



# LANPHIER LIGHT



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## Educational Fair to be Held

The Capital Area Educational Fair is being scheduled for the last Tuesday of October, the 25th at the Illinois State Fair Grounds in the Illinois Building.

The day session will last from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A night session has also been scheduled in order for students to bring their parents. The session will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Representatives from 120 colleges, universities, business trade

schools and apprentice programs will be present to answer questions about housing, books and classes.

The Illinois State Scholarship Commission will also have a representative to answer questions about state grants.

LHS students will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. in order to take advantage of the fair.

If you have any questions about the fair, contact your counselor.

by Brian Kodrich

## Jaycees' Haunted House --

### A Real Scream

The Springfield area will be provided the thrills and fright from the largest and most elaborate Jaycees' Haunted House ever designed. This year's House will provide physical sensations that normally are only encountered in a carnival fun house. Fear-stricken House victims will not find the going easy as their full attention will be required to make their way through uneven floored dead-ending mazes in the black of night.

Remaining human senses will be stimulated to new levels as participants encounter the sophisticated lighting and sound effects highlighting each and every room of the 10-room House. House-goers will indeed be busy in this year's House for they will encounter four or five newly added *live* creatures lurking in the shadows lunging out at House travelers. Some of the new monsters will include Frankenstein and Dracula. Many of last year's popular monsters will be in this year's House such as the Mad Scientist and the Gorilla.

The House will throw out its invitation mat October 21 through October 31 for those strong

enough to encounter the many perils within. The House is located again for the fourth consecutive year at the State Fair grounds 4-H building, #29. The squeaking doors of the 4-H building will open at 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on weekends, with an admission of \$1.00 for all, five years of age and older.

The Haunted House is the major money-making event of the year, and all profits will be used for Springfield projects and activities throughout the year. The Jaycees annually sponsor such programs as Summer for the Aged, the Springfield Christmas Parade, Santa's Helpers, a mentally handicapped Boy Scout troop, the Soap Box Derby, the Junior Olympics, Junior Golf, Explorer Olympics, Harold's Clubs, and Operation Sandbox, as well as the Haunted House.

Approximately 17,000 brave citizens ventured the perils of the Haunted House last year. To service this many people, over 1,000 man-hours will be volunteered by the Springfield Jaycees

## Students in

### "DAVID and LISA"

Dwight Alexander, a sophomore at LHS, is in the opening show of the Springfield Theatre Guild's season. Another 10th grader, Daniel Ushman, is the promoter for the production.

The students are working in the play, "David and Lisa", which concerns emotionally disturbed students of a special school run by a famed child psychiatrist, Dr. Swinford. Dwight plays the role of a violently disturbed student, Carlos.

When asked why he tried out for the part, Dwight said, "It's a different kind of play. Before this, I always was in school shows and shows like the "Wizard of Oz" and "Pinnocchio," but at the Theatre Guild, I play a person whom you might meet in real life. I'm not violent, but the character of Carlos is. It's an interesting story about teenagers. They're not crazy; they just have troubles."

Performance dates for "David and Lisa" are October 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16. The box office of the Theatre Guild, 101 E. Lawrence Avenue, is open every day

## Zonta Club Formed

A chapter of Zonta, a service organization, has been formed at Lanphier.

Zonta is an organization dedicated to service and international understanding. It gives students the opportunity to work together in fellowship. Zonta is designed to effectively serve both the school and the community.

Zonta is open to 9-12 graders and welcomes both men and women members. If you are interested in becoming a member contact Kathy Talent or Shell Irvin.

## Letters Editorials

### Keeping Trespassers Out

by Sidney Letz

As you walk through LHS you may run into one of the security guards roaming the halls. Why?

According to Mr. Schmidt, the security guards were placed here last year mainly for the purpose of keeping trespassers out of the building.

Before these security guards came, students from near-by schools would cause trouble and destroy property. Since the coming of the guards, few things like this has happened. Vandalism and stealing have decreased. More students are attending classes because skipping has become more difficult.

These guards are a great improvement to the school. They are helping to make the school better.



