



## An Evening to Remember

### "I'm graduating too" 30 graduates told

"YES, finally after sixteen years, I'm going to graduate," Sr. Marianne told her audience at commencement. Admitting that she, too, was asking herself the critical question: "Will I be able to do the work?", Sister urged the graduates to seek happiness by setting goals for themselves, as they contemplate what lies ahead. "They will change a number of times of course, but the important thing is that the process is in place."

The graduates were encouraged to experience the present, because this experience is the foundation upon which their adult life is built. She warned against being so intent on being grown up and reaching future goals that the present is seen primarily as a sentence or a period of waiting. Not all goals are realistic, Sister Marianne pointed out, "because we sometimes seem to be unrealistic in what we think we can be or do."

"True happiness, the kind that is not just for the moment, but is lasting, is not achieved by having or doing certain things," she said, "but  
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ON THE EVENING of June 4, 30 young men and women dressed in their very best walked down the aisle of the auditorium and took their places on the stage. Graduation at Springer is a very special event. Speeches were given, achievements were recognized, gifts were exchanged, and diplomas were received.

Each of these young graduates has completed one small yet giant step in education. They have reached varying levels of achievement, but the conclusion is the same: each has worked hard and done well. Now it is time to share talents and skills with the rest of their peers in a new academic setting.

## Congratulations

Springer honors this year's graduates and wishes them well in their new schools

ED BAUSCH, Montfort Heights  
JASON BENEDICT, to be determined  
BECKY CHARNESKI, King's Middle School  
ROBERT CONNERS, St. Ursula Villa  
CHARLIE DEHNE, Elder High School  
CINDY DOWNING, Purcell-Marian High School  
BRIAN FINN, Mt. Campus School  
DAVID FLAX, Purcell-Marian High School  
MATT FOX, Anderson Jr. High School  
JOHN FRANK, Doherty School  
SHAWN FUCITO, Turpin High School  
MIKE HOEHN, Resurrection Academy  
J. B. KROPP, Ottawa Middle School  
SAM McALLISTER, Bethany School  
STEPHEN MERCER, LaSalle High School

CHRISTOPHER MILLER, Anderson Jr. High School  
EARL PHENIX, Children's Meeting House  
JOHN PLAGGE, Sacred Heart School  
JEFF PUTHOFF, Purcell-Marian High School  
NATHAN ROTHENBERG, Norwood Christian Academy  
MATT RYDER, Summit Middle School  
GENE SAENGER, Landmark West  
ANDREW SCHIMPF, McNicholas High School  
JIM SCHRIMPF, Elder High School  
CHRIS SECRIST, School for Creative and Performing Arts  
ERIC SHAFER, Anderson High School  
MAUREEN STROTMAN, St. Vivian's School  
RANDY WAYAND, (undecided) St. Louis, Missouri  
DAN WHITT, Moeller High School  
CINDY WINSTEL, School for Creative and Performing Arts



## Principal's Corner

THE YEAR HAS ended with a wealth of riches. Our Arts Week was a great success, with the students selecting from many options on each of six afternoons. Commencement was, as always, a genuinely touching ceremony, and all 30 graduates will be sorely missed. Our track team broke all previous Springer records, and the 40-plus participating students returned with many ribbons. They joined the basketball team at the sports banquet on May 30 for a night of reflecting and celebrating.

We begin the new school year next August, and at the present time we are at full enrollment of 118 students in eleven classrooms. We will be trying an experiment, adding one additional student to three classes, along with a part time aide to increase the effectiveness of instruction. If this proves effective, we will use this model in all classrooms in 1986-87.

I would like to thank all of you for your contributions to our successful year. The parents, the volunteers, the community, and the board members all shared their talents and support, which contribute to the growth and development of the children. We are indeed blessed at Springer. Thank you all.

—NORITA APLIN



THE SKIES SMILED on Springer's bike hikers, who converged on Lunken Playfield on April 28. No rain. No floods. Only sun and blue skies. Many family groups participated, and the event raised more than \$3,000.

Betty Elma and Lynn Saul co-

chaired the Bike Hike, which is a project of the Springer Parents Association. To raise money, students enlist sponsors who pay an agreed amount per mile for each mile ridden during the bike hike. On May 9, SPA gave awards to the five students who enlisted 30 sponsors and the three who raised the most money.

### SPA Reviews Year

SPRINGER PARENTS Association president Carol Lichtenberg entertained the outgoing and incoming SPA board members, together with Springer School administration and office staff, at a luncheon on May 16. The occasion celebrated another successful year for the SPA. Those attending enjoyed reviewing the many projects undertaken this year by the Parents Association, such as Oktoberfest, the silent auction, the bike hike, and the rummage sale. Proceeds from these projects support many activities at Springer.



