

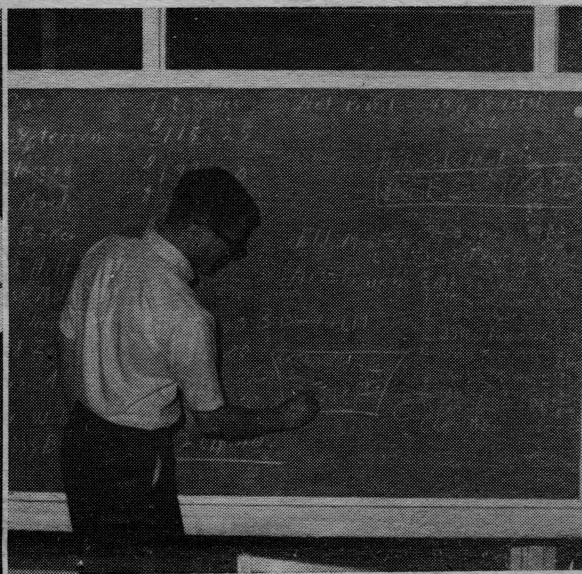
# The SUNDIAL

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## The Days of Candy and Letters



"Tex" Tim and "Belle" Betty snub their western noses at their fearless Indian competitors "Kiowa" Karen and "Brave" Bobby (Black Raven substituting for "Brave" in pictures) who hope to count coup on their wily opponents in the S. A. campaign, raging thick and furious.

## Goal and Then Some \$1612.17

The sun sank low in the west as PVA students took no time nor gave any thought to the amber rays fading in the distance.

They were now gathering in the chapel. This being the 24th day of October, it was Ingathering Eve. All listened attentively as Elder Mclean explained the rules of ingathering, and set before us the goal of \$1560.00.

With this goal and the gift of an extra day in mind, we went to our dorms to rest for the coming day.

Tuesday, the 25th dawned brisk and gusting. With spirits high, 29 cars spread abroad the plains of Nebraska, harvesting the ingathering fields, headed by a leader in each car who was a district pastor, conference man, or layman.

### Doors . . . Dogs . . . Doors

A long day lay ahead of all, but with light hearts, they set to their work. Many an experience beset the ingatherers into the mood, such as: big dogs, slamming doors, smiles, smiles, and more slamming doors.

Many were surprised at the interest shown by the people, many enrolled individuals in Bible Correspondence, others invited district members to our Sabbath services.

As the sun set, our workers were winding their way back to the school. Most were happy to see the tabulations on the blackboard as they welcomed the warm supper awaiting them.

### Faculty Save the "Day"

Others were anxious to know whether their car was the highest car. As things started shaping up, the total received was climbing, climbing. Would we make it???

All cars came in, and the total had not yet reached our goal. We were just a bit short.

Ah, but wait! The faculty saved the day (extra day of vacation). Elder Maize, Mr. Wesslen and Mr. Bascom, came through with enough to put us \$52.17 over our goal, making a grand total of \$1612.17. The high car was Mr. Vercio's car with \$107.08.

—Bob Herrington

It is better to say a good thing about a bad fellow, than to say a bad thing about a good fellow.

## Fiegenschuh Assumes Editorship

To edit the Sundial for this new school year is Lanny Fiegenschuh, a senior here at PVA. Lanny has attended Platte Valley Academy all four years of academy, coming here from Sidney, Nebraska.

His freshman year, he was class parliamentarian; his sophomore year, class pastor; and junior year, class president. This year marks his third year of serving on the

Aquila, the yearbook staff.

Lanny enjoys art work very much; paintings and carvings of his have received admiration from his classmates. He also has a great liking for reading and writing. Lanny has written several poems for our school paper.

Lanny's favorite sports are: football and weight lifting (he can press 160 pounds!) You'll find him

to be quite a fast runner, too!

Last year Lanny had a column, "Feigenschuh's Philosophy", the boy's dorm column.

With great pleasure, I present to you our new editor—Lanny R. Fiegenschuh. Success to you, Lanny, and I'm sure you will do well and will enjoy this job. I know I surely have!

