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First Place Award, SIPA; Second Place Award, CSPA

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Belinda Mann (left) and Diann Davis rehearse for the play "Suppressed Desires."

## Operetta Scheduled

### Springers Plan Musical

*Patience* is the word in the music and art departments this time of year. The musical comedy by Gilbert and Sullivan, which calls for a thirty-two voice choir and eleven leads, is to be presented at Highland Springs in April.

Mr. George Wise is responsible for the scenery and other artistic aspects of the musical, while Mr. Emerson Hughes is the director and choreographer.

The costumes, which will be rented from Boston, Massachusetts, are those used by professional performers of Gilbert and Sullivan.

*Patience*, a sprightly satire on the aesthetic craze of the eighties, presents a "Fleshy Poet," Bunthorne, and an "Idyllic Poet," Grosvenor, who are rivals for the affections of the milkmaid, *Patience*. A train of languid ladies and their former lovers, a Colonel, a Duke, and a Major, with a regiment of officers of the Dragoon Guards, complete the picture.

*Patience*, having been told that love must be absolutely unselfish, has to reject the perfect Grosvenor (Archibald the All Right) and accept the imperfect Bunthorne. This defection of their idol drives the ladies back to their military lovers, but the

reunion is soon broken up by the arrival of Grosvenor, to whom they promptly transfer their adoration. Later, the Baffled Bunthorne, aided by the mature Lady Jane, concocts a scheme to get rid of the interloper by means of a terrible curse, which compels Grosvenor to give up his aestheticism and to become a quite common place young man.

The plan, however, recoils as all the ladies now revert to ordinary attire, explaining that since Archibald the All-Right cannot possibly be All-Wrong, obviously aestheticism should be discarded. *Patience*, discovering that her Archibald is no longer perfect, promptly falls into his arms, and Bunthorne, crushed, decides to wed Jane, his one remaining adorer. However, the Duke enters, declaring that since he is a very ordinary young man, it is only fair for him to choose a lady, who is distinctly plain, Jane. She joyfully accepts him, so that "Nobody is Bunthorne's Bride."

In reference to the expected impact of *Patience* Mr. Hughes stated, "I have seen it performed using the most elaborate staging and costumes available, and other times using a blank stage and basically simple costumes. In either case, it never failed to bring down the house."

## AFS Students Are Heard At Forum

The Fifteenth Virginia High School Youth Forum was held at Thomas Jefferson High School on March 11.

The Highland Springs delegation was led by Rhonda Coakley and Candy Gorham, co-chairmen of the American Field Service Committee. Other senior members were Cindy Council and Bonnie Luck. The juniors in attendance were: Frances Aliff, Janet Bauer, Bill Boyce, W. E. Matthews, Bill McDonald, Kathy Nixon, and Cyndy Oxendine.

Also representing H. S. were S.C.A. officers Lynn Stitzer, President, and Judy Nauman, Secretary. Mr. H. Wayne Gibson, sponsor of the Springer S.C.A., was also present.

A total of about 1,000 students from all over the state of Virginia witnessed the Forum. Participating in the program were foreign exchange students representing more than 26 different countries.

A.F.S. students were given a chance to express their views, tell of the cus-

toms of their countries, and discuss foreign relations through two panel discussions: "Economic and Political Differences" and "Coexistence Through Understanding."

In order to make the audience more aware of the cultures of the various countries, the foreign students performed songs and dances representative of their homelands.

Also participating in the program was the Maggie Walker High School Choir.

## Teachers Perform Albee Play

Many students may have been wondering how sand came to be on the floor of several different Springer classrooms.

The deed can be attributed to two aspiring Thespians, Mr. Robert Blackwell and Mr. Robert Felton and their presentation of Edward Albee's play, "The Sandbox."

For a few hours during the past weeks these two teachers turned amateur actors have taken on the guise

of four separate characters. This perhaps sounds a bit unorthodox, but "The Sandbox" is, by the admission of the author, an absurdity play.

The set consists of a small pile of sand, a toy pail and shovel, and one chair. The lights are turned off and on in order to differentiate night from day.

While the play on the surface is quite amusing, there are obviously serious overtones.

## Seniors Bustle

The Senior Class recently selected green and white as the colors to be used throughout all Commencement activities. In addition the white rose was chosen to be the official flower of the Class of 1967.

