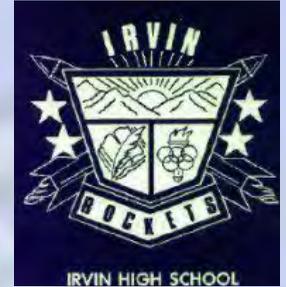




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"A" Choir Elects '59-'60 Officers

Tommy Watrous was elected president of the Irvin Advanced Choir recently at a picnic held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Davis, director of the choral music department. At the picnic the members of the choir had dinner, sang, rehearsed songs and became acquainted with each other.

The new president will be assisted by Jim Reese, vice president; Caroly Shannon, secretary-treasurer; Stephany Wells, Judy Ellis, Lee Ann Smith Russell Teel, and James Blette, section leaders; and Karen Moore, publicity chairman.

The future plans for the 57 member choir include solo and ensemble competition, all-state choir tryouts, three girl's trios, a boys ensemble, and trying to achieve one of the best choirs possible. With all the plans being made for the choral groups, the department hopes that the choral classes will reach a peak of 300 by next year.

Complete Cafeteria and Gym

Irvin High School's new air-conditioned cafeteria will be serving hot lunches by the middle or the twenty-fifth of this month. The gymnasium will be completed December 1, and physical education classes will begin for boys and girls.

Four serving lines will be used in the cafeteria and the student body may buy a la carte or plate lunches. The kitchens are designed to feed the maximum enrollment. Lunches have not yet been sold because the steam tables and cooking stoves are not completely installed.

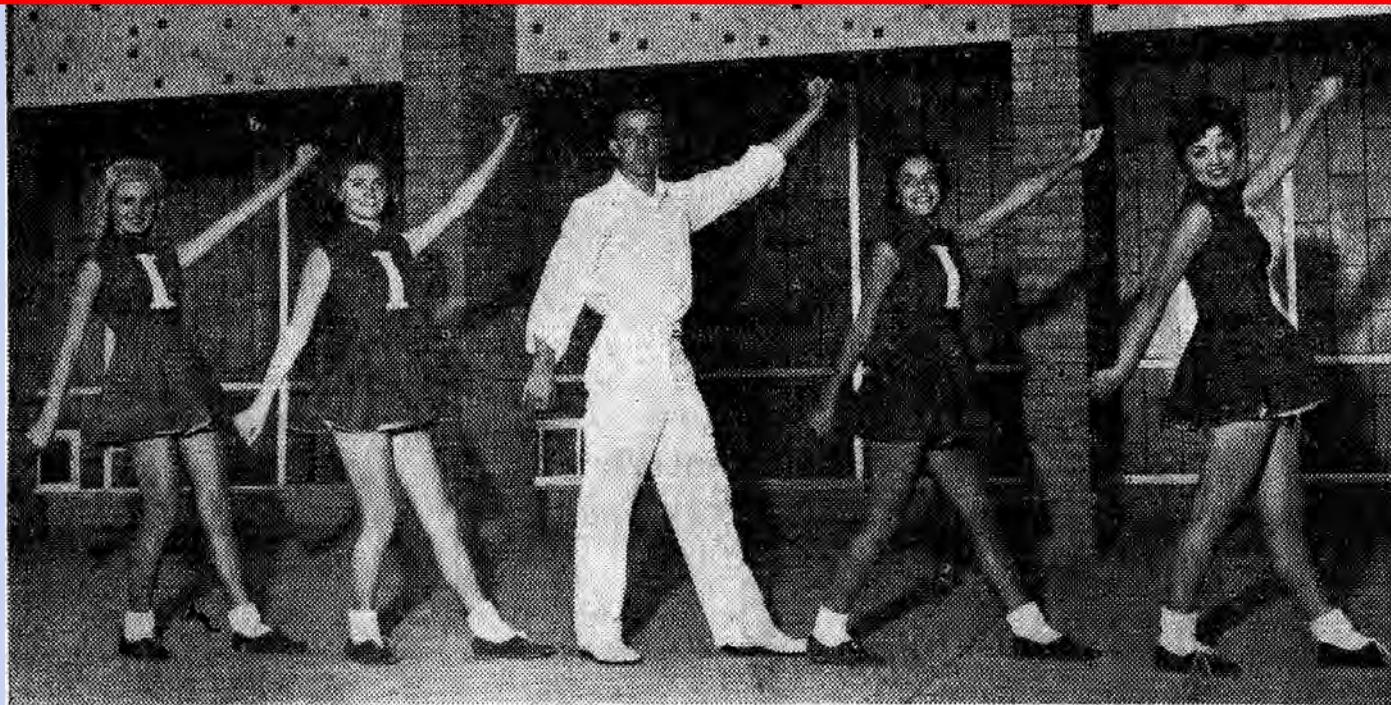
The gymnasium will have a full stage for use as an auditorium and will seat 1300 or more students. The gym has a basketball court and two practice courts with facilities for boys and girls dressing rooms. The football players have been dressing in the cottages.

General Contractor R. E. McKee is developing the two football fields, a baseball field, tennis courts, and four basketball-volleyball courts.

Football Schedule

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Ysleta	10/17/59	There
Bowie	10/24/59	Here
Tech	10/31/59	There
Jefferson	11/7/59	Here
Bel Air	11/14/59	Here
Burges	11/21/59	There



CHEERLEADERS: Left to right; Judy Allison, Sherry Noland, Vaughn Knighten, Etah McCoy Sherry Hesla.

IRVIN CHEERLEADERS SELECTED BY STUDENTS

Friday, September 25, the five varsity cheerleaders for the '59-60 school year were announced. They are: Sherry Hesla, head cheerleader, Etah McCoy, Judy Allison, Sherry Noland and Vaughn Knighten.

Sherry, who is a low junior is in Nivri Tri-Hi-Y and is on the classification staff of the annual.

Etah, a high junior, was secretary of Junior National Honor at Austin.

She is junior editor of the annual staff and secretary of Nivri Tri-Hi-Y. When asked what her first thought was when she found out she had made the cheerleading squad, she laughed and said, "Man, like wow!"

Judy, the only senior, was parliamentarian and chaplain of Teiaseque Tri-Hi-Y at Austin.

Sherry, a freshman, was a cheerleader at Magoffin, and in "A" Choir.

Vaugh Knighten, a low junior was active in Thespians and in Science Research Club.

The girl's outfits are red corduroy made princess style with a mandarin collar, and a white "Y" on the front. Their shoes are red also. Vaughn wears white pants, white shirt, and white shoes.

Six Sophomores Attend Seminar

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Six Irvin sophomores have been selected to participate in the science seminar until they are graduated from high school.

James Baker, Raphael Confer, Robert Neill, Diane Rystad, John Shirley, and Richard Woltz were notified the last week of September of their acceptance. The choices were based on two tests the students took at the beginning of the year, scientific and mechanical aptitude. Alternate choices were Patricia Peterson and James Gillespie.

These students have the opportunity of hearing speakers from industry, the military, and colleges introduce the possible fields of science. The meetings are held an evening a week, usually in the Austin auditorium.

Being accepted to take part in this seminar gives these students an opportunity to learn about little known fields that they may decide to go into after college. Being in this seminar also gives the student a better chance for a scholarship.

Mr. Frank I. Gary is in charge of this program which has only been in operation for two years. The Rotary Club sponsors the seminar in co-operation with the schools division. This summer the six students will have the opportunity to take a 1000 mile trip, visiting industries in the Southwest.

Platter Chatter

Yoo hoo to you Boo-Boo. Here I am, your Platter Chatterer Beverly Davis. In this column we'll give you the latest on the two top tunes in El Paso, the top tune from KINT and KELP. We will also preview a new record each week, and when there is a new record from one of the local bands on the scene we'll talk about that too.

The record to be previewed this week is "Road Hog" by Johnny Zorro on Warner Bros. label. Johnny swings back with this teen beat song for Warner Bros. This may be a winner.

Every once in a while a local band will make a record. One on the scene now is "All the Days of My Life"/"Since I Found You" by Johnny Gormon and The Shadows on the Missle label. It's nice to have local bands make records that go good in this vicinity. By the way Johnny's record got a three star rating in Billboard. Another band that's on the scene now is the Royal Lancers. They play every Saturday night at the Magoffin gym.

Lets talk a while about the two number "one" records on our two popular record stations KINT and KELP. KINT's is "Mack The Knife" by Bobby Darin on the Atco label. Also number one across the nation KELP's is "Put Your Head On My Shoulder" by Paul Anka on the ABC Paramount label. This disc is number five across the nation.

There are several new and revised records out now. One new one that is on its way up is "If You Don't Want My Lovin'" by Carl Dobkins Jr. on the Decca label. Then the revised ones are "Mary Lou", "Pretend", "In The Mood", and "The Three Bells." Boy! They're really going way back. Huh?

