

# The MESSENGER

VERNON JUNIOR HIGH

## Homeroom Representatives Elected

Homeroom representatives to the Student Council were elected on Friday, September 8. The two members carried over from last year were Larry Dipel and Steve Hatcher.

Those representing seventh grade homerooms are Mike Woodson, Tom Henry, Mike Ryan, Scott Oglesby, Kathy Griffin, Jim Frazier, Amy Skilling, and Greg Albaugh.

Eighth graders elected to Student Council are Dan Ford, Bob Lane, Troy Hames, Keri Petersen, Larry Klein, Carrie Welsh, Leigh Larson, Bob McDougall, Laurie Klein,

and Jerry Scott.

Larry Klein is president of the Student Council, Troy Hames is vice-president and Laurie Klein is secretary-treasurer.

The purpose of the student council is three-fold: 1. To give junior high students the opportunity to practice self-government and experience democratic procedures. 2. To provide the opportunity for discussion of school activities and for determining the well-being of the student body. 3. To help unite the student body into collective support of the interests and purposes of C.B. Vernon Junior High.

## Dramatics Club

Dramatics Club met after school on September 21. Each student was given a copy of the constitution to study, and the year's plans were discussed briefly.

Nominations for officers were made and the following day the following were elected by ballot: President--Cindy Luebert; vice-president--Carrie Welsh, Secretary--Joel Gaede; Treasurer--Michelle Fluckiger, and Newspaper reporter--Vivian Klopfenstein.

There are approximately seventy members this year.

## WE ASKED....

### They Answered

We asked, "What do you like the most about C.B. Vernon Junior High School?"

They answered:

Rick Palmer--I like how we get to do more things.

Kevin Skinner--I don't have to sit there and listen to the same teacher all day long. Debra Dutton--I like singing and the choir. Jeff Detling--I like the clubs and the athletics.

Linda White--It's just different than grade school was, and funner.

Kevin Raue--I like the sports, I like lunch-time, and I like some of the teachers.

Steve Ransier--I like the study hall because you can get the work done here so you won't have to have homework. I like sports especially football.

Mona Faur--Everything!

Ruby Henderson--Art and gym.

Willette Harrigan--Art, and gym, too.

We asked, "What would you do with an abflorot?"

They answered:

Dave Witte--Nothing.

Barb Gott--Make it into a school lunch.

Kris Kelly--Take it home.

Kay Luedtke--Haven't the slightest idea.

Michelle Fluckiger--I don't know.

Todd Pedersen--Eat it.

Carol Andersen--Pour it in a cup and drink it.

Regina Carroll--I'd cuddle it.

Vickie Staebler--Keep it.

Susan Sillman--Put it in a fish tank.

Valerie Grishaber--Flush it down the toilet.

ABFLOLOT unscrambled is "football".

## New Teachers at Vernon



Dave Messerli, the new social studies and language arts teacher, welcomes students who need to talk things over.

School. They all went to Vernon at one time.

Mrs. Wood lives at 420 S. 12th St. They have lived in Marion for 24 years now. They have four pets, a colt, a horse, a dog and a cat. In Mrs. Wood's spare time she likes to knit, crochet, and sew. They belong to the First United Methodist church. She is a 4-H clothing project leader and a past PTA officer. Before coming here, she worked at Collins.

Mrs. Wood is a good study hall teacher, too.



Miss Carolyn Ebersole, the new seventh grade science teacher, finds it fun to be part of the faculty of Vernon Junior High.

In the year 1972 on third floor at C.B. Vernon Jr. High there is a new teacher named Miss Ebersole. She is a seventh grade science teacher and also teaches seventh grade language arts.

Before coming directly to C.B. Vernon for her first teaching job, Miss Ebersole graduated from Delwood High School and the University of Dubuque. She has enjoyed the students so far and also has enjoyed the C.B. Vernon's funny and nice faculty very much. She is from a very small family with one sister named Connie.

