



THE LION'S TALE



NOVEMBER 3, 1988

V. SPINKS WEDS J. VAN BEEM

On Friday, October 21, 1988 Ms. Vickie (Smith) Spinks and Mr. Jake van Beem were married. Mrs. van Beem is the assistant principal at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf, while Mr. van Beem is employed as a dormitory counselor in Seaton Hall.

On Wednesday, October 26 the staff of the Junior-Senior High School and Seaton Hall hosted a reception to honor Mr. and Mrs. van Beem. The reception was held at the Boxwood in Romney.

The students and staff of the school extend their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. van Beem upon their marriage. We all wish the van Beems' many years of happily married bliss.

JR.-SR. HIGH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Norma Czernicki, the librarian for the Junior-Senior High for the Deaf, has been selected as the departmental employee of the month in the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf. She was chosen for this honor for the month of September.

In addition to the excellent work Mrs. Czernicki does as school librarian, she recently coordinated a book fair at the school which raised over \$1,000. This money will be used to purchase additional library books for the school library. Because of Mrs. Czernicki's extra effort and work on this project, she was selected by her co-workers for this special recognition. Congratulations! Mrs. Czernicki upon being selected Employee of the Month!

Election '88

During the last weeks before Election Day, the students of the Social Studies classes at WVSD will be preparing for this important day.

The students with Mr. Adrian and Mr. Corbin, will be busy making posters, gathering campaign materials, and writing and rehearsing speeches in preparation for the 1988 Election Convention. The Convention will be held in the MPR of the school on November 8th.

Volunteers have been selected to address the students on the issues of the campaign from the points of view of the Republican and Democratic Parties.

Students have been following the campaign since August in their Current Events classes on Fridays. They are familiar with the candidates, both presidential and vice-presidential, and the gubernatorial race in West Virginia.

The students are designing posters with the help of Mrs. Carr Lambert, art instructor.

Beginning on October 26, the students began studying about the election process, the rights and responsibilities of American citizens, and the requirements and procedures necessary to vote in an election.

Election Day activities will end with a mock election at school. Students will fill out ballots and vote for the the people of their choice. It should be a fun and rewarding experience for all.

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EXPERIMENTING WITH CAMERAS

SKATEBOARD RAMP NEARS COMPLETION

Under the leadership of Ronnie Epperly and Ron Ingram along with the industrious work of Kenny Gifford, Clermont Gilbert, and Junior Tustin plus a few other students the ten foot radius half pipe skateboard ramp is finally nearing completion.

A picture of the ramp will appear at a later date in this newsletter.

WVSD BOOK FAIR

A very successful Book Fair, the first ever, was held at the West Virginia School for the Deaf October 10-13. Plans are being made to have another book fair next year.

Committee members for the Fair were Norma Czernicki, librarian, Marjorie Boley, Shirley Davy and Mary Ellen Davis.



Students in the science technology classes recently made pinhole cameras from boxes. Below are student accounts about the cameras.

I learned about the pinhole camera. It was very interesting to work on it. The first thing is to make the pinhole, then start working on it with the film. However, there can be no contact with the light. The light ruins the film, so use the safety light.

After that then bring the pinhole outside and take picture of whatever you want. Leave film for two minutes or less. Bring to the safety light and take the film out of the pinhole camera. Put the film in developer. Oh, I am very thrilled to work on it.

--Rhonda Graybeal

It was fun learning how to make a pinhole camera. I used an oatmeal box. I put aluminum foil over the top and put a small hole in the middle of the aluminum foil. I covered the small hole with a black piece of tape.

Then I went to the dark room and put shiny paper inside the pinhole camera. Then I took the camera outside to take a picture. Later I brought it back in the dark room.

Then I put the paper in developer until I saw a picture coming through. Then I put the paper in short stop and counted about fifteen times. Then I put it in fixer, waited, and then washed the picture clean.

--Kim Hash

I liked the pinhole camera. Kim, Rhonda, and I made cameras using foil, tape, paper and three boxes. Inside the pinhole camera is film. The camera is a light-tight box.

--Scott Johnson

EXPERIMENTING WITH EGGS

Recently students in the Biology I class studied the principles of diffusion and osmosis. As part of a study of these properties students performed an experiment using eggs. Below are some of the students' accounts of this project.

Pat Shank gave me a paper that tells about working on an egg. I fixed 200 ml of vinegar and put it in a jar. Pat Shank gave one egg to each person. Pat Shank said not to drop the egg on the floor. I put the egg in the jar with vinegar. I put the jar on a table for two days. Two days later I went and checked the egg. I saw that the egg was big and soft and the vinegar was low. I got the egg out of the jar and Pat Shank said not to break the egg. If the egg is broken it will not work. I got 200 ml of syrup and put it in the jar. I put the egg in the jar with syrup for four days. Four days later, I went and checked the egg. Then I couldn't believe it. The egg got small and soft. The syrup is the same. There was still 200 ml of syrup in the jar. I touched the egg. It was weird. I got 200 ml of water and put it in the jar. I put the egg in the jar carefully. One day later I went and checked the egg. Wow! the egg was big and the water low. Before there was 200 ml of water. Now there was only 158 ml of water. Pat Shank told me clean up and I cleaned up. Then I wrote a story about working with the egg.

