

Eygabroad Joins Vernon Faculty

Who is that man who is in Room 119? Why, it's Mr. Eygabroad! Mr. Eygabroad has had lots of college training, including two years at Marshalltown Community College, one year at Northwest Missouri State, and one year at UNI where he graduated last August. He likes our school and thinks the staff and students are fantastic! Mr. Eygabroad is married. Right now he lives in Cedar Falls, but they hope to move to Marion during the second semester.

Ind. Arts Teaches Drawing, Drafting

Industrial arts is a fun and change-of-pace class. During the first quarter the students worked on drafting, which includes drawing things in three-view, cavalier, cabinet and other various ways of drawing. This quarter the students will be wood-working. They'll make things like card holders, gun racks, paper towel holders, they may make what they want. Their tools will consist of a try square, jack plane, back saw, and others, not to mention a pencil. The average cost per student for wood should be around five dollars. The third quarter students will be looking forward to metal working. They can make tool boxes and other things that have metal in them. In the fourth quarter they will work on small engines, electricity, and, of course, home economics. He has had problems with supplies of paper, because of the shortage, but wood is fine and ready for this quarter of woodworking.

Students Create Art

During the first quarter the seventh grade art students did many interesting projects. A few of these were: contour drawing, string printing, styrofoam printing, string design, and our name design. This quarter we will be starting to work with color and paints. We will also have a contest painting with tempera paint. Five dollars will be given to the winner. His picture will be framed and hung in the school.

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STRING DESIGNS

In Mrs. Simpson's room 115, there are some string designs. They are of different colors and are very artistic. Some of them were made by Lori Long, Greg Kann, Teri Kopetsky. Try to see them before she takes them down.

Students Made Aware of Energy Shortage, Dec. 14

Friday, December 14, was Energy Awareness Day. Social studies and science classes thoroughly discussed various aspects of the emergency. One student, Cheryl Comried, expressed herself this way. What can we do to help solve our "energy crisis"? In our homes we can turn the thermostat down to 68 degrees, and if we get cold, we can put on a sweater. You may have noticed all the lights on in a house; we can switch off the lights to save electricity. It is even possible to trap and hold heat by closing shades and curtains. We can change our furnace filter once a year; we can even begin to use coal in our furnaces. There's one man who is experimenting with using garbage and kindling under high pressure to make gasoline. Some people are using Franklin stoves, while others, instead of using a lot of furnace heat and energy, are using kindling in the fireplace to create heat and save electrical energy. We can conserve on auto fuel. If we drive at slower and more even speeds, we can save gas. We can give up long unnecessary trips in our cars. We can walk to the grocery store instead of riding the next time. Yes, there are many steps we can take to conserve energy, but we must all be willing to sacrifice if we are to make those efforts worthwhile.



Mr. EYGABROAD

Honor Band Unites In Independence

December 1, 1973, was the date set for the Honor Band Festival in the Independence Middle School Gym. There were ten musicians altogether from Marion--three junior high students, Gary Campbell--trombone, Debbie Shultz--flute, and Steve Tanner--clarinet; and seven from the high school. We left the high school at about 7 a.m. We got up there about 8:30. After we got warmed up, we had to go and audition for chairs. By 9:30 we had to be ready to start our morning rehearsal. There were about 150 people from 57 schools in the junior high band. The guest conductor for junior high was Charles Scamp of Pleasant Valley. Dr. Karl M. Holvik of the University of Northern Iowa had the high school band. We practiced all day and had a concert at 7:30 that night. I think everybody met new friends and had a great time.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Christmas dance held last Friday from 3:45 to 5:00 was a big hit. The clever decorations set the holiday mood and everyone enjoyed the records. Everyone had a great time.

COUNCIL

There was little business to be discussed at the student council meeting held Monday, December 3. Mr. Fowler talked about ways we can conserve energy and the idea of having certain room days for ping-pong was also brought up.

