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New Plan Of Early Enrollment, Increased Fees Feature Opening Of School

The mad scramble to enroll began this year during the week of August 25-29. This early date was different this year and was necessary to take care of eager students in greater numbers and because of the increased fees over last year.

The fee increase, which brought the total to at least \$8.00 was necessary since the district voters defeated a tax increase last spring. Most of the fee increase goes for text book rental. Insurance fees were optional but most students paid them also.

Also increasing is the number of students. We now have enrolled a total of 1464 as compared to 1422 last year. The 9th grad-

ers have the most with 496, 7th graders are close behind with 492 and the 8th graders are last with 476.

Our teaching staff has been raised to 63 with the addition of seven new teachers. Five of the returning teachers have new names due to summer marriages. Miss Smith became Mrs. Hall, Miss Homeyer became Mrs. Fox, Miss Guth is now Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Riemer was Miss Dorn last year and Miss Stevenson is now known as Mrs. Visnaw.

Office personnel now number seven due to the addition of Mrs. Spaulding and Mrs. Kraus who will take over lunchroom and playground duties in addition to office work. Mrs. Kraus will work with Miss Kenyon, a college student, in assisting in the guidance office. The rest of our office staff remains the same, headed by Mr. Niehaus, Principal and Mr. Ferguson, Assistant Principal. Mrs. Hinderer and Mrs. Connelly are the regular full time secretaries.

Memory Expert Shows Mind in Action

"Anyone can remember anything if he has the desire to do so," claimed Mr. O. G. Fitzgerald, memory expert who headlined the first assembly of the 1963-64 school year, held October 10. In his program, entitled "Mind in Action", Mr. Fitzgerald demonstrated his ability to remember, first by calling out the names of students of Mrs. Gardner's fifth hour algebra class, whom he had met the hour before. After this, he called out the serial numbers of dollar bills, which he had seen briefly the previous hour. He gave these numbers from end to beginning, and odd and even numbers in their order.

Mr. Fitzgerald tours to different schools trying to impress the students with the importance of opening their minds to material in order to get the most out of their education.

Parents Attend Open House

For the first meeting the PTG sponsored the annual open house on October 13, 1963. This meeting gave the parents of students who attend Ferguson Jr. High a chance to get acquainted with their child's schedule. Sessions in the classroom lasted about 8 minutes giving parents time to discuss the ways and ideas of the teacher.

The Parent Teacher Group is designed to acquaint the parents with the teachers of our school.

Further meetings will be held on October 13, February 12, December 10, and April 10.

Two Assemblies Coming Soon

An assembly entitled "Marvels of Memory" will be presented on October 30. Mr. William Wallace will demonstrate mental experiments. The assembly will be at 2:00 p.m.

On November 11 there will be another assembly entitled "The How and Why of Physical Fitness." Otto Schmidt will demonstrate physical feats and give some health suggestions. This assembly will also be at 2:00 p.m.

Students Elect Twenty-Seven Council Representatives

Students of all three grades elected representatives for the 1963-64 Student Council during their first hour class on September 24th.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ninth Grade

Rosemary Cornwell
Fran Frey
Leah Geiger
Michele Hartmann
Damon Kerby
Bill Livesey
Dave Martin
Janet Montrey
Mickey Schlichtemeier
Paulette Wegman
John Wildermuth

Dave Martin Heads Student Council

Dave Martin was elected President of this year's Student Council at the first meeting held on September 26. Other officers, all of whom are Freshmen, are Vice-President, John Wildermuth; Secretary, Fran Frey, Treasurer, Leah Geiger, and Historian, Rosemary Cornwell.

The following committee chairmen were also elected — Michele Hartmann and Kathy Olson, chairmen of the Bulletin Board and Calendar Committees respectively, Bill Livsy is chairman of the ninth grade Dance Committee, Greg Pigg for the eighth grade and Tom Avery will be chairman for the seventh grade.

Plans are already being made for the school dances and other activities. Eighth and ninth graders will have Christmas Dances separately and also a Spring Dance, while the seventh graders will have only one dance this year.

Eighth Grade

Cindy Grimm
Karen King
Kathy Olson
Greg Pigg
Keith Pigg
Barry Rinderknecht
Wayne Stevenson
Cathy Tschannen

Seventh Grade

Tom Avery
Dennis Cook
Candy Cromer
Ruth Ingerson
Jane Mansfield
Jean McKenzie
Pat Scott
Sharon Warner

Student Council Adopts Girl From Greece

Constantinia Tsakayanni is the Greek girl being supported by the Student Council this year. Last year they supported Orsola Prete from Italy but she is no longer in need of help.

