

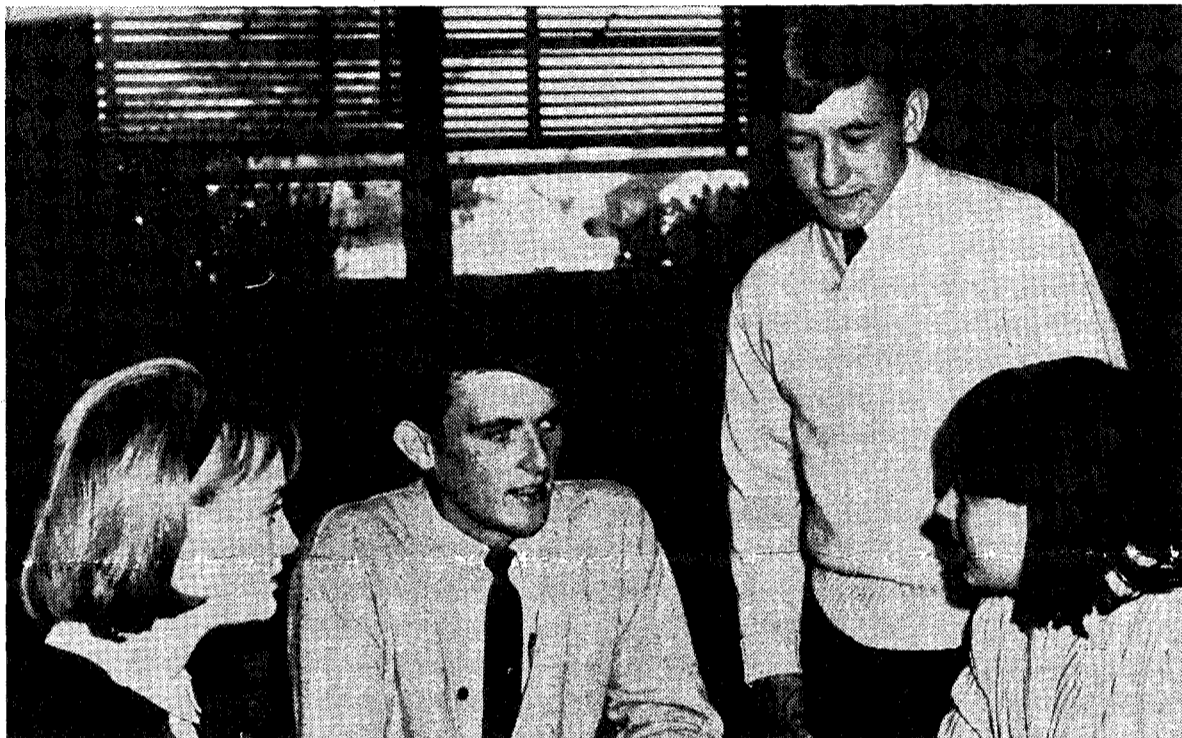


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MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Newly Elected Officers, Linda Poindexter, Gale Noel, Billy Bost, and Hallie Dickinson, plan future activities for sophomore class.

Officers Chosen By Class of '68

Last year for the first time in the history of Highland Springs, the sophomore class was organized, electing officers and functioning as a unit for the betterment of their school. This year the Class of 1968 is following suit.

The newly elected president of the Class of '68 is Gale Noel. An active student, he is his homeroom president and a member of the American Field Service Committee. When questioned about his academic interests, Gale said, "I don't have any favorite subject; I like them all." In his spare time, Gale works with model cars and follows sports events. Occasionally, if time permits, he reads.

Concerning his role as president of the largest class in school, Gale commented, "I'd like to do the best job I can, and get the support of all the sophomores for all our projects."

After his graduation in 1968, Gale plans to attend college. Currently he is aiming toward the University of Virginia or the University of Richmond.

Billy Bost was elected by his classmates to the office of vice-president. During school, he is an active member of the band, playing the trumpet. Academically speaking, Billy claims that geometry is his favorite subject. A college-bound student, he hopes to

attend the University of Virginia. At present, however, Billy enjoys tinkering with an old car when not busy with other activities. Commenting on Highland Springs, he said, "I like the school and the spirit that goes with the school."

