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## Awards Presented Johnson, Hearnese To 27 Top Win In School Honor Students Election

Ten awards, in each grade, were given to 27 seventh and eighth grade top honor students at the Honor Assembly on the last day of school in June.

### SEVENTH GRADE (now eighth graders)

- 1st — Ronald Thompson  
Judith Harte
- 2nd — Marsha Butler  
Ann Livingston
- 3rd — Jeanne Fischer
- 4th — Lynn Trimpe
- 5th — Joyce Fiedler
- 6th — Patricia Scott
- 7th — Patricia Godfrey
- 9th — John Finn
- 10th — Janice Crader

### EIGHTH GRADE (now ninth graders)

- 1st — Rebecca Lewis  
Sandra Branahl
- 2nd — Elaine Pont
- 3rd — Joan Walker
- 4th — Richard Spillenkothen
- 5th — Linda Dempsey
- 6th — Carol Frost
- 7th — Nancy Evans  
Lawrence Kurtz  
Walter Parker
- 8th — Barbara McClure  
Susan Gore
- 9th — Sandra Pavletic  
Cathy Tshannen
- 10th — Christina Dillon

## Teacher From Last Year, Mr. Clark, Dies

Many students and faculty who remember Mr. Clark, who taught Latin, math and algebra at Ferguson Jr. High School for the last three years were sorry to hear that he died of a heart attack the evening of September 28. He passed away in his home, 60 North Dade, where he lived with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eaton. He was laid out at the White Mullen Funeral Home. Funeral services were held for him at Sts. John and James Church. This year he had been teaching at Hanley Junior High School in University City.

Mr. Clark was well liked by his students. Once when asked why he liked to teach, he said "I like the kids," they not only came to him with school problems but also personal problems.

If the election held here on Thursday, October 16, is any indication of how the national and state elections will turn out, President Johnson will serve another term as president and Warren Hearnese will be Missouri's next governor. Johnson had 1155 votes and Goldwater had only 397. Hearnese got 1065 and Shepley got 221.

All students were urged to vote in the election conducted by the members of the TORCH staff in their sixth hour classes.

## Two Assemblies Coming Up

Mr. Emory Barnes a dramatic humorist, will appear in an assembly on November 19th. His program will include spirituals and other songs, readings, and audience participation segments.

Mr. Barnes has appeared in the opera, *The Bartered Bride*, the movie, *Carman Jones*, and on many radio programs, including narrator for the *Wings Over Jordan* Choir. He also appeared on the *Ed Sullivan Show*.

Mr. Barnes was master of ceremonies at the International Festival of the Arts, and was also a guest artist at the festival.

He was a speech and voice major at the University of Southern California.

An assembly featuring the Pattersons will be presented on December 9th. The Pattersons will perform gymnastics, such as hand balancing on tables, modern weight lifting, juggling, aerial acrobatics, and trampoline tumbling.

Douglas Patterson, a title holder in the field of weight lifting, will demonstrate and discuss the arms of weight lifting.

Roly poly, a new kind of balancing which is a little more difficult than regular balancing, also will be demonstrated.

Many props will be used in the acrobatic section of the program, including Roman rings, a swinging horizontal bar, and a Spanish web.

# New School Year Begins With Few Changes, More Students

## Student Council News

New Student Council members were elected in the latter part of last year. The seventh grade elections will be held in the near future.

The Student Council has had four general meetings, one last year, where the officers were elected. The results were: Doug Andrews, president; Larry Telle, vice-president; Kathy Olson, secretary; and Sue Turner, treasurer. There was also a meeting during the summer. At that meeting the chairmen for the calendar and bulletin board committees were chosen. The people elected for these jobs were Carol Jeffares, bulletin board chairman and Chris Dillon, calendar chairman. The other members of the Student Council are: Tarry Bartholomew, Steve Brammeier, Sandy Branahl, Kathy Benne, John Shugert, Jane Mansfield, Sue Ameling, Jean McKenzie, Pat Scott, Nick Giordano, Dave Cartwright, Chuck Sabatino, and Ron Thompson.

Yes, it's that wonderful year — '64-'65 (school year, of course!!) so FJH has tried to keep up with the changing trend, even to adding more students.

This year, our school is somewhat different from last year in several ways, besides being more crowded. For instance, the time schedules are altered. Admittance to the building is at 8:30 and dismissal at 3:15. Also, there are only four twenty-minute lunch shifts rather than five longer ones like last year. Speaking of eating, there are 2 lines in the snack bar this year. Starting in the middle of the counter, they go left and right, and have a cashier at each end. We might also add that new light fixtures were added to the cafeteria and snack bar which make the eating areas much brighter.

The tennis courts and outdoor basketball courts, a few weeks ago, had a "face lift." They were blacktopped and marked off with new white lines.

Another new feature this year is a home room between fourth and fifth hours, lasting fifteen minutes. During this time, the teacher reads the bulletin and other odds and ends like group guidance, individual counseling, Red Cross or other projects or group discussions. If the time is not used for the above mentioned, it will be spent as a short study hall.

Room 101 in the old building has been shortened, and the teachers' room was lengthened.

According to the latest information, the enrollment of Ferguson Junior High has gone up about 77, making the grand total of students approximately 1559 compared to last year's 1482 pupils. Out of these pupils, 528 are 7th graders, 498 are 8th graders, and 555 are freshmen.