A green and white color scheme will be utilized at the annual Senior Banquet, with white roses making up the table centerpieces.

## Actors To Meet At HS

Come one, come all, to the Capital District One Act Play Festival. The show goes on at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, March 18th, in the Highland Springs High School auditorium with presentations to be given by the following schools respectively:

### DOUGLAS FREEMAN

"Visit To A Small Planet"  
by Gore Vidal  
Directed by Mrs. Marlise Bok

### HIGHLAND SPRINGS

"Suppressed Desires"  
by Susan Glaspell  
Directed by Mr. Martin Phoebe

### VARINA

"The Storm"  
by Donald Payton  
Directed by Mrs. Mable Marks

### HERMITAGE

"How He Lied To Her Husband"  
by George Bernard Shaw  
Directed by Mr. R. Bruce Johnson

### JOHN MARSHALL

"I Married Irene Because She Has Eyes Like Abraham Lincoln's"  
by Joseph Baldwin  
Directed by William John Schiffermuller

### LANE

"Gleaners of Weeds"  
by Francis Craddock  
Directed by Francis Craddock

1:00 P.M. Critic-judge's Evaluation and Rating Mr. Richard Newrick, Drama Department, RPI

The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of the individual performances. Moreover, it should be noted that this collection of dramas and sophisticated comedies will be staged at no cost to those wishing to attend.

This year marks the first time that the festival has been centered at Highland Springs under the competent direction of Mr. William E. Browne, an instructor of both academic English and speech as well as the traditional director of the senior class play.

"This should be of special interest to Springers," commented the district director, "since this year signalizes the initial entry in the festival from Springerville."

Overseeing the HS entrant is Mr. Martin Phoebe, a student teacher from RPI, who is currently under the supervision of Mr. Browne. "In short," he remarked, "Suppressed Desires" is a sophisticated comedy. Written by Susan Glaspell, it basically involves the problem which a young housewife

creates for herself when she attempts to apply her avid interest in psychoanalysis to the people in her personal life."

The cast for the play was selected from Mr. Browne's speech class and consists of merely three characters. Portraying Stephan, a young student striving for a position in the architectural 'world' is Steve Chapman; his conservative yet capricious wife, the "psychoanalysis," is played by Belinda Mann; and, his flighty, attractive sister-in-law is impersonated by Diann Davis. "The senior cast promises to be well-suited and enjoyable," decided Mr. Phoebe.

Each play will be judged and rated by Mr. Richard Newdick of the Drama Department at Richmond Professional Institute. However, "the plays

will not be in competition with one another," explained Mr. Browne.

A rating of good, excellent, or superior will be received by the entries, although only those productions which accomplish the superior commendation will be eligible to enter the State One Act Play Festival to be held in Charlottesville later this spring.

Since the festival is not designed to be a contention, the simplicity in tangible stage props is readily understandable. An audience should realize that talent, not background scenery or costuming, is considered to be of the greatest importance. "As a matter of fact," commented Mr. Browne, "any play which is the original work of the student actors merits immediate extra points in accordance with the evaluation system."

## Furry Worms Bite Dust

"Five, four, three, two, one, zero" is becoming familiar terminology to John Fraysse, an amateur rocket constructor who is a junior at Highland Springs.

John, who is a member of the Monogram Club and Key Club at H.S. and Rocket Club in Richmond, has been experimenting with various types of rockets since he was ten. His first attempt was with a water powered type. He commented, "This wasn't too educational, but it was fun to shoot at my sister."

Most of his experience, though, has been with one stage rockets, which reach a height of 500 feet, and, having acquired more confidence, the two stage type. The later, using a solid fuel, reaches an estimated height of 1200 feet and is only visible when the red parachute pops out to start the descent.

"Last summer I sent up mice; grass hoppers; caterpillars; red ants; and only one fly, because they were more difficult to catch, but financial diffi-

culty and minor failures have temporarily stunned the progress," states John. In reference to the failures, he continued, "the healthy green caterpillars came back as one big green blob."

