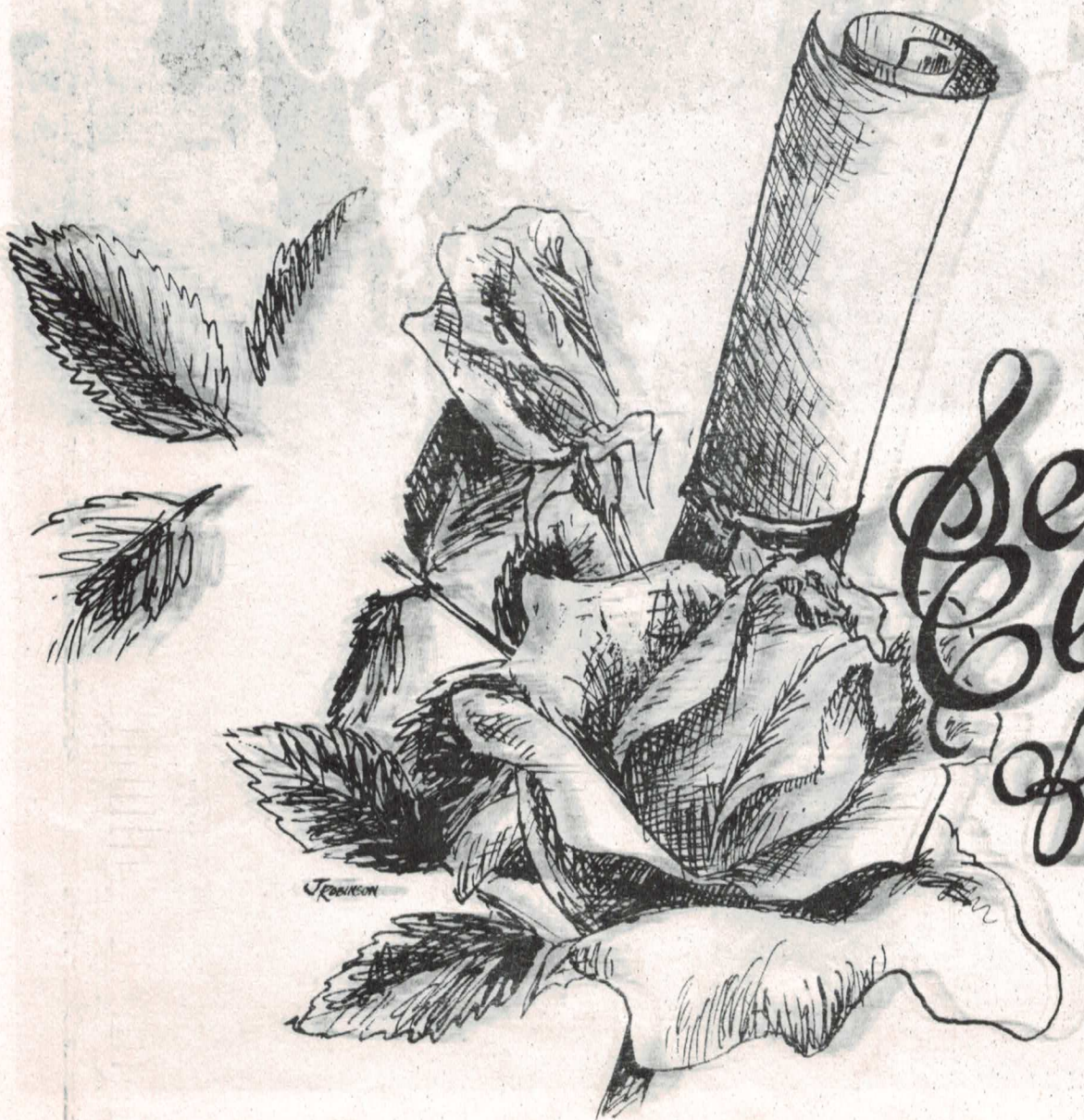


# Smoke Signal



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# HEALTH BULLETIN

## Dancers Succumb to Disco Ills

Attention disco fans, take heed! The surgeon general has warned that disco dancing for long periods of time under extremely bright lights and listening to loud music can be harmful to your health. Below are some diseases commonly attributed to disco dancing. Given also are the symptoms occurring with each disease and a suitable cure. (If there is one.)

