Editor's Pages

Information you should know

Welcome to the May issue of *Shoemaker Village*!

To start off, we feel that we should update our subscribers on the status of our webpages. As you probably already know, throughout the month of April, we experienced many problems in developing the website that seemed to multiply as the month progressed. Though most of the website is now operational, we are still unable to create a functional CGI script that handles subscriptions and voting. Though we had expected to be able to make the website operational quickly, this highly technical problem was over our heads. If anyone experienced in web design can help us, we encourage you to contact us as soon as possible so we can remedy the situation. Of course, anyone who can help us resolve these technical difficulties will receive free issues of the *Village* for the rest of the summer.

However, though several sections of the website are currently non-operational, most of the site is up and running. The novels pages for each novel have been redesigned, and the Neighborhood News and other sections are posted online right now, as well as a new staff page you won't find in the *Village*! Beginning this month, in addition, you will be able to find an exact duplicate copy of the *Village* on the web. Therefore, for those people who cannot afford to continue their paper subscription to the *Village*, we encourage you to check out our website. Every piece of information on the website is completely free! Also, the website finally solves the problem of printing enlarged issues of the *Village* that we were attempting to produce over the past few years. Using a computer, it is possible to change the screen resolution so that the text size is enlarged many times above what the paper copy can offer. We hope to have details on how to do this posted on our site as soon as possible. In related news, the *1999: Best Article of the Year* award has been canceled due to these technical problems. If you had planned on voting, please email the authors of each article with your comments.

Speaking of the summer, the summer is (unfortunately) rapidly approaching. It is hard to believe that there are only 28 (official) days of school remaining as of the day of publication! Therefore, as we have during the past two years, it will be necessary for us to collect teachers' and students' from UMHS addresses to continue subscriptions over the summer. For subscribers who have been with us since last May, we currently have twelve teacher addresses in our database. However, for new subscribers, we will be contacting teachers and students on Purple and Gold Day (May 26) for their addresses when we deliver June's issue of the *Village*. Unfortunately, as was required last year, it may be necessary to charge those who will need the *Village* mailed to them an additional $2.00 for the summer to defray the cost of these mailings. We are sorry for any inconvienence this may have caused you.

However, what was once a time of relaxation and pure bliss is now reserved for hard

decisions like college-hunting and working, as well as a shortage of free time. Please be aware that during the summer it may not be possible for us to maintain our regular publication schedule for the July, August, or September issues. Though we will try our best to continue the publication of the *Village* to the heights of our abilities, these sort of engagements severely limit opportunity to maintain the *Village*. Of course, if an issue of the *Village* is canceled or postponed, you will be notified immediately, and your subscription will be extended to make up for the lost issue.

Also, you may remember that last month we mentioned Kyle Daigle as contributing to the *Village*. Though he submitted an article for publication, an error during the production of April's issue led to his article not being published in that issue. Therefore, we have republished last month's article in this month's issue. We apologize to Kyle for the mistake and are sorry for any mishap this may have caused our readers.

Finally, those looking through this issue may have noticed that an April issue was bundled behind it. During last month's publication, over fifteen copies of the *Village* were lost due to several mishaps. As a result, we have had them reprinted, and they have been distributed with this month's issue.

As always, if you have any comments on the *Village*, please visit our website or email them to us through the email addresses on the Acknowledgements page. Thank you for reading this issue, and we hope to be hearing from you in the next month. Until then…

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