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## Showers of Blessings



In everything in your life put Christ above all, was the theme lived and explained by Elder Ben George.

"I have really gained a spiritual blessing from this week of prayer." This was a common remark heard here on campus during the Spring Week of Prayer held March 20-25.

No doubt there were many who thought that this was going to be "just another week of prayer." But, somehow it was different.

Elder Ben George, the speaker, is from Denver, Colorado, where he serves as the associate pastor of the Denver South Church. Not only did he give us spiritual guidance, but his enthusiasm and friendly nature won our confidence.

During the week he spoke on such subjects as sin, being spiritually dead and spiritually blind, confession, and the second coming of Christ.

One of the factors that made this week a real success was the time spent in prayer each day when a special time was taken out of our regular schedule for prayer bands held in various places by several different faculty members. Elder George had a varied and

wide background in many things besides theology. Wednesday evening he gave a demonstration of judo techniques useful in self-defense.

He explains that this was not a lack of faith for God's protection, but judo illustrates that which we ourselves can do. He also shared his knowledge of tumbling and weight lifting with the boys.

The students especially appreciated his willingness to spend many hours counseling with them and the depth of understanding which he demonstrated in helping them with their problems or maybe just getting acquainted.

Climaxing the week were the Sabbath services. Friday night the Sabbath was ushered in with a candlelight communion service. From the moment that the usher quietly ushered us in, the presence of God was felt in our midst.

Concluding the service the student body formed a large circle as a school family singing a few choruses and then breaking into small prayer groups. Each com-

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## P.V.A. M.V.

The M. V. Society is very busy lately with all of its new activities.

Master Guide work is doing fine. On Friday nights after vespers a group studies the stars for their star honor. Also on Sabbath afternoon a group meets to work on other honors. We hope to have an investiture service before school is out this year.

We have started a Story Hour in Shelton for the little children. It is held every week. This also helps the older ones to get an honor in Christian Storytelling.

Also on Sabbath afternoons literature bands meet to package literature to send overseas. We have a lot of Christmas cards brought in by the students and teachers. If you have any old literature you would like to put to good use you may send it to us. (M.V. Society, Platte Valley Academy, Shelton, Nebraska 68876)

Sunshine bands are still going to the Gibbon Rest Home on Sabbath afternoon. Every two weeks a group of about 12 go to Hastings State Hospital to give a short musical program. Once a month a group goes to the Kearney Boy's Home to sing.

We hope that each of you will enter some group or groups of our missionary activities program and experience the joy of using your talents in the Lord's service.

—Shirley Sutter

## More Time

The semi-annual monkeying with the clocks takes place at 1 a.m., Sunday, April 30, when Daylight Saving Time is ushered in again.

You'll lose an hour's sleep on Sunday. 1 a.m. becomes 2 a.m. (Remember the law covering the simple, but apparently confusing procedure: Spring forward; fall back?)

You'll lose an hour's sleep on Sunday (or sleep an hour longer, by the clock, as the case may be) but you'll gain it back next October 29.

### ATTENTION—

All eighth graders and high school students—YOU are invited to attend Academy Day, May 1, 1967.

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE  
CAMPMEETING  
on the campus of P.V.A.  
June 6-11

### APRIL SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

April 8—N.S.A. Wheelchair Basketball  
April 8—Elders Pogue and DeBooy  
April 9-11—College Day  
April 15—N.S.A. Physical Fitness  
April 22—Alumni Weekend Spring Festival  
April 22—Elder Adam Rudy Elder Correia  
April 29—Elder Thomas  
April 29—N.S.A. Modern Miracles of Magic, Jack Lythgoe



At another interesting M.V., P.V.A. students portray life and dress of the Near East as narrated by Elder and Mrs. Olson from Campion Academy.



## A "Crash" Vacation

Hi, I'm Marty. I am a Martian. Well, yours truly just wrecked his spaceship right on P.V.A. campus. While it was being fixed I got a brainstorm and decided to talk to some of these odd looking earthlings.

Well, I found out that you all are going home for vacation next Wednesday, so I waddled up to Iva Gowler and asked about her plans.

She plans to ride somebody's Yamaha (whatever that is.) Nobody rides them. We buy only the best Glucenburg space vehicles. Wow!!! They travel up to 12,000 M.P.H. and have built in radar guns.