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Symptoms</u>	<u>Cure</u>
1. Tollo	Sore, red, inflamed toes	Acquire a more graceful partner or get steel-toed shoes
2. Kneasles	Swollen, bruised, dis-fused knees; consider-able pain on kneecaps	Dance a little farther away from your partner
3. <u>Discollaria</u>	Dislocated, perhaps bro-ken, collar bone due to dipping overweight part-ner	Demand that your partner lose weight or start lifting weights
4. Dipsomania	Crazed with desire to continuously dip one's partner	Join your local chapter of Dipsomaniacs Anony-mous (or more commonly the DA's office)
5. Pretzel Arms	Arms start forming shape of pretzel during dance	Do your basic reverse pretzel and consume a can of your favorite beverage
6. Saturday Night Fe-ver	Breaking out in cold sweat with temperature of 103 degrees F	Dance on Fridays instead
7. Discophobia	Paranoid fear of dancing due to thinking that everyone is watching only you	Don't pay no mind, just put on your "Dancin' Shoes" and boogie
8. Legracy	The utmost fatigue to the point where legs are about to drop off	Legg's panty hose with elegtricity
9. Travolta's Disease	High disco fever, ex-treme desire to dance, loss of appetite, nerves on edge, weak	Call Ambulance and es-cort quickly to a disco-theque
10. Satinfluenza	Temporary blindness and eye irritation due to being exposed to large amounts of disco satin clothes. Often times accompanied by headaches and minor discomfort	Polaroid sunglasses and two Bayer Aspirins
11. Skintitis	Minor skin irrations caused by wearing tight disco outfits. Skin be-comes dry and inflamed	None (until fad is out of style)

# Disco Debut Proves Satisfying

by Dale Wester and Ronda Baker

As we arrived at the Disconnection, our senses were excited with the thrill of our visit to a real, live disco.

We entered, stepping to the beat of "Boogie Oogie Oogie." The \$3-per-person charge seemed a might steep, but we decided to give the place a chance since our motto is "We'll try anything once."

The disco atmosphere was enhanced by two huge disco lights shining from the ceiling, strobe lights flashing to the beat, and red lights encircling the coke-bar and the lighted dance floor.

When our eyes focused by somewhere close to 20/20, our attention was captured by the people "getting down" on the main dance floor.

Once we had "Put on Our Dancin' Shoes," we ventured out on to the dance floor to try our luck at the dance we had practiced all week.

Slightly nervous at first, we soon discovered that we were surrounded by people who were just doing their own thing.

Through the crowd, we spotted a true disco couple, perfectly outfitted for the occasion and doing a dance step different from anything we had ever seen.

"Would they teach us their lively new step?" we wondered.

The friendly couple,

flattered that we liked the dance, got us into the starting position and began describing the moves.

1) Step to the side two times.

2) Step to the opposite side two times.

3) With the right foot, step forward, then backward, and then forward again.

4) Raise your left leg similar to a skip and spin to the right a quarter of a turn.

5) Take four steps to the rear and start again. We were quick learners; and before we knew it, it was time for our "Last Dance."

As we left the lighted floor, we knew that we had all the symptoms of disco fever; but we also knew that we had enjoyed our evening.

Leaving the lobby, we took back all that we had said about the steep price; it had been worth it all.

## Disco NOT Loved by All; Some Like 'Plain Old Rock'

by John Koons

Back when discotheques had never been heard of, everyone danced to plain old Rock and Roll. But no more. Nearly all rock radio stations play disco cuts.

Many of the rock stars of the past have released some form of dancing music.

The Doobie Brothers had one big dance hit, and Lynard Skynard has even had a couple.

But not everyone is in love with the disco sound. Some who can live without the discotheque prefer to listen to the albums of Dylan; Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young; Kansas; Boston; Foreigner; Styx, Pink Floyd; Jethro Tull; or the hundreds of others who don't play disco music.

Those devoted to the true rock sound find that the words of disco music have no meaning at all, that the songs are just high-pitched lyrics with a lot of back up instruments.

Even the kings of disco, the Bee Gees, did not always play disco music. Some of their best concerts were done years ago when they played rock.

Whether a person is a disco fan or a rock lover, he should pick his own kind of music and not let other people tell him what he should be listening to.

Some people love disco and some people don't. But after all, different strokes for different folks.

