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Back Your teams !!!

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U.S. Again Takes Back Seat to Russia:

American scientists have once again been beaten to the punch by Russia, as it was announced to the world Wed. that a Russian astronaut had been lofted around the earth for an hour and forty-eight minutes and then safely returned. Just as when the USSR launched their first Sputnik in 1957, the world has again been rocked back on its heels by this latest Soviet scientific and technological achievement. Demonstrating a technology and sheer brute rocket power much superior to our own, the Soviets blasted their astronaut into a 200 mile high orbit, circumnavigated the world twice, and then with astounding accuracy returned him physically sound to the earth within the Soviet Union.

But this time, unlike '57, American scientists were prepared for the feat, and within 2 hours of the Soviet announcement, were already on the air making all sorts of funny noises with a strongly vindictive air. Yes, not only were our own scientists expecting to come in second again, but they also felt it necessary to apologize for their lateness-with-less. And we are in complete sympathy with these men, for until our government ceases to follow its ridiculous policy of informing the world of deadlines it sets for the accomplishment of certain feats, American scientist can never expect to "outjump" the Soviets. No matter how fast we work or how early the deadlines, Russia has but to work a little harder and set their deadlines just a little earlier. And with the lead Russia already holds, it shouldn't be too hard to keep ahead of us.

We agree that advance information concerning space attempts clearly shows to the world how honest and above-board the U.S. is, but we also think that such predictions help to show equally as well how much ahead of us Russia is in the cosmic race.

What, however, does this achievement, aside from its obvious propaganda and military value for the Russians mean to mankind in general? For thousands of years, man has been pushing into valleys, traversing mountains and finally stepping across oceans until, at last, having completely explored his native earth, he turned his gaze outward to the stars. Now, with the advent of this first space flight, man stands on the first rung of the ladder into space. After thousands of years, man at last makes so bold to spurn his native earth and take his place with the millions of whirling bits of matter rushing through the cold, airless wastes of cosmic space. We applaud this marvel of scientific achievement, but we lament with our own technologists and scientists the fact that this first homo sapiens into space was not an American.

We leave you with this question: had the U.S. put the first astronaut into space, how many Americans would have rushed cheering and jubilant into the streets at the news, as did the Russians?

Want Ads:

..200 juke box windows for Miky Sifferlin to practice sticking his mighty fist through....baseball shoes with special 3 in. cletes to prevent Slugger Kelsey and Shifty Byers from slipping on their sacro iliacs...a bigger tennis racket for "L.J.B."

BASEBALL TEAM WINS 2 WHILE LOSING 3

Opening up the season against Indiana State, the Knights allowed their opponents 4 runs in the first inning alone on infield errors. The boys weren't able to come up with the equalizers and ended up down by an 8-2 count.

The Knights were rapping the ball well against St. Joe, but a diamond swept by 40 mph gusts made fielding pretty tricky. Added to this was some ragged fielding and 5 St. Joe bloopers which dropped in for base hits. At the end of this wild affair, St. Joe walked away on top 25-12.

Then, backed by some fine pitching by Rudy Jansen and Jerry Williams, Marian's nine found themselves against Rose Poly and swept both games of a double header, 8-3 and 5-1. Highlight of the games was a tremendous home run blast by Mike Werner which cleared the fence and bounced into the lake.

As last year, Anderson again proved themselves to be one of the finest hitting teams we face, as they handed us our third loss of the year 10-2. Again, errors added to the Knight's woes and a wet field made infield footing precarious....Next Game--April 15 at Hanover....

LINKSMEN DROP OPENER 11-4

With only one returning letterman in the person of Lou Firsich, the golf ten turned in a creditable performance against Concordia in their first meet. Despite the fact that this is their first year in college competition, Mike Noone, George Schmutte, Karl Kernel and Dennis Mercier showed promise....Next Meet - April 15 - St. Joseph - Home....

TENNIS SQUAD LOSES OPENER 7-0, But Belts St. Joe 6-1

First game jitters on Marian's part and all 'round team balance and strength on Ind. State's part were too much for the netmen to overcome, and they bowed to State 7-0. However, Vince Henn's crew vows revenge in the return match.

An inexperienced St. Joe team fell victim to the twanging rackets of the Knights in their second meet, and the netmen breezed home to an easy 6-1 victory. Marian lost but one singles match and swept both doubles, one 6-0, 6-0.

The tennis squad is away this afternoon, meeting tough Wabash at 2:30. Next match - April 22 - Earlham.

Student Board Elections today!

Don't forget to vote today some time between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the reading room on the second floor.

Presidential Candidates: Vicki Weston, Pat Mowry and Charlie Robinson

Secretarial Candidates: Cynthia Stokes, Pat Parlmer, Jean Vigue and Mary Kay Doyle.

*****All students are invited to next Wednesday's Student Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. Candidates for V-President and Treasurer for next year's Board will be chosen!!!

Crucible Coming Soon!

Tentative dates for the presentation of "The Crucible" have been for May 20 and 21. This powerful drama, by Arthur Miller, depicts the stupidity of the people in the famous Salem witch trials. It is an electrifying spectacle which cannot easily be forgotten.

The Carbon Salutes:

All circus enthusiasts, including Bob Henn and Karen Doyle

The golf, baseball and tennis teams. They deserve your support--so back 'em.

Thought for the week: The non-thinking life is not worth living.

- Socrates -