

MT. VERNON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1957-1958

Staff Members To Attend Various State Conferences

During October several members of our school's administrative staff and faculty will attend a number of conferences throughout the state.

Monday, Oct. 7, Mr. Milward will represent Mt. Vernon High School and Community College at a meeting of the Joint Committee of Secondary Schools and Universities.

The following two days, October 8 and 9, he will attend conferences of the Illinois Secondary and High School Association, the North Central Associations for Illinois schools, and the Illinois High School Association.

Miss Margaret Cummings will represent Mt. VHS at the conference of the Illinois State Association of the Teachers of English at Champaign, Ill. Oct. 11 and 12. Miss Cummings will head a panel discussing "Themes."

Dean Howard Rawlinson, Charles Berger, and Miss Jane Curry will attend a conference of the Illinois Personal and Guidance Association at Bradley University on Oct. 4 and 5. The theme of the meeting is "Guidance—Forethought or Afterthought."

Mt. VCC in Second Year; Many New Courses Started

The Community College opened its second year with 79 freshmen and 59 sophomores enrolled. At this time last year 94 students were enrolled in freshmen courses.

The courses of the Community College run along two lines, the university parallel curricula and the terminal curricula. Night adult classes are also offered.

At the present time the Community College is reorganizing the Student Council, whose duty is to pass rules that govern behavior at school social functions and other such activities.

Basketball is the principal sport. A good season is anticipated this year with Dick Graham, Ronnie Howard, Tom Marsh, and others from last year's squad returning and some good freshman prospects. The new men include Wiley Hopkins, Fred Deichman, Jerry Kryger, and Jack Mendenhall, former Mt. Vernon varsity players, James Burns from Cluford, and Larry Knight from Thompsonville.

Besides basketball, tennis and baseball are being considered

and may be added this year. Other outside activities include dances and parties. The co-ordination of the class and activities is planned and carried out by the administrative department headed by Superintendent Arthur Milward and Dean Howard Rawlinson, with the aid of the 21 teachers who teach in both the Community College and the high school.

Sept. 26, 1957

Kill Canned Rattler

Mrs. Ann Schmidt, biology teacher, displayed before her third period class a large varnish can and informed the members a live rattlesnake, was on the inside. James Love, college zoology teacher, was called in to assist in the killing and preservation of the deadly reptile.

After a liberal amount of chloroform was poured into the can, the lid was removed by Mr. Love while Mrs. Schmidt stood alert and ready for any emergency. With tongs in hand, the two teachers began cautiously to pull long strips of paper out of the can and probe among them while students looked on excitedly.

Most of the paper had been removed from the can and still no snake appeared. (A tenseness could be noted even though the chloroform had become irritating.) At last Mr. Love drew out the luckless snake which was well varnished and decidedly dead, and not more than 6 inches long. Was it a rattler? No, just a harmless king snake.

Oct. 10, 1957

Future Teachers Organize for Year

With a beginning membership of 30, the Future Teachers club of the school was reorganized Oct. 2, under the leadership of Mrs. Imogene Book.

At that meeting a proposed constitution was introduced to be voted on at a later meeting.

Following the reading, an election was held and Clem Cross, sophomore, was elected president. Miss Margaret Ann Cummings, the former sponsor, explained the operation of the club when it was first established here several years ago.

Following her talk, the elections were resumed and the following students, all from the Community College, were elected: Karen Jones, vice-president, Karen Canterbury, secretary, treasurer, Mary Lou Parker, parliamentarian, and Pat Jones, librarian.

The purposes of the FTA are to interest the best young men and women in education as a lifelong career, to acquaint young people with the history, ethics, and program of the teaching profession, and to emphasize the importance of character and scholarship in preparation for this field.

Six CC Students Attend Conference

Six Mt. Vernon Community College students participated in student discussion groups which were a part of the program of a North Central Junior College conference held at Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Ill. last Monday.

Taking part were Karen Canterbury, Gary Purdy, Jerry Nance, Sally Skinner, Judy Bailey, and Jim Burnes. They were accompanied by Mrs. Imogene Book, college librarian, Mrs. Betty Ann Ward, and Howard Rawlinson, dean of the Community College.

