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Paul O'Leary - SBE HS Senior

by *Charity Winters*



The Seldovia Gazette is revisiting Paul O'Leary this week one last time before he graduates and heads off into a world away from our little town. Since our interview in the fall, a lot has happened to this young man that have changed his plans for the future just a little...

First of all, this 18-year-old soon-to-be-SBE-graduate plans to take a nice long vacation this summer – one last family vacation to Lake Powell, Utah before he heads out on his own. After that, he hopes to find some work in town until he ships out to New Jersey in October for boot camp for the National Coast Guard. There, Paul will receive training as a Damage

The highlight of Paul's senior year was going to the State Wrestling Tournament. As this was only Paul's second year as a wrestler, he didn't expect such an honor. He took 8th place. Paul really enjoyed his short wrestling career – "I liked the feeling of working hard for a goal with a team and trying your best."

With a "severe case of senioritis" as Paul puts it, he can hardly think of much that he will miss about high school. However, he did mention that probably the only reason he decided to stick it out was "Ms. Hilts' weird sense of humor." He also mentioned Ms. Leah Dubber, SBE's high school history teacher last year

Control Specialist. This program will involve training in disaster clean-up, construction, welding and oil spills, to name a few. Paul has considered the armed services for some time. However, he didn't want to have to go to Iraq, for his mom's sake – "It would really freak my mom out," he says. So, the Coast Guard seemed like a good option.

Paul says he is most looking forward to the "independence of starting my own life out in the big world!" He also says he plans on spending it with someone very special, his fiancée, Angela Singh. He and Angela (Angie) met at a college fair in Anchorage last October. On March 3rd, 2006 Paul proposed to Angela in front of friends and family at the Sweet n' Clean. Angela will be graduating from Ninilchik this May and will then attend a community college in Oregon for interior design and decorating. She and Paul plan to be married sometime in October 2007.

as someone who was a big encouragement for him throughout high school. He'll miss Seldovia – the greatest reason being that it's simply his home. "I'll always miss home!" Certainly, Seldovia will miss a young person who has put a lot of time into his involvement with the EMS team, volunteer work at the school, and working at the Boys and Girl's Club. We wish you the best, Paul!



Paul O'Leary, EMT training



Paul O'Leary, actor at the Lumberjack Dinner

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