

Student Council . . .

Love It Or Leave It!

By Mary Emmons

In our recent elections, a startling fact came to light. No longer is there any interest in obtaining a Student Council office. Four boys ran for the office of president, and two girls for the office of treasurer. In each of the remaining two offices, the candidates received the office by forfeit.

What has happened to the interest and enthusiasm previously shown for leadership and responsibility in the school?

It seems that these important offices have come to be regarded as burdens rather than the honors that they are. For several years, active participation in Student Council has declined, leaving more and more work to the officers and a few members. Admittedly, this year's Council has done a good job in comparison with councils in years past, but the majority of the work was done by a few members who were willing to give of their time and talents.

Now we find that, in the elections for Council representatives; only a few students signed up for eligibility in the district elections!

...This plainly shows that there is little interest in the Student Council, so perhaps it should be abolished.

Think for a minute, of the way things would be without the Council. With the abolition of the Boosters Club already in effect, there is no longer a homecoming celebration, and with abolition of the Student Council we lose many other traditions such as the Chocolate sale, Sadie Hawkins week or the Fifties Festival, assemblies, and student representation in administrative decisions. There would be no Human Relations Council. The closely related class councils would probably fall also, and with them would go the Sophomore Hop, the Senior Talent Show, Senior Week, and maybe even the Junior-Senior Prom.

Overall, life at Senior High wouldn't be too pleasant without the Student Council. But, if some interest isn't shown in the proceedings before too long, in a few years there won't be a council. If you aren't willing to help out, don't complain when it happens. You can help to save the Student Council, and with it, you can save your rights as a student. Think about it, but don't think too long. Act before it's too late.

Renaissance Of Art Classes

Thanks to Mrs. Swanner's two talented art classes, the east wing of the school has been brightened. Instead of the usual book and literary displays, a welcome addition of sculptures, macramed belts, soap carvings and other assorted crafts embellish the library window, not to mention the rest of the

exhibits: pastels and linoleum prints which are arranged on the bookshelves in the library annex.

Culture and creativity have definitely reached Senior High and we owe our utmost praise and thanks to those who contributed.

Studies Unlimited

Ask any student in this school what Independent Study is and nine times out of ten you won't get any kind of an answer. If you do get any answers, they will be inconsistent, and Independent Study will seem like the biggest mess you ever heard of. Everyone seems to be going in different directions.

One of the most interesting of the directions taken by various students is the work of Mike Lowder. Mike has set up an Independent Study on Law Enforcement and with the excellent cooperation of the Albemarle Police Department, Mike has been able to progress quickly.

At the first of the nine weeks, Mike talked to Chief Tarleton and explained what his Independent Study was all about. Chief Tarleton then put the entire police department at Mike's disposal. Mike explained in his overview, "A police officer is one of the most looked down upon individuals in society today. A police officer is, to some, an object of hatred. Most people fail to realize that a police officer is human."

Perhaps the most interesting thing about Mike's study is his field work. Mike rides in patrol cars on Wednesday and Friday nights to help him understand the officer on patrol. Mike has noted a lot of unique experiences while doing this including the fact that, "women never see the Radar Car, while a man will see it and slow down. We even tried blinking our lights and waving our hands, but the

women haven't seen us yet!"

Mike also studies scores of manuals, tapes and films on topics ranging from arresting procedures to the nature of indecent exposure and obscenity offenses. He says that the success in an independent study depends on the interest. "If I hadn't been interested in this sort of thing, I would have never

One Giant Leap For Us . . .

BY ROY ROGERS

Opening night is hard on any cast and crew; after months of work, this is the moment of truth, when the entire troupe puts it all on the line to the "real critics": an audience that can make or break the play. With this in mind, together with the fact that the majority of actors had never previously performed, it would appear that the people planning "Cheaper by the Dozen" were asking for trouble when they set the date of performance for Friday the thirteenth.

As it happened, things couldn't have turned out better for the play. There was the last minute hustle-bustle with last minute details, but every member of the cast was fired up and ready to go when curtain time arrived. All in all, the play went off quite smoothly; even the things that didn't go right during practice fell right into place in the performance (the telephone ringing was synchronized so that it stopped when

'Pagetting (?) Miss Easley'

Serving as a pagette in the North Carolina legislature is a very nerve-wracking experience, according to Irelou Easley.

When Irelou arrived at the YWCA, she got the key for her room, went up and unlocked the door, not knowing her roommate was there. They were both petrified at the sight of each other. Irelou's week really got off to a great start!

While she was trying to find the pages' room in the legislative building, Irelou

ended up two doors down from the governor's office in the administrative building. Someone became suspicious and asked her what she was doing there, finally directing her to the legislative building.

After Irelou made it to her destination, the pages and pagettes met and were instructed to conduct for the week. Much to everyone's dismay, no drinking, smoking, cursing, or wearing sloppy clothes would be permitted during the entire week. The honorable name of

the North Carolina pages and pagettes was to be strictly upheld.