Hallie Dickinson, sophomore class secretary, can be seen hard at work sixth period everyday, on the business end of the *Highlander*. She plans to continue her schooling after high school, Ferrum Junior College being her preference.

Hallie says that she hopes this year's sophomore class will be a class of which to be proud.

Linda Poindexter, elected to be in charge of sophomore funds, is also a very active student. Besides being a homeroom president, she is also a member of the sophomore class steering committee. She has recently joined the newly formed French Club.

Linda is an active member of the A Cappella Choir and also serves as vocalist for the H.S. Dance Band. At present she is hoping to attend Southern Missionary College in Tennessee following graduation.

When asked how she spends her spare time, Linda laughed and said, "Does anyone have any spare time?" On further thought she said that she enjoys music, reading, and skating.

We Shall Rally at the Arena

The 16th Annual Thalhimers' Cheer Rally will be held on December 29 at the Richmond Arena. It will last from seven until ten in the evening.

The cheering squads of all area schools, both public and private, will demonstrate their spirit, pep, and ability before a panel of judges. This panel will consist of the head cheerleaders from the University of Richmond, Richmond Professional Institute, and Randolph-Macon College.

Tickets to the rally are free and can be obtained from our Thalhimers' Deb Council Representative, Christy Cooke.

The cheerleaders from each school will present one cheer and one song before the judges.

This rally will provide the Springers with an opportunity to demonstrate their spirit. Spectators should take along their signs, banners, and pennants to the rally and support the cheerleaders.

Sponsor is Somma

This year's sophomore class will move under the guidance of Mr. N. A. Somma. Mr. Somma is serving in his thirteenth year as a member of the Highland Springs faculty. After serving as assistant principal for five years, he is at present junior guidance counselor. Mr. Somma, a teacher of United States History and senior English, has attended the University of Richmond and Georgetown University.

To Give Play

Currently the sophomore class is preparing to do something of value for the school. At present a committee is at work reading one act plays. A play will be chosen and produced by the sophomore class. It will then be performed at the One Act Play Festival, to be held at Hermitage High School.

Later the class of '68 plans a social event and a special project, but these are still in the planning stages. Considering all factors, the sophomore class with its competent corps of officers and sponsor, anticipates a very active year.

'Toyland' Swings

Last Saturday night, December 18, the Springer cafeteria was transformed into a magical "Toyland". The couples danced to the music of Prince James and the Royal Knights. Each couple was required to bring a new toy as admission along with the regular cost. These were later given to help fill Santa's pack for his annual Christmas visit to the homes of the needy.

The dance, presented by the Key Club, was given in honor of their 1966 sweetheart, Judy Nauman, who was crowned by the outgoing sweetheart, Donna Gardner.

Key Club Is Sweet on Nauman

Judy Nauman, an active junior, was probably the happiest girl in Highland Springs on November 17. Three officers of the Key Club, George Rowand, Jay Siddons, and Donnie Ball, came to inform her that she had just been chosen as Key Club Sweetheart. Somewhat dazed by the news, Judy just stood there smiling as thirteen members of the club came in to congratulate her.

In addition to being Key Club Sweetheart, Judy is treasurer of her homeroom and of the S.C.A., a member of the Y-Teens, and a member of the A-Cappella Choir. In her few minutes of spare time, Judy enjoys knitting and playing the guitar.

Davis Elected To Head Prom; Juniors Begin Hard Work

The junior class has recently elected Diann Davis to serve as the prom chairman for 1966.

On Wednesday, December 1, each junior homeroom nominated a junior who was best qualified for the job. The names were tabulated and transferred to a ballot. Then, on December 8, the voting took place during homeroom.

One of the first of Diann's duties as prom chairman will be to select a co-chairman. Second in importance is the selection of a theme. Later, committees will have to be chosen by Diann, and she will have to make sure that these committees carry out their specified duties.

Diann is an active member of the cheerleader. Now she will assume the role of prom chairman as her many duties begin.



