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The Mt. Vernon Community College will open its doors September, 1956, to graduates of accredited high schools wishing to pursue a freshman liberal arts or preprofessional course. The sophomore year will be added to the college in 1957. For further information write to



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Library with Mrs. Imogene [unclear] and her three assistants in charge. Two new pieces of furniture, the librarians' desk and the card catalogue, are seen in the

College Opens Doors

SEPT. 27, 1956

Begins Classes Sept. 10 With Enrollment of 195

For the first time in its history, Mt. Vernon has a college.

On Sept. 10 students came for their first day of school in the community college with 116 enrolled for day classes and 79 enrolled for night sessions. College work is under the supervision of Superintendent Arthur Milward and is directed by Howard Rawlinson.

Ward Black, director of the state approval agency for veterans' training who visited here Sept. 20, said that the college was off to a good start and that the instruction seemed to be very good.

The community college shares the use of the six modern buildings of the Mt. Vernon Township High School. There is also a smaller brick building which is being used exclusively for the college. This building is located directly across from Building A on Seventh Street and is designated as Building G.

College Building Attractive

The community college building is attractively decorated in blue with tile floors, modern lighting, and walls done in varying shades of blue.

There are two classrooms and a student lounge on the first floor and one classroom and a teacher's lounge on the second floor.

In their spare time, college students can relax or read in the bright, roomy lounge provided especially for them. The lounge is furnished with comfortable modern furniture and is intended for recreation rather than study.

Library Provided

For study there is a college library, located in building C, in rooms formerly used for home-making. It has been remodeled and is now equipped with modern furniture, which is both comfortable and pleasing to the eye. The college students also have access to the high school library.

Mr. Rawlinson, director of the community college, has high hopes for the future of the community college and predicts a steady increase in enrollment.

*Student Council 1st yr.
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*Bill Shields
Tony Purdy
Benny Jackson
Jerry Hance
Carole Russell
Mary Lou Parker
Judy Talbert*

Mt. Vernon College On Right Track, Educator Says

Mr. Vernon's Community College is "exactly on the right track" in offering higher education to its people, the college faculty was told yesterday by Dr. Jesse Bogue of Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the American Association of Junior Colleges.

Dr. Bogue, visiting in the King City while on a four weeks tour of junior colleges throughout the nation, said she was quite impressed by the Mt. Vernon school system and the accomplishments of the Community College in its first year.

Addressing members of the college faculty at a meeting in the faculty lounge, he said his definition of a junior college is an institution in the community of the community and for the community.

He remarked that he could easily see that his description fits the Mt. Vernon situation. "I believe the biggest asset of the Community College is the almost universal approval of the people of Mt. Vernon."

Dr. Bogue noted that the college was created by the people of the community and that "I have never heard of such a great majority as there was in Mt. Vernon in voting for a junior college."

He advised Mt. Vernon's college teachers to "fix your eyes on the individual student and design your program to fit his needs."

Junior colleges, he said, not only offer more equal opportunities for university parallel programs for two years but offers many kinds of semi-professional, terminal, curricular, adult and continuing education, and many kinds of special programs as the needs of the community arise.

Junior college, he pointed out, is important not only to the students who take university parallel courses with a view to completing their education at senior college, but to those who will terminate their formal studies in 14 years.

Those who go to junior colleges will obtain at least two years of education beyond high school in order to fill an enormous need in the field of semi-professions, like applied agriculture and managerial and supervisory positions in many fields beyond mere trade skills, he said.

A junior college has the opportunity to raise the educational level of the entire community over the years, Bogue pointed out.

He said that housewives and men who have full-time jobs can pursue college work. "It may take them 20 or 30 years to finish but they can earn an associate degree," he said.

That year, Bogue said, he gave the commitment address at the junior college in Bramman, Texas, a community of only 2000 population, the graduating class numbered 248. "The vast majority of those in the class had no more than six years of spare-time study to graduate."

Adult education classes to fit the needs of the community are also important, he said.

Bogue said he watched some college classes in progress at Mt. Vernon yesterday and his conviction that the persons teaching at Mt. Vernon are deeply interested and are providing good college work for the people of this area.

He praised the local college and high school for raising standards jointly and carrying out a good college program.

October 4, 1956

Mt. Vernon College Represented At Meeting

Mt. Vernon Community College was well represented at the Twenty-fourth Annual Conference of the Illinois Association of Junior Colleges at Illinois State Normal University, Friday and Saturday.

The student body was represented by Kason Cantelano, Karen Jones, Carol Russell, Bill Dunbar, Gary Burd, and Jerry Blaney. Miss Margaret Ann Cummings, Mrs. Betty Ann Ward, Charles Wagner, and Howard Robinson represented the faculty.

The students joined with representatives from other Illinois colleges to discuss social activities, student council, publications, drama and radio clubs and organizations, and prospective teacher groups. Faculty representatives joined in discussions on academic adjustment, social adjustments, and professional preparation for teaching in junior colleges.

The joint faculty-student assembly results of the two-day discussions were summarized by the president of the association. A highlight of the busy meeting for Mt. Vernon was

official welcoming into membership of the Association of Junior Colleges by Dean of Wright Junior College of Chicago.

Milward on Panel At Fall Meeting Of Educators

On a panel to discuss "Key Problems in Bridging the Gap Between High School and Junior College", Tuesday, was Arthur Milward, Superintendent of Mt. VHS and Community College.

The panel was on the program at the annual meeting of the Illinois Secondary School Principals Association, held at Urbana, October 2-3.

Other prominent educators on the panel were B. L. Dobbs, dean of the College of Education at the University of Illinois, R. G. Bone, President of Illinois State Normal University, Ronald Deabler, chairman of guidance at Lyons Township High School and Junior College, Thaddeus J. Lubera, assistant superintendent of Chicago Public Schools and Harold P. Rodas, president of Bradley University.

