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First Aid Club:

Fifth In New York State

By Patricia Wood



Winning team displays trophies: Jim Bright, Ralph Coney, Coach, Mr. Nickou, Geraldine Ekker, Gary Gabriel

Did you know that our Liberty First Aid Team was recently in a New York State competition, and came out fifth overall? Did you even know that we had a First Aid Club? Well we do and even though around our school they are not as well known as the football or basketball teams, the First Aid Club deserves to be congratulated for their efforts.

This recent competition took place way back in September and consisted of two different situations where first aid was required. Each squad was given a certain amount of time to rescue the "victims" and

use first aid on them. Placing fifth overall was the team of Geraldine Ekker, Bruce Katz, Jim Bright, Ralph Coney and Stephen Babrieki.

The First Aid Club is sponsored by the Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Corps, who pay the team's entrance fees in the competitions. Their projects planned for the year include collecting for the Jr. Red Cross and helping with any injuries suffered in the events in the Winter and Spring Carnivals. If anyone is interested in joining this worthwhile organization, meetings are held on Tuesdays in room 204

Booster Club

By Norma McAndrew

The Booster Club started out as a club for the parents of the football players in 1970. It was strictly for football. The scoreboard on our football field was donated by the "Parents for Football Club". The Booster Club is now for all sports. Anyone can be a member of the organization, however, anything that the club does will be for students in high school activities.

The Booster Club sponsors the Fall and Winter Sports Banquets, where the participants and their families are invited for a dinner where pictures and awards are given out. Everyone can attend these banquets.

In the past few years, a Homecoming Weekend was initiated by the Booster Club. Hopefully, it will become an annual occasion. They recently held their membership drive and drove for more support for the high school as well as the community.

Meetings are held once a month on the last Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome to come and share your ideas. A Jr. Booster Club is presently being planned among the students. This organization would have common goals with the Booster Club. Chairwoman, Mrs. A. Tulp and co-chairman, Mr. I. Goodstein would appreciate all the support you can possibly give.

PTA Open House

The tables were turned last month when the parents attended the annual open house. This year, the parents received their children's schedules and went through the same routine as we do every day.

Except not all the adults fared so well. As Mr. Witherwax put it, he felt that he suddenly knew why so many kids are late to class; they take after their parents. They were allowed five minutes between classes and were provided guides in every hall. Still, many ended up lost or preferred to linger and gossip in the halls.

Nevertheless, many parents did enjoy themselves and learned much. This P.T.A. sponsored program gave the parents a chance to get back into the realm of reality, what school is all about today, not twenty years ago. If the adults learned just a little about what we face everyday, they learned a great deal.

Recreation

Town Committee Acts

By Teddy Zee

Progress in regards to recreation in Liberty is no longer an impossible goal. It was announced this month that after considerable red tape, the village and towns have merged their efforts in regards to a Parks and Recreations Commission. This body will be headed by a federally funded coordinator and will be working with a \$35,000 budget.

This commission is finally a reality after much discussion and disagreement. It seems that the village felt that the town was holding up the project which was a brainstorm of the Village Manager, Bill Buchanan. The town felt that the village was holding back on funds and felt that they were using this merger as a budgetary write off. In any event, there was a lack of communications between the two parties. It had ended up that we have come out of the deal \$10,000 ahead. Also this commission will be more efficient in handling problems.

Now that the problems have been ironed out, the joint commission has already come up with a few activities. There is now, effective as soon as it gets cold enough, skating on Scherf's Pond on Keampfer Lane. Also the opening of the gym on weekends and nights is close to settled.

For the future, there may even be an effort to get a swimming pool in the village. Impossible?; not if everybody wants and works for one. There is money available from the government to help such an effort to construct a pool.

If this commission is sincere in their plans, everybody, young or old will benefit. If this group follows the pattern of past Parks and Recreations Committees, the youth of Liberty is in for a long winter, and spring, and summer. Right now everybody is full of optimism. Invisioned are some abstract ideas which with the cooperation of everyone, can become reality.

Public Skating At Sherf's Pond

LCHS Gym Open On Weekends For Your Pleasure

Senior Magazine Drive \$ FINAL RESULTS \$

This year's Senior Magazine Drive proved to be the most productive ever (disregarding inflation). The Class of 1975 outdistanced the previous high of \$8900 by \$800 set by last year's class. Approximately 40 percent of the class reached a predetermined \$55 quota. The average sales per senior was \$65 as the high salesmen cancelled the effects of the nonparticipants.

Goal: \$7500
Sales: \$9700
Profit: \$3800

1st Place: Philip Beliaowsky portable 8-track tape player
2nd Place: Teddy Zee 8-track car tape player
3rd Place: Mary Muhlig AM-FM radio and digital clock
Drawing: Eddie Kozlowski car stereo system

Collection Day Highs:

Day 1 — Phil Beliaowsky
Day 2 — Teddy Zee
Day 3 — Phil Beliaowsky

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Destruction of Public Property

By Diane Bessen

I have always wondered whether any of the students who destroy school property have thought about who suffers most from their actions. I suppose they haven't because it seems as though everyday something else is being demolished. It would be very beneficial if these students sat down and really figured out who winds up with the short end of the rope; the school or the students.