— Connie Jo Gerst

Julie Serafin, Jerry Wesslen.

The total for the day was \$4000, making \$1600 profit.

Saturday night, October 21, the tepee and trading post post offices were kept very busy as the letter writing part of the campaign was launched. The letters sent out by the Cowboys that night totaled 1805, and the Indians (Congratulations, Indians!) 1850!

Now, we are awaiting the results. We certainly are hoping for generous gifts. A big Thank-you to each of you who will be giving!!

We will be glad for our new chairs, especially each one who has had nylons ruined by our present arrangement!

and we need 300 seats!

(By the way, we are certainly happy for the arrival of our bus, which last year's S.A. funds paid for.)

Candy Sales Day was a real success. The highest car brought in over \$300. The highest number of boxes sold by one person was over 100 boxes of candy. Congratulations, Bob Snyder, for bringing in \$100.40! Next Bev Urwin and Gwen Runyan each sold \$91.00 worth of candy.

The following are to be commended for over \$50.00 each: Tanny Criswell, Connie Jo Gerst, Dan Gerst, Margaret Greenland, Sandra Gulka, Mazie Kruger, Carol Morse,



## Culture and Such

According to Roget's Thesaurus, synonyms for culture include development, education, learning, enlightenment, refinement, breeding, polish, civilization. Ignorance is listed as an antonym.

Only weeks ago we had something called simply enough, "Culture Week". Did we become enlightened? I must admit that it would have been rather difficult to come to any heights of appreciation concerning the arts.

The only area propounded upon was the field of music and this but briefly and unevenly.

Michelangelo, Da Vinci, and the perfect men of the renaissance would adopt an attitude less than perfect if they could view from the grave into modern man's mechanized, false-mannered world, devoid of all appreciation for the finer things, wrapped in blankets of etiquette.

To be sure, manners and studied politeness are a part of this labyrinth called culture; and each one of us in order to survive socially must familiarize ourselves with the expected customs of our age.

It is said that we must crawl before we walk. This is true in our culture; we must know the basics of expected behavior before we can advance to the next rung of awareness.

Maybe this year's study in manners, eating habits, etc. can lay a foundation for a higher cultural temple and find each one of us a step closer to ultimate total awareness.

—Lanny F.

### Platte Valley Academy SUNDIAL

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## EDITORIAL

We have moved into our new classroom and administration building. How we are enjoying it! And yet for some students and some alumni there is no doubt a sentimental attachment to the old "Main B". Many happy memories are associated with that building.

However, with the facilities offered by the new building, academic educational progress is assured. The quality of education offered at Platte Valley Academy is going to be better than ever.

Moving into our new building

As I assume the position of editor, I wish to make the usual promises of more and better coverage, better articles, more pictures, all and all a better paper.

The school paper is intended to be the voice of the school. It reflects the prevailing campus moods, models and school machinery. I feel that the Sundial in the past has always done a good job, mostly covering functions and fun, campus frolic and fraternization.

We always have room for im-

provement. Life is a continual search for betterment. Our paper, like life can be bettered, and the staff and I plan on achieving new and dazzling heights of literary mastery this year.

If any of you, our subscribers, have hints or suggestions, I am waiting with open ears. Just send your thought storms to the Sundial, Platte Valley Academy, Shelton, Nebr. 68876.

How about it? Is your spiritual experience with Jesus Christ keeping pace with the other phases of progress at PVA?

—O. L. Maize

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—Lanny Fiegenschuh



Julie flashes a gracious smile at Dan, telling him that being courteous is its own reward.

### Girl of the Month

"Being well mannered, friendly, kind, and polite to everybody." This is what courtesy means to Julie Serafin.

Julie Serafin is a senior here, although it is her first year at PVA. She lives at Torrington, Wyoming, but was born at Basin, Wyoming.

She is kept very busy working in the cafeteria and in the registrar's office. Julie is the treasurer of the senior class and a member of girls' club.

Biology is her favorite subject, even though she isn't taking it this year. Her favorite teacher is Miss Moles. She enjoys ice skating, sewing, all kinds of sports, especially volleyball, and tumbling.

