

Student Elections Held; Linn President

Washington junior Diane Linn was elected to the office of student body president-elect in student elections held last Friday, January 27. Other new officers are Morena Dishman, vice president; Patty Landre, secretary; Lynn Weigand, assistant publicity manager; Doreen Jones, publicity manager; and Judy Soga, assistant treasurer.

Diane Linn was elected by a five vote margin over junior Steve Bradbury, her only opponent. She will serve as a member of the council this spring and take over as president next fall.

Other candidates for office were Keffer Jensen, Rick Schneberger, Jenny Choy, and Betty Dorety.

The spring Executive Council will include president John Mayhew, treasurer Ellenore Perry, senior class president Ken Brown, junior class president Sue Cogan, sophomore class president John Rumpakis, and freshman class president Patty Baumeister.

President John Mayhew commented on the election: "We had more candidates this year than in past years, which is very good. I think I have a very competent Council to work with."

Mayhew has also expressed his displeasure with the fact that only 185 people voted in the election. "This is a better



DIANE LINN [left] sits between opponent Steve Bradbury and Rick Schneberger at the elections assembly on January 17. Right, Doreen

turnout than we had last spring, when I was elected, but it's still very poor."

Linn commented that she hoped to gain enough knowledge of the council in her half year as president elect before becoming president to help her run the council effectively. She mentioned cafeteria food as one area she was specifically interested in working on.

"I think we did a lot of things that were worth doing. If they weren't worth doing, we wouldn't have done them," Victoria Strang said of her term as president. Among the accomplishments of the fall Executive Council were beginning work on the painting



Jones listens to Judy Soga, the winning candidate for assistant treasurer.

of the cafeteria and the public relations attempt to improve Washington's image in the

feeder schools. The council's failures included not assisting the Homecoming chairman

enough and failing to take any action to support the school district levy in November.

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8th Graders To Receive Washingtonian By Mail

For the first time in its history, *The Washingtonian* is being mailed to the homes of eighth grade students from Washington feeder schools. The mailing was proposed by the previous editor of *The Washingtonian*, John Mayhew, to help in the Executive Council's program to halt the dropping enrollment.

This issue will be the first to be mailed using lists which were obtained by request from Abernethy, Buckman, Glencoe, Laurelhurst, and Sunnyside grade schools.

The reason for the action is to attempt to "sell" Washington to the parents who may otherwise prevent their children from going to Washington. Many people, according to student body president, Vicci Strang, have the wrong impression of the school as the result of reports of racial violence that appeared in the newspapers five years ago.

Some of the parents who live in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood were contacted for their feelings about Washington. "I just think that it's situated among one of the most appalling areas . . . it just exemplifies all the bad points about our city," said one parent of a Washington student.

Another cited the students who cut classes and hang around the halls as frightening but stated "I don't think it's bad, but there are others that are better." Both said that they felt that a better quality education could be obtained elsewhere.

A third parent who has an eighth grader at Catlin Gabel on scholarship has been to Washington several times to visit and watch dramatic productions. She said of a special introduction which she attended that "they were trying very hard to impress

everybody that everything was fine." She complained of clouds of smoke in the girls bathrooms but also noted that last year's production of *The Wizard of Oz* had made a good impression on her.

The *Washingtonian* hopes to attempt a fair evaluation of Washington's quality of education compared to other high schools in upcoming issues.

Jones Takes Principal's Office At Monroe

Washington High School lost former Vice Principal Nate Jones, effective January 6. He has been at Washington for five years until his recent promotion as Principal of Monroe High School.