Hope you enjoy C.B., Miss Ebersole!

## Miss Sloth Recommends New Library Books

Want a thrill? Want a chill? Try one of the new library books of mystery and intrigue! Miss Sloth recommends "Died on a Rainy Sunday" by Aiken; "The Intruder" by Townsend; "Listen for the Whisperer" by Whitney; "Night Fall" by Aiken; "Ordeal by Mountains" by Stapp, or "The Runaways" by Canning.

If you prefer historical fiction, try "Boris" by Haar about World War II; "Born to Teach" by Burt, in the early 1900's; "Flambards in Summer" by Peyton, about World War I; "Memoirs of a Fugitive" by Hildreth about Civil War; or "Never to be Free" by Grund about World War II.

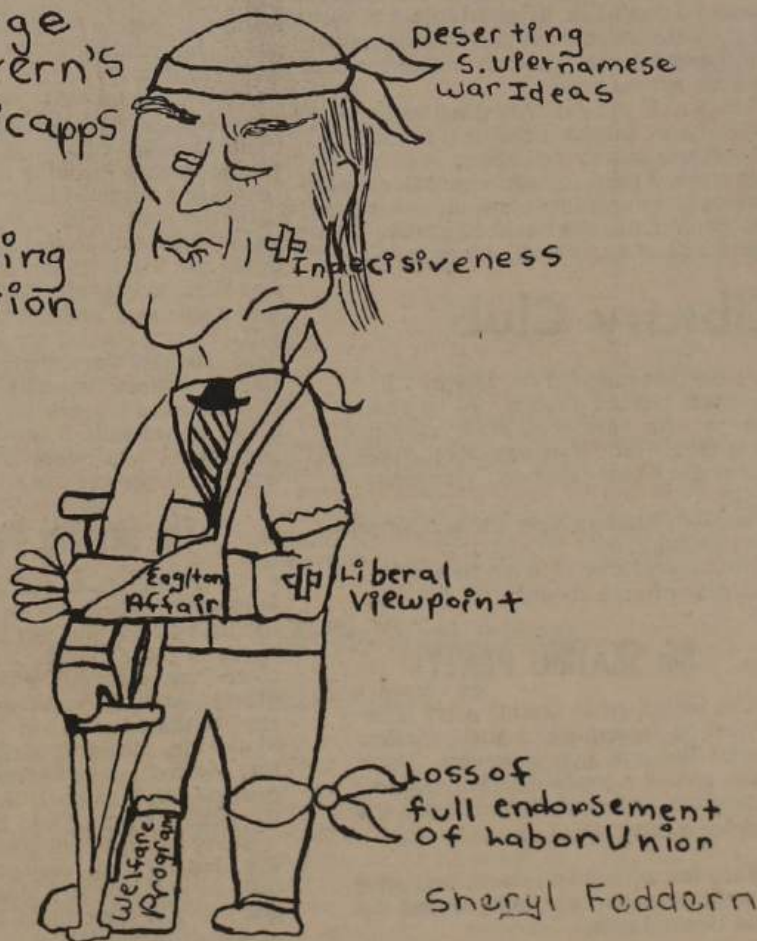


Greg McSweeney signs out of study hall with Mrs. Wood, the new study hall supervisor.