Facts: Did you know that "The Three Bells" was copy written in 1945, "Lavender Blue" in 1948 and "Mona Lisa" in 1949.

YEARBOOK SALES STALL AS DRIVE CLOSES

Plagued by a lack of support by members of the student body, the yearbook staff has announced that sales of the Orbit will definitely close today. The price of the book is \$4.50.

The entire yearbook which will be printed by the Taylor Publishing Company, is to be printed on Duatone paper, the pebble type paper used in the favorite section of other high school yearbooks. Other features planned are a complete index and liberal use of candid activity shots throughout the book.

Freshman Corlea Haren and sophomore Virginia Flynt have been leading salesmen during the two week drive.

Other students selling yearbooks are: Maria Christenson, John Burleson, Don Gill, Lane Gray, Judy Farnsworth, Margie Kanzenback, Patsy Luckett, Suzanna Mayfield, Bill Melver, Lea McCullom, Marian Philpot, Jane Reed, Malfada Regina, Roneice Taylor, Jim Woodberry, and Anne Toney.

Yearbooks may also be purchased from Mrs. Culty in the business office until 4:00 today.

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White House Names Five Board Members

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The White House has selected five Irvin High School girls to serve on its Junior Board of Fashion.

Irvin's senior representative is Carol Kanzenbach. Carol is very active both on the board and at Irvin; she is a member of A Choir.

Sue Hayes, the junior representative, is district vice-president of FTA, parliamentarian of Nivri Tri-Hi-Y, and on the Observer staff.

The two sophomore representatives are Susie Rogers and Stephany Wells. Both of these girls are on the student council. Susie is a member of Nivri Tri-Hi-Y and Stephany is one of our majorettes.

There are two sophomore representatives to the White House Junior Board of Fashion because the board was chosen by the Austin student council and faculty. Since there were no eighth graders to choose to be the freshman representative for this year, two sophomores were selected to fill the vacancy.

The White House Junior Board of Fashion has already participated in eight style shows. There are many more planned including the big Easter Fashion Show plus the monthly shows on Saturday mornings honoring different schools and the End of School Fashion Show.

The agenda for the board includes a monthly luncheon at the International Club which feature discussion panels, special demonstrations, entertainment, with the added variety of the "Let's Plan a Wardrobe Contest" and the "Let's Plan a Hat Contest". At the end of the year the "TOP" girl on the board is presented the Teen Queen Award of a \$250.00 wardrobe.

—FHA—

The newly elected officers of FHA are as follows:

President, Regina Cronan;
First Vice President, Lea McCollum;
Second Vice President, Carol Nagel;
Third Vice President, Ilah Bayler;
Fourth Vice Pres., Heidi Dawson;
Fifth Vice President, Kathy Papp;
Recording Secretary, Iona Isbell;
Corresponding Secretary, Diana Gillegham;
Historian, Pam Foster;
Parliamentarian, Linda Henriott;
Song Leaders, Bonnie Scott and
Karen Finley.

Culver Chooses Band Twirlers

Five girls have been judged and chosen majorettes by Mr. Culver, the band director; and Mr. Mathews, who was drum major at Texas Tech and at Lubbock High. They are Cindy Elmore, Elizabeth La Point, Stephany Wells, Jean Patrick, and Bobby Hays.

Cindy, who is a sophomore, has had one year of twirling at Austin. She is also treasurer of Nivri Tri-Hi-Y, representative to Student Council and plays the bells in the band.

Freshman Elizabeth La Point has had two years of experience in twirling at the University of Florida and was mascot for the Gainesville High School band when she was three.

Stephany has had two years of experience in twirling and is Irvin's sophomore representative to the White House Junior Board of Fashion. She is in A Choir, and a representative to student council. Junior majorette, Jean Patrick, has had one year of experience at Madison, Ind.

Bobby has had one year of experience at Oklahoma City where she took twirling from a national champion at O.U. She plays in the clarinet in the band.

As of yet the costumes (uniforms) and head majorette have not been chosen. These will be decided on soon. Mr. Culver says that he hopes for the band and majorettes to be ready for Marching Band Competition in November. He states that they also plan to enter other band competition and parades.



FHA OFFICERS - Left to right; Linda Henriott, Bonnie Scott, Heidi Dawson, Regina Cronan, Lea McCollum, Carolyn Nagel, Karen Finley, Ilah Bayless.



IRVIN back breaks loose in the Irvin-El Paso High game.

Irvin Represented At Band Concert; Band Officers Named

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Bobby Hays, clarinet, and Mike Culbert, drums, played representing Irvin High School at the Air Force Band Concert.

The band, directed by Mr. Miles, in new uniforms of scarlet coats with white panels on each side and blue trousers, plans to play as soon as possible. The band is well balanced and has many new instruments. They have been working on a program and many projects.

Barbara Schaeffer, Don Tohill, Melinda Lykins, Sandra Draeger, and Mike Culbert have been preparing selections of pipe and drum music. This idea is new and unique in El Paso but the music is dates back to the Revolutionary War. A wind ensemble is also one of the projects. Mr. Culver, who is assisted by Mr. Steve Park, practice teacher said, "We think we have a good band for a beginning school."

ORCHESTRA

The orchestra, directed by Mr. Albert Petersen and consisting of 27 members, has no definite plans but there are tentative plans for Christmas. Several students who were originally enrolled here and were transferred to Magoffin will be playing in the Irvin orchestra.

Rockets Blast Cathedral 10-16

Irvin's greatly improved team overcame Cathedral 20-16 in the second half of a game played Saturday to give the Rockets their first win of the season. In the first half the Irishmen took to the air right away and quickly scored two touchdowns. The Rockets executed many fine plays during the first half but weren't able to score. In the second half Irvin really started moving. Dale Brantner scored Irvin's first T.D. on the 40 yd. run soon after the kickoff. Later in the third quarter Gary Paxton, on a quarterback sneak, ran 2 yds. for the Rocket's second touchdown.

After a 94 yd. power drive led by Gary Paxton, Leslie Catoe crossed the line to score the Rockets third and final touchdown. The final score was 20-16.

44 Pigskin Pushers Listed by Coaches

The 1959 players for the Irvin Rockets are: Al Barrera, Dick Beard, Vernon Bolstad, Vic Boozer, Bob Berryhill, Dale Brantner, Bob Brantner, Jack Blankenship, Mike Brown, Rick Cameron, Leslie Catoe, Bob Cammisa, Bob Davis, Vic Duchane.

Gary Dunlap, Jim Dyal, Dave Evans, Craig Fallan, Larry Finton, Bill Flynt, Virgil Gentry, Jay Green, Jim Harris, Bill Herst, Dennis Kincaid, Sam McVay.

Bill Mitchell, Tom Monahan, Chuck Muizer, Craig Holland, Larry Page, Gary Paxton, John Perry, Joe Poteet, Art Reeves, Larry Roundtree, Jimmy Rhodes, Ken Scott, George Sevier, Gene Springfield.

Russel Teel, David Walder, Richard Woltz, Charles Worthy, Charles Turney, manager Mike Culbert, and assistant trained Bob Pender.

Melver, Gray, Toney Head Orbit Staff

Bill Melver, senior, has been named editor of the yearbook, *The Orbit*. Bill has lived in Manchuria, Japan, and Okinawa. He is a member of National Honor Society and past president of his freshman and junior classes. Last year he edited *The Torti*, yearbook of Kubasaki High High School on Okinawa.

When asked how the yearbook was going to turn out this year, Bill replied, "With a brand new school, filled with new students, it was very difficult to establish our yearbook staff. But I think we have selected some two dozen of the hardest working students. With the co-operation of the student body, we shall be able to produce a fine annual that you can be proud to keep through the years."

Lane Grey was appointed assistant editor and Anne Toney business manager.

Members of the business staff are Mafalda Regina, Roneice Taylor, Don Gill and John Burleson. Classification staff consists of Nancy Kreigsman, Peggy Watson, Etah McCoy, Sherry Hesla, Jeannie Huffinan, Diane Rystad, Jean Bracy and Sharon Conroy.

The activity section is edited by Barbara Logan and Susie Rogers. Jim Woodberry is sports editor and Patsy Luckett heads the art staff.

Faculty editor is Jane Reed. Photographers are Gordon Scott and Charles O'Reilly. Marian Philpot and Margie Kanzenbach are staff utility members.

FOREIGN STUDENTS

Born in the Panama Canal Zone, November 11, 1941, and an American citizen, Verona Watkins is a seventeen-year-old senior here at Irvin.

Last year she attended the American school at Managua, Nicaragua, and has attended a French school for a year.

She speaks English, Spanish, and Portuguese fluently and has also studied French.

America is not quite what Verona expected. "It is so stereo-typed," she remarked.

After being graduated, Verona Verona plans to attend a college in America.

