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Ruggiero class has “battle of the sexes”

Three geometry students tied in competition for best grades



Barely two weeks into the new marking term, Mr. Ruggiero has started a contest in his fourth-period geometry class which is designed to last until midterms—and then, perhaps, start all over again.

Near the end of the first term, Ruggiero started talking about whether the highest grade would be held by a boy or girl. A friendly competition for the top grade began.

Sara Colpitts won that contest, leaving the class males hungry for revenge.

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Heading Home for the Holiday

Cars (background) and school buses (foreground) leave Newington High School on Tuesday as the five-day Thanksgiving Weekend gets underway.

Scoreless Thanksgiving completes winless season for Indians football

Newington finishes season 0-10 with loss at Wethersfield



There couldn't have been a more fitting ending to Newington's dismal football season.

Late in the fourth quarter of their final game of the year, the Indians trialed Wethersfield 19-0. They knew they were going to lose; they knew they were going to finish winless. And it looked like it would be another shutout, the fourth they

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Gualtieri, Colpitts, Banach tied atop “battle of sexes”

Ruggiero students compete for top grades in geometry

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So this term, a full-scale “battle of the sexes” has begun, with Claudio Gualtieri declared the “great male hope” by Mr. Ruggiero, and Colpitts designated as the “great female hope.”

Colpitts and Gualtieri both got perfect grades on the first two quizzes of the marking term, as did a second male student, Chris Banach.

Shaun Sullivan also got a perfect score on the first quiz—which was worth 30 points—and he had a chance to be tied with Colpitts, Gualtieri, and Banach if he got 100% on the second quiz, worth 40 points.

Suspense built as Sullivan—known in class as ‘Sully’—was not in class for Friday’s 40-point quiz. He had to head down to the House Office on Monday to take the quiz.

Thoughts of three boys and one girl tied for the best grade in the class vanished, however, when Mr. Ruggiero corrected Sully’s paper. Sullivan’s score was “not even close” to 100 percent, Ruggiero said.

“Shaun Sullivan is a disappointment this term,” he added.

Sully explained his poor score on the second quiz by saying, “I always do badly when I have to take it the day after the quiz day, because I have to take it in a noisy area [outside Mr. Ruggiero’s room].”

With Sully out of the picture for the moment, the competition is between three students—two boys and one girl— Claudio, Chris, and Sara.

One front-runner will probably emerge after Tuesday’s chapter test, worth 100 points.

“I think Claudio’s going to win,” said Banach. “Because I’m dumb and he’s not.”

“This time, I think we’re gonna get Colpitts,” Gualtieri commented. He then jokingly added, “But to make it interesting, Chris and I decided we’re going to flunk the next test, and then come back. We’re going to catch her off guard.”

As for Colpitts, she doesn’t seem to be taking things too seriously.

When Mr. Ruggiero declared, “Colpitts, this marking period, we own you,” Sara replied, “Any one of them can get it. I don’t care.”

“C’mon, you’re not making this fun,” Ruggiero replied. “Get all nervous and stuff.”

Reginio, Zolad compete in Senior All-Star Game



Above: Sarah Reginio (left) and A.J. Zolad (right), seen here at the soccer banquet, played in the Senior All-Star Game on Friday.

Newington seniors Sarah Reginio and A.J. Zolad, co-captains of the CCC South champion NHS girls soccer team, competed in the Connecticut Girls Soccer Coaches’ Association’s Senior All-Star Game at the University of Hartford on Friday.

Zolad, a marking back, who was voted all-conference in the CCC South division, and goalie Reginio, who was both all-conference and all-state, played for the North All-Stars.

The North defeated the South 4-1 behind what *The Hartford Courant* described as “solid goalkeeping” by Reginio and Wethersfield’s Kim Kasper. Goals for the North were scored by Jessica Eldridge of Simsbury, who scored twice, Erika Larson of Southington, and Jaqueline Miller of Granby. Christine Proctor of Hale-Ray scored the South’s only goal.

TOP TEN THINGS NEWINGTON HIGH STUDENTS DID OVER THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

10. Instead of regular stuffing, filled turkeys with crack.
9. Joined Mr. Turner’s family for a lovely Thanksgiving dinner of tacos, burritos, and fajitas.
8. Spent some quality time in Omar’s f**king room.
7. The same old traditional Thanksgiving stuff: eat turkey, throw up, watch football; eat more turkey, throw up again, watch more football; eat more turkey...
6. Watched Newington/Wethersfield football game; went home feeling kinda queazy.
5. Went to wild beer bash at Lou Ruggiero’s place.
4. Spent the entire weekend writing lame newspaper. (Brendan Loy only)
3. Hangin’ out with O.J.; searching for the real killers.
2. To celebrate start of holiday season, put string of Christmas lights on giant marijuana plant.
1. Five words: Shin Dig at the Hoey’s



Thanksgiving Football Games



Newington finishes winless Thanksgiving loss seals 0-10 football season



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had suffered during the season.

