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LIBERTY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Jo Jo Goldstein Storms Syracuse

"COWABUNGA!"

By Laurie Cox

It was 5:15 a.m., April 6, and pitch black dark. In six houses, six Liberty High Students were stumbling through their homes trying to get dressed and make it to the High School by 5:45. But what was going on at the school at that early hour? you may ask. Well, once again Liberty was sending representatives to the Syracuse Citizenship Conference.

As Joanne Goldstein, Michael

Eless, Mike McCarty, Teddy Zee, Marg Smith, and I boarded the bus, we were greeted by a chipper Mr. McCarty. He gave us our I.D. cards and we were off.

The agenda of the Conference, which dealt with the responsibilities of local government, was to include a welcome, a three minute speech by each participant, a group discussion to solve a given problem, and a public hearing to hash over the problems and pros and cons of each group's proposed

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Debbie and Laurie: New Student Council Leaders

This year there were only 2 teams running for the Student Council president and vice-president seats. These teams were Debbie Scott - Laurie Cox and Pattiann Stoddard - Teddy Zee. In the past few years as many as 6 teams in a certain year sought to be elected.

New regulations pertaining to how the election was to be run, were made by the election committee. Just a few of these

were: a limited number of posters per team, six, to be put up at certain times and in certain areas; no copies of platforms were to be passed out during the annual assembly; and also the ballot counting method was made stricter to prevent possible "ballot stuffing." These actions were taken because of numerous complaints in the past years due to different actions that took place.

The voting took place on May 7. The ballots were counted a number of times before the final results were made known. The results: Pattiann & Teddy received 200 some votes and Debbie & Laurie received 400 some votes. A strange thing is that the last time 2 girls were in charge of Student Council was in 1964-65. Ten years ago, a very interesting fact.

Both teams this year seem to really want to help our school, but they need help. Let's look forward to a good school year in 1974-75 and let us hope it won't be another 10 years until girls run Student Council.

'74 YEARBOOK

BEST OF THE BEST

In the reconstruction of the Libertas staff on April 5, Mrs. Damico became the advisor and named the following as co-editors: Julie Kurpil and Terry Pollack. Michael Eless remains the Business editor. Talis Yaun, Art; Photography, Alan Cray; Sports, Barbara Hamlin; Typing, Sherri Teller; Lay out, Amy Newman; Copy Ricky Gold.

Prestwood came on May 7th to take the remaining pictures. Major parts of the book were completed by May 30. A few Senior events will be sent in later.

On May 8th Mrs. Damico took the following Juniors to a yearbook conference in Binghamton: Pattiann Stoddard, Jay Weiner, John Erts, Jayne Salonich, Ricky Gold and Amy Newman.

At the assembly on June 13 one of those 6 people will be named as the editor for next year. The theme for the Yearbook will be "the Gay 90's" Era with Talis Yaun doing the Art Work. The yearbook will be bigger and will have larger advertisements. This year there will be at least 20 candid photos for grades 7-11 and 100 for the seniors. This year each senior will be pictured in a candid.



Bill Mackey takes a flying leap over the shoulders of Steve Shelley during their performance in the gymnastics show.

GYMNASTS SHINE IN EXPOSITION OF TALENT

Michele Parks

If you were to have ridden through Liberty on the evening of Tuesday, April 23, you would have been faced with a deserted town. The reason for the uncommon silence of the town was the gymnastics show being held in the High School gym. A surprisingly large crowd huddled together in the gym, hoping to catch a glimpse of his or her favorite gymnast. Various pieces of equipment were involved in the show, including the

rings, balance beam, trampoline and spring board. Sally Mullen showed excellent form on the rings as she artistically maneuvered her body into splits and russians. Among the performers on the balance beam were Lavonne Baker, doing a russian dismount, Lori Cohen, demonstrating a cartwheel, and Tryntje VanSlyke, exhibiting forward rolls.

Mike McCarty, Ruby Mackey, Jim Poley and Mark Berry entertained the spectators with

flips, twists, and seat drops on the trampoline. Mark Berry and Raymond Mackey displayed their talents on the spring board with their exhibition of hand springs and flips. Along with the performances on the equipment, was an exercise number accompanied by music, an excellent display of tumbling stunts and a superb performance by Clement "Buster" Tyson on the unicycle. The evening proved quite entertaining and inspired much student involvement.

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Taking Advantage of Tutors: Abuse of a Good Idea

By EKP

Regents time is nearing; you can tell by noticing one very strange phenomenon. Students have begun to approach members of the Honor Society to seek tutors to help them in passing their final exams. The Honor Society began their tutoring program earlier this year by asking all students who wanted additional help in a subject to contact the club, seeing that interested students were matched with other students willing to give their time to tutor. Certainly the motives behind the system were undeniably positive. The proper use of the system is a prime example of necessary co-operation on the part of all segments of a diversified student body. Unfortunately, the program itself was abused and misused by some students and teachers.

Responses from individual students on a voluntary basis to a notice over the PA were almost nonexistent at the beginning of the year. Students saw no need to work and were willing merely to "let things slide." The Honor Society then asked teachers to recommend students from their classes who could benefit from tutoring but who hadn't volunteered. Some teachers returned voluminous lists of every student's name who had below an eighty average, regardless of the circumstances surrounding the low marks. Some noted that students indeed had the potential to be getting high marks but were too involved in extra-curricular activities to work on academics. Other teachers never acknowledged the request, although it is true that many teachers justifiably felt that any students who needed help could come to them after school. Nevertheless, abuse of the system was rampant.

Within the last two weeks requests for tutors have skyrocketed as students become more and more panicky as exams approach day by day. No doubt

these students believe that with the aid of an able tutor they can cram 10 months of understanding of a subject into 4 weeks of memorization. In other words, some students can spend an entire school year sleeping, partying, and participating in extra-curricular activities without worry because they know that they can parasitize an able student who has worked all year and who will undoubtedly devote time which could be more productively spent to tutoring because of a misplaced social conscience.

The principle of tutoring a student all year who is trying on his own to do all his work but who requests additional help is valid indeed. The corruption of that principle, namely the last-minute grasping at a tutor by student who would make him a sacrificial animal is horrendous. The idea that the purpose of the more diligent student is to serve as a crutch for the sports-oriented, allowing them to participate in athletics and still pass their subjects, should have been crushed on the college campuses that initiated the system years ago to use "stupid" jocks on teams of school that the athletes could not normally pass. Instead, the practice has spread to the high school level.

ED. NOTE: The opinions expressed above are only those of the editor of the paper and in no way reflect the attitude of the entire Honor Society or all tutors.

