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cluded fire fighters, police officers, Army/Navy/National Guard members, random people walking down the street, office staff who worked in the towers, and even people who worked in buildings close by. This brings me to Building #7, which also went down with the towers. Building 7 collapsed not because of a crash, but it fell because the collapses of the World Trade Center buildings were so catastrophic and damaging that a third building went down with the north and south towers.

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October Calendar

October 9	No School Columbus Day
October 13	Teacher Professional Day (No School for Students)
October 27	Appellate Court
October 28	Make A Difference Day
October 29	Daylight Savings

MEDIA CLUB LOOKING FOR MEMBERS!!!

Ansonia High School Television (AHS-TV) is proud to offer a unique opportunity for anyone interested in television, radio, sports journalism, entertainment, and news. The new for 2006-07 Media Club offers an opportunity for students to act as interns and help with television production at AHS-TV.

All freshmen, and any other class member with no video, audio or entertainment experience are eligible for Media Club membership. Media Club meetings are Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school in the TV STUDIO, located next to the art room. Media Club members will get hands-on experience with cameras, audio and edit equipment. Media Club advisers are Mr. Riello and Mr. Powers. Mr. Riello is an eight-time national Emmy Award Winner with over 20 years of experience in network sports and entertainment television.

Cooperative International Studies Program

On Sept. 21, several students and teachers traveled to East Haven High School to attend the *Opening Program* for the fall 2006 semester. The Cooperative International Studies Program, otherwise known as CISP, now in its 11th year, provides high school students in the Amity Regional, Ansonia,

East Haven, New Haven, and Seymour school districts the opportunity to explore issues of global importance. Students in the program work collaboratively with their peers from other high schools to research topics of their choice related to the semester's theme. An adjunct to

the program is Yale University, whose professors lend their expertise on various theme related topics. This fall, students will be studying the holidays, customs, and traditions of cultures around the world. All interested students should see either Miss Mead or Mrs. Nargi.

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The Charger Times

September 11th—A Student Remembers

Written by:

Amanda Gilbert, Class of 2008

Horror. Sadness. Devastation. Confusion. Disbelief. Terror. Sheer... sheer terror. The words that described the most tragic day in history. I'm sure you all know what I'm talking about. With 65 passengers on board, going to Los Angeles from Boston, American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center at 8:45 a.m. With 92 passengers on board, also going to Los Angeles from Boston, United Airlines Flight 175 slammed into the south tower of the World Trade Center at 9:06 a.m. With thousands of people in the buildings, the south tower collapsed at 10:00 a.m., and soon after the north tower at 10:29 a.m. With 64 passengers on board, going to Los Angeles from Washington

Dulles, American Airlines Flight 77 crashes into the south ring of the Pentagon at 9:43 a.m. With 45 passengers on board going to San Francisco from Newark, United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Somerset County, Pennsylvania at 10:10 a.m. It's said that Flight 93 was originally headed for the White House. That plane crashed just a few miles away from our nation's capital.

What I just explained to you were the tragic events that happened on the morning of September 11, 2001—some call it "The Day that Shook America." Lots of people relate September 11th to December 7, 1941, which was when America entered World War II and hundreds of Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor, sending the United States into battle. December 7th was (and still

is) called, "A Day that Will Live in Infamy". Well, now September 11th is called, "A Day that Will Live in Remembrance". No matter where you lived when the events happened on September 11th, that day still touched you in some kind of way. That day touched everyone in some kind of way, whether the person feels anger, sadness, disappointment, or even confusion.

The World Trade Center towers were two of the tallest buildings in the world, both reaching 110 stories high. We can expect many memorial services for the men women and children who died that day. More than 2,973 people were lost on the morning of September 11, 2001. This in-

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Mission Statement

To prepare every learner to meet ever-changing personal and global challenges, the primary mission of Ansonia High School is to cultivate the emotional, physical, social, and intellectual growth of each student. The success of our mission requires the active participation of students, faculty, parents, and community in the learning process.

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Student of the Month

The faculty and staff of AHS voted, and senior Michael Thomas has been declared the winner as the Student of Month!

According to Michael's teachers, he is a friendly and polite student with a great attitude towards life. It was also

noted that he is always ready to assume a challenge and is always willing to help friends out with whatever they may need.

Please congratulate Michael this month for this important achievement!

Michael Thomas
is the October
Student of the
Month

AHS-TV GEARING UP FOR SECOND SEASON

Ansonia High School Television (AHS-TV) will begin its second official season on the air during the month of October. As in the past, morning announcements will be televised during homeroom by our crew of student journalists and technicians. AHS-TV also videotapes Charger Football with two cameras.

AHS-TV Executive Producer and adviser, Mr. Riello, is pleased to announce that this year, AHS-TV is entered into the Fox 61 Student News competition. AHS-TV staff members will be writing, shooting, producing and editing stories for submission the Fox affiliate in Hartford. Stories

chosen will be aired on statewide television on Fox 61 and/or WB-20. An awards presentation in May 2007 will honor the best work from students across Connecticut. Mr. Riello is an eight-time national Emmy Award winner with over 20 years of network sports and entertainment television experience. Last year, one AHS-TV member worked on an ESPN Lacrosse event in Massachusetts and earned over \$200 for the day!

If you are interested in a job at AHS-TV, watch for an announcement in the *Charger Times*, or contact Mr. Riello or Mr. Powers to schedule an interview.

