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EVERYBODY WANTS TO GET INTO THE ACT



Gathered in front of the administration building are Key Club members and their friends in their new OSD T-shirts. Seated in front is **Russell Jordan**. In the second row, left to right, are **Sonja Stephens, Carol Lewis, Donna Arledge, Cindy Dowers, Mary Sheperd, Angela Gray, Tina Salyers, Lisa Leibe, and Mark Bibler**. In the third row, left to right, are **Mary Brosnan, Jimmy Carson, Mary Ellen Gramly, Billy Jo Weiss, Robin Hotchkiss, Principal Merlen Gruenbagen**. In the fourth row, left to right, are **Delbert Fullerton, Delynn Katz, Eugenia Page, Audrey Waits, Kathleen Bojanowski, Mrs. Lois**

Gerhardstein, Charles Neal, David Brown, Marty Gardner, and Robert Atkinson. In the fifth row, left to right, are **Peter Joseph, Larry Homan, Russell Stewart, Mrs. Nancy Crist**. In the sixth row, left to right, are **John Mark, Mrs. Mary Beth Neyer, Mrs. Lynn Mansfield, Mrs. Linda Wilke, and Victor Bluestein**. In the seventh row, left to right, are **Mr. Donald McLaughlin, Mrs. Doris McLaughlin, Debra Evans, Joe Owens, Mrs. Jane Switzer, Mrs. Terri Weber, and Mrs. Pam Little**. In the back row, left to right, are **Perry Mott, Bill Roseberry, Mrs. Joyce Clapham, and Derek Svec**.

by Ms. Carrie Smolik
Key Club Advisor

OSD's Key Club has set a new record. Other school organizations have sold T-shirts on campus but Key Club has recently sold over three hundred light blue ones with navy blue sleeves and school monograms in fingerspelling. So pleased were students and staff members who purchased the shirts that many met on the steps of the administration building for a group picture.

In April, OSD's Key Clubbers joined Key Club members from the Ohio State School for the Blind for an evening of bowling in downtown Columbus. After bowling, **Mr. Rob Setterlin**, Kiwanis advisor, provided ice cream sundaes and pop.

This year, Key Club members voted to donate a decoder for television to Columbus Colony. On a recent visit, Key Club members noted that many Colony residents enjoy television and Key Club members hope the decoder will make programs even more meaningful. Next year, Key Club will visit Columbus Colony again. Members look forward to talking to the residents and want to check on the popularity of the decoder.

Key Club ended this year's activities with a trip to Cedar Point on May 17. The day featured rides, a picnic lunch, and more and more rides.

Mr. Weber Discusses The IEP's

by Mr. Mike Weber, OSD Psychologist

In May, OSD completed its individualized educational programs (IEP's) for the 1980-81 school year. As a result of a policy change, we now hold our conferences in the spring instead of the fall of the year. This time change enables us to start the school year with the new IEP rather than writing a new one after school is underway.

Our spring IEP conferences allow the school to share current re-evaluation information with parents. If a child's three-year re-evaluation was completed this year, this information has been shared with his parents during conferences this month. This time change also allows us to be more consistent with the school districts throughout the state which have already adopted this policy.

This spring, our IEP conferences proceeded in the same manner as in the past. The IEP contains certain information: the child's present level of educational performance; a statement of specific special education and related services to be provided and the estimate of the extent to which the child will be able to be mainstreamed into regular educational programs; a statement of when these services will begin and how long these services will last; a description of criteria and evaluation procedures which will be used annually to determine if the goals and objectives have been accomplished.

The spring conferences gives us time to look at the child's progress during the current academic year. We are now able to plan a more effective IEP for next year.

For those parents whose children were re-evaluated this year, the IEP conference provided an opportunity for a more comprehensive study of their child's program and progress. The three-year re-evaluation procedure includes information from the teacher, audiologist, speech therapist, psychologist, and, when indicated, other personnel. This process is essentially the same as the one used when the child was tested during our initial Multifactorial Evaluation Clinic. The testing for the re-evaluation, however, is done during the current academic year rather than during a single day. The important part of this procedure is to determine if there have been any unexpected changes in the child's functioning level since his last comprehensive evaluation.

