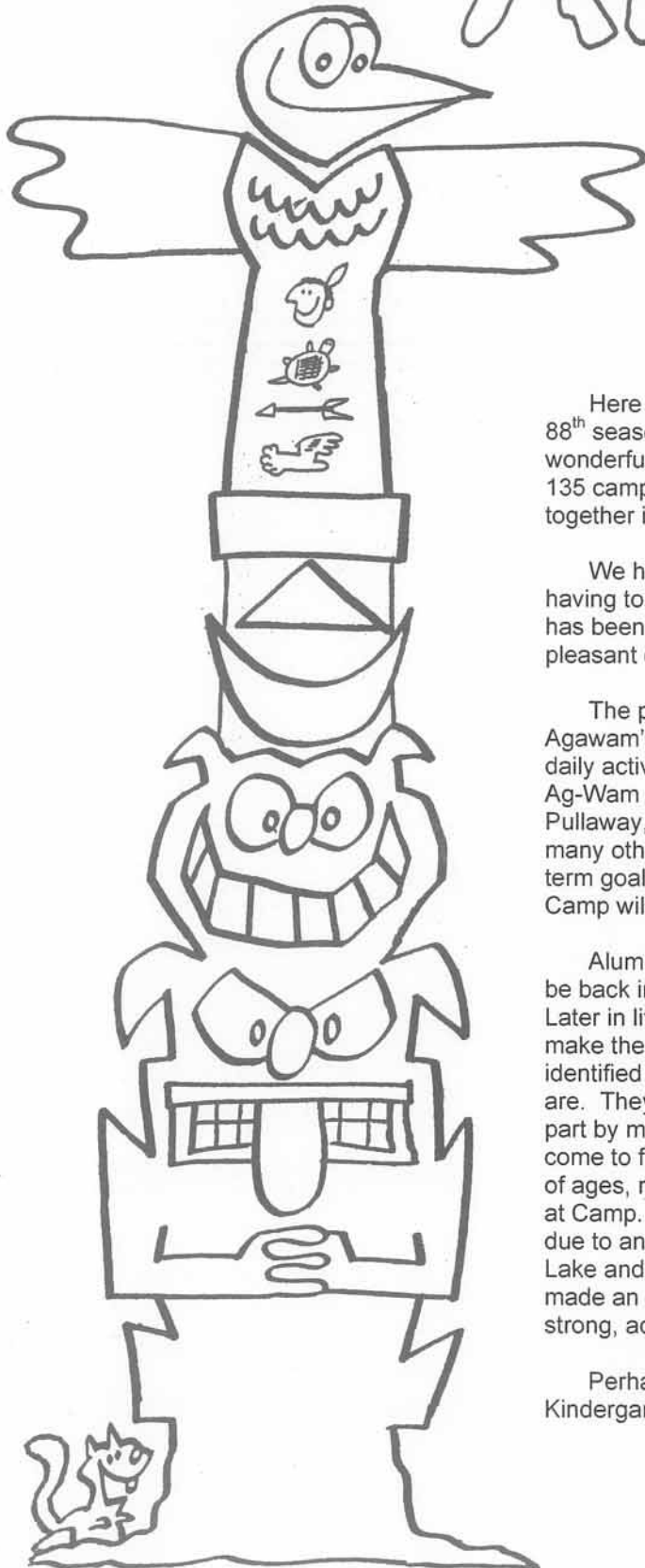


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Here it is – mid-season! I am very happy to report that Agawam's 88th season is off to a great start; the time is flying by. We have a wonderful group of people in the Agawam community this summer – 135 campers and 65 fine staff members, all doing their best to come together in a happy, productive camp.

We have been aided by cooperative weather, for the most part, having to escape the rain only a few times. The last month in Maine has been somewhat cooler than an average season, producing pleasant days, made for all the activities we want to enjoy.

The people, place and Mother Nature all conspire to achieve Agawam's real agenda. Beneath the various visible layers of Camp – daily activities, intercamp competitions, Saturday night Council Fires, Ag-Wam events, regattas, tournaments, Buzz Ball, Pom Pom Pullaway, quiet Free Evenings, the seventh Harry Potter book and many other happy times with campers and counselors – lies a longer term goal. As you enjoy this *Agalog*, hopefully our real purposes at Camp will become clearer.

Alumni of Agawam frequently visit Camp, to stay in touch and to be back in an environment that meant much to them as they grew up. Later in life, they realize the underlying benefits of Camp, as they make their ways in life, perhaps more confident in their strengths, identified at Camp, and happy striving to be the best of whatever they are. They find themselves able to make decisions and plans, aided in part by moral compasses such as the Woodcraft Laws. They have come to find deep value in those around them, due to the rich mixture of ages, nationalities and backgrounds present during their summers at Camp. The environment and its stewardship becomes a priority, due to an appreciation born in the woods on the shores of Crescent Lake and days spent at Ranger Trail. Each of us at Agawam has made an abundance of long lasting friendships, as well. Many remain strong, adding to the quality of daily life.

Perhaps everything we need to know is learned not only in Kindergarten, but also at Camp!

