



New Falcon Club Honors

Scholastic Achievement

MEMBERSHIP in the new honor society, the Falcon Club, was achieved by 66 students in the first quarter and 60 students in the second quarter. The Falcon Club has been formed to honor academic achievers as Springer has honored good citizenship with the VIPs. Emphasis during the first two terms was on achievement on spelling tests and assignments. During the next term, math whizzes will have their chance to earn honors. Earning recognition for their efforts and successes were:

Todd Ayers, Dana Baldwin, Erin Barrett, Peter Cassinelli, Janos Clark, Katie Connelly, Jimmy Damico, Jenny Diesel, Bobby Endorf, Melanie Fields, J.G. Hamilton, Scott Harris, Brian Sibert, Adam Hyland, Adam Johnson, Jonathan Mackey, Ed Meer, Paige Mezibov, Max Pastor, Joey Plattner, Max Rehring, Kristen Saul, Ronnie Secrist, Molly Strohoffer, Shannon Trueheit, Paul Wagner, Matt Westlund, Tom Winkler, Jamie Aultz, Amanda Arent, Corey Buck, Art Clauder, David Blau, John Blum, David Elma, Ari Greenwald, Tom Holland, Steve Houk, Matt Hunter, Vickie Kapfer, Rob Kramer, Drew Lichtenberg, Christine Mallette, Ani Martin, Mandy Mattlin, Katie McTernan, Chris Miceli, Jay Nordman, Mike Peracchio, Jeff Reichard, Greg Olthaus, Brad Rees, Robert Robinson, Carrie Runck, Aaron Rybolt, Anna Seymour, Chelsey Schneider, Sharon Smith, Mike Wenker, Peggy Wenker, Elizabeth Wilson, Blaise Wintersheimer, Lauren Allen, Andy Becker, Mike Bernardino,

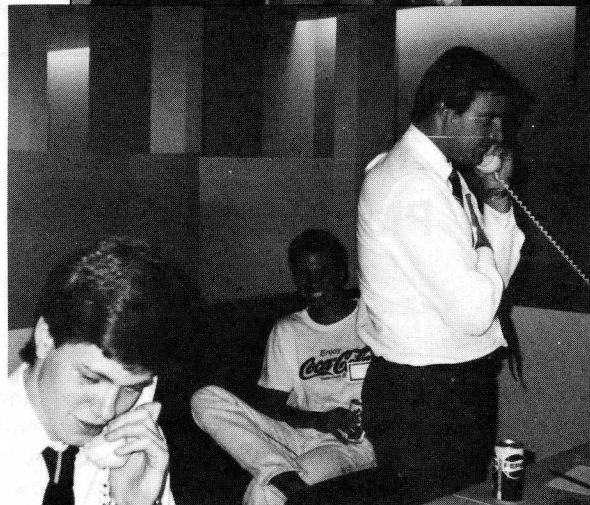
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Ball in a Good Cause

CINCINNATIANS had a ball, and a generous donation was presented to Springer Educational Foundation, one of the beneficiaries of the 1985 Charity Ball, held October 26 at the Omni Netherland hotel. For more than 50 years, this annual event has given financial support to a variety of community organizations. Chairman of Charity Ball '85 was Sandy Day.



Susan and Dan Pfau, Norita Aplin, and alumnus Stan Riley during alumni phonothon.



Richard Geier with volunteer phone solicitors from UC.

Fund Drive Update

THE 1985-86 fund drive has reached 90 percent of its \$90,000 goal, and contributions continue to arrive. Chairmen Mike Aubrecht and Dick Geier, are confident that with continued efforts by the volunteers, Springer will not only attain the goal but will exceed it.

With help from Norita Aplin and Joyce Murray, the chairmen conducted two successful phonothons in November. Manning the phones were volunteers from Theta Phi Alpha sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at the University of Cincinnati, assisted by Diane Sticklen of

Burke Marketing, whose phone banks were used. An alumni phonothon, using phones made available by Cincinnati Fan and chaired by parents Dan and Susan Pfau and Georgia and Alan Kightlinger, raised \$8,000. In addition, Dr. Thomas Saul appealed to his colleagues by mail, bringing a donation of \$2,400.

Fund drives are needed to keep tuition costs down, to keep salaries marginally competitive, and to help make a Springer education possible for children whose

parents are not able to pay full tuition.



Director's Corner

IT WAS our friend Alexander Pope who penned, "Be not the first by whom the new is tried nor yet the last to lay the old aside." Following this wise guidance, we have integrated computers into our instructional program this year. A staff study recommended the involvement of two groups of children—those whose handwriting is seriously affected by fine motor problems and those whose thought organization for written composition would benefit by use of a word processor.

