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Journalists Search For 'Ugliest Boy'

The "Ugliest Boy" contest, sponsored yearly by the Tiger Tales will be conducted in this issue of the paper.

Students having subscriptions to the paper, will vote on one of the six nominated boys.

Senior candidates are Bobo Angelino and Brent Livingston. Bobo, football letterman, was Now or Never king last year and is a member of N club. One of the track tri-captains, Brent is track letterman and member of student council.

Nominated juniors are Kenny Grubaugh and Rob Smitson. Kenny, friendliest sophomore boy last year and member of N club, has lettered in football two years. Rob, who lettered in football, is a member of 'N' club.

Sophomore candidates are Joe Eurton and Wayne Veal. Joe, sophomore class president, lettered in football and is a member of Who's Who. Wayne, a student council member, lettered in football and is on the honor roll.

Results of the contest will be announced in next issue.

Assembly Highlighted By Student Speeches

An assembly was presented this morning by the Future Farmers of America.

The film, "One Step Ahead," was shown, and speeches were given by FFA boys. A band composed mostly of FFA boys played before and after the assembly.

OIPA Honors Staff Editors

Mark Miller and Cindy Calkins, co-editors of Tiger Tales this semester, were awarded "Proficiency Citations" by the Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association for work on the school paper.

Cindy, who received the honor for selling and planning advertising and reporting, has been active in speech also. She was in the two musicals, *My Fair Lady* and *Little Abner*, the speech II play, *Mrs. McThing* and one-act contest plays. Last year she received Honorable Mention in the state fi-



"ICK!" EXCLAIMS CAROLYN SORRELS as Steve Reese prepares a slide during a dissecting session in Mrs. Brant's Biology Class.

Organization Has Busy Schedule

Future Teachers Plan Term Tutoring Program

Nineteen members of Future Teachers of America plan to tutor students in nine subjects.

Marilyn Reynolds, Nancy Braught, Neil Hollander, Jane Ash, Mary Martha Miles, Sharon Petit and Lynn Daugherty are offering help in English.

To assist in French are Mary Ann Reed, Mary Leonard and Marilyn Reynolds; Spanish, Kay Snodgrass; Latin, Pam Oviatt.

Other tutors are Mary Leonard, Pam Oviatt and Dorella Logan for math; Kay Snodgrass, Neil Hollander and Margaret Fisher, American history; Martha Reynolds, biology; Charlene Southard, Judy Pannell and Linda Cuning, grammar and Jo Ann Walko, government.

nals for her acting in "Infanta." Active in French, Future Journalists and art clubs for two years, she also finds time to work at the First Christian Church.

Photography, editing and column writing were the reasons for Mark's citation. His hobby, photography, has turned into a job. He works part time at the *Norman Transcript* and two afternoons each week at the *Oklahoma Daily*. Photographer for *Tiger Tales* for three years, he is known better as the column writer of "Bits and Pieces."

FTA Panel Discusses 'Teacher Qualifications'

"The qualities I look for in a teacher" was the discussion topic of a panel of seniors, Jo Ann Walko, Pruda Shank and Dorella Logan at a recent Future Teachers of America meeting.

"A teacher should have the ability to teach, to get the subject matter over to the students and to instill the desire to learn," said Jo Ann. "Fairness—treating everyone in the same manner, is also important."

"Teachers must know how to discipline a class so that work can be done effectively," pointed out Pruda. They should also understand the responsibilities and pressures that are put on students. Above all they must be patient."

The main purpose of a teacher is to serve," Dorella added. "He must have a lot of ingenuity to think of ways to present material to help students with individual problems and to challenge gifted students."

The girls agreed that a teacher should have a sense of humor, a respect for his students, and a neat pleasant appearance.

Youth Week Held

Norman High observed Youth Emphasis Week Jan. 31-Feb. 7 as set by the National Council of Churches by holding devotionals every morning before school.

An all-city, inter-faith dance was held last Friday after the basketball game.

Plant, Animal Life Studied in Biology

Invertebrates! vertebrates! genetics! plant life! dissection!

This is not a spelling lesson, but the work the biology department has just completed.

The advanced biology class with Mrs. Lois Brandt had as their semester project the cross-breeding of fruit flies in order to study the results of selective breeding. The flies were kept in test tubes which contained a culture of agar agar, molasses, corn meal, and a mold inhibitor.

