

Alcohol Related Accidents Increase

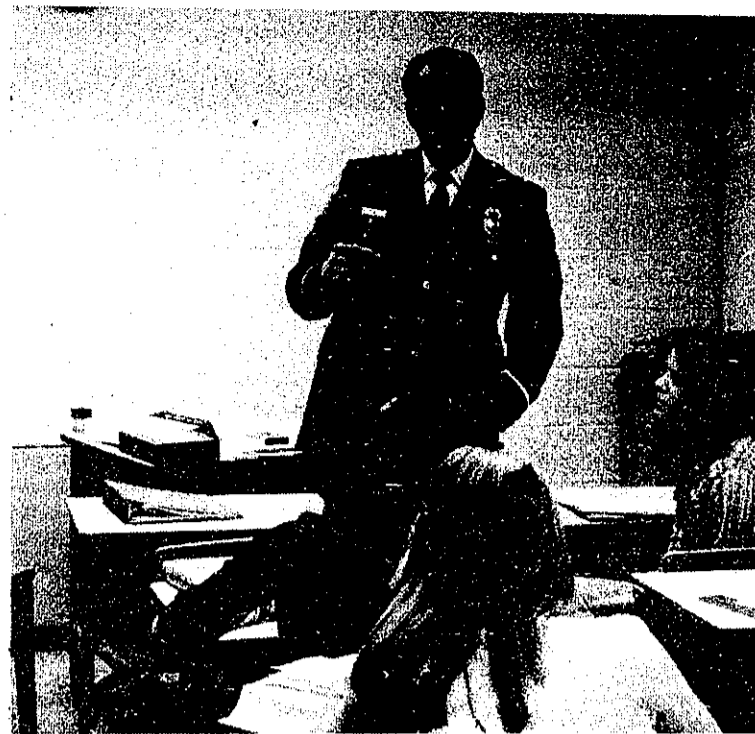
"If you go out after 9 p.m. there is a one in 1000 chance that you will be killed or injured by a drunk driver," said Lt. P. Downey, of the Fairfax County Police Department. In a recent interview with Journalism I students at Mount Vernon High School he indicated that the biggest problem facing police, parents, and students is the rising number of deaths and injuries caused by students who are driving under the influence of alcohol. "Over 8000 high school students will be killed again this year due to traffic accidents and 80% of them will be alcohol related," stressed the Lieutenant. "Nineteen students have already been killed in Fairfax County this year. The large amount of

drinking is also becoming a problem among junior high school youths. The large number of youths causing alcohol related disturbances have been hampering the police from carrying on their regular duties."

To counter this growing problem, the County is enforcing the Alcoholic Safety Action Program (ASAP) a rehabilitation course for the offender. Officer Downing said the cure rate was 26% higher than police expected, however, there were some involved in the program that have been in alcohol related accidents while taking the course. "If you are stopped while driving and found to have a .1 alcohol content you can be arrested for driving under

the influence of alcohol" he warned.

Lt. Downey also announced the new operation of enforcing the right turn on red program that began just two weeks ago. The operation began after a two year study which showed that ten million gallons of gasoline could be saved by adapting such a procedure. "When you come to an intersection you have the option of making a right turn, even though the light is red, however, be sure to check that intersection before you make your turn," he emphasized. There are still places that do not have the right turn on red, but there are signs posted to indicate the procedure."



Lt. Downey discusses the ASAP program.

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Annual Talent Show Slated For Feb. 24th

"For some time it looked pretty doubtful whether we would have our annual talent show," said Doug Heiney, coordinator of the annual Mt. Vernon High Thespians Society. "However with a few pleas on the loud speaker and some encouragement from the faculty, the many talented of Mt. Vernon showed up for the second tryout," he added. Now the scheduled show will be held on Thursday, February 24, 1977 at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater. It will be emceed by Tony Perkins and Leigh Passman, both seniors.

There will be a total of fourteen acts which include singing, dancing, instruments and other novelty acts with fillers by Gina Lam and Chris Zwart. Prizes for this year include \$75.00 for first place; \$50.00 for second place and \$25. for third place.

Production Goes On

By Tony Perkins

Rehearsal has started for the Drama Department's production of "Little Nell the Orphan Girl", which will be presented March 10, 11 and 12 in the Little Theater.

The show, which is this year's second major production is being directed by "stage coach" A. Lee Pauley. It has been described by Terry Colley, who plays the role of "Little Nell," as "a very funny melodrama."

Most of the show's lead actors



"Rehearsals are finally under way and this should be the best talent show ever," said Doug Heiney, coordinator.

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have never played a major role in a Mount Vernon production before. Terry Colley will be joined on stage by Mike Brigham, who will play Trelawney Tillinghast; Ann O'Connell as Amanda Tillinghast; Mike Starcher as Daryl Blessinghan; and Susan Donnel, as Shirley Searle.

There is a possibility that "Little Nell" will be presented in the form of a dinner theater, but at press time final arrangements had not been made.

What's Happening

The following students represented Mount Vernon in the Regional DECA Contests held at Tysons Corner Shopping Center on Wednesday, February 9.

In Apparel, Leah Askew, Suzanne Lally, Pat Hynes, and Catherine Yardley. In job interview Joy Crawley, Jim Dickenson, and Sandy McCracken. Lisa Kirk in Sales Judging. Dixie Eng, Sue Matthews, Greg Estemes and Debbie Akers in General Merchandising. Jeery Dickenson, Job Interview, Meg Breul and Tessie Seeley in Public Speaking. In Food Services, Mary Myers, Terry Kolodzie, Ken Boucher, and Lela Collins. Competing in Sales Demonstration, Barry Gates and Kathy Chistenson. The contests results will be printed in the next issue of the EM VEE HI.

'Farm News'

In Court

Tomorrow, February 15, the case between Hayfield High School "Farm News" Editor Lauren Boyd and Principal Doris Torrice will be heard for the second time in a Federal District Court-house. The case, being held in Oldtowne, Alexandria, was heard in a preliminary hearing on January 14th. The decision upheld the previous decision made by Superintendent S. John Davis on banning the article in question. Ms. Boyd said, "I feel very optimistic about a favorable verdict at the new hearing."

Science Foundation Co-Sponsors Programs

Each year the National Science Foundation co-sponsors with over 100 universities and institutions opportunities for over 3000 outstanding high school students to participate in programs of this nature. Many of these programs offer in depth instruction in biology, economics, mathematics, and physics. Others involve students directly with scientists in research. And still other programs combine these two approaches.

Most programs are open only to juniors (rising seniors); however, many are also open to sophomores (rising juniors) and a few seniors.

The National Science Foundation distributes a directory which describes the programs. After reading through this booklet, the student sends postcards to those institutions and universities sponsoring programs in which he or she is interested. The application process is almost identical to

applying to college (an application, transcript, and recommendations). The Program Director can be obtained by calling the National Science Foundation at 282-7150; they will mail a copy to you. (This year's directory is expected to be in print later this month, but your name will be put on their mailing list.) The applications must reach the institution by April 1, 1977.

Admission is determined by the sponsoring institutions on the basis of scholastic ability, science motivation, and the completion of specified high school courses in science and mathematics. The student is expected to pay his or her own expenses for room, board, and travel. However, it should be emphasized that the National Science Foundation grants money through the program sponsor, on the basis of need. Do not let money become a factor as to whether you apply or not.

