

Director's Corner

AS WE START the new year, we look back on four months of solid achievement at Springer, since the school year began in September. In order to share our accomplishments, events, and happenings with you, we publish this, our first issue of "News & Views."

We hope to bring you three issues of the newsletter each year and plan to have articles by parents, teachers, and students. Our students are creative, and we will share their literary and artistic talents with you. We want, too, to share news of our graduates and their successes, as well as information on Springer activities and up-coming events. As special topics of educational interest develop, staff members will be discussing their views.

Your ideas and suggestions will be an important contribution to the success of the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you. May you find "News & Views" helpful and informative.

Sister Marianne

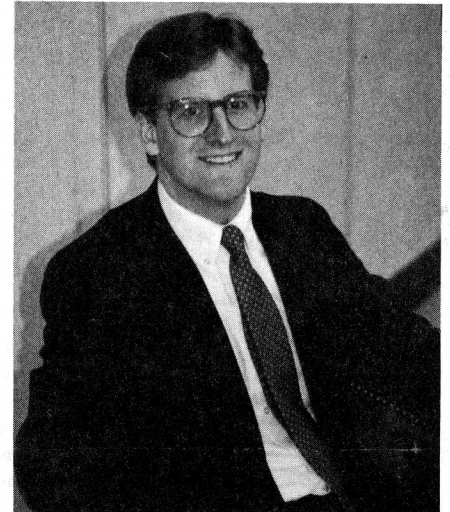
Seven Hills Art Students Share Skills at Springer

EACH WEDNESDAY for 12 weeks, art students and their instructors from Seven Hills School are coming to Springer to share with 12 Springer students in an after-school art program. Each of three sessions will last four weeks and will complete one project. The first session is creating marionettes. The students are enthusiastic about this opportunity to enhance the art program at Springer.

Annual Fund Drive in Progress

MICHAEL K. KEATING, vice president of the Springer Board and an attorney with Graydon, Head, and Richey, announced a goal of \$150,000 at a kick-off breakfast for the Annual Fund Drive on October 26. The drive will continue through March. A team of thirty-five business leaders and Board members are assisting Mr. Keating in this effort. At the kick-off session, Mr. Keating indicated that "while we have a large task ahead of us, we can reach the top, if we join together for the benefit of the children."

From the desk of JAN KESSINGER, financial officer at Springer, comes a note that we receive more contributions during the months of November, December, January, and February than any other time of the year.



Michael Keating



Principal's Corner

SCHOOL BEGAN this year with an enrollment of 104 students, leaving room for only six children to be added during the year. By Thanksgiving those openings were filled. It seems that the need for Springer in the Cincinnati community remains great. With the addition of a new classroom to the upper school (ages 10 to 14) we now have five classes at both the upper school and lower school (ages 6 to 10).

The staff decided at the end of last year that in-service efforts would address the specific target of student behavior. Efforts have concentrated on more effective ways to help students contribute to the kind of climate we are trying to create at Springer. A climate of warmth and support, one that builds individual responsibility, which establishes high

standards for effort and achievement, and which responds to individual and group needs is what we are working to achieve. In-service time refining school rules and enforcement procedures consistent with climate goals has been productive. The ideal is to create in the student self monitoring and control.

Our students have most things in common with other children their age. A major difference, however, is the frequency with which they experience failure when they attempt new things and risk learning. As parents of these youngsters know, this experience with failure often leads to a reluctance to risk taking a chance or to admit confusion or difficulty with a task. This translates into classroom behavior that frequently is low keyed or passive. Students may dream that a magic event will eliminate their problems. Our greatest challenge is to engage them in the partnership with their teachers which is necessary for academic progress. Without question, their fears are legitimate. But one of our major goals this year is to help them assume responsibility for a partnership effort for learning progress.

Norita Aplin

School Activities

FALL FUN DAY had a three-fold purpose: having fun, giving students a chance to get to know children in other classes, and instilling school spirit. Students made collages, had a treasurer hunt, and generally enjoyed a productive afternoon.

During the school year, students will participate in the Art Reach program, see "Annie" at the School for the Creative and Performing Arts, and enjoy a visit from the School House Symphony.