## High School To Present "The Curious Savage"

McCluer Senior High School will present its production of "The Curious Savage" on November 19, 20, & 21 in the evening in the M-1 gym. It will be possible to get tickets in the office. Also, tickets will be sold for a short time only by Ferguson Junior High drama students. The plot? Are you that curious? Well then, go see "The Curious Savage" which features a cast of thousands (not to mention an equal sized stage crew working to finish the set before the production). Don't be the only one on your block without a ticket — get one now!

## Open House Sends Parents To School

Where's the gym they're meeting in? Do we go to the rooms before or after the meeting? Where do we go next?

Questions such as these filled the halls of Ferguson Jr. High at the first PTG meeting of the 1964-1965 school year.

This "Open House" session began in the A gym at 8:00 with Mr. Michel, the president, praising the attendance of the parents and teachers. After Mrs. Bauer, the newly elected secretary, read the minutes, Mr. Michel introduced his committee. He later told the results of the Summer School and Camp Comet attendance. He also discussed the school's budget.

During his talk Mr. Michel mentioned the plans for the coming PTG meetings which are as follows:

December 8, Music Program and guest speaker, Mr. Burneson, speaking on car safety and teenagers.

February 9, Physical Education Program.

March 9, Joint Choir

April 13, Guest speaker, Mr. Cooper.

After Mr. Michel finished speaking he "gave the floor" to Mr. Niehaus who explained the procedure of Open House. Then the parents were dismissed to their first-hour class. Each class lasted from six to eight minutes.

## Faculty Grows To Sixty-Seven

Seventeen new teachers have been added to the staff of Ferguson Jr. High School this year. This brings the total to sixty-seven, an increase of two over last year's sixty-five. Here is an introduction for those of you who haven't met all the new teachers yet.

MISS BURGESS is one of the new English and history teachers. She attended William Jewell College, but is originally from here in Ferguson. When she is not teaching her seventh and eighth grade classes, Miss Burgess enjoys playing the piano and tennis. Miss Burgess is also the sponsor of our cheerleaders.

MR. CHRONISTER, one of our eighth and ninth grade English teachers, received his Bachelor's Degree at Park College and North-west Missouri State. He went through the Ferguson schools. Mr. Chronister was a student teacher here last year, under Mr. Lager.

MRS. COMER, an eighth and ninth grade English teacher, has previously taught music and piano. She is a graduate of Harris Teacher's College and is interested in baseball and golf.

MRS. GALLAGHER came here from Milwaukee. She has taught before and is now teaching seventh and eighth grade math. She enjoys bowling, watching professional football, swimming and reading. She says she finds teaching here most enjoyable.

MRS. GARDEN is the new seventh and eighth grade Spanish teacher. She attended Washington University and is from St. Louis. Her hobbies are playing the piano, horseback riding and tennis.

MRS. HANWECK, one of Ferguson's seventeen new faculty members, is an exceptional English teacher. "Exceptional" in that this marks her one thousandth year of teaching, or so she says. She has taught in California and Pennsylvania and is a graduate of Carnegie Tech, in Pittsburgh. Her coming to Missouri was brought about by the fact that Mr. Hanweck is now studying for his Master's Degree at Washington University. Enjoyment in working with young people is her chief reason for becoming a teacher. Although, as she says, she "likes to see the intelligent gleam in their eyes". Politics, writing and tennis are Mrs. Hanweck's hobbies.

MRS. HUBBELL is a new general science teacher. She teaches the seventh and eighth grades. Her hometown is Wrentham, Massachusetts, but she attended Grinnell College in Iowa. She is kept busy with horsebackriding and sailing.

MISS KILGORE is another one of those young seventh grade teachers here at Ferguson. She attended the University of Arkansas. Some of her favorite hobbies are bridge, bowling, reading and swimming. Her hometown is Cabot, Arkansas.

MISS KLEIN, the new seventh and eighth grade art teacher, graduated from Washington University. She enjoys painting and wild parties. Her hometown is Alton, Illinois.

MRS. MANSFIELD, our new Texas English teacher, has taught in Austin, Texas before coming here. She has three hobbies which are playing the piano, grading papers and helping others with their hobbies. If you're running down the hall and hear a friendly "H-o-w-d-y," you've just met our Mrs. Mansfield.

MRS. MASTERS, a native St. Louisian, attended Missouri University before coming here to teach eighth grade home economics and seventh grade science. She enjoys sewing and cooking, which comes in handy for home ec., as well as music and sports, particularly swimming. She says she likes it here very much.

MR. MCKINNEY, an eighth grade science teacher, is another of the many new teachers here. He practice taught at Principia High School and at the lab school at Missouri University. He got his degree from Principia College, but also attended the University of Missouri. Mr. McKinney chose to teach in the R-2 district because he says, "It's the best district in the St. Louis area or perhaps in Missouri." Music and camping are some of Mr. McKinney's hobbies. In college, he lettered in baseball, but sports are not ambition. He hopes some day to teach high school biology, and later go into secondary administration.

MRS. MENNERICK taught at Chicago, Illinois, before coming to our school. She took her student training at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois. Her hobby is being a Cardinal enthusiast.

MR. J. MEYER is one of our new science teachers. He teaches the eighth and ninth grades. Mr. Meyer previously taught at Columbia, Missouri and went to college at Missouri University. He is married and has one child. Some of his favorite hobbies include fishing, hunting, (wildlife conservation) and generally all outdoor sports. His hometown is Ferguson.