Fruit flies were chosen for genetics study because their complete life cycle takes place in less than two weeks. Because regular classes were also held, students had to use their spare time to complete the projects.

The first year classes of Mrs. Brandt and Mr. Jim Park have studied plant life. Included in this program were the use of the microscope, learning to make slides of microscopic organisms and detailed work in bacteria.

In addition to their regular curriculum Mr. Park's classes cared for two carnivorous birds, a gray-horned owl and a red-tailed hawk

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Lions Club Gives January Award To Ann Finney

Ann Finney, 4.0 senior, has been chosen Lions' Club Student of the Month for January.

She was Girls' State Delegate this summer and is presently editor of the Trail. She has been vice-president of the Norman Chapter of the Future Teachers of America, besides being a member of Paint Daubers, Latin Club, Norman Youth Orchestra, the central prom committee and Gingersnaps.

A member of State and National Honor Societies, she has won honors in biology, chemistry and art.

A member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, she is publicity chairman for the Western Federation of Catholic Youth Club, primarily a social organization, and is active in Young Christian Students, a service organization.

New Library Needs Support

No books can be shoved into a locker that is already full, as NHS students know only too well. Neither can books be squeezed into full shelves, as employees of Norman Public Library know only too well.

To be or not to be—a new municipal library? The community will vote on a bond issue Feb. 16, but the facts speak for themselves. As to need, the library expanded to its maximum floor space in 1958; four staff members, 5,000 books, 50 periodical subscriptions, and 1000 records have been added since that time.

According to Oklahoma Library Association standards Norman's library is adequate for a town only one-fourth its size, and the minimum number of books for Norman should be 60,000 more than twice the present 25,000.

The building, constructed in 1929, has crumbling steps, cracks in the plaster, and leaky ceilings. Eight tie rods hold the building together. Concrete floors are webbed with cracks.

Henry Ward Beecher once said, "A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life." Every person should vote for the library bond.—Mary Leonard

School—Boring or Challenging?

What does school mean to you? A dull, boring six hours of work every day five days a week, or a new challenging experience to meet and learn from?

The second example projects a better adjustment to school than the first. Since a person must spend a certain number of years in gaining the fundamental knowledge so necessary in today's fast pace of life, it would be better to accept these years as time well spent rather than a dull waste.

Everyone would rather work on a personal hobby than, for example, wash dishes or run errands. If school is approached as an exciting, challenging way of learning, then a feeling of enjoyment, rather than drudgery, will be more likely to ensue, much the same as if a person is doing something he likes rather than something he dislikes.

It is never too late to change your outlook.—Mark Miller

Report Cards Necessary Threat

"I don't see why we have to have report cards." This is heard everytime the cards are given to students.

If report cards were abolished, these people argue, much of the tension and strain of school would disappear, and relaxed students would get more out of their classes. With the emphasis on grades removed, cheating, use of pep pills, and theft of tests would stop. Also the teachers, with the time-consuming job of keeping grade records gone, would be able to spend more time on lesson plans and class preparation.

However, the report card system, like capital punishment, has been necessary for one simple reason—human nature. Although some of the population would do the right things without laws, the majority must be both restrained and prodded by a set of rules.

Some students would work and study, whether their efforts were recorded or not, because of a sincere desire to improve their minds. Most, however, must have the threat of a low grade hanging over them before they will do their best work.—Kathleen Lester

Closed Mind Hinders Learning

"I don't know a thing" is not a phrase usually expected from a high school graduate. In fact, it is rather frowned upon.

Yet comparing what one high school graduate knows to the unlimited amount of knowledge still to be learned, it seems reasonable. If one goes on to college, or to whatever his future may be, with this attitude he has a much better opportunity to partake of the knowledge awaiting him. If a person has the feeling of knowing all that's necessary, a door is already shut.

As opposed to the common theory, wisdom doesn't come hand in hand with getting older. Instead comes the realization of how much one does not know.—Mary Jane Gatchel

Scene And Herd Valentine's Day Legends Differ

Scene

Mrs. Ritzman was carried down the hall by Duane Draper and Terry Damastus because she was too slow at lunch; Kathy Rhodes taking Mike Kearn's shoelaces out of his shoes at a basketball game; Donnette LaValley kicked out of school by Paul Akmal and Jerry Marques.