Seniors Schedule Dates for Various Projects

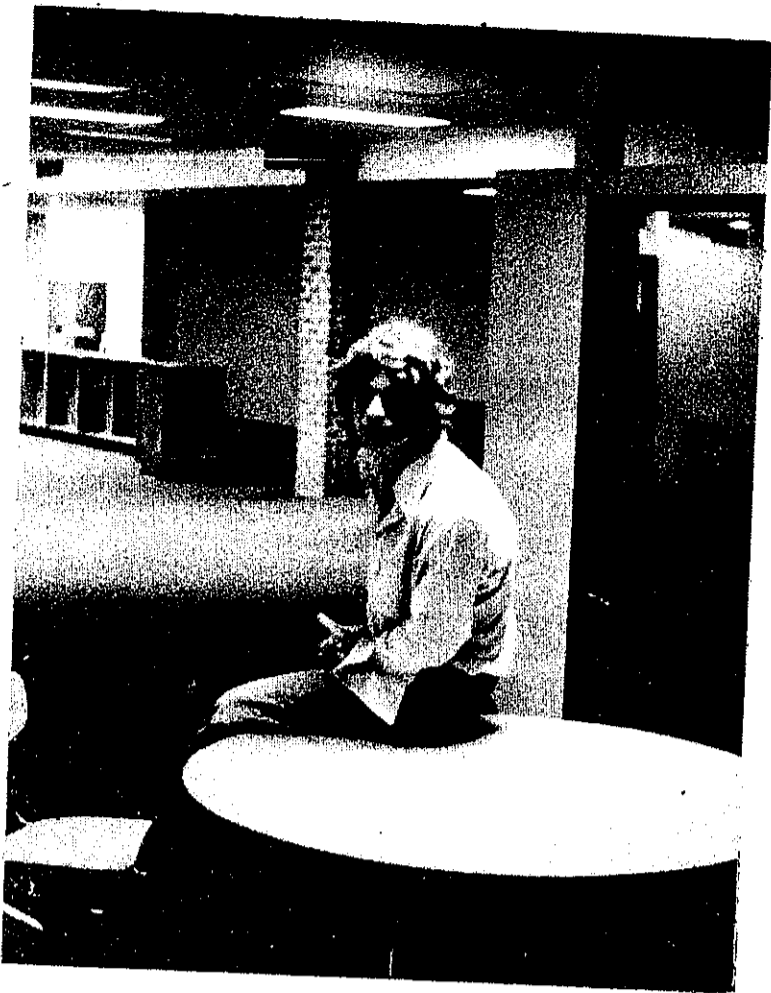
By Dixie Eng

The Senior Class is still working on obtaining a Senior Lounge. After much effort, it was determined that the present Student Information Center located adjacent to the cafeteria is the best possible location. Permission is still necessary to use the room and there will be limitations on the kind of furniture allowed. School furniture, rather than donated pieces will have to be used so that the room can still be used for storage.

A Senior trip was not approved by the Area 1 office. Many of the reasons include discipline and liability.

The Senior Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17. This year the Prom will be held at the International Inn on April 29, and as it stands now it will be from 9 to 2. Baccalaureate will be June 2 (Thursday) at the National Cathedral. Patricia Parker, the newly ordained Episcopal priest, will be one of our speakers.

Graduation is Friday, June 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the Mount Vernon Field House. At press time, no speaker has yet been secured.



'I'm Here To Counsel'

by Bart Seibert

Have you ever noticed a young man roaming the Halls of M.V.H.? He has long brown hair, is about 5'10" tall, never goes to class and is constantly talking with students of Mount Vernon. This mysterious figure is never hassled by the administration so that rules out being a drug dealer. He is not a "narc." So you may ask "who is he?" His name is Reid Crutted and he is Area I's Roving Leader.

What is a Roving Leader you may ask. "Our job is to be where people are, who are in situations that are presenting problems," says Reid. "We are here to give counseling and information to these individuals." Reid is 25 years old and attended M.V. in 1964-68. He graduated from George Mason University with a degree in Sociology. He was referred to Fairfax County by his department chairman and became part of the roving leader program two years ago. He is paid by Fairfax County's Department of Recreation (21945).

As a Roving Leader, Reid works with all kinds of

problems ranging from Alcoholism among students to drug abuse, V.D. and family disputes. There seven Roving Leaders and Reid says there could be seven more. The program was formed seven years ago with the idea that instead of students going outside for help, Roving Leaders come to them. You are able to reach Reid through an answering service and make an appointment.

Reid usually begins his meeting by telling the person that everything talked about is confidential and that he is not a policeman, narcotics agent, psychiatrist and that he does not work for the school. He talks things out with a person and tries to offer the best way to help their particular situation. He visits Mount Vernon at least once a week and will help you any way he can. Many people will see him and stop him in the halls just to ask him a question or obtain information. Reid asks people to feel free to do this as if it is the best way to communicate on a personal basis. So if you have any problems, needs or you just need to talk to someone remember that there is help available for you.

Concert Calendar

- Feb. 14: Barry White & The Love Unlimited Orchestra ... DAR Constitution Hall
- Feb. 14-16: David Allan Coe & Tom Pacheco ... Cellar Door
- Feb. 14-20: B.B. King ... Latin Casino
- Feb. 16: Janis Ian & Tom Chapin ... DAR Constitution Hall
- Feb. 18-19: The Platters ... Stardust
- Feb. 19-20: Andrew Cold ... Cellar Door
- Feb. 26: Al Stewart & Wendy Waldman ... DAR Constitution Hall
- Feb. 27: Renaissance ... Warner Theater
- Mar. 5: Helen Reddy & Robert Klein ... DAR Constitution Hall
- Mar. 8: Johnny Winter, Muddy Waters and James Cotton ... DAR Constitution Hall
- Mar. 21-22: The Eagles ... Capital Centre

'Queen' Misses Chance

To Make It

by Jerry Horton

Headlining Queen never had much of a chance at their February 4th concert at Cole Field House. Opening the show was one of the 70's most exciting new bands — Thin Lizzy. Featuring bassist-lead vocalist Phil Lynott and the twin Les Paul guitars of Scott Gorham and newest member Gary Moore, Thin Lizzy started off their performance with sirens and flashing red lights before breaking into "Jailbreak" from last year's hit album of the same name. The group then went on to play one hard rocker after another, including "Emerald" and "Warriors" off the Jailbreak album and their best material from Nightlife and their latest, Johnny the Fox. By the time they got around to playing their big hit, "The Boys Are Back in Town," Thin Lizzy had the crowd on its feet, shouting for more. After slowing things down with a quiet love song ("For all the little ladies out there," as Lynott put it), the band did a few more non-stop rockers before departing. Called back for an encore, Gorham and Moore delivered yet another stunning guitar duel before giving up the stage to the top-billed Queen.

After several thundering explosions, Queen's Freddie Mercury, Brian May, John Deacon, and Roger Taylor emerged from the smoke and blinding flashes of light to deliver a set of routine rock, with every move seemingly well-planned and rehearsed. Whiz guitarist Brian May put on a fine show of his space-age solos but lead singer Mercury proved to be a little more than obnoxious. His vocal solo consisted of an endless barrage of irritating noises that thoroughly bored the crowd. The group received quite a bit of audience response when performing their hits, which included "Killer Queen," "Bohemian Rhapsody," "You're My Best Friend," and "Somebody to Love," but failed to generate much excitement otherwise.

