

Street Action. Top Row (L-R): Jen Koehler, Allison Rees, Heather Torre, Ann Laudati, Mrs. Oakes, Advisor. Bottom Row (L-R): Ai-Ju Huang, Rachel Rowley, Deborah Shore.

JSA Success Not Debatable

Debate — heated or tepid — of issues of critical importance to Americans and the world is the cornerstone of the Junior Statesmen of America. In late October, 27 members of the SPFHS chapter attended the annual Fall

Junior Statesmen. Top Row (L-R): Amy Snyder, Steve Henderson, Eric Fung, Jeff Frank, John Kim, John Rusnak, Beth Weber. Middle Row (L-R): Michele Marmora, Kara Morreale, Kathi Levins, Maria Plochocki, Karen Fung, Jamie Kampel, Dena Kleinrock, Kelly VanHorn. Bottom Row (L-R): Karen Wells, Jasmine Vasayada, Christine Chung, Jody Saltzman, Ms. Cozewith, Advisor, Leigh Spielvogel.

State convention to exhibit and practice their skills. Debates were held in the Sheraton University City hotel and in historic Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Topics centered around controversial issues affecting the Bill of

Rights: flag burning, abortion, school prayer, among many.

Cross-examination debate and a mock trial were among the special features of the weekend. The SPFHS chapter came away with four Best Speaker awards — Maria Plochocki, Oorbee Roy, Jasmine Vasavada, and Jody Saltzman — and enormous enthusiasm for the free exchange of ideas after participating in their first major event.

