

Parents, Teachers Present Annual 'Night In Saxony'



Parents and teachers combined their efforts again this year to present the PTA's second "Night In Saxony." Shown above are Mr. Matters, Mr. Best, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Little and Mr. Steever. Dance line: Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Johanson, Mrs. Parrish and Mrs. Martin.



The Saxon Chronicles

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Suzie Selected Princess



The "Royal Ten," Jill Beernik, Mary Beth Phelps, Sherry Bennett, Steph Craven, Mona Hines, Princess Suzie Harris, Pam Bakken, Kathy Cox, Polli Hamlin and Jan Swanson are shown shortly after Suzie was named Ferris' first Lilac Princess.

Another tradition was added to Joel E. Ferris high school's growing list with the selection of Suzie Harris as first Lilac princess.

Suzie was named at an early morning convocation for juniors and seniors on April 15. She was chosen from a field of nine other senior girls who had been judged at an earlier convocation.

Each girl gave a one minute speech on "Why I would like to be Lilac Queen." Suzie described becoming a lilac princess as being about as close to a fairy tale queen as a girl could ever get.

She then chose a card for her extemporaneous speech. Her topic was, "Name the advantages or disadvantages of being an only child." Judging was based on

appearance, poise, personality and speaking ability.

A few of Suzie's activities include being a 3-year cheerleader, a member of the newspaper staff and Quill and Scroll, and a past ASB vice-president.

As princess she will compete with 11 other girls for the title of Lilac Festival Queen of 1966. The girls are judged on three separate occasions by members of the Lilac Board. The winner will be announced Friday, May 13, at the Coliseum.

When Suzie was asked about how she felt she said, "I've been dreaming about this since I can remember. It's absolutely the most wonderful thing that's ever happened to me."

A time machine in the hands of a science student, a whole classroom wished backwards in time to ancient Saxony, a fierce man-eating dragon and a love story! Sound ridiculous? Not if you saw the second annual PTA performance of "A Night in Saxony."

The show was given for students in a convocation Tuesday, April 20, and again for the public on April 21, 22 and 23.

The play took place in a school-room peopled by parents portraying students. The teacher, Mr. McGoo (Dan Cadagan), trying to make his pupils combine the study of Beowulf with their subject major, found talents he hadn't known about.

In the meantime a science student named Sussex (Ed Steever)

was setting up his science fair project — a time machine. In order to see how the Saxons in the time of Vikings and Beowulf really lived, Sussex offered to transport the entire class back into history.

Having been wished back in time to Mead Hall, the class met King Hrothgar (Lloyd Best), his queen (Mrs. Vernon Dixon), and his lovely daughter, Princess Morningstar (Mrs. Louise Reynolds). And of course, as in every Saxon tale, there was a villain: a man-eating dragon, Grendel (Walter Cariveau).

Byron Swanson, the dramatics major, took on the part of Beowulf. As the hero he not only defeats Grendel but falls for Morningstar. However, all good

things must end, and this does when the class is brought back to the present.

Specialty acts during the convocation included: Monty Eaton, monologist; Louise Turner, harpist; Shirley Daiger, musical skit; Ed Steever, guitarist; Elinor Powell, soloist; Pat Freeman, Betty Tiffany, Barbara Bates, Peggy Springer, pantomime. Singing roles were assigned to Louise Reynolds and Byron Swanson.

The script and song lyrics were written by Vernon Dixon. Walter Cariveau acted as general chairman. Mrs. Dawn Olney took charge of the medieval costuming in the Saxon Mead Hall scenes.

Proceeds will go to the student activities fund.

Saxons Compete In First Rally

Saturday, April 16, about 120 Saxons competed in Spokane's first high school car rally. The rally was sponsored by the Court of Carmine and was under the direction of Nick Feldman, president, Bruce Rothwell, Jerry Crick and Lloyd Baker.