-- Ronnie Epperly

The egg was put in a cup with vinegar for one day. Then I picked up the egg and it was big. I put the egg in 200 ml of syrup for two days. Then again I picked up the egg and put it on a watch glass. There was less egg. I set-up the water and put the egg in water for one day. The egg was biggest. I got a small pin, hit the egg and

the water came out.

--Clermont Gilbert

I put vinegar in a jar and I put the egg in the jar of vinegar. I waited two days, then I looked at the egg. I was shocked that the egg shell had come off. I poured the vinegar out of the jar. I put syrup in the jar and put the egg in the jar for two days. Later I looked at the jar and was really shocked. I couldn't believe that the egg was flat. I poured the syrup out. I put water in the jar and put the egg in the jar of water. I waited for one day and I looked at the jar. The egg had swelled (sp.) back again.

--Kenny Gifford

In biology class we learned about eggs. We put eggs in vinegar. The next day the egg shell was removed. The yolk became a little harder. We removed the egg from the vinegar and threw the vinegar away. Then we added the syrup to the egg. The egg became harder. I touched the egg and it spread the syrup out, so I guess the syrup in the yolk is not ready yet. But the syrup from the outside of the yolk got harder.

--Doris Criss

VANDALISM AT WVSD

The faculty, staff, and students at the Secondary School for the Deaf have been very disappointed with several instances of damage to school property. A few students who do not respect the school and their fellow students have spray painted the columns in front of the school building, cut the tires on a vehicle, and broken several windows. Although the majority of the students are following the rules, a few students are making everyone feel bad.

COLLEGE FAIR A SUCCESS !

On October 17, 1988 the third annual College Fair was held in the multipurpose room of the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf. Fifteen postsecondary programs offering programs for the hearing impaired were represented. Colleges attending or providing materials included Gallaudet University, New River Community College, Camden Community College, Mount Aloysius Junior College, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, St. Petersburg Community College, California State University at Northridge, and Gardner-Webb College. Other postsecondary programs included the following: WV Rehabilitation Center, VA Rehabilitation Center, TVI, Southwest Collegiate Institute, Model Secondary School for the Deaf, WV vocational rehabilitation services, and the WV Educational Awareness Services.

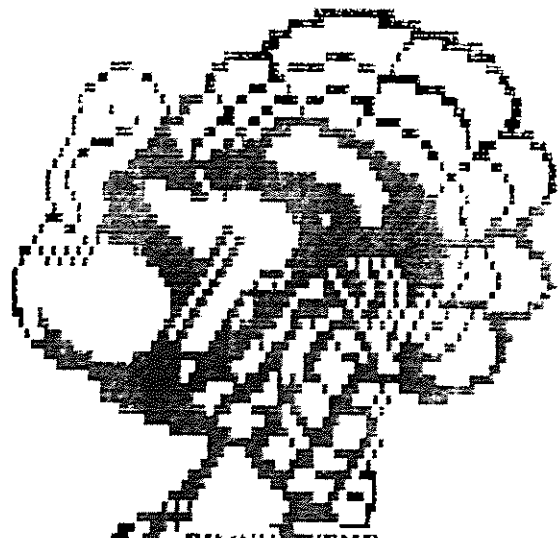
The program was attended by sophomore, junior and senior students at the WV School for the Deaf, public school students from Fairmont High School, Charleston High School, and Petersburg High School, vocational rehabilitation counselors from West Virginia and Maryland, county special education directors, and parents. College Fair offers participants the opportunity to see and learn more about the educational programs that are available after high school graduation, and to talk with representatives of the different schools and programs. Awareness of postsecondary programs helps students to make better educational planning decisions while still in high school, to set educational and career goals, and to plan for their future education.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Mr. & Mrs.
Jake van Beem

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



FROM THE
STUDENTS AND STAFF!

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls' junior high basketball team has won its last three games. We are very proud of the girls and congratulate them on their recent victories. Shari Steckert and Nancy Hill are the team coaches. The team members are Amy Mullins, Becky Asbury, Ruby Ennis, Michelle Burton, Linda Franklin, and Samantha Johnson. Cathy Washer is the scorekeeper and Sandra Walls is the manager.



WAY TO GO !

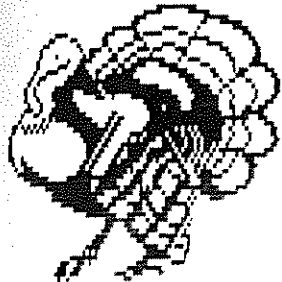


BASKETBALL TEAM !

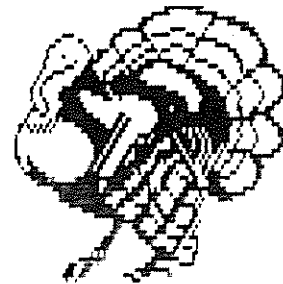
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8!




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NOVEMBER



MICHAEL MOORE - NOV. 20
PAUL SEE - NOV. 20

BIRTHDAYS!



