

Student Attends Conference

by Michael Kurjan
Last year it was George Middleton. This year National Merit Semi-Finalist Jim Donna has given Pittsfield High academic prominence by attending the 1967 National Youth Conference on the Atom in Chicago, Illinois. Held November 30th through December 2nd, the object of this conference was to acquaint students with atomic energy and its peaceful use in the world today. Accompanied by Mr. Mostin, a science teacher, Jim was one of 400 top students in the United States attending this conference.

Having to compete for a place at this meeting, Jim's name was submitted by PHS science department head, Mr. Lahey, to the



James Donna, who, because of his aptitude in math and physics, was chosen to attend the 1967 National Youth Conference on the Atom in Chicago.

trip's sponsor, Western Mass. Electric Company. Other schools in Western Massachusetts and over the entire nation similarly submitted names of prominent students to local electric companies. Besides Jim, three other students, Tom Anderson of Cathedral High, Prentice Mooney and Gary St. Peter, both of Technical High, were then selected by the Western Mass. Electric Company to attend the conference.

Held at the Chicago Sheraton Hotel, the meeting brought to the students many highly-qualified professors from several leading universities to speak on the use of atomic energy, and the research being done in the field. On December 1st, the second day of the conference, Glen Seaborg, the distinguished chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, spoke on the original experiments in atomic energy—those of Fermi, Ruther-

ford, and others. The second day also brought Jim and other students to Argonne Laboratory, located just outside of Chicago. Feeling this was the high point of the entire trip, Jim here took a math-physics tour, visiting the computer center, where he viewed a zero-gradient synchrotron. Like the cyclotron which has contributed much to our knowledge of nuclear energy, this instrument also is used to accelerate charged particles in order to make new elements. The third and final day, December 2nd, was concluded with a visit to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, which contained interesting sections on math, aviation, and biology. In regard

A Search for Answers

by Judy Wildman

A new dimension has been added to the already overflowing program of PHS extra-curricular activities. Under the leadership of Mr. Slater a unique after-school club has been formed to explore and discuss contemporary world problems. The club is very informal and conducted in a seminar-type fashion.

The club members have decided to restrict themselves to one main topic for study and have chosen the war in Vietnam. They are currently reading the following two books: "Vietnam—History, Documents, and Opinions on a Major World Crisis" by Marvin Gattelman and "The U.S. in Vietnam" by Kahn and Lewis. Everyone in the club reads the same material and together they discuss the issues and questions presented in the text. They are attempting to explore the history of Vietnam since the time of the Geneva Convention in 1954, tracing the French occupation and the U.S. involvement in this area.

After learning the major facts of the present Vietnam situation, they will proceed to approach the problem on a personal level by presenting their own viewpoints and opinions. The discussions will not center on the Vietnam issue alone, but will encompass certain aspects of the U.S. foreign policy, the domestic scene, the current period of protest and dissent, and other political factors which are either

to the significance of the trip, Jim said, "It made clear to me the great opportunities available in atomic science—the great amount of work that has been done in the field, and the work that must be done."
An AP student in physics and math, Jim has made the Honor Roll every term thus far in high school. With this fine academic record, coupled with 800 achievement tests in physics and math, it appears that Jim will have little difficulty in getting into any of the colleges to which he is applying: Michigan State, MIT, RPI, Harvard, and Williams. IN GENERAL wishes Jim Donna a fine future, and the best luck in the world.

directly affecting or have some bearing upon the Vietnam question. The club plans to draw up a list of possible solutions to the conflict and alternatives for the U.S. strategy and position in the war. The club may also have several guest speakers come to address them who will present their views and discuss particular aspects of the Vietnam problem. The members eventually hope to make a presentation to the school in the form of a debate or a general discussion involving audience participation.

The Contemporary Problems Seminar has a rather small membership at present and is eagerly awaiting the arrival of other interested participants. It meets once every two weeks on Monday in Room 346 right after school. Anyone who wishes to sit in on a meeting is welcome to come and watch and participate.

The vast gaps of knowledge many of us have concerning Vietnam will only hinder us in trying to comprehend this political puzzle. By joining this seminar we could grow toward a greater understanding of the problem and perhaps a greater understanding of the reasons and considerations behind the diplomatic maneuvers currently taking place. I am sure that membership in this seminar would be a most exciting and profitable experience.

Generally Speaking

by R. Carter Terenzini



The new year has come and with it many changes. Sound familiar? After three months of the old column a little face and paragraph lifting was there for. So, away we go! (Aren't you glad there are only four issues after this one.)

Have you ever taken a Biology course? I'm sure that most of you have. You'll remember the fun times that you had. The girls got squeamish, and the boys were only too eager to calm them down with those nice juicy worms. However, I doubt that you ever dissected a youth in class. The teacher said something about too much blood. Today we are going to dissect a youth, just for fun. Don't worry, all the blood is going to the RCA. Remember now, that's the Red Cross of America, not the Radio Corporation of America. Oh well, that just goes to show you the bad puns you're going to have to listen to.

Cecil Reanix is all set on the table. So, let's go. Slice! Ah! Cecil had just taken some STP. Poor Cecil, he's still taking that motor additive. Never even bothered to take it out of the can. What's this? His conformity pill. Those darn things never did work. He always wanted to be "hip", but he never did make it. Let's move up to his memory bank.

Looks like he made more withdrawals than deposits. His problems centered around his foot. It was always in his mouth, the belief that rules are made to be broken gained a jolly old time for him in the detention room. Then again, that was the only time that he ever got any homework done. He was classified as a radical, rabble-rouser, and general all-round pain. Who says people didn't notice? Actually those were only polite ways of saying that the boy was crazy. Have you ever noticed that? People successfully dismiss any attack upon the society or an action by condemning the author as radical or reactionary. Sometimes they even mix the two. How they do that I'll never be able to find out. Too bad those conformity pills just don't work. Little Brains, oops, I mean Lyndon Baines Johnson would like a Vietnam pill before he's crushed by the elephant. But that's not contained in the dissection of youth or is it? Oh well, politics had to get in there somehow.