Trophies were awarded to the driver and navigator of the three cars with times closest to those set by the judges. Winners included: 1st place, Randy Hopkins and Mike Dixon; 2nd place, Jim Black and Art Rorax; 3rd place, Pam Hogsett and Shelley Garcea.

The 60-mile course started at the school and continued to Glenrose around Browne's Mountain, Hatch Street Hill, Manito Park and Lincoln Heights.

The cars reported in at five checkpoints where they were penalized for being ahead of or behind a schedule set earlier.

Casualties included a broken fan belt, a blown-up radiator, several trips to Spangle, Rockford, and Rosalia, and a picnic lunch at a farm house. Times ranged from 3½ to 5½ hours, but everyone involved had to admit it was probably the most exciting way Saxons have found to raise money yet.

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Doctors Plan Visit

On May 9 Dr. Adolph Hecht and Dr. Carl Stevens will speak to biology and chemistry large groups.

The talk Dr. Hecht plans to give is entitled, "Manipulating Heredity through the Chromosomes." The presentation will deal with how alterations in heredity can be brought about.

Ferris Flashes

ON APRIL 12th FERRIS' 1966-67 CHEERLEADERS were announced. They are Carol Dehner, Betty Johnson, Cathy Matters, Debbie Schoch, Pat Forbes, Sue Stewart and Sue Brunner.

IN RECENT STATE-WIDE COMPETITION DECA representatives from Ferris placed high. Diane Fields took two second places and two honorable mentions while Billie Osborn was a first runner-up in the state.

SCENES FROM THE WILD, WILD WEST WERE re-created Friday, April 15, at the Boots and Saddles dance sponsored by the Pep Club.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUE PEASE AND BONNIE FRANCIS, winner and alternate of the Spokane Education Association \$100 scholarship. The winner will compete with the winners from four other high schools of the district for a \$200 scholarship. The alternate from the school which wins the \$200 scholarship will receive the \$100 scholarship designated for that school.

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED for their fine performances at the music contest in Pullman, Saturday, April 8. Superior — Canterbury Belles; Excellent — 9th and 10th grade girls ensemble, Carolyn Darby, Mark Swinehart, Renne Coshow and Sim Egbert.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOPHOMORE JOHN LUNDBLAD for winning the Downtown Optimist Club's "speak off" for the second year in a row. John spoke on "Optimism, Youth's Greatest Asset." He is now eligible for the contest in Boise, Idaho, May 18-21.

Marcia Places First 'Taste of Honey' Juniors' Theme

Congratulations go to Joel E. Ferris Saxon, Marcia Ross, for placing first in the city in the "United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth" contest sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebeccas.

Marcia, representing Ferris, competed with two high school students for first place and an all expense paid trip to the United Nations in New York City.

The candidates were judged on a four-hundred word essay and a five-minute speech on "What the United Nations Means to Me."

All of the delegates will meet in Spokane on July 5, and the next day will depart on their long awaited journey to New York. They will first travel to British Columbia to meet other delegates and continue on to Winnipeg then down the Great Lakes to New York.

Tomorrow at about this time Juniors will begin making last minute preparations for their prom. The second annual affair will be held at the Gonzaga Student Union Building from 8:00 to 12:30.

This year's theme "A Taste of Honey," will be exemplified by the decorations and the tickets. The Take Five, a college band from Pullman, will provide the music for the semi-formal dance.

Lory McLellan and Andy James, general co-chairmen, have, coordinated plans for the event. Committee heads include: Wendy Heath, decorations; Carol Debner, chaperones and refreshments; Liz Craven, publicity; Lorne Burley, band; Steve Thosath, tickets.

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Senior Hi-lighters Lilac Festival Grows Yearly



"Quick! Take it, before my smile wilts," says Senior Hi-lighter, Marybeth Phelps.

MARYBETH PHELPS

She's green eyed, brunette and WOW! When asked what she'd wish for if she had one wish in the whole wide world she said, "I'd wish for a face like Elizabeth Taylor and a 'body' like Sophia Loren." That's Marybeth Phelps!

