

ALL AROUND McCLUER

Travel and Adventure Club celebrated Christmas December 15 by watching movies. Dickens The Christmas Carol was the main feature. Other films relating to Christmas were also shown. Refreshments were served while students discussed Christmas in other lands.

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During the last few weeks the woodshop classes of Mr. Roberts have been busy making cribbage boards and card holders for card games which they are giving to the Red Cross to distribute for Christmas.

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On Friday, November 25, 28 honor students from St. Louis area high schools were given an all-day tour by Washington University School of Medicine.

Among those visiting was John Roberts from McCluer High School. The students, all of whom have shown an extreme interest in medicine as a career, also viewed the Irene Walker Johnson Institute of Rehabilitation and the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, and viewed a surgical operation in progress.

At noon they dined with members of the Medical School faculty and with local physicians who are alumni of the university.

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McCluer's annual Alumnae Reception will be held this afternoon, December 22 from 3 to 4:30 P.M. in the M-2 Cafeteria. The education committee of Student Council under the leadership of Lynne Weaver is hosting this afternoon of reunion for the graduates of '66 who will be home for vacation. Refreshments will be served to the 600 expected alumnae.

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December 19 the M-2 Cafeteria resounded with music, laughter, and chatter from the Inter Club sponsored Christmas dance held for Student Council Committee members and Interclub Council representatives.

Santa was there in person to give out presents and add to the festive atmosphere and refreshments made by each student council committee were served.

Inter Club is the student council committee that works to coordinate the activities of McCluer's clubs and committees. One way they have accomplished this is by setting up the Inter-Club Council to which each club is invited to send a representative.

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The Foreign Relations Committee has announced that it will hold its annual Family Tea on January 22, 1967 at 2:30 p.m. The tea, which will be held in the Administration building, is open to all families who are interested in hosting a foreign exchange student next year.

The only qualification is that one member of the family must be attending McCluer next year. Invitations have been distributed already in advisories and it is hoped that many will attend.

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Changes in the level of the club treasury have brought a rash of creative thinking to the rather serious-minded boys of the Interclub Club. After thinking that the treasury was too small, they decided to increase it by 100 percent. This was done by having each member contribute 10 cents to the treasury. The new treasury is now \$10.00.

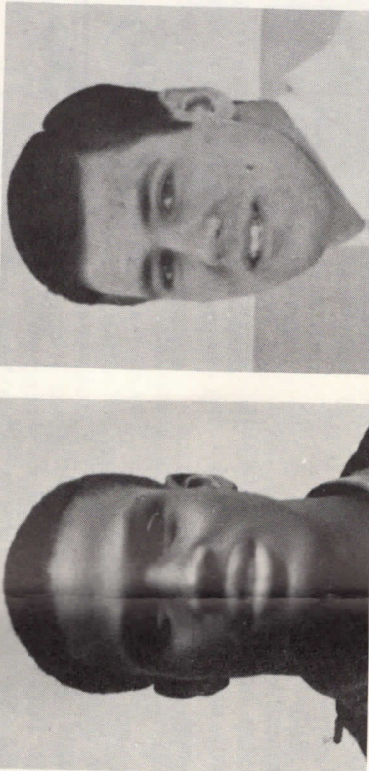
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Al Holmes

Greg Mastroianni

McCluer's All-Stars

The first annual Missouri All-Star High School football game, held at Busch Memorial Stadium, December third, was a big success. McCluer's Al Holmes and Greg Mastroianni played a large part in making this a truly great game.

The North team, (comprised of stars from high schools north of highway 140 and the Missouri River), defeated a favored South team, 17 to 7. Holmes scored both touchdowns and racked up a total of 124 yards rushing. As a result, he received the David H. Grosberg Memorial Trophy as "Star-of-the-Game."

The presentation of the trophy was made at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel at a post game banquet hosted by Missouri University football Coach Dan Devine. Devine was the commentator for the game, along with Skip Carry, on KMOX.

The North came on strong and fast from the beginning of the game and kept it up throughout the first half, when Holmes made a nine yard gallop to make the score 10-0.

More to Come

McCluer's annual talent show will be presented in the M-1 auditorium on February 18, 1967, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. There will be an admission of one dollar per person; all proceeds going to the Junior Committee for the prom.

This year the theme will be "Tonight", based on the Johnny Carson Show. Auditions began in early October and were completed during the week of December 6. Twenty acts will participate in the show, including magic acts, comedy acts, jazz combos, rock and roll combos, modern dancing, classical and jazz piano, an accordion solo, folk groups, the McCluer Folk Group directed by B. C. Bundy, and as a special feature; Guntar Wagner and Marco Julio Vega-Neda will perform. Teachers skits, such as commercials and others, will also be a part of the program.