"Chief" Garth Nelson

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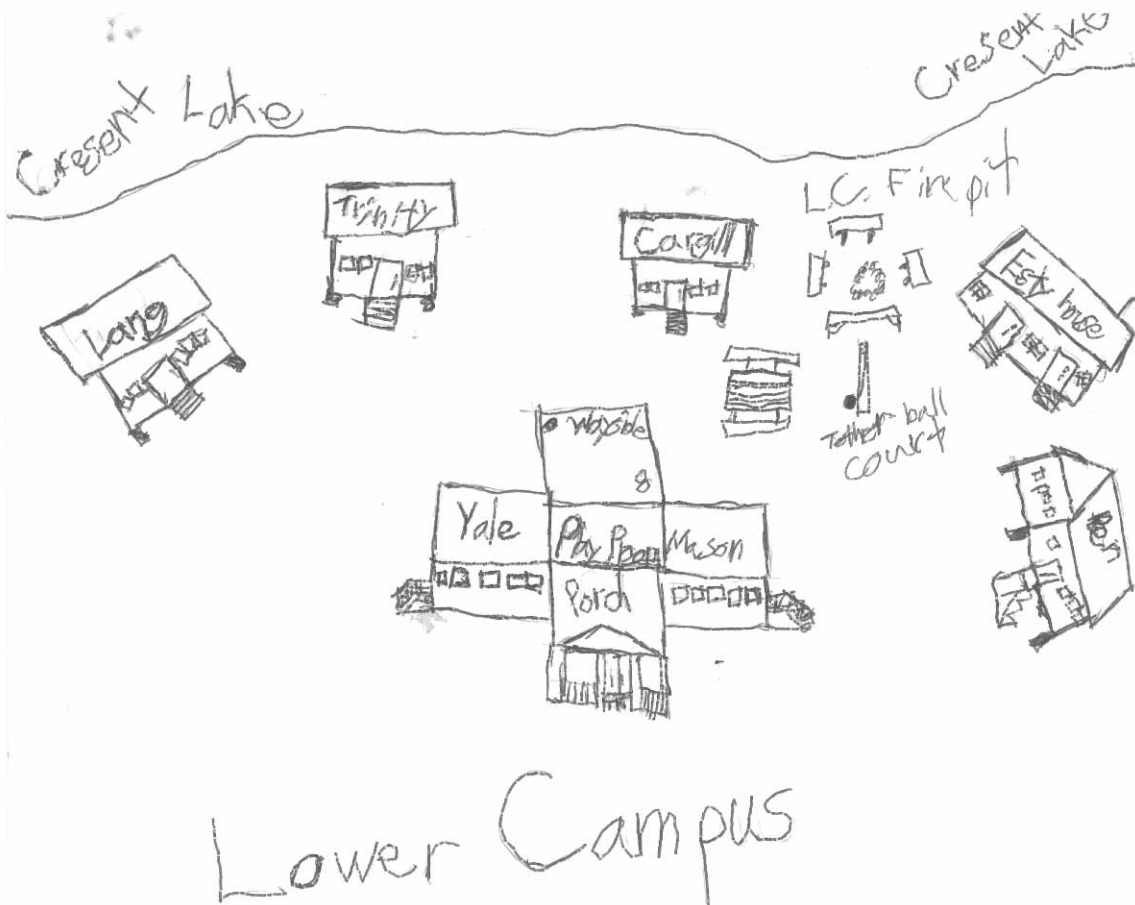
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“Colonel” Seth Worcester - Ashfield, MA – Head Counselor, Head of Instruction, Activity Counselor

"The Ever Calling Wind"

By: Blake Alex, 15

The beat is struck,
The chanting made.
Up the wooded slope,
To the sacred clearing.
Assemble around the blessed fire.
Hope tossed in, consumed.
Then born up upon smoky cloud.
Hopes and dreams swept away in swift breeze.
The breeze that ripples through the grass.
Billows the lofty sail.
Between cabins, and tents, and great Halls.
It is this, same breeze that will find me,
On some distant shore
And call me home,
Home to Agawam.



Travis Winder

Swimming

By Sam Forbes, 9

Down on the waterfront, swimming is one of your choices. There is a swim team, Iron Man competitions, awards, and more. On the swim team, you have practices to get ready for meets and have a lot of fun! I am on the swim team and I have been to meets, they are really exciting! Next, Iron Man probably is the most thrilling. It is when your cabin does laps to win third pool privileges. My cabin won and I love having those privileges even if it is only for a week. Finally, there are awards; levels 1-6! Level 1 allows you to get into first pool and Level 6 allows you to be in third pool. I love getting awards, doing Iron Man, and being on the swim team! I love swimming!

Sailing

Elliott de Selding, Age 11

At Agawam Sailing is one of the funnest activities. You take a boat and sail in a race or just for fun. You can also work on awards, which are the Crew, the Skipper, the Racing Skipper, and the impossible Mariner. For the past four years, sailing has been voted best activity.