Marybeth was born on February 2, 1948, at Sacred Heart Hospital and hasn't taken life easy since. While at Ferris she's been a cheerleader for 3 years, two of which she was head; senior class secretary; League of Dresden president; editor of the *Saxon Chronicles*, Lilac Princess candidate; and is currently chairman of the All City Red Cross dance.

While talking about Ferris, Marybeth said she'd like to change one thing, "I'd like to put reclining seats in the auditorium."

Next fall Marybeth wants to go to WSU and major in communications.

Marybeth has these words of wisdom to pass onto the public, "Keep a smile on your face if you have good teeth." That's Marybeth Phelps!

RON GUILLES

Students take heed!

The future of the world may some day rest on the shoulders of one of Joel E. Ferris' finest basketball players. Ron Guiles plans to attend Washington State University next year, and after that he is going to become an (attention Mr. Steever) atomic physicist. That's what he said!

Ron has been playing basketball since he was in the seventh grade. He was on Sacajawea

A search was being made: a search for just the right flower to represent the city of Spokane! So, after much debate, in the year 1916, the first lilacs were planted in Spokane City Parks.

As the years went by, the bushes flourished, the blooms opened, and in 1939 the first Lilac Festival was held.

Although the first Festival contained only a flower show and a small parade, it grew quickly, and in 1940 the first Lilac Queen Contest took place.

In 1958 for the first time, the Lilac Queen was selected from the nine Spokane area high schools.

The Festival grew bigger and better each year, adding the Torchlight Parade in 1960.

1964 brought still another addition to the ever-growing Lilac Festival: the Royal Escort. This was also the first year East Valley and University high schools were represented in the Lilac Royalty program.

With the coming of the 1966 Festival which promises "Festivity and Frolic!", Joel E. Ferris high school enters its first contestant in the Lilac Festival's Royalty program.



"I can't figure out whether to flex my muscle or smell this flower," remarks Senior Hi-lighter, Ron Guiles.

junior high's first team. In the three years he has been at Ferris, Ron has established an outstanding record on the courts.

Water skiing is another one of Ron's favorite sports. He says he does as much of it as possible.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In reference to John Sepolen's letter in the March 25 issue of the *SAXON CHRONICLES*, I would like to answer Sepolen's burst against the labeling of human torches, hate songs and draft card burning as treason. Setting one's self on fire may be considered a form of stupidity, but come now, draft card burning is going a little too far.

Why burn your draft card because you won't fight in a war, for people know they could be put down as conscientious objectors. As conscientious objectors, they could be medics, cooks, yeomen or any non-combat soldier.

Yes, they already know this! But you can be sure they will not put themselves down as such! They are using the heroic battle of people against oppression to stay out of the armed forces!

What good is freedom if the people twist it around to their own selfish ends? If people really wish to object against our involvement, they should do so! But those so-called martyrs are twisting the American Rights into a senseless concept!

In the last war this type of coward was despised very much. Now, he is pampered and protected by the very same type of society which allowed America's great disgrace of the 1920's to happen!

Go ahead, let the brave men die, let the women cry. Let the other guys go out and die in some foreign land!

Is this what we want? Isn't this actually treason to the people of Asia, taking away their chance for freedom. If it isn't, we don't have to worry about the war with China, or the Asians, or the coward. We've already lost. Inside!

David F. Depner

Girls, of course, are high on Ron's list of extra-curricular activities.

For a while Ron was quite worried about his dog, Jip. However, Jip pulled through so now everything is great.

Besides all of his other activities Ron is a member of the Key club and has been an ASB representative for some time. Also, he was a presidential candidate for the Court of Carmine.

All in all, Ron gets around the Ferris campus quite a bit. In regard to his career, please Ron, be careful with those atoms.

Is Conforming Necessary?

Who should decide how students should look in school? Of course the opinions differ. Students feel, as one girl put it, "It is not the clothes or the haircut but the person inside that matters." Many feel that the schools should be less concerned about the nonconformist hairlength and more concerned with the conformist minds they turn out which are willing to submit to the corporate haircut.