Pitch In
Keep
America
Beautiful

Next year's Editors of both the Comment and Libertas will be announced June 13 at Senior Assembly.

Spring Carnival Falls Flat

By Teddy Zee

After three months of extensive preparation for the annual Spring Carnival, the only thing accomplished was the year's biggest flop. It is no secret that the "great success" of the carnival belongs to the Student Council.

The festivities began on May 4 with a chicken barbecue, where less than 150 persons attended. The carnival was to be held the same day, but the unforeseen problem of the Walk-a-thon changed the plans. After the chicken dinner, everyone went up to the baseball diamond for a friendly game of softball. There were only five teachers presented (at least nine are needed for a game) and about twenty students. Everyone was set to play anyways except for one problem, No baseball. Not a single student council member was in sight, so the faculty gave up and conceded the game.

The following weekend, the real excitement began. Again, less than 150 students bothered showing up. The organization was excellent as no one was ever signed up for any events, so many weren't even held. The mud slide was the only worthwhile event. The famous tug-of-war between the students and the faculty never did materialize. That evening 100

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In Defense of the Senior Class Play

In your last Comment Bulletin, a review was written on the "C at In The Bag," and I didn't agree at all with what you said. I thought the play was very interesting and not boring in the least. The characters were terrific and I feel Mary Anne, Maria, George, Lance and Mike deserve a lot of credit. Also the people behind the scenes — Mr. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. Zanetti, and the stage crew. They all did a great job and I don't think any ONE person has the right to knock it. If it was a Broadway play, I can see the comments, but all this criticism was uncalled for and undeserved. After all, it doesn't serve any purpose to criticize the play after it's done and over with. The next play that comes along, get involved with it, and you won't be so quick to condemn another's efforts!

Julie Kurpil

A 4-MINUTE REBUTTAL: CLIQUES ARE NEEDED

By Janet Malchowsky

This is written in response to your recent editorial calling for "A little tolerance" on the part of the opposing cliques. First of all, what you are attempting to cause is an overthrow of tradition, which may not be advantageous. Think of all of that security found in those elite groups that you will cause to dissipate, your suggestion causes a dilemma - all of the members of the cliques will become insecure, despondent, and eventually fade out of society. Their potential in society will be lost to their inner requirements. Obviously, that is quite disadvantageous to the future generation's government, business, and education.

Secondly, these elite groups provide a vehicle for some individuals to travel up the social status ladder. If you disband the groups, you prohibit the advancement of some individuals to "bigger and better things." Now, we can plainly see that this would not only be disadvantageous to some - it would be downright mean and ornery. You would be thwarting a progress of sorts.

Thirdly, these elite groups allow for quite interesting entertainment on the part of spectators. It is a known fact that many members within these cliques are engaged in subversive actions that are intended to cause internal strife. These actions provide excellent entertainment for the "outsiders" and if this entertainment is removed, the "outsiders" will have to find other sources of pleasure. No one can guarantee that those other sources will be morally righteous or legal. Indirectly you might cause the degeneration of those non-members.

Next, and most crucially, is the topic of future training. The institution of elite groups prepares its members for the future by showing them the social tactics and proper actions that one must take when one is thrust into the mature society. Obviously, many of these members are not going to conquer the world individually, therefore they need the proper group training; which is exactly what these cliques provide. If the training is removed, we will have no conquerors.

Throughout your entire argument, you assume that high school is not "fun" because of the perpetual war between the factions in the classes. First, your assumption could prove to be miscalculated if you are of the pessimistic theory of man's inherent behavioral characteristics. If man is aggressive, then these wars are the best thing the school can offer the members of the cliques. Since neither the aggressive nor docile

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Joanne Goldstein is all smiles at the prospect of next year at Syracuse University.

Syracuse . . . (from front page)

solution. The day was to end where it began - in the chapel - where scholarship winners would be announced.

Of a whole day at Syracuse, three minutes - those when we would give our speeches - were what bothered us the most. We speculated on the number of students we would compete against and then on how many would be debaters, geni, or both. By the time we stopped for breakfast I was wondering how long it would take to hitchhike back to Liberty. When it started to snow, Michael cheerfully predicted that we would get stuck in a snow bank. Apparently Teddy was a little nervous too, because he looked rather pale until he gulped down a Bromo with his breakfast. Mr. McCarty tried to reassure us by telling us what had happened in past years so we would know what to expect.

The rest of the trip we spent reading our speeches over and over and over to each other, and wondering. Finally we reached Syracuse University and it looked beautiful.

We splashed through the puddles to the chapel where we were welcomed. After a short speech by a local politician we split up to find our first groups. Our group leader led us to a small classroom next door to the boiler room. I was relieved to see that I had to give my speech in front of only eight people. (I had expected at least a thousand.) Our group leader was very friendly and filled us in on student life at the U.

To determine who won scholarships, we graded each other by ballot in the first two groups. This was difficult because all of the speeches were very good.

The next session was great because we could express our ideas to solve the given problem and the whole thing was informal. The problems ranged from littering to zoning all on the local level. Liberty students are so great at voicing their opinions that Marg, and Teddy were elected speakers for their groups.

After this Liberty got together for lunch. We compared notes on the way downtown and decided we were having a great time.

Back at the public hearings each group's proposal to its problem was discussed and voted on. The solutions were well thought out and good questions were raised as to the governments power. It had been a long day though and the time was starting to drag.

And now it was time to hear who had won a scholarship. Someone from Liberty??? Junior names were read - none of us. They were halfway through the senior names when we heard... JOANNE GOLDSTEIN!! After squeals and screams from the Liberty section, Joanne ran to the stage. Needless to say, she beamed all the way home.

It was all over. It had been one long, wonderful day worth every second of nervousness. We had met new people, seen Syracuse University, and even learned a thing or two. Tired but happy we drove into Liberty smiling.

ALL STAR BAND

I know there has been a lot of polls but I wanted to get my two cents in. If I've forgotten someone forgive me. They are in order of my preference. Put this bunch together and you have the ultimate.

Electric Guitar: Jimmy Page, Led Zepplin; Jerry Garcia, Grateful Dead; Eric Clapton, Solo; John McLaughlin, Mahavishnu Orchestra; Dave Mason, Traffic; Jan Akerman, Focus; Richie Blackmore, Deep Purple.

Acoustics Guitar: Bob Dylan, Solo; Richie Havens, Solo; David Crosby Stephen Stills, Graham Nash, CSNN and Y; Neil Young.

Bass Guitar: Greg Lake, Emerson, Lake, and Palmer; Suzi Quatro, Solo; Geezer Butler, Black Sabbath; Paul McCartney, Wings (Beatles?);

Piano: Elton John, Solo; Leon Russell, Solo.