Rystad Awarded Top SC Office

Greg Rystad, a low senior, has been elected president of Irvin's student council. Jack Smith was voted to serve as vice president. Citou Cronan was selected to the post of secretary, and Janet Kaiser was elected treasurer.

Greg is on the Observer staff and the varsity tennis team.

Jack, a junior, has served as treasurer on the student council at Hampton High in Hampton, Virginia. He was also on the Beachcomber staff and in the Latin club.

Gina, a senior, has been a member of Junior Historians and is president of FHA here at Irvin.

Another junior on the council, Janet Kaiser, who was on the Torch staff in St. Louis, was president of Amici Tri-Hi-Y and active in "A" Choir. At Irvin she is a member of Nivri Tri-Hi-Y and on the advertising staff of the Observer.

The rest of the council consists of representatives from each home room. The council will serve a full year term. It held its first meeting recently and elected fire marshals and a committee to select the senior rings and invitations.

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SHANGRI-LA TO BE THEME OF DANCE

Shangri-la, Irvin's first junior prom, will be held tonight at Crosby cafetorium from 8-12. Rudy Telles and the Continentals are providing the entertainment. All decorations are in accordance with the "heaven on earth" theme.

The tickets are \$1.50 before the dance and \$2.00 at the door. Corsages are in order. The hi-seniors are honorary guests and the entire student body is invited to attend.

There will be a reception tomorrow afternoon given by the sweetheart and her court for the hi-junior class and their sponsors. The reception will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Daves Mayfield, Jr., The parents of Suzanna Mayfield, a hi-junior.

Beard Elected

Dick Beard was elected Student Manager of Irvin High at the last student council meeting. Dottie Hocker holds the position of Assistant Student Manager.

Al Barrera is the Sergeant at Arms. Sue Diamond is Safety Commissioner. The president of the Club Panel is Jack Nunn. Linda Thompson was elected Parliamentarian.

Exclusive Results of All-School, Class Favorite Elections Revealed by Staff

Midst shouts of "Vote for me!" the class and all-school elections began as the classifications cast their votes for "favorites" last Thursday.

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The Senior candidates for all-school favorites waited anxiously outside the study hall as their class silently raised hands signaling their assent. Two of these candidates returned victorious from the dim hall: Gina Cronan and Don Gill—All-School Favorites.

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Gina is secretary of the student council and was also elected "Best All-Around Senior" and Blue Christmas Queen. Don is the vice-president of the senior class and was elected senior with the "Best Personality."

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Peggy Watson and Jerry Patrick rose triumphant when the din of excitement had quieted as "Senior Favorites."

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The juniors, after careful consideration, selected Joan Freiburg Jimmie Rhodes as the favorites of their class.

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Janet Rice and Al Barrera came out on top in the sophomore election for favorites.

The freshmen, excited and flushed with anticipation, balloted and bestowed the honor of "Freshmen Favorites" on Karen Wallace and Rick Cameron.

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Betty Luckett and Jack Angaran gained the confidence of the 8th graders who selected them as favorites in their class.

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In a close race, Sherry Forsythe and Ronald Wall became the first boy and girl to represent the 7th grade in the "favorite" elections.

Gym To Open By Thursday

The school is anxiously awaiting the opening of Irvin's new air-conditioned gymnasium which is expected to open Wednesday or Thursday.

The built-in stage on the south side of the huge dome shaped gym has an oak floor. The court itself is equipped with a maple floor. The basketball goals are up and ready for action!

The inside of the gym is pastel with green, blue, yellow, rose and tan colors creating a cool atmosphere.

The girls' dressing rooms are on the north side of the gym equipped with individual showers with curtains.

The boys' rooms are downstairs on the north side and there are stairs leading to their dressing room from the gym and also an outside corridor.

Two second story rooms on the north side will be used as health rooms. On the south side under the stage are music, orchestra and choir rooms. There are stairs leading to these rooms and also an outside corridor.

FTA'ers Attend District Meeting

Last Friday afternoon five Irvin girls left El Paso for West Texas District meeting of Future Teachers of America. This meeting was held at Sul Ross College in Alpine, Texas. Irvin's representatives were the Reid twins, Barbara and Jean, Pam Stratton, Maria Christiansen, and Joan Hartman. These girls traveled by chartered bus along with other FTA representatives of El Paso.

The girls attended conferences Saturday on the subjects of FTA clubs and the teaching positions.

Facilities and activities were provided by the FTA clubs of Sul Ross and Alpine High School.

"It was the most thrilling experience of my high school career and I enjoyed it very much!" exclaimed Maria Christiansen. The rest of the girls also returned home Sunday afternoon tired but excited.

Gina Cronan Crowned Blue Christmas Queen At High Seniors' Prom

Gina Cronan reigned as queen over the Blue Christmas Formal sponsored by the hi-seniors December 18. Claudia Marsh was lady-in-waiting; Joan Freiburg was junior duchess; Susie Rogers, sophomore duchess; and Sherry Noland, freshman duchess.

Gina told reporters she thought, "It was very thrilling to be chosen the first queen of Irvin!" Gina is president of FHA and secretary of Student Council. She was arrayed in a white net floor length formal and escorted by Randy Smith.

Claudia Marsh was very "surprised" to find she had been elected lady-in-waiting. She appeared in a yellow chiffon ballerina length gown and was escorted by Jack Farmer.

Joannie "didn't know what to say or do" when told she was junior duchess. She wore a white chiffon ballerina length dress. Steve Stefan-cet was her escort.

Susie said she "couldn't realize she had gotten it." Susie, also a winner in the "Beauty and Beast Contest," wore a rose velvet floor length formal and was escorted by Larry Finton.

Sherry was "shocked" to find she was freshman duchess. Her formal was blue lace ballerina length. Her escort was Mike Brown.

The queen was crowned by Principal Bean with a tiara presented to the school by Mr. Goss, who did the engraving of the invitations, and the school rings. She also received a bouquet of pale yellow roses and white "mums."

The cafetorium was decorated with blue and white streamers to carry out the theme of a "blue Christmas."

Janet Parks Chosen First Valedictorian Of Irvin High School

Last Wednesday the valedictorian and the salutarian of the high senior class were announced. The honor of valedictorian was awarded to Janet Parks and Pat Mayer was given the honor of salutarian.

Janet Parks attended Fort Smith High School in Fort Smith, Arkansas previously. Janet has been a member of Columbians, Partners in Christ, National Honor Society, and Junior Classical League, and is also treasurer of the high senior class. She spent a year in Korea.

After being graduated, Janet plans to attend Texas Western and major in medical technology.

The salutarian, Patricia Mayer, attended Ysleta High before this year. Pat has been a member of Ysleta Varsity Choir, Pep Squad, Press Club, Atyokwa Staff, Los Amigos Spanish Club, National Honor Society, and treasurer of Ysleta Y-Teens. Pat is an active member of the Irvin "A" Choir.

In the near future, Pat plans to attend the Durham Business College when she will take courses in IBM procedures.

High Senior Trip Taken Last Friday

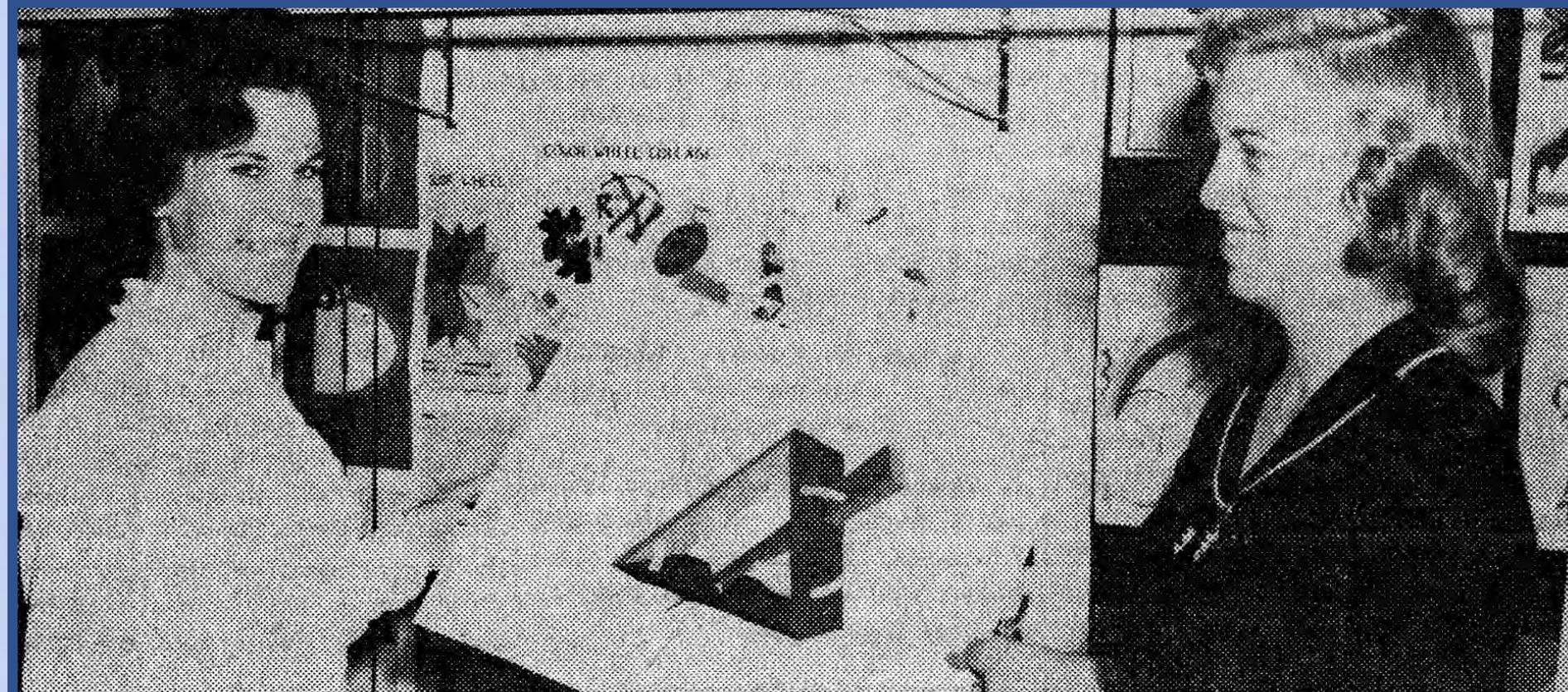
The high senior trip was held on January 8th. They left school and drove to Hueco Tanks where they had an outing. Their entire trip was planned by all the high seniors and was from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The eleven were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Parks.