MISS ROBIN is the new French teacher. She teaches the seventh and ninth grades and has currently attended Washington University here in St. Louis. Her favorite hobbies include most indoor sports, tennis, swimming and reading. Her home town is Evanston, Illinois.

MR. SHERIDAN, a graduate of Southern Illinois University, teaches art to seventh and ninth graders. He previously taught at Granite City. He is interested in outdoor activities. He also has three girls, two of which are twins.

## Freshmen Take I.T.E.D. Tests

Freshmen this year took the Iowa Tests of Educational Development (I.T.E.D.) about 2 weeks after school began. The guidance office will know the results by Christmas. Last year 7th and 8th grades took achievement and aptitude tests in the spring and they will do so again this year.

The purpose of these tests is to see the annual progression of the individual student in different fields, especially English and math. These tests will be used to acquaint the student with his capabilities, to help him make out his sophomore schedule, to place him in the proper classes next year.

Students may make an appointment with a guidance counselor (Mr. Swift, Mr. Dudley, and Mr. Fathman) to see where they stand. The tests will also be used to compare our school with others.

In citizenship classes the freshmen will take the Kuder Preference Record, which is a vocational interest test. The guidance counselors have information in their offices concerning vocational possibilities and students are welcome to have a conference with a counselor.

## Concert Orchestra Chosen

Twenty-four members of the 'A' Band were chosen by audition several weeks ago to play in the Concert Orchestra. In previous years Mr. Stacy had always picked the members without a tryout. The players are as follows: Kurt Larson, Cathy Woebeling, Beth Grayson, Nancy Driscoll, Penny Norman, Karen Reisinger, Carol Frost, Kirk Sutherland, Diane Ordheide, Cathy Chase, Susan Gore, Mary Jane Thiess, Linda Lott, Rosemary Osborn, David Latta, William Meyers, Ken Heim, Don Weiher, Jim Marco, Doug Loesing, Tarry Bartholomew, Dave Mazanec, Mary Burleson, Roger Ottwell, Dennis Wall, Wayne Brown and Cheryl Tuckett. These students together with most of the second hour orchestra students make up the entire concert Orchestra.

The group rehearses as a unit on Tuesday afternoons. Right now, the students are practicing a piece called, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." Their first public performance of this piece and others will be at a December meeting of the P.T.G.

MR. TOWNSEND teaches eighth grade math and is also qualified to teach biology. He attended school at McKinley High in St. Louis, received his training at Belleville Senior High and graduated from Southern Illinois University. Mr. Townsend's hobbies include baseball and other spectator sports. He lives in East St. Louis with his wife, who is a registered nurse, and his two children.

## Pictures Taken

Student pictures were taken Tuesday, September 29, in gym A (the girls' gym). The photographers were Mr. Webb and his assistant from National School Studios.

The students were called from their math classes and teachers could have their pictures taken at the time of their choice. Five girls helped doing various things like distributing combs and calling the rooms. The girls were Kathy Olson, Cathy Tschannan, Sue Turner, Sandy Pavletic, and Carol Jeffares.

The ninth graders' pictures are the ones for the yearbook. Those students who weren't called or who were absent will be called at a later date.

## Library Record Set In Sept.

Mrs. Ehrlich, our librarian, is proud to announce that during the week of September 29th, over nine-hundred books were checked out of the library. This is a new all time record for Ferguson Junior High. Of these nine-hundred plus books, about two hundred and fifty of them are the new books acquired only this summer.

Secondly, that time of year has rolled around again, with this year's theme being "Swing Into Books". Of course, we're talking about Children's Book Week, which is November 1-7.

Though there will be no contest this year, other activities centering around Children's Book Week are planned. For instance and exhibit of the new books will be set up, and the full scale model of Shakespeare's Globe Theater, made by Mr. Lager, will be on display.

## Audiometer Tests Given

Audiometer tests were given to all seventh and ninth grade students and eighth graders new to our district on Wednesday, September 30th in Gym C. The tests were given by the school health counselor, Mrs. Inez Smith. The students taking the tests were called from their English classes.

The test is for the purpose of discovering any hearing defect which might be present. If a defect is found the student is retested to be certain that no errors were made; then the parents of the student are informed and advised to consult a doctor.

## Fads 'n' Fashions

The coming-on of fall brought about the coming-on of sweaters, ski-jackets and wind-breakers. Mohair sweaters in the shades of pastels are paired with matching skirts. Ski-jackets with vivid prints and bright, solid colors are like last years' with the exception of fur around the collars and cuffs. Wind-breakers are becoming more popular with the introduction of two-toned shades.

The familiar Italian loafers and the new boots are being seen with different colored knee socks and stockings with designs in the color and the texture. The socks, stockings, shoes and boots are being shown with wools while only boots seem popular with stretch pants.

The boys will keep warm this winter with ski sweaters, parkas and wind-breakers in various colors. They are wearing the stylish ya-ya boots which are derived from the well-known Beatles' shoes.

Sweatshirts from various colleges and universities are becoming more and more popular with the boys and girls at FJHS

Next month we will see some of the wool fashions which are now being shown in various stores. In a few weeks everyone will notice the new styles in winter coats.