Diann Davis



—Photo by Susan Lohwasser

GAYLE SOLOE, a senior member of the winning homeroom 109, works hard at last-minute preparations of their bulletin board.



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Peace Sought For All

"Peace on the earth, good will to men—" such is the sound of Christmas, a time of peace and brotherhood throughout the entire world—or so it is thought. It will be easy for us to become part of the feeling of the holiday season—rushing from crowded store to store, listening to the traditional Christmas carols, and perhaps watching glistening snow flakes cover the ground on Christmas Eve—but, who will think of "our men" fighting in Viet Nam and their holiday celebration? In this instance, those Americans who have some patriotism cannot be overshadowed by the others. Surely there are draft card burners, pickets, and other such instigators or reformers, but then again we must also recognize those people who have taken it upon themselves to accomplish the task of letting our men know that they are supported, greatly respected, and often thought of. This year Christmas will be just as commercialized and joyous as ever for most; however, there will be those men who would rather be at home with their families for Christmas '65, but who will not be able to, because they must protect a country which perhaps doesn't even care anymore. And so, this Christmas I wish for all the hope of peace on this earth—everywhere!

Rhonda Coakley, '67

Christmas Is Charity

Each year at this time, we hear cries about how commercialized Christmas has become. People say, "Bring back the good old days" and "put Christ back in Christmas." I don't believe that just because people buy and exchange more expensive gifts than they did back in the "good old days" which as near as I can figure were during the days of the Depression when gifts were scarce and money scarcer, that Christ has left Christmas at all. Religion is not and should not be an ostentatious exhibition. It is something about which everyone has his own ideas. I think that even though there is an abundant amount of glitter and glamour that accompanies Christmas these days, people do think about the real meaning of Christmas, which is to honor a Person who thought enough of the human race to give His life for us.

Unlike many of our critics, I see many good things that are prevalent in our generation, and perhaps the best thing that I find is that we seem to be more aware, better informed, and more sympathetic to the world of unfortunate people around us. This is especially noticeable around Christmas when many of us will give something of ourselves to try to make life for someone else more enjoyable. I believe the late President Kennedy said it best when he called us the "Volunteer Generation."

And in closing, I think that a fitting final statement that summarizes Christmas Spirit at its finest hour is what Victor Hugo had to say about charity and Christmas itself: "As the purse is emptied, the heart is filled." So be it.

George Rowand
S.C.A. President

The Honor Council Needs You Twirlers Want Recognition

It seems strange that there is an organization here at Highland Springs that has a president and a sponsor, but does not have other students with whom to work. This organization is the honor council. Its purpose is to encourage student integrity and to attempt to eliminate the cheating problem.

A few years ago, Highland Springs had an honor council system which endorsed an honor code. This year, the idea of a new honor council has been re-considered at the homeroom president's meetings.

The general reaction to the proposal of this plan has been negative. The main argument against the honor council and a possible honor code is that if a student will cheat, he will also sign an honor code card. Most students actually have adopted a lazy attitude of "why bother?"

On the other hand, there is a strong argument in favor of the acceptance of the honor council. All college preparatory students would benefit from this plan, because most colleges now enforce the honor system.

In order for an honor council to exist at Highland Springs again, it will need a volunteer to represent each homeroom. An elected representative is not desirable. If we are to have a strong honor council, we need representatives who are sincerely interested enough to volunteer.

Through an honor council, let's give H.S. a higher standard. Who is willing to volunteer?

Christy Cooke

'Christmas' Play

English Classes Visit Museum

A *Comedy of Errors*, presented by the Virginia Museum Theater, was excellent in the entertainment it provided. Though the play is not the best example of Shakespearian literature, the sets and acting combined to make it very successful.

The mood was set to the accompaniment of flute and guitar, as the players unrolled the cloth buildings; and a city was built. The lighting added to the effect of great space in the background.

Definitely, the most enjoyable part of the performance was the superb acting of Eric Christmas in the role of Dromio. With his voice, facial expressions, and actions, he added something to the play that even Shakespeare could not have written into it.

The story is a farce of mistaken identity of twin brothers and their twin servants. They had been separated as children during a storm at sea and had lived independent lives, one in Syracuse and the other in Ephesus. The twin from Syracuse stumbled into Ephesus and was confronted by his brother's wife. Dromio likewise is chased by the wife of his twin, and a hilarious comedy follows.

