

## Leaders Speak At Opening Assembly; Anthropologist Lectures On Prejudice

Annual and novel presentations were the substance of the first two assemblies at VHS held on September 13 and 27.

The opening assembly consisted of speeches given by activity leaders. As president of the Student Council, Mario Baeza described the work of the Council. He then individually introduced the other speakers. Talking about school publications were Judy Hahn, editor of the Front Page Club; Dave Oster, co-editor of *Perspective*; Pat Russo, editor of *Shadows*, and Rich-

ard Seltzer, co-editor of the FAIRVIEWER. Nancy Stetson, president of Meridians, told about the Foreign Exchange Program. Traffic Patrol leader Cheryl Spinweber, Assembly Committee chairman Roz Liberman, Red Cross president Pat Lynch, Honor Society president Diane Lo Cicero, and Band president Marcia Dixcy spoke about their respective activities.

In the sports category were Gail Kesselman, captain of the football cheerleaders; Judy Crane, head twirler; and Joan

Grissing, president of the Girls' Athletic Association. Principal Edwin Willard informed the students about the December 4-6 evaluation program.

### Race Fallacies

The second assembly was a talk on "Dispelling Myths About Race Differences" given by Dr. Bertha Quintana, a cultural anthropology professor at Montclair State College. She pointed out the fallacies in widely accepted concepts of racial inequalities and of culture-free IQ tests. Dr. Quintana revealed that there are more variations within one race than between races.

Dr. Quintana lived in West Africa while studying Ghanian education difficulties, and she has done extensive work with and research on gypsies.

## NMSQT

Selected as semi-finalists in the 1967-68 National Merit Scholarship Program are seniors Lynne Barrett, Pamela Murray, and Patricia Thomas, who were chosen on the basis of their scores on the February, 1967, NMSQT. A booklet listing the semi-finalists' names, indicating their college majors and career choices is sent to accredited colleges and scholarship-granting agencies throughout the country. To reach finalist status, the semi-finalists must submit their SAT scores and an information form covering the high school record.



New teachers put heads together.

## Eight New Members Join School Faculty

The new school year brought eight new teachers to fill positions in the English, chemistry, history, and Spanish departments.

Mr. Ralph Bigger, Jr. attended Gettysburg College. He now teaches U.S. History I and P.A.D., and is the backfield coach of the varsity football squad.

A graduate of Duke University, Miss Paula Dutko, teaches one freshman and three junior English classes. Miss Dutko is presently the advisor to The FAIRVIEWER.

Mrs. Carolyn Fagen, a graduate of Dickinson College, now teaches Spanish II. She did her graduate studies in Madrid.

A former student at Montclair State College, Mr. Kenneth Muir teaches freshman social studies, and is also doing graduate work.

Mr. Arthur Pasquale went to Ricker College and the University of Rhode Island. He now teaches current history and geography.

Miss Marion Pelligra, the new chemistry teacher, is a graduate of Montclair State College. Her previous teaching experiences include a year at Parkridge School.

Mr. John Velcamp received his bachelor of arts degree from Montclair State College, where he is now working toward his Master's degree. He is an English teacher for sophomores and juniors.

Having attended Stephens College and Bloomfield College, Mrs. Lucy Velez presently teaches freshman English classes. She has lived in Japan, India, Denmark, and Sweden.

## Adults Go To School

The new school season got under way this year with the 36th annual Verona High School go-to-school night, held on September 25. Sponsored by the Verona High School Parent Teacher Association, the orientation gives parents an opportunity to learn how the school operates and what is expected of its students.

Freshman orientation began at 7:15 p.m., followed by tours for new parents. These were conducted by the Freshman guidance counselor, Miss Irene E. Ehrman and members of the National Honor Society.

The P.T.A. business meeting began at 8:00 with a welcome to all parents from Mrs. Allen A. Steinitz, president of the Verona High School P.T.A. and Mr. Edwin A. Willard, principal of Verona High School. Mr. Willard explained the nature and importance of the Middle States Evaluation scheduled for the high school in December.

### Capsulized Class Day

A short homeroom period began at 8:30 p.m. During this time, parents met P.T.A. representatives and paid annual dues. Announcements and news were made on the P.A. system by the Newscasters.

The evening continued with five class periods of 11 minutes each. In the classes, the teachers discussed what was involved in the course: homework assignments, grade standards, and various techniques and methods they use.

During any study halls parents were able to visit with members of the guidance department.



First two assemblies at VHS: (Left) Mrs. Bertha Quintana, Cultural anthropologist from Montclair State, lectures on racial differences. (Right) Mario Baeza informs student body of the plans for this year's Council.

### Football Season Begins

## Boisterous Pep Rally Raises School Spirit

Injecting pep potion into students, the football pep rally was held at 2:30 p.m. on September 22. Athletic director Sven Peterson praised the efforts of all those involved with the football team: coaches, cheerleaders, twirlers, concession workers, and color guard.

After several cheers, cheerleader captain Gail Kesselman introduced Coach Sutter, who announced that the football team's losing streak would end this year.

Any Moritz, captain of the team, asked that everyone support the team.

Accompanied by the band, playing "Tea for Two," new routines were performed by the twirlers and the color guard. Another series of cheers was followed by the comments of Bob Zazzali, and Kerry Mucci. To his traditional, "What's The Good Word?" cheer, Mr. Willard added, "Good luck team!"

Both the band, directed by Harry Owens, and the color guard, instructed by Susan Sarle, have developed new methods to add attraction to football games. More intricate and diverse patterns are planned for routines. While the color guard performs in new, home-made costumes, the band will play cheery music and such popular songs as "Georgy Girl."

## Meeting In Asbury Park; Teachers Rally For Rights

Thousands of New Jersey teachers, including many from Verona, will go to Convention Hall in Asbury Park for the New Jersey Education Association Teachers' Rights Rally, on October 22. The rally is being held to demonstrate that the teachers stand united for their professional rights. Major themes at the rally will center around power to negotiate, free-

dom to teach effectively, and status as true professionals.

Educators will protest injustices, such as teachers' dismissals for political reasons, in teacher-board of education relations which have occurred in some communities. They will also indicate support for legislation permitting teachers' associations to bargain as equals with their boards. This last part of the issue is a bill in committee in the New Jersey State Legislature. The NJEA Minimum Teachers' Salary Bill has been blocked from a vote by certain state leaders against whom the teachers will register a protest.

Asbury Park officials have proclaimed October 22 as Teachers' Day in the town. The Rally Train will bring the conventioners from Newark, Elizabeth, Rahway, and Woodbridge. A reception after the rally with music provided by bands and jazz combos will make the rally an all day outing for teachers and their families.

Although Verona teachers have not been asked to make a commitment, Mr. Boris Weller, vice president of the Verona Educational Association "hopes that the majority will go to the rally."

## Marshland Educates

In connection with their study of ecology and biology, students from Miss Ehrmann's and Mr. Bleiweiss' classes toured the Great Swamp Nature Center in Morris County on September 27. A guide met the group at its arrival, and she gave a short lecture on the natural history of the swamp. Students then took the thirty-minute nature trail, which included three of the four different habitats; marshland, dry woodland, and brush-covered swampland. The preserve, which had once been a lake, is now a swamp and will eventually become dry land. Some plants which have become extinct in all other parts of New Jersey thrive there. The advanced biology students were looking particularly for cases of parasite-host relationships, mutualism, and saprophytism. Before arriving at the Swamp, the students were each given a check list, containing the names of various plants and animals. Traveling in two groups through the Swamp, they recorded the plants and animals seen



Captain Andy Moritz gives pep talk, flanked by teammates.

# Shrewd Action By Town Reflects Keen Awareness

Verona is one of the few towns of peaceful suburbia where the accomplishments and workings of forward-looking town officials can be sensed everywhere. The type of long-range planning that the borough has engaged in certainly has produced results.

Rising in Verona's tradition-laden civic center is the new Middle School—rising, rising, but seemingly never completed. The Board of Education has recently terminated its contract with the Malmred Construction Company, judiciously citing the company's lack of workers and materials and its failure to follow the architects' and engineers' plans. In speedy fashion, the Board realized, only thirty days after the target completion date, that with only 65% of the school completed, something was definitely wrong. Hopefully, the Board of Education can further improve its record by insuring speedy hiring of another company and carefully observing the progress.

### Recreation

The FAIRVIEWER has long been interested in promoting a Recreation Center for Verona's youth, especially in light of a recent poll revealing that the center is urgently desired by Verona High School teenagers. Such a center might also be a valuable asset to Verona's senior citizens. The decision of the Borough Council to take charge of the Recreation Department can be greeted with enthusiasm. The Council had originally heard the suggestion from its own Recreation Committee in June, and the League of Women Voters and other groups quickly voiced their support. It took the Council only three months to study the proposition and decide to incorporate the Department, a sure sign that the youth and senior citizens of Verona may look for speedy action in establishing a Recreation Center.

But all civic projects in Verona are outshined by the recent completion of the Community Swimming Pool. This project, which was proposed by the Democratic candidates for Town Council in 1959, immediately caught the imagination of a large number of Verona residents. Such support seemed a real sign of progressive thinking. The Town Council quickly recognized the support, as evidenced by the completion of the pool less than a decade later, and only a month following its target completion date.

In view of Verona's contributions to modern town planning in education and recreation, rumors are circulating that the Town Council will publish a guide on the subject, so that other communities may adopt Verona's enlightened attitude. Target completion date: 2000 A.D.

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# Missile Defense Vital To Security Of U.S.

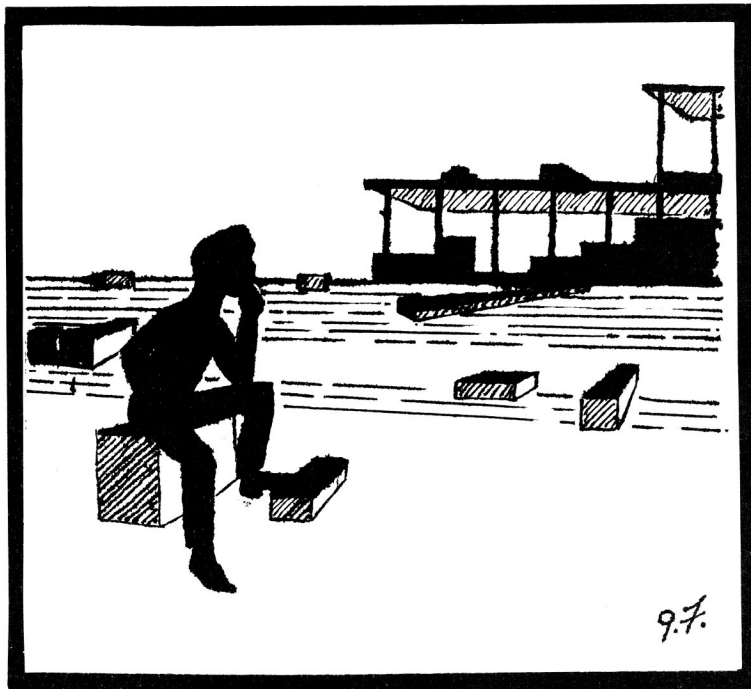
by Matt Cohen

Last week Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara introduced his profound decision to construct a five billion dollar anti-ballistic missile system. Such a defense system is vital for the security of the United States. Our only mode of defense (until completion of the A.B.M. program) is a counter-attack which would still leave a portion of the population in danger. The program was devised explicitly for defense against China, but it seems that the project, if widely expanded, can also include the Soviet Union to a limited extent.

The A.B.M. system is designed to provide two completely different kinds of defense. The first is a so-called "area" defense. A radar system in southern Nevada would detect any ballistic missile

over the Pacific, and predict its position. A Spartan missile would then be launched to intercept the oncoming warhead and demolish it. The second phase is called the "terminal" defense, which defends a point rather than an area. This is designated to destroy ballistic missiles within the atmosphere. Radiation upon the population below is negligible.

The A.B.M. program must be built before the early 1970's. If not, China will have a sufficient offense to attack. The probability of China deliberately striking the United States is small; an inadvertent attack would far more likely occur. This ingenious plan will provide sufficient security for our nation and the world and from the liabilities of an accidental nuclear war.



# Baseball Competition: Hawks Vs. New Left

by Lenny Klehr

It was the seventh of July, and the annual major league all-star game was about to commence. The Southern League Hawks and the Sophisticated League's New Left were set to battle it out.

In the Southern League's dressing room, Manager Lyndon Johnson was giving his team a last minute pep talk. . . "Fellow Americans and teammates, it is with a heavy heart that I must send you out on that field today to do battle, but you must remember you will be making this a safer place to play ball for your children and your children's children, believe it or not."

### New Left Take The Field

The "New Left" in their pink uniforms, were the first to take the field. The "New Left" pitched their "big gun," W.J. Fullbright. The lead-off man for the Hawks was Reggie McNamara who struck out because he couldn't decide what to hit and what not to hit. Second up was Ronnie Reagan, a new member of the Hawks, who seemed determined to bomb one into downtown Hanoi. He managed only a little dribbler to the far right of the field.

### Slow Game

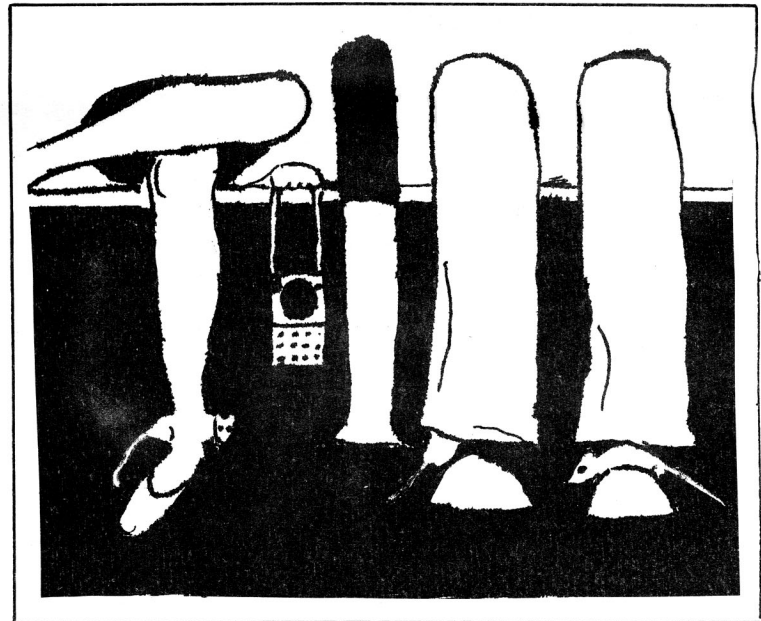
Only two players had come to the plate, but already the game was four hours old. It seemed that "the New Left's" catcher, Bobby Kenaduck was uncertain whether he wanted his pitcher to throw a strike or not. And the pitcher, W.J., was under the as-

sumption that he had to call a conference before he made each throw.

Most of the capacity crowd had lost interest and left. Two gentlemen named Ho and Ky, who owned the home field, decided that they were disgusted with the two teams. The two gentlemen thought it was time the two teams started playing on their own field.

(Oh, by the way, the game ended in a tie, called on account of darkness, on both sides).

J.S.



# Morning Class Earns Plaudits

A new feature has sprung up into the traditional VHS a.m. program of band practices and detention. The early-morning Shakespeare Seminars, conducted by Mr. William Jacobs, run from 7:15 to 8:15, and students read from and discuss a wide range of the Bard's works. Attendance, which is voluntary, has been surprisingly good, and the administration has added a practical incentive to interested students by agreeing to bestow up to five graduation credits on participants in the program.

The FAIRVIEWER salutes Mr. Jacobs and the administration for introducing a fresh idea into the long-stagnant curriculum. It is about time that students are permitted and encouraged to undertake a supervised cultural study, outside of the eight periods; something more than, say a chaotic "Shakespeare Club." May this be the beginning.

D.T.

# Boring Assemblies Result In 'Games Students Play'

by Janis Hersh and John Tesser

If a person were led blindfolded into a typical Verona High School assembly, he would probably think he was in a hospital ward during an influenza epidemic. The hoarse racking coughs are only one of the attractions in the auditorium that are infinitely more interesting than the speakers. One may also be entertained by the tunes of WABC radio and white mice scampering underfoot.

It is not known if there was a big "mish-up" in the biology room or whether someone let the mouse out on purpose. But the suspense was unbearable as was the strain on the girls trying to keep their knees drawn up to their chins.

A visitor shocked by this sight might find it equally surprising to find that there are so many sick students who stay in school each day. After a week of daily assemblies the population of Ver-

# Free - For - All In Study Hall

What has happened to study halls? The majority of them used to be held in classrooms and limited to a small group of students. During the forty-five minute period the students were usually free to quietly chat or diligently work on important assignments, while the teacher had a desk full of items to keep him occupied. Now, packed in like sardines, students must suffer the ill-effects of a cafeteria-library study hall environment.

It does not take a Sherlock Holmes to discover the bad effects of this set-up: 75% more students receiving various types of detention because of misconduct in study hall, 35% more students not finishing their homework assignments, and 50% more freshmen, sophomores, and juniors suffering from "SENIOR SLUMP."

### Teachers Are Responsible

Why are study hall teachers constantly screaming, rearranging seating plans, and using some excuse to give a speech to the students? The cause of this disastrous situation seems to be boredom among study hall teachers. I appeal to the Student Counsel to take proper action as soon as possible. A committee must be formed to suggest games, riddles, and cross word puzzles to keep study hall teachers busy. If such a plan were enacted, students might once again look forward to study halls as relaxing and useful forty-five minute sessions.

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# Which Republican In 1968?

## Inexperience Dooms Reagan's '68 Chances

by Elissa Weitz

Although Ronald Reagan has publicly denied interest in the 1968 Republican presidential nomination, political analysts believe Mr. Reagan is as interested in the nomination as the G.O.P. and public are in Mr. Reagan.

### Personality and Popularity

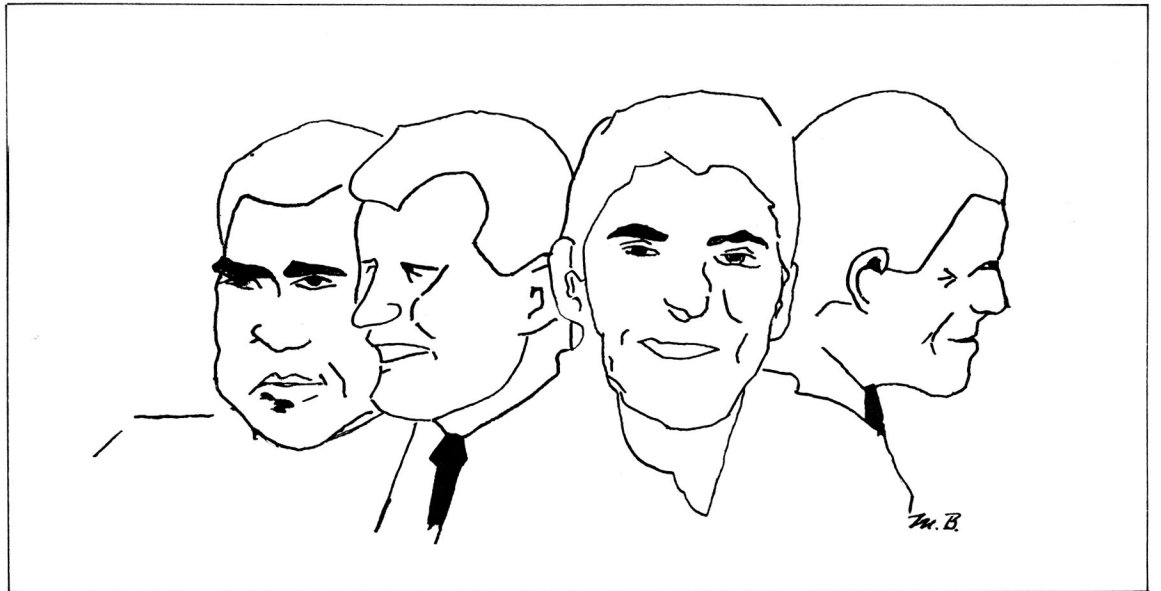
Nor would it be implausible to imagine the governor of California as a presidential candidate. While relatively new to politics and the responsibilities of office, Reagan has made no disastrous errors in his first year at the gubernatorial post. His show business appeal aids the conservative outlook; he has enough popularity to garner good national support. He also has the congeniality and warmth that was praised in John Kennedy, the lack of which is criticised in President Johnson. Moreover, Ronald Reagan is a sophisticated example of the rags-to-riches character who has always been so readily embraced by Americans, having first attained success as an actor, then in politics.

### Reagan as President

Imagining Reagan as a successful president, however, would require a zombie-like trust

in the triumph of "good." While popularity, warmth, and congeniality are valuable in politics, actual experience in national and international affairs is absolutely essential. Mr. Reagan may not have made any unrectifiable mistakes in state administration, but presidents are judged by accomplishments, not for simply maintaining an uneventful, unblemished record. Although his "overnight" success may embody an American ideal, the crises in and involving the United States have not evolved overnight. A candidate seeking the presidency must know how to blend conservatism, moderation, and liberalism, just as a student writing a composition must know how to combine grammatical, logical, and creative skills. Mr. Reagan is now like the student, proficient in only one skill.

Neither the G.O.P. nor the American public should ignore Ronald Reagan as a potential future candidate for president; however, in the forthcoming presidential campaign, the Republicans should choose a man who already has the skill and scope, not a man who will need "on the job training."



## Governor Rockefeller's Qualifications: International And Urban Background

by Richard Seltzer

It is about time the Republican Party realized that the people of the United States want a man of caliber as president. Americans are not interested in a one-issue candidate, a candidate who happens to be popular with the professional politicians but who backs a conservative program, or a former movie star whose idea of economy in government is a record-high state budget. A candidate with experience and the courage to stand for his convictions will be the best Republican challenge to President Johnson—and Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York is that man.

### Foreign Policy

Rockefeller has voiced general support for the Administration's Vietnamese policy, yet he has questioned the effectiveness of the bombing strikes in North Vietnam and the steady escalation of the war. He has not, however, simply followed the opinion polls day by day and then changed his policy to agree with them, as have others who are viewed as potential presidents. The Governor's experience in foreign affairs, as Assistant Sec-

retary of State, and his opinion on the Vietnamese conflicts not only mark him as a person with intelligent views and wide background, but one who, as a candidate, could command wide popular support.

### Urban Affairs

Few people have been so vitally concerned with urban affairs as has Rockefeller. During his three terms as governor of New York State, he has dealt with the problems of Rochester, Buffalo, and New York City. Rockefeller's drug addict control program, although facing certain problems, is generally recognized as one of the most forward-looking in the nation. Rockefeller's proven

vote-getting appeal in the big cities will be a valuable asset to a Republican Party which, generally, has been weakly supported in America's urban centers.

Since Rockefeller will probably not openly seek the nomination, his followers across the nation should silently "spread the gospel" and wait for a deadlock among the other candidates at the Convention. There could be no finer illustration of the change and rejuvenation within the Republican Party than the nomination of the man whom it so vociferously booed three years ago for simply expressing his beliefs.

## Nixon Can't Provide Essential Credentials

by John Tesser

Besides being a lawyer, a senator, and a vice president, Richard Nixon is also an opinionated two-time loser. When selecting a presidential candidate next year the G.O.P. will consider all aspects of the Nixon record. The first four qualifications constitute a very impressive list of attributes, but the last one is enough to ruin any man's chances of winning an election, much less a nomination.

Of all of his diversified careers, the one which gives Nixon his background in politics is his law career. He has been and is a member of a very influential and successful New York law firm. However its success may owe a very little debt of thanks to him, for he has been gallivanting around the country involving himself with many election campaigns, some of which have been unsuccessful.

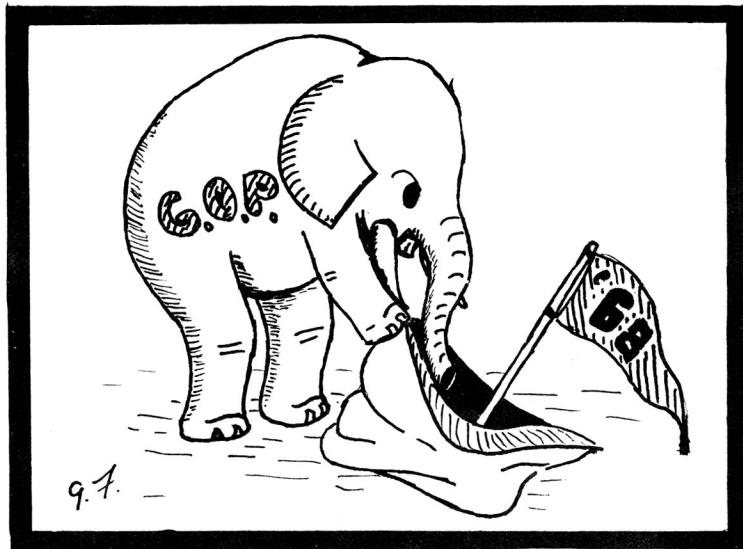
His political career encompasses being a California senator in 1948 and vice-president (the last of his political successes) during the 1950's. In 1960 Nixon was chosen as the Republican Party's candidate for president to oppose Senator John F. Kennedy. Their series of television debates evidently convinced the public that Nixon lacked the humor and charisma Kennedy had. It was a close election, but whether or not the American people wanted a comedian in the White House, Nixon

lost. That was failure number one. In 1962 Nixon ran for Governor of California but lost that election as well. That was failure number two.

### Viet View

But there is more to Richard Nixon than just his background. The G.O.P. will also have to consider his ideas and opinions. Perhaps the strongest political feelings he has as of now concern the Vietnam war. He has been a hawk ever since the conflict broke out as evidenced by his calling for increased bombing of North Vietnam and stepped-up military actions in all phases of the war. He has even criticized the Johnson administration for conducting a half-hearted war which has been costing too many American lives. Many lives are being lost, but that is a direct result of stepping up the war. One may even believe Johnson is taking Nixon's advice.

Whatever the case, the G.O.P. will certainly think twice before choosing a two-time loser whose opinions seem to coincide with those held by the present Democratic administration. The Republicans need a candidate who is going to offer some solution to the pressing problems of today. And with so many people screaming for peace, they don't need a man who offers complications.



## Indecision, Adhesion To Opinion Polls Bar Romney's Presidential Nomination

by Bruce Cohn

As the 1968 election approaches, the name that has been mentioned most often by Republicans is that of Governor George Romney of Michigan. He is described by most as a moderate, a man whose views or lack of them make it easy for people to support him. But now, George Romney is coming to a critical point in his presidential aspirations. No longer is he able to impress people with his strong handshake, his handsome features, and his shallow statements. As a man who is apparently seeking the presidency, he is expected to express clear opinions on the basic issues confronting our nation. His failure to do so can only lead one to discount him as a serious presidential contender.

A critical issue on the American scene is the war in Vietnam and what course to follow concerning it. After a tour of Vietnam in December of 1966, Governor Romney announced his support of the administration's

policy. Public opinion of the war at that time was generally favorable, and Romney's position of not being able to find another alternative fit in comfortably. As public opinion towards Vietnam changed from general support to increasing criticism, Romney found it necessary to re-evaluate his opinion concerning Vietnam. At this point, the Governor began to sound more and more confused in his views on the war. Romney and his backers decided that perhaps another trip to Southeast Asia might clarify the Governor's view. Public opinion against Vietnam had grown increasingly stronger, and when Romney returned from his fact-finding mission, he was faced with a familiar problem. His former statements backing Vietnamese policy could no longer lie favorably with the public. Romney then charged that he had been "brainwashed" on his first trip and said that he could no longer support President John-

son's policy in Vietnam.

But Romney's confession that he was fooled is very revealing; critics of his presidential bid can now point to his admitted susceptibility to deception in foreign affairs. In an effort to rectify this deficiency, Romney, through speeches and trips, has attempted to gain and display knowledge about the foreign situation. But the Michigan governor's announcement that he was indoctrinated with Administration propaganda seems to indicate that Mr. Romney pays more attention to public opinion polls than he does to seeking out the truth and taking a definite stand on it—regardless of the personal consequences.

The Republicans have pointed to the future, 1968, as their opportunity to solve those problems which the President has been unable to cope with. If that is the case, then George Romney has no place in that future.



# The Student Voice The Faculty Voice

Question: How would you define a hippie?

**Fred Krupp '71:** A hippie is a person who in our modern context seeks self-expression through a dream world. Not all hippies smoke pot, take L.S.D., S.T.P., but about half seek self-expression through appearances and actions.

**Jean Ann Goeller '70:** A hippie is a person with soul; he devotes himself to his own group and nature, and he believes more in things than any other person. Sort of "peace of mind within, without."

**Mr. Sutter:** I think that a hippie is more or less a coward who lives in a dream world, a fantasy world. I feel that they lack the moral fiber and courage to face up to the challenge which this world offers. I do not feel that they are crusaders, martyrs, or anything of the sort; and I feel that they should not be classified as such.

**Greg Fontanne '69:** A hippie is a non-conformist, someone who rebels against authority, probably because of an inner weakness.

**Kathy Schug '68:** A hippie is a person who tries to find himself but has gotten sidetracked.

**Mr. Ellicott:** There are some "real" hippies who have very

good reasons for living their own lives motivated by un hypocritical love of humanity. Then there are others, the phonies, the hangers-on, so to speak. They are a mixed group—half lost souls and half publicity hounds.

**Bill Shaw '71:** A hippie is a person trying to express inner thoughts through clothes and physical appearance.

**Julie Mau '70:** The hippies are the rebels from society. A different name with different intentions than the rebels of the past. "They preach peace, brotherhood and the joys of being turned on." (McCalls). Who knows? Maybe the world has a lot to learn from them.

**Mrs. Polifroni:** There are two kinds of hippies: the immature person who calls himself a hippie because he wishes to escape responsibilities, and the real hippie who can be an intellectual and can become a useful citizen.

**Alan Kaplan '69:** A hippie is someone that has a lot to say, but doesn't care if anyone hears it.

**Sue Harr and Sharon Ger '68:** Our opinion of the hippies is neither negative nor positive. Their beliefs are both imprac-



tical and general. The hippies' beliefs about love, sex, peace, and war have been around before the hippies even existed. They are hypocritical because they think they are non-conformists but in reality they all conform with each other.

**Mr. Jacobs:** I have always thought of a hippie as a person who searches for the truth. Someone who controls his impulses rather than hides them behind affectations and disguises—someone like Mr. Wermuth or Mr. Burgillos. Unfortunately, today the term connotes irresponsibility and a lack of stability. It seems as though anyone who drifts and avoids responsibility is a hippie.

**Jerry Perl '70:** I don't know what they really are, but Ted Lowenthal and Danny Kramer sure look like them.

## Wild Bells Ring Out; Messages Are Grey

Wandering, hopelessly. . .grey. Cement floor, cement wall. No bars on the window. No need. Colors-of-the-rainbow rooms: pink, yellow, blue, green. Somehow all converge. . .grey. . . dull, smashing thud of light, texture, sound. . .Muffled greetings, greyish ghosts of salutations, cut in half by warning bells. Bells Bells Bells Bells. . .

And in between time, undaunted, sallow-faced but merry-hearted, tick-tocks on. Forty six minutes to the next release; thirty six until the warning strikes. Strikes out. . .

A messenger arrives on horseback: breathless, excited, his grey eyes flashing like glass. A message: from the Sheriff of Nottingham. . .

7:30 for a week. . .

## Ancient Custom Confronts Death

by Bruce Cohn

Once upon a time a student could sit back in class feeling superior to his teacher. He had a special advantage in the knowledge of some fact which a teacher never knew existed. This "classified information" served as an ego booster to the A student as well as to the flunkee. But more important than this was its ability to enhance brotherhood. Students could work together in a universal effort to "stump the teacher." Even an occasional slip in this intelligence system—the intercepting of a note by a teacher—did not destroy the competition; it merely served to even up the "running feud."

But that hideous nemesis of all students—the teachers' weekly announcements—has changed all that. These papers (few actually know what they look like) often include those juicy items which never seem to get read over the P.A. And yet, is it not possible that these tidbits are important to a well-rounded education?

Looming larger than this educational problem is the psychological letdown to thousands of students. That rapport developed among students working towards a single goal is being destroyed. The impossibility of procuring this document is leading students to an "every man for himself" philosophy which leads to an inevitable teachers' victory in this time-honored battle.

It is up to the administration to even up the battle of "I know something you don't know." It should either disband the announcements or make them easier for students to obtain, thus resharpening the competitiveness in this ancient custom. Only in this way can Verona High School produce the mature student who will make his mark in the world.

The paranoia sets in. Are the police here? You can almost hear the crazy Gestapo horns behind those bells. . .

You gaze absentmindedly into the grey mass ahead, stumbling through the crowded hall. . .Keep to the right of the planter. The plastic flowers are there to brighten the school. . .enlighten your mind. The greyish mass is deafening. . .hopeless, you meet another's glazed gaze, and briefly: loved. . .Bells echo your entrance. The same bells which announce your birth, marriage, death. . .Your gaze meets the teacher's. . .

The grey-tinned walls are empty now. Their little, lined niches abandoned. You walk the halls alone, dangerous without a pass. As you pass the courtyard the messenger comes again, breathless with his eagerness and yellow slip. 7:30, 8:10, 8:15, 8:20, 8:25, 8:35, 8:39, 9:25, 9:29. . . Bells. How can you be sure which one is for you? Somehow you know it will be colored grey, the color of the local rainbow.

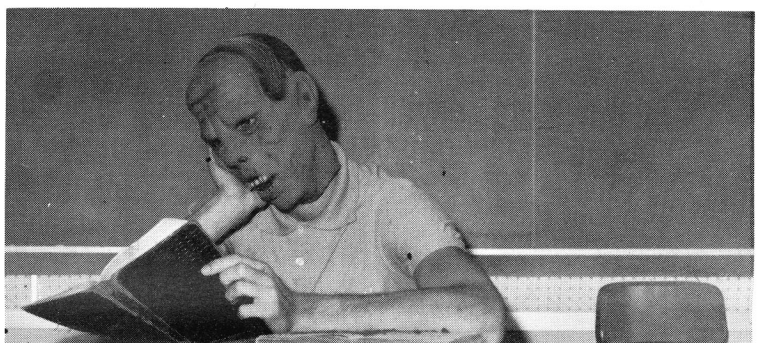
### Bites o' Pizza



\*Due to an unfortunate accident, Scorpion Dream Pets will no longer be issued during the senior magazine drive. However, we are happy to announce that senior Maroona White has almost completely recovered from the effects of the bite, and will return to school next Monday.

\*A new device, designed to improve audience response and silence during school assemblies, is being considered for purchase by the VHS administration. The device contains a cough sensitive control, and a mechanical arm attached to auditorium seats automatically feeds ailing students a double dose of lip glue.

\*While behavior of students on the recent biology field trip to the Big Puddle may not have been flawless, the behavior of the inhabitants of the Puddle resulted in a decision to take no further expeditions there. Although Veronaites abided by the rule against taking samples of Puddle organisms, ten students were carried off by assorted mosquitoes and alligators.



Kesky Sposs reflects boredom while studying ancient classic of future.

## Sposs Trips Into Time; Highlights Future School

by Kesky Sposs

Having recently returned from a journey into the year 2317 A.D., I would like to relate a discussion I heard in an English class of the future:

—Today, class, we'll continue with the twentieth-century literature unit and review last night's reading assignment in "Damn Yankees." Fred, how tall was Joe Hardy?

—Five-foot-nine.

—No! You didn't read carefully enough. How do you expect to get anything out of the play if you don't. . .yes, Gordon?

—He was six-foot-one. He also wore uniform number two and played shortstop.

—You certainly read well, Gordon!

—I've got a review book.

—And now your homework assignment for tonight; I want you to answer the following in a well-developed essay:

1. "Do you think the Senators' pitcher used a spitball?" Use quotes and knowledge of his character to support your conclusion.
2. "Discuss Lola's nymphomania, citing the effects of social pressure and early environment."
3. "Also paraphrase Apple-

gate's soliloquy ("Those were the good old days.")

—Why do we have to go into such depth? Wasn't the play meant to entertain people of that time? If so, why can't we read it for what it is, and no more?

—No, we CAN'T do that. "Damn Yankees" reflects the social values—the culture—of that time, so we must study it as a serious work of literature. Nowadays, with the Mets winning the World Championship every year since 1988, we cannot conceive of competitive baseball—except through this ancient play.

Now, remember, by Monday you should read-in your Folger Broadway Edition—the histories of the theatres in which the play was performed. If you behave yourselves for the rest of the week, I'll let you hear the record. . .

That was the gist of the discussion. Aren't you glad we'll all be dead by then?

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## Flunkee Earns Six Year Term

by Mary Mahon

Last year, Senior Joe Verona of final grades of A+ in all his majors. Yet this September 6, Joe was back at VHS for his sixth year. Why? Let's go back to June 16, 1967, 1 a.m. Poor Joe Verona was studying for gym finals. It had completely slipped his mind until 11:59 the night before the exam because he didn't have the pleasant reminder of his exam paper from last year to refresh his memory.

At 9:00, Joe began filling in the spaces with what he thought were the correct answers to the test, answering such questions as "How do you carry a football down the field?" ("Pass it to someone else; let them worry about it.") and "What's the obstacle course made up of?" ("Ground and big obstacles.") After completing the exam, Joe carefully went over all his answers, corrected misspelled words, and erased all his doodles from the examination booklet. Joe got an F; he couldn't even take make-up courses.

Will Joe Verona ever find out why he flunked his gym exam? Will he be condemned to selling senior magazines for a third year? Will he ever find out whether his gym teacher mistook the 70 on his paper for a 10? Only the guidance files know!

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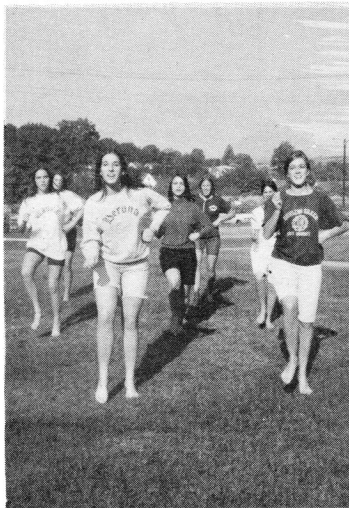
## Girls Program Starts With Tea

The Girls' Athletic Association opened this year's calendar of events with its Annual Tea. Refreshments followed several skits illustrating this year's activities, and during the meeting, new members were given an opportunity to join the club. The fall sports offered include tennis and field hockey; gymnastics will begin in the near future. Beginners as well as advanced players will be able to participate because "enjoyment and competition are goals of the G.A.A." Games are scheduled with other schools.

The co-advisors of the G.A.A. are Miss Carleen Coomer and Miss Wendy Meyers.

### Cheerleaders

The G.A.A. sponsors all the Verona High School cheerleaders. The varsity football cheering squad includes: Gail

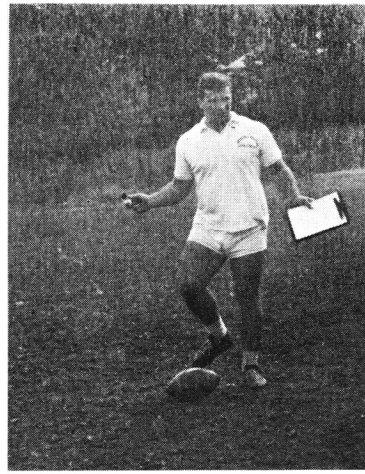
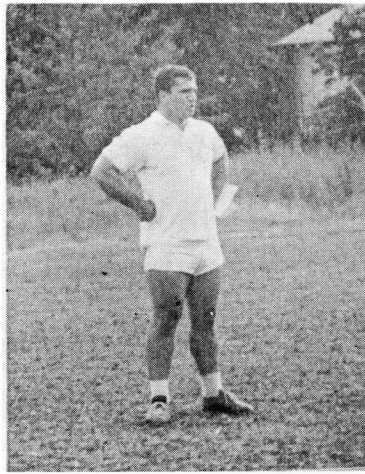


Co-Captains Kesselman and DeSantis run cheerleaders through paces.

Kesselman, captain; Margie De Santis, co-captain; Debbie Brownlee, Connie De Miro, Helen De Santis, Linda Fried, Holly Grim, Judy Jacobus, Janet Steel, Debbie Weiss and Wendy Weiss, Cheryl Spinweber.

Soccer cheerleaders are: Maria Trepasso, captain; Patty Carrick, co-captain; Debbie Calice, Barbara Meisner, Kathy Moran, Jeannie Osmun, Kathy Schug, and Sheila Purcaro.

The freshman cheerleaders are: Yvonne Arella, captain; Beth Dean, co-captain; Lynn Conticchio, Linda Dickerson, Debbie Parker, Noel Passero, Mary Rose, and Carol Schneider.



Head Coach Morris Sutter, performing varied duties, is caught by FAIRVIEWER camera.

## Coach Sutter Proud Of His Gridmen; "Mental Errors" Responsible For Loss

Verona High's varsity football coach, Morris Sutter, was interviewed by the FAIRVIEWER Sports Editor, Lenny Klehr. A graduate of George Washington University, Coach Sutter has been in the Verona system for three years, first as an assistant grid coach, and for the past two years, as head coach.

**Klehr:** Why did we lose to Boonton? And why will we continue to lose games in a similar manner?

**Sutter:** We lost to Boonton because of two mental errors on the part of my boys. The reason why we have been continually losing is because football is a game of risks and mistakes. If we can cut down these risks and mistakes we can win games. If we accomplish this we won't lose games in a similar fashion to the Boonton affair.

**Klehr:** Why are you convinced that this team can be a winner?

**Sutter:** I have seen these senior boys for three years in high school. This year they have a different attitude and a confidence they have never had before. I feel they can win because of their past performances and their pre-season scrimmages against four Group IV schools. I'm very proud of these boys. This is why I'm convinced they can win. They have size and ability, and they have motivation.

**Klehr:** Why have Verona's football fortunes declined in the past few years?

**Sutter:** This is a very difficult question, Len, and a very serious one. There is no easy answer to

this question. I would say that there might be a thousand small reasons why Verona collapsed. If you eliminated any, maybe ten or twenty of these reasons, it would not solve the problem. I don't think it's fair, the way many skeptics have done in the past, to isolate one or two people as scapegoats for the collapse of Verona football fortunes. In doing that I feel that they are taking the easy way out, and not facing the facts. I don't blame this collapse on any one person or any two persons, or any three people. I simply feel that there has been a combination of factors which have contributed to this collapse. We are working to correct these faults now.

**Klehr:** Are these factors a general apathy on the part of the students at VHS?

**Sutter:** Since we still have boys out for the sport, I couldn't call our misfortune "apathy." As for the general apathy I think that the boys wouldn't come out for the sport unless there was definite interest. I feel, honestly, that football is not for everybody. Football is a very particular sport, and demands a great deal from a person. If the school is lacking at this particular time that type of person who is geared for football, then naturally you are going to suffer. I don't blame the student body at all, and I don't blame the parents. I would say that it is a case that we have happened to hit a drought. I do not blame the boys at all.

**Klehr:** What is the remedy? How are you attempting to accomplish it?

**Sutter:** There is no simple remedy; there is no panacea. We are taking the problems and breaking them down step by step.

First of all, we are trying to build the football program back to its original status, and to build up the confidence of the boys. This is a tremendous job, but the boys have come along well. I think that we have solved many of the problems. This year we will have a JV program, which was eliminated last year from lack of participation. This year we had 67 boys show up, 54 staying with the squad. Last year we had a maximum of 29 on our squad. We have a good freshman team, of whom we expect a great deal. The Eagle Program has helped us tremendously, there's no doubt about that. In accomplishing our goals, the coaching staff, which has been working hard and long, and I am attempting to solve these problems which have hindered past football teams. I feel that the whole athletic department should get credit for attempting to accomplish our main objectives. I think that everyone is trying to effect this remedy.

**Klehr:** Have you received the kind of support that you expected from the school and the town?

**Sutter:** I couldn't ask for any more support from the student body, faculty, or administration. I feel that the town has been very fair. I'll say one thing; I think that we in Verona are very fortunate to have the type of people that we do have in our town, who understand what's going on and still stick by us. I think they deserve a great deal of credit, and I am proud to be in Verona and in its school system.

In closing, I'd like to make one general statement. Although our football program has been down in the past, we are not out! We'll be back again, and will be heard from. I know the people in Verona will not allow this program to collapse. The boys will not allow it. The town has too rich a tradition in football to let that happen. I think the boys in the town have too much pride to let anything happen to the football program at VHS.

## Promising Freshmen

The outlook is bright for freshmen fall sports teams this year. The football players have been impressive in practice, and the soccer squad has easily won its first two games.

Under the direction of Coach Vincent Yaniro and his assistant, John Velcamp, the football team promises to field "a balanced, versatile team."

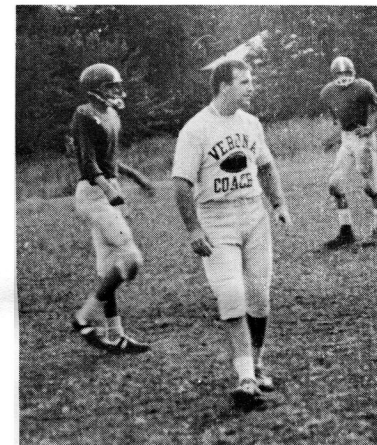
Although the offensive backfield lacks great size, they compensate with enthusiasm and the desire to win. In pre-season drills, according to Coach Yaniro, quarterback Mike Passero and backs Bruce Fader, Ben Dente and Tom Randazzo have played very well. Good defensive play has been turned in by tackles Vince LaStella and Bob Milford, and guard Jeff Siegfried.

In a pre-season scrimmage Verona annihilated Roosevelt Junior High School of West Orange, 84-0. Consistent, alert defensive play held their opponents scoreless, while the offensive unit scored fourteen touchdowns, eight of them by Bruce Fader.

The team opens its seven game season against Cedar Grove at home on October 9.

### Freshman Soccer

The freshman soccer team has turned in exceptionally strong



Coach Velcamp inspects fresh charges.

performances in its first two games. Under the direction of third-year coach Bob Graham, Verona shutout Summit, 3-0, and Anthony Wayne Junior High School, 6-0.

Goalie John Proper and lineman Larry Peterson turned in outstanding performances each contest. Proper has been credited with both shutouts, and Peterson has booted seven goals.

Verona played its premier game September 19 at home against Summit. Peterson scored twice and Joe Kaplan added the third goal. Bruce Eisdorfer and Bill Hersh also turned in fine performances.

On September 25, Anthony Wayne travelled to Verona. Larry Peterson tallied five times, and Mitch Steinberg scored once in the romp for Verona.

"We have been concentrating on the fundamentals in practice, and they have been paying off for us in the games," says Coach Graham. He adds, "We will have a real successful year if the team remains intact, without losing any boys to the JV's or varsity."

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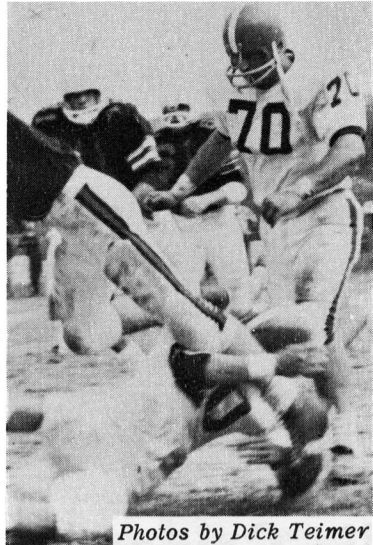
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Hard-hitting Hillbillies Norm Liedtke (12) and Bob Zazzali (20) get tough with Boonton offense.

## Suttermen Improving, But Lose To Boonton

On September 23 the Verona High School football team lost its opening game when Boonton topped the Hillbillies, 20-0. Despite the defeat, the Verona team turned in a strong performance.

After receiving the opening kick-off, the Verona offense stalled and was forced to punt. Bud Hart's kick was returned sixty yards by a Boonton player for a touchdown. Again with possession of the ball, Morris Sutter's men managed a sustained drive with the help of fine running from senior Glen Isaac and junior Tony Aquila. Quarterback Hart completed a pass to Isaac and, with the help of some timely penalties, Verona moved to the Boonton 25-yard line. But the drive stalled there, and two plays later, Boonton scored on a long run from scrimmage.

### Goal Line Stand

Neither team managed to score in the second or third periods. In the second period, on a brilliant display of defensive ability, Verona froze a Boonton drive on the Hillbilly three-yard stripe. The final score of the game came on a short run early in the fourth period.

Coach Sutter feels this will be an exciting, encouraging season. "Everyone of my boys is capable of doing a good job any time. With a big J.V. schedule, everyone will have a chance to play," says Coach Sutter.

### Varsity Players

Andy Moritz and Bob Zazzali have both played very well on defense along with the tackles, George Boronow and Jeff Holmes. On offense, linemen Craig Petro, Bernie Weich, and end Willie Trimmer have all been outstanding. Coach Sutter thinks Bud Hart "has the hardware to be an excellent passing quarterback."

Other players who will see plenty of action are junior backs Tom Tucci, Tony Aquila, Gary Sprague, and Bruce Comiskey, and the senior backfield men Mike Bermen, Lou Cortese, Joe Curtis, Nick Nigro, Kerry Mucci, Frank Miscia, and Glen Isaac. Playing guard for the Hillbillies will be Jeff Ochs, Tom Leone, and John Gregory. Kevin Campbell and Chris Courtney will see action at center. Along with Petro, Weich, Holmes and Boronow, will be Wilson Milford and Jim Hayes as tackles. Bob Scharling will be playing offensive end. With seventeen returning lettermen, a squad of fifty-two boys, and "the highest team morale in my three years of coaching," Coach Sutter has reason to be enthusiastic about this season.