Highlighting the three day meeting were addresses by Paul Douglas, United States senator from Illinois and William G. Stratton, Governor of Illinois.

Thursday, Oct. 17

October, 17, 1957

Mt. VTHS and CC Serving Local Needs Says Robert M. Ring, State Inspector



GETTING DATA on the operation of the school are state visitors Robert M. Ring (at left) and Ward Black (at right). Kenneth Cross (center), administrative assistant, and Howard Rawlinson (standing), dean of the Community College, explain the organization of Mt. VTHS.

"This high school and college is developing to serve the needs of the community in an outstanding manner." Those were the words of Robert M. Ring, the general supervisor of the state inspectors, who visited Mt. VTHS on Oct. 9.

Mr. Ring was extremely complimentary in his remark about the school. He stated that the school has a broad curriculum, including at least one course in each of the generally accepted fields of education, so necessary in the education of high school students.

"In adult education," he said, "the high school and the college are also developing to serve the needs of the community." He commented on the good tone, spirit, and morale of both the students and the faculty.

The people inspecting the varied courses of the school at college were William Bealmeart; Beulah Zander, music; Mildred Nickel, library; MiMihura Conitt, physical education and safety, Bernard Olin business education, and Robert M. Ring, Miss Ethel Miller, and Otis Keeler, in the high school group.

In the college groups were Loren Little, superintendent of Business Education and Ward N. Black.

The visitation group reported their findings to Superintendent Arthur Milward at a dinner meeting held at the Elks Club.

At a later time the school will receive a written report from the state office giving observations and suggestions in greater detail.

October 24, 1957

CC to Play 18 Games

The Mt. Vernon Community College Warriors coached by J. D. Shields have announced their basketball schedule for the 1957-58 season. The schedule is as follows:

- McKendree Jr. Varsity, Nov. 29—H
- Springfield Jr. College, Dec. 3—T
- Centralia Jr. College, Dec. 5—H
- S. I. U. Jr. Varsity, Dec. 12—H
- McKendree Jr. Varsity, Dec. 14—T
- Belleville Jr. College, Dec. 17—T
- Lincoln Jr. College, Dec. 19—H
- Bradley Freshman, Dec. 20—T
- S. I. U. Jr. Varsity, Jan. 4—T
- Vincennes Jr. College, Jan. 9—H
- Centralia Jr. College, Jan. 16—T
- Springfield Jr. College, Jan. 21—H
- Belleville Jr. College, Jan. 23—H
- McAurry College, Feb. 6—H
- Lincoln Jr. College, Feb. 11—T
- Centralia Invitational Tournament

October 31, 1957

Junior Colleges Expected To Grow in Importance

"The greater the diameter of the light, the greater the circumference of the darkness," said Dr. E. T. McSwain, Professor of Education at Northwestern University, in his speech at the meeting of the Council of North Central Junior Colleges held at Illinois State Normal University, Bloomington, Ill., on Oct. 13, 14, and 15. The meeting was attended by Howard Rawlinson, guidance director.

Dr. McSwain was advocating more training for teachers and hiring more teachers with a doctor's degree in junior colleges; as he felt that within ten years the importance of the junior college would grow as the colleges and universities became more specialized.

Honorable William G. Stratton, Governor of Illinois, indicated that he felt the junior colleges would meet the problem of increasing enrollments and that in the next session of the legislature he expected them to ask for more state money.

Father Paul C. Reinert, president of St. Louis University and member of the President's Commission, spoke on the three main problems of educators.

First is the low salaries of teachers, which he pointed out should be doubled in order that the teachers could devote themselves wholeheartedly to teaching.

The second problem was the loss of gifted pupils from colleges. He suggested that ability and desire should be the only entrance requirements.

The third problem he mentioned was the lack of clarity in their objectives of some institutions.

Dr. Edmund Gleazer stressed the growing importance of the community college, and the services which it gives are not given by any other institutions.

Honorable Paul Douglas, United States Senator from Illinois, spoke on the federal aid and taxes which enable the schools to operate.

March 20, 1958

New Library Convenience To All College Students

March 13, 1958

C. C. To Have Annual

The Mt. Vernon Community College has taken another step forward by beginning the publication of a yearbook.

Thirty-eight students have signed up to help with this project.

