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There must be, not a balance of power, but a community of power;

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not organized rivalries,
but an organized common peace.
--Woodrow Wilson

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Harriton High School of Lower Merion

Thursday, March 18, 1971

Come to where the flavor is . . .

School Board Revises Smoking Regulation

Students at Harriton found themselves listening to the announcements on March 3, 1971. It was a rare occasion. Mr. Robert Ruoff, principal at Harriton, made known at the time that a new smoking policy had been adopted by the Board of Education. Students are permitted to smoke anywhere on school grounds, excluding buildings.

Previous attempts made by students to slacken the smoking rules had been turned down by the School Board. When Steve Block was SGA president, a suggestion had been made to obtain a lounge in the hope that the conditions of the lavatories would be improved. The Board refused this appeal. The Lower Merion Student Council attempted to obtain a lounge, meeting with four Board members and Dr. Donald VanWagenen. The students stated that it was the responsibility of the school to keep the lavatories clean. The Board accepted the policy which allows students to smoke. This code is effective until April 2.

Harriton once had a smoking area near the corrective gym. This was retracted when the Surgeon General's report was announced.

When questioned about the bath-

room conditions, Annette Larentowicz, the bathroom "guard," said that she could see no improvement. She felt that this was because of the cold weather, and that in the spring conditions would be better.

Mr. Ruoff seems to feel that allowing students to smoke on school grounds will help with the clean-up problems. Receptacles have been ordered, but he seemed pessimistic as to whether or not they would be used. He added, "I don't like having a rule that I cannot enforce." He felt that this was a mockery of the rule and of the person who tries to enforce it.

Many students feel that this new policy is good. However, they express a concern for increased littering from butts thrown on the ground. Some teachers do not condone smoking and think it should be restricted to a designated area. Mr. Thomas Harkins said, "People have a very high desire to do away with themselves in various manners and this represents one more way to do so." When asked about the butts on the ground, he said, "It's proof of my theorem that people are pigs, but that just represents the laws of maximum randomness and minimum energy."



L.M. Police Evade Forum Questioning

The FORUM staff had taken notice of two parked cars in front of the school, plus one cruising in the upper parking lot, at approximately 11:26 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 18. Rumor had it that there were also unmarked cars in the area. For the glory of journalism, ace reporter David Rand confronted the police and questioned them about their activities. Their replies were brusque and sketchy and all dealt with apprehending speeders. Does catching speeders take that many policemen?

Reporter Jerry Dworkin, with his flair for press sensationalism, immediately placed a call to the Lower Merion police headquarters to register his complaint concerning the suppression of facts from the press. He was told to call a different number and ask for Captain Julius. Was he being given a run-around?

Pennsylvania Walks For Mankind

Students and interested citizens in the Lower Merion area will participate in the "Walk for Mankind" Saturday, March 27. Young people all over Pennsylvania will also walk that day. There will be banners, costumes, free food and drinks.

The "Walk for Mankind" is the latest fund-raising venture for a world-wide, non-profit service organization called Project Concern, founded and internationally directed by Dr. James W. Turpin. The program provides food, medical care, shelter and job opportunities for people in impoverished areas around the world. They are currently serving in Hong-Kong, Vietnam, Mexico, Appalachia, and Bisti (home of Navajo Indians).

Project Concerns expenses each day total \$1300. The organization is entirely self-supporting. It re-

Upon calling the number given to him by the desk clerk, Dworkin was informed that the captain was busy and to call back later. Stalling?

Not one to waste time, Dworkin placed the call again. The captain was at last free but was unable to supply the editor with any information; he claimed that he knew nothing of the matter.

Frustrated but still with a glimmer of determination, Rand and Dworkin located disciplinarian Mr. William Evans at the cafeteria and approached him with their still unanswered questions. He claimed he knew something about the happenings but not everything and refused to comment. The two FORUM staffers, tired from their in-depth reporting, returned to their classwork.