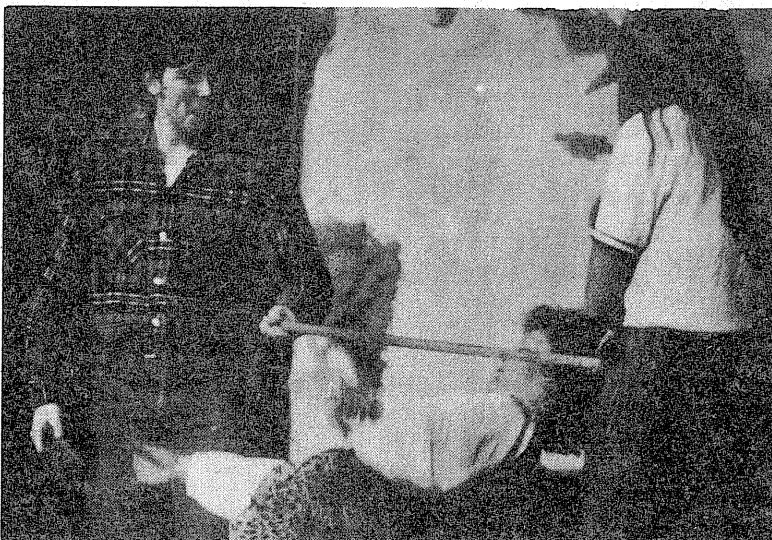
When asked if he plans on any changes at Monroe as far as curriculum and discipline are concerned Mr. Jones remarked, "I've only been here seven days, and I don't plan on any changes at all until I figure out the pres-



ent program."

Concerning his feelings towards Washington Mr. Jones stated, "I enjoyed my experience at Washington. I made good relationships with the faculty and the students." He went on to say, "Washington has an excellent faculty, which can really benefit the students if they went to seek a good education."

Joe Bowman, fresh from the personnel department at the administration building,



PARTICIPATION WAS URGED at the January 10 assembly for Freshman Social Studies classes. The assembly featured "Drums of the Caribbean" with various instruments and dancers of the Caribbean islands. During the assembly some of the Freshmen were taken up on the stage to participate in the "Limbo" and other dancing.

two years to balance the budget.

The election will not effect the funding for the current school year. Voters have not approved an increase in the district tax base since 1968. Since that time, more than \$16 million in budget requests have been trimmed in order to keep the district within its tax base. Since 1969, administrative overhead has been reduced by 27 persons.

Cost of the special levy in the first year - 1975-76 - would be about \$1.15 on each \$1,000 of assessed value. Estimated costs for various priced homes are \$11.50 for a home valued at \$10,000,

\$23 on a home valued at \$20,000 and \$34.50 on a home valued at \$30,000.

There is a possibility that some schools may be closed if the levy fails again, and Washington may be one of those schools.

Washington's Executive Council, which made no effort to promote the levy in November, has been considering several ways of helping the campaign for the levy this time.

If the levy fails this time, there is also a strong possibility that the school district will attempt to pass the levy again in another special election.

choice must also be approved by the School Board.

Mr. Jones first started his teaching career at Woodstock Elementary School teaching grades three through eight, for two years. "Those first two years," explains Mr. Jones, "were enough to know I wanted to teach with high school kids!"

He then got transferred to Roosevelt where he was football coach and basketball coach. After two years there Mr. Jones then got transferred to Washington as Vice Principal.

Mr. Jones made a comparison between Monroe and Washington and said the only difference is the programs and " . . . I don't see the guys around!"

"First of all," he remarked, "Monroe has a lot of career education programs. It seems different from being used to a co-educational school, and here there are two full time boys and about 12 all together who come in from Washington and Benson."

Mr. Jones summed it up by saying, "I think Washington is a great school and will continue to be one. When are you going to vite me back!?"

Censorship Charged

by Richard Staehli

What's the matter with the Washingtonian!?

Most people don't realize it, but for years (throughout its existence probably) some of the most interesting stories at Wa-Hi have been censored, before they were even written. As a result the newspaper has become uninteresting, uninformative, and chronically predictable. This censorship and watering down of the news is one of the probable causes of the apathy which this school and so many others have suffered from. Would you believe that the students are not informed of what to be interested in?

The important thing to point out, however, is the cause of the censorship and where the responsibility lies for its propagation. The censors are the students on the staff, the student editor, and those who write the stories. Staff members suffer from a basic conservatism which arises from loyalty to the school and, I believe, a slightly misguided sense of responsibility which is instilled into the students by the journalism advisor. The staff is counselled into believing that, as a high school newspaper, the reporters should not write anything for the paper which might hurt someone's feelings. Students have naturally, if unconsciously, reasoned that the advisor will not allow publication of anything which criticizes the administrators, teaching staff or the operation of the school.