### Boy of the Month

"Courtesy means putting others first." This is what courtesy means to Danny Gerst.

Danny Gerst, who is a freshman here at PVA, comes here from North Platte, Nebraska, although he was born in Lincoln, Nebraska.

He works for Mr. Melvin Anderson on maintenance, but claims that he doesn't work very hard. He is a member of the Ushers' Club and Boys' Club.

Among his favorite subjects, he enjoys science the most. He likes Mr. Greenman as his favorite teacher. Though he has many interests, he enjoys weight lifting the best.

## HAZELWOOD HALL Gulka's Gables

Greetings, folks! This is your roving reporter, Gabby Gulka, the girls' dormitory, interviewing the only male resident of Hazelwood Hall, Spook.

Here he comes now! "Good morning, Spook. Nice to see you up and around this early in the day. Let me get to the point once. I have come to interview you. Will you tell me simply, something of your life in the girls' dorm?"

"Sure thing, I'm always willing to help. Man's best friend, you know. Let me start with one of my favorite pastimes—eating."

"Dennise Mosley, bless her heart, sure brought joy into my little puppy heart when she brought back from vacation, that great big suitcase of food! Her mother makes delicious cookies and the most delicious cake. It makes my mouth water just thinking about it."

"Sometimes, though, things get a little dull. One morning around four o'clock I got a sudden urge for excitement. Do you know what I did? You guessed it. I pulled the fire alarm! What a commotion! Girls everywhere!"

"But, my little trick just about backfired. Kathy Gardner came charging down the stairs. Oh, dear! Squashed poodle—almost. Would you believe? I told the gang no more morning. They about died laughing."

"There are a few disadvantages, however, to living in the school building with sixty girls. You always find a few that think they must stay up all hours of the night studying."

"For instance, one time Connie Jo Gerst, Merva Renquist, and G. Huckins studied so long for American History test that they all fell asleep on the parlor rug. How do they expect me to get a decent night's sleep?"

"Unusual and strange things happen here. I can remember one time, I had gotten home from a rendezvous at the farm just in time to see the girls leaving the dormitory. There was not a soul left. Such dreadful solitude!"

"Not until they had returned did I learn what had happened. Gowler, Girls' Club president, had taken them all to the Dairy Queen for a treat."

"They had actually left me behind! And they didn't even send me a tasty morsel! (Sh-h-h-h) I heard afterward that they had eaten all that was left to the boys' dorm.)"

—Bonnie Gulka

When men speak ill of you, so that no one will believe it.



WILTON HALL

Dorsch's Dorm

Highlights

The school year 1967-68 is well under way, and this year there are 57 boys in Wilton Hall.

The second week of school, we met and chose Boys' Club officers for the first semester.

They are: Phil Neuharth, President; Lanny Fiegenshuh, Vice President; Bob Herrington, Secretary-treasurer; Terry Owen, Pastor; Kenny Rayburn, Parliamentarian; Larry Miers, Chorister; Ernie Schwab, Pianist.

These boys have been doing a fine job and there have already been a number of activities. Two of these activities have been swimming in Grand Island and a tour of both dorms.

I might add here that both dorms looked very nice, even though the girls weren't forewarned as were the boys.

Also there have been soccer games and a "free-for-all" out in the gym. One night there was a walk to the Dairy Queen in Shelton. Plans are also well underway for the up-coming Boys' Club Banquet in December.

Our intramural program is well underway. It's, of course, football season and the top spot is being hotly contested by at least three teams.

Because of the increase in the number of guys this year, we have a new worship room. The old music-rehearsal room is now serving as our worship room. Plans are being made to make the old worship room into a weight-lifting room.

As you come and visit us this year, you will notice the new monitor's station. A number of improvements have been made, but starting a couple of weeks ago, all the boys began praying three times a day for a new dorm.

I'm sure all of you know that we really need a new dorm and if it is God's will, I know that we will soon have one.

Well, that's all for this month.

— George Dorsch



Junior officers put on a happy face as they assume their new positions.

First Vacation

Thursday, October 13, at 10:30 a.m. is when our first six-weeks vacation began. Everyone was excited, because the time we had waited for had finally come.

