

THE COMMENT

Awareness II

Once again we find ourselves battling our way through the halls of LCHS. Due to a sudden population explosion, the battle is more difficult than the usual. Have you tried to cross the hall into traffic lately? It takes true valor and quickness. No longer can we all file into the auditorium and sit down. Some of us must stand. Some pessimists will say that our growing numbers will simply make this school unmanageable, but if we use these numbers to our advantage, they will simply mean more student power to make LCHS a better place to live. There is no one who can deny that there is plenty of room for improvement.

For some reason in the past few years we have grown apart and let things slide. Our apathy has let us watch as things that made school more pleasant, slipped away. It is now to the point where we are losing the basics, not only the luxuries.

For instance, does anyone remember the delicious, cold orange drink and frosty chocolate milk that hit the spot after a sweaty day in school. It's gone because the school grounds began to look like a milk container morgue.

There was also a time when instead of spending a study hall staring at the green walls you could play ping pong in the cafeteria or just socialize.

Unfortunately too many people could not find the cafeteria and spent all period roaming the halls searching for it.

Then there are the bathrooms. Remember when you could actually lock the stall? And before you left you could check your adorable self out in the mirror? No one wanted a bathroom patrol and no one wanted to patrol the bathrooms, but something had to be done because the situation became disgusting.

By the end of the year, the bathrooms were in such bad condition, that they haven't yet

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Faculty Focus:

Miss Neuhaus

Miss Neuhaus is a new teacher with a lot of ideas. When asked what she thought of the grading system and pass-fail report cards she answered, "No, I don't think a pass-fail report card would be beneficial to most students, especially those planning to further their education. Competition in getting into higher education institutions is very great and students need the advantage of numerical averages. However, some pass-fail subjects or electives could be beneficial."

We asked her opinion of the regents and whether they should be mandatory. She replied, "I think the regents exam is a good idea because it demands that all students achieve a minimum standard. Even though throughout the semester some teachers may be more lenient than others in grading students, this balances out with the regents exam. Regents should be mandatory for only those students

planning to continue their academic education.

The next question was what she feels makes a good student and why. Miss Neuhaus feels that a good student is one who is enthusiastic about learning — all sorts of learning. A good student does not limit his interest to one field like history or science but rather is anxious to understand many things in many areas. He is also capable of relating the knowledge he has gained in one class or area of study to other classes.

Finally, Miss Neuhaus was asked if kids up here are equally affected as compared to kids in the city in worldly matters. She thought that kids in the city grow up more in a Block type environment, each block representing a neighborhood. Miss Neuhaus also felt that kids from the city do not read the newspaper or take drugs any more than kids up here.



One of the new faces on the faculty staff is Ms. Neuhaus, Junior High Social Studies instructor

Liberty, N.Y.

A Summer Festival

By Robert Wurtzel

Liberty is rapidly becoming the bustling city that our town's fathers have dreamt it to be. In their recent "State of the City" address, the issue of crime became an object of braggadocio, "we have the 27th lowest crime rate of all incorporated towns in the country..." they proclaimed with an air of complacency.

Conveniently, the fact that there is little of anything to steal in Liberty is left out of our town's fathers' evidence for deducing the low crime rate.

Several of our more ingenious townsmen came up with the idea of putting Liberty's Main Street on display as a ghost town, charging 25 cent admission. A three by five (inches) card would be placed at the gate stating the ubiquitous words of show business, "No Refunds". A local expert by the name of P. T. Barmun frowned upon this idea by acknowledging, "We'd only make a quarter a day."

Liberty was once the News Media Capital of the world, boasting six local newspapers including, among others, the now defunct Liberty Register, the now defunct Liberty Press, the now defunct Sullivan County Democrat, and other similar papers. As each "defunct" paper exited the Liberty news scene, the oldest existing paper would proudly display in the upper left hand corner of the front page, Liberty's oldest existing paper, and each summer the oldest "defunct" paper would bequeath the honored title to the other Liberty papers. The end had been reached when the Liberty Evening News printed "Liberty's Only Operating Newspaper." At present, the only alternate to this paper is WVOB AM and FM featuring Bill Bang and Post Mortemous.