WHILE THE Upper School is busy preparing for the trip to Camp Glen Helen in Yellow Springs, Ohio, Lower Schoolers enjoyed their field trip to Camp Kern in December. Both of these activities enrich the science and social studies curricula at Springer.

The Hyde Park Businessmen's Club spotlighted Springer Educational Foundation at the December breakfast meeting and recognized two students for outstanding achievement. Cynthia Downing and Emilie Greenwald were honored for their efforts.

On December 1, a Phon-a-thon was sponsored by the alumni. Alumni parents gathered for an evening of phoning at the Cintas Corporation. Alumni were contacted as far back as 1969. The Alumni Association is grateful for the positive response to this year's drive and thanks all who participated in it.



Jane Williams



Geneva Ludlow



Linda Schupp



Lynn Rhatigan

New Faces

JANE WILLIAMS, a recent Xavier University graduate, is the new physical education instructor. She and her husband, Rick, have just celebrated their first wedding anniversary. In the continuing spirit of togetherness, they will both assist with coaching the basketball team.

GENEVA LUDLOW is the cheery face greeting children and parents entering the office. Mrs. Ludlow is returning to the work force after taking time off to rear three children. She enjoys the positive working atmosphere at Springer,

Springer Parent Association

The Parent Association started the year with an *open house*, at which teachers explained the program and what is expected of students and parents during the year.

Of particular interest to parents of Upper School students was the planning of a three-day *science trip* to Camp Glen Helen in Yellow Springs, Ohio. During the next few months, the students will sponsor several fund-raisers to help defray some of the cost of the trip, which is planned for the first three days in February.

Oktoberfest '83 was a huge success for the City of Cincinnati and for Springer School as well. Participating in this annual event for the first time, Springer parents and teachers manned a Pepsi booth for two days, earning \$2,600 for the Association.

An opportunity to share experience and coping skills is being provided by a *Parent Support Group* formed this year by GINNY FLAX, whose son, David, is in Sr. Judy's class. Several mothers are being trained as facilitators by the Parent Information Center (PIC) in order to help with the discussions. The group meets twice a month and has proved to be an excellent way of sharing and providing individual support.

as well as the fringe benefits, such as Halloween and birthday treats from the students.

LINDA SCHUPP comes to Springer with ten years' teaching experience in both public and private schools. Ms. Schupp has a strong interest in diagnostic assessment and individual planning and for several years has been involved with the Cincinnati Center for Developmental Disorders.

LYNN RHATIGAN has also joined the Springer staff this year. The mother of six, she has worked in the Forest Hills Schools and is a Master Teacher at the intermediate level.

Springer Presents

Springer Goes Country

an evening of
entertainment and fun

May 12th

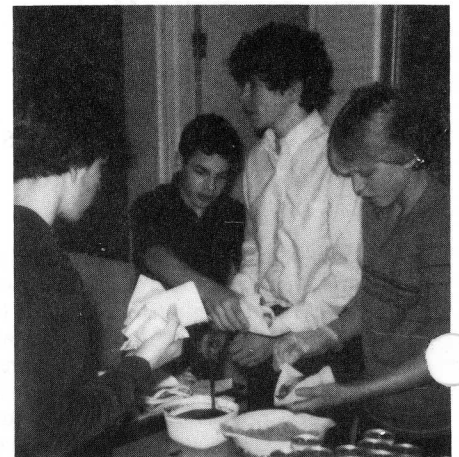
Mark Your Calendar

Volunteer Spotlight:

Georgia Kightlinger

A SPECIAL thank you goes to GEORGIA KIGHTLINGER for organizing Hot Dog/Pizza Day every other Friday, with the help of her trusty crew: LYNN MILLER (mother of Chris, in Mrs. Schupp's class), GAYLA GREENWALD (mother of Emilie, in Ms. Nagel's class), SANDY RAFFALO (whose son, Steven, is in Ms. Galvin's class), and CAROL CONNERS (whose son, Robert, is in Mrs. Moody's class), along with Georgia's mother, Glee Goodwin, and her mother-in-law, whose name is also Georgia. Georgia has organized the project to give each classroom a turn to serve the food and to help the younger children. Georgia also serves as treasurer of the Parents' Association.