### NINTH GRADE

#### PERSONALITY

"Baby Cheeks" alias Chris Dillon is the ninth grade personality for this month. She was born on October 15, 1949 and is 5' 1" tall. She attended Hancock and Springfield kindergarten and Central Schools. Her interests revolve around the Student Council, Pep Club, A cappella Choir and the piano. She likes all her teachers although she likes English best. Chris says the reason for her liking English is she laughs the most in that class.

#### Contribution To The TORCH?

If one wants to have a good school newspaper one must contribute information faithfully. To a TORCH reporter a sight for sore eyes is a full Torch Box overflowing with juicy tid-bits of gossip and news. The publishers just happen to be on a Poverty Strike because of the lack of news. So if you see them down at the unemployment office or the Salvation Army you'll know that it was you who contributed nothing to the empty Torch Box.

## TILLY TORCH

Dear Tilly,

What can I do? Two boys are passionately in love with me. I like them both.

Frightened

Dear Frightened,

Send me the address of one of them. I'll take him off your hands!

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Dear Tilly,

People are making fun of my black knee socks. Should I keep them or satisfy the people?

Knee-Deep in Trouble

Dear Knee-Deep,

Give them to Mr. Cates. It's for a good cause!

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Dear Tilly,

I am very cute, have a nice figure, but I have few friends. What can I do to make people notice me?

Beautiful

Dear Beautiful,

Try being a little less conceited and you'll be aware of a startling change!

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Dear Tilly,

My mom doesn't understand me. She won't let me keep Beatle cards, Beatle rings, Beatle records or have a Beatle haircut.

Beatle Lover

Dear Lover,

Switch to the Beach Boys.

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Dear Tilly,

How do I give a girl a ring? What do you say? I'm very shy!

Ring Giver

Dear Giver,

Just see to it that the girl finds out that you want her to wear your ring. (But keep it if you can!)

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Dear Tilly,

My sister was Tilly of '61-'62. She wants me to follow in her footsteps as Tilly. How can this be arranged?

Hopeful

Dear Hopeful,

I'm very sorry, but I am the only Tilly that can be.

### EIGHTH GRADE

#### PERSONALITY

If you see a blondish, brown haired, blue eyed, 5' 5" tall boy carrying a football and chasing a girl you can be sure it's this month's eighth grade personality, Ron Hogan. He was born on December 13, 1949 and previously attended Walnut Grove School. His favorite subject is History and Mr. Schopp is his favorite teacher. Ron was captain of his intramural football team which took first place.

## Odds & Ends

Welcome to Ferguson's new bonfire! It seems that with fall and all of its falling leaves, some of them have paired off!

At the bottom of the pile are: Larry and Helen, Wayne and Janis, Jerry and Kathy.

With the next strong wind and Friday night parties came:

Steve and Cathy, Jack and Kathy, Carol and Jim.

The last flutter of leaves brought: Ritchie & Carol, Kevin and Karen, Cheryn and Jim, Walter and Sandy, Gary and Jennifer, Sheryl and Don, Eldon and Marcia.

Lee M. sure is a fast worker, huh, Sue E.?

The younger generation of leaves have fallen and landed in these pairs:

Dickie M. and Jane M., Sue A. and Dave H., Sue M. and Don H.

Hey Rich D.! Whats this we hear about you and Sally N. from Florissant?

The seventh grade acorns hit the ground in this way:

R. Bomar and K. Foor, Keith C. and Donna W., V. Travis and D. Dailey, Carla A. and Joe M., Jane S. and Mike M., Tomboy Barb D and some sissy.

Hey Barry R., what's this we hear about your seventh grade admirer? — just asking!

What's that we hear about the new 9th grade Y group?

This year's 9th grade class is very organizational. So far this year they have formed the SDS Church and the Colony.

There sure was a lot of sickness going around during the World Series. Just ask our Student Council president.

Have you heard about Joke Time in Mr. Meyer's fourth 4th hour class?

## — TORCH BOX —

Dear Torch Box,

Do you think that if a girl tried out for manager of the basketball team, she would make it?

Basketball Lover

Dear Basketball Lover,

It would depend on if you passed the physical!

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Dear Torch Box,

Ooo! These short lunch shifts are making me sick. How do you feel about this?

SICK

Dear SICK,

I'd rather not say!!!

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Dear Torch Box,

I feel sick to my stomach every time I go to my Health class. Mr. Simmons, my teacher, shows all these gory movies, which are just too much. Today he showed pictures of different types of operations. They were all bloody! What are Health students supposed to do if they have a weak stomach?

W.S. (Weak Stomach)

Dear W.S.,

Get use to it or flunk!

### SEVENTH GRADE

#### PERSONALITY

A blonde haired girl with arms usually full of puppies is this month's seventh grade personality. It's blue eyed Elizabeth Foote. She was born on March 27, and stands 5' 1" high. Elizabeth attended Walnut Grove, Moline and Lee Hamilton Schools before coming here. Her favorite subject is French and Mrs. Fox the her best liked teacher.

## QUIZITOR

QUESTION: What new Course should the school offer?

CHRIS CHASE: Don't add any, take off some

JOE WALTZ: A class to interpret the teachers

SUSAN MCCOLL: How to get in good with Mr. Dodson

JEAN MCKENZIE: A class to make hall passes

DENNIS VANDIVER: How to be successful in school without working.

MARTA RALLIS: A class with Mr. Meyer singing Brahms Lullaby in German.

LESLIE MOORE: A class on how to outsmart Mr. Cates on one of his tests.