Some students, though, seem to be making an effort to see how far they can push the extremes.

Who should judge?

A high school principle in Maryland said, "... School is the place of business of the young people and that as such it demands appropriate attire."

The NEA Journal points to an example of better conduct when the students dress up. In a Salt Lake City school the students dress up on Friday for weekly dances. The teachers have noticed a considerable improvement in conduct on these days than on any other day.

Often the most extreme cases are the ones who rebel against any restrictions.

Perhaps the ASB should be the judge of school attire. A "Student Code" set up by the students themselves has worked well in many schools across the country. D.C.

Education Means Ideas

Man often finds himself confronted with many different choices as he strives to obtain an education. This is the essence of education. To become educated one must have many views placed before him. To become wise one must be able to choose the best of all these ideas.

The American ideal is freedom in all morally possible forms. Education must be free of all prejudices on the part of the school, administration or teachers. It is the responsibility of these institutions to provide all sides of the story.

The denunciation of radical ideas by many of the more prominent schools of learning is harmful in several ways.

In this fast age where things happen with speed and danger, we cannot be overly conservative. The conservative cause must be present, of course, in order to provide a check of some kind to question radical moves. However, we must not be afraid of new views.

Radical ideas and views are often identified immediately as socialistic or even communistic. This "shoot first, ask questions later" attitude is not always good. We have a way of over-rationalizing every unexplainable action or happening. When these ideas are exposed in learning situations, many people are afraid that evil will be bred. This is not necessarily true.

Learning must be many-sided in any free educational system and many ideas and concepts must be introduced whether they are good or bad in the eyes of the individuals doing the educating. This is the only way we will ever produce truly educated individuals. By the mixing of all sorts of concepts, we will continue to have a free learning environment in America. R.F.

Don't Pull The Curtains!

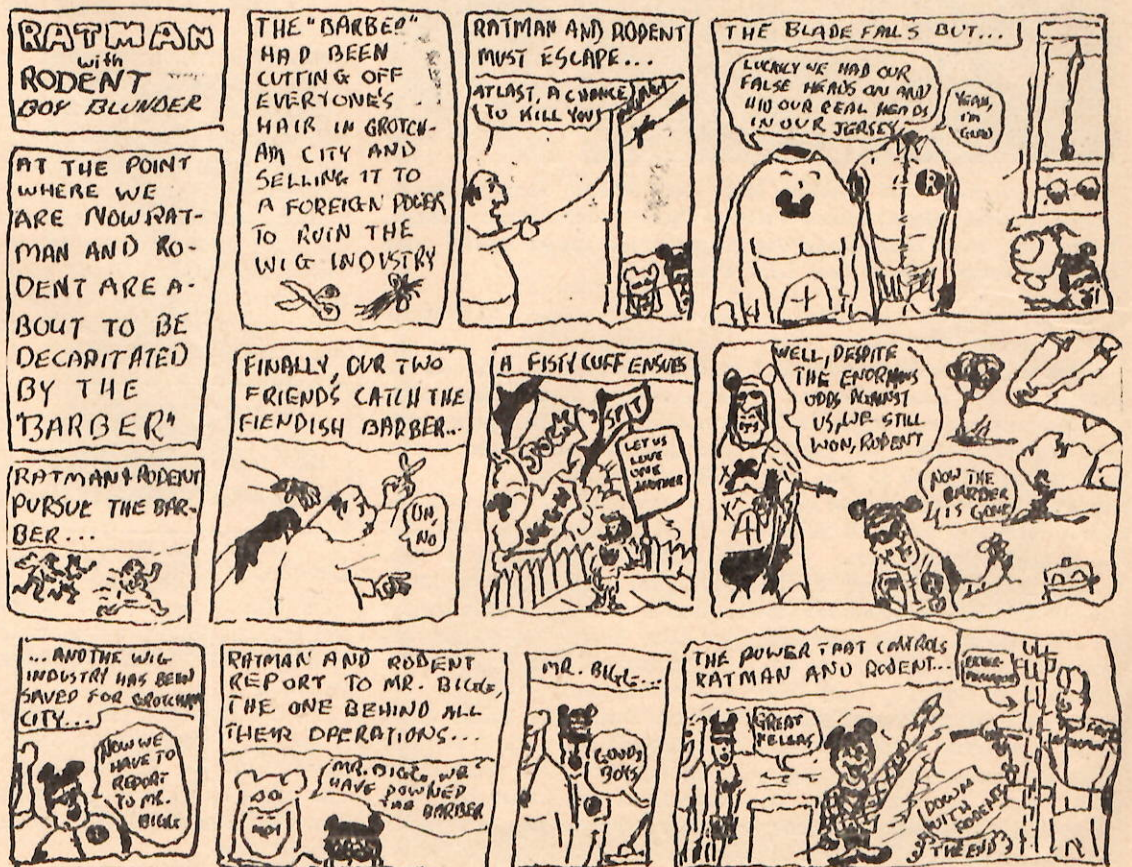
There is a pile of junk across the street, facing one of your windows. What do you do — clean it up, or, because after all it isn't *your* junk, pull the curtains?