## Jayvee Booters Ravage Rivals

After four games the Junior Varsity soccer team has compiled a 3-0-1 record. Their first game against Summit on September 19 resulted in a 2-2 tie, with Paul Erickson and Nick Hill scoring for Verona.

### Crush Millburn

A second game played by the JV's resulted in a 6-0 win against Millburn on September 21. David Stetson and Dave Olsen each contributed two goals, with Nick Hill and Scott Sorken chipping in with one goal apiece.

New Providence succumbed to the JV's on September 26 by a score of 2-1. Nick Hill provided all the scoring, tallying both goals on corner kicks.

In their last game to date, Verona blanked Cedar Grove by a score of 4-0. Larry Levine banged in two goals, and markers by Paul Holmes and Nick Hill completed the scoring.

The J.V. forces will again be under the direction of Coach Ray Bleiweiss. Other members of the squad who have seen action include Jeff Lockchin at goalie; Wendell Murray, center fullback; Lewis Seagull right inside.

# Varsity Soccer Team Still Undefeated Whitewashes Panther, Miller Squads

Five returning lettermen have given the Verona High School soccer team the potential to remain a powerhouse in interscholastic soccer. Verona opened its season on September 15 at East Paterson. Ted Perl, with an assist from Don Overholser, began the scoring for Verona in the first quarter. Lenny Klehr followed later in the quarter with another goal. East Paterson narrowed the score to 2-1 with a quick goal in the second period. Verona poured on the offense in the second half, with Skip Chestnut tallying on an assist from Perl in the third quarter, and Paul Levinsky converting a penalty kick. The game ended with Verona in front 4-1.

### Tie Summit

On September 19, the booters traveled to Summit and were held to a 0-0 tie. Verona threatened throughout the game but was unable to score.

In their first home game, the team showed its offensive strength by trouncing Millburn 4-0. Junior wingman Don Overholser opened the scoring in the first quarter, his second goal coming in the next period. In the third quarter Skip Chestnut connected from the outside and then added another goal in the fourth quarter to close the scoring with Verona the winner, four to nothing.

Verona's second home game resulted in a 3-1 defeat of New Providence. Freshman Dan Potts opened the scoring in the first quarter on two assists by Skip Chestnut and Lenny Klehr. Later in the game Ted Perl knocked

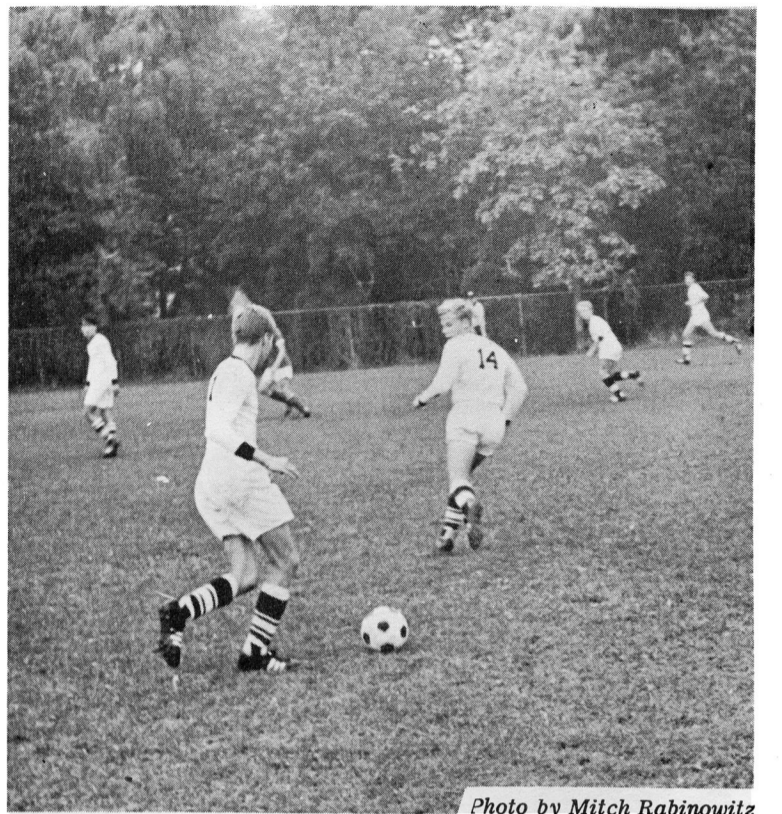


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Don Overholser contemplates pass to Skip Chestnut (14).

in his first goal. In the third quarter Perl scored again from the outside. New Providence averted a shutout in the fourth period with a goal from a corner kick.

### Perl Scores

On Thursday, Verona beat a tough Cedar Grove squad by a 1-0 margin. Verona's usually strong offense was hampered by the rain. The only score of the game was Ted Perl's fourth goal of the year, in the second quarter. Goalie Pat Sullivan played his usual fine game, recording his third shutout in five games.

To date, Verona's varsity squad has a 4-0-1 record, which places them in second place in the Suburban Conference. The booters are looking forward to the State Tournament and have

already acquired 9 out of 13 points necessary for eligibility.

### Levinsky, Chestnut Co-Captains

Starting for Verona have been co-captains Paul Levinsky and Skip Chestnut. Levinsky defends at center fullback, while Chestnut heads the offense from his center position. Helping out on defense is another senior letter-winner, Dave Benson, at the left fullback spot, and sophomore Craig Levinsky at the right fullback spot. Up from last year's J.V. squad are junior Rich Lorenson at right half and senior Mike Rodman at left halfback. In addition to Chestnut on the offensive front line are senior letter-winner Lenny Klehr and talented freshman Dan Potts at the left inside spot. Senior Ted Perl and junior letter-winner Don Overholser compete from the right and left win positions, respectively. Starting at goalie will be junior Pat Sullivan, backed up by sophomore Bob Goman. Defensive subs will be sophomore corner-kicker Pepper Redd, senior Sheldon Waxman, and junior Craig Lawrence. Offensive subs include Dave Oremland, Al Price, Ken Jacobsen and senior Wain Karl.

## Rookie Coaches To See Action

Newcomers to the Morris Sutter varsity football coaching staff include line coach, John T. Velcamp and back-field coach Ralph E. Bigger, both new teachers at V.H.S.



Coach Velcamp began his football career as a tackle for Our Lady of the Valley High School in Orange, N. J. He coached high school football for three years in Bergen County. He will be teaching Sophomore and Junior English. In addition to duties as line coach, Mr. Velcamp will also handle the Freshman team.

### Ralph Bigger

Also beginning his fourth year as a football coach is Ralph Bigger. He had coached varsity football at Edgewood Regional High School. His philosophy is "if they knock some people down, they'll win some football games."



## Verona JV's Open Season

The Verona Junior Varsity football team opened its season on October 2 with a game against Mountain High School. Rookie Coach Perry Roccaseca is confident that his "outstanding unit" will produce a winning season.

### Starting "Unit"

The J.V. starting offensive line will see Bob DiTrani as center, Kevin Geftic and Steve Froemal as guards, and Jerry DeStefano and Keith Nosgrant as tackles. Offensive ends are Jim Lincoln and Bob Fried. Halfbacks are Keith Carlson and Wayne Heike.

The defensive specialists are led by John Kratsios as guard and Al Makovsky as end. Jim Steinitz is slated to see plenty of action as the other end. Ben Veal, Ken Rau, and Kevin Shaw have all been impressive in the backfield. The "tandem tackles" are Kevin Riley and Jeff Jacobson.

## VHS Initiates Cross-Country

Verona High School's first cross-country team is being coached by Bill Pecoraro, who doubles as head coach of the V.H.S. spring varsity track team.

Three experienced trackmen are performing on the eight-member Hillbilly squad. They are senior captain Pete Kazmar, junior Art Kellenberger, and sophomore Rich Barrett, all experienced distance runners.

New runners include senior Walter Arlen and sophomores Ronnie Cooper, Charlie Pash, Mike Fogerty, and Jim LaBaugh.

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## Dance Replaces Junior Movie; Contract Ends School Tradition

Recent controversy over the date for the Junior Class Movie Benefit has caused some confusion. Craig Lawrence, president of the junior class, commented that the situation was not the fault of the students or the

advisors involved. The confusion is due to the terms of a new contract that the Verona Theatre has adopted without alerting the junior class officers of the change beforehand. One of its new policies is that the theatre shows

first-run movies for three or four weeks instead of changing movies weekly. During these first-run movies, the manager is not permitted to sponsor benefits.

Beginning November 1, the movie theatre will begin a three-week movie engagement. Although the manager had given an oral agreement to hold the benefit on November 8 and 9 to President Craig Lawrence and benefit chairman John Tesser, by his new contract he was forced to cancel the dates. The manager, however, offered the junior class any other date it wanted and promised to get the best picture he could for that date. Postponement date of the Movie Benefit has been designated as February 21 and 22. The title of the movie has yet to be announced.

Despite the trouble, Craig Lawrence feels that, "The confusion will not impair the sales. To substitute for the November fund-raising project, we will sponsor a dance on November 8. Music will be provided by the QED."

### Painters Explore Techniques

The experimental styles, such as those of Pollack and Rauschenberg in their paintings "Autumn Rhythm" and "Second Theme" respectively, were focal points of the trip. Students also discussed the possible themes and their reactions to "Rebus," a college-billboard, supposedly representative of a typical wall in a slum area. As suggested by Miss Tonner, the work is the creator's subtle criticism of American life.

The Cloisters, located in Tryon Park, New York, contains huge tapestries depicting the hunt of the unicorn, tombs of nobles and clergymen, and doors and other artifacts from medieval European castles. Musicians who went on the trip examined relics of medieval musical instruments at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

### Season Opens with *Macbeth*

Members of the Senior English classes were next to leave their classes for the broader cultural experience of the arts. They traveled to the Shakespearean Theatre in Stratford, with Miss Mary Alice Shockney and Mrs. Dennis Buss, to see the American Shakespeare Company's presentation of *Macbeth*. The play opened the Company's season of Shakespearean works.

Set up in Stratford, Connecticut in 1950 the Shakespearean Festival and Academy produces plays resembling the repertory system of Elizabethan times. A second trip to Stratford will be taken in May, the annual Senior trip. All Seniors who have sold forty dollars worth of subscriptions during the Magazine Drive will receive free bus transportation to Connecticut.

## Students Absorb Culture; Visit Stratford, Museums

Medieval, Impressionistic, and contemporary art works were contemplated by the fine arts students of VHS at the Cloisters and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. A week before, the Senior English classes viewed Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, performed by the American Shakespeare Company at Stratford.

Miss Nanci Tonner, Mrs. Margaret Leonardson and several mothers of students accompanied the group to the museums on October 19. Prior to the trip, students received questionnaires that were to be filled out with information gathered during the trip. Their opinions were called for on a variety of questions.

## Welcome

Verona High School is once again the temporary home for foreign visitors. Mlle. Marie Jeanne Panel, the guest of the Cohens and the Strauses, is gaining teaching experience with Miss Louise Fricke. A graduate of the University of Law and Economics, Mlle. Panel came to America through the National Foreign Language Teachers' program. She holds discussions with four small groups of students from Miss Fricke's French III and IV classes in the informal atmosphere of the senior lounge. After her six week stay in Verona, she will visit schools in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Senorita Patricia Alfara, from Mexico City, is an American Field Service exchange student who will live with the Weisses during her two month stay. Patricia, a high school graduate, wants to learn English and become a translator in Mexico.

## Duo Stresses Rhythmics; Revamped QED Perform

For VHS students, October was a month of variety with the introduction of diversified assemblies. "Physical fitness through rhythmics" was the theme of the October 11 assembly, while the October 25 assembly was a display of the many facets of modern music.

Professional dancers Maurice and Carol Phillipi offered their interpretation of rhythmics, which are exercises set to music. They presented their philosophy to the students concerning specific aspects of rhythmics by informing students that rhythmics are excellent for developing the body and coordination, and that many coaches of the National Football League use rhythmic activities to help perfect the timing and agility of their players.

With interjections of humor, each dancer gave a short history of dance, the effect of culture upon it, rhythmic's importance in modern physical education, and the training involved. The quality of dance communication was illustrated by the performance of the fairy tale of a cou-

ple's wedding day, where the male constantly motioned "no" by exercising his head.

By observing youth in other lands, the Phillipis recognized the need for greater physical fitness for American youth. Both of them feel that they can influence American youth into acquiring a desire for better physical fitness through rhythmics and dance.

### New Sound

Used only as a calm background for rhythmics, music became an expressionistic turbulence when the Q.E.D. altered the sound of music to a novel form. The group consists of two Verona boys, Alan Kaplan, bass guitarist, and Doug Super, organist, Ray Barret from Essex Fells, vocalist and player of the clavicord, Brian Green of New Providence, vocalist, Bill Liska of Roseland, lead guitarist who sings harmony, and John DeFiderio of Short Hills, drummer. With new styles and effects, the Q.E.D. sang sitting down on different-leveled stands in a deep-blue lit area where candles and incense burned. At times, the audience was kept unaware of who was singing. "Sounds of Silence," "A Day in the Life," "Moonlight Sonata" (an instrumental), "Holiday," and "Everybody's Been Burned" were a few of the songs performed. For the past year, the Q.E.D. has been experimenting with the development of changing sounds, and they plan to continue their experimentation with new methods.

## Musical Highlights

Highlighting the October 24 Board of Education dinner for new faculty was the debut of a new singing group. Attired in yellow, the "Lemon Drops," Ann Arella, Judy Brody, Sandy Burns, Sandy Craig, Kathy Giordano, Vivian Grossman, Judy Jacobus, Nancy Kaplan, and Jean Vadeboncoeur, sang four selections, including a duet performance of "The Return" composed by Nancy.

Working as a small group will allow the members extensive singing experience and opportunities for experimentation with original compositions.

Another musical event was the selection of three freshmen to the North Jersey Junior High School All-State Band. These are Yvonne Arella on flute, Michael Weiss on trombone, and Eddie Helbein on trumpet. Eddie was further honored by placing first "chair" on solo cornet.



The Lemon Drops strive to avoid sour notes.

# VHS Happenings

With the recent coffee and bun hour and the Dance of the Month projects, the Student Council officers, President Mario Baeza, Vice-President Dick Teimer, and secretary Mary Ann Sheets organized change and renewal.

October 11 marked the opening sale of coffee, tea, juice, donuts, and buns in the cafeteria from 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. by Student Council members. Profits are steady at ten dollars

a week. With these gains, the Council plans to make additions which will benefit the student body. If the Council budget is approved by Council members, the money will be put toward scholarships, VHS Handbooks for next year's freshmen, and hopefully more aid to needy school activities. With the Council's anticipated surplus funds, the year will be finalized by a presentation of a gift to the school.

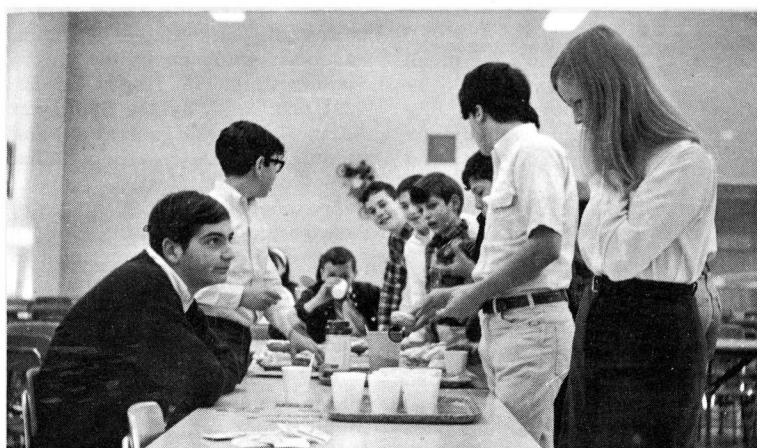
Another Council project currently under discussion is the Dance of the Month. The Council plans to sponsor different types of dances when there are no conflicting activities during that month.

### Claremont Hosts Seniors

"The start of a nice tradition," as Mr Weissbach termed this year's first Senior Breakfast, was welcomed by the graduating class of 1968. One hundred fifty seniors participated in the activity at the Claremont Diner on Tuesday October 10, with Mme. Blauvelt, Mr. and Mrs. Buss, Mr. Butterworth, Mr. Johnson, and other senior homeroom teachers as guests.

The breakfast began at 7:30, and the students were allowed to miss their first period classes. At 9:25 all participants returned to school and resumed classes.

Organizers of this breakfast were Paul Levinsky, president of the senior class, Mary Anne Esser, vice-president, and Secretary Marcia Dixey. Because behavior was favorable, Mr. Willard said that other requested activities "will certainly be considered."



Senior Representative Nick Polifroni is always grumpy until he's had his morning coffee, purchased from the Student Council.

# Discussion Group Gives Flexibility In Curriculum

The Verona High School curriculum is in need of an addition which will really benefit the individual student—a flexible, informal, discussion class.

There is a clear necessity for student discussions on such important topics as drugs, sex, ethics, and life itself. These issues may be less "classical" than usual school subjects, but no realist can deny that their importance today is clearly superior to that of Shakespeare or second-conjugation French verbs. An individual needs to learn how to discuss and form logical arguments about contemporary problems in order to cope with himself and his world. Without the chance to hear varied opinions and learn what other people think, his scope is limited to the views of the members of his particular clique.

Sidetracking onto "foreign" topics in classes, however, is often discouraged. When a class discussion drifts away from the prescribed area of study, the teacher is naturally forced to quickly abandon the deviation and return to the curriculum plan. The Guidance Department does not fulfill this need either, for the problems of college and occupational acceptance and discipline fully occupy the counselors.

The typical student preoccupation with marks, the force behind every class, would be particularly destructive in a seminar course such as this. If sex, drugs, war, and morals were discussed, there would no doubt be so much student-generated enthusiasm that the artificial stimulus of grades could be discarded. The teacher would serve solely for reference purposes, as a possible moderator, or present one adult's point of view. In addition, a course such as this would not only break down the invisible "ability barriers" of each class, but could integrate the classes themselves.

This concept of stimulating spontaneous, intellectual exchanges of opinion and fact has been the theoretical purpose of school since the time of Socrates. It is time to implement that theory—and a seminar course is the best way to do this.



# Student Sheds Tear For Civil Servants

"A public office is a public trust"—and apparently American society does not care much for public trusts. A sad fact of life painfully borne by teachers, policemen, firemen, and all public servants is that work for the government is usually rewarded by the defeat of wage raises by economy-minded legislatures or voters at the polls.

Each election day, voters angrily cry that they are being "bled" by civil servants, and they feel proud while pressing the "no" lever on proposals for higher salaries and better working conditions.

Both professional and blue-collar workers describe their own plight with touching, tear-filled words. These words fall on deaf ears of those public servants who, every day, risk their lives or financial well-being for society. If anyone doubts the sincerity of these sacrifices, he needs only consider the tragic deaths of the Ridgefield volunteer firemen or read (or view) "Up the Down Staircase."

### Unions

The fire of unionism, which has begun to lose its glow for much of American labor, is just beginning to affect civil servants. "Associations" of public workers are either becoming more demanding or are being replaced by chapters of the AFL-CIO. This militancy was illustrated by the recent teachers' strike in New York City and the police and firemen's strike in Youngstown, Ohio. Even within the borders of quiet Verona, pleas are heard for higher wages, workmen's compensation, and better working conditions. Local frustration reached a high point with the resignation of Verona's Volunteer Policemen.

The average citizen, while condemning the strikers for not considering his children's welfare or his safety, never takes the time to examine the conditions leading to these militant feelings and actions.

With an evergrowing governmental bureaucracy, we cannot afford to lose our best potential public servants because of ridiculous wages and working conditions. Strikes by teachers and others are the result of years of indifference and neglect. If meaningful offers are not made to civil servants, then it is not they, but the public, which deserves to be condemned.



# School Spirit Thrives Among Student Body

## Pro

by Cathy Burguillos

The strength of school spirit in Verona High School this year is demonstrated by our enthusiasm for the football team. This spirit is shown by the increasing number of boys who joined the football squad, and by the rise in attendance at the games as compared to last year's showing.

One result of this increasing enthusiasm is the improvement in participation this year. A turnout of forty-eight boys makes it possible for Verona to maintain a junior varsity team, a valuable asset in any sport. This participation has been reflected in increased attendance at the home games. The spectators, together with the players, cheerleaders, twirlers, and the band, have made the game successful.

Our losses certainly have been offset by our victory as a student body in displaying school spirit.

## Con

by Lewis Seagull

Football is a great sport and students should display school spirit by attending games, but school spirit should not end with football.

The hard-working Verona soccer team is on its way to winning the State Championship and yet the school does not appear to care. There is very little attendance even at home games, and yet anyone who has seen a Verona soccer contest will testify that soccer is an exciting game—certainly no chore to watch.

The FAIRVIEWER recently held its annual subscription drive and only 48% of the students signed up. This small number of subscriptions clearly shows a lack of school enthusiasm.

Attending football games is important, but the student body should not forget that Verona has a championship soccer team and an excellent newspaper which could use some support, too.

# U.S. Isolates Communist China; Hostility Toward World Results

by John Tesser

As a result of the hatred between Red China and the United States, many Americans, including government officials, have become greatly troubled because of a possible Chinese nuclear attack. However, the deep resentment felt between Peking and Washington can primarily be attributed to the latter; for the United States is the major cause of China's dangerous isolation, a situation which is detrimental to both countries.

### Tracing the Cause

The hostility felt by the United States towards China is as old as the Republic herself. During the Communist take-over of the mainland, the United States supported Chiang-Kai-Chek. Animosity between the two countries was immediately established during the birth of the Chinese Republic. Since then a policy of containment of China has been enforced by the United States. China is ringed on the east and south by the Southeast Asian Treaty Organization and other United States allies. China is not only contained but she is surrounded like a rat in a trap. And the trap is becoming smaller as the United States continues to build up American power in Vietnam.

### U.S. at Fault

The United States, however, claims that Chinese aggression must be stopped. Vice-President Humphrey declared that it is necessary to stop "militant aggressive Asian Communism with

its headquarters in Peking, China." Secretary Rusk warned that the United States faces the threat of "a billion Chinese on the mainland, armed with nuclear weapons." But the United States has annually blocked China's entrance to the United Nations and thereby has virtually destroyed any chance of coming to terms with her peacefully. Quite a paradox considering the United States is a "peace-loving" nation.

Congress has appropriated five billion dollars for an anti-mis-

# War Influences American Mind

by Danny Kramer

The American people have become psychologically dependent on the war in Vietnam for intellectual stimulation and excitement. The newspapers are filled with articles concerning the war. These articles describe in great detail the actual fighting on the battle-front, marches for and against the war, proceedings in Congress involving Vietnam, and finally the death of local boys in the war.

### American Concern

As the war has taken on new dimensions on the actual battlefield, the American people have grown more and more concerned with it. Easy-chair strategists enthusiastically gulp down reports of the fighting and form their own defenses and attacks. Citizens hungry for a way to show their patriotism march in support of war while dissenters of U.S. policy march in opposition to the war. Each group of marchers is at each other's throats, supporters of the war calling dissenters Communists and traitors, while the dissenters call supporters fascists.

The war in Vietnam, besides getting various groups of Americans at each other's throats, has taken on an existence unlike any other war in history. The war has a glorious, untouchable image in the minds of its supporters, and anyone who attempts to desecrate or deface that image is crushed.

Before it is too late, the American people must extricate themselves from this mire. They must realize how essential the war in Vietnam has become to them and start breaking this dependence. Otherwise the United States of America will become a sick, war-oriented society.



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Co-captain Paul Levinsky applies leather to leather.

## Soccer Express Rolls Toward Another Group II Championship

Verona High School's defending Group II soccer team moved into State Tournament competition again by scoring eighteen points in its first ten games. Thirteen points in the first ten games are needed to qualify for the tournament.

After mounting a 4-0-1 record in their initial five games the booters travelled to Caldwell to defeat the defending Suburban Conference champs by a 2-0 score. Verona's first goal was recorded by Skip Chestnut in the second quarter. Ted Perl added a third-period insurance goal.

The White Hornets continued on their winning ways with a 2-0 victory against Madison at home. Co-captain Chestnut scored the first goal. Freshman center forward Dan Potts blasted a shot through the goal in the fourth quarter to end the scoring.

### Squeak by Summit

In their following game Verona avenged the only blemish on its record, a tie with Summit, by edging the Hilltoppers 1-0. Stand-

outs for Verona were Len Klehr, who made the game's only score, and goalie Pat Sullivan.

On October 17, the local booters smashed Millburn, 6-0. After Klehr scored for the Hillbillies in the first quarter, Chestnut and Potts followed with two goals. Co-captain Paul Levinsky clicked on a penalty kick, Skip Chestnut recorded his second goal of the game, and sub Ken Jacobsen rammed in his first marker of the season.

The next game, at New Providence, resulted in a 1-1 tie. New Providence tallied first, but Verona's Len Klehr equalled it with a third period goal.

### First Loss

The Hillbillies only setback of the season occurred on October 20. Chatham shut out the Hillbillies 2-0, as the Eskies' superior speed resulted in two goals in the second half. Verona goalie Bob Goman played an outstanding game, recording 18 saves.

## Freshman Gridders Undefeated; J.V.'s Smash New Providence

The junior varsity football team has compiled a 1-3 record to date. The Hillbillies, playing at home, lost their first game to Mountain High School, 13-12. Halfback Wayne Heike scored a touchdown on a 65-yard run, and Jeff Jacobsen, a defensive tackle, added six points for Verona with a 30-yard return of a Mountain fumble.

Verona was defeated in the second game of the season, losing to Cedar Grove, 19-0. The Hillbilly offense was stymied during the game by a tough Panther defense.

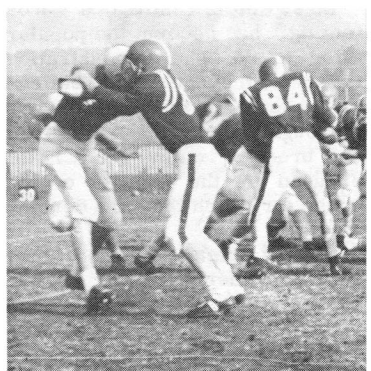
### Crush Pioneers

The Hillbillies beat New Providence in a home game on October 16, 12-0. Halfback Bud Hart scored a touchdown on a 40-yard end sweep, and fullback Tony Aquila scored on a 15-yard run.

On October 23, the J.V.'s were defeated by Madison, 20-0. Playing the opposition evenly for the first three quarters, Verona finally succumbed to Madison in the final period.

### Frosh Conquer All

The Verona freshman football team successfully opened its season October 9 by beating Cedar Grove, 20-6. Verona backs Bruce Fader and Dennis Casale each



JV gridders hit with power.

scored a touchdown, while quarterback Mike Passero added the third T.D.

The frosh squad won their second game of the season on October 16, playing against New Providence. The final score of the close contest was 14-13. Fader and Passero accounted for Verona's two touchdowns.

The Hillbilly gridders brought their record to 3-0 by walloping Madison, 41-7, at Madison's home field. Passero accounted for five extra points and threw two touchdown passes to Sam Ventola. Barry Giblin scored two T.D.'s, and Ben Dente and Tom Randazzo each tallied once to close out the scoring.

The booters came back in their next game by squeezing past Cedar Grove 2-1. Paul Levinsky opened the scoring with this third successful penalty shot of the year. Len Klehr later slipped one by the Panther goalie for the winning goal.

In their latest encounter, the Hillbillies were tied by Caldwell, 1-1. Klehr scored first for Verona by driving one past the Chief goalie, who was unable to cope with the shot. Caldwell later tallied on a mixup in front of the Verona goal to close the scoring.

As of October 27, the soccer team's record is an excellent 9-1-3.

## Girls Begin Fall Funtime

The Girls' Athletic Association launched its '67-'68 program with an orientation tea for Freshmen. Featured as entertainment were veteran members performing skits which depicted several G.A.A. activities. VHS cheerleaders were also present to execute school cheers.

One of the association's first activities this year is a Tennis Club for beginning players. Eight members meet on Monday afternoons for instruction by Miss Carleen Coomer, G.A.A. advisor. Also in progress is a "double elimination" tournament for intermediate and advanced players.

### Field Hockey Begins

Under the direction of Miss Wendy Meyers, the girls' field hockey team scheduled six games for the season. First on the calendar was a contest with the G.A.A.'s of Millburn, on November 2, and Glen Ridge on November 7.

An alumna basketball game will be held on November 21. G.A.A. members from the classes of '65, '66, and '67 are now being invited to play against members of this year's G.A.A. basketball club and team.

The varsity football cheerleaders are now rehearsing for the Thanksgiving Pep Rally. Theme—to be kept a secret.

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## Football Team Flounders; Falls Prey To Madison

The varsity football squad lost its last four games, bringing this season's record to no wins and five losses. Verona has now lost twenty-seven consecutive games. In two of the last four games Verona managed to make it a close contest.

The second game of the season was played against Mountain, at the Rams' home field, on September 30. The closely-contested battle was won by Mountain, 20-0. The Hillbilly defensive unit played very well, but the offense was unable to put together a consistent attack. Verona finally staged a strong drive late in the game, but the Hillbillies stalled a foot away from a touchdown. Bob Zazzali, who intercepted a pass, Wilson Milford, and George Boronow all played very well for Verona.

### Memorial Downs Hillbillies

The following Saturday saw the Hillbillies fall to Memorial, again losing 20-0. Memorial beat Verona for the third year in a row, retaining the Verona-Cedar Grove Times Trophy. A large crowd at Verona's home field saw the Hillbillies hold Cedar Grove scoreless for a period and a half before the Panthers hit paydirt with a 13-yard pass. Verona started the game on a bright note after recovering a Memorial fumble on the first play from scrimmage. The Hillbillies mounted a drive which was stopped nineteen yards away



Mike Berman advances ball against Madison.

## Bly's Bombers Belt Panthers

Verona's junior varsity soccer team, under the leadership of Coach Ray Bleiweiss, has managed a fine 7-3-2 record.

After going undefeated through their first four games, the Hillbillies were beaten by Caldwell 4-1. In their next two games, the booters edged Madison, 2-1 and trounced Summit, 3-0. Continuing their winning ways, Verona smashed Millburn, 4-1. Playing against New Providence, the J.V. squad was held to a 2-2 tie. The winning streak was snapped by Chatham, 3-0, at the victors' field. Coach Bleiweiss' bombers came back in the next match and shut out arch-rival Cedar Grove, 2-0, with Nick Hill supplying both scores, his eighth and ninth of the year.

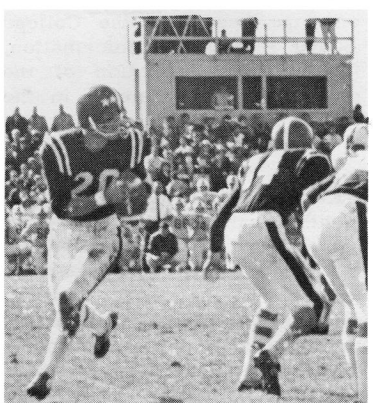
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from a touchdown. Memorial's second touchdown came after Verona fumbled and lost the ball late in the third period. Bud Hart was intercepted three times, the final snatch resulting in Memorial's last touchdown.

### Two More Loses

New Providence and Madison, presently sharing the Suburban Conference lead with identical 5-0 records, both routed Verona. Travelling to New Providence on October 12, the usually-competent Hillbilly defense was scored upon in double figures in each of the four quarters, while losing the game 64-6. There was one bright spot in the game for Verona: a 40-yard touchdown punt return by Tom Tucci. Verona visited Madison on October 21, and was shut-out, 51-0. Madison moved the ball consistently, gaining a total of 315 yards during the game, while the Verona offensive managed only a few drives, none of which penetrated deeply into Madison territory.



Bob Zazzali rolls out behind determined Verona blockers.

## Frosh Booters Tie Last Two

The freshman soccer team, under the direction of Mr. Robert Graham, has "played impressively all season." With one game remaining, the team has won five games, lost three and tied two.

In their last two outings, the Frosh booters tied West Essex High School, 1-1, and Caldwell High School, 2-2. In conference play thus far, Coach Graham's booters have lost only one game, and are second only to Chatham High School.

### Frosh Standouts

Outstanding play has been turned in all year by fullbacks Randy Mulford and Chris Webb, halfback Joe Kaplan and center Larry Peterson. Also playing outstanding soccer and deserving much credit is goalie John Proper.

According to Coach Graham, "The boys play very well when they are emotionally up for a game. They will definitely be an important part of the varsity teams of future years, due to the experience which they have gained."

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## Evaluation Committee To Judge VHS; All Activities To Influence Final Rating

The ultimate test of a two-year self-evaluation of Verona High School will occur on December 4, 5, and 6 of this year. Headed by Dr. Eaton, principal of Lindenhurst Senior High School, Lindenhurst, New York, a visiting committee of twenty-two high school principals and teachers specializing in varied aspects of curriculum will make a careful study of the school, based on an evaluation prepared by VHS faculty over the past two years. Assisting Dr. Eaton will be Timothy Dyas, Principal of the Bryan Hills High School, Armonk, New York.

The members will examine student activities, library and

audiovisual services, guidance, school plant, school staff and administration, and extracurricular activities. Rendering their appraisal of the school's philosophy and place in the community, they will observe classes and interview students. Classes in music, business education, distributive education, driver education, English, foreign language, health education, home economics, industrial arts, mathematics, physical education, science, and social studies will be observed.

### Schedule Plans

On the morning of December 5, the Student Council will host a breakfast for the evaluators. The following day, annual Honor Society Induction Assembly will be viewed by the visiting committee. On December 10, a dinner will be held for the commit-

tee and all teachers and staff members who are connected with the school.

At the conclusion of the evaluation, the committee will meet to draw up a report which will be sent to the Middle States Association. Mr. Willard will be informed of the findings sometime this winter.

### Advance Through Study

While this accreditation is crucial for the entrance of VHS students into colleges, the main purpose of the evaluation procedure is the improvement of the school itself, and the committee's scrutiny centers on the faculty's self-study. Mr. Willard believes that the evaluation is important for many reasons:

"It gives a high school faculty an opportunity to review what it is doing and to determine whether its efforts are successful, while it also permits a community to assess the worth of its high school and to determine whether or not the school is progressing in line with the philosophy which it has established. Finally, this study affords a high school an opportunity to review the direction in which it has been going and to determine the direction in which it should go."

## Columbia High's Cretin Players Present "Fantastick" Musical

A little bit of Broadway came to the Verona High School stage on November 15 when the school viewed a performance of the musical "The Fantasticks." A condensed version of the popular show, which has been running in New York for ten years, was presented by a group of students from Columbia High School who call themselves the Cretin Players.

The Cretins are an outgrowth of a 1966 drama workshop at Columbia. After the workshop was completed, these friends decided to remain a group, and they have been working together ever since. Because of scheduling difficulties, the Cretins could not put on the show last year at their school but they continued to prac-

tice together, and this year presented the musical at Columbia. The performance at Verona was their second, and the group plans to present "The Fantasticks" at several other schools.

In addition to the all-student cast, the activity behind the scenes was also completely the work of students. The group has tentative plans of continuing their work together after graduation. Stage manager Mark Goldstaub summed up the opinions of cast and crew with his comment, "We've got a helluva show!"

## DAR Presents Annual Citation

The 1968 recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution award, announced by Director of Guidance, Anna V. Howell, is Joan Liberato. Under the direction of Mrs. Earl Leach, the Essex Fells Chapter awards this honor to a senior girl nominated by a majority faculty vote.

Certain standards are followed by the DAR in presenting the award. These include dependability and loyalty; service and co-operation; ability to assume responsibility; leadership; personality; and patriotism, which includes unselfish interest in school, community, and nation. Joan, who ranks in the upper half of her class, has been an active member of the Twirlers, Girls' Athletic Association, and Meridians. She is also president of the Future Teachers of America and served as secretary of her junior class.

When asked about her reaction to the award, Joan exclaimed, "I couldn't believe it!" She added, "I am very proud that the teachers selected me."

## Holiday Assembly Shows Aspects Of Thanksgiving

Reaching beyond the traditional Thanksgiving concepts, Verona High School students developed the November 22 Thanksgiving Assembly around dance, music, and choral reading. In added preparation for the Thanksgiving football game, cheerleaders encouraged school spirit at the assembly.

Under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Leonardson, the choir sang "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him," "Laud We Thy Name," and "Ain't Got Time to Die," which included a solo by Mario Baeza. Participants in

a choral reading, "Epistle to be Left in the Earth" by Archibald Macleish, were Janis Hersh, Lewis Seagull, Kathy Krohn, Mark Hassert, Elissa Weitz, John Tesser, Linda Zalewitz, Debbie Workmen, and Linda Weinstein. In this reading, a man speaks of the dying world where he, too, is dying. Muriel Rukeyser's "Effort at Speech Between Two People" was presented by Hetty Kadison and Marcy Brooks. Hetty and Marcy's selection showed the breakdown of communication between two people. "Musee des Beaux Arts," concerning man's suffering, was read by Paul Holmes. Modern dancers Cathy Moran, Sharon Tichenor, and Gioia Morangell expressed their feelings of freedom in relation to Thanksgiving.

### Verona Welcomes Caldwell

VHS cheerleaders extended a warm welcome to Caldwell High School's Student Council president and football co-captains. Verona football team captain Andy Moritz pointed out that although the comparative records of the two teams show that the odds are more favorable for Caldwell, Verona would put up a "tough fight."

Miss Nancy Harmon, who organized and planned the program, felt that "the integration of the various forms of communication, the selections of choral readings, poems, music, and modern dance provided a unique and creative experience for all."

## Meridians Aid Impoverished

Several fund-raising programs are being undertaken by the Meridians in order to help the needy and unfortunate. Among these projects are the clothing drive for Appalachia, the sponsoring of a foster child, and parties for children living in the Essex County Children's Shelter in Belleville.

A clothing collection planned by David Feinstein was held during the week of November 13-17. These "bundle days" provided clothes for Appalachian children who often are not able to attend school because of lack of protection against the winter cold.

Eight-year old Chun See Choi is this year's Meridians' foster child. Through the Foster Parent Plan, she is provided with the necessities of life from a monthly grant of eight dollars.

A Halloween costume party was given for the children at the Belleville Shelter on October 29. Most of these youngsters are from deprived homes.



Dave Feinstein, altruistic chairman of "bundle days," and Meridian president Joan Grissing, encourage clothing drive for needy Appalachian children.

## Six Seniors Observe Science Symposium

Beginning celebration of the Stevens Institute of Technology Centennial, which will occur in 1970, Stevens conducted a symposium on "Man and the Twenty-first Century" on November 14. Miss Irene Ehrmann accompanied Doug Charlton, Bob Coad, Amy Cohen, Chris McClaskey, and Ann Vreeland students from her advanced biology class, to the Hoboken college.

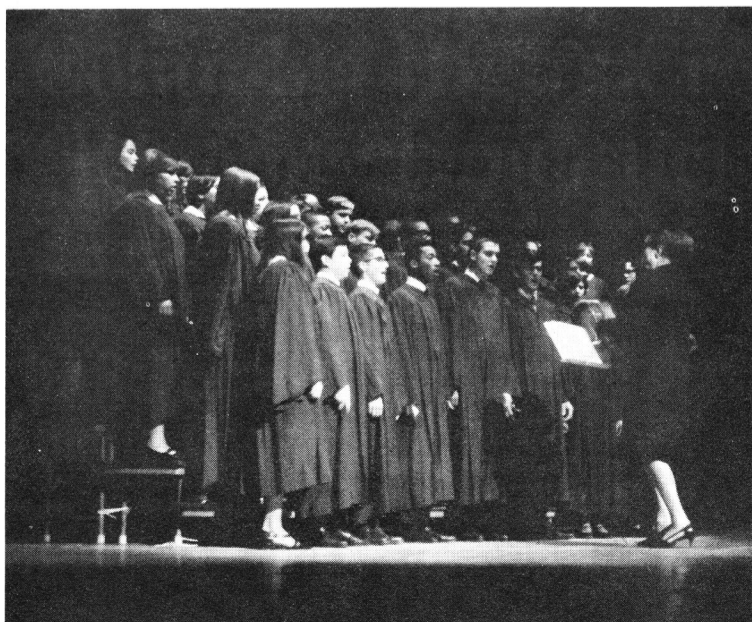
The first of the four guest speakers, Dr. Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, Nobel Prize winner for physiology, spoke optimistically about man's possibilities for longevity. He believes that by the 2,000's disease will disappear if man's environment grows with science. Commenting that the present must be understood before future plans are made, Dr. Gyorgyi explained that there are two worlds; that of sense (environment) and that of particles (atoms, nuclei, etc.) Dr. Jacques Piccard, an oceanographer, said that two forces, atomic destruction and a slow suicide from tech-

nical advances, would prevent man from existing after the 20th century. According to Dr. Piccard, there is a conflict between technology and man, and between man and nature.

Nobel Prize winner for genetics, Dr. Shockley, stated his belief that the improvement of the human race must be pursued to prevent mental agonies.

Representing Bell Telephone was businessman Dr. Lilley, who spoke on business' effects on the community and government.

The Junior Class and The Fairviewer wish to retract several statements made in the last issue concerning the movie benefit. The theatre manager did notify the class officers as soon as possible, and the theatre does not plan to continue showing extended-run movies.



Mrs. Leonardson leads the choir.

# Recent Marking System Changes Prove Effective On College Level

"It will consist of: honors, high average, low average, and failing." Yale's recent revision in its marking system climaxes several years of experimentation by numerous colleges around the United States with the "pass-fail" grading program or a modified version of this program. On a college level, this type of system has proven successful in not only reducing the percentage of dropouts, but in producing within the student a desire for a broader education. However, for today's college-bound high school student such an arrangement would be disastrous.

College students have vouched for the fact that under a "pass-fail" arrangement, they have less fear of taking courses outside their major. At Cal Tech, where five courses are being graded on a two-mark basis, the dropout rate has decreased from 20% to 14% and the freshman dean admits that "students are developing into self-motivated scholars rather than grade-getters." A teacher, of Irish literature at Brandeis announced that his classes presently include a large number of

bright students from other fields that he would not usually teach under a traditional marking system.

Yet these encouraging facts are not sufficient cause for initiating the modified grading program in secondary schools. With or without such a system, a college-bound high school student must delve into the areas of history, math, science, English and foreign languages. While a college student applying to a graduate school can draw upon recommendations from professors in the one particular area where he has had a four-year record of intense study, grades still remain one of the few devices by which a college admissions officer can judge a high school student's qualifications. For example, one high school science teacher's recommendation could certainly not be the basis for a student's acceptance at an engineering school.

There has always been a conflict between grading and the purpose of education. Yet, while it is idealistically desirous to abolish the traditional marking system on

all levels of education, at this time the change would be advantageous on a college level only. This does not mean that high schools are permanently doomed to our present system of marks, but merely that the solution on this level will have to be held in abeyance until college admission procedures change.

J.L.S.

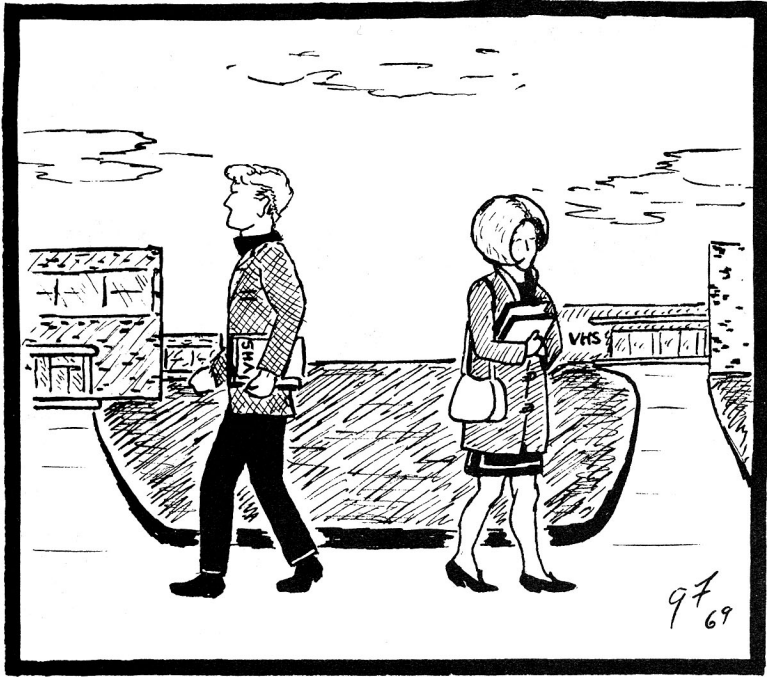
## Student Council Earns Acclaim

by Ted Loewenthal

In past years the Verona High School Student Council has been plagued by many problems: lack of organization, poor and ineffective fund-raising activities, and apathy on the part of the representatives and the general student body. These problems have led to a small amount of action by past Councils. However, this year the officers and representatives have shown a great deal of initiative in overcoming these standard problems and have thus created an effective Student Council.

Some of the achievements of the Council this year may seem minor or unimportant to many students. However, the school's social program is greatly enlivened by the Dances of the Month. Many students can be seen enjoying coffee and doughnuts every morning. Normally humdrum lunch periods have been improved by music over the P.A. system and have been further changed by the juke box. The establishment of a budget and the taking of notes at meetings by the representatives themselves clarify the role of both the Council and its representatives. The Student Council's work has proved that the administration allows imaginative programs designed to better the students' school life.

Among new ideas for the future are: selling concessions at basketball games, having a "big-name" band at the school sometime in January, re-election of representatives for the second semester, and the possible institution of the Student Activities Card. The Council has further fulfilled its commitment to the school by allotments of \$400.00 to the school's clubs and \$175.00 to a Student Council-sponsored project, neither of which have had definite allotments before. Through these projects and others that may come, this year's Student Council truly deserves its title, "The All-new Student Council."



## Isolation Necessitates Urban-Suburban Exchange

High school students in Newark slums and middle-class Essex suburbs have at least one trait in common: a near total ignorance of each other. There is almost no exchange of ideas between these teen-agers who live within an area of a few miles. A small, but concrete, step towards opening lines of communication can be made by initiating a student exchange between suburban high schools (like VHS) and high schools in the urban areas of Newark, Montclair or East Orange.

### Past Experience

The recent student exchanges of the Suburban Conference have proved extremely successful. Even among these schools of fairly similar background a sharp difference in philosophy and conditions has been found. A far greater amount of good would result by exchanging even a few students between Verona and Central, Summit and Montclair, or Cedar Grove and South Side. These groups should not only contain the well-mannered straight-A students, but all types, in an attempt to create a motley group truly representative of the school.

Newspaper headlines and rumors are the usual sources of information concerning both suburban and city schools, and the students who attend them. An exchange could certainly help to clarify existing conditions. The white student at VHS who doesn't feel that there is any successful high school with a predominantly Negro enrollment would need only one day at East Orange High School to change that feeling. A quick glance at the activities of the Verona Meridians would tear apart any vision of all suburban students as affluent, unconcerned snobs. An understanding of the very varied and difficult problems found when trying to obtain an education would be the major goal of this project.

The student exchange has reached a small degree of success, but has had only a limited scope. The real question is whether we, all the students of this area, can have the courage and foresight to break down preconceived notions and to shatter sheltered ignorance. The implementation of a truly meaningful student exchange can begin to answer that question. R.M.S.



## Meridian Program Lacks Town Support

by Larry Levine

Many communities throughout the United States actively support foreign exchange students' programs. In Verona, unfortunately, the situation is different.

The majority of the foreign students or teachers whose visits are sponsored by various groups live in the United States for a period of two and a half months. Most people in Verona will not house a guest for this length of time. Whenever the Meridians seek host homes, they receive only a few affirmative replies. During the International Weekend, when families are needed to house guests for a maximum of three days, there are more hosts than foreign students. It seems that Veronaites extend themselves to the utmost for short periods only.

In a town of our size, the Meridians should be able to find more than five people who are willing to have a student for ten weeks. In a high school which has an enrollment of over 900 students, there should be many who are capable of housing a student for two and a half months. Verona cannot have more foreign exchange students because people will not extend their hospitality. If we would open the door to our hearts and our homes as we open our wallets for worthy causes, the program would be an overwhelming success.

If one truly cannot lodge a student for a longer duration, there are other means of cooperating with the program. A change of environment is always welcomed by an exchange student, and a dinner, a night, or a day spent with another family can be a heart-warming experience for both parties involved.

One of the major purposes of the Meridians is to find homes for as many foreign students as possible. It is hoped that the residents of Verona will help the club realize this most worthy goal.


## Future Points Toward Excellent Assemblies

Now that the student body has witnessed the third fine assembly in a row, Columbia High School's production of "The Fantasticks," it is clearly evident that the Assembly Committee is interested in presenting assemblies that are appealing to the audience. But if excellent assemblies are to be the norm, then there must be more participation in assemblies by members of this school.

After last year's "Mario and the Immortals—Q.E.D." Assembly and the Talent Show, this year's very first assemblies cannot be termed anything but disappointing — coughing again reigned supreme. In October, however, hope revived that assemblies would improve. Two professional dancers who entertained and informed their audience were well-received. The Q.E.D., with a program of experimentation in modern music, easily kept the student body's interest. After an excellent performance of "The Fantasticks", the assemblies have apparently arrived at the point where they can be enjoyed by everyone.

What can be done to insure that future assemblies will keep on

this upward trend? Continued student participation is the key. The Assembly Committee has demonstrated its willingness to work hard in an effort to upgrade the quality of assemblies. But this Committee cannot be expected to continually go outside of the school for good assemblies. The student body itself must provide interesting entertainment. The Dramatics Club's Play Preview is an assembly that is eagerly anticipated by students. Why can't this club sponsor one-act plays for production in school assemblies? Creative Writing classes could conceivably adapt some of their work for presentation before the school. The excellent socio-dramas which are presently available for only Speech Class students could easily be incorporated into an assembly. Many other extra-curricular organizations can certainly convert their activities into interesting assemblies. These new programs would further improve the caliber of the assembly schedules as well as promote student interest. Only then will the student body be assured of assemblies that are always worthwhile and enjoyable. B.C.



