the vintage dry creek bed. Many thanks to Pat Gannon and his custodial team for their efforts before and during construction.

Funding for most of this project was provided by Neeley family, who very much want to see the garden renewed. The balance of the funding was provided by Tam High's PTSA. Please stop by and enjoy the garden!

Before, photo credit: Ann West



After,
photo credit:
Malia Lam



After, photo credit: Ann West



Parent Election for 2013-2014 Tam Site Council

At the start of the Fall 2013 semester, Tam High parents will have the opportunity to elect new parent members to the Tam High Site Council. The Site Council is the one school organization that brings together the principal, parents, students, classified staff, and teachers for discussion of important issues facing the school.

Parent members are responsible for representing the views of Tam's parent population to the group. The Council meets monthly (usually the second Wednesday of the month at 3 pm). Its mission is to periodically review the school's site plan and to participate in decisions that affect the students and programs at Tam High. Parent members serve two-year terms, and are elected on Back to School Night.

Any parent who wishes to contribute ideas, time and effort to support the work of the Tam Site Council is encouraged to run for office. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact Mary O'Leary at moleary@tamdistrict.org.

2013/14 Executive Board

The following people are the 2012/13 nominating committee's choice for the 2013/14 Executive Board:

Exec Board

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| President | Deb Luster |
| Exec Vice President | |
| VP Communications | Mary Washburn |
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| Secretary | Eve Wirth |
| Auditor | Jeannine Berman |
| Parliamentarian | |



Congratulate a Tam High Graduate!

HONOR TAM'S 2013 GRADUATING CLASS BY PRESENTING A BALLOON BOUQUET TO A GRADUATING SENIOR

- ★ Display it in your front yard, on your mailbox or use it to decorate your living room!
- ★ Celebrate our seniors
- ★ Blanket our town with Tam High's red & blue
- ★ Each \$25 bouquet will have **seven** mylar balloons

This is a fundraiser for the Tam High PTSA. Please help us continue to provide parent education, community forums, academic and community service scholarships for our seniors, and much more.



Pre-Order Balloon Bouquet Form

☐ I would like to order _____ balloon bouquets @ \$25 each.
Quantity

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Please make check payable to Tam High PTSA

Drop off or mail to: Tam High PTSA, 700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 7, 2013

Tam High Foundation Board Approves Major Grants

by Barbara Sobel, Tam High Foundation Communications Chair



The average young person living in a place where gaming is part of the culture will have spent 10,000 hours playing electronic games by the time they are 21 years old. That is roughly the same amount of time they will have spent in school from 5th grade through 12th grade if they had perfect attendance. What is it about gaming that attracts kids? Is it the constant positive feedback, the rush of being on the verge of an epic win or the sense of community and collaboration?

Thanks to a grant from the Tam High Foundation, science teacher April Tucker will pilot a program that incorporates the psychology of gaming as one of the tools she uses to teach her new Marine Science course next fall. Her cutting edge curriculum will use gaming to encourage collaborative and creative thinking, enable students to learn at their own pace, experience success as they go and provide useful and immediate feedback for taking risks.

This is just one of the major grants (requests over \$10,000) the Tam High Foundation awarded to teachers this year to help enhance academic and student life at Tam. Each year all teachers are invited to apply for mini-grants (requests under \$10,000) in the fall and major grants in the spring to fund everything from basic supplies to innovative programs.

The Grant Committee is comprised of Tam parents and co-chaired by Leslie Wachtel and Michelle Griffin. This year, the committee had the capacity to fund just under \$250,000 worth of grants but received over \$350,000 in major grant requests. Over three week period beginning in March, the Grant Committee met multiple times to review the proposals and develop funding recommendations for the Foundation's board of directors. Funding recommendations were presented to the board for discussion and vote on Monday, April 1.

The Board is pleased to have approved 13 major grants of just over \$233,000. These grants include:

- Guests artists in CTE and the

art and music departments who provide small group, hands on, specialized instruction for students as well as exposing students to professionals in their field.

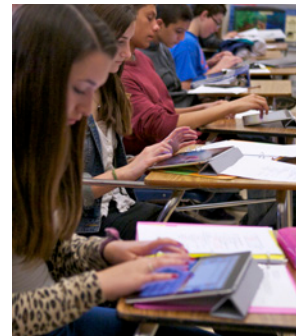
- English Department guest artist visits from professional actors in the San Francisco Shakespeare Company for all 9th and 10th grade CORE classes, Poets-in-the-Classroom for all 10th graders, and funding for every 11th grader to attend a matinee performance at the Marin Theater Company (MTC) as well as funding for a MTC professional to come to each 11th grade English classroom.