I came up with the conclusion that we are the only ones who really lose out, and the reasons why are quite simple. Realize first that the school is not required to replace or repair any item which has been destroyed. Of course if it is a necessity like a seat, door or toilet, it will be taken care of. However, extras are not under the guarantee. By extras I mean mirrors, water fountains, and the juke box. The school can surely make it through the year without these, but they are nice to have. These things are destroyed so constantly that it does not pay to repair them. If you have observed, the school has not replaced these items in the past few months. The only people suffering are the students.

When it comes to repairing the necessities the school always seems to come through. The one problem here is that each year more money must be allotted for these types of replacements, and the only way I know of to obtain this money is to raise those lovely taxes. Who pays the taxes? Of course our parents do, so how are we hurt? Well, when our parents shovel out more money for taxes, there is less that they will give their children. Believe it or not, money is one of the keys to happiness and with less of it there is less happiness. The students suffer again.

The funny part of this whole situation is that most students spend more time in school than they do at home but they would never damage their house like they do their school. In any event, I strongly urge that everyone think carefully before they destroy any public property. If you can see yourself benefiting from your actions there has got to be a loose wire somewhere. Remember that we ALL will suffer.



Ashtrays, not toilet seats, a lounge, not bathrooms

Smoking Lounge?

By Patrice Cawley

The idea of creating a smoking lounge for students has been tossed around among the administration and students for several years.

After interviewing 15 students, 11 were for the idea, two were against it, and two had no opinion. Most of the students were against smoking, but were for the idea of a lounge if it would solve the present conditions existing in the bathrooms. One student felt that the idea of locking up the bathrooms didn't prevent students from smoking. A lounge would give these students a place to smoke while still protecting the rights of others. The majority of those interviewed felt that the lounge should be run on a privilege basis and should be used before and after school and during study halls.

One student was opposed to the lounge felt that it would encourage smoking. It also would seem that the school was condoning the fact that students should smoke. One person felt that some smokers would feel embarrassed or uncomfortable using the lounge and would continue to use the bathrooms.

The four faculty members interviewed were for a lounge with certain restrictions. An age limit of 16 years and parental consent would be mandatory. The lounge should be run under teacher supervision at all times.

The lounge may work in future years but until then something must be done to protect the rights of the students who want to use the bathroom.

The administration has expressed opposition to the idea.

Dear Ann Landers,

Dear Ann,

We were privileged enough to be able to listen to your informative speech on journalism at a recent conference in Syracuse. Please don't think that we are crazy when you read our letter, please. WE'RE FOR REAL!

Although your speech was often garbled due to your poor dentistry, we were able to grasp some of your message. From what we gathered, the gist of your life consisted of prune juice and candy cigarettes.

We have run astray in life, due to the fact that there is no one for us to talk to. We, unfortunately, have succumbed to the evil influence of alcohol, tobacco, and wacky weed. WE NEED HELP! Please answer our cries.

We were impressed with your autobiography and your dedication to your readers. We found it amazing and thoughtful of you to offer your shoulder for others less fortunate than you to cry upon.

We would be honored with your presence at our small, but immoral school at any time. Thank you for listening and we hope you will guide us to a pure and honest life such as yours.

Hopefully,

Big Jay, A.A., Smokey

(This has been a synopsis of the opinion of Michele Parks, Patrice Cawley and Patty Wood on the speech by Ann Landers given at the Empire State Press Association Conference at Syracuse on October 4.)

Mrs. Kramer Speaks Out

By Norma McAndrew

Mrs. Kramer, the school librarian, has been in this school for a good many years. She can remember a time when, not long ago, the kids in this school were the proudest in the county. They had the best school and they knew it.

Who is responsible for a decent school? Mrs. Kramer doesn't feel it's the teachers. She feels the students themselves are responsible, or should be.

A few years ago, one could go into the bathrooms without being suffocated by smoke. There was no writing on the walls and no paper on the floors. You could go into the library and get the books you needed because no one would rip them off. You could sit in the auditorium and your seat wouldn't be cut up or written on.

The teachers can't change the school. It's the students' responsibility. We're the only ones who can do anything about it. Whether you do the damage or just watch, you still are at fault, so let's change now before it is too late.

Football Support Ups & Downs

By Teddy Zee

A Liberty High School football fan is the greatest fan in the whole wide world — if you happened to be the only person to purchase a bus ticket to the Ontario game.

FLASHBACK: NOV. 1971

Excitement mounts as Liberty awaits the big football game against Lem Atkin's Highlanders featuring the heralded Monroe brothers. The outcome of the game will decide the UCAL championship. Nine busses were rented to transport a spirited Liberty student crowd to the big game. Also many other students and adults traveled to the game via other means. A crowd of over 1000 Libertyites views the opening kickoff.

Highland outclasses Liberty to take the spoils of victory, while a dejected Liberty squad makes its way to the locker room. Warmly, the Liberty crowd cheers showing, win or lose, Liberty Indians are their team.

