Journeys
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One of the pleasantest
things
in the world is
going on a journey;
But
I like to go by myself
— Hazlitt

Journeys signify movement and change
and they necessarily involve people.
School is the natural starting point for
many journeys, whether they be move­
ments toward knowledge, toward the
outside world or toward making friends
and finding a place among fellow stu­
dents.

People move and change in different
ways. There are field trips, such as the
English trip to see the movie “2001”, the
annual excursions to the Shelburne Mu­
seum and the biology trip to Camel’s
Hump. Sports teams cover the area thor­
oughly traveling to away events, and a
number of juniors and seniors attend
classes at the Vocational Center in Mid­
dlebury each day. Students travel as far
away as France and Montreal, and stick as
close to home as a 7th period jaunt up­
street, or a price-checking trip to the local
supermarket.

“Senior Learning Experience Week”
was initiated this year to encourage stu­
dents in their last year to move outside
the school walls and learn through direct
experience with a new environment.
Those who participated had to plan and
finance their trip, and evaluate its success.

School is also a journey into the mind,
and thoughts wander in every direction,
dipping into knowledge, daydreams,
sleep, conversation and controversy.
Minds and bodies are somehow being
prepared for after-high school journeys,
and either consciously or unconsciously
we are moving toward new realizations,
the discovery of new friends and different
ways of life. We are looking inside and
outside of ourselves, expanding and
growing.
Left: Mr. Fitz gives Ace his number. Below Top: John Dykema, working as usual. Below Middle: You don’t see Patty doing homework very often! Below Bottom: Beth, is it really you?
Good company in a journey makes the way seem shorter.

— Walton

Tell us a joke, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Yarnell.

Nicolee Jerry, a future housewife of America.

"Mommy, they're different?" says Kathy Dickerson.
"Here a crutch, there a crutch." Stella Wildasin moves slowly.

Don Carney runs away from the camera.

"I'll never tell," says Cindy Pidgeon.
One must move very fast to stay in the same place. Life is motion ...
If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away.

— Thoreau
As We The Class Of '75

Katherine Martha Anderson
"Don't speak until spoken to."

William Arthur Baldwin
"Better late than never."

Gene Bell
"A great player was he."

Denise Austin enjoys a moment of quiet reflection as she studies in the library.
Travel Down The Path

David Yantz, Joe Bodette and Matt Jerry just goofing off.

Joseph Albert Bodette
“If all you seem to have is troubles, sell your Chevy and buy a Plymouth.”

Michael Brace
“I’ve been through the desert on a horse with no name.”
J.V. Basketball 1-2, Varsity Basketball 3-4.

Laurie Ann Brigan
“Friendship is like money, easier made than kept.”
Of Life . . .

Christopher Brooks
“Goodbye, so long, it’s been fun; live for today and hope for tomorrow.”

Judy Lynn Browe
“Smile. If you see someone without a smile, give him yours.”

Frederick Kelly Bull
“Can I play basketball with you?”

Kim Michael Burnham
“I want to take you higher!”

Kelly Bull on his way to instigate some worthy activity in another class.
Forget Not The Six Years

Cindy Carr shocked by Mr. Fitzpatrick's reprimand.

Cynthia Jane Carr
“Friendship is just a little word. It’s people who make it big.”

Stephen Richard Casavant
Face piles of trials with smiles
It riles them to believe that you perceive the web they weave
And keep on thinking free.

Bradley Edward Bushey
“Going to be a Marine!”
Soccer 1,2,4, Wrestling 1-2, Baseball 1, VICA Vice-President 3, Varsity Basketball Manager 3, Student Council 4.

Michael John Chapman
“We’re gonna Boogie tonight.”
Of Our Lives

Jay Wagner Coffey
"One should Eat to live, Not live to Eat."
J.V. Soccer 1-2, Varsity Basketball Manager 1-4, J.V. Baseball 1, Student Council 1-4, Vice President 3, Class President 2, Varsity Club 2-3, National Honor Society 3-4.

Laureen Lee Condon
"Smile and the world smiles with you."
J.V. Field Hockey 1, Band 1-2, Stage Band 3, Track 1, French Club 1, Teacher's aide 1, Human Values Day Comm. 1, Yearbook 3-4, National Honor Society 3, Treasurer 4, U.N. Delegate, Travelers to Quebec 3, Representative for V.U.H.S. in Montpelier, Representative for V.U.H.S. in Marble Island.

Dana Bruce Devine
"They made me do it."

Shirley Beth Dibler
"Show me thy ways, O Lord; Teach me thy paths."
Yearbook 1-4, Jr. Prom Comm. 3, Pep Club 3, Senior Play 4, Tutor 2.

Could Beth Dibler be making a move for Art Flanagan?
Embedded In The Walls

Michele Lyn Dickerson
“I can forgive, but I cannot forget; is just another way of saying, ‘I cannot forgive’.”

Stephen Allen Dugan
“The fun has just about come to an end; who knows what’s next.”

Grace Arlene Elzinga
“And now just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust Him too, for each day’s problems; live in vital union with Him . . . Let your life overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all He has done.”
Band 1-3, Track 1-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Yearbook 4, Bible Study 4.

Joanne Marie Emerson
“If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing, if you like him or if you love him, tell him now.”
J.V. Cheerleading 1, Track 1-4, Capt. 3, Yearbook 1, Student Council 1, J.V. Field Hockey 2, J.V. Basketball 2, Gymnastics 2-4, Capt. 3, Class Vice President 2, Varsity Club 3, Varsity Field Hockey 3-4, Capt. 4, Varsity Cheerleading 3, Class President 3-4, Jr. Prom Comm. 3, Jr. Prom Queen 3, National Honor Society 3-4.
Clare Marie Fagan
"That love is all there is, is all we know of love."
J.V. Field Hockey 1-2, Varsity Field Hockey 3-4, Student Council 1, Student Council Secretary 3-4; Cross Country 1, J.V. Basketball 1-2, Track 1-2, Office Aid 1-2, Varsity Cheerleading 3, Varsity Club 3, Spring Production 3, Senior Play 4.

Gerald Ralph Fitz-Gerald
"Open your eyes, there are places to go, things to see, and people to meet."

Arthur Flanagan
"Good things happen on a Honda!"

Dana Franklin
"To try, and fail, yet keep on trying, is a far better thing than it is to sit back and criticize those who aren't afraid to be laughed at."
Cross Country 1-4, Track 1-4, Travelers to France 2, Show-nite 1,3, Human Values Day Comm. 2, Jr. Prom Comm. 3.
Forget Not The Memories

Art Flanagan and Paul Mailloox watch to see if their picture comes out.

Wendy Gilbert
"... For I am a rose caught between two thorns."

Reynald Charles Godard
"It's not how fast you do things, it's how well you do them."
Travelers to France 2, Cross Country 3-4, Track 3-4, National Honor Society 3-4.

Gary Grant
"Dream your dreams, live your life and carry a smile."

Ray Godard lights the candle of Scholarship.
Both Good And Bad

Valerie Alice Hamel
"A smile is worth a thousand words."

What's Steve Casavant so goggly-eyed about?

Paula Hill
"In the midst of the winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer."

Suzanne Faye Hodgman
"I accept the fact that love is love though I understand it not at all."

The winter sports pep rally, led by the cheerleaders, aroused the spirit of the senior class.
Kay-Ellen Husk
“It’s your know-how that counts.”

Barbara Mae Irion
“I chose the road the least traveled, and that has made the difference.”
Ski Club 2-4, Honor Society 3-4, Jr. Prom Comm. 3, Spring Production 3, Senior Play 4.