Well, I think we'll have to stop for now. The scalpel is getting dull and the typewriter is getting a bit bloody. Remember that the blood goes to the Red Cross and not the other R.C.A. If your Biology teacher doesn't want to let you dissect a youth in your class ask why. After all, it's good clean fun and the Red Cross is always looking for voluntary blood donors.

The hippies of the country are uniting behind their presidential candidate, RFK. . . 'M' squad is back on the scene after a short vacation. 'Till next month. Sure hope you have the courage to come back for more after that disaster.

Play Committees Chosen

This year the play committee, chaired by Karen Downey and Rick Smith, has chosen "Oklahoma" for the senior class play. The stage manager is Gregg Eason and sound technician is Buddy Dennison. The costume

committee is headed by Gretchen Hayn. Judy Lazerus is in charge of make-up, and Debby Greengold is chairman of the publicity committee. Taking care of sets are Priscilla Demick and Larry Geller, and Pat Phelps is in charge of ushers. Julie Dubro and Dick Shapiro are co-chairmen of the program committee. Betty Leep is in charge of acknowledgements and invitations, and Mary Touhey is production secretary. The play will be presented on May third and fourth.



Jackie Blood, Paul Metallo, and Mr. French contemplate with amusement the lobby Christmas decorations. Photo by Dorcker

In General



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Pittsfield High-Lites

by Mary Beth Phair

They're Out To Get You!

Beware, boys! It's that time of year again. If that girl is looking at you in a funny way, she's probably going to ask you to the GAA. Before you tell her that you're going to have unexpected company that weekend, think about it for a while. I've heard that it's going to be pretty good. The GAA Board, under the capable direction of chairman Elioan McInerney, has been working diligently since late November.

Welcome Back

Now that midyears are over, our half year marks are fairly definite, and the December and January college board dates have passed, the Seniors should be pretty certain where they're not going to school. Well anyway, you can always take a P.G. course for a year or so!

Ups and Downs

Even with the loss of most of last years regulars, and a move from the Fay division into the tougher Wright group, the Hockey Generals have maintained an impressive record. Although this year's basket ball team has not had such good luck (or support) as formerly, retiring coach Moynihan deserves credit for the fine job he has done in his ten years as head basketball coach.

Warmth. Where Art Thou?

The weatherman is promising me it will go below -20 degrees tonight, and I think it is close to that in this room so I have only one more thing to say. I hope the rest of 1968 is warmer than it's been so far.

Focus On An Individual

by Barbara Brown

In society such as ours which has produced a generation of seemingly egotistic children, many of whom have chosen to express their anxieties in futile demonstrations, useless talk, or virtual apathy, the appearance of an idealist such as Steve Crafts is refreshing. To some people it would appear that Mr. Crafts is just another rebel unwilling to conform to the "normalities" or generally accepted standards of



Steve Crafts, an idealist who has his own ideas about education.

today's society (if there be such things). But his theories, particularly those on education coincide with some national movements which indicate unrest in educational circles.

Crafts first became publically known when he was accused of exercising "bad judgment" in his English classes at Berkshire Community College and, as a result, was requested to resign, which he termed "a euphemism for being fired." Because he felt that certain principles of his educational theories could not be compromised, Mr. Crafts left his position, much to the disappointment of many of his students.

"Collective movement toward our liberation from everything that keeps us from being human beings is my conception of education," said Crafts in an open letter to his students. It seems that his main goal was to break down the ever-present complete expression of a student's ideas. He succeeded in reaching this seemingly impossible goal by attempting to put himself on the same level with his pupils. His attire and appearance coincided with his views on education—"I simply wore what presented itself to me as I stumbled into the closet. . . Too much formality on the part of the teacher only separates him from his students."

Particularly, Crafts expresses that words are used only to convey ideas; hence, if a particular word communicates a precise idea, it should not be discarded merely because it has the connotation of being a "four-letter word" and replaced with a "nicer" one. He feels that words should be used which most clearly state a person's sense of things at that specific time.

Steve Crafts indicates that poetry should be dealt with not as a subject but as an experience—"a total experience," taking into consideration the way it flows and its sound, as is illustrated in certain works of The Beatles and Bob Dylan. He has found that too often a textbook is a restriction because of its insistence on "dissecting poetry and thereby destroying its totality of experience."

Like many philosophers and essayists, notably Thoreau and Emerson, Crafts revealed particular disgust at the fact that many people are lost in a world of trifles, so they frequently miss the more important things

Honors Go To Three Seniors

Mary Blagdon One of Top English Students

by Lynn Dugan

Out of four-hundred nationwide finalists, Mary Blagdon was selected, with twelve others from Massachusetts, for an award of merit from the N.C.T.E. (National Council of Teachers of English).

Along with five other juniors enrolled in the Honors English



Mary Blagdon, awarded the NCTE award. (Photo by Mitchell)

course last year, Mary had to take an objective test similar to an SAT verbal test and submit a short autobiography. In addition to these two exams, an hour long essay was given based upon a quote from Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town," in which she could cite personal experiences, substantiating or arguing the quotation.

As a result of the national recognition gained from the N.C.T.E. award, Mary received many invitations from colleges that wanted her to apply. Mary has decided that she wants to go to Smith, however, and major in some field of English or Journalism.

As one might expect, most of Mary's extracurricular activities pertain to English. Her time-consuming activities include being Editor-in-Chief of the "Student's Pen," a member of the essay staff of the "Dome", an active worker at the Berkshire Athenaeum, a member of TAG,

in life—whatever they may be. He senses that the reason this occurs is because our society is "circumscribed by trivial regulations, requirements, and the bulgarity of those who use artificial power to hide their own impotence." However, he is an optimist and likes to feel that there are at present and could be in the future more people who will be motivated to have confidence in their own feelings rather than being content in accepting those of society.

Crafts has diversified interests as exemplified by his communal type of life on his farm in Buckland, Massachusetts. He is experimenting with a rather different way of life in that he lives with a group of families who share the responsibilities of growing much of their food and raising a selection of animals. Steve Crafts is a stimulating person who welcomes anyone to his home to discuss just about anything. This practice can indicate his continual interests in spreading his views and hearing fresh ones.