- Replacement enlargers for some of the broken equipment in the photography darkroom. The new enlargers will enable students to print higher quality images as well increasing the productivity of students working in the darkroom.

- A set of laboratory supplies for the Science Department to enhance and replace current lab equipment and fully equip an additional room for science classes next fall. The additional equipment allows Tam students to build experiences and skills in science with the most current and appropriate science equipment. In addition, the Foundation approved 20 replacement computers and 10 new computers with all of the necessary components for the Science Department.

- Equipment repairs and replacement for five cameras and related peripherals for the AIM Program enabling the students in this unique program to continue to produce high quality, award-winning projects.

These examples demonstrate how the Tam High Foundation grants touch every student at Tam. The Tam High community is very fortunate to have highly dedicated teachers who continually create new learning programs and opportunities for all students. The Tam High Foundation is also grateful to Tam parents and community members for their continued financial support of the Tam High Foundation. It is only through generous parent and community donations to the Tam High Foundation that these grants are made possible.



What's New in the Student Center?

The Next Wave: The High Bar is coming...

The Honors Architecture students are building a 'High Bar' that they designed in collaboration with THF. Made in four movable sections, the design allows for a lot of flexibility. The pieces can line the walls to provide counter seating or can be configured as a free-standing rectangular seating bar in the middle of the room. The unique design features a curved edge on one side of each section so that the pieces fit together like a jigsaw puzzle when pushed together. When used as a wall bar, the wavy edges create nooks and crannies that students' stools fit into.

If you haven't seen the upgraded Student Center yet, come and check it out!

Before and after: Cutting the curves.



Water Bottle Filling Station Keeps on Saving

The new water bottle filling station has already saved over 8000 plastic bottles from landfill (and our kids are drinking more water!)

Don't Miss Out — Leave Your Mark at Tam!

ENGRAVED BRICKS are now on sale to fund our summer project: the installation of a Nana Door System and renovated courtyard. LEAVE YOUR PERMANENT MARK AT TAM by ordering a personalized brick for the new courtyard.



Architect's rendition of the student center with the new Nana doors

ORDER YOUR BRICKS NOW BEFORE PRICES GO UP ON JUNE 1ST.

Print and mail the Order Form on page 9 or order online at www.tamhighbricks.com.

They make a perfect graduation or teacher thank you gift.



TamPalooza – May 9!

TamPalooza is almost here. Tickets are selling fast for the May 9 event, so buy yours soon if you want to be a part of this fun and music-filled evening at the Sweetwater.

WIN TWO TICKETS! Like us on Facebook and sign-up for the free ticket giveaway. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tamhighfoundation.

Several local bands will be featured: The Machiavelvets, Tam High students Devon Lawrence and Ali MacMillan, and headlining band Olive and the Dirty Martinis.

The fundraising event will feature a live and silent auction, including tickets to a Saturday Night Live show in New York City, a stay at Calistoga Ranch in Napa, four front row seats and parking for Tam High graduation, a deluxe beach cruiser bike, and gift certificates to local businesses and restaurants, to name just a few. A raffle offers the chance to win a stay at the Boulders resort in Arizona, a flat-screen TV or an iPad. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100 and winners do not need to be present to win.

Money raised at TamPalooza will benefit the renovation of the Student Center at Tamalpais High School. New, large sliding Nana doors and outdoor hardscaping will complement the new painting, soft seating, water-bottle filling station and other upgrades that kicked off the renovation last summer. Parents and alumni can be a part of the renovation, too, by investing in a personalized brick that will be incorporated into the outdoor hardscaping. Bricks start at \$250. For more information about the brick campaign, see the Tam High Foundation website: www.tamhighbricks.com



Tam High Brick Campaign Order Form

Donor Name _____

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City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Honoree Name _____

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I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE MY MARK AT TAM HIGH!

- ☐ \$10,000 TABLE
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MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

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Tam High Draw/Paint Students to Exhibit at Mill Valley Public Library



Beginning May 2 and continuing for the rest of the month, Tam High's Honors Drawing and Painting students will be featured in an exhibit in the lower level gallery of the Mill Valley Public Library.

The exhibition will kick off with a reception on May 2 at 7:30 pm in the library's Creekside Room. It will include presentations from student artists Sophie Aubin-Pouliot, Scarlett Costello, Kimi Knitter, and Anna-Sofie Whalen, as well as painter Michael Cutlip, whose classroom visit – and the colorful, often whimsical work for which he is known – provided the inspiration for many of the pieces featured in the exhibit. The event is free, and food and beverages will be provided.



