

Medieval castle (homemade) is site for Vernonia High School prom



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One of the seating areas off the dance floor was adorned with crystal ball centerpieces, a wishing well and standards with crests.

Medieval Magic was the theme of the highly successful Vernonia High School 1997 Prom, and all those in attendance were transported back to a gothic era by the junior class prom committee.

As it is every year, the junior class was responsible for raising enough monies to pay for the festivities. This year, they started early, planned well in advance and their work could be used as model for future prom planning.

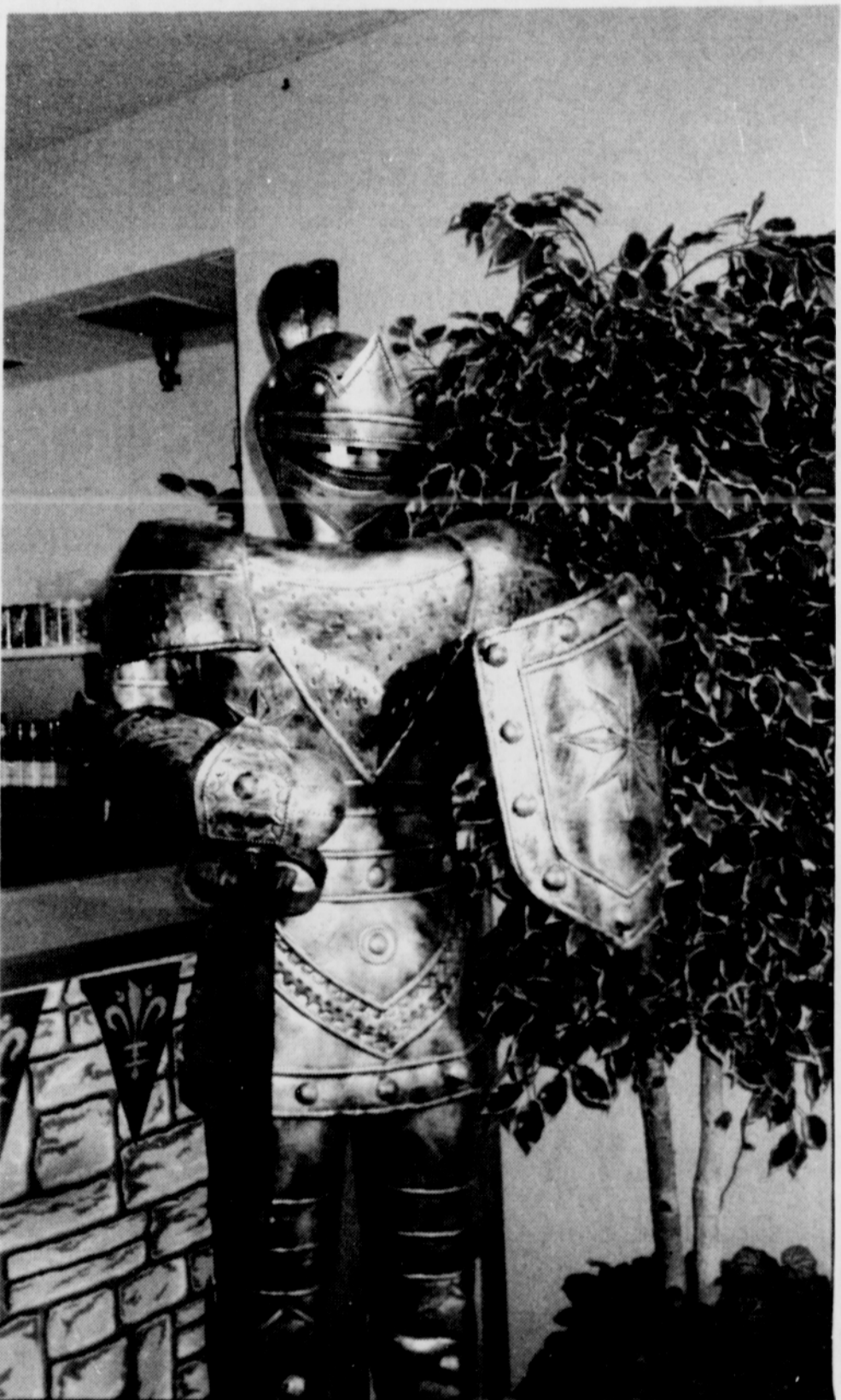
Rock Creek Country Club was selected in late January as the site for the Prom. The hall was donated, based on using the club's catering service for dinner.

February and March were used for making floor plans, lists of supplies that would be needed for decorations, and scheduling times for the committee get together and start making props for decorations. The committee handmade the majority of the decorations because of the high cost of premade retail decorations.

In April, necessary rentals were confirmed, materials were purchased and production began. Torches, shields, crystal balls, stained glass windows, flags, a well and a dragon's tail began to appear in several Vernonia homes. In the wood shop at VHS, a draw bridge was under construction

In May, on the day before the prom, the committee decorated the hall in about six hours, with help from only a few parents.

The entrance to the castle was complete with a drawbridge, gargoyles, stained glass windows and torches.



A knight in shining armor stood sentry at the prom.

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