Electric Piano: Steve Winwood, Traffic.

Organ: Billy Preston, Solo.

Moog: Keith Emerson, ELP

Meletron: Rick Wakeman, Yes.

Drums: Carl Palmer, ELP, Neil Smith, Alice Cooper; Bill Ward, Black Sabbath; Don Brewer, Grand Funk.

Special Instrument: Ian Anderson, Flute, Jethro Tull; Jim Dandy Mangrum, Washboard, Black Oak Arkansa; Bill Chase, Trumpet, Chase.

Brass: Chicago.

Male Vocalist: Robert Plant, Led Zepplin.

Female Vocalist: Carole King.

Backing Vocals: Ozzie Ozbourne, Joni, Noddy Holder, Jon Anderson, Rod Stewart, Greg Lake, Neil Young, Roger Daltrey, Bob Weir, Stevie Wonder, Joni Mitchel, Judy Collins, Carly Simon, Laura Nyro.

Composer: Ian Anderson, Jethro Tull.

Producer: Todd Rudgren

By Stuart Berg



It seems the senior class never wears their normal clothes to school . . . Senior Dress-up Day, April 1, saw 130 LCS students turn into rabbits, rabbis and who knows what else . . .

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A LOOK BACK—THE

As observed and recorded through the eyes of Diane Bessen, Co-ordinator

The 1973-74 school year is just about over and as I try to remember all the events and situations which made this year, I wonder where it all flew to. The Comment staff thought it would be nice to try and recap the year for the teachers and students, so in our last issue we are presenting "The Year In Review."

To the seventh grade, this was a whole new experience, however they handled it quite well. Under the leadership of Barbara Wall, the grade held a social and bakesale. It is just a start for a new beginning.

The eighth grade has proven themselves to be the most enthusiastic and prosperous class. They had a bakesale which brought in \$90. They made seven hundred dollars during the whole year, which is quite a take. Led by David Schwab, they also had the most participation in the Spring Carnival. Keep it up!

The Freshmen led by Chris Carillo did a fine job all year long. They had a very successful dance which featured "Caine." The class made about \$100, some of which came from a bake sale. Rumor has it that they are having another bake sale, in the near future.

The Sophomores were also a very prosperous class under the leadership of Judy Gerber. They hauled in a lot of money selling candy and popcorn afterschool. I might add that this grade seemed to be the most "together" group. A class breakfast, toboggan party, and their participation in the Spring Carnival all seem to prove this. They are setting a good example and I hope other grades follow it.

Under the leadership of John Erts, the Junior class did fairly well, however, I think they were capable of doing a lot more. The class play, football concession, and bake sale all contributed to their haul of more than \$1,000. The new outdoor shed was really appreciated on those cold, snowy, fall afternoons. The class did make an attempt at getting everyone involved with a hayride, class social, and a breakfast. Maybe next year the class of '75 will prove to LCHS what they are capable of.

Finally, we are at Harry's Heaven, the Senior Class. We are approaching the final days when those angels will no longer float through the halls of LCHS. The Seniors seemed to be in a lot of trouble when the year began. Financially they were doomed! But what, a miracle! (In heaven those things happen you know). First, \$1,000 was found in the office which had been misplaced. Next they mystified us again. The magazine drive was running poorly and they were below quota so the drive was extended a week. In seven days the class had raised the most money ever from selling magazines. Only the Seniors are able to do what they did. Harry Kaiser, class president did a splendid job of organizing all the activities such as Senior Day and the Prom. Personally I would be surprised if the up coming classes came close to matching the CLASS OF 1974.

The grades are the major part of school life but clubs are trailing a close second.



Ecology Club

The Ecology Club has just begun it's activities and already it seems they have done a year's work. Their first task was to clean up Meditation Park which is located in back of the teacher's parking lot. They dug up all the overgrown grass and planted six hemlock trees as the start of a hedge surrounding the park. The club also plans to plant and clean up the grounds in the front of the school. This fine committee is headed by Mrs. Baurenfiend, a very concerned and dedicated teacher.



50's Day and Dance

It all began with a brilliant idea from the Libertas staff to raise money. Permission was received to "DO YOUR THING," so the next day the greasiest, crumiest, bummiest group of groovers roamed the halls of Liberty High. Throughout the day you could hear the songs of Elvis, Chuck Berry, and others of the times, being hummed, whistled, or sung. Brill Cream and Tubes of Bright Red Lipstick were everywhere. It was one of the best days Liberty had ever seen.

That night a dance, with a turnout of 300, was given. Saddle shoes and bobby socks rocked around the clock. A best costume contest was held with Oscar White and Chris Symanski coming right up in first place. It all ended all to soon, but everyone had a great time.

P.S.... You all lindy and jitterbug terrific!



Allusions

Allusion's staff consists of a small dedicated group of people who believe that art is the supreme form of communication.

The staff of Mrs. Landau, Mary Harbocian, and Joy Wasserlauf do all the work. They must collect and select literature and art work, type them, do the layouts, and cuttings. They must also personally take the material to a printer in Monticello.

It is only possible to put out one issue a year. They circulate 1,000 copies at the price of \$500. Mrs. Landau was reluctant to reveal her source of financial backing. She did say that the paper receives many donations from clubs around the school. She also expressed her desire for a color issue but costs label this thought "out of reach."

The entire staff is leaving this year and Mrs. Landau sincerely hopes that there will be some other dedicated students who will continue to be proud of Liberty High creativity.

Sizzling '74

By Mitch Etes

THE FALL

J.V. Football

The J.V. Football team had a good season, compiling a 6-3 record. At the beginning of the year the prospects didn't look very good but with strong coaching by Mr. Francisco and Mr. Riente the team took shape nicely. The heart of the team was "Moose" Corigliano, who plays a tough linebacker and gets hard yards playing fullback. Quarterback Ed Sostack had little trouble with the ground attack. Behind a good live lead by Ken Atkins and Rich Muthig he could pitch out, hard off or keep it to himself for a successful yardage, most of the time. Good tough defense is always an added plus to a strong team.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team had a fairly good year. A lot of the boys went out for the team and that gave coach Ron Schuite a good base. The team, led by Bob Wurtzel, Mike Killian and Rae Bridges compiled a good record for a fair season.

Varsity Football

Somewhere during the course of a preseason practice, a black cat must have crossed the path of the Liberty Varsity football team, for few things can explain the ill fortune of this past season's team. With ailments ranging from broken bones to bronchitis and occasional concussions, the varsity squad was up to par only a very few times.