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JANUARY 27, 1989

Astronaut Visits School

On Tuesday, January 10, 1989 Captain Jon McBride, United States astronaut presented an assembly for students at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Captain McBride is a native of West Virginia. He was born in Charleston, WV, but considers Beckley, WV to be his home. Captain McBride graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, WV in 1960. Captain McBride graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California with a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering in 1971. He has also completed graduate work at Pepperdine University in Los Angeles, California. In addition, Captain McBride has been the recipient of honorary degrees from several institutions including West Virginia University, Salem College, West Virginia Institute of Technology, and the University of Charleston.

Captain McBride was a navy fighter pilot in southeast Asia during the Vietnam War flying sixty-four combat missions. While serving in Vietnam he received several medals including the Superior Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, a Navy Unit Commendation, The National Defense Medal, and the Vietnamese Service Medal.

Captain McBride is a member of the United States Navy and the United States Astronauts' Corps. He is currently serving as assistant administrator for congressional relations to NASA in Washington, D. C.

He was the pilot of the space shuttle Challenger for mission 41-G, which was launched on October 5, 1984. Other members of the crew for this mission included shuttle commander, Robert Crippen; mission specialists, Kathy Sullivan, David Leestma, and Sally Ride; Canadian Marc Garneau, payload specialist; and Paul Scully-Power, payload specialist.

It was recently announced that Captain McBride will be the commander of the space shuttle Columbia for the Astro-1 mission, which is scheduled for launch on March 1, 1990. At the end of February he will be returning to Houston, Texas to begin full-time training for this mission.

During the assembly Captain McBride presented a brief history of the American Space program beginning with the Mercury program and continuing through to the present space shuttle program. Captain McBride discussed various aspects of his mission including the effects of weightlessness on the body, eating and sleeping in space, personal hygiene in space, and his role in making the IMAX movie, "The Dream Is Alive" that is shown at the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D. C. It was also during this mission that the first woman, Kathy Sullivan walked in space and performed an extra vehicular activity (EVA). The mission was noteworthy in that it was the first time that a shuttle flew a full crew of seven, the first time a Canadian flew in space (Marc Garneau), the first time an Australian native flew in Space (David Scully-Power), and the first time a WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINER



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flew in space (Captain Jon McBride).

At the conclusion of his presentation, Captain McBride announced the names of the students selected to participate in the United States Space Academy for hearing impaired students at Huntsville, Alabama and the West Virginia School for the Deaf aerospace science program. Students selected were senior Kim Hash, eighth grader Amy Mullins, sophomore Roger Miller, eighth grader Paul See, and freshman Freddy Silva. The students were presented with special pins by Captain McBride.

Music for the program was provided by the West Virginia School for the Blind Woodwind Ensemble and Chorus with assistance from students from the Junior-Senior School for the Deaf. The "Star Spangled Banner" was sung in the language of signs by Amy Mullins, John Burdette, and Kim Hash, while Samantha Johnson, Freddy Silva, and Paul See sang "America the Beautiful" in the language of signs.

Mary Ennis from the Elementary School for the Deaf and Anita Adkins from the School for the Blind lead the "Pledge of Allegiance". Student essays were read by Tina Stewart, School for the Blind; Joshua Hartman, Elementary School for the Deaf; and Doris Criss, Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf.

At the conclusion of the program Captain McBride was presented with several gifts from the students and staff of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. Making presentations were Anita Adkins, School for the Blind; Lee Renick, Elementary School for the Deaf; Beverly Huffman, Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf; and Mr. Max Carpenter, Superintendent of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

The program was under the direction of the Operation Astronaut Committee. Members of the committee were as follows: Mrs. Ann Behrens and Mrs. Connie Waye, Elementary School for the Deaf; Mr. Ernie Starcher and Mr. David Allen, School for the Blind; Mrs. Shirley Davy and Miss Mary Ellen Davis, Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf; Mr. George

Spiroff, Administrative Offices, and Miss Patsy Shank, chairperson and program coordinator.

Space Academy Students Selected

The Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf was recently awarded a grant to develop a special aerospace science education program. The grant monies are to be used to teach a one semester aerospace science course at the school and to pay the tuition for five students to attend the United States Space Academy for hearing impaired students in Huntsville, Alabama in the spring. In addition to classroom instruction, students in the program will participate in special science projects, and visit the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D. C., NASA in Greenbelt, MD, and Allegany Ballistics Laboratory at Rocket Center, WV.

Students in grades 8-12 competed for the privilege of participating in this program. Selection for the program was based on teacher, houseparent, and principal recommendations; grades; standardized test scores; interest in science and math; and essays written by students. A committee of teachers and the school principal then made the final selection of students for participation in the program. Committee members were Mrs. Sue Staley, Mr. Herb Adrian, Mr. Earl Farris, Mr. Dan Haught, and Miss Patsy Shank, chairperson. Students selected for this unique and special program, that is a first for any school in the state of West Virginia, were Kim Hash, Amy Mullins, Roger Miller, Paul See, and Freddy Silva.

Instructor and coordinator of the aerospace science course and Space Academy project is Miss Patsy Shank. Miss Shank is a science teacher at the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf. She has been involved with the development of the Space Academy program for hearing impaired students in Huntsville, Alabama since the summer of 1987.