It is hoped that several radio and television personalities from the St. Louis area will attend to evaluate and scout the McCluer talent. Such personalities as Charlotte Peters, Jack Murdock, and KXOK disc-jockies will attend.

The complete production of the "Tonight Show" is being done by

the pages of a secretary's notebook.

To begin with, they have decided to again sell cans of various types of candy at various prices. This project, they hope, will help to relieve the dazed look on the face of their treasurer. Also, on January 14, they have scheduled the annual KXOX all-star vs. Faculty basketball game. This year, the all-stars hope to rebound from their humiliating defeat of last year. And to top off the world of ideas that were presented, Bill West suggested that the club have a dance. This dance will be done in a style that has been done in less than ten cities in the country, and, when held, will be one of the most spectacular dances ever held at McCluer. This was one of the most favored of the suggestions and most of the members favored its adoption.

Who Is Who

McCluer's own, personal address and telephone book, the Who's Who, will arrive for distribution possibly a week before Christmas.

The winner of the cover contest was Vicky Hammond, a junior. Her design is a simple, abstract one and promises to be very interesting.

The student body will notice several changes in the Who's Who set up this year. The book will be bound with a plastic spiral, which will permit it to be opened flat. There will be no separation of boys and girls, and specification of class, senior, junior, or sophomore will be indicated on each page. The paper used will be of a better grade and less mistakes will be found in the printing.



The Junior Choir and Brass Ensemble as they appeared at Christmas Vespers.

It would not have been possible for Al to score, however, if it hadn't been for the superb offensive blocking that was displayed by Mastroianni. Without the powerful offensive line, of which Mastroianni was an important part, even the fastest runner could not rush for a score.

When coach Stub Muhl was asked about the performance of the North's offensive line, he replied that with so many great players, it would be hard to pick standouts. He went on to say, however, that, of the members of the line, Greg Mastroianni was truly outstanding.

This game marked a tremendous climax for Greg's and Al's high school football careers. This game also gave the colleges a chance to view future potential college standouts.

Both players have a lot to look back on from their years of football. In the past four years, Holmes has set numerous outstanding records.

Cool Ice Age

Last Saturday, December 7, a fabulous event occurred! The M-1 gym was transformed into a land of ice and snow to provide the setting for this year's Christmas Dance.

You entered Ice Age '66 through the tunnel of a large igloo and immediately encountered mist floating through the gym. The gym was covered with a canopy of dark blue and purple with a huge glittering snowflake hanging in the center. Similar smaller snowflakes were scattered along the canopy out to the bleachers. The bleachers were covered with snow capped mountains in front of a deep blue sky against which glittering snowflakes were falling.

The two great bands, the Good Feelin's and the DuTones were at either end of the gym, one on the stage and the other on a raised platform. Around the platform there was a massive iceberg and across the stage there was a large banner with Ice Age '66 written in silver letters. Behind the bands were twisted streamers of silver to give a shimmering effect.

Refreshments were served in the adjoining hall decorated with Christmas ornaments and a Christmas tree. The refreshments went with the theme and everyone received a "snowball" with his ticket. Ice cream floats and sherbet were sold also.

He holds the record for the most yards gained in a varsity career, 2636, in one season, 1256, and in one game, 356. In addition, he holds the record for the longest run from scrimmage, a seventy yard spring against Kirkwood in 1965, and the longest pass completion on a 60 yard pass from Steve Miller in the same season.

For the last two years, Al has been on the All-Conference, All-District, All-Suburban, and All-Metro teams. This year he was also on the All-League and the All-Star team.

"Deck the Halls"

The Choral Department directed by Mr. B. C. Bundy presented the 1966 Christmas Assembly on Friday, December 16.

During the procession by the Junior and Senior choirs, the Sophomore-Junior Madrigal, the Junior-Senior Madrigal, and the Girls' Ensemble sang such favorite carols as Hark The Herald Angels Sing and O Come All Ye Faithful. The assembly was a presentation of part of the Christmas Vesper Program held on December 11.

Gloria In Excelsis, sung by the Senior Choir, closed the assembly with the accompaniment of the Brass Ensemble.

Bill Livsey; stage, John Hertenstein and Steve Nixon; stage crew, Curt Opperman and Terry Bartholomew; props, Drusie Edgar. There will also be committees for costumes and make up. The Junior Committee will provide publicity, tickets and the concession program.

