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THE SECOND "go around" at Lake Vernonia was held the past week by the male members of the VHS senior class and Paul Bunyan club. Lots of debris was wrestled from the lake by the group.

This effort may possibly put the younger generation ahead of the "over 30" crowd in accomplishment on the community project.

## Operator Gets 'Best View' Of Prom from Crowsnest

Prom time is the only time of year that would probably be referred to as the time of unending wonders. For one brief but unforgettable evening, ordinary high school students are transformed into gleaming Prince Galahads and Snow White fairy tale princesses. Shoes are shined, clothes are taken out of mothballs, and manners are brushed up on. Outwardly they seem to be tailor made for their new found selves, but inside, where no one can see the little gears working, there is turmoil.

By late afternoon on the night of the prom, self confidence flies out the window, and fingernails get shorter and shorter as the bewitching hour approaches. Despite the thought "I feel sick," they go to the prom anyway, because they've already blown two week's allowance on the tickets. The self-assuring thought also crosses their minds that the room will be dark, and maybe no one will see them: So there they are.

As the spotlight operator, I suspect that my station up in the crowsnest afforded the best view in the house. It was unbelievably entertaining. People that one would never expect to see at a prom showed up shaken but ready to go. They really didn't know how to act in front of everyone else, who, unknown to them, also did not know how to act, and somehow they all contributed enough mistakes to cause everything to miraculously coincide.

A subject of the "Funny to see you here" crowd was wearing a new white dinner jacket, and was doing a fine job sitting there trying to keep out of trouble, until someone shuffled up and asked him where his ice cream truck was parked. Purple and white go well to-

## Class of '70 Is Honored At Banquet

The class of 1970 was honored at the fortieth annual senior banquet Friday May 20. The event is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and was held at the Oddfellows hall.

The ladies of the American Legion assisted by members of Pythian Sisters and Rebekah Lodge, prepared a delicious meal and arranged the tables using the class colors of purple and white. Donations from community organizations financed the event.

Opening the program was class president Paul Nelson, who was master of ceremonies; and giving the invocation was Heather Higginbotham. Mrs. Edsar Hartzell welcomed the seniors and faculty, and Steve Hanson gave the response.

After dinner, Darrold Proehl, school superintendent, gave the prologue. He spoke of his memories of people and told about some of the things that he learned from people.

The class history was read by Gwen Persyn, the class will by Deborah Curl, and the class prophecy by Scott Davies.

Arthur Parrow, high school principal, closed the program with some advice and a farewell for the seniors.

Assisting with the serving and clearing of the tables were Beverly Armstrong, Helen Higginbotham, Carol Nelson, Jan Johnston, Vicki Hemeon, and April Cseh. These girls are all sisters of seniors.

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gether. Several other stiff-necked people were green with something other than envy, or as one stated, "The boa constrictor around my neck tightened as the night progressed." It was quite humorous watching the boys try to talk to the persons sitting next to them without moving their necks.

The snack time during the intermission was another gem. The little napkins with slices of cake were passed out, and everyone stood there looking at each other so as to determine as quickly as possible who was going to take the first bite, and if fingers were appropriate. Although there weren't any forks in the first place, some were still not quite sure.

Somehow throughout the entire performance, the spotlight operator managed to resist the temptation of singling out certain individuals with his greatly feared weapon, and after the coronation of the queen his job was over, so he departed the scene.

In all truth though, the prom was excellent in all respects, and everyone had a wonderful time. The author hopes that no one takes the slams in this article too seriously. Even though everything in this story is based on instances that actually did happen, they have been satirized for the reader's enjoyment.

## Students Aid Outdoor Camp

Eleven Vernonia high school students aided with the outdoor school for sixth graders from Vernonia and Seaside, Thursday and Friday, May 14 and 15, at Camp Wilkerson.

During the morning, the high school counselors acted as guides for the various groups as they went to their classes in wildlife and conservation. In the afternoon, the counselors took their groups on a 30-minute hike to give the students a chance to put into practice what they have learned.

After the students left, the counselors, who were staying for the night, got the camp ready for the next day's group. Their duties in the evening included cutting fire wood and picking up trash.

The group planned to spend the night in the cabins at the camp. However, the girls in the group, Teri Heath, Lauri Banta, Irene Birkenfeld, Mary Anne Odam, Diane McElges, and Marsha Jensen decided to retire to the safety of a tent after stories of bears and escaped convicts began to spread around the camp.

