

Nine seniors to graduate June 8

Graduation Program Announced

Faith Mennonite High School will hold its 1979 commencement, June 8, on campus at 1:00 P.M.

Nine students are eagerly anticipating graduation: Naaman Beiler, Brenda Bowman, Cynthia Brenneman, Sylvia Gehman, Anna Mary Hollinger, J. Dale Landis, Wilma Lantz, Paul Ranck, and Katherine Stoltzfus.

Pastor Luke Weaver from the Martindale Mennonite congregation will deliver the commencement address. Harry Brenneman, father of Cynthia Brenneman, will conduct the devotional period.

Also participating in the exercises will be two student speakers. Paul R. Ranck, who has been class

president for the past two years, will present the class president's address.

Sylvia Gehman will present the valedictorian address. Sylvia, who was a new student at school this year, has distinguished herself by maintaining a 3.83 grade point average over the year so far.

The whole graduating class plans to participate in giving the class poem together.

Principal, James E. Gochnauer, will present an A honor roll award to Sylvia Gehman. Students need to maintain a grade point average above 3.75 to achieve the A honor roll. He also will present B honor awards

to Brenda Bowman, Cynthia Brenneman, Anna Mary Hollinger, and Paul Ranck. To be on the B honor roll students must maintain a 3.2 grade point average.

Mr. Gochnauer will also present the 1979 class for their diplomas. Harold J. Ranck, chairman of the school board, will present the diplomas.

Special singing at the commencement will be given by the Music Theory II class which in addition to the three senior fellows includes Robert Beiler, Eugene Deiter, Marvin Stoltzfus, and Nathan Stoltzfus. The three songs they will sing are "The Riches of Love", "Lead Kindly Light", and as the

seniors' prayer, "I Want My Life to Tell For Jesus."

Congregational singing will be led by the music and math teacher, Mr. Ray Wenger.

Leroy Gehman, father of Sylvia Gehman, will lead in the benediction.

This will be the second graduation for Faith Mennonite High School, and will mark the completion of four years for the school. Naaman Beiler, Cynthia Brenneman, Paul Ranck, and Wilma Lantz, who are graduating, have attended the school for all four years.

Everyone is welcome to attend the commencement and enjoy the day with the graduating class.

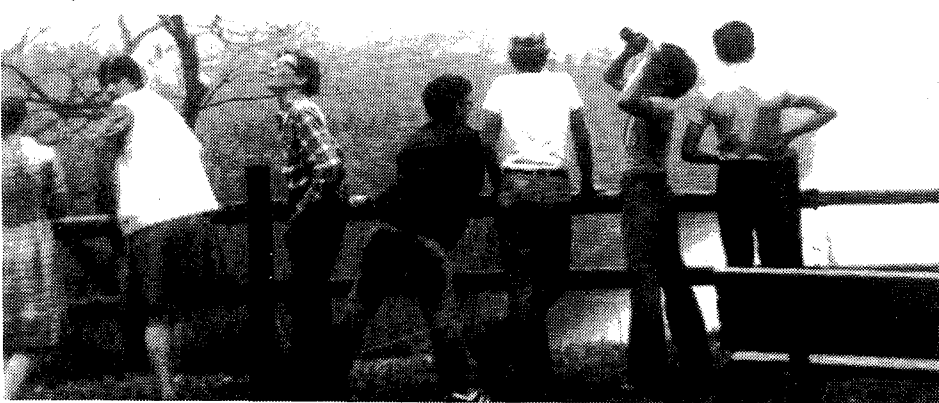
New Budget Approved

The school board approved the budget for next year at its May meeting, principal James Gochnauer announced recently. The next budget calls for a tuition increase of \$75 and an increase in the salary base of \$800 over last year.

Tuition for the 1979-80 school term has been set at \$925 for the first child, and \$100 less for each additional child.

On the income side of the budget, projected on the basis of eighty students, tuition accounts for the largest percentage of revenues. Gifts at \$15,000 comprise only 17% of total income. State aid makes up the remaining portion.

On the expense side, salaries constitute the biggest expenditure. Base salary for the 1979-80 school term will be \$7,800. Other major expenses include textbooks, instructional equipment, rent, and utilities.



Students overlooking the river from the Pinacle after their cross-country hike at Pequea.

Mustard Seed

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Chorale Tours Center County

Friday afternoon, May 25th, a restless bunch of 25 students left on a Penn Transit Bus for Center County, Pa. After three fun-filled hours of travel we arrived at Buffalo Mennonite Church. The theme of our program was centered around "The Believer's Relationship to Christ." After our program we drove for another hour till we reached our host family, Marvin Freed. The girls enjoyed themselves in a hunting cabin, named after its owner, "Freed-um", while the fellows stayed in two different homes in the area.

Following a short night of sleep we arose bright-eyed and full of "zoom" on Saturday morning. Due to rainy weather our anticipated hike was cancelled. So the question was, "What shall we do next in place of the hike?" "Visit a cave!" came the answer. So we all climbed on the bus and found our way to Woodward's Cave, nicknamed "The Big One." We had a very interesting and enjoyable time touring this beautiful cave as the tour-guide pointed out various things to be observed.

