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Councilmen Jo Walz, Howard Parker, Steve Zander, and Jeff Smith hear recommendations from Grant Williams, Director of Public Works, at a meeting of the Student City Council. (OLE PHOTO)

Student Delegates Govern Vancouver

By GRANT WILLIAMS

Eleven Fort students participated in Student Government week, Mar. 17-22.

Fort's three Junior City Council members included Senior Steve Zander, Junior Jeff Smith and Sophomore Jo Walz. Howard Parker, a junior, was chosen City Manager.

Other positions included Airpark Manager, filled by Senior Bob Besserman; Commander of the Detective Bureau, Director of Public Works, Director of Finances filled respectively by Juniors Dennis Roberts, Grant Williams and Sheila Groce. Sophomores John Graser and Michele Bourcier were Commander of the Uniform Division and Electrical Engineer, respectively. Following a tour of the city, students received on-the-job training.

Junior Council members held



JERRY JOHNSON

Scholarship Won

Chosen outstanding musician of the University of Portland's recent Stage Band Festival, senior Jerry Johnson has been awarded a \$500 scholarship to the University of Portland division of music. Fort placed second at the festival.

Fort Students Don Uniform

Uniforms will be the "in" fashion for spring according to a decision handed down by the Fort Vancouver faculty on Mar. 28.

Dress for the girls will be nice, sturdy, wool skirts and white blouses. The skirts will be made from serviceable blue, grey and white plaid. Box pleats, a style becoming to every figure, was the pattern decided upon by the Fort Vancouver Dad's Club.

Skirts must touch the floor when the girls are on their knees and underclass girls will be required to wear button on suspenders with their outfits. Saddle shoes in brown tones or in black and white will adorn the feet. Again the seniors will have a special privilege in that they will not be required to wear white cotton knee-highs with their saddles.

Male members of the student body were not left out of the momentous decision. The Monday Morning Mother's Committee of Ole Fort have been busy looking into the correct dress of young gentlemen scholars.

Mildred Mayfair, the com-



JODI BETZING

mittee's president, revealed that the boys will be wearing salt and pepper cords and white shirts to match the girls' blouses. Dark brown and white cotton socks will finish out the ensembles.

Again the lower classmen will be expected to wear suspenders. One and one-half inch of trouser material must extend from each side of the leg. Boys must wear muted ties on all assembly days so that their behavior will be properly respectful toward the performers.

"All of these changes are expected to be met with the full enthusiasm and cooperation of the student body," declared a faculty member who chose to remain anonymous. AF



Senior John Keller (in white shirt and bow tie) leads his fellow picketers in a demonstration against the policies of the LOG. (TAD'S PHOTO)

Renowned Reporter Views Revolting Students' Antics

By GARY LECOUNT

The scene was set today for a near riot as the students of Fort Vancouver High School set up pickets outside the offices of the school newspaper, the LOG.

Led by John Keller, the picketing throng marched up and down the corridor shouting "unfair," "Let's duke it out" and "all the way with L. B. J." I was unable to obtain the meaning of the last one mentioned but I'm sure it had some inner significance.

After being beaten back by thugs twice, I was lucky enough to reach Mr. Keller and get a statement from him. "We are

here because the LOG refuses to print what we, the student body want to read. They (the staff) have openly denied our requests for a gossip page so we can find out what is going on around school, they have laughed in our faces when we asked that an entire page be given to "In Gear with Gar," and they have repeatedly remained deaf to our pleas for a more daring paper with girly pictures and scandalous stories. For these obvious reasons we are boycotting this paper and picketing their offices until they meet our demands. We refuse to compromise on any of these points and besides, it's fun and we get out of classes." AF



Right-hand Man???

Recently returned from cross-country travel, Rich Dyer, who made the trip comfortably nestled in Texaco Tex's arm, echoes the now-meaningful words "You can always go far with the man who wears the star." (OLE PHOTO)