Carleen Marie Jackman
“If I can not do great things, I will do small things in a great way.”
J.V. Field Hockey 1,2, Manager 3, J.V. Basketball 1, Ski Club 1-4, Varsity Softball 1-4, Office aide 2-3, Varsity Basketball 2-4, Student Council 3, Pep Club 3, Girls State Alternate 3, Varsity Club 3-4.

Matthew Jerry
“The bigger they come, the harder they fall.”

Carleen Jackman gives Steve Casavant a helping hand while Molly Whitcomb muses at her answer.
The Friends And Foes

Constance Ann Jimmo
"Uniqueness is a virtue easy to lose and hard to find."
J.V. Basketball 1, Chorus 2, Yearbook 3.

Connie Jimmo reads another exciting episode of MR. AND MRS. BO JO JONES.

Robert Truman Kerr
"Buy a Chevelle, buy the best, drive a mile and you'll always drive the rest."

Edie C. Kneeshaw
"Love is the light of the world and a gift from God."
Yearbook 3, Yearbook Editor 4.

Thomas Micheal Langeway
"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."
"Who Helped Mold"

Harold James Leach
"Set a goal, then achieve it."
J.V. Basketball 1-2, Class Vice President 1, Student Council 2, Varsity Soccer 1-4, Varsity Baseball 1-4, Varsity Basketball 3-4.

Steven Carlyle Little
"There are two ways to slide easily through life: To believe everything or doubt everything. Both save us from thinking."

Paul Emile Mailloux
"Never say anything that will not improve on silence."
Cross Country 1-3.

Bruce Meacham
"Women are the spice of life."

Co-Captain Skip Leach of the Vergennes soccer team, listens as ref briefs BFA captain before game at Vergennes.
Our Personalities

Marilyn VanWyck and Diane O’Brien discussing yearbook pictures.

Carol Ann Mitchell
"Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it."
Varsity Softball 1-4, J.V. Field Hockey 1, Ski club 2-4, Office Aide 2-3.

Kimberly Kaye Nuttall
"Give the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you."
J.V. Cheerleading 1-2, Capt. 2, Human Values Day Comm. 1, Tutor 2, Show-nite 1-3, Travelers to France 2, Travelers to Quebec 3, Pep club 3, Jr. Prom Comm. 3, Spring Production 3, One Acts 3, Yearbook 2-4, Senior Section Staff 4, Varsity Cheerleading 3-4, Co-Capt. 3, Capt. 4, Senior Play 4.

Kathy Lee Miles
"Rudeness to some, is sheer courtesy."
Student Council 1-2, J.V. Field Hockey 2, Human Values Day Comm. 2, One Acts 2, Varsity Field Hockey 3-4, Class Treasurer 3, Varsity Cheerleading 3-4, Co-Captain 4, Jr. Prom Comm. 3, Prom Court 3, Spring Production 3, Varsity Club 3, Office Aide 3, Yearbook 3, Class Vice President 4, Senior Play 4.

Diane O’Brien
"The thing that costs least but is worth much more is just a pleasant smile."
Math Club 1, Show-nite 1-3, Yearbook 1, J.V. Basketball 1, J.V. Basketball Manager 2, Chorus 1-4, Travelers to France 2, One Acts 2, Jr. Prom Comm. 3, Spring Production 3, Pep Club 3.
Which Mesh Together

Donald Jay Palmore
"He that stays in the valley shall never get over the hill."
Drama 1-4, Ski Club 1-4.

Carleen Jackman as she receives her test results.

Don Palmore doing what he does best: gazing.

Susan Mary Plankey
"Better by far you should forget and smile, than you should remember and be sad."
Show-nite 1, 3, J.V. Basketball 1-2, Track 1-2, Chorus 1, J.V. Field Hockey 2, Varsity Field Hockey 3-4, Class Secretary 3, Spring Production 3, Student Council 4, Senior Play 4, Jr. Prom Comm. 3, Jr. Prom Court 3, Varsity Cheerleading 3-4.

Peter Jay Poquette
"Life is jest and all things show it. thought so once and now I know it."
J.V. Basketball 1-2, Stage Band 4.
Scott Foster Provencher
“Nature is often hidden, sometimes overcome, seldom extinguished.”
Shownite 1-2, One Acts 2-4, Junior Play 2, Travelers to France 2,4, Spring production 3-4, Student Council 3, Jr. Prom Comm. 3, Tutor 3, National Honor Society 3-4, Yearbook 4, Senior Play.

Mary Louise Ringer
“Laughter is a reflex without a purpose.”
J.V. Field Hockey 1-2, J.V. Basketball 1, Co Captain 2, Varsity Softball 1-4, Student Council 1-2, Office Helper 1-2, Varsity Field Hockey 3-4, Varsity Cheerleading 3, Co Captain 4, Gymnastics 3.

Lory Ritchie
“Miracles happen to only those who believe in them.”
Transferred 2, Gymnastics 3-4, Yearbook 3, Spring Production 3, Senior Play 4.

Kelly Jean Russett
“Ask me no questions and I tell you no fibs.”

Scott Provencher finds the atmosphere of the hall conducive for studying.
For If We Forget

Laurie Sue Russett
“He who seeks will gain.”
Track 2-3.

Stephen Senesac
“Man was created first
then there was Levi.”

Gregory Leigh Schroeder
“Let the light shine on those who cherish their education.”

Nelson Gordon Sears
“It is better to be short and shine than
to be tall and cast a shadow.”
One Acts 1-4, Show-nite 1,3, French Club 1, Travelers to France 1, Yearbook 1-4, Senior Section Editor 4, Human Values Day Comm. 1, Spring Production 3, Pep Club 3, Student Council 1-4, Student Council Treasurer 4, Jr. Prom Comm. 3, Boy’s State Alternate 3, Senior Play 4.

Nelson Sears blows it again.
These Six Years

Ivan Donald Shores
"Think of the Lord in goodness and seek Him in simplicity of heart."
Varsity Wrestling 1-4.

Edward Stanley
"Live for today for tomorrow may never come."

Jean Marie Sheerin
"An act of kindness, no matter how small, is never wasted."
Transfer Student 2, Varsity Cross Country 2, Varsity Cross Country Manager 3, Varsity Softball 2-4, J.V. Field Hockey 2, Basketball Manager 2, Varsity Basketball 3-4, Girls' State 3, Pep Club Chairman 3, Yearbook 3-4, Student Council 3, Student Council President 4, Prom Committee 3, National Honor Society 3-4, Senior Play 4.

Lunch is good? Ivan Shores isn't sure.

Patricia Joan Stoessel
"It was a long time coming, but I finally made it. And it was worth it."
Vica 4.
The Path Of Life

Lorraine Ann Strada
“I do not ask to comprehend life. I only take the miracle and say: Thanks, Lord.”
Transfer Student 2, J.V. Field Hockey 2-3, Varsity Softball 2, Prom Committee 3, National Honor Society 3-4, National Honor Society Vice-President 4, Show Nite 3, Spring Production 3, Yearbook 3-4, Senior Class Secretary 4, Senior Play 4.

Faster than a bouncing meatball, more powerful than a wet noodle, able to leap oil slicks in a single bound . . . It’s Wonder Woman, alias Lorraine Strada.

Stephen Charles Sweet
“And all your fortune lies beneath your hat.”
J.V. Soccer 1-2, Band 1-4, Math Team 1-2, Travelers to France 2, Stage Band 3-4, Show Nite 3, Ski Club 3, National Honor Society 3-4.