When the season first began, hopes of a championship team floated throughout the locker room. The main reason for this optimism was the fact that a large portion of the previous season's junior varsity team was now on the varsity. This highly-touted group included junior quarterback Mike Lafaro, running backs Mitchell Cohen and sophomore Bob Nolan, plus others, in addition to key members of a no-name jayvee defensive squad that allowed the opponents an average of only 4 points per game.

This year's team was determined to send Coach Witherwax in his last season as football coach, out on a winning note, and they believed they had the personel to do so. The team's final 1-7-1 record does not reflect at all the will to win the varsity possessed. The squad lost few, if any, games by more than one touchdown and not once did they admit defeat before the final gun had sounded.

Injuries plague all teams and lead to the downfall of many. This

YEAR IN REVIEW . . .

Sports Scene

and Teddy Zee

year's Liberty Varsity football squad received more than their share of injuries, however, and thus could not accomplish what they had set out to do at the beginning of the season. Injuries to such players as Phil Fanning, Dave Wicks and Charlie Green left Liberty without key parts of their squad for extended periods of time. Bronchitis also made its first known appearance this year as it benched senior tackle Glenn Cross for nearly half the season.

Injuries and other problems of this past season's varsity team have made the 1-7-1 record slightly easier to bear. Nevertheless, everyone is looking forward to next season when the junior varsity team of a season ago will be reunited on varsity, possibly with their former coach, Ron Francisco, and will have their sights set on a UCAL title and maybe even a season without defeat.

THE WINTER

Varsity Basketball

The young Liberty Varsity basketball team had a fine season, compiling a 15-3 record and gaining much experience. The team was paced by the sensational sophomores Rae Bridges and Reg Biddings. Both of these boys received All-UCAL honors. Seniors Rad Yaun and Mario Berry, freshman Milt "Sonny" Martin and junior Mike Lafaro rounded out the regular 6.

The team had a 15-2 record in UCAL play, with both losses coming at the hands of Fallsburgh. The second loss was a double overtime game. Due to the fact that Fallsburgh was in our division the team was unable to advance to finals. They also lost a squeaker to Goshen in the opening round of Section 9 play. So it's on to a new season and the password is "Future", for "Digger" Emery's group of Rookies.

J.V. Basketball

The J.V. team had a rather poor season. Drained of many players by the varsity, the team, under Mr. Reinte, couldn't manage a win finishing 0-17. Captain Ron Duffy and freshman Henry Jackson gave the team whatever spark it had.

Boy's Ski Team

The boy schussers of LCS could manage only a 4-7 record this year. The reason why has not yet been determined. The team was lead by Steve and Tim Stuart, Stuart Berg, and with the coach being Mrs. Nishman.

Debate Team

Despite the fact that the energy crisis forced the curtailment of much of the debate team's traveling to tournaments, the year proved a success. The varsity team of seniors Eric Seiler and Eileen Pollack opened the year by taking first place at Bronx H.S. of Science, followed by a period in which the team managed to qualify at a number of major tournaments but which they just didn't manage to win. Finally, the semi-slump was broken when the team took first place at Wheaton, Maryland.

The Varsity was also invited to the National Round Robin Tournament held in April in Washington, D.C. The competition at the Robin is similar to those used in the NIT's in basketball. The top 13 teams in the country gather, debating each other once a piece during three days of exhaustive contests. The team which compiled the best record emerges on top. Although Liberty did not do as well as the team had hoped, they did end up fourth in the national competition.

The year ended as the qualification tournament for the National Forensic League U.S. Finals. Eric and Eileen took first at NFL Districts, thereby qualifying for Nationals, to be held in the third week of June in Dallas, Texas. The "B" Varsity team of Judy Gerber and Nancy Stier turned in an exceptional performance, making it to quarterfinals. At NFL States they emerged fifth in the state in a field composed mostly of seniors. The girls can look forward to next year's season on the "A" team, knowing that they have already "established" themselves on the circuit.

Novices Alan Goldstein, Kate Mathews, Herb Grund, and Glenn Powell also qualified for states, where they finished with a very good record.

Tryouts for next year's novices were held the week of May 13th, with the following results: David Gross, Craig Stier, Rami Saydjari, and Diana Dwosh all made positions on the 74-75 novice debate team.

The year will end when Eileen and Eric, accompanied by Mr. Talkington, start out for Dallas on June 16, hoping to close out their high school debate careers with a shot at first in the nation.



Chess Club

The Chess Club did very well this year ending the season with a 7-3 record. Coached by Mr. Wach, the team beat every team except Fallsburgh. President Bruce Katz and Vice President Bill Hulse will be around next year. There are also super eighth graders David Gross and Rami Saydjari who are a major part of the team. There was only one undefeated player this year, Bill Hulse. Maybe next year they will make it 10-0.



Perdue Day

On peaceful day, I was calmly eating my delicious lunch in the cafeteria. Everything was going along just as usual, until all of a sudden I turned around and saw a real, live CHICKEN. It was sitting on one of the tables next to me. Now don't get me wrong, I wasn't cracking up. It wasn't a dream, it was real. Soon I jumped up and at the same time it did the same. To my surprise an egg sat on the table. No don't get all excited, it was HARD BOILED.

Volunteer Action Group

Mr. Monte the Health Coordinator for our school, has recently begun a new type of club. It's called VAG. The club runs as follows:

There are four separate areas that you can voluntarily participate in.

A Big Brother, Big Sister program, where one works with young children and act as their real brother or sister, developing trust, love, and affection for each child.

C.P. work at the C.P. Center, where one works with physically handicapped children under the direction of therapists. One can develop and learn basic exercises and even learn sign language to help the deaf.

One might choose to work with children at BOCES, (St. Peter's). They would be helping emotionally or handicapped children.

Finally, one could work as a Nurse, Medical Record Assistant, or X-Ray technician.

Here is a great opportunity for many of you people to get involved in something worthwhile, and really help your brother. If anyone has a question dealing with the club, Mr. Monty would be happy to speak with you.

Libertas

All of you who ordered a 74 yearbook will be glad you did, simply because they are going to be terrific. If you didn't, there will be many extra when they arrive in September.

Editors, Julie Kurpil and Terry Pollack would like to thank Mike Eless and Bill Prince, who each did tremendous jobs as Business Editor and head of Advertising. They raised close to \$1,500 by selling ads to local businesses. THANKS is also due to Mrs. Damico for bailing out the Senior Class and their yearbook.

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...MORE AND MORE

Audio-Visual Dept.

Mr. Ippolito has been running the A.V. dept. of the school for a few years now. Lately, however, the program has been expanding to encompass more varied activities. This department is no longer confined to just making sure teachers have movie projectors when they need them.