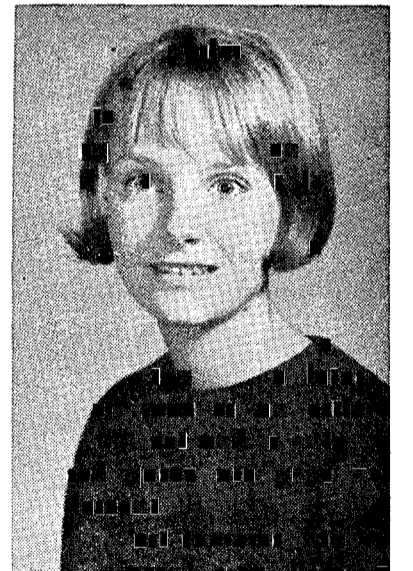
At the present he is designing his own rocket which will be much bigger and more powerful because it has two stages. It will be powered by a liquid fuel such as ethyle alcohol. He terms this as his "alcoholic rocket." In preparing this alcohol, someone from the Department of Revenue must be present to witness the distillation. If such procedures were not followed he could be charged with bootlegging.

When not "messing with rockets," John enjoys playing the piano by ear, singing, flying model airplanes, skiing, participating on the track team and eating.

After graduating from H.S. he plans to major in aerodynamic engineering at V.P.I. and then is looking forward to a career at NASA.

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Linda Poindexter

## Two Win Lion's Club Award

"If days were twenty-four hours longer, I'd have time to fit everything into my schedule," exclaimed vivacious yet exhausted Linda Poindexter winner of the James Bland award.

Singing "The Watchful Lover," Linda competed in a contest sponsored by the Fairfield Lions Club.

Each club in the area sent one selected vocalist and one instrumentalist to the district competition held March 4th, at Hibbs Building, Richmond Professional Institute.

Linda, surprised and excited will sing "David Mourns for Absalom" in German. This is written by David Diamond, a contemporary composer. In the instrumental section, play-

ing saxophone is winner Frank Tuckwiler. He played Sonata No. 3, the second movement, written by Handel. Musical selections in this area are graded on a one to six basis; one being the most difficult. Frank played grade five music in the district competition.

In the district competition, he will play the first and second movements of the same Sonata.

Both Linda and Frank were awarded ten dollars. This district competition leads to state competition in which prizes range from twenty-five dollars to one thousand dollars.

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Plot of Novel Is Overthrow Of Government

Seven Days in May, a "not so far out" novel could very well give the typical American citizen food for thought. While the entire book delves into the future, it is by no means unbelievable. References to John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson bring the story down to a present day level. Seven Days in May is a dramatic and well written presentation of a very feasible situation.

It is quite plausible that a large number of Americans take the United States Government for granted. These people would consider the possibility of a military take-over in the Government absurd. However, Seven Days in May presents just such a plot—and very vividly to say the least.

The story opens in Washington, D.C. Colonel Martin J. Casey, USMC, is director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Services and, therefore, very well acquainted with the regular procedures of the Staff. Through careful observations and logical reasoning, Colonel Casey began to uncover a plot, on the part of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to seize control of the United States Government.

General James M. Scott, U.S. Air Force, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and his associates, General Edward Dieffenbach, Commander in Chief of the Army, General Parker Hardesty, Air Force chief of staff, and General William Riley, Marine Corps commandant, worked out careful plans for their take-over which was to occur simultaneously with a nation wide Red Alert drill.

The plot was discovered by Colonel Casey in time to notify President Jordon Lyman who, together with his colleagues, managed to counter act the military scheme.

After having read this book one is forced to realize that such a situation could occur today, tomorrow or next week. It could happen and, if handled as carefully as it was in this book, it may never be made known to the public.

Seven Days in May, written by Fletcher Knebel and Charles Bailey, and published in 1962 gives a vivid description of the responsibilities of U.S. government officials.

Upon completion of the novel the reader is almost compelled to face the possibilities of corruption in the American Democracy. Seven Days in May has been described as nightmarish, wallowing, thrilling and important. It should be read seriously.



A well-equipped, well-trained cafeteria staff provides delicious meals every day.

Cooks Featured

Workers Have Specialty

Looking into the cafeteria anytime between 7:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., one can find eight women diligently working. These women cook and serve the school lunches and clean the kitchen area afterwards.

Each woman more or less, "specializes." Mrs. Mary Harris, having worked in a school cafeteria for fourteen years, prepares all of the meat, and Mrs. Ruth Jones has been making the cake for eight years.