Jayne Jaye Swinton
“We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another.”

Lillian Gladys Thomas
“I never forget a face, but in your case I’ll make an exception.”
Office Aid 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4.
Will Become A Tangled Jungle

Albert Thomas Tisbert
"Great things happen when men and mountains meet."

Raymond Torrey
"Strike not with hands but with words."

Barry Scott Tracy
"If not learned, be observing."
FFA 1-4, Senior Play 4.

John W. Tucker, Jr.
"Not many students realize how much fun school is until they have graduated."

Judy Browe and Tom Tisbert discuss the results of last night's wrestling match.
Swallowing Us Up

Suzanne Angeline Tucker
"The secret of contentment is: knowing how to enjoy what you have, and being able to lose all desire for things beyond your reach."
Student Council 1,3, Human Values Day 2, J.V. Basketball 2, Varsity Girls Basketball 3-4, One Act Play (prompter) 2, J.R. Prom Comm. 3.

Donald G. VanDeWeert
"If you can’t be first, at least make the guy ahead of you break the record (even if it isn’t an El Camino)."
Varsity Wrestling 3-4, N.H.S. 4, Senior Play 4.

Dave Yantz, Barry Tracy and Don VanDeWeert, our vocational students, join us for morning classes.

Marilyn Van Wyck
"The man who finds life will find it through trusting God."
Transfer student from Eastern Christian High School, Band 3-4, Stage Band 3-4, District Band 3-4, Chorus 3, Girls Softball 3, Varsity Girls Basketball 3-4, Bible Study 4.

Sherrie Vause
"And the meek shall inherit the Earth."
Into Oblivion

Janet Anne Villeneuve
"Every Human being is intended to have a character of his own; to be what no others are, and to do what no other can do."

Malania May Whitcomb
"Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend"

Lois Louise Wildasin
"School is fun, but getting out is fantastic."
Student Transfer, Health Aide 3-4, Knitting and Crocheting Club 3, VICA Member 4.

Charles Wright
"Strive for the best and settle for nothing else."

Senior Class Officers: Joanne Emerson — President, Kathy Miles —
David Yantz
"The mouths of fools are like time, they keep running."

So Forget Not

Drinking again Steve?

V. President, Michelle Dickerson — Treasurer, Lorraine Strada — Secretary.

Camera-shy Seniors
Denise Austin
Lori Brinkman
Gerald Fuller
UNDERCLASSMEN
The Juniors are constantly moving forward, seeking the end of one journey and looking forward to beginning another. Hoping for a truly successful Junior Prom, they have been working hard to promote various fund-raising activities, such as food sales and movies. It is the great spirit and earnest participation shown by many Juniors that keeps Varsity sports vital and active. Juniors also help with Yearbook and Student Council activities.

As one day moves on to the next, so too the Juniors move on toward one more goal, the end of one journey anticipating the beginning of another.

Juniors Give Their All

Mary Jane Adams
Debbie Barre
John Browe
Laura Charbonneau
Sam Cutting
Jim Emerson
Martin Fleming

Tina Ansell
Tammy Barrows
Bill Brown
Chester Clark
Michael Delphia
Kathy Epstein
Ronald Francis

Leisa Aunchman
Charles Bemis
Pam Brunet
Don Cousino
Denise Dionne
Danny Essex
Dani Fulford

Diane Baker
Linda Bissonette
Joce lyn Charbonneau
Peter Curler
Angela Dykema
Laura Farley
Bonnie Gardener

Ken Bannister
Jenny Broughton
Jody Charbonneau
Elaine Cushman
Wanda Elzinga
Mary Lou Fisk
Mark Gebo

Junior Class Officers: Kathy Epstein — President, Merdy Mills — Secretary, Nancy McNulla — Vice President, Elaine Cushman — Treasurer.
During Final Journeys

Juniors Tina Ansell, Jocelyn Charbonneau, and Pam Brunet actively participate in various activities.
This year's Sophomores have the jet set look. Our lineup includes fancy dungarees, cute shirts, wild turtlenecks and the latest in hair styles.

Our Jr. Varsity and Varsity players strive to maintain a high level of achievement. The Sophomore is envied in every hallway discussion, and the musical talent in our class is unbelievable. Our activity groups work steadily to uphold our reputation, entering the fields of Yearbook, dance committees, Wrestling Auxiliary, and of course just plain old student morale. So if you want to become part of this look, stop a Sophomore and ask him how. You have no obligation, so don't waste time!

Class Officers; Treasurer — Steve Burlock, President — Kelly Barrows, Vice-President — Nancy Marshall, Secretary — Lori Davis.
Maintain Their Reputation

Mary Charbonneau and Elizabeth Rose converse by visual language while Jeannine Litch resorts to paper and pen.
Anne Duany models the Sophomores' JetSet look!

Tom Casey and Mark Wilson seem uninterested as Leo Mayer attempts to recite "The Three Little Pigs!"

Brenda Jimmo searches for the solution to an algebra equation while Lorri Fields looks on.
The Freshmen class has moved strongly and actively into high school life. We have shown our energy and pep through sports and other activities. Billy Leach even made the Varsity soccer team, a feat of which few Freshmen can boast. For the first time, a Freshman, Laurie Laflin, holds the office of vice president of the Student Council. Also for the first time, a small group of freshmen are going to France in the Spring. Some of the other activities we participate in are yearbook, French Club and photography. In November we had Freshmen Initiation Day, where we dressed as "greasers", and slaved all day for the upper classmen. In the evening we were invited to the Freshmen reception. We now feel more a part of our school.
John Allo tries to look innocent. Does he succeed?

Ruth FitzGerald and Susie Charbonneau in science, discussing the biggest stars.

Steve Delphia
Terry Derrick
Julie Devino
Kevin Dike

Donna Dionne
Henry Dykema
Patricia Elzinga
Jenny Emerson
Ruth FitzGerald
Lee Fleming
Kevin Flynn

Lance Foerch
Daryll Fulford
Lorri Gebo
Melinda Gevry
Robert Glover
Darlene Gould
Cheri Grant

Mike Hallock
Tina Hamei
Laurie Heath
Timmy Hitt
Robert Hunt
Mike Hutchins
Scott Jackson

Brenda Jerger
Randy Jerome
Peter Jewell
Loren Kandzior
Sean Kilbride
Judy LaBombard
Jim LaFlam
Laurie Laflin
Billy Leach
Tommy McClay
Roxanne McGuire
Robin Meacham
Donna Miller
Ronald Moore
Mike Hallock attacks his work with enthusiasm.

Freshmen Class Officers: Mike Plankey — Secretary, Dave Bodette — Treasurer, Lauri Heath — President, Lorri Gebo — Vice President.
We are the eighth Graders. As you can see, we come in wide variety. There are talkative ones, whom no one can keep quiet, and the quiet ones who don't say much but just listen. There are athletes who go out for every available sport, and there are those of us who won't get within ten feet of a basketball. We're members of activities ranging from chess to wrestling to gymnastics. We are all over the school, making ourselves known. We're out to make a name for ourselves and we're doing it!

Jacqueline Mailloux and Selena Dike watch Bill Katz's pencil-in-the-ear maneuver.
Kim Ross and Barbara Gebo enjoy the results of their "Cooking with Apples" activity.

Class Officers: Treasurer — Linda Farley, President — David Carney, Vice President — Walter Reed II, Secretary — Shelly Godard.

