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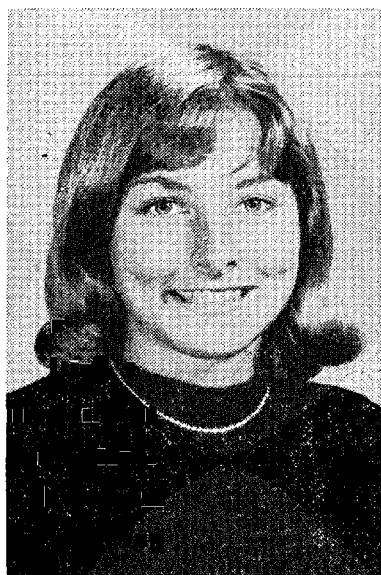
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April Fool Reaches Springerville!

S. C. A. Elections Held; Stitzer Breaks Tie

On Monday, March 7, the S.C.A. Nominating Committee submitted the names of the nominees for president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer for 1966-67. The homeroom presidents then voted for the top two nominees for each office. Those elected to run are: president—Jimmy Whitlow, Lynn Stitzer; vice-president—Gale Noel, Billy Bost; secretary—Judy Nauman, Sue Connatser; treasurer—Joe Powell, Linda Poindexter. These nominees were presented to the student body in an assembly. They were then given two weeks to campaign, after which the election was held. The new officers for 1966-67 are: president—Lynn Stitzer; vice-president—Gale Noel; secretary—Judy Nauman; treasurer—Joe Powell.



Lynn Stitzer

Fling Combines Fact With Fun For April One

Tradition plays a big role in Springerville life, and in the publications of the *Highland Fling*. Every year, an April Fool's Edition is published by the staff. The purpose of this edition is comparable to a technique often used by Shakespeare in his tragedies—comic relief. Although the staff did not go to extremes with this edition, it is hoped that the students will enjoy this publication. The entire edition was not devoted to comedy, because the staff feels that its first duty is to inform the students of the various happenings that occur at Highland Springs. However, the news stories and the April Fool features have been purposefully mixed. The reader will have to discern for himself what to believe and what not to believe.

James Bond to Be Here; "Goldfinger" Is Theme

Well, congratulations go to the juniors. The tradition wasn't broken. The theme usually slips out about three weeks before the prom and has not failed to do so this year. If it hasn't gotten around, the theme is "Goldfinger"! The gym, by the genius of Diann Davis, Betsy Pierce, Jimmy Stewart, Ted Teachy, and Frankie Butler, will be transformed into Fort Knox. Jimmy, Ted, and Frankie have been successful in duplicating James Bond's famous automobile—complete with machine gun, smoke screen, and ejection seat. This will be displayed in the front of the gym with a huge gold hand, made of paper mache! The committee members have torn over a ton of paper for this magnificent replica.

The ten servants—Carol Warren, Susan Howell, Linda Poindexter, Frances Aliff, Lynn Wright, Wayne Huband, Ricky Combs, Wayne Con-

ner, Bobby Weis, and Joe Powell—have unique outfits. The boys will be dressed as butlers, each furnished with a lead-lined derby; and the girls will be outfitted in revealing gold outfits.

Because of trouble beyond their control, the Soul Senders will not be heard as scheduled the sixteenth. However, Steve Chapman has found a band with a golden touch to replace them — THE UNTOUCHABLES.

The napkins and programs coincide with the theme. Patti Via and Pat Porter have designed "goldfinger" to project the image further.

Coded invitations were sent to the seniors by Paula Tunstall and Barbara Cabell. It was hoped they would be decoded before the Prom.

This year's Prom has prospects of being one of the best Proms ever presented by the Junior Class.

Conte, Jackson, Speak; At Program on Honesty

by Gale Soloc

Wednesday, March 30th, the Honor Council presented an assembly on the question of honor, and of honor systems and how well they work. Guest speakers were Paul Conte and Larry Jackson, President and Vice President, respectively, of the S.C.A. at Huguenot High School.

