

Mellonaire

Teacher's Pets

On Wednesday, October 13th, Mr. Hobaugh's three geometry classes elected one "Teacher's Pet of the Month" each. They were Charles Woods- second period, Anne Christopher-third period and Allysn Guehl-sixth period.

Katey Novak

Halloween Dance

On Friday, October 15, the first dance of the Mellon Junior High 71-72 school year was held in the gymnasium. The dance could only be described as super-successful. Among the people that attended were Mr. Wagner, Mr. Kessler, Miss Fleming and a friend (male) of hers, Miss Wojciechowski and her fiance and 216 students. As usual pop, pretzels and potato chips were sold in the corridor. Unlike what happened at some of the dances, this time the group showed up and gave an excellent performance. Some of you may remember "The Hausens" from the first dance of the 70-71 school year. "The Hausens" are a group of friends (not brothers) about the same age as the students at Mellon. Besides the heavy sounds of "The Hausens" a few other factors made the dance a success. One was the unbelievable (that means good) behavior of the students. Mr. Kessler said that because of the good attendance and good attitude of the students many more dances will be possible. Finally, of course, there would be no dance at all if it weren't for the careful planning and supervision of the student council and guidance counselors.

Katey Novak

Onions and Orchids

- Onions to no garbage disposals in the biology lab.
- Orchids to Mr. Kessler, Anna Teolis and Tom Cohn for helping to make a successful Halloween dance.
- Onions to the shameful behavior of the people downtown on October 17.
- Orchids to the Mellonaire editors who accept my articles.
- Orchids to the Pirates - and don't ask why!!!!
- Onions to book dumpers.
- Orchids to Mellon's lenient dress code.
- Onions to sticky typewriter keys.
- Onions to 9th graders who pick on 7th graders.
- Onions to 7th graders who pick on 9th graders.
- Onions to some of the "no-no" graffiti on my French desk.
- Onions to people who destroy language lab head-sets.
- Orchids to all the teachers, counselors and students who put up with my article assignments.
- Orchids to the excellent pantomime demonstration in the auditorium Monday, October 18.
- Orchids to teachers who warn about pop quizzes.
- Onions to Mellon cafeteria's "colonial style chairs."
- Orchids to the new high school if it gets finished on time.
- Orchids to electric typewriters.
- Orchids to Ruth Colker (may your pencil point never dull.)

Katey Novak

ENVIRONMENT : Pittsburgh

An ecology group called Environment: Pittsburgh is set on cleaning up our fair city. This dedicated group spent a cold December morning cleaning up Frick Park: Workers, led by an Englishman, David Marshall, ran through the mud picking up refuse. Marshall came to Pittsburgh in 1966 and has devoted his entire time and energy to this worthy cause.

The group is planning another park clean-up but wants to clean rivers, too. A group of students help on the river project by taking river samples at various points and analyzing them for industrial discharges.

Marshall said that about twenty to twenty-five more dedicated are needed to help deal with the environment problem.

Anyone interested in helping to fight against pollution should be urged to call David Marshall at 422-7374.

Pat Fitzgerald



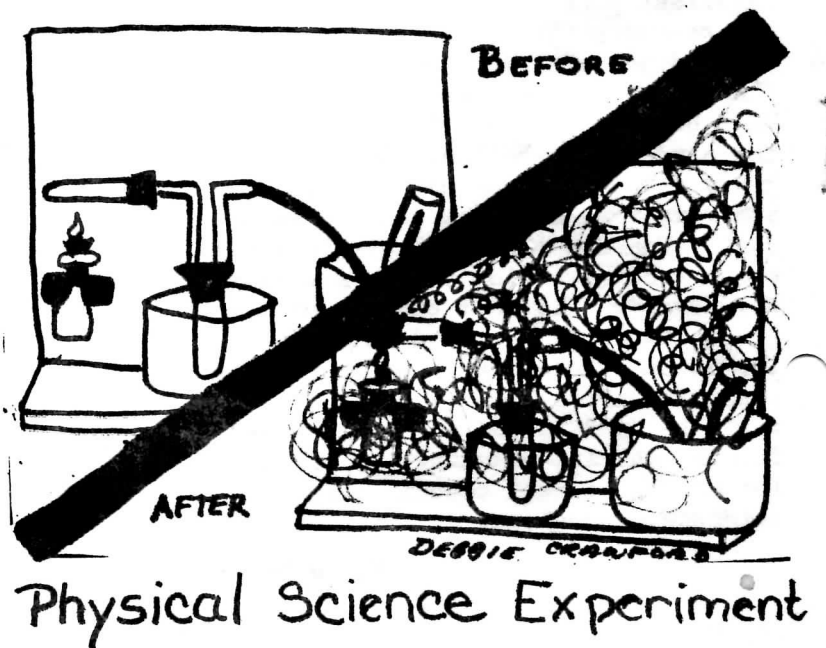
WELL, I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR BOOKS
HE....HE...UH, I MEAN MR. NEU.
I'LL PICK THEM RIGHT UP!!!!!!!!!!!!

