

The Messenger

C.B. Vernon Junior High

What's A Media Center?

By John Stuelke

What has one wall made of glass and the other three covered with books? A library? No, it's the new media center at C.B. Vernon.

"What's a media center?" you ask. Well, it's a library equipped not only with books but also tape recorders, record players, and study carrels. Also a new circulation desk, book shelves, and tables adorn the room.

As you know many buildings have trouble when they're being built or renovated, and the media center was no exception. When the glass was first put in, it had to be replaced by safety glass and have wooden railings put in front of pro-

tection--to keep people from falling through. Then some problems occurred with the lighting, and it had to be fixed.

If you're wondering where the new media center is, just go up the stairs to the office, turn left, and above where the old gym was, you will find it. It has nice new carpeting, so no muddy shoes or gum chewing.

With around 6,000 volumes the media center is prepared for any reading or school work. Both Mrs. Raasch and Mrs. Hotle are ready to help at any time.

Next month we will be exploring the building and use of the gym facilities and industrial arts room.



Study Carrels in the New Media Center

Questions And Answers

By Kim Zier

I asked approximately 20 students and teachers, "What do you like about the Vernon Jr. High now that it is remodeled?" and these were their responses:

- Teresa Young: media center
- Mike Galligan: the new gym and the glass backboards
- Kim Wilson: designs on the walls
- Doug Peyton: boys' locker room
- Miss Ebersole: my newly-remodeled lab facilities with 7 sinks
- Kim Galligan: glass backboards and the gym
- Charles Resewehr: boys' locker room and the general architecture of the school
- John Crowley: new gym
- Vicki Hemmingsen: the new classrooms
- Mrs. Wood: media center and being able to move the study hall into the old library
- Vaughn Klopfenstein: new gym
- Debbie Theilen: geometric designs on the walls
- Mr. Dolinaj: my big new classroom
- Kent Mahurin: glass backboards
- Mrs. Borg: being able to expand the home economics room
- JoAnne Thomas: new gym
- Todd Turner: glass backboards
- Shelly Smith: new gym
- Jeff Busse: new gym
- Melissa Gates: everything about the new school
- Theresa Tharp: media center and gym
- Pat Grady: the whole remodeling project
- Sandy Watson: media center

By Barb Black

Some students and teachers were asked, "What do you think is the worst commercial?" Here are their answers.

Kim Zier: the commercial where cats of different cities are asked what cat food they prefer.

Melissa Finley: the commercial with the butter arguing with people.

John Seng: the talking-bottle commercial.

Mr. Miller: the commercial with the pigs running around the fields.

Mr. Meggers: the one where a bunch of men get dirty so they can wash their clothes.

Mary Bright: the commercial where a Chinese laundromat uses "ancient Chinese secret."

Mr. Steadman and Matt Miller: the commercial where a lady uses a brand of soap so she can have time off for tennis.

Pat Grady: the one where a shelf full of bottles tell you to buy them.

Linda Buenzow: the commercial where people are asked what they think of a cereal.

Teresa Young: the ad where people flick lighters in your face.

Gail Hallock: the commercial where you try a deodorant under your own two arms.

Mr. Gaede: the commercial where if you use a dish soap you'll have soft hands.

Lisa Nove: the one where a bunch of ladies sing, "Who wears short shorts?"

Kelly Forbes: the ad where the girl who just got braces eats hot lunch.

Morrie Fleming: the commercial with a miner and amule in the toilet.

Linda Folkers: the one where the girl is using a lipstick and getting rained on.

Mr. Eggabroad: a laundry soap commercial.

Mr. Gaede's Bicentennial Plate

By Mark Evans

Mr. Gaede, the art teacher, was asked by Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller, who own DJ Ceramics to make a design to put on a bicentennial plate. Mr. Gaede made four designs which included three of the idea of the nation's bicentennial and one of Iowa's part in the bicentennial. The Millers picked the plate which commemorated Iowa's bicentennial part.

The plate is brownish in color, and says around the top, "1776 Bicentennial 1976." The bottom reads "29th State."

In the middle is an outline of the state of Iowa and the word "Iowa" is printed in

gold within the outline. On the left side of the Iowa outline is a stalk of corn.

Mr. Gaede and Mrs. Miller presented plate #1 to Governor Ray in his office in the Iowa Capitol Building on January 14. The plate is used to show how Iowa fits into America's Bicentennial.

Mr. Gaede also has designed pins for the bicentennial, but this time the subject is Marion. They were made for the Marion Bicentennial Committee, which asked him to design them. They are going to be for sale throughout this year at \$1 each. They can be purchased at The Sentinel office or from anyone on the Bicentennial committee.