Constantinia lives in a village near Trikala in central Greece. Since her father died in 1957, the family of six has not been able to support itself adequately. She is four feet four inches tall, weighs fifty nine pounds and has blond hair and blue eyes. She is in fifth grade and is a fairly good student. She wishes very much to continue her education.

Her name day is May 21st which is celebrated instead of a birthday. Financial help is very much needed for her growth and development. Under PLAN care she will receive \$8.00 a month for food, clothing and special medical care.

She will also receive our kind friendship and understanding. Our help will give her security and hope for the future.



Constantinia Tsakayanni
our Greek orphan

The Student Council will be calling on the students of Ferguson Junior High at a later date to share in this financial help to support Constantinia.

School Welcomes Seven New Faculty Members

Ferguson Junior High School boasts seven new teachers this year, two men and five women. The school warmly welcomes these new teachers and wishes them a good year. This article will help acquaint the students with the new teachers.

MRS. WOLFE, one of the new foreign language teachers, attended Indiana University and graduated from Indiana State. She teaches seventh and ninth grade beginning Spanish. She is married and has two boys. Swimming, tennis, and refinishing furniture are a few of her many hobbies.

MR. MORTON, the new art teacher, teaches the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. He is a graduate of Lincoln University in Jefferson City. Before coming to Ferguson, he taught at Florissant Junior High School. He enjoys reading and watching television.

MRS. McCULLOUGH is the new seventh grade English and social studies teacher. She has one ninth grade English class also. She received her degree from Harris Teacher's College in the City of St. Louis. Her main outside interests are music and art. She enjoys playing the piano and visiting art museums and exhibits. When asked why she choose Ferguson Junior High, she simply said, "Because I like it."

MISS LEBRIER, another new teacher, teaches seventh and eighth grade English and social studies. She taught awhile in Berkeley before coming to Ferguson. She attended Northeast Missouri Teachers' College and likes sewing, reading, bowling, tennis, horse-back riding, and swimming.

MR. CHANCELLOR, teaches eighth and ninth grade math. Before teaching here, he taught seventh grade math at Florissant Junior High. He attended Southwest Teacher's College in Springfield, Missouri, and Kansas State University in Pittsburgh, Kansas. At the present time he has no special hobbies.

MRS. BYRD, a graduate of Missouri University, is teaching her first year of beginning French to the seventh and ninth grades. She is from Desloge, Missouri. Watter skiing, golf, and dancing are a few of her favorite amusements. She enjoys teaching at Ferguson very much and she says the students and faculty are very nice.

MRS. ANDERSON taught music for three years at Birmingham Southern College. She now teaches English to eighth and ninth graders. Her husband is a retired army officer and they have two daughters. Her only hobby is music. Also, she has traveled all over the country.

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Ehrlich has announced that the library is off to a good start. It has taken in over four hundred new volumes to increase its collection.

Also included are four new magazines. Students now have a variety of magazines to read in the library or to borrow over night. The new ones are: *Holiday*, *Life*, Spanish edition, *New Yorker* and *Scientific American*.

Don't forget the week of November 10-16 which is National Book Week. The library will have poster clippings and other interesting features. Also keep in mind that same week is American Education Week. The library will have book displays, posters, and other features.

Individual Pictures Taken

Annual individual pictures were taken on Wednesday, September 25. The National School Studios who took our pictures have also taken individual and group pictures last year and the year before. The pictures will be approximately two dollars for the regular selection, additional photos may be obtained for a nominal charge. The photos will be received by the school in about thirty days, or about the end of October.



From left to right this year's cheerleaders are: Anina Corno, Laura Beshier, Peggy Barnett, Ann Dokmo, Jeanine Barnett, Vicki Grubbs, Sara Penhale, Ginny Chapman, Mary Jane Martin and Linda Rutledge.

Ten Cheerleaders To Lead Fans

TEAM, RAH! TEAM, RAH!
TEAM, TEAM, RAH!

This is just one of the cheers that the new FJH cheerleaders have used so far to cheer our team on to victory. The ten girls who will jump and yell through the football, basketball, and wrestling seasons are Ginny Chapman, co-captain; Ann Dokmo, co-captain; Peggy Barnett, Laura Beshier, Vicki Grubbs, Mary Jane Martin, Sara Penhale, and Linda Rutledge. The two eighth grade alternates are Jeanine Barnett and Anina

Corno. Their sponsor is Mrs. Morgan.

The girls have chosen bulky knit sweaters with red letters and stripes, white button-down collar blouses, and red wool, pleated cullottes for their outfits. To complete it, they have white socks and white tennis shoes with red pom-poms on them.

In addition to the new outfits, they have a new mascot, 3-year-old Mary Beth (Bee Bee) Vandiver. Bee Bee will cheer at all the home games.