Our advisor, Mr. James Maloney, once told me that the student body could not absolve the administration of responsibility for editorial opinions in the Washingtonian (therefore the administration has authority to review and censor). Legally, however, it works just the opposite way. Only the staff of the newspaper has the right to determine content and consequently, according to the Commission of Inquiry into High School Journalism, the advisor and administrators bear no legal responsibility for opinions and reporting which fall within legal limits. The legal limits to what may be published and distributed are echoed in the PPS student rights and responsibilities handbook where students are told "They shall not distribute or display materials which are libelous, obscene, or which create an immediate danger of physical disruption of the orderly operation of the school or create a clear and present danger of violation of the law or existing attendance regulations." Now, with a clear understanding of our rights and obligations, I feel we can broaden our news coverage to reflect the total truth. The Washingtonian may have been printing the truth, but it certainly has not been printing the whole truth. This is the essence of propaganda and while I definitely support projecting a good image of Washington, I feel that one of the best things we could say about Washington is that we are honest and have a free press.

Students Support Levy

by Richard Staehli

Next Tuesday, the 28th, the future of the Portland Public Schools will again be referred to the voters when the school levy appears in the special election. Washington's Executive Council, already overburdened with the public relations to bring up the enrollment, has now begun a strong effort to gain passage of the levy. The main thrust of the EC action is the distribution of posters and telephoning parents to get out a pro levy vote. The city newspapers have been contacted repeatedly to help publicize the council efforts. To top it off, the student body has been asked to help support the levy through friends and community relations.

Any interested voter should realize at this point that, not only does the school district need the passage of this two year operating levy to maintain its present programs, but, the students who are considered by some to be burning down the schools, are actually willing to work overtime to preserve the school system. This year's senior class will not be affected directly by the election outcome but, out of concern, and having witnessed the defeat of the school levies since grade school (the last by a 1900 vote margin), the seniors are providing the initiative and leadership at Wa-Hi to promote a positive response from the voters.

The staff of The Washingtonian would like to commend the Exec Council for its involvement on behalf of the students. We also want to urge all registered voters to go to the polls Tuesday and vote in favor of maintaining the Portland Public Schools' admirable educational opportunities.

Personal Messages

Bisquit Monstre: I'm tugging at your finger again . . . as you know, the elephants are on a slow boat to China - Whaddya say?

- Bunsom Burner

Sunshine: Kota Krome really has a crush on you. It's too bad Longlegs and you didn't make it. He's such a fox - (ha ha). I'm looking forward to meeting Big R.

Liz: Are you taking sex education this year?

Tina

Dan: Why don't you wear your Mickey Mouse shirt?

Cathy

Hey Girls: You don't have to worry any more about Casanova Clyde, he's taken by a sweet chick from Madison

a friend

Patty V.: You yell louder than I thought you did. I found out loud and clear on Tuesday.

J.S.

Gordon Henderson: An interesting coincidence!

WHS Teachers Conduct Sound Experiments

For a long time now there has been increasing concern over noise pollution and its side effects on people. There is evidence that exposure to loud noises can affect the body.

Three Wa-Hi teachers, Mr. Bill McCord, Mr. Steve Melnichuk, and Mr. Lamar Jolly donated some time to OMSI to build a prototype sound level meter (S.L.M.). In return for their efforts, OMSI gave the meter to Washington.

Mr. Jolly, whose music department supplied some of the noise for the experiments, has done some research on various musical sounds and their levels of intensity.

Mr. Melnichuk consulted some people on the effects of sound on the body and stated, "In my case most people I have consulted say that noise of various levels can affect blood pressure." "Additional research is dif-

ficult to do because it is time consuming and that I do not have during the day."

He also said that more conclusions about the effects of loud noises around the school will be made when the data is understood better.

IRL Headed To NYC; Fund Raising Underway

This spring students participating in the State International Relations League may have the opportunity to go to the first National High School Model United Nations Conference, which will be held in New York City.