'Cremation' Wins

"I have 60 seconds to speak to you on a general topic. I chose cremation."

This is the way *Jamie Cutler* opened the campaign speech which influenced her election to the corresponding secretary and treasurer of the Virginia Future Teachers of America.

Along with Jo Ann Meador, her campaign manager, and Jane Atkinson, Jamie attended the state FTA convention at the Hotel John Marshall on December 10 and 11. For her, the convention was a mass of campaigning, questioning, and the election itself. In between these activities, the three Highland Springs delegates found time to attend "swapshop" circles and various speakers, all designed to improve FTA clubs throughout the State.

On Friday afternoon, Jamie and other candidates attended a questioning session with the nominating committee, consisting of the previous officers and sponsors. As a result of this session, the number of candidates was reduced to two for each office.

The election itself was held on Saturday morning, with Jamie's installation taking place that morning. All the delegates had a special banquet, and were entertained by the Jefferettes, a singing group from Thomas Jefferson.

Gida made a special guest appearance at the convention, where she and two other AFS students spoke on the school system in their countries.

Congratulations to Jamie!

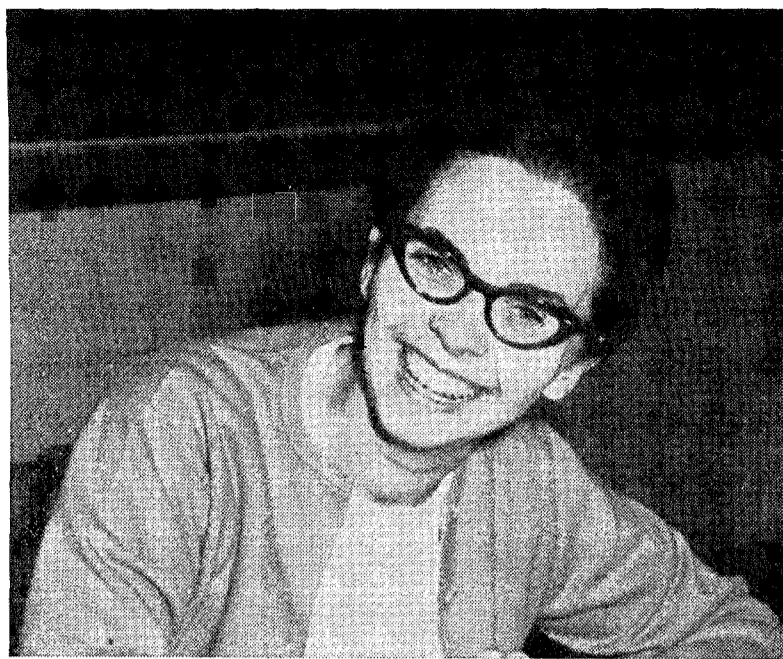
Twirlers Want Recognition

Dear Editor,

I really think it is unfair that during assemblies the cheerleaders receive recognition and the majorettes receive nothing. In the football assembly the cheerleaders were praised for establishing school spirit. I do think the cheerleaders do a lot for school spirit, but not all by themselves. It also takes the band along with the majorettes. If the band and majorettes did not support games, then what kind of pep would we have?

The majorettes worked hard over the summer. I feel the majorettes should have been invited to the football banquet as well as the cheerleaders. Why have a band or majorettes at all if we can't receive any recognition for what we do? Why not give credit where credit is due?

Betty Croxton
Varsity Majorette



Mrs. Dorothy Keim

Math Teacher Hated Math!

This issue's teacher feature is Mrs. Dorothy Keim.

Mrs. Keim, an Algebra II, geometry, and consumer math teacher, attended Nappanee High School in Wakarusa, Indiana. She then had a desire to attend a denominational school for a year and chose Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Because she "fell in love with it," she decided to stay and graduated with her Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics.

Mrs. Keim states that when she was young, she greatly disliked arithmetic, but when she was in high school, her algebra teacher got her quite interested in mathematics. From then on she has had much interest in the subject and decided to teach it.

