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THIRTEEN LCHS REGENT SCHOLARS



The winners pose for a shot. (Photo by John Ertz)

Liberty High was the recipient of 8 Regents Scholarships, three Nursing Scholarships, and two alternates. This total is well below Liberty's showings in the past as our school had the third highest number of winners in the county, behind Monticello and Fallsburgh. The cut off was less than 200 and Liberty's top score was 248. Students who received scholarships were Laurie Beimler, Laurie Cox, Bruce Katz, Mike McCarty, Bill Myers, Bill Townsend, David Wicks, and Teddy Zee. Nursing winners were Katie Beseth, Diane Bessen, and Jeff Hirsch. Alternates were Tom Balletta and Marg Smith.

Guidance Committee Plans Jr. Orientation

by Teddy Zee

Student involvement in school administration takes a step forward with the setting up of a Guidance Advisory Committee. The purpose of this committee, consisting of juniors and seniors, is to plan the Junior Orientation Program.

Mr. Gerber has decided to allow the students a hand in planning their future. His only involvement will be to brief and advise. In the works right now are workshops at S.C.C.C. with some 30 colleges participating. The idea is still in the planning stages, but should prove to be interesting.

A big change from last year's program is the bringing in of graduates from LCHS to speak about their experiences in college and the armed forces. The Committee feels that a student would give a better picture than a recruiter.

Whatever happens with the program is the direct result of the students. Whether a success or a flop, the responsibility lies upon our shoulders.

PRC COMMISSION PLANS

by Teddy Zee

A Parks and Recreations coordination office has been opened at 21 Chestnut Street to begin a first in Liberty; an organized planning and appropriation of the parks and recreations budget, which is in the vicinity of \$50,000. Most of the funds are for capital improvements in parks, but the rest is available for the asking.

Funds are available to non-profit organizations in the community for recreation. In order to acquire these monies, a form stating costs, plans, and reasons must be filed and approved by the PRC. Don't let this scare you since the coordinators are there to see that this money is spent. After the year, if the money allocated is not spent, it returns to the general fund of the town, no longer available for recreation.

Newly hired director Tim Kelly and assistants, Diane Koval and Errol Smalls are urging everyone to come up with ideas to get projects and activities started. They have expressed the desire to put something into the town for everyone to do, but need the help of the people. All three are recent graduates of college as well as LCHS, and are still in tune to the needs of young as well as the senior citizens. Also Mr. Clarence Parry, who was elected as chairman of the committee, is pushing hard for improvement of activities for everyone concerned.

SUMMER JOBS: LOOK NOW

By Nancy Steir

This year throughout the country, especially in Sullivan County, unemployment figures are higher than they've been in decades. In the Liberty area it has been getting harder and harder every year to find summer jobs. For this reason, anyone who wants to earn some money this summer should start looking for a job soon.

There are plenty of places to look, but probably the best money made in the region is found in the resort hotels. These are also the jobs which go first since many people from the city come to the mountains for work. Most hotels give preference of the jobs in the dining room to persons who can work over Passover and from Memorial Day until Labor Day. However, dining room staffs usually increase during July and August. If you are lucky enough, you can get a job, but you have to be quick and willing.

Other places to check out are supermarkets, restaurants, camps, gas stations, department stores, and resort hotels. All of these establishments will need extra summer assistance. If you can type and have other secretarial skills, check out local offices that also may need additional personnel.

The main thing to remember if you are seeking summer employment is to START LOOKING EARLY. It's always hard to find work and it will be especially hard this year. It's not too early to start thinking about looking into summer job opportunities.

SENIOR PLAY: THE CRUCIBLE

The enterprising Seniors have set March 22 as the tentative date for the play, THE CRUCIBLE, written by Arthur Miller. Mr. Houghton will be directing this drama, with the cost made up of seniors and juniors mostly.

The play is about witchcraft in New England during the pre-colonial days. Also involved is

the concept of being possessed by the devil, popularized by the recent movie, THE EXORCIST.

The turnout for tryouts was remarkable good, as three and four persons tried out for the same part, so the acting should be good. This play should be an interesting change from recent plays which were done in a lighter vein.

BAND GARDEN BOUND

By Jay Wiener

The L.C.H.S. marching band has made history. This group has been selected to perform in New York City at Madison Square Garden on February 22. After many years of absence, then mediocrity, the band has emerged as a real talent.

It all began back in the fall. Originally, a group from New Zealand was scheduled to give a concert at the Garden, and after,

high school bands would play in competition. Unfortunately the concert was cancelled, but the bands were allowed to send in tapes of themselves to be judged. The bands which were picked will play at halftime of college basketball doubleheaders. If Liberty wins in further competition on February 22, they will advance to national television during the N.I.T. games.



Mr. E. Rolle is largely responsible for the band's success. (Photo by Teddy Zee)

STAFF SPEAKS OUT

A RECORD RIP OFF MERRIKAN M.V.P.???

by Teddy Zee

The Times Herald Record of Middletown has done it again. It has pulled off the biggest rip-off in Liberty sport's history. Jim Merriken was named the Player of the Year in the Tri-county. He was chosen on the 1st team as both offensive and defensive halfback.