Then I ran into a thing called Jisslene Elmer. For a minute I thought she was one of us but . . . Our little Mini Mi (Mini Miler) is going to run all the way home to Wisconsin. I'd take you, Jisslene, but you're a might bit too heavy for my Glucenburg. Sorry!!

Bobby Herrington tells me that he is going to watch T.V. He is what you call a cartoon addict. I noticed that. He does look a bit like Andy Capp but I thought Andy was a green Martian.

Oh say! Here's Lanny Fiegenschuh. He's going to Lincoln to agitate his appetite. Lots of luck to you, Lanny.

Well, Mike just informed me that my ship is all ready to "blast off." So have fun everyone and be good to your neighbor. Until the next Martian lands on this planet, "So long!"

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## EDITORIAL

Spring is here again this year. So now my readers you can dry your winter tears. The weather has changed from bitter and cold to mild and warm. Spring has brought many things to us here at P.V.A.

For instance, we are watching a new administration building go up. The biology students have been keeping their eyes on the birds and bees. All the athletically inclined have turned from basketball to baseball. It's a grand time of year! Enjoy it!

### Spring

Oh, the fun time of the year,  
The time of joy and cheer,  
Everything is becoming green,  
Spring, spring, spring.

The birds chirping on boughs  
above,  
Their song, a song of love,  
A sweetness and purity they  
bring,  
Spring, spring, spring.

Boys' fancy turns to baseball  
Whether short or tall  
Everyone above the clouds, of  
thee I sing,

Spring, spring, spring.

Studies become hard and long,  
And thinking is all wrong  
So relax and give in, to  
Spring, spring, spring.

## Our American Heritage



P.V.A. girls sing about our American heritage both to begin and to conclude the Clubs' benefit.

The lights dimmed and the curtains majestically parted. The fascinating tale of how our innocent, new country became the experienced leader it is today was repeated to a patriotic audience by Mr. Mock.

The evening was full of musical and historical patriotism. Every phase of the United States growth was depicted, from the pilgrims to our ever-popular national anthem. Our United States is a bulwark of freedom. As the students of Platte Valley Academy put the love of this great land of ours on exhibition March 13, 1967, pride swelled in the hearts of young and old alike.

The girls' chorus sang around the foot of the Statue of Liberty (Alisa Cram), a symbol of our just and free country.

Unforgettable figures from the past were recalled to participate. Abraham Lincoln (Wayne Brodie) was called upon to give his ever inspiring Gettysburg Address. The Pilgrims sang praises to their Lord and the heritage of the Civil War was resounded in song. The hard-working railroad employees

presented a taste of their unforgettable culture.

Yes, students of Platte Valley Academy love their country, too, and with the talent and perseverance of some one like Miss Hesson, a very heart-warming and proud program such as this results.

Nebraska has played and is playing a large part in the making of history. In this Centennial year of our wonderful and resourceful state, we would all be in the right to lift our eyes to heaven and thank God for life.

—Joyce Pruden

### Birthdays

Phillip Contreras—April 27  
Roger Grabill—April 18  
Earl Huckins—April 3  
Pattie Carey—May 28  
Phil Neuharth—May 15  
Bev Urwin—May 20

The beatnik is rapidly going the way of the American buffalo, to which he bears a strong resemblance.

## Rosie's Ramblings



BY ROSELLA KLUG

It was the night everybody has been waiting for. It happened about eight o'clock at night. I had just gotten out of the shower and gone down the hall to my room. After I got into my room, Linda Young came bouncing down the hall and knocked on my door.

After she came in she turned around quickly and said, "Rosie, what in the world do you have under your bed?" I turned and looked around and there under the bed, were two legs sticking out. I just thought it was Lois Elk trying to scare me, so I never thought anything about it.

Then Linda went over to the bed and started pulling those legs out from under the bed. What a scare I had when I saw the legs were attached to anything! It was just two stuffed nylons (one of Barbara Peckham's ideas!).

What's going on? What's everybody doing? Yes, it was swimming night for the Girl's Club. About 30 girls went to Grand Island to the Y.M.C.A. to go swimming. They did a lot of splashing and screaming.