Linda Farley, Steven Farnsworth Dwayne Fulford Victoria Gardner Barbara Gebo

Michlynn Gevry Mark Gilbert Vicky Gilbert James Glover Shelly Godard Sherry Godard Geraldine Gosliga

Kenneth Hagget Randy Heath Laurie Hunt Rose Hutchins Sherry Jerome Cheryl Jimmo William Katz

John Kerr Tara Kilbride Stephen Kittredge Susan Kittredge David LaFleche Darline LaRose James Leach

Kevin LeCompte Michael Livingston Calvin Loven Helen Loven Danny Mack Jacqueline Maillou Rebecca Many

Joan Marsh David Marshall Lee Martel Donna MacGowan Jim Meacham Laurie Menard Jim Merrigan
Bill Wager announces a gym class victory
This year's 7th graders are the liveliest, most exuberant group to reach Junior High in years. They have adjusted quickly to their new situation and are beginning to subtly put their mark on the school. Fun-loving, sometimes boisterous, sometimes hard-working, they're a welcome asset to V.U.H.S.
7th grade class officers: Laurie Allo, Secretary; Abby Pollender, President; Greg Curler, Treasurer; Ann Pollender, Vice-President.
Robin Warren  Kevin Weeks  Christopher White
Robert White  Terry White  Phillip Wildasin

Jeffrey Ouellette  
Gregory Parkinson  
Sharon Parot  
Sally Pierce  
Abby Pollender  
Ann Pollender

Todd Reed  
Bruce Richardson  
Lynn Ritchie  
Denise Rittwage  
Debra Roberts  
Sharon Rooney

Peter Rose  
Dana Russett  
Mark Sabourin  
Mavis Schaetz  
Pamela Schroeder  
Courtney Sears

Bridget Sisters  
Floyd Smith  
Lori Smith  
Richard St. Onge  
Jeffrey Steady  
Julie Stearns

Joey Sumner  
Kelly Tanner  
Andrew Tisbert

Scott Tucker  
Lisa Turpin  
Peggy Wager

Brent Williams

Abby Pollender and Cheryl Brinkman assemble the haunted house from Tom Sawyer.
In acknowledgement of the nation's economic belt-tightening, Union District 5's administration faces the challenge of improving school facilities and curriculum without over-reaching a tight budget. A major concern is how to implement the many repairs our 17-year-old school building now requires, at the lowest possible cost.

A major emphasis this year is to find ways of linking the school with the community and other outside resources. One emerging possibility is allowing students to find jobs for which they earn money and also receive school credits. Another is using outside agencies to work with problem students.

Finally, to improve and clarify the purposes of their course offerings, teachers are being urged to look closely at their objectives and to be more conscious of the life-concepts they are teaching.
Yet Aim For Quality Education.

The Union District 5 School Board: Sitting: Mrs. Anna Husk, Mrs. Marlene Bedard, Mrs. Nancy O’Briea, Mrs. Lillian Birkett. Standing: Mr. Richard Casavant, Mr. Ronald Gardner, Mr. Terry Evarts.

Assistant Superintendent Mr. Raymond Davidson and Mrs. Lois Thurber, Secretary.

The Superintendent — Mr. David Potter.
Science Department Stresses

Mr. McNamara demonstrates a biological cycle which provides "sunlight for breakfast".

Mr. Weeks models a new tie for his 7th grade science class.

Mr. Burke explains the digestive system to his biology class.

Mr. McKinnon explains the scientific workings of a stapler to Edie Kneeshaw.
The Science Department has strengthened its movement toward individualized classroom and project work, and toward a humanistic understanding and practical application of scientific principles.

The second group of sophomores is now studying Project Physics, and is demonstrating that physics can be just as successfully mastered by sophomores as by seniors. The approach here is interdisciplinary and humanistic, as opposed to studying physics as a collection of theorems and equations. The department hopes to make revisions of the same kind in chemistry by allowing for more individual work, and by reviving some of chemistry’s practical aspects.

The three-year sequence of ISCS courses in junior high is now being evaluated, and seems to be a great improvement over previous efforts. These courses have stressed individualized learning rates, and fundamental ideas in the physical sciences. The one area slated to receive the most serious study this year will be individual student projects, which, ideally, will provide the student with an opportunity to explore areas of his own interest and obtain credit and recognition for that effort.
The English department this year continued its focus on the basic skills of communication as well as familiarizing all students with our rich literary heritage.

The primary instrument for measuring each student's progress in the basic skills of communication is the National Cooperative English test which is given to all students at the end of each year. During the year teachers work with their students to improve in these skills through myriad assignments in VOICE and SCOPE magazines, textbooks, workbooks, individualized instruction with ACE kits and teacher-constructed assignments.

In addition to the customary reading assignments in literature, students in English were offered a wide variety of literature-related experiences outside the classroom. Students were offered trips to UVM to participate in oral reading workshops and festivals and to Middlebury to see plays such as "Man of LaMancha" and "West Side Story". An innovation in course offerings was a history-literature-art course taught by Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Yarnell. Mrs. Crocker was the moving force in organizing the popular Human Values afternoons which offered students a variety of different and exciting experiences.

New to the English faculty this year are Mrs. Mary Jane DiPiero teaching 9th grade English and Ms. Nancy Cornell teaching 10th grade English and the popular Media course.
Ms. Cornell listens intently to her class.

Mr. Rogers laughs at Mr. Yarnell's Odyssey jokes.

Mrs. Prescott smiles at one of her student's "Huck Finn" antics.

Mrs. DiPiero gazes fondly at her 9th grade pupils.

Mrs. Crocker helps Pierre Angier with his indirect objects.

Mr. Minns contemplates the intricacies of an adjective.
The Social Studies curriculum offered students a wide variety of courses and course-related experiences. Mr. Usher's 7th grade World Geography and World Cultures classes studied coins and mythology, and spent a day in the Fall hiking the Long Trail. The 8th grade dealt with ecological problems as well as the American Revolution, the Civil War and World War II.

Mr. Aldinger's American Political Behavior classes enjoyed many fine films and participated in "Operation Shadow", a project in which 9th graders explored various career opportunities by visiting businesses in the community. Mr. Yarnell's World History classes used a wide range of materials to trace the progress of civilization from pre-Biblical to modern times. This year's American Civilization classes, taught by Mr. Yarnell, Mr. Aldinger and Mr. Ward, traveled to the Shelburn Museum in the Fall, and their studies included such subjects as the American Dream, American Technology and the Civil War. Mr. Ward also offered a course in Psychology and Child Development, and one in Sociology and Anthropology.

Mr. Ward searches for some resource materials to entertain his American Civ. II class.
A Wide Variety Of Topics

Mr. Yarnell, a work of art himself, is shown teaching History through Art.

Mrs. Cox lectures her 8th grade class.

Mr. Aldinger presents Governor Salmon to his freshman APB class.

Mr. Usher always keeps one eye on his class.
Math Combines Practice With Theory:

A familiar sight in area supermarkets this fall was the notebook-toting math student, moving methodically up and down aisles, jotting down prices of various brands in competitive stores. In addition to their comparison shopping excursions, the Life Service Mathematics students had contact with several community members, such as representatives of Chittenden Trust who spoke about some of the available services in the area.

Nine seniors were involved this year with Indiana University's Advanced Placement Mathematics program, and were registered for a semester of college credit in calculus. They will receive high school graduation credits on the basis of successful completion of the Indiana course.

The Junior High program became more individualized than ever, and in several mathematics classes students began working in laboratories similar in concept to a science lab.

Mr. Barlow works with Lori Smith on her individualized math program.