Chances are, like most of us, you talk about it a lot and end up pulling the curtains.

This seems just as useless as saying, "Don't look at it, and it's not there. Ignore it, and it will go away."

This may seem very trite, but multiply this 50 or 100 times, put it on an international or national scale, and suddenly it's very important.

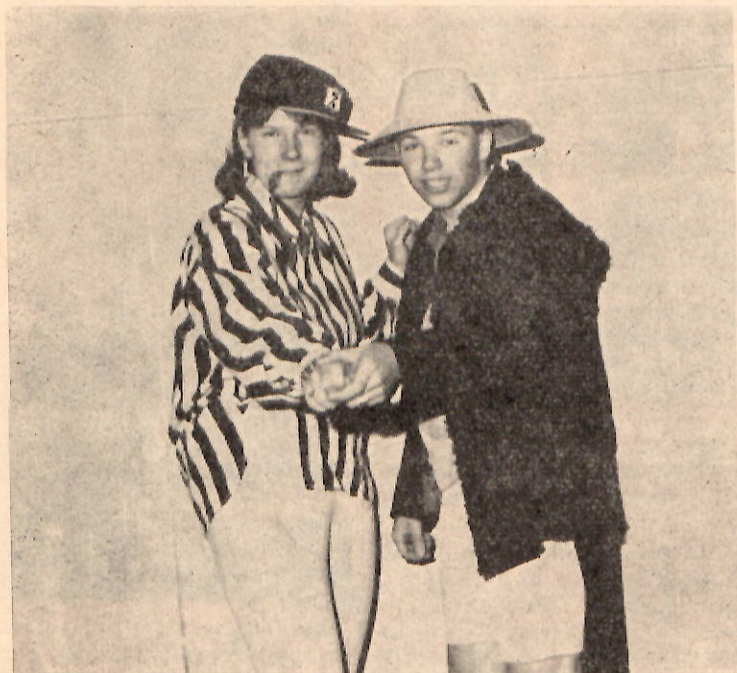
It is this individual unconcern or acceptance of life as it is that may change "America — the free" to just America — one of the many sub-divisions in a controlled world. J.G.



Students Prepare For Prom

With the second annual Junior Prom only hours away, Saxons of both sexes are found busily preparing for the big night ahead. Girls pace nervously, hoping their dates can have the car and boys are hopelessly trying to decide what color corsage to buy.

But even more frustrating is choosing the correct apparel for such a semi-formal affair.



Steffi Sivertson and Reid Fellows exhibit latest semi-formal wear in anticipation of Junior Prom.

The modern female is now finding the traditional prom dress dull and uninteresting. She prefers the "new" look in fashion brought about by French designers. Joel E. Ferris high school roving reporter, Emily Past, recently back from Europe, reports on the newest fashion frocks in Paris.