Joan Boivin Commended For Service

by Pam Pepper

One of the most active girls at Pittsfield High, both in study and in extracurricular activities, is Joan Boivin. Joan has been selected as the recipient of the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) Award for good citizenship.

Joan is the President of the G.A.A. and is the senior Manager of the Cadettes. Besides these time-consuming jobs, Joanie is a homeroom treasurer and is the Co-chairman of the Special Events Committee. She is the Girls' Sports Editor for the "In General", a job for which



Joan Boivin, recipient of DAR award. (Photo by Mitchell)

she is well qualified, having been on many of the after school teams.

With all these activities, Joanie is enrolled in the C.P. course with honors biology, and she maintains exceptional marks. She was accepted early decision at Lake Erie College and granted a scholarship. These achievements show that Joanie is a hard worker and uses her time to its best advantage.

Last year Joanie represented P.H.S. at Girls' State in Bridgewater, Mass. She spent one week there, and learned much about government. Joanie is a wonderful representative of her school.

She has much spirit, and it isn't surprising that she has been selected to represent her school again by the D.A.R. Joanie certainly has earned the good citizenship award, and we are all proud of her.



Susan Termohlen, winner of JWV award. (Photo by Mitchell)

Sue Termohlen Receives JWV Award

by Jean Roche

This year's winner of the Jewish War Veterans' Award is Susan Termohlen. Sue found out about the award in a most peculiar way—from the daily bulletin in her own homeroom! The theme of this year's award is "classmates today, neighbors tomorrow." This theme is the basis of choosing the persons worthy of the honor.

As a result of her award, Sue will travel to Boston with Mr. Murphy, her mother, three representatives of the Jewish War Veterans, and three relatives or friends. In Boston, a breakfast will be given at the Statler-Hilton Hotel on February 4. The purpose of this breakfast is to announce, out of all of the city winners, the state winners. The state winners are chosen by a resume written by the Dean of Girls' of their schools. A one-hundred dollar scholarship and a watch will be given to the winner (We all know Sue will be in the running for this award.)

Later in February, a dinner will be given in Sue's honor. Tickets will be sold, and the money will be donated to the brotherhood. A speech of acceptance will be expected of Sue, and a few words will be spoken by other important officials, including the mayor.

We can see that Sue is worthy of this award by looking at her academic record, (straight A's) and her extra-curricular activities. A C.P. student, Sue is enrolled in A.P. physics and math. As a Cadette officer and a G.A.A. Board member, she has much time taken out of her day. She is also a feature's editor of the "Student's Pen" and a member of the short story and language staffs. She is an associate editor of clubs on the Dome, on the features staff of the "In General" and a homeroom representative. And, after doing all these time-consuming things, Sue takes time to work at the Berkshire Mutual Insurance Company, and is treasurer of the Tri-Hi-Y.

We all know Sue will make a worthy representative from our school. We would like her to know how proud we are of her, and offer our congratulations!

ATTENTION SENIORS:

Seniors, if one or both of your parents were 1942 graduates of Pittsfield High, please leave your name with Miss Archey in 143, Guidance Department, or Main Office no later than February 1.

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For Your Enjoyment

The board of directors at the Boys Club has recently approved the plans for a student lounge and snack bar. A kitchen will be installed, and the snack bar will serve pizzas, hamburgs, hot-dogs, sundaes, and any other food in demand. Since the club is not out to make money, but rather to facilitate our needs for a snack shop to meet all the kids, prices for food are to be at a minimum to simply cover the order. Tables will be set up and students will be able to come and go as they please. A juke box, ping pong tables, and other facilities will be made available. This construction will take place down in the Lighthouse. It will be opened after school until about five o'clock. These plans are offered to the teenagers of Pittsfield who seem in drastic need of a place to go and socialize. Suggestions and opinions concerning these plans are welcomed. The Boys Club is willing to go all out for this lounge, which will really have class when completed. It is up to the teenagers to support it.

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EDITORIAL

Make Room for a Student Voice

Plans are now in the making for the new high school. Administration and faculty are investigating possible innovations in curriculum and other aspects of the new school.

It is our opinion that a great wealth of fresh ideas is being overlooked if the students themselves are not involved in this matter. Should not the students have the chance to express their ideas and to take part in the development of a modernized school which their younger brothers and sisters, and soon their children, will be attending? Perhaps a youthful viewpoint would be helpful. Perhaps the contact with modern ideas in educational facilities, teaching techniques, and courses will make some students more aware of the types of problems that have to be faced in the field of education. Perhaps including these students now in such a community project will make them more involved as adult members of a community.

We would propose that a committee of responsible Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors be set up, which could, at times, sit in on the faculty meetings or at least remain in touch with certain teachers and forward ideas which they may have. We feel that the students should not be left in the dark in a matter that concerns them so closely. At the least, such cooperation would stir interest in a worthwhile cause; at most, problems in the planning of the new school might be more readily solved.

As We See It

... Although most deplored the freezing temperatures of the recent cold wave, students and teachers at PHS could thank those sub-zero readings for the day of respite . . . the administration is reportedly unsatisfied with the final exams system as it was last year. Now that St. Joe has renounced its final exam system, our short-lived plan will be subjected to much criticism. However, the matter is not yet settled; one try is not a sound basis for repeal; double sessions certainly is a factor; and there are many pros and cons that must be considered . . . We are happy to see the organization of the Junior Class. Future class meetings will be helpful in promoting "junior spirit" among the 11th graders . . . maybe more people will show up next time . . .

CONVICTIONS IN VOGUE

(A RANGE OF OPINION FROM THE STUDENT BODY)

Deserters or Prophets? "Risk" of Peace

by Virginia Johnston

by John Stow

On Oct. 23, 1967, four servicemen on the USS Intrepid deserted the ship and sought refuge in Japan, aided by a Japanese peace group, United States and Japanese officials ordered a search but were unable to find the four young men before they succeeded in reaching the Soviet Union. Here, they mingled with the Russians and even appeared on Russian television to explain their views. With passports given to them by the Soviet Red Cross, they arrived Dec. 29 in Sweden, asking for political asylum. If any of the four re-enters the United States he will be subject to a trial and probably punishment for desertion in time of war; there is little chance for them but to remain in Sweden and try to find jobs.