Mixed medium artwork by Anna Baldwin, Tam Draw/Paint student

Gold and Silver in New York City

The Tam Music instrumentalists had a whirlwind, activity-packed, largely sleep-deprived four day trip to New York City in March. But that didn't stop them from performing at the top of their game at the WorldStrides Heritage Music Festival.

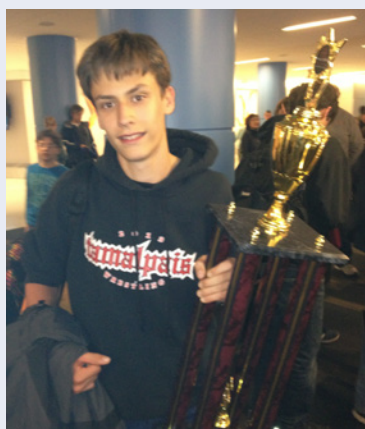
The Tam High Symphonic Orchestra received a Gold (Superior) rating of their performance in New York. They also received an Adjudicators Trophy for an especially excellent performance (indicated by one of the highest Gold numerical scores awarded). Additionally, of the nearly 2,000 students performing, only 7 individual excellence awards were handed out amongst the schools and students -- and Tam received two of them. Students Lainie Johnston and Lyndsey Romjue won Individual Musical Excellence awards. And finally, the Jazz Band received a Silver (Excellent) rating of their performance.

But there was also time to sightsee, which the students and chaperones did plenty of, from the moment they stepped off their red-eye flight in the very early morning. To wit: Grand Central Station, a Broadway play (*Matilda*), Lincoln Center Tour (including live rehearsal in progress), MOMA (fun to see *The Scream* in person), taking the subway to Greenwich Village (cool record stores), shopping at Times Square, dinner cruise (dancing!), Museum of Natural History, Empire State Building at night, a few excellent dinners.

They returned to SFO with much more than they left with. Besides the memories of a great

trip, and the excitement and experience of competition, they had to lug two enormous trophies home on the plane.

Kudos to the chaperones
and well-behaved students,
and congratulations to
Spiro Tsingaris and Tam
High Music!



Luke Rider holds the Gold!



Spiro Tsingaris with Lainie Johnston and Lyndsey Romjue

News from the College and Career Center

by Susan Gertman, College and Career Specialist
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MARIN COLLEGE FAIR: MAY 6 AT DOMINICAN

More than 130 colleges and post-secondary programs will be represented at the Marin County College Fair on Monday, May 6, 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 college admissions tests. 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.

TESTING

The last SAT of the year will be given on June 1 and the last ACT on June 8. The registration deadlines are May 2 and May 3, respectively; late sign-ups will be accepted with an additional fee until May 17. Students may register directly with the College Board at www.collegeboard.com or ACT at www.actstudent.org. Register early for a convenient testing site. Tam is not a testing site.

The University of California and California State University require the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT with writing. All testing for the UC and most CSU campuses must be completed by December of senior year. Some CSUs have earlier testing deadlines.

COLLEGE OF MARIN PLACEMENT TESTS

Seniors who plan to attend COM in the fall and have not yet taken the required placement tests in English and math should call the COM Testing Office at 485-9469 right away. Call COM's Counseling Department at 485-9432 with questions.

THANK YOU

The work of the College and Career Center could not be done without the work of devoted volunteers. Heartfelt thanks and a round of applause to Jill Anderson, Joanne Berry, Susan Garratt, Deb Patrick, Sarah Pruden and Karen Rosenbluth.

Thanks, too, to the Tam High Foundation for supporting the work of the Career Center. The generosity of the Foundation allows me to attend seminars, stock an excellent reference library, purchase test prep and special interest books and visit colleges of interest to Tam students. This year the Foundation supported a trip to the state of Washington to visit Seattle University, University of Puget Sound, University of Washington and Western Washington University.

Letting the Indian Go: The Evolution of the Tam Mascot

by Mae Puckett, reprinted
from the Tam News



Though it has been over 20 years since Tam decided to phase out the Tam High Indian in favor of the Red-Tailed Hawk, the mascot change continues to stir controversy among some in the Marin community. The Tam News examines the collision between nostalgia for a bygone era and modern cultural awareness.