"The latest is the wearing of crash helmets to all fashion affairs, including balls and teas. The helmets can again be useful to cover up curlers. Also 'in' this year for the girls are larger versions of their childhood uniforms. Brownie and Blue Bird outfits are now seen on Paris models and at gala evening affairs.

"The Hawaiian look is rapidly coming back into the 1966 fashion world. Sequin covered blouses and Chef - Boy - Ar - Dee plastic

spaghetti grass skirts complete the outfit.

"Of course, Paris doesn't forget the boys. Prom dress for them includes the dashing English riding pants, highlighted with a Batman or Mickey Mouse sweatshirt. Top hat and tails can also be worn by the more serious-minded boy, but a must for all the foot-minded are flippers which also keep the feet cool, calm and dry.

To complete the exciting new male fashion scene, Paris finds more and more men are turning to suspenders for evening wear. Fortunately, these and other new fashions have hit the stores in time for Ferris' Junior Prom."

In conclusion, Emily Past stated that those who do follow these fashion hints will surely attract attention as honey attracts bees.

Gardenias and Garlic

GARLIC to Camille Erickson for being late to homeroom so often.

GARDENIAS to Steffi Sivertson and Reid Fellows for posing for the junior prom picture.

GARLIC to Doug Vawter for "losing" his history book.

GARDENIAS to Ev Coulter for his ambition to become a garbage collector.

GARLIC to the sophomores for sitting in the wrong seats in English large group on April Fools Day.

GARDENIAS to Mary Ross and Nancy Westlund for being such great mountain climbers.

GARLIC to those who don't dispose of their trays properly after lunch.

GARDENIAS to Cathy Cox for her sky diving ambition.

GARLIC to Dan Vertrees for telling fish stories in homeroom.

Grass Tells Story

Oh, oh, wake up buddies, the sun is shining. Another day has started at Joel E. Ferris high school, and in no time at all those spring-loving students will place themselves upon our backs.

AT NOON: Boy, am I lucky, maybe I'll get by today without anybody parking on top of me. Whew! relax . . . Wait. Oh no! It's that great big ol' football player again. Ooh! Crush! Ouch! Why does the same guy always have to sit on me, huh? And of course the guy has resource time until 1:15 when lunch hour's over.

Watch out, he's shifting! On pain! Gasp, I can't breathe. I think I'm gonna die. Goodbye, little buddies. Hey, he's leaving. Ah, relief, Ooops, watch out for those feet. Whew. Just missed me. Well, goodbye students. Man, am I glad that's over!

AT 1:25: No, no, it can't be. not today. Rats, it is. They've come to cut my hair again. Every time I get a good looking crop of hair this horrible machine comes along and cuts it off. The old blades just spin around and whisk off the hair, leaving all of us guys pretty short crew cuts. It makes our heads so tender.

Before the machine gets very far off, some man comes along and steps on ya, If ya' don't think that hurts! Man. Whirrerrr. Oh! Oh! Ouch! Scrunch! Oh! now its all over. And until tomorrow we can sit back and rub our sore spots.

AT 7:30: Ahh! the cool inviting darkness surrounds us. Off to dream land buddies!

Saxons Bewildered By 'Mystery IT'



Mystery IT is shown as a bouncing one-year old.

Guess the "Mystery IT" and win a sticky red prize! The prize will be awarded on the basis of the reason for believing who the IT might be rather than on guessing the actual identity of IT.

Answers may be placed in the wishing well in the Administration building. The answer must contain the guesser's name, home-room number and his reason for the mystery's solution. The deadline for solutions will be May 2nd.

Clue 1: IT went to Basin Grammar School in Basin, ??? At that time IT's favorite subjects were science, English and history.

Clue 2: IT's favorite activities at present are hunting, fishing and all sports.

Clue 3: IT raised sheep and pigs in high school. Due to IT's excellent agricultural tendencies, there were 13 little pigs in the first litter.

Clue 4: The picture was taken when IT was one year old.