SUNSHINE TOO TO PERFORM

Sunshine Too, an outreach program sponsored by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf will be performing at the school in February. Sunshine Too is a professional drama company that uses high quality entertainment to promote deaf awareness. The group also serves as a positive role model for interaction between deaf and hearing people.

Having performed in forty-six states, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East Sunshine Too is internationally and nationally known. Founded over eight years ago the company has given over 5, 437 performances. In its performances the company celebrates the uniqueness of each individual and the universality of all people. The group presents a variety of material that can be shared by both hearing and deaf audiences.

Since the school year of 1983-84 Sunshine Too has performed on a yearly basis at the school. The troupe is highly respected by both students and staff at the school. Because of the high esteem that the school has for this group, this year for the first time the school is sponsoring a performance by Sunshine Too for the general public. In addition to the school's support, additional financial assistance has been provided by an Arts and Humanities Grant from the West Virginia Department of Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The evening performance will consist of several vignettes including an adaptation of the Scottish folktale, *Stars In The Sky*; *Ghost Writer*, a horror story spoof that deals with cultural and language differences; *Ideas For All Ages*, a visual portrayal of some well-known Shakespearian scenes; *Exploratory Surgery*, a rib-tickling tale using all the letters of the

manual alphabet sequentially; *King Kong*, a not so typical gorilla-meets-girl story that parodies the film classic; and *Visual Music*, songs from rock to Broadway.

The program is suited for individuals of all ages and is quality family entertainment. The entire show is voiced and signed, and is easily understood by both hearing and deaf audiences.

Sunshine Too will perform on Monday, February 6, 1989 at 7 P. M. in the multipurpose room for the general public and on Tuesday, February 7 at 9:00 A. M. for students and staff of the school. Admission is free and parents are invited to attend.

For additional information about the program contact Miss Pat Shank, program coordinator. The telephone number is 304-822-3521, extension 229.



WHEN: Monday, February 6, 1989 at 7:00 P. M.

WHERE: Multipurpose room of the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf
301 East Main Street
Romney, WV 26727

QUST: Admission is FREE and open to the general public.

NOTE: All performances are both voiced and signed and easily understood by both deaf and hearing audiences.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Miss Pat Shank, Program Coordinator,
WV School for the Deaf, 304-822-3521.

Deaf Lawyer and Gallaudet Professor Visit School

On January 16, 1989 Dr. and Mrs. Michael Moore visited the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf and presented an assembly.

Mrs. Moore is a graduate of Gallaudet University and Catholic University in Washington, D. C. She is employed as a lawyer for the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, a federal agency in Washington, D. C. Her specialty is job discrimination cases involving both handicapped and non-handicapped individuals.

In her presentation Mrs. Moore emphasized the importance of the handicapped not expecting the rules and laws being bent or changed in order to accommodate them in the workplace. Her job is to enforce the laws for all. Mrs. Moore discussed the importance of studying and working hard to reach educational goals and of doing your best both in school and on the job.

Dr. Moore is a professor of chemistry at Gallaudet University. He is a graduate of Gallaudet University and the University of Northern Texas. Dr. Moore stressed the importance of studying, taking as many English and math classes as possible, and doing as well as possible in school. He explained to students that having a 69 average is not good enough, if you want to participate in athletics. You must have a 70 or better average or you are off the team.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Moore gave students the opportunity to learn more about what it is like in the world of college and the workplace. The message that they gave of studying as much as possible and working to the best of your capabilities is one that cannot be heard too many times.

HAPPY



VALENTINE'S DAY!

FEBRUARY



LISA PITTMAN	FEB. 5
MARY CARUTHERS	FEB. 13
KIMBERLY HASH	FEB. 20
CLERMONT GILBERT	FEB. 25
RUBY ENNIS	FEB. 28

BIRTHDAYS!

WINNING ESSAYS

WRITING AND ART CONTESTS HELD

Students in grades 7-12 recently participated in art and writing contests. The theme of the contest was "Space" and students were asked to write stories or submit artwork that related in some way to the space program. This project was carried out in conjunction with the visit of Captain Jon McBride, United States astronaut to our campus.

The winners of the writing contest for grades 7-9 are as follows: Matt Chronister, 1st place; Holly Mullins, 2nd place; Karry Javosky, 3rd place; Paul See, honorable mention; and Jeff Huffman, honorable mention. Writing contest winners for grades 10-12 were Doris Criss, 1st place; John Buck, 2nd place; Mark Burton, 3rd place; David Conrad, honorable mention; and Roger Miller, honorable mention. Miss Criss was also the grand prize winner of the essay contest for the Junior-Senior High School for the Deaf and read her essay during the all school assembly at which Captain McBride presided.

Winners of the art contest for grades 7-9 are as follows: George Wilfong and Timmie Bossie, 1st place; and Ruby Ennis, 2nd place. Winners in grades 10-12 were David Conrad, 1st place; Dee Pritt, 2nd place; Perry Henry, 3rd place; Clermont Gilbert, honorable mention; Mark Burton, honorable mention; Kenny Gifford, honorable mention; and Ronnie Epperly, honorable mention.