Mrs. Mosley and Mrs. Madden locked themselves out of their office; Jim Shaubarger writes in small bumps; Susan Balch riding a bicycle to school; Robert Powell chasing Sally Shaubarger around a desk in typing; Skippy Fox imitating Count Dracula in composition class; Duane Draper serenading Mrs. V. Smith through the window; Mary Jane Gatchel crying over the worm she dissected.

HERD

Pete Vaughn said "all work and no play gets Jack a big fat 'A'; Susan Donnel said her nickname is Wrinkles; Roger Geyer saying the "pot-belly" stove was named after him; Jim Shead said that he saw elves in chemistry class; Laura Anderson doesn't want to digest a worm in biology.

Mr. Rauch admitting that any normal students shouldn't be able to pass his tests; Connie Nutt said she was in love with her milkman; Carol Webb, Georgia Freeze and Karol King singing the Kellogg's jingle in Spanish class; Bob Waters wore knee pads in the wrestling match because he had a hole in his tights.

Braden Cross said the Baby Elephant Walk reminded him of Roger Geyer; Georgia Parrish asking Jim Shaubarger if she could lure him to the darkroom; Mr. Park said he didn't know if beer worms got tight; Mr. Michael telling his pupils that he's lost without his glasses; Mary Ann Pulte was a fairy queen in the 5th grade.

Sunday is Valentine's Day. Stores are decorated with hearts and cupids, and commercials urge everyone to buy gifts. These things have become a part of life, but few people realize the religious base for this special day.

Saint Valentine is the name given to several saints and martyrs of the Christian Church, of whom the most celebrated are two martyrs whose festivals fall on February 14.

One was a priest at Rome and the other, a bishop in Umbria. The most reliable account shows that both lived in the third century and died on the same day. The traditional anniversary of their death, February 14, has become known as Saint Valentine's Day and has long been observed as a lover's festival.

Two Saints Honored

This has no connection with the saints, but the association of the lovers' festival with Saint Valentine seems to have arisen from the fact that the fast of the two saints falls toward spring.

Several other explanations are given for the familiar custom of sending love tokens and cards of greeting to one's favorites, and for the social activities connected with Saint Valentine's Day.

Gifts Now Tradition

Some say that one Saint Valentine was accustomed to go around from house to house, leaving food on the doorsteps of the poor; and that the custom of sending Valentine greetings, at first anonymously, developed from that fact.

Another explanation connects the modern celebration festival Lupercalia, which occurred on February 15. A festival of a similar nature was observed in old England and Scotland and to some extent in other European countries.

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Card Collection Shows Norman In Early Days

By DYANNA BOYD

"It's a good way to remember trips," explained Jim Logan about his post card collection.

Actually Jim started collecting postcards two years ago when he found a box of them in the attic with his grandmother's belongings.

"I found about 500 printed before 1925," continued Jim, "and at least five from Oklahoma before it became a state."

Jim now has around 1,100 cards. Besides the 500 of his grandmother's, Jim has cards from every state except Alaska and Hawaii and from ten other countries.

Singled out as his favorites and most interesting ones are those of the main street of Norman in 1907, Tulsa's main street in 1914, 20 hand colored cards from Canada and a huge card from Webb City, Florida.

"I also enjoy collecting junk in general," said Jim, "it's a good excuse to browse around in the attic where you can find most anything."

Jim, sophomore at Norman High, is manager of the football team and an active member of McFarlin Methodist Church.

Classes Study Life

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which were brought in by students.

Mr. Clark McCaskill's classes studied the animal kingdom. They have dissected earthworms, starfish, clams, crayfish and fish and are now dissecting frogs.

Equipment owned by the biology department is limited; therefore the subject matter is being rotated in order that all students may use equipment.



JIM LOGAN, sophomore, displays some of his collection of around 1,100 post cards that come from most every state and several foreign countries.

Oh! No! Is It Really Tuesday?

By KATHLEEN LESTER

The nerve of that sneaky woman—springing that horrible test on me without a word of warning! (Well, maybe she mentioned it once or twice—but after all, first hour I'm not my brightest—she could have told me personally or pinned a note to my collar or something!)

English Easy?

