



## FROSH ARE HEAVILY RECRUITED BY A-STUDIES' TEAMS By Zach Jones('10)

If you haven't noticed the posters all over the hallway, many of our school's competitive athletic teams have begun recruitment. *Common Sense* investigates.

Many teams have a big void to fill following the graduation of the class of 2009. Our teams have high hopes for this year's freshmen.

Our cross country team's freshmen have joined the rest of the team in practices already. Freshmen on the girl's team began practicing on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September.

Lauren Fuller('12) feels the freshmen will succeed because "none of them fell behind in practice."

For the boys' cross country team, freshmen began practice Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Coach Elinson stated there were "enough, but I want more than enough." He also feels that the freshmen have a lot of potential.

Winter sports such as boys' and girls' basketball are also heavily recruiting frosh athletes. There were a lot of new faces at the boys' basketball team meeting on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, and there seems to



Photo taken by Z. Jones('10)

J. Watts('10) recruits frosh student A. Vogel('13)

be a lot of new talent.

One big addition to the team could be Andre Vogel('13). When asked if he was planning to join the team he told *Common Sense* that "I played in middle school and just assumed I'd play in high school."

Andre is 6'4" and could help the team out a lot with the last year's top re-bouncer Travis Gardner now playing in college.

The girls team could also use a

lot of help. They lost some key players and need some new talent.

Team captain, Hallie Marx('11) said "I've talked to some freshmen but no one wants to join. They don't think they're good enough."

Right now the girls' basketball team has 5 players and according to PSAL rules, a team has to have 7 to be allowed to play.

Spring sports have also begun to look for potential freshmen. The

tennis teams met on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September in hopes of discovering new blood.

Sabin Lisov('10) said he would like to see more freshmen on the team. He says that "last year a lot (of frosh athletes) joined and really helped us."

The baseball and softball teams are also looking for new talent. Max Blaisdell('12), a member of the baseball team last season, shared that he has been talking to some freshmen and has "good expectations" for this season.

The softball team is looking for some talented newcomers. Softball captain Katie Adrian('10) mentioned "the team lost some core players, but I have faith in the frosh athletes."

Most of our school's teams lost key players, and they will be sorely missed.

However the class of '13 looks to have a lot of potential and just might be able to fill in the void. Whatever the case, the freshmen will definitely be a welcome addition to any team. ☪

## KANYE WEST MAKES SPORT OF VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS By Jacob Cintron ('10)

Most of us with cable, satellite TV, or a friend with access to those media suppliers, spent Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, watching the Video Music Awards on MTV. Many of us witnessed the "interruption" heard around the world. This is an incident that even our President commented upon while on CNN. *Common Sense* reports.

With awards ranging from Best Male and Female Videos, Best Rock/Hip Hop Videos, Best Special Effects, Best Video that "Should Have Won A Moon-man," and especially the coveted Video of the Year award, some even began to get confused.

"After the first three awards I just lost track," said Roman Velez('12), adding that "it felt like all the same people came up for every award!"

In actuality, this event brought together music artists hailing from all over the states and from a plethora of music genres; all with the hope that their video would win as many awards as it was nominated for that night.

The videos became one of the lesser discussed topics as one artist had another infamous televised fit, ruining a fellow artist's TV moment.

Taylor Swift, a young, energetic artist, who has just emerged this

year, won the Best Female Video award.

Once on stage, and in complete shock, she began her short thank you speech to all those who helped her win her award, when hip hop artist Kanye West, seen earlier with a half empty bottle of Hennessy on the VMA red carpet, ran on to the stage.

Grabbing the microphone, Kanye said for the world to hear:

"Taylor, I'll let you have your moment in a minute. I'm sorry, but Beyoncé had one of the best videos of all time. OF ALL TIME!!"

Immediately the crowd erupted into jeers and boos with fellow music stars flinging curses and the like at the rap star. The camera turned and showed Beyoncé attempting to cover her face, looking utterly shocked and appalled.

Taylor Swift, the 19 year old country singer, stood stunned and came close to tears until they cut to the next segment of the show.

Daryl Ramirez('11) describes Kanye as "a real meanie pie" and that "he should have let her have her moment, but he didn't because he's an idiot."

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