MELLONAIRE

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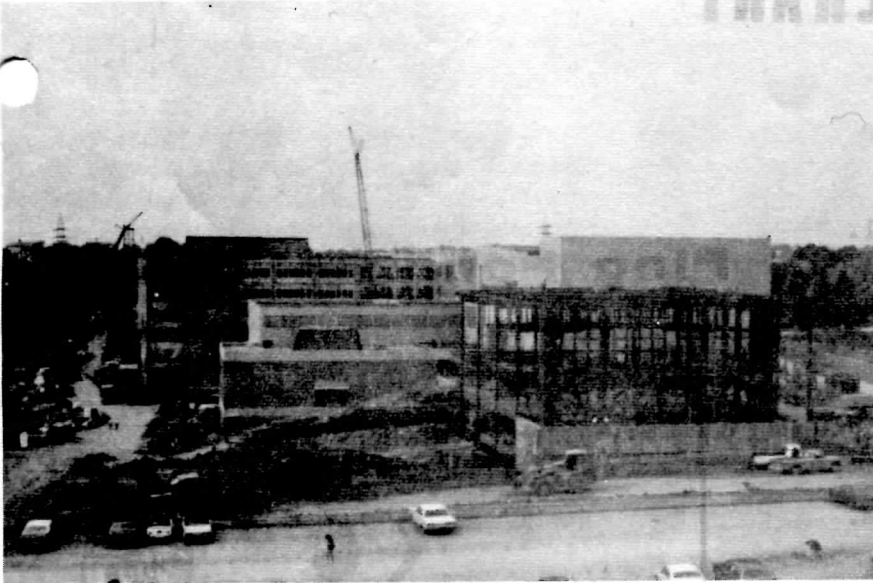
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Physical Science Experiment

H.S. Progress is Being Made



The new high school is going to be three schools within a school. The old building will be the administration offices; the second floor, the main library and co-ordinators offices. The common facilities such as shop, science lab and home economics will be on the third floor. The fourth, fifth and sixth floors will hold the classrooms; each being used by ninth through twelfth grade students. Each school will have a separate cafeteria and a small library. The languages offered are German, French, Latin and Chinese. Some teachers from both Mellon and Jefferson Junior High Schools will move on with the students to help teach the approximately 3600 students. Each school will hold about 1200 students. It is most probable that the high school will be sufficiently completed so that next year it will have adequate facilities to accommodate the ninth grade as well as the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades.

Rick Sherlock

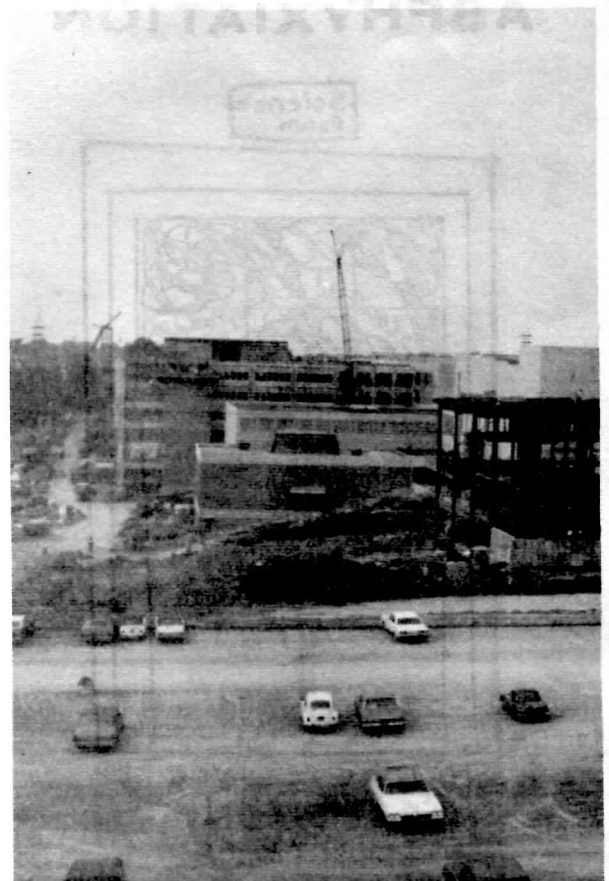
7th Grade Dinner

On Tuesday, September 28, the 1971 Mellon Seventh Grade Parents Dinner was held in Mellon's cafeteria. More than 200 people attended. The dinner was served by members of the P.T.A. with the help of a neighborhood Cadette Girl Scout Troop. Meat loaf, baked potatoes, and corn were the main course followed by apple pie and coffee for dessert.

After the dinner all the parents were invited down to the auditorium for a P.T.A. meeting. They were first addressed by Mrs. Lammert, the president of Mellon's P.T.A. She then introduced Mr. Wagner who gave welcoming remarks and introduced Mr. Formento. Together Mr. Wagner and Mr. Formento answered questions that the parents had previously written on paper. Some of the questions dealt with school dress, cafeteria food, school discipline, homework and curriculum.

When the questions were answered to the parents satisfaction, Sheldon Parker, Pennsylvania State Legislator, spoke to them. Among the topics he discussed were school finances, taxes and teacher tenure. A question and answer period ensued; after which the meeting was adjourned.

Katey Novak



LITERARY

Questions: DEVIL'S NITE?

Lynn Taylor - Stay home and be an angel.

Lisa Leadford - Squirt silly string and shaving cream and tooth paste all over the neighborhood.

Larry - squirt cans of fluorescent paint on cars.

Mark Steele - Fill balloons with Lysol and look for open windows.

Hugh - Blow up a house.

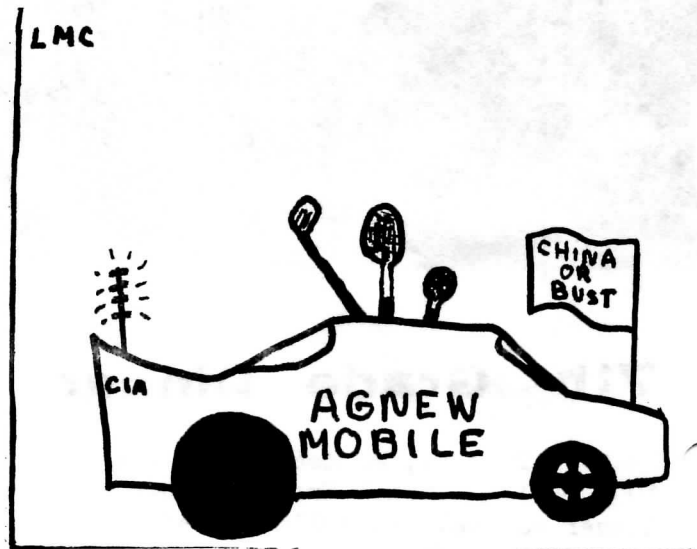
Nancy Taylor - Soap political concepts on Mr. Glaser's windows.