Richard Bailey, 19, John Barrilla, 20, Michael Lendorf, 19, and Craig Anderson, 20, were permitted to appear on a television interview in the United States on Dec. 31. It was clear that they regarded their flight as a statement against the war, a war in which all agreed it was "morally impossible for them to serve." However, they also added that none of them had been forced to serve in this war; all had enlisted. Each of the young men stated that he was not only against this present war, but against "all wars." Yet when questioned, they agreed that they would have served in World War II. They added that desertion was the only possible way to follow their consciences. Perhaps they were not aware of the possibility of being declared conscientious objectors.

It seems to me that these men aren't really sure what they believe in. They contradict themselves with nearly everything they say. They enlisted to serve in a war they felt was impossible to serve in; they are against all wars — sometimes; they felt they had to avoid serving in Vietnam yet seemed to feel that the provisions for conscientious objectors were too difficult (or perhaps not dramatic enough).

Letter to Editor

Hope Remains

To the Editor of In General

As usual, R. Carter Terenzini has insisted on using sarcasm and smear as a substitute for intelligent arguments. I will not reciprocate in his fashion. Instead, I would like to attack the few arguments he did present in his article on the UWF, which appeared in the Dec. issue.

government would carry with it an executive body in which any one of the three members would have full veto power. That is not a fair assumption, for in a world government, the legislative body would surely be given the power to override a veto by the executive branch by passing laws over their prospective vetoes. (Carter's argument consists in making an unattractive picture of world law and then saying that the nations would never accept such a form of law.) It is infinite to assume that a world government would not contain a system of checks and balances.

Carter has no conception of the term "compromise." World law may come and it will not be an either-or proposition. It might well use for its bases both Marx and Jefferson, as well as Plato, Jesus, and Thomas Aquinas. Of course, it might never have occurred to Carter that anybody but OUR founding fathers might have something useful to say about governmental structure and law. Yes, the U.S. Government is an ingenious system of law but it is not sacred and is certainly subject to improvement. In fact, if Carter weren't so busy using the old "guilt by association" technique he might read up a little on both Jefferson and Marx and find out that the two are not mutually exclusive, in theory. At any rate, he might find that basically he is trying to compare a political philosopher to an economist.

Carter sarcastically speaks of the "peace-loving nations," China, East Germany and North Korea. The first two, although they have violent ideologies, have never waged an all-out aggressive war on any other nation. China, it is true, is probably aiding North Vietnam. Yet the U.S. is not only aiding the South but has 500,000 troops there. And yet would Carter call the U.S. "warmongers"? Nothing is ever accomplished by either sarcasm or name-calling.

Carter assumes that the choice of the judges in a prospective World Court would be "bad news" for the Western Democracies. Yet the General Assembly which would probably be the body which would choose the court also chose two of the world's leading citizens as their Secretary - Generals — U Thant and Dag Hammarskjöld. Wouldn't the General Assembly still be capable of making a good choice?

Sure, this world government is idealistic, but it has a realistic basis and can be accomplished, despite the sarcasm of Carter. The Colonies became the United States despite the fact that most states did not want to give up their powers. Open warfare broke out in 1860, and yet we did not wait until that time to adopt the Constitution.

World Government is a goal, a dream of righteousness, an image of hope which is worthy of work and which will survive despite cynicism.

Gregory Sammons
Carter assumes that a world

LUMPY & COMPANY

by Linda Rapkowitz
The junior class has gotten to a great start with the election of their class officers. After a slight delay with the primaries, the votes were finally cast and the result was the best slate of officers yet. Dave Williams is our new president, Cheryl Williams, Girl's vice-president; Jim Bagdonas, Boy's vice-president; Joan Knysh, secretary; and Mary Gigliotti, treasurer. With these capable officers and the greatest class ever, the class of 1968 won't be forgotten for a long, long time.



The officers of the junior class from left to right: Jim Bagdonas, Mary Gigliotti, Dave Williams, Joan Knysh, and Cheryl Williams. Photo by Mitchell

DAVE WILLIAMS
The "Jolly Old Elf" who visited the homerooms and made off with all the loot was really Dave Williams, alias Santa Claus. Dave is the newly elected president of the Junior Class. He is a C.P. Tech. student with honors in English and is a sports writer for the "Pen." Dave plans to apply to Williams and Amherst but does not know his majors yet. Dave's reaction to his victory can be summed up adequately in two words, "Pretty Happy." Besides being on the wrestling team, Dave is the vice-president of the Student Council. Dave shows much school spirit, but he certainly isn't prejudiced; he shows a great deal of interest in another school, possible because a certain Linda goes there!

Heavableness. . . all the hours of work. . . the fear of giving a speech. . . It was the first time I ever cried because I was happy."
Cheryl is a C.P. student with honors English. She wants to apply to Smith and U. Mass. And hopes to major in psychology and eventually teach on the college level. She is a G.A.A. member and sews many of her own clothes. Cheryl received skis for Christmas and has now joined the rest of us who "think snow." Cheryl is going to take ski lessons at Jimmy Peak where it is rumored that she may run into a certain ski instructor named Pat Phelps.
Cheryl talked with praise about her class. "We have a lot to look forward to — the prom. This year will be great we need ideas for raising money though, if any one has any, please sound off."

JIM BAGDONAS
The girl who started this interview, Peggy Sharland, became a little embarrassed — perhaps she thought she might be prejudiced? And so we had to switch authors in the middle. Jim Bagdonas, a C.P. honors math student, is the new Boy's Vice President for the Junior Class. Jim ran because he wanted a chance to serve his class and to participate in something besides sports. Well, Jim certainly has a great sports record. He is on the football team (next year's co-captain), the basketball team and the track team. Jim does not know which college he would like to attend, but he will probably major in math. His first reaction when he heard he was elected — "I was HAPPY!" I wanted to do my part to help the President and help him with the problems."