Gaylene and Marijane were the first ones to dive off the board. Iva, Beckie, Renae F., Lois Elmer and Delores H. were scared to go in so they just watched. The girls then stopped at Bikes and got refreshments. What a night we had.

Saint Patrick's Day went off with a bang! The night before signs were put up everywhere saying "Wear green tomorrow!" Unfortunately there were a few girls who didn't wear green, but they certainly got pinched. (Mrs. Weller was one who got pinched.)

We want to congratulate Jisslene Elmer for running 25 miles. Keep up the good work.

I would like to mention a few things that happened on the Omaha tour. Gwen Runyan's father came about 180 miles just to hear her play in the band. (Amazing.)

After dinner a few girls had sing-spiration in the church. They were accompanied by Carol Morse and Kay Sutton. I would like to thank Mrs. McCormick for keeping ReNae Schultz and me in. Continued on page 4



Diegenschuh's  
Frantic  
Philosophy



**BY LANNY FIEGENSCHUH**

Once again we meet on the printed page. Each month my column degenerates into a collected and assorted batch of nonsense. This month my excuse is spring and its diverse charms.

The weather has been such, lately, that one finds it hard to suppress a buoyant and drifting spirit. Myself, I advocate the closing of school on spring days. After all, no one concentrates much on schoolwork. It's a sheer impossibility to recite apostrophe rules and comma rules in English class when the window is wide open and the world is calling to come and frolic under the not too hot not too cold sun filled skies. The kind of day to spend in a convertible, or at the beach, though Nebraska is not exactly famous for crystal clear seas and snow white sands.

Last month I promised a poem to you, my dear readers. Now it's my duty to fulfill my pledge, so prepare yourself accordingly.

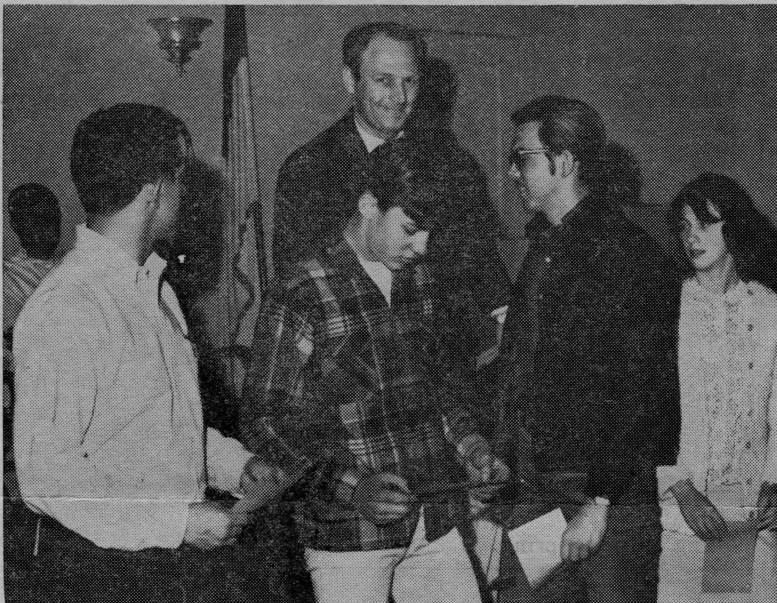
I've decided to cut the verse to two stanzas only this month. These are a bit fanciful, being penned on an early morning walk when all was indescribably pure and dripping with melancholy beauty.

Now, without further ado, I fire this tantalizing bit of verse at you: Whimsical, musical, lulling undetermined time,  
Up the rope of hope strongly climb.  
The ladder, sinew through and through,  
Slippery with reality's damp morning dew.  
Suspended in the orchid scented oriental air,  
Disregarding how its climbers fare,  
Just the base platform firm,  
Re-elected for an undetermined term.  
With spring vacation lurking not far off, I'd like to wish everyone a fun time in all they do (and don't do) during Easter leave.

That's about it for now. See you all next month, hopefully.

There goes Peter Cottontail  
Hopping down the bunny trail  
There goes the columnist from Wilton Hall  
Saying have fun, one and all.  
So I close in jest.

Run For Your Life



Dean Greenman presents Carl S., Kern N., Jisslene E. with certificates for running 25 or 50 miles.