Tra-la-la- second hour English. Well, at least—nothing is going on in here. I'll just sit quietly in the back of the room and recuperate.

What's this on the board? Oral book reports Tuesday. Hmm-mm.

I guess I need to get on the ball and find a book. The last one I read was Winnie the — TUESDAY! That's today!

Dreams Come True

Someone please wake me up and tell me this is some kind of a horrible dream! If I can just sneak to the door and down the hall—Mrs. Wiest—well, hi! My book report? Uh, well, you see . . . You're going to let me give my oral report first? Oh goody!! (Well, Lester, old pal, it is curtains. Might as well get up there and get it over with.)

"My book report today is on Winnie the Pooh" — and and —

Degrees Given In Embalming, Funeral Work

Central State College at Edmond offers the only Bachelor of Science degree in embalming or funeral directing in the United States.

Along with the degree plan is a certificate program which excludes the general education group of 50 hours and is mainly concerned with the funeral service education aspect.

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A minor is also given in these areas for students majoring in programs such as pre-medical, pre-nursing or medical technology. Included in the 18 hours are nine hours of science and nine hours of professional courses.

Only courses involving the theory of the profession are taught on Central's campus. The actual practice courses such as Practicum in Embalming and Funeral Directing are taken in any of the 22 co-operating funeral homes in the surrounding area. The practice is under the supervision of the Oklahoma State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

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Council Organizes New Committees

Student council members and alternates for the second semester have been assigned to committees.

The **Public Relations** committee, under chairman Wayne Veal, is made up of Mike Elder, Barbara Myers, Rick Olney and Pruda Shank, with alternates, Mimi Lowe and Audrey Sirgel.

Bill Tankersley heads the **Deviotional** committee with Dorella Logan, Alice Rinehart, Kendra Shank and alternate Suzi Smith as other members.

Mary Ann Reed, vice-president, is chairman of the **Election and Points** committee, which includes Braden Cross, Mike Harmon, Jim Logan, Wesley Mathew and alternates Johnny Flippo and John Ritz.

Co-chairman Larry Farmer, treasurer, and Jim Spiller head the **Ways and Means** committee, made up of Linda Bumgarner, Vaughn Clark, Duane Draper and Laura O'Connell, with alternates Mary Jane Gatchel, Kathy Rankin, Linda Lee Smalley and Taysha Taylor.

On the **Projects** committee are chairman Steve Edwards, Jill Ampsacher, Ann Cosgrove, James Elder, Alverna Gill, Judy Grissom, and alternates D'Anne Mount and Jo Ann Walko.

The **Social** committee includes chairman Barbara Orth, Gigi Bolles, Gail Giffert, Susan Donnell, Joyce Goldfield and Jane Ann Lockett, and Fred Buffington, Brent Livingston and Linda Jane Franklin, alternates.

Ronna Riddle, secretary, is chairman of the **Student Welfare** committee, made up of Pat Boyd, Nancy Braught and Nancy Harmon, with alternate Karen Jennings.

Mass Confusion?

Situation: You are picking up a sophomore to get him out of your way in the lunch line when the shadow of a certain vice-principal falls across your path.

Wrong: Tell him you thought the poor child looked as though he were about to faint and you were going to take him outside in the fresh air.

Right: Tell him that he has just won the national smile contest and that the sophomore is first prize. Hand him the kid—and run!

Situation: You are gleefully passing a library pass out of the Latin room window to an "accomplice" when Miss McSpadden appears on the scene.

Wrong: Say that, as a big surprise to Mrs. Mosley, you want to paint it a more attractive color scheme—orange and black.

Right: Tell her that the pass is infested with termites and you were trying to get rid of it before they spread to the walls of the Latin room.

Situation: You are zipping through the halls on your Honda during sixth hour when you are surrounded by four teachers in front of the light well.

Wrong: Explain that you are a Smokey the Bear Junior Fire-Fighter and that you are on your way to extinguish a fire in one of the trash cans outside the door.

Right: Tell them you could have sworn this was the sand pits.

Situation: You are sitting at a

table in the student center before school writing your own absence excuse when Mr. Daniel walks up and asks what you think you are doing.

Wrong: Say you're Griselda Schmitt's mother and that you always write your daughter's excuses in the student center because it gives you a feeling of security.

Right: Explain that you are taking Forgery III and this is your homework.

