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Editorial

FACING REAL ISSUES

by Judy Bliss

The juniors at ACS are trying to face the issues in their history class. Last Friday, the issue was beer vs. marijuana. Although we didn't find an answer as to which was more dangerous, we arrived at some important conclusions.

When we were asked why young people get drunk or "stoned", the major consensus was that these people need an escape from reality once-in-awhile. Isn't it sad that to be happy people find it necessary to get drunk or "stoned". I think that most young adults outgrow the need to get drunk. However, these people must get an awful let down when they come to and find out that the world hasn't changed. These young adults are prime candidates for harder drugs. If life and daily routine are too difficult to cope with, why not change it? Nothing can be changed unless force is applied. Our generation complains about how bad the condition of our world is, but if we don't change it now, it will be even worse for our children.

Another conclusion reached was that young people are so bored that drinking and smoking seem to be the only thing left to do for fun. It was said that we have been given games and toys all our life and that by the time we're teens, we can't think of a way in which we can entertain ourselves. Some of the students felt that if our parents had told us to entertain ourselves when we became bored, that we would be able to be more creative now.

A final issue discussed was that if marijuana were legalized, the fun of doing something you weren't supposed to do would sharply affect the number of marijuana smokers. The juniors had mixed feelings on this. Those who thought that it should not be legalized gave reasons such as search is still being done on its effects and it may take many years before the full medical report is completed. Also mentioned was the fact that most heroin addicts start out on marijuana. If it were legalized it could cause some serious effects because everyone's reaction to the drug would be different and maybe damaging to different individuals. If the government legalized marijuana, then who would we blame when a teen-ager "blew his mind" and became a vegetable? In support of legislation, if it were legalized, government controls could dictate the quality and contents of each joint, unlike the uncertainty of contents of a joint sold in the blackmarket.

The juniors are really trying to put things "together". No one is ever right or wrong, but by hearing both sides of the issues, we can more easily make our own decisions.

Panther Prowl

by Eileen Atwell

In basketball action last week, the Varsity team came up with two big wins to put them out front in league competition.

The first was a 51 - 91 victory over Scio and the second was a 71 - 55 win over Cuba. Cerrillo was high scorer with 26 points and Steve Dunham was second high with 19 points.

The Junior Varsity lost both games, but put up a good fight.

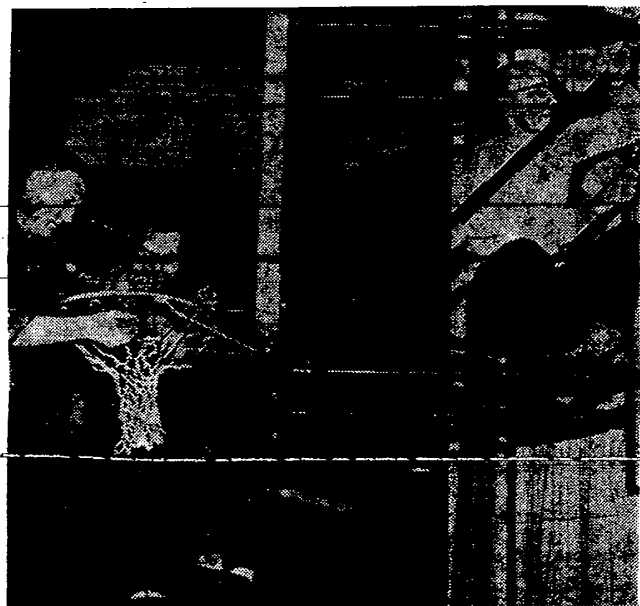
Cub News

Andover Downs Alfred-Almond

The 7th and 8th Grade basketball team evened their record at 2 - 2 with a 51 to 26 win over Alfred-Almond Saturday, February 3. Half time score was 21 - 11 our favor.

Louie Spencer was high man with 19 points followed by Dave Burns with 11 and Tim Mead with 10.

The next game is at home, Saturday February 10 with St. Ignace of Hornell. Let's get out and support our boys.



SHORT MODERNIZATION STORY: "BOARDS TO GLASS BACKBOARDS" - Top Picture: (L-R) Dale Spencer & Carl Atwell hold the "Hoop" in place while Avery Mead and "Skeet" Milligan (seen thru the Glass Backboard) bolt it in place.

"PUTTING ON THE FINISHING TOUCHES" - Bottom Px (L-R) Dale & Carl secure the "net" to the "hoop" and "Skeet" finishes tightening the last framework brace.