JUDY HARTE: Sandbox

DOUG LOESING: How to forge a bus pass

KAREN REISINGER: How to build a homework machine in three easy lessons

LIN DEMPSEY: How to count the holes in the ceilings

LOU DAUTEN: A course in dodging pigeons, H-bombs and Algebra tests

CAROL FROST: A class that you can chew gum in

CINDY HELBERG: Six hours of home room

TOM KITZMILLER: Girl watching

TERRY MEE: The arts and techniques of spitwad throwing

COACH QUIGLEY: The World Series in color

MRS. CONNELLY: Longer coffee breaks

LYNN TRIMPE: How to sleep in class with your eyes open

# Class and Club Clippings

## French Club

This year's French Club officers are Cindy Helberg, president; Barb McClure, vice-president; Janice Crader, secretary-treasurer; Carol Frost, program chairman. They were elected at the organizational meeting Wednesday, September 23. Presently, the count is about 60 members. Mrs. Finney and Miss Robin sponsor the club.

Fifty nibbling students filled the Home Ec. rooms on the 30th of September, sampling different French foods at their Goulet, or Taste Party. Two kinds of cheeses, Marc du raisin and gruyere, were served along with real French bread, Tokay grapes and brioche, a kind of breakfast roll. For dessert were imported cookies and hard candy; the beverage was fruit juice.

## English Club

This year a new club has been added to our school activities. This is the English Club which will meet on Tuesdays. Some of its activities will include creative writing, dramatic readings, attending plays, and listening to records. If you are a ninth grader and interested in joining, contact Mr. Lager, the sponsor.

## Spanish Club

"There will be no Spanish Club this year," Mrs. Riemer stated to her Spanish classes. The reason is that most students were free only after school Wednesdays and that was the day she was not available.

## Orchestra Class

St. Paul's Suite is the piece of music that the members of second hour orchestra class are practicing. The suite consists of four parts and will eventually be played at the Spring Festival. The orchestra will be judged there in their intonation, form, quality of tone and other things.

## Pep Club

Elections for officers were held at the first meeting of the Pep Club on September 28, with Mrs. Murphy, the sponsor, presiding. The results were as follows: President, Carol Haddenhorst; Secretary, Rosie Mannino; and Treasurer, Terry Ames.

After officers were elected the cheerleaders went over a few cheers in order to help the seventh graders. It was decided that red and white would be worn to the games and that posters and red F's were to be made. Mrs. Murphy later stated that the Pep Club would not only promote school spirit at the games but would also try to promote school spirit when there weren't any games.

## Projection Club

"To aid teachers in enriching their program," was the answer given by Mr. Spindler to the question of why he had a projection club.

At the October 2 meeting, the club members received new cards and learned a new system of handling things. The result of the October 16 meeting was a new training system for the seventh-grade members.

## Aquarium Club

The Aquarium Club, sponsored by Miss Thurman, met on Thursday, October 8th and elected its officers for the coming year. The officers are Kurt Larson, president; Andrew Jackson, vice-president; Linda Fisher, secretary; Ken Heime, treasurer. The program and publicity chairmen were also elected.

To set up an aquarium with a variety of fish for the students to observe is the club's main goal.

Their plans also include setting up their aquariums to be used for specific projects.

Future plans include lectures and field trips for the club.

An idea which is still in the planning stage is to set up an aquarium built into a cabinet of some kind in the nook next to the office where the telephone is.

## Art Classes

Seventh and ninth grade art students, aided by their teacher, Mr. Sheridan, have been working on various bulletin boards and displays throughout the school.

A bulletin board detailing curriculum of grades, one through twelve, was designed for the guidance office. Two continuous displays, one shared with the Home Economics class, are present in the hall outside room 110.

Ninth grade classes are preparing ceramic fall center-pieces for the teachers' dining room, lounges, and the office.

Many students are also participating in making a display for the Ferguson Public Library and in painting the annual Halloween pictures on the windows of Ferguson stores.

## Everybody Wears Colors

Crimson and white were the fashion on Color Day, Friday, October 2 at Ferguson Jr. High, to mark the opening of the grid season with Riverview East.

With so many new students, and the school year just getting started, this special day was a tremendous success.

The school was overflowing with crimson and white. A thanks is given to all of the students and teachers who gave a contribution to school spirit.

# Choir Practices

This year's Choir, again directed by Mr. McCormack, will consist of about 80 people. On Monday nights, extra eighth and ninth grade classes are held. The first semester they will be doing music for the Christmas season. These will include "He is Born", "Psalite", "How unto Bethlehem", "Let All Mortal Flesh", "The Virgin Unspotted", "The Lord Bless You And Keep You", "Jacques, Come Here", and "O Magnum Mysterium."

During the spring the choir will sing music of a secular nature, and also folk songs, songs by better known composers, and selections from a musical.

Throughout the year, the choir will make public appearances. They will do the Christmas Vespers, An Evening of Choral Music, and an exchange program with Brittany Junior High where their band comes here for an assembly and our choir goes there during the winter season.

In March they will do a concert with Florissant Junior High for a joint meeting with the PTG. In this concert, the Florissant Junior High Choir and the Ferguson Junior High Choir will consist of about 150 students.

Out of the Choir will be selected the Madrigal singers. They will meet one evening a week. The music they will do will be written for small ensembles as this group will have no more than sixteen people. The music will be English Madrigals and French chansons. During the holidays, this group will sing for the St. Louis Carolers Association.