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Featurettes Brody, Tal protest in sign language.

## Student Cites Lacks With Parodic Style

by Kay Tal

(Ruining the tune of "Monday, Monday")

Changes, changes at VHS. What do we need, What would improve this scholastic mess?

Let's change our colors to electric purple and apricot, And at the same time make Paisley our mascot. Lotsa little things about this school are okay, But it'd be just perfect, If I had study hall all the live long day. Why not put timers in library books instead of dates? Set it for six o'clock, then neither of us'll be late.

### Question

The weekend's too short, the school week starts too early all the time.

Why not make Monday part of Sunday, Or start at nine?

And let us put a sign up in the old cafe, That flashes "applaud" whenever someone drops a tray.

Be a little kinder; let Joe Verona graduate-

(Then some smart aleck had to break in to the tune of "Lazy Day!")

Stampede's flowing through the doors as the clock strikes eight Everyone knowing what'll happen if they're among the late, Though with luck you may just find yourself, Upon the dancing floor, You'll find you can't get further in than three inches from the door.

Canteen night: cafeteria's plunged into dark. Bring a light; else you're safer in Central Park. Decorations fall, People jam the hall, Canteen night is for sardines.

Band is breaking, everybody's lined up to get coke. Hear the quaking as 500 bottles go for broke.

If you move among the dancers, Without receiving too much harm, You'll surely slip on Pepsi drip, And fall and break your arm. Teachers are in tears; Cotton in their ears, Canteen night's loud enough for me.

# Exploration Of Village Poses Question: Do Hippies Live In Truth Or Illusion?

## Tompkins Square

Gaze about this room; at the broken T. V. and the words "Love" and "Peace" scrawled on the wall. Take off the coat—the steam heat makes the room unbearably hot; look around again. This is an East Village hovel. Fifteen-year-old Tiffany lay on one of the multitude of soiled mattresses that composed the primary decor of Jimmy's apartment. Tiffany: chronologically a child; in experience—

Even languishing she conveys a kind of strength, and not a little self-reliance. Fifteen. *Question her: what's her background; why is she here?* Reluctantly, she answers: "From St. Paul, Minnesota." No, I didn't run away; my parents know I'm here. I left because I hated being the only "head" (user of hallucinogenics) in St. Paul; and hey, what are you, a 'nark or something?"

The door opens. Two boys—"Candy-Man" and "Springfield"—enter. Questions follow introductions, and "Candy-Man" tells of his home in Chatham, New Jersey, and how he'd left Suburbia to become part of the East Village scene. "Shooting up Horse (heroin)," he explains, "had caused the authorities to commit me to Greystone." He laughs. "Greystone made me a 'speed freak' (methedrine user); they gave me the drug to try to get me off Horse. And they gave me so much Thorazine that I've built up resistance to all 'clowns' (barbituates)."

Jimmy walks in, fuzzy-haired, soft-spoken, innocent-looking, a Connecticut boy who calls himself "Roach Man" and plans to open a "Head" shop on Lake Erie. Jimmy is seventeen. He

and Tiffany are going to get married. He turns, "Listen," he says, "Why don't you stay here overnight and trip with us later on?" Refuse politely: *It's time to be getting home. Thank you. Nice meeting you.* Walk out the door, away from this "dwelling" and its alienated life.

## Chess; Salesman

Occasionally one of the elderly men observing a chess match on the park's MacDougal Street side turns to look at the dozen or so hippies seated on the rim of the huge now-emptied fountain in the center of Washington Square. A sign reading "Only



## Washington Square: The Mixture

Three o'clock: Washington Square, Greenwich Village. All roads seemed to lead here. Fifth Avenue was a middle-aged, over-busy street whose affect was ultimately claustrophobic; Central Park and the zoo were overrun with five hundred first graders screeching "Winnie-the-Pooh" and "Smokey" at the polar bears. The Village, the magazine writers say, is Youth County. But this is not the immediately "other world" Village of the magazine writers. The Washington Square area is very typically New York: behind the huge arch are the high-rises and immaculately-kept old townhouses the wealthy inhabit; to the left the slum area begins to unfold; to the right is a business district distinguishable as part of Greenwich only by the words "Village" and "Washington Square" in their names over the stores. The perennial hot dog vendor haunts the Square. A boy and girl are arguing terms of going steady. The trees, the ground, the park benches are all the right color—so are the five policemen standing before the maintenance building, watching the sixth scout his motorcycle around the Square; occasionally they walk, stern-faced, over to the groups of hippies seated on the pavement. The most often-visited group in the noisiest. Its four laughing members are trying to harmonize with the tiny golden bells that dangle from long, white strings.

stringed instruments permitted Sundays 2-6 p.m." is set between the feet of one flower child, a kind of bearded Mike Nesmith, whose entire attention centers on the wood block he carves in a hit-and-run fashion. Even a horde of skateboarding brats fail to disturb him. A boy-heavyset, dark, unhippily clothed except for a pair of blue-lensed granny glasses, gets up and approaches. He drags a ludicrously crumpled map from his pocket and begins to ask directions in a thick uneasy voice.—"Sorry, don't know." - But he heads into a sales pitch for some "good stuff." Finally he ceases to harangue; like the panhandling hippie who later begs change, he turns and heads for a new point of ambush.

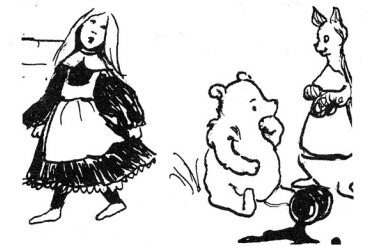
It is now 3:30 -students of all levels flood the square to double the number already at the swings and hot dog stands and fountain. The sun glints furiously on the inscription on the archway: "let us raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. The event is in the hands of God.—George Washington."

And the question forms: do prophets or pariahs haunt these squares?

# Directors Discover Productions Involve More Than Child Play

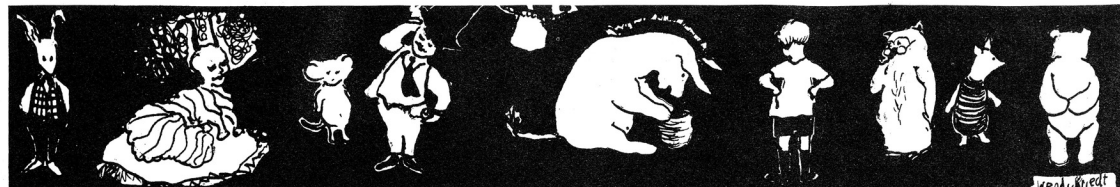
by Mary Mahon and Elissa Weitz

It was senior Nancy Kaplan, the Dramatics Club president, who put the production of student-directed children's plays into action this year after briefly mentioning it in her pre-election speech last year. Now, in the first of these plays, Nancy is directing an excerpt from Alice In Wonderland; junior Bruce Cohn two



ple similar to the characters are walking around."

Then came casting, a major problem for both directors, who employed four days, some recalls, and pantomimes in choosing their actors. Nancy, with seven roles and an announcer's part to fill, found an overabundance of talent. Naturalness was



scenes from Winnie-the-Pooh.

Why student-directed children's plays? "Because," Nancy explained, "more students should be acting; more should get an opportunity to direct; more people should be involved. These plays will be an opening opportunity for new students, and help sustain the interest of those already involved." Personally, Bruce wanted to direct people, to have the opportunity to interpret a play and see that particular interpretation produced. For Nancy, a veteran of several Dramatics Club productions and winner of an "Orrie," the VHS Os-

car, it was a chance "to gain experience as a director, not as an actor, and to design my own set."

However, changing thought into action required more than a little work. First, the adaptation had to be selected and written, with consideration for that actors as well as the elementary school audiences who would see the play. Bruce decided on an excerpt of "Pooh" because "It'll be a fun play for both. . .it will be a play that will allow the actors to be very much themselves. The characters in Winnie-the-Pooh are more than fiction-peo-

a prime factor: "The cast that was chosen as uninhibited enough to fully entertain little children. Their only problem is to understand control as actors." Bruce also emphasized naturalness, explaining that the "basic aim in the play is not to have people playing actors, but being themselves, being natural. When dealing with youngsters you just can't say, 'We're going to use an alienation technique; we'll fall into water' but it can't really be water." The pantomimes were used to measure lack of inhibition, plus creativity, and the ability to move and coordinate thought with movement on stage.

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# VHS Booters Fail After Initial Win In Tourney

Verona High's powerful soccer team advanced to the semi-finals of the Group II State Soccer Tournament before meeting defeat against Lawrence Township 2-1. The Hillbilly booters ended the season with a 12-2-4 record finishing second in the Suburban Conference.

## Madison Routed

On October 31, the Hillbillies clinched second place in the Suburban Conference by trouncing Madison, 5-2. The first half of the game resulted in a 1-0 Verona lead with Skip Chestnut supplying the goal. In the third quarter, Verona poured it on, scoring four goals against Madison's inept defense. Don Overholser had two goals, Al Price chipped in with one, and Chestnut added his second goal of the day in this third period rout. Lenny Klehr added to Verona's scoring attack by assisting on four goals. Madison's goals came late in the game when the Hillbilly lineup was spotted with reserves.

In their next game at home, the booters played Chatham to a thrilling 0-0 tie. The Eskimos potent attack was shut out by Verona's defense, which was led by co-captain Paul Levinsky, fullbacks Dave Benson and Craig Levinsky, and goalie Pat Sullivan. Verona narrowly missed a victory when a Don Overholser "ram shot" missed the goal by inches. The tie game marred Chatham's previously all-winning record.

## Upset Bloomfield

The Hillbillies finished out the regular season on a high note by trouncing powerful Bloomfield, 2-0. Left wing Overholser scored early in the second period with Klehr assisting. In the fourth period, Dan Potts and Al Price collaborated on a goal, with Potts netting the score on Price's assist.

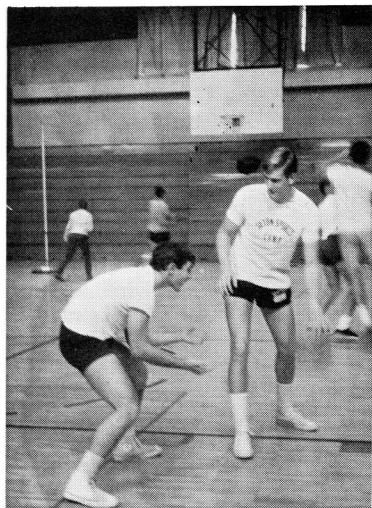
The Hillbilles opened defense of their Group II State Championship on Thursday, November 9, against Rutherford at Brookdale Park, Bloomfield. Early in the first period Potts headed in a pass from co-captain Skip Chestnut to give Verona a 1-0 lead. The Hillbillies began to coast, and Rutherford promptly pumped in its only goal. Verona applied pressure until, with four minutes remaining in the game, Skip Chestnut lofted a pass in front of the Rutherford goal, and Lenny Klehr headed it past the opposing goalie for the winning tally.

## Edged by Lawrence High

On the following Tuesday, Verona met undefeated Lawrence Township at New Brunswick, in a semifinal contest. The local booters drew first blood, when Don Overholser ripped a shot in, on a pass from Dave Benson. The Hillbillies held onto the lead until Lawrence converted a penalty kick, as the half ended in a 1-1 tie. Lawrence finally broke the deadlock with a goal in the last quarter, giving them a 2-1 victory.

# Cagers Begin Season With Drills, Scrimmage

Under the direction of Coach Doug Gaffney and new assistant



Senior Steve Kraus (left) shows off defensive technique to Bill Anderson (right).

Photo by Mitch Rabinowitz  
Coach Arthur Pasquale, Verona opened its basketball season on

November 1. With six returning lettermen forming the nucleus of the team, and a strong reserve of both seniors and underclassmen, Verona should be a major power in the Suburban Conference. The returning lettermen include; backcourt men Steve Kraus, Bud Hart and Pat Sullivan, forwards Kerry Mucci, and Tom Courtney, and center Bill Anderson.

## Team Constructed

Thus far, the coaching staff has stressed tenacious defense and has built a fundamentally sound offense. In the only scrimmage to date, the Hillbilly cagers looked very strong in defeating Irvington. Six more scrimmages are planned before the opening game against Hanover Park on December 12.

Coach Gaffney's philosophy is that a consistent defense, a controlled offense, and most important, lots of hustle, win ball games.



Senior stars Lenny Klehr (top) and Paul Levinsky (bottom) show winnint hustle.

Photo by Mitch Rabinowitz

# JV's, Frosh Keep Shining

In their last three starts the junior varsity gridmen have lost to Chatham, 20-6, and also to the Summit freshmen, 19-6. However, on November 6, the JV's defeated Millburn, 13-6, in a bruising game. Verona has recorded its only other victory over New Providence High School.

## Aggressive Plan

Against Chatham, Summit, and Millburn outstanding play was turned in by Quarterback Norm Liedtke and wingbacks Tony Aquila and Wayne Heike. Cited for aggressive and accurate play by their coaches, Mr Bigger and Mr. Velcamp, are center Bob DiTrani, end Bob Scharling, and tackle Kevin Shaw. In the eyes of all the coaches, "The team has played very well and the experience that has been gained will make Verona High a Suburban Conference contender in the near future. The team spirit is very high and has been increasing in each and every game."

## Frosh Tripped Up

Undefeated for more than half the season, the V.H.S. freshman football team was beaten by Millburn, 13-0, in a penalty-marred game, and 22-0 by a strong Summit team. The frosh record now stands at 4-2.

Although shut out in their last two games, the freshmen own a potent offensive attack. This attack is led by the passing combination of Mike Passero to Sam Ventola, and the brilliant running of Bruce Fader, recently recovered from a midseason leg injury. The "bread and butter" play all year for the frosh has been the power sweep. The sweep is led by lineman Vince LaStella and Ricky Liedtke, with Barry Giblin usually carrying the ball. The frosh will end their season against Caldwell in an away game.

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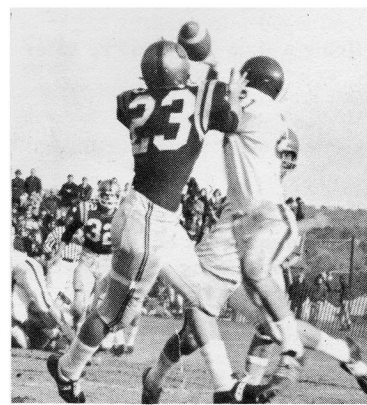
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# First Victory Eludes VHS Football Team

After successive losses to Chatham, Millburn, and Summit, Verona has only one remaining chance this year of averting a winless season. The final game is the annual Thanksgiving Day classic between Verona and Caldwell, to be played at Caldwell this year.

## Oh! So Close

Verona lost the first of the last three games to Chatham. Playing at Verona on October 28, Chatham scored a 13-6 victory. The Eskies struck first with a 24-yard touchdown pass late in the first period. They added the winning point on a short run. Things began to look better for Verona in the second half, as the Hillbillies mounted several offensive drives while the defense held Chatham scoreless. In the fourth quarter, a 17-yard pass from Bud Hart to captain Andy Moritz, set up Verona's TD. Halfback Tom Tucci circled right end



Defensive back Joe Curtis (81) breaks up Chatham pass play to Frank Como (23).

Photos by Dick Teimer

and gained nine yards for the touchdown. Moritz and Tucci both played outstanding games, on defense as well as on offense.

## Tucci to Curtis

Travelling to Millburn the following week, Verona's effort fell short as the Millers triumphed, 19-6. The two teams battled to

# Band, Twirlers Entertain Fans

This year Verona and Caldwell joined forces for the Thanksgiving game halftime show. Songs were performed by the combined bands. The numbers included "Somewhere My Love" from "Dr. Zhivago," "God of Our Father," and "The Impossible Dream" from "Man of La-Mancha." The first two songs were directed by the Caldwell band leader, the last being conducted by Verona's own Harry S. Owens.

In their repertoire preceding the kickoff, the V.H.S. marching band, together with the twirlers, performed to three numbers. The popular "Tea for Two" culminated the long season.

The twirlers are led by Drum Majorette Joan Dremland and Head Twirler Judy Crane, all under the able supervision of Mrs. Sarle.

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a scoreless first period before Millburn hit paydirt on a one-yard plunge. Midway through the third quarter Millburn scored again, this time on a 55-yard sprint. After this score Verona assumed complete control of the game. Bud Hart returned the ensuing kickoff to the Verona 41. Sixteen plays later, Tucci threw a touchdown pass to lanky senior end Joe Curtis, and Verona cut the Miller's lead to six points. A successful inside kickoff returned the ball to the Hillbillies. Verona moved within sixteen yards of the goal when, with fourth down and one yard needed for a first, a fumble ruined Verona's chances. On first down, Millburn closed the scoring with an 83-yard TD run.

On November 4, the gridders played a home game with Summit and were defeated, 13-0. Summit scored its first touchdown on a 50-yard pass play in the second period. The final score



Co-Captain Andy Moritz (87) forces Eskie quarterback Bill West (11) to commit intentional grounding.

came in the last period on a 25-yard run. Five Summit scoring thrusts were stopped within 15 yards of a touchdown. The most glorious moment of the game for Verona came when the Hillbillies kept the Hilltoppers out of the end zone after four smashes from within the three-yard line.

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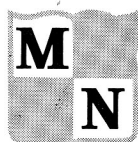
FLASH—The delegate to Heisman Award Dinner will be senior co-captain Andy Moritz, selected for his outstanding ability and spirit.

# Bly's Men: Big Season

Verona High's junior varsity soccer team tied Chatham Boro 1-1 on October 30, lost to Madison 2-1, and in the season finale, Coach Bleiweiss' booters rallied to defeat a stubborn Bloomfield High School squad 3-2. The JV's final record was 8-4-3.

Coach Bleiweiss had this comment about his junior varsity players, "They definitely have the ability and determination to assure Verona of good varsity soccer teams in the future."

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# Honor Society Acknowledges Seniors; Speakers Stress Scholarship, Service

"I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." This difference was noted and honored in seventeen members of the senior class through their induction into the Verona Chapter of the National Honor Society, in the December 6 assembly. Following a reading of Robert Frost's, "The Road Not Taken," by Roz Liberman, Dianne Lo Cicero, president of the Honor Society, spoke of the qualities needed for membership. Speeches concerning the depth of real character, the selflessness of true service, the strength of leadership, and the responsibility of scholarship were presented by Pat Russo,

Marcia Dixcy, Richard Seltzer and Cheryl Spinweber respectively.

After Mr. Owens conducted the band in "Overture to the Messiah," old Honor Society members read the activities and accomplishments of the inductees. As the new members came to the stage, Mr. Anthony Scelba played organ music typifying each student. Those named as inductees included: Lynne Barrett, Douglas Charlton, Robert Coad, Amy Cohen, Margaret DeSantis, Steven Eisenberg, Mary Anne Esser, Joan Grisling, Wain Karl, Nancy Kroener, Suzanne Levinson, Linda Moore, Nicholas Polifroni, Elena

Randazzo, Michael Rodman, Ann Vreeland, and Sheldon Waxman.

Climaxing the induction ceremony, Dianne LoCicero led the old and new members in the pledge of loyalty. Commending new members of their achievement, Mr. Willard then discussed the ideals of the Society, using a prayer written by John Gunther. Dr. Harold Eaton, chairman of the evaluation committee, was then introduced and expressed his reactions.

A reception for the old and new members of the Honor Society and their parents was held in the cafeteria after the assembly.



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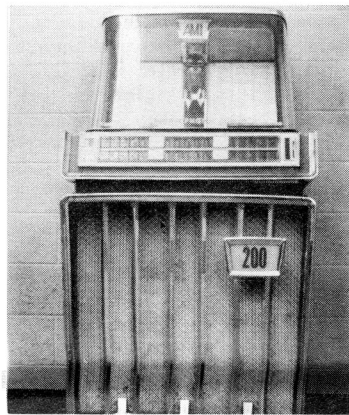
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## Shakespeareans "Readeth" Plays

Since September, 1967, Mr. William O. Jacobs has conducted a new course, a Shakespearean Seminar, which covers from eight to twelve plays a year. The class is held in the morning from 7:15 to 8:15. Attendance is voluntary.

A student does not receive credit for sporadic attendance since he does not have to take tests or write papers. Students receiving three credits must take tests, write papers, and read three Shakespearean plays on their own. If interested in a five credit course a student must take tests, write papers and read five Shakespearean plays independently.

Mr. Jacobs defines the seminar's purpose as an unpressured way to learn and appreciate Shakespeare. To ascertain that everyone is understanding the group's work, Mr. Jacob reads plays aloud to the class. He is trying to have the students reach the point where they can discuss Shakespeare's works without help from a teacher. Several students taking the course called it valuable because "it has helped not only in expanding insight into Shakespearean plays, but also in understanding other literary works."



Crazy Juke Box

## Alice And Pooh: Success With Elementary Children

"We're going to discover the North Pole."

"Oh! What is the North Pole?" asked Pooh.

"It's just a thing you discover," said Christopher Robin.

"Oh, I see," said Pooh. "Are bears any good at discovering it?"

On December 13, the Dramatics Club attempted to answer this and other provocative questions, in its presentation of Winnie the Pooh and Alice In Wonderland. These productions were

## Students Ratify New Amendment; Council Demonstrates Ingenuity

The Student Council, directed by president Mario Baeza, initiated its latest project with the sale of refreshments at basketball games. This marks one of the five new programs instituted by the Council.

The Council's coffee and doughnut hour has proved profitable. While continuing this activity, the Council began a series

of monthly dances, held at times that do not conflict with class functions. Two Dances of the Month have been held, both at which the sound of Mario and the Immortals was heard. Because of canteens and the Senior Prom, the next Dance of the Month will be in February, not in December.

With the approval of the administration, the Student Council was able to have a jukebox installed in the cafeteria. Students are allowed to listen to the jukebox music during the three lunch periods, before school and after school. Fifty per cent of the proceeds from the jukebox are given to the Student Council. The only expense paid by the Council was the fifteen dollars that were needed to buy the license for the jukebox.

For the first time, the Council has a flexible budget, which was passed by the student body. The Student Council hopes to curtail financial problems with the use of the budget, rather than having continual counter-check through the homeroom vote.

the size of his body and the Caterpillar's costume consisting of a green fluffy bath rug.

"Expedition To The North Pole," the segment of Winnie The Pooh, featured Jim Jacobs as Pooh, Barbara Illowsky, Christopher Robin; Jean Vadaboncoeur, Piglet; Elena Randazzo, Kanga; Jane Alvord, Roo; Vivian Lewis, Owl; Janis Hersh, Eeyore; and Jim Steinitz, Narrator, in its cast. Director Bruce Cohn employed unusual sound techniques to achieve over-all effects. A glockenspiel player created original music for the opening of each scene, while a real cannon was used to imitate gunshots.

### Singers Entertain

The Ensemble Singers, formerly The Lemon Drops, performed on December 14 at a Pals Fairhouse luncheon for the Rotary Club. With Mrs. Margaret Leonardson accompanying them on the piano, the girls sang "We Need a Little Christmas," "Georgie Girl," "Stormy Weather," "More," and "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm." Rotary Club members then joined in singing popular songs.

## Exchange Cites VHS Teacher



For many years, Verona High School has been closely affiliated with the Open Door Student Exchange Program. This year Miss Louise Fricke, who has coordinated the program for the past several years, learned that The Open Door will select four schools annually to receive a School of the Year Award. The committee has selected Miss Fricke as the recipient of the award for Verona High School for the 1966-1967 school year.

Howard Bertenthal, director of the Open Door, said, "We remember with gratitude Louise Fricke's efforts at Verona High School. These greatly contributed to our success in our first years. We also remember her continued cooperation ever since. An engraved brass key will be sent to Louise Fricke shortly, in sincere appreciation for her past and continuous efforts to promote international understanding among the young people of the Americas."

The Open Door program provides an opportunity for VHS students to stay with Latin American families over the summer and attend school there. The reciprocal agreement entails the hosting by Verona families of a Latin American guest.



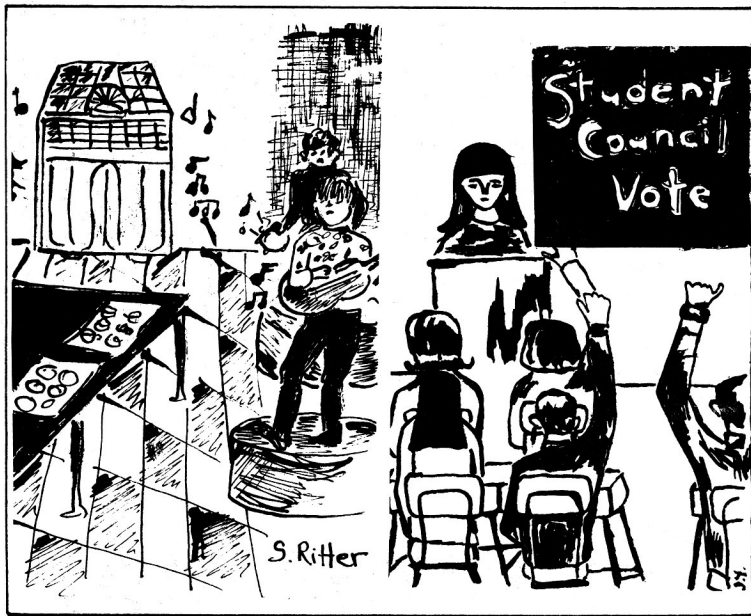
# Students Battle Over Student Council; Greater Democracy vs. Goal Of Efficiency

## Freedom

The Verona High School Student Council has initiated many new projects this year — at least its officers have. Full discussion of issues, inherent to a democratic legislature and system, has often been missing from the Council, mainly as a result of the representatives' laziness and a philosophy on the part of all concerned that greater democracy will negate efficiency. Our Student Council can be democratic and produce results.

### Budget

Voting on the Student Council Budget for 1967-8 was ludicrous. Although this tabulation of expenditures contains such diverse items as VHS Handbooks, aid to school organizations, and a breakfast for the evaluators, only one vote on the entire budget was taken. A truly conscientious representative was faced with a dilemma — a "no" vote could bring death to the idea of an organized budget, while an affirmative position might not represent a homeroom's possible objection to a particular item. The officers, who favored approval of the budget, pushed for a straight "yes-no" vote. While some representatives voiced disapproval and confusion, most were willing to follow their leaders' nod. Vote by sections would have required a little extra time without wasting efficiency and would have allowed Acquisition of the juke box



was not voted upon by the Student Council — the officers probably felt there would be no opposition. A truly undemocratic situation was brought about. Any students, no matter how few, who do not like to listen to music during lunch still must eat in the cafeteria. Their feelings were never consulted the representatives themselves never voted on the action. This type of problem can be easily alleviated by insuring that homerooms discussed issues before votes are taken in the Council. Democracy may delay actions, but it does not necessarily block it. If the Student Council is to fulfill a goal of displaying freedom in action, certain changes in procedure must be made.

R.S.

## Efficiency

Most of those Student Council representatives who have been members of the organization for three or four years would probably agree that this year's Council is not only the most active, but the most effective. Yet with the many notable advances that the Council has made, some Council members are crying for more democratic procedure. But recent developments concerning the budget and the December Dance of the Month have shown that when the representatives are given the handles of government, they cannot cope with the responsibilities that accompany them.

There were no questions asked as to what procedure should be taken by a representative if his homeroom disapproved of one of the budget's proposals until after the budget was passed. And even then the leaders of the Council bent over backwards by providing a second vote. Again the budget was ratified. However, a number of representatives disapproved of the entire treatment of the budget and the ensuing argument proved one point — the representatives botched their job.

### The Band

The same story applies to December's dance. For the three Council meetings preceding the dance, representatives were requested to get suggestions for a band from their homerooms. But now a number of representatives are griping because the same band (which attracted a runaway crowd at the October dance) played, and that the students were not offered an option of bands.

In viewing the above two instances in which the representatives abused the democratic authority given to them, one can see that the strict pursuit of democratic methods is not always advantageous, if necessary at all, in the Student Council.

Until the administration defines the Council's purpose as being a democracy workshop, the Student Council should continue to be a dynamic organization.

J.T.

Was the faculty's self-appraisal of the school really "the most important part of the evaluation?" If so, why did it receive so little publicity last year, while the actual three-day study has been in the limelight since September. The students heard so many lengthy discertations on the study's significance that it was not surprising that the administration's plea for acting "natural" during the three-day observation received coughs, grunts, and general disapproval from students. If a natural school atmosphere was desired, the administration used poor psychology in achieving it.

Possessing an above average faculty and academic program, VHS was assured of being accredited. The importance of the recent evaluation then was not

## Question Of Emphasis

to improve the standing of our school, but rather to receive suggestions on how to improve the school. Yet, because of the stress that was placed on the study, there was talk among students of ratings, and how the faculty and student body were expected to "put on a show for the evaluators." The fact that some teachers prepared unusual classes, special for the evaluation, seemed to back up the notion of an administration-instituted deception plan.

If the administration had spoken briefly on the self-evaluation last year, and briefly on the recent study this year, it would have prevented a number of mistaken ideas and loose accusations.

J.L.S.

# Council Officers Speak On:

### Philosophy

We did not sit down under a chestnut tree last July and formulate our philosophy and swear to uphold it in thought, word, and deed. Regardless of accusations, we try to stick to strict democratic procedure, but we do not believe that every topic requires a homeroom vote.

For instance, the provision for senior exam exemptions was not voted on in homeroom last year, yet students were so busy praising the Council for actually doing something that they forgot to protest.

We believe that repeated success is the factor that has dulled the excitement and has transformed erstwhile enthusiasts into picky parliamentarians.

### SAC

Despite the fact that there is no Student Activities Card this year, we did a great amount of foundation-laying over the past summer. It was impossible to set up any system until the organization leaders had returned from vacation, by which time it was too late. We hope to report on our research soon, so that the planning for next year can be done before this summer.

### Election #2

Since the All-New Student Council has been functioning with the usual brand of representatives, we have decided to exercise our constitutional right and call an election. We feel this is only fair to both representatives and students.

There was no way of knowing in September that the Council would be moving so quickly that capable representation would be a necessity; there was no reason for not voting for your friends. The representatives themselves could not foresee the extra duties that would be required of them (coffee hour, etc.), and it is unfair to demand their continued services unless they are given the opportunity to withdraw.

The election will no doubt stimulate increased participation by incumbents. In addition, interested candidates will attend meetings and improve the quality of the homeroom report, as they strive to impress classmates with perceptive comments. All in all, more students will be given the opportunity to serve, and

there should be quite a bit of enthusiasm created, which would be unprecedented in a representative election.

### Recommendations

If the Student Council professes to be an intermediary between the faculty and students, some provision ought to be made so that faculty members are represented and students who are not representatives can attend meetings. We also feel that the time allotted to the Council is just not adequate for all the necessary business—at meetings and in the homeroom reports.

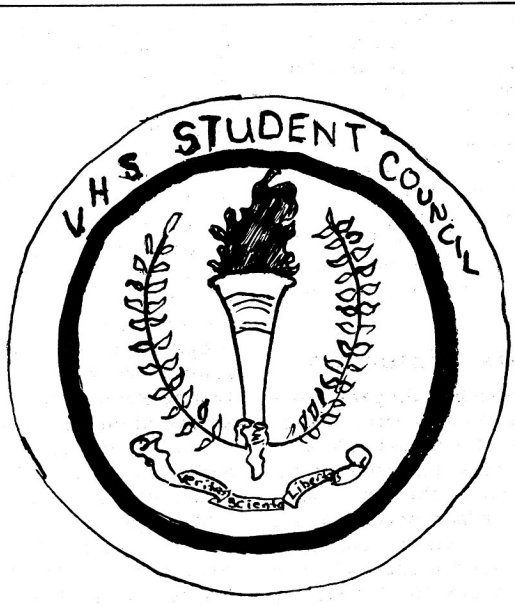
### Juke Box

The juke box might be considered an impulsive venture—considering the fact that it was

not voted on. (Yet no one objected when the subject of a license was brought up in the Council.) The machine is not cemented into the wall, however, and if there is sufficient discontent, we will admit our error and return it. We do not intend to make mistakes, but we cannot expect to be perfect either.

If we did absolutely nothing, no one could say we had done anything wrong. Our aim, however, is not to avoid criticism, but to lead a dynamic Student Council—one that may occasionally suffer from over-zealousness, but never from apathy.

Mario Baeza, President  
Dick Teimer, Vice President  
Mary Ann Sheets, Secretary



## Commendation For Protestors

Students of American History should study the recent demonstrations in New York as examples of "peaceful, democratic protest." Much commendation should go to certain New York longshoremen who, in order to defend the American way of life, beat up anti-draft demonstrators. Kudos also to the anti-draft demonstrators themselves, who showed their opposition to hurting innocent boys in Vietnam by blocking N.Y. traffic, thus inconveniencing obviously "guilty" people. Protest means the most when its participants are un hypocritical — we are lucky to have that situation in America today.



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# Organizations Sponsor Events; Make Plans For Coming Year

Extra - curricular organizations are in full progress now, just six weeks before the school's mid-year.

The first snowfall triggered the season for the fifty Ski Club members. Under the direction of Mr. Robert Ebbe, participants in the club went to Hunter Mountain in New York State on December 9. President Glenn Isaac and the officers have planned more trips to ski areas in the months ahead.

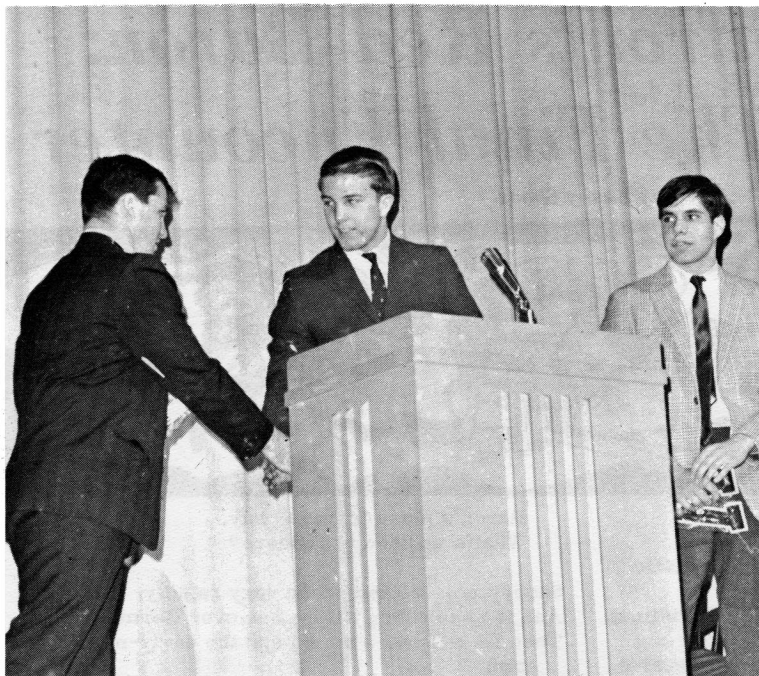
While these students swarm the slopes, Debating Society members will grasp the podiums in a number of interscholastic debates. The first of the Suburban Conference Tournament debates will be held at Summit High School in early January. Attending will be Mr. Ellicot, club advisor, Suzanne Levinson, Judy Hahn, Jason Stemmer, and Richard Seltzer. The topic of the debate was, Resolved: The Federal Government should restrict the sale and use of fire-arms. New elections of officers will be held after mid-term.

Contrary to the seriousness of debates, the French Club held a festive Christmas party on December 14, in the Little Theater.

In the midst of holiday decorations, entertainment was provided by Madame Adams' French IV class, performing excerpts from *Turcaret* by Lesage, and French II and III classes reading selections of French authors.

The Model United Nations Club, advised by Mr. Dennis Buss, has been assigned to represent the Republic of South Africa for the East Coast Model United Nations Conference to be held in New Providence, N.J., next spring. Selections of 8 delegates will be based on attendance, previous experience, and essay assignments.

Also preparing for a spring climax, Shadows editor Pat Russo and her staff are planning modern innovations for the '67 issue. Color will be a new dimension of the book, in the opening page and tinted senior pictures. The number of class pages will be determined by the number of subscriptions from each class. Senior activities will be separated from their photograph section for a more spacious effect. Expressing a universal hope among club leaders, Pat was heard to sigh, "For once in the history of VHS, we will meet our deadlines."



## Presentation Of Awards Marks Sports Assembly

Awards were presented to the outstanding participants in the fall athletic program in the November 29, Sports Assembly.

Football cheerleaders were honored by Miss Wendy Myers for their years of service: three years, Gail Kesselman, Margie DeSantis, and Cheryl Spinweber; two years, Wendy Weiss.

Medals were presented by Mrs. Sarle, advisor to the majorettes.

Honoring his junior stalwarts and three of his outstanding freshman musicians, Mr. Harry Owens presented service medals.

Mr. William Pecoraro commended Art Kellenberger, Pete Kazmar, Jim LaBaugh, Mike Fogerty, Dick Barrett, members of his new cross-country track team, with the presentation of VHS letters.

Prior to giving out his awards, Coach Morris Sutter spoke movingly about the progress, courage, and stick-to-it-iveness of the football team. Seniors Glenn Isaac, Kerry Mucci, Armand Jacobson, Nick Nigro, Andy Moritz, Craig Petro, Jeff Holmes, Jeff Ochs, John Gregory, Mike Berman, Louis Cortese, Frank Miscia, Bernie Weich, and Bob Zazalli were then honored for

their unwavering loyalty.

Soccer coach George Steifbold gave letters to Varsity members, including outstanding seniors Ted Perl, Wain Karl, Mike Rodman, Robert Chesnut, Paul Levinsky, Dave Benson, Sheldon Waxman, Dave Lenaeus, and Len Klehr.

## VHS Extends "Hello" To Newest Students

No longer is Verona a small town. Recently there has been an influx of new students to VHS. Because of these newcomers and their backgrounds, the school and community have become more cosmopolitan.

John Gilmour, a sophomore from Largo, Scotland, is new to both Verona and the United States. Because his older sister was working in Verona, the Essex area was familiar to his family before they moved to Verona. He commented that although his former school was about the same size, "it was stricter, and the subjects were presented differently. Also, boys and girls were segregated in the dining halls."

From an area closer to Verona, Queens, N.Y., came Leslie Jordan. She feels that school life here "is more informal, but the learning is in greater depth." Her parents chose Verona because of the school system.

Mary Beth Lambden is not a total stranger to Verona, having lived here for ten years prior to moving to Olean, New York. Here, she says, "The classes are smaller and the student gets more attention. At Mount Saint Dominic the student population was only about four hundred but often there were forty or fifty in a class."

Pam Mascio's impression of Verona High School dealt mostly with the people. "The kids are nicer here," Pam feels, "the others were more interested in prestige."

A newcomer from Concord, California is Pam Totty who said that "School life is more informal in California; for instance, you can wear culottes there. But in most other respects the school's are very similar."

## Talented Sophomores Win County Contest

First place in the Catholic Youth Organization's County Talent Show was won by the Casuals, a folk group, on November 7. The group is composed of three high school sophomores, Sandy Burns, Marcia Wannemacher, and Jean Vadeboncoeur. "Fennario," by Joan Baez, was chosen by the girls to sing at this contest and

the Archdiocese Wide Talent Show on December 3. There, they placed second.

The group, formed in November, 1966, plays mostly at church functions. They are now practicing for a folk service to be held one Saturday in the future.

Sandy and Marcia play guitars while all three girls sing.



## Board of Education Sponsors Meetings

The Verona Board of Education has recently had on its agenda several matters dealing with Verona High School.

One topic, which frequently has been under discussion in the past, was brought to the immediate attention of the Board of Education several weeks ago by Verona citizens. The matter concerns the condition of the high school athletic fields. The Board has formed a committee to look further into the matter of renovating the fields and adding new playing areas. Last week, members of the Board and a group of interested Verona citizens met with an architect, who has submitted schematic plans as to what can be done and where it will be carried out.

Another recent project of the Board has been the formation of

a Liaison Committee. This group includes representatives from all civic, social, political, and religious organizations in Verona. The Committee plans to meet about five times during the year to discuss educational activities and problems.

### Prom Cancellation

On December 13, 1967, senior class president Paul Levinsky, announced that the Senior Prom had been cancelled. The event originally scheduled for Saturday night, December 15, at Pals Fairhouse, was planned for by the senior executive board composed of class officers Paul Levinsky, vice-president, Mary Ann Esser, and treasurer, Marcia Dixey, as well as Mike Rodman, Lynne Barret and Sandy Craig. Mr. Butterworth served as advisor to the group.

Levinsky commented, "The cancellation of the prom was due to a lack of enthusiasm by the senior class, as evidenced by the sale of only eighteen bids."

## Bausch & Lomb Goes To Teimer

Senior Dick Teimer has received the 1968 Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award. The award, a bronze medal, has been given nationally since 1931 and is presented at graduation "to the senior who, in the estimation of the faculty, has achieved the most outstanding record in the study of science." The winner also becomes eligible to compete for a scholarship of up to full tuition at the University of Rochester.

Dick plans to attend Stevens Institute of Technology as an engineering major.

## Evaluators Bestow Praise Make Recommendations

Verona High School was host to a group of twenty-two men and women chosen to examine the school and its educational opportunities for the student. On the third day of the evaluation an oral report containing the impression of the committee members was presented to the faculty by chairman Dr. Harold Eaton, principal of Lydenhurst High School, Lydenhurst, Long Island.

### School Pleased

The committee strongly praised the students, the staff, and the school. They considered the students to be "mature and capable of conducting themselves without much supervision" in the school's varied activities. The faculty was cited as "friendly

and cooperative" in an effort to obtain a meaningful relationship with the students. Commendation was given to the guidance and health departments for organization and effectiveness. The committee approved the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

The recommendations for improvement included; larger space for physical and health education, more classrooms, more audiovisual and library facilities, and additional courses in the mathematics and language departments.

The oral report will be complemented by a more extensive evaluation, which will be given to Mr. Edward Willard, principal of VHS, and the faculty in three or four months.

## "Hola" To Carmen!

A newcomer to Verona High School, Leticia del Carmen Delgado, is the fifteen year old Open Door Exchange Student from San Salvador, El Salvador. As a guest of Andrea Hahn, Carmen will live here and attend classes at VHS until January 25, when she will return home to conclude two more years of high school. She is interested in folk dancing, ballet, and swimming, and her favorite subjects are chemistry and math.

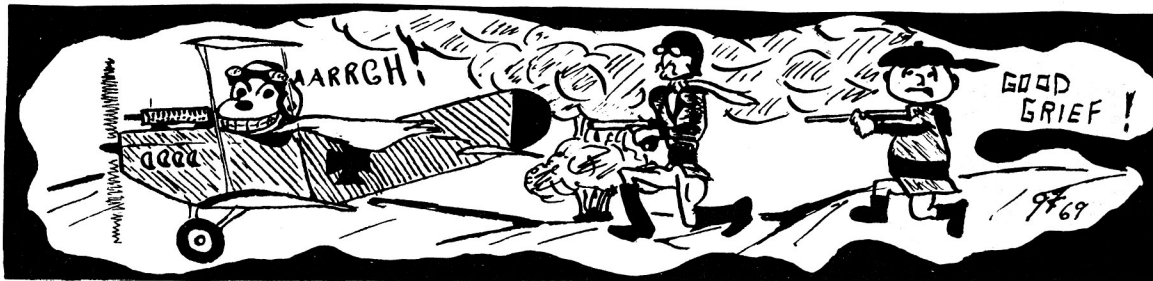
Visiting New York City, shopping in our large department stores, and attending several concerts have been her most enjoyable experiences. She considers New York, however, to be extraordinarily crowded and busy and, while shopping, the high prices have often surprised her.

During her stay, Carmen plans to learn our customs and improve her English. She asks that we please "speak slowly" to her.

Another exchange student, Gladys Montaro, will arrive on December twenty-seventh as a guest of Roz Liberman. Gladys attends the Rosa de America School in Lima, Peru. Although she speaks English fluently, her favorite subjects are science and math. An orientation day at the United Nations is planned for her on December twenty-eighth.

# Snoopy Confronts Red Baron; Hopefully The Final Encounter

by Kesky Sposs



(to the tune of the latest one)

Baron's plane is on its way.  
What's up Snoopy's sleeve?

Now I'm sure you've heard that silly optimistic trash  
About how Snoopy and the Baron held a Christmas bash.  
But five will get you ten that you will not receive  
All the news about what followed it on New Year's Eve.  
It started when the Baron gobbled Snoopy's bait  
When our hero asked him over to celebrate.  
Snoopy poured a drink and then he asked his friend  
If, for just a while, he'd let the fighting end.  
Armistice on New Year's Day!  
So hard to believe!  
What's the Baron doing here?  
What's up Snoopy's sleeve?  
When the Baron smiled and said he would accept  
a truce,  
Snoopy slipped a mickey in the Baron's orange juice.  
He giggled as his enemy passed out from pain,  
Then he shouted as he leaped aboard the German's plane:

"April Fool on New Year's Day!  
Trick, connive, deceive!"

Snoopy crossed the ocean very rapidly,  
And it wasn't long till he was over Germany.  
Then he pressed a button and the early-morning calm  
Of the country was destroyed by an atomic bomb.  
Snoopy grinned sadi'stically, and then he flew  
Back across the ocean, out to get the Baron, too.  
But the Baron had recovered, so he shot and cried,  
"I have blown to bits dot plane vith mine foe  
inziide!"

Atom bombs on New Year's Day!  
Anti-aircraft, too!  
Snoopy's done for World War I.  
Wait till World War II!  
The Baron's beady eyes inspected the debris.  
Then he headed for the local German Embassy.  
He had gone about a yard when he was cut right down  
By a dozen bullets from the gun of Charlie Brown!

Casualties on New Year's Day!  
Bodies all around!  
Snopy and the Baron side-by-side.  
Good grief, Charlie Brown!



Señor Orozco takes his troubles to the board

## D.J., Teacher, Medical Student: Señor Orozco Combines Tasks

by Mary Mahon

Teenagers in Guatemala are the same as in the USA, according to Señor Guido Orozco, who is acting as a teacher's aide in the VHS Spanish Department for ten weeks.

The music, too, seems very much the same. Having been a disc jockey himself for one of the five pop music stations in Guatemala, Señor Orozco reported that the young Guatemalans listen to English-speaking artists such as the Beatles and the Beach Boys, as well as Spanish-speaking groups.

In his efforts to improve the broadcasts, he has exchanged tapes and letters with DJ's in Florida and Connecticut. He feels that this was one of the reasons that his particular station be-

came the second most-listened to station in Guatemala.

Both his radio job and a position as a Spanish teacher in Guatemala City were intended to help finance his medical studies, to which he will return.

Last year he applied for a scholarship, and in May, to his utter amazement, was informed that he had received it. Señor Orozco is now taking a course in English at Upsala College in East Orange. In addition to his studies, he is spending much of his time as an aide at VHS. He hopes to increase the vocabulary and listening comprehension of Spanish students. He feels that his program of visiting all the classes is more useful than concentrating his efforts on the third and fourth year students.



## No Learning? Wrong Room

by Laura Threlkeld

From: the Principal  
To: Miss Firstyear-H.R. 531

Dear Miss Firstyear:  
Due to a shortage of teaching space, you will have to teach your period four English class in the shop. Thank you.

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"Hey! Lookit the buzz saw."  
"Yeech! Sawdust!"

Dear Miss Firstyear: Your period four English class will be changed from the shop to the biology lab.

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Dear Miss Firstyear: We are now going to change your period four English class to library.

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"Today, class, we are going to study vocabulary. Now the word tendentious means..."  
"He stamped November 7, 1958 on my glasses!"

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Dear Principal Harried: I am happy to tell you that I now have a permanent room for my period four English class. If you need me, you'll find me in your office period four every day. Thank you very much for lending it to me.

Sincerely,  
Miss Firstyear

## Tal Sniffs Out Message Of Psychedelic Aptitude Testing

by Kay Tal

"This is Kay Tal, bringing you another ridiculous features article. This month I'm at the National Airplane Glue Testing Institute. Uh, sir are you connected with NAGTI?"

"I'm Cy K. Delic, Director of the Institute. I'm quite busy, so I've arranged for Miss Barbi Tchit, my secretary to answer your questions, Miss Tchit?"

"Whoopeeee!"  
"Er, maybe I had better do the answering myself."

"Mr. Delic, what we basically want to know is the set up and purpose of these tests."

"They're a service to the National Airplane Glue Company, Kay, given at the minimum price of fifteen dollars; no strings attached, except that the student may not sue us for any physical damage suffered as a result of the test."

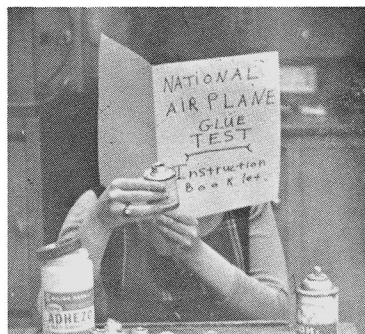
"Fifteen dollars? Damage?"  
"The initial fee allows the student to take the test as many times as he wishes to, and some people just take this offer too seriously."

### Purpose of Test

"What is this a test for?"  
"It's a test offered to all students who are planning to work in places like paint or glue factories, for paint manufacturers, or in such areas as Los Angeles or New York City. Through our set-up we can get a fair idea of the individual's resistance to toxic odors. See that row of students lined up over there, sniffing the fumes in each progressive container? Each successive fume is a stronger type known to produce highs in man."