Later that same day, Dworkin was called into Mr. Evans' office and given some of the details. At

ceives no government funds and so exists completely on donations sent in by the public.

The Walk itself is to make the public aware of the efforts of Project Concern, as well as to raise money to meet the needs of the organization.

Each walker is to find a patron or patrons who will pay a pre-arranged sum for each mile walked. The sum is based entirely on the generosity of the patrons.

The area starting point is Lower Merion Senior High School. There will be markers at mile intervals along the route to check off the mileage for each walker.

All responsible and concerned individuals are urged to participate in this effort for the betterment of humanity. Interested Harriton students can contact Susan Cotter for details.

ists a time problem. The fact that there has been no money allotted for assembly programs is also a hindrance in trying to find interesting speakers.

The group finally agreed that the best assembly might be where members of our own faculty speak out on issues around Harriton. Possible topics would include the liberalization of the school, teaching methods, and the attitudes expressed by the student body. For such an assembly, however, it is necessary to contact teachers as possible participants.

A New Day Is Born

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Day welcomed their second child, a girl, on Thursday, February 18, 1971 at Fitzgerald-Mercy Hospital in Lansdowne. Mr. Day, senior English teacher, was with his wife during her delivery. The baby was named Heather. Heather has one brother, Paul-Michael Day Junior, who is three and a half years old. Her newly named godfather is John McGlimm, a senior at Harriton.

Mr. Day and his wife attended classes sponsored by the Child-birth Education Association. The classes lasted for eight weeks and taught prospective parents the mechanics of the birth process and breathing exercises for both labor and delivery. The Days did not attend the classes for the full eight weeks, but learned enough to help make Mrs. Day's delivery easier. Since she chose to give natural childbirth, Mr. Day assisted her in breathing exercises while she was undergoing labor and during delivery. He was allowed to be present in the delivery room and donned the traditional physician's mask and gown. Mrs. Day was under slight sedation to relieve any pain, but both parents were able to watch the delivery of the baby.

The FORUM staff wishes to congratulate the Days and wishes them and their children, Heather and Paul-Michael, much happiness together.

last the truth was out! The police were watching for a group of students who had stripped a Harritonite's car the day before and who had supposedly vandalized the Lower Merion High School parking lot.

Another victory for the press.

Shh. . .

by Miss Shirley Smith

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Dorothy And Her Box Of Tricks



Mrs. Dorothy Mann spoke to the Social Problems classes on March 2. She explained different types of birth control.

Tuesday Night At The Movies

The Harriton Film Club sponsored by Miss Marjorie Merklin has been busy this year. Through her efforts, a series of films is being presented in the Harriton Auditorium, Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. The four remaining flicks are on a variety of subjects, each preceded by a cartoon for the young at heart.

The third of these movies, which has won eight Academy Awards, will be shown on March 23. "On the Waterfront," starring Marlon Brando, is a realistic story of the terror rule of the waterfront by tough gangs and the attempt of a fearless priest to smash this control. A "Roadrunner" cartoon will also be shown.

The remainder of the movies will be shown through April and May. "Notorious," a Hitchcock film, will be shown April 13, along

with a "Bugs Bunny" cartoon. On April 27, "Treasure of Sierra Madre," a Bogart film, will be viewed along with the cartoon "Pussy Tat." On May 4 "Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner" will be presented.

Assemblies?

As declared by Superintendent Donald Van Wagenen, every Lower Merion school is required to hold at least two controversial assemblies within the course of the school year. In order to meet with this requirement a group of interested students, teachers, and administrators met after school, February 25, to discuss topics which might possibly be presented in an assembly format.

The group was rather small and allowed for informal discussion. Topics brought under consideration were drugs, sex, students' legal rights, and the viewpoints of students from different

social strata. The presentation of any topic should consist of more than one speaker explaining various points of view.