### Defining "Cheerleader"

Dear Editor,

If I were to define the word cheerleader, it would best be done by dividing it into two separate words. The word is essentially a compound of two separate words - "cheer" and "leader".

A cheer is easily defined as a yell or shout of encouragement for your team. This is done in the way of songs, rhyming words, or just claps or movements.

But, describing a leader isn't done as easily. To me, a "leader" signifies a person who sets an appropriate example for others to follow. It's a person who influences others in the right ways.

Combining these words into one compound word, derives a person who can aid their peers to back up their teams in a varied selection of yells and actions. Contrary to the belief of some people, cheerleaders are not people who want to gain popularity or receive attention. They are here to aid the other students and to represent their school to the best of their abilities.

One of the most difficult aspects of being a cheerleader is to actually do the job of leading cheers. As you can tell from seeing our school's cheerleaders at work, they've accomplished this task. A lot of hard work is put into their practice sessions to give us and our school a good representation. The best way for us to show our appreciation is to help the cheerleaders. By cheering along and sharing the spirit and enthusiasm that they show, it will make their job less frustrating and more enjoyable.

At Lanphier we have students who wish to support their teams and just the right "leaders" to help us.

Debbie Bahr

The LANPHIER LIGHT welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed. Names will be withheld from publication upon request. Letters should be sent to Room 237 or placed in Ms. Bellamy's mailbox in the Lanphier main office.

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## Thoughts on the Pep Assembly

by John Cordery

Rain fell to the ground and dark clouds covered the sky of Memorial Stadium. It seemed that the first pep assembly of the year would not be held outside. As midday rolled around the sun ripped through.

Hundred of eager (?) Lions fans packed the stadium. The cheerleaders got some of the fans to their feet as the fall sports teams were introduced.

Enthusiasm rose from the voices of the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders, but it seemed that the eighth graders had a hard time getting the hang of cheering. Mr. Schmidt extended the assembly until he was satisfied with the eighth grader's "Battle Cry", then much to the delight of the crowd, Mr. Schmidt and the band lead the students out of the stadium to the tune of the Lanphier school song.

## Rich Styles Visits LHS

by John Cordery

The Student Government Association scored a victory when they brought one of Springfield's disc jockeys, Rich Styles of WDBR, to run the after game dance, even though the football team was defeated at the hands of the Griffin Cyclones.

Rich Styles kept the music and prizes rolling all night. The music ranged from the sounds of the Fifties to today. Prizes were anything from record albums to gift certificates.

Mr. Styles has been with WDBR since the station began in 1972. He was graduated from Southern Illinois University with a major in Radio/Television and a minor in speech. He had gone to college on a baseball scholarship and ended up broadcasting the games instead of playing in them.

In his spare time, he enjoys sports cars and old movies and watching cartoons on Saturday morning.

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## Five Attend Press Convention

Five LHS students recently attended the 57th convention of the Illinois State High School Press Association (ISHSPA) at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

Lynda Niehaus, Misty Ramsey, Nancy Cary and Lori Stull represented the Lan-Hi. Jean Richards represented the Lanphier Light.

The convention was divided into newspaper and yearbook sections. Teachers from various high schools and members of the University of Illinois faculty spoke on journalism topics.

One of the speakers was Ms. Mary Frances Lavin, LHS teacher and Lan-Hi adviser. Ms. Lavin spoke on "Advice on Yearbook Coverage". She accompanied the students to the convention, which was held on September 23 and 24.



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## The Literary Corner Sleeper

In Psychology class today,  
A lot of students fell asleep,  
The teacher put them all in deep,  
And it looked as if they'd sleep all day.

They all sat together in a slumbery mass,  
While the teacher thought of what he'd gained,  
The highest honor which a teacher can attain,  
When he realized he had a quiet class.

by Stephen J. Perry

The Literary Corner contains the original writings of students. Students wishing to have their poems, short stories or other writings published should submit them to the LANPHIER LIGHT in Room 237. All articles should be signed. Names will be withheld from publication upon request.