The men who sit on their rumps and wait for the results of the games over the phone have used their "expert knowledge" to pick the best players around. They can do this through having the mysterious power of judging a player without seeing him. The Record is lucky if it covered 10 percent of the football games live. How could Merriken be better than Larry Epstein at defensive halfback and how could he be better than Bob Krom, J. C. Gersch, and Mitch Cohen on offense.

Larry Epstein was chosen as honorable mention as was Mitchell Cohen. In the All-UCAL selections. Larry handily beat out Merriken, as Larry was the only player on the squad who was a unanimous choice. This poll was taken among coaches. Who knows how to judge players better, the Record or coaches? Of course...it is only the coach's job to evaluate players.

It is my belief that the Record

became committed to Merriken after they played him up all season. He made headlines in every game he played. He only outrushed Mitch Cohen by about 10 yards, yet Mitch had to rush for 183 yards and 3 TDs in the Onteora game to make it big in the Record.

The Record knows as much about the quality of play of high schools in the area as does anyone who reads their paper. One has to see the games to know. This is why their selections aren't worth 2 cents.

The usual procedure of the Record learning about the results of games is by talking on the phone to the team's manager or statistician. They read the stats and say wow, this guy looks good, but this may only be on paper.

I take nothing away from Merriken as a player, but I feel that there were others that were better. My plea to everyone is not to take the Record too seriously when it comes to news reporting. Our COMMENT is more accurate than that piece of scrap.

Put Larry Epstein and Mitch Cohen together and -you get the PLAYER OF THE YEAR. My picks are about as objective as are the Record's, so I may as well voice my opinion.

NEED COLLEGE PREP-KILL SENIORITIS

By Diane Bessen

This year most of the seniors are taking easy credit courses and study halls simply to make it through their last few months of High school. Next fall most of these same students will be in college struggling through most of their classes because they had not done any real studying in a year or so. High school is suppose to be a preparation for college, not a hinder.

For a change, I have come up with a solution for this year's

seniors and those who follow. Most of the seniors should get together with the department heads and they should formulate a few new, preparatory courses. All these courses should be taught on an independant study basis, mainly because in college, students do most of the work on their own.

The seniors have approximately five months remaining, but next year's graduates will have a full year. Why not make the senior year a bit more what it should be?

POTTY PATROL DOWN THE DRAIN

By Teddy Zee

In their first attempt at a major and significant problem in this school, the Student Council was forced to concede as the Bathroom Patrol of the female quarters proved ineffective as well as detrimental to the unity of the council as well as the student body. Although the problem was not as serious as it sounds, it may have developed into something big. The SC finally realized their error and voted to have the patrol on a personal honor system basis; which in essence means they called it quits.

The situation began when the girl's bathrooms became so badly damaged and so filled with noxious odors that action needed to be taken, thus the SC volunteered to try.

Action was taken swiftly as SC instituted a patrol system. Some twenty girls would situate themselves by the bathrooms during lunch periods on alternating days. They were to report to the office any peculiarities. The first such reporting resulted in threats of bodily harm from the accused to the SC rep for doing her "duty". Pretty soon the patrol personnel became targets of snide remarks and total animosity. Other students, offenders and non-offenders alike, felt an infringement upon their right of privacy. They began to resent the "rats who finked." Pretty soon the patrolers became fed up with giving up their peaceful lunch and getting cold stares, so they neglected their jobs.

As a result, participation and seriousness in SC meetings dropped off. The morale and enthusiasm hit a new low, as other important areas of student government took second fiddle to the patrol. Often, ¾ of a meeting was devoted to the patrol. Many members were simply sick of the patrol and in turn, became turned off to SC in general.

The student body began to look at the "potty patrol" as a joke, and what little respect they had for SC simply disappeared. A Gestapo image was created. Students telling on other students? How absurd! That was breaking the unwritten code of student ethics. Squealing is number one on the list of serious crimes one can commit against a fellow student. This same council condemned the actions of those who told on the players on the football team.

Finally, some woke up to reality and called for the end of the bathroom patrol. My advice to the council, as a member is to stay within the boundaries of the council's abilities. This also holds true for the test days. It is good that attempts for improvement are being made, but these attempts should be channeled in the right direction.

AWARENESS: LEARNED MY LESSON WELL

I have decided to share some of my painfully gained wisdom with you, in the hope that you will not make any mistakes. For some my story will bring back miserable memories. For others it will be meaningless until they themselves have the experience, which they doubtlessly will.

T'was the night before Regents and just before dawn,

I closed the last book with a sorrowful yawn.

And the day of achievement tests came years too soon

For I'd spent twelve long years putting time in til June.

Though they'd tried to explain why I should not wait,

I had put off education 'til it was too late.

Yes, I was a procrastinator. I wasted hours and then suffered when I could put it off no longer and had to work until three in the morning. Other times I learned material for a test and then let myself forget it. The "old" people told me that someday I would understand the importance of what I was being taught, but I never believed them. I hate to admit it, but they were right.