The Top Ten Ways to Impress the Ladies at Regattas

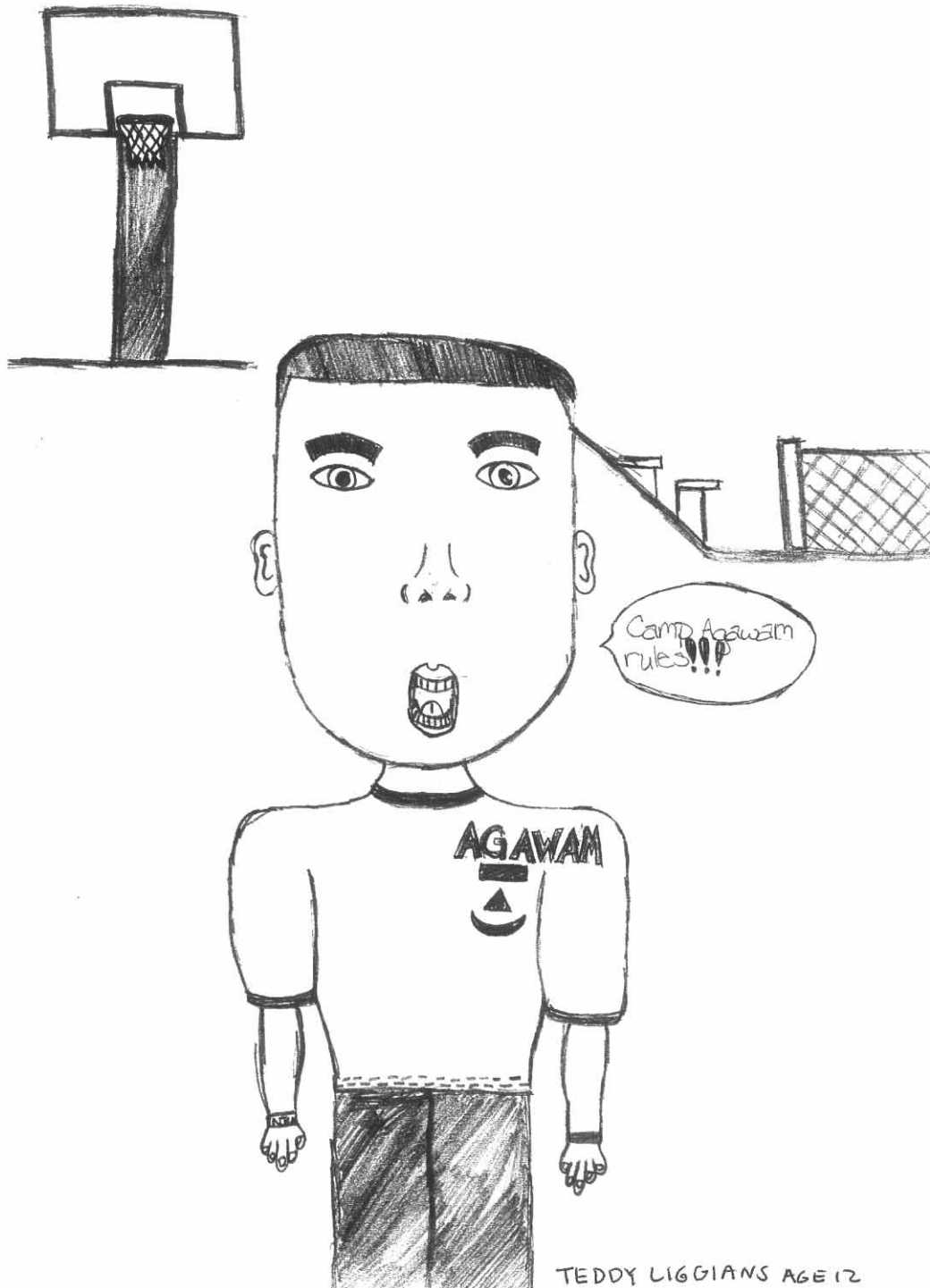
By: JP Steers, 14 Will Degerberg, 15, Stephen Webel, 15

10. Sunglasses/Hats
9. Be Clean
8. Take your shirt off and show off your muscles, "Suns out guns out"
7. Let the ladies win in cards, enough so that they feel good, but not enough to make you look dumb
6. Give them hints in the race but not enough to have them win
5. Help them in and out of boats
4. Win!
3. Look like you know what you're doing even if you don't
2. Draw attention to yourself, but in a positive way
1. "You're right" is an answer to any questions

Sports Training

By: Jay Carroll, 15

Sports training is an awesome thing that helps us work out enough to get ready for sports. I think it is a good thing because it can get you off your butt, and you can start doing push-ups. If you think about it at one point all the great athletes of today were once just like you or me in their strength. So if you commit to a lot of hard work, sports training can really help you out. So get out there and get active.