Spieth Studio photographer from Centralia have taken the individual pictures. All classroom pictures have also been taken, and students are now collecting snapshots to use in the book.

The purpose of the book is to give the students a picture record of their two years at the college. Miss Barbara Luchsinger, adviser, said that the aim is to produce a publication which will serve as a memory book.

Along with the Community College has come a new college library. The library, which seats about 35 people, has an informal atmosphere with the students disciplining themselves.

Having started with only a set of encyclopedias last year, the library now contains over 1,000 books, and subscribes to 51 periodicals and two newspapers.

Mrs. Imogene Book, the librarian, keeps a back file of magazines which may be checked out over night for reference. Library Open Until 4 p.m.

The library is open from 8:15 until 4. Mildred Baker, a student assistant, has charge of the library from 12:30 until 1:30.

High school students don't use the CC library en masse but if they bring special requests from teachers, the requests are usually granted. Teachers of Mt. VTHS and CC find the library a good place for study or for research.

PANORAMIC VIEW of Community College library. This library occupies the space in Building E once used by the Homemaking Department. With Mrs. Imogene Book as librarian, the library has made rapid growth. The college students find it an ideal place for reading and study.



March 17 1958



JEAN HUTCHISON, left, and Shirley Payne, co-editors of the Community College Pyramid, prepare final copy for the book.

'60 Pyramid Staff Finishes Yearbook; Sets May Delivery

All material for the 1960 edition of the Pyramid, the Community College yearbook, have been sent to the publishing company, announces Miss Barbara Luchsinger, faculty advisor. The book should be ready for delivery by the middle of May.

The staff, headed by co-editors Jean Hutchison and Shirley Paine, completed the layouts, copy, and advertising sales, in a four-week period of intensive work, Miss Luchsinger said.

Use Lithograph

The Pyramid, in its second year of production, is being produced by the lithograph method this year instead of the offset method.

The change was made because the lithograph method is less complicated and yet offers a variety of layouts and effects that are hard to accomplish with the offset. Too, this method is much less expensive, Miss Luchsinger said.

Name Staff

Ronald Wilson is advertising manager, Judy Pigg is his assistant, and Mary Heidenreich is typist. Jean Moutrie did the art work for the pyramid emblem. Approximately 15 other students worked on the book; all work was completely voluntary.

Taking the pictures for the book were Spieth Studio of Centralia, Mary Jane Studio of Mt. Vernon, and Lloyd DeWitt.

April 1958

Mt. V. College Students Join Discussion Group

A group of Mt. Vernon Community College students breakfasted today with adult members of the local Economic Discussion Group — and participated in discussion and study of demand supplies and prices.

The enjoyable meeting at the L. and N. Cafe was the seventh breakfast meeting in a series of 17 weekly discussions of economic factors in the nation, under Chamber of Commerce sponsorship.

Alison Easton, moderator of today's discussion said, "It is gratifying to see that Mt. Vernon college students are interested in learning more about the farm situation and the general economic condition of our country."

The students, from an economics class, were accompanied by their instructor, Bill Thompson. Several of the students said they plan to attend future breakfasts of the adult discussion group on their own.

The group will discuss prices, profits and wages at next week's meeting. The moderator will be Clifford Fore.

Students Eat Candied Violets, Indian Turnips

How would you like to sit down to a feast of Indian turnips, wild greens and mushroom — topped off by candied violets and sassafras tea?

Those were some of the featured items on a strange menu last night at an unusual banquet at Mt. Vernon high school.

Eating — and enjoying — the meal were James E. Love of the Mt. Vernon Community College and the 14 members of one of his botany classes.

One day last week the college students were studying various wild plants in class. Instructor Love mentioned that a meal of edible but little known wild plants might be interesting.

The idea caught on and the whole class cooperated in gathering plants and preparing the meal in the home economics rooms at the high school.

Other items on the unusual menu included elderberry custard pie, imitation apple pie made with crackers, homemade white bread, sweet potato pie, asparagus and rhubarb pie.

The meat course consisted of frog legs, wild duck and tame duck.

Instructor Love brought his family to the banquet — his wife, Mae, four-year-old Jimmy and two-year-old Jerry. Little Jimmy loved the candied violets, and said they tasted "like real flowers."