It is easy to deceive ourselves into believing that we are smart, as a matter of fact, the school helps us. It is impossible to breeze through our early years of high school with great marks and not really learn anything. We convince ourselves that if we can get good marks we have no worries. When we have to work, when our marks start plummeting, we scream mental cruelty and beg for the biggest curve and a suspension of the worl load until we get our heads together. Remember, in college the professor will not even hear your questions, never mind your complaints.

We also know that Liberty is a fine school system and that we are getting a high grade education. We can then convince ourselves that *we will automatically come out a head or two above everybody else.* As an outspoken teacher always says we are big fish in a little pond. The regents scholarship exam proved thatm. Being offered the best education in the world will not do us any good if we do not take it.

Mental telepathy may be wonderful but it has never worked for me. I never learned anything in a classroom unless I listened to the teacher. Actually it is even practical. If you pay attention in class you will have to do less studying out of class.

Now that I have bored you and you think I am a teacher in disguise, reflect on your future plans. If you see a job or college you are going to have to graduate (ecstasy), which means at least, passing most subjects every year. As long as you are sitting there why not absorb? Believe me, it will be a wonderful feeling to be the first one done with the regents or to know something on the achievement tests.

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ECONOMICS:

THE JEAN SCENE

By Laurie Cox

Have you gone shopping for jeans lately? I was stunned to find that "name brand" jeans cost between \$13 and \$17. That's outrageous!

Once upon a time, we all bought jeans because they were comfortable, durable, and fairly cheap. The ever faithful law of supply and demand came into play. Now, the more we demand, the higher the price shoots.

After shopping around I came to the conclusion that this is a bad time to buy jeans. The stores are all low on variety of choices and sizes. Apparently most stores haven't received new orders recently.

The Middletown Mall seems to have the highest prices. They range from \$13 to \$16.50, depending upon the brand. Lee's and Levi's

are more expensive than Wrangler's. The same holds true at Sullivan's.

Al Cohen's of Monticello has a fair choice. Lee's are \$13.50 but the new shipment of brushed denim are 50 cents more. Corduroys are also \$14, as they are at Men's-Boy's World on Broadway.

With each new shipment, prices rise a dollar here, a few there, and so forth. Are there any alternatives? Fatigues and work pants in grey, green, and blue are comfortable, have great pockets, and are cheaper. Jeans without brand names sometimes do not appear to have the "class", but with a little shopping around, it is possible to find some good imitations, but it just takes some imagination.

REVIEW:

TV - EDUCATION

By Diane Bessen

To most high school students, history is a boring story of events which really might not have occurred. This is understandable because we did not really witness most of history.

Channel 9 presents a series every Sunday evening at 7:00 called, "The World at War". This show is recommendable because it presents a real view of World War I. The hour program basically consists of old film clips of the war. The narration is done by officials who were directly involved in the action. Each week the series focuses on a certain battle or concept of the war.

I have watched the show several times and I feel it has much to offer to students, parents, and even teachers.

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Some ideas which have come up are summer basketball leagues for the youth, outings to cultural events, free summer concerts on the softball field, a teen center, bicycle clubs, hiking clubs, a hockey team or league new community basketball courts, a free tennis program, swimming courses in safety, lectures, public transportation to such places as Revonah, a fund for a future swimming pool, and most recently a proposal for skiing on Walnut Mountain by 1977. This would cost less than \$15,000 with the help of a group of Army engineers and trainees. There would also be no tax increase. The decision for this is still pending.

If you have any ideas, or need finance for a community or school activity don't hesitate to contact any of the persons mentioned in this article or Student Council.

Optimism is the key to the success of the work of the committee. Community support and involvement is definitely needed. What was once considered impossible, may no longer be with this group of concerned persons. Again the concept of APATHY enters the picture. Everyone can shrug off the efforts of others and let the committee die a hopeless death or everyone can join in and create a permanent institution, which would only benefit us.

So if you have a desire to get something going and only need money, talk it over with Mr. Kelly and your dream may become a reality.

BESSEN TO SKIDMORE

Diane Bessen was the third senior to be accepted at a college on the Early Decision basis. She will attend Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. this fall.

Diane is the co-editor of the COMMENT and announcer on L.C.H.S. Channel 10. She has had some experience in debate as well as dramatics (Junior Class Play). Diane is an avid skier and is on the girl's team.

VIEWS:

TESTING PROPOSAL

By Patricia Wood

In Student Council recently, Trudy Neuhaus proposed a motion which suggested to teachers the idea of giving tests only on specific days during the last week of the marking period. This way, students wouldn't have the problem of facing more than one major test per day during the last two days of any marking period, when getting good marks is crucial. This system holds true for Regents classes and quizzes are not counted. Only tests of "Cumulative material" go under this motion. Also, it is optional that teachers abide by these standards. I asked teachers and students about this system and received different opinions.

Mr. Sipple was for this idea. He could sympathize with students if they did have a few tests on the same day. But he also clarified his opinion by bringing up the point that lengths of tests vary with the teachers, some 45 minutes, other less. He feels that the motion needs to be spelt out more clearly. Ms. Vasko had mixed feelings. The idea, she felt, was not good because in some cases it is hard to follow schedules. For example, if students aren't ready for a test on a specific day and are not given it that day, the test must wait an entire week. During that week, new material is covered and the old may have been forgotten. But she does sympathize with kids who have tests on the same day. Mr. Sokolowski was against the motion. He claimed that "Usually we don't schedule a test when students have more than three a day." Mr. Wolff thought that the idea was fine, while Mr. Harrold thought it was O.K., but thought that it was possible for students to have two tests on the same day without problems.