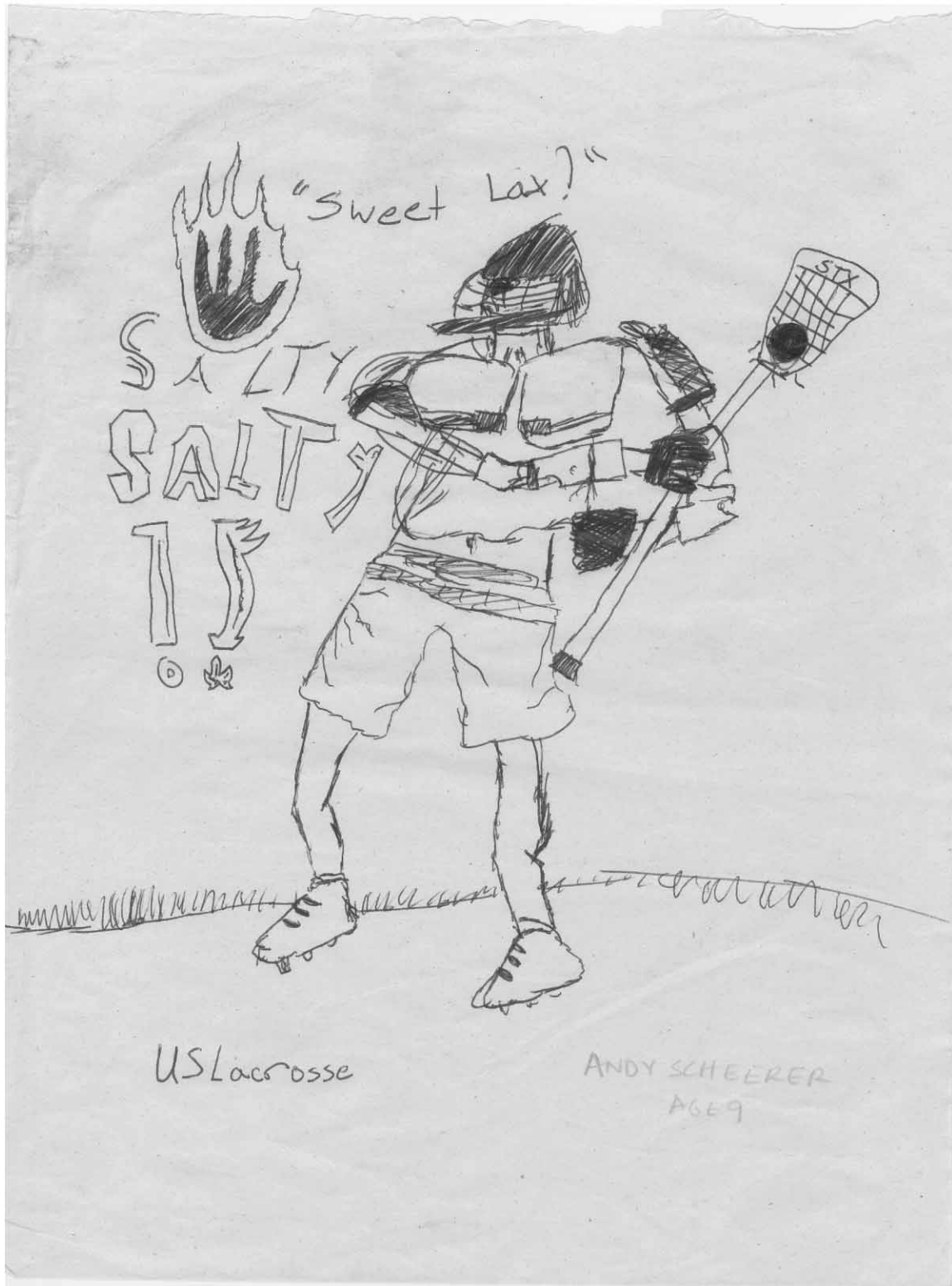


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The Salty Award

By: Paul Dougherty, 9

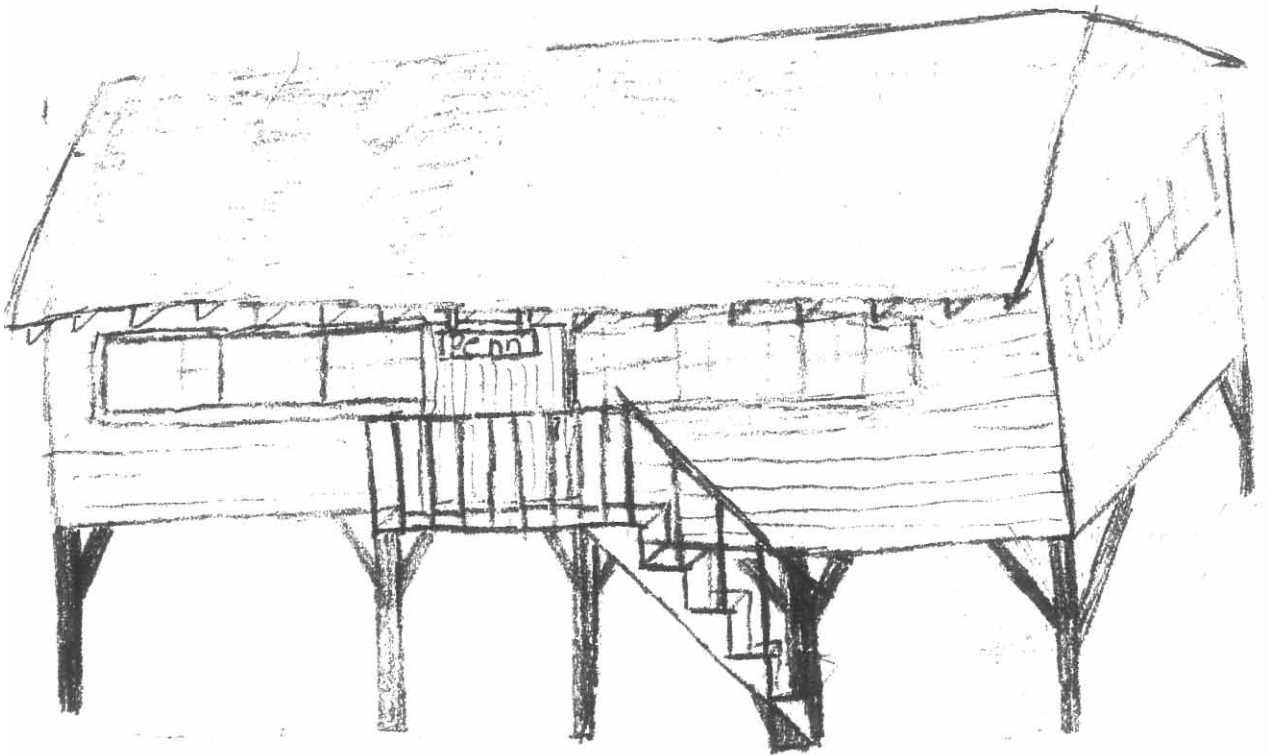
The Salty award goes to the saltiest lacrosse player in Camp. It is for the person who improves the most. You have to want to want to play, be able to play, and you've got to play hard. So far the recipients have been Andy Scheerer and Ned Thunem.



Midway Booths

Jonathan Esty, Age 12

On July 4, 2007, each cabin prepared for an hour long whirlwind of games, candy, and many a pie-in-the-face. This was the Midway Carnival. Many different booths, from mini-golf to a water gun capture the flag, were being prepared for the Fourth of July. In the Lower Campus, Penn had the victory with "Ice, Ice, Baby", a make-your-own ice cream extravaganza. A few yards away, a veritable city of Midway booths had sprung up in Middle Grove. However, in Lower Middle, the win went to Bowdoin with "Agawam Country Club", a mini-golf course, with honorable mention going to Amherst's "Make it Rain", chair that was dunked with water when a target was hit. In Upper Middle, "Lolligagging at Lollipop Grove", Colby's creation, took the cake. This soapy, slippery booth had contestants in scuba gear while playing volleyball on a slippery trap. In Senior Club Grove, Cornell's talent competition, "Agawam's Got Talent" triumphed. The campers showing the most talent included Fabriccio Dominguez with his chicken dance and Rob Macdonald with his beat boxing. This year Agawam's Midway Carnival was an astounding success, and the writer hopes that next year is just as spectacular.

