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“Bottom of the barrel” freshmen elect Tim Stevens as class president



Above: Barely three months ago, Tim Stevens passed the gavel and turned power over in the Martin Kellogg student council to this year's Kellogg President, Liz Cormier. Now Tim has been elected again, this time as the President of NHS's freshman class.

It was officially announced Tuesday morning that Tim Stevens, who began his speech on Friday by saying “Good morning, my fellow members of the bottom of the barrel,” won the election for Freshman Class President.

Tim will be serving his second consecutive year as a student body President, having been

the President of the Martin Kellogg Student Council last year. This time around, he won by defeating Jaimie Kwassman, also from Kellogg, and Michelle Bowman and Travis Meyer, both from John Wallace Middle School.

Alison Lucey and Sara Colpits also won elections for freshman offices, with Alison defeating Christine Capenara in the race for Social Chairperson, and Sara beating Kristina Polomsky for Treasurer. All four candidates for

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700 schooldays and counting... Graduation Day inches closer for NHS freshmen

The final Newington High School graduating class of the twentieth century, this year's freshman class, is inching towards their big day.

I said inching.

The Class of '99 has 700 schooldays left until they graduate from NHS.

That became official at 2:15 PM yesterday afternoon, as the twentieth day of this schoolyear ended. There are 180 days in each schoolyear, and therefore 720 in four schoolyears. So with 20 days down, there are 700 to go until this year's freshmen complete their senior year.

Does 700 seem daunting to you? Well if it does, you might take heart in the fact that there are “only” 160 days until the end of *this* schoolyear. In fact, the year is already one-ninth over in terms of the number of days left, and will be more than one-eighth done by midday Monday. By November 3, one-quarter of the year will be completed.

On the other hand, if you don't find that 700 days left is disturbing, consider this: Barring any unexpected early dismissal days, the Class of 1999 will spend over 4,525 hours in school before the end of our senior year.

And by the way, on February 26 at 11:56 AM, freshmen will reach the “4000 hours to go” landmark. (Unfortunately, that day may not seem too festive, considering that it will also be our first day back after February Vacation.)

A special Top Ten list written by
NHS student Brendan Loy...

TOP TEN SIGNS MR. RUGGERIO HAS GONE NUTS

10. In Geometry, claiming that a line segment is the distance between his mouth and a bottle of Bud Light
9. Every time he kills a wasp, takes a speed pill
8. Unlike people in those Mounds/Almond Joy commercials, he *always* feels like a nut
7. Changing his last name to Rugger-ITO
6. Has been seen driving up and down Berlin Turnpike late at night with Mr. Hoey, crusin' for chicks
5. Instead of white medical jacket, has started wearing tight-fitting bunji-jumping suit
4. Begins every class by saying "We're all going to die"
3. Sleeps through his own lectures
2. At Open House, told parents "I don't know what the hell I'm doing"
1. Curling his moustache down

Tim Stevens wins; will be president of freshman class

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those offices were from Wallace.

Brynna Johnson, from Kellogg, was elected Secretary in an uncontested race. The only candidate for Vice President, Allyson Perlini from Wallace, dropped out of the race several days before the election.

In Presidential race, Tim's unusual speech seems to be what gave him the upper hand in the election. On Friday, after greeting his classmates from the "bottom of the barrel," he went on to explain those words by saying, "The point of what I just did was to get your attention; to wake you up....We need to make the rest of the school sit up and take notice. Yes, we are only freshman, and yes, it is only our first year, but *we are still here.*"

Tim also emphasized another point during his speech, saying "This is something that I will pledge to you right now and you can hold me to it: *I will always listen....*If you have a good idea, tell me. I will bring it to the attention of the school."

However, he concluded with his main theme, saying, "Remember, although we are freshmen, this is still our school. We belong."

In an interview the day after the results were announced, Tim commented, "I'm very happy that I pulled it off. I'm not really sure what the standings were, but I think it was a close race, and I respect my opponents....The speech won the election for me, easily. Not a lot of kids knew me from Wallace, and with the speech I affected them; I got your attention, which was sort of the point."

Next week in *The Living Room Times*

We will have an update on the O.J. Simpson Trial, as well as more on the freshman elections, and NHS sports stories in next Monday's regular edition of *The Living Room Times*.