Mrs. Keim taught in Augusta County for a year before she was married.

Having been at Highland Springs

for two years, Mrs. Keim has decided, "I like it. The students and teachers are very co-operative and friendly".

Mrs. Keim eagerly says that attending concerts, plays, museums, art galleries, and reading are her hobbies. She also enjoys collecting floor plans, for she doesn't have a house . . . yet!

Mrs. Keim, who was born in Wakarusa, Indiana, met her Virginian husband at Eastern Mennonite College. Her husband is presently a two year medical student in Richmond.

Mrs. Keim thinks that the South is quite fascinating. She feels that "students have better sense of American history because Richmond is so historically interesting".

Mrs. Keim has bright plans for the future. The nearest plan is her trip "home" for Christmas. Then, sometime in her future, she hopes to work on her Master's Degree and "raise a few kids".

'Book Worm'

Warren Writes of Dictator

The political dynasty of the Kennedy family is not the first in American history. During the Depression, a man named Huey Long held the state of Louisiana firmly in his grasp. All the King's Men, by Robert Penn Warren, is the saga of this Huey Long, presented under the fictitious name of Willie Stark.

His is a Cinderella story, a young man who goes from rags to riches, from backwoods poverty to untold power; the ironic twist is that from a dedicated, sincere young man, he became the spider in a political web of corruption.

The heroine of the story is Lucy, Stark's patient and loving wife, who lived in agony as she watched corruption gradually surpland his soul.

The only person whom Stark loved was his son, a spoiled and arrogant boy; and yet, even this love was not

sincere. It was more like pride Willie took in an object which he owned.

In spite of his disloyalty, dishonesty, and greed, Stark had one commendable goal. He dreamed of constructing a multi-million dollar hospital, designed for the people of his impoverished state. Obsessed with this vision, he fought to have it made free from corruption and filth; it was an atonement for his own injustices to the people.

This novel has a message for every American; a dynasty or a political machine can gain control before unwary citizens wake up. The vital, fast-moving style carries the story swiftly, and keeps interest at a maximum. The plain and earthly language increases the realism.

All the King's Men is a lively portrait of a monarchy in this democratic country.

Elf Loves Job and Santa Too

For *Carolyn Hood*, better known as "Penelope", Santa Claus does more than come down the chimney once a year. She sees him very day. In fact, he's her father.

For the past ten years at Christmas time, Penelope's father has been Santa Claus. Now she has decided to join him at Miller and Rhoads as an elf.

On November 30, Penelope began her job as an elf for Santa, and she has two duties. First, she gives the children their tickets to have their pictures made with Santa. Next, after Santa Claus has been informed as to what presents he is to leave for Christmas morning, she gives them a little book. This book resembles a comic book and narrates a short Christmas story.

Traditions also surround the privilege of being one of Santa's elves. One of Penelope's first duties was to help Santa with the Christmas Cake which is presented to the children present in the Miller and Rhoads Tea Room.

Santa Claus explains that Rudolph has helped him bake this cake. If

anything happens to be wrong with it, the blame has been securely fixed upon Rudolph.