So, come on all you FJH'ers and help support the cheerleaders and their mascot in cheering the Comets on to victory.

Aquarium Club

The newly formed Aquarium Club held its first meeting on October 17. The club, which is being sponsored by Miss Thurman, was formed for the breeding and propagation of aquarium fishes.

The officers are as follows: President, Bill Mack; Vice-President, Paul Mack; Secretary, Beth Estabrooks; Treasurer, Steve Hermeyer; and Research Analyst, Steve Wortman.

The club will meet every Thursday after school in room 124. There are 29 members participating in the club.

Projection Club

At the Projection Club meeting October 1, our sponsor Mr. Spindler conveyed the idea that there are big changes in store for the Projection Club.

In his new plan Mr. Spindler said that there would be a projectionist on hand all the time. If a teacher wants to use a projector they send for a projectionist who shows the film and takes care of the projector.

Mr. Spindler is replacing Mr. Dudley as sponsor and will be assisted by Mr. Kavanaugh.

determine who is the best chess player in the school.

Class and Club Clippings

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club, sponsored by Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Riemer, will have its first meeting October 28 in room 202. This club for eighth and ninth grade Spanish students, will meet the second and fourth Mondays of every month. The students will plan the club's activities. The object of the Spanish Club is to familiarize the students with the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

Drama Club

"Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow creeps in this pretty place."

"Pretty pace, Junior."

Shakespeare? No, it's from the annual play being presented by the Drama Club. The play, "Goodnight Uncle George," includes the actions of an elderly man and a scheming boy and his friends.

With the help of other club members acting as prompters and on different committees the sponsors, Mr. Blattel and Mr. Lochmoeller hope to have the cast ready for the spotlights by late November or early December.

French Club

The French Club had its organization meeting Monday, September 30th, at which Mrs. Finney conducted the elections. Bette Bosch, Barbara McClure, Sandy Campbell, and Jane Buchholz were elected president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and program chairman, respectively.

The meeting was attended by about 40 eighth and ninth grade French students. The club will meet on alternating 2nd and 4th Mondays at 3:10 in room 204.

After the election, Mrs. Finney suggested features which the club might keep in mind for the program this year.

Chess Club

Any student interested in chess is invited to attend the Chess Club meetings every Thursday.

Mr. Clark, the sponsor, will teach the new members important points such as: The value of each Chessman, their positions, their moves, and other basic rules of chess.

There will be regular tournaments throughout the year to



Newly elected Student Council members are, left to right: Row 3, John Wildermuth (vice-president), Tom Avery, Keith Pigg, Damon Kerby; Row 2, Janet Montrey, Paulette Wegman, Cindy Grimm; Row 1, Pat Scott, Sharon Warner, Kathy Olson.



More Student Council members are, left to right: Row 3, Wayne Stephenson, Fran Frey (secretary), Barry Rinderknecht; Row 2, Mickey Schlichtemeier, Cathy Tschannen, Michele Hartmann; Row 1, Jean McKenzie, Karen King, Ruth Ingerson.

College Club

The College Club's first meeting was on Monday, October 21, 1963. This club is for 9th graders who are interested in learning about colleges. The sponsors are Mrs. Brehm and Mrs. Chapman. The Club will meet on every 3rd Monday of the month. Plans will be announced later.

Slide Rule Club

Slide Rule Club was started October 17, and is sponsored by Mr. Meyer. There will be five meetings with a lecture by Mr. Meyer at each. At the end of

Band

This year's class A band is to be bigger and should be better than ever, said Mr. Stacy, the school's band director. The band consists of about 100 members. The ninth graders meet every day and the seventh and eighth graders meet on alternate days.

The band is playing numerous arrangements, including some that may be used in the Spring Festival and the assembly program.

the five weeks there will be a test.

JOKES

Three Russians were in prison
First prisoner: My watch was 5 minutes fast so they put me in prison for being early.
Second prisoner: My watch was 5 minutes slow so they put me in prison for being late.
Third prisoner: My watch was right on time so they arrested me for buying American products.

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Definition

Exactng: what ex-actor used to do.

Hatchet: what a bird does with an egg.

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They buried the man who died in the explosion but he'll always rest in piece.

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The olympic runner ran a practice heat so fast today that by the time tomorrow comes he'll be here yesterday.

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Two alligators were kidding each other about the hide industry. One said purse your lips, the other said shoe.

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A missionary who carried no gun was chased by a lion, when he could run no more he threw himself down and prayed to the Lord. To his surprise the lion was kneeling and praying too. Just as he was shouting his thanks to the Lord the lion said, "I always pray before I eat."

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My friend says the last time he saw a \$5.00 bill it had Lincoln on it, but he hadn't grown a beard yet. The last time I saw a \$5.00 it had a picture of Jefferson Davis.