Saturday afternoon we shared in games including volleyball and basketball.

In the evening we drove for about 75 minutes to our next program which was held at Lauver's Mennonite Church. An ice cream stop on the way back to the cabin put the topping on our day.

We enjoyed the Sunday School service preceding our chorale program with the congregation at Brush Valley Mennonite Meeting House. We appreciated the warmth of the congregation. We were served a delicious meal at the Jesse Kauffman home before our departure home.

We all felt the Lord near us as we shared in song with these various congregations.

Student Enrollment Increases

Student enrollment at Faith Mennonite High School will increase about 18% from this year in the 1979-80 school term.

Over twenty applications have been received for next year already and more are expected. There are at least 21 positions open for the fall since the current enrollment is only 68 and nine seniors will be graduating. More positions will be available as soon as it is learned how many current students will not be returning.

The school office has recommended that all new and returning students get in their applications as soon as possible. Following June 8, all applications for new and returning students will be evaluated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications for returning students were due May 15.

Students sending in applications during June and July should wait to hear from the school office until August.

ESS Takes Saturday Hike

Are we ever going to reach the top? Oh no, there's a snake! Don't you dare snap a picture! How long can you stay balanced while walking the rail? After that mouse! Quick!

On Saturday, April 28, the Earth and Space Science Class, which includes the freshmen and some sophomores, went cross-country hiking with a topographical map and compass to direct them. The hike began in the town of Pequea where the Pequea Creek

empties in to the Susquehanna River.

Students could be seen wading creeks, eating lunch with their feet dangling in the water, bending their heads over the map, clustering around the compass trying to make sense of it, skipping stones across the water and simply trudging up and down hills and across fields.

Although it was tiring they all agreed with their instructor, Mr. Gochnauer, that it was lots of fun.

Urgent! Health Notice

Due to the occurrence of polio in Lancaster County, Marilyn Jones, the school

nurse, has informed the school that all students should get a polio booster if they have not had one within the past year.

The State Health Department will be setting vaccination centers at 18 locations in the county this weekend, June 2, 3, and 4. Pequea Valley High School gymnasium is one of those designated sites. They will be open on Sunday from 12-4 p.m., and Monday night from 5-9 p.m. See your local paper for other sites and times.

Principal's Corner

Our first newspaper! After four years, we were finally able to do it. As principal, I wish to personally thank all the "Mustard Seed" staff and their advisor, Miss Witmer, for the effort that went into getting this first issue to the press by the end of the year.

We hope to accomplish several objectives by this paper. To date, our communication to patrons and friends of the school has been sporadic. Students have not been able to benefit from each other's experiences except by word of mouth. Reports about school board meetings are also a proposed feature. (See "budget" article this issue.) Their decisions do affect us and it is important for us to keep informed of their work. Through this channel, all of the school's publics should be kept better informed.

Exposing students to the literary skills necessary in journalism and layout is another goal. We have no journalism course at Faith, but, through this means some students can become familiar with a skill they would not otherwise acquire.

Please cooperate with us as we ask you about school activities and experiences you would like to share. Be patient as our enterprising reporters interview you about your feelings, your classes, upcoming projects, or any interesting anecdotes. Let's work together for a more informed school community and a greater understanding of each other.

Biology Plans Ocean Trip

On June 2, 1979, Biology Class will be taking a field trip to the Marine Science Research Center of the University of Delaware for opportunities to see and explore specifically that part of God's creation.

Biology class, which includes most of the sophomores, will be leaving at approximately 7:00 a.m. for Lewes, Delaware, and arriving there at 10:00 a.m.

During the next two hours, half the class will be taking a cruise in the bay and the ocean on a research vessel, from which they will be seining. Seining consists of dragging a large, fine net from the vessel in order to capture any sea life in the water about them. They will then be able to examine various fish and shellfish which the class has been studying about, such as crabs and clams.

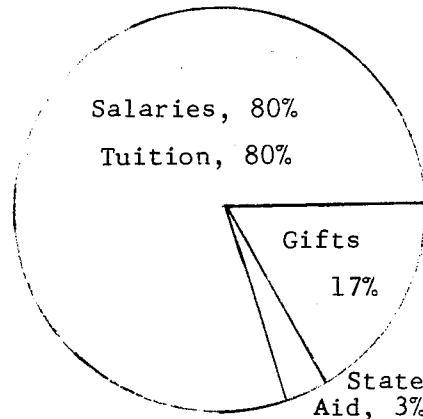
Meanwhile the rest of the class will be seeing a slide presentation on marine life.

After the second group returns from the cruise, the class will travel to Cape Henlopen State Park. There they will use their nets to obtain the animal life living within and around the marsh and the intertidal zone of the beach.