The enormous amount of

News Brief

No one claimed last month's lucky student number. Sophomore No. 12345 failed to recognize her number so the prize will go to this month's winner. Look for the hidden number; it may be yours.

energy provided by the warm-up band proved to be too much for the well-mannered music of Queen. It was obvious that Thin Lizzy's appealing intensity was far more impressive to the standing-room only crowd. Many concert-goers were also disappointed that UFO, one of today's best hard rock bands, was scheduled to appear but failed to show up.

Record Review

'Night Moves'

Bob Seger

By Jerry Horton

Detroit's best-kept secret seems destined to finally hit it big from coast to coast with his latest collection of heavy music. Seger boasts a powerful voice, endless energy and a knockout band (featuring the consistently hot Drew Abbot on lead guitar) that just won't quit, plus lyrics that are just as hard-hitting as the melodies. "Rock & Roll Never Forgets" is one of Seger's

best ever, while "Sunspot Baby" and "Night Moves" are two more high points of his long-ignored career. On one side of the album, Bob is backed by his own Silver Bullet Band; on the other he has the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Musicians. I couldn't tell the difference. If you like rock & roll, then Night Moves should definitely become a part of your record collection — Bob Seger deserves your money.

'Johnny the Fox'

Thin Lizzy

By Jerry Horton

Thin Lizzy's Johnny the Fox should please their old fans but may turn off a few of the AM radio listeners who have heard only "The Boys Are Back in Town." Sorry kids, no catchy hooks or disco rhythms on this album. With Phil Lynott's bass

guitar often carrying the melody, the faultless twin leads of Scott Gorham and Brian Robertson become icing on the cake. Lynott's growling-Bruce Springsteen-like vocals and the flashy guitar work combine for an excellent follow-up to the successful Jailbreak album.

'Wind and Wuthering'

Genesis

By Bob Carts

Who said that Genesis sounded like Yes?

This group from England isn't your usual hard rock band that grinds their instruments at full volume. Genesis plays mellow music. They are in the same category as Yes, Starcastle and maybe closest to Procal Harum, but have a unique style of their own.

Their latest album "Wind And Wuthering," is not exactly the type of music you would play at a party. The music would be better if you listened to it while relaxing at home.

The group has some outstanding keyboard work, a great selection of synthesizers, organs, pianos, appear in the music, played by a guy named Tony Banks. This is a better than average soft rock album.

'Katharsis'

Janne Schaffer

By Bob Carts

Since Janne Schaffer is from Holland, his records are only available by import.

Fans of great present day jazz musicians, such as Stanley Clarke, Michael Walden, and Jeff Beck's latest work will appreciate this fine guitarist's new album. It doesn't contain what I call drone music, little squeaks

and pops that are out of sequence, but rather some good lead work and complex rhythms.

This album is newer and better than Schaffer's earlier LP's, such as his Andra LP. Schaffer's style can be compared to Jeff Beck. The only problem with these good imports is that they cost too much.

Media Center: Librarians Make Improvements

by Jerry Horton
Bob Carts

One of Mount Vernon's more vital, but frequently overlooked, departments is its Media Center and staff. Running a library is a job that many of us would think impossible. The people who make ours work are Head Librarian Mrs. Pam Spencer, Instructional Aide Mrs. Janet Watts, volunteer mothers and the more than twenty student assistants who help without receiving credit.

Women's Sports, Jet, Popular Mechanics and Analog (for all you science fiction enthusiasts). Also, the psychology and minority departments have been well-supplemented, while work is being done to improve the history and paperback fiction sections; any donation of paperbacks are always very much appreciated. Out of last year's approximately \$6600 budget, Mrs. Spencer estimates that \$3800 was spent on new books, \$2000 on magazines, and the rest was split between supplies and daily newspapers.

The Media Center changes somewhat every year. When asked how things are going this year, Mrs. Spencer replied, "I think it's being used better this year than in previous years." She also added that many improvements have been made this year. Among these are numerous new new magazine subscriptions, including Rolling Stone,

Mrs. Spencer also points out that "many students don't know about all the magazines, newspapers, slides, filmstrips and

records that are available for their use." She says that students should not feel reluctant to ask for help when they need it. Someone is always around and willing to help you find what you are looking for.

In what areas does Mrs. Spencer feel the library can stand a little improvement? "I'd like to see more graphics, more artwork, around the Media Center." She believes that if, for instance, the walls were decorated, the bookshelves painted or maybe a few plants were added, it would make the Media Center a more pleasant environment for students. According to Mrs. Spencer, the Media Center should "be a place where students feel comfortable."

And she does her best to keep the atmosphere comfortable for all of Mount Vernon's students.



Mrs. Barbara Lowden, secretary to the Audio Visual Department, works upstairs in the Media Center.

Movie Reviews

By Tony Perkins

King Kong Silver Streak

Dino DeLaurenti's remake of the 1930's classic motion picture King Kong may provide for a couple of hours of entertainment, but that doesn't mean that it is all that it is cracked up to be. One doubts that it will ever be the classic that its predecessor is.

One reason for this is: while the original Kong manages to be a quite serious movie, despite the absurdity of the storyline, the new Kong seems to be performed in a tongue-in cheek manner.

Numerous tongue in cheek lines are delivered prior to the emergence to the ape. Lines like "My horoscope said that I was about to meet the biggest person in my life," plague the film. With lines like this, the whole multimillion dollar project comes off as some kind of joke.

In fact, it is mainly the script that detracts from the film. Jessica Lange, who plays the part originally played by Fay Wray, is not quite believable when she awakes aboard the oil tanker that has rescued her from death and immediately begins contemplating an affair with Jeff Bridges, the movie's male star. Nor can she be taken seriously when she calls Kong a "male chauvinist ape" only minutes after he has lifted her in his hand for the first time.

If audiences do not leave the theatres feeling the sadness of Kong's death as they did after seeing the original Kong, then it is the writers of the new version who are to blame. If not for them, King Kong would be a pretty spectacular movie to watch.

Silverstreak, starring Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor, is perhaps the most hilarious movie to be shown in this area in a while. The rapport that exists between the two stars is fantastic. They work well together, complement each other perfectly and should consider doing more films together. Both are also extremely funny people in their own right.

The only reason Silverstreak should rate an A- rather than an A is because, in looking back, there is quite a bit of killing that takes place aboard that train. There are two particularly brutal murders-one involving a spear gun and another involving a rather ugly decapitation-yet the movie still evokes a happy feeling from the audience. In fact, you walk away feeling very happy and even laughing. Could this be saying something about today's society?

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Key Club Excels

There are a number of clubs and honor societies in Mount Vernon that are somewhat distinguished from the typical, special interest clubs. However, there is only one club that manages to stand above them all: the Key Club. The staff of the EM VEE HI feels that the Key club, because of its diligent and sincere efforts to help better the school and the community, deserves the heart felt thanks and praise of us all.

The primary goal or function of the club is, in fact, to serve the school and the community. The same holds true of the Keyettes, the club's sister organization. So far this year, both clubs have followed through with their ambitious mottos; and Key Clubber Tom Baird says that there is still more to be done.