Pep Club

A new group in the school has succeeded in helping to lead the Comet to victory. The Pep Club is this new group. It held its first meeting last spring for all the girls interested. Mrs. Morgan, the sponsor, helped the club to organize and to choose its officers. Linda Roy and Janet Vandiver are its directors; Francine Frey is treasurer; Carol Morris, secretary; Jane Fcote, chairman of the poster committee; and Rosmary Cornwell, chairman of the pom-pom committee.

The club, divided into two committees, helps promote the activities of the school. The poster committee makes posters and signs supporting the Comets and encouraging everyone to attend the games. The pom-pom committee makes letters and badges for members to wear on the day of the game.

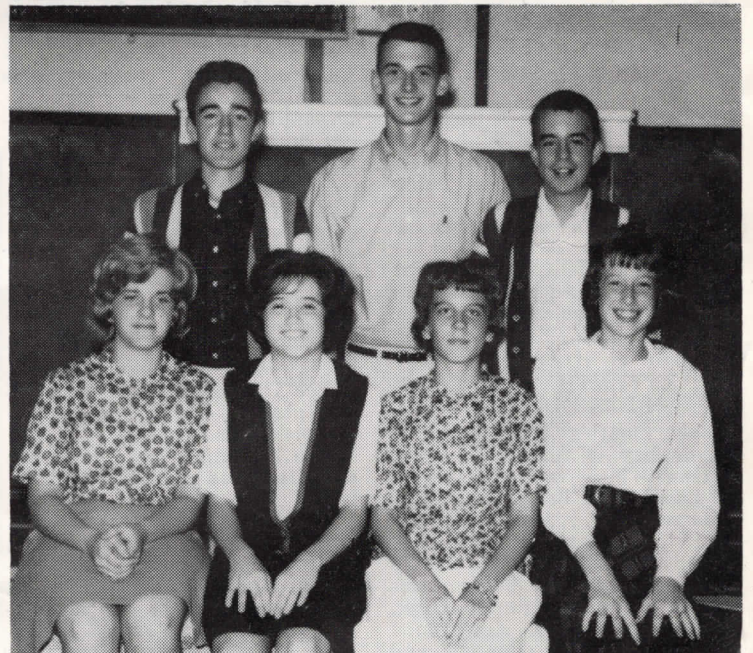
On home game days, members must wear red and white, the school colors, to the game.

Serving as a cheering section, the club adds pep and cheers to the game. It's turned up with many members and has had a successful part in cheering the team to victory.

Orchestra

The orchestra consists of seventh, eighth, and ninth grade advanced students. The ninth graders meet daily, and the seventh and eighth graders meet on alternate days; thirty-five strings in all.

In the near future, Mr. Stacy plans to organize a Concert Orchestra, consisting of strings, and wind instruments, which will meet after school.



Still more Student Council Members are, left to right: Row 2, Greg Pigg, David Martin (president), Bill Livsey; Row 1, Leah Geiger (treasurer), Rosemary Cornwell (historian), Jane Mansfield, and Candy Cromer.

TILLY TORCH

Dear Tilly,

Everytime my boyfriend gets ready to kiss me, he bends over, puckers his lips, rolls his eyes, coughs, sputters and faints. What can I do?

Bemuddled

Dear Bemuddled,

That's what you get for eating limburger sandwiches, with onions on your dates. — (use clorets)

Tilly

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Dear Tilly,

A boy in back of me in art class throws paste, and yesterday he hit me. How do I tell if it's love or just being mean?

Pasted & Posted

Dear Pasted & Posted,

After school hit him over the head with an iron pipe — if he smiles, it's love — if not, see your lawyer.

Tilly

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Dear Tilly Torch,

My boyfriend left me. I told my mother about it and she said not to worry about it — that there are other fish in the lake (or sea). Do you agree?

Lonely

Dear Lonely,

Sure I agree, but who wants to go to the movies and hold hands with a sardine?

Tilly

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Dear Tilly,

My friend wears a rubber band on his teeth. He doesn't know that everybody detests it. What can I do?

Rubber-band Hater

Dear Rubber Band Hater,

The next time you see your friend, reach into his mouth

grab the rubber band, pull back and let go. Maybe he'll take the hint.

Tilly

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Dear Tillykins,

Who all writes this simply Darlin' lil ol' column?

Signed, Nosey

Dear Nosey,

I do.

Bye-ya'll

Tilly

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Dear Tilly,

I don't like this boy but P.B. says I do (He sits in back of me in science) what do I do to stop her?

P.S. If I step on her toes she steps on mine.

Toe Stomper

Dear Toe Stomper,

Tell P.B. you'd rather pick your own fellow.