When Tamalpais High School was founded in 1908, Native Americans were barely considered citizens of the United States and needed special permits to vote. Perhaps, in that time of limited social acceptance, the Tam students and staff thought they were being progressive by honoring the Miwok Indian by having it as the mascot until 1989.

In 1988, Native American actress and activist Sacheen Littlefeather visited Tam High as a guest director for Dan Caldwell's drama class. She and a colleague, Titus Frenchman, a member of the Delaware Tribe (now Head of the Delaware Elder's Society in Oklahoma) began helping Caldwell direct a play, "Grandmother Earth," in order to make the scenes with Native American characters as accurate as possible. Upon Littlefeather's arrival, Caldwell informed her of the mascot.

Littlefeather had worked with other Native Americans to change the Stanford University Indian mascot in 1971. Stanford complied in 1972, becoming the Cardinal. The change was the first of its kind – no college before Stanford had changed a mascot due to cultural sensitivity. So when Littlefeather heard about the Indian mascot at Tam, she was upset, and tried to make students understand the need for change.

"[I began] to educate students at Tam High why, from the Native American viewpoint, Indian mascots are inappropriate and do not serve to honor us. It is part of the racism of the last 500 years that dehumanizes us as a race of people – part of the genocidal

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CTE Features New Works By Student Playwrights

by Susan Brashear, Co-Program Director of CTE and Glyn Peterson, Co-Publicity Director

It has been a busy but rewarding season for Conservatory Theatre Ensemble. The 2012-13 Spring One Act Festival, presented from May 9 thru May 23, will feature 38 short plays penned by current and past students. This festival is entirely student-run, with student directors leading first and second year acting students through the play process. The performances span a three-week period with each night featuring a different line up of short plays, most 10- 20 minutes in length, comprising a unique collection of original voices. All plays will be performed in the Caldwell Theatre at 7:00 pm.

The Creative Process

New plays are developed every year through CTE's playwriting program to develop new works. Guest artist Robert (Bob) Ernst worked with budding playwrights since the beginning

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thinking of dominant society," Littlefeather said.

The idea spread. Several students formed a group called The Students for Justice, which began a movement to change the mascot. At first, they tried sending out a ballot to the students on whether or not to change the mascot. However, the vote was badly organized, and many students did not take it seriously. Some students tampered with ballots, and many submitted false ballots as jokes. Many others attacked the idea as being overly "politically correct," or outright ridiculous.

Concern with political correctness, especially pertaining to the mascot, is still alive today.

"It was changed because of political correctness, and I've petitioned a couple times to get it back," George Cagwin, Class of '56 and current president of the Tam alumni association, said. "The school is still one of the best of the country, it's beautiful, like a miniature university. I just like to continue old traditions."

Though some alumni argue a loss of tradition in changing the mascot, they may not understand how it truly affects Native Americans. This concern about cultural sensitivity was what prompted the change.

In 1989, then-principal Barbara Galyen said, "Unfortunately, our process for changing the mascot has been marred by difficulties. Since no specific group took the responsibility for presenting both sides of the issue, information has been fragmented and mostly one-sided... With such an important decision, our entire staff and student body needs to be aware of all available facts and viewpoints."

Although the student body eventually organized, creating a panel discussion representing both sides of the issue and choosing the Red Tailed Hawk as the new mascot of Tam High by popular vote, there was continuous backlash against the "political" nature of the mascot change, which often targeted the Students for Justice. Many of the people angry about the mascot change were alumni, such as Cagwin. "It was changed because of political correctness – not because students wanted to change it," he said.

Other alumni defended the change. "My perception is that in the sports world it is not the norm to change [mascots] so I thought that was a thing," Antonina Fullerton, Class of '78, said. "It was before 'Political Correctness' existed, so I think it took independence."

The alumni association still sells Tam Indians T-shirts, there are Tam Indians stickers on the cars of defiant alumni, and reunion posters are peppered with various images of "squaw and brave" type imagery.

"When I come down to Homecoming, they allow us to sell Indians tee shirts and people crowd around to get them," Cagwin said. Defiant alumni are a staple of schools that change mascots – there are people who still dress up for Stanford games as Indians.

Some alumni cite tradition as one of the reasons that mascots should not be changed. "I think it's a good thing that colleges are being

sensitive to what offends people, but I see it as a little sad, that loss of 'old times,'" senior Tassia Huq said.