Under the supervision of Advisor Dick Thomas and the leadership of President Mark Stoffel, the Key club has already:

1. held a "Halloween Night" to entertain neighborhood children;
2. sponsored a banquet for school administrators and department heads;
3. delivered flowers to the teachers during American Education Week;
4. honored five outstanding teachers with certificates of appreciation (Mr. Privette and Mr. Kerlin, and Ms.'s Jones, Allen, and Yearick);
5. fertilized and seeded the football field;
6. awarded senior Silvi Kiisk with a \$250 scholarship, and
7. presented \$1000 to the new Mount Vernon Hospital.

In addition, both the Key Club and the Keyettes organized and operated the Bloodmobile drive last week. The Keyettes also assisted with the Halloween party and a dance marathon that raised money for Camp Tappawingo, a camp for retarded children.

The dedication of the students that make up these organizations is marvelous. Individual clubbers donate much of their time to individual projects. For example, Key Clubber Steve Kappeler voluntarily babysits a retarded child some weekdays after school.

It is the dedication and industry of each of these clubs that makes one proud of them. Though at times it may seem unrewarding, they should know that they are greatly appreciated. The EM VEE HI salutes you all and urges you to keep up the good work.

Caring Might Have Helped

Just one week ago, a young man twenty years old ended his life because he felt that no one cared for him.

Now, everyone who knew him, feels uneasy because they realized that they never did anything to make his miserable life happier. It seems he had trouble communicating with people because he wasn't attractive and that the cruel world would only laugh at him. He tried to reach out to someone, but there wasn't anyone who cared. His feelings were always hurt and his inferiority complex only made him more depressed.

This is just another example of "man's inhumanity to man;" if some one, just one person, took the time to be his friend, maybe this poor soul would be alive today.

(Ed. note-this is a true story about someone whom the editor knew.)

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Dear Editor,

On Saturday January 29, 1977, I was in my car stopped on the corner of Mt. Zepher and Woodley Drive. Two Fairfax County Police cars suddenly came out of nowhere; no lights, siren, nothing. Out of curiosity, I clocked those two cars and they were going between 40 and 45 miles per hour. For those who don't know, Woodley Drive is a very hilly area and is a 25 mile per hour zone. If the cops are going to start nailing us with radar, they should give us the right to pull them over to ticket them. Mt. Vernon High has been plagued by the police for too long. Think about it.

P.T. Embrey

Dear Editor,

The outside bulletin board on the northeast side of the building is a nice addition to our school. I was really depressed to see that someone was thoughtless enough to break the glass. People ought to have more respect for property, especially when it was a gift to the school.

A Student Who Cares

--By looking closely at the glass you can see that it was probably the weather, not a person, that broke it.--Editor

Dear Editor,

I am sick and tired of playing Mickey Mouse games with the administrators in this school. I am a senior that respects authority because it is necessary to keep order and continue our education.

During lunch if I want to go to my locker or talk to one of this school's fine teachers I have to pass through the security lines like a commando. It is a constant hassle. "Where did you come from?" "Let me see your pass," "You're gonna get five days."

These idiots are interfering with my education as well as many others. Why can't they

hassle the people leaving school unhindered to blow bowls across the street.

Anonymous

--You answered your own complaint, more or less. Authority IS necessary to keep order and help us continue our education in a fairly civilized way. However, you are right on another point, too. At times it is unnecessarily hard to get into the media center. The administration should allow teachers to sign nine-weeks passes for students that the teachers feel are responsible, and students that he/she could be responsible for. The pass could state that the teacher would be responsible (rather than simply "Pass to Media Center"), and if any problems arose it would be up to the teacher to either revoke the pass or correct the student.--Editor.

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring to light one of this school's many controversies. Radio Mount Vernon's Terry Colley plays classical music on Monday mornings. It seems that a couple of hundred students (according to a recent petition) are dead set against this.

I myself find classical music boring. It drips out of the speakers like Heinz Catsup. But there are people who really like this type of music. Us rock freaks should respect other's music, if we are to expect respect for our own music.

Let them have their day, most of us aren't here Monday mornings anyhow.

Bob

--They ARE going to have their day. The matter was discussed at a recent Radio Mt. Vernon meeting, and Terry was told that she could continue her classical series - a lot of people DO like it.--Editor

Dear Editor,

It seems to me that the English courses offered over the weeks were totally

The subjects are less, and there is diversity. Come on, tie it together.

A Bo

--Apparently a lot of people feel that way. Rumor has it that this so called "electronic system" may not last much longer.--Editor

To the Em Vee HI

It has come to my attention that several years ago the Em Vee HI published criticisms of the play by the Mount Vernon School Thespian drama department. I am a member in both the troupe and drama club and would like to see you reinstated. Serious criticism of our productions would be extremely helpful to us. I would like to see you as it would show changes are needed. I fully praise the hard work of our members put in.



Air Force Offers Opp

By Kelly Craddock

Are you confused about what you want to do after high school? Are you looking for a

guaranteed job? If that is the case, then, the Air Force is for you. Not only is the job guaranteed, but it is a job that fits in

with whatever you want to do.

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cause the aptitude test are more than double the school drop out

"The fringe benefits are actually boundless

Riek, "Not only do you get job security of four years, but

medical care, and re-education



Sgt. Don Riek discusses various Air Force opportunities.

Teachers Fight for Collective Bargaining

By Jim Bona

"We teach tomorrow's voters" and "Good Education is our Roots," were what the signs of demonstrators, assembled on the south grounds of the State Capitol in Richmond read.

Our educators and teachers, were the demonstrators along with the government workers. Some 7,000 of them in what sponsors called the largest political demonstration by public employees in Virginia's history, it all happen around noon time on February 5.

A spokesman for the sponsoring Virginia Education Association (VEA) called it a "massive lobbying effort" to support legislation that would prevent further cuts in state funding for local schools in the district.

Also the demonstrators were opposed to the Virginia State Supreme Court's ruling on January 14th, outlawing public employees too bargain collectively in their contracts.

Among the 7,000, were about 1,400 teachers and members of

the American Federation of State and Municipal Employees, from Northern Virginia, (AF-SME).

Mary Hatwood, the president of the V.E.A., commented about the turnout saying it "fulfilled our wildest dreams. We never thought we could have this many people come to Richmond," and added "You've come here to say you care about children's public education and your profession," Ms. Haywood a High School teacher herself in Alexandria, told the crowd "And your message is being heard. Make no mistake about that."

The Virginia General Assembly was not in session and of the 140 state legislators 20 were on hand.

Republican Delegates Warren Barry and Jim Dillard from Fairfax, spoke and praised the actions of the VEA and the Fairfax Education Association.

The teachers urged the legislators not to adopt any of the proposals offered by Republican Gov. Mills E. Godwin, that would cut state funding to local school districts to make-up for a decline in state revenues.

The main reason for the attack in Richmond, demonstration leaders say, was to support, a "critical" Bill that would allow contracts to be negotiated with public employees in the future and would protect contracts already in effect.

Edward Anderson, president of the Fairfax Education Association (FEA) which was represented by 900 teachers said:

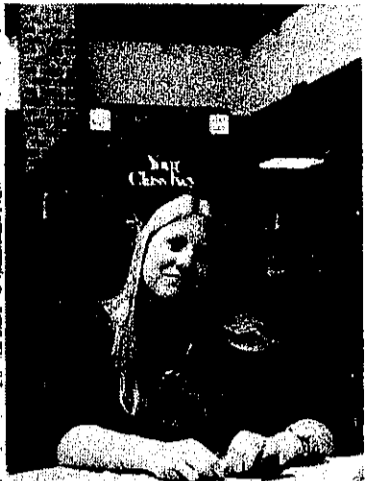
"These folks know the governor is going to veto the bill if it is passed," and added:

"But they wanted to come down and show the legislators how they felt about it."