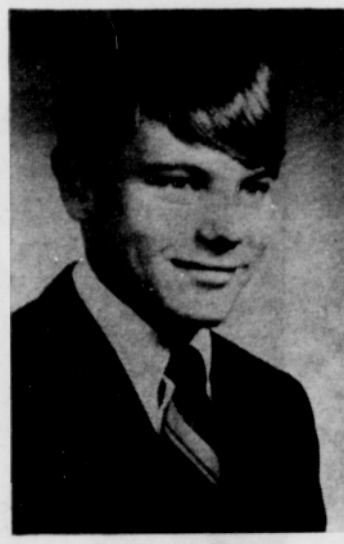
The boys attending were Gary Cseh, Jim Proehl, Emil Pelster, Richard Tronson, and Larry Borgland.

## Seniors Do Final Project

The senior American problems classes have a new project. Each student is required to pick a partner. Then the two partners choose a topic, with one taking the pro and the other the con of the topic.

They must prepare written reports on the information relating to their side of the topic. After that, they will go before the class and try to convince the class of their side of the controversy. They will be allowed two weeks to work in the library, and prepare for their turn.

So far, many interesting and controversial topics have been selected.



GARY MITCHENER

## Senior Plans Future in Forestry

Gary Lynn Mitchener is one of the real comedians of the Senior class, whether he is the perpetrator, or the brunt, of the joke. Gary was born in Vernonia and has lived here for all but two years of his life. Gary is 5' 7" with blue eyes and dark hair. His favorite color is blue, and he likes to eat clams.

He's a real bottle-hunting nut and likes to hunt and fish the year around. He is active in shop classes and in the Future Farmers of America.

Gary was one of the high school members who went to Europe last summer. He liked the trip very much and especially liked Austria. His favorite saying in Europe was saying, "olog" instead of "hello." He hopes to return to Europe sometime next summer.

His dad has his own reforestation project and Gary works for him during the summer. His mother is a licensed practical nurse. After high school, Gary hopes to attend Clatsop Community College for two years and major in forestry, after which he will work for his dad's company or Longview Fibre.

## VHS Graduate Is Honored as Poet

Geoff Proehl, a VHS graduate of 1968, was recently named poet laureate of George Fox College. He was honored at a May Day celebration for the following poem.

Mile of concrete,  
Like anesthetic,  
benumbing man,  
Surrounded by products,  
we don't understand  
Living on a shell,  
made by man.  
Synthetic world—  
all dark and gray,  
Synthetic world—  
in the cold light of day.  
Synthetic world—  
all plastic and steel,  
Synthetic world—  
what will you yield?  
Someday the last man will die,  
who ever touched a tree  
Someday they'll lay in a shiny,  
plastic casket,  
the last boy who ever waded  
a creek.  
And will we be any better  
for it?  
For our genocide of trees,  
of rivers, of land?  
Is this to be the result of man's  
keeping of the earth?  
Synthetic world—  
all plastic and steel,  
Synthetic world—  
what will you yield?  
Oh but, steel isn't real.  
Cities are illusions.  
Reality is you and me  
Man stripped of his  
necessities,  
God, man, woman—  
totality,  
trinity of life  
return us naked to eden

## Logger Saves Trio in Peril

During the second Lake Clean-up day May 14, there were many interesting occurrences. Besides all the work that was being done, there was still time to listen to cries of help coming from the middle of the lake. These cries of distress were genuine and came from Jeff Krieger, Dave Sawyer, and Ron Meyer.

The reason for their excitement was that the motor of the boat which they were riding caught on fire. Their cries were heard by Alan Johnston who rescued them from their peril. They then towed the crippled boat to shore, and the three boys had to work on dry land for the rest of the afternoon.

## Driver's Ed Classes End

On Monday, May 11, the last driver's education class was concluded. The students completed their final examination and turned in their books.

The classes, which began in April and were held for one hour after school and two hours on Saturdays, were conducted by Gordon Crowston. During class periods the students viewed films, took tests, or were taught some of the basic driving maneuvers by Crowston.