Students in the Simulated Independent Living Skills unit at the school also participated in the art contest and a special coloring contest. Winners of the art contest were as follows: Beverly Huffman, 1st place; Donald Jacobs, 2nd place; Christine Dewalt, 3rd place; Tyrena Mangus, honorable mention; and Samuel Melott, honorable mention. Coloring contest winners were Samuel Melott, 1st place; Tyrena Mangus, 2nd place; Beverly Huffman, 3rd place; and Donald Jacobs, honorable mention.

These essays printed below were the winning entries in the recent "Space" essay contest held at the school.

Astronaut

In the future all of the astronauts will discuss about rockets. They want to work and prevent bombs and they want to invent and make a new style of computers. The men and women have discussed and they want to send a monkey into space first and test the new style of computer. They said if it works, they might put a new style of computer in the shuttle with the astronauts. The men and women astronauts said maybe in the future all people will live in space. They will invent more stuff for the people who will live in space in the future. They will pick one man and one woman to stay in space for a short while to see if they like living there and to see if it is like home on earth. Maybe the man and woman won't like living in space? If they like living in space they will invent new, special houses or different styles of houses for space. The astronauts will ask other people to stay in space and see if they like it. Maybe the scientists will invent a house for the animals. Then they will send the animals into space to see if the animals like space. Maybe the astronauts in space will invent new kinds of foods. Maybe the space foods and drinks will be better than today's. The astronauts will invent the different kinds of games in space, much like the sports we play here. Maybe they will invent space games. Maybe the people will play games like kickball, basketball, or baseball in space. Maybe the astronauts will build new stores in space where people can buy food or clothes. Maybe they will invent a space roller coaster, so the people can have fun there.

-Doris Criss, sophomore
1st prize
Grand prize

Life in Space

In the year 2001, I was living in space which had an earth-orbiting house. It looked like a satellite but bigger and more comfortable. My dream already had come true with the help of our modern technology. My space house was made of a certain metal like they used on the space shuttle.

I lived with my brother, and we also lived with an automator which we purchased from the robotics shop. It was programmed to communicate, move like a human, obey commands, defend the house, and do almost everything a person could do, but it was expensive. We were not alone because we had a colony of neighbors which orbited in space with us. No one owns space, but it was a realm for everyone, except intruders within 200 feet of our area.

We also had transportation in space, it was similar to a small hovercraft, but could move faster in space and had an oxygen lock covering inside with pressure.

-John Buck, Sophomore
2nd place

Space

One day ago, I told a story about living in space for fifteen years. I found out that space does not have air like oxygen. I learned that in space there is no gravity. We had funny movements. It was like a drunk and the jumping was much slower.

We live on Mars today. Millions of people live on Mars. My room is nice. It has a large waterbed with fine things. Our house is shaped like a bubble.

Sometimes I see monsters. They have three heads. They are light green in color. They didn't bother us. They were nice to me and helped us to live longer by knowing them.

-Mark Burton, sophomore
3rd place

Space Story

When I went to outer space for practice, I saw an U. F. O. spaceship. I was afraid to meet an U. F. O. The U. F. O. was afraid of me because it didn't know the body looks different. Later an U. F. O. walked toward me. He said, "Who are you?" I said, "I am an astronaut." He talked to me about outer space. The U. F. O. asked me about outer space. He said, "How did you get here?" I said, "We rode in the space shuttle." The U. F. O. had never seen that before. The U. F. O. got ready for learning about U. F. O. The U. F. O. was leaving. We said, "Bye." The U. F. O. left. I later wrote a book about outer space. I am ready to leave in the space shuttle. I had been warming up and will leave the earth soon. I told the people I met an U. F. O. in outer space. The people couldn't believe it.

-Roger Miller, sophomore
Honorable Mention

Challenger Space Shuttle in 1986

Many people enjoyed watching the space shuttle Challenger. It was cold outside. Mrs. McAullife with six people went up in the sky in the shuttle. The space shuttle exploded in the sky. Many people were frightened when it exploded. Mrs. McAullife's parents, husband, and kids were very upset when she died. Her ring was left in the ship. Many people watched the story on television. President Reagan said in 1988 that if the space shuttle explodes again it would finish the program Russia is ahead of the U. S. A. We tried to be ahead of Russia, but we didn't make it. The new space shuttle is named Discovery.

- David Conrad, junior
Honorable Mention

Space Travel

There are many things different here on earth than in space. First there is no gravity or oxygen in space. What is gravity? It is the force that keeps everything from flying off into space. If it was not for gravity, everything would float around, and because there is no gravity in space everything floats. If you weigh 120 pounds on earth, you would weigh 20 to 25 pounds less in space. Secondly, what is oxygen? All of the life on earth needs oxygen; plants need oxygen. Everything that uses oxygen gives out carbon dioxide.

While taking off an astronaut has many responsibilities while keeping the spacecraft under control, making sure that everything is in order. In space when you want to take a bath you have to bathe in a folding stall equipped with a vacuum system to draw off the water. If you want to sleep you have to strap yourself down. Astronauts have air tanks so they can breathe, but if they have to go out of the spacecraft they must wear a space suit. Astronauts' space suits provide a life-support system outside the spacecraft. A gas-propelled backpack enables the astronauts to move around the spacecraft for up to six hours.