"Run for Your Life." So, is titled our wonderful program which is headed by the greatest miler, Dean Greenman.

The boys and girls are in competition with each other, the boys being the Road Runners, the girls being the Mini Milers. The Road Runners are ahead of the Mini Milers, much to the elation of the guys.

Because of this program, it is not an infrequent sight to see some boys or girls out circling the campus on the run. Since it is not a subject upon which I can elaborate, here are some comments from some of the runners.

Dean—"I think running is very worthwhile. Although I do not think one should go overboard with it. I think we should all run at least a mile a day unless definitely hindered by a handicap."

When asked about those who work long hours Dean said, "Personally I do not believe there are any here who work too hard to get in at least a mile a day. Even if one is tired after work, running is good because it is relaxing, endurance-building, and the best way to build up one's cardio-vascular system."

When asked about the other academies in the Central Union who also have this program, Dean said, "When I was at Campion a few weeks ago, I talked to the leaders from the other academies and we, at the time, were far ahead of them in the total number of miles run.

Our approximate total number of miles run is 910 miles. This is very good considering the period of time in which this school has been taking part in such a program."

Bob Herrington—"I think it's

April Fool

Playing practical jokes on the first day of April is thought to date back to Roman legend. According to legend, Proserpina had filled her lap with daffodils in the Elysian meadows when Pluto, god of the underworld, found her and carried her screaming to the lower world.

Ceres, her mother heard the echo of the screams and went in search of the voice, but her search was like a fool's errand because it was futile for her to think she could even find the echo.

So goes the story. There are many others.

Still, the April Fool custom is celebrated in a number of countries. In India, where it has been observed for centuries, it is connected with the celebration of the rites of spring on March 31. On that day the people of India are sent on foolish errands.

In England, April Fool pranks begin in the 18th century. American colonists from England brought the practice with them when they settled here.

Perhaps that was the most foolish import of all . . .

if you have time. I enjoy it."

Iva Gowler—"It's good for losing weight and that's my problem."

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SPORTS SCENE

by  
George Dorsch



Our basketball season has come to a close with Osborn's team coming out on top with a perfect 6-0 record. The final standings are:

Osborn	6-0
Torske	3-3
Muenchau	2-4
Jahns	1-5

The leading scorers are:

Torske	20.7
Osborn	17
Muenchau	17
Amundson	16.6

The leading faculty scorers are:

Mr. Mock	16
Mr. Anderson	7.8

In the final game of the season Osborn was given a bit of trouble by Muenchau. With half of the third quarter the score was 35-32 in favor of Osborn, but Louis Littrell of Muenchau's team fouled out and Osborn pulled away. The final score was 82-48.

Mr. Mock and Osborn had 24 and Gary Amundson 22 for the victors. Muenchau had 26 to lead

his team.

With the coming of spring and warmer weather thoughts have turned to softball and track. Coming up soon there will be an all day track meet to see who at P. V.A. can run the fastest, jump the highest and throw the farthest. Work is under way to construct a pole-vaulting and high jumping pit.

Softball too is coming into the picture and teams have been chosen. They will be headed by a pitcher-catcher combination.

The three teams chosen are:

Mr. Baker-George Dorsch  
Mr. Anderson-Mr. Greenman  
Jerry Wesslen-Phil Neuharth

Our intermural this year have been a lot of fun and all the guys would like to thank Dean Greenman for his fine leadership in the program.



## Jerry

He's our president of the Student Association. If you can't guess by that who he is then maybe if I tell you he's a bass singer in the Balladares, trombone player in the band, member of seminar, worker on maintenance, a member of the junior class, and a very well-liked and courteous boy, you can guess right. Yes, he's Jerry Wesslen.

Jerry lives right here on campus. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesslen of P.V.A. His ambition is to enter into the math and science field.

Jerry has given us an ideal example of a courteous person. In his everyday actions we can see his polite and considerate ways.

I'm sure if we would all follow Jerry's example, P.V.A. would be a better school.

—Jeanne Petersen

## Healthful Versus Harmful

During our Health Week held under the direction of Mrs. Wesslen and Mrs. Nesmith from March 6 - March 11, emphasis was placed on those things which are conducive to and those which are harmful to good health. One needs a balanced diet, exercise, trust in God, etc.