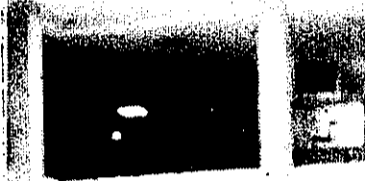
Inquiring Reporter

By Dixie Eng

Question: If you could have anyone in the world for your Valentine who would it be?



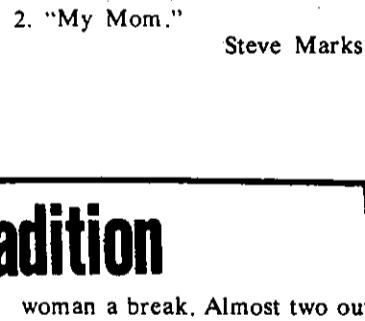
1. "Tommy Ross in the movie 'Carrie.'" Jill Pooley



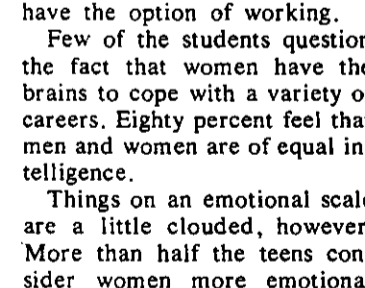
2. "My Mom." Steve Marks



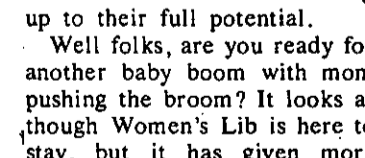
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4. "Bruce Jenner, decathlon runner, in a pinch." Ms. Hutchinson



5. "Farah Faucette Majors." Rick Schwartz

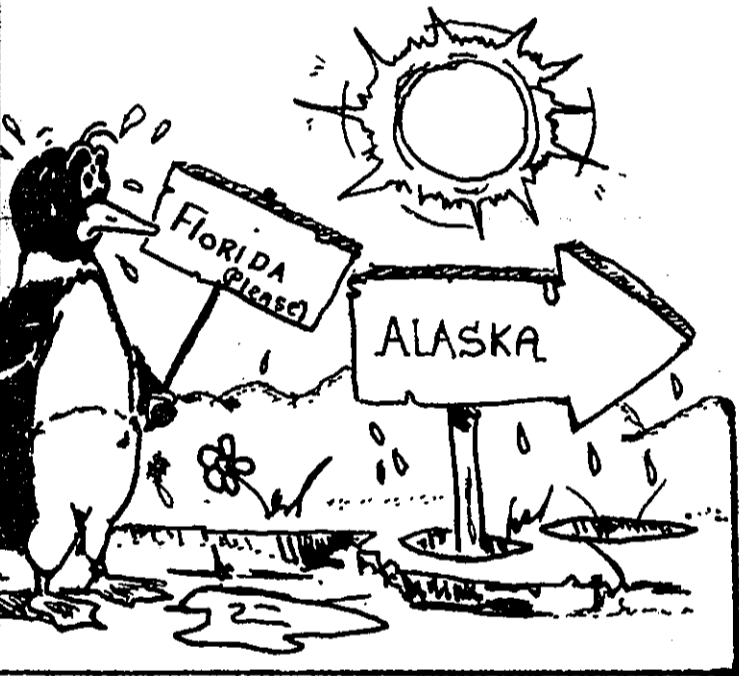


6. "A park policeman where I work." Liz Muster

The fine drama department has too long been ignored and shadowed over by our sports-oriented school. When we requested to have a "matinee assembly" where we would charge students a small fee to see a production during school, we were abruptly declined. Groups sell candy during school, we are allowed times for pep rallies during class, and the sports department is allowed to charge for basketball or wrestling events during school. This is terribly unfair. We have a great drama department here at Mount Vernon but few know about it. With your help and cooperation, we can make our drama department as popular as the basketball court.

If you are interested in helping us, please contact us for any information you might need. Our next play, *Little Nell and Orphan Girl*, is in rehearsal right now and the production dates are March 10, 11, and 12.

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Teens Change Tradition

Well girls, we'll be back home at the range in another decade if today's outstanding teens have their way.

According to a national survey of 23,900 high school juniors and seniors listed in WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, the tide is turning away from militant feminism toward home, hearth and motherhood.

Eight out of ten teens polled favor a traditional marriage contract, 87% plan to have two or more children and 58% think a woman is totally fulfilled when her sole career is keeping house and raising children.

Wearing the apron in the family appeals far less to this year's crop of young men than in the past. Forty percent of the fellows say they'll not be caught dead cooking and cleaning while their spouse is out earning the bread. This is a significant

jump since 1974, when 30% voted to leave dishes and diapering to their wives.

How many teens are in favor of switching roles? Very few (5%). This contrasts dramatically with the 27% who just a year ago said they would swap places permanently.

While these statistics may conjure up visions of the domestic dark ages, feminists need not despair completely. Sixty-eight percent of the youthful respondents (evenly divided between guys and gals) still favor passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Some 37% of the girls say the movement has also changed their mind about pursuing a career and two-thirds credit feminism with encouraging them to try a non-traditional job.

Even if a number of today's young women are considering marriage a full-time job, they are willing to give the working

woman a break. Almost two out of three teens say government should fund the construction of day care centers so women can have the option of working.

Few of the students question the fact that women have the brains to cope with a variety of careers. Eighty percent feel that men and women are of equal intelligence.

Things on an emotional scale are a little clouded, however. More than half the teens consider women more emotional than men. On the other hand, 51% feel that men who don't show emotion aren't living up to their full potential.

Well folks, are you ready for another baby boom with mom pushing the broom? It looks as though Women's Lib is here to stay, but it has given more women more choices. For many of today's teens, that means domesticity as a full-time occupation.

We can't think of a better way to say...

VALENTINE'S DAY

Jill, I hope you had a Happy Birthday. You are a Valentine's Day Sweetheart. Love, — Anonymous

George, If I can't jump in district, we'll get there in spring. Hope you do good in state. Your brother, Chuck.

Happy Valentine's Day to Frau Bjorklund's 3rd period class — von Tante Elli und Bodo.

Jim, Hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day! Love always, Patty

To Shelley, To my best friend! Good luck! Bridget

Val, Happy Valentine's Day. My Love Always, Chuck

Sandy, To my one and only love. Hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day. Love ya, Chuck

Mike, I'm sorry. But, I hope you can find it in you to understand — Chor

Kristy, Where are you! This year when I said that I eventually found you, next year when I say it, I'll never find you. AMGENS

Dear Shannon (Dear): Be My Valentine ... In some secluded rendezvous ... LOVE, L.J.P.

To The Class of '77, LUST - J. Carter

Oh Chris Narmi, How I love thee, I can't see the light! I need you, I want you, I Love You! Anonymous

To my wonderful Teri A. You make my day so much happier when you're around. Love, Anonymous

To David Rupell. You are a terrific guy, M. The sow is mine.

Karen: Good Luck in District and Hope to see ya'll in Regions. Hi Ms. H. J.L.B. 77

To Steve, I have always cared for you and always will! I love you. Signed, lyr., 1 month.