Moon, Tides Related by Effects of Gravity

Did you know that the moon and tides are related? Tides are easily associated with the moon. Both the moon and tides rise 50 minutes later each day on the average. Some students would like to be on this schedule. Tides are usually higher during the new and full moon phases, and during the quarter moon phases the tides are usually lower. Sir Isaac Newton was the first to explain how the moon and tides are related, using his law of gravitation. How can the moon create tides? Newton explained the production of tides by the moon as an effect of the difference in its gravitational attraction. How do we get high-low tides and low-high tides? As the earth moves from east to west the tides also move. In 6 hours and 13 minutes each high tide has moved to low tide, and each low tide moved to high tide, so we have low-high tides and high-low tides. So what are spring and neap tides? First I'll explain the tidal range. The tidal range consists of the area between the high tides and low tides. Spring tides are

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Musicians Perform At Christmas Concert

On December 10, 1973, at 7:30 and again on the morning of December 11, the 7th grade chorus, the 8th grade chorus, the combined girls glee club; and the band held their Christmas concert. The evening performance for the community was before a large crowd and they, as well as the student body, seemed to enjoy it. The 48-member 7th grade chorus did three songs: "I Climbed a Mountain"; "There Is No Peace", which was accompanied by a film, Zack Miller on the guitar, and Brenda Hauck on the piano; and "It's Up to You and Me". Next came the 113-member girls glee club which also sang three numbers: "The Gift"; "Give It Away" with flute accompaniment by Debbie Shultz; and "Peace, Peace". On one of their songs they held battery-powered candles. They were followed by the 68 members of the eighth grade honor chorus who sang these numbers; "Do You Hear

What I Hear?" "Christmas Calypso" which had an instrumental accompaniment by Pat Wilson, Tami DeWoody, and Jill Danner, and "The Gift of Love" on which Becky Boysen soloed. Last, but by far not least, was the eighth grade small group which did a musical version of the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas". Leon Durivage did a solo with it, and Dave Norris excellently portrayed Santa Claus. The vocal groups are directed by Miss Riemenschneider. The 77-piece band, directed by Mr. Shultz, played nine numbers. They included "Il Scipio March", "The Cascades", "I'll Be Home For Christmas", "The Christmas Parade", "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands", "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree", "I Saw Mommy Kissin' Santa Claus", "White Christmas" and "March on America". It was a very good concert, and you really missed something if you didn't see it.



The eighth grade chorus rehearsed for the concert.



The band played for the student body December 11.



The eighth grade small group rehearsed many hours to present "'Twas the Night before Christmas."

when the tidal range is far apart or when you have high-high tides and low-low tides. Neap tide is when you have a little tidal range or when you have low-high tides and high-low tides. The MESSENGER is happy to have untied the tides for our faithful readers.

POSTED!

Atmosphere not fit for Human Consumption!

Mark Miller

Birthdays of the MONTH

Dec. 20--Tammy Barnhart, Brad Roehr
 Dec. 21--Wendy Sievers, Annette Werner, Chris Burns
 Dec. 24--Joanne Hotz
 Dec. 25--Larry Grekoff, Mark Miller, Jodi Miller
 Dec. 26--Julie Bizak, Ron Parker
 Dec. 27--Tammy Carter, JoAnn Ginther
 Dec. 29--Deanna Kelley, LuAnn Zundel
 Dec. 30--Julie Enneking
 Dec. 31--Lynne Roby, Mike Pals

Jan. 1--Dick Westom
 Jan. 3--Nora Slater, Robbie Adams, Sandy Moorman
 Jan. 6--Sandy McGovern, John Schindler
 Jan. 11--Barb Ruggles
 Jan. 12--Lori Moeller
 Jan. 13--Sarah Thorpe, Jan Bullard
 Jan. 14--Laurie Van Gorp, Cathy Althaus, Rion Heeren
 Jan. 15--Greg Stolze, Bret Knockle
 Jan. 18--Ken Carsner
 Jan. 20--Jim Lewis
 Jan. 21--Jan Koutny, Steve Leytem
 Jan. 23--Kim Berg, Debby Gagliardi
 Jan. 24--Rodney Smith
 Jan. 26--Craig Von Ahsen
 Jan. 27--Brenda Hauck
 Jan. 28--Christy Marsh
 Jan. 29--Tana Fleming
 Jan. 30--Ty Ozburn, Cindy Evans
 A belated greeting to Amy Skilling whose birthday on Nov. 27 we missed. We're sorry.

