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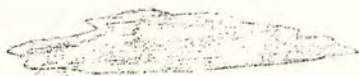
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EDITORIAL PAGE

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Approximately 200 years ago, the greatest fight for freedom in the history of man was taking place on the eastern coast of North America. This war was not characterized by great and glorious battles such as the Europeans associated with men such as the Conde, Turenne, and later Bonaparte and Bismarck. No, this was a war fought by men whose hands were large, rough, and calloused; accustomed to the feel of the hand plow, the sykle, and the shovel. Their weapons were muskets such as adorned the fireplace of their simple yet sturdy homes.

They were the descendents of the depressed and discriminated of Europe who had first come to this continent to escape the society into which they had been born. Unfortunately, this same society followed them in their exodus, and eventually put them under a form of government even worse than that which many had come from. This time, however, one thing was different. These had become a new kind of people. They were people who had something of their own--something they had built themselves. They cleared their own land, built their own houses, and brought their own sons and daughters into the world. These new people were Americans, and they had something to fight for.

200 years later many Americans seem to have forgotten about these "old fashioned" pioneers and their fight for the land we live in. Today, we forget about the many thousands of American lives that have been given since this nation began.

The situation in Southeast Asia is not so very different from other fights the American people have engaged in. The only thing different

today is the tragic trend of a certain segment of the American populace who are against the present war in Viet Nam.

These people take for granted the fact that this privilege of speech and demonstration that they use so freely against the Viet Nam War is one of the only reasons making the Viet Nam War so very much worth fighting for.

On November 4, the Stars and Stripes published the last letter written by Army Staff Sgt. William R. Spates Jr., 26, of Kensington, Maryland. Sergeant Spates was an advisor to the 83rd Vietnamese Ranger Battalion in Viet Nam, and he was killed two days after writing this letter:

Tuy Hoa
23 October 1965

Dear Mom and Dad:

I realize that it has been a long time since last I wrote but things have been real rough up until last week or so.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN (CON'T)

We finally got to Tuy Hoa after 60 days of almost continuous combat.

The battalion lost a hell of a lot of good men but they fought well and a lot of dead VC are scattered throughout Bink Dink Province due to the 23rd Ranger Bn.

The Bn was so badly decimated that we have to go to the Ranger training center at Duc My for retraining, re-equipment and replacements. We are scheduled to go some time after the first of November and should be there about six weeks.

We don't get much news here in Tuy Hoa. The papers we do get are weeks, even months old, but the papers are full of the same stuff. People, so-called Americans, picketing, marching and demanding an end to the war they know nothing about. I find it really shocking. You'd think people would appreciate their freedom enough to be willing to fight for it in a foreign land. Burning draft cards, refusing to serve, it's sickening.

I can't believe that Americans would take up collections to aid the Viet Cong. The Viet Cong who pushed civilians before them in the attack. The Viet Cong who murder and mutilate uncooperative villagers. The Viet Cong who captured five of our Rangers at Bong Sam, tied their hands behind their backs and shot them in the head. I can't believe that sane people could feel sorry for such animals.

It is disturbing to the troops here to know of such goings-on at home. I wonder what became of the old American spirit of nationalism. Maybe I'm just old fashioned but I'm worried as hell. I tell you we either fight these people here or some day we'll be fighting them in our own backyard.

The rainy season has arrived in Tuy Hoa. It rains daily now and some days it rains constantly. The surf has been running 10 to 15 feet high. I know you'd appreciate that, Dad. The rain has also caused a drop in

temperature. The high now is about 90 degrees or so. At night it cools down to around 55 or 60 degrees. It makes for good sleeping. . . .

I've lost about 15 pounds and I don't seem to be able to gain it back but I feel great. I've managed to clean up my jungle rot but still have diarrhea in varying degrees. It's just an occupational hazard in Viet Nam. . . .

Please write soon. I'll do my best to answer. This has been the longest damn summer I've ever spent in my life.

Love, Bill

It is a sad state of affairs when an American soldier goes into battle with thoughts such as the following about the US and the people for whom he is fighting: 1) they are burning their draft cards; 2) they are taking collections for the enemy I am fighting; 3) they march in protest against my being here; and 4) they are demanding an end to the war we are fighting.