Recently Paul and Jay Burke of Douglas Freeman initiated a study of cheating in Virginia High Schools. They submitted a poll to the S.C.A.'s of approximately 250 schools. The results of these polls were the basis for a conference held at Huguenot, January 8. This conference received national acclaim through the Association Press. (Highland Springs H.S. was a participant at the conference.)

Honor After High School

The first speaker on Wednesday was Larry Jackson. He spoke on the importance of honor in college and business life. Much emphasis is placed on honor after high school; possibly a great deal more. Larry cited, for example, the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary have such strict honor codes, that a student may be expelled from school for not signing his honor pledge. Business is protected by an even stricter method-penal codes aimed at the dishonest people in the business world.

Spectacular Cheating Incident

Paul's speech was concerned with dishonesty on the high school level. Instead of using the same old clichés—You're hurting yourself by cheating—Paul presented some new ideas such as "cheating not only hurts the offender, but it penalizes those who must compete with him." He wasn't

speaking only of the "small-scale" cheating; he cited one particular example (which occurred in a Virginia high school) of a spectacular cheating incident. An exceptional student was the main character in the incident which involves stealing mimeograph stencils of tests from the incinerator and selling the copies of the tests. In four months this one boy had engrossed \$600 by selling these tests!

Honor at Huguenot

Paul then told of the unique honor system at Huguenot. First he stated that he was against student courts. The honor system at Huguenot is operated by the students via the Honor Commission. Students from each grade are elected to serve on this commission. This group handle reports of honor violations and promotes honor through varied activities. If a student witnesses any breach of honor in school, he may obtain a standard report form from the office or any room in the school. It is filled out with the period and the day of the offense, the teacher in charge at the time, and the nature of the offense. This form includes neither the name of the offender nor the reporter. It is given to a member of the Honor Commission or turned in to a box in the office.

The Honor Commission, upon notification of the incident, alerts the teacher in charge at the time of the incident. "To date, this method," stated Paul, "has proved effective and receives strong support from the students." He went on to report some varied intricacies of the system. (Editor's note: The *Fling* staff would like to invite any comment or suggestion on this system in a letter to the editor.)

PQRST Teaches Student How to Study

A new method of study has come to the history departments. The purpose of the program is to help students organize their subjects and divide their time so that they can get the most out of their study time.

The steps of the program are: Preview, Question, Read, Study, and Test. The program will be used for the rest of the year, and it is hoped that the students will benefit from it.

Browne, Ranson, Pugh Elope With Brides

FLASH! The greatest disaster that has ever occurred at Highland Springs took place just yesterday morning at 5:30 a.m. Oh, yes, girls, shed your tears, for the H.S. three most wanted bachelors, Mr. William Browne, Mr. Georgie Pugh, and Mr. Samuel Ranson, have committed the crisis of their lives—they have indulged in that sacred state, better known as holy matrimony! All these years, they have held back, then suddenly, like a thief in the night, they stole away with three women unknown to any H.S. students.