Albums Top Sellers

# BEE GEES' Career Skyrockets

by Trent Zitzelberger

Though many superstars' backgrounds are rags-to-riches stories, one group that the old chiche fits best is the Bee Gees.

Sixteen years ago, the three Gibb brothers--Barry, Maurice and Robin--enjoyed their first mild success in Australia with "Three Kisses of Love," which made the Australian top 20.

Over the next three years, the native Englishers climbed from practically unknowns to the most popular group in Australia with such songs as "Spicks and Specks," "Wine and Women," and "I Was a Lover and Leader of Men."

Upon signing with the prominent producer Robert Stigwood, the brothers returned to England, where they acquired a guitarist and a drummer.

The five-member group released its first Bri-

tish album "Bee Gees First," which contained their first two British and American hits, "New York Mining Disaster 1941" and "Massachusetts."

In spite of two years of increasing popularity, the guitarist left to form his own band; Robin left for a solo career; Maurice married the singer Lulu (whom he later divorced); and their drummer gave up.

In 1970 the three brothers reunited, but it wasn't until the next year that the trio had two million sellers, "Lonely Days" and "How Can You Mend a Broken Heart."

After four years on the comeback trail, the Gibb's work paid off when their "Main Course" album went platinum and their "Jive Talkin'" from that album became the number one song of 1975.

They followed these

hits up with "Nights on Broadway," "You Should Be Dancin'," and "Love So Right."

But the Bee Gees real success came in early 1978 when the brothers led a long list of stars who performed in the movie "Saturday Night Fever."

The soundtrack from that movie spent 24 weeks at Number One, thus making it the biggest album in the history of America.

Four new singles released from that soundtrack went to Number One. Three of these, "How Deep Is Your Love," "Stayin' Alive," and "Night Fever," were recorded by the Bee Gees.

The fourth, "If I Can't Have You" by Evonne Elliman, is also a Bee Gee composition.

The Bee Gees returned to the chart in 1979 with a Number One "Too Much Heaven," following it up quickly with their newest smash "Tragedy," which is currently the most popular song in America.

Adding to their domination of the music world, their latest album "Spirits Having Flown" was released platinum.

With Americans discoing all night to Bee-Gee tunes, their future has no choice but to skyrocket. But one wonders what other worlds they have left to conquer.



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# Lesson Given in Local Lingo

Realizing its continuing responsibility to keep its readers abreast of the various cultural aspects of life in Northeast Arkansas, the Smoke Signal has compiled at great expense and effort a dictionary of Pocahtonese.

Following are several excerpts which should be of great help in acquiring the perfect Pockey accent.

1. Rurn--to spoil
2. Theatur--the place where movies or plays are shown
3. Chaince--an opportunity where luck is involved
4. Pokeyhuntus-- the cultural center of Northeast Arkansas
5. Mischeeveeus--frequently in trouble, naughty
6. Restrunt--an eating establishment
7. Tarred--exhausted
8. Fahr-- Combustion producing heat and light
9. Fanger-- one of five appendages on the hand
10. Theeus--a pronoun misspelled as this
11. Rahcheer--an adverb indication nearness i. e. I been rahcheer all day; I ain't moved.
12. Hayell--Hades
13. Laruppin--Extremely good
14. Deeud-- the past tense of the verb do
15. Shar--One of several in which to bathe
16. Coowul--the temperature between cold and warm

17. Sahr--the taste quality of a lemon
18. Worsh--to clean with soap and water
19. Duhmater--an edible red food which grows on vines
20. Swaller--the manner in which food or drink is ingested
21. Dayud--no longer alive
22. Aig--a food high in protein produced by chickens
23. Rayud--a rosy color commonly seen on necks
24. I swan--an oath
25. Purdy--pleasing to look at
26. Invellup--the container in which letters are sent
27. Ignurnt--lack in understanding
28. Alkeehall--a germ-killer, preservative, or beverage
29. Arnge--a juicy fruit commonly grown in Florida
30. Vyeenie--a small, canned sausage originally produced in Austria
31. Sireen--a noise maker on police vehicles
32. Sodie--a soft drink
33. Wrench--to flood with water in order to