It is hard to imagine the feeling he must have to know that he probably will die far from home in a damp jungle or face down in the mud of a rice paddy, while these demonstrators "at home" plan bigger and better protest demonstrations.

Perhaps a lot of these people would not change their views until they saw foreign invaders upon American soil. Then what would they do? That is something that has never happened to us in the United States, and do you know why? It is because in two World Wars, Korea, and now Viet Nam, Americans have given their lives to protect the ideals and principles of a nation which was christened with the blood of its forefathers.

This is why we must fight in Viet Nam, and this is the reason we must win.

VIET NAM MAIL CALL



Members of the Armed Forces in Europe are being specially requested to send cards or letters to the US fighting men in Viet Nam. Paul Stewart, a WW II Marine, has organized the Viet Nam Mail Call, with an address to which letters can be sent.

Since all the student demonstrations have taken place in the States opposing our policies in Viet Nam, the morale of our troops has been noticeable lowered. It is the shared feeling of the backers of Viet Nam Mail Call and the journalism class of Dreux American High School that this project is worthwhile and will be beneficial in raising the morale of our soldiers. Christmas is coming so let's get busy and spread a little good cheer!

Dear Editor: I feel that a senior is someone who has struggled through four hard years of high school, and he deserves some real praise. Especially in the yearbook, the seniors should have something special. I feel a Senior Directory with activities participated in and a quote to suit them would give them credit due.

Send all letters and cards to:

VIET NAM MAIL CALL

P.O. Box 3104

Columbus, Georgia (31903) OR:

turn them into the Notre Viking Mailbox, and we will mail them for you.

A member of Class of '67
(next year's seniors)
P.S. Let's have better annual organization, too!

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BLUE CLAW CRAB

Dear Editor: You had better watch your step! If the students in this school were stupid enough to pay \$5 for that garbage collector's dream of yours, they are certainly stupid enough to be stimulated into disposing of the entire annual staff.

Skirting the banks of rivers, scavenging and scuttling furtively
Away, he lives on the fringes of peril. Will he cling, precarious
Between alternatives, too long for safety, clutch the tasty bait, or
Will he panic, streaking for the deeps?

You have been warned!
The Mastermind!

Eat and be eaten, blue-claw, hesitate
and all is lost. The game is played
For keeps. Some will survive, elusive, warier, living their natural
Days in the slat marsh. Others will
perish, forfeit to the harsh misrule
Of averages, miscalled a law. Fraught
with injustices, does he not rage,
Caught crab, seen foaming in an iron cage?

(Dear Mastermind: To increase your knowledge, Notre Viking has absolutely no connection whatsoever with the organization or contents of the annual except to provide a space for the students to express their opinion on the subject.)

The Editor.

Victor Howes



AN OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

A grand trophy to the winner and dinner on the economy to the top contestants will be awarded in an extemporaneous speech tournament to be held in the early part of December. Any student, experienced or not, freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior is invited to compete.

The contestants will be given a choice from 3 topics on international affairs and are encouraged to attend practice sessions which are held every Tuesday and Wednesday in Dormitory 2 in the lounge. See Mr. Gahan or Mr. Sullivan for additional information or help.

Mr. Gahan can be found in dormitory 2 after 3:30, and is willing to help interested contestants at this time or over the weekends. He adds, "Those who cannot speak effectively before a group remain ever frustrated and limited people. Great speakers are not born, they are developed! Demosthenes, the great classic orator of all time, overcame a speech impediment by constant practice. Hitler, a satanic mesmerizer of the masses, spoke tortuously through lungs crippled by gas in World War I. Churchill suffered the embarrassing problems of a lisp. It is the initiative and desire and work that makes the speaker. IT IS A CONTEST OF THIS SORT THAT DIVIDES THE SOMEBODIES FROM THE NOBODIES. Those who don't try to improve themselves by such opportunities as this contest offers are the ones who will never amount to much.

(Actually, this article is out of date, but to bring you up on the news Jim Jones came out of the speech contest as the winner!)

