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Spirit Week

Crazy colors, toe socks, speed limits, and donuts—these were all a part of FMH during Spirit Week.

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order to break the monotony of school routine and give the students a chance to show their school spirit.



Mr. Harrison and Mr. Paul dressed alike on twin day.

(January 28-February 1), organized by Student Council in

Each day of Spirit Week had a different theme. Monday was twin day; everyone had to dress like someone else, as twins or triplets. Tuesday was slipper and sock day. Most people wore their slippers to school. Those without slippers wore toe socks, slipper socks, or just socks. It gave school a casual atmosphere.

Formal Day was Wednesday. No first names were per-

mitted, students were required to thank the teachers, and the dress was formal. Teachers had the authority to label anyone they saw without proper etiquette with a sign proclaiming the fact.

On Thursday the whole school was colorful. Crazy Day—inside out, upside down, backwards, and clash day—was a day when everyone could let loose and wear clothes that made them feel extremely strange.

The final day of Spirit Week was Penn DOT Day. FMH was transformed into a construction zone with a 9:30 coffee and donut break for all the orange-clad workers.



Alisa on crazy day.

All in all, Spirit Week was a great success and really appreciated by the students.

Spiritual Life Week

The second week of January, 2002, Faith was privileged to have Ken and Ellen Kauffman,

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the parents of Lamar Kauffman, a former teacher at Faith, speak about becoming men and women for the Lord. The entire week included longer chapels.

Ellen encouraged the girls to grow in the Lord and not to rely on others, on popularity, or on possessions for their security. She explained that each can use their own talents and gifts in the way God has given them, not comparing themselves among themselves. While each has sinned and fallen short of God's perfec-

tion, He, in His grace, will forgive what has been done. It is not His design that one should hold oneself accountable for something done years before. In God's eyes it is as if there is no sin remaining, only a spotless garment.

She also spoke about dealing with one's problems and shortcomings rather than immersing oneself in work or fantasy to avoid them. She showed that the sooner these failures are dealt with and, if they are sin, put under the blood of Christ Jesus, the sooner one can move on and grow in God. The bottom line:

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Datebook

March	02-03	Choral Joint Tour with Terre Hill
	06-08	Quiz Retreat
	15	11:40 Dismissal—Teacher's Workshop
	22	ACSI Senior High Music & Art Festival (Philadelphia, PA.)
	25	End of Third Quarter (45 days)
	28	Easter Vacation Begins—1:00 p.m.
April	01	NO SCHOOL (Possible snow make-up day)
	02	Report Cards Due
	04	PTF/Business Meeting—7:30 p.m.
	11	Volleyball Game—Terre Hill (Home)
	16	Volleyball Game—Terre Hill (Away)
	24	Progress Reports Due
	26-27	Student Council Work Day
29-30	Missions Week	



Principal's Corner

J. Raymond Harnish, Principal

Faithfulness- What Is It?

Faithfulness is being unswerving in purpose and goal. It implies, therefore, having goals and purposes for life, and never changing from those goals for a minute.

However, those purposes and goals must originate in the mind of God. Many people have goals and plans and work day and night with singleness of purpose to accomplish them. Though that is commendable, it doesn't necessarily follow that the goals and purposes toward which they strive themselves are from God. How terrible for a believer to sacrifice his energy, his time, his mental powers, his family and his fortune in pursuit of a goal that God did not design!

Ephesians 2:10 reveals that God has a purpose for every saved person. *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

The two important words in this verse are *before ordained*. *Before* refers back to the time before we were created in Christ Jesus--that is, the time when we were still lost in our sins. Thus, before we were ever saved, God had a plan of good works in which He had *ordained* that we should walk. The word *ordained* is literally *prepared, blue -printed, determined*. That is, before we were saved, God had a blue print already prepared for our life. He had a job for us to do, a path for us to walk, and a goal for us to reach. He then saved us to walk that path, to do that job, and to reach that goal.