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# Lions Run in the Right Direction

by Beth Files

"I hope to be the city, conference, district, and for the first time sectional champs; also to qualify for the state meet," said Mr. Lee Halberg, cross-country team's coach.

Assisting in this task will be Mr. Doug Ford, a student teacher for Mr. Semon.

The season opened with the Decatur Invitational on September 10. The Lions were lead by sophomore Jim Files, who finished fifth.

The LHS Express won their invitational with these top seven varsity finishers: Seniors Wayne Aldrich and Greg Crissey; Juniors Mike Bailey, Les Hampton, John

Sgro, Duncan Weathers and Sophomore Jim Files.

The team also consists of 26 other male runners and one female, Kathy Bailey.

The schedule for the 1977-1978 cross-country season is as follows:

October 13	Eisenhower (LHS J.V.)	Lincoln Park	4:00 P.M.
October 15	Mattoon Invitational	Mattoon	10:30 A.M.
October 18	MacArthur and Bloomington	Bloomington	4:45 P.M.
October 22	Capitol Conference	Lincoln Park	11:00 A.M.
October 25	Jacksonville	Lincoln Park	4:30 P.M.
October 29	District		
November 1	Southeast (Frosh-Soph)	Lincoln Park	4:00 P.M.
November 5	Sectional		
November 12	State	Peoria (Detweiler)	11:00 A.M.

## Guard Begins Another Year

by Marge Mull

Just exactly what is the color-guard? What do they do?

The guard is a part of the Lanphier band. They perform during half-time at all home football games and march in the Homecoming and Christmas Parades, along with the band.

Co-captain Michelle Mulvey

said, "The guard is off to a good start. We have new uniforms and have increased the size from eight girls last year to twelve members for the 77-78 school year."

If you are interested in joining, workshops will be held this spring. You must be a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior to become a member.

## Interested in U of I?

If you're interested in attending the University of Illinois there will be a meeting October 20 at 3:15 p.m. at Springfield High School. Bring your parents, because information about housing, books, classes, etc. will be discussed. If you have any questions call Mrs. Harry Hawly at 546-2628.

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# Star Wars ---- Is it worth \$3 ?

This is a movie of great acclaim. Many people have seen this movie more than once. I have seen it seven times. I know of one person who has seen it 27 times. It has to be a better-than-average movie for people to want to shell out \$3.00 at a time to see it over and over.

The actors have done a fantastic job. Mark Hamill, who portrayed Luke Skywalker, the bold and young hero, did a fine job of interpreting the part. Mr. Hamill was recently in an auto accident. He has recovered and has had plastic surgery done on his face.

Carrie Fisher, who portrayed the spunky and sarcastic Princess Leia, captured the stubbornness of her character. Ms. Fisher, daughter of Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher, is planning to be in the sequel of the movie.

One of my favorites, Han Solo, the arrogant captain of the fast flying spacecraft, was portrayed

by Harrison Ford. He was also in "American Graffiti".

The philosopher, Old Ben Kenobi (Sir Alec Guinness), was the most complex of all the characters. He was trying to keep an old religion, or The Force, alive. As a teacher to young Luke, he relied on The Force a great deal.

## Review

My most favorite character of all was the villain Lord Darth Vader. Darth made this movie a hit. From his tall stature to his asthmatic breathing, he was a villain you loved to hate.

There are many others, such as, 3 CPO and R2 D2, two "droids", who ended up stealing the show Chewbacca, Han's co-pilot

by Bruce Thompson

Wookie, placed his grunts in the appropriate places, which made the movie more humorous and enjoyable to watch.

Much credit is due to the people who are not seen on camera. George Lucas, the director, made this mediocre idea into a box-office smash. The special effects were the epic part of the movie. Three hundred and sixty-seven different special effects were used in "Star Wars". Most of the effects were done by animation.

To anyone who has not seen "Star Wars", you are missing a classic. If and when "Star Wars" comes to television, it will not be the same as it was exploding across the big screen.

I give this movie and rating of four Lions--excellent. This movie was worth the \$3.00 of my hard-earned money.

## ACT Date

If you haven't registered for the November 19 ACT, do so now. Deadline for registration is October 21.

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