

Senior Highlight—Washington, D.C.



After a long day of sight-seeing, seniors make an attempt to pose for a picture in the Kennedy Center.

Anxious for the long-awaited senior trip, the eighteen seniors boarded a charter bus 5:30 a.m., March 20, and headed to Washington, D.C. What a ride! We managed to get some games and conversation in between the jerks and bumps. Mr. Gochnauer, our "professional" bus driver, gave us a safe ride considering that the bus had a terrible gear shift. Thanks, Mr. Gochnauer.

Our first stop was at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving where we watched paper currency being pro-

cessed.

We only made short visits at both the House of Representatives and the Senate since neither was in session at that time.

We all remembered at least one thing about our visit at the capitol building. Mr. Gochnauer surprised us by standing at the opposite end of the room and talking in a normal voice range. Because of the way the dome was built, his voice was clearly heard.

That evening we ate a refreshing meal at a Greek restaurant.

It was a Greek restaurant with Greek speaking people who also served Greek food—at least that bread was hard to chew, wasn't it guys?

Ruthi Hollinger especially enjoyed the exciting experience of getting her dessert spilled on her back.

After the meal, we attended a symphony concert at the Kennedy Center. It felt terrific sitting in the comfortable seats after an endless day of walking. I'm sure Lori Weaver appreciated a seat. Instead of bringing a right and left sandal for each foot, she happened to have two right-footed sandals. Her walking looked hilarious!

Following the concert we visited the Lincoln Memorial. From there we could see reflection of Washington Monument in the water.

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Walker's Office Visited

Seniors from Faith visited Representative Bob Walker's office on their Senior trip.

Rep. Walker was in Lancaster County due to a House recess scheduled on short notice. The seniors met with Don Eberly, a legislative assistant to Walker, who supplied answers to many of the questions the students had planned to ask Walker.

Q What is your feeling on the draft issue? Will it be reinstated?

A Personally I feel imposing the draft on people who have strong religious convictions against going to war, is violating the constitution. People must be careful, however, about filing for CO. It is important that those filing for CO have a fundamentally sound reason since not everyone who applies for CO will get alternate service. Since the president is trying very hard to balance the budget, the draft issue will probably be left on the shelf for awhile.

Just bringing back registration alone would amount to approximately 15 million dollars.

Q Do you think women will be drafted?

A I feel quite strongly that even if the draft is reinstated women will be exempt.

Q Do you feel the president handled the Iranian situation well?

A At first, yes. Congress as a whole was behind Carter's move, but as time goes on more questions arise regarding Carter's action on the matter.

Q What is your response to the invasion of Afghanistan?

A It was a move that we should oppose. We definitely work on building up the military, but it's important to realize that we have two very threatening problems. While we, as a nation, need to spend billions of dollars to maintain peace on the globe, we also need to drastically

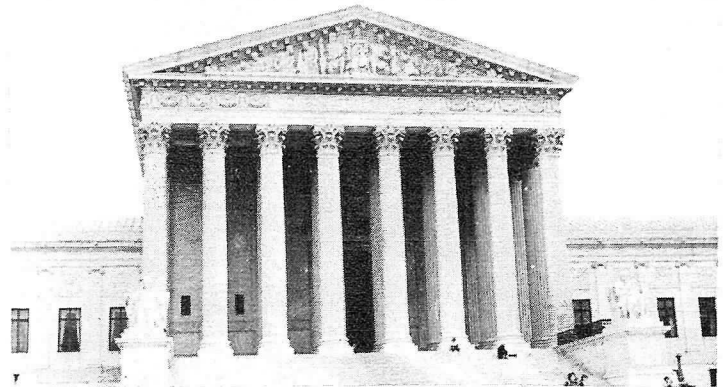
cut down expenditures in some area to curb inflation. This whole situation is very critical since our country, according to the economists, is heading toward a recession.

Q What chances does Carter have of winning the election?

A As of now it appears that Carter has a good chance of winning according to various polls. How-

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The Supreme Court, one of the many attractions in Washington, D.C. was toured the first day.

Principal's Corner

Editor's note: The following article is exclusively the opinion of the principal. FMH has no stated position on this issue. Responsible comment is appreciated and may appear in the May issue of the Mustard Seed.

Last month we ran an article about America and Christian schools. Atty. William Ball expressed the feeling that his faith in our country was based on the growth and spread of genuine Christianity in this nation and the resulting growth of the Christian school movement.