FLASHBACK: OCT. 1974

Optimism grows around the halls of the high school as an undefeated J.V. team reaches the ranks of varsity ready to take on the league. Game time approaches as Liberty readies to tangle with Ellenville, the defending UCAL champs. A steady rain fails to affect the attendance. Liberty goes on to win the game big, starting the 1974 football season.

FLASHBACK: NOV. 1974

Liberty comes out of a three game losing streak with a 20-0 upset over New Paltz and a 26-13 trouncing of Ontario. All hopes of a championship are gone. As the season progresses, the crowds slowly diminish. One bus ticket to the Ontario game was sold. Many older students did drive themselves, while the same old loyal adult diehards still show up, but where are the other students?

There is no doubt that the Liberty squad is a great team. A few fumbles here and a few penalties there and that's the season! Not true; the football team still plays and needs support.

Reality

Liberty High is DEAD! Where did everybody disappear to. I know, no one wants to go down with a sinking ship. The team needs support the most when they lose. We are all too good to associate with a loser. The trouble is the Indians aren't losers. At press time, they were 4-3. Not bad for losers. Losers don't knock contenders out of the race for a title. Losers would have given up long ago.

Fans will slowly return to watch the great basketball team, as long as they win. School spirit isn't hip or cool, but winning is. Do you really think so? Ontario, a cellar dweller, had over 200 kids in the band and still over 1000 spectators showed up. Well what do they know anyway, they are all chucks up there.

Win or lose, support your team. They represent your school. You represent your school. You should be proud or pretty soon there will be nothing to be proud of. If the adults care enough about us, why can't we care about ourselves.

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AWARENESS II:

McKune vs. Board of Ed.

By Laurie Cox

When the Liberty Central School Board of Education denied Mrs. Sharon McKune tenure, I seriously doubt that they expected the soft spoken Mrs. McKune to protest, much less a number of concerned citizens.

Mrs. McKune felt that she had done her job. She was surprised when she did not receive tenure, especially after learning that both Mr. Parry (District Supervisor) and Mr. Nealon (Principal - elementary school) had recommended her favorably. It is their job to observe teachers and their techniques and submit their evaluations to the Board.

When demanding to know why she had been refused tenure, Mrs. McKune was told that the Board had the right to withhold that information. When she applied to other schools, she was often asked why she had been denied tenure. She had no answer.

Legally the Board of Ed. was right. Under the Education Law they were not obligated to give a teacher without tenure any reason for their dismissal. The question now arises as to the fairness of that practice.

Apparently Mrs. McKune was not the only one to question the fairness of such a law, for her supporters (among them the Sullivan County Teachers' Council and concerned citizens) were at the October 14th Board meeting. They presented a petition in support of Mrs. McKune's position.

The Board gave its formal response concerning the petition on October 28. They agreed to an Executive meeting with Mrs. McKune where they would disclose the reasons for her dismissal. They also apologized for any rumors which were started against Mrs. McKune due to the Board's silence.

The Board defended its actions by stating that it is their responsibility to see that L.C.S. has the finest teaching faculty. They said that their silence was "not only in accordance with the Education Law"...., but was to insure that "all people who provided us with information did so candidly and in confidence."

At press time, Mrs. McKune had not met with the Board. A meeting was planned for late November. Mrs. McKune will not argue the point further if she is given valid and substantial reasons for her dismissal; otherwise, she will continue her fight.

The Board does its best to make the right decision for Liberty, but being human, their decisions are not always right as they have admitted. For some reason, people often feel that an elected body, be it a school board or the House of Representatives, will make the right decisions, and when they do not there are few people with the

courage to question those decisions.

When Mrs. McKune questioned this decision she found numerous supporters who also questioned the action. By stating her case and petitioning the Board, she proved that the silence was uncalled for and that the law which allows for it is also wrong. The law has not changed, but the Board had its eyes on the fact that there are still people in Liberty who care.

This paper takes no stand on this situation. Any further decision made by the Board concerning this will be accepted and respected. They are doing their jobs and staying within the law. What we do challenge is the law itself.

The Last Picture Show

By Diane Bessen

Two years ago I would have never believed it. In fact, college students returning home for a visit are still gaping over amazement. Probably Liberty's last connection with the real world has fizzled with the closing of our two local movie theaters. The theaters had to close because the man who leased the movie house could not meet his payments, so he left town. Indirectly it was our own fault because we did not attend the theaters regularly; however, with the price so high I do not think we could have been expected to. We only ran to see those movies that Gene Shalit said were "excellent". There is still one more chain of theaters in Monticello, but with the price of gas and a movie it might not be worth it. I suppose we are slowly transforming into "made for television" type movie goers rather than the traditional Saturday afternoon viewer. Movie companies and theaters all over the country are felling the "cut", so at least Liberty wasn't the last one to know this time!

**WATCH
L.C.H.S.
CHANNEL
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FOR ALL
UCAL HOOP
ACTION**

Liberty Main Street Shopping Center

By Mitch H. Etes

Hey everybody, there is supposed to be a new shopping center built in Liberty by exit 99 or on Rt. 52. We have some good news and some bad news. First the good news: The center may just have a movie theater! Now the bad news: Not too many people think it will be built.