Tilly

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Dear Tilly,

How do I get John to like me?

John Liker

Dear John Liker,

Tell him,

Tilly

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Dear Tilly,

I have a problem, I like four different boys. How do I pick which one I like the best?

Undecided

Dear Undecided,

Enjoy yourself, go with all four.

Tilly

Fads 'n' Fashions

We're here again to bring all you fashion minded students the latest fads and fashions on campus. Highlighting the '63 fall colors are cranberry and green. These colors are especially popular in the corduroy jumpers and the culotte pleated A-line skirts.

Blouses with the new additions of turtle neck dickies, ascots, or patches accent many of the skirts now seen on campus.

The girls seem to have picked up the boys' idea and are now wearing man-tailored blouses with v-neck sweaters.

The Italian loafers, still coming strong, are often teamed up with these outfits.

The homemade rats nests are definitely out and the soft 'flip' is in.

For the boys, whose fashions we just can't keep track of, white levis and collegiate sweaters are popular. Also, low cut white tennis shoes are a favorite of the boys.

And, of course, everyone knows that red and white are the "in" colors on Friday.

Well, that's all for now. See 'ya' all next month.

Odds & End

Welcome 7th graders, 8th graders, and you wonderful Freshmen for another year at dear old Ferguson. We hope this is the beginning of another great year for all of you.

For openers here are some romances, old and new:

Freshmen couples seen around school:

Leah & John K.; Mickey & John G.; Bob H. & Sue H.; Birdie & Tony; Vicki & Jack; Fran & Ron D.; Mary Jane & Herbie; Linda & Mark; Terrie & Doug; Ginny & Matt L.; Jane B. & James M.

Every Freshman girl is wondering who Jim T. is going after next, especially a certain peggy. An another 8th grade couple is Karen K. and Barry R.

Some 7th grade couples are Gretchen and Barry, Barbara W. and Tom A., Carol W. and Randy B. How about that Senior ring Janet F. is wearing and the question is who are Elroy and Speedball after now?

Congrats to the football team for their fine work so far this season. Keep up the good work and let's make it an undefeated season.

Congrats also to Grandpa Fathman, Aunt Kathy and Aunt Linda.

Have you heard about the Dan Livingston Fan Club? J.F. is president and there are lots of members. Would anyone like to join?

That's all for this time, but keep us informed through the Torch Boxes.

— TORCH BOX —

Dear Torch Box,

Why isn't there a Boys' Glee Club?

A Boy Soprano

Dear Soprano,

Why not try for a high tenor!

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Dear Torch Box,

Why can't we chew gum in school?

Mr. Wrigley

Dear Mr. Wrigley,

Have you ever had gum sticking to you or to your clothing?

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Dear Torch Box,

Why can't we eat apples and ice cream in the cafeteria?

G. C.

Dear G. C.

The lack of space necessitates that all students eat apples and ice cream or any dessert not in a dish, outside.

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Dear Torch Box,

Why are the mirrors in the restrooms so small?

Big Head

Dear Big Head,

I guess when the mirrors were put in the heads weren't so big.

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That's all for this issue, but we need plenty more for the next issue of Torch. If you have any problems serious or silly, about school, teachers, students, or activities, put them in the Torch Box.

Then there's the one about how every Sunday the bells take their toll.

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Save your Dixie Cups, the south will rise again.

EIGHTH GRADE PERSONALITY

Our eighth grade personality for October is Barry Rinderknecht. He is a tall 5' 11", and has blond hair and blue eyes. His favorite sport is baseball, and his hobby is model building. His favorite subject is history and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Brehm.

He is a Student Council member here at Ferguson Junior High, and previously attended Central School.

SEVENTH GRADE PERSONALITY

This month's seventh grade personality is Sharon Warner. Sharon is 5' 5" tall, with brown eyes and dark brown hair. She is currently 12 years old and will be 13 on January 24. She has attended St. John and St. James and Central Schools before coming to Ferguson Junior High. Sharon's interests revolve around playing softball, swimming, and boys. She has no favorite teacher, but her favorite subject is English. Sharon is also a member of the Student Council.

QUIZITOR

This column is made up of the opinions of the students and faculty. Each month a different question will be asked. This month's question is: If you could, what class would you add to your schedule?

TOMMY JAMES — how to dissect teachers.

MR. ESSMANN — I wouldn't

CLAUDIA LINK — a gum-chewing class

BOBBY OLSON — a playboy class

LOUIS DAVTEN — how to dodge pigeons and H-bombs.

RANDY RUBIN — a class for understanding adults.

JERRY AUSTIN — a class for finks

FRED IRVIN — a class on, for, and with girls

PAUL AKEMAN — a free period with a cute blonde.