8th Grade Girls Home Ec Sends Cookies To Veterans

As a Red Cross project, some of the eighth grade home economics girls made Christmas cookies to be sent to the Veterans Hospital in Iowa City. About forty-six dozen (That's 552!) individually wrapped cookies were donated by our girls. The Veterans who are hospitalized will get the cookies throughout the holiday season. Thanks, girls!

Cast Is Named For Play, "No Time for Skirts"

Tryouts for the seventh grade play, "No Time for Skirts," were held on November 14. The parts were cast as follows: Janie--Lori Freilinger; Charles--Larry Lake; Martha--Barb Hames; Bert--Bob Herreid; Hank--Tom Vemon; Keith--Ron French; First workman--Ken Wickham; Second workman--Steve Luzum; Carla--Sara Raschansky; Lois--Tana Fleming; Irene--Cami Kemp; Elaine--Lynne Roby; Miss Tomlyn--Jane Maxey. For the past few weeks these people have been getting together several days after school for practice. The play will be held January 15. The public is invited.

Everyone Enjoys Science Club

We are in the process of finding different careers of science that each member likes in the Eighth Grade Science Club. Then we prepare for and experiment for the Eastern Iowa Science Fair that will be held this spring. These people already have a project planned: Debbie Shultz, Joel Gaede, Richard Courtney, Nora Slater, and Gary Campbell.

White Blood Cell

Hi, there! I'm a white blood cell. Humans sure need me. First I'll tell you a little about me. I'm a granular cell. That means that I have a multi-lobed nucleus. I'm made of neutrophils, which ingest and destroy bacteria; eosinophils, which increase and become active in the presence of certain infections and allergies; and basophils, which presumably secrete the anticoagulant heparin. Humans don't realize that the pus after a sore is white blood cells. Yes, humans sure need me.



It's lots of fun at playday!

Most of you have noticed the stuffed animals in the glass case in the west hall. These are for the eighth grade girls child care project. Each girl made a stuffed animal, doll, game, learning aid, or toy of some kind. One even made a riding horse. There will be lots of very happy little children who receive these this Christmas.

Who has more fun--the children or the home-ec girls?



Home Ec Studies Children

On Thursday, Dec. 6, all of the eighth grade girls were busy at work in the home ec department. Why? Don't you know? Didn't you see those little children in the halls? Well, if you didn't, you really missed something.

Each year the eighth grade girls have a child care unit. At the end of the unit pre-school children are invited to attend one of the classes.

The young "students" started off by sitting in a large group, listening to a story. Then they played some games like "I'm a little teapot", "The Teensy Weensy Spider", and others. The eighth graders probably had more fun than the children themselves. Next came some plays, which were very good. The children clapped and watched with wide open eyes and smiles from ear to ear.

Then more games were played. By that time the period was over and it was time to break up the party. Some of the boys and girls were wishing to stay longer or come back again.

Mrs. Berg had some comments to make. With a big smile she said, "It was one of the most successful ones we've ever had, probably because of the organization of the girls."

? We Ask ! THEY ANSWER !

We asked, "What do you want most for Christmas?"
They answered:
Kevin Raue--A blonde
Bruce Winch--A pink and purple elephant
Greg Albaugh--A butch
Doug Murray--Raquel Welch
Scott Oglesby--A couple of chicks
Don Cerney--to be taller
Pam Stancel--Elmer Fudd
Scott Henderson--A rubber-ducky
Rick Palmer--The king pin
Mike Freilinger--A real Christmas tree.