The biggest change has been the creation of LCS-TV on Channel 10. This has enabled the staff to video-tape all of Liberty School events. For example; basketball games, plays, interviews, concerts, and television shows can be seen over and over again. The station also provides for the use of the new Channel 10 Wheel. This wheel resembles the one seen on Channel 6; however, the school runs it posting school news and events.

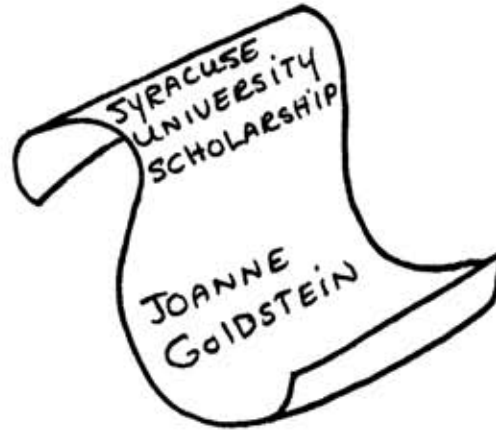
This program is still being improved. On May 7, Mr. Ippolito, Mitch Eless, John Erts, and Talis Yaun traveled to Yorktown Heights H.S. For a Communications Conference which was attended by 20 New York Schools. The purpose of this program was to share the presentations of different schools and discuss how schools could improve their programs.

This year the A.V. staff consisted of about twenty students in all grades. Each had to work diligently to get all of the programs produced, but all the members agree that the credit should go to the advisor, Mr. Ippolito, who made the whole thing work.

Cheerleading

This year's cheerleading squad started out a little different than the previous one. First, Miss Petteruti became their new advisor when she replaced Mrs. Butler after her accident. Secondly, the girls received new uniforms which were paid for by themselves. This gave the squad a whole new outlook, however, they still had those same great mouths. I know the teams really appreciated their many hours of cheering which sometimes makes a difference in a game. This year a new squad was selected from about sixty energetic girls. I might also add that all the girls were pleased with the method of selection, whether they made the team or not. The secret was a panel of outsiders who were not familiar with any of the girls, which was very fair.

P.S....Boys, don't hesitate to try out next year. The girls all welcome some new recruits.



Interact and Getting it Together Clubs

Two organizations which get no credit but do a ton of work for the school and the community are the ITA and GIT clubs. The GIT held a drive to collect food for those who can not afford it, during Christmas time. The ITA collected newspapers and bottles for some profit. They also held the Trick or Treat for UNICEF.

There is one problem with both these organizations NO HELP! The GIT tried to hold a dance this Spring. The proceeds would have gone to Food for Thanksgiving baskets next Fall. They had to cancel the dance because they did not sell enough tickets. I feel that LCS students should be ashamed and embarrassed. Most of us are fortunate to have what ever we want, within reason. However there are many, many, families, right in Liberty who can not afford a quart of milk. It is about time that everyone stopped saying "let someone else care." Would going to a dance, bringing in food, or simply contributing a little of your time be so harmful? Please think about what most of you all did by not buying a ticket to dance. TRY!

The COMMENT staff would like to apologize to those clubs not included in our summary. The articles were assigned by members of our staff who neglected to turn them in.

This year there were a few events, which made LCS history. We felt that not mentioning them would be simply criminal!

Sports Scene . . .

THE SPRING

Golf

The Golf team began this season with high expectations. At deadline their record was 3-1-1. Lead by junior state champ Rad Yaun, the team is started to play better, with Yaun's game coming around as well as those of Mitch Eless, Jon Beck and Karl Nitschke. The team could finish high in Section 9 as well as the UCAL tournament.

Boy's Tennis

At Deadline, the Boys tennis team was 4-3. Recent losses, however, maybe attributed to the loss of No. 1 man Mike Weiner. At this time the seeds are Mike Weiner, Larry Epstein and Mike McCarty at singles and Jeff Hirsch - Ken Benckendor, and Darrell Berman - Bill Hulse at doubles.

Varsity Baseball

The preseason strenghts of the Varisty baseball squad was supposed to be the slick fielding infield, the speed on the base paths, and the outstanding hitting. The weaknesses were supposed to be a weak pitching staff and a weak outfield. Well, what was supposed to be and what is are two different things.

All but one of the games has been decided by one run and every loss, except one, was caused by an untimely error by the infield. Key runners were being caught on their heels in crucial situations, and hits weren't falling when they were needed.

What has kept Liberty at the top is the surprising pitching staff of Jerry Altbach, Miky Lofaro and super sophomore Eddie "Ned" Sostak. If not for the errors, each would be undefeated.

The preseason analysis was wrong but the final conclusion seems to be coming true. Liberty is presently in first place and it looks like another UCAL divisional title.

Phil Fanning has been ripping the cover off the ball, hitting over .400. Phil looks like Liberty's strongest All - UCAL possibility. Mike Lofaro and Jerry Altbach are knocking in key runs, and Mario Berry finally broke out of his 0-18 hitting slump. Also his 2 errors game average is improving.

Liberty is again playing like a team, looking to go all the way. After beating previously undefeated Red Hook (the best in UCAL) 5-4, Coach Rapenske is quite optimistic about the future.

NOTE: The editor of this paper realizes that no girl's sports are included in this review. Being a girl myself I was very perturbed when the sports department handed in this one-sided review; but what could I do.girls? It was too late. Sorry, libers...

It's Almost June 23rd - Graduation Day!
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The Success of Student Council

By Kathy Schmit

Darrell Berman and Joanne Goldstein were elected as President and Vice President of Student Council on platform containing sixteen points, eight of which worked out.

The most successful programs on the platform were increased Gym Activities on weekends, an expanded tutoring system, and the reduction of bus rates to spectator sports, which the Student Council spent about \$800 on. Other points on the platform were a vocabulary building program for college entrance exams, which Mr. Brennen started, but died out after a short while, and bathroom and library patrols which worked out as well as could be expected considering the amount of student cooperation received.

The Winter and Spring Carnivals were held, as promised on the platform, but again student participating stifled their success. Two other points on the platform taped LCHS games shown during study halls and debate team and current programs, originally intended as lectures, but were shown on Channel 10, were successful but I feel that not enough people knew about them.

So much for the half that worked! Now for the half that didn't. There were four points that were unsuccessful because of a lack of money, and-or Mr. Van's veto. There was just not enough money to open the library on weekends and weeknights, or to have lectures with guest speakers for Junior and Senior class members. However, an outdoor "C" lunch or lights on the tennis courts simply got no further than the front office. The only recourse the S.C. could take would be to appeal to the School Board, which Darrell and Joanne apparently didn't feel was necessary. This is not entirely their fault, however, because if the student body had really wanted any of the four failures, it would be up to them to either raise the money, or appeal to the board.