JOHN WILDERMUTH — I'd better not say

MARGARET SCHAEFFER — a class without a teacher

GARY GRAY — how to play hooky without getting caught

BILLIE BARHAM — a boy's wrestling class

JILL CRAWFORD — a course on how to play footsies

RUTH INGERSON — a second lunch period

DENNIS BOEMKER — well, if you could subtract one . . .

PAM GRUER — a class on how to make money

MR. McCORMACK — a class with all sopranos

SUNNY LLOYD — a mixed gym class

JEAN McKENZIE — a class for forging hall passes

CAROL WALDVOGEL — a class with no tests

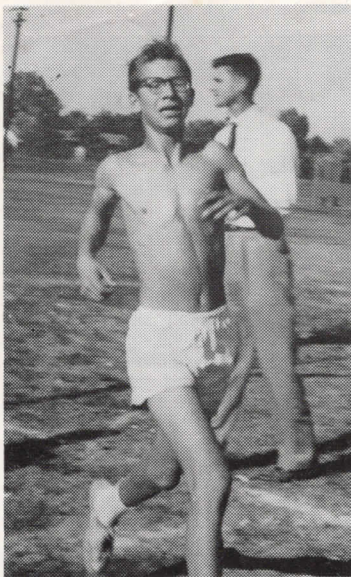
MICHELE HARTMANN — Understanding teachers

JULIE BASSINSON — Playgirl Club

DAMON KERBY — Flying Swingel Weasers

TERRY FOX — Girls' PE

FANTASIA FINK — a gym class without baggy gym suits



Ted Senadenos come in first while the Florissant coach watches.

Cross Country Team Wins Over Florissant

Ferguson's first meet of the Cross Country season was held at Ferguson on October 2. The Comets in their first year running as a varsity sport placed eight men out of the first ten to finish. Apparently the Florissant squad couldn't match the endurance shown by the Ferguson runners. Ted Senadenos and Steve Williams were the lead runners in the meet. Some others on the squad are B. Nelson, T. Grotrain, R. Stewart, M. Fischer, B. Mack, M. Stewart, J. Steele, M. Connelly, and R. Belew.

— GIRLS' SPORTS —

Seventh and eighth grade girls were busy with their physical fitness tests the first few weeks of school. Each girl tested her ability at different skills such as sit-ups, 600 yd. run-walk, and the softball throw.

After completion of the tests the girls began working on soccer which they are still playing.

Swimming lessons took up most of the gym classes for the ninth grade girls through September, then their physical fitness tests were completed and now they are learning to play hockey which will last through the month of November.

NINTH GRADE PERSONALITY

Five foot six, eyes of blue. (?) Well this might not fit the song, but it does fit this month's personality Bill (the Lump) Nelson. Bill's favorite sports are wrestling, and pool. His main hobby is drawing little monsters for the Pep Club's posters. His favorite teacher is Mr. McCormack while his favorite subject is English. Bill, who was born on June 6, 1949, has attended Lee Hamilton, Vogt, McCluer and now Ferguson.

Cross Country Starts As New Sport

Cross country starts its first season at Ferguson Junior High this year as a varsity sport. This sport demands not only great physical stamina to run the lengthy one and a half to two mile distance, but a keen sense of timing and pace work.

Seven men compose a cross-country team but only the first five count in the scoring. The first one in counts one, the second two and so on therefore the team with the lowest score wins.

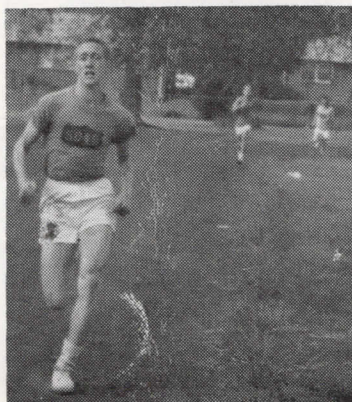
When asked about the sport next year, Coach Long remarked, "I hope to have cross country next year because it offers the boys a varsity alternative to football."

The schedule and scores so far:			
Oct. 2	— Florissant	54	
	Ferguson	17	
Oct. 16	— Hanley	54	
	Ferguson	17	
Oct. 18	— Intra-Squad		
Oct. 23	— Brittany,		
	There, 4:00 p.m.		
Oct. 25	— Intra-Squad		
	Here, 4:00 p.m.		

Comet Distance Runners Outlast Hanley

In the second cross country meet of the season Ferguson topped Hanley Jr. High of University City by a score of 17 to 54. Terry Fox finished first in the meet which was held here on our grounds on October 17.