Satan, however, is not lazy. He is attacking churches and schools, trying to bring them under his supervision and control. In some cases he is doing this through our governmental leaders and the courts. Examples include the reinstatement of the draft with no exception for CO's, the taxation of Christian schools, and the declassification of Christian schools as religious organizations.

I would like to state what I believe are two Biblical principles which do have a bearing on our response to these situations.

(1) We must pray for, honor, and obey our government (Rom. 13:1-7). Re-

sponse in any form must meet this first basic principle. Our interaction with government needs to be through the channels they have established and sanctioned.

(2) We may take advantage of our privileges as citizens (Acts 16:35-39 21:37-40; 22:25-29; 25:10-12). Paul is the best example in scripture of a man who used this principle to its fullest extent without having violated our first statement.

In light of these two truths, I believe the following to be acceptable methods of appeal to our government.

(1) We must write our legislators when decisions that concern us are before Congress (See article on Rep. Walker this issue.) These men and women make their decisions based on the feelings of their constituency. How can they know those feelings without our response? Issues currently before Congress include the draft, a limitation on IRS in its assault on Christian schools, and a bill which would not allow government agencies to consider an organization to be receiving federal assistance simply because it is tax exempt. (Representative Walker should vote in favor of H.R. 1002 and the senators Schweiker and Heinz in favor of S.B. 449.)

(2) When government, under the constitution, makes a rule which violates its governing document, it has arranged a lawful way of protest: the federal court system. Can Christians use this means of respectfully petitioning the government? The Association of Christian Schools International thinks so. Using Atty. Ball, they have won against the U.S. Dept. of Labor on the declassification issue (see above)



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Alumni News...

The Ranck brothers, Elvin, a 1978 graduate, and Paul, a 1979 graduate, spend a lot of their time working with cows. (Holsteins, of course!)

Elvin, along with Glenn, his younger brother, milks a herd of 37 cows at a farm two miles away from home. He also teaches Sunday School and enjoys leading club activities for young boys each week.

Paul helps his dad with a herd of 56 cows. Every morning he also assists his neighbor in cleaning out his barn.

Paul is chorister at Farr Creek Mennonite Church.

Elvin and Paul both sing in a gospel group with their two older sisters. Their quartet is named "Joyful Servants." Last fall they cut a record.

The brothers have much of the farm responsibilities since their father is involved with church and school work. During the winter Paul and Elvin cut firewood to sell. They also enjoy fishing, hunting, and sports.

— Sylvia Gehman

Biology ... Boring?

Biology projects are quite exciting this year. "Ugh!" and "Yuk!" came from girls passing through the Biology room where a rabbit was being dissected. When it was dead, the heart and digestive systems were observed. The rabbit was then put in the refrigerator for further research.

After a few attempts at getting a cat to school, one finally decided to

give up and was laid to rest. Some meal worms ate the flesh off, leaving a clean skeleton which will be wired together by Elaine Nolt and Audrey Weber.

Four mice found their home in a cage in the hall. Steve Groff plans to breed two brown and two white mice to produce little jersey mice. Sure hope they stay in their cage!

Another project includes experimenting with spider plants and coleus. Kay Bowman and Betty Burkholder are trying to find why spider plants grow runners. So far they have nice spiders with no runners. Linda Sensenig put green, red, blue, and orange paper above her coleus to see how they respond to light.

The class is finding these projects to be interesting and educational. It really helps break the routine of regular Biology lectures.

— Kaye Bowman, Elaine Nolt

Junior Tramps

Scrumptious ham and cheese sandwiches, baked potatoes, and lots of cake and ice cream played a big part in helping to make our progressive supper of March 27 great for the juniors. Everyone met at school. We broke up into

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Staff Chosen

The staff for planning the 1980-'81 Silver Crest has been chosen. Members include Dolores Brennehan, Dwilyn Beiler, Eunice Lapp, Don Sensenig, Bethany Stoltzfus, and Kay Bowman.

These students, along with Miss Witmer, plan to attend the annual yearbook seminar to be held at York College on April 22. Taylor Publishing Company is sponsoring the seminar. The program this year will cover all phases of yearbook planning.

The staff for 1979-'80 included Lori Weaver, Beverly Harnish, Eugene Deiter, Paul Hess, Dwilyn Beiler, and Dolores Brennehan.

The 1980 yearbook is expected to arrive late April or early May.