A banquet is planned for Wednesday at the Hilton Inn dining room. Included in this group will be Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Bean, and Mr. and Mrs. Caffey, the eleven high seniors and their dates.

INQUIRING REPORTER

This week, the Inquiring Reporter slinked through Irvin's halls asking this question: Which school do you think has the most school spirit in El Paso? The question met with the rousing reply that Irvin led in spirit and loyalty.

SHERRY NOLAND:	Irvin
JERRY COUPE:	Irvin
BOB BERRYHILL:	Irvin
SYLVIA MARTIN:	Austin
BIBI ROSA:	Austin
BOB NEILLE:	Bel Air
JUDY FARNSWORTH:	Irvin
PAUL LADEGARD:	Irvin
DAVE EVANS:	Austin
ERIC MULLER:	Irvin
SHERRY SITTLER:	Irvin
JOHN PERRY:	Irvin
CAROLYN NAGLE:	Austin
SHARON CONROY:	Irvin
SHARON EASTBURN:	Irvin
BOB McGARR:	Austin
JIM ANDERSON:	Irvin
JACKIE PIERCE:	Ysleta
TOM WIX:	Austin
HOWARD STEELE:	Irvin
BOBBIE HAYES:	Austin
JANE BURKE:	Burges



CAROLINE HAGGBURG and Pat Chadwick hold a piece of modern art before the camera before they place it in the lower hall showcase as part of the art exhibit. -Photo by Marston

SENIORS SHOW OFF THEIR CLASS RINGS

If you have noticed groups of seniors standing in circles together, talking and rubbing their fourth finger, don't be alarmed! They are just bragging, comparing size and weights and polishing their fabulous Irvin senior rings.

Horst Schach, Jerry Rhodes and Greg Rystad were the first three in line to receive their rings.

Don Gill one of the largest rings an extra heavy size 11! Gina Cronan is the proud possessor of a light size 5 ring.

Wes Maxwell was the first to lose his and Joseph Cammisa's ring is already bent on the top.

Robert O'Dell was the first person to give his ring to his girl-friend. Bonnie Dukeshire thinks her ring is the most precious thing in the world!

The ring sizes range from size 4 to size 12 and the prices from \$18 to \$30 while the rings range in weight from extra heavy to light.

The seniors had a choice of a red or blue semi-precious stone or the all gold ring with the large block "I". All the rings are 10 karat and each senior has his initials inside the ring.

The seniors will wear their rings so they can read El Paso on the top of the ring and when they graduate they will turn their rings around.

If you ask the Irvin students what they think of the senior rings they answer, "very pretty and really sharp". Ask a senior and he will shove it in your face and say "the best." Either way you hear it, they're great according to any Irvinite.

34 New Students Added To Junior, Senior Highs

During the holidays, several new students moved to the Irvin school district. Fourteen of these 34 students entered the seventh and eighth grades.

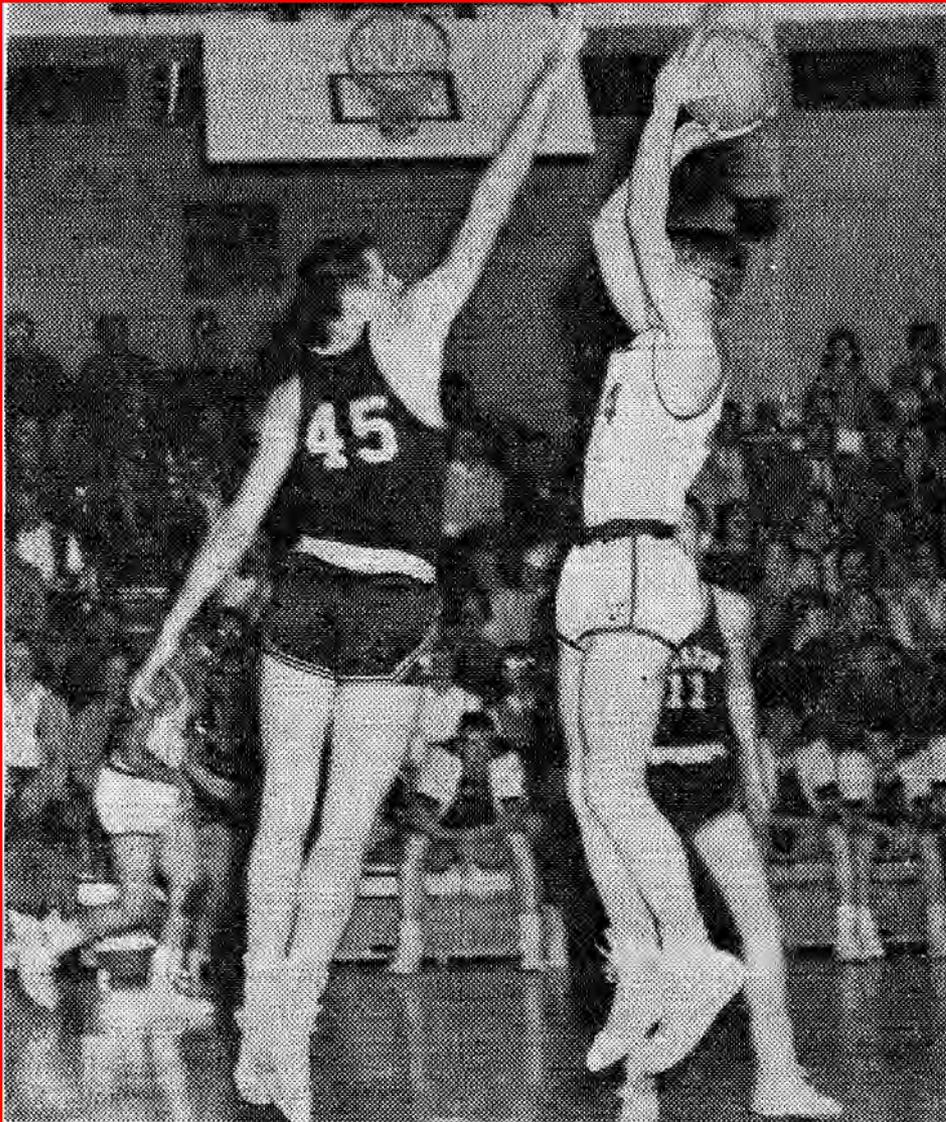
Seventh grade: Janet Druen, Lynda Jones, Sharon Pitts, John Shoats, and Gerald Gulkison.

Eighth grade: Geraldine Lawrence, Domitilla Pendergrass, Patricia Vonn, Charles Vass, Patrick Hunt, Jefferson H. Jordan, Mary Louise Fox, Frederick Becht, and Waldo Packer.

Those who entered the ninth grade here are Elisa Carter, Judy Jones, Sue Downer, Eloise Niehoff, Klavs Hille, and John Tyree.

The eleven new pupils who enrolled in the tenth grade are Helen Crain, Brenda Jordan, Robert Vass, Sharon Davis, Lynn Hackerson, Janie Smith, Verne Gustafson, Janck Langston, Bernard McAnally, Joyce Shoats, and Bill Gassoway.