Mike Weiner, a senior, didn't like the idea. He said that teachers have so few freedoms as it is in a school, and it's not right to take any away. He also thought it should not be in the hands of the students in the first place. Bill Hulse, another senior, didn't like the motion either. Bill felt kids would take advantage of the situation and it would be too easy for them.

Well, the motion has been passed regardless of the expressed opinions, and it seems to have been well intended. I hope that it will somehow help the student body.



Diane Bessen Photo by T. Zee



TOWN AND COUNTRY

CLOTHES FOR MEN AND YOUNG MEN

MAIN ST. LIBERTY

FOOD DRIVE
by Norma McAndrew

The Getting-It-Together Club is one of the few organizations in the school which has really done something significant. President Rita Kirk commented on the club's success, especially in the food drive. Here, canned goods were collected in school and distributed to 16 needy families in the area.

The success of the project was due mainly to the interest of the student body and the help of Mr. Ippolito, Mr. Gatta, and Mr. Heffley.



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LIBERTY'S NUMBER 1 PAPER

By Laurie Cox

The Liberty Evening News is Liberty's largest paper. Actually, it is Liberty's only paper. It deals with local political issues and also contains numerous small town talk columns, school events, announcements, and of course words of wisdom from Abby Berg.

Our very own Liberty High News column reports all our exciting events to the community and gives us an opportunity to read about all the things we are doing. We can keep abreast of happenings at JYCS and Monticello High and size up the school sports scene. To console ourselves, we can compare our lunch menus to that of JYCS and see that they, too, are experiencing 100 variations of the hamburger this year.

The paper does a fine job for senior citizens. Each week they get a big write up about their activities and future events. They are informed of lunch programs, benefits they should look into, and opportunities open to them. The column is not only useful to them but interesting to others because the senior citizens keep busy.

Another interesting column is Echoes from the Bearded One. It is an unusual as the title!

The political articles are

sometimes wordy and a bit boring, but one might come across a startling piece of information occasionally. For instance, are you aware that Liberty has a Bingo inspector?

One must admit that finding news is sometimes a problem in Liberty. Reading the Liberty Evening News however, left me wondering what is going on in Liberty. How is the unemployment picture? Will we have enough gas this winter? What can be done to keep Liberty alive?

The paper is also poorly organized. If articles on one subject were grouped together, the reading would be much more enjoyable. A weekly listing of events in the area such as lectures, plays, sports events, and special programs would be a great service to readers.

Adults seem to feel that the paper does a fair job of reporting Liberty news.

Since the Liberty Evening News is our only paper we should use it to express opinions and make the community aware of what is or should be going on in Liberty. Letters to the editor are available for the community to let politicians and other leaders to know how it feels.



Laurie Cox was the winner of the Betty Crocker Contest taken in December (Photo by T. Zee)

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— YEARBOOKS —

JUNIORS,
STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE
JUST AROUND THE CORNER; AND
WHO IS RUNNING?

START THINKING!

MR. TSCHINKEL -

LIBERTY'S OWN LEGEND

by Laurie Cox

As we wander through the halls of LCHS we encounter faces; some expressionless, some pensive, and some glowing. Have you ever wondered what the people wearing those faces are really like? What adventures, stories, or experiences could they share?

Mr. Tschinkel, a custodian at our school is one of the glowing faces who has some very interesting experiences to tell of.

He was born in Austria and grew up there on a farm which his family worked. At the age of 22 he became a German soldier and fought in W.W.II for four years until he was captured. He was shipped to a Russian prison camp in Siberia where he spent four horrible years with his 15,000 prison mates.

It was a wretched existence. The temperature was usually 40 degrees below zero and their only warmth came from fires they built in barrels. They slept in buildings like "barns" with no heat. Their beds were boards stacked five bunks high. They had to sloop "close together like sardines" to keep from freezing to death. One morning Mr. Tschinkel awoke to find his friend, a 19 year old watchmaker, dead beside him.

Each morning the prisoners were awakened early to go to work. They labored cutting turf, a fuel used in Russia. They were required to fill a certain number of wheel barrows full with these brick shaped pieces. If they filled their quota, they would receive their ration of food and if they didn't, they would starve for the day. If they exceeded the quota, they would get extra rations, but just meeting quota was tough enough.

The food they did have was not much. Their diet consisted of fish soup (made of fish heads) and a 1/4 pound of pumpernickel bread. The bread was heavy and almost all flour and water. Their diet was neither tasty nor nourishing. Mr.

(Mr. Tschinkel recently suffered a heart attack. We all wish him speedy recovery.)



Mr. Tschinkel
Photo by T. Zee

Tschinkel weighed only 60 lbs. upon release from camp.

After being released, the prisoners travelled by train back to the "old country". There they found that everything had changed. Many friends and relatives were gone. Mr. Tschinkel's parents had come to the U.S. He remained to farm the land for a while.