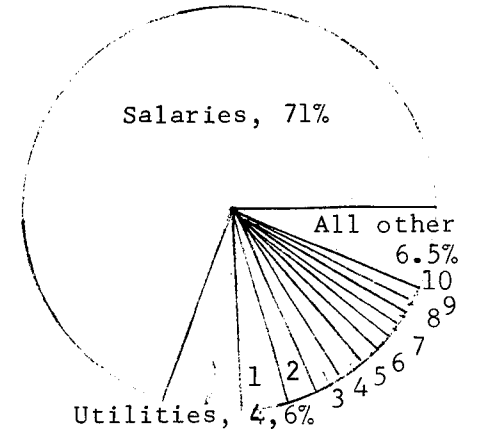
This section of the beach where the waves break contains a rich variety of sea life, some of which live there permanently. The class will also be studying the plant life in the ocean and the

How the Budget is Received and Spent

INCOME



EXPENSE



Expenses not shown above include: 1 - debt retirement, 3.5%; 2 - rent, 2.3%; 3 - textbooks, 2.3%; 4 - instructional equipment, 2.3%; 5 - library, 1.7%; 6 - school supplies, 1.4%; 7 - furniture, 1.1%; 8 - professional development, 1.1%; 9 - insurance, 1.1%; 10 - instructional materials, 1.1%.



Faith Hosts Maranatha Anthems

marsh.

The most of the trip for each student is \$3.00. The remainder of the actual cost of \$10.00 per person will be paid with the money from the sub sale.

Last year's biology class visited the beach at Assentague, Maryland, which was about an hour's drive further south. Although Assentague was a beautiful place, this year's class will be able to observe a greater variety of birds and be able to travel on the research vessel, which was not available last year.

Meet the Staff

"Mustard Seed staff? Who's that?"

"Oh, no! Doesn't anyone know who we are?"

Our staff is made up of six students and two teachers: Cynthia Brenneman, Sylvia Gehman, Paul Hess, Lynette Zimmerman, Kenneth Gehman, Rose Esh, Miss Witmer, and Mr. Gochnauer.

We have been contributing our time and effort at least two periods a week in making Mustard Seed a reality. Besides writing, editing, and laying out articles there is a constant rushing around trying to meet the deadline!

Why was it begun this year, so near the close of school? The orientation we as a staff received in planning this first paper will prepare us for a good start at the beginning of next year.

We hope you like our first "sprout!"

On Saturday, May 5, Maranatha Anthems Chorus came to our area for a chorus program. Preceding the evening program held at Kinzer Mennonite Church, the chorus members challenged our students to an afternoon of baseball competition. Faith won the fellow's game with a score of 15-7 and our girls also won with a score of 12-4.

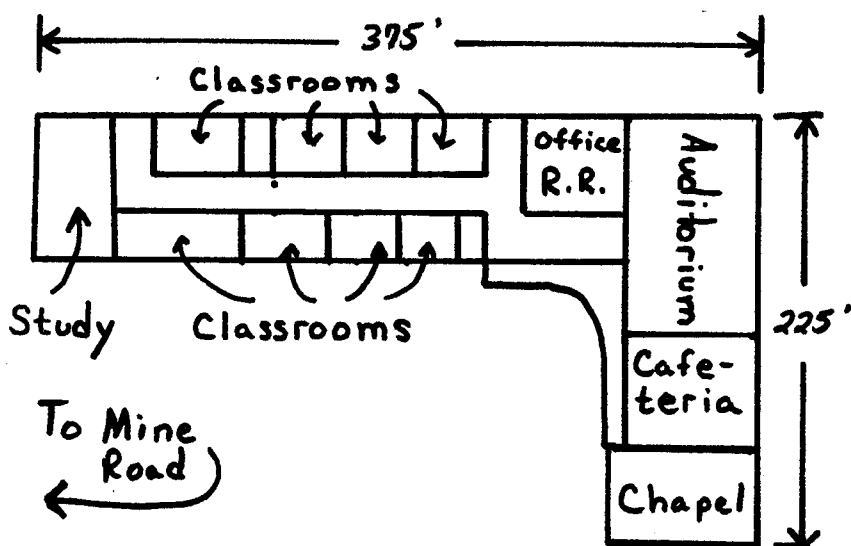
After the games, we shared together in a fellowship meal supplied by our students.

The evening program consisted of chorus numbers led by Robert Kauffman. The gospel teams from Faith and Maranatha combined their voices in singing two numbers.

Members of the visiting chorus group spent the night in the homes of our school patrons.

Datebook

- June 1 - LHMS last day of school. Faith students need to provide their own transportation home.
- June 2 - Biology field trip - 7:00 a.m. campus.
- June 4 - No bus transportation all week.
- June 5 - Annual Business Meeting postponed until August.
- June 7 - Records day. Students no school.
- June 8 - School for Freshmen through Juniors in a.m.
- Commencement, 1:00 campus.



Floor plan as currently approved.

Building Preliminaries Approved

At a special meeting on May 29, the school board approved preliminary plans for the new building. The plans were drawn by Steve Smoker and presented to the board by Aaron Lapp Jr., secretary of the building committee.

Approval was given to build the classrooms and auditorium as stage one. Construction will begin when 75%

of the cost of the classroom wing has been received in gifts and pledges.

The board also approved using heat pumps to heat the building.

Secretary Lapp noted that these are only preliminary prints and are subject to some change. However, he anticipates that little change will be needed or desired.