Some, however, find the tradition argument feeble. "Stanford changed, and the same thing, old alumni are against it, but they're just privileged, they think it's their thing, and they don't realize there are Native American people in the world," said Mary Trimble Norris, a Navajo (Dine) who started the American Indian Child Resource Center in Oakland. "It feels to me people are just entitled. It's funny; people are comfortable with using Native American [mascots] and not other races."

Littlefeather added, "One does not have the Tam High Jews, Tam High Spics, the Tam High Negroes or the Tam High Indians/Redskins. To name a mascot after a race of people is inappropriate and culturally insensitive – you name sports teams or mascots after an animal totem like the Bears, the Cougars, the Tigers, etc., not human beings."

Mascots are seen as the tip of the racism iceberg for Native American communities. They are an example of the kind of dehumanization that leads to sexualization of Native American women (who experience rates of sexual assault that are more than twice the national average, according to the New York Times) and commodification and homogenization of Native American culture.

"Not all our people are plains people, not everyone was in war bonnets, and an example is the California tribes, who were mostly fishermen," said Tom Phillips, a member of the Kiowa tribe and a well-known emcee at Native American powwows across the country. "Things like Tomahawks [which are commonly waved around in a war-like manner by mascots], which were used to build homes, are a distortion of our culture. Scalping was not a Native American practice; it was brought by the British. The 'Redskins' means 'red with blood,' and that is a big concern to me regarding sports teams like the Washington Redskins. Mascots depict us as savages; it has a negative impact on our children and our culture."

Some, however, argue that the Indian does not have a negative impact, that it was in fact a good representation of Tam. "It was more of a symbol than a mascot – we sort of revered him as a symbol of Mount Tamalpais and a symbol of the Indians who came before us," Cagwin said. Other people agree, including freshman Brian Rivas. "I think the Indian as a mascot symbolizes where we are, like the place that we are at, since Tamalpais is really old and the mountain has history," he said.

Thirty-three professional and college sports teams in the U.S. still have mascots that represent Native American people. There is constant controversy over these names. In the best case scenario, the school or team contacts the local Native American tribe, asking for permission. Such was the case in the decision to keep the Spokane Indians logo – when the Spokane team, a minor league baseball team in Washington, made the decision to change their mascot, the Spokane Nation suggested the team keep their mascot, provided the logo was subtle and tasteful imagery that respected the tribe. The Spokane Indians

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CTE Features New Works By Student Playwrights

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of their sophomore or junior year. Each one-act play is a culmination of a one to three year effort in playwriting. In Ernst's playwriting workshops, CTE students are often encouraged to draw from personal experiences. However, students are free to write about whatever they wish, often with surprising originality. In his workshops, Bob often repeats his belief that one's first thought is their best thought, encouraging his students to just sit down and write without letting personal judgments or insecurities dictate the story that they put to paper. This encouragement creates a lively space for creativity and sharing. Of course, there is feedback from the group, re-writes and multiple drafts before the plays are ready to share with an audience.

New plays this year are from playwrights Audrey Stanton, Mike Van Zandt, Tessa King, Izzy Barrengos, Liz Arnold, Abbi Bordin, Rowan McGinnis, Glyn Peterson, and Jake Zweibach. The next step in the process is to make the plays available to potential directors.

Getting a Play to Stage

Once the CTE playwrights are ready to share, a master copy is printed and they are added to the original play binders where Tam's Honor Theatre Directing students go through the binders to select to direct. Senior Audrey Stanton describes how it feels to submit her work.... "I feel comfortable putting my work out there and working with a script that someone else in our company wrote because CTE is a safe place for us to create together. We all want to make each other look good and put out the best productions possible." Audrey is currently co-directing a new play with Mattie Naythons written by sophomore Tessa King entitled "Somnambulism". Not all plays are chosen every year but they are put into the "new works" archives so that in future years, CTE will produce them when a play fits the right number of actors, genders and appropriate class level. Some works are recycled regularly while others get rediscovered from time to time. CTE has plays archived since the early 1980s up to the present.

Youth in Arts Guest Artist help Tam Students Help Destroy Stereotypes Through Unique Works

Another exciting project for this year's spring festival results from a collaboration between CTE students and a San Francisco-based program called *Youth in Arts* under the direction of guest artist Melissa Briggs. Equal numbers of Tam's special needs students and CTE's freshmen, juniors and senior students are coming together as writers, directors, and actors to create an innovative play. Together students tell stories striving to destroy stereotypes through bridging gaps in tolerance and understanding that exist within our community. These unique performances will be presented on May 17 and 18.