# Girls' Glee Club

Ferguson Jr. High Girls' Glee Club, directed by Miss Gagnepain, has gotten off to a tremendous start this year as they prepare for the Christmas Vespers Program in which they will appear with the Choir and Madrigal Singers.

Eighth and ninth graders make up the Glee Club and, in addition to working on the Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, Sing Gloria, by Katherine Davis, and the Alfred Burt Carols by Alfred Burt and Wihla Hutson for the Vespers, they are improving their ability to sing three part music (Soprano I, Soprano II, and Alto) by working with syllables and a sight singing manual.

Inasmuch as the Glee Club does not wear choir robes in concert, they are making blue A-line skirts to wear with white long-sleeved blouses for public performances.

# BUS DUTY

## An Editorial

We thought this was a junior high school, maybe we were wrong. The other day a student did something only a poorly trained six-year-old would do; run across the driveway in front of a bus. He wasn't alone either. A half dozen or more students went back and forth in this manner while the buses were leaving. They seemed to think that as long as they were within the crosswalks everything was O.K. Let's take another look.

These big yellow things called buses are heavy. Should one bump into you while rolling along, you will probably end up with a broken leg, neck, or something-or-other, and all are rather uncomfortable. There is no invisible barrier along each side of the crosswalk that will magically stop a bus. Usually one has to depend upon the brakes. In the distance they require to stop, anything could happen, like smashing two or three students who misjudged their speed.

Now let's look at the teachers on bus duty. If your sixth hour teacher becomes increasingly nervous and jittery, starts the week by gnawing on his finger nails and ends it by pulling his hair, he probably has had bus duty that week. It's a pretty big job — trying to keep a bunch of kids from running into the front end of a moving bus.

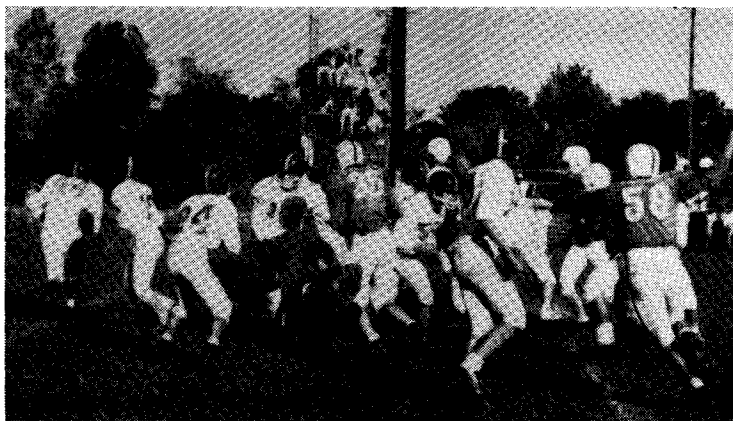
In grade school we had patrol boys, whom we respected enough to obey when they said, "Stand back!" Now that we are older and supposedly more responsible, it shouldn't be necessary to have teachers to corral us and tell us what we should have learned by second grade.

Let's use our sense and wait for the buses to pass instead of relying upon their brakes.

A Peace Corps representative was sent to a cannibal tribe. When the chief was asked what he learned, he said "We had a taste of democracy."

A San Francisco family was having a dinner when the phone rang. The maid answered and said, "It sure is!" and hung up. The same thing happened again five minutes later. What's going on?" asked the father. "Some crackpot," explained the maid, "keeps calling to say it's long distance from New York."

Teen-ager to vocational counselor: "How do I know what I want to be when I get out of school? Maybe they haven't invented it yet."



Opposing lines clash in the game with Riverview East as Jim Wallace and Kevin Roberts move in on the play.

## Football Comets Down Normandy For Third Win

Normandy fell victim to Ferguson's Comets in the third game of the season on October 15 by a score of 25-0 at Normandy.

The game started by Normandy kicking. Barry Rinderknecht received for Ferguson who made three first downs before having Steve Miller pass to John Kasten who ran for a touchdown from the thirty yard line.

The second quarter began as Normandy intercepted a pass by Ferguson on their 45 yard line. Normandy promptly fumbled allowing Ferguson to recover the ball on the 40 yard line. Ferguson was able to make first down and then put the ball into the hands of Barry Rinderknecht who smashed through the Normandy line for the second Comet touchdown. Tony Gschwender then marked up one more point for Ferguson by making the extra point.

While the ball was in their possession, Normandy received a clipping penalty and was finally forced into punting. Normandy intercepted a Ferguson pass, but it was nullified because Normandy was offside.

The third quarter saw Normandy receive the ball. They were given an offside penalty and then a 15 yard penalty for illegal use of hands. Again Normandy punted and Ferguson took the ball on their 20 yard line. After missing a first down, Ferguson was slapped with a 15 yard penalty. Ferguson then punted from their 25 yard line, but were forced to punt again because of a penalty.

This left the ball in Normandy hands for the beginning of the fourth quarter. Normandy soon had to punt, however. After making a first down John Kasten received a pass from the 40 yard line and was able to go in for a touchdown. Jack Bouldin then tried to kick for the extra point but was unsuccessful.

The Comets scored again when Barry Rinderknecht pounded

### Football Practice Starts Early

This year's Ferguson Junior High Football team started practice on the first day of school and has been practicing every afternoon since.