Mary Ann Kulig; Susan Mosher; Bob Barlow, Department Chairman; Evelyn Burke and Merle Crown.
Mrs. Mosher takes on a dual role, posing and explaining.

Mrs. Burke helps Sue Wilson and Selena Dike with their math.

Ms. Kulig intently watches her class.

Mr. Crown catches a glimpse of his ghost, Casper.
Communication is basic to successful and happy living. We obviously communicate through language, and less directly, but also significantly, we speak through art and music.

Students who study a foreign language are increasing their ability to communicate by learning the language of the people of another nation and culture. The first stage of this new experience requires concentration on listening and repeating in order to understand and be understood. With additional experience a whole new world opens up, and as students advance they begin to appreciate the literature, art and drama of this new language.

With this in mind the French students have traveled to nearby Montreal to see a city of two languages. An excursion to Dartmouth College enabled French IV and V students to enjoy an Ionesco play performed by the touring "Treteau de Paris", and they were able to see a student-produced French play at Middlebury College. The French Club has sponsored a series of luncheons and caroling at Christmas, and as this book goes to press, plans are developing for a Spring visit either to France or to French-speaking Quebec.

The school's German students are planning a week's camping trip to Pennsylvania Dutch country in the Spring, in another effort to widen foreign language experience to more than tape recorders and textbooks.

The art classes teach students to express themselves creatively through oil painting, molding pottery, making candles, and jewelry and lapidary work.

Music, one of the more pleasant forms of communication, now has a more secure place in the curriculum. Junior and Senior High bands and the chorus meet five days a week instead of during activity periods, and consequently are doing outstanding work. The year's performances include an exchange band concert with Mt. Abe, a Christmas concert, district and state music festivals, a musical comedy and the Spring concert.

(Above) Drummer Ted Whitten gazes thoughtfully at fellow band members during a break in the rehearsal. (Right) Mrs. Bartlett gives Beth Dibbler advice in Art.
Our new German teacher, Miss Ostovitz.

Mrs. Crocker's class is so well-mannered, it's like being in a dream.

What is holding the attention of Jean Sheerin, Lisa Oulette, and Mike Delphia in Mrs. Norton's class?
At Right: Mrs. Oxholm instructs Norman Dunam and Danny Devoid in her self-contained classroom.
Below Left: Mrs. Fulmer looks on as her students read aloud.
Below Right: Mrs. Lynk assists Greg Curler in her reading lab.

Special Services balance the regular curriculum by providing a number of vital aids and alternatives. These services include the Library, Reading Lab, Self-Contained Classroom, the Nurse’s Office, Home Economics Department, Driver’s Education and Business courses. Without them the spectrum would be narrower and the opportunities for a well-rounded education would be lessened.

Mrs. Lynk and Mrs. Fulmer supervise the Reading Lab, and by emphasizing basic communications skills they give a necessary boost to many students.

Ms. Phillips, our librarian, is new this year and has introduced several innovations into the normally staid library atmosphere. Fridays are now set aside as research days and students working on class projects and papers can get special help.

Mrs. Oxholm teaches the Self-Contained Classroom, and here a group of 7th graders studies English, math, science and social studies. They work both individually and in groups.

Mrs. Cody runs the Nurse’s Office and tends to all of our wounds and ills. Her door is always open.

Miss Hotchkiss is in full charge of the Home Economics Department. She teaches Living Arts, Consumer Education and other courses having to do with managing a home and family in today’s complicated world.

Mr. Guyette’s domain is the driver’s education car where he instructs aspiring young license holders in the intricacies of Vermont driving. Mr. Thibault teaches typing and business skills to those not attending Addison County’s Vocational School.
Out The School

Above Left: Ms. Phillips poses as Marion the Librarian. Above Right: Miss Hotchkiss demonstrates to her Home Ec. class how to measure cloth for a pattern.

Mrs. Cody comforts a patient.
"Look out, here I come," says Mr. Guyette.

"I've told you a thousand times, you have to turn the typewriter on first!" says Mr. Thibault to Kathy Highter.

"That wasn't funny," says Mrs. Allo to Kevin Weeks and Terry Morris.
The Physical Education Department, in an effort to place more emphasis on individual sports which can be developed and enjoyed beyond high school, began this year with 4-week sessions in swimming and tennis. These co-educational units, as well as cross country skiing in winter, were enthusiastically received by V.U.H.S. students.

The skill and cooperation gained from team sports were developed through volleyball, basketball, girls and boys soccer, softball, field hockey, gymnastics and wrestling. Learning the fundamentals of these games gave students some training for participation on the school's competitive teams.

The girls' physical education classes were directed by Mrs. Cherie Angier and the boys were taught by Mr. Bill Conners.
Students Use Hands And Minds In Shop

There are two parts to the shop area of our school, industrial arts and vocational agriculture.

In Industrial Arts Mr. Boyce and Mr. Lynk are interested in teaching the skills involved in using both hand and power tools properly and for the right job. The students develop these skills by building projects of their own choice.

In Vocational Agriculture Mr. Boyce teaches the skills needed by students to further their education in Vo-Ag at the vocational center.

The vocational courses include two years. The first year students learn plant and soil science and animal science. The second year students learn shop skills such as welding, small engine work, electricity, safe tractor operation, woodworking, and hot and cold metal work.

Both years students work on community leadership activities such as parliamentary procedure and public speaking. They also work with the Vergennes Garden Club in getting ready for various seasons in the city, such as putting up Christmas decorations or planting flowers.

Mr. Boyce shows David Rose and David Marshall how to weld.
The Guidance Department is a very important part of our school. We have a new guidance counselor this year, Ms. Hoinkes, who is primarily concerned with grades 7-10. She and Mr. Burke help students with schedule problems, give tests, and get our report cards out. Ms. Hoinkes talks with each seventh grader individually and acquaints them with the guidance office. Mr. Burke arranges for students to meet with college and armed forces representatives. Both Mr. Burke and Ms. Hoinkes counsel students with regard to their home and school problems. The guidance office is there for any problem a student might have.
Our Cooks And School Bus Drivers

Mrs. Mack, the hot lunch agent, sells Edie Kneeshaw tokens for lunch.

With a lot of grace the girls bring you the greatest meals you've ever had, especially considering the money you pay. Our cooks work from sun up to sun down, producing sensational salads and great goulash. And of course let's not forget their mighty meatloaf! With a delightful smile Mrs. Mack receives your tokens of thanks, so don't forget to say "hello" when you go through the line, and "thank you" when receiving your daily ration of V.U.H.S. lunch.

Mrs. Smith washes the lunch trays.

Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Clifford and Mrs. Jewel cook some tantalizing dish for lunch.

Mrs. Thiess, Mrs. Litch and Mrs. Baldwin wash up after lunch.
As They Face Their Jobs.

Mr. Kipp and Mr. Hall confronting one of the boilers.

Our night janitors, Mr. Gaines, Mrs. Murray and Mr. Munnet, about to embark on their duties.

With brooms in hand, our janitors make a clean sweep of every custodial problem. They respond to all requests, whether it involves turning on the heat, fixing a broken desk, or sweeping the cafeteria. On a very basic level, they're the ones who keep the school together, and their devotion is an example for everyone to follow.

Dedicated to getting up early and braving all kinds of weather are the drivers of our 72-passenger buses. Twice a day they follow their routes through Panton, Ferrisburg and Addison, as well as making a trip to Middlebury and back to the vocational school, and ferrying students on various athletic and field trips.