The vegetables have been fixed by Mrs. Gladys Lamberth for five years, whereas the bread has been baked for two years by Mrs. Frances Walker.

Mrs. Helen Gatewood has been "tossing" the salads together for ten years; Mrs. Edna Berry has spent four years slicing butter and setting up the counters; and, for three years, Mrs. Mildred Cadd has been working part time doing a "little bit of everything."

The manager of the cafeteria workers, Mrs. Helena Berry, has been at H.S. since the cafeteria opened.

The requirements for working in a school cafeteria include having x-rays made and passing a complete physical examination. They must also wear a hair net, a white uniform, and stockings.

Mrs. Harris humorously replied to the requirements, "You need a strong back and a weak mind!"

"And our uniforms are wrinkle-free. We never have a chance to sit down," added Mrs. Walker.

In regard to the students, all were very complimentary.

"The students are really very nice. We have no complaints."

"They're fine kids. They wish us Happy Valentine's Day, Merry Christmas, and so on at holidays."

All of the ladies agreed that more students would eat if the lunch periods were longer.

"It's not the food which has caused a decrease in purchases. The food is good and clean, and certainly as much as can be expected for thirty-five cents."

All of the lunches are prepared according to a county-wide menu planned at the beginning of each month. Everything is homemade even though it is cooked in quantities to feed five to six hundred persons.

This is not a money-making business. It is self-sustaining and pays for itself.

Students Discuss

Contrary to popular opinion concerning teenagers, the young people in the Richmond area are interested in the world around them. Pat Edwards, Chris Layne, Dan Lohwasser, Ted Teachey, Bruce Hawkins, Tina Groome and Ricky Zeigler are the representatives from Highland Springs who will meet March 18 at George Wythe High School to discuss various aspects of the United States foreign policy.

Bruce Smith Places Second in I.C.T. Contest

Industrial Cooperative Training District VI Convention of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) was held at Highland Springs High School, Friday March 10th. Local I.C.T. students served as host for the fifteen schools which compose District VI. Over three hundred twenty members attending the convention competed in the following contests: Essay, Poster, Bulletin Board, Occupational Display, Open Club Exhibit, Occupational Display, Open Club Exhibit, Occupational Scrapbook, Club Scrapbook, Public

Speaking, Job Application, Spelling, Hairstyling, I.C.T. Student of the Year, Talent, Honor Club, and Current Events.

Bruce Smith, president of the Highland Springs local VICA Club, won 2nd place in the Current Events Contest. This competition consists of question taken from articles appearing in U.S. News & World Report magazines. Bruce is taking on the job training this year with S. A. Swanson & Rogling Company.

Forty two trophies were awarded that evening to the winners of the

various contests. Hopewell won top honors by winning fourteen awards, J. R. Tucker followed with five, John Marshall & Manchester with four each, Douglas Freeman, Henrico, Hermitage & Meadowbrook with three each, and Highland Springs, Thomas Dale, Maggie Walker and Varina with one each.

Carroll Ann McCuiston of the Highland Springs local VICA Club is serving as President of District VI. This year working toward becoming a professional hairstylist, Carroll is currently employed at the Palm Beauty Salon.

Who's Responsible?

Is it really necessary for vines to be growing through the windows of the Highland Springs auditorium? Atmosphere certainly makes life more interesting. However, the question is whether or not one finds the undergrowth within the building conducive to study.

Perhaps Springers have a legitimate complaint in this particular instance. What remains to be determined is the party who is responsible for the general appearance of the school.

A few simple inquiries disclosed that the maintenance of this school as well as of all the schools in Henrico County is under the control of the County Director of Construction and Maintenance. Mr. T. T. Ganaras, the Assistant Director, defined the general purpose of his office as being the up-keep of the school plants. This includes janatorial service.

All school custodians are hired through the Virginia State Employment Office. However, Mr. Ganaras stated that there is always a considerable turn-over in this type of employment. He failed to give any reason for this problem.

Mr. Robert E. Person, head custodian here at Highland Springs, previously served in the same capacity at Douglas Freeman High School. Perhaps it is Mr. Person who best sees the condition of the school building. It is his job, together with other members of the janatorial staff, to provide for the general up-keep of the building.