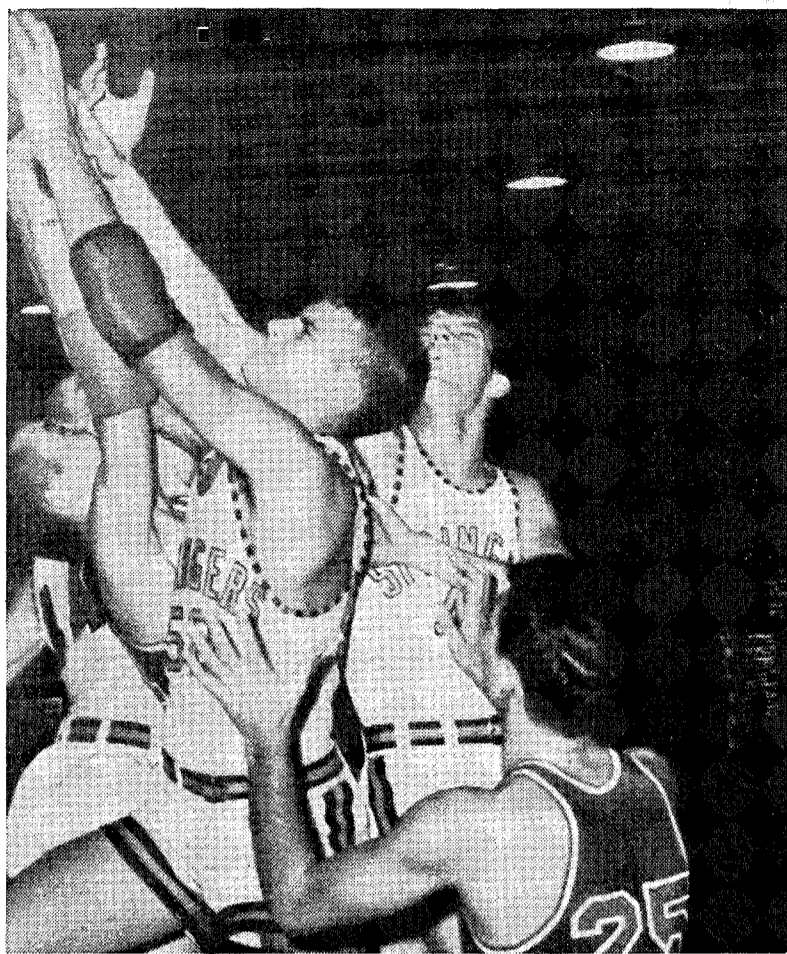
Upon hearing this accusation, one little girl immediately told her mother that any dirt in the cake came from Rudolph's hooves.

Penelope not only gives out tickets and books, but helps Santa in other ways. Often she finds herself swamped with Christmas lists that have been left for Santa.

"One little boy," said Penelope, "had even gone so far as to cut up a toy catalogue. He dropped a handful of tiny pictures into my father's lap. Then I had to hold the pieces until I could dispose of them later."

As far as Penelope knows, no one has asked for anything too unusual yet.

**Springers,
Please Support
the 'Brogue'**



—Photo by Susan Lohwasser

Hodge and Hardiman rebound for Springers against T.J.; unidentified Springer is in the background.

Team Has Optimism

When December arrives, basketball season can't be far behind. In this, the 1965-66 season, the Springers could be "THE" team to beat in the Capital District title race.

Coach Hudson seemed optimistic and said that the team should improve on last year's 5-11 record. He also added "We have looked good in practice. We have a team of hustlers. There's a lot of tough competition in this league, especially Lane, J.M., and Henrico, but we can play with them." Steve Harvey, captain of the team, remarked "We have a lot of spirit and hustle. I think we will win a few games this year."

The four other probable starters made these comments:

Jim Peters: I think we've got the team this year, and I hope we receive better spirit from the school than the football team did.

Elbert Hodge: We have good spirit and hustle. Everyone wants to win this year. We are shooting and rebounding better than we have in the past.

Mike Hardiman: I think that the team this year has great potential. All we need is a little school spirit to back us up, and I think that the students of Highland Springs will supply that.

Ronnie Hardy: We've got a well balanced team and we are going to win some games.

J.V. Shows Promise

After several scrimmages, this year's Junior Varsity Basketball squad is looking for a fairly progressive season. Coach Lammy, who heads the squad, "is pleased with the progress the boys have made." As to what kind of season he expects to have, he replied, "We are looking to break even, at least."

All the starting five played ball together at Fairfield. Ricky Combs, a 5' 3" guard, will "quarterback" the team. Combs is also one of the better ball handlers. Bobby Weis, a 5' 11" guard, shows good scoring potential along with Wayne Conner, a 5' 11" forward. The team will look to David Martin, a 5' 10" forward, for rebounding and defense. At the present time, Coach Lammy feels that Tommy DeMartino and W. E. Mathews will be his first substitutes. Steve Gates, James Eacho, Ray Mansfield Jimmy Smith, Buddy Wright, and Jim Vickery round out this year's squad.

Thus far, the Jay Vee team has lived up to Coach Lammy's expectations with a 2-1 record.

