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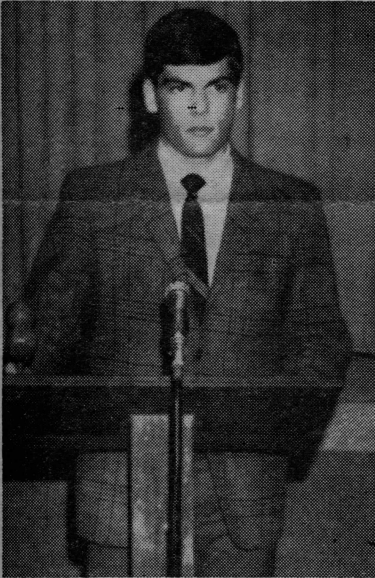
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RETURNS IN, OWENS HEADS THE BILL



Wednesday, May 1, was the big day for election of the 1968-1969 Student Association officers. If one had walked through the halls of the administration building, he would have seen several brightly-colored, eye-catching signs campaigning for both presidential candidates.

There were such slogans as "Get Goin' With Owen," and for the other candidate, "All the Way With D.J.". There were even some picketers carrying a huge sign which upraised Terry Owen.

During chapel, each of the candidates for the vice-presidents and president gave a short campaign speech. Then ballots were passed out to the students and teachers, and the votes were cast.

The new SA officers for the coming year were introduced at the Campus Day worship where they

thanked their supporters for their votes and reaffirmed their determination to make SA '68-'69 the most note-worthy organization at P.V.A.

We are real happy to have for our 1968-1969 Student Association officers:

PresidentTerry Owen
Spiritual Vice-President
.....Larry Meyers
Cultural Vice-President
.....JoAnn Herrington
Social Vice-President
.....Jeanne Petersen
SecretaryTanny Criswell
TreasurerDan Gerst
ParliamentarianKeith Hovermale
ChoristerDennis Dickerson
PianistShara Williams

I'm sure that these new S.A. officers will certainly try their hardest to make next year the best ever at Platte Valley Academy.

—Jeanne Petersen

COMING EVENTS

May 3-5 Literature Evangelism Weekend
May 6 8th Grade Visitation Day
May 9 Youth Guidance Field Trip
May 12 Sink-A-Canoe—Camp Arrowhead
ACT Test—Seniors
May 15 Sophomore and Junior picnics
May 18 Elder Norman Sharp Sat. night Music Festival
May 19 Investiture Service—Sunday evening
May 22 Freshman and Senior picnics
May 25 Elder O. L. Mclean
May 31 Senior Consecration—8:00 p.m.
June 1 Baccalaureate—11:15 a.m.
Commencement—9:30 p.m.

'Tis the Seasons 4, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter

Spring seems to be a quite changeable time of year, and so it was altogether proper that Phi Veta Alpha should present its "Festival of Seasons" benefit on April 27, 1968.

After a busy day with the many Alumni and other guests on campus, everyone was glad to settle down and relax as the program got into full swing.

January through December was portrayed by maidens attired in floor length formals. Cindy Torske, as Mother Nature, was asked to choose which of the girls should be sweetheart of the year, and in the excitement, an elf got tangled up with the stage garden fountain. At

least it stopped the arguing of the four seasons: Spring—Bev Urwin, Summer—Julie Serafin, Fall—Kay Sutton, Winter—Gaylene Herr.

Recognition should be given to the spry little elves, Margaret Zolbrecht and Cindy Rhodes who had so many duties to do from supplying bags and rocking chairs to plugging in the Statue of Liberty's lamp.

There were various musical selections corresponding with the months of the year, from "Sleigh Ride" to "Lazy Bones" and numbers by the Girls' Chorus.

Finally the last note of "Silver Bells" had resounded and the girls formed in a line of color to let

everyone choose his favorite month; rather a difficult choice, wouldn't you say?

Many thanks to those who made this program possible and to the large assembly who made it a success.