"Does that jar that is causing so many students to conk out contain NAG?"

"Definitely not, it's a mixture of Los Angeles smog and New York subway dust! Few people can survive that."



Tal reads instructions prior to liftoff.

"There goes an applicant now. The others contain essence of banana peel, mimeograph ink, food from the Verona High School cafeteria, and airplane glue."

"No LSD or grass?"  
"Madam - or Miss - er, whatever - you - are, this is a legal operation. We use only dangerous things we can't be arrested for using. If kids want to get high on marijuana or straight smog, let 'em go to Timothy Leary."

"Sorry, Mr. Delic; How'd you get involved with the Airplane Glue Tests anyhow?"

"I walked in here a few years ago after I had a tooth pulled, and I've been here ever since."  
"Didn't your dentists use novacaine?"

"Yeh - but I didn't want my jaw to take a trip all by itself."

"Hey, look at that kid conking out at the first whiff of banana fumes. I gotta sign him up to work for NAGTI!"

"But if he gets high on stuff as weak as..."

"He'll be so darn happy all the time, he won't have time to go on strike or complain about working conditions."

"Hey, can I have some samples to take with me?"

"Wait 'till after testing, baby, and I'll split the exam with ya."

"This is the Raving Rappotter-whееее - over and up!"



## Agent Overlooks School; Findings Are Disclosed

by Craig Slatin

The following is an interview conducted by Charles Slanderswell of the FBDM (Federal Bureau of Disciplinary Methods). Mr. Slanderswell secretly entered VHS and asked Mr. Bubkis for a tour of the school.

Charles: You must be very proud of this school system.  
Mr. Bubkis: Yes, I'm proud of this school and its principles.

Charles: And what are the principles?  
Mr. Bubkis: Tell the students that they're in a democratic school system and run the school like a dictatorship.

Charles: I see. Well, shall we commence with the tour of the building?  
Mr. Bubkis: Certainly. Oh! Of all the rotten luck. I do wish you hadn't seen that.

Charles: Seen what?  
Mr. Bubkis: That boy with long hair.

Charles: Why? Is he disobeying the school dress code?  
Mr. Bubkis: Not exactly, but long hair is so disgusting and distracting.  
Charles: If long hair isn't exactly appreciated, why isn't something done about it?  
Mr. Bubkis: Well, to be truthful... My, my, isn't that nice? Charles: Isn't what nice?  
Mr. Bubkis: Nothing really, I was just admiring that girl in the cute little micro-mini skirt.  
Look at that boy with the sideburns and a beard. Do you allow boys to wear these because you feel physical aspects such as these really do not hinder a person's thinking ability.  
Mr. Bubkis: No! We don't allow these things. Young man, go home and shave immediately!  
Charles: Do you have any final remarks?  
Mr. Bubkis: Yes, I'd just like to say that here in VHS we feel our most important goal is to educate the students and to allow intellectual freedom

# Coach Gaffney Demands Hustle; Season Opens Against Hanover

In the years from 1956-1960, Doug Gaffney was a star athlete at Verona High School. Upon graduation he accepted a scholarship to attend the University of Connecticut. While there, Mr. Gaffney was a standout in three sports. He quarterbacked the football squad,



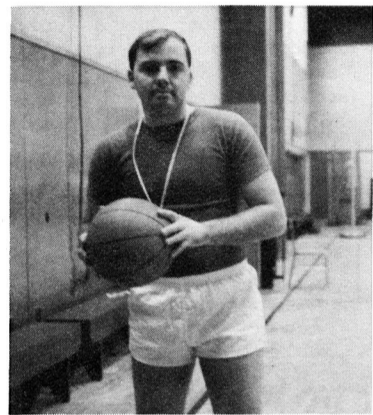
sparkplugged the basketball team as a guard, and was shortstop and captain of the baseball team. After receiving his degree, Coach Doug Gaffney's first position was at East Catholic High School in Manchester, Connecticut, during the 1964-65 year. The following season found him directing the basketball fortunes of Tappan High in Orangeburg, N.Y. Now in his second year at directing Verona's Varsity cagers, Coach Gaffney, has lost none of the competitive spirit that made him an All-State selection in three sports while playing at VHS.

Having been an exceptionally talented athlete, the problem

arises as to whether Coach Gaffney sometimes expects too much from his players. He dispels this theory with the following, simple philosophy, "I expect only one thing: 100% hustle from every boy. If a boy gives 100% hustle, he will play."

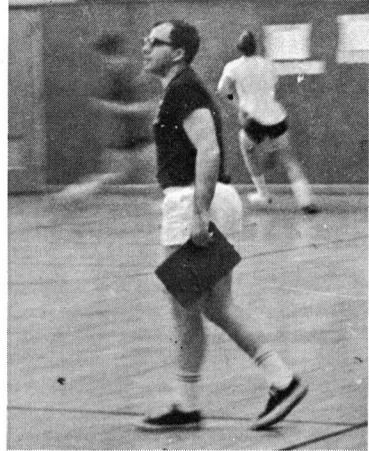
The coach also commented on the connection between being an outstanding athlete and a good coach. He said that there was "little or no correlation between the two. This is an interesting statement considering the increasing number of 'star' players moving into the coaching ranks."

Although Gaffney requires all-out hustle on the court, he also stresses that a student-athlete be conscientious in his studies. "However, to be a good athlete, it takes a great deal of practice. Therefore, the student-athlete must be more organized than the average student. When he goes into a game or a practice, there is no time to waste."



Fairviewer camera catches Coach Gaffney performing varied duties.

In order for Verona to become a powerhouse in basketball, Gaffney feels the need for an increase in recreation leagues for pre-high school players. When a player reaches VHS, the coach wants him to be well-versed in all fundamentals. "You must start working with boys at the elemen-



tary and junior high school levels. Here they must learn the basic skills. If they wait until high school, it is usually too late."

On December 12, the basketball team opened its season with a 56-51 victory over visiting Hanover Park. Coach Gaffney hopes the students come out to support the team. "The boys work real hard and they appreciate it." Himself included.

# Charlton Initiates Hockey After Five-year Drought

Seven years ago, Verona High School's ice hockey team was disbanded because of a cut in the budget. Repeated requests by students to re-establish a team have been ignored. This year, though, the words turned into action, as seniors Doug Charlton and Larry Goldfarb organized a Hockey Club. Members of the team must be willing to pay for their equipment and ice time, since the club is not school-sponsored and, therefore, does not have a teacher-coach. Despite these difficulties, the Hockey Club is now a reality.

Players provided their own transportation for the initial practice - an exciting affair which ran from 1:15 to 2:30 on the morning of December 10 at the Branch Brook Park rink. Captain Charlton commented that

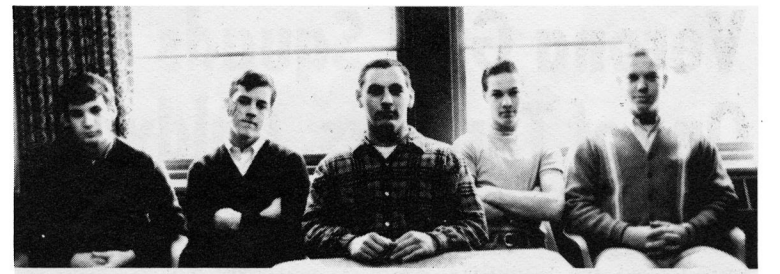
the experience was "unusual and fun," and that the returning skaters were "a trifle fatigued."

Besides organizers Charlton and Goldfarb, other prospective skaters include Eric Moberg, Glenn Isaac, Skippy Chestnut, John Gregory, Dick Teimer, George Boronow, Steve Hickey, Jeff Ochs, Steve Eisenberg, and Alan Malecki. Games are being arranged with Morris Hills, Morris Knolls, Rutherford, and Mountain Lakes Hockey Clubs.

# X-Country Team Wins Two Meets

Verona High's newest sports addition, the cross-country team, compiled a 2-9 record in their premier season. The squad, coached by Mr. William Pecoraro, included letter-winners Pete Kazmar, Walter Arlen, Jim La Baugh, Art Kellenberger, Mike Fogerty, and Dick Barrett.

The Hillbilly cindermen were defeated eight straight times before recording their first victory. In the first meet of the season, Summit defeated Verona, 29-28, despite a third-place finish by Arlen. The Hillbillies recorded their first victory by beating Summit, 35-25, as Verona swept six of the top ten places. In the following meet West Orange defeated Verona 43-16. In the last meet of the season the Hillbillies defeated Summit by a 49-19 score. Pete Kazmar set a Verona Park course record while taking first place for Verona in the race.



Senior football players from l. to r., R. Zazzali, J. Curtis, B. Weich, A. Jacobsen, and J. Holmes.

# Senior Gridders Respond To Controversial Matters

The following question and answer session was organized by the Fairviewer sports staff, trying to give senior football players a chance to sound off.

**Fairviewer:** Since you have been members of an all-losing high school football team, how has this affected your attitude and future as a football player??

Jeff Holmes: I would like to play college football mainly to find out what it's like to win a game.

Robert Zazzali: It's increased my desire to continue playing and to win.

Bernie Weich: My plans do not include playing college football. I hope to attend college and major in physical education and would like to participate in football in some capacity other than playing, such as writing, managing, etc.

**Fairviewer:** Do you feel that you received the type of support you feel is needed from the administration? the students? and the town?

Robert Zazzali: When you are losing the number of games we were losing, how much support can you expect?

Joe Curtis: I think the students, administration, and town have stayed behind us all the way, when they could have given up. I feel this support helped the players not to give up.

Bernie Weich: I think the school administration is responsible for the successive failure of the football team just as much as the coaches and players.

**Fairviewer:** Would you be willing to comment on the 31 straight losses?

Jeff Holmes: The 31 losses could have been broken several

times if some breaks had gone our way.

Armand Jacobsen: I feel that we had the players to make a winning season, but they just didn't give that little bit extra needed to win. Otherwise we've had a very fine football team this year.

Joe Curtis: I think too much is made of the streak and hope next year's team will break it in the first game, to stop the controversy.

**Fairviewer:** Is there a basis for the opinion that there is a jealousy among VHS fall sports teams?

Armand Jacobsen: There are some boys who are not able to withstand football workouts and go out for soccer, but I must admit that soccer had a very fine team this year.

Joe Curtis: Of course there is jealousy between fall sport participants. It has always been that way and it always will be.

Bernie Weich: There may be jealousy between Verona sports teams, but I think this shows team pride.

**Fairviewer:** What is Verona's image in the Suburban Conference and among other schools with which we compete?

Jeff Holmes: Everyone in the Suburban Conference knows that we will always put up a good fight and never give up.

Joe Curtis: I feel we gained the respect of many teams.

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# Verona Grid Squads Win One of Three vs. Caldwell

Verona High School's season officially came to an end on Thanksgiving Day, when Caldwell topped the Hillbillies, 47-13. The loss meant Verona's third consecutive winless season. However, with the starting offensive and defensive units generously sprinkled with underclassmen, the future appears to hold encouraging prospects for Verona.

### Chiefs Scalp Hillbillies

The 29th annual Verona-Caldwell game was played at cold, muddy Bonnel Field in Caldwell. The Chiefs established their superiority quickly by scoring 21 points in the first quarter. Caldwell added touchdowns on a 40-yard run and a 51-yard pass to bring the score to 34-0. It was not until the fourth quarter, with Caldwell leading 47-0, that Verona began to move. Junior Bud Hart returned a kickoff to the Verona 33-yard line, and on the next play scampered past Caldwell defenders to the Chiefs' 22-yard line. Verona lost the ball on downs, but regained possession when senior Bob Zazzali intercepted a pass on the 21-yard line. An eight-yard pass from Zazzali to Hart gave Verona its first score of the day. The Hillbillies added the final score when Zazzali ran 40 yards with a blocked punt for a touchdown.

### J.V.'s Gain Revenge

The Junior Varsity, finishing their first complete season in several years, beat their Caldwell foes, 7-6, to post a 3-5 record for the season. The Hillbilly defense, sparked by the outstanding play of Bob DiTrani, Kevin Shaw, and Bob Scharling,

## New Season For Bowlers

Verona High's bowling team, under the direction of coach John Burguillos, will once again compete in the North Jersey Scholastic Bowling League. This league contains such Group IV powerhouses as Montclair, East Orange, Bloomfield, Nutley, Belleville, Irvington, and Clifton. Other schools competing in the league are Caldwell, West Orange, and Essex Catholic.

The Hillbillies opened their schedule at the Bell-Clair Lanes, Montclair, on Thursday, December 14. They compete every Tuesday and Thursday.

Leading the team are returning senior letterman Jeff Ochs and Dick Teimer, and last year's captain, junior Steve Bushberg. Other boys who will see plenty of action include Anthony Buonomo and Barry Giblin.

held Caldwell to one touchdown, coming in the second quarter. Wayne Heike tied the game with a one-yard plunge, and Tony Aquila added the extra point to give Verona the victory. The J.V.'s also defeated Millburn and New Providence.

The frosh forces, after winning four straight games, were defeated by their last three opponents. Caldwell defeated Verona in the finale, 7-6. In the third quarter, Mike Passero hit Barry Giblin with a 15-yard scoring pass, but the extra point (as well as an earlier Verona touchdown) was nullified because of a penalty.

Coach Vincent Yaniro praised Verona's only winning football team for playing very aggressive, hard-hitting football. He added, "Their potential is very great, for their desire and skill are outstanding."

## Moritz Attends Heisman Dinner

by Andy Moritz

Every year the Verona High School football staff picks one player to attend the Heisman Trophy Dinner at the Downtown Athletic Club in Manhattan. This year I was honored as the coaches' choice.

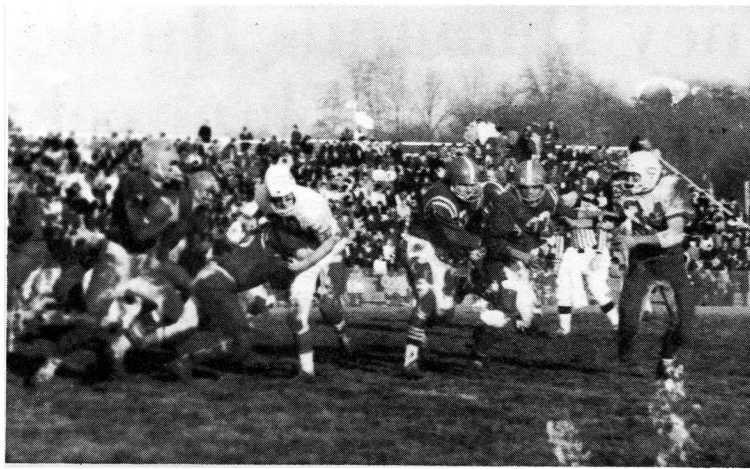
The program began with dinner at 6:30 and the actual presentation of the Trophy at 9:00. This year the trophy, which acknowledges the outstanding college football player of the year, was given to the U.C.L.A. quarterback Gary Beban.

Attending the dinner were many former recipients of the Trophy, including George Sauer, Major Peter Dawkins, John Huarte, and Larry Kelley. The speaker was former Green Bay Packer star Paul Hornung, winner of the Heisman Trophy in 1956. Beban's coach, Tommy Prothro, spoke next, stressing his star quarterback's ability to produce the game-winning play.

Before presenting the Trophy, President Joseph F. Goldrick of the Downtown Athletic Club read a telegraph radioed from Sacramento, California. Signed by Governor Reagan, it congratulated Beban on bringing such honor to his state. In his acceptance speech Gary indicated his intention of accepting "the challenge of playing professional football."

A reception for the high school athlete-guest and their press sponsors was held following the presentation.

Although a little fatigued by the dinner, I was completely awed by the whole thing.



Hillbilly running back lugs ball in Thanksgiving Day mud bowl.

## GAA Starts Winter With Bowling, Basketball Clubs

Cold weather has forced G.A.A. members to trade in their hockey sticks for basketballs and balance beams. Heading the winter schedule is the Basketball Club, consisting of ten teams, which meets for its tournament games Thursday afternoons at 3:15, under the direction of Miss Meyers. The freshmen-sophomore and junior-senior basketball teams practice with Miss Coomer Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the Forest Avenue School.

Boy and girl gymnasts meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 to work out with the aid of Mr. Ebbe, Miss Coomer and Miss Meyers. Modern Dance and a co-ed Bowling Club will be organized after the Christmas vacation.

### Cheerleaders

Varsity cheerleaders have already begun practices for the first basketball game. Captained by Janet Steele, this year's squad consists of Debbie Calice, Linda Fried, Holly Grim, Kathy Moran, Jeanne Osmun, Shiela Purcaro (co-captain), Kathy Schug, and Debbie Weiss.

An inter-school cheering clinic held at Dover on December 9 was attended by all VHS cheerleaders who performed as well as observed.

### G.G.O.

The Girls' Leadership Organization, now in its second year of service, announced new members on December 6. They are juniors Kathy Krohn, Kathy Mo-



Andy Moritz, of VHS, and Scott Eggington, of Memorial H.S., gaze at the coveted Heisman trophy.

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## All-Stars Nominated

The Verona High School soccer squad continued to make news after its season ended, placing six of its players on the All-Essex County and All-Suburban Conference soccer teams. Leading the Hillbilly all-stars were co-captains Paul Levinsky and Skip Chestnut, both of whom gained first team all-county and all-conference honors. Senior left fullback Dave Benson was selected to the Suburban Conference first team and also made second team all-county. The final three honor-winners included junior goalie Pat Sullivan (second team all-conference), senior Len Klehr (second team all-conference and honorable mention all-county), and Don Overholser (honorable mention in both the Suburban Conference and Essex County selections).

### Chestnut Leads Offense

Chestnut, Klehr, and Overholser led the Hillbilly attack by scoring nine, eight, and seven goals respectively. Defensemen Levinsky, Benson and Sullivan teamed together to record nine shutouts, while allowing only twelve goals to be scored against Verona.

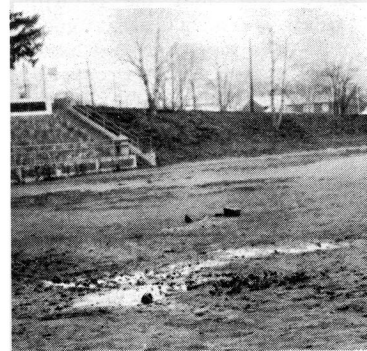
## Speaking Out

by Lenny Klehr

On December, (after this paper went to press,) the Verona Board of Education held a special meeting to discuss the possible improvement of the athletic facilities at the high school. This perennial problem has been brought to light especially due to the recent conclusions drawn by the middle states evaluation committee.

In five of the last eleven years Verona High has had a state championship soccer team. Yet, despite the prestige and prominence these players have brought

relegated to before-school activities. Even the basketball situation is far from adequate. The freshman team is forced to practice in the dingy and drafty elementary school gym at F. N. Brown. I must admit, however, that the Brown locker room has a couple of distinct advantages over the one at the junior high; namely, two



Note the fine texture of the grass on Verona's only football field.

to our school, the team is forced to walk eight blocks to attend practice (after school) at the junior high. However, this is not half the complaint. These athletes are forced to change in a dark, dirty locker room that boasts of one toilet and no showers. And as if this wasn't enough of a deterrent to team morale, two days a week practice is delayed until the eighth grade girls' athletic program relinquishes the glassless field at quarter past four.

Along with having the smallest gymnasium in the Suburban Conference, the entire winter schedule is practically confined to basketball. Other "minor" sports, such as wrestling and gymnastics, which actually involve more people than basketball, are

more toilets. The biggest sore thumb of all at VHS is the area of terrain known as the football field. This is our one and only athletic field. It is made up of very large bare brown spots and very small green spots. Upon close inspection the green spots are not even grass but thick weeds. The only maintenance this field sees are the "volunteer" crews from Mr. Sutter's gym class who walk around, picking up stones from the size of a cherry to that of a fist.

This is the place that our Varsity football team plays half their games; this is the place visiting schools notice.

The Board of Education is entering a critical phase in the solution of this growing problem. The Board must proceed carefully and give the town rational reasons for each spent. The need for more athletic facilities is apparent. All die-hard sports fans must now come out in support of any competent proposal made by the Board. Time is running out.



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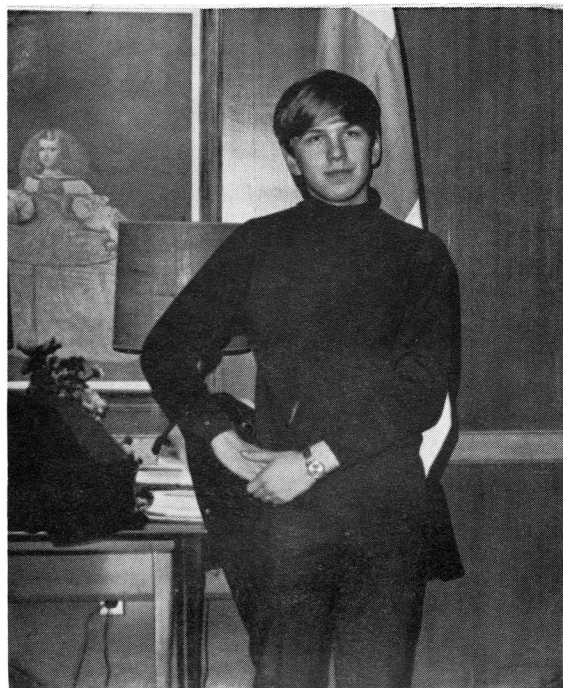
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## International Understanding



Erkki Liikanen from Finland

This year, Verona High School again plays host to two World Youth Forum delegates Miss Marilyn van Heerden from the Union of South Africa and Mr. Erkki Liikanen from Finland. Marilyn, a resident of Pretoria, will be the guest of Linda Moore, while Erkki, from Mikkeli, will accept the hospitality of Michael Rodman.

Marilyn has been a student at Pretoria High School for Girls since 1963. Here she has had a varied curriculum which ranges from English and Afrikaans, the Dutch dialect of the South African people, to mathematics and accounting. Marilyn hopes to graduate with either a Bachelor of Commerce degree or a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. She will continue her studies by majoring in history or drama.

Erkki, a mathematics major has been a student at the Mikkelin Lyseo for over six years. He reports that Finnish schools provide few optional subjects, while his curriculum stress the language arts including English, Swedish, and German. He is also interested in the social sciences, although he has been unable to pursue them in school. Upon graduating from his present school, he will begin work in political science at the University of Helsinki.

Although interested in philosophy and literature, Erkki also finds time to play the flute, and play soccer for his school team. Similarly, Marilyn, although involved in many school projects, greatly enjoys swimming and water skiing. Last year she was awarded the role of Mr. Withers in the production of "Two Gentlemen from Soho."

Coming to the U.S. verified Marilyn's thought that the people of the U.S. are "friendly and frank." Erkki's discoveries, however, were not anticipated. He has observed a great deal of freedom in U.S.

classrooms, and he finds the situation admirable

An assembly to be held tomorrow will consist of a panel discussion in which Erkki, Marilyn, and several VHS students will participate. Moderating the discussion will be Mr. Dennis Buss.



Marilyn van Heerden from South Africa

### Teachers, Board Agree After Activity Curtailment

In November, 1967 the Verona Education Association requested an increase in the salary guide. This guide includes the starting point of salaries for teachers, an increase in salary raises, and the rate of increases. The issue was settled on January 15.

The VEA asked for an overall salary increase of \$1,371. On the settlement day, the Board of Education agreed upon \$1,024. Despite the fact that the Board did not appropriate the original sum requested by the Salary Committee, the amount was accepted. The wages designated were higher than the first offer of the Board of Education. Although the overall range increase that the Verona Education Association desired was from \$1,000 to \$2,400, the range

agreed upon was \$600-\$1,800.

Under the new agreement, teachers will receive medical benefits. (Employees will be covered under Blue Cross and other medical coverage plans.)

To persuade the Board of Education to agree to the proposal of the Verona Education Association, Verona public school teachers imposed a two-day sanction of leaving school at 3:30 p.m. and arriving no earlier than 8:10 a.m. They also discontinued working as sponsors of extracurricular activities for which they were not under contract.

In relation to other public schools in Essex County, Verona will provide above-average salaries if the wage increase is approved by the community.



Joan Grissing, president of the Meridians, holds babes in arms for Toy Drive.

### Tale Of Drifter Sets Mood As Choir Heralds Winter Holidays

A holiday spirit once more pervaded Verona High School as the band and choir presented the annual Christmas Assembly.

Held on December 22, the program was opened by Mr. Willard. He retold the legend of the Christmas candle and how it be-

came a symbol of the holiday season, and then introduced 1967 alumna Vicki Semos, who read an original poem about a Western wanderer in winter. The selection, twelfth of a series of poems on each of the months, was entitled "At Christmas."

The choir, directed by Mrs.

Margaret Leonardson, then sang several selections. Among them were "Deo Gracias," "Processional," and "Wolcum Yule," all part of Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols." Following the choir, the Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Owens, played "Procession of the Nobles," from a work by Rimsky-Korsakov. Their next two selections—"Kings of France," and "Finale"—were written as the musical score for the television show "The Louvre."

The band and choir then joined together in presenting selections from Handel's "The Messiah." During "The Hallelujah Chorus" the student body stood up in accordance with a tradition started by King George II of England. (On hearing this chorus, the King became so inspired that he rose to his feet a reaction followed by the rest of the audience.)

Finally, the ensemble singers led the school in the singing of several Christmas carols.

### Music Students View Wagnerian Rehearsal

Mrs. Margaret Leonardson's Music Appreciation class, together with thirteen choir members, attended a rehearsal of Richard Wagner's opera, "Lohengrin" at the Metropolitan Opera House on January 19. For most students this trip represented a first experience with the opera. Free tickets were distributed for the performance which, sung in German, lasted two-and-one-half hours, with occasional interruptions.

Wagner wrote "Lohengrin"

### Club Plans "Weekend"

The Meridians launched the new year with a toy drive for the Essex County Children's Emergency Shelter. The toys were gathered from the community and deposited in the school library during the week of January 8. They were then repaired by Meridians before being taken to the Shelter.

#### International Weekend

Next on the club's agenda is its largest project of the year: the International Weekend, February 9-11. The theme of this year's weekend is "Hope" and the new schedule allows the guests to see more community life. In addition to more than eighty Open Door students from South America, twenty students from France, England and Japan, visiting the U.S. through the American Friends Committee, have been invited.

Guests will be arriving all day Friday and attend classes with their hosts. A tour of the Belleville Shelter is scheduled for Saturday morning, and a panel discussion will be held in the school that afternoon. A dance for Meridians, hosts, and guests held at the high school that evening, will be followed by a party. The weekend will culminate in a brunch for hosts and guests Sunday morning.

from 1845-8, and used the unusual method of beginning his work with the third act—thus writing in reverse. Because of a long political exile, the composer was not able to view a performance of the opera until 1848.

"Lohengrin," because of its strenuous vocal score, is to a singer what Shakespeare is to an actor. The basic story deals with the timeless problem of good versus evil. The complicated action of the opera stresses a particular theme that can best be described in the maxim, "A strong man may conquer the wiles of his enemies, but not the curiosity of his wife."

### Suspension Committee

A committee to evaluate the present suspension system was formed in December by Mr. Walter Wemuth. He believes that the "suspension system does not do the job it's supposed to do." The committee will determine if the present arrangement is purposeful. If it is found unsatisfactory, committee members will suggest better techniques and methods.

Under the present system a student can be suspended up to five days. Reasons may range from smoking and stealing to insubordination.

Both the faculty and student body are represented on the committee. Several members include Mr. Weissbach, Miss Tonner, Miss Coomer, Al Kaplan, and Pat Russo. Any solution that is decided upon will not be put into effect unless Mr. Willard, the faculty, and the students approve it.



Traditional choir photo at traditional Christmas Assembly.

# Lack Of Public Concern Threatens Important Bills

*"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."*

Legislation presently before Congress on consumer protection and protection of the redwoods must obtain strong support. Although Americans hold wide differences of opinion concerning Vietnam and the urban crisis, most share a common belief in conservation and the rights of the individual as well as sharing a lack of action.

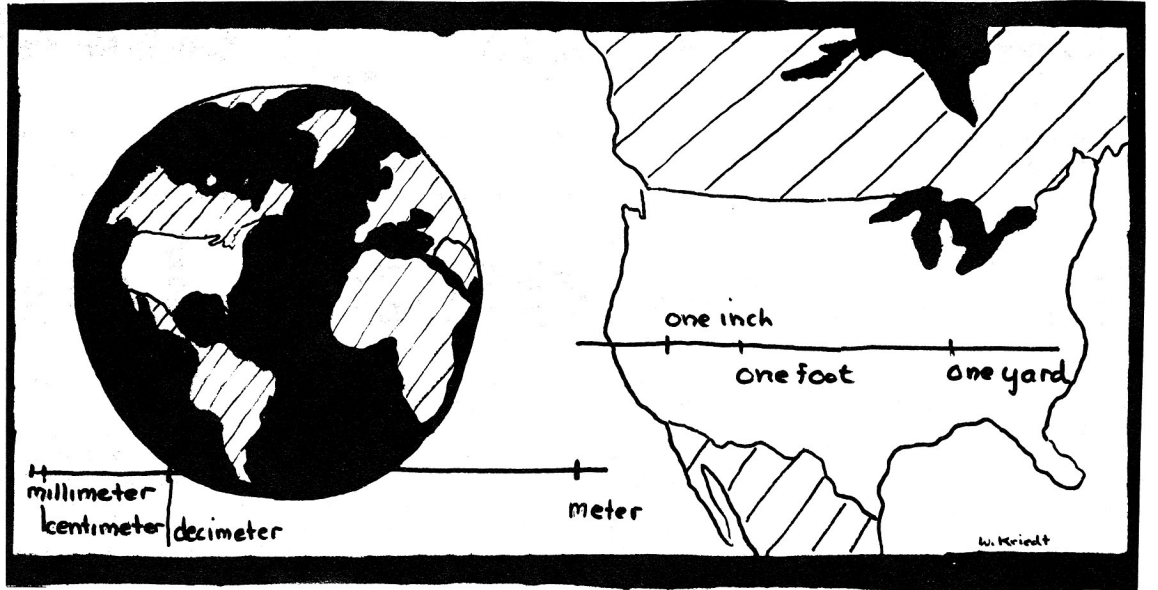
Last year the Senate passed a conservation bill creating a Redwood National Park of stated area, with provisions for expansion of this area by the Secretary of the Interior. While the House debates the bill, Georgia-Pacific, a huge lumber concern with over 3,000,000 acres in timber holdings, is cutting down 300-year-old trees in an area which could be saved by the Interior Secretary—if the House passes the conservation bill. If this great redwood forest, a symbol of nature's great gifts to America, is to be saved, the citizens of the U.S. must become involved. American industrial companies have often displayed their concern for public relations, and

protest letters by the average citizen, including the VHS student, could be effective. If the public makes its voice known, Congress will block the Georgia-Pacific by passing the Redwood Bill. Needless to say, it will be too late for citizen action on conservation when American scenic forests are acres of ugly stumps.

### Recent Action

Congress recently passed a vitally-needed meat inspection bill. But only a great public outcry ended the voting delay desired by powerful special-interest groups. Pending consumer protection bills concern truth-in-lending (which can counter outrageous interest rates), fire safety, automobile insurance, and hazardous radiation from television sets. Each of these bills deserve passage, but each is faced with a well-financed opposition lobby. Considering the beneficial effect of such legislation on modern American living, refusal of the ordinary citizen to express his support can only result in self-inflicted pain.

R.S.



## U.S. Should Convert To Meter-Beneficial To Economic System

Two new bills proposing the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures will be brought up before Congress this session. The two bills will call upon the Department of Commerce to study the aspects of a conversion. A transition to the metric system is advantageous and should be strongly encouraged.

The transformation to the metric system would primarily improve international communication. The United States is the only remaining major power in the world to make use of the avoirdupois system. If the United States were to convert, most of the world would then be united under a single language of weights and measures, and thus, international trade relations would improve.

The United States is isolated from the rest of the major powers in respect to its system of weights and measures, and therefore, is at a distinct disadvantage. Some American products, including televisions and refrigerators, are often excluded from foreign markets as a re-

sult of their design standards. A similar problem exists concerning articles imported into the country. Parts cannot be replaced and equipment cannot be repaired because of the lack of needed foreign parts or tools. Thus American business is at a loss, as well as the American consumer.

The metric system is also easier to work with, as most American scientists, pharmaceutical, and optical industries have discovered. Its nature would allow the American public to become familiar with the system without much difficulty.

The major argument against the conversion concerns the cost. In fact, billions of dollars would be needed to complete the transformation. However, once begun, the conversion could be stretched over a period of time. This way, the cost as well as the effects of the period of adjustment would not be too great or chaotic.

With the world market constantly expanding as nations continue to industrialize, it would be profitable and beneficial for

the United States to adopt the metric system in order to improve and ease trade relations. Besides, the time has come to scrap a system based on units derived from the width of a man's thumb, the length of the king's foot, the distance from his nose to the tip of his thumb, and the area of land a man can plow in a day.

J.T.

## Equality Comes With Medicine

by Larry Levine

The Negro has had to struggle for fair housing, quality education, better job opportunities, and voting rights for too long. The achievement of everything in life that his character, ambition and talents have potential for is still an unfulfilled dream.

The posture of human dignity has been denied to him. Not enough people have truly committed themselves to the Negro's cause, and thus he is not quite standing, not quite sitting; he is almost in a crouch, ready to spring. We have let him down, and, in the process, ourselves.

Now, with the first heart transplant in South Africa (there is even irony in the locale) of a colored man's heart into a white man's body, we are offering a grain of hope to our severely oppressed brothers. Lead a simple, good life; do not tax yourself; be strong of heart even though there is no purpose and maybe your beating, bleeding organ may, after death, be transplanted into a white man's body. Brothers, we offer you acceptance through quasi-reincarnation. Take heart!

## Grid Coach Resigns

# Sutter's Contribution: Character, Respect

For the Staff

The time spent by a coach after practice working with a scrub who could not and did not help the team speaks more for his fine character than a won-lost record. Morris Sutter and the benefits he brought to the football program will have more effect on our future than any record he might have attained.

Mr. Sutter's accomplishments are remarkable considering the almost insurmountable odds he faced when he became coach. His inheritance included a miserable field, a string of fourteen straight losses, and a September turnout of thirty boys—less than enough for two teams. But perhaps the greatest obstacle he faced was the ignoble attitude towards football held by the players and the rest of the student body. This attitude was a direct result of a terrible taste left in the mouths of Verona students by previous coaches. It would be naive to say that Mr. Sutter solved all these problems. But he made improvements and gave reason for hope where reasons had never before existed. He renovated the football program, which was attested to by the considerable rise in attendance at home games.



He built up the size of the team by doubling the September turnout. However, his greatest accomplishment was that, in his two brief seasons as head coach, he infused a unique sense of character in his hardcore players.

Because it is outside his sphere of interest, a coach is often not appreciative of the academic aspects of his school. Mr. Sutter respects the place of the intellectual as much as he desires respect for the athlete. He best exemplified this incorporation of a sharp mind in a strong body in his memorable speech at the last sports awards assembly. He said then that he hoped he was developing the kind of men who did not quit and would not fall by the wayside. A man with those aims is an asset to any community.

Morris Sutter's innovations in the football program and in the school will always be felt. We wish him luck but he hardly needs it; a man as dynamic as Morris Sutter will always succeed.

B.C.

## Handbooks Unnecessary; Contain Useless Material

To the Editor:

The printing and distribution of handbooks by the Student Council is unnecessary and a waste of money.

One can easily understand this point if the freshman's use of the handbook on the first day of school is examined. Upon receiving the handbook he takes a short look and, almost immediately deems it stupid, "cornball," and generally unworthy of further consideration. Thus, through lack of interest, most handbooks are lost.

### Handbook Make-Up

The handbooks are composed of various sections, including a list of clubs. This list is not up-to-date, and could easily be omitted, since announcements pertaining to activities are heard twice daily over the P.A. Also found is a list of faculty members as well as school events, both of which are found in the P.T.A. book sent to parents. Another section includes the school constitution, which cannot be understood without the aid of an interpreter. The highlight of the handbook is a map of the school.

Supporters of the handbook stress the importance of the constitution and map. They argue the handbook helps acquaint the

student with V.H.S. However, copies of the school constitution and map may be distributed at low cost. The new student becomes fairly well-acquainted with the school during orientation. Surely there is information in the handbook worth preserving, but three hundred dollars' worth? Definitely not!

Edward Hellbein '71



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# Veronian New Year Leaps Into Untimely Clockwatching Hazards

by Kal Tal

"Hi there again! This is Kay Tal, your Raving Reporter, with the first imbecilic interview of 1968. And to honor the new year, today's victim will be VHS' own Baby New Year! Mr. New Year, how did you come to VHS?"

"Aaaaarrgh! Please don't poke me like that. I thought you were that crazy fat kid with the archery set who's been chasing me around since the beginning of 1968. Say he's trying to match me up with some fat Dutch clock. Bleeech!"

"Exhausting! Lis'en, what-ever-gender-you-are, all those guys at the training center do is slap an old bedsheets on you, hand you a scythe, then, boom, you're falling off a tower in Times Square, head first! And man, maybe I did only pay for tourist class, but fifty brats in one balloon is ridiculous. My luck, the guy next to me was airsick."

"Er, yes, B.N.Y. . . , but how did you end up in Verona?"

"Well, I was a little bit of a cut-up after hours at the training center, so they figured if they sent me to a town after-hours,"

"I see. . . What have you been doing to—I mean—at VHS?"

"I'm working on a really deep-rooted problem, trying to set all the clocks in this ferglin-shiner place five minutes ahead, so that maybe VHS can begin to correspond with the outside world."

"Any occupational hazards?"

"My tools keep getting knocked off the planter. And then there's that crazy fat kid with the true-to-life archery set. And that Dutch clock is really ugly! I tell you, whatever - you - are, those training center joks are behind this. I just once joked about killing time. Here, lookit the bottom of my foot."

"Made in Japan."

"And on my neck, too: 'Do not fold, spindle, or mutilate.' And my robe. Paper fashions may be in—but Kleenex? People



keep trying to blow their noses with me! I'm gettin a tic."

"Just offhand, B.N.Y. . . , why don't you try working incognito? Hide out."

"I tried that once. That change machine in the front hall—the one that kid's hitting with a sledge

hammer to get the change out of it—I hide there, and. . ."

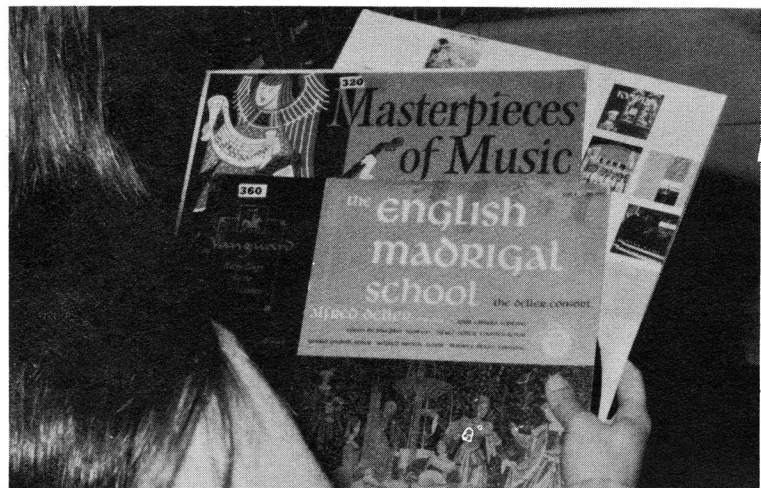
"Go on."

"Somebody got my scythe for a Quarter. Then, when I went looking for the guy who got it, I was pushed out the door into the snow at three-thirty. Know what happens to wet tissue paper, Kay? Listen, I gotta pick up my quota of groundhogs. Look out for Robin Hood and his dart set."

"Aw, come on, B.Y. D'ya really expect anybody to buy that wild tale? If you'd said Santa Claus. . ."

"Suit yourself, but that brat's dangerous. I'm splitting before he shows. Probably need a tetanus shot after I get those groundhogs."

"Thank you Baby New Year. And so, to anyone who's still reading, this is Raving Reporter Kay Tal signing over and EEEYOUCHH!"



Who put eight English madrigals in the latest Beatles album?

## Insights Into Pop Albums: Classics Make Modern Beat

by Pam Mascio

Today's music, considered a completely new innovation by most "pop" critics, actually reflects the style of past times. The oriental and classic influences of the flutes, the sitar, the harpsichord and the violin, have added a "new" dimension to the new sound; both folk-tune simplicity and symphonic majesty have been incorporated into our sound. Even in the early sixties, youth's willing-

ness to accept the old in the new was illustrated as Bobby Darin hit the chart tops with "Mack the Knife" taken from the "Threepenny Opera," itself based on a plot going back to eighteenth-century England.

### Albums Make Musicians

Although a vocalist can make a song successful, albums more often make performers successes. An album is a composite of messages and moods so distinct that the audience may identify with the personality that comes through. For instance, the popularity of Janis Ian's albums is due to her insight and maturity in viewing growing youth, and her application of a past form to modern tempo.

Moreover, the trend message music has been a rapid and varied process. The Beatles and Bob Dylan, true "pop-poets," reflect the evolution. Dylan has gone from finger-pointing "Why did you ruin our world?" to a more humanitarian "Why don't you and I get along?" Best exemplifying this evolution is Dylan's latest album, "John Wesley Harding," although the songs are still simply presented.

## Student Voice

How did you feel about being forced to leave the school at 3:30 during the salary guide dispute?

**Paul Ferber '68:** While I see the difficulty for the administration to supervise the entire school after 3:30, students should have been permitted to remain in the lobby and have access to the telephone. The steel gates could have been shut, thus containing the students to the lobby where they could be effectively supervised.

**Carol Schneider '71:** I thought it was great because I had detention and the teachers had to let me out before 3:30.

**Russ Bershad '69:** It hurt the students, but because of it the teachers got what they deserved (salary benefits) so it was worthwhile. I wouldn't have minded if they made us leave at 2:30.

**Sandy Burns '70:** I liked it because it helped the teachers and gave everyone a rest.

**Mary Ann Sheets '69:** They shouldn't have taken it out on the students because we didn't do anything against them or vote down the budget.

**Beth McKinley '70:** I didn't like it because I didn't have enough time after school to finish talking to my friends. When we had basketball games we had to take all our books into the gym. It restricts the learning process because you can't make use of the library or talk to teachers.

**Joyce Gillen '71:** If we needed help from a teacher it was impossible to get because they'd already left. It was hurting us and it wasn't our fault.

**Neva Carnevale '68:** I think the teachers are right in what they're doing. They are only paid to stay from 8:10 to 3:30, so they have the right to decide if they want to stay after or not.

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## Locker Beasts Cause Paperhanging Mania

by Judy Brody



Typical VHS Cluttertrappery awaits typical beast (right).

Several years ago students first noticed things disappearing from and being deposited in their lockers. The problem was given careful scrutiny, and after several weeks of intense investigation it was revealed that apparently curious little animals, Lockerbeestus Americanus, were to blame. While boring through lockers, these lockerbeests picked up debris like books and mittens, then re-deposited them in other lockers. However, it was also revealed, the more cluttered a locker was, the less likely invasion became. Obviously, the larcenous lockerbeests could only be defeated by plain sloppiness.

It was then students began to tape odd bits of paper over the openings in their lockers. But these stark scraps offended the



artistic nature of the students, and soon they had graduated to newspaper clippings. Combined with a lock, these measures seemed to deter the lockerbeesti.

But, like insects, the lockerbeests produced mess-resistant offspring. These not only could tolerate the paper clutter; they ate it. The surprised students rushed to develop a greater clutter concentration and stop the beests by using mobiles, carpeting, protest buttons, and posters. It became a fad. The lock, primary to cluttercide's potency was forgotten, and eventually students outlawed such locks as imperiling getting to classes on time. Nor have the strengthened, paper-eating invaders been given much attention, except when the paper they eat is green.

## Forum Youths Probe Scholastic Contrasts

"Keep to the left of the stairs; walk in single file; no talking; where's your hairband?" are familiar sayings to me associated with my school in South Africa. Schooling is the greatest difference between the young Americans and the young South Africans.

Most of our high schools are not co-ed. I went to an all-girl public school, Pretoria Girls' School, with about nine hundred students, starting from eighth grade and finishing with the twelfth. Our school is far stricter than this school. Firstly, we have to wear uniforms every day and violation of the uniform is a serious offense. We are compelled in our school to wear our hair tied back if it is any longer than shoulder length.

### More Formality

Our attitude towards the teachers is more respectful in many ways. We all have to stand when they enter a room, we are not supposed to talk during the lesson and if, after one warning you are caught doing something, you are sent out for the rest of the period. Another difference between our school and Verona is the manner in which we address our teachers. When spoken to by a teacher we have to stand up and be very formal in our answer or else we are considered "cheeky."

Besides all the differences in our school life, American students and South African students are very much the same. We start dating around the same age, and seem to choose the same places to go for entertainment.

Although I have been in the U.S.A. only two weeks, I know I will benefit from my stay.

Marilyn van Heerden

### Informality Praised

Although the Finnish school system generates longer and more effective study, I believe the American school atmosphere is more creative, informal, and liberal, and thus far better emotionally. The physical largeness of classroom probably helps to create such an atmosphere.

In my school, however, there is a ten-minute break between classes during which we can go outside and talk, an opportunity missing here. Finnish education also is advantageous in its stress of a general cultivation of knowledge, in comparison to the Amer-

ican emphasis on particular fields of study. Our school athletic program does not include basketball, and one of my most enjoyable activities in Verona was attending a basketball game.

I was not surprised to see the Americans rushing and hurrying everywhere, but I prefer the slower pace of European life. Another American feature which I don't like is the instant hate for everyone or anything that is associated with Communism, without investigating the particular case. However, in almost all other cases, Americans, especially teen-agers, are urged to have differences of opinion, an excellent situation in my opinion.

The living standards of the middle class and high class in America appear to be higher than their counterparts in Finland. We have one large advantage, however: no slums.

The informality that I stressed earlier has been the most important factor in making my stay here most profitable.

Erkki Liikanen

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# Varsity Dumps Old Men; Alumni's Steam Runs Out

Verona's powerful varsity basketball team met a tough alumni team on Friday night, December 16. A fourth-quarter Hillbilly rally turned a close game into a 61-45 rout, with the varsity coming out on top of the second annual Varsity-Alumni game.

### Anderson Again

The contest opened with present day high schoolers taking a quick 5-0 lead on Tom Courtney's three point play and Bruce McKinley's jumper. After an Alumni basket, the varsity came back with five more points on Bill Anderson's successful charity toss and field goals by Steve Kraus and McKinley. The alumni came back behind the scoring of Marc Wurgaft and Mel Behney to cut the varsity led to 13-12 at the quarter.

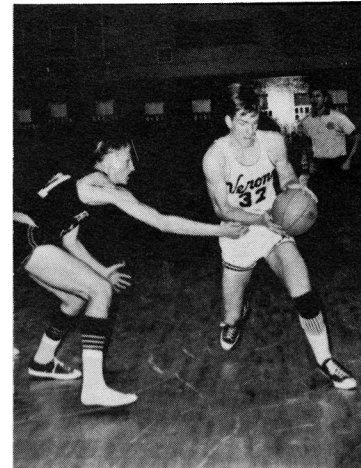
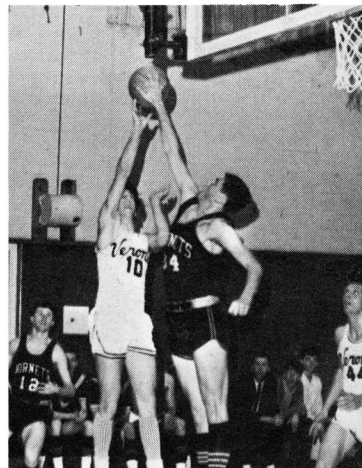
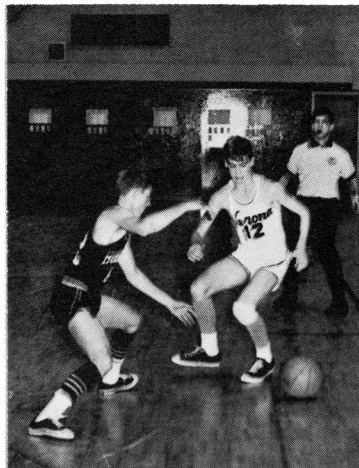
At the start of the second quarter, the two teams traded goals before the alumni ran off eight straight points to take the

lead as the half ended, 22-18.

### Alumni Close In

The scoring picked up as the third quarter opened. The varsity slowly chipped away at the alumni lead until Anderson tied the score at 34-34 with a long field goal. Foul shots by Norm Liedtke and Courtney gave the varsity a two-point lead, but a last-second three point play by alumnus Wurgaft brought the third quarter to a 37-36 ending, with the tiring alumni on top.

Verona's best basketball players of recent years could not contain the present varsity, though. Bruce McKinley hit a jump shot, Anderson connected for two jumpers and a foul, and Kraus pumped in a short basket to give the varsity a 43-37 lead. Ed Huff broke the streak by connecting on a set shot before the varsity rolled off six more points for a comfortable 51-39 point lead and the game.



Verona stars in action against Hanover Park. Left, soph Norm Liedtke prepares to pounce on loose ball; center, junior guard Bud Hart pumps jumper over outstretched hands of defender; right, senior Bill Anderson outmaneuvers opposition.

# Seven Straight For Gaffneymen VHS Cagers Ready For Chiefs

Verona High School's varsity basketball team has jumped off to its fastest start in years. The Hillbilly cagers have won eight of their first ten contests and have a 4-1 record in Suburban Conference play.