On May 15, 1955 he landed in the U.S., the land of milk and honey. Not speaking a word of English, he found this new land confusing and hard to adjust to. He went to Queens to live with his parents.

For three months Mr. Tschinkel studied English at night school, but it became too much when he started to work long hours for a butcher.

He married an Austrian girl and decided to buy a house in this area after visiting friends here during summers. Last year he and his wife returned to Austria for a visit. They found everything as modern as in the U.S., but feel that the people there are friendlier and not in such a hurry.

Mr. Tschinkel is a friendly man who is always ready to help students. Like the other custodians, he works hard to keep the school in shape. He is a man to be respected and admired. (Mr. Tschinkel recently suffered a heart attack. We all wish him a speedy recovery.)

JR. T-SHIRTS

By Michele Parks

Recently the Class of "76" set the school afire in their blazing red T-shirts. The spirit among the juniors was overwhelming, for all but a handful wore their shirts, including several teachers. The handsome pair who displayed such spirit were Mr. Burke and Mr. Sokolowski. The price for these bombshells was a mere \$3.00, and resulted in a substantial profit. The juniors attracted so much attention that photographers came from near and far to capture the class in their day of distinction. The entire T-shirt project was an enormous success for it promoted spirit



among the junior class as well as increasing the class treasury. It was a fun and unusual day for the Class of "76".

PEOPLE

**MR. WOLFF -
HE'S BIG AND BAD,
BUT WHO'S AFRAID?**

If you every hear a wierd howling noise coming from Rm. 116 every sixth period, you can rest easy because it's only the Mr. Wolff Fan Club. This very elite and wheel oriented group has been in existence for about four months, but is still in the process of drawing up the charter. The purpose has been defined as showing that Mr. Wolff, the chairman of the math department, is an integral part of the L.C.H.S. scene, as well as fighting against the evil causes of the W.W.W. (World of Wolff Woofers).

The club is presently working with a deficit budget due to the fine bookkeeping of treasurer Bill Townsend. His defense statement follows: "Look, who taught me math...what do you expect?" Rounding out the cast of officers are secretary Mike Lofaro, vice-president, David Wicks, and president, Mike Novasel. The advisor is Mr. Steve Ippolito and the wolff den is in Rm. 214. There the club utilized the communications equipment to pick up Wolfman Jack on the club's official radio station, WOLF AM and FM stereo which broadcasts from White Sulphur and Eldred.

The membership of the five man club includes the following: Bill Hulse. New applications for membership are now being



President Mike Novasel
Photo by J. Erts

distributed, but the amount of openings are limited.

Plans for the future may include charters for the 3rd period class as well as for the juniors. Also one of the major projects includes taking out a sheet of paper.

When Mr. Wolff was asked about the club, he replied, "Oh God." He then added something to the effect that his feelings about it could never be measured. He also felt such intense feelings for the members.

Watch out for this club in the future to go far, but, "If a wolff had wings, he would fly but would make a very unlikely bird." Below is a list of important facts to remember about the Mr. Wolff Fan Club:

- Theme Song — "Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Wolff"
- Slogan — "Do It"
- Mascot — Woolie Bear
- Award — Woolie Bear of the Week Award
- Emblem — A 2 cent chalk holder
- Candy — Peppermint Lifesavers

CROSS WALKERS

By Patrice Cawley

(Bob Nolan has since replaced Greg Buck.)

Tall, handsome, and steady
Watching traffic—always ready.
Helping young kids cross the street,
With a smile that's oh so sweet!
Two unsung heroes helping out,
That's what this articles about.
To give a little praise where praise is due,
To the hard watching, road crossing two.

street unharmed. They don't mind the weather and find the job filled with authority, responsibility, and fun. The kids in lower grades look to them for weather reports and other news each day.

Rick expressed his feeling toward the job, "I enjoy my job and feel it is a great help to the community. Due to Gregory's and my reliability, there haven't been any accidents near the schools. If it holds up through the end of the year the police department will be awarded a plaque for school safety by the town."

Both positions will be open next year. If anyone is interested, apply at the police station. The jobs are open to anyone, including GIRLS.

Rick Fuller and Greg Buck are the two heroes mentioned in the poem. From 7:40 to 8:10 in the morning and again from 2:40 to 3:10 after school, in all types of weather, they will be helping to prevent traffic from colliding and helping the children cross the

LOFARO AND WICKS TO U OF R.

Seniors Michael Lofaro and David Wicks learned before New Years that they had been accepted to the University of Rochester on the Early Decision basis. Both will attend Rochester this fall with David majoring in Pre-dentistry and Mike majoring in Engineering.

David is the senior class president. His duties include heading the Senior Executive Committee as well as being a Student Council representative. He is a recipient of a Regents Scholarship and member of the Honor Society. David, as is Mike, is also a letterman in three sports - baseball, football, and basketball, but this year suffered a set-back due to a knee operation.

Michael is an active member of the Senior Executive Committee and the Honor Society as well as sports editor on the yearbook staff. On the athletic side, Mike has made All League in baseball as well as being the team's best hitter. He was the quarterback on this year's 6-3 football team and is the co-captain of the basketball

Mike and David plan to room together at the University of Rochester and definitely have the academic credentials to cut the mustard at this highly competitive school.