The national conference will take place in May, and five Oregon students may have the chance to attend. If they do participate the students will use the facilities at the United Nations building, and will stay at the Hilton Hotel.

"I'm really getting excited about it, there would be a variety of people and talent from your own state," commented Alicia Roudy, President of I.R.L. in Oregon.

Next quarter a mini course will be offered to students who were in the United Nations class two years ago, this year and last. Members of the United Nations class will be members of Wa-Hi's I.R.L. club. These students may have the opportunity to go to the national conference. Only these students can participate.

I.R.L. club members will represent a country at the State High School United Nations conference to be held on April 23, 24 and 25. This will be held at the University of Portland. This is just one of the events that will keep the league busy, besides the plans to go to New York.

VICKI'S COLUMN

As you know, this is my last article as student body president (sniff, sniff) and now all my hangups (beside not being able to write, all you English teachers) will be brought forth for public scrutiny.

Yes, fellow students, I really blew it this term, I am going to FINISH what was started five years ago - THE CAFETERIA. Also, my biggest failure, possibly saving a teacher's job, yes the enrollment MAY stay the status quo due to executive council's efforts and a teacher's job may be saved (what has come over me??!!)

Thanks to Prezzy John Mayhew and the Executive Council (not to mention singling out ~~Rich~~ Bev Staehli and fiends) we may WIN this levy campaign this year. If you will recall it lost by 1900 votes last time around "John the Prez Sez" that if one more person out of each precinct would have voted "yes" we would have won the money to keep going at the status quo of course "John the Prez" was wrong . . . (but that's okay John). Anyway, John didn't think that the Executive Council would notice (we did John).

Well enough for retaliation, this has been the most fun and also the busiest time of my life. Sincere thanks go to Mr. Chitlin and Johnny Boy.

Do you have any idea what kind of a bureaucracy this school has? I'm just so used to doing things, that when it came to asking five people if I could for example, have Neil Goldschmidt to come speak I didn't know the man had to have a Portland Public School escort, or a PPS reporter for their monthly bulletin. Naive then, but no more. . . .

For all the English teachers who think my writing style is similar to a locust in a field burning, this jumpy, anxious young woman at least got the job done and got it done for EVERYONE not just for herself (no this is not a eulogy).

PTSA Contributes To The Washingtonian

The staff of The Washingtonian wishes to thank the P.T.S.A. and their treasurer, Mrs. James Waymire, for their contribution of \$50.00 to help the paper.

The gift was badly needed and much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Richard Staehli
Editor-in-Chief

Monarch Of The Sky

He stood like a sentry on the highest crag
Beautiful, proud, courageous, and free
I saw him spread his huge wings like a flag
And his flight was magnificent to see.

In the shade of the rock I sat and gazed
Across the hot sun-drenched plain
I searched the cliffs 'til my eyes were dazed
For the sight of the Sky King, and not in vain.

He wheeled and dived as the air caught his wing
And I felt like the world belonged to him
His beauty and grace caused my heart to sing
Brought tears to my eyes and my vision dimmed.

He is a monarch ruling a blue domain
His graceful shadow black against the sky
Through the dazzling sun and silvery rain
Oh Eagle, take me with you when you fly.

Marc K. Moody

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"Fiddler On The Roof" Gets Under Way For March Performance

by Kerry McCollough
The cast list for *Fiddler* was issued the Monday before the holidays, and the rehearsals have begun. This play has a large cast - 30 speaking parts and 39 people in the chorus with some double-casting taking place. For such a large group of people, I believe that this is an unusually strong cast.

I talked to one of the cast members and she told me what the rehearsals had encompassed so far. The cast has run through the entire play, reading the lines with no attempt at blocking. Major scenes blocked so far have been the "Tradition" scene, the "Matchmaker" scene, and the tavern scene with the song "L'Chaim" (To Life). Blocking for the dream sequence should take place later this week (keep in mind that I write this early!!!!) and this

should be a fun scene as this is the part where Fruma-Sarah (Lazar Wolf's dead wife) is 'conjured' up by Tevye to convince Golde that Tzeitel's impending marriage was God's will. So . . . so far, so good - hang in there!