Ron W. - Stay home with a loaded 22.

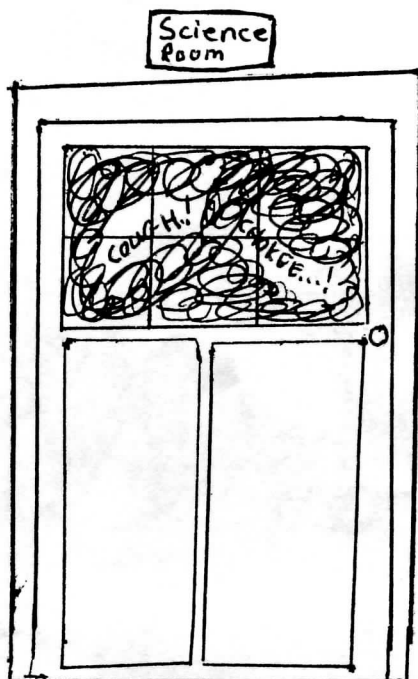
Katey Novak - Smear theorems on Mr. Hobough's windows.

Sharon Novak

Ping Pong Politics?



ASPHYXIATION



PHYSICAL SCIENCE ^{6th}
EXPERIMENT 1.1
DISTILLATION OF
CIGARETTES

Man About Mellon!

Well, here we go with a new school year. Throughout this year, I will be your man on the spot for important happenings in our always thrilling school.

A mystery has come to my attention. It seems as if a mysterious fellow has been popping up in Miss Hutcheson's 7th period Algebra class. A person, place or thing who signs his name as "Arnold Ziffel," after the character on "Green Acres" has been turning in papers with ridiculous answers to even more ridiculous questions. For instance, when asked what $3(x+3-39^2)$ equalled, he carefully jotted down that his aspiration to be a Polish sanitation worker did not require him to know the answer!

Elsewhere about our school, roll-throwing season has opened. However, no one, with or without great aim, can get away if caught. My advice is DON'T!!!! You lose in the end.

Ron Willoughby

Meet Rich and Gertie

"The Misadventures of Rich and Gertie,
Featuring the lady with the Gilded
Bird Cage, and Button-up Boots"

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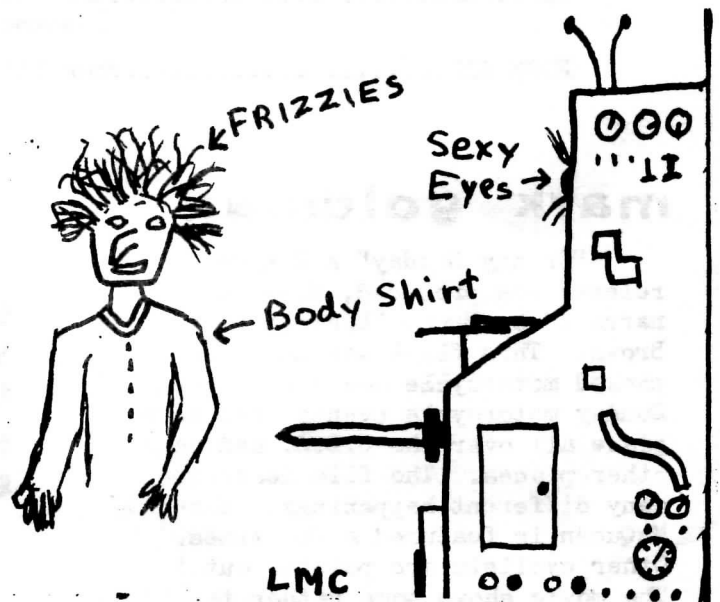
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Mellon's TV GUIDE

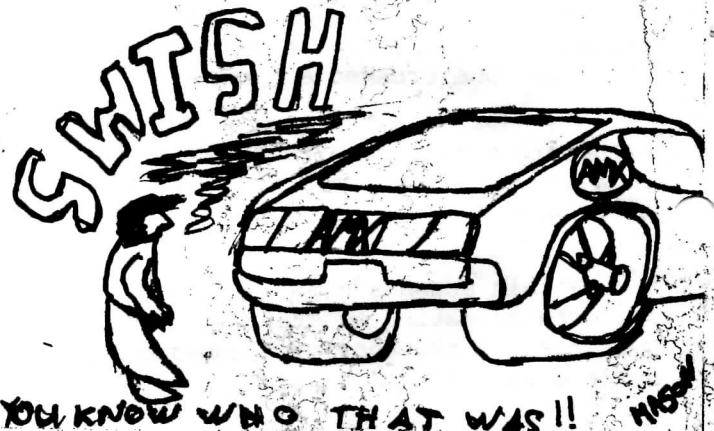
LOVE AMERICAN STYLE.....Mentecki to himself
STAR TREK.....From gym to Miss Hutchison's biology class
IT TAKES A THIEF.....to get into my burglar proof locker
THE BOLD ONES.....Any teacher in Mellon Junior High
THE YOUNG LAWYERS.....HARVY
PETER, PAUL AND MARY.....MacIlroy, Yagello and Miss Picchi.
The SIX WIVES OF HENRI VIII.....Rodney Wilson III
The Masterpiece Theatre.....Mr. Elko and Mrs. Stratton's showcase
The Galloping Gourmet.....Cafeteria Cooks
THE NEW PEOPLE.....subs.
NAME OF THE GAME.....Blackjack in boring classes.
THE ANDROMEDA STRAIN.....Physical Science Tests
ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE APES.....Getting out of boys gym
because the computer couldn't
tell you were a girl.
Le Mans.....Mr. and Mrs. Kessler's great Super VW
MONKEES GO HOME.....Sixth grade visitors
Maroomed.....The way it rains right after school lets out.
HOGANS HEROES.....Anyone who makes it through Mentecki's class.
TO SIR WITH LOVE.....Me to Mentecki
LOVE STORY.....The way Mr. Kessler stands at Mrs. Kessler's door
between periods.
FOOL'S PARADE.....The (9th graders' march on 9A day)
American Bandstand.....The "Groovy" dances
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE.....Surviving Mr. Mentecki's social studies class.
Funny Face.....Fred Lehman
BEWITCHED.....the way I feel listening to the morning
announcements
ROOM 222.....Room 111 (Mentecki)