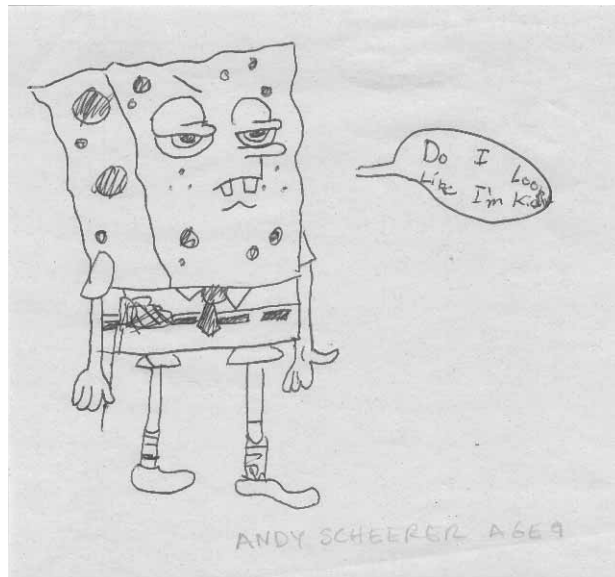


BY: PETER WILSON, 11

Skit Night

Gil Connolly, Age 11

It was a rainy day, and we decided to have Skit Night. "Sarge" led us in his "Shayshay Koolay" song, then the skits started. In between skits, we all sang songs with "FM" Shechtman. One skit was Yale's "Ten Things that can go wrong at a Baseball Game". Then Penn did "Harry Potter goes to Agawam". Then Princeton did the "Ripper Show" with Luke Noreña as Ripper Rip. Cargill went with "Too Many James Bonds". Then Lang went with Lang's Idol, where Ensign SANG SOME FUNNY SONGS. Then there were two presentations of Dodger tackling people when Outpost and Dartmouth were doing what they think the counselors do. Then Brown sang, "Let's Get Down to Business" and Cornell did their version of "Stomp". Then we ended Skit Night with agony and went back to our cabins with the 15 year olds singing "Taps".



Cops and Robbers

By: Austin Scheerer, 12

Cops and Robbers is one of the best after dinner games at Agawam. If you don't know how to play, take a look at these rules. The cops' objective is to get all or as many as possible robbers in jail and keep them there. The robbers' objective is to stay out of jail as long as possible. If a robber is tagged by a cop, you go to the flagpole, which is the jail. If there are others there, you can form "electricity", which is a chain of people. If a free robber tags a jailed robber the whole chain is free. Campers cannot go into any buildings, past the Riflery and Archery ranges, behind Brown and the Infirmary and Wesleyan.

Tetherball in The LC

By: Noah Schweizer, 10

In the Lower Campus (LC), tetherball is our life. The object of the game is to get a ball on a string around a stick on the ground. When you win, you say, "Tether". The way you get to choose the rules is for you to say, "Rules and way" and you get to choose the way you go and the rules, from double taps to pushes, to holds, etc. The way you get to serve is to say "serve and sides", of course you get to serve and get to choose your side.

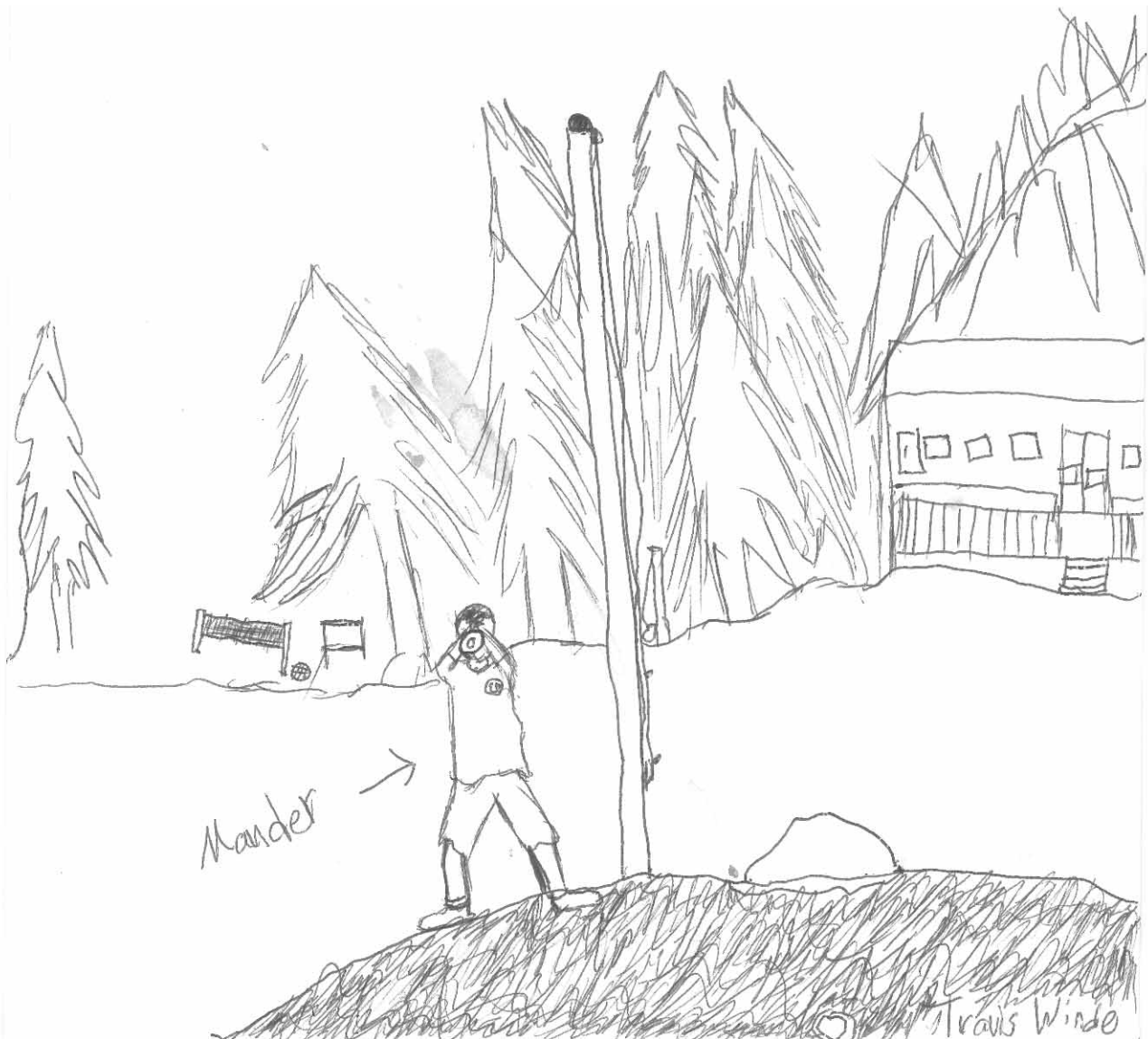


Noah Faizon '10'