Marge Tondow, Joyce Murray, Sug Clauder

## Friends Say Farewell to Sr. Marianne

A LARGE GROUP of Springer alumni, parents, friends, teachers, former teachers, and assorted other ranks assembled at the school on June 9 to wish Sister Marianne good luck and much success in her next endeavor. There were refreshments, and there were speeches, as Michael Keating, Norita Aplin, Sr. Mary, Susan Pfau and Tom McTernan expressed the thanks and appreciation of the group and presented Sister with gifts of appreciation and a scroll with the names of all the donors inscribed. After 16 years, Sister Marianne said farewell, but not goodbye, as she will continue as a member of the Board of Trustees and has promised to 'keep in touch' with Springer.

BITTERSWEET flavored the luncheon at Cincinnati Country Club on June 6 when SPA board members, school administration, and staff honored Sister Marianne. While wishing her well in her new endeavors, those assembled found it difficult not to feel an acute sense of loss at her leaving.

After 16 years working to build and sustain Springer School, Sister Marianne will move on to a new position as Director of Education for the Sisters of Charity Health Care Systems, Inc. However, she promises to continue to be involved in Springer School life and to be available when needed.

### Magnolia Time II

#### Another Big Success

THE RESULTS are in and "Second Time Around — It's Magnolia Time" proved to be another grand success. Through the efforts of chairpersons Sug Clauder and Margie Tondow, all of the committee volunteers, and Joyce Murray of the Development Office, more than \$21,000 was realized. The success of a good party is the company, and approximately 200 Springer supporters attended. They enjoyed an evening that included delicious food, the excitement of the silent auction, and the 'chatter' of Bill Wilson, auctioneer, who added to the entertainment, as well as to the success of the oral auction.



## Grants Support Programs In Arts, Computers

TWO POPULAR activities, the arts and computers, have received support for 1985-86 through grants from two Cincinnati foundations. The Helen Steiner Rice Foundation has provided funds for purchasing word processors, software and training for classroom instruction in computers at Springer next year.

The Ohio Arts Council will underwrite an artist in residence at Springer again next year. Following the popular response to clay sculptress Diane Fishbein, who was artist in residence this year, a dancer or mime will visit Springer for two weeks during the 1985-86 school year, under an Arts Council grant.

### VFW Goes to the Dogs to Support Springer School

THE GILLEY POST of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is a good friend to Springer School, and the group's belief in our efforts was shown by their efforts in organizing a dog show this spring. The proceeds were shared by Springer and SIDS (an organization supporting research into sudden infant death syndrome). Carol Lichtenberg, SPA president, accepted the VFW's check for \$800 and expressed Springer's appreciation for their hard work and generosity.

### Keating Heads Springer Board

AT THE MAY board meeting, William Schneebeck, board president, and Sister Marianne recognized the service of three retiring members of the Board of Trustees. Jeanette Clark, Connie Rollman, and James Eigel received tokens of appreciation on behalf of the entire board for their dedication and service to the school.

At the same meeting, Springer welcomed four new board members, each of whom begins a three-year term. The new trustees introduced were Michael Aubrecht, Queen City Securities, Michael McGraw, Fifth-Third Bank, Georgia Kightlinger, alumni parent, and Joanie Lotts, Charity Ball representative.

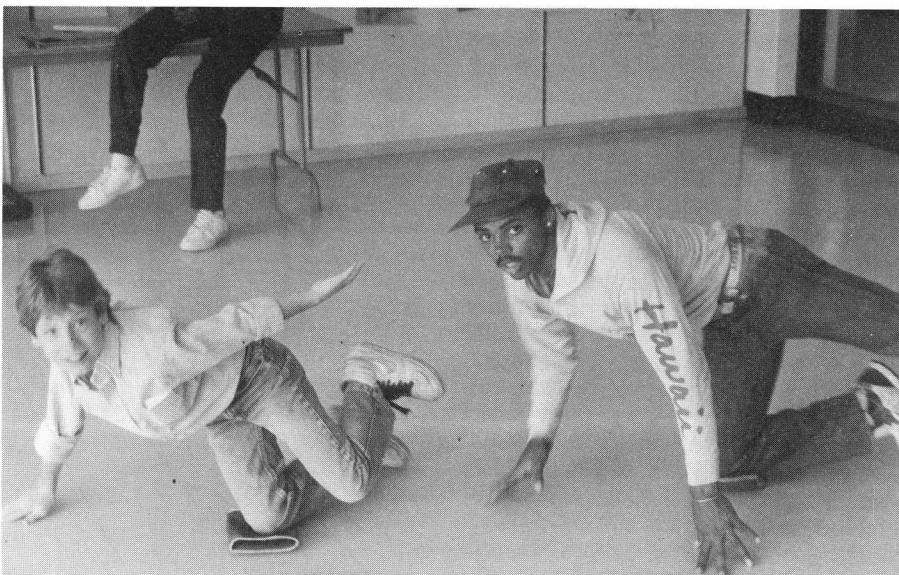
Heartfelt thanks were also extended to Mr. Schneebeck for his two years of service as president of the board and for his leadership, which has greatly benefited the school.