The problems which the assembly group faces are numerous. With Harriton's open assemblies it is hard to entice students to come to an assembly despite its topic. Thus the group is trying to find a subject which is interesting and relevant to a large portion of the student body. As the school year progresses and the weather gets nicer, students are more reluctant to attend an assembly, so there ex-

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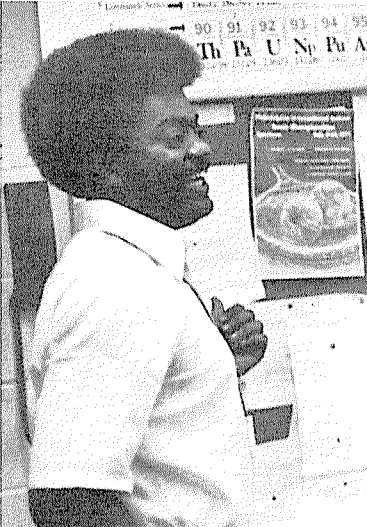
Indoor Track Team Wins

Whenever the Harriton track team returns from an indoor meet, it invariably faces the overwhelming question, "Did you win?" A sarcastic reply has become standard - "Yes we won. We beat all forty other schools."

Such acid answers are becoming unnecessary. For this past season Harriton runners captured thirty-three individual medals, and one team trophy.

A Saturday afternoon meet at East Stroudsburg highlighted the season. In a field of over thirty teams Harriton's mile relay team - consisting of Paul Benson, Don Ulrick, Burton Smith, and Adam Seiver - placed third to win four bronze medals. This team placed among the top ten every time it competed.

In other Saturday meets the two mile relay team, which drew on the talents of Paul Griffiths, Carl Critz, Bob Tuckett, Bob Mc-



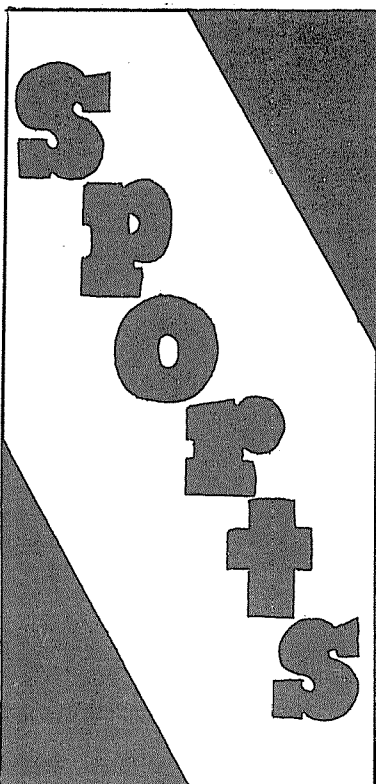
Coach Hall

Cormick, and Scott Farquhar, improved to a ninth place standing, and finally managed a fifth place finish at the Novice Meet. Individuals who contributed strongly to team efforts included John Mansure, in the two mile run; Brad Allen, in the sprints; and Smith, who won a second place medal in the high jump and qualified for the meet of champions at the University of Delaware.

In four closely contested Wednesday track meets, Harriton edged out a strong St. Joseph's Prep team to win the team trophy in YMCA Indoor Track competition. These meets were made up of seven individual events. In the 116 yard sprint, Smith and Allen won gold medals. Seiver and Ulrick placed in the 232 yard sprint; Benson won medals in the 440 yard run. Successful competitors in the half mile were Tuckett, Farquhar, and Griffiths. Critz provided critical points in the mile; John Rauscher effectively put the shot; and Bill Campbell set a YMCA record in the standing broad jump.

The Novice Meet, which closes out the indoor track season, provided an opportunity for Harriton's exciting track prospects to clean up. Runners who took advantage of this chance to display their strength include Campbell, Allen, Ben Seiver, Jeff Mayer, Mike Brown, Steve Gretz, and John Mansure. Veteran Mark Schwartz received a second place medal for his performance in the 60 yard dash.

A great deal of credit must be extended to Mr. Hall, whose enthusiasm has made this year's track team different and filled with the spirit to compete to win.