Situation: You're copying someone's algebra in the student center when a long dark shadow appears.

Wrong: Pick up your books and run as if your life depended upon it (cause it does).

Right: Get angry and yell at the boy across the table "What do you mean, swiping my paper?"

Situation: You're caught holding hands during a history film. Suddenly the light goes on and everyone is looking at you.

Wrong: Tell everybody that your hand was cold and your hand fitted in his real nicely.

Right: He wanted to get his mother some gloves and was measuring your hand to see if it were the same size.

Juniors Present Talent Assembly

"Alice in Juniorland" was the theme of the junior talent assembly presented recently.

In the take-off on the story, Alice, played by Pam Faubion, was guided from class to class by Mike Elder, master of ceremonies, in an attempt to find the best class.

In "Sophomoreland" Alice found the class too much like children as they rode their tricycles and played games. "Seniorland" was too "ultra-cool" with their senioritic ways.

"Juniorland," where talents were displayed, was her choice. Here Lynn Dixon sang "Joey"; Mary Jo Crockett, the ballad of "Three Fishermen"; William Wiles, "You'll Never Walk Alone"; the trio, Ronna Riddle, Mary Ann Pulte and Alice Rinehart, "Juniorland," and Ricky Linn and David Walters, "A Rich Old Lady."

Jim Spiller and Connie Nutt danced to "Honeybun"; Jenny Hohenburger and Ronnie Burdick, a jazz dance to "Teen Beat." Linda Rice played a piano solo, "Rhonda," and accompanied the musical numbers. The Pharaohs, a junior combo, played at the beginning and close of the assembly.

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Senor, Senioritas, Burros in Classes

By DYANNA BOYD

Pinatas! Spanish dolls! Mexican towns!

Sounds like Mexico, doesn't it, but these are term projects made by Spanish II students for Mrs. Hughes' room. Each student was required to make something pertaining to Spanish-speaking countries.

Pinatas for Parties

Three made bright pinatas — a donkey, a clown and a Mexican man. Pinatas are paper-mache objects filled with candy and prizes used in Spanish countries at parties. The children who are blind-folded take turns hitting the pinata, trying to burst it open to get the candy.

A Ken and Barbie doll were dressed in flashing Spanish senior and seniorita's outfits. A straw doll with a big Mexican sombrero represents the Mexican sitting in the shade taking a siesta.

A pueblo (Mexican town) with people and small houses with real grass growing all around added contrast to the room. Similarly a plaza of a typical Spanish home was made.

Background of Art

Pictures and maps of the Spanish-speaking countries, people and towns attract attention. Some eye-catching pictures are Spanish dancers in colorful costumes and an emblem used on Mexican money. Calendars with days and months, and crossword puzzles written in Spanish are posted on the walls.

Authentic flags from Spain, Panama, Columbia, Honduras and Chile serve as background.

So Spanish is fun! Yes! But don't forget the tests, conjugations and pattern drills.



"BE CAREFUL!" Donna Ballard warns Carol Hickman, who is helping to hang the pinatas, "or we'll have candy all over the place."

OU Holds Sessions For All-State Band

Twenty-three students from Norman High will participate in All-State Festivities at the University of Oklahoma Feb. 28 and March 1 and 2.

Selected for All-State Band were Cindy Burner, Margaret LaFon, Carolyn Grant, Susan Miller, Helen Thayer, John Creveling, Mike Bagby, Josette Merrell, Wesley Mathews, Richard Kuhlman, Joe Thayer, Russell Dunn, Mickey Gordan, Paul Hartman, Bill Hartman, Danny Davis, Dennis Frank and Larry Hollingsworth.

Scott Drago, Mike Crews, and Tom Luccock were chosen for All-State Orchestra and for All-State Chorus, Janann Stringer and Kay Ward.

Alumni News

Susan Wright, former *Tiger Tales*' editor and now a sophomore at OU, has been chosen for the *Mademoiselle Magazine's* college board. She was chosen for her journalistic writing and will be eligible to compete for a summer's work as guest editor in New York.

Ann Wiest has been named as Sooner Yearbook Campus Personality. Ann has 3.77 average and was chosen to Mortar Board, Model UN delegate, outstanding freshman woman, Beta Kappa, Tassels, BWOC. (Big Woman on Campus) and Student Senate.