Following is the large cast list I spoke of: Tevye, Steve Joachim; Golde, Chris Thorson; Tzeitel, Gail Soohoo; Hotel, Patti Landre; Chava, Terri Brooks; Sprintze, Delores

Perry; Bielke, Dawna Keesling; Yente, Susan Dorn; Motel, Doug Marsh; Perchik, Abe Correa; Fyedka, Bill Gray; Lazar Wolf, Wayne Channel; Mordcha, Steve Emmarson; Rabbi, Jeff Miller; Mendal, Jim St. John; Avrahm, Brian Haynie.

Grandma Tzeitel, Pam North; Fruma-Sarah, Carolyn Cannon; Constable, Chris Paukert; Shaindel, Kristi Merilo, Nachum, Gary Row-

ell; 1st Man, Scott Nagel; 2nd Man, Will Morgan; Sasha, Kefter Jensen; Russian, Pat Mead; Young Boy, Anthony Hunter; Young Boy, Eddie Scheffer; Russian Singer, Gary Rose; 1st Woman, Diane Linn; 2nd Woman, Sue Cogan; Mamas, Pam North, Carolyn Cannon, Kristi Merilo, Doreen Jones, Audrey Gerding, Maren Gibbs, Susan Dorn, Diane Linn, Sue Cogan, Chris Thorson.

Bittersweet Jam To Play At Dance

by Richard Staehli
General Council has finally come to life with a dance planned for January 31 featuring Bittersweet Jam.

The dance will go from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. in the cafeteria after the Friday night home game with the Grant Generals.

Dance committee co-chairperson, Geneal Toms, tentatively fixed the cost of admis-

sion at \$1 with student body card or \$1.25 without. A crowd of at least 150 people is expected to cover the cost of \$150 for the band. Bittersweet Jam, with three guitars, an organ, and drums, was chosen by Alicia Roundy, also head of the dance committee. The group regularly plays for high schools and recently completed an engagement at Mt. Hood Community Col-

lege.

General Council took over planning of the dance last December at the suggestion of Exec Council. The dance was originally intended to be combined with a dinner sponsored by the Dads club, but it was decided that the two events and a game would be a bit too much for one evening.

Refreshments at the dance will be furnished by the Ger-

man classes to raise money for a banquet or a "German Day" as they had last year. Any profit from admissions will go to the student body fund.

Chaperoning the dance will be teachers, Gerald Schloss, Don Spiering, Tom Jones, and parents, Gene Brim and Claire Brown.

Daughters, Delores Perry, Dawna Keesling, Monette Oden, Debbie Church, Sandy Takabayashi, May Del Rosario, Julie Tracer, Patti Landre, Terri Brooks, Gail Soohoo; Pappas, Scott Nagel, Al Krieg, Stephan Schuurmans, Will Morgan, Jeff Miller, Mike Ball, Rex Finjord, Brian Haynie, Steve Emmarson, Wayne Channel, Steve Joachim; Sons, Gary Harlan, Jay Cook, Gary Rose, Rick Schneberger, Jim St. John, Anthony Hunter, Mark St. Clair, and Doug Marsh.

University Of Portland Hosts Tournament

This tournament was a high competition event with contestants coming from all over

the state. A good time was had by all including when Robert Milner got stuck in the elevator for half an hour. Vicci Strang and Chris Thorson were especially interested in viewing campus scenery.

Contestants from Washington were as follows.

Duo Acting
Honorable mentions - Steve Joachim and Vicci Strang, Moe Oden and Bill Gray, Scott Nogle and Patty Yarnell, Randy West and Alicia Roundy, Kristi Merilo and Shelly Furman.

Improvisation
Steve Joachim (Honorable Mention), Randy West, Doug Marsh (Honorable Mention), Patty Yarnell, Alicia Roundy, Steve Emmerson, Gary Rowell, Shelly Furman.

Musical Theatre
Chris Thorson, Steve Joachim, Patty Yarnell, Nancy Deaver, Diane Linn, Moe Oden.