by Susan Bronder and Katey Novak

mark goldman

"On any Sunday" a Cinema 5 release was produced, directed, and narrated by Bruce "Endless Summer" Brown. This flick was an action-packed motorcycle movie based on Sunday motorcycle events that take place all over the U.S.A. and some other places. The film describes many different happenings. Steve McQueen is featured a few times. Other cyclists are pointed out. The movie shows some rather terrifying accidents. As a whole this G rated movie is worth the admission price.

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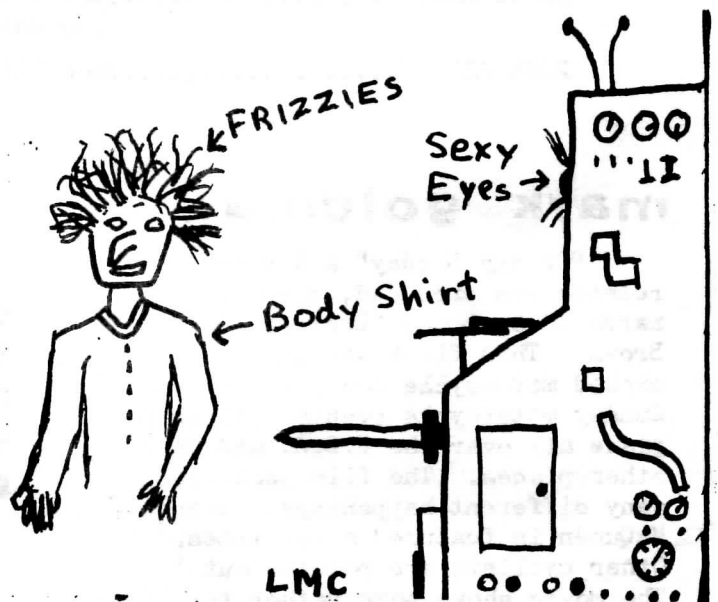
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QUESTION:

Do You Believe in the

Great Pumpkin?

Laurie Jones - No and I don't believe in Santa Claus either.

Mr. Patnychuk - Any friend of Charlie Brown is a friend of mine.

Fay Eure - Only if he's cute !!

Mrs. DeSimone - Why not, I believe in eighth graders.

Janice Kolankiewicz - I don't know.
My parents are waiting for me.

Mr. Bonitsky - Sure, every October 31.

Nancy Taylor - Only when he shows up.

Miss Allison - Of course, doesn't everyone?

Lynn Jones - Yes, if he brings me a color TV, stereo, a car, a million dollars.....

Mr. Grubb - Oh yes, yes definitely!
Gee Whiz!

Mrs. Kessler - It depends on what's inside of it!

Miss Hutcheson - Who's that?

Chris Sias - I sure do! She's my mother-in-law. P.S.
Hey, Great Pumpkin.
Chris says Hi!

Mr. Neu - No! (with a grin)

Mr. Kessler - Yes, every Halloween.

Kim Bisbee

BARRY, the BEAN BAG

Barry was born in a textile mill. His mother, Miss Fluffy Cotton, lived on a southern plantation until the fateful day she was picked, bagged, and trucked to the mill. Some men dyed her dark blue, and hung her out to dry. Then she was put on a conveyer belt where she met Mr. Singer A. Sewing Machine. They married and had Barry. Then they deserted poor Barry, leaving him an orphan. Then Barry was ironed, pressed, sprayed, stocked, boxed and trucked to a supermarket. Barry was then unloaded, unstacked, unboxed, and put on a shelf in the supermarket along with other odd bits of material. When the supermarket opened, a stampede of buyers stampeded the store. Barry was pinched, stretched, and generally mistreated until a woman bought Barry and put him in her bag along with a yoyo string and a purple crayon. When she got home, she sewed Barry into a bag. Then, seeing how hungry Barry was, she filled him with dried beans and sewed up his top. Then he was put on a shelf. Barry slept contentedly until about 4:00 the next day. At that time five boys grabbed Barry and began a game of catch. Barry soon got tired, but those five boys were tireless. Finally, when Barry was dead tired, they stopped, leaving him on the cold floor. At 4:00 the next day they started again until Barry finally got tired of it. When he was thrown, he leapt for the chandelier in the middle of the ceiling. He bumped it, and the chandelier and bean bag tumbled to the floor. C R A S H!!!!!! A woman came and surveyed the mess. She then bawled out the boys and sent them to bed without supper. The family dog then picked up poor Barry, took him into the back yard, dug a hole and buried him. Poor Barry!!!! And it is said that if you dig in the right place in the backyard, you might find Barry, discussing old times with the worms.

by Scott Jonas

New Teachers

Mrs. Blair R.S.

Mrs. Blair (language arts) graduated from Mt. Lebanon High and then went on to graduate from Chatham College. Her interests are sailing and canoeing and she is a girl scout leader. Her first teaching job was in Michigan. She says that she likes the students at Mellon and would like to stay.