—Wanda Ellis

ANOTHER UNFAIR QUESTION

If everybody obeyed the Ten Commandments, what would we do for news?

BUSY, INDEED!

No matter how busy a student is, he's never too busy to stop and talk about how busy he is.



Jeanne, Lou Anne and Jeanie are singing in the rain to drive the clouds away so the spritely elves, Cindy and Margaret, can prepare the setting for a new season.

Weekend Sparks Memories

April 27 dawned bright and sunny as the campus was flooded by P.V.A. Alumni and friends coming to renew acquaintances and view the growth of P.V.A.

First, they were directed to the gym where capable ushers, members of the class of '68, found seats for one and all, to enjoy the P.V.A. band which played for one-half hour before the service began.

Sabbath school was conducted by the Alumni and followed by a rousing class study by Mr. Mock. Shortly after this, church began with Elder Wilson, class of '38 officiating with a challenging sermon. Elder Wilson, by the way, came 1200 miles from Georgia to conduct the service.

Following a hearty dinner, the chapel filled as Elder and Mrs. Melvin Peters, parents of missionary Clyde Peters, told us of their mishap on the "Fernando Stahl" and how they were miraculously delivered from a watery grave.

Succeeding M.V. the Alumni were given a guided tour through the new administration building while the students passed out temperance literature in Kearney.

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Tunes, Tumbles, And Talks

The touring time has become busier and busier!

Tumbling team under the direction of Mr. Greenman, P.E. teacher and boys' dean, put on a performance in North Platte, April the sixth.

They were aided much by Lanny Fiegenschuh, the clown, in his fluorescent orange suit. Along with their agility talent, the tumblers brought musical talent.

Bonnie Gulka played on the violin, Margaret Zolbrecht and Eunice Gregory sang a duet, and Phil Neuharth and Terry Owen played on cornets accompanied by Ernie Schwab in an afternoon M.V. program. Ernie also gave one of the student Week of Prayer sermons.

The beautiful Central Union Temperance Trophy which P.V.A. holds for this coming year was shown and Connie Jo told of the various activities the temperance society, American Youth for Better Living has been doing.

Wanda Ellis read one of her poems, and Bette Harden offered prayer.

The next tour group, Balladares and Band, with Mr. Baker as director, Miss Moles, piano accompanist, and Miss Baker, U.C. student teacher, gave sacred concerts in Chadron, Scottsbluff, and Hemingford.

The Sacred concert portrayed parts of Jesus' life ending with the joyous Hallelujah Chorus.

Besides the Band and Balladares, the mens' quartet, Bob Herrington, Ernie Schwab, George Dorsch, and Dennis Dickerson sang "There Is a Balm in Gilead" and the sophomore trio, Pam Maize, Shara Williams, and Judy Wesslen, sang "Were You There?"

The secular program included an interesting variety of songs, tak-

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EDITORIAL

SPRING

For what is so rare as a day in June. . . . Lowell

A color stands abroad on solitary hills
That Science cannot overtake but human nature feels.
. . . . Emily Dickenson

In the bare trees old husks make new designs
Love moves he crows before the dawn
The cherry sun ushers in the new phase.
. . . . William Williams

Forth from its sunny nook of shelter'd grass—innocent, golden,
calm as the dawn,
The spring's first dandelion shows its trustful face.
. . . . Walt Whitman

Sunbathers, (hybrid chicks in an open broiler).
Spring's infant, the weather will spoil her.
Yes, and pamper her with heat
Before her makeup is complete.
. . . . The Editor

ing the audience on a trip from Hungary, to the mountains, etc.

Bob Herrington gave his temperance oration, "Business Man '68" which was thoroughly enjoyed.

April 20, the Balladares and Band went to Omaha with a sacred program and music in the Church and Sabbath School service.

The quartet and the trio also sang. That evening in Neligh, they gave a short sacred program and Rosella Klug gave her winning temperance oration. That night a secular program was given.