Eating in space involves adjusting to the condition of weightlessness. When the astronauts have finished their mission they head for home (earth). The pilot has to concentrate to keep the spacecraft from going in circles when entering the atmosphere of earth. When they are finished they land the spacecraft like a conventional aeroplane. They are well trained!

-Matt Chronister, ninth grade
1st place

Future Living In Space

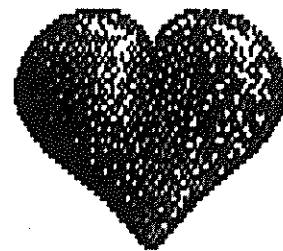
I hope that in the future people will live in space. People think about how life in space will be. I don't know for sure that I want to live in space because I might be afraid to live in space. Some people want to live in space because they think it is a wonderful idea. If we do live in space, the Russians will take our land. Some people should live in space as we study about it. Some women might want to live in space because they will not have to worry about their weight. In the future, the world will go crazy because many people think it will be nice to live in space. I think I shall have a nice, pretty house in space.

-Holly Mullins, ninth grade
2nd place

Space Story

One day I woke up in space. I did not know where I was. I looked around and saw many machines and rockets. I also saw astronauts and they had pet monsters. They scared me half to death. I went over and asked one of the monsters to get me something to eat and he threw up all over me. He said, "There's your food." Boy did I smell bad. I went over to one of the astronauts and said, "Don't you people eat? I am hungry." He gave me a live pig. I said "You eat this?" He said, "Sure, it's good." I said, "Don't eat me for a meal." Then I left.

-Karry Javosky, eighth grade
3rd place



Fly To Space

I watched the news on T.V. Many people needed oxygen. Two people went out into space in a rocket to try and get oxygen. The two people helped to carry the rocket into space. The two people flew very slow to reach a rocket. They put the rocket down in space and got more fresh oxygen. They came back to earth. Now they are fine.

-Jeff Huffman, seventh grade
Honorable Mention

Star War

One day, my group, called Star Force was for peace. The other group, called Death Star Force always wanted to fight with us. Death Star Force sent a group to look and fight with us. We hid and waited for Death Star Force. They came and we attacked them. We went. Death Star Force base attacked them and the war was over. Death Star Force is gone and space is peaceful forever.

- Paul See, eighth grade
Honorable Mention

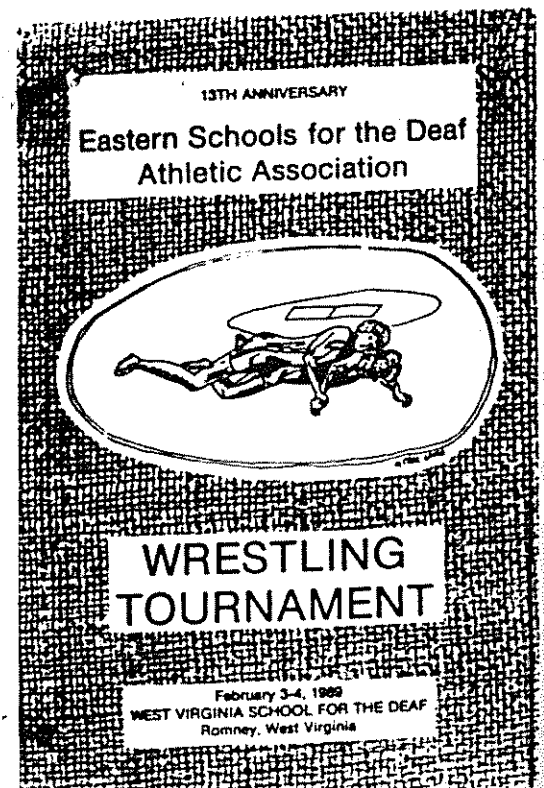


E. S. D. A. A. Wrestling Tournament

The Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (E. S. D. A. A.) Wrestling Tournament will be held here on February 3 and 4, 1989. Six schools for the deaf will be participating in the tournament. The schools are as follows: the American School for the Deaf, Hartford, Connecticut; the New York School for the Deaf, White Plains, New York; the Lexington School for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, New York; the Maryland School for the Deaf, Frederick, Maryland; the North Carolina School for the Deaf, Morganton, North Carolina; and the host school, the West Virginia School for the Deaf.

Wrestling for the West Virginia School for the Deaf are Clermont Gilbert, Timmie Bossie, Kenny Kidwell, Paul See, and Jeremy Booth.

The matches will begin at 7:00 P. M. on Friday, February 3 and 9 A. M. on Saturday, February 4. Cost of admission is \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for students each day. Parents, alumni, and friends are invited to attend this tournament.





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SILSU

JR/NAD

Four members of the Junior National Association of the Deaf (JrNAD) accompanied two of their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Bernicki, to Rochester, New York, for an Easter Regional Conference June 1-4. Those going were John Burdette, Ruby Annis, Samantha Johnson, and Kay Lanham. A social hour was held Thursday evening. Six workshops in which speakers shared ideas on leadership were held on Friday. Ruby was busy part of the day writing for the conference newsletter. Friday night the highlight was a judo wrestling match. Ruby received a lot of attention by serving as one of the referees. On Saturday, the group visited the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. That evening there was a banquet and dance in the Diplomatic Party House. The students and sponsors had a wonderful time and are looking forward to attending the national conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, the first of June, 1990. The Virginia School for the Deaf will host the 1991 Eastern Regional Conference.