Donato's Dilemma

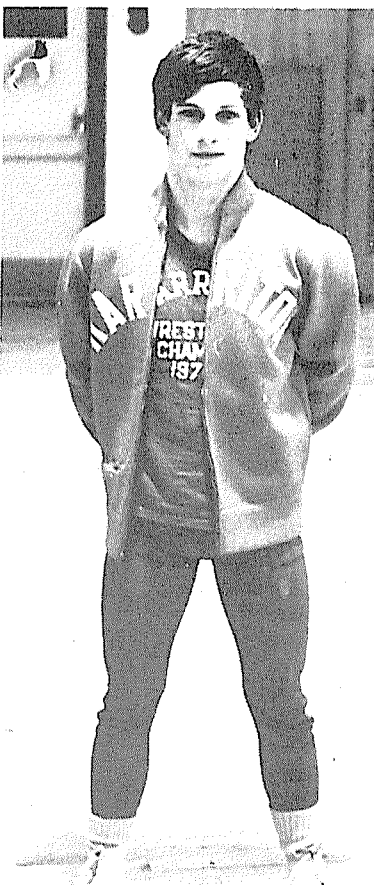
At the end of the 1970-71 basketball season Harriton's hoop-ers chalked up a frustrating record of one win and nineteen losses. This unbalanced season was mostly due to Harriton's inability to put together two winning halves.

However, the win-loss record does not reflect the great amount of ability on the team. With 6'4" center, Bob Oliver, out for over half the season because of a broken leg, Coach Bob Donato was forced to play a team consisting of five guards. Being beaten off the backboards in every game, Harriton was forced to play a slow-down offense and only shoot the good percentage shot.

Although the Ram's record was not one to be proud of, their season had a few highlights such as the game against Great Valley. In this game the Ram's showed their true colors and won 49-47.

Aiming toward next year's basketball season Coach Donato, is very optimistic. With two starters returning from this year's ball club, Lee Rubin and Paul Barnes, and backed up by five more returning lettermen, Coach Donato is looking forward to a better than five hundred season from next year's basketball team.

Pincus in District Finals



Bob Pincus, 112 lb. wrestler, captured 2nd place in the section 2-3 meet and went on to the finals of the District Meet.



Assistant baseball coach, Mr. Richard Liberi.

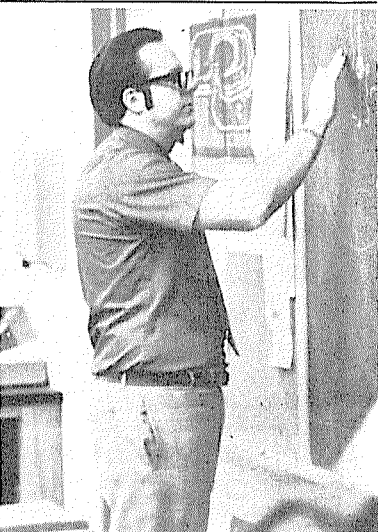
Trackmen Clean Up

by Marc Schwartz

The Harriton Indoor Track Team competed with thirty other area high schools in their final meet of the season at West Chester State College last Saturday. Although few medals were won, the trackmen were assigned to clean up the area at the end of the meet.

The Track-men turned in broken records, bottles, and other bits of debris that were strewn over the West Chester track. Outstanding performances were turned in by co-captain Carl Critz, Adam Seiver, and "Mack" McCormick, with four empty soda cans and nine pieces of paper each.

On the track, on the field and in the stands, the track-men did their duty diligently, as the area was virtually spotless at the completion of their task. Maybe next year they will win some medals, too.



Girls Tennis Coach, Mr. Nelson.

SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

Boy's Lacrosse

The Lacrosse team has a tough act to follow after last year's state championship team. Returning lettermen Andy Scott, Bob Goldfarb, Rich Seese, Pete Coscetto, and Ron Epps represent the bulk of the team. With a prodigious 57 applicants, the team and Coach Sandy Phillips should obtain the league championship for the second consecutive year. As usual, the toughest opponent will be arch-rival Lower Merion.