There are a number of reasons why everyone was glad for vacation to start. First everyone or most everyone was going to be home and to have a chance to see what home was like once again.

Another reason maybe was that one could sleep as long as he wanted at anytime he wanted. Also there were no classes that one had to go to, and no studies that had to be done for awhile.

I don't think that anyone of us knew for sure what vacation had in store for us, except for the chance of doing something else.

After getting back to school and looking back at vacation, there might be a change made if we had it to do over. I know that if I had vacation to live over again, I would do something different than before, which might be to work harder and to get more accomplished.

Most of the other students at PVA would like to live our last vacation over again too and if they could these are some of the things they would do.

Don Evans—Go home  
Marilyn Peckham—Gone to Lincoln  
Earl Huckins—Work more  
Phil Neuharth—Do more of what he did  
Joyce Pruden—Would have wised up on Thursday night  
Cliff Nelson—Sell more candy  
Patsy Brabec—Live it up  
Bob Herrington—Go back to Denver  
Mazie Krueger—I wouldn't have stayed home on Saturday night

—Jim Sanders

Junior Officers

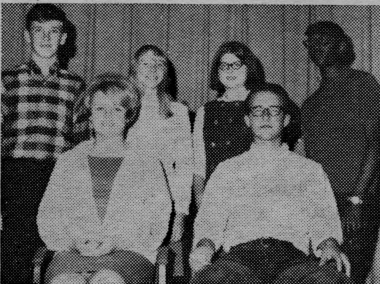
The juniors chose Phil Neuharth to lead their class. He is from Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and enjoys outdoor activities such as water sports, football games, and cycling.

Karen Hanson, the vice-president from Neligh, Nebraska, enjoys sports such as swimming and volleyball. Cooking and sewing are some of the interests of our secretary, Bev Urwin, from Chadron, Nebraska.

Cindy Rhodes, the treasurer, from Lincoln, Nebraska, likes domestic activities—cooking and sewing—as well as outdoor activities.

The class pastor, Dennis Dickerson, also comes from the capital city. Some of his interests are food, ball games, and science. The parliamentarian, Kenny Rayburn, is a third-city man (from Grand Island) and enjoys such sports as cycling and boxing.

—Carol Morse



Seniors are elected to their last offices before leaving their alma mater.

Fitness Award to PVA

Physical fitness took the lime-light at Platte Valley Academy recently on October 11, when T. R. Dappen of the Nebraska Health Education Office presented a flag and citation to the Academy for the excellent physical fitness program at PVA.

Wednesday, October 18, Principal Wesslen and Dean Greenman, the director of the program, went to the Statehouse in Lincoln for the official presentation of the awards by the Governor in the Governor's office.

Senior Class Officers

On October 2nd all the seniors got together and chose their class officers. Elected were:

President—Jerry Wesslen from Shelton, Nebraska  
Vice-President — Joyce Pruden from Gordon, Nebraska  
Secretary—Connie Jo Gerst from North Platte, Nebraska  
Treasurer—Julie Serafin from Torrington, Wyoming  
Sergeant-at-Arms—Randy Nelson from Oakland, Nebraska  
Pastor—Robert Herrington from Omaha, Nebraska

We're all looking forward to a real good year at PVA and with this kind of officers, what else could we have?

—Julie Serafin

For the past eighteen months all PVA students have been enrolled in the fitness program which includes: gymnastics, intermural activities, athletics, plus a study of the effects of drugs, alcohol and tobacco on an individual's growth and development.

—Randy Nelson

PVA's Monthly Roundup on Sports



It was touch and go for Herrington as he edged out Clarke in a thrill packed gridiron episode.

Howdy! Howdy! Yes, you guessed it, it's time once again for the PVA monthly roundup on sports. PVA's most complete—and only sports coverage.

Well, fans, with football season in full swing we've come up with a swinging season. Evans continues to dominte our I-M-L Intermural league with a 5-0-0 record.

This month was highlighted with many good games. What excitement there was! Owen's team was trodden a mite by Evan's. The Doubles and Company, with a blitzkrieg by ground swiped the victory from Owens by a 20-12 margin.