The festival as a whole runs on May 9-11, 14-18, 20-21. There are no advanced sales but tickets are available at the CTE Box Office the night of the performance when it opens at 6:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for students/senior citizens and \$12.00 for adults. Doors open at 6:30 and the shows begin promptly at 7:00 pm. The festival is very popular so arrive early to avoid the crowds. For further information visit our website www.ctetam.org. We hope you will join us for this exciting and creative way to wrap up yet another wonderful year at CTE!

Letting the Indian Go: The Evolution of the Tam Mascot

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changed their logo slightly, using a feather as their image instead of an actual "Indian", and they have a second logo, written in Salish, the language of the Spokane Nation. Most teams use generic Indian imagery, usually representing an Indian in a feather war bonnet. "I think [the racism] depends a lot on how it is portrayed, since you can make the mascot racist or not," freshman China Hagstrom said.

Although some alumni are upset about Tam's change of mascot, other alumni are not convinced that the mascot was ever a good thing. "I was a cheerleader as a sophomore, in 1976, and then I focused on it... I wasn't very comfortable with it," Fullerton said. "Some of the cheers were very stereotypical, like saying 'HOW' at the end of the cheers. I didn't think about it until after."

Whether or not one agrees with the change, there is some debate over the degree to which the mascot should be updated. "To get rid of everything with an Indian symbol was a little bit overkill," Cagwin said.

Despite the school's unwillingness to change the mascot back to the Indian, the alumni association still sells Tam Indian spirit wear, such as T-shirts and stickers. Although alumni may say the school has erased everything with an Indian symbol, Tam continues to honor its history with murals that show the progression of the Tam Indian, and still showcases old yearbooks featuring the Indian in the library.

Anacita Agustinez, a Navajo (Dine), reflected on the widespread use of Indian Mascots. "Stanford wasn't required to change, but it did, other schools need to learn from that," she said. "We're not animals, we're not mascots. A human culture is not a mascot, it's degrading. We have been able to bring ourselves up, and when [others] try to implement images in a derogatory manner, it hurts us, since we have been through so much ridicule, our people have that discrimination. Promote a positive image of our people. I don't think there's any pride in the mascot."

Sports Roundup

BOYS' TENNIS

The Tam boys' tennis finished the MCAL regular season with a 17-7 record overall, 9-3 in MCAL. The season began well with a 20th place finish in the California High School Classic (out of 120 teams) but the Hawks got off to a difficult start in league – a tough 5-4 loss to Branson and a 6-3 loss to a powerhouse Redwood team. After the Redwood loss, the team went on a 7-0 run, including a 5-4 win over Branson, before falling to Piedmont 5-4, followed by a very close 5-4 loss to Redwood (currently 23-0).

Led by junior captains Marco Barretto and Kyle Wong, the team is very young: out of 19 players, there are nine freshmen (five starters, one who is injured and out for the season) and only one senior. The team will face a tough Branson team in the semifinals, competing for the chance to play Redwood in the final yet another time. Following the MCAL team tournament will be the MCAL individuals and the NCS team and individual tournaments.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Heading into the final two weeks of the MCAL season, the Hawks were in third place in the league, suffering their only losses to the league's two top teams, Marin Catholic and Redwood. Goalkeeper Elizabeth Archer led the league in shutouts. Sophomore Bella Amyx was fifth in the league in goal scoring and sophomore Hanna Monroe was fourth in the league in assists. Senior co-captains Kaitlin Gillespie and McCall Hoyt

provided strong leadership and hard work on the field for the young Hawks team.

"The girls have worked hard and put themselves in a position to get a high seed in the MCAL and NCS tournaments," said Coach Shane Kennedy. "I like our chances against anybody in the postseason."

The JV Soccer team was undefeated, with two weeks to play in the MCAL season.

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

The boys' volleyball team at Tam has grown in participation this year, from seven players in 2012 to ten players in 2013. Freshman Blake Killingworth arrived with a lot of club experience and seniors Joe Laland, Jackson Floum and Michael Thomas brought an abundance of energy and excitement for the season according to coach Chris Glave. Poy Knaophuan, Yusuf Azam and Owen Bisson have led the way with defense in the back court. The team has been extremely competitive all season.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

With a week to play in MCAL, the Hawks were 7-4 in league play, 9-8 overall. A tough non-league schedule prepared Tam – ranked eighth in NCS and fourth in the league – for the upcoming MCAL and North Coast Section playoffs which begin May 13 and May 20, respectively. Junior Aria Pogni led the Hawks with a .586 average, second in the MCAL.