Mr. Milward again appeared on the program Wednesday when he gave the report of the legislative committee.

D. M. Rutherford, a member of the board of education and Mr. Milward are both members of the Illinois State Committee of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

October 18, 1956

Community College Schedules Games

J. D. Shields, coach of the college basketball team, has announced the schedule for the coming athletic season. Other games are also being considered. The schedule is as follows:

- Nov. 29—Vincennes, there.
- Dec. 6—Centralia, there.
- Dec. 13—Springfield, there.
- Dec. 20—Lincoln, here.
- Jan. 17—Belleville, here.
- Feb. 12—Lincoln, there.
- Feb. 14—Belleville, there.
- Feb. 21—Springfield, there.

They were guests of honor.

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Directory Completed

The Student Directory has been completed and is ready to be sold. The directories will be sold in an assembly Thursday morning, Oct. 25. The price is 35 cents.

Last year there was such a demand for the directories that many students were left empty handed. This year 150 additional copies were ordered.

The Mt. Vernon Community College students are included in the book this year.

November 15, 1956

Young To Speak

Dr. Raymond Young of the University of Illinois, a specialist on the problems of the junior college will address the faculty here at 3 p. m. tomorrow.

Sixth and seventh hour high school and college classes will each be shortened 20 minutes and all students will be dismissed at 3 p. m.

Dr. Young arrived this morning. He visited classes and conferred with school officials today and will continue his visitation tomorrow.

November 15, 1956

Coeds Hold Doughnut Sales

If you get hungry for a doughnut, especially on Fridays after school, don't hesitate to buy one from the Junior College cheerleaders stationed at various posts throughout the campus.

These doughnuts, fresh from Kings Bakery, are sold for a nickel apiece. They are also sold on Thursdays and Fridays during the lunch periods.

This is one of the projects to raise money for college cheerleaders' uniforms. Another project is the selling of milk in the gyms during fourth and fifth periods every day. After the uniforms are paid for, the remainder of the money will be placed in a college activity fund. The milk sale is supervised by Karen Jones, and Sharon Lomax and Linda Burge are in charge of the doughnut sales.

November 15, 1956

Warriors to Play Vincennes

Mt. Vernon's Community College basketball team, dubbed the Warriors, will take the floor for the first time November 29 as guest of Vincennes, Indiana. The Warriors, coached by J. D. Shields, will appear clad in black and white.

The starting lineup for the cagers will put Larry Martin and Kim Driggers at guard; Dick Graham at the pivot spot; and Bob Nichols or George Humphrey at one forward position. Gene Brockman will occupy the other forward spot.

Other squad members are Halsey Dulaney, Ronald Howard, Wayne Diet, Ronald Brown, Gary Ellis, Bill Wood, David Lustig, Gary Purdy and Charles Sargent.

The most experienced players are Brockman and Graham. Both boys have seen action on Mt. Vernon teams. Brock-

man was a high scoring guard two years ago. Other members have gained most of their skill from competing in church league games. The outcome of the first season will most likely depend on how the reserves develop.

The Warriors will meet Lincoln, Ill. in their first home game. Both teams are members of a five-team conference organized at Centralia last year. Springfield, Lincoln, Belleville, Centralia and Mt. Vernon comprise the league. All five schools are two year colleges.

The Warriors will enter the Invitational Tournament at Centralia February 7. Last year's tournament was a four-team affair, but it is expected to expand this season.

The squad members have had several practice sessions under the direction of Coach Shields. This is the college's first inter-school athletic team.

Bogue Predicts Success for Community College

Success for the Mt. Vernon Community College was predicted last week by Dr. Jesse Bogue, executive secretary of the American Association of Junior Colleges, of Washington, D. C.

Visiting here last Thursday, Dr. Bogue conferred with administrators and addressed the college faculty.

He said that the percentage of votes of approval for the establishment of a junior college here (25 to 1) was the greatest he had ever heard of.

He inspected the facilities of the school for vocational training and pronounced them very good. This, he said, was especially important because the community college should provide terminal training as well as training for those who will go on to four-year colleges.

Dr. Bogue has strong faith in the future importance of community colleges. In an address made at Belleville last week he said: "The community college is one form of higher education that has grown from the roots of local interest, public pride and a sense of educational needs. It is an institution of learning that has not been handed down from the top by political

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Inspiring Speech Given by Dare

The Vernon News would like to pay tribute to the stirring patriotic program which was presented before the student body last Friday morning.

We feel that this was one of the most outstanding programs given before the Mt. VTHS students.

One of the most inspiring parts of the program was the speech which was delivered by Glenn Dare, Mt. VTHS history teacher and instructor at the Mt. Vernon Community College.

Mr. Dare declared that America must pay the price of eternal vigilance to keep its liberty. He concluded by saying: "Hold fast to the American way; hold fast to liberty and freedom; hold fast to God and carry on."

It was an impressive speech and the entire student body paid tribute by giving unusually fine attention.

The Mt. VTHS students and those responsible for the program are to be congratulated for an impressive patriotic assembly. (The Co-editors)

Honor Society Members Attend Various Colleges

Colleges, jobs, and household duties have claimed the 23 members of last year's National Honor Society.

Nineteen are attending colleges, two are married, one is doing secretarial work, and one is undergoing treatment in a hospital.

Being elected to the National Honor Society is the highest honor which can be bestowed by this high school. To be chosen for membership one must be in the upper fourth of his class and receive a two thirds majority vote

of the teachers, who judge them on the basis of character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Four of last year's members are enrolled in the University of Illinois. These are Jerry Manton, Larry Snyder, Jerry Latta and Janice Hawkins. Five chose Southern Illinois University for advanced study. They are Wayne Morgan, Nancy Rigg, Ruth Ann Wagner, Doris Greenlee, and Zelma Johnson.