On one of Liberty's typical hot,
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Student Opinion: We're From Liberty

By Kathy Stoddard and Merryl Morganstein

...and we couldn't be any prouder...or could we? What is happening to our school? Have you taken some time to look around you? Have you taken the time to notice what has happened to the school, OUR school? "Liberty High School, a school to be proud of"?????

We looked here, we looked there, we looked everywhere. We looked in classrooms, under desks, in closets, in the gym, up at the bleachers, down through the baskets, at the field, through the goal posts, at the spectators, and everywhere else!! But we couldn't find it. Find what? Our School Spirit. Have you looked for it? Do you care? We do!

Crying over split paint would be silly but when it destroys our school property, it deserves a shed of tears. Don't you think so? We do!

The court yard and the flower bed by the gym are for looks, not litter; our girls' bathrooms...we walk in healthy and walk out sick... Why? Because there are no locks on the stalls, no mirrors, writing on the walls, filth on the floors, smoke in the air, and ashes on the toilet seats. We feel that only the girls themselves are to blame for the lack of mirrors and locks. Do you want to do something about it? We do!

Although there may be a lot more faults, we bring up only one more, and that is lack of participation. Compared to the many schools in the area, Liberty offers us the most opportunities, but each year we find it harder and harder to get students involved in school activities.

Still we have the good points: the interested faculty, the clean halls, and all the time spent with the many organizations. Either way, YOU know who you are so "if the shoe fits, wear it".

Do you agree? We do!!!!!!

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GIRL'S LIB IN SPORTS

This year, for the first time, Liberty HS girls will be able to compete in regular league competition. We have been accepted into the Western Sullivan League on a trial basis for one year, and later on, if accepted, permanently. Some believe this will increase the interest in girls' sports in the minds of the student body, administration, and the people of the town. I hope so, but personally, I doubt it. I doubt it because I don't believe the girls will ever really be given a chance at this school.

As an example, look at the treatment of the girls' tennis team. I spent two years on the team and realized how bad it is. But after school, gym schedules were made out to allow all groups to use it. We were supposed to have the gym until 4:15. Most days, however, the baseball team would come in at 4:00 and either disrupt or practice or end it. To top it off, they had the gym for almost two hours while we had it for barely one.

When we finally got outside, we figured we would be left alone to use our two courts in peace. The boys' tennis team was going to use the courts at Brown's. Last year a small problem came up. They couldn't use Brown's courts at the beginning, so naturally they took over our three days a week.

I used to believe that the problem rested in participation. "Everyone" knows that more boys are in sports than girls, and that's why they're more important. Well, last year the boys' tennis team had about 10 members while the girls' team started with about 30. Also don't forget that there are more boys' teams to join than girls'.

What this example shows is that as far as sports are concerned, the girls are considered second-class. We have had some other girls' interscholastic sports for years, but no one knew about them unless you were on one of the teams.

Hopefully, I'm wrong about the future. Hopefully, by belonging to the WSL girls' sports will become more important, or at least have the chance to grow. But to do this successfully, interest must be shown by the girls to participate, and by everyone connected with the school including the student body to give them a fair and equal chance.

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Summer Festival . . .

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sultry summer days it is not uncommon to see of people frolicking on and in the lovely, white sand and crystal clear water of the famed Rononah Beach, but it is obvious that it does pose hazards that are unique to it and only it. Did you ever hear of an oil spill (grease) in al land locked lake? One of the other problems is that you must go on a safari in order to get to the rest rooms. By the time you have reached your destination, it is to no avail. Families usually leave when a member turns avacado green in search of a gas station. It is my unfortunate privilege to inform you that the recent dissentary diseases have been traced to Revonah.

The park benches in front of the elementary school, once the domain of the teen-agers and their D.Q. milkshakes, has been since transformed into the new hangout for the milk-toast set. This is a prime example in the communities desire to create a greater awareness of the elderly.

As the city tourists leave dilapidated Liberty via the quickway, they give a half-hearted chuckwe at the ever imminent red building next to the Rotary Field displaying in six foot bold white letters, "Liberty Welcomes Industry". Liberty, New York, 12754, is truly not only a summer festival but an all year carnival.

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recovered.

Even Mrs. Kramer had to send out an S.O.S.and a library patrol was set up to cut down on the number of books being ripped off.