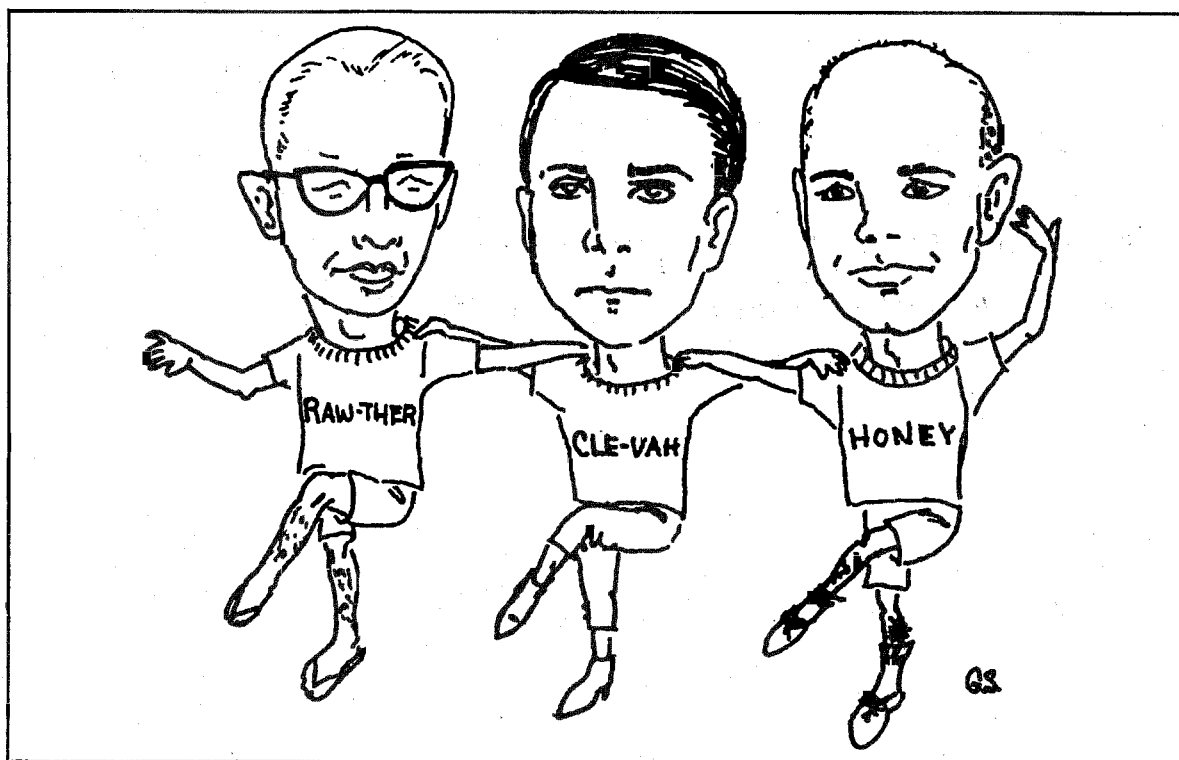
As the shock is still too great, all three of our ex-bachelors have requested that the students refrain from the harassment. At the time, they are still trying to stay under cover. A *Fling* reporter, however, was able to catch Mr. Ranson off-guard. When he was bluntly questioned as to how

this unusual occurrence came about, Mr. Ranson explained that they had taken "The Perfect Mate Analysis" test which is rated by a new computer machine and describes the perfect female for each male entry. Ranson also added, "I just got the cutest little hydrogen peroxide blonde!" When he was questioned what he thought of the new computer system for spouses he gayly replied, "I love it, I love it!"

Later, Mr. Pugh was seen sneaking to first period. He was immediately overcome by a *Fling* reporter who began to interrogate him concerning the type of wife the computer had suggested. Pugh commented that he had taken the machine's advice and found the only perfect woman good enough for him. He described his wife as being a pseudo-intellectual—by this, he can always be more "clevah" than she.

Mr. Browne was too careful to be found, for as far as it is still known, he is still ducking out in the teacher's lounge. He just can't face reality. The last any one has heard of him is a banging of the fists against the lounge door and a "Oh, what have I done?" Although no information has been obtained from Mr. Browne concerning his wife, it has been reported that he married the famous New York playwright, Gertrude Goldburg. It should be noted that the following was quoted in the *New York Play Girl Gazette*: "I am seriously considered marriage again. Normally, I wouldn't condescend to marry a lowly high school English teacher, but Billie is so utterly divine."

The *Fling* staff extends many congratulations to these three dedicated teachers and wishes to say, "Cheer up, ole boys, it happens every day!"



Mr. Browne, Mr. Ranson, and Mr. Pugh enjoy their last bachelor's fling before visiting the computer.