Johnny Kirk is attending Rose Polytech in Indiana, and Jerry Schmidt is studying at Drury College in Springfield, Mo. One member went north to Macalester College at St. Paul, Minn., and Linda Felton entered Kansas State University.

The Community College, in its first year, acquired three of the members; they are Lucy Baker, Eddie Ryder, and Jeanette Rutherford.

Larry Phemister was chosen to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Three Centralians Guests Of School

Three representatives of the Centralia Junior College and High School visited Mt. VTHS last Wednesday, Oct. 31, to study the organization of this school.

The party consisted of Robert Burkheimer, dean of the Centralia Junior College, Lloyd Hinson, superintendent, and Charles Ebbs, assistant principal of the Centralia High School.

The representatives were very much interested in the new Community College and the vocational department of this high school. Their main point of interest was the new cafeteria and our double lunch line.

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Community College And Mt. V High Plan Art, Music Program

The Music Department of the Community College in cooperation with the high school Art Department is planning to present a concert in the Music Department on the third floor of the Vocational Building. The program will feature the Community College Orchestra, the Community College Chorus, and a String Quartet composed of members of the string section of the orchestra.

Preceding the Chamber Concert, the College Art Classes and the Adult Education Classes of the Mt. Vernon Community College under the direction of Mrs. J. K. Biagi, the Art Director, will have an art exhibit in the art room and corridors of the second floor of the Vocational Building.

The college work will consist of water color and tempera. There will be cubist abstractions, non-objectives, surrealist, and realist paintings. They will interpret space, texture, value, balance a rhythm.

From the adult education class in art, there will be realistic oil water color paintings, Germanis done by the coil, slab, throwing casting and sculptur method; Christmas cards in silk screen and linoleum block; textile painting; stones in the process of being cut and polished; Christmas wrapping paper, earrings, cuff links and pins done in enameling on copper, and the artist will be present to explain the working processes of their exhibits.

Names of the exhibitors and what they are exhibiting will be made

will be of interest to many people in Mt. Vernon.

The music portion of the program will be opened by two numbers featuring the Orchestra. "Toccata" by Frescobaldi, a dramatic composition featuring the strings is the opening number. The ever popular "Moment Musical" by Schubert will conclude the first group by the Orchestra. The entire program is designed to be representative of the Christmas season. The orchestra is conducted by Bernard Cervini, the newest member of the High School-College Music Department.

A limited amount of seats are available for this rather unique Chamber Concert which in fact is a "Report to the Public" of the activity in the Music and Art Departments of the Community College and Adult Education Program. The officers of the music groups are: Harry Dunham, president; Vernie Rander, orchestra representative; Mrs. Ray Cheney, chorus representative; and Curt Smailey, publicity chairman.

The admission is free of charge and the public is asked to be admitted to the building through the west door of the Vocational Building.

Time of the Art exhibit is 7:00 to 8:00 o'clock and again at the intermission time.

The music concert will start at 8:00 o'clock.

December 6, 1956

College Team to Play At Centralia Tonight

The Mt. Vernon Community College Warriors coached by J. D. Shields will go to Centralia to tangle with the Blue Devils of the Centralia Junior College tonight. The Warriors are rated a good chance to win despite the fact that this is their first year of basketball competition.

Vincennes handed Coach Shields' cagers their first defeat 112-78, November 29. The Warriors played a good game, however, for Vincennes is rated third nationally among the junior colleges and has an enrollment of 1000.

December 6, 1956

Survey of Junior Test Shows Future Vocations

Aside from determining the intelligence of this year's junior class, forms filled out for the junior tests given three weeks ago also disclosed some of the future plans of the 317 students who took them.

It was found that the vocational courses were listed as favorite subjects by 152 students with 63, boys preferring trades and agriculture, 15 girls choosing home economics, 19 boys preferring typing and shorthand, and 62 girls choosing business courses.

Science Banks High. Also ranked high were science with 57, mathematics with 30, English with 27, and history with 23.

Other favorites listed by the juniors included music with 19, language with 16, art with 12, speech with 11, and PE with 10. Community College heads with 2.

62 students planning to attend. Next is SIC with 50, followed by the U of I with 34. Eleven juniors plan to attend trade schools, nine are not entering the nursing profession and 43 others to attend schools not mentioned above.

Future Occupations. When asked what they hoped their occupations would be ten years from now, the boys chose as follows: engineering 27, business 24, farming 18, technicians 13, members of armed forces 10, doctors 10, coaches 5, scientists, teachers, politicians, and artists 4 each, ministers and musicians, 3 each, pilots and explorers 1 each.

The girls planned to be the following: housewives 75, business women 29, teachers 24, nurses 7, artists 6, members of armed forces 3, social workers, scientists, and writers 2 each, telephone operators 1.

December 13, 1956

College Director Visits

Visiting here Friday was John W. Gould, assistant director of admissions of Columbia College, a branch of Columbia University of New York.

Mr. Gould was on a visitation tour through the Midwest and made stops at Mt. Vernon and Centralia in this area.

He renewed acquaintance with Superintendent Arthur Milward, whom he had met at Columbia University, and had lunch in the cafeteria.

He was interested in the new Community College here and reported that Columbia College is considering the development of a program of scholarships for graduates of junior colleges.

December 13, 1956

Warriors Lose, 71-64

The Mt. Vernon Community College Warriors lost their second game of the season last Thursday evening as they bowed to Centralia Junior College 71-64.

The Warrior quintet fell behind in the first half and by the end of the first half were trailing 37-25.