The bus drivers — Mr. Kasupski, Mrs. Swenor, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Gault, Mr. Moulton, Mr. Barrows and Mr. Fisher. Dave Barrows is not pictured.
SPORTS
Varsity Has Tough Season

The Boys’ Varsity Basketball team ended their season with a discouraging 6-14 record. The leading scorers were Kelly Bull with 277 points, Gene Bell with 160, Skip Leach with 154, Ralph Fitz-Gerald with 106 and Kris Wernhoff with 99. Through graduation the team will lose Art Flanagan, Skip Leach, Kelly Bull, Gene Bell, Mike Chapman and Ralph Fitz-Gerald.

Sophomore, Ken Epstein, aided the varsity in 5 games, scoring 20 points.
Varsity Girls Boast 11-5 Record

The Girls' Varsity Basketball team ended their 1975 season with an 11-5 win/loss record, but lost their first tournament game by 2 points to Middlebury. Their good, aggressive performance in this final game provided a satisfying close to the season. The girls' most accomplished win was the 50-45 victory against Milton.

Through graduation the team will lose Marilyn VanWyck, Carlene Jackman, Judy Browe and Jean Sheering. Marilyn VanWyck was the team's leading scorer with 166 points, followed by Luanne Ringer with 144, Patty Sheerin with 113, and Laura Charbonneau with 105. Luanne Ringer was the only sophomore on the team.
JV Boys Pull Out With A 11-9 Record

The Boys' J.V. Basketball team experienced a difficult season, ending with an overall record of 11-9. Leading scorer for the team was Ken Epstein with 308 points. Other high scorers were Steve Burlock with 247 and Neal VanWyck with 119.

The season began with two losses to Moriah, and the boys' most pleasing victory was against Middlebury. In this game, Ken Epstein picked up a loose ball to score the winning 2 points, the final score being 60-58.

Freshman Bill Leach started for the J.V. team, and scored 216 points.
The Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball team had an outstanding season, with 15 wins and only one loss. This defeat was to Enosburg by 2 points on their court, and the Vergennes girls retaliated later in the season by beating Enosburg 22-18.

Leading scorers were Nancy Marshall with 117 points, Pam Provost with 86, Cindy Cooke with 82, Diane Villeneuve with 51 and Cindy Provost with 44. The team was coached by Roland Guyette and Ms. Mary Ann Kulig.
The 1974 Varsity soccer team consisted of many experienced players who nevertheless had a rough season and finished with a 2-9-2 record.

Freshman Bill Leach was the team's leading scorer. Dana Divine, Art Flanagan, Gene Bell, Steve Dugan, Mike Chapman, Skip Leach, and Chris Brooks played their last high school game.
J.V. Never Loses Spirit

Jr. Varsity this year had a hard season ending with a 3-10-0 record. The boys this year worked hard to keep the school spirit. Overall Daryll Fulford was the leading scorer for the team.

Coach Yarnell gives his boys a pep talk before a game.
The Varsity Field Hockey team, this year coached by Cherie Angier, hit a streak of bad luck. They had three wins, seven losses and one tie, but their spirit was always up.

The field hockey season was highlighted by a visit from Jean Dewars, a coach from Scotland, who was touring the United States, and coaching field hockey teams from various schools. The girls picked up a number of important pointers which they hope to capitalize on next year.

This year three juniors, Elaine Cushman, Nancy McNulla and Jenny Broughton moved up to become Varsity players, and made a valuable contribution to the team.

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Judy slugs hard as Joanne, Elaine, and Laura are ready to assist.

This year's J.V. team went through a lot of ups and downs but somehow managed to come out smiling. Their overall record was 0-2-3. There were nine new players on the team this year who had never played field hockey before. The girls worked learning a lot of the fundamentals and you could see later in the season that they had really improved.

J.V. Girls Keep On Smiling Through It All!!!
Boys Bring Home 4th Place In States

Ken Epstein congratulates Steve Burlock on his first place win at the quad meet between Missisquoi, Otter Valley, Rice, & Vergennes.


The Boy's Cross Country team had a great season. Hard work and practice paid off, and the boys brought home a 14 win, 4 loss record, giving Coach Merle Crown over 200 career victories as a Cross Country Coach.

The team went on to place 5th in the Champlain Valley League, 3rd in the Green Mountain League, and 4th in the State meet. Steve Burlock proved to be a particularly valuable asset, consistently taking first place.

Vermont State Meet

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The Girl's Cross Country team had a very impressive season, with twelve wins and seven losses. The girls ran their best race of the season against Montpelier, winning 35 to 20. In this meet Cindy Cooke placed first, Cindy Yantz 2nd, Cindy Provost 4th, LuAnne Ringer 5th and Pam Provost 8th.

The dedicated Vergennes runners did their part to break in the new cross country course, and could be seen most evenings, working to better their times. Their efforts gave them a 3rd place in the Champlain Valley League meet, a 3rd in the Green Mountain League meet and a 7th place in the Vermont State Meet.

And they're off!!
Varsity Wrestlers Win 2nd In States

The Varsity Wrestling team capped a successful 15-5 season's record with a second place win in the state tournament. Joe Bodette placed first in the 98 lb. class, Mike Kittredge was 2nd in the 119 lb. class, and David Kittredge placed 2nd in the UNL weight class. David lost with only seconds left in the match. These three wrestlers competed in the New England matches, held this year in Massachusetts.

The team will lose four strong senior wrestlers — Joe Bodette, Dana Devine, Tom Tisbert and Matt Jerry — but hopefully they will have good replacements from the J.V. team.

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Wrestlers intently watch another team member on the mat.

Phil Russett pushes for a pin against B.F.A.

Kneeling — Joe Bodette, Greg Sleeper, Dennis Gendreau, Mike Kittredge, Nick Martinec, Dana Devine. Standing — David Kittredge, Matt Jerry, Phil Russett, Tom Tisbert, Jacques Litch, Bob Belanus and Coach McNamara.
J.V. Wrestlers Have A Fine Season


The J.V. team finished the season with an excellent 13-4 record. Sixteen wrestlers participated in the Western Regional Tournament, and three of these boys, P. Angier, D. Carney and P. Tynan, made the semi-finals, taking 3rd. Of the six who went to the finals, Terry Brace, Chris Campbell, Jacques Litch and Phil Russett placed 2nd. Tom Lefebvre and John Tisbert also finished with excellent matches. Top J.V.'s wrestled at the Varsity State Meet at Essex and John Tisbert became state champion, winning his match 4-2. Tom Lefebvre was the runner-up in the 105 wt. class.

John Tisbert is the victor.
Wrestling Aux. Keeps The Spirit

Wrestling Auxiliary: Marie Polchies, Lorri Field, Jeannine Litch, Barb Martinec, Lori Davis and Lisa Ouellette.

The Wrestling Auxiliary cheers the team to victory.

This year’s Wrestling Auxiliary contained six very energetic girls. These girls attended each match with enough oranges and spirit to keep both Varsity and J.V. wrestlers going strong. At home meets they kept the scores posted on the chalk board, and throughout the season they helped keep up the team spirit, even when things looked bad for Vergennes.

Wrestling Aux. Captain, Barb Martinec.
Gymnasts Grow In Skill And Courage

The Gymnastics team is one of the school's youngest competitive teams, this being only its second year. Consequently, there are many freshmen and sophomores participating, and the improvement from the beginning of the season was tremendous. The gymnasts competed in about 16 meets, and early in January their scores averaged about 26. By the final meets in March, the team score had climbed to 60.