On December 12, Verona entertained Hanover Park in the first of five pre-conference games. Sophomore Norm Liedtke was outstanding in leading Verona to a 56-61 victory.

In the season's second game, a 56-54 loss to Glen Ridge marred Verona's record, but in the following game the Hillbillies whipped West Essex, 56-49. Glen Ridge topped Verona in the last minute after a Hillbilly rally stalled earlier in the fourth period. Bill Anderson had 25 points and Pat Sullivan contributed 19 to the losing cause. Against West Essex, Verona trailed at half-

time, but the good play of Anderson and Steve Kraus insured the Hillbillies their second victory in three outings.

In the final two pre-conference contests Verona romped to an easy victory over Roselle Park, on December 27, and two days later Coach Gaffney's courtmen stomped on Kenilworth, in an away game. Roselle Park fell to the Hillbillies 67-51 as Anderson again had the hot hand, scoring 23 points, while Bruce McKinley chipped in 15. Outstanding defensive play and a game-high of 15 points made Steve Kraus the star of the 58-40 romp over Kenilworth.

### Cedar Grove Dumped

Suburban Conference play opened on a dramatic note as Verona visited undefeated Cedar Grove. Despite trailing by 14

points at halftime the Hillbillies battled back and, with less than two minutes remaining, a jump shot by Kraus put Verona ahead 62-61. Four more Verona points, coming on key foul shots, closed the scoring.

Verona's next conquest came at the expense of another previously undefeated team as Chatham fell 66-59. It was not until the middle of the third quarter that the Hillbillies could overtake Chatham, but with the score tied at 36, Kraus pumped in two baskets to assure a victory.

The next two foes of Verona's high-flying five fell relatively easily. Millburn went first, losing 71-52. Coach Gaffney's entire squad saw action against the winless Millers. Three days later, on January 12, Summit gave the Hillbillies a scare, before some poised play by Kraus and McKinley broke a 44-44 deadlock. Twenty-four points by Anderson, 21 of them coming in the first half, also aided the Hillbillies to their 51-48 win.

### Winning Streak Ended

Verona's good fortune didn't continue, though, when New Providence ended the seven-game winning streak. The outlook was encouraging when, after the first quarter, Verona led 17-15. But the Pioneers switched from a man-to-man defense to a zone defense, a move which held the hillbillies to six points in the second period. The final score was 72-58.

# Daisies Lose To Potent Alumnae

It was the season of expectation, celebration and old friends. But in the alumnae game of December 21, the girls' basketball team saw little expectation or celebration and too many old friends.

At least fifteen alumnae, captained by Jane Hagerstrom and Casey Cooksey, formed an imposing team for the Daisies to face in their first challenge of the year.

### Alumnae Dance Away

The alumnae took the lead in the first seconds of play and never relinquished it, showing a combination of timing and shooting that the G.A.A. team found hard to match, let alone overcome. The pace was maintained when the '67 graduates entered in the second quarter, leaving a half-time score of 26-5.

And despite the showing of Daisies Behney, Borino, and Festa, the first-quarter scorers Hagerstrom and Duffy returned to increase the lead in the last minutes for the final score of 36-12.

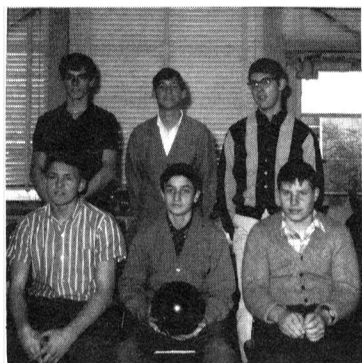
# Skaters Start Scrimmages

On the last day of 1967, the Verona High School Hockey Club, newly-formed and without a coach, played its premier game. A strong Mountain Lakes squad won the pre-dawn contest, 3-0, but the Hillbilly skaters gained valuable experience from their first competition.

Like all young organizations, the Hockey Club has had its share of problems. Injuries, shortage of players, poor equipment, and a practically non-existent practice schedule have all caused persistent difficulties. Captain Doug Charlton, in addition to leading his squad on the ice, has also had to schedule all of the games and scrimmages. Practices have usually been held between one and four o'clock in the morning, since ice time is at a premium.

In practice the team has stressed drills to improve passing, criss-crossing, shooting, and other general skills. The rough brand of hockey employed by the squad has made Verona a feared team among the various hockey clubs with which they compete. "Because of the way we play," says captain Charlton, "the squad has a blast, except for the kids who go to the hospital—so far we've lost three men: Dan Antolick, Dave Spiegel, and Chuck Cross."

The skaters for Verona have been Charlton, Dick Teimer, Steve Eisenberg, Eric Moberg, Larry Goldfarb, Dave LeSeur, Armand Jacobsen, Steve Hickey, and Alan Malecki.



The bowling team poses before commencing practice in the library.

# Pinmen Fall Down

After a quick start, Coach John Burguillos' freshman-studded bowling team has hit a woeful slump. Strong performances by the three lettermen—Jeff Ochs, Dick Teimer, and captain Steve Bushberg—enabled the Hillbillies to win two of three from Montclair on December 14, the second one a come-from-behind, four pin victory.

After defeating Cedar Grove in game two on December 19, Verona plunged into its current winless skein of sixteen games. The Hillbillies dropped an 826-824 heartbreaker to Belleville in the middle game of January 11, after a 210 by freshman Rob Brau. The home forces came close again seven days later, bowing to second-place Essex Catholic, 867-862, in a game that featured a 201 by Brau. Bushberg fired a 202 in the finale, but the Eagles' 916 was far out of reach.

Because of conflicting activities at the library, the team competes at Bell-Clair Lanes. Its log now stands at 3-21.

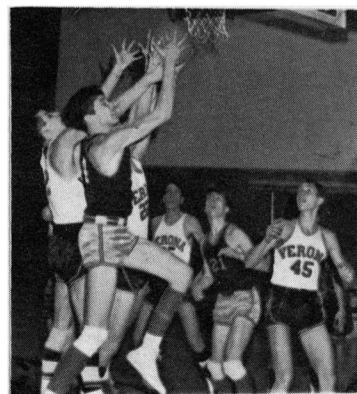
# JV's Off To Quick Start; Frosh Responding Slowly

The junior varsity basketball team, coached by Mr. Arthur Pasquale, began the '67-'68 season on December 12 by trouncing Hanover Park, 46-36, and followed with a 52-46 victory over Glen Ridge. Junior Don Overholser starred for the Hillbillies in each game.

Verona chalked up two more victories in their next two games as West Essex fell, 46-37, and Roselle Park lost 60-54. Bob Goman and Mike Fogarty were the high scorers in these two games with nine and nineteen points respectively. The cagers then eked out a tough 43-35 victory over Kenilworth before dropping their first game of the year, a 50-48 overtime loss to Cedar Grove.

### Drop Two Out of Three

The freshman basketball team, coached by Mr. Robert Graham, opened their Suburban Conference season by losing to Cedar Grove 44-42 and being defeated 42-32 by Chatham. The frosh won their first game against Millburn 45-35 at the losers' gym.



J.V.'s Bob Scharling and Jerry Perl grab rebound away from Chatham player.



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# Latin-American, European Youth Spend Three Days In Verona

To promote better relationships between the youth of the United States and foreign students, VHS meridians, for the fifth consecutive year, hosted an International Weekend. Eighty foreign students of the secondary school level attended.

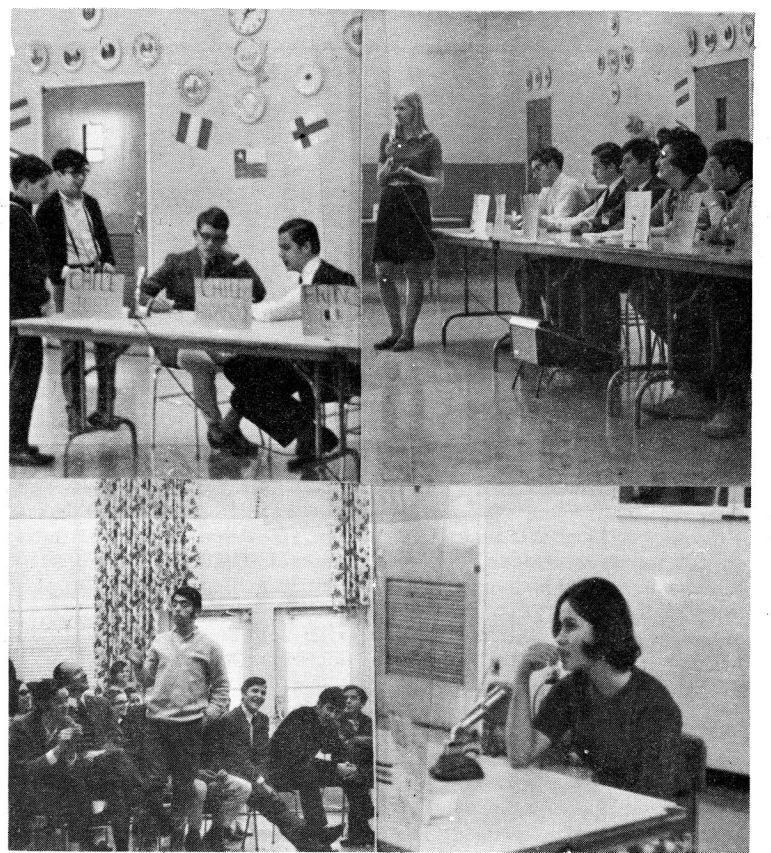
Foreign guests attended classes with their hosts on Friday, February 9, during which they observed VHS teaching methods and scholastic routine. A panel discussion, moderated by Mrs. Rosalind Krupp, was held in the cafeteria on Saturday. The panel, which consisted of seven foreign students from Costa Rica, Argentina, Chile,

France, Peru and Germany, answered questions posed by Mrs. Krupp and the audience. Questioning revealed opinions that there is less family unity in the United States than in the homelands of the panelists, although some felt that the people of the United States are more religious than many of their country men.

During the discussion many students commented that the people of the United States should be more inclined to negotiate with Communist countries. A panelist from Chile noted that Americans have never experienced communism and therefore cannot base feelings towards it objectively.

The Meridians, led by Nancy Stetson, Miss Louise Fricke, and Larry Levine, chairman of the weekend, held a dance on the night of Saturday, February 10 for all guests and members. The culmination of the Weekend came the following day with a brunch in the Verona High School cafeteria.

The purposes of the International Weekend can be expressed by the words of songwriter Les Rice, who wrote, "I can see a new world/ A new world coming fast/ When all men are brothers And hatred forgotten at last."



Cafeteria activity during International Weekend.

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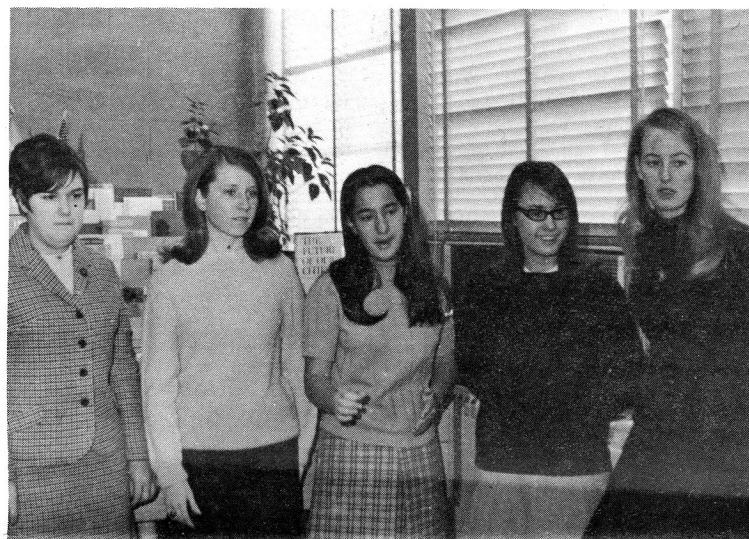
### Faculty Selects Representatives

Students were recently selected by the faculty as Verona High School's delegates to New Jersey Girls' State and Girls' Citizenship Week Institute. Six junior girls were chosen, three as delegates and three as alternates for the convention. Both activities are held at Douglass College in June.

The delegate to Girls' State, which is sponsored by the American Legion, is Cathy Burgillos. Her alternate is Ann Arella.

The Girls' Citizenship Week Delegates are sponsored by New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs. Joan Oremland and Holly Grim were selected as delegates, and Amy Schnetter and Ellen Straus will be their alternates, respectively.

In selecting delegates, the faculty first votes to select a list of possible candidates, and those six candidates placing highest on a second vote become delegates and alternates. The criteria for selection include the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and scholarship.



Ellen Straus (center) demonstrates karate techniques to be used against fresh Boys' Staters. Cathy Burgillos, Amy Schnetter, Joan Oremland, and Holly Grim express disinterest.

### Course Expansion Begins In Non-College Program

"The whole purpose of our curriculum is to give meaning to our students by stimulating possible education and developing a skill which can be sold in the job market upon graduation from high school," said Mr. Joseph Pirrello commenting on the expansion of the Distributive Education program.

Mr. Pirrello feels that all students should have an education "which best suits their aptitudes,

abilities, goals, and interests, not necessarily including college." This principle is the keystone of Distributive Education.

A variety of courses in the industrial arts, business education, and co-operative education are offered for the non-college bound student at VHS. Distributive Education offers many opportunities for this student. The program consists of instruction in marketing, merchandising, management, general education, and part-time job experience. Employers of students act as teachers, giving credits and grades for work experience.

Office Occupation Programs provide secretarial students with clerical work experience. In preparation for handling problems that might be encountered, these students take a secretarial training course in their senior year.

General Shop is both vocational and avocational. With several years of participation in this program, a student is qualified for cabinetmaking, lathe-operating, household repairing, or carpentry.

stated that the evaluators' appraisal was "excellent or better." The summary report highly commended the Program of Studies, Student Activities, Guidance Department, Health Services, and instructional materials. High ratings also went to the Business Department and publications.

Suggestions to the Program of Studies were that departmental chairmen be allotted more time, summer educational workshops be inaugurated, and more diversified electives be offered.

The Student Activities Program was advised to acquire a coordinator to supervise its pursuits. Working accommodations

### Incumbents, Budget Gain Approval Of Local Voters

Hilda Jaffe and Edward P. Wizda were re-elected to the Verona Board of Education Tuesday, February 13. The election also resulted in the passage of the \$2,197,082 school budget by a near two-to-one margin.

The defeated candidates for office were Hrant Yousoufian, former president of the Citizens and Taxpayers League, Samuel Cameron, Principal of a Hackensack elementary school, and Benjamin Veal, Principal of Preakness School in Wayne. Mrs. Jaffe has previously held her office of board president for three years. The new year will mark Mr. Wizda's second term.

Mrs. Jaffe, Mr. Wizda and Mr. Mattis were consulted by The Fairviewer as to how the new budget will be used for the improvement of Verona High School.

"We do intend to take action very soon on the athletic facilities, which are very important to the school," commented Mrs. Jaffe on the major area cited for improvement. Mr. Wizda agreed, saying, "Some definite improvement in the high school facilities will have to be made because of the very bad conditions."

To discuss this problem, a meeting will be held March 5. Attending will be the Advisors' Committee, the Board of Education, townspeople, and an architect, who will present several plans which will be discussed among those present.

Concerning other improvements, Mr. Mattis stated, "Full development will be made of the land in possession of Verona High School." Additions to the building are being considered as well as revision of several courses.

### Evaluators Praise Curriculum, Recommend New Gym Facilities

for school publications were also recommended. An additional gymnasium, locker room, and industrial arts laboratory were suggested.

Revealing some of the Committee's conclusions, Dr. Harold Eaton, chairman, wrote, "One of our first impressions as we came into the high school was that the student body was a mature group of young people. We observed the fine appearance of the building, and found the staff helpful in every way."

The complete education report will be explained by Mr. Willard at the joint Parent-Teacher Association meeting scheduled for April 8.

### Class Stresses Current Affairs

An exciting and new approach to leadership and citizenship may soon appear in a course planned by Mr. Donald Ellicott.

The course's projected curriculum includes the topics of current affairs, politics, and sociology. Two of the major units would be debate and public speaking.

Suggested field trips include: attendance at meetings of the Town Council and Kiwanis or Rotary Club, investigations of urban slums, and visits to the United Nations, Trenton, and various newspaper offices.

The course was originally conceived as a catalyst for better and larger participation in the Debating Society and the Model United Nations Club, and might serve as prerequisites for those clubs in the future.

Instruction would be distributed among several teachers. The course open to all students for two credits or none, would be stressed for freshmen and sophomores, however.

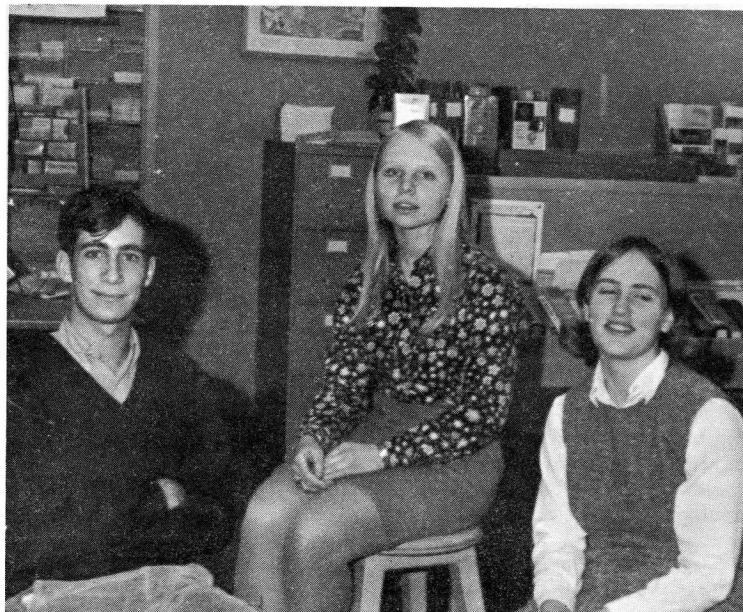
Problems have arisen in scheduling the course, and it may therefore, be held in one-hour sessions before school two mornings a week.

### "Our Town"

Mr. Jacobs unexpectedly announced that the Dramatics Club will present "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. Casting will begin this week.

The play consists of three acts: the first describing a typical day in a typical town; the second, love and marriage; and the third, death and predestination.

Two weeks after the play is presented, the club will go to New York to see "Man of La Mancha."



Commencement Speakers Smug #3 and grinning #2 flank leggy #1.

# Chairman Reviews Faults Of International Weekend

by Larry Levine

The International Weekend was conceived by the Meridians of Verona High School as a project to further understanding and to familiarize exchange students with another community, its school system and life. Over the years we feel that these objectives have been realized.

The fifth weekend was held on February 9-11 of this year. Even though the weekend was declared a success by almost everyone involved, it was marred by a few unhappy episodes. As chairman of this event, I would like to speak about these in order to clarify the issues involved.

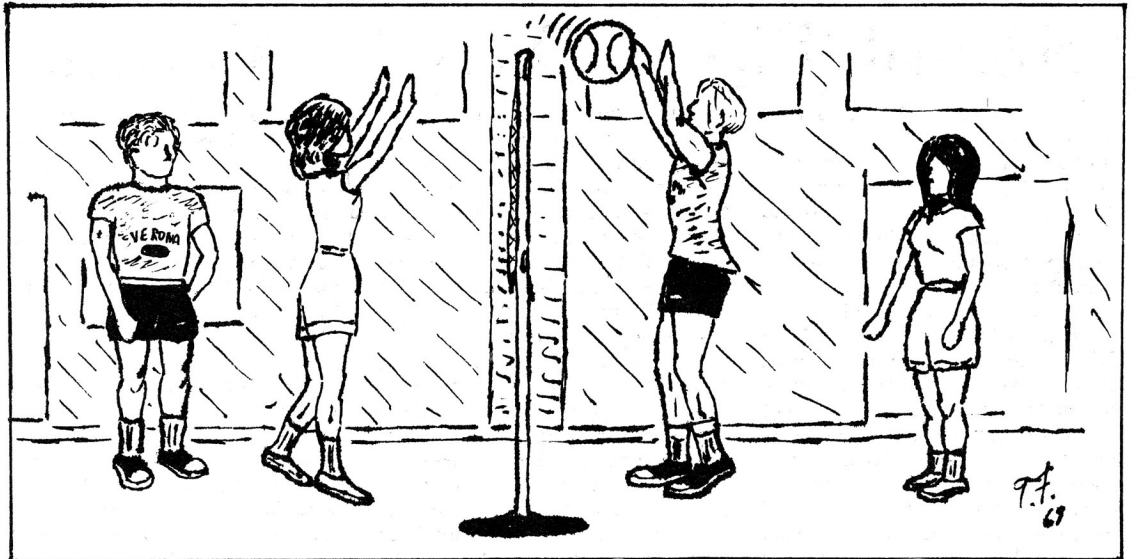
Our main problem this year, as in the past, was smoking. The foreign students were informed in advance that smoking was not permitted on school property, but they did not heed these warnings, and both the lavatories and the school grounds were filled with cigarette smoke and ashes. Another problem concerned some foreign guests leaving classes and in some cases wandering on school grounds. This problem reached a climax during seventh period when there were almost 50 people congregated in the lobby, while hosts attended classes. Hosts at the next Inter-

national Weekend will be designated the responsibility of informing their guests of high school rules and insuring that these rules are followed at all times.

I realize that many teachers and students were inconvenienced on Friday, and I would like to apologize for the situation. If there is another International Weekend, the number of foreign students will definitely be limited to 50. I hope that this will relieve the overcrowding occurring in classrooms.

Our last problem was the attitude and actions of the foreign students as a group. This year we felt that the group was less interested in the host and the educational aspects of the weekend. Accordingly, next year's invitations will describe the responsibilities inherent to both hosts and guests who wish to gain from the many assets of the weekend.

At a recent evaluation of this activity, we proposed concrete recommendations for next year, including some just mentioned. We trust that these solutions will rectify many of the problems that marred an otherwise meaningful program.



# Co-Ed Physical Education Class Provides Benefits For Students

## Pro

by Richard Seltzer

Students who cry for change and variety in the curriculum of Verona High School recently saw their dreams crystalize in the introduction of a co-ed gym class. This type of program is a definite asset to Verona High School and should be continued, but only on an occasional basis.

The scope of a co-educational gym class certainly must be limited. Girls might not be completely enthusiastic about participating in Mr. Sutter's version of "bombardment" or a "little game of football." Similarly, one finds it difficult to picture certain 200-pound senior boys participating in "modern dance." However, co-educational volleyball, softball, and gymnastics would not only be practical but beneficial. Implementation of such a program would provide insight into athletic programs carried on "the other side of the wall" and, for one reason or the other, would also serve as a catalyst for greater interest in physical education. Hopefully, this experiment might lead to a long-needed change in the health education department where the two sexes still have separate classes.

Finally, the co-educational gym program should be kept, if for only one overwhelming reason—its introduction may help to increase the number of times that a gym suit is washed during the year.

## Con

by Matt Cohen

Keeping up with the times, gym instructors recently mixed sex and athletics and came up with the co-ed gym class. Yet this combination poisoned the basic objectives of physical education.

It is dubious whether the idea of a co-ed gym class is accepted seriously. Replacing the original goal of physical fitness are "cutesie" poses and neatly-combed hair. Furthermore, the co-educational gym class puts natural limits on the type and extent of activities undertaken; for example, the typical masculine sports of football and bombardment would have to be cut, along with the highly-co-ordinated dance movements which are within only feminine capabilities. Even sustaining a reasonably good game of volleyball is difficult, with the potential male domination.

Even after ignoring all of its obvious flaws, it takes considerable searching to find any possible benefits from such an arrangement. Viewing girls clad in gym shorts can hardly be thought of as preparation for the summertime bikini-viewing.

And it would take more than a co-ed gym class to solve the smelly gym suit problem among boys; it might create competition for stylish gym suits among girls.

How could it have happened? From the imaginative minds of Verona High's gym teachers one would not expect such an impractical plan that would be detrimental to the goal of physical education.



# U.S. Foreign Policy At Crossroads Isolationism Versus Mutual Security

by John Tesser

With the Vietnam situation progressing from bad to worse, the Korean situation on the verge of war, and numerous other possible major confrontations with the Communist world, a decision has to be made by the American people. They must decide whether or not to continue their policy of a collective defense system or adopt a policy of isolationism.

### Past History

United States' policy throughout its history has been to maintain a skeleton standing army in times of peace and then to recruit vast numbers of men when war breaks out. That policy almost led to disaster for the United States in World War II following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Realizing the possible consequences of that policy, the United States established a number of defense organizations with other countries after the war. These defense organizations require the United States not only to spend billions of dollars on defense each year, but also to deploy its military forces to the four corners of the globe. In practicing such a collective-defense policy, the United States runs the risk of Vietnams. But to be the policeman of the world, it must be willing to pay the price.

The only other choice for America would be to withdraw into partial or total isolationism.

United States' forces and bases can be completely withdrawn to within the United States or reduced to strategic areas. However, it would be necessary to build a multi-billion dollar anti-ballistic missile-defense system. The United States could build itself into a virtually impenetrable fortress. But this pol-

icy would also have its drawbacks. Travel abroad as well as international business and commercial transactions might be greatly restricted with international relations as a whole reduced.

But this then would be the price of isolationism. And whatever decision the United States people make, they must stick by it and pay the price.

# Question of Salaries Provokes Comment

To the editor,

I would like to comment briefly on the front page article in the last issue of The Fairviewer about teachers' salaries. I refer specifically to the closing sentence that stated that Verona's teachers would receive "above-average salaries."

Those of us who have been involved for many years in salary discussions find it very difficult to evaluate one salary guide in relation to another. A salary guide is composed of some sixty or more different items and two salary guides can vary greatly on each of these different items. Therefore one guide can surpass another in some respects and fall short in others.

Also, since salaries are not finally determined until after budgets have been fixed, it is impossible to say where a proposed guide will be in relation to any other.

It has always been my belief that front page material should be factual and therefore I think an opinion concerning the relative standing of our guide should have been expressed in a signed article or editorial on another page.

It is a fact that salary guides in Essex County are very similar, therefore it would have been closer to the truth to say that ours is "about average" rather than "above average" for this area.

Boris Weller

**Editor's Comment: It is a standing policy of the Fairviewer that opinion belongs solely on the editorial page, and thus the editor apologizes for the news article to which Mr. Weller refers. Unfortunately, we did not realize the implicit slant and possible implications of the article until after the paper had gone to press.**



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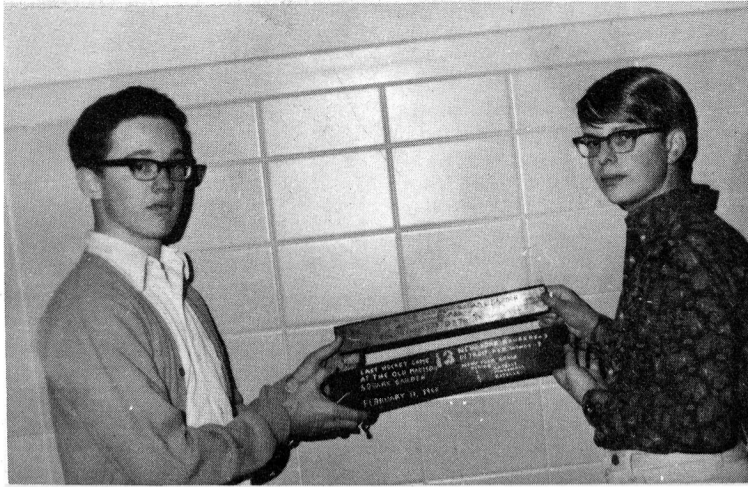
# Fans Pick Everything In Old Garden As Team Competition In Arena Ends

by Elissa Weitz

"Newark News-(N. Y.) There they were for all to see-Rangers who had actually won a Stanley Cup or two. And there were a lot more there who had prevented Rangers from winning Stanley Cups, too.

This was at the Garden yesterday, (February 11) where they iced down the puck for the last time before moving down Eighth Avenue to 33rd Street. . ."

Four VHS Rangers' fans-Larry Burdette, Paul Ferber, Alan Frey, and Alan Malecki-were not about to miss the last hockey game their favorites were to play at the old Madison Square Garden. Neither were the two about to leave the game without some minor memento, like a chair back.



Ranger fans Frey and Burdette with spoils of victory.

saw blades, the pair, like many other hockey fans they observed, did get real souvenirs of the Garden in the form of assorted seat parts. Some weren't satisfied with such simple fare, though. Said Alan Frey, "All the Section and Exit signs were gone, which must have really messed up some of the dog show people coming in the next day."

But the game itself was certainly not forgotten.

"But once the creaky-legged veterans, animated pages from the all-star records paraded off the ice in pre-game ceremonies, the all-star records paraded off the ice in pre-game ceremonies, nostalgia went with them for the sellout crowd of 15,925."

"We were hoping for a win, as it would be their thirteenth Sunday win of the season, which would make them higher in the standings," reported Alan F. There was some delay before the game began, for the ceremonies were also delayed before thirty-odd ex-Rangers skated out. Most were now retired or managers.

### Skaters and Scavengers

It was a good game. The Rangers didn't beat their opponents,

the Detroit Red Wings, but did manage their eleventh tie. The score was 3-3. The seat backs the boys got give the vital statistics, Ranger fan-wise: "Last Hockey Game At The Old Madison Square Garden, February 11, 1968, New York Rangers-3, Detroit Red Wings-3. New York Goals: Period 1, 2, 3-Ratelle, Marshall, Ratelle."

The crowd was excited, trying to watch the skating forms and the blue forms of the police trying to stop too savage memento-hunting. Three seconds before the game ended, there was a stoppage of play. The boys could hear other people jumping on their seats, trying to break them. Both Alans leaned back in what was left of their chairs to conceal the fact that there was no longer anything to lean back against. Slipping the seat parts under their coats after the game, they walked out. Alan M. later gave a seat back to Larry. The pair could have lost the booty to the police. The Rangers could've lost the game, too.

"But it wouldn't have been right. . ."



Kesky Sposs (in foreground) proudly displays two-dimensional blimp.

# Look Out, Verona; Here Comes Blimp

by Kesky Sposs

It's the eighteenth green at the Augusta National, or the Super Bowl, or the World Series. At these extreme moments of suspense, when all eyes are hypnotized by the image on the TV screen, the televiewer beholds a familiar spectacle in the heavens above—the Goodyear Blimp.

What is the Blimp really like? Is it really a disguised alien spaceship of Saturnian sports nuts? Is it a warehouse for the sum and substance of a P.A.D. class? Or is it simply being displayed for sale by the junior class?

Obviously, the personality of the vehicle will be discernable only through more extensive exposure. It is fascinating to speculate the functions the Blimp may be performing in the future. Perhaps Judge Hofheinz will cram it into his Astrodome (an Astro-blimp?), if not for TV coverage, then as a shuttle for the upper deck.

There is no reason for the continued imprisonment of the

Goodyear Blimp over sports arenas. For example, what sight could be more thrilling than that of the stately dirigible hovering over the presidential inauguration next January, studded with green and orange balloons? The possibilities stagger the imagination.

And thus a new committee has evolved: the Boosters for Local Usage of the Blimp. B.L.U.B. president Chester Bloop recently announced, "The committee has recommended many possible applications of the Goodyear Blimp at VHS."

"The physical education program could sure use it," mused Mr. Bloop. "Why, think of the realism the obstacle course would attain if a hovering dirigible could drop napalm on the runners."

However blind, the blimp fetish of Chester Bloop and his BLUB's maintains their confidence that VHS will soon regain football supremacy.

"All we need is a blimp," said Bloop.

### Hacksaws, Anyone?

Equipped with two screwdrivers and a couple of hacks-

# Project Causes Poster Mystery



The girl in the drawing is young, blonde, lively. "There's a new freedom about her since she started using thesis statements," the red ink announces. The Whazzisname Yogi meditates at you in full color mounted on black. White printing: "Wisdom, Thought, and then your Thesis Statement." Suddenly, the posters are all over the school, all preaching that one should use thesis statements.

What is a thesis statement?

Perhaps an explanation of why the "Thesis Statement" campaign is suddenly thriving at VHS in the first place should take precedent. In reality, it represents the results of a unit on propaganda techniques in Mr. Jacobs' speech class. The object was to use various propaganda techniques (13 techniques were explored by the would-be ad-men, plus the seven vital drives, plus audience analysis) to convince the student body to use thesis statements. Each student was required to make three posters, to be graded on layout and employment of propaganda techniques.

### So What?

But what is a thesis statement? Well, another thing before that. The speech class, having completed their banners for the thesis statement crusade, were then instructed to use audience analysis in placing the posters. They were not to just hang them, but hang them strategically, in places where the people at whom the particular propaganda techniques of each poster were aimed would see it.

What's a thesis statement?

A thesis statement is a well-defined statement of purpose which discourages the writer from straying from his topic. It was chosen for the propaganda unit project because the class was impressed by the logic of using a limiting phrase. A thesis statement makes reading easier.



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# DECA

DECA sounds like the abbreviation of a chemical corporation's name or a Greek airline. It is neither. DECA stands for the Distributive Education Clubs of America, a chapter of which has been recently formed at Verona High School.

The DECA is a national organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., and New Jersey state headquarters in Trenton. Each school forming a DECA group gets a charter, but the organization, like 4-H, does not only seek to supplement the specialized education of a school's DE program. It also provides a social outlet for the students involved, and acts in a service capacity for both the high school and community.

### Talk Causes Action

At VHS, the DECA chapter is comprised of members of both Distributive Education classes, plus any interested alumni of the program. An initial meeting provided ideas and suggestions; a later meeting saw the election

of the group's officers: Jimmy Hilton, president; Janet Visakay, vice-president; Pat Quinn, parliamentarian; Diane Barnes, treasurer; Marlene DiMaio, secretary; and Jim Rolli, recorder.

Suggestions that a DECA chapter should be formed at VHS came after Mr. Mueleheisen, a Montclair State College student representing the organization, showed slides of a DECA convention to the two DE classes. He explained the club's background, functions, and goals, and, as a result, six DE students went with Mr. Pirrello to the New Jersey State Convention of the DECA Clubs in New Brunswick.

### Convention-bound

In March, another DECA state convention will be held at the Military Park Hotel in Newark. At this convention, winning DE projects in two different categories will be displayed before being sent to the national convention, to be held in Houston in May.

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# Cagers Finish Fourth In Conference; To Face Dover In State Tournament

The Verona High School basketball team recently snapped a losing streak. The Hillbillies topped Madison, 79-69, on Feb. 16. Bill Anderson contributed 21 points. Verona had lost 6 out of 7 games before the Madison

Hillbilly Bill Anderson, tearing rebounds off the boards, and backcourt star Steve Natale of Madison, each scored 30 points to lead their respective teams. But Madison was no match as Verona roared to a 60-43 lead in just three quarters.

Cedar Grove started the Hillbillies on their six-game losing streak. The Panthers avenged an earlier loss to Verona by taking a 61-53 decision. After a first period tie, Cedar Grove led Verona the rest of the way.

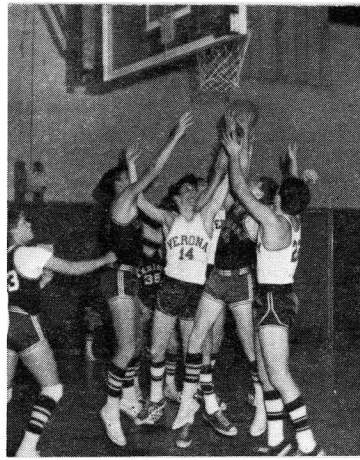
A speedy Chatham team handed Verona a 68-51 loss on January 30. The Hillbillies outscored the home club in the middle periods, but the Eskimos rallied in the final stanza, outscoring the Gaffneymen, 24-10. Only the outstanding 23-point performance of Bruce McKinley kept the Hillbillies close throughout the game.

On February 6, Verona fell to Summit 53-52. It was the fourth straight loss, all to teams previously beaten by the Hillbillies. The game was a see-saw battle all the way. With a minute and a half remaining, Jim Matulis pumped in a bucket to push Verona to a 50-49 lead. But two foul shots and a basket put Summit ahead as the game ended. Junior Pat Sullivan turned in one of his best performances of the year scoring 18 points for Verona.

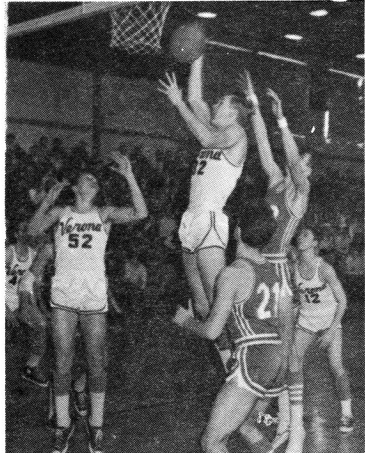
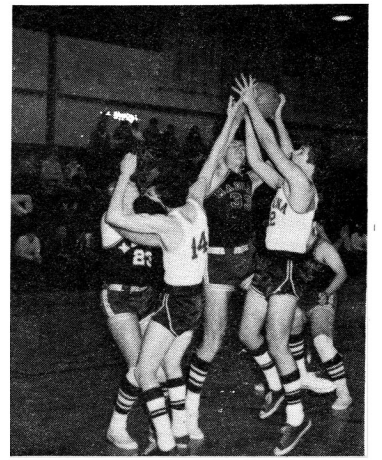
New Providence, the tallest and strongest team in the Conference, had no trouble handling the Hillbillies in the next encounter. New Providence displayed shooting skill and rebounding prowess, especially on the part of 6'8" Chris Ebel, as they moved to a 31-18 halftime lead. The final score was 71-50.

### Scalped Again

On February 13, Caldwell added the sixth straight defeat to the Verona list. The Chiefs showed why they lead the Conference and are eighth-ranked in the state with their fabulous shooting and hustle. But Caldwell led by just three points after a quarter and managed to take only an eight-point lead into the locker room at halftime. Verona's good showing, to this point, was mostly due to the hot shooting of Sullivan. But in the second half Caldwell unleashed Tom Adams, its prime weapon, with whom the Chiefs have crushed opponent after opponent. Adams' adept ball-handling cracked the Verona press, and time after time he drove for two points. Despite 16 points by Anderson, and one less by Sullivan, Caldwell ran away with an 82-56 decision.



Jayvees prove that determination results in success.



Bill Anderson

encounter. The overall log now stands at 10-9. The Gaffneymen have dropped from second place to a two-way tie for fourth in the Suburban Conference standings.

On January 19, before a capacity crowd at Caldwell, Verona fell in the final seconds, 50-47. It was a tight battle throughout, but the Hillbillies opened up a 42-38 lead in the fourth period. With the score in Verona's favor, 45-44, the ball was bounced into the Caldwell basket, giving the Chiefs a lead which they held until the final buzzer.

### Anderson Mincas Madison

Four days later, two brilliant performances highlighted Verona's 82-58 win over Madison.

## Solid Skaters

At 7:15 on the morning of Sunday, February 11, the long-awaited return match between the Verona and Mountain Lakes hockey clubs was played in the 7 frigidly of Branch Brook Park.

Verona was able to field only the required six skaters, but through two periods of inspired hockey, Verona's scrappy squad held their experienced adversaries to three goals. Twice Verona came close, when shots by Doug Charlton hit the post. The lack of a single substitute took its toll in the final period, as the exhausted Verona team permitted 23 shots on goal. Goalie Dick Teimer saved 18 of them, but the final score remained 8-0, with Mountain Lakes outshooting Verona, 41-11.

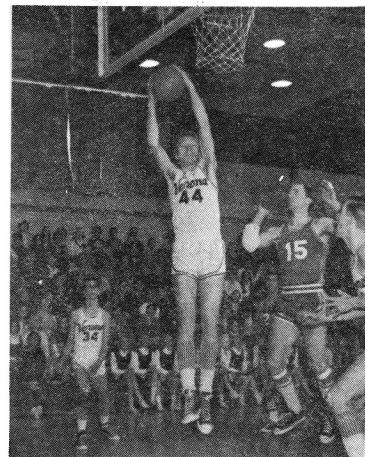
In the locker room after the game, the Mountain Lakes' captain commented that Verona's Steve Eisenberg, Eric Moberg, Larry Goldfarb, Armand Jacobsen, and Charlton were "the toughest-checking unit we've ever faced."

### Improvement Indoors

About 20 hockey fans watched Verona battle Livingston at South Mountain Arena on February 22. Teimer stopped 17 shots in the first period, but Livingston led 1-0 until Charlton tied the game midway in the second session. After Livingston retaliated, Charlton again fired in the tying goal. A pair of breakaways gave Livingston a 4-2 lead, and a third-period insurance goal made the final score 5-2.

### How Did We Do It?

Verona's loss at Millburn was



Bruce McKinley

the surprise of the year. The Millers had been having a mediocre season and this win was only their second of the year. Millburn's strength is its fastbreak, and the team employed this skill effectively. The most the Hillbillies could do was to hold their own in the final two periods. Bill Anderson's 24 points led the Verona scoring.

## Give JV Team Tourney Action

This year's JV basketball team has posted the finest record in recent years for a JV squad. Under Coach Arthur Pasquale, the team has averaged 60 points a game while posting an .800 won-lost percentage. The outstanding crop of sophomores features Craig Levinsky and Mike Fogerty as the top scorers, and Chris Courtney and Jerry Perl as the leading rebounders.

### Give 'em A Chance

Because of an antiquated Suburban Conference rule limiting post-season play of all the basketball teams, the JV squad is prohibited from entering the Essex County Tournament. When a team has produced as fine an effort as has this year's JV squad, it is unfair when they are prevented from experiencing the thrill of post-season play.

L.K.



Pat Sullivan and Norm Liedtke

Despite the recent losses, Verona has been selected to play in the State Tournament. The Hillbillies will challenge Dover in the first round of competition on March 4. Hopefully, Coach Gaffney will be able to start some of his frequently-injured regulars: Pat Sullivan, Steve Kraus, and Bill Anderson, who has an 18.5 average of the season.

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## Junior Varsity Ends Season Of Success

The JV's, coached by Mr. Arthur Pasquale, continued their winning ways by recording eight wins and one loss in their recent games. The squad sports a record of 16-3.

On January 12, Verona crushed Summit, 54-31. In the third period the Hillbillies outscored their opponents, 14-7, with Glenn Oliver contributing six.

Three days later Verona was dumped by a strong New Providence team. At the end of three periods, Verona led by a score of 53-49. But, as the JV's ran out of steam in the fourth period, New Providence surged ahead to gain a 66-61 victory.

### Six Straight

Visiting Caldwell on January 19, the Hillbillies started a six-game winning streak, romping to a 66-50 victory. Madison fell next as Verona ran away with a 62-48 decision.

## GAA Makes Spring Plans

Daisies naturally thrive in spring and, with the last basketball game of the year approaching, the G.A.A. Daisies have already laid plans for the spring season.

In its only home game of the season, the basketball team will attempt to break its losing streak when it meets West Orange, February 29. Joan Grissing, varsity team captain, attributed some of the team's troubles to the fact that it has never practiced in the double gym. The varsity trained weekly at Forest Avenue School and the J.V. at the Presbyterian Church.

An after-school Gymnastics Club held its first meeting Monday, February 26.

A meeting of the entire G.A.A. will be held March 7 to coordinate spring activities. Scheduled events include two faculty-student volleyball games March 12, and May 17, the G.A.A. Weekend May 24, and the annual Spring Show April 26.

Cedar Grove jeopardized Verona's streak, but the Hillbillies managed a victory through their consistent play.

Again the JV streak was in danger when Chatham presented formidable opposition to the Hillbillies, losing by a mere two points.

The Hillbillies easily defeated Millburn, on February 2 by a decisive score of 47-37.

### Young Perl Stars

In the next encounter, against Summit, Verona trailed going in to the fourth period by 5 points. Levinsky and Jerry Perl, both of whom tallied 19 points, sparked the team to victory in the final period.

The Hillbillies met their match by losing to New Providence again by a score of 63-60, thus ending Verona's six-game winning streak.

In their second-to-last encounter of the season, the JV's trounced Caldwell by an 81-71 score. Verona had all five starters in double figures.

## Frosh Triumph Over Madison

The freshman basketball team completed its Suburban Conference schedule by defeating Madison High School, 42-35. In a road contest earlier in the week, Verona suffered a defeat from the Caldwell team, 59-53.

Verona was behind most of the game against Caldwell. In the fourth quarter, the Hillbillies came within two points of Caldwell, but costly fouls proved to be the difference.

Concluding its season, Verona managed to squeak past Madison. The frosh led all the way, but late in the fourth quarter Madison began to click. Down by nine points with three minutes remaining, the Dodgers managed to outscore Verona, only to fall short at the final buzzer.

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## Students Tune In For Musical Shows; Folk Group, Concert Bands Perform

During the month of March, students were entertained by three musical assemblies. Electronic, classical, and show music filled the high school auditorium when the James Caldwell High School band performed on March 6. The program, led by Mr. Keith Bryant, conductor, included two ensemble groups.

A brass quintet played three classical pieces by Hensel. The percussion ensemble, a varied group, played the bongos, snare drums, tympani, tambourine, maracas, cow bells and cymbals in a lively dialogue.

The next selection provided VHS students with a rare experience consisting of taped computer-produced electronic sounds played with the band.

Verona High School hosted "The Sturgill's," a southern folk group, on March 13. Mr. and Mrs. Sturgill created a hillbilly atmosphere with their southern drawls and the use of eight various stringed instruments.

Each instrument was played during the course of the program. Employing a mandolin and a guitar, Mr. and Mrs. Sturgill played a duet. Mr. Sturgill, accompanied by his wife on the guitar, played an Appalachian dulcimer. She later accompanied him on a fiddle made of matchsticks.

In addition to these interesting instruments, Mr. Sturgill played

the carpenter's saw, to the tune of "Beautiful Dreamer," the Russian balalaika, and a home-made banjo.

Baldwin-Wallace College's Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Brass Choir played seventeenth-through-twentieth century music at a VHS assembly on March 21. The Ohio group per-

formed here as one of a series of eleven programs for a week-long concert tour through several eastern states. The elite Wind Ensemble has appeared in Severance Hall, Cleveland and Carnegie Hall, New York. Director Frank Battiaty rose to nationwide prominence as a result of his work at Ithaca High School.

## UN Club To Debate In Model Assembly

The distinguished delegates of the Model United Nations Club arrived at 3:15 to argue amongst themselves their respective positions. By 4:30, the meeting-room was deserted. It was only a mock session, but the process would be continued in many sessions by the Model U.N. Club in preparation for two conferences this spring.

Eight delegates will attend the East Coast Model United Nations Conference in New Providence. The conference will open with committee sessions on April 5 and 6 and will close with a General Assembly on April 7. Representing the Union of South Africa

will be Ambassador Richard Seltzer and delegates Lynne Barrett, Judy Hahn, Martin Katz, Fred Krupp, Larry Levine, Jason Stemmer and Nancy Stetson.

Verona High School's Model U.N. Club has also received the honor of representing India in an experimental Economic and Social Council at the National Invitational Model General Assembly at Georgetown University on April 19, 20, 21. Traveling there will be the same delegation with Linda Moore and Ted Lowenthal substituting for Fred Krupp and Nancy Stetson.

## PTA Holds Triennial Careers Conference

In the hope of providing students with a better insight into various possible vocations, the Verona High School Parent-Teachers' Association has scheduled a Career Conference. At this event students had the opportunity to hear prominent speakers in thirty-eight fields as well as to ask questions of those speakers. Job requirements, salaries, opportunities and other aspects of the professional world were discussed by the speakers who have been assembled by Mrs. Morton Rodman, Mrs. Robert Rubin, and Mrs. Lawrence Hill. Each student, accompanied by his parents, can attend two career field sessions, using the tickets of admission as-

signed to him earlier.

Among the eminent speakers from Verona to speak at the Career Conference was Mr. Everett Sahrbeck, an artist desiring to deal with the fine and commercial aspects of this field. Scheduled to speak on journalism was Mr. Damon Stetson, writer for the New York Times. To inform students on the possibilities of a career in science were Dr. Gerald Wizda of Hoffman LaRoche on chemistry, and Dr. Frank Fielder of the Shering Co. on biology.

Part of the value of this night lies in the equal emphasis given to many different fields requiring a variety of talents, not simply on highly technical vocation.

## "Our Town" Progresses As Rehearsals Commence

Rehearsals have started on Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," the Dramatics Club production scheduled for May 17 and 18.

The following students were chosen for acting assignments: Dan Antolick, Howie Newsome; Tom Carroll, Si Crowell; Bruce Cohn, Simon Stimson; Ingrid Crapps, Mrs. Soames; Marcia Dixcy, Emily Webb; Bill France, Joe Crowell; Jimmy Jacobs, Wally Webb; Al Kaplan, Sam Craig; Nancy Kaplan, Mrs. Gibbs; Lenny Klehr, George Gibbs; Mr. Richard Kleissler, Professor Willard; Paul Levinsky, Baseball Player; Roz Liberman, Mrs. Webb; Marty Monahan, Baseball Player; Jeanne Osmun, Rebecca Gibbs; Mitch Rabinowitz, Constable Warren; Joyce Rice, Woman in the Balcony; Chuck Riley, Mr. Webb; Mike Rodman, Stage Manager; Tom Smith, Dr. Gibbs; Joe Soboti, Baseball Player; and Mr. Boris Weller, Joe Stoddard.

Two unusual techniques are being employed by Director William Jacobs to portray the characters' thoughts: pantomime and background films.

Early in the year it was expected that there would be a Dramatic club play.

In explaining his reason for selecting "Our Town," Mr. Jacobs commented "Thornton Wilder makes a strong comment about blindness: the blindness of people who are kept within the confines of their hometown, as well as the blindness of people who can't see what they have because of no point of comparison."