Already this year we have lost some ground by losing the free access to Senior Hill. Now it only takes painters by appointment in the day time.

We lost all those things because we did not think or care about what was happening. The point is that they are not gone forever. All we have to do is show that we are ready to ake care of our responsibilities. We have to start thinking and caring. There are so many things that only take a little work to get back and it is a shame to let them slip away.

Are we going to watch and do nothing? To push LCS back up the hill to where it was will only take teamwork, but the longer we wait, the farther we will have to push it.

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MUZAK By Stuart Berg

Intro →

Well, hello again gang. Back to press my valued opinions upon you again. A lot of things have happened this summer and I thought that I'd just give you a few random notes to keep in tune.

There are a couple of good new bands around, KISS, BAD COMPANY, and TRIUMVERANT. And one really excellent band that is coming into their prime is WUEEN.

Bowie is back (Editor's note: ugh!) on tour after he said that he had quit the stage. Who believed him anyway? I saw him at the Garden and he was excellent.

LED ZEPPLIN's new album is being held up, they say that it will

Ratings →

"Stop All that Jazz" by Leon Russell

Performance: 7

Recording: 8

Top Songs:

"Smashed"

"Stop all that Jazz"

"Working Girl"

"Leaving Whipporwhill"

"Streaker's Ball"

"Time for Love"

Leon Russell has gone through quite a few changes over the past couple of years and his music has changed with him. He shot to fame rather quickly and it was wondered whether he could stand the change. His last venture, "Hank Wolson" showed Leon's country roots but was rather boring. Now comes "Stop All That Jazz". Contrary to the title, this album has a jazzy base and Leon's gospel sound all mixed in one and its good. In all Leon has come back into pretty good style and proves to stand the test of the times. Again this album is for special tastes. If your into it, it's great.

be out by Christmas (why so soon?)

Clapton has made a thundering comeback tour. And for all you Elton John fans, he'll be playing at the Garden and the Coliseum at the end of November. Alice Cooper is taking a rest from the road, while the band plans to put out a separate album. Alice's new solo album promises to be something including such stars as the BEATLES, Harry Nilson, Groucho Marx, and George Burns. To stall for time, they put out "Alice Cooper's Greatest Hits".

Rating System:

Two categories: Recording and Performance

Scale: 1-10 with ten as tops

"461 Ocean Boulevard" by Eric Clapton

Performance: 8

Recording: 9 with style

Top Songs:

"Motherless Child"

"Steady Rolling Man"

"Get Ready"

"I Can't Hold Out"

"Let It Grow"

You have to give Clapton credit. He's come back from what has killed many people, not talking about their careers. With help from Pete Townsend (of the Who), Clapton has made an excellent album and come back on tour. He was hailed as the greatest blues guitarist in the world but heroin took its toll on him. His "Rainbow Concert" was the beginning of his comeback, but he was still a bit rusty. Not so with "461".

The album is recorded with a relaxed style with talking before and after some of the songs. This shows the relaxed way that Clapton is trying to live without the strict established rules. Definitely, Clapton's back!!!

CROSS COUNTRY:

This year Liberty barriers have finally got the break that they have been waiting for. For the last few years the team has been plagued by small turnouts but this year the ninth graders have shown some interest by turning out three new runners.

Cross country is not exactly known for its popularity. I guess the thought of running up and down hills for two and a half miles does not appeal to too many students. There are a dedicated few who think it is the best sport around. Although these dedicated few stick it out year after year, getting new comers to take up the challenge proves difficult.

This year's team is different though. Coached by Mr. Jackson, the team is full of newcomers. The three new ninth graders are David Schwalb, Greg Beimler, and Alan Dalton. Eric Frey and Danny Masterson are also new runners. Leading the team along with veteran runners Mark Berry, are Al Unger, Jason Wach and Milton Martin.

A lot of hard work might make this years team a winner. It also takes a lot of SUPPORT from you, so try and represent the team at their meets.

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holes wider than the Grand Canyon.


The defense is spearheaded by Bob Nolan, who last year as a sophomore, attained the rank of All-UCAL.

There is excitement in the air this fall at L.C.S. Winning teams bring fans support and fan support helps the teams. In the future, you should always support your athletic teams and this year help Mr. Fran and the Indians to win Liberty's first UCAL championship in as long as I can remember.