Mr. Wesslen took a carload of the group to Torrington for a serving Sabbath morning in which Jerry Wesslen gave his week of prayer sermonette, and Connie Gerst gave a temperance sermonette.

Lou Ann Reile and Jeanne Risse sang "Ivory Palaces", Jerry on the trombone with Russell Snyder on the cornet, played "Living for Jesus" and Jerry played "When God is Near", accompanied by Connie.

One thing wonderful and delicious about each tour was the good food!!! A big thanks to each of you readers who brought food for us!

And I hope you have enjoyed our programs as much as we have enjoyed presenting them.

—Connie Gerst

HAZELWOOD HALL Gulka's Gabbles



It's quiet now. The spirit which has filled my halls these last few weeks of school has gone under cover for another night as the girls snuggle down into their beds. All is still.

My poor stairs and halls may now have a few hours of rest from the tromping of janitors feet, the crashing of falling books, and the noise of romping students.

All, that is except for one, Twila Pierson, who is sitting on my second floor stairway right now waiting for her roommate, Julie Serafin, to finish singing herself to sleep.

It has been a very busy month for everyone. There was girls' chorus rehearsal almost every night for the last 2 weeks in preparation for the girls' club benefit. There was all the hard work put into special numbers and on back drops and stage settings.

If you had come to visit me sometime before study period you would have heard music from all seasons of the year floating around.

You would have also seen girls in seasonal costumes—ear muffs, straw hats, rain coats and snow suits, shamrock and ice skates.

That cute little Jeanne Risse and her umbrella surely had a hard time together. Everytime she tried to put it up when she sang "April Showers" with Jeanne Petersen and LouAnn Reile, it just wouldn't go up; or come down when it was supposed to.

When the night of the program came, the rustle of long dresses and light tip-toeing of the little elf feet (Cindy Rhodes and Margaret Zolbrecht) could be heard in my halls. Everyone declared the program to have been a complete success.

April 28, the girls' club put on a mother-daughter brunch. At 10 a.m. in the chapel, there was a special program for the mothers which depicted the life of a girl from babyhood to grandmahood.

You've heard that saying, "always a bridesmaid, never a bride", but with Judy Wesslen it was "always a bride and never married"; keep practicing, Judy.

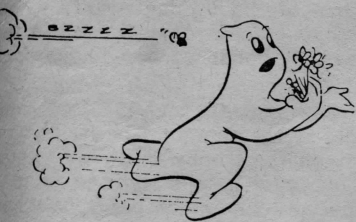
After the program, they were invited to the cafeteria for a late breakfast of fruit cocktail, club

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WILTON HALL

Dickerson's Dickerings



Well, here we go again with another one of my articles. Let's see... seems as if Alan Muenchau decided to celebrate spring one night. He put on an old shirt and gym shorts, an ugly tie, and a hat that looked as if it had spent some time in the city dump.

Ernie and Mike Schwab decided that Mexico was the place, so they dressed accordingly. Then Mike decided to give a violin concert.

Ernie has a new roommate. The girls are terrified of it. Merva is scared of snakes that anything that resembles one produces a scream.

Larry Meyers has started to tell me of the dumbest jokes!!! They are so stupid that they are funny. And thing is that no one gets any place. I hope he runs out of jokes soon!!!

Lanny and Phil decided to tear apart each other's clothes. I don't think I've seen anything so funny for a long time.

I think we should thank Phil for working on the hall. He has spent a lot of time getting it in shape. Say, while we're on the subject of showing appreciation, I think we should thank Dean for fixing up the parlor. When the year started we had a small, dingy room. By moving the kitchenette down into the basement and knocking out a wall, we have a nicer parlor.

But that wasn't all that happened. The existing furniture has been varnished and reupholstered.

Earl Huckins built another couch and Dean built a footstool. This unusual footstool is big enough to be used, but it's not really so big when people like Eric Rosin, size 14, use it.

Well, Daylight Savings Time has been put back into effect. It's a little strange to go to bed while it's still light outside. Makes it hard to study and besides that—
—SPRING!!!