Go O.J. Go! Did you know Roy, that I saw someone peering at you at the carwash. Enjoy yourself, Enjoy yourself, Enjoy yourself with A.M.

Kristy, I only have eyes for you! Falconetti

WE LOVE BIG ED. T.H. & B.S. i.p.r.s., you're No. 1!

To Davis: I Love you! Beth I Love you Lynn, Love, Jimmy I Love You, Goober! SB Feb. 9, 76-77

Randy Cormier, You make me feel like -----ing. Toothpick-Ha Ha

Spiderman: Or should it be twinkle-toes? Jim the Slim — Swoosh down the slope and Tyler too!

Loreese L - To one of my closest friends. Happy Valentine's, Dave.

Denise J. - To my little sister, Happy Valentine's Day. P.S. Still very close ... Dave

Lindy S, P.S. I love you, Dave. Jimmy (jim), I think you are really great. Dawn

To all my buddies; Pooch, y'ello' Have a happy V-Day! Hi Choir' Love, Chela, Skinny Boy, B.L.

Hi Lynn, A long distance Valentine message from me to you. Be my Valentine. You have no choice. Until Prom, Love, P.J.

Jeff: Mary Owen sends her love and kisses. The Fox Lover

Ken Pilkington: Have a Loving Day. Love, Mack-Face

Mike, smile

Lil 'ole me.

To D-Day, Thoughts of you are with me everyday 'I Love You! Love, Pal

(Of or pertaining to mush, but that's O.K.) For you my fountain flows, and sometimes is on the brim of overflow!

Atlas: Keep it up!

Snow Queen: (Tee-hee)

Milford: Thanks for the cologne!

To Barbara, Karen, Laura and Laurie, (Anne too). Good luck and Happy days.

Hi Glen! Here's to ya! P.S. Don't worry, things will work out - Love ya! x

Paul W. Love On, Stretch To J.P.R.S.: Es optimus homo quem unquam novi.

I love the 35th Company because that's where my mid, belongs until he belongs to me!

Fly Navy! Annapolis is where it's at!

Jill, Will you go to the prom with me? I promise you a bloody good time! Tommy Ross

Hubby (Kissy Face) — I hope the next 3 years are as great as the last 3. Let's do it again! Wife (Huggy Bear)

Dummy, don't forget that I'm lost without your love, Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Your Dear Child

The Eternal Flame will Strike Again!

Baby Kong needs a toker too! Following the sun we'll keep our vow ... our time is together, Marty, our time is now - I love you! Love, Sas

Linda, To a Valentine in Munhall who I'd really like to meet. Heard all "good" about you, hope we write. From Virginia, Love C.A.

Hi Cutie! I couldn't help it just a word, may all your days be Fridays!! Guess

Dear Mark Wilson, Roses are Red, Violets are blue. I think you're neat. Meedeep! L.S.

Happy V-Day Baby Sister. From Fran '77"

Susanne Pollehn. C.W. Loves You!

Paul Wilkinson, You measure up to my dreams. Love, Baby Face

Robert - We love you!! Tom and Mark

Good luck Glenn and OBY! S.B. Mikie, Have a nice holiday and lots of Love, Maria

Happy Valentine's Day to the best little Sis anyone ever had. Love, Big Sis. P.S. Stay sweet and good luck in diving.

To Love without illusion yet - To Love. As time goes on, I realize just what you mean to me. Color my world. Love, N...

Hey Lynn, I've been happy ever since we met. You're my one and only Valentine in Munhall. See ya soon, Love, P.J.

To Winking Puff, Growl - Be my Valentine, Growl ... From Tiger

Happy Valentine's Day to Brian, Charlotte, Leslie, Estelle, Peter and the Stones from the Production Staff of the Novel. The Novel, I "J." D alias D.W.

Happy Valentine's Day. We think Joe Desmond is a sweetheart. We love you Joey. Love, Norma Jean, Sana Shannon, and Susan.

To the Senior Studly Dudley: Hey Baby, Wanna get lucky? From The Senior Sergeant Sentry Girls

To Lisa, Having a friend is something that is pure and rich. As to money to a rich man, Happy Valentine's Day! Nancy I love you Rippy from the one and only Choo-Choo

TO ALL MY VALENTINES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE - ME

To a very sincere person of whom I give my heart to.

Carolyn

SPORTS

Majors Face District, Regional Tournaments

The Mt. Vernon High School varsity wrestling team recently completed a highly successful season by defeating Gunston district rival Ft Hunt, 36-15. The win gave Mt. Vernon a regular season record of 10-2 overall and 4-2 in their district. Coming up for the Majors, however, are the all-important Gunston district and Northern regional tournaments. These two tournaments, in which the final district and regional winners are determined, will both be held this year at Mt. Vernon. The date set for districts is February 11, with regionals to be held on February 18.

Although admitting that his team's 10-2 record was very good overall, coach Brian Taylor still expressed his dissatisfaction over not having an undefeated season. The Majors two losses, both to Gunston district teams were by extremely slight margins (24-26 to Hayfield and 22-23 to Jefferson). The coach believes Mt. Vernon could have won both matches. Some of the teams most impressive victories this year have come against district rivals. For example, the wrestling Majors soundly defeated Edison, 32-16, and nearly shut out Groveton, 55-3.

Looking ahead to the district tournament, coach Taylor seemed fairly optimistic, "We have a very good chance of

winning district. We could possibly have seven or eight people in the district finals." Mt. Vernon's toughest competition district-wise will most likely come from Hayfield and Jefferson. Hayfield seems to be strong in the same weight classes as Mt. Vernon is whereas Jefferson appears strong in those classes considered to be weaker on the Mt. Vernon side. What this means, as pointed out by coach Taylor, is that a major factor in who wins the tournament will be the seeding of the wrestlers.

As far as the regionals go, the coach believes that if Mt. Vernon can take eight people to the regional tournament the team has a good chance of bettering last year's fourth place finish. Since the top district district wrestlers in each weight class advance to the regionals, there seems a definite possibility that Mt. Vernon could place eight people in the regional tournament. Once again, the seeding the wrestlers who make the tournament receive will play an important role in the final outcome.

Ed Gerow, Glen Sherman, John Paxton, Mike Crytzer, Blake Purcell, and Norman Litwak are all considered to be possibilities by Taylor to go to the state tournament, which is to be held February 25-26 in Richmond.