Historical Novels New in Library

Three new books are now in the library. Two are exciting historical books, *The Slender Reed* by Noel B. Gerson and *The Ordways*, by William Humphrey. The third is a mystery novel, *The Legend of the Seventh Virgin* by Victoria Holt.

The Slender Reed is a biographical novel of James Knox Polk, 11th president of the United States. This courageous man led his country to victory over Mexico and brought Texas into the United States. Only in our time have historians come to recognize the greatness of Polk's dazzling career.

The Ordways is as varied and as vigorous as Texas itself, where two myths met, those of the South and the West. The Ordway clan is followed through four generations.

The Legend of the Seventh Virgin is a gripping story built around the legend that six novices and a nun had strayed from their vows. One night in a field six were turned to stone and the seventh was walled up in the building.

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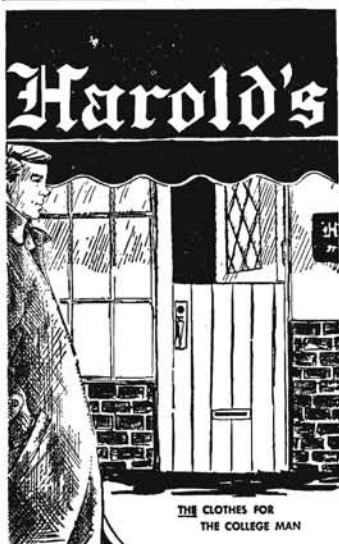
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Teacher, Junior Attend Seminar

Mrs. Lois Brandt, biology teacher, and Ann Cosgrove, junior, attended an Edison Science Youth Day seminar Feb. 10 at Oklahoma City.

One science teacher and one student from each Oklahoma high-school were invited. The student was chosen on the basis of his interest in a scientific field.

Dr. Eliel was the speaker at the seminar that Mrs. Brandt, and Ann attended. Lectures were given on computers, medicine, chemistry and astronomy.

At an award dinner students received Edison Science Youth Day Citations.

Council Corner

Tomorrow night a combined Valentine and Now or Never dance will be held, with music by the Pharaohs, Stanley Melton, Bill Haddock, Don Harrel and Steve Edwards.

Since this takes the place of Now or Never Week, the custom of girls inviting boys will be followed.

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Norman High's soon-to-be elected All School Queen will be honored with a coronation and dance on April 9.

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A volleyball tournament and a hootennany are also planned for the second semester.

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Who's Afraid of Big Bad Wolf?

'Now or Never' Dating Takes Courage

By DOLLY DATELESS

It takes lots of courage to ask a boy to the Now or Never Dance. It looked easy at first. All I'd have to do was pick out a likely suspect — uh victum — uh date. (That part was easy.) Then I managed to get the promise of the car for the night of the dance. (That wasn't so easy.)

Then I picked up the phone and dialed his number, and of all the stupid things, he answered it! I couldn't say anything: my throat was dry, my tongue felt like a twenty-pound weight, and even though I moved my lips, nothing came out.

Number Not In Service

"Hello, hello?" It looked as if I'd have to say something so I did—"The number you have just dialed is not in service. Please hang up and dial again. This is a recording." He hung up. I wonder why I said that; he hadn't dialed a number, I had.

Obviously I didn't know the first thing about asking for a date, so the next day I trotted down to the library and after a rather long search found **Have Fun With Dates** — but it turned out to be a cookbook.

Librarian Helps

I decided I was in the wrong

section and went over to ask the librarian to help me. The sweet lady librarian I had expected turned out to be a young man-type college student who kept eyeing me as if I were crazy. He finally handed me several books on dating. Blushing profusely, I checked them out and fled. Like I said, this dating business takes courage.

Well, I read them all and finally found the steps to ask for a date. First, you must find out what your girlfriend is interested in and develop an interest in it. (That was silly! I **knew** what my girlfriends were interested in — boys! If I weren't already interested in them, I wouldn't be trying to ask one for a date!) Second—be confident (Oh, **sure!** Well, I'd skip that step.) Third, plan what you're going to say. Fourth, ask in person. This was my mistake—I wasn't following steps three and four.

Speech Planned

I wrote down what I was going to say. It took a long time, but I finally had exactly what I wanted. Then I practiced it till I could say it perfectly.