- eliminate soap
34. Wasper--a small, stinging insect
  35. Wahr plahrs-- a small hand tool
  36. Bob wahr-- fencing material with intermittent sharp pricks
  37. Pacific--Particular or precise
  38. Stastistix-- figures, numbers, data
  39. Aink payun--writing instrument containing indelible fluid
  40. Cattywampus-- A-cross, crosswise
  41. Neckid--nude
  42. Senbum--the number following six
  43. Strang-- yarn, rope, etc.
  44. Balonie--a type of cold cut
  45. Pure dee ole-- an adverb phrase meaning very or completely
  46. Aspern--a non-prescription pain killer
  47. Tinneeshoo-- footwear, commonly used to play tennis
  48. Majin--to suppose
  49. Preeshate-- to be grateful
  50. Carpracter--a person in the medical profession who specializes in treating joints and limbs

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# Ivy To Lead Student Council

Junior Donald Ivy, unopposed, in last month's officer elections, will be the Student Council president for the 1979-1980 school year.

A member of the Student Council for the past three years, Donald explained his candidacy thus, "I want to see some improvement in our school, and I want to try to get rid of some of the student apathy."

Donald, who has attended state and regional Student Council workshops, has headed local Student Council projects such as the homecoming activities.

In his campaign speech to the student body, the new president emphasized the need for "getting involved" and the "importance of leadership."

In a close race for the vice-presidency, junior Sharon Robinson defeated John Difani in the general election and edged out Mark McNabb in a run-off.

Emphasizing her leadership experience especially in the position of vice-president of the junior class, Sharon pledged to "aid the council in the formation of a strong student government."

Sophomore Karen DeClerk was the winner of a three-way race for the job of secretary-reporter. She defeated William Powers in the general election and Kim

Stone in the run-off.

Karen, a Student Council representative for two years, emphasized the importance of enthu-



## Lemmons Wins Scholarship From State Student Council

Senior Sheila Lemmons has received one of two \$300 Charles F. Allen Scholarships presented annually by the Arkansas Associations of Student Councils.

This scholarship goes to an Arkansas Student Council member who plans to enter the field of teaching.

This year, for the first time ever, two scholarships were given. Penny Allen of Mt. Ida

was also a recipient. She wants to make the Student Council "more beneficial to the school and the students."

Junior Daniel Harris, next year's Student Council treasurer, believes that "the president should not bear the whole load" of Student Council responsibilities. He pledged to "help the president" and to try to establish a closer link between the students and the administration.

Three representatives from each grade were elected last week, according to Student Council sponsor Philip Taylor.

The representatives, as do the officers, must have a grade average of 2.25 and a B average in citizenship.

was also a recipient.

In order to apply for the scholarship, Sheila submitted an application form, three references from members of the high school faculty and community, a copy of her high school transcript and a brief essay stating why she plans to become a teacher.

Sheila plans to enter Hendrix College in the fall and major in English.



# Committee To Consider Curriculum Goals

by Al Tiner

A curriculum committee to establish educational goals for every grade or subject area has been formed in the Pocahontas School District.

"The committee is being set up in order to alleviate a problem we always have had," explained Asst. Supt. Jerry Williams. Each year teachers must spend time finding out what each of his students has been exposed to the year before.

The committee's work should clarify what educational experiences and what skills a child should have at various levels in his schooling.

Mr. Williams said that the committee's goals would not determine passing or failing.

He explained that the move to form the committee was initiated by input from the faculty, discussions among the administrators and information from the State Department of Education.

Although Mr. Williams believes that "sometime in the near future the legislature will require competency testing," he emphasized that this committee's work had nothing to do with competency testing. "This is not our idea at all," he reiterated.

The committee is composed of a faculty member from each grade K-6 and from each department

after that. Members were elected by the other faculty members of their grade or department.

The high school's representatives on the committee include Mr. Paul Arnn, practical arts; Mr. Frank Ross,

fine arts; Mrs. Vicki Brantly, communication skills; and Mr. Gary Miller, math.

Others are Mrs. Sally Malone, science; Mr. Pete Waites, social studies; and Miss Marie Wilford, P.E.

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# 'LSD Freak' Counsels Youth

What's it like to be stoned for four years? Peter Favre can tell you from his own personal experience, and he is using that experience to help young people overcome or avoid drug problems.

Favre, who is currently employed at Noah Pace and Sons in Pocahontas, recently visited Mrs. Sally Malone's classes to talk about drug use and to answer students' questions.