This was my first big assignment on the town beat (I was finally allowed to wander from the sports pages). My editor sent me downtown to see what the effects of the shopping center would have on Main Street.


What I found on the Main Street drag was apprehension. Several people refused to talk with me. They would answer no questions. Most people can see that Main Street is dying, you don't have to be an economics major to figure that out. People are scared that the center would speed up this deteriorating reaction. In New Jersey, there are very few main streets, all shopping centers. It would be horrible to see all of Main Street go. Even what we have is

better than nothing.


However, the majority of the people think that this center will not make it. Personally, I have to agree. In this day and age it is very hard to get capital for financial ventures. The interest rate is so high that it doesn't pay to borrow money. It will take a rich outfit to construct and support the actual structure. If it does get built, I feel it will have trouble keeping its head above water. Monticello, a much larger community, could not support two centers. Who will come to ours? here are not enough people in Liberty to keep it going.

If the center were to have high quality goods, it might have a chance to make it. Then it could possibly draw from the Orange County crowd as well as the Binghamton area. Unless it does have these quality stores, I see little chance of its survival, or birth.

Guessing about the effects of the shopping center upon Main Street is a bit premature. If we do see the actual buildings standing, we'll bring you more.

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FACULTY FOCUS



**Mr. Government
Mr. Utecht**

By Robin Rosen

Mr. Utecht is another new face among the fine teaching staff here at L.C.H.S. He is a member of the social studies department with classes in government for seniors and lower grade social studies.

As a newcomer to the village, Mr. Utecht finds Liberty to be a nice relaxing town with a lot of friendly faces. So far he seems to enjoy working here.

He first found out about the opening on his honeymoon in New Mexico. As a product of the Brownsville section of Brooklyn and of the S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo, Mr. Utecht feels that the Regents are one of the strong points about New York. This gives a student a fair comparison with others from the state besides the ACT's and the SAT's.

Mr. Utecht is young and energetic. He is among the many newcomers to the high school who the student body are pleased to have.

Interact Club

By Jay Wiener

A few years ago a club was formed in school where many good ideas were formulated. The only problem was that the club failed. Well last year a handful of students got it on its feet again by spending much time and energy on such activities as the paper drive, book drive, collecting for U.N.I.C.E.F., assisting the Cancer Society and more.

This year the club got a big boost as a fairly large number of students turned out. Elections for officers were held as Barbara Resnick was elected president, Pauline Clark - vice president, Cindy Fridley - secretary, and Glenn Powell - treasurer. Elected as directors were Patty Wood, Robin Rosen, and Rick Gold.

The club is going ahead with the previously mentioned projects and quite a few new ones. If you would like to join contact either Mr. Burke or Barbara Resnick.

**Student
Opportunity
Six Weeks
In Europe**

By Mary Balletta

Here's just what you've always wanted! That is if you are a student in grades 10-12 and are interested in traveling. Mrs. Zanetti (math teacher) is offering a summer program which would consist of 3 weeks spent in St. Andrews, Scotland and 2 weeks in Norway.

The stay in Scotland would include side trips from St. Andrews to places in Scotland such as Dundee, Glasgow, Sterling Castle, the Highlands, and others. In Norway you would visit Burgen, Oslo, Stockholm, Copenhagen, and various other places.

Besides the traveling, students would be required to take part in a study program in both countries. Each person must take at least 2 courses which would entail 3 hours in the morning with the afternoons free. The courses are Scottish and Scandinavian based.

The entire trip would cost \$1295 per person. This would include transportation, room, board and tuition. The fee doesn't include passports or lunches while in Norway. The trip is fully insured and considering inflation, now's the time to go. Mrs. Zanetti herself has already attended a similar trip in the past as a high schooler.

Anyone interested (grades 10-12) should contact Mrs. Zanetti before the end of the month. She will clear up any questions that you or your parents may have.

Gymnastics Club

By Michele Parks

An organization which is gaining quite a bit of enthusiasm and participation among the students is the Gymnastics Club headed by Miss Dickerman. The club meets every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday after school.

Not only does Miss Dickerman give verbal instruction to the future gymnasts, but she also demonstrates many of the various stunts herself. This allows the students to see how the particular move is made and instills in them the desire to do it themselves.

Among the many different stunts which the students are learning are hand springs, walk overs, twists, and roundoffs. So all of you agile and energetic people come to the Gymnastics Club and get involved.

Local Business:

Another Fuel Crisis?

By Julie Kovacs

These next few months the area, as well as the rest of the nation, may be hit by a fuel crisis which would have a crippling effect on this resort dependent region.

Oil companies may be forced to reduce gasoline and oil prices temporarily by one cent or two cents per gallon as set by the Federal Energy Commission, but again, this is temporary.

For Birmingham Fuel Company of Liberty, this seems to have no effect at all. They have not foreseen any shortages of fuel or price hikes as told by their Newburgh distributor. But if a severe winter hits, this might change if people start burning the midnight oils.

As for County Petroleum Products Inc. of Ferndale, a different view point is seen on the situation. "Depending on the peace talks and the companies, the shortage may be worse than the last one and prices may increase or stay the same", predicted the

owner.