Mr. Gaede Displays His Bicentennial Plate



Matt, Julie, Cathy, Dennis, and Dee at the Valentine 50's Sock Hop

Valentine's-50's Dance Held

By Mary Bright

On Friday, February 6, C.B. Vernon held a combination Valentine's--50's dance. It was the first dance held in the new gym and lasted from 3:45 to 5:15. Refreshments were served following the dance.

The dance was sponsored by the Library club. Mrs. Raasch, librarian, commented, "The students had a lot of fun dress-

sing and dancing like the 50's." She also added that she would like to thank the Library Club for their help and donations of cookies, and the teachers for the support which they gave the students.

It was a new kind of dance for the present Junior High, and the students really had a lot of fun. Several pictures were taken, and they will be appearing in the Messenger.

EDITORIAL-RENOVATION

By Barb Dollinger, Editor

Students, rejoice! The C.B. Vernon renovation project is nearly complete! This project, which started in early July of 1974, and will cost over \$1.4 million, lacks just a few finishing touches.

New facilities greatly improve instruction in art, history, English, physical education, science, and industrial arts. A new kitchen, gym, and wrestling area offer a much-needed improvement to our school. The new locker rooms make gym class more of a delight rather than drudgery.

An open house will be held on Sunday, February 22, when the public will have an opportunity to view the new facili-

ties. I feel that each of us should urge our parents and relatives to attend this open house. I also feel that our school board and administrators should be congratulated on the much-needed improvements which they have provided for us all at C.B. Vernon Junior High.

I hope that each student will take pride in one of the best junior high schools in Iowa.

ADDITIONS:

Two by-lines were omitted from the January Messenger. Joyce Ottaway wrote the article on the December 16 Marion-Linn-Mar girls' 8th basketball game. The Marion-Linn-Mar December 11 wrestling meet was prepared by Jim McGarrah.

March Birthdays 7th Grade

By Bill Webster

- March 6--Kim Frasher
- March 7--Kim Wilson
- March 9--Peggy Riddle
- March 11--Lynette Anderson
- March 14--Richard Knapp
- March 14--Mike McKem
- March 19--Karen Luko
- March 20--Melissa Gates
- March 28--Joel Brokaw



Dave Flexes for Buddies Brian and Tony

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

In Junior High these days, no one has a chance to see their fellow classmates play in away sports' contests because of not having any pep buses. The cheerleaders can't even cheer them on at times because of this.

In my opinion the authorities should get a pep bus so classmates can see their school's teams participate in the many sports we have. As a cheerleader I want pep buses, and so do other people I know.

Leslie Zimmerman

Letter to the Editor:

Is there really an energy crisis? That's the question of most people today. Well, the way people and machines use up energy, the term might become just a rare word in the English language. Right now there is enough to suit our needs, but by 1980 unless we find new resources of energy, prepare for the days of old again. Back to the wood-burning stove, and horse and-buggy days.

But there is no need to worry yet; if we all conserve, we may go on living the way we want.

Jim Watkins

Letter to the Editor:

I have lived in Marion ever since I was two years old. I am 13 now, and in all those years I have been bitten by stray dogs about seven times--almost eight.

I wish the city would be more strict about stray dogs running around with no tags.

Just the other day a stray dog came in to the yard, and when I went to chase him away, he started chasing me, trying to bite me. My dad had to get a hoe and chase him away.

I have to admit I do have a dog, but he doesn't run around or stray. He doesn't even leave the yard, and he has tags.

The city should be more strict about dogs.

Susan Barker



Little Indians at Work in the New Gym

7th BOYS BB-MONTICELLO

By Tom Benkusky

January 15 was Vernon Junior High 7th grade "B" team's first outing, which proved to be successful for the Marion team, as they won 20-5. Marion led by a wide margin all through the game. The only time that Monticello led was when the score was 4-2 in the first quarter.

The leading scorer for the Indians was Dave Supple with 8 points. He was followed closely by Jeff Busse with 6 points.

Student Council

By Pat Grady (from notes taken by Kim Galligan)

The Student Council met on February 2. Minutes were read and approved. Mr. Fowler said the school has \$949 in the treasury.

Kathy Van Gorp asked about having 7th and 8th grade together at the skating party which is being investigated. The vote was 20-0 in favor of the skating party.

Mr. Fowler said the YMCA has 2 or 3 memberships which are available to someone in need.

Pat Grady asked if persons who wanted to come in early (before school) had to be at school at 8:05, but no later. This deadline is still to be in effect.

Michele McAreavy asked if it would be possible to have a lounge. Mr. Fowler said it would be a possibility for the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 when time ran out.