## Flower Power

Spring at VHS began with the first annual "Flower Power Day," sponsored by the Meridians. Crepe-paper flowers were made at several meetings by members of the club, and sold to students and faculty members for ten cents on March 20. The campaign, spearheaded by Rhonda Johns, Tanya Hill, and Joan Grissing, was initiated on March 13 to reactivate the widespread enthusiasm exhibited on "Have-a-Heart-Day." The proceeds from this activity will be used by the Meridians to finance various service projects, especially the support of a foster child in Hong Kong.



Lenny Klehr and Marcia Dixcy rehearse scene from "Our Town."



The Band practices for various activity.

## Needham Exchange To Highlight Season

The V.H.S. band entered new dimensions as preparations began for the March 20 second Solo and Ensemble Festival; in-

cluding a variety of ensembles, and an enlargement of the Cultural Exchange Trip with the Needham, Massachusetts High School Band. Opening with the Woodwind Quintet, the Stage Band's performance of popular and jazz styles, such as "Pink Panther" and "Up, Up, and Away," highlighted the evening. The objective of the band was the "production of a new variety of sounds and styles." A preview in a V.H.S. assembly on March 27 included the participation of the Clarinet Choir, the Junior High Percussion Ensemble, and the Concert Band, who also performed in the Festival.

Profits from the Solo and Ensemble Festival will send V.H.S. students to Needham, Massachusetts for a concert on April 4. Arriving Thursday afternoon, the band will have a combined rehearsal with Needham. An assembly will feature the Verona band, twirlers, and Stage Band prior to the band's weekend excursions to Bunker Hill, the House of Seven Gables, and the Submarine Naval Reserve Center. Reciprocating, the Needham High School Band will perform in Verona May 9-12.

## Society Debates National Crime

Criminal Investigation Procedures has been the major discussion topic of the Debating Society this year. Representatives from Verona debated "Resolved: Congress should establish uniform regulations controlling criminal investigation procedures" at two recent contests.

Jason Stemmer, club president, and Richard Seltzer attended a New Jersey Forensic League Tournament at Parsippany on March 2. In their last debate, both Stemmer and Seltzer received the maximum score in every category, an unprecedented achievement for Verona debaters.

On March 23, four debaters attended the largest American debate tournament at Columbia University.

# Kennedy, McCarthy Join Political Contest

The duet originally scheduled for the production of "Election 68" has been expanded to a motley chorus of four, not five for the preview runs in Oregon and California. This critic can almost offer a rave reaction—the prospect of no completion for one major role (to be picked in the late summer at final auditions in Miami and Chicago) is not a pleasant one. I am sad to see Nelson Rockefeller, a man born to the theatrical tradition, pave Richard Nixon, a long time singer attempting a come-back, alone in competition for the role of the "elephant." More satisfying to a true music lover is the decision of Eugene McCarthy, the college crooner, and Robert Kennedy, a member of a musically-minded family, to join with Lyndon Johnson, the final winner of the competition four years ago, in the contest for the "donkey" role. The participation of these men will certainly keep theatrical circles buzzing for the next several months. Selection of the members of the duet, a long-standing tradition in the American musical theater.

### Frustration

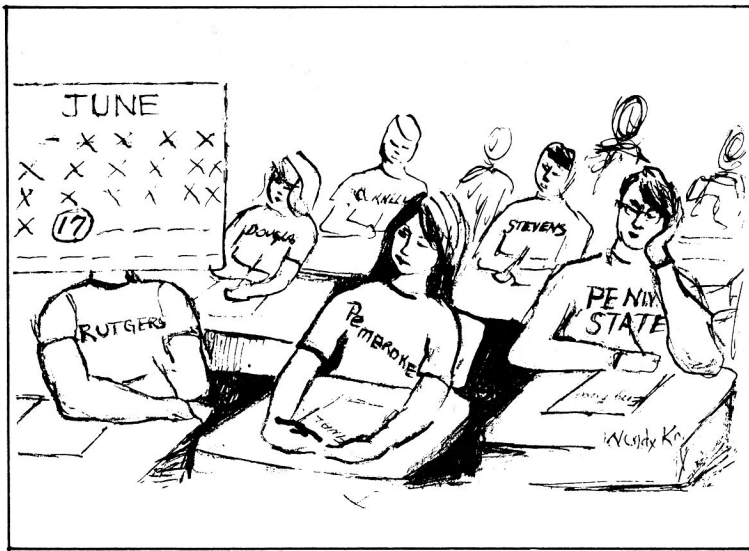
I have rarely seen audiences as frustrated as those existent a few months ago—they resembled a group of dedicated followers of Bach being forced to listen to either Eddy Arnold or Kate Smith. An important tradition in the musical theatre has always been the availability of all types of interpretations and singers, so that each listener can make a balanced choice. A month ago that full choice was sorely missing. Today we have it but only in one party.

### Role of Youth

Perhaps the greatest result of this four-man chorus has been its role in bringing young people back to the conventional theater. Many experts had feared that today's generation, engaging in off-beat unconventional and ineffective productions, would fail to have an influence on the traditional theatre. This fear has been wiped out by the backstage aid given to one competitor, probably to be afforded some of his opponents in the future.

A small minority of reviewers has argued that a large amount of competition could threaten the possible success of "Election 68." I must re-iterate my basic belief—a multitude of logical interpretations and good singers only serves to demonstrate the high quality of the material and the performers' motivation.

R.M.S.



## Unwarranted Limit Of Final Exam Exemptions

by Jason Stemmer

Although the administration has given its consent for senior exemptions, many faculty members either oppose the policy of exemptions or favor its institution to a very limited extent. Following the administration's recommendations, I can see no reason why a senior with an A or B average should have to take a final exam.

Final exams in most cases are valuable to both the teacher and the student. The teacher, by examining a display of a student's knowledge of the course material for the entire year, is able to give a fairer final grade. For the student, a year-end exam can be a chance to drastically raise his grade and may mean the difference between passing and failing. Also noted has been the fact that final exams provide a review of the year's work and prepare the student for college exams.

Yet for the senior with above-average grades, final exams represent a useless burden. For such a student, a year-end exam would not mean the difference between passing and failing, and since college acceptances have long been received, marks are no longer of any concern. As a preparation for college exams, three years of "finals" are quite enough.

For now, the senior has to rely on the law of chance. If he is lucky enough to have the right teacher, he may not have to take a final exam if he passes a "pre-final" exam or receives A's in every marking period or is taking an Advanced Placement test. It is hoped that, in the future, faculty members will develop a uniform system of test exemptions where any senior having an A or B average in a subject does not have to waste his time in taking a final exam.

The Fairviewer recently circulated a questionnaire among VHS faculty members who teach seniors. The purpose of the poll was to determine attitudes concerning senior exemptions. It read in part, "We are interested in determining what policy you are planning to follow concerning exam exemptions. Last year the Administration set the following minimum standards for teachers desiring to give exemptions: student must be a graduating senior, have earned a B or better during the first three marking periods, and be doing B work in the last marking period.

Sixteen teachers responded to the poll, with results as follows. Two (12.5%) were not sure of their plans, while two (12.5%) would definitely not allow any exemptions. A consistent B average was the sole requirement of seven (43.5%) teachers, while one (6.25%) will set a criterion of a "B+" average. Two teachers (12.5%) will require a certain grade on a pre-examination exam in addition to regular "B" grades. One (6.25%) will require "B's" on term paper and grades, while one (6.25%) will require "B's" on grades, a pre-examination exam, and term paper.

**This Fairviewer poll demonstrates that an overwhelming majority of senior teachers responding are definitely in support of some type of exam exemption. A growing minority, however, are planning far greater requirements than simply a consistent "B" throughout the year.**

## Cancellation Of Musical Concert Students, Council Both At Fault

by John Tesser

The recent Student Council attempt to produce a concert featuring Anthony and the Imperials resulted in a sixty dollar loss. The blame for this failure rests neither solely on the student body's lack of interest nor on the Council's poor planning. Responsibility must rather rest on both parties for their joint mistake which brought about an unsuccessful conclusion.

### Background

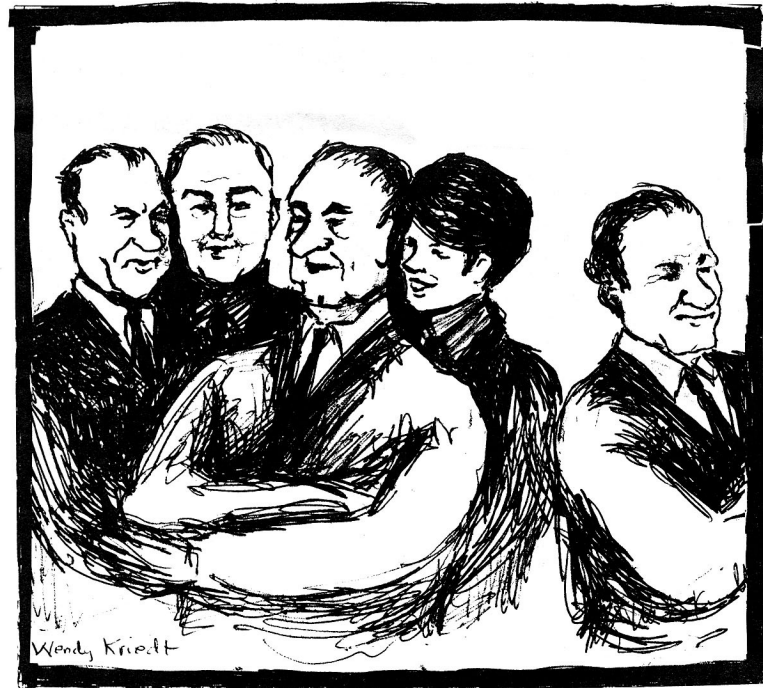
When the Student Council representatives took votes in their respective homerooms on the concert, twenty-five out of thirty-two homerooms responded in the affirmative. At this initial point the students appeared enthusiastic. However, as the tickets were sold, that early feeling seemed to have dissipated. Four thousand dollars in advance ticket sales was needed to complete the contract agreement. One hundred thirty-nine tickets were sold which amassed, approximately, five-hundred twenty dollars and fifty cents—a long ways from four thousand dollars. Some of even that small amount of money was collected in other Suburban Conference schools. The general impression seems to be that an apathetic student body greatly contributed to the concert's failure.

However, the student body is not entirely at fault. Much blame must be attributed to the poor planning of the Student Council itself. Because the auditorium in the high school is so small, all seats had to be filled in order for the Council to make a

profit on the concert. Yet even then the price of a ticket for the concert was three dollars and seventy-five cents. Another important factor is the Council's shortage of time to sell tickets for the concert. Eight days is hardly enough time to sell a thousand-seventy tickets.

Considering all aspects, such a project is very difficult to plan. The amount of money and time involved in organizing a large concert requires more consideration and deliberation than other Student Council functions. If such a project is undertaken in the

future, perhaps definite commitments should be made by students prior to the ordering of posters and printing of tickets. These commitments would assure that the money needed to produce a concert could be raised. Perhaps the tickets should be sold at a lower price. But whatever new ideas are tried, one conclusion is certain. More enthusiasm and support should be shown by the student body, or else a more honest reaction should be given when the original vote is taken.



## Board Decision On Field Obtains Commendation

The Verona Board of Education recently decided to initiate a redevelopment program for VHS athletes with some small-scale action—a grass-growing project on the athletic field.

The original plan called for the seeding to begin in April; thus, the field would have been unable to host the final home baseball games, gym classes, and Verona High's first outdoor commencement exercises.


When this plan was announced, an understandable protest was raised by those who contended that Verona High's defending Suburban Conference baseball champions had been done an injustice. Not only would the crucial final games have to be transferred to the opponents' fields, but the team would be left without a field to practice on between those games.

At the Board meeting of March

5, The Fairviewer raised the question of whether a sacrifice had to be made, and if one was necessary, why couldn't football make it? Since grass seed germinates best in cool, autumn weather, it seemed only logical that the resurfacing be done in the fall, and that the football program temporarily move elsewhere, since it is the football program—not the baseball team or the gym classes or the graduating class—that desires grass.


The Fairviewer salutes the Board for modifying its decision (by delaying the seeding until after the baseball season) and for realizing that as long as Verona High has but one athletic field, no sport should be subservient to any other sport regarding its use, no matter how much ballyhoo surrounds the favored sport.

D. T.



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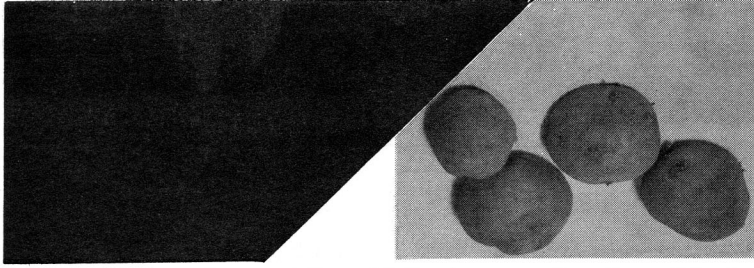
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Scenes from recent assemblies: at left, chorus recites Bengali hunting chants; at right, topic of Crawford lecture.

## Accidental Evaluation Mix-up; VHS Stunned By Actual Opinion

Through an astounding error, the report of the Evaluating Committee that visited VHS last December was switched with that of another school undergoing a similar examination at the time.

Officials of a Newark high school became suspicious when their report remarked, "Obtaining a drink from your water fountains would be a challenge even for the Kissing Bandit."

room 20) air pollution problem could be remedied if the students were given fresh specimens for the second semester."

Thus, the glowing report had to go back, and in its place, VHS received one heavy with criticism. Because it failed to impress the Evaluating Committee, Verona High immediately lost its accreditation with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and students' academic records are no longer honored by colleges.

member of the committee (who wishes to remain anonymous) commented, "The table manners displayed at the Student Council breakfast of December 5 were atrocious, and the undercurrent of student noise in the December 6 assembly was unbearable.

"Once, when I was sitting in the senior lounge, the chair beneath me collapsed. On another occasion, I inserted a quarter into the Student Council change machine, turned the knob, and received an apple."

Disheartened students should remember that the diplomas given upon graduation are still valid for job applications.

## Speaker And Chorus Brighten Assemblies

For sixty-two minutes on the morning of March 20, the student body sat spellbound as Dr. Emil Crawford expounded on the agricultural problems of Idaho. In his lecture, Dr. Crawford

pointed out the types of parasites that often ruin a crop and the different grades of soil that exist. The students showed their appreciation with a standing ovation, while showering the speaker with his beloved Idaho potatoes.

Mrs. Blauvelt, assembly coordinator, remarked, "The student response to informative assemblies has been so great as to necessitate the cancellation of the scheduled pop music programs."

At present, the VHS Assembly Committee is trying to secure the services of Mr. Edwin Ratcliffe, who speaks on the sewerage problems of Beckley, West Virginia.

On March 24, the chorus recited additional Bengali hunting chants.

### Something's Fishy Here

The Barringer officials concluded that a mix-up must have occurred when they read: "The Marineland (presumably our

Scalpers' prices for the standing-room-only Anthony and the Imperials concert are running as high as fifteen dollars per ticket.

Student Council President Mario Baeza urged ticketless students to forego the concert and not cooperate with the profiteers. "You'll all get a chance to see a famous group here," said Mario. He added, "Because of the outstanding support at this endeavor

### The Little Things Did It

Many annoying factors influenced the final decision. One

## Fairyviewer Welcomes Another New Advisor

Mr. Herman R. Hartz has agreed to assume the duties of faculty advisor to The Fairyviewer next fall. He will be the eighth advisor to head the Verona High School newspaper since June of 1967.

teacher presently in the Bloomfield school system, has had no previous experience in journalism, but is confident that he can handle The Fairyviewer. "A good newspaper requires a great deal of preparation," explains Hartz.

## Action!

Since Congress has been slow in introducing a nationwide conversion to the metric system of weights and measures, the VHS science department has taken the initiative and established a semi-metric (metripos) system for use in the school.

In this scheme, feet are divided into tenths but

as the editor of the Editorial Page, I must ask the students of this school to cut down the flow of letters to the Editor of The Fairyviewer. Our staff is simply not capable of handling the volume of long letters received daily from irate students, concerned about the condition of the school. If you would really like to help, please submit concise editorials, because The Fairyviewer cannot afford to waste a single line of this page on matters that are not of the utmost importance. I repeat, on page two there is no space to waste on wasted words.

J.S.

## Staff Bids Farewell To Outgoing Seniors

In accordance with the Fairyviewer tradition of a tear-jerking, two-column tribute to any individual who intends to leave VHS, the staff would like to take this opportunity to salute the soon-to-depart senior class.

It is difficult not to be sentimental about the Class of 1968.

and as they have passed through, they have left something of themselves behind. No one knows exactly what the seniors have given to the school, but the fact remains that they've given four years of it, and that's something.

## Our All-New Council: A Harmful Humbug

by Dick Teime

Much has been said and written regarding the success of the 1967-68 Student Council. When one examines the programs of this year's Council, one concludes that the Council has done a heck of a miserable job.

The initiation of a budget was a fine idea; however, the Council has not adhered to it. A major example: the budget specifically allotted \$25 for the lunch of the NJASC delegates. The cost was \$28.74, and the delegates knew that the bill had reached \$23.82 before dessert was ordered. Was that dessert necessary?

In addition to exposing its patrons to the dread effects of caffeine, the Student Council coffee hour is guilty of giving aid and comfort to the enemy—namely students with morning detention. With the advent of the coffee hour, these naughty people are able to eat as if they had not committed any infractions.

The Student Council Dances-of-the-Month not only undermine class dances, but

## Vietnam Escalation

### Pro

by Richard Seltzer

I'm sick and tired of hearing those Communist left-wingers calling for surrender to the Commies in Vietnam. True patriots will follow that wise old American adage: "My country, right and infallible, and always my country." After all, if we can't trust Lyndon Johnson, who can be trusted?

The war in Vietnam is simply a black-and-white affair—the Communists tried to interfere with our God-given right to interfere in Vietnam. Giving in now would bring the Communists to the gates of Timbuctu and Monte Carlo.

### The Solution

Constant conventional bombing of peaceful Vietnamese villages is simply too good for the Communist North Vietnamese; the atom bomb is really the only safe way to win this type of war, a war where the enemy stoops to barbarity by employing bows-and-arrows. If we really want to carry out a meaningful foreign policy, we should bomb all centers of enemy resistance: Paris, Montreal, Harvard, Geneva

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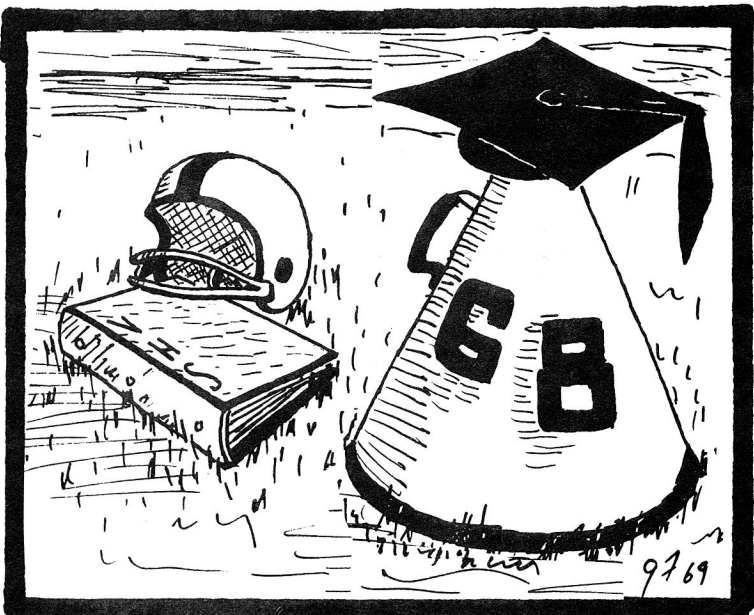
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I'm sick and tired of hearing those fascist right-wingers call for a continuation of the war in Vietnam. True patriots will follow that wise old American adage: "If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen." After all, if we can't trust Bobby Kennedy, who can be trusted?

The war in Vietnam is simply a black-and-white affair—we tried to interfere with the Communists' God-given right to interfere in Vietnam. Giving in now will allow us to withdraw to excellent defensive positions: Long Island Sound and San Francisco.

### The Solution

Capitulation to the Communists is not a good enough gesture for the U.S. to make; complete withdrawal from all the world is the only safe way to disengage from this type of war, a war where we stoop to defending our men with guns. If we really want to carry out a meaningful foreign policy, we should withdraw from all places where we have illegally interfered: Mississippi, Alabama



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obviously, nobody worked on or supervised this issue.

# Hippieland Revisited

by Elissa Weitz

Room 59875463 is a long, black sewer of a room. Its solemnity is broken only by the blare of electronic music, the flashing of orange and purple strobe lights, and the happy screams of one thousand gyrating teeny-boppers, mixed with the anguished cries of the less fortunate dancers whose ill fate it has been to slip on the roach shells.

Room 59875463, better known as "The Roachhole," is possibly the world's most successful mini-techque. It is run by hippie Arlo Greetch, who says love is what makes him run.

### Misleading Article

"I got the message about six months ago," explained Greetch, "when somebody slipped a copy of The Fairyviewer in with my legitimate underground mags, and I read that cop-out about the Square and East Village. Right then, it hit me. If Verona High students would pay to read misleading stuff about the hippies, just think what normal people would pay to see where it's at. And talk about cinchy deals; man, I knew I had a winner the minute I saw the "Hole." All I needed was to sync computer booms in with plaster falls, put strobes in to hide the holes in the walls, and keep the place so dark and crowded that the roaches are too scared to come off the ceiling.

Anyway, it looks kinda pretty when the lights beam off their shells."

### Probes VHS

However, at this time Arlo was not so much concerned over his mini-techque as with Verona High. "I am afraid," he admitted, "that the hippie article really piqued me, and I went around telling everyone what a bad bag it was. I went to VHS, one afternoon though, and I found quite the opposite of the grungy hang-out I had expected."

"One thing is certain. Those VHSers wouldn't dream of mis-interpeting or not doing enough research. They're constantly engulfed in intellectual discussions. Of course, I was really too shy to go right up and eavesdrop, but it was so obvious! And their responsibility was fantastic. For the whole two hours I was there, nobody tried to rob the change machines, or hit the juke box, or do anything you'd expect a normal high school student to do to his school. Satisfied with my observations, I left VHS and published my impressions in the Roachhole Review.

"Now," concluded Greetch, "all my turned-on swingers will know what VHS is really like. Firsthand research is infallible, ya know."

## Student Voice

What is your opinion of 3:00 dismissal?

Sue Her and Sharon Garr '68: "Yes, definitely!"

Mary Moran '70: "Why? What's yours?"

## Blurting Out

As editor of the Sports Page, I find it necessary to comment on the atrocious buses used to transport the squash team to away games. The Board of Education, in providing buses colored "red," attaches a despicable stigma to Verona squash members even before the play is begun. One quarter of the air conditioners in the buses recently broke down—forcing players to suffer sweltering 65-degree temperatures. In addition to unfavorable climatic conditions, Verona players must sit on foam-rubber seats that are at least 24 months old. This basic lack of consideration by Verona educators for the players' comfort has certainly led to a loss in team morale.

### Watts Going On?

Reading lights in the buses often contain 60-, not 65-watt bulbs, preventing numerous players from beginning homework during the late afternoon bus rides home. For the tired player who seeks to relax, stereophonic tape music has been replaced by regular mono record players—how far will our stingy-minded civil leaders go? In a final, crashing example of the Board's authoritarianism, avaricious behavior, Raquel Welch movies, usually shown in the buses, have been replaced by squash-training films. Is it any wonder that our squash team has sported a record of 0-24 this season?

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## GAA Welcomes Gentle Spring

The GAA kicked off its spring season with a tea and a flower procession on the upper field. Each girl held a young yellow tulip in her teeth as the group pranced around the perimeter of the field.

Following this gentle display, the girls put on their cleats and got down to business with a muddy, bruising game of field hockey. The junior-senior team ("The Bonecrushers") nipped the freshman - sophomore squad ("The Multilators") by a score of 5-4.

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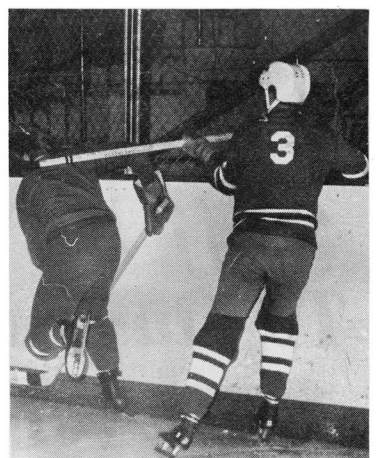
## Verona Hockey Club Remains Untouchable

The undefeated Verona Hockey Club continued its winning ways with impressive victories over Wardlaw, Mountain Lakes, and Montclair. And once again, the VHS refused to become a school team, despite continuous pleas from the athletic department.

"Because we are unaffiliated with the school," explains captain Doug Charlton, "we are able to obtain a disproportionate amount of publicity, both in The Fairyviewer and the Verona-Cedar Grove Times. We try to display good sportsmanship at all times. For this reason, we refrain from unnecessary contact, and we do not run up the scores against our opponents."

This last was evident when the VHC mercifully vanquished North Jersey Scholastic champion Montclair High by only 7-1, on three-goal hat tricks by Larry Goldfarb and Steve Eisenberg; goalie Dick Teimer picked up the other tally.

Irate Montclair fans hurled a pumpkin on the ice in the second period. Mountie officials were



Ray Eagan demonstrates placid VHS philosophy.

very disturbed about the incident and are considering discontinuing the hockey program at MHS as a result.

When asked how long Verona could continue to arrange games, Charlton said, "With a little luck, our present season could run two or three years."



## Bits 'n Pieces

The All-New Student-Council, in another fund raising effort, has voted to install parking meters on the cafeteria book rack. At a dime per person (per period), this indicates a handsome daily profit. Now being discussed in the Council is a proposal that would institute pay toilets in the VHS laboratories—oh, the dangers of capitalism!

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Congratulations to Mr. Sutter, who finally played on a team that defeated the Argonauts, a seventh-period gym grid dynasty.

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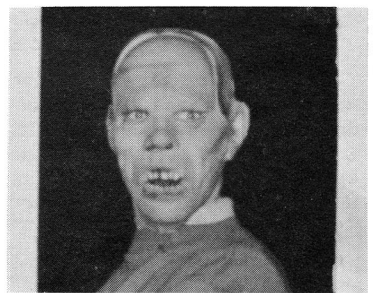
Freshmen! Only 1,178 days until you graduate!

This is one of those adds that stretches from the top

## Kesky Sposs Dies In Blimp

Kesky Sposs, a regular contributor to The Fairyviewer, perished in a blimp explosion early today. He was seventeen.

Sposs was circling the school in the Goodyear Blimp (part of



a physics experiment) when the dirigible burst into flames for no apparent reason. Suspicious authorities are questioning VHS faculty members, none of whom cared very much for Sposs or his writing.

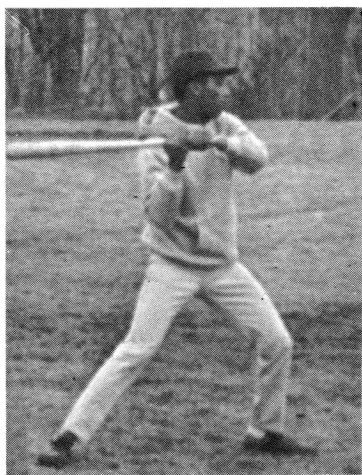
His death leaves a stunning gap in the Features Page of The Fairyviewer—almost five inches.

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## Baseball Team Seeking Second Consecutive Conference Crown

Verona's baseball team, defending Suburban Conference champs, are looking forward to another successful season under the leadership of Coach Tom Morris. With six returning lettermen, plus a host of fine players from last year's JV and freshman teams, the varsity should maintain their status as a power in Conference and State play.

Pitching will again be Verona's strong point this season. Three returning letter winners, seniors Bill Anderson and Bob Zazzali, and junior Don "Tiger" Overholser, will lead the staff. Other returning lettermen include junior first baseman Pat Sullivan, last year's leading hitter, senior catcher Tom Courtney, and outfielder Mario Baeza.

The major problem, according to Coach Morris, will be the infield, where only one letterman,

Sullivan, is returning. Leading candidates for the three available positions are juniors Bud Hart and Bruce Comiskey, senior Dick Teimer, and sophomores Rich Lynch, Norm Liedtke, Chris Courtney, and Jeff Miller. A top catching prospect is junior Gary Kistner, who gained valuable experience last summer in American Legion play. Other possible starters include senior pitchers Walt Arlen, who had a no-hitter for the JV's last year, Dave Kingsburg, and Gary Romanic, and sophomore Glen Oliver.

One of the major assets of the team is the ability of many of the players to play more than one position. Major examples of this diversity are pitchers Anderson and Zazzali, who also play outfield. Both Tom and Chris Courtney can catch and play infield or outfield.

### Double Header Scheduled

One major innovation in the schedule this year will be a double-header to be played on

April 6 against Franklin and Newton, two New Jersey baseball powerhouses. Other tough games will be played against Parsippany and Clifford Scott, who has never been beaten by Verona.

In the Conference, Madison, co-champions with Verona last year, is the pre-season pick according to the coaches, because as Mr. Morris reflects, "They didn't lose anyone from last year's team." New Providence and Caldwell are also expected to give tough opposition to the Hillbillies. Verona was chosen as third place in the Suburban Conference Coaches' Poll.

Coach Morris is disappointed that the JV squad must play all its games away. This situation is due to the lack of an available field for their use. Coach Morris added that the development of young players is essential to the future of Verona's teams, and he felt it was unfortunate that the JV's won't have the advantage of playing at home.

## Trackmen Start Practice With Sixty Underclassmen

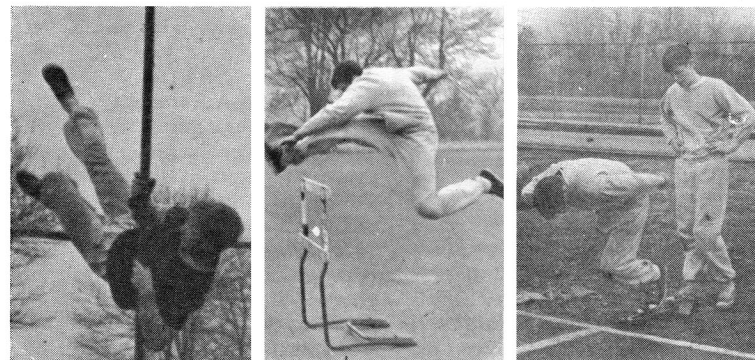
The track team began its gruelling practices on March 4. Coach William Pecoraro will employ the aid of his assistant, Mr. Ralph Bigger, in supervising the progress of the seventy-eight boys who turned out to compete for starting positions.

Captains Andy Moritz and Pete Kazmar have been leading the squad in drills that include running three-and-a-half miles, sprints, hurdling, putting the shot, throwing the javelin and discus, pole-vaulting, and high jumping.

For the second consecutive season, Verona will not be able

to compete at home. This unfortunate situation is caused by the lack of adequate facilities in the Borough for track.

With sixty sophomores and freshmen out for the team, Coach



Up, up and away.

Pecoraro feels Verona's success will rest on the underclassmen's development. One goal the Coach has set is to win the Tom Courtney Trophy, awarded to the winning team of a Freshman-Sophomore meet, held annually between various Essex County teams.

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## Golfers Strive To Break Par

The VHS golf team, guided by veteran coach John Lenaeus, will tee off its season with four swingers who played a major role in the fine 9-6 record posted by the squad in 1967.

The returning players include seniors Bob Sherman, Jeff "Fat Jack" Ochs, and Gary Kelly, and junior Mike "Fingers" Mancini.

Practice, which was scheduled to begin on March 18, has been curtailed and frequently postponed because of inclement weather. This fact has disturbed Coach Lenaeus, who is anxious to begin work as rapidly as possible. The difficult schedule, including matches with Montclair, Bloomfield, and Millburn, combined with the small turnout, may present difficulties for the squad unless they are able to iron out their games as rapidly as possible.

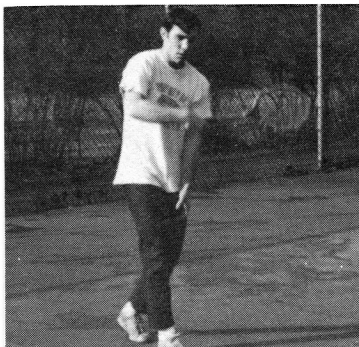
Coach Lenaeus is optimistic. "If we get a few more golfers we should again be able to continue our winning ways this season."

## Improvement Anticipated From Graham's Netmen

Coach Robert Graham's unique plan to build the Verona tennis team into position as a powerful contender is in its second phase. The team had a 3-13 record in 1967. However, the netmen were in the midst of rebuilding and four freshmen were used as starters. Coach Graham, while hoping for a successful upcoming season, is looking to the future while this year's younger players develop and gain experience. Only one letterman, Dave Kriedt, has graduated.

Nineteen players turned out for the first practice on March 11. These included sophs Frank Carleton, who had an outstanding 13-3 record at third singles last season, the second team of John Redd and Dave Stetson, and first doubles player Jeff Cohen.

Two other lettermen, junior Russ Bershad and senior Steve Kraus, who last year played first doubles and second singles respectively, round out the list of returning lettermen.



Senior Steve Kraus demonstrates backhand.

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Captain Doug Charlton fends off Wardlaw attacker.



Goalie Dick Teimer strains for the save.

## VHC Keeps Improving; Still Seeks Initial Win

An encouraging crowd of more than fifty people saw the Verona Hockey Club battle Wardlaw (Plainfield) at 11:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 9. The game was scoreless through the first period, and Wardlaw took the lead early in the second session while Ray Eagan was in the penalty box for boarding. Aided by some ragged defense on the part of Verona, Wardlaw pumped in three more second-period goals before Alan Malecki scored Verona's first on a pass from Captain Doug Charlton. A breakaway resulted in the fifth Wardlaw goal of the period, and VHC trailed, 5-1, going into the third and final stanza.

Tom Tucci brought Verona back into the game with two unassisted breakaway goals, but that was all the scoring for Verona. The defense shut out Wardlaw for the rest of the game, despite the fact that, at one time, VHC

## GAA Spring Performance

The G.A.A. is now co-ordinating at least 100 members for a spectacular "Movement as the Medium" to be presented Friday, April 26. This will be the fourth annual spring show, the most important G.A.A. event of the year. Participants have already begun rehearsals of various routines, including wand movement, modern dance, rhythmic exercises, and floor exercises. The purpose of all the routines is to illustrate movement as a means of communication. Also featured in the show will be tumbling groups and individual routines on the heavy apparatus: the beam, horse, parallel bars, and uneven bars.

### Teachers Overcome Students

In the first G.A.A. student-faculty volleyball game on March 13, the teachers proved victorious, winning three out of four games. Only the All-Stars, composed of representatives from each team, were able to crush the weary teachers. Faculty stars included Miss Coomer, Miss Harmon, Mrs. Hiteshew, Miss Meyers, Mrs. Sarle, Miss Toner, Mrs. Lincoln and Miss Yates.

As in other years, spring sports will include softball, tennis, and track, all scheduled to begin after the spring show.

was two men short when Charlton was forced to join Armand Jacobsen in the penalty box. Final score: 5-3.

### And A Rematch

The following Saturday (March 16), saw Verona take on Wardlaw again, this time at Branch Brook. The game started at 11:30 a.m., and a minute later, a Wardlaw left wing whistled in the first goal of the game. Verona knotted the score midway in the period on a fast break, and took a 2-1 lead in a similar manner in the second period.

After Larry Goldfarb was sent into the penalty box for cross-checking, Wardlaw put on a sustained attack and netted the tying goal. The Plainfield squad continued to press and slipped a face-off shot in, which gave them a 3-2 margin.

Eric Moberg swooped in and beat the Wardlaw goalie about five minutes into the third period, tying the score once again. A Wardlaw power play pushed in the go-ahead goal, and with several minutes left, an insurance goal put the game out of reach. Wardlaw held on and won 5-3.

## Experienced Faculty Defeats Seniors In Annual Contest

The Verona High School faculty whipped the Seniors in a highly contested battle, 72-62, on Friday, March 15. The faculty led all the way and was never in danger of losing to what they considered "overconfident Seniors." The teachers combined a potent offense and a tight defense to defeat the upperclassmen.

At halftime the faculty led by a mere 9 points. Early buckets by John "Moose" Velcamp and Robert "Bobo" Graham accounted for the lead. In the third quarter the faculty constantly applied the pressure and it paid off in a 57-44 lead. The fourth quarter saw the Seniors begin to score more frequently, but time ran out and they were defeated by 10 points.

Outstanding faculty cagers were Mr. Graham and Mr. Rocco Orlando with 7 points apiece, followed by Mr. Arthur Pasquale and Mr. George Stiefbold with 6 points. Special mention must be made, however, of brilliant play by Mr. William "The Big O" Jacobs.

"The Big O" entered the game

Verona High's basketball team ended the '67-'68 season on March 13 when Roselle topped the Hillbillies, 67-51. Six days earlier, Coach Gaffney's quintet had won the opening round of the New Jersey State Group II, Section II championships.

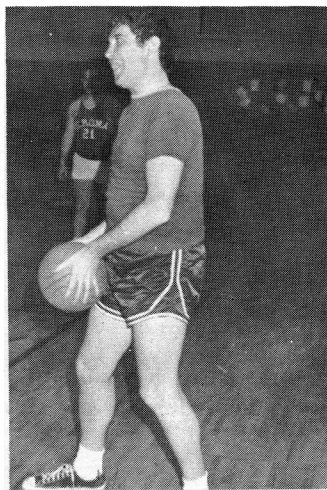
Verona completed the regular season with an 11-9 record, and was chosen to play Dover in the first round of tournament play. Dover froze the ball to stall the game, but Verona won, 51-32. The contest opened with Verona controlling the tap. After the Hillbillies missed a shot, Dover took the ball and held it for three minutes before scoring a point on a foul shot. Bud Hart's field goal, the only one of the period, put Verona ahead, 2-1. Dover continued their stalling tactics, apparent successfully, and the period ended with no further scoring.

### Hustle Wins It

The Hustling Hillbillies scored five quick points at the start of the second period, aided by the steals of Norm Liedtke. But the Dover Tigers cut the Verona edge to 7-5, before nine more quick points put the Gaffney men ahead at the end of the half, 16-6. With a big scoring surge in the third period, Verona left Dover far behind. Verona's fast breaks worked well against the Tigers who abandoned their freeze in an attempt to catch up. Entering the fourth quarter with a 34-14 lead, the Hillbillies started to relax and almost ran into trouble. Dover's tough full-court press earned them eight straight points before Verona regained control.

Height gave Verona the edge coming into the game. Hillbillies Bill Anderson, (6'4") who

in the fourth quarter and immediately steadied the faltering faculty. His fine shooting, passing, dribbling, and defense overwhelmed the surging Seniors and checked their rally. Meanwhile,



"I'll dunk if I want to!" protests The Big O.

in the stands, the crowd, stunned by this fantastic exhibition of superb basketball, wildly cheered on their hero, "Big O" Jacobs. As the game ended, the defeated but generous Seniors, taken up by the crowd's enthusiasm, placed "The Big O" on their shoulders and triumphantly carried him into the locker room.

scored the game high of 21 points, Bruce McKinley, (6'3"), and Jim Matulis, (6'7") towered over Dover's sub-six foot players.

### Roselle Routs Hillbillies

Verona's advance in the tournament was halted by Roselle. This time Roselle had the height advantage. From the start the tactic of the full-court press and fast breaks rocketed Roselle out in front. The Hillbillies stayed close until the end of the first period, when Roselle scored five straight points, for a 19-6 lead.

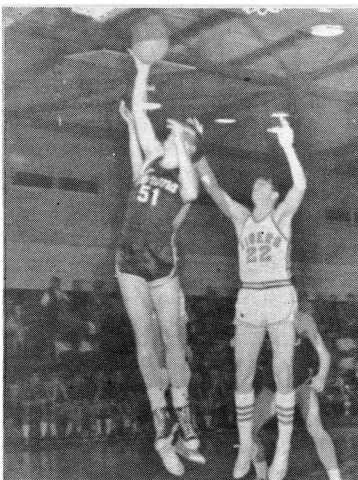
The determined Verona squad came back in the second period. At the half Verona trailed 26-18. When Verona cut the margin to six points during the third period, the Rams regained their original form. Their fourteen-

point surge, coming in two streaks, put the game on ice. Entering the fourth quarter Roselle led, 42-32. Verona attempted to catch up, but Roselle matched each Verona bucket during the high-scoring final period.

### Successful Season

Early in the season it appeared that Verona would be a State Group II power. But after winning eight of the first nine games, the Hillbillies struck a cold streak, losing eight times in their next ten tries. The final record was 12-10. The top point producer of the team was Bill Anderson, who had an 18.7 average. Not since 1964, when Mel Behney and Greg Burghardt dominated Conference play, has a Hillbilly team fared as well.

Next year's team will lose outstanding seniors Anderson, Bruce McKinley, Tom Courtney, and Jim Matulis. However, Coach Craffney will have several fine players returning. Pat Sullivan and Norm Liedtke, two starters this season, will form the nucleus of the team next year. In addition, Bud Hart, a junior, and sophomore Bobby Croman will see plenty of action. The J.V. squad will also contribute to next years varsity and five players, in particular, will be fighting for starting positions. These include: Mike Fogerty, Glen Oliver, Jerry Perl, Chris Courtney, and Craig Levinsky, all sophomores.



Cagers in tourney action.

## Smoothies Fracture Three-Way Tie To Gain VRD Championship

This winter the Recreation Department's high school basketball league witnessed one of its closest and hardest-fought seasons. In the senior division, a three-way tie resulted at the end of regulation play between the once-defeated Smoothies, Wildmen, and cinderella team Steiny's Gang, thus requiring a playoff. A bye was awarded to the Smoothies, who watched in comfort as Steiny's Gang eked out a difficult 41-35 victory over the rough and tough Wildmen. Twenty minutes later the championship game started and it soon became obvious that Steiny's exhausted "Gang" could not cope with the Smoothies and their vaunted full-court press. The gallant "Gang" fell behind by a 22-7 score at the end of the first quarter and were forced to go down to a 73-37 defeat.

During the course of the season, the three above-mentioned teams battled fiercely for the league title. In the league's opening game the Smoothies rallied to defeat Steiny's Gang 29-20 after Steiny's boys had taken a first quarter lead. During the midpoint of league play, the once defeated "Gang" used their superior height to knock off the undefeated Wildmen in a hard-

fought 42-33 victory. Late in the season, though, the Wildmen upset the high flying Smoothies 38-37. A tough Wildmen zone defense set up by the original Wildman himself, captain Bob "Deo" Ditrani stumped the high-scoring Smoothies, thus bringing about a thrilling victory and the three way tie. At the conclusion of the season, young Jerry "Earl the Pearl" Perl, coach of the Smoothies, said about his team, "Their devotion to the game and clean living during the season was of great importance. Good coaching helped, too."

### XKE's Capture Junior Championship

In the Junior division of the league, the XKE's ran away with the title after posting a spotless 5-0 record. The XKE's toughest contest was against the Pack in the last game of the season, when a last minute rally was needed to insure victory. Second place in the Junior division went to the Italianos who were closely followed by the Bombers, The Pack and the cellar-dwelling Sonics. XKE standouts were Steve Moore, Gary Gusoff, Frank Carleton, and Kevin Shaw, but a team effort was required to win the championship.

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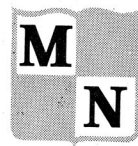
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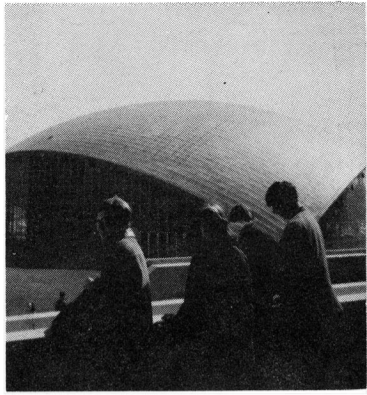
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## Students of French, Frenchman Stay Busy

Mlle. Fricke, Lou Josse and Mme. Adams and her French IV class attended a meeting of the Alliance Francaise in Montclair on April 1.

Two scenes from Lesage's *Turcaret* were dramatized by Gail Kesselman, Richard Seltzer, Roz Liberman, Lenny Klehr, Debbie Calice, and Pat Grant. George Dougé summarized both sketches.

Lou commented on his stay, saying, "I think that the three weeks I am staying in Verona are the three best weeks of my stay in the U.S.," and he finally added, "Groovy."

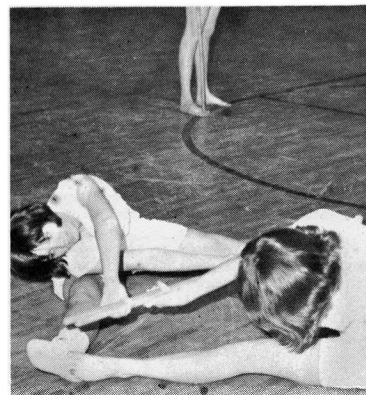
At Verona, Lou visited the various French classes, showing a short film about his home, Saint Mâlo, and discussing French life.

## Legion Gives Awards

Representing Verona High School at the Annual American Legion Jersey Boys' State will be Craig Lawrence and Bruce Comiskey. Their alternates will be John Tesser and James P. Ferguson.

Faculty and administrative members consider the boys for selection on scholarship, cooperation, leadership, loyalty to their school, interest in government, and ability to express themselves articulately.

The boys who are selected attend a convention at Rutgers University, being held this year from June 23-29. Delegates are sponsored by the Frank G. Wittenweiler Post Unit #183 and the Verona Rotary Unit.



## Civil Rights Marchers Strive To "Overcome"

Wearing black mourning bands on their arms and 'I Care' buttons on their coats, New Jersey suburbanites marched two and a half miles down Newark's Springfield Avenue on April 8. This Palm Sunday was a day of non-violence when black and white men walked together.

The march began at 2:00 p.m. Prior to the procession, two Negro speakers informed the whites that they should "walk with us (blacks), look with us, and speak with us," but not "walk for us, look for us, or speak for us." The march was concluded at the Newark Court House, where thousands of marchers sang "We Shall Overcome."

Oliver Lauston informed the people that Friday, April 12 would be the National People's Day of mourning for Martin Luther King. He proclaimed this a "day of abstention."

Ways to help the black community were suggested by Mr. Dave Foley, the co-chairman of the walk. He proposed that suburbanites 1) visit their neighbors and discuss the integration of neighborhoods, 2) form local housing groups, 3) start fair housing petitions, 4) look into employment opportunities for the Negro, and 5) tutor Negroes. Willie Wright, the principal speaker,

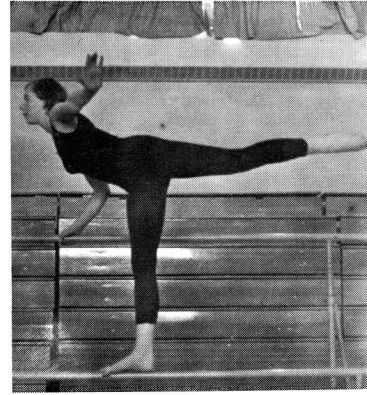
## Talent Show Visits VHS; Singing Groups Perform

Consisting of acts from Millburn, New Providence, Cedar Grove, and Caldwell, the Annual Suburban Conference Talent Show was held on April 10 in the VHS auditorium. Doug Gunther, president of the Suburban Conference, introduced the "Music Mills" a ten member vocal and instrumental group who initiated the program with "Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying," followed by "You Baby," popularized by the Mamas and the Papas. "Run-around Sue" of the Elvis Presley era, worked emotions of remembrance for students, and the group closed their performance with "Can't Find the Time to Tell You," familiarized by The Orpheus.

### Folk Groups Perform

Wendy Stuart of New Providence presented a three-girl folk group who offered "Jesus Met the Woman," "Hurry Sundown," and "Well, Well, Well." Cedar Grove offered a group of four known as Wee Folk which featured an original composition "Hey Buddy."

Their final number was "Scarborough Fair," written by Simon and Garfunkel for "The Graduate."



Girls display various talents for GAA Show.

## Delegates Represent Two Countries At ECMUNC

Representing Morocco and the Republic of South Africa, the thirteen honorable delegates of the Model UN Club attended ECMUNC, the East Coast Model United Nations Conference, held April 5-7 for the first time at New Providence High School. Under the guidance of Mr. Dennis Buss, Ambassadors Nancy Stetson and Richard Seltzer representing Morocco and the Republic of South Africa, respectively, the delegates successfully defended the policies of their nations, made resolutions, and propose amendments with the attitudes which their representative countries would have displayed.

Richard Seltzer, commenting on the conference, said, "Two aspects of the conference were especially enjoyed by the delegates: social and intellectual. The task of representing South Africa and Morocco, two nations extremely different from the United States, was especially rewarding." The delegates viewed the movie, "War Games" which tended to re-emphasize the real meaning of the conference: international understanding.

declared that "we have set the pace for Newark" and said that "the time has come... that black and white must get together to bring about change."

Concluding the speeches was Monsignor Carrie who eulogized Martin Luther King and named him a saint for he was "a man completely what God wanted him to be." His final comment was that if Congress would get measures passed, the Negro would be "free at last! free at last!"

The students representing the Republic of South Africa were Andee Hahn, Judy Hahn, Martin Katz, Fred Krupp, Larry Levine, Linda Moore and Jason Stemmer and ambassador Richard Seltzer. Those seated on the Moroccan delegation were Jay Aiello, Simeon Berman, Lyn Barrett, and Lewis Seagull and ambassador Nancy Stetson. While attending the conference, the dele-



Nancy Stetson and Richard Seltzer disagree as to location of India.

gates were housed by some gracious New Providence residents.