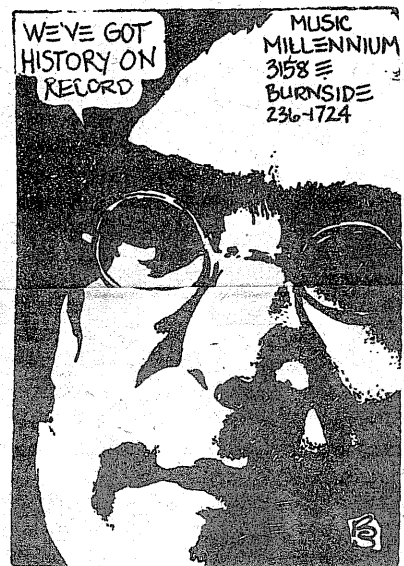
Radio Commentary
Doug Marsh, Chris Thorson.

Radio Commentary
Doug Marsh, 2nd Place.

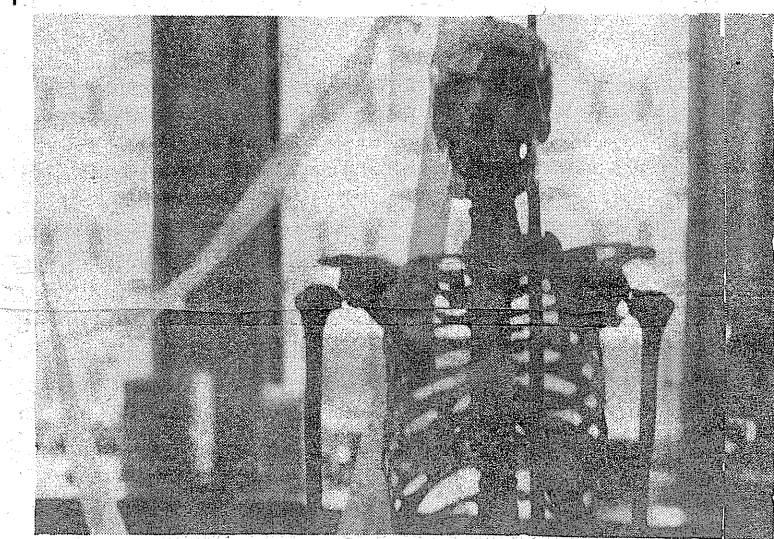
Wa-Hi Tennis Players Appear On Slide Sets

Four students who have performed on Washington's tennis team in recent years were selected by tennis coach Gordon McEwen to appear on a twenty-two color slide set demonstrating the fundamentals of tennis.

Senior Gordon Schaffer and Wa-Hi graduates Sandy Menashe, Linda Simpson, and Robin Zavodsky met at the Portland Tennis Center three times during the month of December and were photographed for the slides.



Happy Birthday Mr. McCord!



SCIENCE STUDENTS in Mr. Bill McCord's class surprised him last week, by getting into his classroom early in the morning and decorating items in the room. The occasion was Mr. McCord's birthday - age not given.

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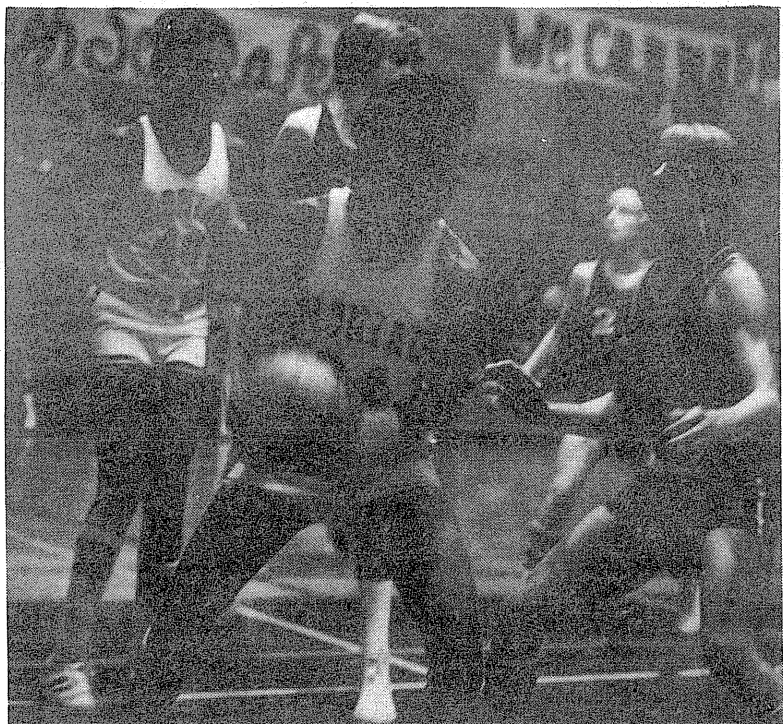
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Freshmen Win 4 Straight



