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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

WE STAY

GROUP REJECTS PLAN TO QUIT

NEW COLUMN TO APPEAR

In the next issue of the INDEPENDENT a new feature column will appear. The title of the column will be Did You Know? and it will be written by Jerry Connor, a very capable writer.

In his first column, Connor will tell you all about the "Three Pros."

We will also have very complete sports coverage and a column called Athletic Angles by William Cassidy.

Other news stories and features will be covered by our large and talented staff of reporters.

We still want letters to the editors and we repeat that we will print all such letters that we receive.

The school is our first concern and we want to do everything possible to better it.

Also we think that the NEWS' suggestion of a skating rink was very good, and we of course choose his own staff. The other men of the staff will be announced later.

In a meeting held Wednesday, the group behind the INDEPENDENT rejected a plan that a committee had suggested. The committee had appeared before the student council and it had said that they would go along with them (the council). When this was made known to the group, they said that they had not delegated such authority to the committee. Such was found to be the case but the committee persisted. Finally a vote was taken and the group voted unanimously to reject the groups proposal and to continue to publish the INDEPENDENT.

As a result of the action taken by the group, the INDEPENDENT will continue to publish every Friday.

There were about thirty students at the meeting and many more did not want to miss the assembly so were not present.

George Linellott was elected editor of the INDEPENDENT. He was given the power of the INDEPENDENT will do all to help.
PLAYING CARDS

Last year in the Student Union, we were allowed to play cards. We want that right to continue, but we don't believe that we should carry on card playing during the day. We don't have anything else to do in the time between classes, so why can't we play cards to relax and kill a bit of time?

Last year the friendly little games of whist and bridge degenerated into wild gambling. We are not advocating that. All we want is a form of recreation.

We have heard the comment that there is no school spirit this year and one of the reasons advanced for it is the fact that the men don't stay in the cafeteria as they did last year. If we had card playing, more students would stay in the cafeteria and become better acquainted. We would also like to ask a question. Who said that we could not play cards? Was it the Student Council or some one of the faculty?

THE CAFETERIA

Why is the cafeteria closed for a couple of hours on some days? The cafeteria is staffed by the students and a large number of the students are gripped because they have to go to the Columbia Market for their dinner. In this we have another reason for poor school spirit; the students don't stay in the cafeteria and stir up interest in school activities.

It does not seem possible that the cafeteria has to be closed for a couple of hours because the wages of 75 cents an hour can not be afforded. The cafeteria is an integral part of our school life, and the INDEPENDENT wishes it to stay open all during the school day.

OPEN LETTER TO COUNCIL

The INDEPENDENT wishes the student Council to know that we are not working for our selfish interests, but we are working for the betterment of things. We are not radicals as we have been called. We only wish to fill in the void that the FJC NEWS leaves. Don't be too hasty in judging us. Give us a chance to prove ourselves.

Signed,

The staff of the INDEPENDENT.

THE FJC NEWS

We are not against the NEWS or its staff. However, we see no reason why in the world it should be sent to the alumni and why it doesn't appear more often? It sends about 1200 copies to the alumni. Why can't the alumni contribute toward the cost of the NEWS?

The NEWS is a fine looking paper and we are very fortunate to have it, but we still maintain that it is not a "Mirror of Student Minds."

Even though we are a rival paper we are trying to find ways to make the NEWS a better paper all around. We hope that all the students are doing the same.

Remember SEND THE INDEPENDENT!

In our first issue we asked you to write to us. We want you to do it often. Tell us what you would like to see in the paper or write and tell us your gripes. We want constructive criticism but we will print any and all letters if they are signed. We are interested in what you are thinking and we don't know unless you tell us.

This issue is a little easier to read and we hope that you are pleased with it. Our staff is working better and we hope to improve with age.

We hope to appear every Friday and we hope to run between 4 and 6 pages a week. If we get a great many letters we will run as many pages as necessary to print all the letters we receive.

WRITE!

SCIENCE LAB

We need a science lab here on our campus, more than a football team. Why would it not be possible for the school to buy the materials and let the students build it with their own time? Why not?