Mr. Person testifies to the fact that Springers do have a rather strong tendency to write on walls and desks. When asked if Highland Springs suffers from this "disease" more than other schools such as Freeman he said that he'd "rather not say." Only individual conclusions can be drawn from this remark.

Mr. Ganaras as well as other authorities claimed that vandalism is a grave problem. While we generally think of vandalism as being synonymous with extensive damage, this is not always the case. Last year Highland Springs spent \$163.45 in the replacement of broken windows alone—windows broken generally through the negligence of students.

Now it appears more likely that the root of the problem has been reached—the students who are unwilling to except the responsibility of caring for the facilities which have been provided for them.

One faculty member feels that the teachers are largely at fault for the destruction of school property. If proper discipline was enforced, vandalism would be discouraged from marking the walls and desks.

The contention of the Fling staff is that the students should take the initiative. Fortunately, an entire week will be put aside for a clean up Highland Springs and to represent Virginia in a National Contest.

How long will it last, Springer? An entire week will be put aside for a clean up Highland Springs and to represent Virginia in a National Contest.

Don't you think it's time that we should take responsibility for the condition of our school building?

Poll Is Taken

As a result of the interview with the cafeteria workers, a poll was requested for suggested improvements which the students felt could and should be made. The following are the remarks received by some students: Carol Warren: "If they could improve the appearance of the food and make it more appealing to the eye would help tremendously. Also, a variety in the menu would be more than welcomed."

Susan Howell: "I don't think it would kill anybody to have metal chairs. Those wooden chairs are always snagging woolen clothes and ruining nylons. They could clean the tables after each feeding. Also, the food is so bland and what does have taste doesn't taste good."

Cyndy Oxendine: "I think the cafeteria could use some people who are a little more efficient. A choice each day for the main dish and in the dessert.

TONIGHT

Swing Bands Will Compete to Represent Virginia in National Contest

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UGITIVES NICE OUTS could improve the appearance of the food, it would certainly make it more appetizing."

Nicky Geer: "I think that they should improve the food. After all, the prices have gone up and we're not getting any more than last year. I wish they wouldn't come up with some of those weird combinations. And those things we got for dessert—plums and raisins! I think they try to get wild and think up weird combinations with what little they have. Just better food would be an improvement!"

Sandra Lancaster: "To serve a variety and to clean those filthy floors would improve the cafeteria. I really don't have any gripes."

Wayne Connor: "More variety; better food; and cleaner utensils!" Jimmy Stewart: "Better food! That

Opinions of Cafeteria

of food would help."

Cathy Hunt: "It could be improved with a longer lunch period. Get rid of the crooked silverware."

Lynn Stitzer: "If people would put garbage in the trash cans instead of on the floor it might help."

Perhaps some of the students are being harsh and unfair. This is probably caused by a lack of knowledge of the facts. The cafeteria workers have limited facilities and, therefore, must do the best they can.

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Fashion Shown To Springers

The auditorium served as a gallery for "Art in Fashion" on March 16. The program was presented by a representative of the Simplicity Pattern Company's educational staff. The fashions varied from playclothes to evening gowns.

Those girls who participated were Gaynell Adams, Linda Adams, Sue Armentrout, Nancy Ballard, Barbara Cabell, Rhonda Coakley, Brenda Cobb, Wanda Collins, Sue Connatser, Anita Covey, Mary Duke, Faye Durbin, Kay Edgar, Isabelle Ferguson, Peggy Field, Linda Francis, Martha Holland, Jackie Kahn, Brenda Kneiche, Brenda Locklear, Sue Madison, Connie McDaniel, Sharon Moore, Janice Pleasants, Carol Ann Pynter, Linda Saunders, Linda Scott, Linda Shobe, Susan Spiller, Nancy Traylor, Paula Tunstall, Barbara Vaughan, Allyne Verelle, Linda Whitfield.



## Coach Bralley Is Confident

Who is going to win the Capital District baseball championship this season? That is a question which cannot be answered definitely at this time, but Coach Bob Bralley thinks he has the answer. With quite a few experienced players returning, Coach Bralley thinks his charges have a good chance of repeating the performance of last season's district champions.