With the help of Coach Cheri Angier, the girls worked out their own routines on the beam, floor and uneven bars, and learned various vaults for the horse.
Cheerleaders Generate Spirit

Susie Shortsleeves
Mary Ringer
Cathy Hughes

Tammy Barrows
Debby Barre
Susie Plankey

Captain Kim Nuttal

Varsity Cheerleaders in group formation.
Junior Varsity Cheerleaders show their best form.

It’s fun — but also work

The Varsity Cheerleading squad worked hard to prepare and energetically perform their routines during the 4-month-long basketball season. Under the leadership of Kim Nuttal, Captain, the four juniors and 3 seniors on the squad made sure the gym was constantly reverberating with cheers, as well as bouncing balls.

The Junior Varsity Cheerleaders also had a lot of spirit, and this group consisted of four freshmen and two sophomores. Phyllis Lowry was Captain and Laurie Laflin Co-Captain. The girls began working on jumps, chants and techniques in October, and they perfected about thirteen floor cheers and numerous bench cheers to help the J.V. on to victory.

Both squads traveled with the boys, from Mt. Abraham to Richford, and with nine home games, the townspeople had ample chance to see the girls in action. Mrs. Fran Allo served as advisor to the cheerleaders.
The Student Council worked industriously this year to equally represent all the students at V.U.H.S. While much of their energy was directed toward social events, such as the Sadie Hawkins dance and Freshman Reception, the members also extended their influence to the larger community by doing such service projects as holding a Christmas party for the residents of Clark’s Nursing Home.

The Winter Carnival, under the chairmanship of Jay Coffey, provided a full week of activity for students, and two new competitive events were cross-country skiing and one-on-one foul shooting. A heavy February snow provided ample material for snow sculptures, and the Carnival ended with a Valentine’s Day dance for grades 7-12.

The Student Council also sponsored the winter sports pep rally, donated records to the Athletic Department to play at sports events, and sold emblem sweaters to further encourage school spirit.

Dean Muniz washes an unusual car, to raise money for Council activities.

Freshman Day greaser, Lesli Ritchie, carries a book about "greasers", while Lori Danyow stoops to tie a handy shoe.

Members of the Student Council sold "Vergennes" sweaters in the fall.
Clubs Encourage Students To

Two activities which continued to meet this year were French Club and Chess Club. The French Club sponsored a trip to Montreal in November and enjoyed touring a wax museum and St. Joseph’s Shrine, and had lunch at Le Crepe Bretagne. At Christmas they learned French carols and entertained the community on a caroling outing.

The Chess Club gave 21 students a chance to exercise their problem-solving capacities by holding matches during activity periods. The elected officers were Ted Murin — president, Joe Gaines — vice-president, Mark Wilson — treasurer and Charles Bemis - secretary.

Broaden Their Experience


Ruth FitzGerald and Kate Pollender discuss the high price of going to Paris.


Both the Ski and Travel Clubs emphasized movement from one place to another, the difference being the distances involved. The Travel Club worked to finance a spring trip to France, holding countless dime-a-dip suppers, food sales and a telephone directory sale. Sponsored by Mrs. Crocker and Mrs. Norton, the group planned a two-week visit to Paris and the chalet region of France.

The Ski Club got off the ground slowly due to poor snow conditions and little interest, although considerable interest in cross-country skiing has grown out of the physical education classes. The club sponsored Saturday trips to Snowball ski area and sold concessions at sports events to finance an overnight ski trip.
The Future Farmers of America is a group of boys who are taking vocational courses either here at Vergennes or at the Vocational Center in Middlebury. They work with the local garden club to beautify the city, and earn money by roto-tilling people’s gardens in the spring and snow plowing in winter. The tractor the group purchased 5 years ago was paid off this year.

Popular F.F.A. activities are the carnivals held with the Middlebury and Mt. Abe F.F.A. groups at which students compete in such areas as tractor skills, chopping wood and basketball.

Mary Ringer and Laurie Brigan study bookkeeping.

This year the Addison County Vocational Center has become an increasingly important part of V.U.H.S. Seventy-five students now go to Middlebury each school day for a wide variety of learning experiences. The courses range from Child Care Aid to Office Machine Repair, and from Health Occupations to Building Trades. Most of the students are involved in only one program, but some take two courses. The Vocational Center rounds out the curriculum of the school and supplies a very much needed service to the area.

Mary Jane Adams, Crysta Shepard, Diane Schroeder and Jody Charbonneau wait for the bus in front of the Vocational Center.

Mike Chapman, Kim Burnham, and Steve Senesac “rest” between classes.
Honor Society Rewards Top

Honor Society induction was held this year the day before Thanksgiving vacation, and the inductees and their parents were entertained at a reception after the ceremony. The most exciting happening at the ceremony was the lighting of Lorraine Strada's hair along with the traditional candle lighting.

The group supported an Indian girl as a service project and had several fund-raising activities to contribute to this cause.

Laureen Condon lights the candle of scholarship.

Students For Their Service


Joan Marshall, Kathy Marshall and Nancy McNulla are congratulated by Mrs. Epstein.

Wanda Elzinga and Bonnie Gardner take the Honor Society Oath.
Whether in the library, the front office or the nurse’s office, the school aides provide a valuable service to teachers and students. They do much day-to-day “busy work”, and in the process gain experiences and responsibilities which contribute to their own growth. These students, who give of their time without pay or special recognition, deserve a word of thanks and praise.

Various Responsibilities


pursue their literary interests.
Seniors Amuse Audience With

Tully Bascomb (Scott Provencher), and Duchess Gloriana XII (Clare Fagan) make plans for their wedding.

Barry Tracy, Don VanDeWeert, Matt Jerry, and Steve Dugan,

Meeting of Gloriana’s Court — Kathy Miles, Matt Jerry, Steve Casavant, Steve Dugan, Joe Bodette, Barry Tracy, Nelson Sears, Don VanDeWeert, Scott Provencher, Clare Fagan, Mike Chapman, Don Palmore and Jean Sheerin.
"The Mouse That Roared"

The Seniors entertained the school and community in February with a two-act comedy, "The Mouse That Roared". The cast included Clare Fagan, Nelson Sears, Don Palmore, Scott Provencher, Michelle Dickerson, Steve Dugan, Mike Chapman, Sue Plankey, Joanne Emerson, Steve Casavant, Joe Bodette, Kathy Miles, Lory Ritchie, Mark Gebo, Barry Tracy, Don Van-DeWeert, Skip Stanley, Matt Jerry, Kim Nuttal, Judy Browe, Lorraine Strada, Beth Dibler, Diane O'Bryan, Jean Sheerin and Barb Irion.

Jay Rogers directed the play with the assistance of Nancy Cornell. Pete Tucker helped backstage with lights and props, and the costumes were borrowed from Middlebury College's Drama Department. Many of the seniors in the cast have been the backbone of past school productions, and their efforts were again a success.

Mrs. Bascomb (Jean Sheerin), Sec. of State (Mike Chapman), and Mr. Benton (Don Palmore), wait expectantly for Gloriana's (Clare Fagan) announcement.

Joe Bodette as Prof. Kokintz, worries about the safety of his bomb.
This year’s yearbook staff has been really busy, with never a dull moment or a lack of something to do. Each member has some responsibility, whether it be making lay-outs, taking photographs, writing copy, typing, doing art work or proof reading. Only a staff member realizes how much work is involved — the hours of work after school, the many consultations with advisors and photographers, the rush sessions to meet a deadline. The staff hopes the 1974-75 yearbook has captured the special moments which everyone will want to remember.
Through Hard Work And Laughter


Eris gets ready to take another candid.