Service stations seem to be very confident about the winter. Almost every station seems to have an antifreeze shortage because of the scarcity of a needed chemical. S&K Service Center of Parksville for example said that prices ranged from \$2 to \$10.45 in the past 10 months.

Three gas stations predicted no fuel shortages while two others felt that there would be a rise of about 10 cents to 15 cents per gallon for gasoline. Some feel that there will be no gas crisis but politicians may force price increases. There are even a few who believe that prices may decrease.

If true, I feel that this decrease would bring some cost relief to customers but will most probably not go into effect until January or February. But if prices aren't reduced, will service stations and oil companies provide the customers with enough fuel or will they just close down? The question remains to be seen, we'll find out in a few months.

Answers to Crossword on Page 8

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WINNERS GALORE AT LCHS

MR. B. & L.



Bill Townsend was the winner of the Bausch & Lomb Award. He had the highest science average for 4 years in school.

3 Letters of Merit



Letters of Merit were awarded to Mike McCarty, Laurie Beimler and Bill Townsend for their scores on the NMSQT.

QUOTA DRAWING WINNER



Ed Kozlowski was awarded a car stereo system in the senior magazine drive

ALLSTATE CHOIR



Laurie Beimler and Ed Kozlowski were chosen to perform with the All-State Choir this year in a special concert

NOVICE WIN FIRST



The Novice Debate Team consisting of Rami Saydjari, Laurie Quackenbush, Steve Greenburg and David Gross placed 1st in their debut

1974 — FOOTBALL QUEEN — 1975



Maellen Yuen, 2nd runner up is shown with escort Mike Lofaro



Football queen Trudy Neuhaus with escort Jay Wiener



Mary Balletta, 1st runner up is shown with escort Mitch Etes

SENIOR DRESS-UP DAY "THE BEST"



Downhall Racer



Tootie Loves Jocks



L-R (standing) Tyrone, Baby Huey (Seated) Supereap, Long John, Piggy, Mr. Invisible



Madame Wilks Wants You!



Ho, Ho, Ho ... Green Giant



Roller Derby Di



L-R (standing) Nove the Grease (Pres. of Mr. Wolff Fan Cljb) Jockett (seated) Sailor Sam, Woody Dicot, P.J.



Aunt Jamima and Boozer Bill



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Financial Report - 1974

By Nancy Stier

Last year at this time the Class of '74 was scrounging around for the \$8,000 they needed for a successful senior day, a prom, and to leave a present for the school. This year's Senior class doesn't have that problem. After making a profit of over \$3,800 in the magazine drive, (more than any other class) they now have about \$7500 in their bank account.

Class President Dave Wicks says that the class doesn't plan on settling for only \$8,000. They hope to make more. They are working on different ideas, but the only definite plan right now is for a Senior Class Play in the spring. To get the class together, socials and other activities are being looked into.

The Class of 1976 is not waiting until its senior year to make the money it needs. Right now four money-making projects are either in process or being planned. The Junior Class Play "Dirty Work at the Crossroads" is scheduled for the end of November. They have ordered 144 red and white T-shirts with the words "Spirit of '76" on

them for class members to buy which will bring in a profit of around \$100. The class has also been successful at running the candy concession at football games and plans on selling cloth calendars during the Christmas season. All of these projects plus the close to \$2,500 in the treasury should put the Class of '76 in good shape for its Senior year.

Like the Seniors, the Juniors are planning socials and other class activities. Class rings have been ordered and should be arriving in January.

The Sophomore class has just gotten started earning money. Between their candy and popcorn concessions, the Class of '77 has made almost \$500 already, bringing their balance up to around \$650, a good start for the year.

The last few years it seems to have become more and more difficult for classes to earn the money they need in their senior year. It is important for the younger classes to realize how much easier it is to make the money early and to not have to worry as Seniors. The Class of '75 doesn't have to worry.

Drug Council:

Smoke Of Different Flavor

By Teddy Zee

In the past, the Student Drug Council has traveled to the elementary grades and have talked drugs and came across with the message, "Don't take drugs". Then, if you believe that marijuana should be legalized, you weren't right for the council. This concept of the Drug Council has carried over to today's group, which is incorrect.

This years' and the past few Drug Council members have emphasized the social aspects of drugs such as why people take drugs. Drugs is not the only topic discussed anymore. Any problems or questions which arise about life are discussed. The council now

feels that it is the individual's decision whether to take drugs or not.

The members of the Drug Council are not angels and do not protest to be. They are humans who want to educate younger kids about the alternatives. Contrary to rumors, Drug Councilors are not narcs.

So next time when you hear the name Drug Council, you don't have to think, "Those — hippocrits". Times have changed and so have attitudes. The Student Council is just moving with the times.

After reading this, don't think that the students on the Drug Council are a bunch of alcoholics or heads, they are just like everybody else.



STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Proposed — November 5, 1974

Ratified — November 12, 1974

That the Senior Class be granted the showing of movies to the student body and community as a permanent concession.

Proposed — November 12, 1974

Ratified — November 19, 1974

That the seventh grade be given equal voting representation in Student Council as do other grades. This should go into effect for this year's group immediately and for future seventh graders on November 1 of each school year. The time from the opening of school to November 1 would give the seventh graders ample time to adjust and accustom themselves to the high school and the procedures involved in Student Council.