Marie Vass and Polly Ann Sherman are the only two students for the eleventh grade. The office reported none for the senior class.



FERRIS gets the rebound and tries to pass to another teammate as a Panther lurks in front of him, waiting to pounce.

-Photo by O'Reilly

Austin Defeats Rockets

The Austin cagers defeated the Irvin Rockets 65-30, Tuesday evening in Burges High School gym. The Rocket Five, after a few weeks of practice during the vacation started the game with lots of hustle. Both teams, although Austin was much larger, were evenly matched in the first quarter. The score at the end of this quarter was 13-9, Austin leading.

In the second quarter both teams showed how good they really are, for they both increased their scores tremendously. The score, as the first half ended was 37-21, still Austins favor.

In the second half the Panther team broke ahead to end the third quarter 53-27. Irvin, trying to catch up, shot frequently but couldn't score against the greatly experienced Austin team. The final score was in favor of Austin 65-30.

Outstanding player of the game was Jerry Patrick. Out of 43 shots taken during the entire game 11 shots were made by Irvin. This gave the Irvin team a .25 shooting percentage.

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Three FHAers Will Attend Area Meet

Lea McCollum and Mrs. Ashley attended a district meeting at Burges February 25 to plan for the FHA week which will be April 3-10. At a meeting at Technical High arrangements were made for the area trip to Midland to take place next week. Irvin will be represented by Lea McCullum, Kathy Papp, Illa Baylous, Mrs. Ashley, who is the FHA sponsor. They will leave 8:00 next Friday morning by bus. Each high school in El Paso will be represented by at least four girls. They will return Saturday night.

Barbershop 4 To Compete

"A" Choir's barbershop quartet, composed of Karl Turner, Ron Powers, Al Epley, and James Blette, has been rehearsing for the High School Barbershop Competition in April.

The competition is sponsored by the downtown barbershop group. Each member will receive free tickets to the Quartet Parade.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

March 15 — Irvin at El Paso
March 18 — Irvin at Burges
March 22 — 22 Jefferson at Irvin
March 25 — Austin at Irvin
March 28 — Bowie at Irvin
April 1 — Tech at Irvin
April 8 — Irvin at Bel Air
April 11 — Irvin at Ysleta
April 13 — El Paso at Irvin
April 19 — Burges at Irvin
April 22 — Irvin at Jefferson
April 26 — Irvin at Bowie
May 3 — Irvin at Tech
May 10 — Bel Air at Irvin
May 13 — Ysleta at Irvin

FRANTIC ANTICS OF SENIORS VIEWED IN 'FOLLIES' FRIDAY

The Senior Follies were held Monday morning. For those of you who missed the frantic antics of the high senior class, here is what went on and a cast of characters.

Horst Schach was the master of ceremonies. As the show got under way a horde of male can-canners adorned the stage with their excellent dancing. The dancers were Julio Fierro, Fred Baker, Ray Guiot, Bob McGarr, Mike Brownlee, Jim Woodberry, and Jerry Patrick.

A modern dance version of Peter Gunn was next with Carol Kanzasbach, Maria Christianson, Ida Ruth Edquid, Carolyn Leddon, and Heidi Dawson.

Following Peter Gunn was the high seniors' answer to the T.V. show, Medic. A highly skilled operation was performed in which Joe Cammisa was the patient, David Dungan was the nurse, Ray Marshall was the patient, and Bill Melver was the result of the operation.

The charleston was next with Michelle Chapin, Dick Burt, Bonnie Dukeshar, and Don Gill doing the dancing.

Kathy Rogers, Judy Allison, Sally Robey, Barbara Miller, Maria Christianson, Phyllis Stanchos, and Kendra Aleff became hill folk in the fourth act and sang some good old country music.

The fifth act was a hula dance done by Nancy Kreigsman, Jane Reed, Gabriel Bryant, Patsy Luckett and Yvonne Pahio.

As the last act got under way it was clear to everybody that the Me-

Guire Sisters are going to have quite a bit of competition in the person of Charles Pender, Wes Maxwell, and Tom Rogers.

For everybody who is wondering, Liberace played by Jerry Rhodes found his brother George, played by Greg Rystad.

As the follies came to a close the whole cast joined in a melodious chorus of Mickey Mouse.



THE CAN-CAN LINE demonstrates the style which made the Senior Follies audience roar with laughter. Left to right: Mike Brownlee, Jim Padden, John Snow, Fred Baker, Julio Fierro, and Jerry Patrick.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Your reporter went about Irvin last week asking students what they would do if they came face to face with a MEGAKARYOCYTE?

Jerry Dutro: Put it in the back of my truck.

Polly Sherman: Eat it.

Mike Brownlee: Run!

Maryanne Templeton: Just put it in my hair.

Mike Culbert: I'd run like heck.

Yvonne Pahio: I'd just stand there.

Jim Woodberry: See if it was good to eat.

Anne Epley: Store it in our car trunk.

Kim Espy: Find out what it is.

Pat Ervin: Kill it.

Donna Thomason: Scream!

Doug Robitaille: A who?

James Feltcher: Probably run.

Jane Bratcher: Fight it.

Paul Connington: Ask it to go bowling!

Mike Rayborne: Send it to a museum.

Desiree Heflin: Cry!

Barbara Beghin: Stand and stare.

Dennis Conday: Get lost!

Gary Simmons: Say "What, me worry?"

Students Submit 'El Burro' Entries

All entries to be submitted for the "El Burro" four part writing contest were to have been turned in to English teachers by last Monday. The winners of this contest sponsored by the Texas Western Variety magazine will be announced Monday.

The four divisions of this contest are: Short story, essay, poetry, and one-act play.

Five students submitted entries. Eusebio Barrera entered "A Personal Essay on Beatniks;" Ken Owens, "The 13th of October," a short story; Judy Rettinger, an essay "Existentialism vs Beatnikism," a short story, "And the Moon Rose," and a short story, "Valentine Phobia;" Linda Jones entered a short story, "Miss Downey Meets Her Man;" and Bill Swain entered "Inquest" a poem.

French Club Prepares Formal Spring Banquet

A formal spring banquet is being planned by the French Club. The banquet will have a French theme and French food will be served. Non-members are invited and may make reservations with Darlene Hahn.

Durrell Callenbine is the chairman of the committee in charge of the plans for the banquet. Committee members are Jackie Hageman and Jean Lenn.

The constitution and bylaws of the French Club will be submitted for formal approval at the next meeting.

"Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," a skit by Moleiu, will be presented to the French Club. Al Epley will be the master of philosophy and Myron Fineberg, Mr. Jourdain.



THE I ASSOCIATION officers: Vic Duchene, president; Bob Berryhill, vice-president. Not pictured, Gary Paxton, secretary-treasurer.

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Le Cercle Francaise Elects New Officers

Le Cercle Francaise, the French club, held its first meeting of the year October 6.

Heading the newly elected officers is president Bernard McAnally. Serving with Bernard is Jackie Hageman, vice-president; Louis Lococo, treasurer; Mary Travis, secretary; and Marian Malone, membership chairman.

The formal initiation of new members and installation of officers was held yesterday in sponsor, Mr. Negrette's, room; refreshments were served afterwards.

Ken Moore Jr. Honor President

Kenneth Moore was recently elected president of the newly organized Irvin Chapter of the Junior National Honor Society. Sally Pender was named vice-president, Susan Vaughan, secretary, and Robert Hawley, treasurer.

"Nike" is the name chosen for the club by the 15 charter members. The club, consisting of eighth and ninth graders, has the same qualifications as does Senior National Honor Society: scholarship, service, character, and loyalty.

Mrs. E. A. Brooks, sponsor, stated that more members will be taken in sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Charter members are Elvira Adame, Janis Gass, Sandie Gary, Robert Hawley, Barbara Hayton, Jan Van Hooser, Doug Jameson, Thomasene Kennedy, Carmen Mendoza, Kenneth Moore, Claire Ann Nussbaum, Sally Pender, Donna Petty, Jann Rummig, Ann Singer, Nancy Steward, and Susan Vaughan.

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Eight grade cheerleaders pose for the photographer. They are, from top, Sheila O'Leary, Paula Grady, Linda Long, and Brenda Green. Ruthie Wallace is not pictured.

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Deming Hits Rockets 12-0

Last Friday, October 14, the Deming Wildcats defeated the Irvin Rockets by a score of 12-0.

Both Wildcat touchdowns came on pass-run combinations, the first carrying 60 yards and the second 85 yards. The Rockets were close to the Deming goal several times, but were unable to score. They were on the Wildcats 5 yard line at the end of the game.

Dave and Mike Nichols led the Rocket offensive attack, and guard Vic Duchene was the Rocket's defensive standout.