EM VEE-MT. VERNON CALENDAR OF EVENTS

What's Happening

- Feb. 15 Boys Basketball Game
- Feb. 16 Girls Gymnastics Meet
- Feb. 21 Holiday
- Feb. 25 Regional Girls Gymnastics
- Feb. 28 Regional Basketball
- Mar. 11 Boys Gymnastics Meet

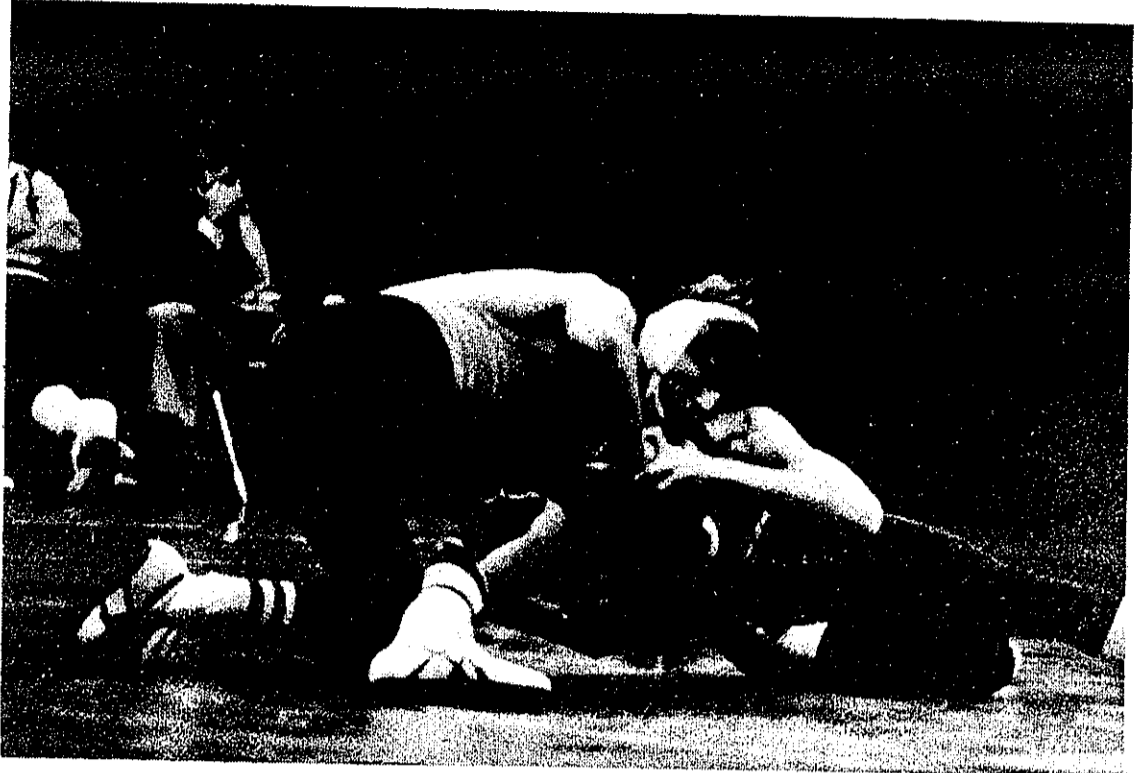
Sherman, Crytzer Finish First At F.C.

By Fred Grossman

Two Mt. Vernon wrestlers, Glen Sherman and Mike Crytzer, each finished first in their respected weight divisions in the prestigious Falls Church Invitational Christmas Tournament. Sherman, wrestling at 119 pounds, defeated Steve Passino of Falls Church, 12-3 for the

Championship, while Crytzer, who wrestled in the 145 weight division, beat Tom Kinter of Freeman in the finals, 5-2.

Ed Gerow, wrestling at 105, finished second and John Daus came in third in the 112 weight division. Douglas Freeman High School won the overall team championship.



"We have a very good chance of winning districts. We could possibly have seven or eight people in the district finals." Those were the words of wrestling coach Brian Taylor shortly before his team participated in the Gunston District Tournament, held here at Mount Vernon February 11-12. Results of the tournament, which took place shortly before presstime for this paper, will be printed in next month's edition. In the above photo, Mount Vernon wrestling star Glen Sherman is shown maintaining control over a struggling opponent. Sherman, who recently recovered from an ankle injury should be in top form for both the Gunston District and Northern Regional tournaments. The regionals will be held in the Field House here at Mt. Vernon February 18-19.

Photo Credit - John Hightower

Swim Team Meets At Wakefield

Question: What sports team here at Mt. Vernon never competes at home, typically scores 100-200 points per meet, and as a whole which team's participants would probably freeze to death if their competition was held at an outdoor facility? Answer: The Swim team, which currently boasts a record of two wins and one loss. Coached by Bo Jones, a math teacher at Walt Whitman, the swimming Majors have defeated Edison, 181-147, and Lee, 186-129, with their only loss coming to a strong Jefferson team, 205-106. The captains of the team are Jeb Boyce, a diver, and Ross Morres and Susan Lally, two of the teams best swimmers.

So far all of the meets, which consist of about twenty events including diving, have been held at Wakefield. Both the districts,

which will be held February 19, and the regionals, which will be held February 25-26, will be held at Wakefield also.

Some of the better swimmers on the Majors team are Susan Lally, who finished first in the state in the 100 yard freestyle last year, Laura Kilpatrick, who swims the 200 individual medley, Eileen Boimest, who swims the 200 freestyle, and Amy Welch, who is the team's female backstroker. Ross Mores is undefeated in the 100 free style, Trent Lyght, who is described by coach Jones as an "outstanding swimmer" does the breast stroke, and Mark Smith, who is the team's long distance swimmer is undefeated in freestyle swimming at 200 and 500 meters. Senior 100 meter freestyle swimmer David Burke, who is in his first year of

competitive swimming, is doing well also.

Jeb Boyce, Fritz Meyer, Laura Boyce, and Susan Winslow serve as the swimming team's four main divers.

As far as the district meet goes coach Jones believes that Mt. Vernon will finish third behind Jefferson and Fort Hunt. The coach recently described the Federals' team as being "packed with A.A.U. swimmers." Prospects for the regional meet look good also, with the Majors currently having swimmers with qualifying times in all but two of the events. Coach Jones also expects that about twelve people have a chance of making the state invitationals, which will be held March 4-5, at the University of Virginia. The coach said that he is expecting a lot from Lally and Lyght in the three major post season meets.



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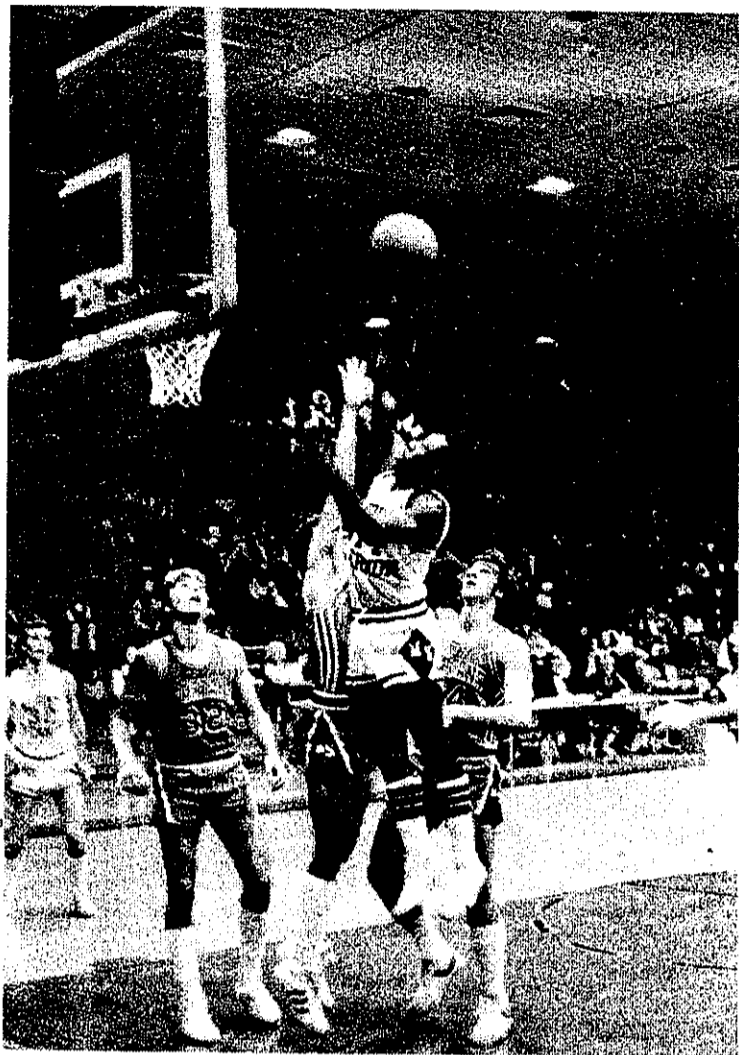
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Ronnie Diggs up for two over West Springfield opponent.