"I'll say the same thing that I said last season, with one revision," said Coach Bralley. "Last year we were shooting for our third straight championship; this year we're trying to make it four in a row." When asked if he thought that this year's team will be as good as last year's team, he stated, "That's hard to say, but I think we can win the championship."

Included in the roster of returning players, two outstanding figures are outfielder Donald Martin, who led the Springers in hitting last season with a .356 average, and pitcher Ronnie Hale, who had a 9-0 record last season.

Other pitchers who will probably see action are David Atkinson, Wayne Huband, Nick Geer, and Louis Brooks. Catching will be Ricky Zeigler, backed up by Dave Sullivan. Around the infield, Charles Gates or Wayne Connor will be at first base, Ricky Combs or Mike Mays at second, Ben Riggin or Buddy Wright at short, and Jim Solamone or Kenny Roberts at third base. Rounding out the line-up of players who will probably see the most action this season are outfielders Steve Gates, Ronnie Goodman, Billy Bolton, and Ronnie Davis.

In closing, Coach Bralley added: "Although we lost some real good boys last year, I think we have enough experience and talent to make up for the loss."



Captain Ronnie Hardy lays up for two against Jayem.

## Wrap-Up Given

# Springers Make Finals

Highland Springs in the district finals??? Impossible. But impossible or not, that's exactly where the Springers were Friday night against the league leader, Lane of Charlottesville.

While beating Lane, Douglas Freeman, and George Wythe, the Springers had shown a tight defense and a slow down offense. They started these same tactics against the Black Knights in the finals, but Lane broke the slow down and forced the Springers to play their type of game.

Highland Springs had surprised everyone, except our student body, by beating the three top teams in the district.

The victories came strictly from a team effort rather than individual performances.

Though the Springers never managed to really take the lead, they did trim an 11 point Lane lead to 2 in the 4th period with 3:22 remaining.

But again Lane refused to break as they increased their lead for keeps in the closing minutes.

Frankie Allen, Lane 6'3" center and 3rd leading scorer in the state, scored only five points, thanks to a tremendous defensive job by George Clayton.

Ronnie Hardy, the only Springer in double figures with 13 points, fouled out with 2:12 left to play.

The victory gave Lane a berth in the Group I-A State Tournament, their opposing team was Fairfax.

Springer coach Grant Hudson had comments on the game.

"We just didn't play good basketball. We looked tired. Playing three straight nights takes a great deal out of a team.

This year's all tournament team consists of Ronnie Hardy of Highland Springs, Allan Greene of Henrico, Craig Barney of Douglas Freeman and Cabbage and Allen of Lane.

Wayne Huband also earned honorable mention from the Richmond Newspapers. Congratulations to the entire team.

## H.S. Team Schedules 16 Games

"Take me out to the ballgame." It is hoped that this will be a familiar expression around Springerville this season.	Douglas Freeman	Apr. 13	....	Home
	Varina	Apr. 18	....	Home
	George Wythe	Apr. 20	....	Home
	Henrico	Apr. 25	....	Away
The following is the 1967 baseball schedule:	John Marshall	Apr. 27	....	Home
	Thomas Jefferson	May 4	....	Home
Hermitage	Mar. 22	....	Away	John Marshall
				May 5
Henrico	Mar. 28	....	Home	Tucker
				May 9
Thomas Jefferson	Apr. 5	....	Away	Douglas Freeman
				May 11
Hermitage	Apr. 7	....	Home	George Wythe
				May 11
Tucker	Apr. 11	....	Away	Varina
				May 16

# Replacement Arrives In Gym

There is a new feminine face around the gymnasium, Mrs. Kathryn Simms. She arrived at the beginning of the second semester to replace Mrs. Price who, after teaching here for three years, left to return to school.

Mrs. Simms earned her Masters in Health and Phys. Ed. at University of Pittsburgh, and then continued in graduate work at the University of

Wisconsin and U.C.L.A. Before coming to Highland Springs, Mrs. Simms taught Phys. Ed. in the Pittsburg Public Senior High School "long enough to know any tricks to be pulled!"

She feels that Springers are "extremely fortunate to be under one in Health and Phys. Ed. at University of Pittsburgh, and then continued in graduate work at the University of

seems to be more and better school spirit."

Aside from gymnastics, synchronized swimming is also an interest of Mrs. Simms.

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