

Nous Nous Souvenons de Quebec

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If determined to find culture and history, Quebec is the place to go. It is a unique city in North America, which fights to maintain its French heritage. If looking to have a great time shopping, dancing, and socializing, Quebec is more than suitable. The French Club's four-day trip was one to remember.

We got the privilege to stay in the famous Château Frontenac, which is the building seen on all post cards of the area. It is the stereotypical Quebec. The hotel overlooks the charming and practical Saint Lawrence River from atop a cliff. It is found within the old walled city, built during time of war against the British. During our stay we took a guided tour of the hotel learning about Governor Frontenac that supposedly still haunts the hallways at night.

The day was filled with sightseeing such as Quebec's min-



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ature Notre Dame and the famous tree with the cannon ball in it. We saw Saint Anne Basilica, a large church where many people claim to be miraculously healed. Hundreds of crutches decorate the walls and aisles. We dared to cross Le Grand Chute, which is taller than Niagara Falls, and even got some

hands-on training, learning how to load guns and fire cannons. We competed on teams, but unfortunately, the British won.

We also ate upon the rotating restaurant giving us a view of the city from every angle. Following our revolving meal, we went on a dance cruise with other

high schools from Canada. We danced the night away upon the Saint Lawrence. But that wasn't the only time we danced. The next night we ate at the Caban au Sucre where we learned about the process of making maple syrup (Canada's staple food). There we

danced in circles, limboed, and played the spoons. Everyone loves spooning. We were super cultural while we shopped at the mall for a few hours. The French put roller coasters in their malls.

Also cannot forget the little things like: Bruce hitting a duck on the way there and the play place at McDonalds where all the cool kids are. A few even discovered that the nighttime guard to keep us in our rooms was not a rumor the teachers made up to scare us. Strangely enough, we learned of the Canadians obsession with dragons at their museums, but that is ok. We only sleep there when it rains.

Overall, the trip was a huge success. Everyone left a little more fluent in French and a little more knowledgeable about Canada's history and heritage. A great thanks goes out to our chaperones for putting up with us and making this trip possible.

Debate Club Shines at Yale

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Students of the Debate Club at Trumbull High School went to Yale University in New Haven to compete against many other high schools in several rounds of debating. The name of this debate was "Osterweis" after Rollin G. Osterweis, a Yale professor and a great debater.

It was not elimination round, so it was extremely good practice to use skills against schools across the state. Mrs. Rubano, the advisor to the Debate club, even said, "It's not about winning a trophy. We will try our hardest to win in debates next year, so this is like a dress rehearsal for us."

The day began with a general assembly and a demo debate so the students could understand the style of a Parliament debate. This was demonstrated by Yale students and judges, and they debated the resolution of "bad language on a college campus". It was an excellent presentation and made ideas and concepts much clearer to students and faculty.

After the presentation, the teams divided into groups of two. I was teamed up with someone from the Sound School from New Haven. For both of us, this was our first debate, so we were somewhat nervous.

The first resolution was posted, and it was "Random drugs tests should be used in schools". This is a great topic because this affects all of the students. We were assigned a designated side and debated against other schools. The first round was nerve-racking and extremely intense for everyone since this was our first out of four debates. However, the judges were extremely compassionate and le-

nient, and they gave great advice.

We returned to the assembly room waiting for the second resolution. The resolution for this round was "Gas prices should be raised by one dollar". This is a very interesting topic because it combines two important ideas; gas prices and global warming. Even though global warming was not stated in the resolution, it was still used throughout the debate. We debated in another intense round using examples like hybrid cars and how many miles people drive each day, and then we returned for our next resolution.

The next discussion was about the idea that "Women should be allowed to serve in the military in combat". In our debate, many of the groups argued against their own personal beliefs, so it was very complicated. However, we did give a strong and clear message and used a tremendous amount of evidence as well.

