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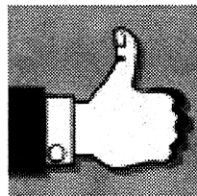
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## EDITORIALS

# Best and the rest of the past week

Thumbs up to students participating in the Connecticut state finals of the U.S. Academic Decathlon. Students from five high schools — Trumbull, Oxford, Hamden Hall, New Fairfield and Montville — will



compete Saturday in 10 separate events, a combination of written tests and speeches. In preparation for the event, students were required to read Dicken's "A tale of two cities" and familiarize themselves with

the art, history and politics, among other aspects of life, of the period in France from the economic crash of 1789 to the coup d'etat that solidified Napoleon's ascension in 1799. Though the principal theme of the competition is the French Revolution, students will be quizzed on mathematics, fine arts, music, science and literature, as well. Team members are not all from what is usually considered the academic elite: rules require a mix of academic levels, limiting the number of honors and AP level students to three and requiring at least three C-level students of the nine students on the team. Athletic performance often dominates the media on and off school campus, but these students have proven that hard work, persistence and dedication to academic excellence is every bit as admirable.