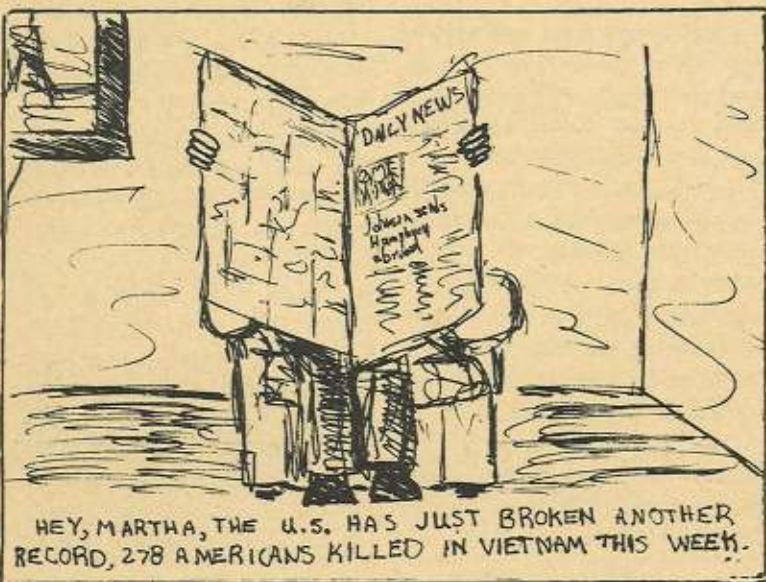
What?!? Me Worry? When It Doesn't Count?

Look alive! There are only a little over forty days left of this school year. Relax... have a pickle. In a week or so, the third quarter will be over, quarter finals will have already marred the grade books, and there will be nothing to look forward to except the warm summer sun, swimming and "bumming around."

If you are a senior you are particularly fortunate in that you can definitely make the best of your last two or three months. With your college applications and job inquiries completed you will have little to do, but relax and take a good look at school life at its very best.

Most of you can feel pretty confident that no matter what you do or do not do during the fourth and final quarter will have much bearing on your final grades. After all, if you are a senior, those grades don't matter, anyway. Besides, the teachers are just as tired of you as you are of them and they are not going to keep you back just because you enjoyed one quarter of your twelve or thirteen years in school, are they? It's obvious that if you just barely scrape by in that last quarter you will lose nothing but a little prestige... and what do grades mean, anyway? Do they really show how smart you are, or do they show how well you cheated on that last test in Contemp.?

Whatever the case, it is time for FVHS students to come alive and meet life head-on. Don't let your teachers bluff you with wild threats about your graduating, if you've made it this far there's not really much that can stop you now. Start now, today, and prepare for the best quarter of your many school years. What else is a senior's fourth quarter for? Susie Millar AF



New Legal Age Meets Approval

by Joyce Athay

For decades the teen generations have thrown their arms up in disgust of their elders' dominating thumbs. The pressure inflicted by these adult guardians has at last been eased--or at least released to the point where we and our peers can breathe that long-desired "its-about-time" sigh.

Our government has recently changed the legal age. If we are old enough to be drafted and go to war and perhaps even die, then we are certainly old enough to drink, be free of curfew, smoke, get cancer, and perhaps even die. Now someone's using their head.

For boys, since the draft age has been considered being raised to 19, officials have compromised and lowered their minor age to 19 also. Quotes one official, "The old system really was quite illogical. Now, when a boy is drafted he can at least have a beer with the guys." In reflection, the previous laws do seem very ironical. Any set-up whereby a sailor can be in the service of his country and be considered a man and, at the same time, be subject to 12 midnight curfew laws while in port must be pretty confused. Well, unfairness has ended and logic is guiding the laws

of the land.

As for the girls, their minor age is now 16. Since the boys' was lowered, it was only fair that the girls be given the same justice. And, after all, girls in other countries, such as Africa and India, are raising families by the time they are this age. It only seems reasonable that American girls be given the chance to be married at 16 and live a few more years as mature grownups. A few married coeds around high school would help to show the other girls they can't always live as kids. Now, with the new laws in effect, they can raise their own kids.

The poll should see a difference also. Along with the new minor ages comes a new voting age. Teenagers can now vote at the age of 18. Its a good thing, too. As soon as they've graduated they can show the country how much they've learned when voting time comes around. They should have a pretty good influence on the election returns.

At any length, it is comforting to know that our adult leaders can see straight after all. Who knows, at this rate, it shouldn't be long before the "awkward" years of adolescence are completely done away with. AF



Proving that he really measures up, is John Keller, shown here after an astonishing experiment in Chemistry. (OLE FOTO)

Formula Uncovers Reducing Aid When Chemists Get Carried Away

by Susie Millar

Due to a series of rather unfortunate errors in a typical FVHS chemistry class experiment, "Killer Keller," a truly great all-time FVHS football center, has seen his last day as a potential pro-ball player.