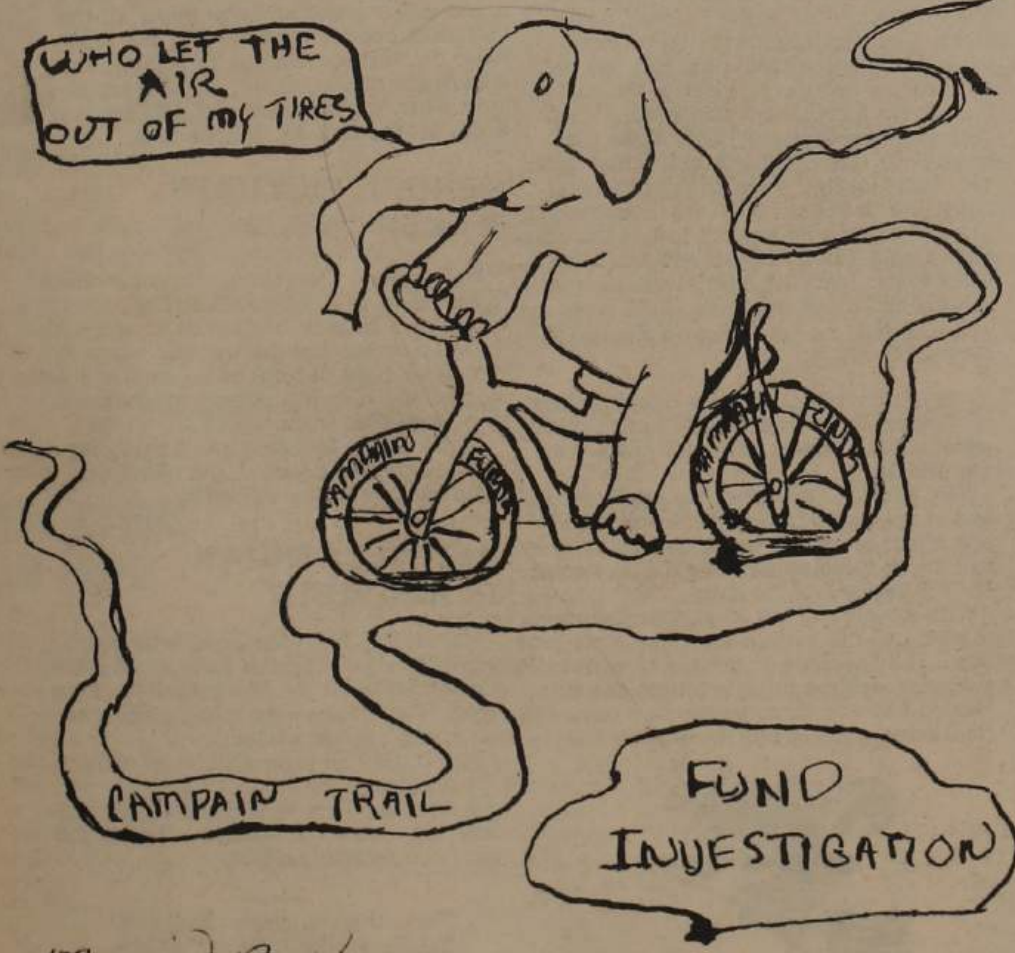
Mrs. Ronald Wood is our new study hall supervisor at C.B. Vernon. The reason why she became a supervisor is because she likes to be around kids. She thought that she was as welcome here as any other teacher. This is her first year as a study hall supervisor, and she hopes to continue next year, too.

Mrs. Wood has three children. The oldest Kay, is 22 years old and is married to Dan Ciha. They live in Massachusetts where Dan is a first-year student at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary. Then there's Mike, 18 years old. He is a freshman at UNI in Cedar Falls. Debbie, 15 years old, is a sophomore at Marion High

Senator George McGovern's Handicaps in the Coming election



WHO LET THE AIR OUT OF MY TIRES







GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM--Back row, left to right, Leigh Larson, Sharon Kewley, Kristy Dutton, Twila Berg, 2nd row, Susan Sillman, Laura Manly, Julie Schneider, Diane Dollinger, Laurie Klein, Keri Petersen, Keli Craft, Michelle Fluckiger, Paula Payton, Sharene Ottaway; 3rd row, Kim Brasel, Laurie Van Gorp, Carol Anderson, Kathy Welsh, Leigh Murdoch, Lisa Muller, Sandy McGovern, Valarie Kramer; 4th row, Beth Edwards, Carrie Welsh, Gerita Tritle, Sue Atwater, Valorie Grishaber, Carol Andersen, Kim Parman, Michelle Hall, Barb Gott, Sheryl Feddem; 5th row, Cathy Chase, Laurie Zundel, Cindy Jones, Connie Panek, Cheryl Bogard, Brenda Hauck, Pat Wilson, Denise Jackson, Debbie Schultz, Kathy Allen, Mrs. Moore.