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WIDE SELECTION

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Crossword

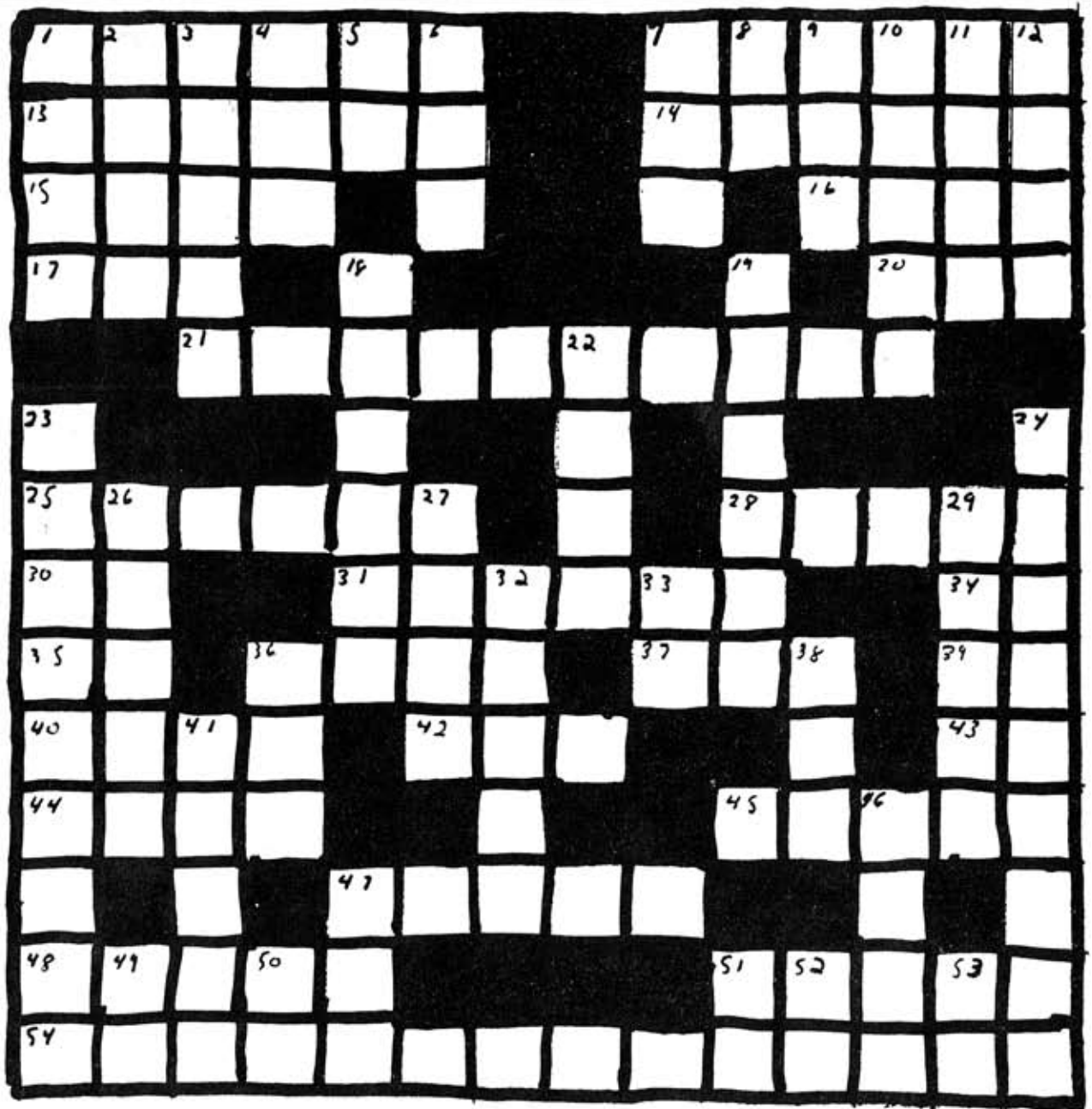
By Billy Rubin

ACROSS

- 1. English football
- 7. Liberty athlete
- 13. Place you stay when your 7 down
- 14. Outdoor shelter
- 15. Sharp of mind
- 16. Temperature controller; thermo—
- 17. Baseball pitcher's vital statistics; abbreviation
- 20. Not two
- 21 1:57
- 25. Local hotel
- 28. Drug; slang
- 30. Have life
- 31. Kissing relative
- 34. Not you
- 35. Above ground train
- 36. Blood vessel
- 37. Supersonic jet; abbreviation
- 39. I am, you are, he —
- 40. First letters of Japanese motorcycle.
- 42. Our summer time
- 43. Officer abbreviation.
- 44. Actor O'Neil
- 45. Geneflect
- 47. The flue causer
- 48. Excuse in court
- 51. A Scrouge
- 54. An actors study or what Mrs. Cramer gives