Those of you who have had the fortune of taking chemistry surely recall those rewarding days in the laboratory. Well, it was one of those days. John and his lab partner, Judy Walz, junior, began work on one of their regular daily assignments, but because curiosity often gets the best of chemistry students, the duo decided to alter the directions -- just a little! That's how it all started.

Judy, eager and daring as she is, was anxious for a little excitement and continued adding all kinds of H₂SO₄, NaCl, H₂O, CuSO₄, NaNO₃, FeSO₄, C₂H₆, and HCl. The exact amounts were not recorded, but the mixture was then heated to 95°F. Naturally, it bubbled over the sides of the container and made quite a mess. (As usual, this was overlooked by Mr. Frost, who is very much used to the students' experiments being flops.)

John, who is accustomed to eating most anything, complied with the wishes of his contemporary and swiftly gulped a shot of the foaming concoction. That was it! He abruptly fell to the floor and lay there for a period of three minutes and 21.3 seconds. After this brief period of silence John resumed his fight for life and pulled himself up off the

floor. Judy, who had blamed herself for the mishap, was very much relieved.

It wasn't until the next morning that John realized that the potion had actually had some kind of effect. Can you imagine the surprise he had when he fell into his glass of water? After all, it isn't everyday someone can use his toothbrush for a diving board!

Yes, Judy and John's experiment would have truly been an asset to science if they had only recorded their formula. As it is, John will have to do his best to learn to live his life as a "Zimply Craftonite," and forfeit all hopes of being a pro-football player. AF

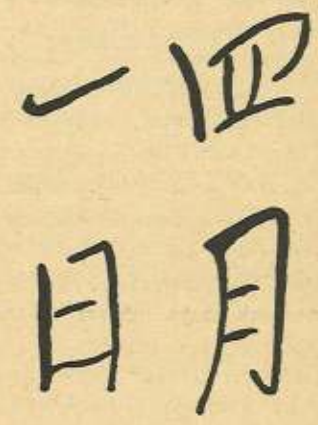
Suckling Wins KISN Contest

Senior Tad Suckling was recently notified by a local radio station that he had won their "Principal of the Year" contest. The contest, which was announced frequently over the station, urged high school students in the area to send in votes for their principal. The principal receiving the most votes would be presented with a color television for use at his school.

When asked how he could account for his new title, Tad disclosed that it had started as a joke, "A couple of the guys thought it would be kind of a joke to send in a few votes with my name on them. I guess they got a little carried away."

Since Tad is not Fort's official principal he will have a choice whether he keeps the television for himself or donates it to the school. He is undecided at this time.

Tad takes part in many of Fort's activities. He is serving this year as Boy's League president and recently finished the season on the varsity basketball team. Tad is also a member of Tawanka, and is a dancer in "My Fair Lady." AF



BY GEORGE

Good news for people going on the People-to-People program this summer. The funds that were voted to the sagging treasury of the LOG will be divided up among the Europe bound and this should amount to 45 or 50 cents apiece. What we won't go through for the betterment of others! The CIA is also chipping in a buck. AF

Don't forget the Sports' Car Rally which will be held on April 2 at 10 am. It will start at Hudson's Bay and be an all day affair.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to house students for the SWIRL convention. It's going to be a wonderful experience and we should make a fine reception.

Hey there, DICK TOIVONEN and TOM BECKHAM, what's this jazz we hear about the shot puts named BECKY and PAM. You gentlemen sure are putting a lot behind those big throws.

Who is it that drives the coach's cars and loses 13 thousand miles of his tires?



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Hot News Story

By Steve Zander

A recent increase in LOG circulation has constituted a \$1100 revenue with which the staff has decided to remodel the LOG room and buy new equipment, a necessity if the staff is to keep up with the ever advancing methods and techniques.

By removing the wall adjacent to Rm. 219, the LOG staff will acquire the necessary room needed to install a specially designed darkroom, which will be used chiefly for developing pictures. AF

Sale Profits Set Record

By Paula Carter

The FVHS Rummage Sale reached an all-time high this year, as Trappers introduced several innovations which explain the \$15,000 net profits.

The major change was moving the sale from the welcoming confines of the Boys' Gym to the banquet room at the Quay. This change was made at the request of an other high school within the district which expressed apprehensions about entering Fort... especially the basement.