Irvin outgained Deming 341 yards 258, and 15 first downs to Deming's

7. The loss of the Deming game dropped the Irvin record to 2-2-1, that is 2 losses, Bel Air 43-Irvin 8, Deming 12-Irvin 0; 2 wins, Van Horn 0-Irvin 32 Fabens 0-Irvin 18; and one tie game Marfa 6-Irvin 6.

FBLA Organizes; Elects 1st Officers

The Future Business Leaders Club held their organizational meeting Wednesday, October 5. Charter members of this club are: Georgia Beall, Carol Davis, Carolyn Gillespie, Madelynn Hammond, Linda Hampton, Caroline Hummell, Juanita Lott, Etah McCoy, and Ruth Wilson.

Officers elected for the fall term are: president, Linda Hampton; first vice-president, Ruth Wilson; second vice-president, Georgia Beall; secretary, Carol Davis; treasurer, Carol Hummell; reporter, Etah McCoy; and project chairman, Madelynn Hammond.

The purposes of this organization are to promote interest in the business field at the high school level, to develop interest and understanding in the intelligent choice of an occupation, and to develop competent, aggressive business leadership among business students.

Over 10 % Make List

Irvin high school honor students for the first six weeks have been announced by school officials. To be placed on the Select Scholars list, one must have had a 4.0 or better average in solid credit subjects and all A's in department.

Senior select scholars, numbering 11 of the 43 total, are: William Birdseye, Kathy Cunningham, Joyce Dickson, Alta Jean Eaton, Earlene Hammock, Carole McCool, Karen Moore, Ann Peyton, Marian Philpot, Ken Renner, and Carol Smith.

Topping the seniors by three, the juniors have 14: Carole Allen, Glenda Atkinson, James Ezell, Corlea Haren, Beverly Harman, Leighton Kohloss, Mary Lunney, Yolanda Martinez, Bob Neill, Sue O'Gren, Michael Pilcher, Francis Robertson, and Larry Schilhabel.

Marylee Cowgill, Jim Dunlap, and Rosemary Newth were the sophomore select scholars.

Nine freshmen made the list: Roy Dun, Barbara-Anne Dilk, Haz-

elle Beier, Jane Van Hooser, Linda Leonard, Diane McCauslin, Claire Ann Nussman, and Christine Powers.

The eighth grade tied with the freshmen in number, also having nine: Cesar Ancheta, Helen Bounds, Brenda Green, Patty

Hohn, Cathy Madson, Mary Price, Linda Reck, Sandra Remy, and Jaycyn Jean Scott.

190 students made the Deans List. The requirements for this list are a 3.2 or better average in solid credit subjects, and all A's in department.



Select Scholars

Roving Reporter

This week we asked the question "If you were 21 and could vote, whom would you vote for and why?"

JIM FERRIS: Nixon and Lodge. I don't like Kennedy's stand on social security.

LARRY SQUIRES: I'd vote for Kennedy because he has more spunk and fight, and besides he's a swing-in' head.

CHARLES CHEEK: I pick Kennedy because of his ideas on civil rights.

DONNA THOMASON: I'd like for Lodge to be president, because he won't back down from Khrushchev.

LYNN HUFF: I'd like Johnson for president because I think he is better qualified than either Kennedy or Nixon.

LEE ANN SMITH: I'd vote for Nixon and Lodge because they are more dignified and they're cute.

HARRY STEELE: Kennedy and Johnson should be elected because the Republicans let Mr. K. get away with too much.

BEDFORD TAPSCOTT: I wouldn't vote for either because they are both too young.

CAROLE THOMAS: I'd pick Nixon and Lodge because I'm a Republican.

JUDY JONES: I like Nixon and Lodge because of the way Lodge talks to Mr. K.

Membership Drive Staged By FTA

"Future Teachers of America was formed to interest young men and women in teaching as a career," said Sue Hayes, president of the club at their meeting, October 12. Corlea Haren and Pat Ervin were elected parliamentarian and historian-reporter respectively.

The club is now having a membership drive. If any students are interested in joining FTA, they should come to one of the meetings, which are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the girl's health room.

Ninth Grade Team To Meet Bel Air

The Irvin ninth grade team will be looking for its first win of the season when it meets Bel Air tomorrow.

In the first game they lost to Burges, 26-0, in the second game they lost to Bowie, 36-0, and in their third game they lost to Tech, 24-14.

Coach Tate coach of the 9th grade team quotes the starting line up: Jerry Creel, L. E., Ronnie Hicks, L. T.; Richard Sim, L. G.; Joe Winstead, C; Marion Craig, R. G.; Eric Hartwig, R. T.; Joe Davis, R. E.; Backfield, David Buchanan, Q. B.; José Hernández, L. H.; Jim Melver, R. H.; Terry Finton, F.

Sr. Likes Modeling

Joyce Dickson, a trim 5'3" senior is having the experience of a lifetime. Thursday, October 13, she graduated from a local school of modeling as a professional certified model after an extensive 10 week course.

"Modeling is fabulous!" exclaimed Joyce. "I learned how to walk, sit, stand, walk up and down stairs, get in and out of cars properly and all about poise and posture, make-up, figure perfection and proper diet."

In the short time Joyce has been modeling she has appeared on "Fore Noon," a local TV program, for Chelmont House of Beauty and Gilberts. She has also taken part in the United Fund charity show and has modeled at Luby's.

After graduation in January, Joyce plans to make modeling her career.

Editor's note:

If you know about any interesting personalities which you feel might be an interesting feature, please notify us in the Letters to the Editor box.



JOYCE DICKSON

L. Oatman Gets District FHA Post

Elected to serve as secretary of Future Homemakers of America, District One is Linda Oatman, Irvin junior. Linda will take office in June and serve until 1962.

Kathy Papp, past District One vice-president, was elected to an office in Area One. Kathy will be installed at an Area One meeting in March.

Out of five offices to be filled from approximately sixteen schools, Irvin took two.

Representing Irvin as models were Kathy McClesky and Millie Erion. The girls modeled clothes that they had made during the school year.

Homecoming Plans Told; Nov. 4 Set

Saturday, November 5, is the date that has been announced for Irvin's first Homecoming. Homecoming week-end will be composed of the Cobre game on November 4, the Homecoming semi-formal dance November 5, and a coffee for the alumni Friday afternoon.

Irvin's first royalty will be the Homecoming queen and her two attendants. The student council will select a slate of candidates from among the senior girls. From these the choice will be narrowed down to three. The student body will then make the final choice when they vote on Friday afternoon. The candidates for Homecoming queen will be presented to the students before they vote. The queen will be crowned during half-time by the president of the ex-students association.

A torch light pep rally will precede the Cobre game and a motorcade of everyone at the pep rally will proceed on to the game.

Members of the Homecoming committee whose job it is to coordinate all the weekend's activities are: Joannie Freiberg, Bobbie Hays, Kathy Martin, Gayle Thompson, Cindy Anderson, Gary Paxton and Bob Harris.

Howdy Hop Successful

The Howdy Hop, held Friday, October 7, was a big success, according to the high senior class which sponsored the dance. A total of 400 attended.

Among the crowd were not only Irvin students but also many teachers and adults. The Royal Lancers Band played and were well accepted by repeated applause. Four of the Royal Lancers attend Irvin High School. They are: Jim Reese, Ken Owens, Googie Dirmeier, and Sonny Fletcher.

Mr. Bean said, "It was a good dance, but not enough people danced." But dance or not everybody had a good time.

Players Of The Week

By DICK BEARD

The hard hitting Rockets tied the Marfa Short Horns 6-6 September 30.

The outstanding back of the week was 160 pound halfback Dave Nickols, number 23. Dave's hard running on punt returns and end sweeps are why "Big Dave" is one of the leading scorers in El Paso. Be watching for Dave because he will be carrying the pigskin for many a touchdown this season.

There was a tie for best lineman of the week between Larry Finton and Bob Berryhill. End Larry Finton, number 80, is a senior. Weighing 180 pounds, he made the only touchdown against Marfa. Larry is fast in getting behind the defensive halfbacks for those touchdown passes. He also plays defensive end.

Senior Bob Berryhill, number 71, weighing 195 pounds, is a tackle. He really showed Marfa some down field blocking and hard tackling. Bob is very fast. Man, is he a hard one to bring down.

Jr. FHA

In the first year of Junior Future Homemakers at Irvin high school, Helen Bounds is serving as president. Helen has presided over two meetings and the third was a joint meeting of Junior and Senior Future Homemakers. At this joint meeting there was a guest speaker. The speaker was from the T. B. Association. First vice-president is Betty Detwiler, Second vice-president is Vivian Browning, Third vice-president is Jane Tierce and Fourth vice-president is Betty Owens, Secretary of the club is Betty Leveritt. The reporter is Mary Lou Molli and the parliamentarian is Sandra Remy. The sponsor for the Junior Future Homemakers are Mrs. Lively and Mrs. Ashley.