In the second half the locals caught fire and tied the score at 56 all. With three minutes to play, they finally went ahead 62-60. Larry Martin, Gene Brookman, and Dick Graham all fouled out in the closing minutes and the Centralia squad went ahead on free throws, to win.

The Warriors play their first home game Dec. 20 when they meet the Lincoln Junior College team in Vernois gym. Next Thursday night they will travel to Springfield to play their third game of the year.

December 13, 1956

CC and Adult Education Present Art, Music Show

The first semester concert-art exhibit of the Community College and adult education was given last Monday night in the band room of the music department.

The activities started at 7 p.m. in the art department, where the public was invited to observe some of the art work which was done by the Community College and adult education art students of Mrs. Alma Biagi.

Abstractions, non objects, surrealistic art, ceramics, and copper enameling were exhibited by the college classes.

Some other displays were exhibited by the adult education classes. These include copper enamel, earrings, cuff links, pins, sculpture, textile painting, silk screen Christmas cards, and linoleum Christmas cards. Stones, in the process of being cut and polished, were shown.

Many beautiful pieces of work were done by the students in many different ways. Some of these were realistic pictures in oil, water and pencil. More than 200 entries were exhibited.

At 8 p.m. the Community College Orchestra began their program under the direction of Bernard Cervini.

Many classical numbers were

played by the orchestra, and members of a string quartet composed of Mr. Vervini, Kenneth Mills, Harry Durham, and Vernie Rander played a number.

The Community Chorus also presented a program, "Lullabye on Christmas Eve" by Christensen featured a solo by Mrs. Harry Garrison.

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January 1957

Community Survey Of Mt. V. A Possibility

There is a possibility that a community survey of Mt. Vernon will be undertaken next September, under the guidance of Southern Illinois University.

Dr. William Tudor, head of the area services division of S. I. U., explained how such a comprehensive survey would help a city at a meeting this week at the Chamber of Commerce office here.

The local group expressed a definite interest in such a survey, if complete community cooperation in the many phases of the work can be obtained.

As a result another meeting was scheduled for February 4 at Mt. Vernon Community College, where representative of all phases of community life will be invited to take part in discussions of the proposed survey.

Dr. Tudor will attend the meeting and present a summary of the necessary steps for such a community program. S. I. U. specialists would serve as advisors in planning, conducting and recording the results of the survey.

The survey would show the city's economic status and its industrial potential, and would also result in accumulation of a list of skilled and unskilled workers, now employed away from home, who would be available at a moment's notice to take positions here in their skills if new industries were located in the Mt. Vernon area.

It would also furnish data which would permit the administrators of Mt. Vernon Community College to establish terminal courses to meet the real needs of the community.

Chamber of Commerce officials pointed out that some time ago, realizing the need of such a survey, they contacted a professional agency but found that the survey would cost a prohibitive \$15,000. They said they believe the S. I. U. specialists can guide the community, at no cost, in conducting a survey as comprehensive and helpful as a professional agency could.

Such a survey, it was pointed out, could also serve as a yardstick in measuring progress in future years of the community and its educational institutions.

Attending the meeting were Stan Kozlarski, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Arthur Milward, high school principal; Howard Rawlinson, college director; Howard Jones, high school vocational and adult education director; Art Laird, past president of the Chamber of Commerce; Walter Warren, president of the King City Retailers; Harry Ford of the C. of C.; Farm Adviser Don Lee; George Trout, president of the Central Trades and Labor Council; and Joseph P. Brodigan, office manager of the U. S. Employment Service here.

Mt. V. Community College

The state department of Public Instruction has identified Mt. Vernon Community College as a school of recognized excellence. The recognition was renewed on the basis of annual evaluation made after an inspection by the state office on the basis of the school's annual report.

Parliamentary Chairman Howard Rawlinson said the Community College has 143 full-time students attending day classes and 41 special students enrolled in night courses. An increase of approximately 25% indicated by pre-registrations for the second semester, starting January 20, the dean said.



A SURVEY OF MT. VERNON to determine its industrial and occupational needs and resources was discussed by this group of Mt. Vernon Township High School and Community College administrators and other civic leaders last Thursday night at the Hotel Emerson. Much interest was shown, and the decision was made to invite Southern Illinois University to assist with the project. Seated are, from left—Howard Rawlinson, director of Community College, George Trout, president of Central Trades, Stan Kozlarski, president of Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce, C. E. Brehm, chairman of industrial committee of Chamber of Commerce, Don Lee, farm adviser, Art Laird, of King City Retailers. Standing—Howard Jones, Mt. V. vocational supervisor, Joseph Brodigan, manager of local US Employment Service, Russell Kelley, district superintendent of US Employment Service, Kenneth Cross, Mt. V. administrative assistant, Harold Watson of New Industries, Bill Moore, chairman of county supervisors, and Arthur Milward, superintendent of Mt. V. THS and CC.

January 31, 1957

College Off to a Good Start

NINETY-FOUR DAY STUDENTS have gained credits from Mt. Vernon Community College for their first semester work. Sixty-four of the night school students completed the first semester, and the second semester will begin with 97 day students enrolled.

Considering the fact that this is a new project, the Community College has had a smooth start. A certain amount of adjustment was necessary for both students and teachers, and they seem to have made it without trouble.

"The fact that we have a building across the street has helped immensely in keeping the high school and college students from getting in each other's way," says Howard Rawlinson, director of guidance. The high school lab and business rooms are used for college classes, however.

The Warriors, the college basketball team, have played and lost six games. This is not so disappointing as it may seem, however, for the opponents have been experienced players from much larger and older schools.

Despite the temporary handicap of size and newness, the Community College of Mt. Vernon has made an impressive record for the first semester and will undoubtedly continue to do so.