Mr. Wolff is flanked by his admirers, Bill Townsend (secretary) - Mr. Ippolito (advisor). (Photo by T. Zee)



Future roomies - Lofaro and Wicks (Photo by T. Zee)

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MR. STAHL



(Photo by T. Zee)

by Norma McAndrew

If you ever saw him, you would never think that he was a "Rookie" at L.C.H.S. Actually Mr. Stahl has had a good deal of experience in places like Livingston Manor and Chatham, but this is his first year in Liberty. He is replacing the recently retired Mr. Yates.

His physics students have already taken a liking to this low-keyed teacher. He has been described by his students as a very friendly and extremely fair person, who seldom raises his voice.

Mr. Stahl graduated from SUNY at Albany where he received his bachelor's degree in physics. He also has a masters in Science Education. Mr. Stahl has done graduate work at such places as Yale, R.P.I., and Montana St. College.

When asked about Liberty, Mr. Stahl commented that he likes it very much and that the people are very helpful and pleasant. We truly hope to have more teachers with Mr. Stahl's dedication and fine attitude enter the Liberty school system.

MR. COLEMAN



(Photo by T. Zee)

by Robin Rosen

Mr. Coleman, a second year teacher, like everyone else, has many interesting ideas and opinions. He is originally from Long Island and his favorite part times include skiing, sailing, and horse-back riding.

Mr. Coleman chose to teach junior high because he thought it would be a good experience. He likes the attitudes of students in Liberty as a whole. When asked about the grading system, he felt that a pass-fail system sounded good, but in reality it doesn't work. Kids who really do work don't get credit for it. He also feels that there should be more independent study programs. A way of making this possible is to cut Jr. Sr. privileges. Learning takes place only if students are there and interested. Lastly, he feels that a teacher should be a friend, but still most of all have the respect of his pupils.

FUNCTION: BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Liberty Boards consists of nine members. They are: Mrs. Etess (president), Mr. Kelly (vice-president), Mrs. Diamond, Mr. Seiler and Mr. Eisenberg.

During telephone conversations with Mrs. Diamond and Mr. Eisenberg the following information was related to me. There are two main functions of this board. They make up the budget for our school. The budget is made up between the months of January and March. Twelve to sixteen or more meetings are held during this time. The board must balance out the interests of the taxpayers and the interests of the students. They also discuss the internal functions of the school. If a boiler breaks they must have it

fixed. If books and supplies are needed they must buy them. We take many of these things for granted, but the board must distribute the money properly in order to keep both the taxpayers and students satisfied.

Being on the Board of Education is a time consuming job for all the members. They meet twice a month. During January, February and March, they sometimes, as mentioned before, meet twice a week.

The board members feel that interested students should attend the meetings. They feel this would create better communications between the board and the students.

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**JV HOOP
CLIMB TO TOP**

by Mitch Etess

Last year, Mr. Riente got a bum deal. Before he could even see them play, four of the J.V. eligibles were moved up to the varsity. Consequently, the J.V.'s went 0-17. This season there was much room for improvement.

To build this team on, Mr. Riente had numerous sophomores with much experience returning including super-center Keith Menges, Paul Willi, and David Freighling. Then to add he had a talented bunch of freshmen such as Parker Fields, Gene Duffy, Rick Ellison, and Rene Finn.

The J.V.'s are a force to be dealt with this year. They play tenacious defense, have good rebounders, are capable ballhandlers, and are an ideal fast breaking team.

It appears that this year, Mr. Riente will finally get the record he deserves, thus insuring Liberty fine basketball teams for the next four years.

VOLLEYBALL

By Michele Parks

For all those who love volleyball, Mrs. Lotti has gotten together an interscholastic and an intermural team for the 1975 year.

Practice for interscholastic volleyball began for all those with permission slips and physicals. The schedule consists of ten games for the league and several scrimmages with Fallsburgh. Liberty will field two teams of their own and will play six home games and an equal number away.

The intermural team plays its games on Tuesdays, 7th period. The team will be co-ed with five girls and five boys participating. The students pick their own teams and seem to be quite enthusiastic about the games. The games began on the 28th of January and hopefully the participants will be in high spirits and prepared to release the energy stored inside them during the school day.

GRAPPLERS ALIVE AND WELL

By Teddy Zee

The wrestling squad has come alive to the amazement of many. With almost no depth, the grapplers have managed to make their presence felt in UCAL.

With the consistent efforts of the Nolan brothers, Humberto Rodriquez, Ken Steele, Joe Krupka, and the return of Glen Corligliano, Liberty will have a shot at many of the individual honors at the league match, Sectionals, and possibly a berth at intersectionals.

Although a basketball is the number one sport attendance wise, wrestling is still a vital part of the Liberty athletics scene. If you don't believe me, you won't dare ask a wrestler!



The brother combination of Bob and Bill Nolan is storming U.C.A.L.