### Recent Convention

Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. was the scene of the Fifth National Invitational Model General Assembly (NIMGA) attended by nine students from Verona.

At various sessions on April 19 and 20, eight VHS Model UN members represented India on the twenty-six member Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Nancy Stetson participated in a project called "The Political Games" aimed at giving students greater understanding of international politics.

NIMGA is the largest Model UN Conference in the nation, with students from over thirty states and Puerto Rico attending. At the final meeting of ECOSOC the group was awarded honorable mention for best delegation, and ambassador Richard Seltzer gained honorable mention for best individual performance.



The Music Mills display their singing abilities.

## Daisies Demonstrate Movement In Media

Movement, as a "means of communication," is the theme of "Movement and Media," the fourth Annual G.A.A. show to be held on April 26.

Miss Carleen Coomer and Miss Wendy Meyers are co-ordinating the girls' activities. Many of the rhythmic activities will be done to music. A wand routine will be accompanied by "Lara's Theme" and another group will exercise to the music of Paul Mauriat.

Much activity will take place on the various pieces of heavy apparatus. Mary Ann Sheets and Kathy Moran will do a routine on the even parallel bars, and Sarah Melidosian and Janet Steel will perform on the balance beam.

Mary Rose, Connie de Miro, and Joan Katz will do individual floor exercises, and the following girls will demonstrate their skills on the uneven parallel bars: Marcia Wannemacher, Nancy Liska, Kathy Smith, Peggy Davenport, Linda Dell'Olmo, Jackie Beltz and Gioia Morongell.

# "I Have A Dream..."

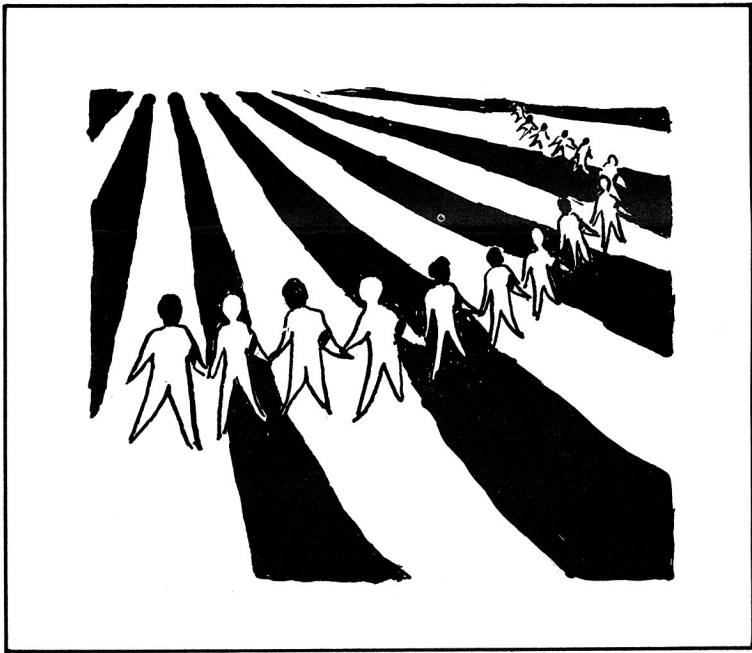
## Assassination of King Provokes Differing Reactions In VHS

It was eleven o'clock in the morning of a mournful day. Mr. Willard finished a eulogy in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King. The student body filed out of the auditorium to the strains of "We Shall Overcome." The heavy-hearted silence of the occasion was broken by the whistling of "Dixie" by a group of smiling, even arrogant students. The noise seemed incongruous, but belonged there. The deep-seated feelings that prompted such a reaction were real, and we dare not ignore their existence in our midst. We also cannot ignore the superficially "good people" who go home and hide from reality. America's greatest problem is best typified not by Harlem or Memphis, but by VHS and similar schools of middle-class suburbia, where "sophisticated" people are supposed to know better.

Martin Luther King was a strong, yet peaceful leader. The seeds of social bigotry are so deep, however, that some VHS students greeted the dastardly assassination of Dr. King with relief, and even joy.

The "whistlers" perhaps best exemplified the common historical instigators of scapegoats. Profound insecurity in people often prompts a desire to gain a feeling of superiority over "someone, anyone else." When such a scapegoat, in this case the Negroes, is raised to an exalted position, the whistlers feel a strong desire to fight back—and the smiles and "Dixie" results. Changing such a person requires creative education. And yet, one wonders, One really wonders what type of catalyst is needed for the fairly decent people in this country. If not anxious, they are apparently willing for black America to suffer another generation of second-class citizenship. If not enthusiastic, they are apparently ready to allow all our cities to be plunged into the depths of self-destructive anarchy. Now is the time for the quiet, "good," people to look, as President Kennedy put it, "deep into their own souls." We cannot afford a short look. It must last an individual's lifetime, and a people's.

R.M.S.



## Masses Must Strive To Rectify Inequality

While the recent events in civil rights and the public's reaction to them may be seen as somewhat heartening, they can also be viewed as upsetting. One cannot help but wonder if the masses are just in a hurry to get themselves involved in the latest fad. If such is not the case, then the American public-at-large must begin to achieve those corrective measures which should have been implemented long ago.

### Reasons for New Enthusiasm

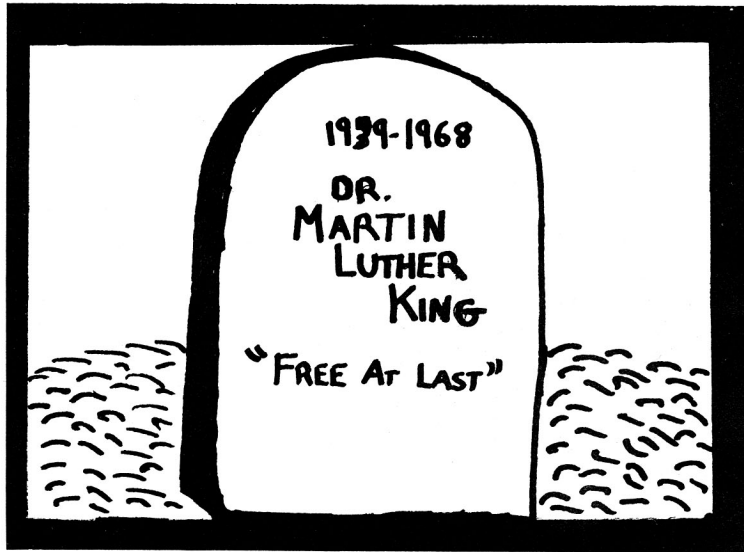
There are two reasons why this new enthusiasm for civil rights has emerged. For years civil rights leaders and their organizations have been calling on the American public to help the cause of the Negro by giving not only vocal support, but also actual individual participation. Some very sensitive and caring people did join in, and they have done and are still doing fantastic things to help the Negro in his struggle. But the majority as might be expected conveniently ignored the call for help. Perhaps if the masses had shown their concern and support for the Negroes in

the ghetto, last summer's riots could have been avoided. But history teaches the unfortunate lesson that the American public is stirred to the help of others only when its own security is in danger. That point has now been reached. Added to the present self-preservation drive is the idealistic desire not to see the martyred Martin Luther King's dream die. Now when civil rights leaders call for all American to carry on the ideals of Martin Luther King, it seems that we are heading.

### What Should Be Done?

As with any popular movement there are bound to be many who will join the bandwagon because it is the "in" thing to do. But hopefully the majority that have expressed their concern by the march in Newark and other such projects, will work to accomplish equality. Instead of a few people working in projects such as the Philadelphia work weekends, Operation Head-Start, etc., maybe now the masses will pitch in and contribute their long overdue share.

B.C.



## King Image Thrusts His Cause Into Background

by John Tesser

This country went into an unprecedented mourning for a civilian personage when the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated. On the day of his funeral many schools, businesses and industries closed, held memorial services, or observed a moment of silence. The New York Stock Exchange, for the first time in its one hundred seventy-eight year history, closed in respect for the death of a private citizen. One hundred fifty-thousand people flocked to the city of Atlanta, in an expression of grief.

But among all the glamour and spectacular of what very well may become the largest funeral in all of history (something which the late Dr. King recently stated he didn't want), the very significance of his purpose may have been obscured and lost. His death is a highlight in a struggle which has pitted one man against another to attain the freedom and rights which deservedly belong to all men simply because they are human beings.

However the civil rights cause in America, which is only a stage in that struggle, seems to be over-shadowed by Dr. King, himself. A result is the unfortunate situation which exists in this country. Because people have replaced Dr. King's preaching by Dr. King's figure, they have been rioting, looting, and burning rather than understanding and reconciling their differences.

Although the recently passed Civil Rights bill is a step forward, the death of Dr. King, rather than pressure from his movement, seems to have been a greater influence on the passage of that bill.

No doubt Martin Luther King will go down in history as a martyr, for any man who campaigns that determinedly for a truly altruistic cause deserves much recognition. One should only hope, though, that the cause for which Dr. King struggled so desperately will take a place of first importance to Dr. King, the man.

## Few To Blame For City Riots

by Matt Cohen

It was a bleak night in South Chicago the night following Dr. Martin Luther King's death. The deserted streets sustained a dead silence, except for faint gunshots coming from the west. Not even the sounds of sirens from emergency squads disturbed the stillness; the district's police were laboring to control rioting in the west side of the city. Nerve-racking tension filled the perturbed homes of both Negroes and whites; some fearfully awaiting imminent signs of danger, and some prepared to evacuate the area. The following morning, West Chicago lay in ashes, leaving many families homeless.

### Meaningless Destruction

The militant advocations of Black Power destroyed their own people's property, and now expect to be repaid. One such disciple said while watching a burning tenement, "It feels so good. When they bury King, we gonna bury Chicago." This idea of revenge is common among the youths who apparently have lost all sense of reasoning, and now want solely to display their strength.

Fortunately these militant leaders have only a handful of followers who are to blame for the riots. However, the white man overlooking this fact, tends to develop a hatred toward the entire Negro population. In order for progress to be made in race relations, the white and black man must avoid hasty generalizations and attempt to logically view and better the present situation.

The only alternative to such cool reason is chaos and anarchy, which would destroy the very roots of this country.

## Congressional Inaction On Legislation Indicates Basic Weakness of America

by Ted Loewenthal

Congress has now passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968. The New York State legislature is restoring much of the urban aid previously cut out of its budget, and the New Jersey legislature is now considering legislation along the same lines. These actions are milestones in the fight for racial equality, but they lose much meaning when the price of passage is examined.

Only after President Kennedy was killed did Congress enact the programs for which he had so strongly fought. And now once again—Congress is reacting only after the murder of Dr. King and the ensuing riots and memorials, expressions of a people's grief and bitterness. Even now, when action is belatedly taken, there is grumbling about yielding to pressure from the streets.


Congress seems to have become aloof, to have forgotten that government should express the will of the people and the importance of its place in that government. Grumbling is still heard about pressure from the streets. What Congress is really angry about is pressure from constituents it is supposed to represent. When a machine gun has to be placed on the steps of the Capitol to protect the government from the people, it is a sign that our democracy is failing. When 50,000 federal troops have to be called out to save our once

great cities from total ruin, it is a sign that change is needed.

### Challenge


There is still much to be done before this nation will become a safe and beautiful place for all. Facing us are the war, taxes, and the gold drain, plus the ever-present ills of poverty, disease, and old age. One civil rights

leader has commented that it appears that Dr. King will achieve more by his death than he did in life. So it was also with President Kennedy. These examples point to a most disturbing trend. If it takes the death of a great American to get our problems solved, then we are truly headed for disaster.



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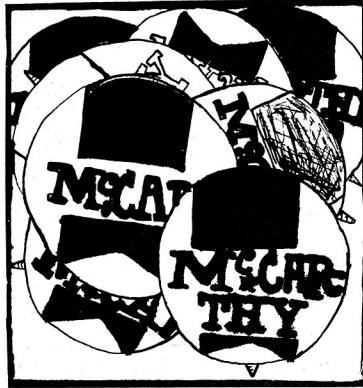


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# Veronian McCarthy Supporters Do Not Fit Into Political Cliche

Unfortunately, perhaps, for sentimental film-makers of the future, (the type who will remember Blacklisting with "...good ol' days!") nostalgia the Verona youth chapter of the Coalition for a Democratic Alternative did not meet in WWII French Underground-type basement, but in the large, colonial home of Richard Sandler of Oakridge Road; a sign, the words "McCarthy Youth Workers - Meeting" emblazoned upon it, was taped to the front door.



The meeting had been scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. By 7:36 several Verona High students, plus three ex-VHS college girls who were running the show, were already addressing envelopes to members of the class of 1964. Each new arrival got a quick look at the abstract paintings and metal sculpture in the room, a seat at the white-covered dining room table, a pen, envelopes, and one of the photostatted lists of names. Later, listless McCarthyists took up headquarters across the hall, and stuffed "Get out and vote for McCarthy in the N. J. primaries" handbills into envelopes. Three young children-particularly preschool Johnathan, whose contribution was the recovery of a wayward stapler-and an Australian Terrier, leash dragging

behind, (who made thorough investigations of everything under the one foot limit) scooted about.

There were instructions: "Ignore crossed out names; cross out names of people who've moved." There were brownies, Cheese Doodles, and soda on the table. There was an envelope shortage, and slower-writing list-holders addressed folded handbills.

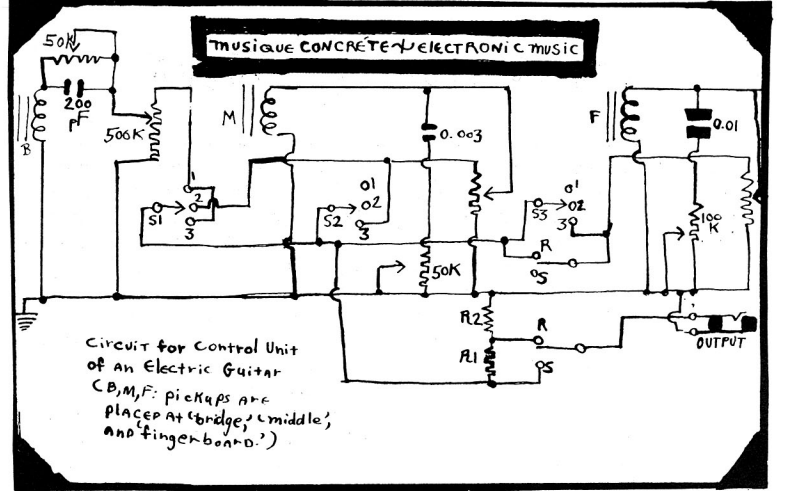
By eight, most work was completed; Mrs. Sandler spoke, asking for job volunteers, and a parental supporters round-up. By 8:15, the meeting was completed, and the children dove for the brownies.

It had been interesting and efficient.

A nostalgic producer wouldn't have liked it.



Somebody contemplates possibility of electronic French horn.



# Amplified Everything Becomes Feasible As Electronic School Gains Popularity

by Elissa Weitz

How would you like to play an electric sitar? You don't even have to be Indian to get one. The creation of Danelectric of New Jersey, it indeed exists as one of the newest additions to the amplified orchestra which has seemed to have been created overnight by electro-musicians and instrumental firms.

### Columbia U., Paris Studios

The trend towards electronic instruments and music had a

start nearly thirty years ago when a musician named Charlie Christian added an amplifier to his guitar. About a decade later, in Paris, the first "school" or type of electronic music, musique concrète was founded by Pierre Schaeffer in New York City. During the same period at Columbia University, Otto Luening and Vladimir Ussachevsky were experimenting with combining music and magnetic tape, producing a number of electronic works under less-than-perfect conditions. This was before a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation enabled the creation of the Columbia-Princeton Electronic Music Center in 1959; the two universities outfitted the studio with the most up-to-date equipment for the purposes of sound modification and generation. With this growing interest in mechanical music, more musicians began to experiment with the various methods available for its production.

### Any Sound'll Do

What are the methods of producing electronic music? There are, primarily, two forms of the school: Schaeffer's musique concrète, and the plain old electronic music such as Luening and Ussachevsky created. With musique concrète, the sound source may be any sound picked up by the microphone. To get the desired effect from his recordings, the electromusician may remove either the attack (beginning) or the decay parts (dying-out) of a particular sound by using a 'gating' circuit or by cutting the tape after recording, by re-recording at various speeds in order to raise or lower the pitch to differing degrees, or by reversing the sound through tape manipulation or by inverting special electronic circuits.

### Muting, Damping, Vibrato

Electronic music boasts both more sound sources and methods of treatment than its sister form. The noises may result from any of three electrical devices: the sine-wave generator, the multi-vibration or square-wave generator, and the white-noise generator; or they may be created by playing an electronic musical instrument, either in the

conventional fashion, or with mechanical damping, muting, or artificial vibrato effects. With electronic music, the musician can utilize the same methods as he does with musique concrète, or depend upon any of the following further treatments: creating keyed or variable pitch tones, which can be used continuously for special effect, and bell tones by using 'gating' circuits; shaping tones with electrical filters; through beatnotes, caused by intermodulation between tones of different frequencies by using a two-terminal modulator ring, or by modulating high-frequency and low-frequency tones; and by applying electronic vibrato effects. It is, as professionals of the field like to point out, rather complicated, specialized work to create a good electronic work, and to care for the equipment needed to create it. Several rock groups employing the mechanical sound now buy an excess of certain pieces of equipment, particularly amplifiers, rather than wait while a technician makes repairs.

### Beatles Bring Popularity

While, however, the avant-garde electromusicians were exploring the aesthetics and methods of plug-in music, and trying to get others to listen in, along came the Beatles. Their effect on the sales of amplified music was spectacular. Compared to 700,000 guitar units sold the previous year in the United States, almost twice that number were bought in 1964. Amplification became (and continues as) the way of the pop chart. One group, The Youngbloods, carries \$12,000 worth of electrical gear. Some professionals worry about the seeming total irreverence blaring rockers have towards the electronic form, summed up by a technician working on the Beatles' "Magical Mystery Tour" ("Okay, let's see how we can screw it up."). But others, like Don Ellis, one of the few big band leaders exploring electronic music, feel that, like many significant art forms, amplification-excess is only an awkward adolescent stage necessary to the maturing process.

# Bilbo Baggins, Gandalf, Gollum? Tolkien Readers Form "Hobbit"



by Mary Mahon

On college campuses, and more recently in high schools, it has become the fad (or necessity) for students to become familiar with three-foot-tall, hairy-footed hobbits which are the invention of J.R.R. Tolkien.

### Meet Middle-earthian Cast

The adventures and lives of these small people from the Middle-earth set the story for Tolkien's books, The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings Trilogy. The reader becomes acquainted with the characteristics of the hobbits by looking at the lives of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins, two prominent hobbits from Bag End. He finds that hobbits are somewhat lazy creatures, who enjoy their six meals a day, the peace and quiet of their hobbit holes, and think that anyone who travels outside of the shire is very strange. The Hobbit, which is the introduction to the Trilogy, tells of the adventures of Bilbo Baggins after his normal hobbit existence had been shattered by the journey to the Lonely Mountain. He had been urged to make the trip by Gandalf, a tall, thin

wizard, and his thirteen somewhat taller dwarf friends. Tolkien relates the terrifying experiences of Bilbo with the orcs; Gollum, a green creature with pale yellow eyes which shine in the dark, who was once a person; and the other creatures of Mirkwood, a forest; and the accidental finding of the 'Ring' which gives Bilbo the power to disappear and complete control of the less powerful rings.

After arriving at the Lonely Mountain, Bilbo is able to accomplish the task of recovering the treasure of Thor from the huge dragon, Smaug, and returns in glory to Bag End where he lives for 40 years more.

### Frodo's Inheritance: One Evil Ring

The Lord of the Rings Trilogy is a continuation of The Hobbit and continues the story of Bilbo's

life and how it affects his cousin, Frodo. When Bilbo decided to return to the Wilderland, Frodo received Bilbo's hobbit hole and all its furnishings along with the 'Ring.' As a result, it became Frodo's responsibility to return the 'Ring' to the Land of Mordor and destroy it before its corruptness and evil could destroy him.

### Do You Believe In Magic?

Many of Tolkien's readers feel that his writings have some hidden meaning. Tolkien denies this, saying that his tale is "not about anything but itself." He does admit that the inspiration for his hobbits came from the general appearance and attitudes of the people of Sarehole, a small village in England where he spent most of his childhood, and that the grimmer experiences reflect his opinions of World War I.

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# Speaking Out

For the past three years American athletes have been preparing for the most competitive and prestigious sports event of all, the Olympics. However, this year, a proposed boycott of the games by Negro athletes may severely limit America's chances for success at Mexico City.

The leader of the boycott is Harry Edwards, a teacher at San Jose State College. Edwards' philosophy is simple: "For years we have participated in the Olympic games, carrying the U.S. on our backs with our victories, and race relations are worse now than ever. Now they are even shooting people in the streets. We're not trying to lose the Olympics for the Americans. What happens to them is immaterial. If they finish first, that's beautiful. If they finish 14th, that's beautiful, too. But it's time for the black people to stand up as men and women and refuse to be utilized as performing animals for a little extra dog food." Negro athletes, he adds, "are only being used to further the racist attitudes of the U.S.A."

### Five Demands

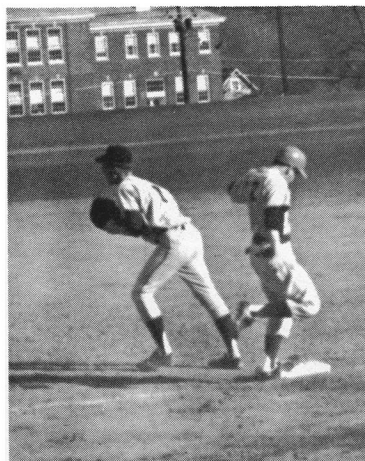
Edwards and his followers have made five demands. The first is for a second Negro track coach for the Olympic team. Similarly, Edwards hopes that there will be more Negro coaches in professional sports. The second demand is for the withdrawal

of South Africa, a nation with an official policy of apartheid, from the games. Avery Brundage, president of the International Olympic Committee, has been accused by Edwards of being anti-semitic and anti-Negro, and his ouster has been demanded. A Negro must be appointed to the US Olympic Committee. The fifth demand is for the integration of the presently all-white New York Athletic Club, largest athletic club in the nation. Until and unless these demands are met, the Olympic boycott will continue.

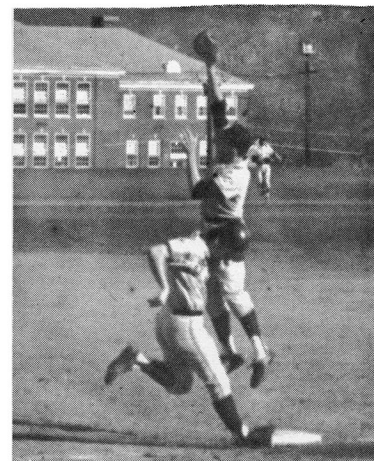
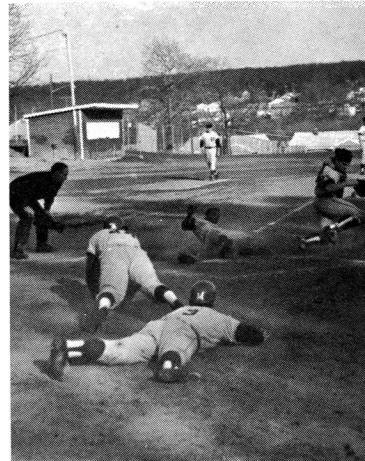
Certainly, gaining equal rights for Negroes in the U.S. is more important than winning the Olympics, but will the boycott achieve its goal. The accusations against Avery Brundage have been found to be false and merely a smear device. Only the International Olympic Committee has the power to remove South Africa from the games. Likewise, the US Olympic Committee has no control over the New York Athletic Club or any other private club.

Therefore, it appears that the Olympic boycott cannot achieve its goals. Rather, it may alienate many Americans who are presently sympathetic to the problems of the black athlete. Unfortunately, if Edwards goes through with his boycott, the biggest losers will be the Negroes who turn down the opportunity to compete in the venerable Olympic games.

R.B.B.



Hillbillies In Action Against Chatham—(left) Rich Lynch legs out a hit; (center) Score one for Verona as Mario Baeza slides safely home; (right) Pat Sullivan leaps high in the air to capture late throw.



## VHS Batters Demolish Franklin; Split Two Conference Contests

Verona's varsity baseball team opened its season on April 1 by losing a heartbreaker, 1-0 to perennial powerhouse Parsippany. Junior Don Overholser went the distance for the Hillbillies and limited Parsippany to two hits and one walk while striking out fourteen. The lone run, occurring in the second inning was the result of a single, two errors, and a sacrifice, ruining Overholser's fine opening game.

On Wednesday April 3, the varsity met West Essex High in a home contest. The maroon and white scored two runs in the first inning but were then shut out for the rest of the game. Norm Liedtke led off the bottom of the first with a walk and then promptly

stole second base. Next-man-up Sullivan singled to right and knocked in the speedy Liedtke. Sullivan followed his hit with a steal of second to move into scoring position. He was in turn driven in by Tom Courtney's single, thus giving Verona a short-lived 2-0 lead. Wessex cut the lead in the second inning to one run and won the game in the third with two more scores. From then on the visitors simply padded their lead with two runs in both the fourth and fifth innings and a singleton in the sixth.

### Hillbilly Batters Blast Franklin

Verona finally entered the win column by walloping Franklin 16-2 on the losers' field. Verona's powerful hitting attack exploded for fourteen hits, four of them for extra bases. The Hillbillies started strong in the first inning with four runs. An error, a hit batter, and a walk loaded the bases. Big Billy Anderson, who went four-for-four in the game, wrapped out a double and the score was suddenly 3-0. A Zazzali single drove in Anderson and upped the lead to 4-0. In the second inning Verona turned the game into a rout with five runs. Rich Lynch started the rally with a single. A walk and an error followed to load up the bases. Tom Courtney's single, Anderson's second straight double, and Bob Zazzali's second single accounted for the five runs. In the later innings, a homerun

by Anderson and Mario Baeza's double highlighted the Hillbillies' scoring.

Verona opened its Suburban Conference season on April 8 against Chatham at home. The Hillbillies took an early lead as Mario Baeza and Tom Courtney combined for a double steal of second and home with Baeza scoring the run. Disaster then struck the varsity as some untimely errors gave Chatham a 5-1 lead in the fourth inning. The Hillbillies chipped away but were unable to come any closer than the final score of 5-4.

Traveling to Cedar Grove in their next game, the varsity came out on top 5-3 in a tough battle. In the first inning Verona continued its pattern of taking an early lead by scoring three quick runs. Pat Sullivan singled, Tom Courtney got on base by route of an error and Bill Anderson unloaded his second homer of the year for the lead. Memorial closed in with two runs in their half of the third inning to tighten the game at 3-2. The top of the fourth inning, though, saw Bill Anderson double, move to third, and score on Rich Lynch's perfect suicide squeeze to raise the count to 4-2. Cedar Grove fought back with a single run in the fifth inning but Verona smashed any hopes of a comeback as Gary Kistner drove in Anderson, who went three for four, in Verona's half of the seventh to close the scoring at 5-3.

## Cindermen Vanquish Lodi, Mountain; Scharling Breaks Pole Vault Record

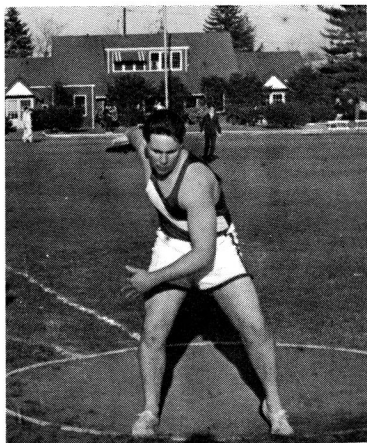
Verona High's track team jumped off to an auspicious start with victories over Lodi and West Orange Mountain in two of the first three meets. The lone Hillbilly lose was to East Paterson.

Excellent individual performances have been in the forefront thus far. Seniors Ted Perl and Captain Andy Moritz have been key point-winners for Coach Pecorara's squad. In three meets Perl has taken a first and second in the high jump, a first in the

Moritz has competed in three events, winning the high hurdles twice, finishing second twice in the low hurdles, and taking two thirds in the broad jump. Sophomore Dick Barrett has been consistent in the two-mile, taking two firsts and a second. Another Sophomore, Bob Scharling, has been sensational in the pole vault. Scharling has won three straight times, and his 11' 6 1/2" vault against W.O. Mountain broke a long-standing VHS record set in the early 60's by Bob Weldon. The Cindermen's first oppon-

ent was Lodi, on April 2, and the Hillbillies racked up a 76-41 victory. Everything went right for Verona, in particular the two-mile, high jump, and pole vault events, which the Hillbillies swept. All together, Verona took eight firsts, ten second places, and six third places in the meet.

Three days later formidable East Paterson routed Verona, 78-39. Two bright spots in the meet were the high jump, where Perl and Steve Shapiro finished first and second respectively, and the performance of Shapiro and Moritz in the broad jump.



Wilson Millford concentrates before throwing discus.

broad jump, and second place in both the 100 and 220 yd. dashes.



Ed Trimmer and Skip Chestnut lead the field in mile run at Mountain.



Freshman Gordon Boronow displays winning form in hurdles.

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The third meet of the season pitted Verona against Mountain. The Hillbillies romped to a 79 1/2 - 42 1/2 victory. Besides Scharling's record-breaking pole vault, Verona triumphed in the broad jump, the short dashes, the quarter-mile, and the shot put.

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## Needhamites Migrate South To Verona For Initial Cultural Exchange Program

Returning the hospitality of the Needham High School Band, Needham, Massachusetts, VHS hosted the 118 Needham students and 11 chaperones from May 9-12. On Friday morning, the Needham Band played in a VHS

assembly. The program included a twirling routine and the performance of a "Swing Band." For the remainder of that day, Needhamites visited New York City, touring the Cloisters and the American Museum of Natural

History. After a rehearsal that night, a dance was held for both bands.

### New York in a Day?

On Saturday, both groups assembled to take the Lincoln Center Tour and visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. After lunch the bands enjoyed a tour around Manhattan Island on a Circle Line sightseeing boat. Saturday night's free combined Band and Orchestra Concert was the culmination of the exchange's efforts. Another dance was held afterwards and on Sunday morning, the Needham group departed for home.

### Long-Range Preparations

The entire band, as well as many parents, has been helping to make preparations since October. Funds for the project were raised through the sale of Zip Code directories, the VHS Solo and Ensemble Festival, and by generous sponsors.

Another feature of the cultural exchange involved an exchange of art work between the two schools. At the present time Needham and Verona are displaying each other's art projects.

Linda Meomartino, majorette from Needham, describing her first impressions of Verona High School, said, "I think the kids are great! The kids in the band are real nice, especially the majorettes."



Needham and Verona combine for concert.

## Principal Supersedes Recent Senior Plans

Requests for additional senior activities were recently turned down by the administration and faculty. Among these are a second senior breakfast, "Bermuda Day," and outdoor graduation.

Mr. Willard explained the reason for not having another senior breakfast, saying that, "Seniors do not have the right to take up more school time to have a second senior breakfast."

Senior Days have not gone well in the past. Due to previous experience with "short-shorts" and car cavalcades down Bloomfield Avenue, the privilege to continue these days has been withheld.

Commencement exercises will not be held outdoors this year. At the end of June, the Board of Education has made plans to sod the football field.

If bleachers were put up on the girls' field instead, it would cost 800 dollars, a large and unnecessary expense according to the Administration.

However, Paul Levinsky, has recently sent around a questionnaire to faculty members, clarifying senior feelings.



"Please, just stop coughing."

## Baritone Larry Small Presents Varied Musicale For Assembly

A different type of vocal music, new to the Verona students, was presented by Larry Small, a twenty-year old baritone from the Manhattan School of Music. Accompanied by Alan Rubin on the piano, he sang selections ranging from the classics, popular American tunes, and Negro spirituals, to show music from *Man of La Mancha*.

Mr. Small was a protege of Jerome Hines, a modern American light opera singer. He has recently been touring the high schools of the New York area. Mr. Small is a graduate of Glen Ridge High School, and has appeared in a number of summer stock musicals, including *The Fantastiks* and *Man of La Mancha*.

The opening compositions included two English walking songs; "Shenandoah" and "Blow Your Winds"; an operatic aria by Verdi, and a Brahms art song. The popular song "Going Out of My Head" and "I Got Plenty O' Nothing" from *Porgy and Bess* followed. He also sang a medley of Negro spirituals including "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Long Way From Home," and "Old Man River." Mr. Small concluded his presentation with "The Impossible Dream," "Dulcinea," and "I, Don Quixote," songs from the musical score of *Man of La Mancha*.

As an encore the pair presented "What Kind of Fool Am I?"

## Pat Thomas Achieves National Merit Award

Two outstanding Verona High School seniors have received recognition for their scholastic achievements. Patricia Thomas has been awarded an NMSQT four-year scholarship to Colby College in Waterville, Maine, where she plans to major in Science. Pat was selected on the basis of her scores on the February, 1967, NMSQT, her submission of SAT scores, and information describing her high school record.

Richard Seltzer has received honorable mention in the State of New Jersey for the National High School Contest in the United Nations. He was required to take a three hour exam which included essays on peace-keeping activities, the financial crisis, and Specialized Agencies. The exam was based on a booklet which was entitled "The U.N. in the Age of Change."

### Congratulations!

Mr. Harold T. Butterworth has been selected as one of the four winners of a Harvard University Distinguished Secondary School Teacher Award. The award, in the amount of \$1200.00, will be presented to Mr. Butterworth on June 12 at Harvard University's Commencement. Mr. Butterworth was nominated for the award by Henry H. Fields, graduate of Verona High School (1964) and a Harvard University graduate (1968).



Winning team models trophies.

## SPANJ Convention Recognizes Fairviewer, Staff Members

Amid ecstatic eruptions of joyful pride, the entire staff of the *Fairviewer* and three especially worthy members were recognized for individual and group achievements at the Scholastic Press Association of New Jersey. The convention, held at Upsala College on May third, enabled students to attend two workshops dealing with various aspects of school newspapers.

George Harriston, president of SPANJ, opened the convention and Dr. Carl Fjellmen, Upsala's president, also greeted the students. The featured speaker was George Kentera, managing editor for the *Newark Evening News*, who spoke on "The President's Commission and Newspapers."

### "Me, a Winner?"

Dick Teimer was the recipient of the first Verona award, a fourth place in column writing. Lenny Klehr received a fifth place certificate for his sports column, "Speaking Out." It described the poor conditions Verona athletes face when they compete in sports at home. Elissa Weitz received honorable mention for Features Page interviews.

The most exciting honor of the day for the entire *Fairviewer* Staff was the announcement that the *Fairviewer* had been named ninth best paper in the state. The awards were presented at the final general assembly of the convention.



Receiving the award.

## Upperclassmen Overcome Adult Forces As Intellectual Battle Of Ages Occurs

Displaying their ability to think quickly and to recall factual material, a team of four students defeated four brave and alert parents in the VHS Bowl on Wednesday, May 8.

### Real Bowls?

The VHS Bowl was the highlight of the final PTA meeting of the 1967-68 school year. With Mr. William O. Jacobs as serious quizmaster, the match provided the parent team, composed of Mr. Bart Giblin, Mrs. Nancy McAvooy, Mr. Gersten Rappaport and Mrs. Eleanor

Johns the opportunity to compete with VHS students, Ellen Straus, John Tesser, Lynne Barrett and Richard Seltzer. Principal Edwin A. Willard presented the team with wooden bowls on which the words "VHS Bowl-Champs-May, 1968" were inscribed. Mr. Willard then offered his commiseration to the parents.

### Crafts and Officers

Members of Mr. Loesch's and Mr. Nedrow's industrial arts classes contributed to the PTA meeting with an exhibit in the

main foyer of various types of work which demonstrated excellence in the art of woodcraft.

The final PTA meeting also included the election and installation of officers for the 1968-69 school year. The new officers are Mrs. Milton Levinson, President; Mrs. Harold S. Perl, Vice President (Program); Mrs. Vincent Comiskey and Mrs. Stanley Nickerson, Vice Presidents (Membership); Mr. Constantine Kallas, Treasurer; Mrs. Damon Stetson, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Howard Kastner, Corresponding Secretary.

# Columbia Student Protest Has Questionable Cause

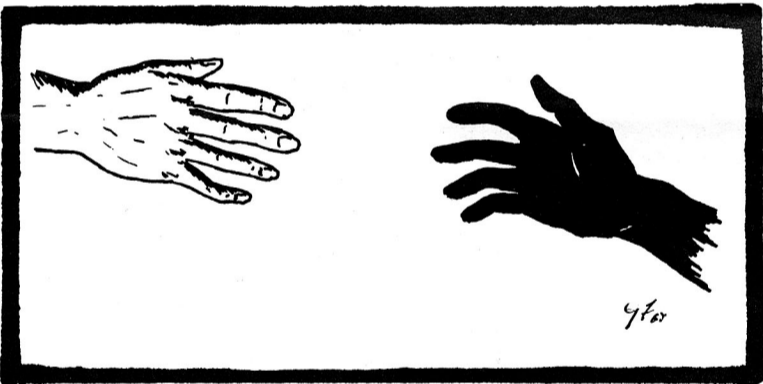
In the end, the protesting students of Columbia University had occupied five academic buildings, captured the president's office, held a dean hostage for twenty-six hours, and consistently refused to deal with the university on any terms but their own. In the end, classes had been discontinued and were unlikely to be resumed for the remainder of the year. In the end, there was extensive damage in the form of ugly graffiti on the walls, and garbage and spilled drinks on the furniture and floor. In the end, two of the more mature protesters had married, minus legal license, because they needed something to occupy themselves during their twelve-day vigil. In the end, it was the protesters and not their cause that was to be remembered.

What was the Columbia's students' call to protest? If papers from the first day of dissent are examined, it may seem to be the building of a gymnasium in Morningside Park by the University. The ground was being broken, and it was suddenly time for dormant Columbia dissenters to organize. Announcing plans for the gym project months before, agreeing to include a community center, and the fact that Morningside Park might well be called Cliffside constitute unfair practices by the Establishment. They only proved that the Establishment of Columbia U. was irresponsible.

However, some still remember yet the students' sudden demand for "AMNESTY" once their cause seemed about to bring a penalty. Some also remember the all-out lengths to which the protesting collegians went to obtain their desires, the violence wreaked, such as the injury of graduate students who sought to attend class during the all-in, and the spoiled brat attitude that the educational coup chose as its banner. Some regard these facts as indicative of the irresponsibility, immaturity, and the "I'll only do what'll get my name in the papers" sensationalism of bored students. Some may argue that the nation-wide campus incidents, protesting "prejudices," were indicative of the validity of the Columbia Protest. Agreement with such procedure was shown by its emulation. Unfortunately, multiple murder incidents are also followed closely by similar multiple murders.

When the debris of the tumult had been cleared away from the Columbia campus, one Barnardian told a New York Times reporter: "The society we've been asked to fit into isn't a very good society. I've spent a lot of time studying American history and it is a very violent and oppressive history." A blackboard in one of the occupied classrooms was ripped halfway off the wall. The Columbia protestor seems to fit into the pattern of American society, without being asked.

E.R.W.



# Modern Version Of 'Tale Of Two Cities'

by Richard Seltzer

There was once a quiet, peaceful, calm little town—a very, very normal town. In good years it dedicated community swimming pools and received great praise from distinguished evaluators for its high school's excellent staff, curriculum, and general condition. In off-years, which frequently occurred, its lawns thirsted for water and its students received no snow days.

The peaceful town was deeply imbued with tradition. Lawns were kept neat, clean, and green—when water was available. Patriotic flags could be seen flying from all the "right" people's homes. Electing members of the "radical" party to the local governing board was considered taboo. Progress was considered holding a Labor Day Picnic superior to the previous year's.

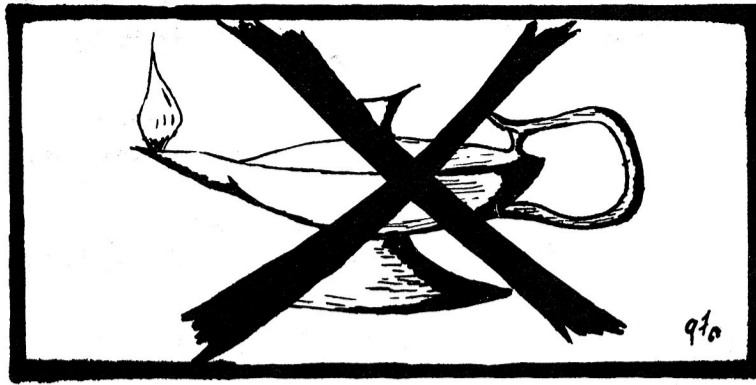
There was once a teeming, violent, turbulent large city—only about 12 miles from the peaceful little town. In good years its people avoided starvation and managed to find sneakers for part of the winter, while its children went to ridiculously understaffed, overcrowded schools. In off-years, which seemed to occur fairly

often, its people lacked any of the basic food, shelter, and clothing deemed necessary for their survival, let alone a happy life.

The large city deeply believed in tradition, or was forced to. Grass was not only absent in reality, but missing from even the young child's imagination for garbage was a far more common sight. The emblems of despair flew from every household. Progress was not considered possible, because such thoughts had little or no basis in reality.

One day a miracle occurred. Rivers did not part and burning bushes continued to consume themselves, but 12 miles seemed to be growing shorter. The people in charge of the education of the small town's children made a proposal—bus 40 children from the urban ghetto to the borough's elementary schools. Not only could bussed children gain an educational break, but the people of "small town" would also gain a break-in human understanding.

The story's final outcome is still in doubt. Tradition is not easy to break especially in the small town and large city. Write your own ending—and see it through.



# Emphasis On Grades Produces Need For Evaluation Of System

by Lewis Seagull

Carl Rodgers, an educational psychologist, writes that the only true and lasting knowledge is self-taught. He states that the teacher's role is to act as a catalyst for the student to learn in what he himself has interest. According to this philosophy, grades should not enter into the learning process.

In Verona, the formula for life seems to be: happiness = money = job = "education" = college = high school = grades. Learning is often squeezed out by grades in this formula. This idea constitutes the two main problems of Verona teaching, which are an overemphasis of grades and a presentation of knowledge rather than the discovery of it. The first situation is a problem because it has set up an unhealthy competition for grades and has buried the stimulating competition for learning. The second situation is diametrically opposed to Rodger's theory.

Examples of the students who are products of this Verona thinking are those who thoroughly know all they have been taught but can neither apply it nor extend this

knowledge and teach themselves more by using it. Other examples are those students who study for a test the night before, ace it, and then don't know the material a week later. Both kinds of students are considered superior because they both get good grades.

Experiments by VHS teachers prove that the students are so conditioned by this system that they are not motivated to learn unless grades are at stake and cannot teach themselves but must be led.

In one such experiment, the teachers promised the students "A's" in the fourth marking period and on the final exam and asked them to set up their own course of study. Only after the teacher had successfully broken down their conditioning, were positive results achieved.

### What Can Be Done?

A possible solution to these problems might be instituting a pass-fail system of grading or re-evaluating the teachers' role in the learning process. Colleges would know the student's ability and achievement through a check-

The Fairviewer would like to congratulate two worthy members of the faculty at Verona High School, on their recent eminent achievements. Mr. Harold Butterworth, instructor of advanced mathematics was honored by Harvard University, as one of the four most outstanding secondary school teachers in the country. His long-deserved recognition as an exceptional scholar in his field has been anxiously expected by his pupils.

Miss Carleen Coomer, instructor of physical education, was also the object of approval last week; she was offered a teaching fellowship from Boston University. Her excellent guidance and relationships with her students will certainly remain as only an annexation to her congenial character in Boston.

We of the Fairviewer are proud that VHS has Mr. Butterworth and Miss Coomer as members of our faculty.

list of competency of intangibles (creative thinking, ability under pressure, etc.) and a recommendation. In addition, the students would not be judged on the basis of subjects unrelated to future plans. That is, an art student would not be judged by his math grade but if the student is interested in liberal arts, then all subjects would be considered.

In any solution the emphasis must be put on aiding the student in finding his own direction, rather than being led. Whatever change there is, the system of teaching and grading in Verona High School should be re-evaluated and some serious attention be paid to the type of individual which this system is producing.

# Bus Proposal Stirs Controversy As Town Awakens To Problem

by Ted Loewenthal

Recently the "apathetic" citizens of Verona seem to have awakened from their provincial slumber. This community, sparked by its students, has recently begun a whole group of civil rights activities, ranging from tutoring to collecting furniture for an apartment of a burned out Newark family.

What has sparked this sudden rash of activity? Certainly it was not the death of Martin Luther King, for the activities started before that. Perhaps this community is finally awakening to the needs of the poor and underprivileged in this country and to the reasons for the riots which are ravaging our cities. Whenever a few of the citizens of a middle class community are willing to give up a free Saturday to help clean up the slums of Newark, then it is a sign that at least some are becoming aware.

But the most meaningful gesture to date is the proposal to bus Newark school children to Verona. Although the outcome of this project is still in doubt, the extent of praise and criticism would show that at least the town has become aware of the problem. As of now, a referendum has been asked for.

And why not? After all, isn't this an important issue, and don't the people have a right to express their opinion? Yes, but definitely not in this way. This program would not rely on Verona at all financially. Even ignoring the merits of a referendum, the board of education is elected for the town's children.

Once elected, they must decide what is best. If they decide that it is best to expose elementary school children to some of the problems that they are sure to encounter when they are older, while at the same time giving an opportunity to a very small yet highly significant group of Negro children, then their decision should be final. A referendum should not be allowed to be used as a cover for the bigots to destroy a golden opportunity for all of these children.

### Only A Start


Forty children makes little

more than a dent in the educational problems of Newark, yet if this opportunity can be offered to even a few, then it should not be denied. It is to be hoped that other larger suburban communities will institute similar programs. But first Verona's program must prove itself. Undoubtedly, problems will be encountered, but they must be overcome. For it is programs such as this one that are striving to save our nation. And if they fail and our cities burn, there will be little left for us to salvage.

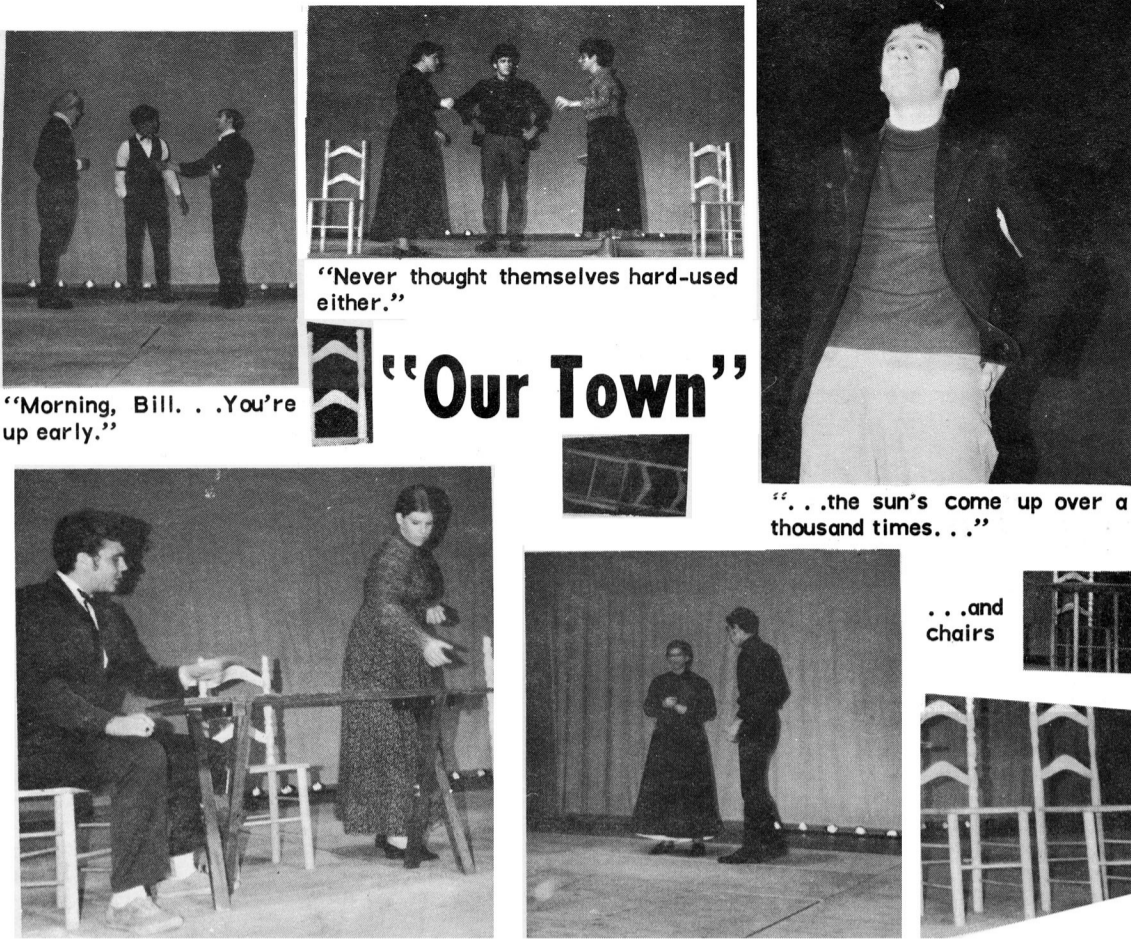


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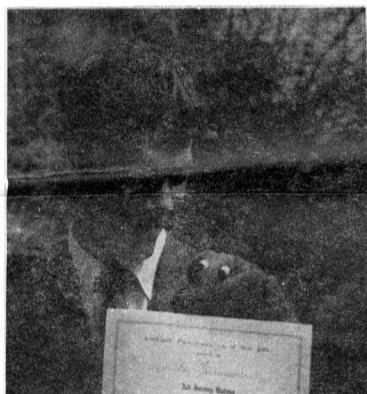
...and chairs

"Only trouble was, I'd never seen you before."