MARY GIGLIOTTI
Along with being enrolled in the college prep course, Mary Gigliotti is treasurer of the Pep Club, homeroom representative for the "In General," and is a member of both the features staff for the "Student's Pen" and the exchange staff of the "In General." Now our new treasurer, vivacious Mary ran for office because she wanted to help her class and feel a part of her school. Being an officer she will do her best for her class. Mary would like to see more activities open to members of the junior class. As an officer, Mary wants to get class rings for the juniors as soon as possible. After graduation, Mary plans to attend the College of Our Lady of the Etms and is undecided as to which courses she will take. In whatever course she enrolls, we are sure she will be as successful as she has been in all her other endeavors.

CHERYL WILLIAMS
If anyone noticed an unusually petite football player at the St. Joe rally, it was really Cheryl Williams in disguise. Cheryl was recently elected Girls' Vice President for the Junior Class. When Cheryl heard the good news, her first reaction was, "Unbe-

JOAN KNYSH
A member of both the G.A.A. and Pep Club, Junior Cadette and homeroom representative, our new secretary Joan Knysh wanted to be a representative of the junior class so she could

End of Moynihan Decade

by Marvin Kennedy
Next year the students of P.H.S. will miss the familiar figure of Coach Frank Moynihan next to his boys at basketball games, for as of June 30th he will no longer be head coach of P.H.S. basketball team. In the ten years as head coach of the basketball team, he has led his team to three N.B.L. titles and two Berkshire County championships. His 1961-62 club won the Western Massachusetts' titles and represented this end of the state in the New England Tournament at Boston Garden. Six of his teams have received invitations to the Western Massachusetts' tournament. In his letter to Supt. Reynolds he made a strong recommendation for a unified athletic structure, which would embrace the junior highs' and high school's programs. He urged coordination of the sports operation under a director. Also in his letter he stated, "After what will have been ten years of enjoyable, tension-packed, energy-draining and challenging years, I have made the excruciating decision to resign the P.H.S. head coaching job, effective June 30th, 1968. "Because I feel that I must consider my academic future, my family responsibilities and for other personal reasons, I can no longer be certain that I can bring to this time-consuming coaching job, the nerve, justice and patience that my mind would demand and my teams would and should deserve."



PHS will feel the loss of a most successful coach when Frank Moynihan leaves his position as basketball coach. Moynihan was employed by the General Electric, the FMTA, and the Mass. Dept. of Public Works before receiving a teaching appointment at North Junior High in 1956. When he became coach, he moved to the high school where he now teaches history and economics. Our hat goes off to one of the best sports — one of the best men PHS has had the honor of knowing and working with. Good luck in your future endeavors from all the sports staff of the In General and the students of the wonderful school you have helped in these past 10 years.

Ciepiela Honored

by Richard Kennedy
On December 5, 1967, The Monday Morning Quarterbacks Club help their twentieth annual football dinner for the PHS football team. A capacity crowd of 300 were on hand to honor the Western Mass. Class A Conference Champions, Pittsfield High School. Many celebrities were present, such as the Holy Cross football coach Tom Boisture, the Rev. Raymond Lanoue, administrator at St. Josephs High. Mr. Lawrence Murphy, principal of Pittsfield High and Roger O'Garra, sports editor of the Berkshire Eagle were present to compliment the coaching staffs of both PHS, headed by Coach Gleason and St. Joseph, led by Coach Potter. The 1967 Hall of Fame inductees were present and received their certificates. They were the following: Gollan Root, Francis Nichols, Joe Witkoski and Frank Segala. One of our '67 graduates who received a very strong vote of confidence from PHS was Paul Germanowski. Mrs. Mary O'Boyle received the certificate for her son Speck O'Boyle. The Speck O'Boyle award is given annually to the PHS-St. Joe football classic. This year it went to our own co-captain Wayne Ciepiela. Also announced were the co-captains of the '68 football team. They will be Jim Bagdonas, a defensive halfback, and Tony Parlice, a linebacker.



Signing autographs here is Boston Red Sox catching star Elston Howard who appeared January 14th at the Boys' Club for the benefit of the Connie MacMahon Scholarship Drive. Mitchell

Doubly Good

This year the Christmas program at PHS was changed—the play was shortened to a skit, the chorus was replaced by the Madrigal Singers, and a solo and poem were added. Plus we had more Christmas and school spirit than ever before. The last day before vacation everyone could have a sigh of relief because homework had ended—until January 1st. The co-chairmen for the program, Donna Walsh and Roger Hartwell, certainly must have worked hard to organize this year's play. The addition of a more modern singing group even encouraged the audience to join in. Theresa Dean sang a solo of "Ava Maria." Karen Coy expressed the feeling of many by reading "The Spirit of Christmas." This initiated the Christmas vacation and signified the end of another year at PHS. Unfortunately, it was not the end of the semester; we still have report cards to face.

THE ORATOR

Greg Sammons, current events editor for In General, has taken second place in the Voice of America Contest. The contest began with a script writing of from three to five minutes in length, and was on a subject relating to democracy. Out of several scripts presented at Pittsfield High School, three were then submitted to be recorded at radio station WBRK. A panel of judges in turn chose the best recordings from each school. Thus, one recording would be represented from each school in Berkshire County. Out of all these individual recordings from the schools, Greg Sammons was chosen second by the WBRK panel with a \$25 prize. Paul Hunt, a debator from Wachonah Regional, came in first and received a \$50 first prize. Besides being current events editor for In General, Greg takes AP English, and is an active varsity debator.

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How Big Is the Mafia

by Kermit Goodman

Recently in Providence, R.I. two big black limosines screamed down the main streets of that city. Bullets flew between the two cars like in the old days of gangland gunbattles. This was not an isolated incident, nor was this chase conducted in the protective cover of nighttime. The battle was on the most frequented streets of Providence. It occurred at about three o'clock in the afternoon about 1/4 of a mile away from a precinct police station, yet no one was apprehended. The big question is what's happening? The answer is in one of the recent issues of "Post" magazine. The quiet days of Mafia rule are turning into reruns of 1920's gangster pictures. The reason for this is that too many FBI undercover agents have been penetrating the defenses of the "mob." In order to halt this alarming rate of federal agents joining, the "mob" has "sublet" their dirtier criminal activities to "suckers" as the central board calls them.