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Teacher Feature

Key Club Sponsor Likes Teaching; He Gave Up Airplanes For History

Mr. Ernest Sanders, a new addition to our faculty, was born in Pineville, North Carolina, and attended Tech High School in Charlotte. Prior to receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree at R.P.I., Mr. Sanders worked for Piedmont Airlines for eleven years. At R.P.I. he majored in sociology and minored in history; he did his student teaching at Varina.

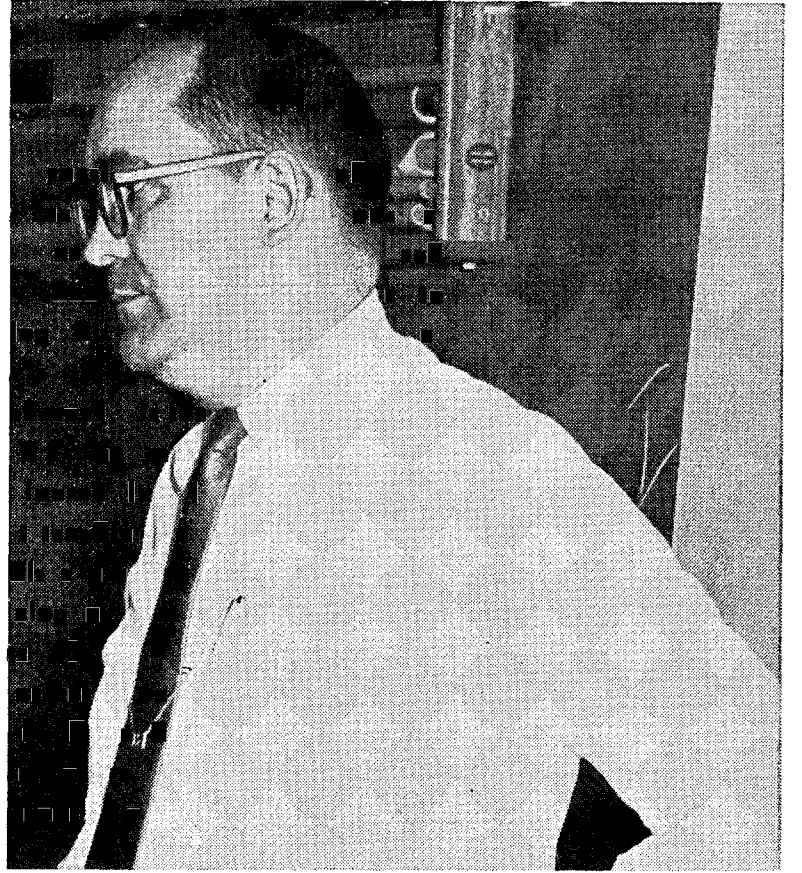
In his spare time Mr. Sanders enjoys being a member of the Masons, sponsor of the Key Club, and, in the warmer months, swimming.

Although he has no definite plans for the future, he is now taking a night course on the history of the South, at R.P.I.

Since this is his first year at Highland Springs, Mr. Sanders was asked what he thought of the school in general. "Best school in the state, and certainly the friendliest," was his reply.

Being a history and geography teacher, he feels that history, a subject that he has always liked, has a definite place in education.

Highland Springs would like to welcome Mr. Sanders as a new addition to our faculty.



Mr. Sanders

—Photo by Susan Lohwasser

This Is No Joke

Recently, a film entitled *While Brave Men Die* was shown to the history and government classes. The movie was most provocative, and the general feeling of its viewers was one of disgust for the demonstrations against our government's action in Viet Nam. Along with the draft card burning, it was especially shocking to see the American flag denounced. After the movie, discussions were held concerning the Springers' individual convictions. A show of hands proved that the majority of the students upheld our country's policy. However, there were a few dissenting students.

In a recent address at the Richmond Public Forum, General Maxwell D. Taylor stated that he considered the demonstrators "not an important element." However, he felt that damage is done in Hanoi and Peking, because news of opposition to the war in the United States "gives the Communists the impression they may soon achieve victory."