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...and more chairs

# Convention Recipe: Ingredients Call For Well-Done Candidates



"Ribet" (on shoulder) and friend.



Math-minded sposs supporters voice views.

Select one East Orange college campus assembly and fill with 1,500 chairs, a table full of school newspapers, and a display of the top high school papers in the state. Send out for 1,100 chair-filling students - bring to a simmer by combining ingredients after chair-fillings have spent an average of 0.359 hours in a hot, dilapidated bus. Add seasoning in way of an East Orange college senate vice-president who advocates taking over the janitor's office, a Tennessee-born newspaperman who advocates a "do, don't say" policy in civil rights, the prospect of three sessions of journalistic seminars and of one thousand, one hundred over-filling box lunches (oranges or milk, two

sandwiches, candy bar, apple, seasonings), and an on-campus McCarthy Headquarters complete with advocates. Mix well through announcing that, while lists of award winners and ratings of papers are ready for distribution, these and awards will not be given out for another four hours. Your SPANJish convention should now be at a full boil. When concoction turns a deep on-fire orange, turn heat higher - announce that presentation of awards is to begin. Chair-fillers should immediately come to top of pot. From these, select those thirty-odd of Veronian manufacture and equip with: 1) posters reading, variously, "Kesky Lives"; "Kesky 4 President"; "The Fairviewer"; 2) a standard comment when staffs of other papers garner awards, like: "If those kids from Bleechboig kiss each other, hold hands, and skip over my foot up to the stage one more time, I'll scream!"; 3) one Kesky Sposs; 4) a stuffed green frog (purch-

chased.) Make certain each of the thirty-odd screams loudly. Place a photographer member of delegation at foot of stage steps; specify purpose, to take pictures of Veronian winners. Fray nerves of all 1,100 chair-fillers well done.

Using selected Veronian manufactured as indicators, add ultimate seasoning when nerves cord are almost severed and "Sposs Forever" sign cannot be held straight on account of palsy of over-excited delegates. Announce top-ten newspapers from among seventy-nine high schools in state. Verona, Montclair, Millburn, et cetera. Chair-fillers should coagulate with an ecstatic bubbling and rise out of pot. Remove pot from heat - SPANJish Convention is done, and ready for public consumption. Taste should be bitter-sweet.

All students who are not exempt are cordially invited to take final exams in overcrowded, overheated classrooms from Friday, June 14, through Wednesday, June 19. Entertainment will be provided by exempt seniors and graduates parading noisily through the halls and walking into exam rooms to talk with proctors.

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## Student Voice

Did the Columbia students achieve any of their goals and were they justified in the way they executed their protest?

**Tom Barstow - '70 - (Needham)**  
Even if the students at Columbia achieved their goals (which I don't think they did), they protested in the wrong way. The protest would have been much more effective if the students had tried a peaceful approach and had not taken over the university as they did. A better end result would have been achieved if they had tried a peaceful sit-in. The publicity in the papers given to the demonstrators would have been much friendlier and the protest wouldn't have ended as it did with the police dragging the protesters out of the occupied buildings.

**Mark Holly - '69 - (Needham)**  
Perhaps the students at Columbia University had some legitimate complaints, but these were degraded and placed in a secondary position by the way in which the students complained, I do not agree with their methods and I feel they and others would be more successful if they went about it peaceably.

**David Oster - '68** - America's tradition is one of revolution; dating back to 1776 and the Declaration of Independence. When a particular social or political problem becomes oppressive and all "legitimate" avenues of protest have been exhausted, revolutionary methods such as the sit-in at Columbia, must sometimes be adopted, the students were justified in the general way they executed their protest although I object to the defacement of buildings, the ransacking of President's Kirk's office, and the holding of a dean as hostage.

**Paul Levinsky - '68** - What Co-



lumbia students have accomplished through their recent protests can not be considered a goal. Rather, the students succeeded only in blighting the image and reputation of an excellent university. I feel these students are thoroughly unjustified in the manner in which they carried out their protest. If the students had not acted like children, and carried out their protest in a sensible manner, they could have achieved their goal, even compromised. Instead many students now risk expulsion and have blackened the name of their school.

**Bruce Levin - '70** - They accomplished one of their goals by having the building of the gym stopped. They are not justified in their actions because the method of protests they used took away the right of their fellow students to attend classes. They were also unjustified because they, as a minority have no right to forcibly push their actions on the majority.

## Tal Tales: Set Plans Yield Self-Destruction

HOW PLANNEST THOU, HORATIO?

Planners come, Horatio, in a wide variety: Hamletarian, "Cool-Hand Luke," Martinet ro-sencrantzandgildenstein. Take your choice.

You remember Hamlet, of course. Never could put his money where his mouth was until after the bookie had closed shop? The Hamletarian planner is like that - he talks a blue streak about what he's going to do, but he just can't seem to put the plot in action. He's the guy who looks for a summer job in July. And he's known what he's wanted to do for a year or two beforehand. Like Hamlet, the delayed action agent usually gets killed.

But there's a worse fate than Hamletarianism, Horatio. ro-sencrantzandgildensternism. In this, plannings quite simple, Horatio: you don't, it's done for you. Your parents, aunts, uncles, teachers, guidance tests, and the postman can together plot a pretty good life for a person. Note; the r'n'g is murder to stand behind in the lunch line or on a tightrope. ro-sencrantzandgildensternists usually get themselves killed, too.

If you're neither sponge nor put-off, Horatio, you could always be a "Cool-Hand Luke" - ist, for which you need no planning talent at all. Horatio, you

just do things as whim hits. You don't even have to plan to chew the food you've put in your mouth. Think of it now, Horatio, 'cause as a "Luke" you wouldn't. One favor distinguishes the "Luke": they're adaptable like mongese and rats.

There is a planning force to balance the others out though, Horatio. In fact, it's often responsible for their demises. 'tis the Martinet, who swallowed The Guide To Precise Outlining as a child and absorbed the contents. Martinets know exactly what they're doing five years in advance, and carry out plans on the exact second designated. Martinets generally do a lot of thinking. Problem is, Horatio, Poor Marty's thoughts are just for the future without a thought for the present. He's more like a brick than a rat. The rat can gnaw his way in and out of the Marintet's tomb of overplanning, and Marty can't do more than sift some pebbles on him often.

Art thou confused, Horatio? I've a suggestion for you. Try a combination plan. Know something of what you want to do. But also know how to adapt yourself and your plans, Horatio. 'tis the hard way, requiring thought and insight and maturity, Horatio.

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Three of the reasons for Verona's strong showing in the Suburban Conference this year are pictured above; (left) Mario Baeza's base running, (center) Bud Hart's hitting, (right) and Pat Sullivan's fielding have all been outstanding.

## Madison Halts Baseball Team's Surge For Conference Crown

The baseball team has had its ups and downs this year. After a dismal start, the Hillbillies surged into contention for the Suburban Conference championship before Madison halted Verona's progress. The Hillbillies, coached by Tom Morris, presently rest in second place with Millburn.

Verona suffered the first of two losses to Madison on April 15. The Hillbillies lone run came with two outs in the third inning when Pat Sullivan blasted a home run. Madison's powerful attack produced seven runs, three of them coming on homers. Mountain added to Verona's early-season woes by scoring a 5-4 extra inning victory. Mountain scored the winning run after two eighth-winning singles. Caldwell handed Verona its third straight defeat in a 4-3 ball game on April 18. Don Overholser had a one-hitter through four innings before Caldwell exploded for three runs in the fifth. Verona scored twice in the same inning, but a late rally fell short.

### Regain Winning Form

The losing streak was broken when Glen Oliver pitched a four-hitter to beat New Providence 2-1. Three days passed before Verona topped Summit 5-4 on April 25. Some timely hitting by Bill Anderson, who went two-for-four with a triple, was the

key to the victory. In a non-conference game, Clifford Scott shut out the Morrismen, 3-0. Scott collected only one hit more than Verona, but five Hillbilly errors were the difference.

Verona then pushed to within half a game of first place with three consecutive victories. In the first contest the Hillbillies, aided by four errors beat Millburn 4-2. On May 2, Verona clobbered Chatham, 9-1. Verona scored eight times in the sixth inning after four consecutive walks and three Verona hits. Sophomore Oliver continued his winning ways by blanking Cedar Grove with three hits, 5-0. Three days later, in a game in which first place was at stake, Madison topped Verona, 4-2. Bud Hart reached base four times, twice with singles, but his Verona teammates couldn't come through with key hits.

The leading batters for the varsity so far are; Bill Anderson, with a .306 average, Bob Zazzali, .313, and Bud Hart, who is batting .389.

### Frosh Baseball

Verona's freshman athletes continue to excel this year. The frosh baseball team has run their record to 10-1, and at present are in undisputed possession of first place in the Suburban Conference.

## Speaking Out

by Dave Oremland

Verona High School is in a sports rut! It has been in this rut for several years and will continue to remain in the same condition until some kind of corrective action is taken. This rut is the result of poor planning and has consummated in bad teams and worse athletic facilities. While plans have been proposed to improve the high school's fields, little is being done to rebuild our teams.

The feeling in Verona has been that we are merely in a slump which we eventually will come out of. The truth is though, that we will remain as one of two weak sisters in the conference, especially in football, unless improvements are made.

The most significant change should be in Verona's outlook on sports. To successfully field teams in the tough Suburban Conference we should start to prepare as early as in the middle grades, like other schools do. For example, a town-wide program for the P.B.A. Eagles plus a similar type of basketball league patterned after Verona's successful Little League program would improve our teams for years to come. Other improvements might include an expanded recreation program using varsity athletes as leaders in sports ranging from touch football to tennis, and the opening of more fields and basketball courts under some VRD supervision.

### Varsity Club Needed

At the high school level a Varsity Club could promote greater interest in the different sports. Also, small out-of-season intramural leagues, such as touch football in the spring or basketball in the fall, could prepare boys for the upcoming competition.

It is doubtful that action will be taken on all of these proposals. The truth is though, that something must be done to improve the Hillbilly sports scene and lift us out of the rut we have allowed ourselves to fall in.

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In two of their most recent games the frosh smashed Millburn 8-1, while topping Madison, 3-1. Against Madison, Verona opened the scoring in the second inning when John Burguillos singled in Scott Ingold with two outs. In the third inning Mike Passero scored from third base on a sacrifice fly and Tom Randazzo stole home. The highlight of the Millburn game was Barry Giblin's two-run homer in the fifth inning. This smash put the game out of reach for the Millers.

## Trackmen Break Slump, Threaten VHS Records

Outstanding individual performances by sprinter Ted Perl, distance men Pete Kazmar, Billy Joe Curtis, and Dick Barrat, and pole vaulter Bob Scharling have highlighted this year's track team. Injuries to other key performers, though, plus a lack of depth have resulted in a 3-7 record for the Hillbilly harriers.

The dirt kickers broke a six meet losing streak against Madison on Thursday, May 9. Outstanding performances were supplied by Ted Perl with two firsts in the sprints, and Art Kellenberger with a 55.2 for a first in the 440. Other first places were recorded by Dick Barret in the two mile, Pete Kazmar in the mile, Billy Joe Curtis in the 880, Steve Shapiro with two wins in the high and long jumps, and a



Art Kellenberger shows strain of race in 440 victory at Cedar Grove.

tie between Bob Nigro and Dave Olsen in the pole vault.

Another fine effort was made against Memorial on May 7. Although Verona suffered a close

## Netmen Stop Four Foes; Golfers Progress Slowly

### Millburn Stops Tennis Team

In the last eleven matches the tennis team has posted a 4-7 record.

In the second pre-conference match of the season Verona topped Glen Ridge, 3-2. Victorious were the second and third singles players, Frank Carleton and Larry Levine, respectively, and the second doubles team of Dave Stetson and Pepper Redd, which scored an easy 6-0, 6-0 win. Two days later Millburn routed Verona 5-0.

Successive losses to Summit, 4-1, and Chatham, 5-0, left Verona with a 2-3 record overall, but the Hillbillies were still looking for their first conference victory. That win came on April 29, as New Providence fell 5-0. Verona picked up another victory, beating Caldwell 5-0, but between the two victories Cedar Grove won a tight 3-2 match. Millburn again topped the Netmen, 5-0, but the following day, May 7, Verona beat Madison, 3 1/2-1 1/2 with Carleton winning a first singles, Cohen winning at second, while Rick Gustavson and Steve Kraus won at first doubles. In the next two matches Summit scored a 4-1 victory, and Cedar Grove won, 3-2.

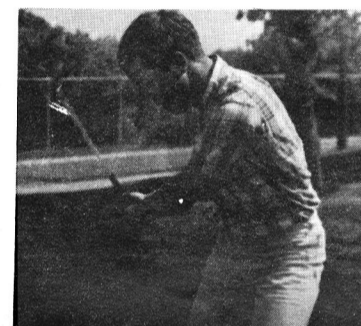
### Golfers Crush Immaculate

The golf team, in the midst of a rebuilding season, has played erratically thus far. Coached by John Lenaeus, the squad has won three times in eleven matches.

The season opened on April 9 when West Orange dumped Verona 13-5 at the Rock Springs course. Six days later Caldwell took a 12-6 decision, despite a strong 43 by Mike Mancini. The Hillbillies fell by the same score to Millburn at Verona's home course, the Montclair Country Club.

The first of three Verona victories came against Cedar Grove. Verona chalked up 15 points while Cedar Grove earned only three. The formidable Montclair squad easily won, on April 25, 13 1/2-4 1/2, but Mancini's 41 was a bright spot for Verona.

Two of the next four matches were won by Verona, as the linksmen shut out Immaculate Conception 18-0, while topping Chatham by a 12-6 score. But in the last three matches Caldwell beat Verona 15-3, while Madison and Summit scored identical 10-8 victories.



Swinger Bob Sherman irons out his problems with his irons.

## Cheerleaders Cheer Again

There has been a sweeping revision of rules for cheerleading tryouts this year. Juniors already on the football cheering squad will remain there for next year. The other places will be filled by juniors and sophomores. Present day freshmen will not be allowed to try out for football cheerleading, but are eligible for soccer. Soccer cheerleaders will be chosen on a separate day. Anyone who does not make the football squad on June 3 can try for soccer on June 5.

Individual cheers, which were discontinued last year, will be used once again for selecting cheerleaders this year. Each girl is required to make up an original cheer using two stunts of her choice. This is an addition to the regular requirements: a horse jump and a cartwheel as well as other stunts.

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# Juniors Receive Honor Society Pins; Worthy Students Earn Merit Awards

Highlighting this year's Honor Society and Service Awards Assembly was the recognition of Mr. Harold Butterworth for his selection by Harvard University as one of four distinguished secondary school teachers in the nation. Mr. Butterworth received his award, which included \$1200, on June 12 at Harvard's commencement. At the assembly, the Student Council, Senior, Junior, and Sophomore class presidents and Mrs. Milton Levinson, president of the PTA, presented him with gifts.

Mr. Willard next explained the process of selection for the nine Junior inductees into the Honor Society. These students must rank in the top 25 of the class and ex-

hibit qualities such as scholarship, leadership, character, and service. The new members are: Gregory Fontaine, Kathryn Krohn, Janet Steel, Elissa Weitz, William Trimmer, Mary Beth Lambden, Joan Oremland, Ellen Straus, and John Tesser. A reception in the cafeteria was held for the new members of the Honor Society and their parents.

Those teachers who are not returning to VHS next year presented the service awards. Twenty-seven students were honored by receiving silver "V" pins "in recognition of the unselfish service each has performed in a conscientious and loyal manner during the past year." Many

different acts of service were recognized, including Student Council tutoring, service in the Lost and Found booth, distribution of book supplies, assistance in the school library, preparation of musical programs, performance of the duties of the Traffic Patrol, help with office work, efficiency of the Assembly Committee, stage crew work, preparation of the Red Cross student directory, and help in the girl's physical education programs.

Mr. William O. Jacobs presented the Dramatics Club "Orreries" to John Tesser for tickets and to Michael Rodman for his role as the Stage Manager in "Our Town."



Tipsy photographer's view of new Honor Society members.

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## "Laugh-In" Is Senior Tribute

Using the popular television show "Rowan and Martin Laugh-In" as the prototype, 140 Seniors presented an example of modern Americana in a colorful Senior Assembly on June 12. Dick Martin and Dan Rowan were played by Mike Rodman and Robert Zazzali.

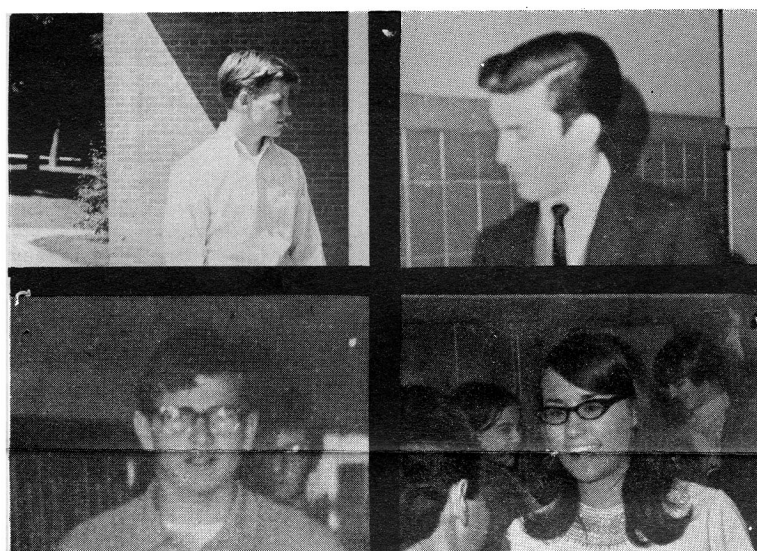
Regularly featured on "Laugh-In" are the "News" and the "Cocktail Party," and the Seniors included these in their program. Jo-Ann Worley, who frequently voices protests against chicken jokes on "Laugh-In," was replaced in the assembly by Roz Liberman and Henry Gibson's eloquent poetry was recited by Glenn Isaac. Nancy Kaplan played the role of the love-sick woman from the television show, and Vivian Grossman was seen as Goldie Hawh.

A take-off of "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" was presented by Marcia Dixcy, who played the only part in "Have A Little Tea With Trixie." The Seniors also showed a movie in which 140 members of the class participated and displayed a typical "day in the life" of a Verona Senior.

## Teachers Plan Leaves For Various Reasons

Leaving Verona High School in pursuit of higher education and new job opportunities will be six faculty members.

Mr. Dennis Buss, U.S. History I, P.A.D. instructor and advisor to the Model U.N. Club, will be moving, with his wife, to New Brunswick. There he will



Newly elected officers - (l. to r.) - Jim Ferguson, Craig Lawrence, Kevin Shaw, Joan Oremland.

## VEA Holds Human Relations Symposium As Speakers Hail Education The Key

With the goal of achieving a means whereby Negroes would be able to solve the problems of discrimination which they have encountered, the Verona Education Association sponsored a day-long symposium, "Human Relations Study Day," on Monday, May 20. Approximately 350 educators, administrators, clergymen, and observers listened to and participated in discussions dealing with various aspects of Negro life.

A short quiz, called a "Honkey Test," given to emphasize cultural differences between white middle class people and urban Negroes, was followed by lectures on the history of the American Negro, the problems of the Negro youth and those of Negro professionals in suburbia. A film entitled "A Study of the Boyhoods of Hubert Humphrey and James

Baldwin" visually emphasized the previous talks.

A major point made by Mr. Samuel Cameron, a Verona resident and elementary school principal in Hackensack, was that the Negro must have superior aptitude and education in order to qualify for a job which could be filled by whites of less training. Dr. D.C. Rice, chairman of the Middle School Social Studies department, commented on the recent bussing proposal, passed last week by the Board of Education, defining it as only an incomplete step towards better race relations.

complete his studies for a doctorate in education at Rutgers University. Mrs. Carolyn Buss, English IV teacher and Front Page Club supervisor, plans to teach English at South Brunswick High School.

Two physical education teachers are also leaving for further study. Miss Carleen Coomer, co-sponsor of the G.A.A., has received an assistantship from Boston University, where she will work towards a Masters degree in human relations. To travel and then enter graduate school in California next January are the plans of Miss Wendy Meyers, who also sponsors the G.A.A.

Mr. Harry Owens, band and ensemble director for two years, will become a representative for Dorn and Kerschner musical instruments.

Also leaving will be Mrs. Susan Sarle, General Science, Physics, Electronics teacher and advisor to the twirlers for the past three years.



Royal flush at Junior Prom.

## Elect Officers For Council And Classes

The excitement of elections is over, and until next year at this time, the presidents, vice-presidents, and secretaries of next year's classes and Student Council will have the opportunity to carry out their new ideas.

The Student Council president of the 1968-69 school year, Craig Lawrence, says his main goal for the year will be "to try and equal or exceed the success of the '68 Council. I want to have Dances of the Month every month, many being with other schools of our choice."

Kevin Shaw, next year's Student Council vice-president encouraged student interest in all school activities, especially sports. One of Council Secretary Joan Oremland's suggestions is a bi-monthly principal's meeting

which Mr. Willard and any interested students would attend. Joan believes that, "Now would be the time for these people to express their grievances, complaints, and compliments about the school."

James P. Ferguson, president of the class of 1969, has plans to make the Senior magazine drive more effective next year. Ann Arella and Holly Grim, vice-president and secretary respectively of the 1968-69 Senior class, will aid their president in all reorganizations of the drive.

Larry Levine, president of the Class of 1970, plans to have a Junior Executive Board. Larry, vice-president Steve Moore, and secretary Sandy Burns plan to rid the class of its stagnant apathy by involving a diversity of class members in many activities.

Bill Rodman, president of the new Sophomore class, proposed an executive board similar to Larry's. Among his other aims is a successful Sophomore Dance. Vice-president Dennis Casale and secretary, Lyn Conticchio will assist Bill in his plans for more class meetings.

## Hickory Site Of Prom Pleasure

Fulfilling the hopes and expectations of many VHS students was the Junior Prom, held on June 7 at Hickory Hill. The theme of the prom was "Summerset."

### This Is Royalty?

Highlighting the evening was the crowning of King Mike Berman, Queen Georgia Anspach, Prince Craig Lawrence, and Princess Ann Arella. Marti Ames and his orchestra provided entertainment for the 300 people who attended.

Bids were sold at the price of ten dollars per couple and covered the cost of stuffed turkey dinners. Mrs. Kathryn Adams and Mrs. Susan Sarle were advisors for this project.

### TOP TEN

At the Senior Award's Assembly on Wednesday, June 12, the top ten ranking Seniors were announced. They are, in ascending order: Marcia Dixcy, Sheldon Waxman, Dick Teimer, Bruce McKinley, Lynne Barrett, Patricia Russo, Roz Liberman, Richard Seltzer, Patricia Thomas, Cheryl Spinweber. In addition to these High Honors students, who will wear gold tassels at the June 20 commencement exercises, the Honors students were announced.

The Fairviewer wishes to thank the Student Council without whose cooperation this issue would not have been possible. Their vote to present us with \$250 provided us with the necessary funds to pay our end-of-the-year debts.

# FAIRVIEWER Confronts Unfounded Disparagement

Recently THE FAIRVIEWER was informed by the Administration that Friday night re-writes could not be held next year. The difficulty of getting an advisor to stay late was cited as the main reason. Also, re-writes are criticized as being solely social gatherings where nothing is accomplished.

It is this last argument which is most distressing. Certainly if one looks at the accomplishments of this past year's FAIRVIEWER, it must be fairly evident that something was accomplished at these re-writes. The Scholastic Press Association of New Jersey along with the Newark Evening News rated THE FAIRVIEWER as the ninth best paper in the state, and gave awards to three individual members of the staff. Besides these commendations, thirty members of the staff were interested enough in increasing their journalistic talents as to attend SPANJ Journalism Day at Upsala on May 3. An interesting sidelight to these accomplishments is the fact that the majority of the newspapers in the Top Ten are worked on in journalism classes; THE FAIRVIEWER is one of the few school newspapers done completely as an extra-curricular activity. If THE FAIRVIEWER is getting no work done during

re-writes, when is it being accomplished?

### Concessions Should Be Made

As stated before, THE FAIRVIEWER is one of the few school newspapers where all the work is done after school. If, in spite of these facts, the administration finds it impossible to schedule Friday night re-writes for next year, then THE FAIRVIEWER should be given some benefits to make the best possible use of the final week before going to print. On the Thursday and Friday of the last week, THE FAIRVIEWER should be allowed to stay until 7 p.m. There should be one room exclusively for FAIRVIEWER use with three typewriters. Seven editors should be placed in the advisor's home-room making contact easier. Finally, during the re-write week editors should be allowed to get passes from study halls to go to a specific room (a different room which is free could be designed for each period of the day).

Perhaps the physical flaws of Friday night re-writes are impossible to overcome, but THE FAIRVIEWER should be given alternate benefits for writing a good newspaper. Only then will the paper be worth printing.

This issue marks the beginning of a new policy for THE FAIRVIEWER. Being the journalistic branch of the student body, THE FAIRVIEWER wishes to express the consensus of student views. Therefore it has formed an editorial board composed of the page co-editors and the two editors-in-chief. This board, together with the advisor, will meet before each issue for the purpose of taking a stand on a pressing current issue. Then one member will write an editorial voicing the sentiment of the majority of board members. In future issues these editorials will appear unsigned in the top-left hand corner of the editorial page.



# Teimer Champions Status Quo; Grading Superior To Pass-Fail

To the Editor:

In an editorial appearing in last month's Fairviewer, Lewis Seagull cited the Rodgers' educational theory, contending that a pass-fail grading system would be more suitable than our present system. I accept neither his proposal nor his logic.

The D student, who is frustrated in his unsuccessful attempts to grasp the subject matter, does not lose interest in learning because of the D but because of the frustration. In the pass-fail system, equating his performance with that of the A student may soothe the former's ego, but does not help him aca-

demically, and certainly does nothing for the A student.

Mr. Seagull rejects the grade system because of "those students who study for a test the night before, ace it, and then don't know the material a week later. . .and are considered superior students." He ignores the fact that VHS is a high school not a college, and that much of the data pounded into the students is trivia. If a student can memorize the 90 departments of France, a dozen lines from The Odyssey, or the atomic numbers of the elements only temporarily, what of it? If the test is meaningful—that is, if it requires reasoning

(and not memorization)—then the successful student must have demonstrated this ability, which cannot be crammed in the night before or lost the following week.

### Current Systems a Necessity

In the development of his argument, Mr. Seagull assumes that the majority of VHS students are devoted intellectuals and are being held back by blind educators who support the grading system. But, if VHS teachers have truly proven that students "are not motivated to learn unless grades are at stake," then this underlines the necessity of maintaining our current set-up, and not overlooking a vital part of human nature: the desire for competition. Quality is improved by competition—in business, in athletics, in academics—and I believe that Mr. Seagull's call for "re-evaluation" was uncalled for.

Dick Teimer

# Emotionally Loaded Documentary To Encourage Nihilistic Attitudes

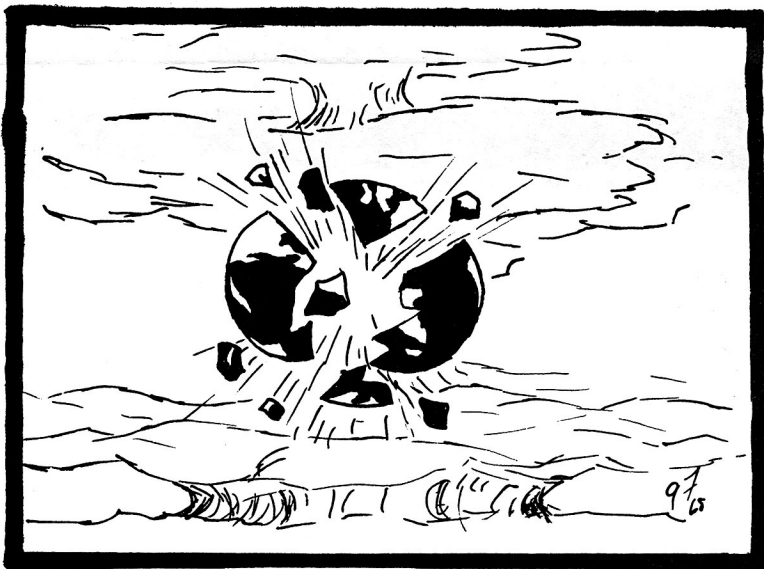
by Matt Cohen

John F. Kennedy once said in reference to the threat of an international thermonuclear war, "The balance of terror has become all terror, and no balance. . ." Perhaps the late president felt that the intense fear created by the mere existence of the bomb has become a psychological threat to the people, rather than a physical one. However, this idea is contrary to the beliefs of men who feel that the possibility of a "World War Three" is dominantly present, and not in the mind. Peter Watkins, a man with such beliefs, wrote a hypothetical documentary *The War Game*.

This unusual film shown as an assembly, deals with the terrifying reality of an atomic war, the type of terror which gave grotesque horror movies their fame. Some scenes consisted of thoroughly burned and mutilated bodies, either carelessly piled in preparation for cremation, or simply displayed on the blood

stained streets in neatly laid rows. Other scenes depict the bitterness of human suffering, effectively conveyed by the screams of men, women, and children awaiting their deaths because of the lack of medical treatment. Watkins, through the use of propaganda, makes a solely emotional appeal to his audience. Unfortunately, his point of view destroys any hope for survival and creates defeatist attitudes.

Some people may use propaganda as a device to play with human emotions as others may use the nuclear bomb. A small fear once planted can develop into a wild concept, permitting the imagination to explode, and inevitably forcing fragments of the idea upon others. Rather than being constructive, films like *The War Game* will destroy any sense of our security, and arouse severe suspect and contempt in other nations.



# Teachers Must Return Exams To Fulfill Educational Purpose

Final exams are both time-consuming to the student and the teacher. The student may spend many hours in preparing for and then taking the exam, but the teacher spends the same amount of time in composing it. The purpose of the final exam is to show to both the student and teacher how much knowledge the student has acquired. Also, the exam should be an aid in the learning process. But the purpose of the exam is defeated because, by not returning the papers, the student never completes his understanding of the course, and therefore, never knows how much knowledge he has gained.

Grades are all that a student receives on his exam. Yet grades alone do not measure or reflect how much a student has learned. They do not indicate whether the ideas which a student has formed are right or wrong. Furthermore, the learning which accompanies the correction of a mistake is denied to the student because exams aren't returned. Many stu-

dents would like to know what errors they may have made. But because the papers aren't returned, the student not only can't see his mistakes, but his erroneous ideas are never corrected.

### Teachers Not Infallible

The final repercussion of the present method of administering final exams concerns the marking of them. Most teachers have four or five classes of exams to mark in only two-five days. Teachers are not infallible, so there does exist the possibility of their making mistakes not only in correcting the papers, but also in recording the grades. The student, because his exam isn't returned, runs the risk of doing poorly or even flunking, although he may have passed. And there is no Monday after report cards are issued on which the student can plead his case, especially when he doesn't have any evidence.

J.T.

# To Mourn A Ridealist

So, what do you say on a day like today,  
When one must be both Aldonza the Whore  
And Quixote's true love Milady Dulcinea  
Aldonza crying: "Take the clouds from your eyes and see things as they really are!"  
For a man whose destiny seemed greatness  
is dead and has left a legacy of children  
Twice-knowing death by the assassin's gun  
And still say later in the voice of the Enchanted:  
"A man died. He seemed a good man, but I did not know him. Don Quixote is not dead. . ."  
Ideals can outlast Mentors.  
Aldonza-she grieves for the bones and hair,  
For the flashofasmile and thetwinkleintheeye  
Thesoundofthevoice and thewaveofthehand,  
While Dulcinea-idealized love-grieves for a mind and a dream once-spoken  
And sings the song of "Overcome."  
Today, both grieve; for a man, Though not Quixote  
Who saw things as they really were  
And yet did battle with the windmills  
For the honor of Aldonza and the Lady Dulcinea  
For whom he dreamed, and loved from afar.

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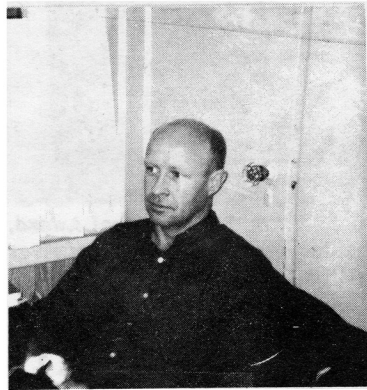


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# Mid-Knight Rides To A Different Tune: Klanspeople Today Are 'Action Group'

7:30. We ring the doorbell. A moment passes; then a tall, balding man in a green plaid shirt opens the door. "We're from. . ." "Oh, yes. Come on in. I have an office upstairs."



The man is John Peter Behringer, Grand Dragon of the New Jersey chapter of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Behringer settles down in the lounge chair, reclining, legs crossed, one foot tapping slowly. His hands are sometimes behind his head, sometimes one near his face and one at his side, mov-

ing as he talks. It is an easy position, as though Mr. Behringer is very used to interviews. John Behringer is very articulate and careful in his speech. He has lived in Caldwell for most of his life he explains. He went to Caldwell High, where he wrote a paper on the Klan for a history course. He had always been interested in the Klan; the secrecy ap-



pealed to him. While he was going to college he associated with Klanspeople, although he did not join then.

Behringer explains that the Klan today is an "action group" whose purpose is to "reverse the Communist-Negro" trends in America. "There has never been a race riot in a city where the Klan is strong. Negroes are afraid of going out into the streets and perhaps hitting a Klansman." Klansmen were active during last summer's riots trying to keep Negroes out of white sections. They were also somewhat active during a recent Board of Education meeting in Verona concerning the bussing of 40 elementary students from Newark. "At first we were thinking of having a hundred robed Klansmen standing out in front of the school handing out literature," Behringer explains.

"There is a need for it now as there was when the Klan was first organized. . . The spirit is something you can't control. . . Now don't get me wrong, we are not against equal rights."

We go back down the steep, narrow stairs, and pause at the door again to profess gratitude. There is a TV in the den. The end of "Laugh-In". . . "If Ida Lupino married. . ."



## Student-Faculty Voice

What was your reaction to the movie "War Game?"

Joan Goldberg '70-I cried.

Mr. Ellicot- What impressed me the most was that at the beginning of the movie some students reacted with laughter but as the movie progressed the laughter ceased. I thought that it obviously proved that the movie achieved what it set out to do. I am very much in favor of showing movies like "War Game" for I am opposed to sheltering teenagers from the outside world.

Ken Jacobsen '69 I think it was a most effective movie. Letting us see the dangers of atomic warfare is better and more effective than just telling us about them. This way, we can see the suffering caused by the atomic bomb and we can try to avoid it, knowing what might happen to us.

Lynne Barret '68- "War Game" was a significant achievement for VHS. Its impact on the student body and its support by the Student Council were, I think, one of the most hopeful things I've seen in VHS.

Al Price '69-I thought the film was very informative and interesting. I think it helped us all to realize how deadly the bomb is, how much devastation and pain the bomb caused and most of all how many innocent people were killed. The movie, I'm sure, will make us all think twice, especially those with the power of unleashing the bomb, before involv-

ing ourselves in a nuclear war. What hit the people the most, I think is the fact that the destruction could happen to us, especially being near to New York.

Beth McKinley '70-It was good because it showed people what could happen. It had a strong effect on people who had not realized what might happen or those who had been trying to avoid it. It did shock me, and depressed me. Perhaps, though, it will have the effect of bringing me to some sort of action to do something about the situation.

Jane Shields '69- I felt that "War Game" was a shocking movie but only because it was so possible. I think it should be mandatory viewing for anyone over the age of 13.

Sue Olinger '70- The movie didn't seem real because I have never been in contact with the horrors of war time. I couldn't associate myself with the movie.

Jackie Beltz '68- "War Game" is a shocking picture of what can really happen at any time. The reality in the filming is what makes the picture not a commentary.

Barbara Kapnick '71- This movie brought out the terrible reality to me, and hopefully to all, of how close to destruction our world is and what could happen with the pushing of a little button.

# Individuals, Lighting, Costumes Produce Confined 'Our Town'

by Mary Mahon

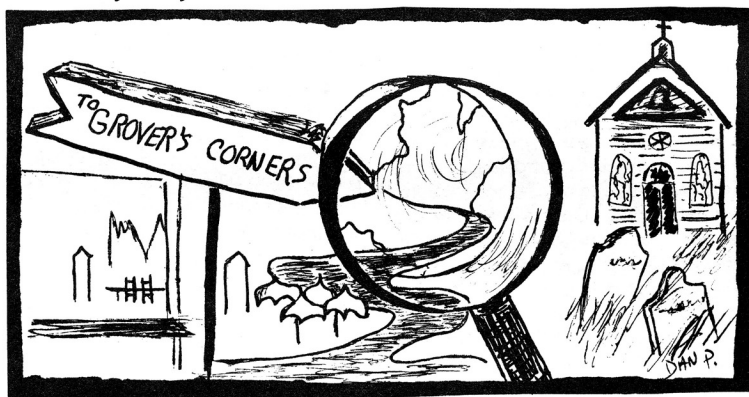
Once again, through a lack of support, the majority of the student body has missed another worthwhile production at VHS.

Our Town, produced by Mr. Jacobs and the Dramatics Club, was a thought-provoking play showing the confinement and lack of communication in a small New England town. This major theme of confinement was conveyed by individual performances, sound and lighting effects, and the costumes.

Although the first and second acts seemed long, the appearances of Hetty Kadison as Mrs. Gibbs, Elena Randazzo as Mrs. Webb, Ingrid Crapps as Mrs. Soames, and Bruce Cohn as Simon Stimson and his chorus prevented the monotony which could have occurred. Throughout the play, Hetty gave an excellent performance, making the role seem more realistic and bringing out the best in the other performers.

Mike Rodman, as the Orrie winning 'Stage Manager,' also gave an excellent performance, and kept the audience informed and interested in the actions of the performers.

Jimmy Steinitz as George Gibbs, Chuck Riley as Mr. Webb, and Tom Smith as Dr. Gibbs, gave good performances. Their roles were difficult be-



cause of the female dominance which overshadowed all the male roles in the play.

In the third act, Nancy Kaplan, as the dead Emily Webb, gave a tremendous performance which left nothing to be desired by the audience. The character of Emily became more likeable because of the change from the conceited, narrow-minded girl to the 'unconfined,' understanding woman. For the first time the audience was truly involved in the lives of the people in Grover's Corners.


The sound and lighting effects and the costumes in Our Town also contributed to the "confinement" of the play. The spotlights, though often 'hard' on the eyes, confined the movements of the

performers in their small worlds. The sound effects were similar to the lighting in their purpose and gave the audience the feeling of being in an echo chamber. At first the obviously too tight costumes confused the audience, but their importance in conveying the theme became apparent as the play progressed. They seemed especially important in expressing the confinement of the chorus members and the town's people by giving a stereotype image of all the citizens of Grover's Corners.

If not because Our Town was a worthwhile and thought-provoking production many more should have viewed it because of the many hours the performers spent preparing for this play.

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# Baseball Team Beats Millburn, 8-0; Ties For Conference Championship

After two weeks of rain and postponements a psyched-up Verona baseball team traveled to Millburn and thrashed a strong Miller squad 8-0, to tie Madison for their second straight Suburban Conference baseball championship.

Early in the season, Coach Morris' men rested in last place in the Conference with a 1-3 record. From that point on, though Verona ran wild and tallied nine Conference victories in ten contests, thus finishing in the first place tie with a 10-4 mark in Conference play.

Verona's fighting nine clinched the tie by taking an early unbeatable lead in the Millburn game. In the second inning, Bob Zazzalli's single, followed by four consecutive Millburn errors allowed three local boys to score. Mario Baeza and Pat Sullivan crossed the plate in the third inning to up the lead to 5-0. Just to clarify things as to which was the better team, the Morris Men added three more runs in the seventh inning with Tom Courtney's triple highlighting the rally.

Don Overholser, who went 5 1/3 innings, got the win, with help from Bill Anderson and Glenn Oliver.

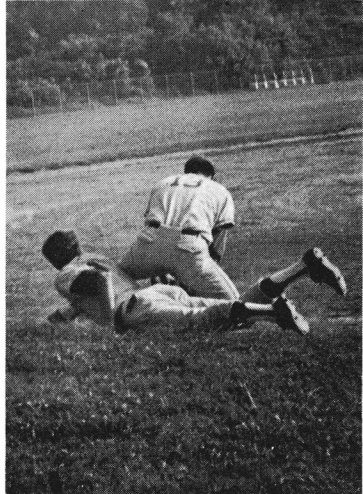
Verona started its final drive for the championship by belting Caldwell 6-1, on May 11. Don Overholser led the team by striking out twelve Chiefs and allowing only three hits. Meanwhile, the Hillbilly batters scored twice in the first inning, once in the second and fifth, and twice in the seventh frame.

The Maroon-and-White continued their surge by scoring consecutive shut-outs over New Providence and Summit. Sopho-

more Glenn Oliver raised his record to 5-1 by whitewashing New Providence 4-0. Leftfielder Bill Anderson provided the necessary offensive help with a second inning, three run homer.

Four days later, on May 20, "O-Man" Overholser threw another gem; this time a 2-0 shut-out over Summit. The junior fireballer gave up a lone single in the first inning and faced the minimum 21 batters. He accomplished this feat by picking-off two of the Hilltoppers who reached first base. The third man, attempting to steal second base, was thrown out by rifle armed catcher, Gary Kistner.

Verona, warming up for the Millburn contest, edged Passaic Valley in an away contest, 2-0. Mad Gary Romanic, pitching phenomenally, got the win. The only help he needed was a first inning run scored by Rich Lynch. Zazzalli later knocked in Baeza in the fifth for the final score.



Tom Courtney dives back to first after a too-wide turn.



Bob Zazzalli calmly accepts the fact that he's safe at third base.

## Netmen Win In Final Matches

Three straight victories in the final four matches of the season boosted the tennis team's record to 8-8. The seven-man squad, which includes four sophomores and two juniors, is optimistically looking forward to next season.

Chatham handed the Verona team its last regular season loss, beating the Hillbilly netmen, 4-1. The lone point for Verona was earned by soph Jeff Cohen.

Verona then started the push for an even record by blanking New Providence, 5-0. Led by Cohen and fearless Frank Carleton, the netmen won sixty games compared to fourteen earned by the travelling Pioneers.

An exciting 3-2 match against Madison furnished Verona with its second straight win. Coach Graham's strategy move payed off as Steve Kraus and Russ Bershad won at first doubles 6-2, 6-4, and Cohen also won. But Carleton provided the excitement by going three sets before notching the victory.

Verona beat Caldwell 5-0 in the final regular season match. In a post season tournament for Essex County teams, the Hillbillies were eliminated in the second round after topping Vailsburg in the opening match.

## Commancheros Play Panthers

Led by pitcher "Bad News" Barnes, outfielders Tom Tucci and John Jacobus, and infielders Tony Aquila, the Commancheros captured the Recreation Department's Softball League championship this year with a spotless 6-0 record. Second place was awarded to the brutal Bronski Boys, who guided by "Mighty Mouse" Jake and Big Orem, finished with a 4-2 record. Although picked for last place, and Bronski Boys combined strong leadership with good pitching, fence busting hitting, and faultless fielding to mold them into a rough and tough contender for the top spot. Tied for third place were the Corelli Brothers, the Senior dominated Dirty Dozen, and the Italianoos plus 1; all bunched together with 3-3 records. The Sweethearts ended up in sixth place while the lowly Geshtunk, unable to win a game, occupied the cellar.

At various times the Bronski Boys, Corelli Brothers, and Italianoos plus 1 challenged for the league title but the Commancheros always prevailed. They eked out extra inning victories over the Italianoos plus 1, and the Bronski Boys and smashed the Corelli Brothers, 8-2.

### Commancheros Meet Cedar Grove

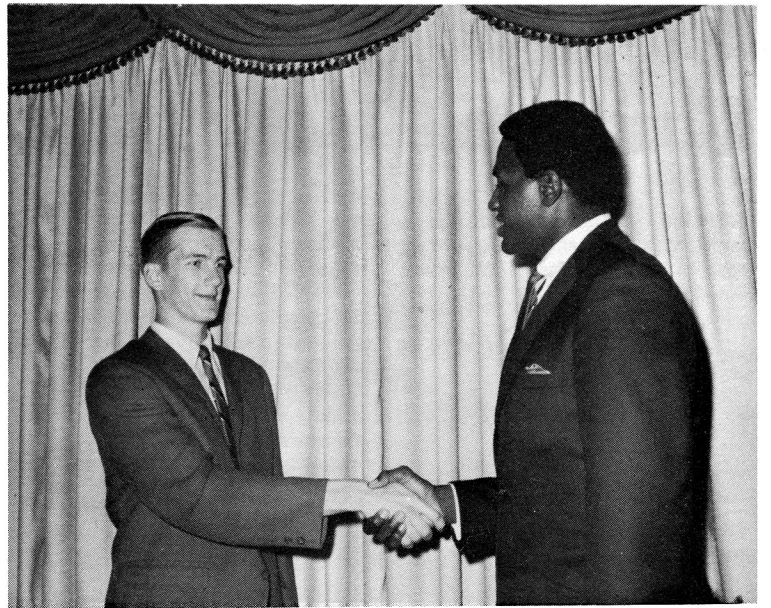
This year, the victorious Commancheros faced a Memorial All-Star softball team for the Verona-Cedar Grove championship. The victors in a best two out of three tournament, were awarded a trophy which will be passed on to each consecutive champion of the Hillbilly-Panther softball competition.

## Cindermen Lose Closing Meets

The track team closed out the '68 season with three losses, but outstanding individual performances continued to highlight the year. Seniors Ted Perl, Andy Moritz, Joe Curtis, and Steve Shapiro, along with sophs Dick Barrett and Bob Scharling have been the nucleus of a squad that shows promise for the future.

Curtis was Verona's top representative at the state sectional meet, by scoring a come-from-behind victory in the 880 he qualified to compete for the state championship. During the course of the season Perl racked up 106 points for the Cindermen while competing in several running and jumping events. Shapiro finished a near-second to Perl as a point producer by consistently placing in the broad jump and high jump. Moritz was Verona's man in the hurdles, while Curtis was the big winner in the 880. As for the future, two-miler Barrett, record-breaking pole-vaulter Bob Scharling, and two juniors, Art Kellenberger and Wilson Milford are keeping Coach Pecorara's hopes high.

The local dirt kickers did not fare well in the last three meets. Caldwell scored an easy 87-39 win. Perl's victories in the 100 and 220, along with the first and second place finishes of Shapiro in the broad and high jump respectively, accounted for much of Verona's point total. Verona fell to New Providence 77-49, but again Perl, Shapiro, Moritz, and Curtis all took at least one first place. The local track men did well in the running events, but New Providence won the meet by sweeping the field events. Against Summit, Verona again failed to capture any field events, but Milford finished second in both the shot put and discus to keep Verona in contention. The final score was 82-44.



Six foot, five inch Bill Anderson, recipient of the Jed Graef Award, annually given to the outstanding senior athlete in VHS, receives congratulations from Knick's star Willis Reed (6'10").

## Willis Reed Speaks Out

Willis Reed, known for super performances on the basketball court, also has some important things to say about the game he plays. The all-pro forward of the Knicks granted the following interview to the FAIRVIEWER before he spoke to over one hundred athletes and cheerleaders at the 1968 Sports Award Dinner.

QUESTION: Willis, what do you feel was the reason for the Knick's turnaround last year? (The Knicks moved from last to a playoff position.)

ANSWER: There were several reasons. First, a new team spirit evolved. Several of the players matured and we also used a new strategy. The full-court zone and man-to-man presses were very important factors in our turnaround.

QUESTION: How do you feel the Knicks will do next year? Also, do you think next year's rookies will help?

ANSWER: Although the Celtics won the championship this year, I think we can beat them out for second place in the Eastern Division next year. As for the rookies, a team bases its strength on veterans, not rookies. You can only hope to get what you can from the rookies.

QUESTION: Who would you name to an all-opponents team?

ANSWER: I feel the all-pro team was a just team; Bing Robertson, Lucas, Baylor, and Chamberlain. Jerry West, who was injured, Hal Greer, and Lenny Wilkins also deserve special mention.

QUESTION: Willis, how do you keep in shape during the summer?

ANSWER: I play in a summer league in Harlem with NBA, ABA, college, and AAU ballplayers.

QUESTION: What do you think of New Jersey ballplayers like Rick Barry and Bill Bradley?

ANSWER: Well, I think they're real good, strong ballplayers and I think the Knicks could use a few more of them. We're especially watching the 6'9" freshman from East Rutherford, Les Cason, who made the High School All American team last year.

QUESTION: What's your opinion of the new Madison Square Garden compared to the old Garden?

ANSWER: The new Garden is definitely better for the fans and it has a better dribbling floor with fewer dead spots than the old Garden.

QUESTION: Finally, Willis, what would you advise to the High School athlete who aspires to become a good basketball player?

ANSWER: To improve, you've got to work hard on the fundamentals of the game and play against good competition. Most important of all, you should work hard at your studies because after you're finished with basketball, you've got to do something.

(The above interview was recorded by Russ Bershad, Dave Oremland, and Don Overholser.)



Bob Scharling misses in pole vault attempt.

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