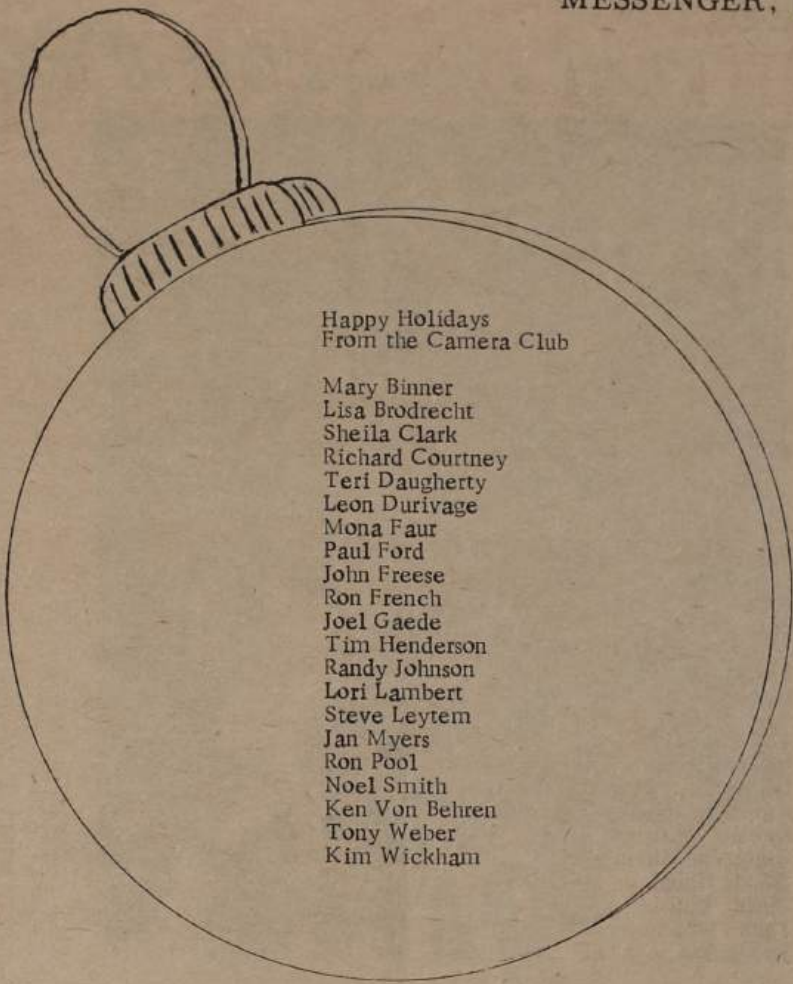
We asked, "What is the strangest gift you have ever received for Christmas?"
They answered:
Julie Althaus--A banana and an empty box
Kim Berg--An empty bottle of perfume
Jim Frazier--A rubber ducky
Debbie Gagliardi--A box of animal crackers
Julie Jacobs--Garbage
Melanie Langham--A squished doll
Kraig Luzum--A Teddy bear that walks, talks, and wets
Chris Morris--A wig !
Paula Pitzen--New underwear, at least they LOOKED new!
Marty Slater--A music box
Geri Tritle--A Fanny Whacker (paddle)
Cindy Weaver--A Barbie head

The question was, "What do you like most about Christmas vacation?"
Would you believe that most of the Jolly Junior High Faculty said, "Sleeping late" or "Don't have to listen to the alarm clock! ???"
It seems like I should say, "While visions of sugar plums danced in his head, Mr. Messerli put his finger aside of his nose, and very spiritedly said, 'To be able to stay out late at night and also to get away from reality.'"
Old St. Nicholas himself, Mr. Huntoon, gave his comment, "To travel and visit relatives, and last but not least, to get the ladies under the mistletoe." Could they have had him in mind when they sang, "I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus?"

We asked, "What would you most like to give to a teacher?"
They answered:
Brad McAreavy--To Mr. Meggers a one-way plane ticket to Siberia.
Doug Murray--To Mr. Campbell the Dry Look.
Zack Miller--To Miss Ebersole a birthday cake with a hidden bomb.
Lori Freilinger--To Mr. Messerli cherry cough drops.
Leigh Murdoch--To Mr. Taylor a weight machine.
Mr. Vaske--to Mr. Taylor a pair of long Johns.
Laurie Van Gorp--To Mrs. Dunn a year's supply of unused paper.
Steve Millbach--To Mrs. Dunn a bottle of perfume to sweeten her up.
Larry Grekoff--To Mrs. Dunn a new film projector
Bart Dolley--A do-it-yourself film projector book.