In a democracy such as ours freedom of speech, thought, and press are priceless. However, should abuse, or actual harm to our cause, be tolerated?

Litterbugs Mar Beauty

As spring approaches, the days turn warm, flowers appear, and the voice of the litterbug is heard in the land. No, actually it isn't really the voice of the litterbug—it's more like the tracks of a whole flock of them, seen nesting right in the school.

How can a litterbug be distinguished from other nasty insects? He usually has one identifying trait; he always has some paper with him, either chewing gum wrappers, used notebook paper, paper cups, or other trash of this type. However, this alone isn't his problem. His problem is that, compulsively, he throws this paper in the parking lot, on the lawn, by the fences, on the floor, and even in the main hall.

It is the litter on the lawn and in the little garden that is especially disturbing. Until his death last year, Mr. Smith spent thousands of dollars on flowers, shrubbery, and the beautification of the school. It should be kept clean as a tribute to this man who loved beauty so much that he dedicated his time and money to creating it.

How can this senseless destruction of beauty be ended? It will take a lot of effort on the part of all students; the litterbugs will have to curb their natural instincts, and the remaining students will have to donate a little time and effort to cleaning up the mess that others make.

It is a pity that the much-needed beauty which surrounds this school is marred by a thoughtless few. The students are faced with two choices: one, to tolerate the ugly and trashy appearance, or two, to collect the litter and prevent its appearance in the future, both for the sake of the school and out of respect for the memory of Mr. Smith. A little thought, a little time, and the students can again take pride in the appearance of their school.

F.T.A. Values Its Experience; Science Club Misses Members

Dear Editor:

The Future Teachers Club wishes to thank Mr. Kreiter and the faculty for using the members of our club as substitutes during the absence of many of our teachers.

Although no direct teaching was involved, we feel that we gained some experience by being in the position of the teacher.

We continue to offer our services in the hope of being of worthwhile assistance.

Sincerely,
The F.T.A.

Dear Editor:

At the last meeting of the Science Club, only one member showed up

—the president. Interest in the club has dropped sharply and science teachers are concerned.

This, however, is not an isolated case. Most of the clubs have lost members who had only joined to gain offices for use on their college applications and dropped out when they didn't get the offices.

If more Springers thought more about their school and joined clubs for what they could contribute, not for what they could get, club attendance would increase and interest would be genuine.

Sincerely,

Lynn Cooper

Play Is Spy Drama of An Elizabethan England

The seniors have decided to do something a little different for the class play this year. Instead of doing a comedy, they will present "Ring Around Elizabeth," a tense spy drama of 16th Century England.

The cast, of course, will be made up of students, with a few professionals brought in to add depth.

The leading role of Queen Elizabeth I is to be played by our old friend Hortense Snotzflower, the only surviving person to remember what

Elizabeth looked like.

In the play, Elizabeth's life is endangered by espionage agents from Spain, members of the much feared R.I.N.G. (Rudolf's International Nasty Gang) organization posing as members of her court. The two spys in the drama will be Alvin Furdhorn and James Bond as the Knights of the Order of the Garter, with Maudine Shulzbottom being the garter. "I just love snappy parts," she says enthusiastically.

Podiums Are Given By Class of 1965

The class of 1965 has ordered 25 podiums which are a combination of dictionary and reading stands. The podiums are scheduled to arrive soon, but no definite date has been set.

The 1965 Seniors had given a list of their projects to their sponsors, Mrs. Sorrell and Mr. Browne, and on this list was the idea of new speaker podiums. Mr. Browne, Mrs. Sorrell, and Mr. Kreiter considered their suggestions and with the class money they ordered the podiums. The podiums are being made by the men at the State Penitentiary.

Departments Sponsor Activities

ART DEPARTMENT

This semester Art I has found its work in ceramics to be quite gratifying. Using the hand coil method and also the electric potter's wheel, this group has produced some lovely works. At the present time, they are working with melted crayon on canvas.