Many other interesting happenings were recorded during Irelou's week-long stay in Raleigh. One day during lunch, she was so busy that the assistant page supervisor forgot to send her to lunch. Because of the loud noises made by her stomach, the supervisor realized what he had done and brought her some "twinkies" to eat.

While Irelou was answering the phone in a senator's office during his secretary's lunch hour, another page walked in and asked if the senator's "things" were ready. The page didn't realize Irelou wasn't the secretary, and they both got a good laugh. A few minutes later someone else came in and told Irelou the senator was ready for his "things." She never could figure out what the "things" were.

Another time, Irelou thought she saw the Governor in an office. She quickly straightened herself up, hoping to look nice and make a good impression. The man then turned around, and much to Irelou's dismay, it wasn't the Governor, only someone waiting to ask the secretary in that office for a date.

As Irelou's week in the Senate came to a close, there were many tearful goodbyes that had to be said. One was to the Governor, who she never got to see. The hardest, however, was to the assistant page supervisor who forgot to send her to lunch. During their last few "glorious" moments together he commented to Irelou, "Cheer up! You're only the second person I ever forgot to send to lunch!"

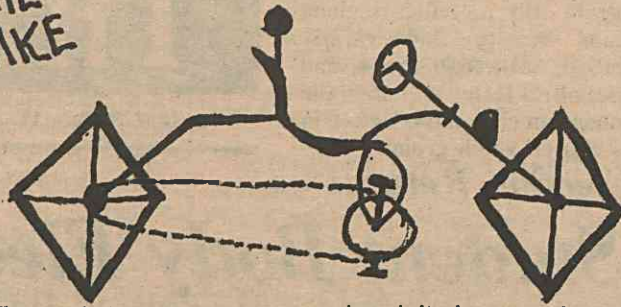
Caution: The Surgeon General Has Determined Bicycling Is . . .

Some people say ecology is for the birds. They're right. But it's also for the fish and the wildlife and the people and the land and the sea and the air and the flowers...well, for every-

all the time and ground you gained.

Second, don't run through stop signs and red lights. This has terrible effects on the aluminum frames, and bike

THE BIKE



thing. The truth is, ecology is something that is going 'round: look at the two most popular words - recycle and bicycle.

Bicycles used to be the step between tricycles and driver's education, but recently they have become one of the most popular forms of fun and exercise in the U. S. and Albemarle. However, one cannot just run loose with a bicycle; he must learn to pedal defensively. While common sense should explain the rules of bicycling, I cannot rely on people having much common sense.

First of all, don't pass cars on the highway. You're likely to have an asthma attack and lose gotten very far at all".

So if you are thinking about Independent Study, take Mike's advice, find something you are interested in.

repairs ain't cheap, ya know.

Third; don't pick up hitchhikers.

Fourth; contrary to some advisers, don't keep your eye on the road: Keep them in your head so you can see where you're going.

Fifth; when riding at night, always use a headlight. The boogiemer won't attack ya if the light's on.

Always remember to fasten your seat belt and pedal clips.



Obviously, momentoes is a word which has been misspelled. Momentoes within all logical norms, could only be what are found on the feet of a Momen. The Momen is a rare lizard which can only be found on the island of Nauru in the Pacific. In French, it is called a Frantique. So, the terrible mistake has become worse. The correct spelling of the work is mementos, which are reminders of times past. So instead of talking about antiques, the writer was talking about the toes of a Frantique.

A-Hoo-Rah-Ray And A Tiger For 'Cheaper By The Dozen'

Bain picked it up.) Surely if any of the cast wasn't sure about the overwhelming success of the play, the response from the audience should have reassured them. The crowd couldn't have been more pleased.

Crowd! Such a sizeable body of people for an evening event at school hasn't been witnessed in years; "Spectaloscope" doesn't count, because that involved students for all over the county. Usually about a third to a half of the seats are vacant, but this time there was virtually a full house. That means the play was not only good for the people who participated in it, but that it was something to entertain and interest the public. School-community interaction.

Which brings us to the importance of the play in another sense. This success story is an example of what a group of really interested students can do, for this was not the seed of some club, but the desire to put on a production by a number of students. After

convincing Mr. Hawkins of the idea, they had Mr. Hawkins find a director. Presto! Mrs. Jane Hartsell. Here was a director who was not a faculty member, so her energies did not have to be divided into so many directions. Then some details about the play were worked out and auditions were held.

So here was a group of people bonded together by a desire to reach a goal: to present a play. They were dedicated enough to give up their time, and plenty of

it, to work hard to attain their goal. There was no room for fair weather people in this group. Now there are funds for another play next year, under the same conditions. If there was any way to fashion our clubs and student government in this manner, we could really accomplish things and have something to be proud of.

Let's hear a hoo-rah-ray and a tiger for "Cheaper by the Dozen" and the cast and crew for their fine example.

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