DAVID JACKSON looks for outlet after collecting a rebound against Cleveland. Cols won 60-37.

After losing two straight league games the Washington Colonials freshman squad has won their last four games.

Win #1 against Cleveland 60-37, outscoring the Indians 16-5 in the first quarter, 31-19 half time, 50-26 third quarter, and fourth quarter 60-37. Curtis Lowe and Andrea Croskey both sank 15 points, with Eddie Marcell 10.

Win #2 - came out at Wilson by a down to the wire game 65-60 for the Cols with the Cols outscoring the Trojans 18-13, half time 32-27, third quarter 49-46 and the final quarter 65-60.

High scorers were Eddie Marcell 21, Andrea Croskey 16 and Curtis Lowe and

David Jackson, both 13.

Win #3 - came on January 9, with the Cols walloping the Minutemen 70-50. High for Washington was David Jackson 14, Curtis Lowe 14, Mark Russell 12, and Eddie Marcell 10.

Win #4 - Score 49-45; came against Madison.

This year's squad is made up of Howard Lui, William Lewis, Curtis Lowe, Jim Darling, David Jackson, Stephen Trollope, Eddie Marcell, Brian Wrighten, Andrea Croskey, Kevin Baker, Perry Wesserman, Bobby Clark, Stewart Williams, Mike Graham, Mark Russell, Wayne Delco.

The Cols' record is now 4-2 in league and 4-4 in season.

Varsity Goes 11-1; Rice 3rd in PIL Scoring

What was supposed to have been a close game ended up being a 28 point victory (80-52), for Washington.

Washington collected their 11th victory in 12 games at the hands of Madison - who leads the East division - on January 17, at Madison.

First quarter action was slow as Madison led 9-8. Then the trio of Earl Chaney, Keith Rice and David Littleton took over and the Cols raced to an "easy" victory.

Rice and Chaney each collected 16 points and Littleton was right behind with 15. Larry Collins contributed nine

points to the cause.

Not since the loss to Benson have the Cols been involved in a close game, but on Marshall's home court, fans were kept in suspense until the final buzzer sounded. Washington found themselves down in the first quarter (14-11), and at the half (24-19). The Cols managed to come back and tie the score at 43 all and went into overtime to decide a winner. Luckily, Washington was fortunate enough to come out on top 47-45.

Keith Rice led all scorers with 21 tallies to lead the Cols to victory.

Washington faced Jefferson on the Demos home court and led throughout the game, leaving with a 26 point victory under their belts (80-54).

Keith Rice was the "big gun" for Washington, collecting 21 points, while David Littleton hit 15, and Larry Collins, 11.

Washington has played four other games since the last Washingtonian (Christmas Ed.), was out - all victories.

The Colonials ripped Roosevelt, 75-59; tumbled Wilson, 73-61; beat Jackson, 84-48; and smothered Lincoln's Cardinals, 60-32.

Matmen Show Improvement

The 1974-75 Washington High School Varsity wrestling team has been involved in three tournaments, even though they have not fared well in any of these three tournaments, they have however, managed to beat North Salem, Parkrose, Adams and coming to a 31-31 deadlock tie with Roosevelt.