Washington 1

By: Tyler Winde, 14

Washington 1, consisting of Kyle Hargreaves, Tommy Webel, Josh Christy, Paul Donohue, Christian Petro, Rob Macdonald, Sandy Brown, "Sarge" Sprole and "Striker" Rickards. We got there, got everything ready and set out. We got past tree line at breakneck speed and manned out Madison, instead of the hike around. We slept at Madison, it took a while to go to sleep because there were some crazy 60 year olds betting money on a dice game. We started out day two tired, the weather was basically wind, rain, and more wind. We hiked and summited Holy Mount Adams, Mt. Jefferson, and Mt. Clay. We summited Washington, went to Lakes of the Clouds sleeping with the crazy 60 year-olds, who recruited a few more to their posse. We hiked down Tuckerman's keeping some snow, left Pinkham and got ice cream! Yipee!



Washington II

By: Hamlet Fort, 14

Washington II, one of the sweetest groups of people ever to grace the White Mountains in New Hampshire departed early Wednesday, July 11. Inside the van were Alex Przedpelski, Kyle Morrison, Reece Parsons, EJ Harrison, Alvaro Fabregas, Gabe de Selding, Parker Abbot, me, "Mander" Ryan and "Colonel". "Colonel" drove us about 1 hour and 40 minutes to the Presidential Range Visitor Center and from there we began our ascension.

The terrain was forested until we reached a resting point at the base of Tuckerman's Ravine. We had some dried fruit following the hour or two of hiking we had just completed. We then geared up again and began the difficult climb up Tuckerman's Ravine. The view back down where we had just hiked was soon obscured by dense fog. The terrain turned extremely rocky and steep. We saw a large stretch of snow that obviously had not melted since it fell months before. We stopped at "The Lunch Rocks", large boulders where we had bagel with hummus and cheese.

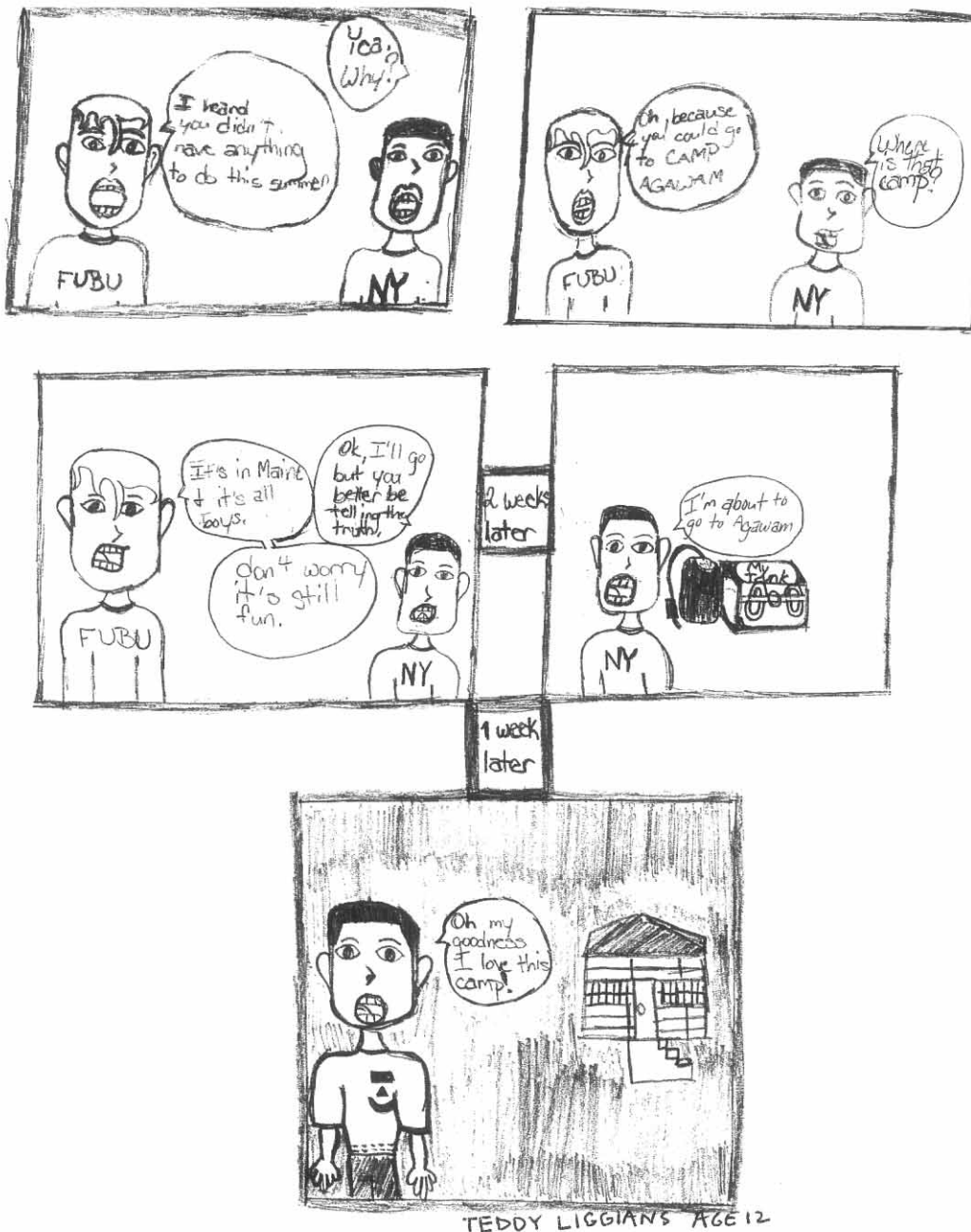
We continued our trek up the ravine for many more miles. It was foggy and we were all sweating as if it had been raining. It did rain, eventually. But not until later.