DOWN

- 1. For Pete's —
- 2. Misspelling of beaver-like animal
- 3. Deceive, plagerize
- 4. Pro and —
- 5. 13th letter
- 6. school colork
- 7. Sick
- 8. Direction
- 9. — Kapital
- 10. I'm in, you're —
- 11. What beaches give
- 12. Musical sign
- 18. Hamlet, — of Denmark
- 19. Third person singular of run
- 22. Surpasses
- 23. Beatle album
- 24. Matmen
- 26. Track event
- 27. Silk in Paris
- 29. — Zola, novelist
- 32. Below
- 33. See 39 across
- 36. Truck
- 38. 2,000 pounds
- 41. Prestodigitation
- 46. Ex-brand name gas
- 47. Roman numeral 7
- 49. Roman numeral 51
- 50. Senior metit winner; initials
- 51. Vogue feminist title
- 52. See 33 down
- 53. The 14th letter



Get Involved In Clubs

Now's the time to get involved in something that interests you, and the high school can offer it. Anyone interested in joining any one of the following organizations can contact their Student Council representative:

- Allusions
- Bands
- Cheerleading

- Chess Clubs
- Chorus
- Class Activities
- Color Guard
- Comment
- Communications
- Debate
- Drama Club
- Drug Council
- First Aid Club
- Fly Fishing Club
- French Club
- Future Homemakers of America
- Future Teachers of America
- Getting-It-Together Club

- Gymnastics Club
- Interact
- Jr. Booster Club
- Libertas
- Library Club
- Majorettes
- Rock and Mineral Club
- Safety Patrol
- Spanish Club
- Sports (girls and boys)
- Students to Overcome Pollution
- Student Council
- Thespians
- Tutoring
- Volunteer Action Corps

MARCIA'S

LATEST FASHIONS



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LIBERTY, NY



Bowie Concert

By Stuart Berg

Early this summer David Bowie came through North America with his most spectacular stage show to date. He sang a repertoire of old favorites and new songs while riding a chair on the end of a giant boom, crawled all over a hug diamond, rode up and down on a suspended walkway, and much more. Along with perfect stage choreography, Bowie's voice was clearer than ever. Backed by public demand, Mr. Bowie has made a second tour this year. This time Bowie was the main event. The added attractions were missing. While it was a great idea, it requires that the singer be in perfect performing condition. But New York always does something nasty to Mr. Bowie and this time it was the flu. His voice was just about gone. Many times during the show the backing vocalists were drowning Bowie out, and those high notes were far out of reach. The show had its good points like "Changes", "Suffragette City", and "Diamond Dogs", but a few things really bugged me. They brought out a warm up equal to the Jackson 5 at a Black Sabbath Concert. When Mr. Bowie did appear, the only instrument he played was an acoustic guitar with no mike. To top that off, he only played for an hour and a half which was far less than his two and a half hour performance of this summer.

Bowie has just released a live album recorded in Philadelphia during the summer tour. It portrays Bowie at the best point of his career. The vocals are crisp and clear. You can appreciate this album a lot better if you are already a Bowie fan; however it is a great collection for someone just familiarizing themselves with him. David Bowie—"David Live"
Performance: 9
Recording: 8

Final UCAL Football Standing

	W	L	T
Red Hook	8	1	0
Rondout	7	1	1
Liberty	6	3	0
Highland	6	3	0
New Paltz	6	3	0
Wallkill	4	5	0
Ellenville	1	7	1
Marlboro	1	8	0
Onteora	0	8	1

Reviews

Emerson Lake and Palmer
"Welcome Back My Friends to the Show that Never Ends"
Performance: 9½
Recording: 10

I hate to give away a 10 but this is the most well made live album to date. It is an excellent three album set of Emerson Lake and Palmer's best.

Triumverant
"Illusions on a Double Dimple"
Performance: 6
Recording: 8

Triumverant is a new band out of Holland. At the moment they are Holland's Number One group. Centered around keyboards, they sound a bit like old Atomic Rooster.

Elton John
"Caribou"
Performance: 8
Recording: 9

Elton John has changed a lot over the years. He has lost his sad song touch but he still can write beautiful songs. Highlights of the album are "Ticking" and "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me".



Bowie "Changes" at Radio City

**JUVENILE
AND
COVER GIRL
TEEN SHOP**

MAIN ST., LIBERTY

Cafeteria Jukebox

By Stephanie Melnick

Lunch without the jukebox is like peanut butter without jelly! That's how the student body feels about our broken jukebox. The machine that plays the top hit songs is really a part of us during our lunch periods. It brings us the feeling of being home and helps release the pressures of flunking that Biology quiz or having the teachers say "Get rid of your gum" — and it just happens to be

your last piece!

As we munch on a sandwich and sip our milk, we listen and tap our feet to today's top hit songs. The jukebox is played before and after school and during the lunch periods.

What's the problem? Our jukebox isn't feeling too well and the student body is eagerly awaiting the arrival of a repair man to make that music box start playing again.

So, hang in there kids, music's coming!



The sign-tells the story about the Senior jukebox

WINTER SOUNDS

Wednesday, December 11, 1974

7:30 P.M.