This decision might strike many as the most non-momentous decision of the decade. However, to us, there are limitless attractive options for the instruction day and limited time to implement. Instructing a student in correct keyboarding and use a word processor and speller is of the expense of something else during the day. We identified twenty-two children for whom we decided that this instruction was a priority. They are using these new skills to complete their written assignments. The computers are used in the classrooms, the students have access to them as the need occurs. We are evaluating both their confidence with writing tasks and the quality of the product. We hope that, with our decision, these students now have a set of tools that enable them to explore and reach their full potential.

Springer's computer program is off to a good start as a result of the dedication of staff, hard work by students, and funding from the **Helen Steiner Rice Foundation** and the **Holley Foundation**. We thank them all.
—Norita Aplin

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Jason Collins, Bart Cosgrove, Dan Frey, Thurston Helton, Nick Insko, Laura Lohman, Elena Merz, Andrew Millar, Michelle Mockbee, Mike Myrick, Brian Pease, Jim Reider, Jeff Sorg, Chad Schlarb, Jay Schmidlapp, Dana Wullenweber.



NEW STAFF member Karen Woods joined the Springer Staff January 2 as the new physical education teacher. A graduate of George Williams College who has done graduate work at the University of Houston, Karen has provided physical education to a wide variety of students. Her most recent position as a fitness instructor for the employee center at General Electric followed three previous positions in which she was teaching elementary and junior high students.

It's Magnolia Time Again

SPRINGTIME means It's Magnolia Time, and preparations are in the making for this annual fundraiser to be held April 26. Margaret Babl, Charlotte Endorf, Marjorie Hunter, and Carol Lichtenberg are in charge of this year's Magnolia Time and have been gathering gifts for the silent and oral auctions. They anticipate topping last year's proceeds of \$22,000 for Springer.

The Magnolia Time program calls for cocktails and *hors d'oeuvres* to be served as guests place their bids on the silent auction items and decide which of the oral auction items are most appealing. Dinner will be served before the auctioneer, Bill Wilson, begins his auction "chatter". Anyone wishing to donate a service, gift, or special item should call Springer (871-6080). Contributions are tax deductible and much appreciated.

Volunteer Spotlight on:

Pizza Mom— Lynne Kramer

WHO'S IN FAVOR of pizza day? Top of the list are, of course, the students, followed closely by their moms, who enjoy a day off from trying to be creative in a brown bag. The office staff, too, looks forward to the occasion. Therefore, Lynne Kramer, who heads the large contingent of parent volunteers who make pizza day happen, is a very popular and special Springer volunteer.

Lynne has been a Springer parent since son Rob enrolled two years ago last September. Another son, Tim, is a sophomore at Cincinnati Technical College, and daughter Jenny is a Xavier University senior who plans to follow in the footsteps of her father, David, and become a dentist. Dr. Kramer practices in Northern Kentucky.

Springer is not the only organization to benefit from Lynne's volunteer activities. She works with prisoners at Kenton,



Campbell, and Boone County jails and, in addition, coordinates and schedules the other 35 volunteers who participate in the Jail Ministry. Lynne also volunteers at SOS on Elm Street, a facility for the chronically mentally ill.

Lynne attended Edgecliff College and has studied piano for 12 years and voice for 3 years at CCM. The Folk Singers at St. John's Church in Covington reap the benefit of her musical talents.

Lynne Kramer has always lived in Northern Kentucky. Her activities clearly speak of the loving definition she gives to citizenship in Greater Cincinnati.

VIP Honorees

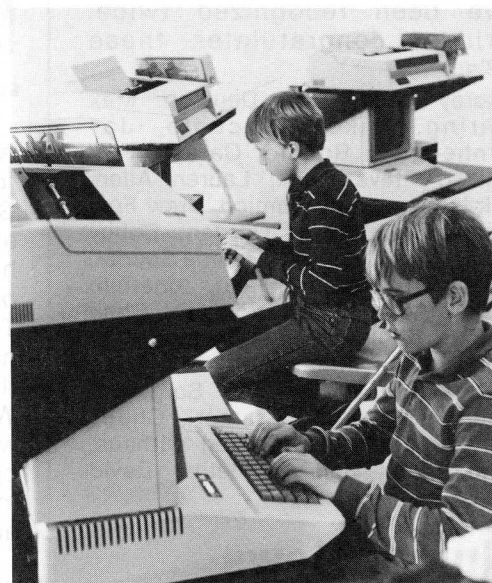
Volunteers like Don Edgington, basketball coach, give breadth and depth to the Springer program. Springer's Falcons basketball team competes in the CYO league.