MRS. RAASCH'S CHICAGO TRIP

By Julie Larson

The Marion Messenger reporter talked to Mrs. Raasch about her fall trip to Chicago. The purpose was to attend conferences on drug and alcohol education. The purpose of these conferences was not to learn about drugs and alcohol, but to learn a more positive approach to students so they have other alternatives than using drugs and alcohol.

These conferences lasted from September 14-26. They met from 8-5 every day. They were sponsored by the federal government. There were 10 mid-western schools and each had five-man teams. Each team was assigned a trainer. While she attended, Mrs. Raasch also planned what to do when she returned to Marion to start a program to educate the kids so that they will not want to get involved with drugs or alcohol.

7th Play Cast

By Matt Miller

There was a lot of preparation for the play "An Apple for Teacher" which was presented by the seventh grade members of Dramatics Club.

It all started with the choosing of people to portray the characters in the play. The following were chosen by Miss Ebersole and Mrs. Staehle, club supervisors, and Mr. Miller, who has advised in previous years:

Matt Miller--Carter Drake (the handsome principal of the school)

Annette Hughes--Kathy Baker (the harassed young teacher)

Melissa Gates--Alicia Peabody (the rich girl)

Tammy Tranmer--Dixie Duke (who hails from the South)

Linda Freilinger--Dodie Smart (the dumb girl)

Kim Klein--Liz Farley (a flirtatious girl)

Randy Knapp--Samuel "Shrimp" Madison (smallest boy in school)

Kevin Thomas--Swat Simmonds (the class bully)

Gail Hallock--Brenda Brodsky (there's one in every school)

Gwen DeWoody--Ellen Eyeful (the thinnest girl in school)

Keith Miller--Fred "Fatso" Barns (the fat boy)

Lynette Anderson--Flutterby Fair (a "sweet" character)

Lisa Kopetsky--Mrs. Palmer Peabody (Alicia's haughty mother)

Mary Bright--Mary Battler (the new teacher)

Therese Tharp was chosen for the part of Kathy Baker, but became ill and was unable to participate.)

Here are some people who helped to make the play possible. Pat Grady was boys' stand-in and announcer, Pam Cannon and Shelley Smith were girls' stand-ins, and Holly Hapgood and Sandy Stalkfleet were prompters. Jim McGarahan ran the lights. Morrie Fleming and Sandy Stalkfleet ran the curtain, while Julie Larson, Therese Tharp, and Shelley Smith worked with programs. The following worked make-up: Julie Shoemaker, Susan Blommers, Kim Zier, JoEllen Sindelar, and Stephanie Tipton.



8th Gymnastics, with Coaches Eygabroad and Holden



8th Grade Boys' Basketball team

7th BOYS BB-TIPTON

By Charles Resewehr

On January 20 the 7th grade Vernon Junior High "A" squad basketball team defeated Tipton at Tipton with a strong defense, 35 to 27. This was Vernon's second win in a row.

The Little Indians stayed in the game with strong defense by the whole team. The Little Indians had a cold shooting night, but Tom Benkusky still managed to get 10 points, and Mike McAreavy was close behind with 9 points.

Vernon's "B" squad squeezed by Tipton 25-22 for their second win in a row. The game was controlled by the Little Indians most of the way. Todd Parman and Dave Supple each pitched in 6 points.

Vernon also took the "C" squad game 15-12. Rick Panek took honors for the winners with 8 points.

7th BOYS BB-ANAMOSA

By Linda Folkers

On January 29, the seventh grade boys played Anamosa there. The "A" boys put up a good fight but lost 31-25. Mike McAreavy was high scorer with 12 points, Tom Benkusky added 8, Jessie Shannon had 3, and Vaughn Klopfenstein helped with 2. For Anamosa Dick Dearborn led with 14, followed closely by Tod Schoon with 10.

The "B" game went a little better with a 22-10 win for Marion. Dave Supple had 8 points, Steve Miller popped in 6, while Jeff Busse, Steve Ness, Mike Galligan, and Brenden Michalek added 2.

The "C" game ended 22-12 with another victory for Marion. The high scorers were John Crowley and Jerry Howe, with 6 points each.

8th BOYS BB-MONTICELLO

By Alan Gruwell

Of the three games against Monticello January 29, Marion's 8th won the "A" game 34-33. Dennis Burns was high scorer with 10 points, Mark Lembke scored 8 and Dan Cook scored 5.

In the "B" game Marion lost 22-17. Jim Parker was top scorer with 5 points, Jim Armstrong scored 4 and Jim Watkins, Marlon Tope, Mike Donald, and Dave Edwards contributed 2 apiece.

In the "C" game Marion lost 25-3. Karl Johnston and Wayne Huebener were the only scorers.



Alan Demonstrates His Project