Basketball Twin-bill On Tap for Tonight

Plenty of entertainment is in store for sports fans when the Mt. Vernon Community College Warriors clash with Centralia Junior College tonight in an attempt to chalk up victory number one.

In a preliminary tilt Mt. Vernon teachers will tangle with the Hi-Y in an effort to prove their basketball superiority over the younger generation.

The Warriors' last encounter with the Centralia Blue Devils ended with a 71-64 defeat for the locals. Coach J. D. Shields rates tonight's game as a "toss-up." Since the Warriors will meet their opponents at Vernois Gym, a possible victory may result for Mt. Vernon.

Starting at 7:00 p.m., students will be able to watch their favorite faculty members in action. A large turnout is hoped for both Hi-Y and teachers. The proceeds will go to the Hi-Y.

College Library Adds Equipment

The Community College library, newly opened this fall, is in the process of completing its equipment and has just added a standard birch sectional loan desk, a new card catalog case, a vertical pamphlet file, and a new work cabinet which stands behind the loan desk.

The modern library has, in addition to the above things, attractive yet functional tables and chairs, shelves made by the wood working department, fluorescent lighting, and several bulletin boards on which are posted covers of the new books, lists of college events, and pictures. It seats 35 persons.

Has 485 Books

There are 485 books in circulation and 100 on order. The library subscribes to 40 magazines, three daily newspapers, the Chicago Daily News, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and the Christian Science Monitor; and one weekly newspaper, the New York Times.

It also contains a rather complete vocational file which lists professions, requirements needed to enter them, and wage scales. This file is available for use by high school students. An exhibit case outside the door is used for displays.

Headed by Miss Warren

Mrs. Imogene Book, who works in the library, is aided by three student assistants. They are Edna Barr, second and third hours; Dorothy Odom, fourth hour; and Mary Ann Tate, sixth hour. The library hours are 8:15 to 3:35.

Miss Mildred Warren, head librarian, and Mrs. Book have done much to make the college library a pleasant, helpful place for college students.

Article by Local Teacher In Canadian Magazine



Margaret Ann Cummings

Miss Margaret Ann Cummings, English instructor at Mt. VTHS and CC, had an article written earlier for Illinois Education reprinted in the December issue of N.T.A. Journal, official magazine of the Newfoundland Teachers' Association. Article Result of Survey

The article, entitled "Why Don't More Students Plan to Be Teachers?" gave the result of a survey made by the members of the Future Teachers of America Club of Mt. VTHS and members of the teacher recruitment committee of the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma of Centralia Township High School and Sandoval Community High School.

The findings revealed the same reactions in all three schools. Not all of the upperclassmen participated; however, there were 1429 who did. When asked, "Would you like to make teaching your profession?" 257

students said, 'Yes'; 1172, 'No'. By schools, the results were: Centralia—yes, 105 and no, 451; Sandoval—yes, 14 and no, 73; Mt. Vernon—yes, 138 and no, 647.

"Travel An Attraction" Working with people and personalities and being of service to others placed first and second as reasons why students want to teach. Teachers also have been inspiring in their stories of travel experiences, for third place was "Time in summer to travel."

"Special interest in certain subjects," "Great demand for teachers," "Five-day working week," respectively, are reasons which seemed to interest the students in teaching.

"No desire, whatever, to teach" led the list of reasons why students do not want to teach. Then comes "Takes too much time to be a teacher," "Too much restriction on one's social life," "Costs too much to prepare to be a teacher," "Fifth place as salary not so good as in other fields."

Over 300 Now Enrolled In Various Night Classes

Since the adult education class started nine years ago, the enrollment has increased rapidly, and so has the variety of subjects being offered.

This year over 20 classes are offered and over 300 adults have registered for them. This enrollment is somewhat smaller than that of last year.

The enrollment of the business education courses, due to some courses offered by the Community College, is somewhat less than last year.

Some of the classes which are offered are welding, art, book-keeping, beginning typing, beginning shorthand, beginning sewing, intermediate sewing, advanced sewing, foods, meat cutting, sheet metal, leadership, geological survey, and auto mechanics. In auto mechanics, it is possible to take either power steering or carburation, agriculture, housing and home management, carpentry.

All of these classes meet at night except a class in insurance which is held in the afternoon. Almost all of these classes are taught by faculty members of the school.

These classes are given for adults who are out of school and are not offered to high school students.

Coming in the near future will be a demand for other practical classes such as hobby and appreciation classes. In the future, also, will be courses offered in furniture repairs, upholstery,

and possibly a course on home mechanics in electricity for women. In this course, women will be able to learn how to remove broken light globes, make minor repairs on lamps and light cords.

The length of the classes run from a total of 30 hours to 140 hours. Most of the trade classes, started last fall, will run for about 140 hours.

The Board of Education believes that the school should offer any course where there are 10 or more interested people. They will accept offers of classes if they have the facilities and the teachers.

Milward to Speak At NASSP Meet

Arthur Milward, superintendent of Mt. VTHS and CC, will speak at the forty-first annual convention of the National Association of Secondary-School Principals, a department of the National Education Association.

The convention will be held in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 23-27. Mr. Milward will speak on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

The topic, "What Educational Program is Needed for the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years?" will be shared by George E. Mills, associate superintendent of Dearborn, Mich. public schools, secondary school and community college.

He was invited to speak by E. Elicker, executive secretary of the association.

February 14, 1957

Leaders Decide To Have Survey Here Next Fall

A proposal offered by the community college administrators and civic leaders early in January concerning the making of a Community Development Survey was accepted by a group of citizens, Monday, Feb.

Dr. William Tudor outlined to the group what the University's Department of Community Development might be able to do for Mt. Vernon.