Quay management imposed another change -- the serving of a four-course luncheon to potential customers for the nominal fee of \$5. It would seem that this extra expense would diminish sales; however, it enabled the customers to remain at the sale all day, browsing through the piles of rummage.

Rummage sale winners (who will now spend a weekend at Reno, rather than Mt. Hood) and the general student body are expecting many benefits from the sale. The student council has scheduled a special meeting to distribute the money given to them for school funds, several of which they will form. The council is expected to appropriate funds for uniforms for the pyramid team, 10% rebates in the school cafeteria and mileage subsidies for students who eat off the school grounds, an increased number of paperback books (chosen by the council) in the library, and a committee to investigate an earlier graduation date and the elimination of finals.

The Dads' Club plans to use the majority of the funds to purchase equal rights for Fort athletic teams and to build a swimming pool for the use of Fort students. AF



The Green Bomber eats up Ken Elhard's Green Roach in another fabulous race. Next Jack takes on John Keller's Taco Wagon.

(KELLER PHOTO)

THE GREAT RACE

By Gary LeCount

Do you believe it? It's true, the car you see in the picture is none other than the legendary "Green Bomber" owned by Senior Jack Francis. For the first time in print, we are about to reveal what really makes the wheels go 'round on Francis' Chev station wagon. By twisting his arm (Jack is highly sensitive to pain), we obtained the necessary information.

The drive train starts with a 427 cubic inch Corvette mill that has been bored out to 450 cubes. To this Jack has added a full race cam which was custom machined by Clark College. A dual quad set up by Bill Marshall Ford completes the basic engine ensemble. Extraneous debris include headers by Doug and custom dual point distributor taken from a 1923 Essex. The transmission is taken from a brand new 1967 Dodge dumptruck which was wrecked recently while racing Jack down the freeway. This is a four speed stick with a heavy duty clutch from a Rambler Marlin. The rear end is a limited slip differential taken from a 1961 Toyota Corona. This and the transmission both have been beefed up in order to take the strain of constant racing. With the aid of a can of Sure Griphe stole from one of Mr. Eagle's pole vaulters, Jack retards wheel slippage and at the same time enables himself to accomplish that age old feat, the wheel stand.

The interior is pretty much stock except for the black rolled and tacked leopard skin seats. The dash board also, is slightly modified with the addition of an amp and oil gauge panel, a tach, and a super sensitive tire pressure gauge.

Future plans for the bomber include custom Mustang hub caps, which Jack has already ordered, and completely redecorating the interior as he has already finished customizing the engine. AF

Termites Prove To Be Actual Closure Motive

Despite previous motives for condemning Fort Vancouver High School, an infestation of termites has recently been disclosed as the actual reason for the closure.

For the past five years, the Public Health Department has convinced the people of Vancouver that the aging school is unsafe for today's children. Marked as both a fire and structural hazard, various bills and measures have been passed to provide for a new school which will meet with the standards of the Building Code.

A recent incident which occurred in one of the second floor rooms produced new and more substantial evidence in the action against the building.

On March 6, while classes resumed their weekly schedule, the students in Room 219 noticed that things weren't quite as normal as they had been. Upon entering the room, swarms of termites, covering the desks and walls, were seen. By the size of a huge hole in the wall, it was apparent that the termites had chewed their way through.

In an effort to keep the public unalarmed the insects were quickly disposed of and bookcases were brought in to cover the remaining evidence.

But through an unknown source, the people were informed and a wave of investigation began. Be-

hind numerous bookshelves, similar holes were found indicating that someone was trying to cover up something.

Further inquiry produced the facts behind this scheme. It seems that the School District has been aware of the termites but have not known what action to take. Over a period of time, the problem has grown worse and extermination for such a large area was overruled. Termites for a reason to close the school seemed rather ridiculous so, as a more valid motive, they condemned the school for its age. AF



A small portion of the evidence that brought a wave of investigation to Fort's walls.

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Local surfers swamp beaches as new fad catches on (KELLER PHOTO)

Swift Senior Boarders Surf Way To First Place

By Gary Le Count
No, friends, you are not seeing things. Surfing has finally come to Vancouver and is going strong all over the area. Surfers can be seen riding their boards on the Columbia every weekend and rumors are going around already that Vancouver Lake is going to be the new surfers' mecca.

