

# The Messenger

C.B. Vernon Junior High School

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## Backstage Hassles Add to Plays' Fun

Backstage was not what you might think it was. Besides memorizing lines, the cast experienced much with broken couches, glasses, and doors.

Props had to be brought down from the balcony.

Everything got successfully down in one piece--well, almost everything. The broken couch resulted from when the boys sat down to sleep on the couch and the arm broke and then the middle broke also. With a little glue and scotch tape and a few encouraging words, it was fixed again. The play went on, and thanks to Miss Eb-

ersole and Mr. Miller the play went along really great. The stage crew did a good job also.

The cast said the play turned out to be a good experience.

## "Run, Robber, Run"



The students at the Caldwell School for Girls really admired Colt Winchester.



The entire cast posed.



Gail "creamed" Mr. Alden in a dramatic moment.



Wilbur is impossible!

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# Eighth Grade Plays Success

## Exchange Ideas At Science Fair

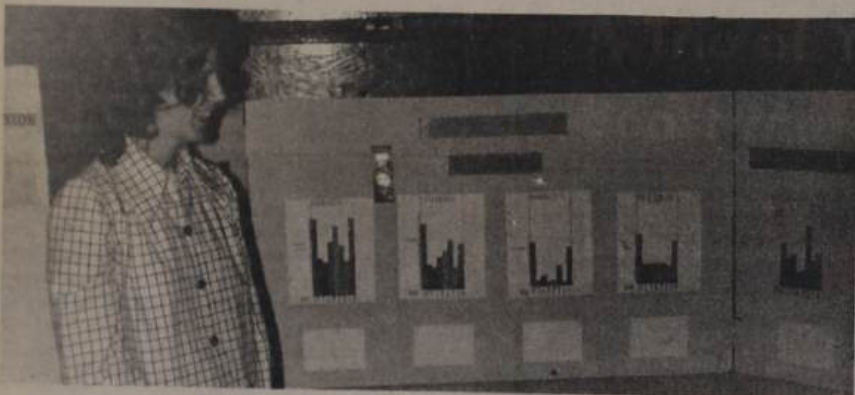
Why do you enter a contest like the science fair or a music contest or an industrial arts contest or a writing contest? It is because of the prizes you can get or just the fun of being in it? How about just to see what other people can think of, or is it to see how good you are at something, or is it because of competition?

I think everyone does it because they like one of the examples. You may have some ideas of your own.

I think it's a good place to exchange ideas and thoughts. By entering a contest it gives you a broader out look on life.



Debbie Shultz won honorable mention for her Enzyme Ecstasies entry at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair.



Nora Slater compared paper towels in her entry which won honorable mention at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair.

## Four Win at Science Fair

April 6 and 7 were the days of the 1974 Eastern Iowa Science Fair. It was held at the Washington High School in Cedar Rapids.

The purpose of this fair was to get people interested in Science.

The Science Fair is divided into different divisions. There was the Junior Division and the Senior Division. The Eastern Iowa Fair is only for the counties in the eastern side of Iowa.

All judging was done by Addison Beach and Paul Garvin.

This year from our school we are glad to say that we have two boys and two girls that came up as winners at the fair.

Gary Campbell came in fourth place with his experiment called "Flame Speaker". His prize was \$5.00.

Joel Gaede also received \$5.00 when he came in fifth place with his "Snow Removal Chemicals".

Debbie Shultz with her "Enzyme Ecstasy" and Nora Slaters "Towel Tales, comparing paper Towels" received honorable mention.

Gary Campbell also won an award of merit and came in first place in American Speech and Hearing.

All of them put a lot of hard work into their projects and they did a very good job.



Snow Removal Chemicals demonstrated by Joel Gaede won fifth prize at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair.



Gary Campbell reproduced sound with flame and won fourth prize at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair.

The eighth grade plays, "Life of the Party" and "Run, Robber, Run", were a big success. They were given April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

"Life of the Party" was a play about a young boy, Wilbur, played by Mike Ryan, who was deeply hurt about not being invited to his sister Betty Lou's party. Betty Lou was played by Connie Panek. Connie, Wilbur's other sister, was played by Valerie Kramer. His mother was played by Tracy Wanke, and his father was played by Richard Courtney. Guests at the party were played by Laurie Van Gorp, Craig Luzum, Geri Tritle, Lorrie Kinkead, Rob Van Natta, Bob Boots, and Larry Grekoff. They were all in for a big surprise when Wilbur accidentally drops Father's sleeping medicine in the punch.