David E. Panebaker Auditorium

Featuring:

Jr., Sr. Chorus and Band

Benefit C.P. Center

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The LCHS Cultural Event of the Year

Liberty's All-UCAL Football Picks

1st Team Defense—Larry Epstein
(unanimous choice)
1nd Team Offense Mitch Cohen
Defense Bob Nolan
Greg Buck
3rd Team Offense Pete Parks
Defense Mike Tulp
Jim Poley
John Erts
Glenn Corigliano

LCHS SPORTS: End Of Fall!

Great Expectations End In 6-3 Record



Peter Parks, super soph hangs on for 2 more years, as he had a fairly good season this fall.

Cross Country Look to the Future

By Jay Wiener

The cross-country season is over now, but before we can close this year's books we have to answer two big questions that still remain foremost in many people's minds. These questions are "Why has the team had such a poor season (1-5 record this year) and for the last few years?" and "Is there any hope left for the future?"

The answer to the first question can be summed up in one word — inexperience. The team is comprised mainly of new members because the previous years' members have either graduated or not returned. This is due in part to the fact that cross-country is not as big a sport in Liberty as it is elsewhere in UCAL.

The answer to the second question is yes! There is definitely hope left for the team in the future, since the top two runners, Mark Berry and Jason Wach, are not seniors. They will most likely be running again next year. The rest of the team made up of mostly freshmen and so they will probably be back next year. All in all, the future does look promising for the harriers.



Mark Berry led the cross country team this year.

By Mitch Eless

It seemed strange to me that there was talk of an undefeated football team this year. Before the season, I took a look at our chances. Trying not to be biased, I could only see our team playing .500 ball. (At press time their record was 4-3). I even have a witness for you non-believers. I might still be wrong, but let's pretend that it is the beginning of the year and look at our chances again.

Last year our record was 1-7-1. If we were talking about another team with a similar record, we would immediately count them out. But we were looking for an undefeated season as well as a championship.

These hopes were spurred by the fact that this same team was undefeated as a J.V. team. But there was something that we failed

to count on and that was that those little kids that we pushed around on J.V. grew up to be great big kids. We didn't grow as much as they did so now the tables are turned. In almost every game, the opponents outsize us. That certainly doesn't help.

The thing we really had going for us was the wishbone offense. This new offense would bring us a title. The injury to quarterback Mike Lofaro hurt the attack tremendously, but in those games we lost to date, I don't think Mike would have made that big of a difference. This wishbone was supposed to make our attack diversified, getting away from Mr. Witherwax's five yards and a cloud of dust theory. It was now a fake to the fullback, a hand-off, then five yards and a cloud of dust. It was really the same. This offense would not bring us a title this year.

Mr. Francisco had called this

year a rebuilding year in his press releases. So for the Ellenville game, we were heavy underdogs. Ellenville was supposed to be a contender. So was Marlboro, our second opponent. We whipped both of them for a 2-0 record. So we were on our way to the title right? (Who would guess that after seven games Ellenville and Marlboro would only have one win between them. Then came the real world. Losses, three in a row. They were at the hands of Rondout, Pine Bush and Red Hook. We were finally humbled after facing some good teams. You know the rest of the season.

I am not blaming Liberty's record on the team or Mr. Francisco or even Mr. Olsen, but the next time the fans are told that our team is going through a rebuilding season, we shouldn't have such Great Expectations.

Girl's Tennis 2 - 4 - 2

By Karl

The Girl's Tennis team this fall swung their racquets for a 2-4-2 record. It was a great year for experience, as few girls on the squad had much playing time.

In the first singles, senior Liz Kalina ended with a 6-4 record individually. She went on to beat previously undefeated Mary Ann Kowel of Port Jervis, which proved to be the most exciting match of the season.

Second singles player Leanne Shepard, also a senior, earned a 4-5 record, while Mona Goldman, a senior in her first year of competition on third singles, finished with the finest record on the team with a 6-1 slate.

First doubles were Pat Wood and Jane Parry, who finished 3-6. Other doubles players were Claudia Woods, Kelly Cook, Diane Dwosh, Linda Budd, Jo Berman, Robin Rosen, Pauline Clark and Susan Lindsley.

Next year the top three singles spots will be vacant, due to the fact that Liz, Leanne and Mona will be graduating in June. The other girls will be practicing this summer for next season after having a most rewarding 1974 season.



David Wides shows some good form in practice

MINI-PREVIEW Varsity Hoop 74-75



By Teddy Zee

The coming of another basketball season is just around the corner as Liberty resumes action in a Rick Woodardless Ulster County Athletic League. Returning for Liberty are the All-UCAL likes of Reggie Biddings, Ray Bridges and Milton Martin. Also returning from last year's successful campaign are captain Mike Lofaro, Dave Wicks, Rick Fuller, Greg Buck, Brian Wicks, and Nathaniel Bell. Watch

out for Fallsburgh, Rondout and Marlboro in almost a repeat of last years standings, but this year watch for Liberty at the top of the UCAL, Sullivan County, Tri-County and in the state ratings. The hoopsters will not end up as did the football team, I hope. They are undoubtedly a great team. If everything goes as planned, Liberty will be at the top of the heap for some time to come. In depth preview in the next issue.



Mike Lofaro calls the signals behind center Tom Bulletta