

HSAS BASKETBALL PLAYERS DANCE OFF THE COURT By Theresa Palacios('08)

This year the boys' basketball team had their most successful year yet; the team made it to the playoffs and even won their first playoff game. However, their second playoff game didn't bear the same good news. The loss was so devastating that the team has decided to give up playing basketball altogether and take other drastic measures.

The team has demanded that our gym teachers no longer teach basketball or play it during class through the rest of the year. The team didn't even watch "March Madness" because it brought them too much pain to watch others play their former favorite sport.

To cope with their losses, the team has taken up a new sport, ballet. The team's inspiration lies within the senior guard, Michael Hamcakes(originally '03), who took ballet classes prior to his high school basketball career.

Their coach, Chris Ballerina('78), is a former professional ballet dancer.



(Left) Picture taken by T. Palacios('08)

Trying on new shoes & some new moves

Michael Hamcakes admitted, "I secretly wanted to dance ballet the whole time. Although I did like basketball, the other teams were mean and took the meaning of contact sports out of context; I don't like being pushed around by

other guys."

It is worth noting that Michael Hamcakes took estrogen pills at the time he made these comments for another ailment.

Eric Merman (originally '02) responded to Hamcakes' idea with,

"I think it's great, we'll stay in shape and we can still be a team, just without the major competition."

The team really seems to be enthusiastic about their new ballet venture. Coach Ballerina has even planned a trip to take the team to see the New York City Ballet. Michael Day(originally '00) said, "I can't wait to start practicing! I'm excited for our first performance in front of the entire school."

"I'm sad to be leaving the team"

Senior Carlito Gail(??) said, "I'm sad to be leaving the team this year but I will practice with them until the school year is over. I also will be here cheering for them at their first school performance."

The ballet season will start on May 1st, 2008, and their first performance will be during the '08-'09 school year at the Holiday Talent Show.

For ticket information, please contact Chris Ballerina at 1-(718)-555- BALLET. ☞

ROID'S ANYONE

By Tyler Ehrman('08)

An extensive investigation conducted by the Public School Athletic League into one of HSAS's sports teams was concluded this week. The PSAL revealed that our own Coach Steven Schulman has been giving steroids to the players of the Girls' Tennis Team since 2005, which enhanced their performance in the 2006 and 2007 seasons.

This, the PSAL states, helped the team "win its two consecutive City Championships."

The first suspicions came at the end of the 2006 season. PSAL officials at the championship match noticed a great muscle increase for all of the team's members.

Gina Mazlina('07) had grown several inches taller her senior year and Elizabeth Borodkin('08) had much larger biceps.

At the beginning of the 2007 season, the PSAL started to keep a close eye on the team's practices, in an attempt to check for any unusual activity. Over the course of the season, as the team trounced its opponents, the League saw the significant changes in each of the players, both physically and mentally.

"They became more violent." The spokesperson went on to describe one such incident when Altagracia Montilla('08) smashed two rackets into splinters in one match. (Continued on p.5)

COOKING THE COURTS

By Matthew Bollati('08)

The High School of American Studies Men's Tennis Team had three consecutive perfect seasons of PSAL B division tennis. It is hard to lose a match with superstars like Mark Menendez('08) and Tyler Ehrman('08).

These two fine athletes make up the most successful duo in all of the PSAL. Exactly how successful are they? During his first two seasons, Mark Menendez('07) went 17-0, the only player in the PSAL to have two consecutive perfect seasons. His counterpart co-captain Tyler Ehrman('07) nearly pulled off the two consecutive perfect seasons with a 16-1 record. How were they so successful?

One PSAL official came clean recently on this very question. The official, who wished to remain anonymous, admitted during his press conference that the two athletes in question, "took advantage of my high status in order for the improvement of their records."

In his speech, he mentioned that he gave the two athletes oversized rackets and unique tennis balls that "attract" their rackets, making it nearly impossible for them to miss. It is evident that these tools contributed to much of their



Picture taken by M. Bollati('08)

Caught up in the racket

success during their incredible student athlete career.

This disgruntled official came forth and claimed that Menendez('06) cooked him delicious Spanish food and secretly fed him before every match. It also surfaced that Tyler Ehrman('06) was able to pay off the official with his interesting sense of humor.

Mr. Gilbert came out and stated, "I had no idea they would participate in such a practice. I'm obviously shocked at their disrespect."

Theresa Palacios('08) stated, "Mark would always ask me to help him cook but he never told me why."

Both Menendez('05) and Ehrman('05) declined to comment on these accusations. This news comes as a big upset. ☞

Boys Bronx BBB III North-West-South 2007-2008 Standings

School Name	Wins	Loss
Taft Ed Campus	2001	0
Riverdale/Kingsbridge Academy	1984	1
HS Of American Studies	1776	3
HS of Info & Network Technology	4	4
Bronx Academy Of Letters	4	5
Bronx Leadership Academy	3	6

Continue to come out to HSAS home games and support our Lady & Men Senators as they fight to make the basketball playoffs!