Their losses have come to Benson and Jackson. The main reason for Washington's losses are lack of experience in the lower weight. At the beginning of each match Washington would fall way behind while the lower weight were wrestling, then as the weight went up so did the Colonials score but it wasn't usually enough to put the Cols ahead for the win. One reason the

score came up so fast is that three out of the four seniors would usually come out with a pin.

Coach John Mayte is waiting anxiously for the end of the second grading period. This would add to more Washington wrestlers to the Varsity squad. They are senior Ronny Kotkins, and sophomore Terry Cason. This would also give them greater power in the lower weight.

There are two freshmen on the Varsity team - Victor Rocha, and Tim Fagerburg, both doing a very fine job. "It takes one heck of a lot of guts to be going up against upperclassmen who are very much more experienced," said Washington Coach John Mayte.

JV Falls To Minutemen, Senators

Washington's '74-'75 JV basketball team has been skidding along most of this year by losing their last three games.

Out of all of the last three the worst loss came from the Jefferson Demos 93-63. Otha Calvin hit 22 pts., with Matt Spathas contributing 17.

Ron VanderVeen led the Cols in rebounds with 15 and Matt Spathas was next up with 8.

The first quarter the Cols were within six points, but the Demos pulled way out in front with a 30-12 spurt in the second quarter, so at halftime the Cols were down 48-24.

In the third quarter the Cols outscored the Demos 24-16 and the Demos killed all chances with a 20-10 run in the last quarter.

Second road loss came out at Marshall, with the Minutemen winning 44-41. It was a very close game all the way down to the fourth quarter: First quarter 10-9 us, second quarter 22-22, third quarter 30-32 them, fourth and final 44-41 with the victory for them.

Next the Madison Senators, with Madison coming off with a down to the wire victory, 59-58.

High point for Washington was Otha 16, Matt Spathas 15, and Ocie Rivers 11. The score was close all the way down; first quarter 18-19, halftime 32-31, third quarter 48-48 and down to the fourth quarter with Madison scoring 11 to 10.

In rebounds Washington had 28 to 40 and had 13 to 18 in lost ball category.

The Cols' record is 1-6 league, 2-8 season.

F.C.A.A. "Alive" At Wa-Hi

There is a nation-wide organization which has infiltrated Washington High School's Athletic program - the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Association.

"F.C.A. is an organization designed to get people (not necessarily athletes), together. It is in no way a religious group. People were 'turned off' just by the word Christian... but there is no preaching," commented Billy Holt - the person responsible for Washington's 20 member "Huddle Group."

Two summers ago, "Dollar" (Billy's nickname), and Terry Smith attended the F.C.A. camp held in Ashland, Oregon. The camp is held each summer and people come from all over the West, paying \$110 weekly fee.

"When I first got to the camp, the only person I knew was Terry (Smith). After the week was up, I made quite a few friends not all 500 though. The good thing was that I left feeling like I knew every-single one," Billy reflects.

Billy thought the idea of F.C.A. would work for Washington so, with the help of George Dames, he strived to pass on what he learned to the football team.

"F.C.A. really had a lot to do with our team's performance over previous years. The one word that can best describe what F.C.A. does in "fellowship," commented head football coach Gerry Schloss, "the way the team played together and the overall team spirit is all basically a result of the F.C.A."

The 20 member Col "Huddle Group," meets weekly at a members home. During the summer there are three meetings, and they will try to send as many as possible to Ashland, with financial backing of various business men in the area.

"If there's ever any problems whether personal at home or school, or even amongst ourselves, we let it all out and talk it out at these meetings. There is no Bible reading, or psychology involved, just discussion about... well... anything," Billy notes.

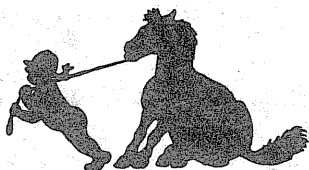
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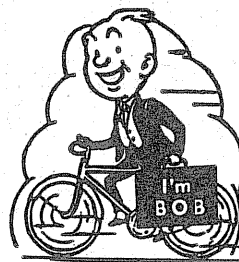
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