Brad Branson wants me to let the whole world know about one of his problems. You see, Brad monitors the east end of second floor and he claims that all of the residents are nuts. So if you think you are a little off, it's just because you are a monitor.

Victim of the month, any month is John Martin, better known as Ram. Nit Ram has a hard time being the object of many pranks. He is noted for athletic abil-



Carmen Mock, "Daddy's little girl," gazes lovingly into her father's face as he extols her virtues in song.

The Brunch Bunch

April 28, Sunday morning following the Phi Veta Alpha Benefit, the girls of P.V.A. gave a Mother-Daughter program followed by a brunch.

The program was entitled "Sweethearts on Parade", and depicted the life of a girl from babyhood to old age. The stages of her life were represented by songs and readings.

The songs were: "Mighty Like a Rose", sung by Shara Williams with the help of Christine Nesmith. Wanda Ellis, assisted by Dawn Nesmith gave a poem on baby's first steps. Mr. Mock and Carmen presented "Daddy's Little Girl".

Terri and Rhonda Anderson were in the next scenes. LouAnn Muenchau portrayed a sixteen year old writing a Mother's Day letter. Jeanne Risse and LouAnn Reile sang a tribute to Mother. Delores Hamit represented the graduate while Brenda Kemper sang "Halls of Ivy". Judy and Jerry Wesslen as bride and groom sang "I Love You Truly".

In the final scene, Lanny Fiegenschuh and Gaylene Herr played the part of Grandmother and Grandfather.

Following the program, a brunch was held in the cafeteria. This light meal was followed by a presentation of roses to the mothers.

—Karen Bowen

ities, but best of all, John takes everything good naturedly.

Kendall Fults had a puzzled look on his face when he was presented a birthday card and gift just before going to bed. He couldn't figure out how it got from the girls' dorm to the boys' dorm. Maybe one of these days....

Since I've got to go to work and need to turn this article in, I guess I'd better end for now.

—Dennis Dickerson

Seniors' Sneak Preview

"Goodbye, see you next Tuesday." These were the words of many seniors as we headed for Union College days on April 7.

Upon arrival we all registered in the gym. Then we went and got settled in our designated rooms. After supper we had our evening worship, followed by a program in the gym.

Along with other entertainment produced by different people from Union and from other academies, we saw the film "Almost Angels", after which we retired for the evening.

Monday morning we gathered in the church for worship; then each academy group was given a tour around the campus. Later in the morning, each student was given the opportunity to see about getting a job for next year.

After dinner, we assembled in the gym where there were different sections of careers; each student chose where he wanted to be and went to that group. In the groups, the speakers told us about the career and what subjects were offered for it at Union.

In the afternoon there were track and fields events in which each academy competed with the others. That was the end of the day, so we went back to the dorms for the night.

Tuesday, after touring various places in Lincoln, we headed back for Platte Valley.

—Julie Serafin

HERRINGTON'S

Sports Roundup

Hello Fans, it's time once more for the midwest's most complete coverage of P.V.A. sports. Well, fans, it's been a great year of good games and excitement. Let's take a glance at the big winners this year.

Football Champions: Owens' team . . . Final game: Evans-vs-Owens.

Volley Ball Champions: Meyers' team . . . Final game: Grabill-vs-Meyers.

Basketball Champions: Neu-harth's team . . . Final game: Jahns-vs-Neuharth.

And now for a look at the current activities, baseball. We would like to acknowledge a few outstanding players, David Littrell, Mr. Anderson, Bill Ray, Eric Rosin, Larry Meyers, and Keith Hovermale are leading the field in errors.

Here are the team standings as of May 1st:

	W.	L.
Cardinals	2	0
Dodgers	2	0
Mets	0	2
Pirates	0	2

Bill Jabo's Lovely Hearts Club Bank

What could a one man band be like? Everyone was wondering this as they walked into the auditorium for our Saturday night entertainment on the 13th of April.