The response to our IEP conferences last fall was gratifying. It indicates that parents are taking a more active role in the education of their children. This spring, we had an even larger number of parents participate in this most important process. At OSD, we feel that the education of children is more meaningful when, parents, teachers, and children work together toward common goals. As a result of the conferences this year, many misconceptions about the IEP's have been eliminated. We feel that there has been better communication between home and school and we have more opportunities to cooperate with parents in developing a program designed to meet the unique needs of their child.

Telling It Like It Is



At an in-service meeting, **Mr. Samuel Bonham**, Director of Special Education for the State of Ohio, addresses OSD staff members on their responsibilities under the law toward handicapped students.



Superintendent Robert Gates, Michigan School of the Deaf, addresses staff members at an in-service meeting in the multi-purpose room of the staff building on Thursday, May 15.

Seniorama

by Dr. James Flood

The cost of buying, training and maintaining a dog to assist a hearing impaired person is income tax deductible.

Attend the N.A.D. Convention. The organization was born 100 years ago in Cincinnati, Ohio and an Ohioan was its first President. Help celebrate the big event and have a good time too - dates: June 29th - July 5th at the Stouffer's Cincinnati Towers Hotel. **Mr. Robert Macgregor**, a former teacher at the Ohio School, will be honored.

Columbus Colony will be dedicated on Monday, August 25, 1980.



An International Symbol on Deafness is announced by the National Association of the Deaf.

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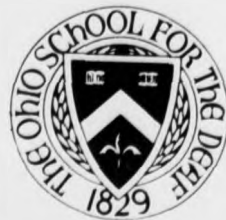
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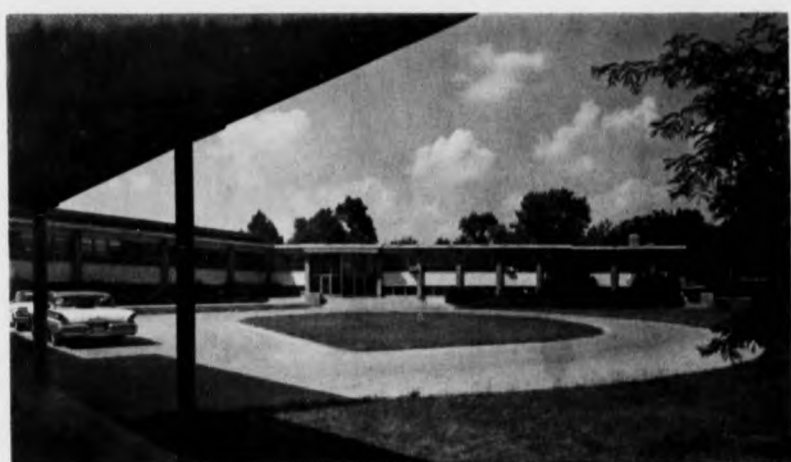
OSD's 109th Commencement

Mr. Dotson Angel, director of Columbus Colony Housing, will be the speaker at Graduation on Friday, June 6, at 10:00 a.m., in the school gymnasium.

