



The High School View

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Peter Keaney turns 1,000

By EmmaJean Holley

Senior and varsity basketball player Peter Keaney joined a distinguished group of high school athletes recently by scoring his 1,000th point. Playing guard and forward on the regional high school's team, Peter reached the special accomplishment during a home game against Norton on December 28.

"It's a little bit hard to believe," said Peter. "I guess it's a fulfillment of all the hard work I've put in over the years. Ever since my freshman year, I've put a lot of time into working out and practicing—doing all I can do to get better. Of course, I'm indebted to my teammates and

my coaches for all their support. It's like a family. Specifically, I owe a lot to Sam Berlow, Mike Joyce, and Alex McCluskey. They've helped me a lot over the past two years."

Before transferring to the regional high school in his junior year, Peter scored 574 points at St. Dominic's Academy in Auburn, Maine. Last year alone, he scored 382 points.

"Coming into this season, he was 44 points shy of the 1,000 point mark," said coach Mike Joyce. "It's really an impressive feat. We're lucky to have him as such a talented and driven member of our

team."

"My mindset has changed a lot when it comes to basketball. In my freshman year, I was extremely dedicated and wanted to pursue it in college," said Peter. "It was my favorite thing to do. Now, I still love it and enjoy playing it, but I'm more invested in my academics. I've found other passions, but I still plan on continuing to play basketball in college."

The all-time record of 1,264 points was set by Ronnie Brown, who graduated the regional high school in 1975. According to Mr. Joyce, Peter could potentially become the new placeholder of this position. "Peter is the sixth in the school's history. He could break the all time record," said Mr. Joyce. "It will be close, but in any case, it's not the numbers that matter. It's the talent."



PHOTO BY SHELBY FERRY

Peter Keaney looks to receive a pass in an earlier home game this season against Sandwich.

Vineyard beats Stang



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Vineyard varsity hockey players celebrate a goal by Colby Gouldrup who scored twice during last Wednesday's game against Bishop Stang. The Vineyard won 5-3.

Students under the sea

By Lily Bick

Regional high school musical theater students will be connecting with their inner mermaid in front of 350 Island elementary students tomorrow in the Performing Arts Center. They will be performing *The Enchanted Cap*, an Irish folk tale turned play.

The *Enchanted Cap* is the story of Alana the mermaid, Richard the fisherman, and the mystical hat that brings them together. The cap allows her to transform from mermaid to human, and is stolen by Richard in order to have Alana marry him. Life as a wife and mother on dry land fails to bring her the same fulfillment as life underwater with her sisters, but she assumes her cap to be lost. Years later, she finds it in Richard's tack-

le box and is faced with the decision about whether to stay with her new family or return to the old. "It's about how you can change your life, but you can't change where you come from," said junior Alice Greene. "That stays a part of you, and you can't ignore it even if it isn't explicitly visible."

The show will be somewhat of a return to childhood for the actors. "Even though we're in high school, we all miss fairy tales," said Alice. Alice will narrate the production along with freshman Brigida Larsen. Junior Leah Casey and freshman Megan Bischoff will play Richard and Alana, respectively.

The musical theater class wrote the dialogue and stage directions for the play, composed its own music, and produced the play. The students also added charac-

ters to create a larger-scale production than the original story calls for. All the costumes, props, and set pieces were made and designed by the class. The final product of the play will be judged by its audience and will determine the students' final grade in the class. Alice said, "I've learned from putting this play together that you never really have the time to make all the elaborations you want, but you can't let that stop you."

The play was sent to the elementary schools so that they could integrate it into their curriculums. High school theater teacher Kate Murray said, "We're excited to connect the student's curriculum to our production."

The show will be performed in the PAC at 9:30 A.M. on Friday, mostly for elementary school students, but will also be open to the public. Admission is free.

New teacher joins staff

By Ina Thigith

New to the regional high school faculty this year is Crafts and Sculptures instructor Brendan Coogan, who has taken over for the retired Scott Campbell.

Prior to his arrival here, Mr. Coogan taught at the Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Coogan is adapting to the school, incorporating elements of glassblowing, leatherworking, and other aspects of art to create a unique learning experience.

"I had a teacher who inspired me to build large-scale welded steel sculptures," said Mr. Coogan, who was first introduced to sculpting in high school. He then attended art

school, where he was mentored by a professor who suggested that he try pottery. Following his influence, Mr. Coogan now works to inspire his own students and encourage others to take art classes as well.

"My style and approach is similar to how Scott would run his class, though it's going to be hard to replace him," said Mr. Coogan. So far this semester he has focused most on the technical aspects of varying media, including ceramics, glass, stone, and enameling. During the second semester, Mr. Coogan will adopt a more open curriculum by allowing students to develop independent projects.

As far as becoming a part of the

Island, "He is just a natural fit," said Janice Frame, Drawing and Painting teacher. "He gets the Island and, most importantly, he knows his craft."

"He teaches new methods that we as a class otherwise wouldn't know," said sophomore Sara Thompson, who is taking Crafts and Sculptures. "He has a flexible curriculum and allows us to explore different aspects of what we want to learn about."

Looking forward, Mr. Coogan is interested in finding other ways to stay busy on the Vineyard, primarily by getting involved in the art community.



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Brendan Coogan (right) assists Colby Gouldrup with a piece of pottery during a Crafts and Sculpture class.

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