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Play for Arts Sake Buy a Ticket for the Mountain Play: Earn Money for Tam's Performing Arts

It's as easy as Do-Re-Mi! Buy a ticket to the family classic *The Sound of Music* for the Mountain Play Association's 100th anniversary season through our school. For every ticket purchased using Tam's special code, the Mountain Play Association will donate \$10 to Tam's performing arts programs.

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Performances are May 19, 26, June 2, 8, 9, 16 at 2:00 pm.

Mountain Play Association believes that arts education and access to the arts is an essential component of learning and growth for young people. In an effort to support arts education in Marin, Mountain Play Association is partnering with local schools to keep arts education alive in Marin. Play for Arts Sake is partially underwritten by Marin General Hospital and Marin Acura.

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Junior Becca Fong leads Tam with three home runs and has compiled a .421 average as the clean-up hitter. Sophomore shortstop Chloe Jacobs has anchored the defense and leads her team with 60 assists.

BOYS' BASEBALL

Heading into the final two weeks of the regular season, Tam's varsity baseball team was 7-5 and tied for fifth. The Hawks rebounded from two tough losses with a resounding 12-3 win over Drake, the MCAL's first place team. Seniors Chris Hayman and Jonathan Wachtel stood second and third in MCAL batting average (hitting .412 and .404, respectively) and Wachtel was second in the league in slugging with a .574 percentage. Senior Zack Tolpen was fourth in the league in ERA, with 1.46, and senior Kenny Rosenberg was second in strikeouts with 47.

SWIMMING

Heading into a big MCAL finale match with undefeated Redwood, the girls' swim team was also undefeated, 7-0. This is a young team with the depth that is needed to win dual meets. Freshmen Annie Whalen, Miki Dahlke, Nicole Gamboa and Alexa Zener regularly score first and second places. Returning sophomores, Ariel Cacic, Grace Dougherty, Amanda Faubel, Kendra Carr and Annapurna Holtzapple are expected to make strong showings at the MCAL championships, the first week in May. Junior Alex Takeshita is also expected to score points in at least two events. We have two seniors, Kim Baca and Brigitte Winkler, who are MCAL champions, and are expected to repeat those performances in the 500 Free and 100 Breast.

The boys' swim team was 6-1 heading into the finale, having lost to Terra Linda by only two points. Like the girls' team, the boys' success is in its depth. They are lead by seniors Luke Shepherd, Sam Osborn, Miguel Mattox and Elliot Ordway. Having four consecutive MCAL championships under their belts, the team is focused on a fifth championship and avenging their dual meet loss to TL. Also contributing are juniors Sean Haechler, Sam Miekley, Dylan Decotis and Julian Del Castillo; sophomores Daniel Carroll, Dante Mills, Luca Osborne and Cooper Bontz and freshmen

Theo Andrews, Jackson Hettler, Nate Fisher and Gabe Carmel. The boys are also supported by two divers Shane Allen and Ethan Daniels who have scored needed points in the dual meet season.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

The Tamalpais girls' varsity lacrosse team entered its 2013 season with 10 returners and nine new players. With four games left in the season, the developing Hawks' were 1-1-9. Highlights of our season include a double overtime victory against Ygnacio and a tie versus Sonoma Academy. Lauren Young led the Hawks with 12 goals. Emma Savino and Story Vreeland

are working for the number two spot with 8 and 9 goals respectively and 4 assists each. Senior captains Amanda Catherine and Casey Fritz, Bridget Lowry, Amanda Moe and Lilah Yob are all contributing, as is first-year goalie Laura Uzes, who has a 63% save record in the net.

TRACK AND FIELD

Heading into the final week of the regular season, the Tam track and field team is poised to finish another season strongly. The girls' team was 7-0, heading into the final meet against rivals Redwood (also 7-0) and Drake (6-1), which would determine the regular season champion. The team is led by senior Jessica Rasmussen, last year's MCAL field athlete of the year, Maddie Kwasny, and hurdlers Cate Wilmoth and Monica Bi.

The varsity boys' team, at 6-1, needed victories against Redwood (7-0) and Drake (6-1) to be regular season

co-champions. August Kiles, also last year's MCAL field athlete of the year, is favored in the pole vault and hurdles, with the jumping quartet of Colin Yang, Nick Silva, Lucas Janetos and Mohammed Manneh providing consistent strong performances. The JV boys' team, at 6-1, appears destined for second place, and should provide a strong nucleus for the future.