OSD Presents
A Century And A Half Of Memories

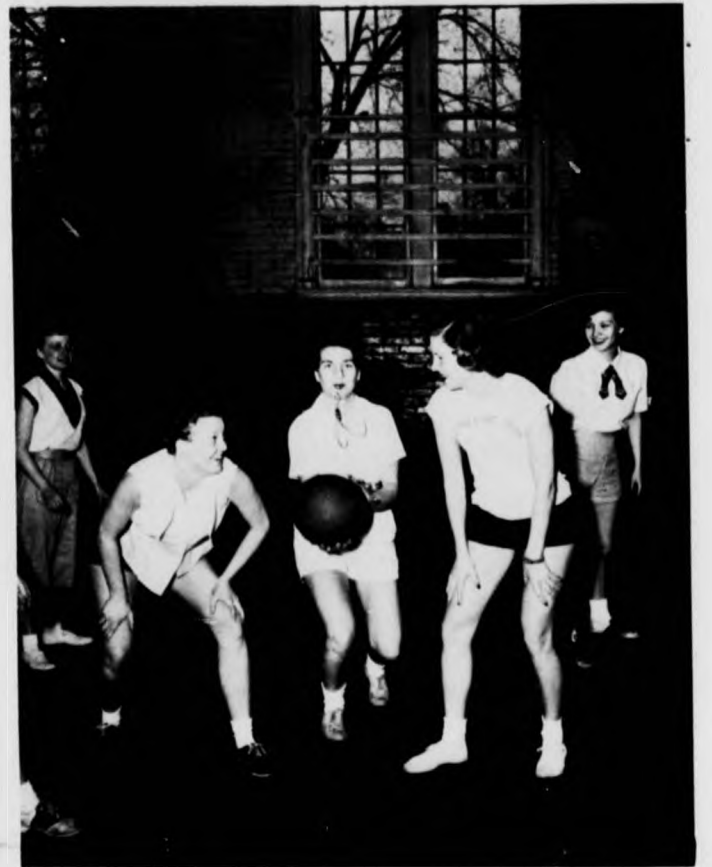


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NEW LIBRARY WING NEARS COMPLETION

by Mrs. Louise Wright, OSD Librarian and IMC Director

The new OSD library addition, under construction since autumn, is nearly finished. New tile flooring, an acoustic ceiling, a new antenna, and an additional 1,798 square feet of space have transformed the cramped, crowded, old library into a bright, cheerful learning center. Although not totally completed, the library is in use.

OSD students can now watch the captioned news programs in a large, comfortable area where distractions are few. Story hour space is now available for the primary classes and areas have been set aside for teens and staff members as well.

The library now has special racks for professional publications and general interest magazines have space of their own. The library staff has also developed a center for career information.

Now OSD students can work in study carrels without being disturbed. These carrels are very popular because older students appreciate private spots in which to read and study.

OSD art students, under the supervision of Mrs. Kristine Westbeld, art teacher, have added murals to brighten up the walls. Mrs. Westbeld has also restored a portrait of Reverend James Hoge, a pioneer in the education of the deaf in Ohio.

Members of the Hoge family presented the portrait to OSD when the school celebrated its centennial year. Reverend Hoge's portrait now hangs appropriately in the library.

Since Mr. Grover became superintendent, the library and the instructional media center have expanded consistently. Our book collection has increased from 3,000 volumes to more than 13,000. It includes a professional library of 500 volumes, over 13,000 books for OSD students plus newspapers, magazines, and study prints.

Since OSD accepted the captioned film depository, film usage has increased from 350 to more than 1,700 films a year. New video equipment has further extended our students' knowledge of the world.

In addition to printed material, the IMC owns over 3,000 transparencies, nearly 4,000 film strips, over 6,000 pictures, and more than 1,000 captioned films which are available to staff and students.

Throughout the school year, the OSD library and IMC is the center of activity for school programs and projects. The extended facilities will enhance the library's service to the campus.

The "Old School" Under Glass



Viewing the News



Checking Shelves



Under Construction



Sea Shells



Decorating



Studying In A Carrel



Butterflies



All In A Day's Work



OSD students bend over the cartons of vanilla, strawberry, chocolate marshmallow, mint chocolate chip, maple walnut, and butter pecan. From left to right are Bryan Grubb, Perry Mott, Theresa DiGiannantonio and Peter Joseph. Ladling out the ice cream was just another money-making project to help finance the Junior-Senior activities.

One-to-One



At left is Lisa Rhoden, OSD primary student, working with Mrs. Evelyn McCormick in the one-to-one reading program.

by Mrs. Nancy Crist, OSD Supervisor

Some of our beginning readers have had the advantage of a one-to-one reading program in the north hall this school year. Mrs. Evelyn McCormick, OSD teacher aide, guides each student enrolled in the program through a fifteen minute lesson, daily, when schedule permits. This reading

program is based only on sight-word vocabulary, deleting the phonic approach. Students and their teachers praise both the program and Mrs. McCormick who has so successfully implemented it this year. Most of the students enrolled in the program will continue during the next school year.