For the first time ever, Harriton has planned a full schedule of Junior Varsity competition.

Golf

Mr. William Fleming and his galloping golfers are in the shadow of last year's unfortunate 1-9 season. Returning lettermen include Donald Cooper and Scott Stover, while Jim Finley and Jerald Goldline are good prospects. Last year's home matches were played at Westover County Club while Radnor Valley has been chosen by Coach Fleming this year. To quote a profound statement by the coach, "We're going to do better this year."

Boys Tennis

The 1971 tennis team promises to be a fine one with returning lettermen Jeff Seiken, Al and Greg Austin, Scott Kronick, and Steve Ramsey. Last year's team was a successful one highlighted by the suburban 2-3 League championship. The upcoming team confronts 4 tough opponents including last year's city champion, Father Judge High School. The toughest league opponent will probably be Lansdowne-Alden.

Coach Thomas Harkins has high hopes for getting two players into the state doubles championship. The first match is against Nether Providence at home on April 13.

Track

On March 1, the outdoor track season officially began. Harriton as the nucleus to bring about an

upset in our league. This season, Harriton is one of the strongest teams. The season will be spearheaded by the following returning lettermen and seniors:

- 1) Burton Smith: 100 and 200-yard dashes, 880 and mile relay, high jump
- 2) Harry Harley: 100 and 220-yard dashes, 880 and mile relays, triple and broad jumps
- 3) Quarter milers: Paul Benson, Scott Farquhar, Chris Barker, Joe Sellers
- 4) Half milers: Paul Griffiths, Carl Critz
- 5) Distance men: Bob Pincus, Steve Gretz
- 6) Field men: Randy Gray, John Rauscher

Crew

"As the spring sports program begins, the coaches and members of the Harriton crew look forward to another successful season. Although six men are returning from last year's Nationals second place Junior Eight, the oarsmen realize that the season will be difficult, and that dedication and sacrifice will be necessary if they plan to make the Nationals at Syracuse this year. However, despite the fact that we compete against schools with four-year rowing programs, who begin earlier in the spring and who very often have a fall rowing schedule, Harriton has never had a losing varsity season."

Pat Flaherty - Crew Coach
Girls LaCrosse

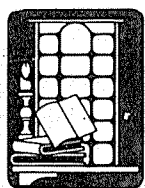
Miss Odell seemed to be in good spirits as she thought over the prospects for this year's girls lacrosse team. Because practice just began a short while ago, and it is difficult to make any statements, Miss Odell did say, "Things look great!" It is not surprising due to the return of eight varsity players. This year is a long season consisting of fifteen games including four exhibition games, the first of which will be on March 23.

Illustrious Tennis Coach Refs Hockey Game



Mr. Thomas Harkins plans next move.

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Baseball Briefer

This year Mr. Frank Savastano, head baseball coach, has hopes for a better season than last year's which ended with no wins and fifteen losses.

There are only seven returning players, one of whom started, which has left room for many first-year men. Coach Savastano is hoping for an improved team attitude, and so far he thinks it has improved 100% over last year.

Hopes for a better pitching staff are of primary concern this year. "We are short on power hitters but we hope to make up for it with a good defense and aggressive base running."

The team's first of their fifteen games will be April 8 at home against Haverford Prep. Mr. Savastano would appreciate much student support to help the guys toward a winning season.

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Inside the Chess Club

The FORUM has been granted an exclusive interview with the eminent captain of our most successful team, the Chess Club.

In the school's 13 years, the Ram Chessmen have never lost an interschool match. Our chess players compete in a game which demands superior skill and intelligence plus coordination. It is a true contest of mind over matter. Now we hear from the Chess Club boss himself, El Mosque.

FORUM: What motivated you to start playing chess?

El Mosque: Ever since I saw Ed Sullivan, I've always wanted to act dead.

F: Did you know you could accomplish this by playing quarterback on our football team?

EM: No, I didn't look at it that way, but then, I couldn't fondle the queens.

