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# Frenzied time at Westlane

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This coming week will see frenzied activity on the part of most Westlane students. Yes, exam-time is here again.

There seems to have been a little change of opinions as to the schedule. The first exam timetable gave us all our exams in five hectic days, and called for regular classes on the Friday following, that is on April 28. Then I suppose it occurred to someone in control of the schedule that absenteeism would be way up over 80 per cent on such a Friday, and they decided to put an exam on that date. There goes my day off.

discussion usually about three times a year.

People raise questions as to the value of exams, etc., etc., and so on. Personally, I think that exams are not and can not be, a perfect indicator of a student's progress, because personal problems or not-quite-up-to-par health can severely damage one's thinking. But, on the whole, they're about as good a system as anyone is likely to devise.

So regardless, keep your head up and your nose to that grindstone, and study hard.

Coming up soon is a drama event that will see Steve Coopman and Joyce Allman take their award-winning play, "Sarah and the Sax", to St. Catharines as an entry in the Regional Drama Festival. "Sarah and the Sax" already won the Niagara District Best Play laurels. Should it win this week, it will

advance to the Ontario finals. This performance will be at the Thistle Theatre at Brockville, U. on Friday, April 21. I realize this comes at an inopportune time, what with exams and all, but if you can possibly make it up there, do go. Mr. Lannon will probably have ticket arrangements for anyone interested at the earliest possible moment.

Last week, after I wrote my column, the students who went to London and Paris for Easter returned. Naturally, they had a good time (who wouldn't?) and all profited greatly from the experience. A great deal of appreciation goes to Mr. Cheesman, who was primarily responsible for organizing the trip. Something for everyone to ponder: there will be a trip again next year.

## with examinations next week

Also in the news is the Westlane Soccer team. This year we have fielded both a junior and a senior team. This way we'll win twice as many championships.

For a school which is only in its third year of organized soccer, Westlane has done remarkably well. Last year, of course, our SOSSA winners were the number Four team in the province. This year, all the signs point in the same direction: UP! If you don't think the Soccer team is worth supporting, let me tell you about last weekend's game.

Our team went to Buffalo and played an All-Star squad there, with players from all over New York State. This is the Number Four ranked team in the entire United

States of America, I might add with a flourish.

Informed sources there tell me we played circles around them, although they were fortunate enough to scratch out a 3-all deadlock. Scoring for the invincible Spartans were Rich McCreath, Bob Polegato and Bob Klipich. I understand we get another chance to play them, after they've taken part in the National Championships somewhere near Florida.

Meanwhile the Soccer Teams open the 1972 season this week, with upcoming games at Thorold for the Senior and Stamford for the Juniors, on Tuesday, April 18. Everyone ought to be able to get to Stamford and do a lot of "Give me a W"

As for this team, I only have this much to say: If we, the student body, can't get behind a team that is very likely to go places like this one, then we're a pretty rotten bunch. When I asked Coach Bowman about the team's chances, he said, "Good I hope." He wins this week's Modest Person Award.

Some solutions to last week's secret decoder puzzle were OBNOXIOUS, NEGOTIABLE and WOEFUL. Those were the Wrong solutions. The correct one is DISOCIATION (100 per cent)

And now for this week's puzzle: NON ENGAGE