King Receives Three Trophies

On December 1, 1965, the Highland Springs football team held its annual Football Awards Assembly. Presented at this assembly were the Springer letters earned by the various players who were lettering for the first time. Certificates were also awarded to players who were lettering for the second or third times.

Coach Hill presided at the assembly, asking the assistant coaches to award the various trophies to the deserving players.

The award for Best Offensive Player went to one of the Springer co-captains and starting senior fullback, Jerry Crawford. Jerry also received a certificate for lettering this year, since he first lettered in his sophomore year at Highland Springs. It should be noted that the Best Offensive Award is judged not only on running and ball handling, but also on the back's blocking ability as well.

As in the preceding years, the football team has given an award to the Most Improved player of the year. This award is judged by the improvement of a player's ability, offensively or defensively, and "his desire to excel and win." This year the team voted this award to Karl Wieland, defensive back and linebacker. Though Karl doesn't have great size, he is very aggressive and determined when on the playing field.

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Co-Captains Are Announced

This season's Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball teams are led by Captain Steve Harvey of the Varsity and Co-Captains Ricky Combs and Bobby Weis of the Junior Varsity.

Harvey, who led the Springer scoring last season with an 11.5 average, stands 6' 3" and plays center. He has had more experience in Varsity play than anyone else on the squad. Coach Hudson is expecting an outstanding performance from Steve this season.

Ricky Combs, a 5' 3" guard, also played football and basketball at Fairfield. He was first string quarterback this season on the Springer varsity football squad.

Bobby Weis is a 5' 11" sophomore guard. He has had experience for two years at Fairfield. Weis, who plays for the J.V. squad, practices with the varsity.



Bleacher Feature

by Jim Whitlow

The Springer Basketball team, rated as one of the teams to beat in the Capital District, started off their season with a 48-44 loss to Lane High School. The game was close all the way, with the Springers losing their lead in the second half. Even though H.S. was favored to win, Lane was, and still is, expected to be one of the top contenders in the district. Standouts in the game for the H.S. cagers were Jimmy Peters, with 15 points; Ronnie Hardy, with 8 points; and Steve Harvey, who scored 8 points and led the rebounding with 8.

The next Springer game was against Thomas Jefferson, which has a reputation for being hard to stop when they are hot. However, the Springers stopped them, 60-49. The outstanding aspect of this game was the great team effort by the Springers. Individual standouts were Jimmy Peters, who once again led the Springer scoring with 21 points, Steve Harvey, who had 15 points and cleared 13 rebounds, and Ronnie Hardy, who had 8 points. Wayne Huband, a sophomore, saw his first varsity action at H.S., playing three quarters and had 2 points.

For the overall picture, the total scoring is as follows: Jimmy Peters, 36 points; Steve Harvey, 23 points; Ronnie Hardy, 16 points; Mike Hardiman, 11 points; Chuck Sparks, 9 points; Elbert Hodge, 8 points; and Wayne Huband, 2 points.



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Steve Harvey and Ricky Combs captains of varsity and junior varsity basketball teams, respectively.

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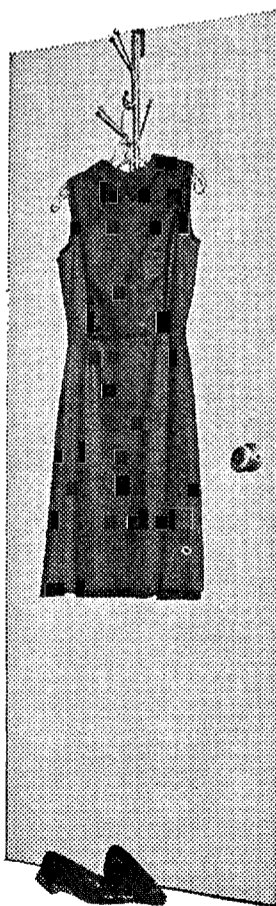
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It is a highly technical world into which seniors go in June of 1966. This "World of Work" will demand that graduates have something to offer in exchange for salary. What knowledge or skill have you? What can you offer in exchange for your pay?