Two New Members Chosen For MDC

Second tryouts for the Modern Dance Club were held Tuesday, November 15, for those unable to attend the earlier tryouts.

Out of the four students who appeared, two were picked: Sue Hayes and Arbie Salinas.

The applicants were judged on exercises, a combination, and an expression of the emotion fear.

Judges were Mrs. Ruth Salter and Miss Mary Knight.

Eighth Grade News

By KRISTINE NELSON

Football Team

The eighth grade football team of Irvin High School had a hard time getting started this year. When half the season was gone, two of their best players were hurt. Receiving broken bones were Angel Martinez and Richard Vernos. Although the eighth grade football team won only one of their games we all know Coach Johnson and the team tried their best. I know all of us are looking forward to a better season next year. The offense team consisted of: John Shoates, José Martínez, Harry Leake, Mike Monahan, Richard Barnes, Doyne Love, Tim Fitzgerald, Ed Cruca, Bill Tippins, Ronald Waugh, Edgar Diesto. Defense players were: John Shoates, Bill Rayne, José Martínez, Harry Teake, Gordon Wofford, Ronald Waugh, Ed Cruca, Doyse Love, Edgar Diesto, Billy Tippins. Substitute players were: Tommy Lankford, Glenn Cannon, James Landgroff, Tim Lunz, Gary Wills.

Alumni

Potpourri

Digging around in the dusty records of 1959-1960 in the dusty alcoves of the registrar's office, more seniors from the ancient realm of the past were found and will be brought forth to our spotlight.

Some lucky person will have Irvin-ex **Janice Patrick** as their secretary as Janice is attending Durham Business College.

The other half of this "Believe it or not they're twins" pair, **Jerry Patrick** is a TWC'er. Also studying at TWC are ex-Irvinites **Jack Hensley**, **Jerry Rhodes**, **Phyllis Stanchos** (who recently was given a scholarship by the Pad 'N Pencil set at the Popular Dry Goods Company), **Karl Turner**, **Jim Woodberry**, **John Snow**. **Wes Maxwell** will begin at Mid-term.

June Smith was recently married.

The Turntable

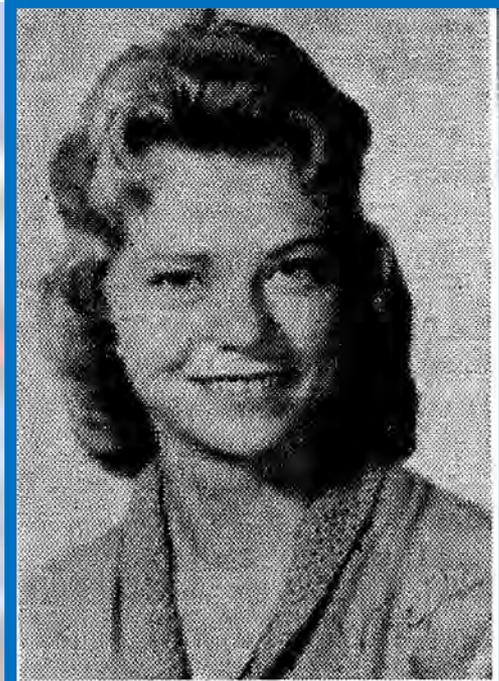
By **JIM REESE**

Well, I've got the ole turntable oiled up and ready to go, so let's turn on the juice and start things spinning.

Johnny Behrens, a local boy, whose waxing of "When I See You Smile" is showing well on the El Paso area charts, has signed a three record contract with **Del-Phi Records**. An interesting fact about his record is that it was recorded in a Texas Western fraternity house. Strange things are happening.

Freddie Fenders' newest effort, "A Man Can Cry," is really catching fast. I had the pleasure of meeting Freddie this summer in his home town, McAllen, Texas. (For any musicians who are interested, he does play a Fender Stratocaster guitar, which is where he get his last name.)

Before I close, I'd like to say that, in answer to many questions from various people here at Irvin concerning my guitar and the gold and mahogany finish on it; no, I didn't make it or refinish it myself. The credit goes to **Les Paul** who designed it,



Band Names Sweetheart

Don't call her Marian, just call her "Mickey" for that's the name she goes by. Who? "Mickey" Spear the 1960-61 Band Sweetheart.

"Mickey" was chosen sweetheart by the band members during their first business meeting, November 19.

New to El Paso, she says this about Irvin, "I think it is the best school that you could ever go to. I really like it." A sophomore, she plays the snare drum in the band. Before coming to Irvin, "Mickey" attended Ruidoso (N. M.) High School where she was active in the Spanish Club, band, and pep club.

'61 Seniors Get Awaited Class Rings

"Oh, Ah-h-h. . . aren't they beautiful . . . at last they're here . . . O-o-o-o!" These "ah's" and "oh's" echoing through the halls Thursday, December 1 meant only one thing: **THE SENIOR RINGS WERE HERE.**

After almost two months of waiting the high and low seniors excitedly received the most cherished memory of their high school days. As early as 7:45 in the morning seniors, anticipating the rush, were lined up outside the home-making living room, behaving more like freshmen in their frenzy.

Some had blue stones, some had red, some had black, and some didn't have any, but to each senior his ring was "it!" Freshmen gazed at the rings with a hopeless look in their eyes; sophomores gave them a quick glance out of the corner of their eyes; and juniors looked at themz longingly . . . only one more year to go!



Van Templeton, Carol Boullion, Carol Cernaghan, John Howard, Walter McCulloch, Bill Bostick, and Jim Stultz admire their newly-arrived senior rings.

Rockets Win Three, Lose One As Basketball Season Begins

Irvin started the basketball season blasting Tech 52-40 in what proved to be a very successful season opener.

Irvin moved to a short lead toward the end of the first quarter with both teams trying to score but either missing the field goal or having the ball stolen. First quarter ended in favor of Irvin 12-11.

The Rockets blasted off to begin the second quarter by jumping the score to 18-12. Tech spent the rest of the period defending their own net and trying to catch up which they succeeded in doing. Just before halftime the buzzer sounded stopping play with the score 20-20.

The third period saw Irvin move steadily ahead to a 33-24 advantage. After an exciting exchange of ball possession Tech moved up to close the gap 34-27.

The fourth quarter saw Irvin break loose from the fouls which had plagued them the first part of the game and begin to pile on the score, with the game ending in a 51-40 victory.

James McClaskey (Tiger) receiving scoring honors with 21 points. The Rockets had 21 fouls to Tech's nine. Third high scorer Bob Berryhill had the honor of scoring the first point of the season.

The Rockets trounced Cobre in their second season victory, a 42-33 thriller played November 26.

The fighting Irvin five held the lead over the Indians all the way. Machristie and McClaskey helped the score along in an exhibition of good ball handling while the rest of the Rockets held the Tribe in check.

Highscorer of the evening was Lary Machristie with 15 points. Lee and Ferris were standouts in controlling the backboards.

The Alamogordo Tigers edged the Rockets 61-50 December 2. The Tigers jumped to a quick lead but had to fight until the last buzzer to win the game which was one of the fastest and hardest fought of the season.

Though hampered by the height of the Tigers, Lee, Machristie, and Boggs did a good job on the backboards. During the last quarter the Tigers tired and Rockets closed the margin by some 15 points in a scoring explosion set off by Boggs and McClaskey. McClaskey was high point man with 16 points.

The Rockets romped over the shorter but faster Dexter last Saturday night 58-39. Irvin took a commanding lead of 25 points during the first quarter of the game and seemed to break the spirit of the Owls.

Score at the half was 37-13 in favor of Irvin. Accounting for more than half of the score were Machristie, McClaskey, and Boggs who scored 13, 11, and 10 points respectively.

Freshmen Take High In Grades

Freshmen led the race in scholastic standing for the second six weeks grade period with 14 making the Select Scholar's list. Juniors and eighth graders tied for second place with 12 apiece. Following were the sophomores with 11 and the seniors with 8.

The freshmen also led the Dean's List with 48. Juniors placed second with 44; eighth graders, third with 40; sophomores, fourth with 34 followed by the seniors with 30.

A total of 57 students achieved Select Scholar standing while 196 made the Dean's List. The combined total was computed as 13% of the total enrollment at Irvin High.

To be placed on the Select Scholar's List a student must have an A in behavior from each of his teachers and a 4-point average in subject matter. Requirements for the Dean's List are that the student have an A in deportment and a 3.2 average. The honor list is published at the end of each six weeks grade period in order to encourage excellence in citizenship and scholastic standing among Irvin students.

Select Scholars from the senior class are Joyce Dickson, Alta Jean Eaton, Carol Hoffman, Eddie Kee, Ann Leyton, Ellen Mieszala, Marian Philpot, and Carol Smith.