It was time for the final step. I saw him in the hall and went

charging up. I took a deep breath and swallowed. "Uh, I was wondering if . . ." (He wasn't supposed to look at me!) Good grief, what had I planned to say? I couldn't rummage through my purse for my speech! "Uh, if you got a real funny answer for problem 17 in algebra? My answer was real weird . . ."

Today is Too Late

I guess I'd better skip step four and ask him by phone so I can look at my speech if I need to. I'll call him as soon as I get home from school today—ye gads, today is Friday! I suppose it's sort of late to ask for a date for tomorrow.

Oh, well, I can use the car tomorrow night to go to the library to dump those dating books in the night slot—I'll never be able to show my face there in the daytime again.

I suppose I can always ask him next year. Maybe, if I start right now trying to get the courage!

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"Bits and Pieces"

By MARK MILLER

Some morning about four o'clock when you are about to finish up your homework, think about how soon school will be out. We've already passed the half-way mark.

Sophomores and juniors have one or more years to look forward to. It's the poor seniors that won't be back next year (or so they hope).

Now, just isn't that too bad?

Walk up to a senior and ask him (or her) if he (or she) will be happy to leave the oppressed halls of Norman High, and 98.9 per cent will say no—but they are lying. The remaining 1.1 per cent will answer truthfully.

And then there are juniors—voted by the seniors as the best liked class at NHS. After that fine junior "talent" assembly, what more could we do?

Unfortunately there were some seniors that did do more. You can always find a couple of bad apples in any bushel.

It wouldn't be appropriate for us to apologize for the actions of those "bad apples" in the junior's assembly. In fact, most seniors enjoyed (?) the scenes and suffered the blows aimed toward their bloated prides.

But there will always be those who cannot take a little ribbing. And there will always be those

who don't know when enough is enough.

One can very easily compare this year's student council with the life of a man. They started strong and eager as a small child and now seem to have slowed down.

Why does this happen? Is it the elected officers and representatives? It hardly seems so. The student council has only the power of suggestion; it has only the power given it.

Is it any wonder that some students take the opportunity to defy this authority by such acts as painting the lightwell and the walks? While under the cover of senior pranks, it is simply a repudiation of all authority.

High school students can join the army, drive a car or buy beer, but they don't have enough sense to come in out of the rain. At least that is the opinion of those in charge.

Farm Mechanics Teaches Pupils Vocational Skills

By RON ARGO

"The primary aim of the Farm Mechanics course is to provide training in vocational skills that will meet the present and future educational needs of students for job opportunities, gainful employment and hobbies," said Mr. Edward Kitchens, supervisor.

The vocational skills being taught are in the areas of welding, including electric arc, oxy-acetylene, inert gas, and spot welding and cold metal work which includes sheet metal and plumbing. Boys will also learn carpentry, electrification, small engine repair and masonry work.

The last 12 weeks will be spent on construction and repair of equipment for livestock production.

Although teaching of skills is the primary objective, Future Farmers of America leadership training and a limited amount of technical agriculture will be taught to balance the program.

Race Car Driver To Talk on Safety

"Highway Safety is no Accident" is the subject on which Mr. Art Malone, ten-year veteran of automobile racing, will speak at the annual safety assembly, Feb. 24.

Mr. Malone will explain controlled speed on the race track as against its opposite on the highway as he shows a 15-minute color movie made at Indianapolis last year.

Jane Fritch Chosen As FHA Candidate

Jane Ann Fritch, vice president of Norman's FHA, is the nominee from Norman for a state office in FHA.

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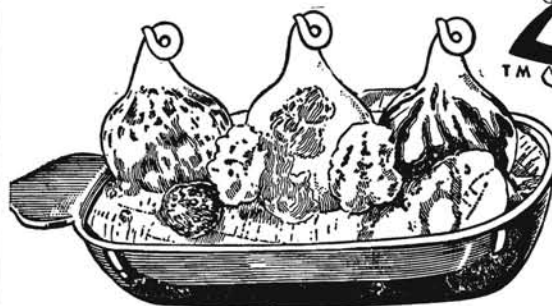
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Cage, Mat Teams Play Tonight After Dividing Duncan Contests

Norman basketball and wrestling teams are in action tonight with the cagers journeying to Ardmore for a league tilt and the matmen hosting Geary after the win in basketball and the loss in wrestling to Duncan last week.