The attire for the northwestern surfer is, as seen in the picture, fins, a mask and a wetsuit for the less rugged individual. The waters around here are less than warm. The waves are presently at their peak and the smart enthusiast would be wise to do all his learning right now, because later, when the waves aren't so high, it is more difficult to stay out of the shipping lanes. The local surfers are, for the most part, building their own boards from a design patented by Senior Ken Elhard when he was a ninth grader at Shumway.

A local group is presently organizing a Vancouver area Surfing Club for all interested persons. The only requirements to get in are that you must have a regulation surf board, be financially able to support possible out of town guests until they can get settled (since the discovery of Vancouver Lake the surfers have been migrating from California like flies) and certain physical qualifications: minimum weight, 150lb., minimum height, 6ft. 6in. Senior Jack Francis has already

been elected president of the club and Ken Elhard has been put in charge of everything else. All interested persons are to get in touch with either of these two men or mail \$5 to Vancouver-Portland Area Surfers Club, c/o Jack Francis. Meetings will be held every Thursday night at 11:30 at the Dairy Queen parking lot. AF

Fort Tennis Teams Split Season -- Girls, Then Boys

Starting next year, girls' tennis will take place during the fall and boys' tennis will remain in the spring. The decision, effective throughout the league, was made because of the limited numbers of tennis courts in the city, not enough for both boys and girls to have adequate playing areas. But, according to Mr. Ted Jones, boys' tennis coach, a conflict may arise between girls' tennis and girls' swimming, since both sports

Summer Softball Plans Sign-Up

Attention Girls! Registration for the summer Girls' Softball League will be tomorrow, April 1, from 2 PM to 6:30 PM at the Marshall Recreation Center. A \$3 registration fee plus parent's approval (in writing) are compulsory. Other dates to register are April 8 from 2 PM to 6:30 PM, April 14 from 7:30 AM to 10:00 PM, and April 15 from 2 PM to 4:30 PM. Games will begin the first Monday after school is out.

Female Bowling Brings FV First

For the past several months GAA members have been involved in the Elks' free bowling program and tournament.

A tournament concluded the lesson and was held on March 17 at the Elks' Lodge with Fort winning 14 pins. Members of the Elks' bowling league were Ramona Collins, captain; Shari Burns, Linda Horal, Mary Jo Jamrozik, and Chris Hetherington. Awards were presented to the girls, on March 21 at a Lodge meeting.

Where I Stand...

By Jerry McPherson

And now for a summary of the latest news and weather: Fort's first three baseball games were cancelled because of rain . . . Fort's first boys' tennis match was cancelled because of rain . . . As of one week ago the girls' tennis team had no nets . . . Track didn't officially start until the day before this LOG came out . . . Golf-- in this weather?

To summarize this summary, this is sort of a damp spot in Fort's sports calendar!

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In order to combat this dreariness of season, ingenious minds at Fort have been working double time. New indoor sports to replace the old outdoor ones include skin diving in the biology classes, an increased number of official senior walk-out days in all senior classrooms and playing hide-and-seek in Physics.

The skindiving, in Mr. Bergman's advanced biology classes exclusively, is in preparation for later possible subaquatic field trips; the walkouts are by doctor's prescription for extreme cases of senioritis; and the hide-and-seek is a new form of spy network instigated by recent CIA investigations. AF

Cummings Takes Over As Coach; Mr. Click Takes Major Step Up

Mr. Marvin Cummings, activities coordinator, athletic director, etc. at Fort, has assumed head coaching responsibilities for the Fort basketball team for next year.

Cummings, long time basketball enthusiast and player, coached previously at Lower Saskatchewan Jr. High School and had a colorful career as a player both in high school and at Pend Orielle University.

Asked what plans he had for future Trapper Quintets, Mr. Cummings replied, "I think the most important aspects, and the most lacking points, in Fort basketball are shooting and crowd support; I will work on these points."

The new coach will continue,

however, with his counselling and managerial duties, at his wish and at the insistence of the administration, in addition to his coaching duties.

Ex-coach Bill Click, after finishing a not unsuccessful season, has been offered an "attractive coaching position at a major college," which he has accepted. The coach declined, for personal reasons, to name the college, but agrees that the chance arose due to his extraordinarily successful high school coaching career.

Mr. Cummings commented on Coach Click's short stay at Fort, "He did a fine job both here and at Bay, and I think I speak for the staff and the students when I say he'll be missed. We wish him luck. AF



Coach Marv Cummings (OLE PHOTO)



Coach Bill Click (OLE PHOTO)

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