There are harmful diseases which can be contracted from various meats. Cocoa, chocolate, as well as coffee and tea have dangerous drugs in them such as caffeine.

With the truths brought to us we can make better decisions on what to do and eat so we can be best physically fit.

—Connie Jo Gerst

## Diet—From Infancy To Infirmary

1. Milk.
2. Milk and bread.
3. Milk, eggs, bread and spinach.
4. Oatmeal, bread and butter, green apples, and all-day sucker.
5. Ice cream, soda and hot dogs.
6. Minute steak, fried potatoes, coffee and apple pie.
7. Bouillon, roast duck, scalloped potatoes, creamed broccoli, fruit salad, divinity fudge and demi-tasse.
8. Pate of foie gras, wiener schnitzel, potatoes Parisienne, eggplant, opera, pizza, demi-tasse and Roquefort Cheese.
9. Two soft boiled eggs, toast and milk.
10. Crackers and milk.
11. Milk.

**MORNING:** The time when the rising generation retires and the retiring generation rises.

## April Boy and Girl



Shirley and Jerry, chosen for their courtesy, pause on the way to work to congratulate each other.

## Shirley

Can you guess who the girl of the month is? She is a nurse of tomorrow. Her hair is a dark brunette color and it matches her brown eyes. She wears a smile on her face.

Tra, la, la, la, la, la, she sings in the Balladares and plays the flute, organ, and piano beautifully.

She seems to stay on the honor roll with good grades even though she is busy as the MV Leader and Girls' Club President.

She is a good artist and fixes lovely bulletin boards in the business office. She has worked there for three years. She is a Senior and is from Omaha.

Yes! It is Shirley Sutter.

—Valerie Barlow

## Noteworthy Recital

On the evening of March 19, 1967, all of Miss Hessong's keyboard students sat nervously in the front seats of the chapel. The event was the Student Recital.

Many relatives, friends, and schoolmates had come to hear the young musicians play their selections. The stage was decorated with flowers and a beautiful backdrop pertaining to music.

All the participants got through their songs somehow—and were applauded by the audience.

After the recital the performers and their families and special friends were invited to a pleasant and relaxing reception in the cafeteria.

After the recital the parents went home proud of their musicians, and the musicians were relieved that another performance was over.

—Carol Morse

## SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

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mitted his petition to God and prayed especially for the person on his right.

Sabbath morning the worship service was brought to us by Elder George where he spoke of men-who-might-have-been in the Bible. He challenged each of us to make the most of the opportunities which God provides.

For our Missionary Volunteer services in the afternoon, he told the story of his life which he appropriately entitled "From Alter Boy to Adventist Minister."

After growing up in Iraq and attending Middle East College where he made his decision for God, he came to this country and trained to be a minister.

In the years to come, this week will linger in our memories long after our academy days are over as one of the highlights of the year.

—Pam Maize

## S-s-spaghetti-i-i-i

The exciting evening began at 7:30 when the spaghetti supper was served. The servers, Sherry Hobbs, Louis Littrell, Penny Person, Ron Torske, Gary Muenchau and Shirley Sutter were busy filling orders for the spaghetti, salad, pop, garlic and onion bread, and hot fudge sundaes.

The food was delicious. There were candy bars and gum sold at the door where Judy Moore and Richard Osborn collected all the money. The rest of the seniors were behind the counter getting the food ready to serve.

Following supper was a film entitled Thomasina. It was the story of a cat living in Scotland with a man and his daughter. The daughter was especially fond of her cat.

After the film the seniors went back to clean up the cafeteria.

The seniors appreciated everyone's cooperation in making the benefit a success. Thank you for your help.



Two senior class officers and sponsor happily serve Senior Spaghetti.

## ROSIE'S RAMBLINGS

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home. And thanks to the many others who made the rest of us feel at home.

The girls also want to thank Elder Ben George for coming to have our Week of Prayer. His Week of Prayer was really inspiring to us.

Spring has sprung! It's signs are everywhere. Sharon Bachmann, Janelle Harden and Patsy Brabec started it off with a waterfight!

That's all for now. Good-bye.

## RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

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So there are varied opinions on the "art" of running!!! If you parents don't start a smiliar program, you will not be able to keep up with your teen-agers—if you don't already have that problem.

—Ernie Schwab