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LIBERTY HIGH SPORTS



DEBUT: J.V. Football

The green J-V met its first test on home grounds against Ellenville. The dark, cold afternoon became auspicious of what was to become of the young Injuns. A burst of H₂O came showering down on the players and spectators alike. When C. Kestor busted tackles for a 40 yard touchdown run, which broke up the sea-saw first half. After that the player's scored no more. Most

players agreed that the largest factor involved in the lose was a break down in the offensive line. This enabled the blue and yellow monsters of Ellenville to pur through the Liberty line and torment the tenderfoot quarterback R. Ellison. This part of the game will only come with time but maybe they will prove worthy of experience this Friday.



1974 Varsity Football

NOW: '74

THEN: '72

It is now the fall of 1974. There is however, something present this fall that has been absent for the past two or three years. There is excitement this fall about football!

In these last few years, the football team had slowly deteriorated. Charles Witherwax, the finest coach in Liberty's history was on the brink of retirement. Even his fine coaching abilities couldn't help Liberty was getting progressively worse. Fans stopped coming to games. There was dissention on the team. Our school was slowly becoming a "basketball school". Basketball became the up and coming sport as our teams got better and better. For the past five years, Liberty basketball teams were of championship caliber.

As we said before, this year seems different. This fall there is a new coach, Ron Francisco. With Mr. Fran, came a new offense, the Wishbone. The team is together. There is no dissention. And last but not least, there is a winning spirit, attitude, and atmosphere.

Mr. Fran definitely has the talent this year. The offense is directed by Mike Lofaro, the fine senior quarterback who has already demonstrated that he can run as well as throw. To help him in the backfield is an army of running backs including Phil Fanning, Mitch Cohen, Peter Parks, Bob Nolan, Glenn Corigliano, Charlie Green, Jim Poley and others. The offense has matured greatly from last year, and the line is opening up

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By Jay Diamond

November 10, was the day the J.V. football team capped a perfect 9-0 season with a 14-0 trouncing of Highland. The Infant Indians displayed courage and determination from the onset of the game to the finale. They were a spunky gang with a lot of guts.

Mr. Francisco, in his second year at the helm, introduced a new offense never before seen in Liberty Football. This offense coupled with the able guidance of Mr. Francisco and Mr. Riente gave the players all they needed for their unbeaten season.

Mr. Francisco, speaking about his boys, said with admiration, "They were a hard working bunch with a lot of team effort and spirit. I knew right from the start that they were giving a 100% all the way. They knew what to expect from me and I knew what to expect from them."

In closing this article for football for 1972 there is one thing left to say, Liberty High didn't expect a perfect season from the J.V.'s, but the J.V. believed in themselves and their coaches and they brought an unblemished record back to their school.

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A Cheerleader's Dream

By Jeanne Ellison

With a new team, a new coach, and a few new plays, this 1974 football season could turn out to be the "Year of the Indians". Come winter, the possibilities of winning the UCAL Basketball Championship with the same fantastic players we had last year are huge.

Familiar faces in the crowd are always important elements in any sport, whether it be football, baseball or basketball. Since this is football season, it is fitting that they get top billing.

I love watching games! I love having people screaming and shouting and I love being right in the middle of it all. After games, I run up to my friends who played and pat them on the back or give them a hug. To me, I feel that I am part of the team. I am a CHEERLEADER!!! Someone who doesn't get noticed much and often gets classified as the "dumb blond type" because she usually doesn't

know what's going on in the game.

I am a devoted spectator. I feel every hard block and tackle. I cry when I see my friends squashed and hold my breath when the wind gets knocked out of someone. I really care.

I see them glance nervously out of the huddle into the stands looking for people they know for people to notice them. The worse thing for them to see is only a handful of fans. You think of all the people who should care who have friends and relatives playing, or of those who just want to see Liberty at its best, and then you look into the crowd and see only a few faces. You wonder where they are.

My dream of the "Year of the Indians" includes more spirit than this school has ever known. I hope for everyone to be a cheerleader in their own way. Win or lose, let's all get behind the team — become devoted spectators — and really care. The "Year of the Indians" needs you to become a success.