In high school most students elect general studies. These are basic and needed before pursuing training for a skill, but after graduation, additional schooling or training is extremely important. If he has no saleable knowledge or skill to offer an employer, the graduate should enroll in some school or training program. A few companies enroll new employees in on-the-job training programs; however, most organizations expect one to offer the necessary knowledge and skill when he applies.

Richmond area seniors are fortunate. A large amount of training is available in and around the city. Some of the most popular are: (1) Apprenticeship training, (2) Technical training, as electricity, machine shop and others at Virginia Mechanics Institute, (3) Numerous types of Business Schools, Beauty Schools, and other such institutions, (4) Technical training at the professional or college level in the Schools of Engineering and Technology at Richmond Professional Institute, (5) Nursing on all levels, (6) the R.P.I. schools of Social Welfare, Business, Music, Interior Design, Dramatics, and numerous others, (7) Liberal Arts professional training as pre-law, pre-medical, pre-ministry, etc. in the Liberal Colleges in the area, and (8) Graduate work in many fields.

C. A. P. — College Admissions People

Recently certain organizations known as college clearing houses, have become popular because their purpose is to acquaint the high school student with colleges which have vacancies and colleges of which said senior meets the requirements. Usually there is a charge for this service; however, there is a new clearing house, CAP, College Admissions People, P. O. Box 1450, Nashville, Tenn. 37202, which is free if the senior registers before Dec. 15, 1965.

Other clearing houses are:

American College Admissions Center, Junto School Bldg., 12th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. Participates with 400-500 colleges in the Eastern one-third of the country. Fee \$20.

Catholic College Admissions and Information Center, 3805 McKinley St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015. Participates only with Catholic institutions. Fee \$15 for freshmen placement, \$20 for transfer students. College Admissions Assistance Center, 41 E. 65th St., New York, N.Y. 10021. Fee \$15.

College Admissions Center, 610 Church St., Evanston, Ill. 60201. Fee \$15.

Band and Chorus Present
Concert of Christmas Music

In the Business Department, an I.B.M. Key Punch machine has been added to the other equipment. This machine is used by the office practice classes. They have thirty hours of practice in preparing to use the equipment. This machine was purchased to introduce automation in the high school.

In the Chorus Department, two Christmas programs were given and accompanied by the band. They sang a varied selection of music. The soloists were Danny Turner, Brenda

Collins, Joan Hudson, Linda Point dexter, and Stefani Fouts. Mrs. Mock of the Home Economics Department went to Miami to attend the American Vocation Convention. She attended as a delegate to the convention, which was held December 4-11.

A stocking-stuffer sale was sponsored by the Art Department. The profit will be used to buy equipment for the department. All of the articles were made by the students from scraps found in the Art Department.

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Clubs Are Active

The French Club has been reorganized with Mrs. Morgan as sponsor. The first program held December 13 with a Christmas theme was presented by the People Committee, but the different committees will alternately present the rest. The officers and committee chairmen are as follows:

President Judy Isbell
Vice President Stefani Fouts
Secretary Bunny Howell
Treasurer Wayne Baker
Culture Pat Wirtz
Contributions to the U. S.
Cindy Stark
People Linda Tiller

The Spanish Club had a Spanish Christmas Party including a skit and the job of knocking down the pinata filled with candy.

December 11, the Y-Teens took two boys from the Richmond Boys Home on the Santa Train and enjoyed themselves as much as the boys did.

The S.C.A. sponsored a bulletin board contest. The winning class receives a party at the end of the year. They also planned the Christmas assembly and were in charge of the tree in the main hall and the Christmas baskets. They, too, are making programs to be sold at the basketball games, with three featured players each time.

Football Assembly

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The last three awards, Most Spirited, Best Defense, and Most Valuable were all awarded to one very outstanding player. The team voted all three of these awards to senior line-backer and guard, Dan King.

The coaching staff is hoping to get Dan into college on a football scholarship.

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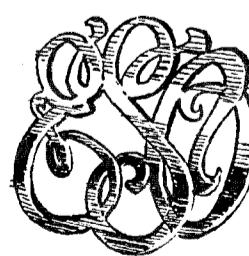
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