Dr. Tudor, who got a good impression of Mt. Vernon by "driving down Main street" and also by seeing the fine churches, buildings, schools, and newly added college of the town, remarked that Mt. Vernon already had more to offer business and industry than the usual town.

He also stated that a survey would show Mt. Vernon's true population and trading area and would benefit local government, schools, and community relations in addition to providing information any proposed new industry would need to have about the city.

Dr. Tudor and Howard Rawlinson, director of the Mt. Vernon Community College, mentioned steps needed to make the community development a success. Most important would be a mass meeting of 3,000 or more interested citizens at which leaders and committees would be chosen.

Warriors Win Twice; Place Third in Tourney

The Mt. Vernon Warriors came through with victory number one by downing Centralia Junior College and chalked up a second win to land in third place in a four-team invitational tourney at Centralia last week.

Coach J. D. Shields' Warriors led by a well balanced scoring attack from the entire quintet sailed to a 94-71 victory over the Centralia Blue Devils last Thursday at Vernon gym.

Ronnie Howard stopped Mt. Vernon scoring with 24 points. Pivot man Dick Graham sank 23 markers.

The Warriors were defeated by Centralia in the first round of the tourney but bounced back to take consolation honors by edging Springfield Junior College 65-51.

February 28, 1957

College Warriors Split In Last 2 Cage Tilts

The Mt. Vernon Community College Warriors picked up their third triumph of the season by defeating Springfield Junior College 71-63, but fell to McKendree, 94-85, in recent cage battles.

Two of the Warriors three triumphs have been over the Springfield club. Coach J. D. Shields' quintet previously captured consolation honors in the Centralia Invitational meet by downing Springfield.

The Warriors lead 36-33 at halftime, and ended with a 37.9 shooting percentage. Dick Graham paced the local attack with 26 points.

Against McKendree Graham and Ronnie Howard paced the locals with 32 and 27 points respectively.

March 14, 1957

Library Display Features Careers

"What's Your Line" is the present theme of the display in the bookcase beside the college library in building C. Some of the book jackets are hung by clothes-pins on a clothes-line. In accordance with the theme of the display, the books are about various careers, ranging from music to mechanics.

Mrs. Inogene Book, college librarian, is in charge of the display. Each month she and her assistant create a new theme for the display.

Seasonal themes are sometimes used. The display features the jackets of new books from both the college and high school libraries.

Students Hear Talks

In an effort to supplement their course in American public education, required of all Illinois education majors, college students at Mt. Vernon have been listening to a series of talks made by various representatives of the Southern Illinois teaching profession.

Since the beginning of the second semester, the class, which meets three times a week, has heard a speech on school boards by Robert Krebs, two talks on rural education by Mrs. Edward Thomson, of West Salem School and Arnold Ross of Washington School, and a discussion of the duties of a county superintendent by Carl Jolly, who is from the office of Sidney Hiron.

This week the class heard Miss Druanne Davis of Springfield speak on vocational education.

C.C. Student Council Selects Constitution

The Student Council of the Mt. Vernon Community College has been constructing a constitution for the college.

The council consists of Karen Jones, Mary Lou Parker, Christine Ivory, Perry Nance, Benny Jackson, and Gary Purdy.

The council has studied the constitutions of several junior colleges, including that of the Centralia Junior College. The project is supervised by its chairman, Billy Joe Shields, and its sponsor, Mrs. Betty Ann Ward.

April 11, 1957

Full Recognition For Community College

Full recognition for the current school year has been extended to Mt. Vernon Community College by the State Department of Public Instruction.

The recognition, based on an official visit by members of the department, was announced by State School Supt. Vernon L. Nickells.

In his report after the visit, Supt. Nickells' assistant superintendent noted that "The general educational philosophy set up for the community college is definite and the progressing work and the recognized aims of higher education. The program was well planned, proper balance, sequence and scope."

He said in his report on the Mt. Vernon College that "no prospective student should fear acceptance or transfer."

Official recognition of full recognition for the local college was received by Arthur Milward, high school principal from Supt. Nickells' office.

At your union college was visited recently by representatives from my office for the purpose of evaluating this educational program of your institution and discussing with you about any of your educational problems.

On the basis of that evaluation, your annual report, and the recommendation of your county superintendent, I am glad to extend full recognition to your school for the current school year.

Your certificate of Recognition, which I hope you will display in a prominent place, has been sent to your county superintendent for his signature. You will no doubt receive it in a few days.

Mr. T. Congradate your Board of Education grants permits to maintain adequate educational opportunities for all young people and adults of your community. The success of your program will depend to a very great extent upon community, local, teacher cooperation. Your community has entrusted you with the serious responsibility of planning your program of education through the thirteenth and fourteenth years. I am sure you will be satisfied only when you are offering the best educational opportunities possible.

The services of my office are available to you by means of our suggestions and assistance will be appreciated. You may call on me at your college again in the near future.

April 3, 1957

College Library Needs Books

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN recently gave the Mt. Vernon Community College library a book shower; Kenneth E. Greene also contributed a number of books. These generous contributions were indeed valuable to the college library.

Although at the present time the college library is relatively small, it is expected that the number of volumes displayed on its shelves will increase steadily. Moreover, since the college students have access to the books in the high school library, the books available to them for use give the students quite an extensive collection from which to choose.

However, an essential part of any college is its library. Good reference books, suitable for college level, biographies, fiction, and other types are acceptable to the library. There is a definite and immediate need for such books, especially fiction.

The college library has a pleasant and attractive atmosphere in which to study. It has made a good start in acquiring books but many more are needed. Why not help in stocking its shelves?

May 2, 1957

Rawlinson Has Heavy Schedule

Dean Howard Rawlinson of Community College has been having a heavy schedule of meetings this week which seems likely to continue since there are several more on his list.