"The meal was different, to say the least," said Mr. Love. "Actually, the food smelled and tasted good."

Will his class try another exotic meal some time? The instructor wasn't sure, but he was certain that last night's strange banquet was an enjoyable one.

April 17, 1958

April 24, 1958

Music Majors of CC Present Recital To Present Recital

Music majors of the Community College will present a public recital in the choral room of the music department next Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

These students are playing and singing numbers which are a part of their regular and applied music curriculum credit.

Each of the students has a major in an instrument which requires two lessons and 14 hours of practice per week. In addition to this, each of the students has a minor pursuit requiring one lesson and seven hours of practice per week.

Those participating in the concert are Judy Bailey, flute major; Roger Schurtz, clarinet minor; Carolyn Boster, cornet major; and Shirley Ayres, piano minor.

18 CC Students Pass Exam

Eighteen Mt. Vernon Community College students recently took a teacher's examination and all 18 passed.

"The 100 per cent record reflects much credit on the Mt. Vernon Community College," said Sidney Hiron, county superintendent of schools, who received the notification of the students success from the Teachers Certification Board in Springfield.

The 18 students who are now eligible to receive a teacher's certificate are Jerry Narce, Pat Jones, Halsey Dulaney, John Ohlms, Merredith Willard, Karen Canterbury, Arlyne Fitzgerald, Mrs. Mary Wood, Jack Alexander, Mrs. Margaret Cunningham, Mildred Baker, Gene Fairchild, Jerry Clemens, Norma Riley, Charles Sargent, Ada Taylor, and Jeanette Rutherford.

CC Departments To Give Program

The Community College Music Department and the Art Department will present a combined program beginning at 7 p.m. April 28. The program will be presented on the second and third floors of Building "F."

The Community College Chorus and Orchestra and allied ensembles will be a featured part of the program. These groups have appeared on WMLX for the last few weeks.

The Art Department will show drawings in pencil, ink and color, and the adult education class will show jewelry textile painting, ceramics and silk screen.

This is the second of these combined programs, last year's program being the inspiration for a repeat of the event.

The public is invited to the Fine Arts Festival, and are requested to enter through the northwest door of the Vocational Building.

The art students will be present to explain the work shown, and stereophonic background music will be heard between 7 and 8 o'clock.

May 1, 1958

Five Nominated For CC Queen

Five girls from the Community College were nominate to be attendants at a dance which is to be held May 17.

These girls were chosen by votes of the entire student body of the Community College. The girl receiving the most vote will reign as queen.

Phyllis McGill is a freshman who is majoring in music. She is also a member of the social committee for the college and an accompanist for the community choir.

Sally Skinner, a freshman, was a cheerleader this past year for the CC Warriors. She is also a member of the college Student Council.

Judy Bailey is a freshman who is majoring in music.

Mary Tinsley, a freshman, was also a cheerleader for the CC Warriors this year and is member of the social committee.

Carol Hood is also a freshman. She is a member of the community chorus and was chose Miss Flame of last year.

Four of these girls are graduates of Mt.VTHS.

The decorations will be blue and white to carry out the theme which is "Stairway to the Stars."

The dance is to be held from 8:30 to 12:30 at the city hall with a local group furnishing the music.

Approximately 150 students of the college are expected to attend.

Fine Arts Dept. Gives Program

The second annual Community College Art and Musical Festival held in the vocational building Monday evening presented many samples of local talent.

Art exhibits by members of adult education and Community College classes were on display. The various paintings in these exhibits were done in water colors, pastels, oils, casein, and various other media.

Stereophonic music (courtesy of J. K. Biagi) provided a pleasant background for the exhibit.

The musical portion of the festival was presented in the band room at 8 p.m. The Community College Orchestra, conducted by Tai Smith, performed four movements from Haydn's "Symphony No. 11" and other selections.

The Community College Chorus, under the direction of W. H. Beckmeyer, sang several numbers, including sacred selections such as "Almighty God of Our Fathers" and semi-classical favorites such as "Song of the Vagabonds." Additional musical numbers were provided by vocal and string ensembles.



CC QUEEN CANDIDATES. First row, from left—Phyllis McGill, Mary Tinsley, and Carol Hood. Second row, Judy Bailey and Sally Skinner.

