



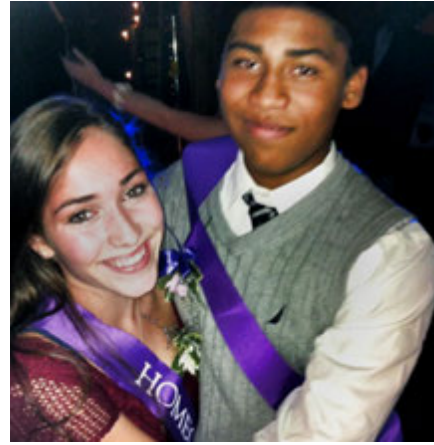
The High School View

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Homecoming weekend filled with fun and excitement



Students anticipate the Homecoming dance last Saturday with friends.



Sophomore Homecoming Prince and Princess, Kate Hansen and Wayman Harrison, celebrate their victory.

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BY **SHERON DEMEDEIROS AND MADDY MOORE**

The regional high school stopped being a school last weekend. Instead, its athletic field became the site for the Homecoming football game, while a nearby club held the dance celebration.

Last Friday the Vineyarders scored two touchdowns in the last minute and a half to win 18-7 over conference rivals Coyle Cassidy, who had led for most of the game. Fan turnout for the senior game was impressive. Students staged a successful "black-out,"

encouraging crowd members to dress entirely in black, while cheerleaders directed Vineyard chants. "I think the football players did a wonderful job. Football isn't an easy game and despite a lot of injuries and losses in the past few weeks, they came back and

gave the game on Friday their all," said sophomore cheerleader Oshantay Waite. The following night, students from all grades turned out for the Homecoming dance at Flatbread Pizza. The venue was an improvement from last year in the high school cafeteria, although

space on the dance floor was limited at the new location. Said sophomore Meg Burke, "Homecoming would have been a lot better if there was actually room to move." Nonetheless, the general attitude was positive. Said freshman Patricia Oliveira, "I enjoyed my

first Homecoming dance. It was fun getting ready with my friends." Part of the fun was the annual selection of a Homecoming king and queen for seniors and a prince and princess for underclassmen. Said sophomore princess Kate Hansen, "It was really sweet of my peers to nominate me, and I was happy just being nominated. Winning was just icing on the cake." The winners were as follows: freshmen Doug DeBettencourt and Julia Bettencourt; sophomores Wayman Harrison and Kate Hansen; juniors Michael Mazza and Emily DeBettencourt. Homecoming King was Vineyard quarterback Tony Breth, while Livy Smith stood in for her sister, Queen Isabel Smith, who could not attend. Together, the comeback win and a memorable Homecoming dance made the weekend an enjoyable experience, according to students. **MSV**

War starts in cafeteria

BY **MADDY MOORE**

Last week, in the cafeteria, the regional high school hosted a game called Penny Wars. Although there was no physical fighting, people become competitive to a point where it did resemble a war. Each grade had its own jar, and the goal was to fill the jar with as many pennies as possible. Sounds like all fun and games right? Wrong. There was a cynical and sly side to this friendly game. Players from other grades were allowed to put nickels, dimes, quarters, and bills into the jars belonging to other grades. Coins other than pennies or dollars subtracted from the total raised by each grade. Nickels subtracted five cents, dimes subtracted ten cents, quarters subtracted twenty-five cents, and dollars subtracted however many pennies made them up. For example, five dollars subtracted 500 pen-

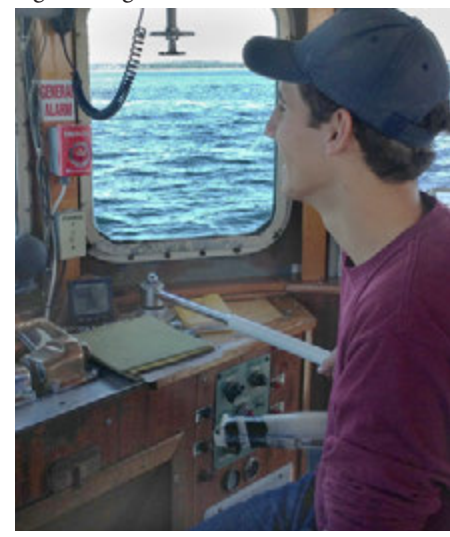
nies. There was an incentive to encourage students to bring in as much money as possible. If \$300 was raised, three students from the winning grade would get to throw a pie at assistant principal Matt Malowski during half-time at the homecoming football game. The money raised from Penny Wars will be donated to an orphanage in Ghana. Senior class president Mary Ollen chose this destination after learning about it from her sister, junior Anne Ollen. This past summer, Anne traveled to Ghana to rebuild orphanages and teach children skills like reading and writing. On the trip, the program participants volunteered at a particular orphanage. Unlike at regular orphanages, where people can adopt children, children at this orphanage cannot be adopted. One part of the orphanage is called the "Father's House." The eight boys who

live there were rescued from child slavery. In the fishing village near Lake Volta, in Ghana, it is customary for mothers to sell their sons to fishermen, as they believe it is the only option. Most of these boys are starved, overworked, and not allowed to attend school. Many die entangled in fishing nets. Thankfully, the rescued boys were removed from their situation and placed in the "Father's House," where they are nurtured and cared for in a safe environment. The owners of the orphanage, Jeff Miller and Matt Garrett, send the boys to school and provide them with a loving and child-friendly environment, which includes regular meals, clothing, and a stable place to call home. The money raised by Penny Wars will go towards the boys' school fees, food, books, clothing, shoes, house maintenance, health care, and to the rescue of more boys from child slavery. As of now, the orphanage has rescued just eight boys, but they are looking to rescue more. **MSV**

Student skips tugboat in muster

BY **GALEN MAYHEW**

Amid the sounds of milling crowds and the smells of food stalls, one regional high school student



Shane Metters pilots a tugboat while admiring views of the Island coast.

PHOTO BY JOHN PACKER

piloted a tugboat in the annual New Bedford Working Waterfront Festival's tugboat muster. Along with Captain

John Packer and his family, senior Shane Metters represented Tisbury Towing and Transportation at the event held September 28. Shane and the Packers arrived in New Bedford for the tugboat muster, one of the many events in the two-day festival. "It was essentially a tugboat get-together," said Shane. "The festival is kind of like the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Fair, but on the water. The muster was a place for captains to meet each other and compete." Mr. Packer took his family and Shane on the tugboat Thuban, one of his father's company's two tugboats for

the Waterfront festival. At the muster, crowds watched as the tugboats pushed up against one another in a friendly contest of skill and mechanical power. Shane, who worked as a deckhand five days a week this past summer, enjoyed the experience. "I love any chance I can get to be out on the water. John let me run the boat and it was cool to meet the other captains and compete against companies like McAlister," he said. The Islanders participated in the festival for most of the day before returning later that night. They left the festival having shared many stories with other tugboat captains. For a high school deckhand, the experience was particularly meaningful. Said Shane, "I loved that John let me run the boat most of the day. He's definitely taught me a lot about the field, which has become a passion for me." **MSV**

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