Tuesday, Mr. Rawlinson went to Woodlawn to talk to the seniors about attending the Mt. Vernon Community College. Today he is attending a conference at Allerton Park, Monticello, Ill. This program will include sessions on state scholarships, enrollment trends, facilities, and trained manpower.

The following weekend he will go to Springfield, where the junior colleges will entertain the governor and legislators at the Leland Hotel. Dr. Jesse Bogue, executive secretary of junior colleges, will speak.

May 10-11 the meeting of the Illinois Association of Junior Colleges will be held at the University of Illinois.

Transfer problems and a report on recent change in University Regulations will be taken up.

April 11, 1957

Visitors Pleased By Work of CC

Representatives from the Illinois State Department of Education and from the University of Illinois who visited here last week commented favorably on the progress of Mt. Vernon Community College.

"We have never visited a junior college during its first year of operation that had a better start."

These were the words of Ward Black and Robert Ring, representatives from the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who visited the school April 2.

They also commented, "We know that you have a good high school, so we were expecting to find a good junior college, and we were not disappointed."

Also visiting the Mt. Vernon and Community College campus on April 1 were eight representatives from the University of Illinois. Both groups commented on the enthusiasm and capability of the teaching staff.

The representatives from the University of Illinois stated that if the reports on the evaluation of credits for transfer to the university are favorable, the students can transfer credits if they stay in the same curriculum.

The outcome of the university inspection will not be known until the findings are presented to another committee at the university which will later send a report back.

The state report should be received this week, and the first year of the Community College is expected to be accredited.

May 2, 1957

College Offers Full Life

WHEN THE LAST DAYS OF MAY arrive and the present seniors of our high school prepare to graduate, they are faced with the problem of what to do.

Many answer this question by simply saying that they intend to get a job, and that further education would be useless. Yet, in this rapid changing world, the importance of a college education is becoming almost a necessity to those who wish to achieve success in any field.

When applied to our future work, the knowledge and experience gained in college attains greater proportions than it is usually thought to have. Not only does it prepare us to reach our goals in life, but it also helps us to appreciate living to a greater extent.

By going to college, we, as the youth of today, will be better able to solve the problems of the future and to take our places as the leaders of tomorrow.

May 2, 1957

Open House Held At Local College

A large number of interested people attended the open house of Mt. Vernon Community College held Monday night. Assembling in the college lounge at 7 p.m., they found guides who took them to the various classrooms, laboratories, and to the library.

They had a chance to listen in on two classes—Miss Emily Kelley's Spanish class in 101-G and W. H. Myers' trigonometry class in 102-G.

In the zoology lab they saw an interesting display featuring specimen used in the course taught by James Love, drawings made by students, and a demonstration of the micro projector. Hygiene students demonstrated blood typing.

In the chemistry laboratory the students of Homer Brush demonstrated distillation and worked on the analysis of unknown substances as they do in their regular classes.

Two other points of interest were the college library and the display of art work done by college and adult students of Mrs. Alma Biagi.

Following the tours, many of the visitors attended a concert given by adult and college groups in the auditorium.

Community College Concert Features U of I Musicians

The second concert of the adult and Community College chorus and orchestra was given at the high school auditorium Monday night.

Featured at the concert were a group of numbers played by three members of the U of I music faculty. Paul Rolland, a violinist, played a "Mazurka," "The-Street Fiddler," and Peter Farrell played a cello solo. "The Swan." Two men also presented a duet "Passacaglia."

All three selections were accompanied by the third faculty member, Bernard Lemsine. A short program was presented by the three musicians for the student body in a general assembly Monday.

Various Moods Depicted

The rest of the program was presented by the two music groups, composed of college music students and interested adults of the community and was divided into several phases, depicting various moods and types of music.

The theme of the first section was "Music First, Heard by the Lords and Ladies," during which the orchestra played Haydn's "Symphony No. 1."

The chorus then sang "Praise

Ye the Name of the Lord," and "Let All Nations Praise the Lord."

Music of the serious and light opera was played by the orchestra, and the choir rendered Victor Herbert's "Gypsy Life," from which comes the familiar "Gypsy Love Song."

Choral Selections

Three choral selections, "Dream of You," "Hallelujah" (from Youman's musical, "Hit the Deck"), and the beautiful "Kismet" selection, "Stranger in Paradise," by Borodin-Wright represented "Dreams and Gaiety."

The next phrase, depicting the "Just For Fun" type of music included "Rockin' Chair" and "Cindy" sung by the chorus.

As an impressive climax, the combined orchestra and chorus presented a Simeone arrangement of "Onward Christian Soldiers."

May 9, 1957

Picnic Sponsored By CC Students

Badminton, catch, and games of volley ball were enjoyed at the Community College picnic, last Sunday afternoon between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m.

Approximately 70 people attended the picnic which was held at the Sportsman Club.

Those attending were several members of the faculty, their families, students of the Community College and their dates.

Some of those responsible for the plans of the picnic were Karen Jones, Tom Marsh, Karen Canterbury, Benny Jackson, and Jerry Narice.

May 9, 1957



ZOOLOGY AQUARIUM attracted visitors at the Community College open house on Monday, April 29. Many phases of work in James Love's Zoology 102 course were explained to visitors by the college students. Discussing a specimen in the aquarium is Charles Sargent.

May 9, 1957

Local Theater Shows Art Film

The college students in Mrs. Alma Biagi's art appreciation and art education classes have added film making to their many activities with their production of the animated cartoon, "Designing Woman," which was shown at the Granada Theater May 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Each student was assigned 300 feet of opaque film which he painted with colored ink and gelatins. When put together, these sections formed an imaginative film combining rhythmic forms and vibrant color. Sauter-Finegan percussion music, chosen in keeping with the designs painted, was played along with the film.