Of the ninety boys who tried out, only forty were left after all of the cuts.

The team is being coached by Mr. Taff and Mr. Haenssler. The schedule and results so far are as follows:

Oct. 2, here: Riverview East, 0 Ferg. 33  
Oct. 9, here, Hanley 0; Ferg. 19  
Oct. 15, there: Normandy 0; Ferg. 25  
Oct. 23, here: Ritenour  
Oct. 30, there: Hazelwood

### 8th Grade Intramurals

This year in 8th grade football intramurals, which were held from about Sept. 21 to October 2, sixty-six boys turned out. The teams, captains, and positions in which they placed and records are as follows:

Pos.	Team	Capt.	W	L	T
1st	Cretons	C. Sabatino	4	0	1
2nd	Q. C.'s	R. Deuser	4	1	0
3rd	Munsters	D. Akins	3	1	1
4th	Rag Weed	A. Montrey	2	3	0
5th	Flunkies	W. King	1	4	0
6th	Trojans	T. DeGeare	0	5	0

The leading scorer this season was John McGrath who scored a total of 72 points.

### Bad Luck

Bad luck just happens to be following him, so it wasn't a surprise when we learned that Mike Kruske had broken his ankle in football practice last week. Mike is now at home with a cast from his ankle to his hip. Obviously he won't be able to complete his playing center for our football team. Well, all we can say is hurry up, Mike and get well soon.

down the field for Ferguson's final touchdown. The extra point was no good and left the final score at 25-0.

# Comets Down Riverview In First Football Game Of Season

## Gridmen Defeat Hanley For 2nd Win

In their second home football game of the season, the Ferguson Comets defeated Hanley by the score of 19-0 on October 9th.

The game began when John Kasten, a Ferguson wingback, received the kick from Hanley. Ferguson, however, was unable to make the goal line. Their opponents did no better, though, and had to punt. After Ferguson received the ball by the punt, they lost no time in putting the ball into the waiting arms of Jim Schmuck who ran around the end 12 yards for the TD. Barry Rinderknecht scored the extra point.

The ball then belonged to Hanley, who made little use of their four downs. They were forced to punt on the fourth down and Ferguson then received the ball.

In the second quarter there were no touchdowns by either team. Wayne Stephenson blocked a kick by Hanley in the beginning of the third quarter. Jim Schmuck promptly intercepted a pass by Hanley, putting the ball in Ferguson possession. Ferguson then put their chance for a touchdown to good use by placing the ball in the hands of Barry Rinderknecht who skillfully picked up blockers and ran all the way for Ferguson's second touchdown. The extra point was unsuccessful.

In the final quarter, though handicapped by a 15 yard penalty, Ferguson scored their final touchdown. It was made by John Kasten from the 15 yard line. The extra point was not good and left our final score at 19-0.

In the opening game of the 1964 football season the Ferguson Comets defeated the Riverview East Eagles by an overwhelming score of 33-0.

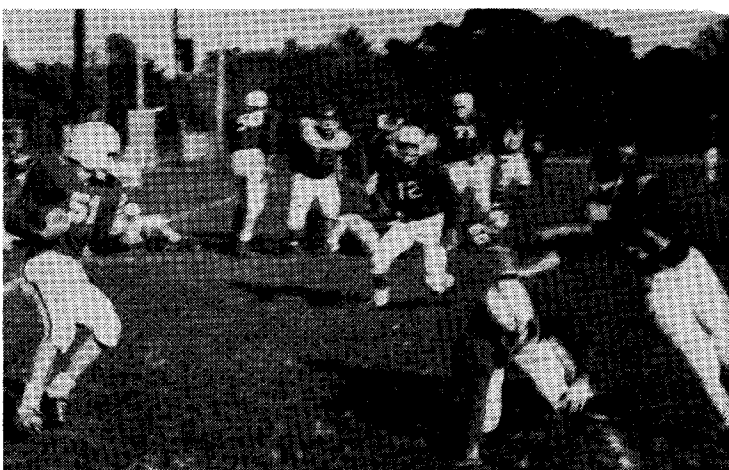
The grid action started by Ferguson kicking and Riverview receiving. Riverview fumbled and Ferguson recovered. Barry Rinderknecht was then able to get the ball and run for Ferguson's first touchdown. Barry also made the extra point. Then until the end of the quarter there were a number of fumbles by both teams.

In the second quarter of the game, Steve Miller sparked what was to be the second Comet touchdown, by intercepting a pass by Riverview. Barry Rinderknecht was the man to finish what Miller started by getting Ferguson's second touchdown. The extra point was no good. Ferguson then blocked an attempted kick by Riverview and recovered the ball. Ferguson got off a good play and Gerald Pesek got the ball and ran for Ferguson's third touchdown.

The third quarter saw Barry Rinderknecht carry the ball past the goal line for our fourth touchdown. Barry, again, made the extra point. Riverview did little in this quarter.

In the fourth quarter Ferguson was hurt by a fifteen yard penalty. The Comets soon recovered though and sent Chuck Richards buzzing through for Ferguson's fifth and final touchdown. Jim Pohtos smashed through for the extra point. This made the final score read 33-0 in favor of Ferguson.

Outstanding players in the game were Barry Rinderknecht, Steve Miller, Gerald Pesek and Chuck Richards.



Barry Rinderknecht attempts to pick up yardage in the game with Hanley.