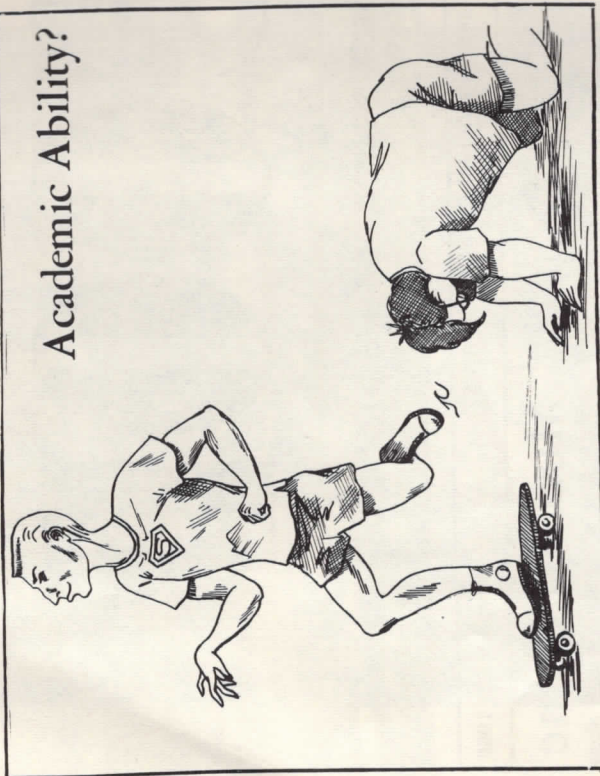
Pam Cicotte, Junior Miss

Saturday, November 26 will be a memorable date in the mind of Pam Cicotte. It was on this evening that she won the North County Junior Miss finals held here at McCluer. Along with her title, Pam received a scholarship and will have a chance to win the State Junior Miss Pageant which will be held in St. Louis in January.

Pam was chosen on the basis of poise, scholarship, personality, academic achievement, and appearance. She was among thirty-one contestants in the pageant, many of whom were also from McCluer. Two other girls from McCluer were selected as runners-up. Bette Stukowski was the first runner-up and Olivia Ilagan was third.



Pam Cicotte



War On Grades

The results of our recent poll on the subject of grades shows a definite need for reform in our system of grading: 6 out of every 7 people that voted were either against grades or "tended to be against" grades. Obviously, the majority of the students are dissatisfied with our present system, and a substitute should be found.

There are two ways our grading system can be improved. A separate grade could be given for effort and ability. Individuals have different talents and skills. Some just don't have the ability to succeed in a certain area of school, as in English or Chemistry. But the teacher can see whether or not students are trying. Admittedly, the teacher can't give students B's when they are really doing C work. This wouldn't be fair to the student who is doing B work, because the first student's work wasn't of the same quality. But doesn't the student who really tries deserve something for his effort? Take physical education classes as an example. Student X is just average. He takes his fitness tests and receives an average of 65. Student Y is active in athletics and when he takes the test, receives an average of 95. Both these students are graded on the averages. Is it fair that student X gets a C- for his effort while student Y gets an A? Really student X has put forth much more effort to obtain a C-, but because he is not physically capable of doing 50 push-ups, etc., he will never receive an A. Student Y is lucky, he's active and very interested in sports, and he can get an A with almost no effort at all. The same situation exists in other courses.

New Approach To History

The object of social studies courses is to educate us about world social, political, economic, and religious problems, both in the present and the past. This is done in an attempt to provide us with a basis for making decisions in our modern world. In other words, to furnish us with something to apply toward a better understanding of the world and its events.

That is what social studies courses are supposed to do. But the program is not succeeding at McCluer, because of just one tragic flaw.

The villain—the textbooks we are using. In the first place, the people who write them are licked before they start, because by the time the book is published, it is well on its way toward becoming outdated.

In the second place, a book, written by a group of Americans, who were born, reared and educated in this country, tends to be a little less than objective. For example, one book we are using says of our experience with the Philippines: "The United States determined to end such hostility" (The Filipinos were trying their best to get us out of their country) "by introducing a program of reform. It built many schools, roads, and hospitals; and in many other ways it helped to build up the country. It also gradually gave the Filipinos experience in governing themselves." What the book fails to mention is that the United States made quite a large sum of money in the Philippines, especially some large American corporations. Were the United States' motives so crystal clear as all that? The issue is not which point of view is the true or correct one, it is that both views were not included—that of the Filipinos, and that of the Americans. A lack of balance exists. And there is no practical way to correct this lack—except by not using one textbook.

However, the main fault of textbooks is that they actually *discourage* individual thought. They are too dry, too factual in parts. As a student protesting this said "In most . . . courses, 'Democracy' and 'Communism' fight each other out on a wooden stage. After going through one of these courses, it takes someone with a vivid imagination to realize that these things are ideas that millions of people around the world are living and sometimes dying for."

This is the most important part of any social studies course, the understanding of, and drawing conclusions about, basic concepts and ideas which lie buried beneath facts. The textbooks are full of facts and maps and lists and dates, all of which are useless, in isolation from concepts and ideas. So, the social studies course becomes an exercise in memory work. Now, the students, instead of thinking about the deep questions which lie beneath all these facts and charts and dates, wearily memorize everything, take the test, and promptly forget everything again.