We found out soon after Mr. Williams introduced to us the star of the show, Mr. Bill Jacobs. He began by playing the marimba for us. Then believe it or not, he had puppets who could also play the marimba.

Our favorite was a clown who danced while he played.

Have you ever heard of tuning nails and playing them? Well, this is one of the things that Mr. Jacobs did. I must say that it was rather different.

He completed his program by playing some bottles which he had tuned by using colored water. Of course, the color didn't change the tone.

When I say this, I am sure I am saying it for all the students at Platte Valley Academy. We have never seen anything quite like this program, but we enjoyed it very much.

—Cindy Torske

GULKA'S GABBLES

Continued from page 2 col. 4 sandwiches, potato salad, lime punch, and for dessert, orange sherbet.

Concluding the brunch, the girls presented the mothers with sweetheart roses.

—Hazelwood Hall as told to Bonnie Gulka

	Batting	Ave.	E.
Short	1-1	1000	0
Dorsch	4-5	800	1
Neuharth	3-5	600	2
Gorton	4-7	571	1
Fults	4-7	571	1
Herrington	2-4	500	0
Hovermale	3-6	500	3
Stacey	2-4	500	2
Opp	2-4	500	1
Gerber	1-2	500	3
Meyers	2-5	400	1
Johnson	2-5	400	0
Wesslen	2-5	400	0
Mr. Mock	2-5	400	0
Correia	2-5	400	1
Mr. Nesmith	2-6	333	0
E. Schwab	1-3	333	0
R. Nelson	1-3	333	2
Gaffner	1-3	333	0
Owen	2-7	285	1
C. Nelson	1-4	250	0
Don Evans	1-4	250	0
Dave Evans	1-4	250	1
Jahns	1-4	250	3
Branson	1-4	250	0
Mr. Schwab	1-4	250	2
Muenchau	1-5	200	0
Dean	1-5	200	2
Mr. Baker	1-5	200	1

—Bob Herrington

Robert Reigns

We congratulate our boy of the month, who is Robert Snyder. He is a sophomore this year, and works in the broom shop.

Earlier this year he won first prize in our science fair. This enabled him to go to Lincoln to compete in the state science fair.

Among his hobbies are building model airplanes and farm work of all kinds.

Bob is from Beatrice, Nebraska, and has an older brother here at Platte Valley Academy and a brother and sister at home.

We are sure he has earned the title of "Boy of the Month" for April, and we know he will live up to his title in the months and years to come.

—Linda Dorsch

If at first you don't . . . succeed by doing.



Shara and Bob try out new flag pole while reigning as boy and girl of the month of April.

Junior Class Sponsors The Big One

April showers descended freely on April 21, but the Juniors and Seniors spirits were not dampened in the least. After dodging puddles to get to the bus, we rode to Kearney, where sunny weather and blue skies greeted us.

As we walked into Grandpa's Steak House, our eyes met with the Italian setting that the juniors had prepared for us.

Phil Neuharth, junior class president, welcomed us to the banquet and then introduced Jeanne Petersen, who sang "O Sole Mio".

Dennis Dickerson asked the blessing and we enjoyed a delicious meal consisting of spaghetti and sauce, tossed salad, corn, garlic bread, punch, and sherbet. Mr. Baker played "Carnival of Venice" on his cornet, followed by a dinner speech given by Mr. Wesslen.

After Eunice Gregory's piano solo entitled "Moonlight Sonata", Jerry Wesslen expressed, on behalf of the senior class, appreciation for the fine banquet that the juniors had prepared for us.

The special feature of the evening was the film entitled "Captains Courageous", in which a rich widower's badly spoiled son falls

Shara Shares Throne

Does music and courtesy mix? It surely must to Shara Williams, a sophomore from Hemingford, Nebraska. Shara, a diligent worker and enjoyer of the music department, has been chosen courtesy girl for the month of April.

With the music department as her favorite spot on campus, it is no wonder that Shara is in Band, Balladaires, and is pianist for Phi Veta Alpha.