Christian friends, do you know what that goal is? Do you know what God has saved you to do? Are you pressing toward that goal? Are you faithful in pursuing His goal for your life, or are you side- tracked? Obviously, we don't know where the path will lead in the future. We can only see one day at a time. But we can determine to know and to reach His goal as He reveals it to us daily. Are you constantly praying about God's will? Do you seek His leadership daily? Can you say with all confidence that the plans, goals, and dreams you presently have are from God?

Terre Hill

At 11:40, January 24, the students from Faith's basketball

by Derlyn Martin
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Hill fought hard. In the end, Faith outscored Terre Hill 42-26.

The girls played first. Wanda Hoover, Lynae Myer, Sheila Hoover, Juanita Horst, and Carrie Martin started for Faith. Faith found itself in foul trouble, but continued to press on. Faith led through most of the game, but both teams had to work for their points and Terre

Then it was time for the guys to play, with David Gilmer, Derlyn Martin, Evan Shirk, Chris Sauder, and Eric Schultz starting for Faith. It was a tough first half with multiple fast breaks. But this time Terre Hill got into foul trouble in the third quarter,

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God loves everyone and no one should be ashamed, but instead grow in Him and through Him.

Mr. Kauffman spoke to



the guys about being Godly leaders and examples to women. The first thing he addressed was that man is created in God's image. Ken said that because men are created in God's image, they hold the responsibility to bear God's image and reflect it to the world. Ken also addressed man's God-given desire and how to keep this desire from being misused. He said that Godly manhood is Christ- cen-

teredness, and that a mature man is others-centered and Christ-like.

"Separation signifies worth, hiding suggests value"—that is what Ken titled his chapel on purity as he explained the importance of protecting purity. He also talked about how living single (as Paul said in 1 Corinthians) is just as worthy as getting married, and how by living single, great things can be done for God.

To wrap up the week, Ken educated the men on what to do in the "space" between now and the time when God reveals his plan for their lives. At the end of the last session, Mr. Kauffman gave the guys a paper with a prayer that summed up the week and asked God to help them live according to God's laws.

All in all the week was very uplifting. Thanks to Ellen and Ken for coming.

2002 Choral Program Schedule

- Feb 10, 7:30 p.m. Mt. Hope Mennonite
- March 2-3 Joint Tour with Terre Hill Menno. School
- March 3, 7:00p.m. Martindale Mennonite, Joint Program
- March 10, 7:00 p.m. Millwood Mennonite
- March 13, 8:30 a.m. Lititz Area Mennonite School
- March 17, 7:00 p.m. Faith Mennonite
- March 22 ACSI Music Festival
- April 21, 7:30 p.m. Rawlinsville Mennonite
- May 11, 7:30 p.m. FMH Spring Concert
- May 12, 7:30 p.m. Oakshade Mennonite
- May 17-20 Tour (Ontario)

giving Faith some extra foul shots and the lead. It was a very close game and Terre Hill played aggressively, but in the end, Faith's guys persevered,

beating them 65-55. After the games, Terre Hill provided a snack of doughnuts and drink. Thanks to Terre Hill for a good time.

Intramurals

The process of intramural games was started by selecting the teams. The team captains were David Gilmer, Evan Shirk, Chris Sauder, Derlyn Martin, and Eric Shultz. The teams were then posted. There was also a faculty team,

by Eric Shultz
Student Writer

Mr. Ressler and Mr. Martin dominating the game. The faculty won, taking them straight to the semifinals.

As the games continued the teams played hard, and there were some very close games. David Gilmer's team played Chris Sauder's team in the semi-finals of the losers bracket. Chris Sauder's team controlled the game in the first half. David's team made a run for it in the second half, but it wasn't quite enough for the victory.

In the finals Chris Sauder, along with several of his senior teammates, took on the faculty. It was a close game, and the students gave it all they had, but they found it hard to stop Mr. Martin and Mr.

Ressler in the fourth quarter, and the faculty team simply overpowered them.