When not helping out at Springer, Georgia is wife to Dr. Alan Kightlinger, an orthopedic surgeon, and Mom to NEAL, who is in Ms. Nagel's class, Philip and Julia, students at St. Ursula Villa, and Erica, who attends Purcell-Marian. In her spare time, Georgia enjoys playing tennis.



HOT DOG day is a special treat.

Happenings

ISSUES IN EDUCATION: The first in a series of workshops was held in October at Springer Educational Foundation. Dr. Patricia S. Davidson, professor of mathematics at the University of Massachusetts, presented a program on "Mathematics for the Reluctant or Disabled Student." Dr. Davidson is a member of the Medical/Educational Team, Learning Disabilities Clinic at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston.

The workshop concentrated on diagnosis of learning problems from a neuropsychological perspective, as well as teaching materials and strategies. The program was well attended by professional educators. This is an outstanding beginning for the workshop series, which is being organized by NANCY B. IKE, Springer's liaison educator.

WCPO CAMERA ROLLS AT SPRINGER. Thanks to the wonderful staff at WCPO, Springer Educational Foundation was spotlighted in a five-part series on Dyslexia and Learning Disabilities during the week of October 22. Many of the staff and students participated in explaining the "Springer Story." We here at SEF are grateful to WCPO.

The Annual Fund Drive is half way to its goal of \$150,000.

Our Benefactors

THE Springer program owes much to the many friends who, recognizing a need, give generously to answer it. Among the many such acts of kindness and support are gifts recently received from:

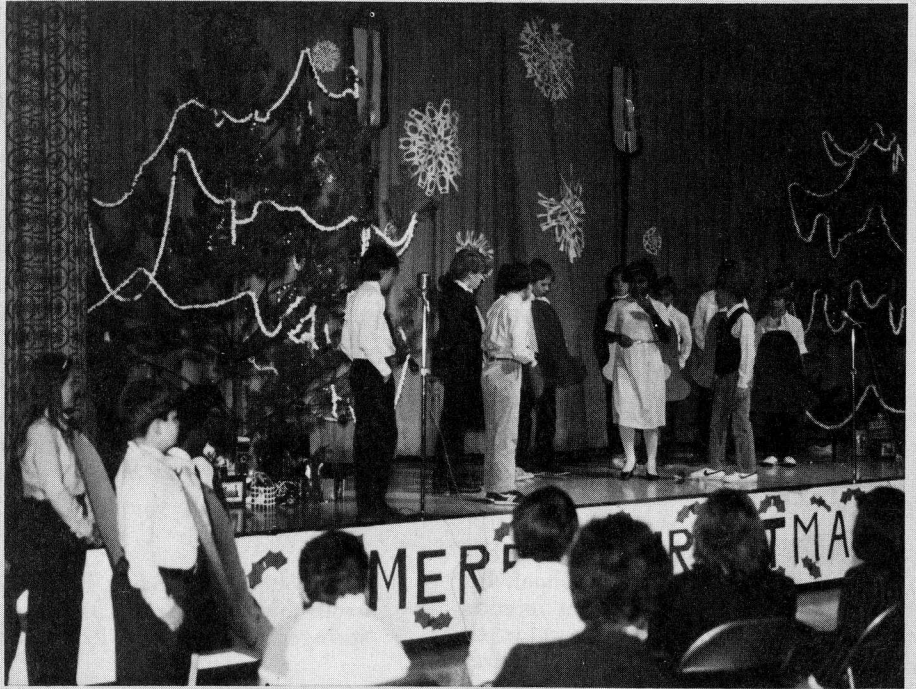
The Greater Cincinnati Foundation and the Jack J. Smith Charitable Trust: grants for the purchase of a word processor.

Becker Electric Company: new outdoor lighting and the emergency lighting system in the lower level hallway.

Bruce and Rochelle Tittel: a 1969 Mercedes Benz. This gift will be sold for the benefit of the school.

News, suggestions, articles for NEWS & VIEWS are welcome by the editor. They should be sent to Sr. Marianne in the Development Office.