The Simulated Independent Living Skills Unit students went on a field trip June 7th. Jake van Beem was our driver. We went to Winchester, Virginia, and played on the wooden playground equipment and ate a picnic lunch under the shelter. Then we went to Shenandoah College Park and feed the ducks. All of the ducks enjoyed our "leftover" lunch. Samuel like the ducks. Jake bought us ice cream for a snack. Next we stopped at Wilson's Pet Farm where we saw many animals. Tyrena found a "deer" friend which followed her around the farm. She feed the deer all of her bag of food. Beverly enjoyed seeing the peacocks. Donald and Christine liked baby goats the best.

Later we went to Dinosaurland where we saw many prehistoric animals made from paper and metal. They were scary!

Since we were all tired and thirsty, we stopped at McDonald's for a final treat and then headed home.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The Secondary School for the Deaf will sponsor a two week summer school July 9-21, 1989. The program is open to all students in grades 7-12 for the coming school year.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

ROMNEY, WV 26755

SPACE CADETS



Front Row left to right:
Paul See, Miss Shank, Freddy Silva,
Kim Hash, Mary Ennis, Mr Buckbee.
Back Row left to right:
Mrs. Behrens, Amy Mullin, Roger Miller,
Mr. Wheeler.

V.I.C.A.

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) Club of WVSD had a gym and swimming party for its members followed by a Pizza Party at Al's Pizza to celebrate the end of 1988-89 school year and to honor two sponsors who will be retiring. Mr. Robert Patton and Mr. Harold Weingold were two of the four founders of the VICA organization at WVSD.

RETIREMENTS

Three teachers and a teachers' aide will retire from the Secondary School for the Deaf this year. Although we are happy they will soon be enjoying travel and leisure, they will be sadly missed.

Mr. Ren Fuller, shoe repair and leathercraft teacher, is looking forward to a trip to California. Mr. Robert Patton, upholstery teacher, plans to work on his house and flower gardens. Mr. Hal Weingold, graphic arts teacher, and his wife, Mrs. BettyRae Weingold, teachers' aide, are planning to do a lot of traveling.

STUDENTS ATTEND SPACE CAMP

Spinning through the air, experiencing 1/6 gravity, building space structures, and simulated space missions were just a few of the experiences of the seventy-two hearing impaired students at United States Space Camp and Space Academy recently held at the Alabama Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Six students and two teachers from the WV School for the Deaf took part in this very unique and special program, along with their hearing peers; students and teachers from Alabama, Illinois, Florida, Indiana, California, New York, and Missouri.

Students from WVSD participating in the Space Academy program were: Kim Hash, Amy Collins, Freddy Silva, Paul See, and Roger Miller. Miss Patsy Shank, a science teacher, served as an interpreter/instructor for the Space Academy program. Attending the Space Camp program from the Elementary School for the Deaf were Gary Ennis, a fourth grader, and Mrs. Ann Behrens, Elementary science teacher, who served as instructor/interpreter for the Space Camp program.

This is the second year that the Space Academy program for hearing impaired students has been held and the first year that the Space Camp for elementary age hearing impaired students was held. Both programs are modeled after the regular Space Camp and Space Academy programs with the addition of interpreters and specially adapted materials for the hearing impaired. The programs are sponsored by the Alabama Space and Rocket Center with additional support services provided by NASA, the Sertoma Club, and educators for the hearing impaired throughout the United States. Coordinator for the project was Mr. John Tiffany, principal at the Alabama School for the Deaf in Talladega, Alabama.

Students participating in the program trained on simulators similar to those used by astronauts, heard lectures given by aerospace scientists and engineers, designed team patches similar to those designed by real life astronaut crews, and toured NASA facilities including Marshall Spaceflight Center. A highlight of the week was the opportunity to conduct simulated space missions using realistic space shuttle, space station, space lab, and mission control simulators. Students took on the roles of space shuttle pilot, space shuttle commander, mission specialists, and payload specialists aboard the space shuttle; and of the ground crew in mission control. All were involved in the missions quickly learned the importance of teamwork, time lines, and cooperation.

The group was privileged to have the expert guidance and assistance of Mr. Tom Wheeler, a hearing impaired aeronautical engineer at Marshall Spaceflight Center, throughout the week.

The week in Huntsville was a very special one for all the students and staff in attendance, and one that will not be forgotten anytime soon. Perhaps from this fine group of young people will come the first hearing impaired astronaut. At the very least this program has opened new doors for the hearing impaired, and has allowed them to experience and learn firsthand the importance of space technology, science, engineering, and mathematics.

Funding for students from WVSD to participate in this program as provided by an E. I. C. A. Chapter II grant. Selection for the program was on a competitive basis. Students who participated in the Huntsville program have also taken a one semester aerospace science class at WVSD. The aerospace science class is the only one of its kind in a public school in West Virginia.

RECREATION NEWS

This past month has been one of summer activities with plenty of swimming, picnics and parties.