Yearbook Editor Edie Kneeshaw.

Laureen Condon, Business Manager.
Aside from the school’s officially registered clubs, students could participate in other special activities once a week during activity period. Mr. Johnson ran the photography club, and taught students to take photographs and then develop and print them. Mr. McNamara sponsored a guitar club. Other activities which met at some time during the year were “Cooking With Apples”, a knitting and crocheting club, Bible study, art club and the junior prom committee.

A somewhat less official activity was invented by the seniors when they received permission to paint the walls above their lockers. The space was divided into individual blocks, and the resulting poster-like designs made their hall the most enviable spot in school.
Winter Carnival Proves Amusing

Juniors Laura and Jody Charbonneau soundly defeat seniors Dana Franklin and Ray Godard in the three-legged race.

Artie Miller steers John Tisbert in the wheelbarrow race.

Sophomores Luanne Ringer and Lori Field get off to a jolly start.

Seniors defeated juniors in a rousing volleyball game.

Students pause from snow sculpturing in front of the school.

Winter Carnival this year was very eventful, beginning February 10th during activity period with class competitions in the three-legged and wheelbarrow races, basketball and tug-o-war. Throughout the week students were involved in other matches, such as field hockey, ping-pong, wrestling, wrist wrestling, table hockey, volleyball, gymnastics, chess, ice hockey, races and football. And of course there was the annual judging of snow sculptures.

A new event this year to determine the Winter Carnival King was Friday’s “hush day.” All the girls wore tags with their names on them and weren’t allowed to talk between classes. If a boy could get a girl to talk, he was entitled to her tag. The boy with the most tags, Joe Bodette, was crowned King at the Winter Carnival dance February 14.
Students Enjoy "Vermont Heritage"

Human Values Days have been a part of the V.U.H.S. curriculum for several years, and were initiated with the idea of broadening students' experience in specific areas. This year's Human Values afternoon, held in November and organized by Mrs. Maida Crocker, was entitled "Vermont Heritage".

After a general presentation in the auditorium, and a slide show of the bicentennial committee's plans for reviving Vermont's 1867 transportation system for next year's celebration, students attended smaller sessions of their own choice. There were 21 different sections available, and they covered a wide range of topics, from folk dancing and country music, to antique cars, Vermont humor, Indian artifacts and salmon fishing. Most students enjoyed the change in pace, and the chance to hear outside speakers.
The Three One Acts In Competition

"Owl" cast: Kathy Epstein, Lela Claflin, Brenda Jimmo, Joe Pollender and Tracy Chamberlain.

Delia (Kim Nuttal) and Edie (Phyllis Lowry) discuss Edie's approaching death, over a cup of coffee.

Three one-act plays competed in March, for the right to represent V.U.H.S. in the District contest at Mt. Abraham. The winning play at the District goes to Regionals, and each year two plays from that contest represent Vermont in the All New England competition in Boston.

"Owl", directed by Mrs. Maida Crocker, was a comedy in which the main character (Joe Pollender) tries to buy an owl. When the doctor (Tracy Chamberlain) proves difficult, Mr. Franklin turns into an owl himself and attacks.

Another comedy, "No One Wants to Know", was directed by Ms. Nancy Cornell, and involved a couple (Kim Nuttal and Nelson Sears), who have just won the lottery but are both dying. Nelson dies gloriously in a sea of ketchup, having been stabbed on the way home.

Wayne Ganson directed "The Recantation of Galileo Galilei", a serious drama in which Mark Wilson as Galileo, finally gives in to the authorities and takes back his contention that the earth is round.

"No One Wants To Know" cast: Beth Dibler, Kim Nuttal, Mark Gebo, Steve Casavant, Phyllis Lowry and Nelson Sears. Not pictured are Mary Haines and Sue Charbonneau.

JUNIOR HIGH
Fall Sports Teams Are Enthusiastic

The two fall sports which occupied much of the junior high's energy were soccer and field hockey. The boys' soccer team had a fairly successful season, with 6 wins, 5 losses and one tie. They had practices almost every day, and with the help of Coach Jeff Minns, the players developed their skills considerably.

For the first time, the junior high girls had the opportunity to play field hockey as an organized group. They began with an enormous amount of enthusiasm, and won their first game against Winooski, 1 to 0. They lost both their games with Middlebury, but by the final game they had improved greatly.

Soccer Scoreboard

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Both the 7th and 8th grade basketball teams won more games than they lost this year. The 8th grade played 11 games and won 6 of them; the 7th grade won 4 out of 6. The boys worked hard throughout the season, and their efforts paid off when they placed 2nd in the late February tournament. Four schools played in this tournament, Otter Valley taking 1st, Middlebury 3rd and Mt. Abraham 4th.
Practices began December 4th for the Junior High Girls’ Basketball team, and were held twice a week until February. Although only two games were scheduled, both against Mt. Abraham, the girls won both times, and were anxious to try their skills against more opponents. They were coached by Mrs. Judy Cushman and Lynn Cushman was assistant coach.

Top Left — Chris Fagan being guarded by her Mt. Abraham opponents. Top Right — Lisa Brunet, Abby Pollender and Rose Hutchins play on defense. Lower Right — Lisa Brunet and Abby Pollender reach for a rebound.
Jr. High Cheerleaders Are The Best Ever

The peppy Junior High Cheerleaders practiced 2 or 3 times a week during the basketball season, making up their own cheers and working to become the best junior high squad ever.

Five 7th graders and two 8th graders made up the group, and they cheered at all 7th and 8th boys' basketball games, and at the girls' games too. Mrs. Fran Allo, advisor, attended many practices and gave the girls encouragement and ideas.
Wrestlers Begin Season Late

7th and 8th graders competing in the Winter Carnival.

The Junior High Wrestlers, coached by Mr. Minns, were not able to begin their season until early March. They had several spring matches scheduled. Their major winter performance was at the Winter Carnival, when the 7th graders competed against the 8th.

Mark Jackson wins match against John Roberts.
Gymnasts Work To Gain Experience

A Junior High Gymnastics program was begun by Mrs. Angier this year in order to give younger girls some experience before they reach high school. The girls competed during Winter Carnival, 7th against 8th grade, and hoped to have some regular meets later in the spring. They worked on floor routines, uneven bars, vaulting and the beam.
Jr. High Students Are Busy With

The Current Events team spent many hours preparing for their spring competition, determined to bring the trophy home with them. Pictured here are team members John Marsh, Rodney Blacklock, Steve Farnsworth and Kristy Oxholm. Not shown are Bill Katz and Coach Mrs. Pam Cox.

Above — Diane Rittwage and Kelly Tynan give Mr. Fitzpatrick a lift. Right — A scene in study hall. Lower Left — Rose Hutchins and Kim Ross escort Miss Kulig to class. Lower Right — Ann Pidgeon, Jackie Mailloux, Joan Marsh, Kelly Tynan and Diane Rittwage work on yearbook.
Activities: Official And Unofficial

Above Left — Ben Dykema and Jim Dam blow their horns.
Above Right — Kim Ross serves as an upside-down welcoming committee.
Left — Mrs. Allo and her study hall gang, Mark Sabourin, Todd Reed and Vickie Gilbert.
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A Time For Fooling Around

Upper Left — Barb Irion and bag. Middle Left — Tom Casey, David Bannister and Joe Pollender playing chess. Lower Left — Mr. Wheeler joins a senior mug shot. Lower Right — Jean Sherrin with a friendly hose.
And Continuing Movement Onward