Miss Fleming N.T.

Miss Fleming (language arts) comes to us from Bellvue High School. She likes our "modern facilities." Since she was a former editor of the Mellonaire, in ninth grade (not so long ago,) she must know what she is getting into. At home she plays the piano and makes many artistic things. She really digs cats and the students at Mellon.

Mrs. Hutchinson B.T.

Mrs. Hutchison (French) has taught in other Mt. Lebanon schools before teaching in Mellon. She is extremely qualified to teach her subject. She has attended Indiana State College (Indiana, Pa.), Pennsylvania State University, Temple University (Philadelphia, Pa.) and the University of Sorbonne (Paris, France). She hopes to get students to understand pure French and speak it fluently. She approves of early French and feels that it makes pronunciation easier in later years of the language.



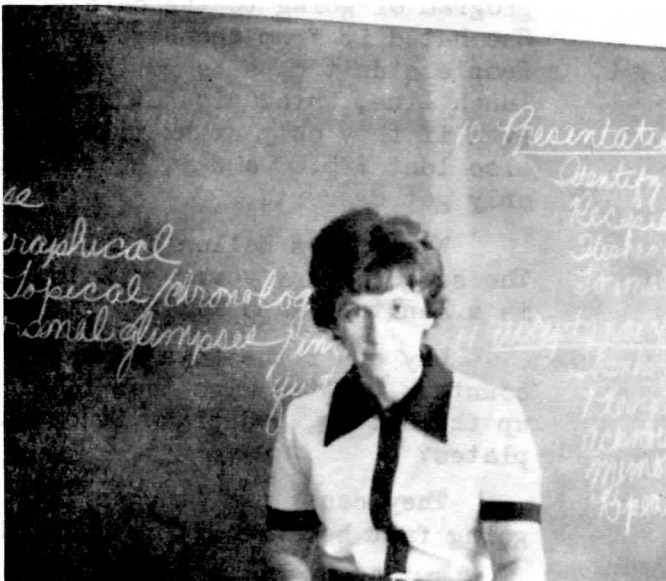
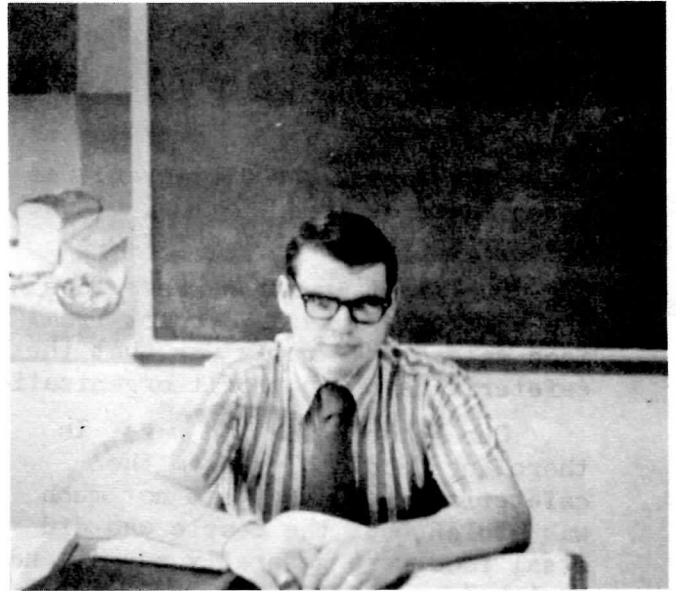


Miss Kanotz R.S.

Miss Kanotz (language arts) graduated from Grove City College this year. Her interests are music and bowling: she is an avid sports fan. This is her first teaching job. She says "I'm impressed with the general co-operation and enthusiasm of the students at Mellon."

Mr. Komis D.M.

Mr. Komis (science) likes to teach in Mellon because it gives him a chance to teach strictly science. He would like to try some new ideas on Mellon such as a science club. The past two years he taught at Washington. He likes Mellon better because he teaches once a day while at Washington he taught two to three times a day.



Mrs. Warnock N.T.

Mrs. Warnock (speech arts) from Youngstown, Ohio has come to be with us at Mellon; she even claims to like us. She thinks we're very imaginative. When they let her go home she is a gourmet cook (invitations accepted). She also enjoys quilting, sewing and playing with a questionable breed of dog named Stokee.

Miss Wojciechowski

Miss Wojciechowski is the new student health and girls gym instructor.....Miss Phyllis (for students and those who cannot pronounce let alone remember her name) comes from South Side. She studied health and physical education at Pitt. She is now teaching at Mellon and studying at night school for her master's degree. All her hobbies involve sports especially Power volleyball (her Power volleyball team came in seventh in the nation) and softball (she played on the women's United States Steel softabll team). Her favorite pets are turtles because they're cute. She likes the students at Mellon but thinks the periods are not long enough for gym.

Katey Novak

R.S.....Rick Sherlock
N.T.....Nancy Taylor
B.T.....Ben Trosky
D.M.....Dave McEvilla

The news editors would like to give special thanks to all the teachers who gave us their time and cooperation.

How did you like last years program of going to the cafeteria? She hated it from the beginning. People didn't have to go through the Lunch Line, which did not seem right even if they only drank milk. They also lost \$25.00 a day, because kids only got desserts.

Where does Mellon's trash go? The same company yours goes to, which is a sanitary land fill operation.

Why don't the boys at the counters use the wire tool to pick up the butter, and place it on the plates?

They can't use it when they are going fast because, it is awkward.

Thank you, Miss Jones, for allowing us to interview you.

Lawrence Correnti
Jerold Grupp



Meet Miss Jones

Miss Jones, the dietician, was interviewed on these topics. These are her answers to our questions.

Our first question was: Does the cafeteria make any profit from food sales? Her reply was that the cafeteria is a non-profit organization.