May, 1958

Queen Candidates



These five girls are from left, Judy Bailey, Sally Skinner, Phyllis McGill, Carol Hood and Mary Tinsley, Community College students who have been chosen as attendants at a dance to be held Saturday evening, May 17. They were selected by votes of the entire student body. The girl receiving the most votes will be queen.

Miss Bailey is majoring in music. She is a member of the Community College orchestra and chairman of the social committee. Sally Skinner was cheerleader this past year for the Community College Warriors. She is also a member of the Student Council. Phyllis McGill is majoring in music. She is also a member of the social committee for the college and accompanist for the community choir. Carol Hood is a member of the community chorus and was chosen as "Miss Flame" last year. Mary Tinsley was cheerleader for the Community College Warriors this year and is a member of the social committee. All are freshmen.

The dance will be held from 8:30 until 12:30 o'clock at the city hall with music furnished by a local group. Approximately 150 students of the college are expected to attend.

Mt. V. Teacher Honored; Gets Special Science Course

OREGON STATE COLLEGE

James Erickson Love, instructor of biology at Mt. Vernon Township High School and Community College, has been selected to attend a special biological sciences institute June 30 to August 9 at Oregon State College, Corvallis.

The institute is for 50 selected biological science teachers from colleges and universities across the country. It is to be offered under a special grant from the National Science Foundation.

A different phase of biology will be studied each of the six weeks. Topics will include genetics, microbiology, growth and development, radiation biology, marine and invertebrate biology, and environmental biology.

Some of the nation's leading scientists will serve as topic leaders at the institute. Mornings will be devoted to lectures by visiting scientists and members of the Oregon State College staff. Afternoon sessions will include laboratory periods, demonstrations, discussions, reading, reports, and field work.

One afternoon and evening per week will be devoted to college teaching problems.

The institute is one of five summer programs scheduled by the National Science Foundation this year for college teachers. To qualify, teachers must have had at least three years teaching experience and hold at least a master's degree. Each teacher selected will receive \$75 a week plus tuition and fees, and some travel and dependent allowances.

Objectives of the institute are to improve subject matter competence of the participating teachers from across the U.S. and to help them in motivating able students to consider careers in science. Dr. Henry P. Hansen, dean of the OSC graduate school, is institute director.

Full Recognition For Mt. V. College

Mt. Vernon Community College today received full recognition from the University of Illinois, Dean Howard Rawlinson announced.

The local school had been on a conditional basis, subject to its students maintaining C averages when transferring to the University. Today's action removes the limitation.

The Mt. Vernon college had previously received full state department of education recognition.

May 8, 1958

College Students Attend Discussion

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 A group of Mt. Vernon Community College students attended a meeting on Monday, April 28, with adult members of the local Economic Discussion Group. Breakfast was served, and the students were then given a chance to participate in the discussion and study of demand, supplies, and prices. The moderator of the discussion, Allison Easton, said, "It is gratifying to see that Mt. Vernon College students are interested in learning more about the farm situation and the general economic condition of our country."



ATTRACTIVE MISS MARY TINSLEY is shown receiving the crown from her escort Larry Hyde, after she was chosen Queen of the Community College dance which was held at the Mt. Vernon Township High School gymnasium last Saturday evening. Following the coronation, pretty little Miss Karen Book, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Book presented Miss Tinsley with a beautiful bouquet of red roses.

Miss Mary Tinsley Is Queen Of Community College Dance

By GLENRA RECTOR

Miss Mary Tinsley was crowned queen of the Community College dance which was held Saturday, May 17, in the girls gym at the high school from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Miss Tinsley, wearing a waltz length blue formal, was escorted by Larry Hyde to the strains of "Deep Purple." The impressive crowning took place at 10:30 o'clock. The queen, Miss Tinsley, was crowned by her escort, Master Roger Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bailey was the crown bearer and Little Miss Karen Book, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Book, wearing a pink formal, presented Miss Tinsley with a bouquet of red roses.