But Owens team hangs tough by coming back in the next game against Herrington's team by dowsing Herrington and Company's fiery footwork with a 24-6 upset. Clarke then opposed Herrington

with the latter of the two proving superior.

Clarke, Wise and Company led till the closing seconds, but one of Tom Sanders' 7 interceptions put them in scoring distance and a quick run put Herrington in a 14-6 victory over Clarke.

Well, fans, that about winds it up for this month. Sooo, this is ole crazy legs sayin', "keep on smilin'—win or lose."

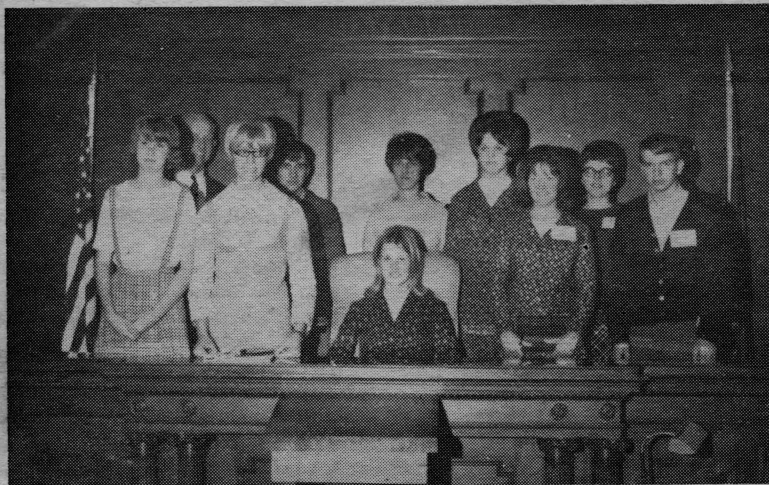
STANDINGS			
Team	W.	L.	T.
Evans	5	0	0
Owens	3	2	1
Herrington	2	3	1
Clarke	0	5	0

Players of the Month—Kendall Fultz, center, defensive lineman; Tom Sanders, center, defensive safety.

—Bob Herrington



## Juniors Practice Government For a Day Spiritually



Will the court please rise as the solemn Judge Requist addresses the august assembly of Juniors present for Hall County Government Day?

Two cars containing nine government students headed for Grand Island for Hall County government day, Monday, October 23, at 7:30 a.m.

We arrived at 8:30 and were finished registering by 9:00, which gave us a half hour to see what the male specimens exhibited by G.I. schools were like.

We all assembled in the court room for a mock trial of Sam Sensible vs. Harry Careless.

Upon going home from the theatre, Harry Careless ran a stop sign and collided with the auto driven by Sam Sensible, wherein Sam Sensible received extensive injuries and was taken to Patchumup Hospital, where Dr. Set M. Good set the broken bones and attended to his other injuries.

At the trial when Sam Sensible was asked how far he could raise his broken arm, he hardly moved it. Then when asked how far he

could raise it before it was broken, he raised it above his head. Consequently, we decided that he deserved only \$1,000 instead of \$5,000, for which he had asked.

We then went to the American Legion for dinner, where the PVA students got a special vegetarian meal of green scrambled eggs, French fries, rolls, corn, and ice cream.

In the afternoon all students went to their chosen offices, where they discussed the duties of the offices they held.

At 3:15 we all went to the court room and one person from each office gave a speech. Patty Carey gave the speech for extension agents.

It was a very educational and exciting day and now we know what the different offices in government do and how they can help us when we need it.

—Merva Renquist

Last, but not least, is our sergeant-at-arms, Dave Littrell from Grand Island, Nebraska. I'm sure these officers will help us through a good year.

—Ellen Feather



Freshman class officers anticipate things to come.

### Freshman Class

With tenseness in the air, Keith Hovermale from Hastings, Nebraska, was elected as president to head the freshman class.

To help, Tanny Criswell from Dixon, Wyoming was elected as vice-president. Minutes of the class meeting will be taken by our secretary, Lou Ann Reile from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Karen Bowen from Alliance, Nebraska, is our class treasurer. As our pastor was picked Dan Gerst from North Platte, Nebraska.