Books Arrive

Better get those trusty old specs out, some brand new books have hit the library, and they're just waiting to be read by some ambitious Saxon.

One book recently introduced to the Joel E. Ferris high school library is *Look to This Day*. This book was written by Mardi Reeder Campoin and it deals with the life of Dr. Connie Guion. Though the book deals with a long period of time it is mainly concerned with her education which starts on a Carolina plantation.

Connie Guion is a member of a family that includes twelve children and she must work hard to help educate her sisters, in addition to fulfilling her own dream of becoming a doctor.

However this book is not merely dry biographical facts. It is often humorous, such as the time the mule ran away with Connie and scattered a load of peaches all over town.

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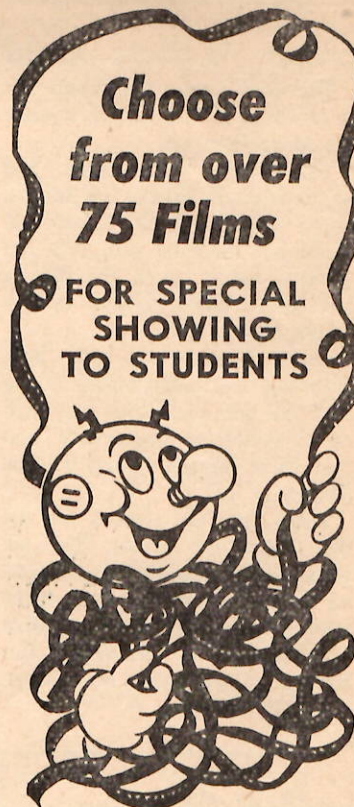
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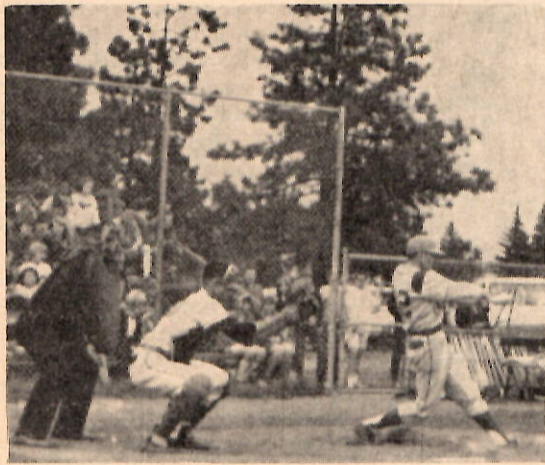
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Saxons Look Strong In Spring Sports Debut



Gary Greenslitt picks one out against LC.



Sophomore Surprise Wayne Sepolen makes broad jumping look as casual as walking on air.

BASEBALL Gonzaga

It was a hectic day in the league opener for the Joel E. Ferris varsity baseball team. Regardless of the 30 degree weather there was an exceptional number of avid fans who supported the Saxons from the warmth of their cars.

Kim Clark singled in Mark Weidman in the second inning for Ferris' first tally, but Prep battled back with a run in the sixth. Both teams blanked in the 7th, sending it into extra innings. In the bottom of the eighth Gonzaga finally got to Kim Clark who had pitched strongly thus far.

They scored 4 big runs on 4 hits but Ferris wasn't about to get the shaft without a fight. Pat Stemm blasted a home run with 2 out to start the last minute rally. This was followed by 3 singles and 2 Gonzaga errors, producing 3 runs and making the score 5 to 4, Gonzaga.

Saxon Golfers Cold

The Joel Ferris golf team fell to defeat in its first match against the Mead Panthers.

The Saxons were upset 15-3 in sub-freezing weather on Mead's home course. Mike Knorre of Mead was medalist with a 73, ten strokes better than the Ferris low. Lloyd Baker picked up 1½ points with an 83.

Coach Kent Varty was both surprised and disappointed at the loss. He still feels that they will be in contention, regardless, and that their biggest worry will be Shadle or LC.