Three of the points on the platform were carried out by organizations other than the S.C. Food & Clothing Drives were carried out by the Interact Club, which donated clothes for the fire victims, and the Getting - It - Together Club, which was responsible for the Christmas Food Drive for local families. The S.C. did, however, donate \$75 to the fire victims and \$450 was raised for the ARC in a concert. Darrell and Joanne also promised socials, but the Junior class was the only group to organize such events. Another point on the platform was the expansion of intermural programs which the gym teachers took care of. The last point on the platform dealt with the expansion of communications between faculty and students, but more importantly inter-student communications.

When I asked Darrell's opinion of last year's election, he spouted a long stream of words of, to put it mildly, "disapproval." The first election was over 100 in favor of Robert Oliver because of discrepancies in counting the ballots, a second election was found to be necessary. Joanne said that it seemed to make this year's election much more conservative.

I also asked about last year's football incident. Many people wanted the SC to do something, but few were interested enough to find out what was done. Darrell arranged a meeting Mr. Witherwax, Mr. McCarty, and the three players thrown off the team for going to a party the night after a game. One, Randy Keator, was put back on the team, but Robert Krauspe and John Yuen refused to play on the same team with those members who reported them. Joanne had little to do with the meeting, but did comment that the idea of students turning each other in was all wrong.

Darrell and Joanne did not formally support anyone in particular during this year's S.C. election. Darrell did not even vote. He feels that a vote is for a person who will be around to take advantage of the winner,

not for those who will just vote to express their opinion. Joanne personally, favored Laurie and Debbie.

Since I am not an editor, I might as well throw in my two cents now. The Student Council can not accomplish a thing without the students cooperation. Darrell informed me in our interview that not one person on S.C. came to a meeting with a suggestion, and cooperation at activities was minimal. In my opinion, Debbie Scott and Laurie Cox are **workers** and can accomplish as much as the students want. This year, half of the platform was completed. Let's ALL try for a better percentage.

Gym Show and Soundscape

This year the Gym Show and Soundscape 74, was a huge success. Many of the students participated in the Gym Show and gave an excellent performance. They showed off their talent on mats, parallel bars, trampoline, rings, and balance beam. Bill Mackey, Mark Berry, and Sally Mullen gave outstanding performances on the mats, trampoline, and rings. Buster Tyson rode his unicycle, and Pam McCarty and Carie Seibert did a comedy routine on the balance beam. Stuart Berg did his famous walking on his hands act.

Miss Dickerman and Mr. Schulte deserve much credit for organizing the entire show.

Soundscape 74 also added another night of fun to our school year. The industrial Arts dept. displayed many items made by some of our students. It was evident how much talent many of our kids have.

The Home Ec. dept. supplied food for those of us who were just starving! Each class made a different tidbit to munch on. The Advanced Cooking class displayed some delicious breads. A fashion show provided special entertainment of a different kind, as the girls modeled their own creations. The outfits were just gorgeous and showed a lot of time and effort from the Home Ec. sewing classes.

The Art dept. displayed different paintings and drawings which were painted by LCS students. Elementary school work was also displayed.

The Music dept. gave a wonderful concert that was enjoyed by everyone. The Jr. and Sr. choruses gave excellent performances, as did the Bands. A guitar solo by Steve Wexler and a movie were also very good.

The entire night was full of things to see and listen to. Many THANKS to the people who organized the production. Let's continue this sort of thing and really keep the Art's alive.

To end this article we would like to keep with Liberty tradition by listing what the Seniors will be doing next year whether they are going to college or some branch of the military. Our sincere apologies to any Senior who was omitted from the list.



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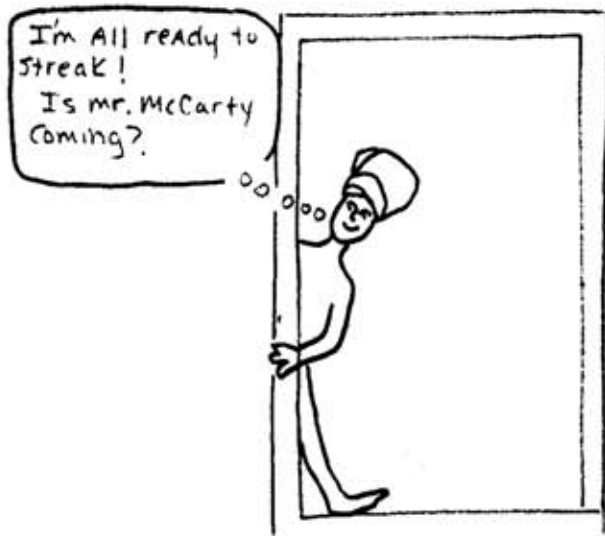


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"Women's Lib" Hits Home At LCS

Senior girls, looking ahead to college or work are questioning their roles as women in society. Reisa Gerber is one who wonders what she expects of herself in the way of "serving" men through out her life. In the letter below, Tali Yaun offers another view of Reisa's situation and other "wondering females".

Dear Reisa,

Reading your article has given me a reason to try and say something meaningful before I leave these grand old halls of LCS. which are filled with what a favorite philosopher Wilhelm Reich would refer to as "great little men."

I cannot give you advise on your problem, nor can I give you my opinion as it would prove worthless. I can, however, give my opinion on the topics of Woman's Liberation and you can take from it what you wish and leave what you must.

My family background is history, I come from a large, male dominated family, Because I was always taught to be useful to the men, to wait on them, and to care for their needs, I unintentionally developed and maintained a great internal conflict over a period of about one year, my junior year. In my home, revolution is simply not tolerated, I was forced to make a decision; however, revolt and maintain my sanity, or remain submissive and probably loose all concept of self. This was the cause of my conflict. A friend helped me make my decision. One day, I was

trying to explain to him why I had to be home by midnight, while my brothers could stay out to any hour. He was trying to explain to me that I was a whole person. He wrote me this story; I made my decision.