Caught between the upper classes and lower class, sophomores face life resolutely!

### Sophomore Class

When the sophomores chose officers we elected Gordon Wise, who is a pro in tumbling and oth-

## Revitalized

Glacier View Camp in Colorado was the destination as 13 delegates, 10 per cent of PVA's student population, started on their trip to the Biannual Bible Camp that was to be held October 4 through 8.

Hours later in the Colorado mountains we were welcomed by a cool breeze, a beautiful little lake, snow-capped mountain peaks, and best of all, a warm supper and a meeting that night by Elder R. H. Nightingale.

The next morning after a good breakfast, we had a meeting in which instructions were given as to the rest of the camp. We were all looking forward to a real good camp and a very enjoyable time.

The majority of the time was taken up by discussion groups, which proved to be very interesting. Some of the students enjoyed them so much that they even attended one of the groups more than once!

Three of the subjects discussed were: "MY SABBATH—DO I KEEP SUNDAY OR SATURDAY", "WITH MY BIBLE—DO I NEED ELLEN WHITE", and "BEYOND SCIENCE—WHAT?"

Recreation times provided for much enjoyment and association too. Hiking, canoing, and sailing were some of the activities enjoyed.

We had a real treat Sabbath afternoon when the King's Herald quartet and Elder Richards were there to visit us.

Our last main meeting, a commitment service, was on Saturday night. Elder DeBooy led out in this service. This was an excellent tie-off to the camp.

What we are endeavoring to do now, is share some of the things we learned there and some of the inspiration we received there with our friends here at the school.

I am sure that all of us here at Platte Valley Academy want to make this one of the best years that has ever been seen here.

—Jerry Wesslen

er sports, as president.

Our vice-president, Bonnie Gulka, likes associating with people, and very much enjoys playing her violin.

Around our secretary, Joan Herrington, there is never a dull moment.

Twila Pierson, who among other things makes top grades, is the treasurer.

The pastor, Terry Owen, is an officer of S. A., boys' club, and a member of tumbling and band.

Roger Grabill, a member of tumbling and band, is the parliamentarian.

Our sponsors are Miss Moles,

## Senior Benefit

Hurry seniors! They cry echoed and re-echoed as the refreshments were being prepared in the presence of famished beings who longed to get their hands on the scrumptious floats, sundaes, hot chocolate, pop corn, pop, and donuts that were to be served at 7:00 p.m.

After a rushed but enjoyable time at the cafeteria, we hastily vacated and joined the crowd of approximately 380 students and guests assembled in the chapel to view the film "Born Free", an exciting and heart-warming story of a lioness raised in a human environment and later encouraged to accept the life of the wild.

Finally, after much perseverance, and trial, Elsa, the lioness, found her life companion and began living in the wilds, though she kept a tender spot in her heart for the humans who had cared for her, and later proudly led her offspring to them to see. I'm sure that we all enjoyed this film very much.

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone who came and to all who helped to make our senior benefit a real success.

—Wanda Ellis

## New Faculty and Staff

As our piano and organ teacher, we welcome Miss Georgetta Elaine Moles. She was born in Oakland, California, but went to high school in Oregon. She graduated from Union College in 1967 with a B.S. in Music Education.

Her hobbies are sewing, cooking, horseback riding, reading, and pets, especially Murphy, her puppy. Her favorite hobby is being assistant dean of girls. She always looks forward to Wednesday night at the dorm.

This year Mrs. Craig and the PVA students are privileged to have Mrs. Villma Zimmerman as assistant Food Director.

She is the mother of the girls' dean, Miss Gwen Zimmerman.

She comes from Sanitarium, California. Her hobbies include embroidery, letter writing, and doing fancy work.

This year we are very privileged to have as our church school teacher, Miss Jane Ann Reding.

She is from Storm Lake, Iowa. She graduated from Union College and has a Bachelor of Science degree. Previous to coming here, she has taught in St. Louis, Missouri and Loveland, Colorado.

—Julie Serafin

Miss Gwen, and Elder Maize.

With this good leadership, the largest class at PVA is looking forward to a good year.

—Vickie Scott