JV Baseball

The JV Baseball Team is having a successful season with an 8-3-2 record entering the last two weeks of the season. Led by the strong pitching of Daniel Moe and Ethan Lawrence and the hitting of resurgent Jake Firm, the team played with confidence. Kiefer Dickson was strong at the plate and in the field all season.



Mill Valley Library News

Creative Writing Workshops

Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm

Forget essays and homework; discover what it means to let creativity run wild and write for pleasure at these weekly creative writing workshops. These workshops offer students the opportunity to explore their writing skills in a relaxed, informal environment or just hang out and listen to what others have to say.

Retro Games to Relax Your Brain

June 6 at 7 pm

It's old school game time! Candy Land, Chutes and Ladders, Monopoly, Twister, Clue, Taboo, Scattergories and, of course, Scrabble will all be available for stress relief before finals week arrives. Pizza and other snacks provided in the Creekside Room.

Late Night Study Hall

Monday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 13 from 9-11 pm

When Finals Week arrives, Late Night Study Halls are here to help. The Library stays open an extra two hours, from 9-11 pm, just for high school students who are studying for finals. Bring coffee, we will supply the candy, and all the stress of finals will magically disappear...

Teen Summer Reading Program: Jeopardy

June 10 through August 18

Enter to win a Kindle Fire, iPod shuffle, and a host of other prizes this summer through the Library's Jeopardy Summer Reading Program for teens. Every book read earns the participants a raffle ticket and an extra chance of being a winner at our August 19th drawing. See the Library's website for details.

Questions? Contact Katie at kmacbride@cityofmillvalley.org



Summer Community Service Opportunity

SummerAde returns for its 5th season. SummerAde pairs teens with a child with mild disabilities to aid them during their week at a summer camp, helping them navigate activities, facilitate social interactions and enjoy all the day camp has to offer. Community service are hours available.



Please see SummerAde.org for more information and applications.

Tamalpais Federation of Teachers to Revive Newsletter

The Tamalpais Federation of Teachers (TFT), composed of all teachers and counselors in the five high schools in the Tamalpais Union High School District (TUHSD), has a rich history in California. Notably, TFT held California's first collective bargaining election and signed the state's first collective bargaining contract. Their newsletter, "The Tamalpais Teacher", is returning from several decades of hibernation and will provide communication with membership, district families and the community. Look for the newsletter soon.

To keep informed, go to
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| Date | Time/Event | Location |
| 1 | 7:00 pm - PTSA Meeting | Student Center |
| 6 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Marin County College Fair | Dominican University |
| 6 - 24 | AP Exams | Caldwell Hall |
| 8 | 7:00 pm - Guitar Concert | Tam High Library |
| 8 | 7:00 pm - Boosters Meeting | Tam High Library |
| 9 | TamPalooza! Fundraiser | Sweetwater |
| 9 | 7:00 pm - TUHSD Board Meeting | Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS |
| 10 | 1:00 pm - Safe & Sober Grad Night meeting (Senior parents) | Champagne Bakery - Mill Valley |
| 14 - 15 | CAHSEE make-ups | Library - Wood Hall |
| 16 | 7:00 pm - THUMB Meeting | Band Box Room |
| 22 | 7:00 pm - PTSA Meeting - College Acceptance/Process | Student Center |
| 22 | 7:00 pm - TUHSD Board Meeting | Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS |
| 23 | 5:30 pm - PATH Meeting | Tam High, Phoenix Room 400 |
| 24 | 9:45 am - Senior Farewell Rally | Mead Theater |
| 27 | MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL | |
| 28 | 9:00 am - Safe & Sober Grad Night meeting (Senior parents) | Champagne Bakery - Mill Valley |
| JUNE 2013 | | |
| 3 - 7 | Senior Exam Week | |
| 5 | 7:00 pm - Spring Concert | Ruby Scott Gym |
| 5 | 7:00 pm - Boosters Meeting | Tam High Library |
| 6 | 7:30 pm - AIM Film Festival | 142 Throckmorton Theater |
| 10 - 13 | Final Exams : Grades 9 - 11 | See page 2 for details |
| 10 | Senior Trip (Optional) | |
| 11 | Senior Check-out Day | |
| 12 | Senior Games day | Fields |
| 12 | 7:00 pm - TUHSD Board Meeting | Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS |
| 13 | 9:00 am - Senior Breakfast | Student Center |
| 13 | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL | |
| 13 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Graduation | Mead Theater - Tickets required |
| 26 | 7:00 pm - TUHSD Board Meeting | Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS |

For details and updates, check the calendar on the Tam High website: www.tamhigh.org