An Inside Look At Gospel Team

Gospel Team has had many enriching experiences

Datebook

- Apr. 18 - No school
21-25 - Spiritual life Week (Bro. Simon Schrock)
- May 3 - Gospel Team program at Weaver-town Tract Band
11 - Chorale program at Columbia Md.
15 - We have school.
18 - Gospel Team program at New Danville
22 - Spring concert, place to be announced.
24 - Maranatha to be here!
25 - Gospel Team program at Weaverland.

working and sharing together already this year and is looking forward to some more good times before the year is over. We enjoy using our talents for God by sharing His message with others. It's also challenging to learn to harmonize and work together during practice times in order to present a meaningful message to those in the audiences.

Members of the Gospel Team are as follows: Ken Gehman, Sharon Lapp, Lois Ranck, Sharon Reed, Dwilyn Beiler, Loretta Sensenig, Linda Sensenig, Paul Hess, Darrell Beiler, and Heidi Beiler.

Dwilyn, the music director, has done a good job of keeping them together especially over full moon and when everyone felt rowdy (including himself). Ken Gehman, the president, has also done a good job working with Dwilyn in making sure everything is in order - music, people, and programs.

The Gospel Team had seven programs scheduled this year. There are only 3 programs left to give. They are at Weavertown Tract Band on May 3, New Danville on May 18, and Weaverland on May 25.

Although each member of Gospel Team must be dedicated to a lot of practice for the programs they still have their fun times together. For example, one evening they went to Ken's place for an evening of practice. After practicing a couple hours they per-

suaded Dwilyn to take an airplane ride outside in the dark. If you've ever taken one yourself you know how hilarious it can be! Three of them also went albadrich hunting with a feed bag. They didn't catch anything though - Dwilyn said the bag had a hole in it! Sharon Lapp was coaxed into rolling a quarter down her forehead trying to get it in a circle drawn on a paper with a pencil. She tried and tried but never made it. Little did she know that the quarter had lead on it from the pencil and when she rolled it down the quarter made her forehead black!

"It was a challenge to be on this year's Gospel Team," Heidi Beiler commented. "I feel that we have come a long way in our singing from the beginning of the year. It is fun to meet the challenge of giving each program knowing that the Lord is using us to give a message to others."

-Sharon Reed, Lois Ranck

Senior Trip con't

It was lovely!

What a welcome sight our Holiday Inn Motel was at about 12:30 a.m. Even though a key was accidentally locked inside one room and the guys tried to scare the gals on the telephone, (nice try), it was a time of relaxation for our weary bodies. Breakfast arrived far too fast with most of us only gaining a few hours of sleep.

As the morning dawned we were greeted with rain showers. But the rain did not keep us from having another enjoyable day. It didn't even stop us from going to the Arlington Cemetery to watch the changing of the guards. With a strong wind against us and a light drizzle, we made it a speedy walk.

The F.B.I. Headquarters was a place of great interest to all of us. The tour included different methods of finding criminals such as using investigations, finger prints, etc. After the tour an F.B.I. guide showed his skill by shooting a marked target accurately with a pistol.

Most of the afternoon was spent at the Smithsonian Institute where many

Walker con't

ever I see a chance of his popularity declining rapidly in the near future as the international issues which heightened his popularity tend to remain unsolved and unsettled. In addition to international problems, domestic issues such as soaring inflation, a deficient budget, and an economy heading downward will definitely take a toll on his popularity and his chance of winning the presidential race.

-Nathan Stoltzfus

aircraft arrangements were displayed. The highlight of the place was the adventurous film entitled "To Fly."

Our last stop was at the National Wax Museum where many historical as well as Biblical events were displayed.

We got a light supper at Gino's and then started for home. We were exhausted and sleep came quite easily.

Thanks to everyone for making this trip enjoyable. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gochnauer for being our super chaperones.

-Martha Smucker

Gym Jot

Many of the students are feeling the need for a more organized program in phys. ed. Some comments from students include: "We just 'goof off' so many times. I was hoping to learn some new skills this year."

"I think we should have regular exercises, even if they are tiring."

Our inadequate facilities have been one factor causing this problem. Only one group can be on the basketball court at one time. Indoor space is limited, too.

One student said, "I am looking forward to playing baseball. At least there are several diamonds to use, even if we do have to walk a distance to get there."

Some are looking forward to playing a bigger variety of sports with other schools. Some of this is done, but there is a desire for more.

How far away is next year, anyhow!!!!

Tramps con't

ute intervals, each carload drove to the home that was marked on a small map. After they finished eating there, they proceeded to the next location.

At the last place after everyone had arrived, we had a good time watching a few comedy films. We laughed and laughed at the amateur ice-skater, the inexperienced pilot, and a daffy fire-engine zooming six carloads. At ten-min- and swerving between cars.