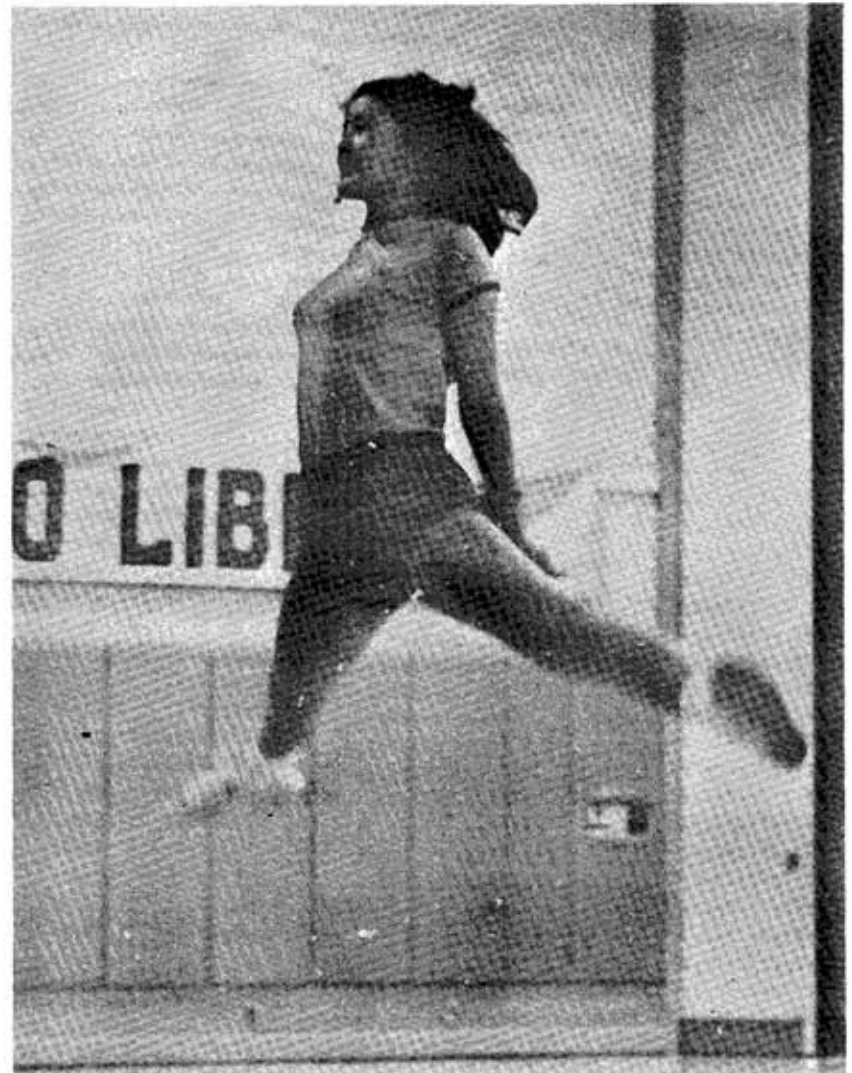
"Talis, think of yourself as a kite attached to a string with the wind grabbing at you. The string is held by a girl who takes care of you. You fight the string and break it, and your body hurls up in the air. You change form, into a bird and you fly down to the little girl to say good-bye, but she grabs and pulls you in a cage saying 'I'm protecting you'."

I honestly feel that all of the "isms" (sexism, racism, semitism,) in our society are caused by the same basic things. The lack of understanding and respect for our fellow humans.

Sexism is perpetuated in our homes when we cease to respect our parents and siblings. Women's Lib is not a not wanting to cook meals, not wanting to do the laundry, not wanting to do housework; it is a not being expected to do these things.

The day that we begin to respect all people for what they can produce mentally and physically, the day we begin to show our honest emotions and to accept those of others with no question is the day that we will begin to reconstruct a society where anyone who wants to contribute may, and those who don't, will not with no challenge to their lifestyles or philosophies.

Talis Yaun




Sophomore Maelien Yeun perfects her split in tryouts for the Cheerleading Squad.

Varsity — Mary Balletta, Jeanie Ellison, Anita Fernandez, Patti Hasbrouk, Debbie Jones, Debbie Rapenske, Terry Siegel, Laurie Sims, Marg Smith, Maelien Yuen.

Junior Varsity — Lavoñne Baker, Justine Berry, Lori Cohen, Sherri Damico, Kathy Goldsworthy, Mary Gozza, Judy Hasbrouk, April McLain, Meryl Morganstein, Phyllis Raynor.

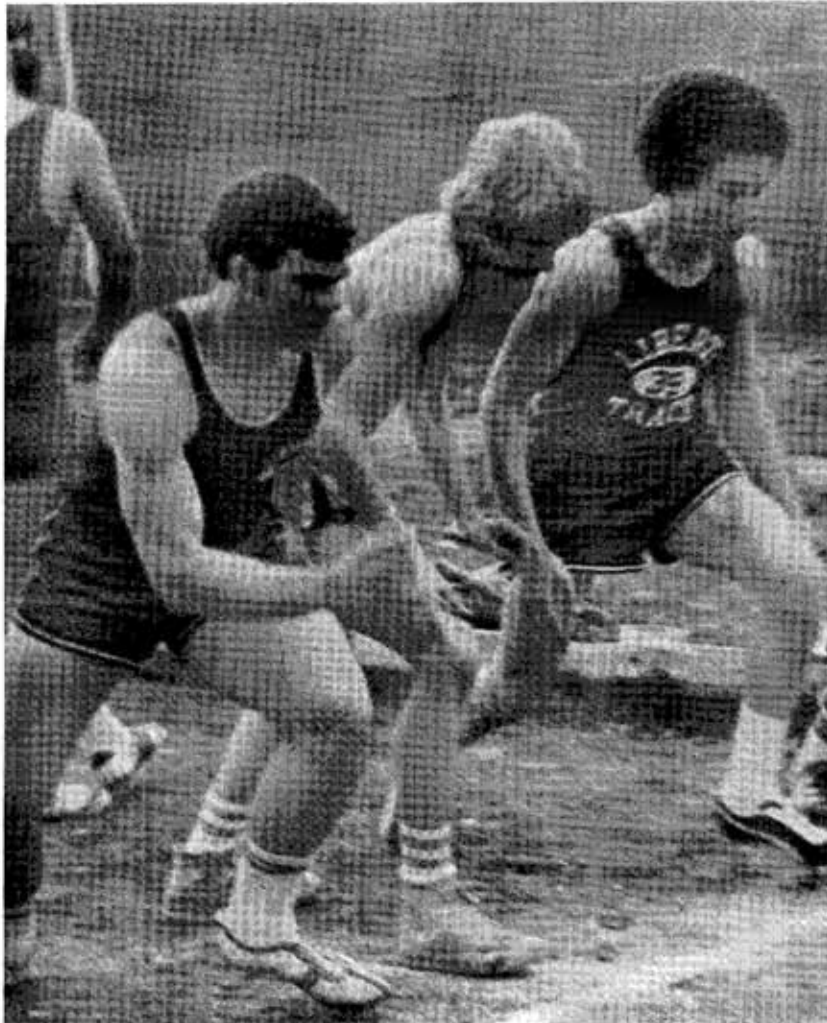
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To the left: Liberty trackmen Bob Koval, (left) and Michael Tulp (right) flank an opponent in the YYO.