Our second question was: Is there any food stolen from the cafeteria? She said that not much was stolen, but the people who did steal food were generally caught and punished.

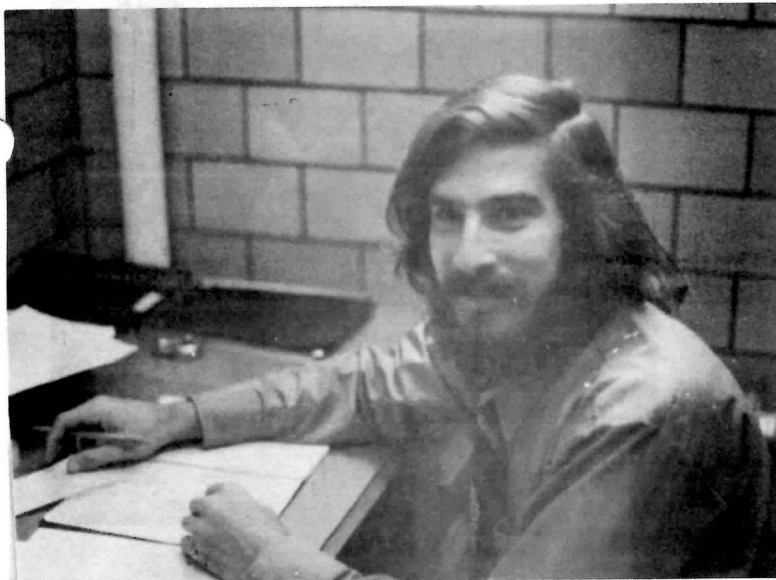
The third one was: Are you satisfied with the way in which the cafeteria is set up? Yes, I am satisfied, was her reply.

How long have you worked at Mellon? Her reply was about 14 yrs.

Why isn't the cafeteria federally subsidized? It was tried, as an experiment at Jefferson, but the kids didn't like paying \$.45, and taking a plateful of everything, even if they only wanted to eat a little. There was also an enormous amount of waste too.

Has there ever been a case of food poisoning at Mellon as a result of the food? Her reply was simply, "NO."

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Mr. Dobkin

Mr. Dobkin (gym and health) is from Oakland. He studied at Westchester State College. Among his interests are wrestling and track. About the students at Mellon Mr. Dobkin says that they're the nicest people he ever met.

Rick Sherlock

Mrs. Rick

Mrs. Rick is a student English teacher. She has lived in Mt. Lebanon all her life and even went to Mellon. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire and is now studying at the University of Pittsburgh for her master's degree. She really likes Mellon and its students. Right at the moment her only pastime is studying.

Katey Novak



Mr. Evans

Mr. Evans (math) comes to us from Monongahela, Pennsylvania. He studied at California State College. He likes the students at Mellon. His one interest is golf.

Rick Sherlock



Miss Hodnicki

Miss Hodnicki (language arts) attended the University of Pittsburgh and did her student teaching at Mt. Lebanon High. Before coming to Mellon she taught at Herron Hills Junior High. She prefers teaching the junior high and high school level, and she likes Mellon and its students. She does think that the classes should be smaller. Her hobbies are reading, driving and all kinds of sports.