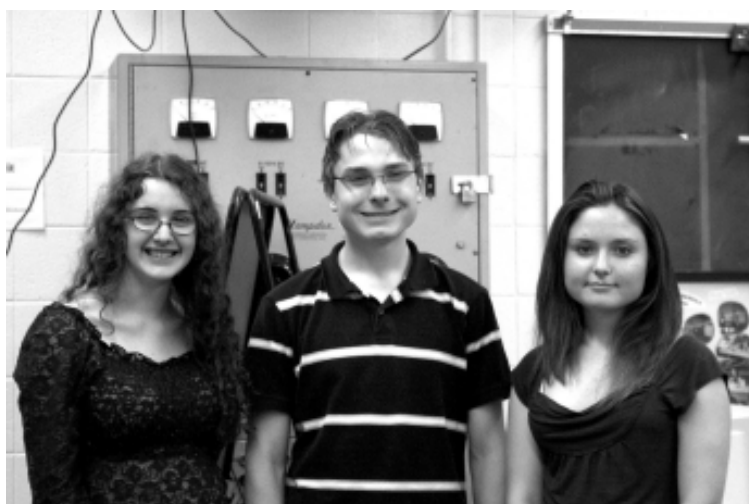
Once again, we walked back to the auditorium for the next resolution. This debate would be extremely interesting because the resolution was, "The government

should make voting compulsive."

In other words, all Americans would have to vote or else be fined for fifty-one hundred dollars. Many interesting statistics were used in this debate, including the fact that only forty percent of Americans voted in 2005. The judges critiqued every team and wished to see us all next year.

The final round was between the top two teams, Daniel Hand High School in Madison and Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge. This would surely be an interesting debate because the resolution was, "The United States should stop selling weapons to Israel." This is also an important topic because Israel is our ally. In the end, Daniel Hand High School brought home a huge first place trophy in honor of their victory.

Teams from Trumbull High put on great performances even though they did not qualify for the top twenty places. It was great practice and overall, Osterweis 2007 was a great success and the team plans to return next year.



From left to right: Lisa Kasiewicz, Andrew Freeburg and Lauren Dahlin went to Yale to compete with the Debate Club. Photo taken by Dara Rosenblatt.

THS Remembers: Eddie Springer

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Loss has knocked upon the doors of Trumbull High School once again, as we say goodbye to another one of its students, Edward Springer. At 17 years old, Eddie left behind friends, family, and all of his unfinished business. He was a student who made both his parents and Trumbull High school proud, and we remember him this year as another one this school's gifts which, unfortunately slipped away quicker than expected.

Eddie was a funny and extremely social teen, who adapted so far past his disability to shine his wonderful personality among all his friends and family. He loved attending social events and had the best time when he was smiling. Ms. Conroy, who worked with Eddie, described him as a person who "loved achieving success. He was always excited about things."

When in school, Eddie loved running with the track kids in the hall, listening to music, and working on projects. He was a firm participator in the Special Olympics and was eager to make both himself and anyone happy. If he ever got bored he would watch music videos, play with his dog, and of course, one of his favorite hobbies, singing.

Family supported him throughout his entire life, and at the name of his sister he would always smile. Although Eddie did not say much in the literal sense, his body language, especially his smiles and laughs, spoke all the words needed. "You can't just look at Eddie and know him, he had so much personality. He would always remember people, and one thing



Eddie Springer enjoyed life at Trumbull High School with his friends. Many students and faculty will remember him. Photo Courtesy of Trumbull High School

that I would never forget is that, no matter how long ago people met Eddie, they always remembered him." said Ms. Conroy. The closest of Eddie's friends, were still coping with the death of Justin Wetmore, a 21-year-old Trumbull High student, and were devastated when Eddie's passing reached them. "The kids didn't even know how to deal with the news. You're never really ready to tell a person that their friend is gone, and seeing their reaction was just overwhelming," said Ms. Conroy.

Eddie Springer, a boy whose angelic and cheerful laugh sounded through the halls, is no longer with us, yet at the same time, is with us now more than ever. His memory remains with staff, friends, and family, and will never be forgotten. Ms. Conroy stated, "Eddie really had an impact on people and people remembered him because he was just that great of a person."