NO, IT'S NOT A NIGHTMARE . . . just Kurt Struna on dressup day . . .

Student Council . . .

showed up to hear Bohemouth play. It seems that dances are becoming obsolete.

It seem that Student Council has burnt itself out by doing so much during the year that it didn't have enough interest left for the last two months of the school year. When I spoke with each of the Student Council officers about the carnival, each told me that it wasn't their own fault. It was the classic example of passing the buck.

To be honest, the carnival was a perfect example of the kind of work that they have done all year. The blame shouldn't fall on the shoulders of a few, but it does because it is the responsibility of the leaders to get the entire student body involved. They knew that the major problem would be apathy. It is not enough to say that they tried hard, because they didn't try hard enough. Maybe next year's officers can turn the things around. They know what they are up against and student involvement should be their first goal in fulfilling their platform.

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Janet continued . . .

theories on man's behavior has been proven correct, you might be doing a grave injustice to mankind, by tearing down the institution of cliques. Also, some of the spectators, not engaged in the wars are having the time of their lives watching all of the interactions of these cliques; and you would not want to take away their fun, would you? By the way, all of the members of all of the cliques are well informed as to who the members of the other elite groups are; therefore, it is not a nameless or faceless war!!

There are specific reasons why individuals decide to join elite groups; there are also specific characteristics of the groups that attract members. If these individuals originally chose to become a part of one group, what reasons would make them change their minds and socialize with the other groups? Would not the members have to change their

entire value systems in order to interact "peacefully" with other elite group member? And what would prompt them to make such drastic changes? You're certainly correct, it is a very idealistic situation. There are no logical reasons for these members to change their entire outlook on life.

One last point. If you are contending that it is the job of the class president to join a class of factions, you are wrong. In all probability this individual will be unable to do what you require, for 2 basic reasons: 1) there is no need to disban cliques and 2) he or she is probably a member of one clique himself; therefore, he would be unable to ostracize himself and become objective abo ut the entire situation.

In all sincerity, if you truly believed in what you are asking for, you should have given some solid reasons and correlations as to why and how to implement your proposal.



Linda Katz beams at the thought of her Mid-Hudson district PTA Jenkins scholar award. Linda was one of 20 students intending to major in education chosen in the state to receive the \$400 per year scholarship.

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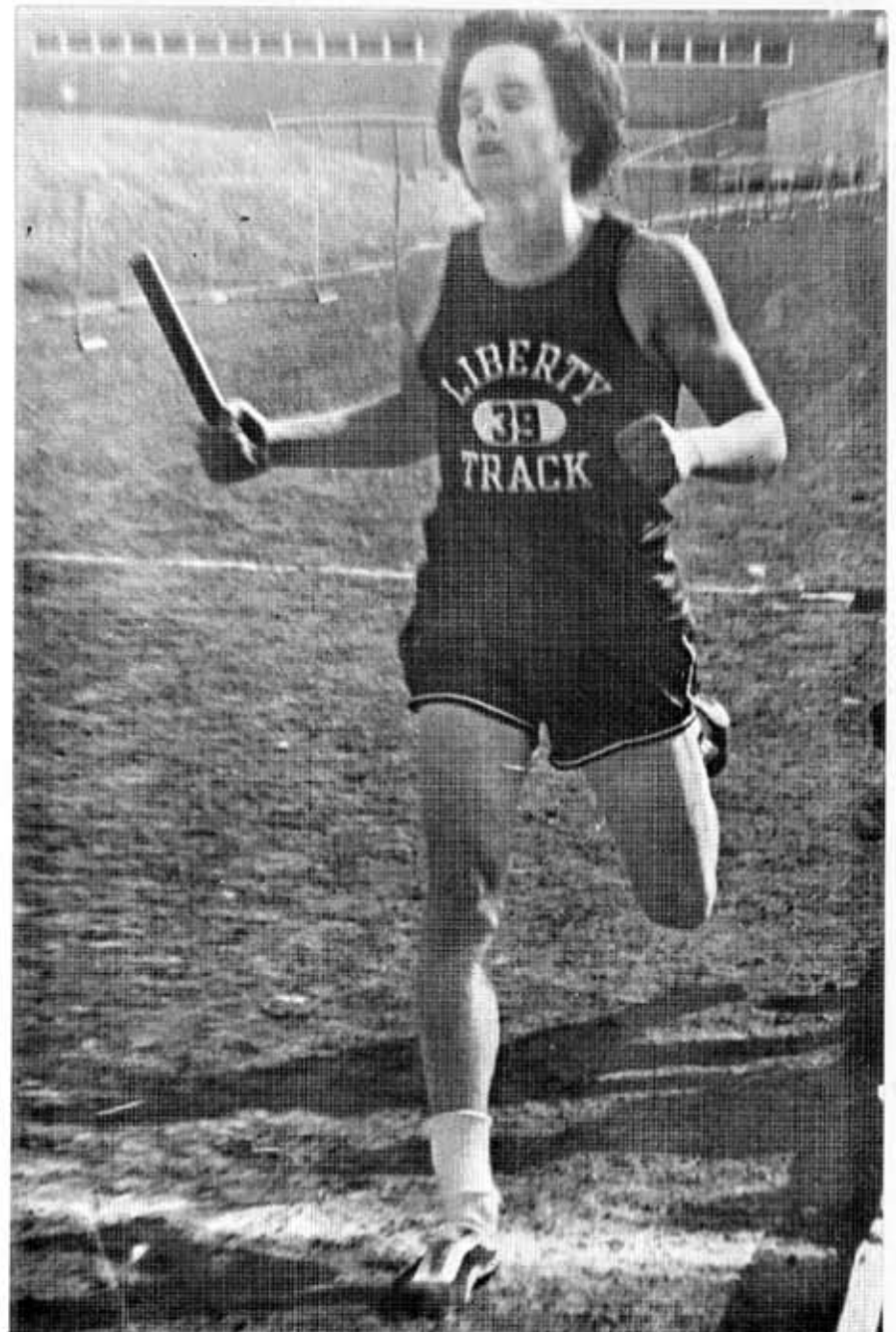
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Michael Tulp, carrying the relay baton, symbolizes the year's end for the class of '74, sprinting ahead, carrying on . . .