"Run, Robber, Run" was the other play. The two professional robbers were played by Jeff Detling and Joel Gaede; they decided to rob a house during broad daylight, but got in the wrong one. They accidentally pop in on the Caldwell School for Girls. Boy, is the head mistress, Miss Prudhomme--played by Ann Winistorfer--in for a surprise! Another shock is added when the famous western star Colt Winchester, played by Noel Smith, makes an appearance at the school. A quiet, intelligent disciplinarian, Mr. Alden, was played by Gary Campbell. Sally, a nice young schoolgirl was played by Leigh Murdoch. Sarah Bennett played Gail, a spoiled schoolgirl. The other schoolgirls are Joan McCalmant, Debbie Shultz, Nora Slater, Jackie LeClere, and Terri Hebert.

Backstage crews included Julie Enneking as chairman of the make-up crew and Dave Norris, the announcer for both plays. Gary Campbell, Richard Courtney, and Merlene Maltby were in charge of programs. The prompters were Julie Enneking, Merlene Maltby, and Jeff Hoover. Merlene Maltby was the girls' stand-in and Mark Erickson was the boy's stand-in. Mark was also manager of the stage crew which included Gary Campbell, Laird Jones, Dave Norris, Steve Tanner, Richard Courtney, Jeff Hoover, and other cast members.

Between the plays special music was provided by students of the vocal and instrumental music departments. Dough Spinler played a guitar solo, "House of the Rising Sun," and Paul Peterson played "Nickelodeon Rag" on the accordion. Zack Miller played "Proud Mary" as a guitar solo. The flute quartet composed of Jane Huber, Cheryl Barker, Jeralyn Hacobson, and Jane Maxey played "Menuet and Trio." "A Country Story" was played by the clarinet quartet which included Tony Weber, Theresa Anderson, Kim Ryan, and Lorey Miller. A saxophone quartet composed of DeWayne Schminkey, Paul Petersen, Kathy Peterzalek, and Teresa Cracraft performed two numbers, "Reflection" and "Les Plaisirs."

We hope you enjoyed the evening.



# Birthdays of the MONTH

- April 25--Dennis Stainbrook
- April 26--Steve Luzum
- April 28--Denise Jackson, Gary Gislason, Julia Jacobs
- April 30--Darrell LeClere
- May 3--Ken Wickham, Paul Ford
- May 4--Bruce Bennett
- May 10--Sheila Clark
- May 11--Lorey Miller, Laura O'Neill
- May 12--Mark Duncan
- May 13--Brenda Butz, Linda Weber
- May 16--Kim Taylor, Lori Milota
- May 17--Karla Robertson
- May 18--Don Cerney, Den Cerney
- May 19--Greg Kann
- May 20--Mark Chalstrom, Kathy Peterzalek
- May 22--Natalie Kucera



The action was fast in the faculty-eighth grade basketball game.

## Spring Open House Highlights End Of School Year

Spring Open House held last night, April 23, was again the highlight of the year. Over 500 parents and friends took the grand tour of C.B. Vernon to view what they could of the year's work of the students.

The tremendous variety and the quality of projects by the art students impressed everyone. Woodworking and metal work and drafting projects were on display in the shop. The home ec room was like a carnival with table settings, home furnishings projects, child care projects, and the lovely clothes made by the girls. Math teachers had out posters and folders of work demonstrating typical problems solved.

On second floor, seventh grade projects and collections over-flowed into the library where parents became engrossed in these exhibits. Eighth grade projects for science demonstrated different experiments conducted during the year.

Writings by the language arts students were collected into folders on the desks. Creative expressions in posters, drawings, and other wirings were on the walls. Mrs. Johnston's room featured "Happiness is--" and "Misery is--". Original poetry was displayed in other rooms.

Projects from the unit on the Westward movement were displayed in the social studies rooms on third floor as well as folders of work. Teachers were available for comments and discussion. The VIP's served a welcome cup of coffee and punch in the gym.

Everyone who displayed work of any kind shares with those who came to see it a sense of real achievement for the year 1973-74.

## ? WE ASK ? THEY ANSWER!

We asked, "What do you look forward to in the Industrial Arts-Home Economics class switch this spring?"