The new president of the board is Michael Keating, an attorney with Graydon Head and Ritchey. Mr. Keating announced the co-chairmen of the 1985-86 Fund Drive: Richard Geier, Spectrum Securities, and Michael Aubrecht, Queen City Securities.



## Arts Week at Springer

ARTS WEEK at Springer lasted two weeks, with a wide variety of artistic encounters with people who earn their living by exercising their artistic talents. For three afternoons a week from May 13 to May 24, Springer students sampled dramatic arts, communication arts, two and three dimensional arts, graphic arts, music, and dance. Each day of Art Week was devoted to one art form. The activities included acting workshops, musical theater, make-up, improvisation, and spotlight, Haiku, stories and news, publishing, weaving, basketry, folk art, pottery, woodworking, quilting, batik, drawing, painting, posters, calligraphy, classical guitar, vocalists, percussionist, and dulcimer, tap dance, clogging, jazz, ballet, break-dancing, and square-dancing.



## Nancy Ike Will Head Orton Society Branch

NANCY IKE, Springer liaison educator, has been elected president of the Ohio Valley Branch of the Orton Dyslexia Society. The Orton Society is an international organization named for Dr. Samuel Orton, who pioneered in diagnosing and teaching dyslexics. The Ohio Valley Branch represents all of Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and part of West Virginia.

Membership in the Orton Dyslexia Society is open to physicians, educators, and parents who are interested in furthering research into dyslexia and related learning disorders.



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only by being the kind of person you want to be.

"Happiness means being a risk taker," Sr. Marianne told the graduates. "Tonight is the first of many special and happy moments in your lives. In September you will experience another highlight, and that will be a start in a new school. The anxieties about homework, establishing new relationships, knowing how to find your way around the school and asking yourself, 'Will I be able to do the work?' express a natural and healthy fear.

"Let me tell you a trade secret about being an adult," Sister told the graduates. "As I was coming to work the other morning, I suddenly started asking myself if I really knew what I was doing by leaving Springer after all these years. I was leaving a place of work that I truly loved, an area of education I was comfortable with and felt successful in, I had friends and established relationships with many parents over the years, and I certainly knew the school building backwards and forwards. And now, like yourselves, in August I'll take the plunge and move into a new office in an unfamiliar building, I'll be working and meeting all new people, I'll be using books, materials, and terminology that will be unfamiliar, and the question I keep asking myself is 'Can I do it?' I think I can, and I'll give it my best shot. So you see, the anxieties that I have are not much different from yours. Just remember, be that risk taker, be happy, be yourself, and above all, whatever you do — Go for it! And give it your best shot too!"



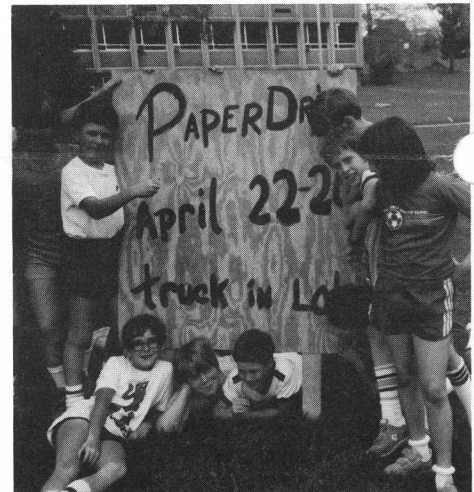
## Springer Students Clean Up

THE KEEP CINCINNATI Clean campaign of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and a recycling project planned as part of that campaign are bringing major benefits for the Springer School campus.

The Keep Cincinnati Clean contest among the city's schools brought Springer a first place award in April, following a second place in March. As part of the campaign, funded by Procter and Gamble, each school was evaluated monthly for how well it kept the building and grounds.

The recycling project, planned and conducted by a committee of students and staff, earned Springer a \$750 prize. The prize money will be used toward the ongoing acquisition of additional playground equipment.

The newspapers and aluminum cans collected in the recycling project were sold for an additional \$350 net. The \$350 realized has paid for



two new trees to replace those lost last year to disease and old age. Students collected 475 pounds of aluminum cans and 10,000 pounds of newspapers for the school.

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