



AMERICAN STUDIES LADIES' COACH BOUNCES By Jahaira Flores('10)

COACH TRACEY EXITS HSAS STAGE LEFT!

The girls' basketball coach of the last four years, Coach Tracey, announced recently that he will be leaving HSAS in order to better balance his other activities, the main activity being an acting career.

Common Sense reflects on his tenure with American Studies.

When Rebecca Smith('10) was asked about Coach Tracey leaving the girls' basketball team, she gave some insight.

Rebecca recounts that on October 8th, 2009 Coach Tracey announced his resignation to Mr. Schulman, who then told Rebecca, the captain of the team, about his decision to leave.

“Our new coach will do a good job in making the team whole.”-H. Marx('11)

When asked about the future for the girls' basketball team, Rebecca stated that the future seems good.

Hallie Marx('11) says that “I know Coach Tracey had his reasons for leaving and that the new coach will do a good job in making the



Coach Palatulan (left) initiates the frosh athletes.

team whole.”

Lismelia Vargas('12) gave her opinion on the team's future with the loss of not only our four leading Senators, but the loss of Coach Tracy, saying: “It is definitely a tough loss but I think we are strong enough to pull through.”

Mr. Palatulan, the new biology teacher, will be replacing Coach Tracey.

Although Mr. Palatulan never played on his high school basketball team at Kennedy, he has

been playing basketball his entire life since “he can first remember.”

In addition, he currently plays basketball in an official league in New Jersey.

Mr. Palatulan told *Common Sense* that while he realizes “there were a few good seniors that graduated, the core of the team is still here.”

He has high hopes for the team and expects hard work and passion from every single member.

The girls also have high hopes for Mr. Palatulan's capabilities to

BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS THIS MONTH!

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lead our girls' basketball team to victory.

Rebecca expressed that although Mr. Palatulan is stricter than Coach Tracey, it is this strictness that will help shape the girls' basketball team after losing four starters from the class of '09.

Kat Mallary('13) has high expectations for the team, too. When asked her opinion on Mr. Palatulan's capability to lead our Lady Senators to victory she said, “It will be very... (pause) interesting . . . (pause) to see how Mr. Palatulan will be as a coach.”

Common Sense would like to welcome the new coach to the girls' basketball team and wish the team good luck, despite their not needing it.

Go Lady Senators!

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM SEEKS REDEMPTION IN 2009-'10 By Timothy Watts('11)

In the history of our school, basketball games are some of the most popular social events attended by our student population.

Alex Quintera('13) feels like basketball is the “face of sports” at the school and that this trend is not likely to change. *Common Sports* investigates if this year's squad will be our “redeem team.”

Troin Marshall('10) says he is “very excited for the upcoming season,” and Nathan Kahn('11) says he “plans to attend all home games this season.”

This year is going to be very different from the two previous years. The boys' team has been affected because last year's top performers have graduated.

The team chemistry will have changed, but it will probably be for the better. It is time for the young prodigies to step up their game.

After posting over 500 records and making the playoffs in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 seasons, the team declined last year, going 6-8 and not making the playoffs.

Everyone is rooting for a sharp turnaround.

This year, the team is one of the youngest in the history of the school. There will be only two

seniors, whereas last year four of the starting five players were seniors. One or two sophomores will make the starting lineup this year.

Another big change is that, this year, the boys will sometimes be on the opening end of a double header. In previous years, the girls always opened and the boys' games wouldn't end until 9 o'clock at night, when all the fans were gone.

In 2007-'08 there was a cheerleading squad at many of the home games. This year it may be resurrected, according to current cheer captain Liz Bailey('10).

They would represent the school at our home games and provide an energetic atmosphere that may boost our Senators' spirit and encourage them to perform better.

Practice and tryouts will occur throughout November.

There will be scrimmages, non-league games and practices this month, and the first league game will take place on December 1st against High School of Info-Tech. The first home game will be on December 3rd.

Come out and support our Senators this winter.



Who's Tougher?! The Men's XC Varsity Squad placed 13th in the entire city! The JV Team placed an impressive 8th in city wide JV competition.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OFFICIAL ROSTER			
NUM	Name	Class	POS
	dankwah, mavis	Freshman	
	marx, hallie	Junior	
	molloy, alyssa	Junior	
	montes de oca, marilisand	Junior	
	ngom, fanta	Senior	
	paisner, sarah	Freshman	
	perry, rivo	Freshman	
	santiago, rebekah	Freshman	
	smith, kim	Junior	
	smith, rebecca	Senior	
	thompson, charisse	Senior	

MEN'S BASKETBALL OFFICIAL ROSTER			
NUM	Name	Class	POS
12	akbar, abdul mali	Junior	Forward
4	alexander, jemaal	Senior	Guard
10	aquino, antonio	Freshman	Guard
13	castillo, erick	Senior	Forward
32	degrasse, lennox	Junior	Forward
14	jones, zachary	Senior	Guard
5	klapper, jeremy	Sophomore	Guard
22	lamour, giovanni	Junior	Forward
11	lin, hai	Sophomore	Guard
21	moorhead, jarobi	Sophomore	Forward
3	nguyen, brandon	Junior	Guard
1	quintero, alexander	Freshman	Guard
20	vogel, zane	Freshman	Forward
15	watts, julian	Senior	Forward
23	watts, timothy	Junior	Guard