SRA IMPROVES READING

The special reading program is now in full swing! Whether you have a problem with reading or you simply want to come in and test your rate and comprehension, this program will be of help to you.

SRA books on either the average or the advanced level are available, complete with comprehension tests after every story so you can compute both your reading rate and the percentage of comprehension. The stories cover an area of material from a sixth grade level through the second year of college.

This program is sponsored by Mr. Robertson, assisted by Terri Stanin and Jan Rupe, and is open to everyone interested after school from Monday through Friday. Feel free to come in any day and use the rateometer and other equipment to test your own ability.

D.L.

AROUND THE CORNER.

From the Toul Tribol we found that the students of Toul have taken a big interest in student government. The student council has started with plans for beautifying the campus by planting grass and purchasing benches and organizing a Student Event Calendar which enables the classes to have more control over their activities. They also operate a School Book Store. The classes also have planned through their officers for such fund raising activities as bake sales and dances.

OK, kids, let's take a big hint and get behind your officers. Support your class officers and the Student Council. Offer your services!

R.H.

FROM DORM III

There has been a lot going on for the inhabitants of dormitory three. For example, during the homecoming week-end, we were busy cleaning our rooms for the inspections to be given them by all the expected visitors. We were rushing around like headless chickens when the dates turned up for "La Fete d'Automne."

Dorm three is quite happy with our kitchen. We are allowed to make coffee, tea, popcorn, and things like that.

Several times a week we watch our favorite TV shows like "Bon Nuit Les Petit" or "Robin de Bois" in the dorm. We also seem to have some sort of contest for doing the jerk. Have you noticed? If not, come on over. We also teach ballet.

J.F.

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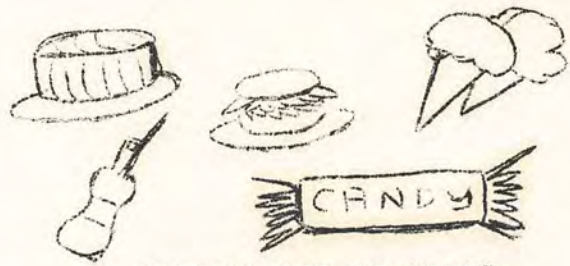
AN OVERSTAY

A night in the hospital is a delightful experience. Tantalizing odors of alcohol, anaesthetics, and scrubbing compounds drift down the corridors and into your room. Your nostrils quiver. The nurses--although you feel your health is quite delicate--flip you about like a pancake on a griddle as they deftly change sheets. And the diet? 'Salt-free'. (Your saliva withers.)

At night when you have just finished crying because you hate the place and you miss your parents, the night nurses will enter--softly, so as not to wake you. They snap on the light, then give you a sedative for sleep. (It doesn't matter if you are already asleep.)

By the time you've strangled on the two-toned capsule, you are wide-awake. So you lie there and think about your friends (if you have any). At last you doze off, only to awaken at dawn to cold, soggy toast, flabby eggs. (No salt.)

Kenna Wilson

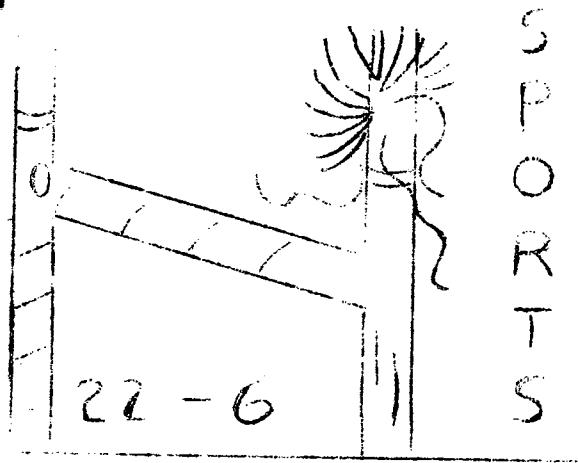


DIETER'S DO'S AND DON'TS

You're having a big exam in English and you have a term paper due in government, or maybe it is just a lonesome Saturday night and you don't have a date. So, you eat a tasty doughnut and have a plate of french-fries at the Teen Club to forget your miseries. By the end of this year, you will be many ugly pounds fatter, and every one of them will be bulging out in all the wrong places. Now that our gym teachers are really giving us a work-out to get our muscles toned up, we might as well lose a few pounds in the process.