He related how he had reached the impossible goal by age 32 of being a shop foreman in charge of 20 men and \$5,000,000 worth of equipment.

A high-achievement person working seven days a week and 12 to 14 hours a day, Favre owned two corvettes, a ski boat and a \$40,000 house.

Then he "started smoking dope." He started with "a couple of joints after work" and then proceeded to "partying on weekends with other dopers."

Because of the thirst that marijuana causes, Favre found himself also drinking and gradually "turning into an alcoholic."

"My kids were rolling joints with us and getting stoned too," he explained.

A "lazy attitude" along with "loss of enthusiasm and drive" cost Favre his job. After selling everything, he spent

four years with hippies on the West Coast in the San Francisco Bay area and Oregon.

Describing himself as a "vegetable," Favre related how the drug user is "constantly seeking experience," trying to "maintain that high," always searching for the "ultimate experience."

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"You can never get enough," and you "think of nothing but being stoned," he explained.

Other negative results of drug use include a loss of "respect for yourself and your appearance" and a willingness to "steal to support the habit."

Favre noted that some drug habits cost the user \$200 to \$500 a day.

Himself an LSD freak, Favre said that while the drug is not physically addicting, it is psychologically addict-

ing. He believes, moreover, that "all drugs lead to heroine."

A series of plateaus is how Favre described a drug user's progression to hard drugs.

At the first plateau, the person is satisfied with marijuana and alcohol; but when they no longer can produce the desired high, he moves to the second plateau--speed, tranquilizers, cocaine and codine--"pretty easy to get" in Favre's view.

The third plateau, one he considers to be a point of no return, is the use of heavy drugs such as heroine and morphine.

Favre never reached the third plateau. "Fear stopped me from taking LSD. I was afraid of losing my mind, as a afraid as I've ever been in my life," he said.

But it was "one of the hardest things I ever did" because of the psychological addiction and because of friends who were using drugs.

"I had ruined my life, my wife's life and was on the path to ruining my children's lives" when "I saw the light."

As far as drugs in Pocahontas are concerned, Favre believes that there is a lot of marijuana, "a whole lot more than we are aware of." He also suspects that the drugs may be syndicated. Drug deal-

# FAVRE'S DRUG USE THEORY

HARD DRUGS  
HEROINE, MORPHINE

LEVEL TWO

SPEED  
COCAINE  
CODINE  
TRANQUILIZERS

LEVEL ONE

MARIJUANA  
ALCOHOL

ers, he said, see that marijuana is shipped in for a period of time and then they ship in hard drugs.

Favre and Leslie Thro-

esch of the Youth Services Bureau are available to counsel with young people who have drug related problems.

"Don't think you're the

only one who gets in trouble," he explained. "We're not there to turn you over to authorities, but to counsel and help you or your friends."

# New Agri Facility Under Study

by Doug Riddle

A nine-man committee of people from the school and the community is currently studying the issues involved in building a new agri facility.

If built the new facility would almost double the student capacity capability and would open a two-teacher agricultural/vocational program.

Construction of a new building would also allow the home economics

department to expand to include the present agri building in its facilities.

Asst. Supt. Jerry Williams explained that "the major problem is the (present) facilities are too small. We see a need for a two-teacher agricultural department."

The committee is discussing the type of structure, building site, state regulations and design for the new facility.

No definite time for construction to begin on

the facility has been set. Money for the project will be supplied by state and local funds. The committee also hopes to get assistance from the State Department of Education.

Committee members include Prin. Ross Beck, Asst. Supt. Jerry Williams, Supt. Wes Cannon, Mr. Paul Arnn.

Others serving on the committee are Mr. Lucian Baltz, Mr. James Ray Chester, Mr. Grant Killion and Mr. Arthur Layton.

## FHAers Pick Suzanne Wren As President

Freshman Suzanne Wren will serve as president of next year's FHA. She was chosen in officer elections held recently.

Her fellow officers Donna Richardson, first vice president; Glynis Dust, second vice president; Lisa Stewart, third vice president; and Barbara Pendergrass, secretary.

Other officers are Kelly Summitt, treasurer; Karla Hills, historian; Robin Finley, songleader; and Cindy Bennett, reporter.

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# Baltz Takes High Point Honor

Placing in every event she entered, senior Malissa Baltz captured the High Point award in the senior high division of the girls' district track meet last Saturday at Batesville.