These "punks" have not received the training nor do they have the resources of the Mafia at their disposal. While these subletting agents tend to this murder and injury of problem persons, the "elite" prefers to work its old trusted and profit making businesses legal and or otherwise. The three main facets of finance for the "mob" are the following: 1) shark loans - these are loans to those in debt that urgently need financial assistance. They pay well, however small the loan. For example on a \$4,000 loan the interest is about \$85 a week, and failure to make payments often result in tempor-

ary loss of one's mobilization, or a speedy and mysterious disappearance from public life. 2) a floating crap game - this is carried on in a different location every day. Interference or the tendency to "horn in" often results in the same kind of consequence previously stated. One FBI agent in a bookkeeping post reported that the mob has a turnover of about \$1 million a week from this little private game. This is in Boston area including other parts of New England. 3) Third and most profitable is the hijacking which the gang carries out. Truckloads of merchandise are quickly assimilated into the legitimate enterprises of the "mob." Their storehouses and discount stores are perfect hiding disposal areas for these "hot" goods.

To operate any of these "businesses" in Mafia territory one needs to be "licensed" or of course suffer the consequences. There have been numerous reports of missing persons who operated such businesses without approval. If one small booky at a race track changes the odds on a horse the Mafia is interested in he usually suffers minor injury the first time, if he did this unknowingly. Further infractions result in more disastrous or fatal occurrences.

The mob is a big business. Estimates of yearly profits range between \$1/2 to \$1 billion dollars. Being so well financed the Mafia can buy virtually anything they want; judges, politicians, elected representatives, and police officials. They can control whole courts by bribery. If a member is caught and stands trial, which is very unlikely, the "mob" sees that he is let off easily or that he is released from his prison sentence well in advance.

Truly hoping the "mob" doesn't catch up with me, I'll keep you informed of the events to follow.

The Road to Peace by Carter Terenzini

The world has been divided by strife since the beginning of time. Man has always felt the need to have another subservient to him. Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar, Napoleon, and Hitler were terrifying manifestations of this desire. But what of the victims of such a desire? They have tried various methods, but none have worked. They were still searching for a road to peace when WW I struck.

The death of many in WW I gave birth to the League of Nations. The U.S. found little use for it, however. It was little more than a glorified debate society. Japan invaded Manchuria, Italy seized Ethiopia and Albania, and Hitler unleashed the infamous Blitzkrieg. The league was a failure. World War II came and went.

On October 24, 1945 another glorified debate society was formed, the 'Divided Nations.' In theory I agree with it and support it. However, I am disenchanted on several points. The first being the General Assembly. Each nation has one vote. After all, we want everyone to be equal. India (449,390,000) has one vote and so does Cyprus (589,000). The micro-states (3 of the world's population) are able to control the assembly.

The next point is the security council. Any one of the 5 permanent members can veto an action or even a motion of discussion. The greatest action ever taken was concerning Korea in 1950. Communist forces had swept across the border in complete defiance of the Geneva accord. The U.S.S.R. had walked out and was not there to veto the action. However, as has been the rule the U.S. was the forces mainstay. In 1956 the Hungarians revolted. The U.S. couldn't send aid, but did attempt to bring the matter before the Council. The U.S.S.R. vetoed the motion and ruthlessly crushed the opposition. The Congo, Cuba, Ven-

ezuela, and Vietnam are prime examples of the organization's ineffectiveness.

The last major point is Article 19. This requires the expulsion of members who don't pay their debts. The U.S. pays 47.9 percent of all expenses. Russia pays little yet votes any constructive action. The nations condemn the war-mongering state of Rhodesia and does everything in its power to add the oppressed state of North Vietnam.

Well, read on. We would propose

PROTEST

by John Karam

Many people in this nation ask, "Why?" Why do students protest? Why do they burn their draft cards? Why do they start riots and cause trouble? Many people try to answer it by saying that they are cowards or that the Communists are behind it. I do not believe that the answer is that easy.

Why do students protest? There are many answers. One is that the draft takes them while they are still in school. If they don't keep up their marks, this causes more pressure to be placed on the other students and some of them collapse under the strain. Another is that some of them do not believe that the war in Vietnam is right and by demonstrating they can make their opinions heard. They burn their draft cards for the same reason. The riots are one way of showing that they are backed by a large number of people and they will cause trouble to get what they want. The riots also give them more publicity and this is one way of letting the people know how they stand. As to whether or not they should be allowed to demonstrate, I believe that they should.

Two of the basic rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights are those of free speech and peaceful assembly. To deny students these rights would be breaking the law of the land, and the law was made for them as well as the rest of us. But these students should not be allowed to cause trouble the way they have been doing. The recent riots at the Pentagon were not lawful. They overstepped the right of assembly there. But right before the riots took place there was a very quiet and peaceful assembly at a point near the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial. This assembly showed that they could be peaceful.

The previous examples show that students can obey laws as well as break them. Anyone can do that. But these laws were made to protect us and they cannot protect us if we break them. As long as the students don't break the law, I believe that they should be allowed to demonstrate, but once they overstep the boundaries of the law they should be arrested and punished for their crimes just like anyone else. This might make them understand that the laws are made to be obeyed. And, once they start obeying the laws, people might stop wondering "Why?"

the following. Each nation would have a voting power in proportion to its population. The smallest member nation would be the criteria used. Three-fourths of the Security Council members could override a veto. Lastly, dues would also be proportioned. Non-payment would automatically be subject to Assembly consideration. A majority vote would result in expulsion which would be rescinded upon payment of one-third of the balance due. As a voice of confidence we should submit Vietnam to the Divided Nations. The above proposals would result in a United Nations.

As things now are: Divided we stand, united we fall.

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Sportsmen of the Month

by Richard Kennedy

For the New Year we open the Sportsman of the Month corner, with something new - we'll change it to SPORTSMEN of the Month. They are Robert and Gene Fitzgerald; yes, brothers.