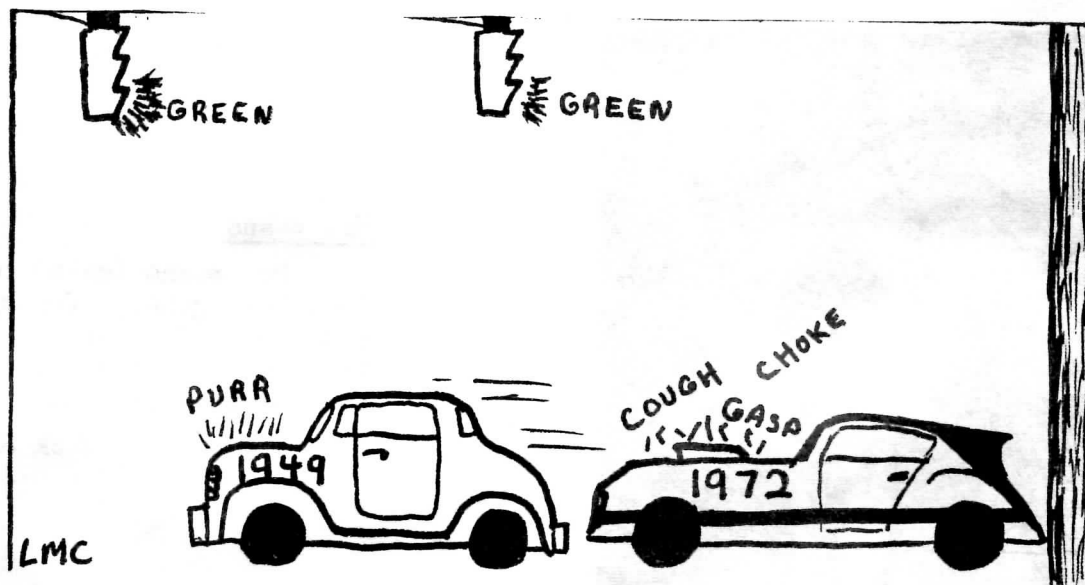
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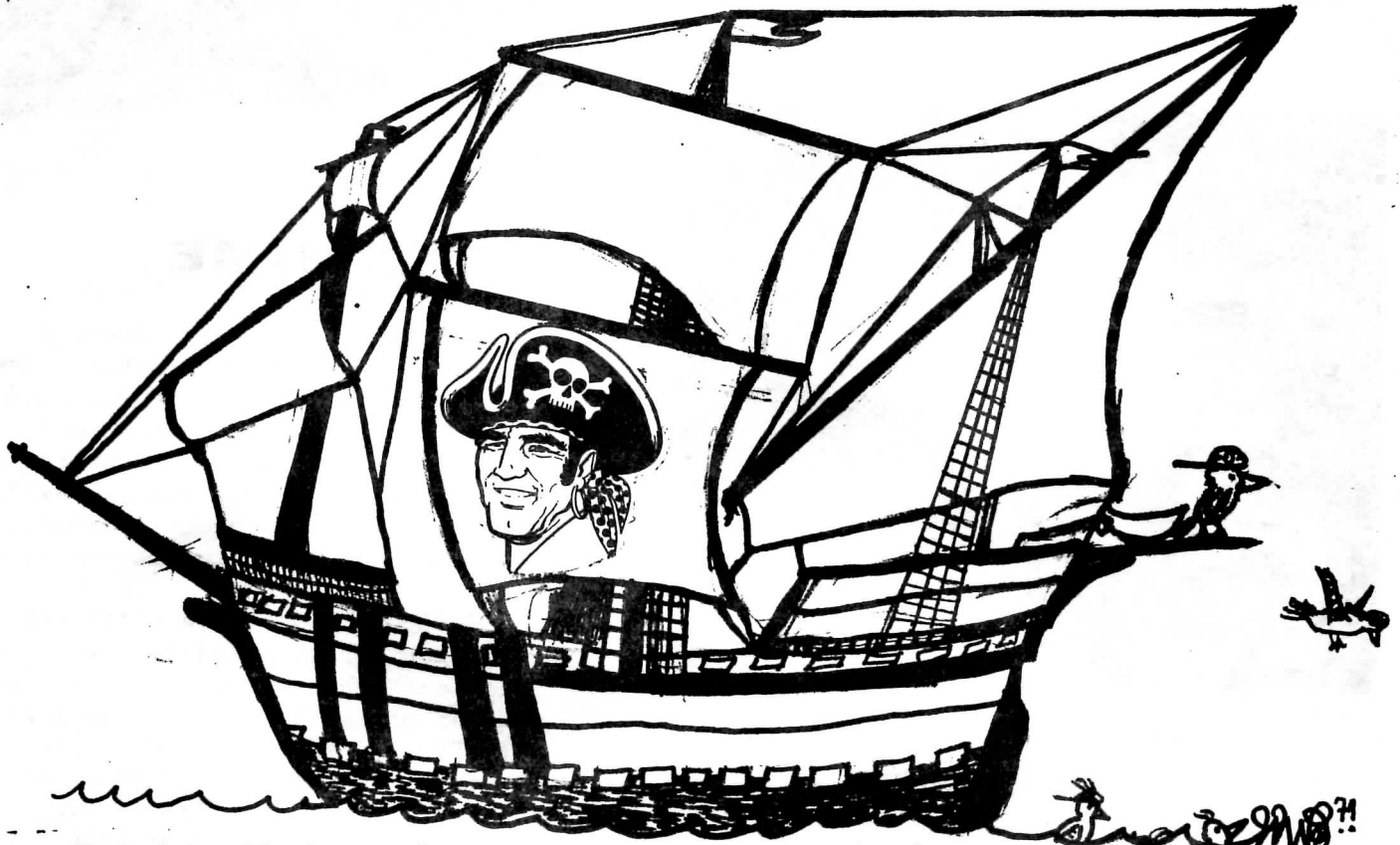
Mrs. Stratton

Mrs. Stratton (arts) comes to us from Denver, Colorado. She received her Bachelor Degree of Art from the University of Northern Colorado, and taught elementary school in San Antonio, Texas. Her husband is in the Air Force. She doesn't really think she has been at Mellon long enough yet to make any suggestions. She likes most of the students but thinks some of their behavior should be more mature. Her hobbies are drawing, painting and crafts, and she enjoys sewing. She owns a miniature schnauzer named Pup-Pup.

Katey Novak



BUCS GO ALL THE WAY



We had it all the way from Tuesday October 12 when we beat the Orioles 5-1. If there's to be a beginning I would guess that our game against the Giants did it. To go back farther- the day we beat the Cards to clinch the Eastern Division Title, started it all. Any way you look at it we're #1.

The Orioles started out the series with left-hander Dave McNally who pitched a splendid game against our Doc Ellis and helped the Orioles win the first game 5-3.

Our shameful defeat 11-3, was lead by Oriole pitcher, Jim Palmer against Bob Johnson. Richie Hebner saved us from a total shut-out when he hit a three run homer in the eighth inning.

We bounced back in the third game when Steve Blass lead us to victory over Mike Cuellar, 5-1. Bob Robertson smacked a homer into the right-field seats to bring in three runs.

Nelson Briles went against Dave McNally in the fifth game which we won 4-0. Robertson drove through another homer.

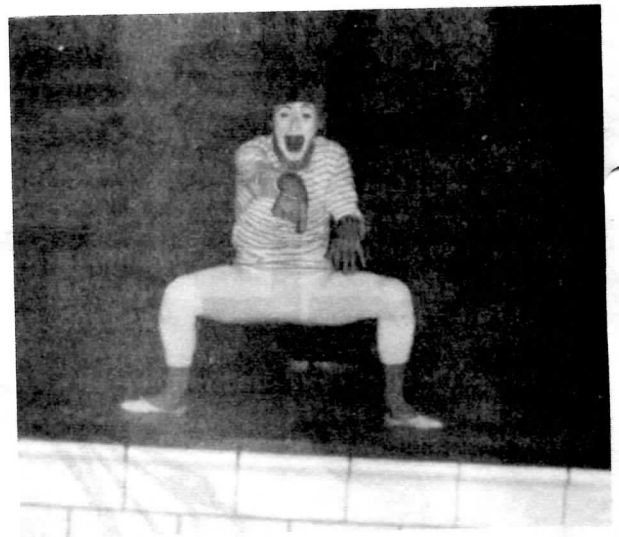
Then, the unexpected happened! The Orioles won the sixth game 3-2 as Palmer went against Bob Moose. This game was close and tied until the tenth inning when Frank Robinson made a spectacular run from first to home and just made it before the ball.