Mr. Taylor and Mr. Meggers coach the eighth grade football team.



The Seventh grade B squad football team is coached by Mr. Cahalan.



The Seventh grade A squad football team is coached by Mr. Brainard.

## Editorial

There's something going on right here at C. B. Vernon that I think should be mentioned. I don't like it, and I'm not proud of it. There have been kids missing money and lunch tickets. That's not what we need or want around here.

I mean, if you get right down to it, we all know we wouldn't like it if something of ours was taken. You know, it does work two ways. I think if you watch those temptations and think about how the other person would feel, this could be a more pleasant place to be. I really mean it.

## Library Club

At the first meeting the Library Club members elected officers. To be elected you must have been in Library Club for a year. Keli Craft was elected president and Cindy Luebbert, vice-president.

Student librarians were given their working schedules.

Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month.

## 8th SKATING PARTY

The eighth grade skating party after school on September 22 at the Marion Roller Rink was a great success. There were around a hundred eighth graders attending. It looked like everyone was having a great time.

Very few people fell down, and after a while everyone was going around the rink like old pros.

## Wagner Talks On Bicycle/Car Safety

On October 11 the social studies department had Highway Patrolman Cal Wagner come and lecture the combined seventh and eighth grade students on bicycle and car safety.

Mr. Wagner talked to us about safety practices and then showed a film called "The Saturday Place". It was about three teenagers on a Saturday afternoon. One boy buys a bottle of liquor and then they go to the beach with a bunch of other kids. When they leave, the driver is drunk and when driving around, he runs stop signs and lights. Finally, they run into a stop sign and turn over down a hill. Then it showed the kids. One was dead; the girl was crippled and had the side of her face messed up; and the other boy had scars all over his face and was being sent to jail. It was a good lecture and movie, and I think a lot of people will not forget it.

## 7th Skating Party

The seventh grade skating party on September 29 was fun for some people, but for others it was just the pain and agony of falling down. At the party, there were about one hundred eighty or ninety people all together. The teachers who skated were Mr. Miller, Miss Sloth, Mr. Messerli, Mr. Meggers and Mr. Ebertsch. Miss Ebersole, Mr. Barrow and Mr. Campbell were there, but they didn't skate. (Darn it, anyway).

You're probably not going to believe this, but our own, very own principal fell! So did poor Mr. Messerli! (Now don't go and tease them!) But then, nearly everyone fell at least once.

## Girls Softball Team At Vernon Jr Hi

This year it seems like we have a pretty good girls' softball team. The A squad includes Kathy Allen, Carol Anderson, Sue Atwater, Cheryl Bogard, Cathy Chase, Keli Craft, Diane Dollinger, Beth Edwards, Michelle Hall, Brenda Hauck, Debbie Jackson, Valarie Kramer, Sharene Ottaway, Kim Parman, Paula Pitzen, Debbie Shultz, Carrie Welsh, Kathy Welsh, Pat Wilson and Manager Kristy Dutton.

The A squad will be playing in the A-WaMac games that were supposed to be played September 30. These were cancelled because of the cold and the 30% chance of rain. These games will be played on April 28 at Anamosa.

## New Girls Letter Club

A new organization has appeared on the scene! On October 5, the Girls' Letter Club was first organized. Any girl who lettered in basketball or was one of the top ten in basketball or gymnastics is eligible for membership.

The first task was writing the constitution and a group of girls is working on this. Officers will be elected October 24.

## Football Round-Up Sept. 26-Oct. 3

The eighth grade A squad football team played Monticello on September 19 and beat them 32 to 6. Kevin Lamphier made two touchdowns and Tom Borst made two. This was the first game of the season and everyone played well.