Of the first ten to finish there was only one Hanley runner, who came in fourth place. Other outstanding Ferguson runners and the order in which they finished were Ted Senadenos, Steve Williams, B. Nelson, T. Grotrain, R. Stewart, and M. Stewart.



Terry Fox finishes first in the Hanley cross country meet with T. Senadenos and S. Williams trailing.

— THE TORCH —

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Bowling Club

The Bowling Club is rolling again this year. The head pins this year are Mr. Boelsen and Mrs. Jeffares.

The club got underway three weeks ago but the real competition started week before last. The teams were made up at the Ferguson Lanes.

The teams will compete in regular leagues against each other, boys and girls. Each team will play three games and at the end of the season the team with the most victories will win for each member a trophy. Trophies will also be awarded to the high single and high three game series in each league.

So far in this young season the gutters of the allies have seen more balls than either the New York pocket or the Brooklyn pocket, but what is lacking in talent is made up by persistence.

The real idea of this club is

Football Practice Starts Early; 70 Boys Try Out

This year's Ferguson Junior High football team started practice early in September.

Of the seventy-odd boys who tried out only forty-three boys were left after all the cuts.

The team is being coached by Mr. Taff (backfield) and Mr. Haenssler (linemen).

The schedule and results so far are as follows:

Date	opponent	score
Sept 27	— Riverview East	6
	Ferguson	27
Oct. 4	— Hanley	6
	Ferguson	33
Oct. 11	— Riverview Centr'l	7
	Ferguson	27
Oct. 18	— Normandy	0
	Ferguson	27
Oct. 25	— Hoech (here)	

to give the students more and better experience in bowling and to teach them good sportsmanship.

Ferguson Jr. High Football Roster

No.	Player	Position	No.	Player	Position
36	— BORDERS	G	21	— LIVINGSTON	G
19	— BRETCH	G	30	— LIVSEY	C
31	— BROOKS	G	45	— MADDEN	G
50	— CLAFFY	T	42	— MARTIN	E
53	— CORRELL	E	56	— MAURER	T
61	— CRAFT	T	39	— MIKULIN	T
55	— DIX	FR	38	— MOELLMAN	G
54	— DOWNS	QB	35	— PADGETT	G
71	— EVERS	E	33	— RALLO N.	T
12	— FIVECOAT	HB	80	— RALLO P.	E
18	— FOOR	QB	64	— SCHULTZ	T
17	— GRAHAM	HB	59	— STEGER	C
29	— GRIFFITH	FB	46	— STEPHENS	E
10	— GROBY	HB	58	— THORNSBERRY	QB
37	— HAINTEL	T	51	— TIERNEY	T
30	— HANKINS	HB	25	— TOBIAS	T
22	— HILL A.	E	57	— TROTTA	G
52	— HILL F.	FB	62	— WALLACE	T
27	— HOFER	HB	61	— WILSON	E
11	— HOLMES	HB			
32	— KAMMEIER	G			
28	— LANGENECKERT	G			
13	— LANGLEY	C			
70	— LARIGAN	HB			

Managers:

PAUL MORRIS
 STEVE POTTS
 DICK TREAT

Grid Team Wins Fourth Game As Normandy Goes Under 27-0

Ferguson football Comets crushed Normandy 27-0 here at Ferguson October 18. This game marked the fourth victory of the season for the undefeated Comets.

The action started as Mark Trotta, a Ferguson guard, recovered the ball in a kick-off fumble by Normandy. Once in possession of the ball, Ferguson lost no time in putting the ball in the hands of Al Holmes. Al shook off all would-be tacklers and put 50 yards behind him for a touchdown. An unsuccessful attempt for the extra point followed.

The second quarter saw another recovery, this time by Nick Rallo. Al Holmes was again off and running, this time Al completed 70 yards for a score. Pee Wee Rallo drove past the Normandy line for the extra point.

The third quarters' fine aerial attack resulted in a touchdown for Mat Larigan on a pass from Ron Downs. A quick pitch-out to Doug Dix moved the score up a notch.

In the fourth quarter Ferguson's linemen, who had performed very well in the first three quarters outdid themselves with several tacklers behind the line of scrimmage and a few blocked passes. The combined passing and intercepting abilities of Jim Thornsberry and Mat Larigan resulted in an outstanding pass play and a touchdown good for 75 yards. A quick pass to Pee Wee Rallo added another point.

Outstanding players of the game were linemen Mark Trotta, Pee Wee Rallo and Nick Rallo, and backs Al Holmes, Mat Larigan and Jim Thornsberry.

Ninth Grade Girls

Join Swimming Class

If you had happened to see any girls running around school with stringy wet hair, it was not because they're drips, it's just that they had been swimming.

The swimming classes were held at the Ferguson Pool, from September ninth to September twenty-seventh.