Bob and Gene are hockey players on the Pittsfield High Hockey team, who currently hold first place in the Wright Division of the Western Mass. Hockey League, with a record of 3 wins, 0 losses and 2 ties, trouncing Longmeadow 5 to 0, Ludlow 7 to 4, and East Longmeadow 7 to 2. PHS also tied Springfield Trade 2 to 2, and Longmeadow again 3 to 3.

Bob is a senior in the college prep course, and hopes to attend Holy Cross College next year. Bob plays center in the front line of the team. As center, he is a playmaker, as well as a point maker.

Gene is a junior in the College Prep course, and as of yet has no college plans. "Geno," as he is called by his friends and fellow players, plays left wing, and is probably the man most often seen by the opposing goalie during the games.

Bob is leading the team in scoring and is pretty close to the top in the league in this category,

though the official report hasn't yet been released. Bob has scored 9 goals and 8 assists for a total of 17 points for five games. Gene is tied with Neil Eddy with 11 points, tallying these points by way of 7 goals and 4 assists. Neil Eddy, who plays right wing, has been just as helpful as the Fitzgerald brothers; for this reason we had a hard time picking a player for the title, Sportsman of the Month. Coach Moffet, who has been coaching these three boys since they were old enough to skate, told me, "Don't break-up those three; they belong together both on and off the ice; one couldn't do it without the other two."

Gene and Bobby are constantly a scoring threat, and managing to keep most of the action of the game down on the opposing team's half of the ice - which doesn't give our goalie much game experience does it?

The Fitzgerald brothers are beautiful examples of the Boys' Club Hockey plan, from which they learned how to play hockey. They were in one of the first classes to come all the way up thru this plan. It shows the plan was very good, and will produce many talented hockey players for the city of Pittsfield, as well as for PHS.



The Fitzgerald brothers, Robert and Gene, take a break during hockey practice. Photo by Mitchell

Fouling Around

by Martha Mlynanczyk

After a tiring, fun-filled season of field-hockey last fall, many girls anxiously awaited volleyball. The November-December volleyball season began with round-robin games in gym.

For the many interested girls, after school round-robin games were played on Tuesday and Friday. After each individual team played four games, the winners played a final match, resulting in a victory for Captain Cindy Schultz's team in the round-robin tournament. Following this, a senior and junior varsity team was chosen. Under the leadership of Sue Russell, and Daria Politis, the respective junior and senior team captains, three tense games were played. The enthusiastic group of juniors cheered themselves on to the first victory, but the persevering seniors claimed the second one. Pleading cheers from the juniors, and a "restrained cool" from the seniors prevailed during the third and decisive game which the seniors won with a final score of 19-17. With diverse thoughts, groups of girls walked slowly away from the Girl's Club, and volleyball season ended.

OF FISH AND MEN

by Jeff Cadorette

Entering its second year with varsity status, the swim team is again in championship form. Continuing with a force of returning lettermen and a group of versatile sophomores, Coach Bob Magee is building a team that will be hard to beat.

Having a record of 3-0 so far this year, the team is in first place in the Pioneer Valley League. In their most recent meet they overwhelmed highly respected East Longmeadow by a score of 67-28.

One of the problems Magee had with the team last year was lack of depth. This is certainly not the case this year with 25 people on the team, and the majority of these contributing points in the teams wins.

Some of the first place finishes in the first three meets have been: Gregg Eason, who has added 3 wins each in the 200 and 400 yard freestyle events to his long list of victories from last year; co-captain Phil Glass-anas, who is also a consistent

has dominated the 200 yard Individual Medley; Norm Sosin, who has taken a first in diving, along with Alan Hinkley have thrilled the crowd with many spectacular dives; Denny Ward who swims the backstroke and Jeff Cadorette have taken first in the 100 yard breaststroke.

Pittsfield seems to be a well-rounded team this year, should be a strong contender for the League title, and maybe a repeat in the New England Championship.

According to Coach Magee, the real problems will come at the away meets to which the team won't be able to take everyone, especially sophomores. This is because the meets are in the afternoon and this would mean the sophomores would miss too much class time. I'm sure the sophomores don't mind, but Mr. Murphy has suggested that a limited number be excused for each meet.

All in all the teams looks very strong. Roger Hartwell, Pete Burdett, Glen Basset and Dilly



Jeff Cadorette, leading even before he hits the water, while Norman Sosin has a rather unique reaction to the intruder.

double event winner and swims the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events; Steve Strang, who, along with co-captain Dave Marchetto,

Volin are other returning lettermen along with senior newcomer Gary Carretta. Each has contributed points at every meet. Some of the sophomores you should be hearing a lot about in the future will be Paul Bagley, Bob Wheeler, Doug Snyder, Dave Basset and Chris Ward.

With a lot of support from the student body (such as the turnout for the first home game) and continued hard work by the team, the swim team will do better this year than last.

WRESTLING

by Jim DiSilva

The Pittsfield High Mat Men will be going at it again this year as they open their schedule here against Technical on January 6th.

The PHS wrestlers finished 1-5 in the Western Mass. Wrestling League last year, but finished 5-5 overall and placed 2nd in the state tournament.

George Sylvester, a graduate of Springfield College as a Physical Education major and also a varsity wrestler with them, will take over coaching chores again this year.

Coming back again this year, this time as captain, will be Dan Scace. Other veterans returning are lightweights, Terry Bannick, Jay Aronstein, Joe Perkins, Steve Graves, and middleweight, John Perkins.

First year men, looking good, are sophomores Joe Phillips, Randy Rocca, Mickey Lefkowitz and juniors Dick Blais, Ken Hyding, and Ron Bodeau. Other first year men include juniors Ken Sullivan, Steve Coltrara, Dick Swain, Pat Seckler, Dave Williams, Joe Boudreau, and wrestling in the unlimited class, Tony Parise.

Starting in the first match of the season against Tech will be, Joe Phillips, Terry Bannick, Jay Aronstein, Joe Perkins, Steve Graves, Richard Blais, Steve Coltrara, John Perkins, Joe Boudreau, Dan Scace, and Tony Parise.