OSD's Working Seniors

by Mr. Robert Krisko, Vocational Coordinator

Eleven of OSD's twenty-six graduating seniors are already employed in areas for which they prepared on campus. Vivian Boozer, Brenda Hyland, Cindy Lutes, and Robin Tangeman have taken positions as data entry operators at the Defense Construction Supply Center in Columbus. Brian Foster is also employed at the Defense Construction Supply Center as a library assistant.

Lesa VanMeter is a data entry operator for the Bureau of Employment Services in Columbus.

Albert Kessler and Rick Schultz, both graduating from OSD's vocational program specializing in auto body repair, have found positions in body shops. Albert is working for the Wickes Body Shop in Columbus. Rick is employed by Inskeep Buick in Marion, his hometown.

Bruce Quellhorst is with the Hoge Lumber Company in New Knoxville. Ed Steinke has returned to hometown, Wapakoneta, to work in masonry. Jeff Mendes is operating an offset press for Beaver Press in Columbus.

OSD would like to remind parents, alumni and friends that ten seniors are still looking for employment. The school will appreciate any help or information about employment opportunities for the following seniors many of whom wish to work in or near their hometowns:

Paul Brown, Ansonia; Ken Durst, Springfield; Debra Evans, Columbus; Ronal Kirk, Mansfield; Sheila McDonough, Wooster; Sarah Sixt, Middletown; Tony Seidel, Cuyahoga Falls; Russell Stewart, Trenton; Mike Williams, Columbus.

We Went Downtown

Mrs. Brown's class and Mrs. Hoaglund's class went downtown Monday - April 28. Mrs. Brown drove the van. We parked the van in the parking garage.

We walked to City Hall. We sat in the mayor's office. We took pictures. Mayor Moody has many statues of elephants. A man talked about city government. People make laws. We must obey laws. The city provides police and fire protection, some electricity, good roads, water, and garbage collection. The man gave us some rulers and books about Columbus.

We walked to the Franklin County Building. We went in a court room. We saw a young man. He shot a policeman. The judge told the young man, "You will go to jail for 4 to 20 years - if you are guilty."

We walked across a bridge. The bridge was over High Street. We saw people, cars, and many buildings. We visited in the County Health Department. The woman talked about a dog. The dog bit a 3 year old girl. The dog killed the girl. Some people killed the dog. They will wait and see if the dog has rabies.

We went to the County Jail Building. We did not see any jail cells.

We walked to Lazarus Department Store. We ate pizza, and drank pepsi in Charlie's Restaurant. It is in the basement of Lazarus. We saw clothes, furniture, toys, roller skates, etc. at Lazarus.

We watched a girl at the skate rink. She roller skated. She wore a bright, colorful costume. She also wore knee pads.

We walked to the Capitol Building. We learned about state government. We saw the rooms for the House of Representatives and the Senate. The men and women make laws. We sat in a big chair. President Lincoln also sat in the chair. We went to the governor's office. We did not see Governor James Rhodes.

Mrs. Hoaglund drove the van back to school.

Kathy Cook
Dawn Cummings
Paula Denison
Angela Gray
Taylor Jones
Phillip Kenney
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P-SA Day-May Festival

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Plans are already underway for next year's Festival. The Chronicle asks its readers to send in or stop by and make suggestions. OSD solicits your input to assure that P-SA Day will continue to be a family affair.



Sympathy

To Mrs. Margaret Westervelt, retired OSD faculty member, on the death of her father, Mr. Charles E. Westervelt, Westerville, May 6. Mr. Westervelt practiced law in Columbus for more than sixty years. Burial was in Green Lawn Cemetery, May 9.

Retirement

Mrs. Helen Butterworth on March 31. For the past twelve years, Mrs. Butterworth served OSD first as housekeeper-manager and, more recently, as storekeeper.