There are no seniors on the golf team this spring. The six boys entered against Mead included three sophomores and three juniors. They are, as placed, Mike O'Brien, Marc Wallace, Jim Breeden, Lloyd Baker, Max Dewie and Dick Johnson.

The Saxon rally ended when Gary Greenslitt advanced to third base on an error forcing Kim Clark to score. But the umpire judged that Greenslitt was thrown out sliding into third before Clark crossed the plate, thus nullifying the tying run. Ferris out-hit Gonzaga 12-8.

Lewis and Clark

The Saxons started out by scoring 2 runs in the first inning. But LC fought back with 3 in the first and one in the second making it 4-2. Ferris rebounded with 3 in the third to take the lead. Then they went cold except for Pat Stemm's one run four bagger in the fifth.

LC came across with runs in the 5th and 6th, to again send the game into "overtime." Ferris threatened with 2 baserunners in the eighth but failed to score. The Tigers were fortunate enough to score in their threat to edge Ferris 7-6.

TRACK

Ferris' varsity track team made their first bid for the city championship as they penetrated into John Rogers country April 15 and came within a paper-thin margin of upsetting the mighty Pirate Empire.

The score was tied 54-all going into the relays, and of course, the winning team had to take both races. The mile relay was an easy victory for Rogers and Ferris was disqualified from the 880 relay when the baton was "drop-

ped" outside of the exchange zone. The final score was 64-54.

Despite the fact that Ferris lost the meet, some of their finest efforts were performed that day. Joel Lassman threw the shot 52-10½ and led his teammates to another 1-2-3 sweep in that event.

Jim Wilkinson won the 100 and 220, and was followed close behind by Sophomore Larry Gonzalves in both races. Joe Ross tried the 880-yard run and upset Roger's Bob Bennet for the Saxon win.

Rick Riley and Wayne Risteau both made tremendous efforts in the mile run. Risteau running the fastest of his life and Riley running the second fastest in league history despite a pulled muscle.

The high hurdles was won by Joe Blotzke, but he was forced to scratch from the lows after competing in the broad jump. Sophomore Wayne Sepolen sailed an amazing 21-10 in the broad jump and won himself another first place.

This meet put Ferris' tracksters in second place, but they still have a chance of winning: by beating Rogers in the All-City meet.

**RICK RILEY
BREAKS
LINDGREN'S
STATE
MILE RECORD**

Saxon Sport-lite

At first glance you might think that Joe Blotzke is a varsity basketball player, but actually he is Joel E. Ferris' number one hurdler.

Besides being a hurdler he also is a high-jumper. In some track meets Joe is entered in three events, the most events any one person can enter.

Tracksters Tough In Pasco Meet

The Ferris Saxons' varsity track team placed second in the 5th annual Pasco Trophy Meet as school records were demolished. Ferris out-pointed Rogers 40½ to 32 to gain revenge for a recent league defeat to the Pirates.

Trophy winners for Ferris were as follows: Joe Ross, second-place, mile; Jack Izzler, third in the 2 mile; Jim Wilkinson, third in the 100 yd. dash and second in the 220; Rick Riley, first in the 2 mile; Joel Lassman, second in the shot put; Andy James, third in the 440; Wayne Sepolen, second in the broad jump; and Wilkinson, James, Paul Anderson, and Larry Gonzalves, third in the 880 relay.

Joe Blotzke set a new school record in the 120 high hurdles, and Wilkinson set records in the 100 and 200. In the fat man's relay, the Saxon putters also set a school mark.

The fantastic Richard Riley of Ferris ran the third fastest 2 mile ever in the US, also smashing his old record.



When Joe isn't practicing track or doing homework, he, like any other boy, likes "to goof around and go on dates with girls." His favorite teacher is Mr. Glenn Starr who teaches his favorite subject, architecture.

After graduation Joe is thinking about joining the navy and making it a career. His hobbies and pastimes are playing almost any sport and he especially likes fishing.

Joe holds the school record in both the high hurdles and the low hurdles.



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