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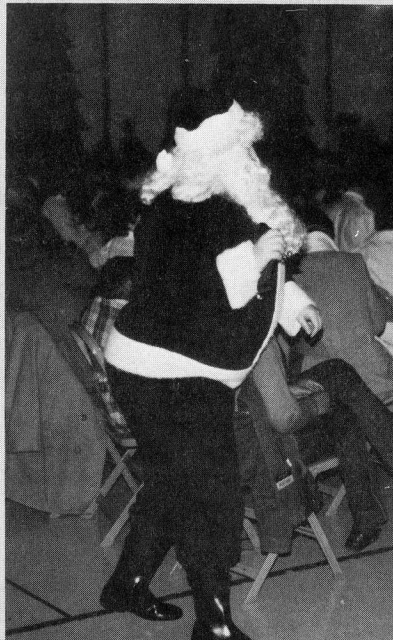


The Joy of Christmas translated into song and verse.

Springer Celebrated Christmas with an all-school program on December 22

Santa's helpers included these energetic youngsters from Sister Mary's class.

Santa herself, Sister Judy, arrived to delight one and all.



Booster Highlights

BERNARD BLAU, father of David and Adam, is the new president of the *Boosters Club*, which actively supports the track team, basketball team, and cheerleaders. The basketball team, made up of seventh and eighth grade boys, will be coached by BOB RAABE, father of Scott, with the able assistance of RICK WILLIAMS, whose wife, Jane, is Physical Education instructor. Springer School's involvement in the CYO league has given our students the opportunity to play several private schools in the area.

Alumni News

DOUG FASSLER ('80-'83) is in the eighth grade at Highland Jr. High School. He has a lot of homework but credits Springer with teaching him how to study. He is captain of an intramural soccer team, and he is getting great grades.

TED FRY ('81-'83) is a ninth grader at Indian Hill High School, where he is getting good grades and is playing freshman football.

MIMI WENKER ('79-'82) is on the Honor Roll at Indian Hill Jr. High. She is taking guitar, typing, and ceramics. She is also tutoring a Venezuelan student in English.

CHRIS GONZALEZ ('79-'82) is enjoying her second year at Purcell-Marian High School. She plays basketball and is an avid golfer.

JOHN BAELE ('78-'82) is a freshman at Moeller. He plays freshman football and is on the Student Council.

PETER BOLAN ('77-'80) is an eighth grader at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. He is playing football and basketball. He plans to attend Purcell-Marian next year.

FRED COSTA ('75-'77) was awarded First Honors in his second year at Purcell-Marian.

TED SANDMANN ('78-'79) is a sophomore in the Honors Program at Covington Catholic and is on the honor roll.

JEFF DETZEL ('80-'81) is in the seventh grade at St. Ursula Villa. He is playing basketball and soccer.

JAY DETZEL ('78-'80) is a freshman at Anderson High. He works out with the swim team and plays soccer.

MEG TONDOW ('81-'83) is in the fourth grade at St. Ursula Villa and is playing soccer.

TOM YOUTSEY ('71-'75) is a junior, majoring in Business, at Davis-Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia.

A DREAM

by Dub Potter

Locked inside a box
Captured by imagination.
Not imprisoned, but still captive
It's the present, the past and the future.
It's a feeling that comes from the inside.
It's a thought from yourself.
It is a gift.
It's full of love and delight.
The door is open, but you need a key to enter.
Take a look inside and see the joy.
Once you have seen it you won't forget it.
If you ask you will know.
If you look you will see.
If you wish for love you will receive it — in a dream.

Dub Potter is attending East Central High School in the eighth grade. He wrote this poem as a Christmas present for his entire family. Dub was a Springer student from 1978 to 1981.

Consider a Bequest to Springer Educational Foundation

Your attorney can advise you as to how to do this, but you may find useful the following form which our attorney suggests:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to Springer Educational Foundation, a charitable, non-profit organization located in Cincinnati, Ohio 45208, _____ dollars (\$ _____) or _____% of my estate to be used by its Board of Directors in carrying out its objectives and purposes.

Who can say now what future blessings you may thus bestow, how many young lives your generosity may help. (Contributions are, of course, tax deductible.)

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