The students began driving a few weeks after the course started, and the majority of the class has yet to complete their required six hours of actual driving which they must have to pass the course. Although the formal classes have ended, the students will continue to drive until they get all of their driving hours in.

The students will receive one-half credit for passing driver's education.

## Cheerleaders Are Selected

Football cheerleader tryouts were held Wednesday, May 13, during activity period. There were four contestants, Julie Klein, Cita Vigel, Mary Steele, and Sami Stockwell.

Normally there are five cheerleaders chosen from the girls who try out, but this year due to the lack of interest there weren't enough girls to have this kind of competition. The girls followed the same procedure used in previous years for tryouts.

Because of the lack of contestants, voting by ballot was not used. Instead a motion was made that the student body accept the four as next year's football cheerleaders. The motion passed and the four girls were accepted.

At the student body meeting Thursday it was decided that during basketball tryouts any girls who wished to try for the fifth place could do so. The decision will be made by the student body.

## New Uniforms Are Ordered

Vernonia high school's head basketball coach, Gene Carlson, recently announced that next year's varsity will be wearing new home uniforms. As a rule, all teams must have white or light colored home uniforms, and dark colored traveling uniforms. The Loggers will keep their blue traveling uniforms and give their old whites to the jayvees.

Carlson claims that the new uniforms will be "really wild". The uniforms will have blue neck and shoulder stripes with a gold stripe down the middle and blue pin stripes running vertically across the front and the back of the jersey with a royal blue number. The pants will match the jerseys, and together, they should go well with the new warm-ups that were purchased last season.

## Three Attend Music in May

Brenda Armstrong, Julie Spitzer, and Debbie Curl represented Vernonia at the twenty-second Music in May festival held at Pacific University in Forest Grove, May 14, 15, and 16.

The three were selected from a field of 1,500 students on the recommendation of Vernonia high school music director Ward Nelson. Brenda and Debbie played in the band and Julie sang in the chorus. Brenda plays the clarinet and Debbie plays saxophone.

The girls spent the three days on the Pacific University campus. Thursday afternoon, all day Friday and Saturday morning were spent in preparation for the concert that was held Saturday night. The concert, held on the campus, was broadcast over the radio.



DE ELDA GROSCHKE

## De Grosche Will Become A Secretary

DeElda Ann Grosche was born on April 9, 1952 in Hillsboro, Oregon. He has one older brother, Pat who is 22. De, as her friends call her, has attended schools in Vernonia all her life, with the exception of one semester this year at Hillsboro Senior High School. In relating her ideas and comparisons of the two communities, she says "Although the Hillsboro school was harder academically, the schools in Vernonia are much friendlier, and the community is also friendlier.

Her hobbies, and interests center mostly around her church, although some of the other things that interests her are sewing and cooking.

DeElda's father, (who is of German ancestry) works for Texaco, in Hillsboro, and her mother is a nurse at the Hiller Nursing Home.

After graduating from VHS this spring she plans to try to get a job at the courthouse in St. Helens as a secretary.

In finishing the picture of Dee she says that her favorite food is liver and onions, and that green is her favorite color.

## Records Fall At Astoria

Several record-breaking performances highlighted the sub-district track meet held Saturday at Astoria. Vernonia tied with Clatskanie for fourth place with 64 points. Neah-Kah-Nie won the meet with 157 points.

Steve Hanson was the only Logger to place first as he won both the high jump and the pole vault. In the high jump he established a new sub-district record of 6' 5 3/4". This equals the school record for the high jump held by Gary Davis. Hanson vaulted 11' 6".

Vernonia's mile relay team of Cline, Hicks, King, and McCutcheon won a second with a time of 3:39.4, just three-tenths of a second behind Warrenton. Rob McCutcheon also placed second in the 440, in 53.7.

Steve Cline was the only Vernonia Thincled to capture a third place finish as he ran the low hurdles in a time of 21.9. Cline also won a fourth place finish in the high hurdles in a time of 16.6. Earlier, Cline broke the school record for the high hurdle, with a time of 15.8. The old record of 15.9 was held by Fred Smith.

Among the other fourth place finishers were Chris Hicks in the 880, 2:12; Don King in the shot put, with a throw of 42'4"; and Jim McGinnes in the javelin, 150' 7".