The High School students that help out the elementary boys and girls by tutoring after school were thanked for their help by a picnic given in their honour on May 5th, which was followed two days later with a pizza party for all the 4H members at AL's Pizza. The CHUMS are not to be out done so they had their annual picnic at the Blind School picnic area on the 22nd. At the same time all VICA members enjoyed an evening of games and races in the pool, again followed by a visit to AL's Pizza. Not to be left-out, the 4Hers upped the ante by having an ice-cream party on May 1st, but the FFA said there may be parties and picnics but there is only one PICNIC and that is the FFA one.

This year the FFA went HOG wild with a pig roast at Hampshire Park on Sunday afternoon June 4th. The weather was beautiful, the roast pig and accessories were delicious and the award speeches were short, which all added up to a truly memorable afternoon. Although eating and drinking was the main activity, some students and invited guests did find time to throw horse shoes, play softball and generally make it a West Virginia Country outing. Thank you FFA.

Sandwiched in between all this picnicing and partying, the students still found time to make two visits to the circus. A bus load of the students from both the High School and the Elementary School went to the circus in Keyser and a week later, those who wished, had a chance to see a different show here in Romney.

The SILSU class had their trip on June 7th. Although a day of thunder showers was forecast they set off for Winchester determined to

have a good time, whatever the weather and, of course, they did. The first stop was in a park in Winchester where they all had an early lunch and played in the just completed funland/assault course area. Next came Wilson's petting farm where the group not only got to see monkeys and lions and exotic birds but were able to touch and pet all kinds of deer, goats, horses and all sorts of friendly animals. Everyone had a different favourite, Donald's was the goats; Tyrena preferred the multi-colored parrots and macaws; Christine the deer; and Beverley liked the beautiful peacocks. Samuel may not have liked the goats but they certainly liked him, totally surrounding him and standing on their hind legs with their front feet on his shoulders. Unfortunately no-one thought to bring a camera with them. Dinosaurland followed by a stop at McDonalds completed the day and it only remembered to rain on the way home.

The two big events of the past month were, of course the annual visit to Kings' Dominion and the canoeing trip down the South Branch of the Potomac.

The week prior to the canoe trip was a hive of activity making the final arrangements. All the students going were given a water safety test and got their first experience in a canoe - in the swimming pool! Apart from being very instructive it was hilarious fun as the canoes were inexpertly steered up and down the pool, capsized and then the occupants had to climb back into their half submerged canoe and paddle to the side. House-parent Mike Surber and Jeff Huffman gave everyone a demonstration of how a pair of clowns would do it but finally completed the task without drowning each other.

The Friday evening before

departure everyone one was given a final briefing on safety and general conduct and then were assigned their responsibilities. Canoes, equipment and supplies were then loaded ready for the following morning.

By 9:00pm Saturday morning the group set off from Mr. Poland's farm, Mike Hughes in the lead with Jake van Beem and his dog, Desdemona (she being the only one crazy enough to share a canoe with the lunatic), bringing up the rear. At the first rapids all students got through safely while Mike Surber repeated his clown act. Obviously thinking that this was very funny, Mike finally got back in his canoe and repeated the act all over again.

After about an hour, all the canoeists got the hang of steering and even Chad and Davey stopped zig-zagging from river bank to river bank and finally decided on a somewhat wavy line down the centre of the river.

The rapids that the party now encountered held no fears, they only added to the enjoyment of the trip. The scenery was magnificent and only the occasional other canoe on the river reminded the students that there was another world outside.

There was plenty of wild life to see, in the water, over head and on the banks when the group stopped to rest and eat. The most exciting event was when a pair of bald eagles flew up the river and perched in a tall tree and idly watched the students paddle past.

The group stopped that night at a local camp ground, tired and hungry. Mike Hughes gave a demonstration of how not to set up a tent but unfortunately some of the students thought that his way was the correct way, so when it did rain heavily later that night, alternative accommodation was necessary for all of the girls. Mike stated that he wanted to sleep in a sopping wet sleeping bag just

to show how manly he was.

A surprise delivery of pizza and pop rounded off the evening and everyone was fast asleep by 10:30pm. Because of the FFA picnic that Sunday afternoon the group was up and paddling by 8:30am after a breakfast of bacon, eggs and home fries, eager to get to the bridge across Route 50 where the canoes were to be taken out. Perry, in his excitement, totally lost control at the first rapids and gave a great deal of amusement to a group of fishermen and swimmers close by, much to the embarrassment of Becky, the other canoe occupant.

The stretch to the bridge was punctuated by stops for lazing, swimming and racing the canoes, but by mid-day all the canoes were cleaned, loaded onto the truck and being delivered while some weary students were on their way back to hot showers at school to get ready for the FFA picnic.

The final week-end of the school year was marked by the annual visit to Kings Dominion, just north of Richmond, Virginia. A full bus load of students set off just after breakfast on Saturday for the 3 hour journey. They arrived for an early lunch and everyone disappeared into the Park only to re-appeared some nine hours later.

Vague reports and brief sightings of various groups of students were relayed to central control stationed at the Tower but other than that all students had huge grins all over their faces there was little concrete facts to be had. More definite information was learned from the students themselves as they polished off what was left of the food before they boarded the bus for the ride home. Everyone had their own particular favorite ride and there were hot comparisons as to why each ride was the best, but all the students were in agreement that its hard work having fun!