Activity Sheet

- Feb. 7 - Steering Committee Meeting
Feb. 8 - Immunization Clinic Swimming at Wayland
Feb. 9 - Basketball at Friendship
Feb. 10 - Jr. High Basketball at Home
Feb. 13 - Basketball - Canaseraga at Andover
Feb. 15 - School Fair
Feb. 16 - Basketball - Houghton at Andover
Feb. 17 - Jr. High BB at Alfred-Almond
Feb. 17 - Spaghetti Supper - Band Fund
Feb. 18-20 - AYF Retreat
Feb. 22 - Stanley Products Rep. 9:30
Feb. 23 - Basketball at Rushford
Feb. 24 - Rod & Gun Club Dinner
Feb. 24 - Republican Caucus
Feb. 24 - Solo & Ensemble Rehearsal
Feb. 24 - Jr. High BB at Home
Feb. 27 - Basketball at Pichburg
Feb. 28 - Blue & Gold Banquet
March 2 - Basketball - Angelica at Andover
March 3 - Red Cross BB Game
March 3 - Jr. High BB Home

Cafeteria Menu

Week of February 12 - 18
MONDAY - Spanish Rice,

Last Sunday, a crew of interested local citizens composed of the "Fellers" pictured above, along with "Jug" Dunham and Paul Hyland (not in picture - but working below) together with "Chuck" Dain and "Don" Baker, under the supervision of "Al" Barden, installed the glass backboards donated recently to Andover Central School by the Andover Lions Club who were supported so generously by the local public in their fund raising campaign for this project.

The results of the first 2 Basketball Games played on the new glass boards:
Tuesday night ANDOVER over SCIO by 40 Points; Score 91 to 51.
Friday night: ANDOVER over CUBA by 16 Points; Score 71 to 55.
No, we don't believe the glass backboards made all that difference - mechanically - but perhaps a little boost in the "morale & psyche" Department? - GO AFTER THEM, PANTHERS!

Shredded Lettuce with Oil Dressing, Bread and Butter, Peanut Butter Finger, Milk
TUESDAY - Beef Barbecue on Bun, Buttered Corn, Fruit, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Hot Meat Sandwich with Gravy, Buttered Peas, Valentine Cake, Milk
THURSDAY - Hamburger with Bun and Catsup, Buttered Green Beans, Potato Sticks, Fruited Cherry Jello, Milk
FRIDAY - Tuna & Noodle Casserole, Cabbage - Carrot Salad, Cranberry Apple Crisp, Milk

Feature

by Laurie Tomm

On Friday, February 8, the Boy Scouts will observe their sixty-third anniversary.

This has been a tradition since 1910, when W. D. Boyce was hunting vainly for the house of a friend. At last he hailed a boy, who was passing and asked for directions. The boy not only gave these directions, but guided Mr. Boyce to the house. When the American offered the boy a coin, it was refused. "I am a Boy Scout," the lad said respectfully. "Helping you was my daily good turn - Boy Scouts do not accept tips".

Mr. Boyce was so impressed with what he learned that on February 8, 1910, he incorporated the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts observe this anniversary with much ceremony every year.

Downbeats

by Cindy Tomm

On Saturday, February 17, the Band Parents are holding a Spaghetti Supper. The serving hours are from 5 until 7 at the school. The tickets will be: Adults \$2.00; Children \$1.25 or \$3.00 for the entire family. You may purchase your tickets from any senior band member. Please buy them now! We need your support for those new Band Uniforms!

Disney Wonderland

The FHA is sponsoring a Winter Carnival at the school on Thursday, February 15. There will be snow sculpturing, sleigh rides and ice skating (weather permitting). In addition to these activities you may enjoy visiting the booths and exhibits. Come and have fun at the free dance with free babysitting provided. Everyone is invited. Come and have a wonderful time!

Teen-Time Hosts

Three junior girls, Laurie Tomm, Sue Herr and Rose Billings will host Teen-Time on WLSV, Saturday, February 10.

Panther Prowl Swimming

by Priscilla Billings

The Panther Swim Team suffered another loss in their efforts with Alfred-Almond Thursday night. The final score was 60 - 29. It's been a disappointing season for the Panthers, but better luck with your next Meet. Here are the results of the competition:

- 200 yd. Freestyle - John Davis - 2nd - 2:44.6
200 yd. Individual Medley - Rusty Godown - 2nd - 3:07.8
200 yd. Individual Medley - Mike Bliss - 3rd - 4:30.0
50 yd. Freestyle - Kathy Haskins - 3rd - 34.3
Diving - Scott Middaugh - 1st - 137.00
100 yd. Butterfly - Donn Lang - 1st - 2:02.3
100 yd. Freestyle - Roger Godown - 2nd - 1:03.3
100 yd. Freestyle - Mike Bliss - 3rd - 1:41.0
400 yd. Freestyle - John Davis - 2nd - 6:02.0
100 yd. Backstroke - Marty Grossman - 3rd - 1:21.8
100 yd. Breaststroke - Tom Weibezahl - 2nd - 1:23.2
Final Score - Andover 29 - Alfred-Almond - 60

Pantherettes

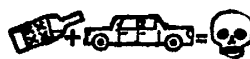
by Dee Dee Gorsuch

The Girls' Basketball Team finished their season January 30 with a loss to Wellsville, with a final score of 46 - 32. Terri Polmateer was high scorer with ten points. Diane Bliss and Susan Church also chipped in with eight points a piece.

The girls ended up with five victories, and only two losses for the season.

They would like to thank Gus Weber and Brian Cannon and all the others who helped them throughout the year.

The girls are going to end the season with a party at Harvey's in Almond to celebrate a fine year.



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