Here are a few healthy hints for weight watchers:

1. DON'T depend on special dietic foods as they are a crutch and can be used only some of the time.
2. DO eat slowly, taking small bites and chewing them well instead of bolting them down.
3. DON'T eat for eatings sake or out of habit. If you are not hungry, skip a meal but make sure you really aren't, because snacking later will be worse.
4. DO wait ten minutes before you take seconds or buy some candy, because it takes time for food to be assimilated to give you that satisfied feeling.
5. DON'T snack when you are bored or worried--so something new and interesting instead.
6. DO eat as much fresh salad as you want, but without dressing!
7. DON'T cut out carbohydrates entirely or you'll end up craving them.
8. DO cut down on the amount of liquids you drink. A great percentage of flabbiness is because of excess liquids.



block offensively. For the first time this year we did block as a team and were able to sustain numerous drives. A big factor in our end runs was due to the fine blocking of Lester Starr. He paved the way on numerous occasions by blocking downfield and taking out key defenders around the ends. As a whole, the line, defensively, was at its best. Offensively, they played their best game of the year."

W.G.

VIKINGS SHATTER SABRES IN EVREUX GAME

Spurred on by recent losses to Paris and Madrid, the Vikings upset the Sabres of Chateauroux by a score of 22-6 on Saturday, November 6. Predicted as the underdog in the Stars and Stripes, the entire team shunned the forecasted 16-8 and overcame the Sabres by a margin of sixteen points.

Viking offense dominated the first quarter with Pat Connor carrying over the first touchdown. Again in the second quarter the Vikings found the path to the end zone as Karl Steiner and Tom Gordon succeeded in bringing six points apiece to further the Viking victory. Other standouts in the game were Robert La Casse, Paul Hodnick, Dave Homorody and Michel Picheloup.

Although Dreux's offense just could not get started in the second half, our firm defense was able to send many a Chad quarterback for big losses in yardage. Even though Chateauroux did manage to squeeze in one TD, the Vikings sheathed the Sabres' swords when they attempted a two-point conversion.

Coach Manzoline had this to say of the game:

"The first half of the game against Chateauroux was one of the most well-played games that I have seen in a long while. I felt all along that potentially this ball club was as good as any, if not better than most of the teams we played against. What we lacked was a determined effort to

GOLFERS PLANNING NEXT SEASON

Although lacking experience from previous years, Dreux's '65 Golf Team hit the base golf course with unexpected energy. Under the leadership of Mr. Rutherford, they succeeded in placing third in the league by beating Orleans in the first tournament of the season. Even though they lost to Paris and Chateauroux, the boys, with their team captain, Jim Billings, finished third in the regional playoff by defeating Orleans and London.

Throughout the season, the major sparkplug of the team was Terry Tarrant, our number one man. Terry kept the team "loose" on trips with his witty jokes, sayings, and "poetry."

Even though our team finished last place at Garmisch, they picked up valuable experience in hitting the ball short but far.

By the end of the season, the individual standings placed Tarrant in first place, Wayne Godfrey in second, Jim Billings in third, Jim Kimball in fourth, and Don Palmer in fifth. The other members of the team include: Doug Powell, Dave Getty, Brooks Newbry, Pete Stoddard and Ron Gonzales.

Since most of the boys are returning next year, Dreux looks to the future with high expectations that the golf team will improve.

Watch out, Paris,--here we come!

W.G.

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!!!

Wednesday December 8, 1965
The Curse of the Fly 96 Min
Adult-Youth Cinemascope
Starring: Brian Donlevy, George Baker

Thursday and Friday Dec. 9+10
THE PAWNBROKER
Adult
Starring: (Surprise, we don't know.)

Saturday December 11, 1965
The Lively Set 105 min
Adult-Youth-Children Color Re-run
Starring: James Darren, Pamela Tiffin

Some of the world's biggest hypocrites are people who have welcome mats on their doorsteps.