Interested candidates should provide a cover letter and a resume. If you are interested in a tour of the studio, hours will be posted on the TV Studio door next to the art room. Current hours for the studio are:

- Monday thru Thursday before homeroom
- Tuesday/Wednesday after school
- Monday/Thursday afternoon or Friday morning by appointment.

Current AHS-TV staff members are Amanda Gilbert, Jeremy Jordan, Gus Sierra, Jen Williams, David Penn, Fabian Perez, Kwabene Kyenkyehene, Allison Phipps, Jessica Goggi, and Mike Futschik.

“HEADS UP” (Heroin Education & Other Dangerous Substances Understanding Program)

Presentation on heroin and other dangerous substances abuse presentations are scheduled to take place and are open to the public on the following dates:

- October 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Shelton Intermediate School Auditorium, Shelton
- October 4th at 9:30 a.m. at John J. Sullivan’s Restaurant, Ansonia

Mr. Riello says, “GET OFF THE COUCH, IT’S HIKING SEASON!”

The weather is cooling off and the leaves are turning, so it’s time to get healthy at Mother Nature’s own health club. There is no cost for membership, and the only equipment required are comfortable shoes, non-cotton socks and pants, and a willing spirit.

Watch for e-mails announcing hiking trips. Short beginner level hikes will be

offered during the week, and more intensive hikes will be coordinated on Sundays, usually starting in the morning. Mr. Riello is a member of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA), the Quinnipiac River Watershed Association (QRWA), and is a volunteer family hike leader. Mr. R’s first hike of the season was held Oct. 1 at Mount Higby in Middlefield.

He will conduct two hikes per week during the fall season, most likely Thursdays and Sundays.

For information on a variety of hikes, the CFPA, the QRWA, or what you need to get started, contact Mr. Riello via school e-mail, rriello@ansoniam.org or at the studio, extension 161.

Guidance News: 10 Things to Do on a College Visit

- Register to take the official campus tour.
- Meet with an admissions counselor (and financial aid representative if possible).
- Take a tour of the main library.
- Make arrangements to sit in on a class.
- Meet with a professor or department head in an academic area that interests you.
- Have a meal in the dining hall or food court.
- Go to an athletic event, play/cultural event or concert to get a sense of life beyond the classroom.
- Take a stroll/drive through the surrounding area.
- Talk to current students about what they like/don’t like about school
- Ask questions – lots of them. Bring a journal or notepad to record what you learn.

New Staff Correction

Ansonia High School would like to welcome Mrs. Mavis Donkor to the Math Department!

Music Notes

September ended with a bang for the AHS music department. The members of the band really stepped up their game with great performances at the pep rally and at Mr. Brockett’s first home win on September 22nd. The highlight of the game was a guest performance by our own Mrs. Christon on the crash cymbals! On September 25th, **Men on a Mission**, our first men’s choir, was born! The group consists of members from within the chorus as well as others.

Class of 1956 Visit

Two generations, past and present, of Ansonia students came together recently to discuss life in the high school. On September 29th, History Club and Student Government members were given a rare opportunity to interview members of the Class of 1956 and to connect their lives with one another.

Upon entering the new high school, the Class of ’56 was warmly received by members of both organizations. Students then led the “Graduates” on a tour of the school, answering all the questions that arose, and asking a few more of their own. The students of all ages then sat together in the Media Center for a more formal Q-and-A session. Questions ranged from the types of clothing

Their current focus is on the Motown/R&B genres. Catch their debut at the Winter Concert on December 13th! They and the **Ladies of Harmony**, a women’s choir, will perform both separately and together.

Saturday October 7th takes the band to Storrs, CT (Ms. T.’s favorite place ever!) where they will participate in Band Day at the University of Connecticut. Along with other high school band members, the AHS band students will receive training in marching band

worn to what Ansonia was like after the flood of 1955. This meeting gave the current generation a unique chance to see what high school life was like in the 1950’s.

The Class of 1956 was amazed at the beautiful new high school and how kindly they were received by our students. Mary Ellen (Shea) Ahern, a ’56 graduate, said, “This was a wonderful event and a great chance to unite our group. (The) students were absolutely fascinating and very respectful.”

Mr. Golia provided the graduates and the students with lunch, which was followed by closing remarks from Principal Wilhemena Christon.

Class News

Class of 2007

Advisors: Mrs. Kelley-Mastroni, Ms. Lonardo

- The Class of 2007 will be hosting a Homecoming Dance on Thursday, November 9th at Ansonia High School. Tickets will be \$5 for students and \$7 for any outside guest. We hope to see you there.

Class of 2008

Advisors: Mrs. Rzasa, Mrs. Wynus

- The Class of 2008 Junior Ring Dance will be held on Monday, Nov. 6 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the Inn at the Villa Bianca in Seymour. Tickets will be on sale from October 10th through October 20th. Tickets are \$45 and will be sold during homeroom in Room 107. Table assignments can be made after tickets are purchased in Room 218.

fundamentals and instrument-specific warm-up routines from members of the UConn Marching Band (UCMB). The day will end with a combined performance by the high school students and the UCMB.

The best part of the event however, will be reuniting with past AHS Band Co-President and trumpet player Greg Sember, who is now a new member of the Pride of Connecticut; the UCMB.

Class of 2010

Advisors: Miss Hanbury and Mrs. Nargi.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new students to Ansonia High School and to wish them a productive and enjoyable four years.

Early in October, we will meet with the Freshmen Class to discuss the election process for the Student Council. We will also be discussing our first fundraiser of the year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please share them with either Miss Hanbury in Room 110 or Mrs. Nargi in Room 104.