The queen's attendants were: Miss Sally Skinner, escorted by Donald Mays, and wearing a white floor length formal trimmed in red. Miss Skinner walked in to "I'll Get By." Miss Judy Bailey wore a white formal trimmed in orchid. She was escorted by Bert Dunbar to the song, "Stardust." Miss Phyllis McGill, escorted by John Reynolds to "Stranger in Paradise." wore a floor length aqua formal. Miss Audy Bailey wore a white floor length formal. Miss Bailey was escorted by David Bacon to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

The theme of the dance, "Starway to the Stars," was carried out with decorations of blue crepe paper draped from the center of the ceiling to the walls. The walls were decorated with rose trellises and colored stars hung all around the gym. The queen's throne was decorated with blue crepe paper, stars, and angel hair. The Harmonaires, a local dance band furnished the music for the occasion, which was attended by approximately 90 college students and their dates. The dance was emceed by Jack Alexander, a member of the band.

May 22, 1958

Three Ambitious Scientists Display Projects at Fair

Three projects represented Mt. VTHS at the science contest on the University of Illinois campus, April 8 and 9.

All projects had to qualify by winning a first at the district contest on the SIU campus earlier in the year.

Roy Adams combined clay models and a collection of his interesting project on shells. His project consisted of a collection of gastropods and pelecypods shells plus a model of the internal structure of a gastropod and one of a pelecypod.

Mylius Project Evolution

Marjorie Mylius had an interesting project on the evolution of the horse. The project was presented in five clay models of horses from the "dawn horse" to the present day species.

Mary Lynn Metternich had combined crepe paper and construction paper to form a very interesting poster project on the muscles.

In stiff competition with upperclassmen from all over the state, sophomore Marjorie won a second, and Roy and Mary Lynn, also sophomores, won thirds.

Love Acts As Judge

Mt. Vernon was also represented by James Love, high school and Community College science teacher, who acted as a judge for zoology projects entered in the contest.

Marjorie, Roy, and Mr. Love

also participated in a geology field trip and attended a natural science lecture sponsored by the Senior Academy of Science, which worked on closely with the Junior Academy at this science contest.

Both Mr. Love and Mrs. Ann Schmidt, biology teacher, are planning to encourage competition in contests such as these more in the future, since they feel that such activities encourage interest and uncover talent in science.

May 24, 1958

25 Graduate In First Class At Mt. V. College

The distinction of being the first group to graduate from Mt. Vernon Community College will come to 25 young people June 1.

First commencement exercises at the two-year old junior college will be in the Mt. Vernon high school auditorium.

The first two years of college work are taught here and the 25 diploma winners will graduate with credits making them college juniors.

Archie Woodrome of the college faculty will give the farewell address and diplomas will be presented by Gilbert Wood, school board president.

The invocation and benediction will be given by Lester E. Pifer, minister of the Central Church of Christ.

The graduates:

Jack Anderson.
Lucy Baker.
Mildred Baker.
Ronald Brown.
Jerry Clemens.
Wayne Diel.
Halsey Dulaney.
Eugene Fairchild.
Larry Gentle.
Ronald Howard.
John Robert Lynn.
Larry Martin.
Jerry Nance.
John Ohms.
Charles Porter.
Jeanette Rutherford.
Harl Edgar Ryder.
Walter Sickafus.
Robin Smith.
Charlene Sutton.
Ada Taylor.
Billy Joe Shields.
Mary Wood.
Shirley Woodrome.
Deane Weir.

May 22, 1958

25 to Graduate From Jr. College

Mt. Vernon Community College will graduate its first group of students, celebrating its first two years of operation.

The commencement exercises will be held Sunday, June 1, at 8 p.m. in the Mt. VTHS auditorium. Archie Woodrome, CC geography teacher, will address the graduating class. Gilbert Wood, president of the school board, will present the diplomas.

The Rev. Lester E. Pifer, minister of the Central Church of Christ, will offer the invocation and benediction.

Those 25 people who are to graduate are Jack Anderson, Lucy Baker, Mildred Baker, Ronald Brown, Jerry Clemens, Wayne Diel, Halsey Dulaney, Eugene Fairchild, Larry Gentle, Ronald Howard, John Robert Lynn, Larry Martin, Jerry Nance, John Ohms, Charles Porter, Jeanette Rutherford, Harl Edgar Ryder, Walter Sickafus, Robin Smith, Charlene Sutton, Ada Taylor, Billy Joe Shields, Mary Wood, Shirley Woodrome, and Deane Weir.