F: Don't worry about that. You could always start something with the center. How exciting is chess?

EM: About as exciting as the FORUM.

F: That exciting! What are the "tricks of the trade" that should be watched for?

EM: Quick hands!

F: I always thought chess was a game of superior intelligence and impeccable integrity.

EM: It was until we began playing

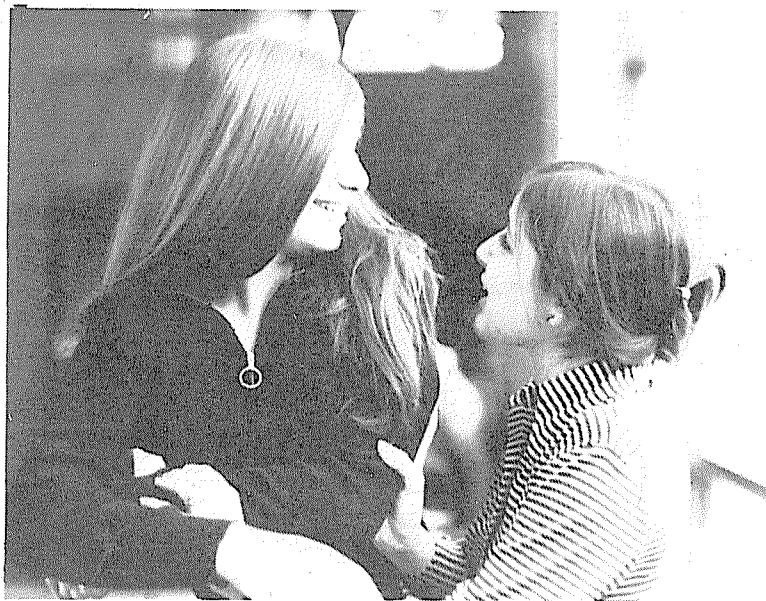
F: What do you think can be done to rectify this situation?

EM: Nothing at all! Some people rely on ability.

F: Thank you very much for this gem of an interview.

EM: Pawn to King Four.

Caught Red-Handed



Ecstasy between classes.

Library

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says "library-1. An apartment, a series of apartments or a building devoted to a collection of books, manuscripts, etc. kept for use but not for sale. 2. A collection of books, etc. kept for study or reading and not as merchandise. Etc." Webster leaves a lot out, The "etc." covers much, much more than the definition. But at the moment we are concerned with just books. And since we are still blessed with a very out-of-date library, the one item we can offer is books and books and more books--11,000 books. Free your mind. Your library is ready for you; are you ready for it? Come on in and see. CHECK OUT A BOOK.

Happiness Is...

The following seniors have been accepted into colleges: Ann Levinsky, Roanoke and Marquette; Pat Dombrow, Cabrini College; Barbara Bechtold, Hood College; Lynda Reed, Goddard and Wilmington College; Alice Lee, University of Pittsburgh; Pat Aschner, Antonelli School of Photography; Amy Ward, Boston University, Ohio State, and Susquehanna; Joyce Sholl, Ithaca and Susquehanna;

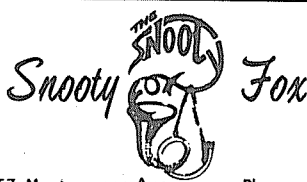
Nancy Shilcock, College of Wooster; Jane Leader, Lafayette and Syracuse; Marci Selig and Janine Klayman, Syracuse; Richard Seese, Ashland and Defiance; Rick Cole, University of Wyoming; Sharon Burgents, Michigan State; Connie Cameron, Eastern Baptist; Nancy Myers, McGill University; Louise Holt, Econ College, Guilford College, High Point; Lorie Hewitt, Kenyon; Mary Jane McGonnell, Rosemont; John McGlinn, Northwestern; Linda Moskowitz, University of Pittsburgh; Harriet Kamin, Temple; Jeff Giffault and Muriel Jonquet, Eastern Baptist.

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