Juniors on the Select Scholar's list are Glenda Atkinson, Jimmy Baker, Judy Ellis, Dave Evans, James Ezell, Jimmy Gillespie, Bobbie Hays, Leighton Kohloss, Mary Lunney, Juanita Pelletier, Michael Pilcher, and James Soller. Sophomores are Jim Chipps, Jim Dunlap, Corlea Haren, Jene Hayden, George Henry, Mary Hurd, Dolores Jenkins, Carole Lindquist, Rosemary Newth, Susan Phifer, and Athlyne Jonene Teichert.

Select Scholar freshmen are Jack Angaran, Jann Bummig, James Cullington, Barbara Anne Dilks, Jane O'Dowd, Chuck Gaeth, Linda Leonard, Diley Olmsted, Linda Pilcher, Mary Price, Katie, Riebe, Helen Sell, Philip W. Smith, and Sandra Spiers. The eighth graders are Caesar Ancheta, Jim Angaran, Eileen Groff, Patty Hohn, Penny Johnston, Betty Leveritt, Jery Munday, Linda Reck, Sandra Remy, Vivian Salva, Jack Scott, and Bob Vardeman.

Lettermen Announced

Lettermen for Irvin's first year of play football were announced by Coach Al DiCarlo, December 1. The 16 seniors, 8 juniors, and 4 sophomores chosen all met the basic requirements of good attitude and conduct during practice as well as during a game. Game participation also entered into the picking of these boys, but the amount of desire each of these athletes had was considered foremost in the final decision of these lettermen.

Boys lettering were: Al Barrera, Dickie Beard, James Beasley, Bob Berryhill, Jack Blankenship, Vernon Bolstad, Kenny Boullion, Robert Burciaga, Steve Burroughs, Vic Duchene, Larry Finton, Virgil Gentry, Jim Harris, Robert Jeffers, Jim Larkin, Dave Nichols, Mike Nichols, Gary Paxton, Larry Roundtree, Mike Rist, Kenney Scott, Jean Springfield, David Walker, Russell Wells, Ray Wood, Richard Woltz, Harold Wilson, and Jack Lawrence.

CLASS FAVORITES PICKED; TO APPEAR IN YEARBOOK

Selection of class favorites of Irvin high school took place recently. Each boy or girl elected was chosen from a group of three nominated by a student nominating committee. A full page picture of the favorites will appear in the ORBIT.

Student Council President Steve Legg was picked by the seniors as most popular boy and Joannie Frieburg was voted favorite senior girl. Steve, in addition to student council duties, is treasurer of the National Honor Society, a baseball letterman, and a member of science seminar. Joannie, student council vice-president, was junior class favorite last year and junior duchess to the Christmas dance.

Janet Rice and Joe Poteet took the honors in the junior class. Janet, a repeater at class favorite as she was sophomore favorite last year, is secretary of the student council and a section leader in A Choir. Joe is a member of the student council and pre-med club and was on the football team.

Selected as sophomore favorites were Gayle Thompson and Russell Wells. Gayle, who is a sophomore representative to the Popular Hi-



Class favorites Steve Legg, Joannie Frieburg, Joe Poteet, Sherry Forsyth, Russell Wells, Karen Martin, Edgar Diesto, Janet Rice, Tom Beard, and Gayle Thompson.

Fashion Board, is a cheerleader and a member of student council. Active in athletics, Russell Wells belongs to the letterman's club and has been on the football team and the track squad.

Karen Martin and Tommy Beard were elected by the freshmen. Karen is on the student council and a member of Future Homemakers of America. Tommy, who is also a student council member,

was a member of the freshman football team.

The eighth grade picked Sherry Forsyth and Edgar Diesto as their favorites. Sherry, who was seventh grade favorite last year, is a dean's list student and Edgar is a member of the student council and the eighth grade basketball team.

18 Inducted Into NJHS Nike Group

Linda Leonard, Caesar Ancheta, Jack Angaran, Drinda Green, Helen Sell, Doug Fall, Philip Smith, Scott Poussard, Ronald Hicks, Stuart Danof, Judy Berryhill, Roy Deen, Steven Kohlhagen, Linda Saven, Kathy Crandall, Phyllis Griffin, Jane O'Dowd, and Linda Pilcher are the eighteen eighth and ninth grade students who were inducted into the newly-formed Nike chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, Tuesday, November 22.

Those inducted represent the eighth and ninth grades' most outstanding students as judged by their teachers in scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship.

The ceremony began with the salute to the flag and the singing of "America," and then Etah McCoy gave the invocation. She was followed by Sue Hayes who gave the history of the Honor Society. Kenny Moore, president, gave a

speech concerning the induction. Following Kenny's speech, Leighton Kohloss gave a speech on the torch, Dottie Hocker spoke on scholarship, Deen Whitworth on character, Carol Davis on leadership, Glenda Atkinson on service, and Sharon Conroy on citizenship.

Following these speeches given by former members of N.J.H.S., the new member's names were called. As the choir sang and the orchestra played, they were presented flowers and escorted to the stage by old members.

As their parents watched, the new members repeated the pledge after Kenny and were then officially in the chapter.

After the induction there was a reception in the cafeteria for all the members, their parents, and friends.

Cloudcroft Trip Site

By BUTCH MOHWINKEL

The second Irvin senior trip was held on Friday, November 18. The seniors went to Cloudcroft, N. M. and later on in the day drove on to White Sands, N. M.

The class met at the home of John Perry at 5:00 a. m. on the eighteenth. They then went by car to the picnic grounds just south of Cloudcroft. A hearty breakfast was cooked over the open fire by the female faction of the group. Charcoal broiled hamburgers were served at lunch. Some of the seniors went rock hunting, some climbed mountains or played softball, and others spent an enjoyable consistently eating. About 4:00 O'clock the group packed up and moved on to White Sands Natl. Monument where several seniors were buried alive. The sun set at 5:00 O'clock and brought down the curtain on the 1960 senior trip.

Guests of the seniors were: Mrs. Hardy Matthews, wife of our Irvin high school history teacher; Mr. G. E. Miller, sponsor of the senior class, and Mr. H. E. Thomas, father of high senior Carole Thomas.

High seniors attending were: Cindy Anderson, Larry Barlow, Juanita Carroll, Joyce Dickson, Richard Hale, Charles Howard, Joyce Marshal, Carole Thomas, Buddy Ware, Haskel Williamson, Butch Mohwinkel, and John Perry

Kee & Gill Represent Irvin FTA

Eddie Kee and Phyllis Gill represented Irvin's Future Teachers of America chapter in the Mr. and Miss FTA contest at the District VI convention, December 2 and 3, which was held at TWC.

Phyllis and Eddie went through several qualifying tests, competing against other members of the club, before they were selected. First on Monday, November 21, they had to turn in a biographical sketch of themselves to be judged by several teachers; second they were interviewed by Mr. Hibbard Polk, who is El Paso school system's personnel director; and third they gave prepared three minute speeches, before a panel of judges consisting of Mr. Williams, Mrs. Sommer, and Mr. Boutwell.

The above tests are similar to those they went through at district. The title of the speeches that all the contestants gave was set up by the National FTA Association Committee—"Fullback or Fall-back for the Teaching Profession."

The winner at district will go on to compete against students from all over Texas at the state convention to be held sometime in March at North Texas State College in Denton.

Phyllis Gill not only represented Irvin in the Miss FTA contest, but also ran for treasurer of District VI.

Players Of The Year

By DICK BEARD

Irvin's varsity football team chose Bob Berryhill, Nick Nickols and Vic Duchene the Players of the Year for the 1960 season. Bob, Nick, and Vic were chosen for hard playing and leadership on the gridiron.

Bob Berryhill was very outstanding player first-string fullback on offense and defensive tackle. He was the power of a steam rolled when he drives through the line. Bob, co-captain of the team, is Best All Round Player of the Year.

Nick Nickols is Back of the Year. His speed and excellent running put him in the scoring column. At one time Nick led El Paso scoring. He also played defensive halfback. Nick has the distinction of making the first touchdown for the Rockets during the 1960 season.

Vic Duchene, also a co-captain, was named Lineman of the Year. Vic's hard blocking and tackling helped the all backs all sason long. Vic called the defenses.

Top NMST Scores Go To Seniors

Adding to the scholastic honors earned by Irvin students are seven seniors who placed in the top three per cent in the National Merit Scholarship tests taken last March. They are David Roen, William Birdseye, Kathy Cunningham, Thain Marston, Kenneth Owens, Jack Smith, and Carol Hoffman.

David and William scored high enough to qualify for the semi-final competition—the three-hour Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board.

Kathy, Thain, Carol, Kenneth, and Jack received letters of commendation for their excellent performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last spring.

Speaking of those who will compete in the second phase of the testing John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, stated, "Merit Semifinalists represent the most promising brains in the nation. From this group of able, attractive students will come the scholars and intellectual leaders of tomorrow."