While schools have done such films on 16mm film, Mrs. Biagi says, to her knowledge, they have never been done outside of Hollywood on 35mm film.

Those participating in producing this film were Bill England, Nadine Loss, Veryl Ramp, Reba Jarell, Marjorie Smart, Fredrica Loar, Mildred Baker, John Ramp, Adelaide Hogan, Betty Wallace, Nelda Allen, Alma Byars, and June Theel.

During the dates of this movie there were also an exhibition of wire sculpture, ceramics, oil painting, copper enameling, water color, and polished, semi-precious stones native to the United States.

This exhibit was at the Williams, 1106 Main Street. The exhibiting artists were Mary Hertenstein, Nelda Allen, June Theel, Betty Wallace, Nadine Loss, Bill Crowder, Bill England, Adalain Hogan, Reba Jarell, Marie Jackson.

Helen Reynolds, Alma Byars, Fredrica Loar, Pauline Roth, Mildred Baker, Veryl Ramp, Marjorie Smart, J. K. Biagi, Margi Smith, Aggie Murphy and L. F. Murohv

May 23, 1957

About 100 to Enter College; 40 Plan to Attend Mt. VCC

Approximately 100 seniors plan to attend various colleges or trade schools after graduation this year.

According to data secured from questionnaires recently filled out by seniors, there are 40 students who are planning to attend Community College. They are Gordon Skultes, Jerry Phillips, Judy Osborn, Betty Jean Orrick, Gerald Gowler, Jack Mendenall, Larry Hyde, Gary Henry, Pat Jones, Darleen Malcolm, Jerry Harpole.

Charles Schutte, John Modlin, Donna Adams, Jimmy Newcomb, Sue Storment, Wilma Tinsley, Charles Milt, Ronney Wilkey, Pattie Kern, Charles McBryan, John Menke, David Bacon, Roger Shurtz, Janice Capps.

Annette Boyd, Homer Robertson, Tom McPherson, Phyllis McGill, Naomi Tate, Ronald Dare, Johnnie Williams, Richard Marlow, Judith Bailey, Roger Ballard, Lawrence Hall, Ronald Miller, Virda Kay McDonald and Roger Witters.

14 to Attend SIU

The school attracting the next highest number from Mt. Vernon is Southern Illinois University. Those planning to attend SIU include Minnie Brown, Nedra Clay, John Latta, Judy Cross, David Bayer, Joyce Foreman, Harold King, Wayne Arrold, Anna Avant, Richard Parker, Jack Harmon, Una Mae Eller, Charlene Dycus, Bob Sanders.

The University of Illinois will have 10 new freshmen from Mt. Vernon next year. These are Ralph Smedley, Jim Davis, Charles Riley, James Berry, Rita Wood, David Curtis, Joyce Bullock, Bill Rogers, Robert Warebaugh, and Michael Glassman.

Kansas State Rates 8 Seniors

Kansas State will receive eight Mt. VTHS students. They are Sylvia Brehm, Everett Bullock, Barry Dukes, Tommy Ellis, Bob Grant, Don Neal, Mary Sue Schroeder and Don Woodward.

Thirty-four members of the senior class plan to attend schools elsewhere. They include: Karen Browning, Lockyear's; Estelle Robinson, beautician; Donald Horton, University of Southern California; Bill Causler, MacMurray; Joyce Bayne, Greenville; Laverba Brown, Kentucky Baptist; Elizabeth Marlin, Memorial School of Nursing; Jean Morgan, St. Luke's School of Nursing; Shirley Ayres, Francis Shimer; Janice Plemon, Lockyear's; Wayne Quinn, George Washington University; Albert Tussey, FBI School; Janet Bean, Northwestern; Rebecca Horton, University of New Mexico; Marilyn Wolter, St. Mary's; Mary Beth Borden, Northwestern; Judy Hite, University of Colorado; Wiley Hopkins, North Central; Sally Skinner, Central Tech; Nancy Hoffman, Lindenwood; Carole Smith, Patricia Stevens; Patricia Oliver, Baynes Nursing; Donald Mullinax, Central Illinois Barber's; Betty Joyce Stone, University of Texas; Don Marvel, DeVry Tech School.

Love Writes Article For IAS Publication

Recently published in the Illinois Academy of Science Transactions was a paper by James E. Loves, zoology teacher at Mt. Vernon Community College.

The article entitled "A Method For Obtaining Metatic Figures in Seedings of *Alisma* (Dinn.) L." was presented before a meeting of the Illinois Academy of Science.

This organization sponsors the Junior Academy of Science to which the projects of Mrs. Ann Schmidt's biology classes are sent.

College Grad Season Opens

EVERY SPRING the campuses of American colleges and universities are thrown into turmoil by thousands of business and industrial representatives in quest of promising college seniors. The entire course of a college graduate's career is often decided by a twenty-minute interview.

As modern business and industry grow in complexity, a greater premium is being put upon college men and women. While promising high school graduates are often sought, corporations generally expect to get their future leaders from the college campuses.

In many cases job recruiters are willing to invest a sizable sum of money to provide prospective employees with special training of additional expense-paid interviews at one of the company's plants.

Although non-specialist business and liberal arts students may graduate without definite career prospects, the outlook for them is becoming more and more promising, and if past trends continue, the typical non-specialist will be earning more ten years later than the typical specialist.

To succeed in getting a desirable job, it is necessary to develop while in college a balance between classroom performance, extra-curricular activities, specific abilities, and a well-rounded personality. Companies favor graduates who have been active on campus but they favor even more those active students who can earn commendable grades also.

If you are planning to go to college, then consider these facts carefully, for if you can qualify your chances for future success will be unlimited.