We eventually hit a trail junction. The sign pointed the to the summit of Washington one-way, the Lakes of the Clouds Hut the other. We chose to summit Washington. The climb got steeper and the fog got thicker, but we continued on. After another hour we finally reached the summit. We rested in the visitor center at the summit. We tried calling our parents, but that didn't work too well for most of us.

After awhile we began the 1.2 miles descent back to the Lakes of the Clouds. That's when it started raining hard. But after about another hour we finally made it to the hut. After "Mander" reunited with an old friend from high school, we put our stuff down in our room, and got ready for dinner. I met and visited with "FM" Hourigan's aunt who was at the table next to us. After an amazing Thanksgiving Dinner, we settled down, played some cards. Reece, EJ and I played "Mafia" with some Arcadia girls. After a while we were all so exhausted we went to sleep.

On day 2, we woke up around 6:30, had an amazing breakfast, mapped out the trail, then hit the trail. The terrain was completely rocky the whole way. After a few minutes we came across the Cog Railway. The main car was a giant, ugly, purple train car. We continued on after each collecting a piece of coal. We hiked along the ridge to Mount Jefferson. At the base of Jefferson we met up with the Washington I guys. We visited for about a half and hour, then continued on after many more mile and hours of hiking, we reached the Star Lake Trail, the final descent to the Madison Hut. We rested and ate dinner. After dinner we chilled some more then went to bed.

The third day was the easiest, all downhill to the van. We arrived back to the van about two hours ahead of schedule. So we decided to swim in the Peabody River. It was amazing. Then we all piled into the van and headed back to camp, with a stop at Ben and Jerry's. What a great trip.



Six-a-Side

By: Cujo Noreña, 14

This year Agawam held the 20th annual Six-a-Side Soccer Tournament on Forbes Field. Agawam possessed one of the strongest teams the camp has seen in many moons. Coached by "Scout" Pat McClellan, "Striker" Will Rikcards, "Sarge" Toby Brown, and "FM" Mike Hourigan, the squad consisted of 10 players ready to start the tournament on Monday, July 16. Agawam made their presence known from the first game when Team Captain Jack Near scored two goals for a 2-0 victory over long time camp rival, Camp Timanous. After the first day, Agawam finished with the most points of any team on the field, and we advanced to the semi-final. The next day the team was down 1-0 after one half of play against Camp O-at-ka. After the team collectively calmed down, Agawam came out on the field in the second half with fire in their eyes that helped them score 3 astounding goals, and at the same time contain the significantly powerful offense of O-at-ka. Agawam had a chance to win the finals for the first time since 2002, and we had the momentum going in.

During rest hour on Tuesday, July 17, Agawam would square off once again against Timanous in front of a crowd of 100+. The intensity was there; however, Timanous struck first with the score being 2-0 in favor of Timanous after the first half of play. Agawam won the next half 1-0, but we unfortunately lost the Championship game 2-1. "Scout" said after the game, "We made two mistakes in a near flawless game. No one should hang their heads, there is nothing to be ashamed of."

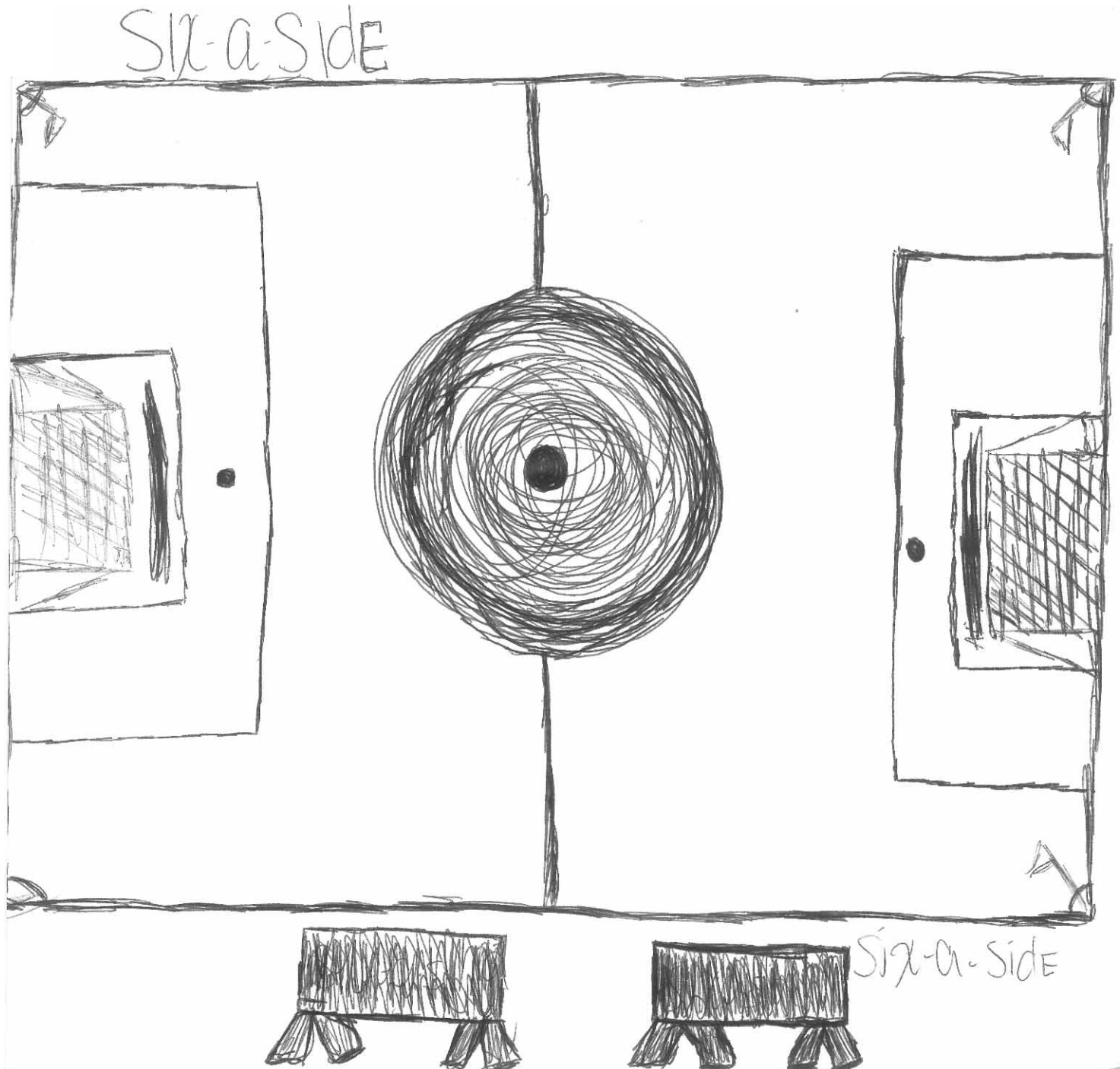
"Scout" was right. Camp Agawam was the strongest team in the tournament, physically and mentally. We had Will Degerberg and Ben Sataloff play a strong defense; Rob Macdonald and Kenn Fryer led a quick-paced midfield; on forward, Jack Near led the whole tournament in goals scored and a talented and composed leader in the net, James Goodenough. Off the bench were Will Stark, Simon Greene, Cujo Noreña, and Luke Faust, all crucial players to the team, were viewed as equals to the starters. Agawam's team consisted of 10 individuals led by genuine coaching. Consequently, Camp Agawam should be more than proud of one of the greatest and tightly knit the camp has ever seen.