Miss Jerzewiak conducted the beginning classes where the girls learned how to be at ease in the water and the basic essentials of swimming. The advanced group, taught by Mrs. Fox, improved their techniques on the crawl, back stroke, side stroke and breast stroke. In addition, they were instructed in the fundamentals of diving.

When the weather warms up in the spring, the ninth grade boys will have their chance to enjoy this "real cool" class.

Comets Take Third Game In A Row

Ferguson's Junior High Comets defeated Riverview Central 27-7 on October 11 for their third straight football victory of the season.

The Comets started the scoring action when Al Holmes scampered for a touchdown from deep in our own territory, early in the game. The extra point was good.

The Comets scored again as PeeWee Rallo hauled in a pass and sprinted the rest of the way for a touch down. Pee wee caught a pass in the end zone for the extra point.

Riverview scored a touchdown in the first quarter on a pass play. Their extra point was successful.

Mat Larigan grabbed a touchdown pass thrown by Ron Downs, for our third touchdown. No extra point was scored.

The Comets scoring ended in the fourth quarter when Al Holmes scored his second touch down on a short sprint through the Riverview line. The Comets also scored the extra point.

The outstanding players of the game were Al Holmes, the Rallo brothers, and Ron Downs.



Mat Larigan completes a touchdown on a pass play in the Riverview Central victory.

MIX-UP MATCHES

Shakespeare — Mr. Lager
Fair Play — Mr. Clark
Fred Flintstone —

Cross-Country
Coach Kimpling
Outer Limits — Home Ec. Class
Senator Roach — Mark Connelly
Combat — Football Practice
The Lieutenant — Mr. Ferguson
Muskrat Ramble —



Opposing lines meet as the Comets win the opening game against Riverview East.

Comets Start Football Season With Victory Over Riverview

Ferguson Smashes Hanley 33-6

Hanley Junior High School of University City fell victim in the Comets second football victory of the season. The 33-6 game was held on October 4 in Hanley territory.

The game started poorly for the Comets with an unfortunate kickoff fumble which put the ball into the hands of the Hanley squad. Ferguson recovered quickly by sending Al Holmes for a touchdown. Mark Evers moved up the score another notch with an extra point. Mat Larigan executed a daring and successful block of a Hanley punt.

The Second quarter saw touchdowns by Al Holmes, Mat Larigan and Mark Evers with extra points gained by Ludwig (Pee wee) Rallo and John Graham. Also, during this quarter a Hanley fumble was recovered by John Kammier and Ron Downs.

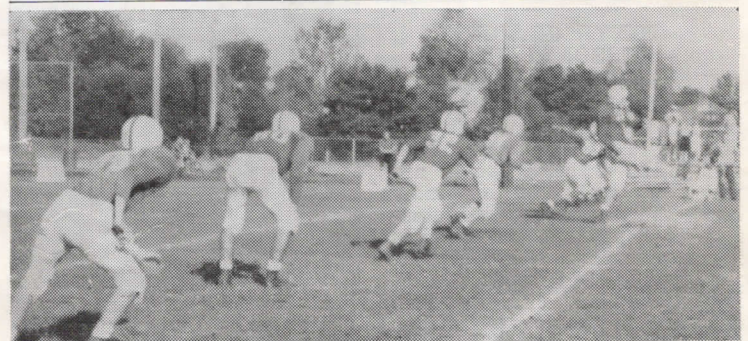
Hanley worked its way up to a score in the third quarter despite their two fumbles recovered by Jim Thornsberry and Ron Downs.

In the fourth quarter, Al Holmes drove downfield for another score bringing his total touchdowns for this game to three.

In the opening home football game the Ferguson Comets soundly defeated Riverview E. by a score of 27-6 on September 27. Last year Riverview handed Ferguson its only loss of the season but it was not so this year.

On the second play of the game Mat Larigan went through the Riverview line for the first touchdown. Al Holmes scored the extra point. The second Ferguson touchdown was also made by Larigan, and Mark Evers hauled in a pass for the extra point. Jerry Fivecoat's interception was the beginning of our third touchdown. Al Holmes ran to the eleven yard line before being brought down. Jim Thornsberry scored the touchdown and Al Holmes ran the extra point.

In the fourth quarter Riverview managed to get past our goal line for their score but missed the extra point attempt. Also in the fourth quarter Al Holmes maneuvered through the Riverview line and went all the way for a seventy yard touchdown. The extra point was no good and this left our final score at 27 points. Besides the backfield men, linemen Mark Evers and John Claffy also played outstandingly.



In the victory over Riverview East, Barry Maurer, J. Claffy, J. Kammeier and R. Downs line up as M. Evers executes the kickoff.