Max Marquardt's cagers will go to Ardmore in the role of the favorite although the Tigers barely overcame their errors and took a 34-31 verdict early in the season. The Tigers will be lead by Don Wilcox, who is averaging over 15 points per game. Marquardt has found a pleasant surprise in the form of Bill Haddock, junior, who filled in for Wilcox when he was ill.

Last week against Duncan on the home court, Norman avenged an earlier defeat by the Demons as they upset them 40-38. This defeat deals a blow to Duncan's Boomer Conference hopes and places Norman second in the league. Norman jumped off to an 11-5 lead at the end of first quarter but were outscored in two of the other quarters. Don Wilcox hit 21 points to lead both teams; Bill Tankersley had eight; Morrison, five; Haddock, two; and Roberts, one.

Bert Corr's grapplers pounded Geary 22-11 last year, but they have had their problems lately, dropping the last two matches.

And against Duncan Norman jumped to an early lead as Tom and David Abercrombie won decisions. Duncan came back with two decisions to even the match.

Tom White and Clarence Powell won decisions to put the Tigers ahead, but Duncan bounced back to win the next three matches, one by a pin, to win the match 19-14.

Cinder Teams Place at Meet

Norman High's track team placed 4 seconds and 2 thirds in an indoor O.U. track meet, in which more than 51 high schools participated.

Brent Livingston placed second in the 440 yard dash and third in the 60-yard. The mile relay team, Wicky Burrow, Livingston, Jackie Hill and George Purdam placed second.

John Campbell placed second and set a school pole vault record with 13 feet. The girls' track team, placed Patti Geisher, second and Peggy Hankins, third in the 60-yard high hurdles.

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Lawton Edges Bengal Quintet

Norman went down to its second Boomer Conference defeat falling 67-65 to Lawton at Norman.

The Wolverines built up a comfortable 11 point lead going into the fourth quarter but had to hang on for their lives as Norman uncorked a blazing finish that barely fell short.

The Tigers moved Don Wilcox to forward during the entire game and the big senior, who was held to two free throws the first half, led the second half comeback hitting 14 points for the game.

Norman's scoring was very balanced as Tankersley also collected 14 points; Ayres, 13; Morrison, 11; Roberts, 10; and Haddock, 2.

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Grapplers Pin Two Opponents

Norman wrestlers continued their winning ways by defeating Del City and Putnam City in dual matches.

Bert Corr's grapplers popped the Del City wrestling bubble, handing the Eagles their first dual defeat of the year at the hands of an Oklahoma team, 25-11, on the Tiger mat.

Norman got off to a 19 point lead in the first two weights of the Boomer Conference when Eagle wrestlers at 105 and 114 were overweight and had to forfeit.

The Tigers won five of the next eight weights as Bob Waters, Gary Miller, Tom White, Clarence Powell, and Allen Prickett took decisions.

Hays and Stevenson lost decisions in their matches, and Hugh Sellars was pinned at heavy weight.

Norman rolled to their 14th straight dual match by pinning Putnam City, 22-14 on the home mat.

Tom White remained undefeated this season, winning his 14th match, 14-0 over Ed Foster. Clarence Powell scored the only Tiger pin as he took Glenn Bailey to the mat in 4:39 of the 147 pound match.

Cindermen Elect First Tri-captains

Captains recently elected by the track team are letterman Wicky Burrow, John Campbell and Brent Livingston.

This year's squad has 60 boys and should be strong in every event. Returning are pole vaulter John Campbell, shot putter Dick Talley, dashmen Wicky Burrow, Brent Livingston and Paul Blevins, and broad jumper Don Faris.

Cross country standout Ralph Houck should give the Tigers a long distance threat to go with their strong 440 and sprint entries.

White Upsets All Star

Tom White made up for his earlier loss to Japanese All-Star Mitsuji Awada by blanking him, 10-6. White's win was the only one made by an Oklahoman from the all-star team made up of five towns. In this special exhibition match, the Japanese All-Stars won 20-8.

White's earlier loss to Awada came as he and three other Norman grapplers, David Garriot, Clarence Powell, and Allen Prickett, teamed with four Putnam City wrestlers to take on the Japanese All-Stars.



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