-Eunice Lapp

Will teach German/Music Hurst Hired For Fall

Rene Hurst, a senior at Millersville State College, has been hired for a full-time position this fall, Mr. Gochnauer announced this week.

Miss Hurst has been a student at MSC for the last three years, majoring in foreign language. She has also taken many courses in music theory and harmony.

Prior to going to MSC, Miss Hurst taught for three years at a Mennonite elementary school in Roths-ville and at Weavertown Mennonite School.

At Faith, she will teach German I and II, Music Theory I and Principles of Harmony, and the girls' physical education. She will also direct the ladies' chorus.

While her preparation has been in the languages of French, German, and Latin, Miss Hurst prefers music and is looking forward to working in both areas. She says, "I anticipate that teaching will provide many opportunities for growth in a variety of areas."

Tuition Set

In other action recently, the board set tuition for next year at \$1000 per student. Discounts for second and third child will continue. "This increase will allow us to significantly expand our faculty and course offerings for next year," Mr. Gochnauer stated.

Currently, two teachers in addition to Miss Hurst are under consideration. One is degreed in business and the other in secondary mathematics.

The tuition policy has been changed slightly.

The policy previously indicated the school could withhold the report cards of students whose tuition has not been paid in full by the end of the year. Upon discovering that holding student records was illegal, the board changed the policy to read that final tests may not be administered until tuition is paid in full.

The effect is that all grades on the report card are recorded as incomplete until the tuition has been paid. This prevents the student from receiving credit for work completed during the year.

President Harold J. Ranck notes, "We hope never to need this policy. But experience has shown that such action may be necessary in some cases."

The larger the island of knowledge, the longer the shoreline of wonder.



Excavator levels the ground for new building.

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Workday = \$\$\$

Students have planned a workday for Friday and Saturday, May 2nd and 3rd, to earn money for special student projects.

All seventy-five students will be participating in this work day. Farm chores, domestic tasks, and other outdoor projects will make good jobs for them. Employers will be expected to provide the equipment necessary to complete the job.

The suggested minimum wage will be \$3.00 per hour per student. Any additional donations will be accepted and appreciated.

The workday is being coordinated by the Student Council. Nathan Stoltzfus, president, and Dwilyn Beiler, are planning the workday. Becky Stoltzfus, secretary and Frieda Stoltzfus, will be planning the student kick off. Nate Stoltzfus, is optimistic about this year's workday. "We expect to raise \$180," he noted. Special projects funded by the workday include field trips, tours by Faith Chorale, and audio-visual supplies for the school.

This year, for the first time, student council will be running a paid commercial on WDAC. Interested persons can hear it on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, April 25, 26, and 28 at noon and supper. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 29 to May 1 it will run three times a day - breakfast, noon, and supper.

Students will be manning the school's phone to take calls from prospective employers from 9:00-5:00, April 25 - May 1. The school's number is (717) 442-8818.

In another fund drive earlier this year, students raised money from the sale of 25 hundred subs to offset yearbook expenses not covered by subscriptions. Money raised in previous years has allowed students to take educational field trips free of charge or at reduced rates. Students have also made available for the school the use of audio-visual materials from the Lancaster/Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13.

Dwilyn Beiler

Ceremony Planned

Ground breaking is being scheduled for the new lot, it was announced last week. The ceremonies, planned by board chairman, Harold J. Ranck, and pastoral board member, Noah L. Hershey, will take place at the site in the near future.

By the time this paper comes off the press, the date will have been set. It will be announced in local churches one week in advance and on community calendar on WDAC.

Participation in the service will be Harold Ranck and James E. Gochnauer, principal. After they have turned the first shovelful of dirt, they will be followed by Jonathan Stoltzfus, chairman of the pastoral board, Aaron E. Beiler, chairman of the building committee, and Nathan P. Stoltzfus, chairman of student council.

The building site is

located (3 miles west of Gap) off Symrna Road between Rt. 741 and Mine Road. It is obviously visible from the Mine Road Amish-Mennonite Church.

Building on the site is expected to begin momentarily. The building permit, expected to come within a week, had again been held up until the base to street is laid and a new test probe for the drainfield is approved.

The MESCO gymnasium has arrived and is on the leveled site. Stoltzfus Enterprise, Elverson, has been given the contract for the gym and expects to begin as soon as the permit is issued.

Five contractors are bidding on the remainder of the building. All have pledged to do their best, if used, to have the building ready for occupancy by mid-September.

-Marv Stoltzfus