Happy New Year

Classroom shots....



Happy Holidays
From the Camera Club

Mary Binner
Lisa Brodrecht
Sheila Clark
Richard Courtney
Teri Daugherty
Leon Durivage
Mona Faur
Paul Ford
John Freese
Ron French
Joel Gaede
Tim Henderson
Randy Johnson
Lori Lambert
Steve Leytem
Jan Myers
Ron Pool
Noel Smith
Ken Von Behren
Tony Weber
Kim Wickham

Pat Wilson
Mona Faur
Sheila Clark

Becky Boysen
Vivian Klopfenstein
Kraig Luzum
Julie Enneking
Debbie Shultz
Greg Pollock
Richard Courtney
Geri Tritle
Leslie Crowley
Lorene Long
Dave Norris
Denise Jackson
Steve Godar
Ralph Gorton
Jane Maxey
Zack Miller
Carrie Lighty
Jill Cram
Wanda Crowder
Randy Johnson
Kim Kemp
Cami Kemp
Janice Kincheloe
Lynne Roby
Jane Huber
Larry Lake
Tracey Pollock
Jenny Palmer

Season Greetings
from the MESSENGER Staff
Editorial board--Robbie Adams,
Mike Freilinger, Doug Murray

Editorial

What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word Christmas? If your answer is a store sale or presents, then you're living proof that Christmas is too commercialized. A lot of Americans think of Christmas as a time to get the lights out. We celebrate Christmas as the birth of Christ, not just another reason to get presents. Christmas is a part of a religion, not a department store sale. Remember, it's the thought that counts, not the gift. Think about that the next time you're strolling through a department store.

Eighth Grade
science students
concentrate on
important matters.

Merry Christmas

Author Tells Santa What School Needs

Dear Santa,
Under rising pressure from the students and faculty of Ye Ole Vernon Junior High, I am forced to write you a letter. During the past year many people's needs have piled up, and it's about time these needs were fulfilled. I am not listing them in any special order, so you will have to sort them out yourself.
Please send us a polling machine that registers only yes votes, so that bond elections pass first time, everytime.
Please send Mrs. Taylor a pair of electric (AC is greater than DC) powered knitting needles.
Mrs. Simpson is badly in need of a perpetually refilling coffee cup.

I've heard that Mr. Messerli needed more time to explore the proposition that blondes have more fun.
Bring Mr. Vaske a one-way ticket to the moon so that he can study it himself.
Don't forget to pack Miss Ebersole a vinyl roof that repels the soap and wax that big, mean school kids put on. Right, Miss Ebersole?
We students would like some custom-made voodoo dolls of each teacher so that we can bend and twist the teachers into seeing things our way.
Yours truly,
P.S. Please help yourself to any food in the school's kitchen. But don't eat too much or you'll get sick.

There's always lots of action in a basketball game. . .



Vernon Girls' Cage Teams
Are Enjoying Playing Games

Well, here we are playing the Springville seventh graders on November 20. Right now Jane Huber made our first basket. Now it's half-time and Springville's cheerleaders are doing a couple of cheers. But the score is 21-24 in our favor. At the end the score was 31-30. In the B squad game Jan Kincheloe made our first basket--all of them in fact. At the halftime they're leading 7-23. At the end of the game our score sorta stayed the same at 7-51.

On Tuesday, November 26, the seventh grade A squad challenged the Panthers to a game that got off to a fast start. Our players worked hard to keep the score higher than theirs. The game ended 31-30 in our favor. Our highest scorer was Cheryl Barker with 9 points. Others were Jane Huber, Teresa Cracraft, Janeen McElree, Kelly Matthews, and Janice Kincheloe.

In the 7th B squad game on the 27th, they got the first basket, but we quickly got ahead. At half time the score was 16-8 for us. The game ended in our favor with a score of 28-20. Our highest scorer was Tracy Grussendorf with 8 points. Other scorers were Teresa Cracraft, Melissa Rogers, Karla Robertson, Kim Ryan, Teresa Anderson, and Patty Painter.