The Art II students have been working with acrylic polymer paints. Acrylics, although mixed with water, give the appearance of oil paints when dry. This is the first time that this media has been introduced at

Highland Springs. Most students find this to be an exciting new media with which to express ideas.

The Art III group continues to work in oil paints this semester. A few members of this group plan to take up the art of leather glove making.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The sponsorship of "Macbeth" was presented on March by the Richmond Shakespeare Players. The performance was in conjunction with Varina High School. Five per cent of the proceeds, approximately \$15, realized

by the English department, was used in establishing for the first time a departmental fund.

MATH DEPARTMENT

On March 5, a few of our math teachers attended the third Annual Regional Mathematics Conference at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C. From registration until the end of the day, the teachers were kept busy with section meetings and lectures. At the end of the day, the H.S.H.S. delegation returned tired but better-informed in the math field.

Prince Meets Princess

Once upon a time there was a rich, playboy prince named Prince Twilt (called Prince-Baby by his acquaintances).

Well, as the story goes, Prince-Baby drove out in the country to see whom he could pick up. As he was driving along, it began to rain. The top of the 1970 Aircomb convertible wouldn't go up, so he began to look for a pad where he could get shelter and entertainment. Just as Prince-Baby thought he'd have to turn around and go back home, he spied a palace-type mansion.

After he rang the bell, Prince-Baby realized how hard it is to get good help these days. You see, instead of a butler, a craggy old hag (commonly referred to as a mean witch) opened the door. But our hero (?) decided that he wouldn't quibble over trivialities, so he walked in.

As soon as Prince-Baby was in the mansion, Ugly Witch said, "Hi-ya

Prince-Baby! If you can get to the top room by twelve midnight, you can have all the money there is in that room, and it's supposed to be stuffed."

Now Prince-Baby was taken by surprise, and figured that Ugly Witch was off her granny chair, but he figured that anything was worth a try. After all, what could be easier? All he had to do was step in the elevator and press the button that said "top floor." But when Prince-Baby got to the automatic lifter-upper, he found a sign that said: "Sorry Pops. Use the self-propelled way (take the steps)." So Prince-Baby decided that he'd walk up. After all, he had nothing to lose.

But our hero soon discovered that because of all the French maids waiting on the steps to marry him, he'd have to fly up. So he pushed the button on his super-vest marked "wings" and flew up to the top floor.

Now Prince-Baby knew that every-

thing was going too smoothly, so he opened the door *very* carefully. His suspicions were confirmed, for as he opened the door, he found no money but only a beautiful dame sound asleep on a cot. Prince-Baby was, to say the least, a little upset. He had knocked himself out to get up to the top floor for a room full of money, and then all he had found was a beautiful girl. It was then that our hero realized he had nothing to complain about. So without wasting any more time, he made for Sleeping Beauty.

Well, Prince-Baby started kissing Sleeping Beauty; but before that plot could thicken and get censored, our sleeping dame turned magically into the money that Prince-Baby had been looking for. Now our hero was disappointed, because he had decided to make love, and he had forgotten all about this money. But he took it anyway, deciding that losers can't be winners (or something like that).



Bleacher Feature

by Jim Whitlow

The Highland Springs Varsity Basketball team went into the Capital District Tournament with high hopes of winning a berth in the State Group I-A tournament. After defeating George Wythe, the Springers moved into the Semi-final round. H.S. was to come up against Douglas Freeman, whom the Springers had defeated twice in regular season play. However, the Springers just couldn't seem to overtake the Rebels in the second half. Mike Hardiman led the H.S. scoring with 17 points.

In the recent Basketball awards assembly, Elbert Hodge received the trophy as the Most Valuable Player. Captain Steve Harvey received the award for Best Defense, and Chuck Sparks was voted to have the best team spirit. Sophomore Wayne Huband had the best foul shooting percentage on the Springer Varsity squad, hitting 23 of 25 shots from the foul line.