# Cross Country Comets Win First Three From Florissant, Hanley, Brittany

## New Cheerleaders Lead New Cheers

**VICTORY**, that's our cry! This is one of the new cheers the school cheerleaders will do this year. They are: Jeannine Barnett, co-captain, Annina Corno, co-captain, Pat Cranmer, Janis Doll, Cindy Grimm, Deana Hurst, Sandy Pavletic, and Cathy Tschannen. The eighth grade alternates are Ruth Ingerson and Sharon Warner. The sponsor this year is Miss Burgess. Brenda Barnett is the mascot.

The uniforms consist of white bulky-knit sweaters with a red and white letter and stripe. White tailored blouses, red pleated culottes, white socks and shoes complete the outfit. The girls also have sterling silver megaphone necklaces with red F's, pom-poms, and megaphones.

More chants are being used this year such as:

Hey, hey, what do you say —  
get that ball and fight!

And some new cheers are:

Fight, fight, fight for the red,  
Fight, fight fight for the white,  
Fight for the red,  
Fight for the white,  
Fight, fight, fight!

And:

B-E-A-T  
Beat Hanley,  
B-E-A-T  
Beat Hanley,  
(clap, clap)  
Beat Hanley,

So let's have a big turn out at the games and help the cheerleaders cheer the teams on to victory!



Harry Brown finishes second in an intra-squad cross-country meet on October 2.

In their first cross-country meet of this year, the Ferguson Comets defeated Florissant Jr. High by the score of 19 to 41.

The meet was held here September 29. Here is the way we placed:

- 1st Larry Leezer
- 2nd Don Bowles
- 3rd Harry Brown
- 5th Jerry Boelhauf
- 6th Dennis McGrath
- 7th Steve Williams
- 8th Dave McGinnis

For those people who don't understand, in cross-country, the lowest score wins. You get one point for 1st, two points for second, etc., and you add the scores of your first five places.

Ferguson's Comets came out ahead in their second cross-country meet of the year as they defeated Hanley Jr. High. The meet went to them by the score of 26 to 36 on October 9. We placed as follows:

- 1st Larry Leezer
- 3rd Don Bowles
- 5th Harry Brown
- 6th Dennis McGrath
- 9th Jerry Boelhauf

Ferguson's Comets ran over Brittany on October 14 on Brittany's field by the score of 18 to 43. In their third cross-country meet of the season we took these places:

- 1st Larry Leezer
- 2nd Don Bowles
- 4th Harry Brown
- 5th Steve Williams
- 6th Jerry Hogland
- 8th Dennis Lewis

Remaining games, dates, opponents and where they are taking place are as follows:

Wed., Oct. 21, Hanley here, 4:00  
Thurs., Oct. 29, Florissant there at 4:00

Tues., Nov. 3, Normandy there 4:00

Invitational Tournament

## — THE TORCH —

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This year's Cheerleaders are: from left, back row, Jeanine Barnett, Co-Captain, Cindy Grimm, Annina Corno, Co-Captain, Pat Cranmer, and Sandy Pavletic. Front row, Janis Doll, Cathy Tschannen, Deana Hurst and Sharon Warner. Not pictured is Ruth Ingerson.

## Girls' Sports

During the first four weeks of school the girls PE classes worked on their physical fitness cards, consisting of seven activities. Some of the activities are the soft-ball throw, 660 yd run-

walk, 50 yd dash and the broad jump. These cards which are based on percentile are used to compare the girls with other girls in the nation and in their classes. These fitness cards are counted as 1/3 of their grade on their report cards. The other 2/3 consists of their written test and their daily charts. Their daily charts are composed of attendance, conduct and attitude records.

Usually the ninth graders have swimming during the first few weeks, but due to the fact that there aren't enough qualified women instructors to teach the swimming classes, this program has been cancelled indefinitely.

Now the 9th graders are participating in the sport of hockey. The 7th and 8th graders are playing soccer. They will be tested on their skills and by written test.

Intramurals haven't as yet begun. There will, however, be basketball and volleyball in the near future.

## Ferguson Jr. High Football Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	No.	Player	Pos.	No.	Player	Pos.
14	Gerald Austin	G	80	T. Gschwender	E	27	Jim Photos	E
30	Mike Balisle	T	61	John Heidel	G	17	Chuck Richards	H
19	Larry Blair	T	12	John Kasten	W	51	B. Rinderknecht	H
47	Wayne Booher	T	10	Bill Krueger	W	35	Kevin Roberts	F
70	Jack Bouldin	T	50	Mike Kruske	C	54	Jim Schmuck	E
41	Larry Brawley	G	49	Larry Kurtz	T	55	Rich Spillen-	
18	Rich Christman	G	45	Ron Lester	T		kothan	Q
71	Steve Courtois	T	40	Bob Leonard	F	59	W Stephenson	C
21	Don Dunlap	G	46	Bill McGowan	T	58	Jim Wallace	E
25	Gene Fluri	Q	56	Ron Meldrum	H	57	Dale Warner	E
60	Ron Gabbard	G	53	John Michel	G	39	Ben Wilson	T
37	Jim Gerding	C	11	Steve Miller	Q	38	Don Wilson	T
63	R. Gorezyca	Q	52	D. Nieberding	G	62	Jack Young	G
64	Phil Grueling	T	13	Gerald Pesek	W			

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Coaches: Mr. Taff, Head Coach, Mr. Haenßler, Ass't Coach