ITALIAN DELIGHT

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SLIPPED DISC

By Stuart Berg

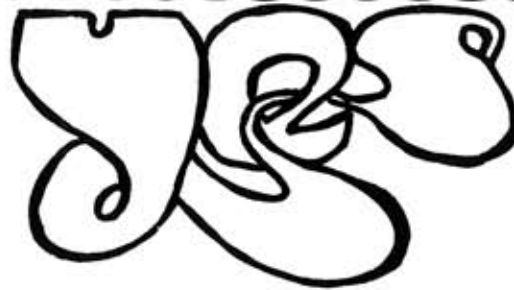
Hark! What is that? Is it a bird? Is it a rock band? No, it's THE SLIPPED DISC. On Route 52 in the village of Loch Sheldrake right next to Bum and Kel's and a liquor store on the other side (that may mean something). As you walk up to Harvey Cohen's Slipped Disc Record Shop you hear the sound of good old rock and roll out of a speaker outside. Stand there and listen awhile; it's the only free thing around nowadays. The Slipped Disc has one of the best up to date selections I've seen. Their size is not that big, but it seems he caters mostly to SCCC. I can't really say that he's that much cheaper than anyone else, but he is better: \$4.50-album, \$6.00-8 track tape. He also has art supplies and posters. I highly recommend the store.

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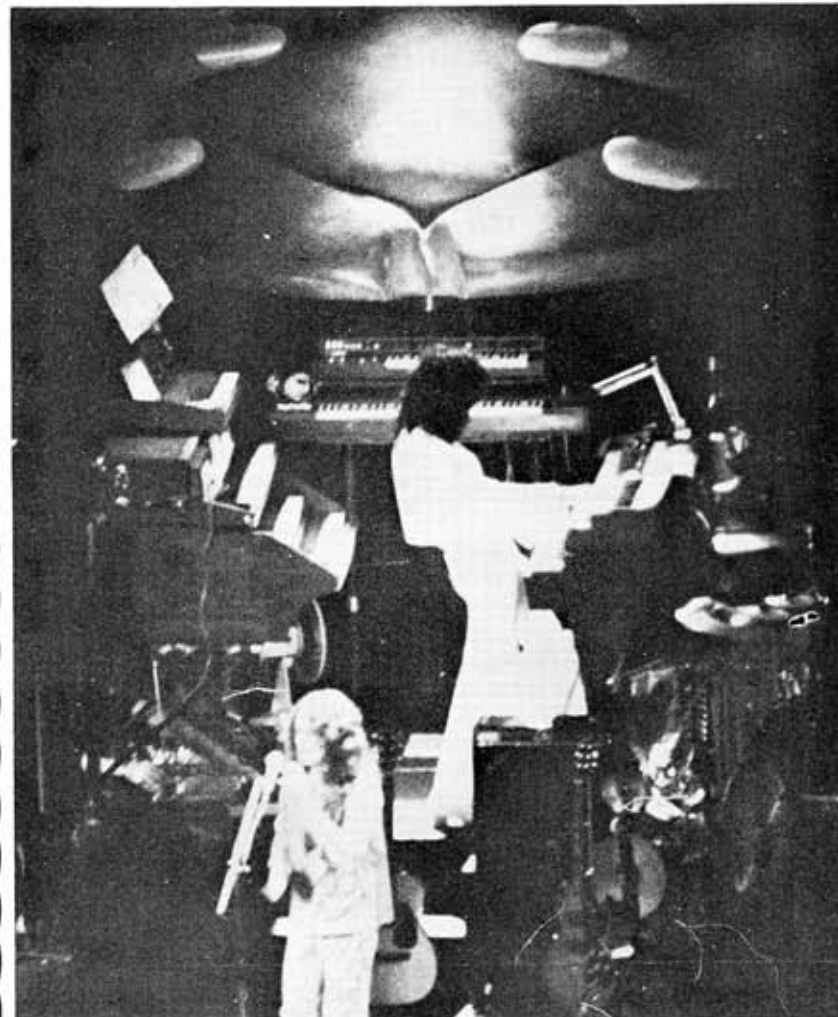


Madison Square Garden
November 20, 1974

To start, all you people who worried that YES would go down the drain after the loss of Rick Wakeman, forget it! YES is still in fine form with Patrick Mroaz replacing Wakeman on keyboards. Moraz was once with a group called REFUGEE before joining YES, and he has adopted the YES style well.

The new album, "Relayer", has a crisp, new sound as well as the old flowing melodies common to YES. The new sound is bouncy; rockier and a fresh revival from the almost inducing portions of "Topographic Oceans".

As far as the stage goes, that's where Moraz fell short. He isn't as impressive as Wakeman. Wakeman stands flowing from every direction, while Moraz runs from keyboard to keyboard trying to find one that works (Eddie Offord, what happened?) But the show was still still fantastic. They played the whole "Relayer" album as well as portions from "Close to the Edge" and "Tales". Even though he did them well, Moraz didn't come up to Wakeman's style on the virtuoso's own composition. The highlights of the show were Starship Trooper and The Ritual.



Yes' Jon Anderson on vocals and newcomer Patrick Moraz on keyboards perform at the Garden. (Photo by Stuart Berg)

**YES - GENTLE GIANT
MOTT - DEEP PURPLE -
TULL - QUEEN
REVIEWS**

YES—Relayer

As for the new album, it's a great start to a new partnership. I expect better things to come. I've changed my rating system to out of five. I give the new album 4.