Homer Phillips

NEWS TO KNOW

On November 12, the Soviet Union launched a 2,123-pound spacecraft on a three-and-a-half-month journey toward Venus in an apparent bid to match or surpass the successful US probe of the mysterious planet in 1962.

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Former Sen. Barry Goldwater said that suicide protests of US involvement in Viet Nam proved nothing and that the victims were "nuts to begin with." In an address to the Yale Law School, he reiterated his support of the US Viet Nam policy and said: "It was inevitable that the United States would become involved."



"It doesn't mean a thing, but it'll drive them crazy a thousand years from now."

DORM IV ENJOYED HALLOWEEN PARTY

Way back on October 30, the witches and goblins passed Dorm 4 in a hurry as our trusty jack-o-lanterns guarded us. After sign-in that night, the few girls left in our dorm gathered in the lounge for a party provided for by our counselors, Miss Krisch and Miss Kane. Before we could begin feasting on "some-mores" each girl had to bob for an apple. Many girls ended up swimming for their apple as they completely drenched their heads trying to get an apple. We left three apples for Miss Krisch, Miss Kane, and Miss Burke, who also attended our midnight party.

Miss Burke seemed to be an old hand at the sport of bobbing for apples, as she had no difficulties. Miss Krisch was determined, because although it had begun to look as if she would need some outside help, she managed to fish her own apple from the cold depths of the water. Miss Kane wasted no time and followed her apple to the very bottom of the kettle.

We all enjoyed stuffing ourselves with "some-mores," and hot cocoa the rest of the evening. The party really brightened a lonesome week-end when everyone had left us.

R.H.

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CONTEST CORNER

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From the response we have had with our Triagrams Contest in the past few issues, students apparently are not interested in competing. So far we have had one student who has handed in answers to two sets of puzzles. He got one of them right, which places him on top for the five dollar award with one point.

We are going 'to' try something a little different this time with another kind of contest, but with the five dollars award still up for grabs" by the highest scoring student.

Contestants will receive 5 points if their submissions are among the first ten received in the Notre Viking mail box by room 3, in the main building, with all answers correct.

If response is not sufficient, we will just drop this section from the paper.

Each answer must be numbered and written in complete sentence form.

Don't forget to put your name on the paper too.

NOW ON WITH THE LATEST PUZZLE!

1. Margaret Mitchell wrote the book on which one of the greatest money-making movies of all time was based. The movie starred Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh. Name the book.

2. Name the famous British author who first described Russia as "the bear that walks like a man." One of his best remembered poems is "Gunga Din."

3. In what famous "legend" do we find Ichabod Crane?

4. In 1877, Anna Sewall wrote the autobiography of a horse, a book that profoundly influenced legislation on humane treatment of animals. Name the horse.

5. Which tragic American poet lamented the loss of a love named Lenore?

6. In "A Study in Scarlet," the letters R-A-C-H-E were written in

blood on the wall. Inspector Lestrade thought the murderer had been interrupted while trying to spell out the name Rachel. But what was the correct interpretation made by S. Holmes, who understood German?

7. Tell whether or not the following people were purely fictional or actually lived: Beau Brummel, Lady Godiva, George Babbitt, Cyrano de Bergerac, Minnehaha, and Copernicus.

8. Name the great American poet, born in 1878 at Galesburg, Illinois, who has written epic poems about Abraham Lincoln.

9. From the John Milton epic "Paradise Lost," name the Fallen Angel and his two children.

10. Jonathan Swift wrote a book which he intended as a great political satire. Instead, it has become one of the most famous in the juvenile book field. Name it.

BONUS QUESTIONS

A one point bonus will be given for each of the following questions correctly answered, if all ten of the previous questions are correct.

I. When a tourist visits Saint Petersburg, Petrograd, and Leningrad, how many Russian cities has he seen?

II. What Italian city, built on many little islands, is called "Queen of the Adriatic"?

III. The holy city of Mecca, the birthplace of Mohammed, is in what country?

IV. The Plaza de Mayo, very wide, tree-lined, and paved with mosaics, is in what South American city?

V. The "Wailing Wall" is in what city?

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IF YOU WANT TO KILL TIME, TRY
WORKING IT TO DEATH!