PATTI PILOTS SKI TEAM

by Paul Massimiano

Despite common belief that the word athletics concerns only football, basketball, and baseball, athletics also includes hockey, soccer, swimming, track, tennis, golf, and perhaps the least noticed of all - skiing. Skiing is as important a sport as any other, especially at PHS, where the ski team has won title after title. For eight years our team has proved itself to be the best in the area.

Although the loss of Coach Benedetti is a great setback, the team's outlook is still as good as ever. This year the team will be piloted by Coach Ron Patti. Mr. Patti's acceptance of the coaching position is a truly big break for PHS. He is an expert skier, and also a ski instructor at Brodie Mountain, with experience in both the American and Canadian techniques. He has seen international action, and for a period of time, coached a European team. With these qualifications, and his popularity with the team, I'm sure we can expect many victories to be produced by our ski



Ron Patti, the new ski coach at PHS, who, it is probable, will lead the team through another winning season. Mitchell

This year's co-captains, Ned Dripps and Terry Goodrich, will lead the team in skiing, which includes - the alpine events: slalom and downhill, and the nordic events: cross country and jumping. Also leading the team will be Jimmy Vandergrift, Bob Rusk, Jim Dripps and Bob Cella in the alpine events, Dave Eames and Jim Borden probably breaking the cross-country records, and specialist Tony Massimiano taking the jumping honors. Upcoming sophomores include Jack Phair and Dave Rusk, both of whom will help strengthen the already unbeatable team.

This year's big ski meet will be the Berkshire Interscholastic Ski Meet on February 2nd and 3rd. It will be held at either Pittsfield State Forest or Jiminy Peak and will pit skiers from local high schools and prep schools. IN GENERAL hopes to see many PHS students at this meet in order to give our ski team the support it truly deserves.

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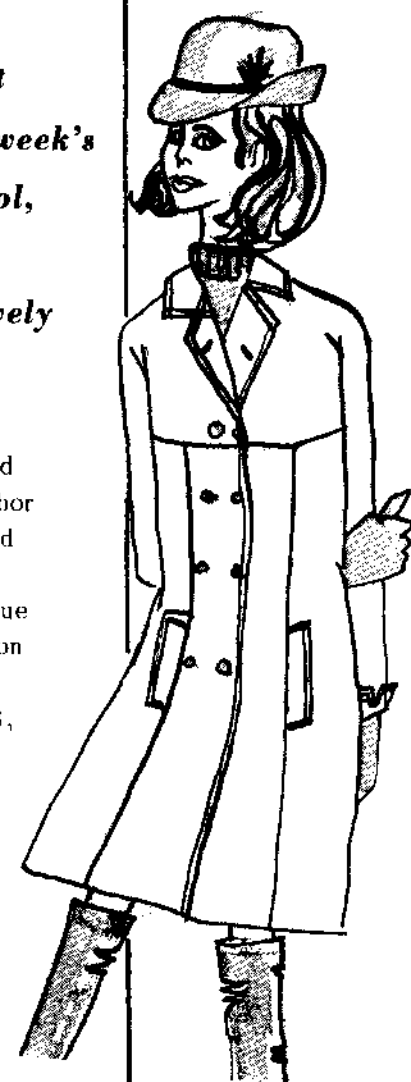
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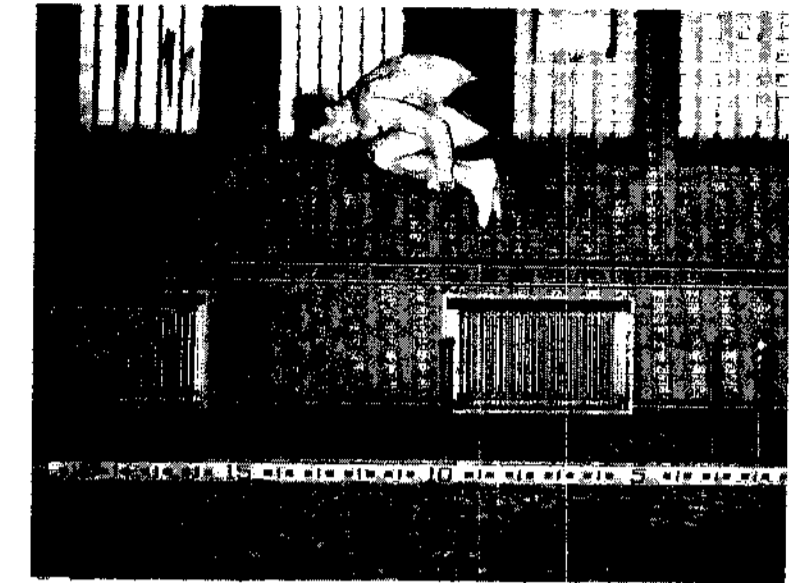
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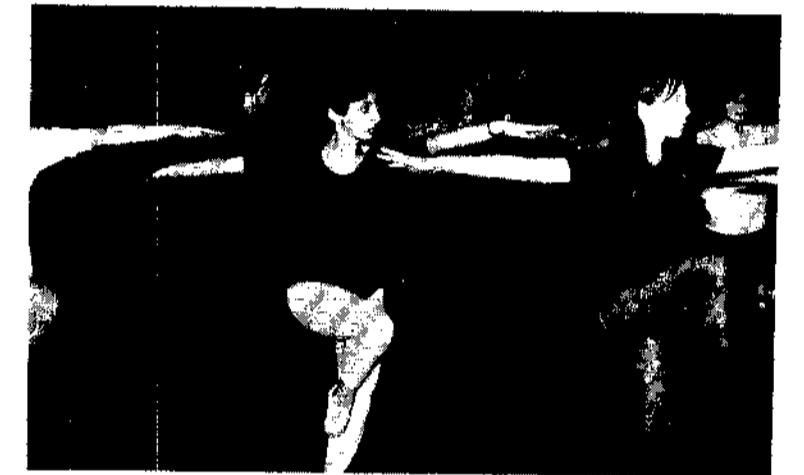
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