Luke Walker went up against Pat Dobson. Bruce Kison replaced Walker in the first inning. The unforgettable moment of the game, besides Kison's pitching, was when Roberto Clemente hit a fouled homer. After an argument Clemente hit a single and we won anyhow 4-3.

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The best game was, of course, the seventh, when Steve Blass led us to victory over Mike Cuellar 2-1. Roberto Clemente's home run and Stargell's run were the only two scored but they were all that was needed. The minute Robertson had the last out in his hand everyone came running out and the celebration began.

Pat Fitzgerald



PANTOMIME

".....I give you Jewel H. Walker, "Steve Conroy's voice boomed over the P.A. system. It was Monday, October 18 and all of Mellon was waiting for this associate professor of drama to start his unusual system of action without words. Pantomime he called and pantomime it was!!!

He presented twelve different skits. His best liked ones were "The Maze" where he was trapped in a maze of pipes, trying to find a way out; "Tug of War" which was like tug o' war as we know it, pulling and pulling, harder and harder; "The Trial", where he portrayed the jury, judge, lawyer and defendant; and of course, the favorite, "Baseball." I wonder why, (Don't ask).

The overall reaction was favorable, I am pleased to say. I just hope we can have more assemblies as good and as well received as Monday's.

Mindy Freed



SPORTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

The Mellon heavyweight football team, coached by Mr. Glaser and Mr. Komis, got off to a good start with an opening season victory over Jefferson 14-6.

The outstanding player of the game was Chris Pohl who played well on both offense and defense, but only got two scant extra points after the first Mellon TD. Both of Mellon's touchdowns were produced by Mike Manis on an end around and TD bomb from Randy Erickson, the quarterback. I'm no coach, but Mellon's heavyweight team might do better if they used the arm of Erickson more.

Others who looked good on the Mellon squad were Matt Kluck, Greg Brown, and Baby Rocky Viola.

Chas. Woods



Cheerleaders valiant effort not enough



ATTENTION, LIGHTWEIGHTS!!!

The sports staff wishes to apologize to the lightweights for not having any pictures and a more complete article in this issue. The team deserves credit for its fine record of 2-0 and hopes that it continues to win their games.

The Varsity Football Managers



First Row - Terry F., Brett J.,
Boyd T.
Second Row - Box K., Lee R., Ron M.

Varsity team in action at Whitehall game

Record - 0-2



On Thursday, October 7, the Mellon varsity football team played its first home game of the season against the bedraggled Bethel Blackhawks. Both Mellon's offense and defense played a fine game. Unfortunately, at the end of the first quarter, Bethel's defense managed to pick up a pass intended for Chip Holden, and run a touchdown. Mellon's defense, however, kept Bethel from making the extra points. Near the end of the first half, Tim Lafferty picked up a fumble and with good blocking by Tim Feeny and Tom Harvey, made a touchdown for Mellon. Because Bethel kept Mellon from making the extra points, the score at the end of the first half was 6-6. In the third quarter Bethel fooled Mellon's defense with a reverse and managed to run another touchdown. Mellon desperately tried to even the score and was even on their own ten yard line when time ran out. The final score was Bethel 12, Mellon 6.

Les Pegan

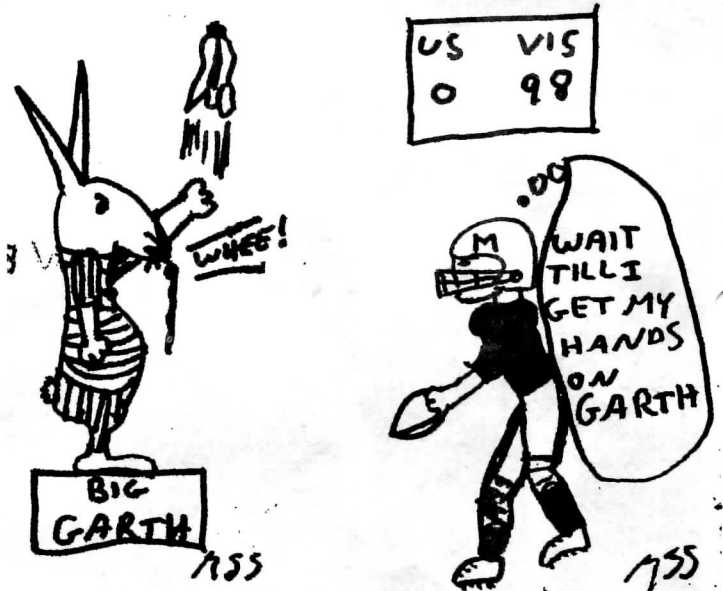
BLUE DEVILS

The Mt. Lebanon Blue Devils last Friday night romped over Keystone Oaks 21-0. On the first play of the game Greg Maxcy threw a 45 yd bomb to Joe Fasulo for the first touchdown. The two point conversion was good and the Blue Devils took an 8-0 lead. Keystone quickly used up their downs and were forced to punt. Lebo's Bill Dunn then took a 65 yd. jaunt down the field for another score. The 2 point conversion attempt failed, but the Blue Devils now had themselves a 14-0 lead. The Blue Devils scored again in the third quarter on a 6 yd. pass from Maxcy to Fasulo. The kick was good making the score 21-0. This was the final score of the game. The victory took the Blue Devils one step closer to the Western Conference Title.

Craig Coester



Could you hurry this inning? My bubble gum is stuck in my mask.



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