Six-A-Side

By: Christian Johnson, 15

It was a long Monday for Agawam to kick off the Agawam six-a-side games. We came out blazing at the other camps. We went to the finals where we lost by only one goal. Timanous and Agawam both showed great sportsmanship.



Agawam vs. Timanous Baseball Game

By: Simon Greene, 15

On July 3rd Agawam took the field against Timanous for the first 15 and under baseball game of 2007 camp season. Agawam jumped out to an early lead, and by the beginning of the 5th inning the score was 5-1 Agawam. Then Timanous rallied back and scored 3 in the 5th and 2 in the 6th while holding Agawam to only 1 run in the 6th. The game ended after the 6th inning with a 6-6 tie. There were great performances by James Goodenough who had a single and two runs. Luke Faust and Kyle Hargreaves both had singles, and AJ Edgecomb, who pitched a very good complete game, allowing only 5 hits. Both teams played well and displayed exemplary sportsmanship.

Baseball vs. Nashoba North

By: Luke Faust, 15

In the first intercamp game in history between Agawam and Nashoba North, Agawam was victorious 3-1. A.J. Edgecomb pitched all seven innings, getting four strikeouts and allowing only two hits. The defense played flawlessly, which was important because there were thirteen groundball outs. The defensive play of the game was early on when Walker Stockley made a nifty sliding catch in leftfield. The defense, led by James Goodenough who had two hits and two RBI's, started off slow, but later scored three runs on six singles. Nashoba had a very good pitcher, a hard throwing lefty, who created some match-up problems for our three and four hitters. Agawam was up 3-0 in the seventh. The Nashoba pitcher hit a solo homerun to deep-right center. However, Edgecomb returned the visitors routinely on the seventh to see Agawam's first victory of the season after tying Timonaous earlier.

Camper Counselor Game

By James Goodenough, 15

On July 8th the campers and counselors headed up to Ap's Field for their annual showdown. The campers, who won the past two years, were again looking for a "W". Unfortunately the counselors would not allow this and brought fierce competition. The campers' lineup was created by Simon Greene and me, the team captains. Help came from the other two baseball Woodcrafters Luke Faust and Bowen Dunnan.

The campers represented the home team and the counselors the away team. The campers took the field first and the staff went down quietly. After that the staff started to run away with it, Rob Reichenbach hit a grand slam home run and a two run home run came from "Slugger" Hayes. "Slugger" Hayes also pitched a no-hitter and helped lead the staff to a 13 to 2 victory.

The Old Timers Game

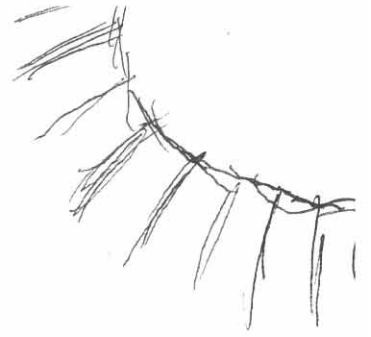
By: Bowen Dunnan, 15

On Sunday the fifteenth of July, all of camp met for Corn Dog Sunday. The Gods of the Four Winds managed to move lunch inside, but the game was not postponed. "Coach" Dickerman pitched for both teams as the Staff Ags faced off against the Staff Wams. The game began as the clouds parted after the corn dog lunch. The Staff Wams managed to pull out the victory up on Ap Mason Field with a final score of 11-9. Excellent plays in the field from "Cox'n" Feig and "Striker" Rickards paved the way for the victory. The Wams' offense, led by homeruns from "Cutter" Finlay, "Major" Phillips, "Ranger" Terkovich, and "Lt" Grondin. "Cutter" and "Major" combined to drive in eight of the team's eleven runs. The Ags held the lead early on but the Wam's power was too much for the Ags. The game was fun for both players and spectators, and it left everyone waiting for next year's game.

Courage

By: Luke Osgelae

Age: 12



The Recipe for Happiness @ Camp Agawam

By: Rob Macdonald and Jack Near, 14

- 1/2 cup - Determination
- 4 cups - Interesting Specialty
- 1 cup - Cool cabin/tent
- 5 cups - Katiaki's
- 3 cups - Awards
- 5 cups - AG/WAM events
- 2 cups - Inter-camp events/regattas
- 1 cup - "Major" Duncan Phillips