Suddenly, with less than four minutes to go, Wethersfield fumbled, and Newington recovered. It was a chance for the Indians to finish the season without a zero on their side of the scoreboard.

A chance to end the season on a high note! Would they take advantage? Not a chance.

In a blunder that illustrated their entire season in a nutshell, the Indians gave the ball back to the Wethersfield Eagles on the very next play—a Newington player tipped the ball; a Wethersfield player intercepted it—with 3:18 to go, putting the finishing touch on the Eagles' 19-0 shutout.

Actually, the score could have been much worse for Newington (0-10).

At several points during the game, the Eagles (6-2-2) got inside Newington's 10-yard line, but the Indians' defense forced them to settle for a field goal, or nothing at all. Wethersfield ended up scoring only two touchdowns, and one of those was on a 32-yard interception run into the end zone by the defense. Wethersfield's offense only scored once during the entire game.



In fact, if not for the Eagles' Vin Giarratana, the game could have been very close. In addition to scoring on the 32-yard interception return



for a touchdown mentioned above, Giarrantana kicked two field goals, made seven tackles, and kicked the extra point after his interception touchdown. Only one of the Eagles' scores—counting for six of their 19 points—was not scored by Giarrantana, and that touchdown came in the fourth quarter with the game already all but over.

But Giarratana was there, and Newington lost again. The defeat extended the Indians' losing streak to 19 games—going back to their opening day tie game in 1994.

When they finished 0-9-1 last year, they probably thought it couldn't get any worse. It did.

Other Area High School Thanksgiving Football

- New Britain 61, Xavier 0
- Southington 20, Bulkeley 14
- St. Paul 35, Plainville 32
- Weaver 19, HPHS 6
- Bristol Central 12, Bristol Eastern 0
- Glastonbury 42, East Hartford 6
- Maloney 12, Platt 12

NFL Football

- Dallas 24, Kansas City 12
- Detroit 44, Minnesota 38

College Football

- Georgia 18, Georgia Tech 17
- Texas 21, Baylor 13

**TOP TEN
OTHER WAYS
PRESIDENT
CLINTON
HAS INSULTED
NEWT GINGRICH**

10. Said Newt was “less of a man than Janet Reno”
9. Gave executive order to ban Newt from the local “Hooters”
8. Fried and ate his gavel
7. Didn’t let Newt have any of the cool office supplies that Hillary stole from Vince Foster’s desk
6. Has had more sex on Newt’s desk than Newt himself
5. Attended Newt’s Halloween party dressed as O.J.; killed a dozen guests
4. For Newt’s birthday, gave him a Wonderbra
3. Had pilot do barrel rolls while Newt was in Air Force One bathroom
2. Designated Newt’s ass as carry on luggage
1. Every day, the same greeting: “Mornin’, Porky!”

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**LATE SHOW
TOP
TEN**

**TOP TEN SURPRISES
IN THE PRINCESS DI
INTERVIEW**

10. Wants to be called “The artist formerly known as Princess”
9. Once screamed at Elizabeth, “Who died and made you Queen?”
8. Prince Charles’ ears have carried on a longtime correspondence with Ross Perot’s ears
7. Turns out she’s Mexican
6. Works nights at “Euro-Hooters”
5. That lame new Beatles song? Her idea
4. Larry King once tried to trick her into marriage by claiming to be “King Larry”
3. Prince Charles kept urging her to get ear implants
2. She’s the one who keeps breaking into Letterman’s house
1. Loves the fish; can’t stand the chips

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**TOP TEN THINGS
OVERHEARD
AT THE
WHITE HOUSE
THANKSGIVING
DINNER**

10. “This turkey died after Newt Gingrich cut its Medicare”
9. “I’ll just have a glass of whitewater, uh, I mean, water, please”
8. “Sorry about Socks, but the laser-guided turkey carver is just a rough prototype.”
7. “Commander-in-chief to Air Force One: Release gravy bomb.”
6. “Daddy, I’m thankful that in a year we can move back to Arkansas”
5. “Do they always make Warren Christopher eat at the kids table?”
4. “I certainly hope Letterman will continue his wonderful Thanksgiving tradition of drinking gravy from a gravy boat.”
3. “The Pentagon made this stuffing for only \$32,000!”
2. “Okay, Gennifer, now this time I’ll be the pilgrim and you be the Indian.”
1. “Another turkey, Mr. President?”

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