Defeat, the whole seventh grade B squad knows what it feels like after losing their opener to the Springville squad 26 to 0. The Springville squad kicked off and there was a runback that got us closer to the goal. During the rest of their game their defense held our offense, and our defense couldn't do much against their hardened offense. The Marion players couldn't quite do what we hoped they would do.

On September 26 both teams played Monticello. This was a loss for the seventh grade team. The score was 24 to 8 in their favor, making the record two losses and no wins. The two quarterbacks were Brian Bush and Larry Atwater.

On the 26th the eighth graders beat Monticello 38-0. Outstanding players were Kevin Techau, Tim Ford, Kevin Lamphier, and Tom Borst. Techau scored twice, and Lamphier scored four times. Borst scored once but ran 45 yards to make it, and Ford on defense did really great. He got through the Monticello line three times and got the tackle.

The seventh grade Little Indians got their first taste of victory October 3 in a 16-0 win over Anamosa at the Raiders' home field. The highlight of the game came when Greg Stolze took a handoff and ran 45 yards around the left end in the first quarter for the Indians' first score. Brian Bush ran the conversion in to make the score 8-0. With 2:57 left in the first quarter Mark Moeller made an interception, but it was nullified by a face-masking penalty. With only 34 seconds left in the game Stolze again took the ball and ran it for a touchdown. Larry Atwater ran in the conversion and made the score 16-0. The gun sounded, and they ran off the field with their first victory.

The eighth graders played Anamosa here on October 3. Marion played hard. There weren't many passes but more plunges up the middle.

"Go, Marion" describes the score. At the end of the first quarter, the score was 8-0 and after the second it was 8-6. Marion had to get more points, and the score was 16-6 at the end of the third.

With 26 seconds left to play in the game, Marion had the ball on their own forty yard line. They decided to run the time out with a quarterback sneak. When time ran out, Marion had won three games in a row. The final score was Marion 16--Raiders 14.



## Insects Invade Science Dept.

Once again the junior high is invaded by insects. The science department has assigned each student to collect 25 insects by October 13. The insects can be anything from butterflies to grasshoppers. Each insect must be pinned and labeled with when and where it was found.

Some people may like to pick up all those bugs, but even if you don't, you have to do it even if you get stung.

## Girl Meets Machine . . .

If you ever walk into Mrs. Borg's room, you're apt to find confused girls hovering over messes of material, pins, scraps and patterns. What are they doing? What's the trouble? Sewing machine--that answered both questions.

If you are an eighth grade girl you know that the sewing machine can be unreliable and unpredictable. A girl could be sewing --then nothing. The machine stopped. It starts again, only going so fast all the pins get knocked over. After a half hour of picking up pins, you start again, only this time your thread breaks. After re-threading your machine, it just happens to be the end of the period!

After a frustrating hour like that, the average girl is about ready to throw all the machines out the window. No, not really. After the first project you're begging to understand that machine, and I'd say almost every eighth grade girl will say it is worth all the trouble. Maybe it is.

## SCHOOL PICTURES TAKEN OCT. 2

On Monday, October 2, School pictures were taken at Vernon Junior High.

Everyone likes to be dressed up and with her hair styled just the way she wants it. But when I get in front of a camera, I get scared and start trembling. Afterwards I see small dots when I blink.

Some of you probably are waiting for the pictures to come. I am. But I was glad when that day was over.

## REPTILES SHOWN IN ASSEMBLY

Mr. Naibl, from Baraboo, Wisconsin, brought various reptiles from all over the United States to the first assembly of the year. The snakes were thought the most interesting by the students.

Mr. Naibl had some species of dangerous reptiles. Most students liked the snakes, but then some liked the lizards and the huge tarantula spider.

"Say, that's a pretty bad cold! Taking anything for it?" "Sure. Anything. Make me an offer!"