Shara was born in Flint, Michigan, and plans to return to Barion Springs, Michigan, and attend school there this summer.

In order to attend a Christian school this year, Shara also spread God's word by colportering. Was it here Shara gained the ability to lend a helping hand when needed and to throw out a willing smile to those with despondent spirits? I am sure with her cheerfulness many spirits will be lifted. Congratulations, Shara.

—Ellen Feather

overboard from an Atlantic liner in a heavy fog.

He is picked up off the Grand Banks by a fishing schooner. Forced to stay with his rescuers until their fishing is finished, he is assigned regular work.

He rebels, but undergoes a discipline that changes him in the three months voyage from an obnoxious bully to a fine young lad.

His best friend, most responsible for the change in the youngster is killed by a falling mast in a terrible storm. Back at port, the heartbroken boy turns to his father in a reconciliation that brings a new understanding.

—Jerry Wesslen & Sandy Gulka

AVIS TOO

Brush your teeth regularly. Don't let hurts put you in the dentist's seat.

It's easy to be happy. Smile! It's also easy to be a smiling idiot. Think!

—Gina Rose Huckins

Special Temperance Party

Attention! Attention! Yes, it was Connie Jo, our temperance president, trying to get the students' attention in chapel one day to tell them of the coming event which was to be held April 6, 1968 in the gym in honor of our temperance victory.

The students and faculty were told if the temperance society obtained the trophy this year, everyone would have a right to go to a special temperance party. We had won the trophy, so Connie was announcing a party.

April 6 arrived. Let's drop in to see what is taking place. Right now a picnic supper is being served. You know, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, punch and candy bars.

Everyone's having a marvelous time eating. (I know several girls that ate too much! Poor girls!)

The new officers were shortly unveiled. They are:

Presidents: Dennis Dickerson and Twila Pierson.

Vice-Presidents: Mike Schwab and Mazie Kruger.

Secretaries: Dave Evans and Kathy Gardner.

Assistant Secretaries: Dan Gerst and Karen Bowen.

Treasurer: Cindy Rhodes.

Public Relations: David Sullivan.

Then the film, "Dr. Jim" was shown. All in all it was very enjoyable and worthwhile. I'm sure that everybody would like to thank the temperance officers of 1967-68 for their work in leading us to attaining the trophy and reaching so many people. A big THANK YOU to each of them.

—Rosella Klug

WEEKEND SPARKS MEMORIES

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As the sun sank in the western sky, the Alumni, including the class of '68, assembled in the cafeteria for worship, refreshments, and an amusing film of the class of '38. Thus ended an enjoyable day for us all.



Jeanne and Bev translate the alien menu to the celebrants gathered at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Spring Fever Resisters

Duane Johnson — 4.0
Vernette Morse — 4.0
Carol Morse — 4.0
Gwen Runyan — 4.0
Ellen Feather — 3.8
Vickie Scott — 3.8
Barbara Cook — 3.75
Debbie Dickerson — 3.75
Connie Jo Gerst — 3.75
July Wesslen — 3.75
Shara Williams — 3.75
Bev Urwin — 3.70
Julie Serafin — 3.66
Jean Petersen — 3.6
Pam Maize — 3.6
Larry Meyers — 3.5
Peggy Robinson — 3.5
Twila Pierson — 3.5
Dave Evans — 3.4

Cindy Torske — 3.4
Wanda Ellis — 3.25
Sandra Gulka — 3.25
Gina Huckins — 3.25
Marilyn Peckham — 3.25
Lou Ann Reile — 3.25
Cindy Rhodes — 3.25
Florence Warm — 3.25
Dennis Dickerson — 3.0
George Dorsch — 3.0
Linda Dorsch — 3.0
John Gorton — 3.0
Karen Hansen — 3.0
JoAnne Herrington — 3.0
Keith Hovermale — 3.0
Kendall Fults — 3.25
Brenda Kemper — 3.2
Gary Leach — 3.2
Terry Owen — 3.0