Miss Barber with Falcon Club members from her class.

Trying Harder

EFFORT is highly prized at Springer, and students learn to give their best in a variety of endeavors. Opportunities for excellence are many. Achievement in academics is honored with membership in the Falcon Club. VIPs are singled out for good citizenship on a continuing basis. Learning computer skills demands concentrated effort. Sports offer competition of another sort, but the goal is the same: do your best.



Learning new computer skills requires input of effort.

More Dates to Remember

MARCH 15: Springer Parents Association will sponsor its second annual Flea Market, in the cafeteria at Springer. Donations of clothing, appliances, and miscellaneous items have been acquired over the past six months. Chairwoman Carol Lichtenberg hopes that this year's event will bring an increase over the \$735 raised at last year's sale.

Anyone with items to donate may bring them to the school or can arrange pickup by calling the school office. Mark your calendar,

Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MARCH 24-28: Spring Break.

APRIL 26: Magnolia Time

MAY 4: Springer Bike Hike at Lunken Playfield, chaired by Tom and Lynne Saul.

JUNE 3: Graduation

We're Wishing. We're Wishing.

From time to time, a friend of Springer will ask if there isn't some need that could be met by a gift for a specific purpose. There always

is. Here is a short list of gifts waiting to be given:

Springer's Wish List

Carpeting for classrooms and for special areas.

A public address system to replace the make shift one now held together with baling wire and paper clips.

Fresh paint for the auditorium walls and a new curtain for the stage.

Salary for a part-time art teacher.

Springer VIP Awards For Good Citizenship

COURTESY and helpfulness are in many ways their own reward, but it's nice to be recognized. At Springer, VIP awards are made each term to those students who have demonstrated an attitude of kindness and helpfulness to students and staff.

Students become VIPs through such courtesies as holding doors, picking up books that are dropped, and being helpful to others. After staff members report several such incidents, the student receives the VIP award certificate to share with friends and family. In addition, a badge with the VIP's name is posted on the Springer VIP Board in the school lobby. To date, 38 Springer students have been named VIPs for 1985-86, and several have been recognized twice. Springer congratulates these VIP's:

Corey Buck, Josh Deutsch, Max Rehring, Mike Peracchio, Jay Dornheggen, Robbie Carey, Tom Winkler, Steve Houk, Lauren Allen, Nick Insko, Jimmy Damico, Drew Fox, Kristen Saul, Kevin O'Brien, Bobby Endorf, Bart Cosgrove, Ronnie Secrist, Katie Wenz, Adam Hyland, Jonathan Mackey, Aaron Korb, Aaron Kent, Chad Schlarb, Blaise Wintersheimer, Jay Schmidlapp, Jimmy Rieder, Brian Pease, Andy Becker, Jeff Sorg, Jay Nordman, Robbie Kramer, Chuck Miley, Bart Cosgrove, Greg Olthaus, David Blau, Melanie Fields, David Elma, Adam Blau.

Alumni News

Shannon Balnes, a freshman at Wyoming High School, has been awarded special commendation for effort and positive attitude.

Duncan Chalmers has earned a 3.3 grade point average at Indian Hill High School, while being active in the music program. Duncan marched with the school band in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York in November.

Gene Saenger, now at Landmark West in California, had a part as a toy soldier in a school-sponsored film about the lives of famous people who overcame learning disabilities, including Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, Amy Lowell, and Hans Christian Andersen. The production includes cameo appearances by Patty



"Break a Leg"

AS THE AUDIENCE sat waiting for the show "Hansel and Gretel", to begin, backstage anxiety, nervousness, hand-holding, and a lot of deep breathing were taking place. The prompters, with script in hand, reassured the actors of the help they would be giving. With a sigh of relief, all the stars were ready to begin. The curtain opened, and a calm set in, filtering through each of the three acts.

Mrs. Sue Bell, music teacher, directed the production, helped

by many parents, students, and staff. Scenery was simple yet well done by the students, and with parents help, the costumes were designed and constructed. "Break a leg" was whispered, and its meaning explained when necessary, as the show of support to each other. The primary and intermediate classes provided the choral entertainment. Bravo! Bravo!



Duke, Danny Thomas, the Lennon Sisters, Ed Asner, Julie Harris, Jack Warden, and several lesser

known professionals. It may be shown on PBS, so watch for it—and for Gene.

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