- They answered:
- Kathy Griffin-Making Waste
  - Gary Campbell-Making the most batches of burned cookies.
  - Sarah Bennett-Making trouble for Mr. Cahalan.
  - John Schindler-Making conglomerations.
  - Laurie Landis-Making a master piece!
  - Lee Larson-Steak!!
  - Laurie Zundel-Wearing the goggles.
  - Greg Nolte-Making burned chocolate chip, peanut butter, oatmeal cookies.
  - Lisa Muller-Making trouble and having fun.

We asked: "Would you want to be a twin? Why or Why Not?"

- They answered:
- Carrie Lighty-No, because. . . Well, I wouldn't want to go to the same school.
  - Patty Painter-No, I wouldn't want to share clothes.
  - Mr. Eygabroad-Yes, so I could change classes (when I was younger) and fool the teachers.
  - Jeff Brokaw-Yah, just to be equal, same strength, etc.
  - Bruce Kyllingstad-No, because I don't want to take the chance of it being a girl.
  - Kim Ryan-Yes, because you can fool

everybody.

- Lori Lambert-No, I wouldn't want anybody to look like me.
- Ken Wickham-No, there is only one me and I'm too great to be doubled!!
- Do You Like Being a Twin? Why or why not?
- Diane O'Neill-No. He's a pest and people always try to compare you.
- Karen Herren-No, because he can squeal on me.
- Kevin Herren-No, because she's always squealing on me. . . .

We asked, "How has "Spring Fever" affected you?"

- They answered:
- Julie Althaus-Knowing school will be out soon.
  - JoAnn Taylor-It makes my mom give me more work.
  - Kelly Gibson-It hasn't. . . yet.
  - Jordan McAreavy-It makes me not want to be in school.
  - Mr. Campbell-It makes me want to go fishing.
  - Dana Marolf-Falling in love.
  - Jo McCoy-Very romantically
  - Kenny Wickham-With temptations
  - Cathy Cannoy-It hasn't
  - Kathy Miller-I don't know.
  - Cathy Althaus-With lots of spring.
  - Tom Turner-No comment
  - Mr. Eygabroad-Excited to get out of school and wear cut-offs.

## Letter to the Editor

To The Editor,

The Cedar Rapids-Marion areas are sadly lacking in entertainment for teen-agers. The movie theatres are showing movies that are not fit for adults to see, much less teen-agers. Bowling alleys are all tied up with league bowling. There aren't dances for teen-agers only. Most places serve liquor and are geared to older people.

There should be better movies shown. Teen-agers along with the support of parents, parent teacher organizations, educators, local school boards, and church groups should band together. This group should contact managers of theatres to see if some of these theatres could set up teen nights, where they could show decent movies at reduced prices. Also, the bowling alleys could be contacted to see if this same sort of set up could be organized for those interested in bowling.

When my mother was growing up, she said that they used to have chaperoned dances at the local YMCA or YWCA. Something like this should be set up

in Cedar Rapids and Marion with interested parents giving some of their time to sponsor these dances. A group of parents, teachers, etc. could approach places of business, such as Farmers State Bank and some churches to see if their social rooms could be rented. A small admission charge could be taken at the door of these functions to defray the rental cost.

Perhaps, once a month, skating parties could be organized at local skating rinks for those who enjoy skating.

I think that teen-agers should form a sort of union and obtain the backing of parents, teachers, churches, PTA groups, and all interested parties to help teen-agers to provide clean, decent entertainment for themselves. This union or club could meet once a month and plan entertainment for a month in advance with adult guidance and supervision. There are probably many other types of decent entertainment that could be thought of with many teen-agers giving of their time and ideas.

Linda Weber

## Ecology Day Planned

Activities for Ecology Day include, plant identification, estimating tree heights, checking forest and soils, taking a traffic survey, classifying litter, analyzing Indian Creek and Bowman Spring, determining stream velocity, analyzing the cemetery, writing creative stories, and making topographic maps. This will be a good experience to show how important the environment really is. Ecology days will be May 22-24.

## "Life of the Party" cast members--



It was very unusual punch.



The entire cast poses.

70 yard Field

I won I made it, it was easy.

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I can't make it, I think I'll quit Smoking and Drinking.

Hi smoke! I told you, you won't make it.

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I smoke But I'll make it. I like Falstaff

Please don't smoke It's Bad For You From American Cancer Society

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