The girls, too, were divided into teams. The first two games were played, with Missy Sensenig and Juanita Horst's teams winning. Missy's team went on to play Wanda Hoover's team, sending Wanda's team directly to the semi-finals. Meanwhile, Lynae Myer's team worked their way back up through the loser's bracket, beating Missy's team to go to the fi-

nals.

Wanda and Lynae's teams met for the first time in the final game. Although Lynae and her team played hard, Wanda's team countered with strong defense, keeping their opponent's points to a minimum. There were good plays and breakaways on both sides, but, in the end, Wanda's team won.

After the championship game, which the entire school watched, Student Council provided snacks and drink.



consisting of Mr. Ressler, Mr. Martin, Mr. Marini, Mr. Sauder, and Mr. Harnish, which participated in the games.

In their first game, the faculty team started out well, with

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party mashed potatoes, green beans, roasted corn, and a dessert of coffee and strawberry parfait.

Following the delicious meal, Delbert Beiler spoke to the students about their relationship with God, and challenged them to evaluate what kind of "aroma" they were sending to the world. The students then engaged themselves

in a few games, and the evening was ended by a skit about a backseat driver (Mrs. High) and her patient husband who taught them that everyone needs to laugh once in awhile. The seniors were then dismissed, and all the juniors pitched in to help clean up and return the library to its former state, ready for another day of school on Monday.

Evangelism Team Speaks Out ...



Christina Beiler

(left):

The most rewarding thing about E.T. is seeing people being blessed by our programs and being a part of sharing God's love with others.

Question: What is the most rewarding aspect of Evangelism Team?

Jason Zimmerman (right): The most rewarding thing about E.T. is seeing someone commit their lives to Christ.



David Gilmer (left):

The most rewarding aspect of E.T. is that it takes you out of your comfort zone and into the spiritual battle of evangelism that Christians are supposed to be engaged in.

Melissa Sensenig (right): Being with a team of youth who have the same goal in mind and reaching others with Christ's love is the most rewarding aspect E.T. It's encouraging to see people's lives being blessed when we share God with them!



Tony Gochner

(above): E.T. has really given me the opportunity to witness to people and share my faith and has helped me become a lot closer to God.

Junior-Senior Banquet

On the evening of February 14, Valentine's Day, the months of plan-

ning and preparation by the Junior class officers and their advisors, Mrs. High and Miss Glick, culminated in the annual Junior/Senior Banquet.

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Rosanne Hoover, Nicole Hurst, and Rosa Miller, with the help of Mrs.

High, headed up the decorating committee. As the students arrived, they followed the light of the candles and lanterns down the hall to a large arch in

front of the library doors. Beautifully decorated with red and white tulle and surrounded by ferns and bouquets, the entrance brought an elegant and formal aura to the banquet.



Every year the juniors spend countless hours arranging the decorations, preparing the food, and organizing the activities. This year was no exception. Regina Harnish,

Several junior fellows formally escorted everyone to their assigned seats. Inside the library, the chairs and desks were replaced with seven round tables, sprinkled with

Alumni News

Engagements:

Erlis Miller ('01) and Dorothy Hoover ('00) are engaged to be married on June 15, 2002.

Births:

Congratulations to Anthony and **Kendra Hurst ('95)**, on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Valerie Jewel, on August 19, 2001.

Congratulations to **Curtis ('86)** and Cheryl **Stoltzfus** on the birth of their third son, fifth child, Curtis Duane, on November 4, 2001.

Congratulations to **Nate ('83)** and Jane **Kauffman** on the birth of their fifth child, fourth daughter, Sonya Marie, on December 21, 2001.

Congratulations to **Wayne ('89)** and Rhoda **Lapp**, on the birth of their third son, fourth child, Zachary David, on January 24, 2002

heart-shaped candy and illuminated by a lantern in the center. Around the lanterns on each table were four roses, one for each girl to take home. In addition, there were lanterns resting on the windowsills and hanging from the ceiling. A table decorated with roses and

balloons held two large punch bowls.

Junior class president, Durrell Hahn, welcomed everyone to the banquet and asked the blessing. The meal, which was voluntarily served by a few parents, consisted of ham,

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