The eighth grade B squad girls basketball game with Monticello on November 27 was a loser. The half time score was Marion 7-Monticello 4. At the end of the game the score was Monticello 14-Marion 13. The high scorers were Sarah Bennett with 3 baskets, Linda White with 2 and Cathy Sheaffer with one. Some good defense work was done by Tami DeWoody, Lou Ann Spain, and Debby Gagliardi.

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Vernon Wrestlers Are
Having a Good Season

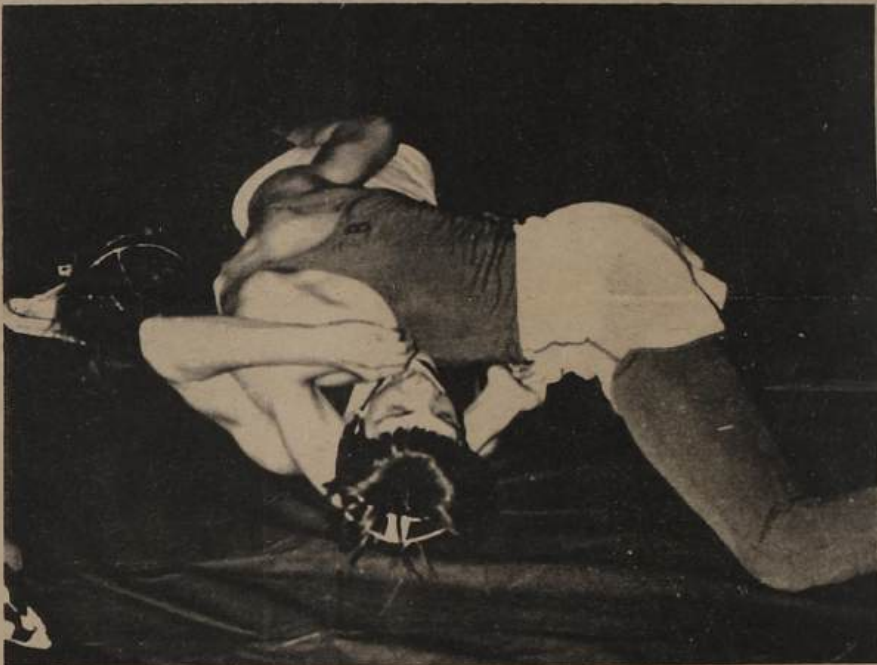
When Marion wrestled against Monticello on November 20, we won by a score of 63 to 43. There were twenty matches and we won 12 and lost 8. There were 8 pins in the who e meet. The king pin went to Cary Smith. Other pins were Kevin Jacoby, Scott Oglesby, Matt Moeller, Randy Harms, Larry Atwater, Alan Zalaznik, and Doug Murray. There was one tie. This is the second time we beat Monticello.

Marion beat Vinton November 30 with a score of 32 to 23. John Peterzalek got the king pin award with a 44-second pin. Other

winners were Mike Reilinger, Alan Zalaznik, Gary Gislason, Mark Klopfenstein, Matt Moeller, and Larry Atwater.

On December 6, Marion was beaten by Prairie there. The total score ended up 42-70. Larry Atwater had the only pin of the night in 52 seconds. Scott Oglesby with a Superior Decision beat his opponent 10-0. Other winners were Kevin Raue, Mark Klopfenstein, Den Cerney, Matt Moeller, Cary Smith Tom Vernon, Randy Harms, and John Peterzalek.

Wrestling Records as of Dec. 12
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Bart Dolley pinned a Tipton opponent.



Matt Moeller pinned his Monticello opponent.

Place	Name	Score	Wins	Losses	Ties
1.	John Peterzalek	25	5	0	0
2.	Matt Moeller	24	5	0	0
3.	Larry Atwater	21	5	1	0
4.	Scott Oglesby	19	5	1	0
5.	Mark Klopfenstein	12	5	1	0
6.	Larry Offerman	12	3	1	0
7.	Doug Murray	12	3	2	1
8.	Brad McAreavy	10	3	1	0
9.	Alan Zalaznik	9	3	1	1
10.	Cary Smith	9	3	2	0
11.	Bart Dolley	9	2	1	0
12.	Bruce Winch	9	2	1	0