King also received a fifth place in the 100-yd. dash in a time of 10.9. Freshman Rick Davis got fifth in the pole vault with a vault of 10' 6". King received yet another placing as he got sixth in the 880 in a time of 2:13.4. Dave Parrow also captured a sixth place finish in the mile.

Those who placed at the sub-district meet will now go on to the district meet to be held today at Lewis and Clark college. They must finish either first or second in the meet to go to state.

## Red Cross Camp Delegates Chosen

Gary Cseh and Jim Proehl, Vernonia high school's Red Cross delegates for last year; and Jim Brunsman and Lauri Banta, next year's delegates, attended a dinner at the Red Cross Chapter House in Portland Wednesday, May 13. The banquet was a combination farewell for the old delegates and a welcome for the new delegates.

The new delegates will attend a week's training session next fall. The purpose of the camp is primarily leadership training and acquainting the delegates with the functions of the Red Cross.

The camp is attended by delegates from most of the Portland area schools and representatives from Washington, California, and British Columbia will also attend. The camp is held each year at the Mount Scott Boy Scout leadership training center.

## Sawdust -

The FFA and their advisor, Don Kabler, combined to pick students to receive different shop awards. These awards will be given out in the final awards assembly.

The VHS band, chorus, and triple-trio entertained at the Barnes Veterans hospital in Vancouver, Washington May 18. Their trip was sponsored by the American Red Cross and arranged by Red Cross delegates Jim Proehl and Gary Cseh.

During the closing minutes of the prom, Heather Higginbotham and Ray Etherige spent some time in the home ec room. They said they were working on the Senior class prophecy.

Foreign Exchange Student Robert McCutcheon spent the weekend in Astoria with a group of exchange students.

The FFA held a brief meeting Monday, May 18. Members discussed whether or not to sell the Pixie House. They decided they would not but if the baseball players wanted to use it this summer, terms would be made agreeable to both. It will be decided on at a later date what the terms will be.

At a GAA meeting held last Monday morning, a committee was formed to plan an outing for the members of GAA before school is out. The committee was composed of the club officers and the senior girls. It was also announced that some of the awards had arrived and would be presented to the girls at the outing.

Life is full of hard knocks, as Kim Beezley, sophomore, discovered last Saturday when she fell off a horse. She survived falling off the horse and she even survived having the saddle crash down on her. Now she is wondering if she will survive the sprained finger and the sprained shoulder muscle she received from the fall.

Mrs. Cathy Howard substituted for Gene Carlson Monday because of his absence due to illness.

The American Field Service made \$120.73 on their hot dog sale at Cliff's Market Saturday, May 16. The AFS's expressed their appreciation to Cliff's for their donation of the wieners and the space, and to the Davidson Bread company for the donation of the buns.

Chris Boyle, FTA advisor and seven members of the local FTA club at VHS attended an FTA district meeting in Clatskanie, Monday night. Ken Miller accompanied the group.

Psycho is back! Alfred Hitchcock's thriller "TV didn't dare show" will be shown this week. High school students who are interested in attending the performance are invited to contact Ray Etherige for further information. Rated M.

Pat Kretschmer, a senior at Vernonia High School, underwent knee surgery on Monday. Pat is presently recuperating at Emanuel hospital in Portland.

Lawrence Borglund drove Debbie King, Berverly Armstrong, Debbie Smith, Martha and Larry Borglund to the Northwest Bible College in Seattle last Tuesday, May 19. The students went to visit the campus and the classes to get acquainted with some of the people.

## FTA Elects New Officers

The Future Teachers of America elected new officers for the coming school year May 5. The new officers are Steve Landers, president; Mike Clason, vice-president; Marilyn Henderson, secretary-treasurer; Jeri Rundle, historian; and Ben Fields, student body representative.

The group met again Monday May 11 to discuss plans for a car-wash. During the meeting Arthur Parrow, high school principal, described the cluster education program and answered questions related to this topic. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Several members took part in a successful carwash on Sunday, May 17. The funds will be used to pay for the trip taken to a spring convention earlier this year.

## Student Council Meets Thursday

Thursday, May 14, Student Council was called to order by President Steve Hanson. The regular business was taken care of quickly and the group started a discussion of the recent football cheerleader tryouts for next year.

There were some suggestions as to the course of action to pursue before the basketball cheerleaders tryouts this week. Although there was a lot of discussion, no changes or final decisions were made, because of lack of time.