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Varsity Team's Future Looks Promising

by Paul Hightower

The Varsity Basketball team jumped out to an 8-0 won-loss record before losing to last year's state runner-up, Lee. Led by Senior Co-captains Ronnie Diggs and Jim McGuire and by Sophomore sensation Eric Sellers, they have beaten such powers as St. Albans and West Springfield.

The Gunston District is known as the toughest in the region as it has five of the best nine teams in the region.

The Majors started their district play by losing to Lee 69-63. They then rebounded to beat both Hayfield and Edison.

Going into the next three games would decide Mt. Vernon's hopes for a district title as they played a very tall Ft. Hunt team, Jefferson, and rough Groveton. Although they beat Groveton 59-52, they were

beaten badly by Ft. Hunt and lost a close contest to Jefferson.

The team started the second round of district play by losing to Lee and Hayfield, the hottest team in the region right now.

Sellers, Diggs, and McGuire have been leading the team in scoring.

Diggs scored 25 points against Fort Hunt and Sellers added 20.

McGuire scored 29 points against Lee and Jefferson.

Over the Christmas holidays the team participated in their own tournament, the Mt. Vernon Christmas Basketball Tournament, and won it for the third consecutive year. The tournament is only in its third year of existence as they have won handsly every year.

Diggs, Sellers, and McGuire were all named to the All-Tournament team, and Diggs was awarded the Most Valuable Player award for the 3-day affair.

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NOTICE: The Bio II Club is sponsoring a paper drive and would appreciate the help of the faculty and students. Please bring your bundled papers to school on the 25th and 26th. All papers will be collected between 2:15 and 2:30 at the loading dock behind the cafeteria.

WANTED: A copy of the Beatles album "Yesterday and Today" ORIGINAL, CAPITOL LABEL ALBUMS ONLY ARE WANTED. Record need not be in good condition. Contact Tony Perkins, '77 by placing name and phone number in Ms. Rossell's mail box.

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Track Scores Fourth Place

By Paul Hightower

Mt. Vernon's track team took fourth place in the Gunston District Indoor track meet, February 5.

Ft. Hunt won the meet while Edison placed second. Ft. Hunt and Edison are two of the top three teams in the region. Hayfield just squeezed past the Majors for third place.

Senior George Lewis was Mt. Vernon's biggest highlight taking second in both the long jump and triple jump. Sophomore Adam Walker took fourth

in the high jump and sixth in the long jump.

The 60-yard hurdles provided the running Majors with 10 points as juniors Bill Kolb and Pat McGrath took second and fifth respectfully. Senior Randy Slack took fourth in the 50-yard dash.

Senior Brent Phillips and sophomore Deke Johnson took fourth and fifth respectfully in the 2-mile run.

Junior Kris Grabbi took fourth in the shot put and sophomore Jim Boinest was sixth in the 1000 yard run.

'Girl's Basketball Lack Confidence'

by Mary Siegrist

With nine regular season games played, the Girls' Varsity Team is currently situated in third place with a 5-4 record. The Majors trail Edison and Hayfield, who are tied for second place, by only one game. Lee is in sole possession of first place with an unblemished 9-0 record.

The Majors have twice fallen prey to Lee, once to Edison, and once to Hayfield. Otherwise, they have played some fine ball, gaining victories over Fort Hunt, Groveton, Hayfield, and their old rival, Jefferson, in the first round of action, while dumping Edison the second time around.

Karen Imhoff, who presently leads Gunston District scorers with a 15.5 ppg., has been providing some timely offensive punch. Jan Drexler and Lynda Beaty have come off the bench to provide the Majors with extra defensive hustle.

According to Coach Deb Harlan, her charges have been hampered by internal conflicts in the early going. She cited, however, that the main problem so far this season is that, "We have essen-

tially the same talent from last year but lack sufficient confidence."

Ms. Harlan remained confident, nevertheless, as she noted, "All the regular season does is give a team double elimination privileges in the District Tournament. She continued her optimistic note as she stated, "My girls have told me that all the other District teams have peaked too soon; we're going to peak for the tournament. That's where it counts."

The Majors made their intention "to return to good form" evident February 3 when they gained revenge against Edison, defeating the Eagles 43-36 as Karen Imhoff contributed 14 points. Mount Vernon reverted to some old tactics in forcing Edison out of its zone defense and into a woman-to-woman match up. The quicker Majors were then able to drive the lanes and edge out Edison on the boards.

Mount Vernon will prepare for the Groveton Tourne as it hosts Jefferson tomorrow night Thursday night. Both contests are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Gymnasts Travel To Groveton, Feb. 16

by Lindy Sumler

The Mt. Vernon Girls' Gymnastics team has had a terrific season so far this year. Their record is 3-1, losing only to Jefferson. Indicating the caliber of competition, in their meet against Jefferson last year, they lost by double what they did this year. All in all, the 1976-77 year is looking like an im-

pressive one.

The girls have two more regular season meets before they travel to Groveton for the Gunston District tournament, February 16. The following week the Regional meet will be held here at Mr. Vernon. The first week in March is the date for the State Competition to be held at Lake Braddock High School.

Mrs. Boster, the gymnastics coach, seems to think there's much promise for next year. Her only words were, "We'll be strong!"

The team wishes to note that this year is your chance to see the best competition in the state so come and support our girls as they "prove themselves" on February 16 at Groveton.

Outside Looking In

by Mary Siegrist

.....What is the fastest growing sport at M.V. High? Here's a hint: the guys wear striped shirts, gym shorts, and goose bumps (if the weather doesn't warm up).

It's rugby!! Or, so says the Rugby Enthusiasts Club composed of 25 big, fierce, husky males and sponsored by a not-so-tough Mrs. Fuller. This year the club will compete against six area teams, including a newly formed squad from Fort Hunt. All home matches are scheduled for Fridays, beginning March 4, at Gravelly Point Field near National Airport.

Contrary to popular belief, rugby players do not eat their dead--at least not at Mt. Vernon. Last year the club suffered no major injuries. This year they're shooting for the East

Coast Title; their chances of attaining it are good.

.....Unfortunately, the Varsity Basketball team's roster is rapidly dwindling as the season draws to a close. Within the course of the season three members have quit, reducing the squad to only ten players.

The most recent loss may result in irreparable damage. In other words, Rob Ciccone, the senior guard who is responsible for three of the Majors' victories, is the most recent b-ball player to turn in his uniform.

When Rob was questioned about his quitting the team, he candidly stated, "I regretted having to leave the team, but after our loss to Hayfield I was pressured into making a decision and I chose to turn my uniform in." Well.....