With the coming of Spring also comes the beginning of baseball and track season. For the first time in several seasons, Highland Springs will have a junior varsity baseball team.

With several key lettermen returning, the baseball team, coached by Mr. Bralley, has good chances of being one of the top contenders in the district.

The Highland Springs track team, also with many key athletes returning, shows good signs for a successful season in the Capital District.

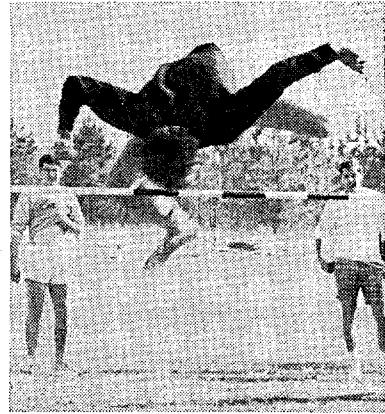
Springers Sprint

Paravati Leads Track Team; Thinclads Face New Season

With the first track meet rapidly approaching, Coach Berry is looking forward to a productive season from last years outstanding performer, Nick Paravati. Nick is a 5'9" Italian born senior who excels in the broad jump, 100 yard dash, low hurdles, high hurdles, and high jump. Last year Nick led the Springer thinclads to a 5-4 record when he averaged 19 points per meet and scored a total of 170 points. Nick runs the 100 yard dash in 10.7 sec., the high hurdles in 16 sec., and the low hurdles in 21 sec. He also has a good chance to break school record in the broad jump, the event in which he won fourth place in the state meet. He has an A.Q. (Mr. Berry's Athletic Quotient) of 9, which is tops in the school.

His favorite past-times are hunting and fishing, and his favorite subject is mechanical drawing. Nick hasn't made any definite post graduation plans as yet, but he says he'll probably go into the Marines. When asked about this years track team Nick said, "I think we'll have a good team this year, but two things may hold us back; we've got a rough schedule, and we don't have much depth." Coach Berry agreed with Nick and said, "We'll have just as good a team as

we had last year," but he declined to make any predictions because of our tough schedule.



Nicky Paravati clears bar.

Springers Open Baseball Season

With the 1966 baseball season close at hand, Coach Bralley and his team have been hard at work getting ready. Coach Bralley has seven new positions to fill in this year's young team because of graduations last year, but has high hopes in the future for David Atkinson, Ricky Combs, Steve Gates, and Wayne Huband, all sophomores.

When asked his plans this year, Coach Bralley said, "Our goal is the third championship." In his opinion Henrico and Hermitage will present the toughest competition this season, but plans to overcome these two teams with the superb pitching of Ronnie Hale and Dan King, who will be returning to the team this year. Coach Bralley is also counting on the power hitting of Terry Mitchell and says of Elbert Hodge, "One of the best catchers in the district." He also expects some good defensive work in the outfield from Ronnie Goodman.

The members of the 1966 Highland Springs baseball team are as follows:

PITCHERS

- Dan King
- Butch Jenkins
- Don King—P—1b
- Ronnie Hale
- Nicky Geer & outfield
- Mike Lowe
- Earl Boykin & outfield
- David Atkinson—SS.
- Lewis Brooks

FIRST BASE

- Don King
- Charles Gates
- Rick Powers
- Billy Botten

SECOND BASE

- Jimmy Salamone
- Ricky Combs
- Jimmy Smith
- Wayne Connor & outfield
- Ronnie Davis & outfield
- Buddy Wright & SS.

CATCHERS

- Terry Mitchell & outfield
- Elbert Hodge
- Walter Garret & outfield
- David Martin & outfield



—Photo by Susan Lokwasser

Ronnie Hale hits Long Ball

High Scorers . . .

Hodge	294
Harvey	245
Peters	234
Hardy	147
Hardiman	145
Sparks	85
Huband	27
Ziegler	9
Burrows	7
Coffman	7
Blaska	3
Newcomb	3
Stewart	2

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