Gentle Giant — Power and the Glory

This is a very good album from a grup with a big future ahead. They achieve an ear catching sound by intertwining instruments with voice melodies. Savory, but for special tastes, 3.

Mott the Hoople — Mott Live

As a farewell album it's not much. But they do some old favorites a new way, and Aerial Bender does some nice guitar work. 2.

Deep Purple — Stormbringer

Though all Deep Purple albums sound the same, I could listen to Richie Blackmore's guitar forever. This is a typical DP album with Jon Lord and RB doing a fantastic job. David Cloverdale and Glen Hughes do some nice vocals, 3.

Jethro Tull—War Child

Horrah! Ian Anderson has come back with a 'skating' album. War Child shows Anderson getting back to rock again, but keeping his own exclusive style, 4.

Queen — Sheer Heart Attack

Queen is the most promising new band around. Now they come through again with another brilliant effort. Pick up any of their albums you can grab, 4.

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SKI TEAMS

By Mary Balletta



Tryntje VanSlyke - sweeping league

—HERS—

Last year, on the girl's ski team, there was little room for improvement. At the end of the last season, the girls were tied for first place in league competition and placed second overall in section nine, with three of our returning skiers placing in the top ten.

The team suffered the loss of only one senior last year. This year's roster consists of: Tryntje Van Slyke, Kathy and Janice Kolhoff, Diane Bessen, Lorrie Blank, Jane Parry, Marion Boyd, Leanne Shepherd, and Amy Anderson. This team, as did last years, practices at Davos under the coaching of Mrs. Nishman and Cavos pro Geoff Bryant.

After a series of cancellations, the girls had their first race against Goshen. The Liberty Girls were victorious with Tryntje and Kathy capturing first and second places.

The remainder of this year looks very promising for the girls team. They are expecting at least a league title and are opting for a section nine sweep. With all the potential and talent on the team, neither goal seems unattainable.

As of January 22, the girls are 3-1 in league competition and 4-2 overall.



Senior half of Stuart Combo Steve. (Photo by J. Erts)

—HIS—

Things are looking up for the Liberty boys ski team. Last year was a disappointing one for the team mainly because they lacked experience.

This year's team includes: Steve and Tim Stuart, Tim Nickou, Herbie Grund, Eric Frey, Larry Epstein, Kelly Hamlin, Robert Wurtzel, Michael Schwartz, and Robert Koval.

The boys practice simultaneously with the girls at Davos. Last year the boys became very frustrated standing in the shadow of the girl's lymelight. This year the girls should be prepared to share their glory with our upcoming champions.

The team started off the season with a victory in their first race over Goshen. Senior Steve Stuart captured first place.

Mrs. Nishman and the boys are all anxiously awaiting a winning season. Let's hope this is it!

The boys, as of January 22, are 2-2 in league competition and 2-4 overall.



"The Ski Teams" (Photo by Prestwood)

VARSITY HOOP

FROM THE INSIDE LOOKING OUT

by Mitch Eless

The Liberty Indians Basketball Machine, future champions of the world, have but five things standing in their way — the Fallsburgh starting five. Everyone knows this but how about the other aspects of the team. This is my point of view, from the inside looking out.

There are many sides of the team. We have a good time, we are a very close family, and we are very weird. The Indians have been described as versatile, quick, great offensively and defensively, and a bunch of eggs ... Yes, a bunch of eggs. Mr. Reggie Biddings stood up in the bus on the way home from a scrimmage and said, "We'ze all likes a bunch of eggs." To this day nobody has ever been able to figure out the relevance of this statement.

If there are any internal problems on the ballclub (which there are not), they come from the Wicks Brothers. They have a very difficult time keeping their hands off the other players. To risk your life, you sit next to one of the Bros. on a bus ride. Believe it or not, on several bus rides, they have actually been handcuffed, then tied together in a seat right next to the coaches (to protect the rest of the team, of course).

Certainly the funniest incident of the year ws a joke played on Reggie. He had taken Ray Bridges' lock and hidden it. Unfortunately,

Ray found it and took Reggie's pants and shoes, and locked them in his locker while Reggie was in the shower. Ray left, and Reggie was left with no shoes or pants to wear home. Ray, of course, returned and gave Reggie his things back. Fun is fun, especially in the team room.

Bus rides are also a lot of fun, if you can stay away from the Wicks Bros. The way down to a game is very somber with the players trying to get their game faces on. But if both teams win, which is usually the case, the ride home is really a blast. One person was even quoted as saying, "It's even better than Soul Train," and indeed it is.

A person was standing in front of Italian Delight one night after a victorious away game. He heard in the background, a chorus of I GOT YA. He was later to find out that it was the team bus, just leaving Ellenville.

Outside of the Wicks Bros., the other man to watch for is Rick Fuller, because for a price he will tell a secret about anybody. He even knew a secret about Debra Magid, our statistician, but I think he never told that one.

I hope that this article has shown you the other side of the Liberty hoopsters. Almost everything in this article is true, but we can stretch the truth.



by Beth Washousky