Malissa earned her 25 total points by finishing first in the 110-yard low hurdles and the 220-yard dash, second in the shot and the 100-yard dash, third in the high jump and fourth in the long jump.

According to head track coach Jerry Malone, Malissa's times in the 220 and the hurdles are among the top 10 in the state.

She will have the opportunity to test her ability against tougher competition this Saturday as she competes in the 220, the 100 and the hurdles at the AAA state track meet in Stuttgart.

Her sister Karen will also be running in Stuttgart as a result of her

first place finish in the 880-yard run at the district meet.

Three senior high boys also qualified for the state track meet. They are Allen Thielemier, who placed second in the district pole vault; Brian Hayes, who took second in the shot put; and Robert Anderson, who won the two-mile run.

First place finishers in the state meet qualify for the Meet of Champs the following week.

## Girl Cagers To Play Five-on-Five in 1979-80

Playing full court with five girls per team is what the Lady Redskins can look forward to next year.

Recently a U.S. dis-

trict judge ruled that it is illegal for girls' basketball rules to differ from boys' basketball rules.

The ruling came as a

result of a suit filed by an Arkadelphia girl who charged that Arkansas rules put girls at a disadvantage in changing from high school to college basketball.

The change will affect all schools in Arkansas, one of the last states in the nation to abandon the half-court, three-on-three rules for girls' basketball.

Girls' basketball coach Marie Wilford said that she is looking forward to the change. She believes that after the girls adjust to the new style of basketball they will enjoy playing full-court.

Although she is in favor of the change, Coach Wilford foresees a lot of hard work for herself and the girls in implementing the new style of play.

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# 'Coming Home' One of the Greatest

by Sheila Lemmons

The recently released motion picture Coming Home is everything it has been said to be and more. Much more.

It is a gripping story of the wife of a Marine officer, her husband, and the Vietnam War veteran with whom she falls in love.

Although it may appear so, this movie is not an example of a typical romantic-triangle tear-jerker. Jane Fonda (Academy Award for Best Actress) gives a highly acclaimed performance as a seemingly average, run-of-the-mill officer's wife who undergoes a serious inner change throughout the course of the movie.

When Sally's (Jane Fonda) husband is ordered

to Vietnam, she decides to do something to occupy her now lonely life and becomes a volunteer at the local VA hospital. The first day on the job she comes into contact with Luke (Jon Voight), an old high school acquaintance who is now a paraplegic.

Miss Fonda brilliantly portrays a woman with several major conflicting emotions. She feels a deep sense of loyalty to her husband,

## Six Chosen in Cheerleader Tryouts; One To Return from 78-79 Squad

Sophomore Tina Reed will be the only experienced cheerleader returning to next year's squad as a result of cheerleader tryouts last Monday.

yet she also loves Luke.

Jon Voight richly deserves his Academy Award for Best Actor. This is eminently proven as he delivers a powerful performance as the paraplegic.

This movie is a powerful and touching work which deals with serious and provocative subjects. Coming Home is most certainly one of the greatest major motion pictures of the decade.

Tina will be joined by five other girls. They are sophomore Tina Peters and freshmen Michelle Rief, Brenda Irving, Dion Douck and Libby Porter.

## Harlequin Fan Defends 'Those Sissy Books'

by Misty Bramlett

Sigh...As I close the book on the final page of my two hundredth Harlequin, I reminisce over the previous 199 that I have read.

Although I have been laughed at over the years for reading "those sissy books," I have been ever faithful to the cause of Harlequin Romances.

The argument that Harlequins are "all alike" is not true, even though they do all have a happy ending. The difference in the books is that

while the heroine of one book may fall in love with a champion bull fighter from South America, the heroine of another may fall in love with a ski instructor from the Swiss Alps.

Some people have asked me what I get out of reading Harlequins. They would be surprised at the little tidbits of information to be gleaned from Harlequins. I have learned the names of many different plants and flowers in other countries. I may not be able to pronounce them,

but I do recognize them when I see them in print.

I have also learned many of the cultural standards of other countries. If I ever visit another country, I should have the manners down pat.

I read Harlequins purely for my own selfish enjoyment. When I am feeling down, I just pick up a Harlequin and start reading. All at once the sun starts shining and I can believe there is a Prince Charming for me, too.