With all these strikes against it, how can the idea of having a textbook (upon which the social studies course is based) be acceptable? It can not. Something is needed in place of it. And there is something.

Make social studies, especially history, a science of concepts, as it was originally meant to be. Take for example, the concept or idea of - what role does religion play in history? Of course, the religions must be studied, but it is useless to stop at facts. Now, let's apply the facts to the concept, arrive at creative conclusions, and *use the facts to back up the conclusions*.

From there, other questions could be explored, like; How does the lack of a religion affect a culture? What happens to a civilization when its religion becomes lax and degenerate? How are the development of Puritanism and the development of democratic states linked?

There are other general concepts that should be explored. Some are; What effect

student in a chemistry class could do only fair work on his tests and labs; and receive a C. But since he had tried and put forth much effort, he would receive an A or B in effort, thus proving to himself and others, such as college admissions officers and parents, that he was trying.

The second solution would be to have two averages on your report card and transcript—academic average and total average. By this means a student could have one average based on purely academic subjects, such as Chemistry, English, history, math, and foreign languages; subjects that have academic content and do not teach a particular skill. Subjects that teach a skill, such as music, art, gym, typing, key punch, secretarial practice band, and orchestra should be counted, with the academic courses, on a separate total average. These subjects require, for the most part, manual dexterity and repetition. Both averages would be recorded on your transcript, but in this way, college admittance offices, school officials, etc., could see how the student is progressing in the purely academic sense, and also, if they are interested, the student's total average.

As it stands, a student who takes all solids, such as chemistry, advanced math, French IV, and English is compared to a student taking typing, key punch, art I, crafts III, and choir. We realize one must have talent to create a sculpture or play a sonnet, but we also realize a student must have a different sort of ability to solve the equation $2x - 2y - 3z - 9w$, or see if barium floats in water. We also realize that grades in academic courses are a more accurate measurement of a student's academic ability than grades given in the skill courses. It could also be argued that today *academic* ability is more important than being "well rounded."

Membership in the National Honor Society should also be based on purely academic subjects and grades. Is it fair that a student who has made straight A's all through chemistry, math, languages, etc. be compared to a student who has made straight A's in art, crafts, metal work, etc? This is especially unfair considering the National Honor Society. We concede that much work is put in on a painting, or in building a chair in shop but we also insist more work and a greater academic ability is required to conjugate verbs in Spanish. The National Honor Society is supposedly for students who have proven themselves far above average in academic ability, as well as being of good character. But how much academic ability is shown by a student who has gotten A's in typing? Should this student be allowed membership over a student who has made only B's in a difficult subject, such as Advanced Biology?

At the present time, there is much dissatisfaction among the students of McCluer with the grading system. With so much opposition to our present system of grading, or to grades in general, it seems something should be done to improve the situation.

played in history! And, most important, including those who would come to the defense of Communism.

This world is one which we are all too soon to inherit, and we will have the responsibility of running it. If we go out armed only with facts and dates and lists and charts, a very rude awakening awaits us, and the world. Are you prepared to gamble the future of the world on unprepared people?

Christmas Truce — Pro and Con

Recently the United States has made a request for a peace truce during the Christmas Holidays in Viet Nam. A strong controversy has arisen over whether or not we should have such a truce. Below are two opinions of some of the pro's and con's of such a truce.

PRO

The effect of a Christmas truce on the morale of our soldiers in Viet Nam would be tremendous. The cease fire would give them an opportunity to spend a few days thinking of home and celebrating their own Christmas, instead of having to fight a war. The increase in morale would be very beneficial for our armed forces.

To fear a truce because of the supposed military advantage it gives the enemy is questionable. It's true that the ability to maneuver one's army into strategic positions is still possible during a period of cease fire, and it is very reasonable to assume that the Viet Cong would engage in such activities. However, our armed forces would still be at liberty to move themselves and could, if necessary, check the enemy so that no net change in strategic positioning would occur.

U Thant, Secretary General of the United Nations, recently expressed his hope that the proposed Christmas truce would expand into negotiations between Viet Nam

CON

Recently the United States has requested a peace truce for the Christmas holidays.

Last year the Viet Cong took advantage of the Christmas truce to launch 84 "significant actions" on Christmas day. Even if it could be assumed a truce would be observed by the Viet Cong, the truce would only bar fighting during the "truce period." Still the Viet Cong could take tremendous advantage of the truce without even violating the truce. During the two day period the Viet Cong would have a great opportunity to build up their air defenses over Haiphong and other important areas which the Viet Cong value. If North Vietnam does build up her defenses the U. S. forces would be forced to fight harder and longer to negate the strategic advantage which the Viet Cong had taken during the truce.

If there were no truce, it should bring solace to the families of soldiers overseas to know that their sons will not have to fight, and die, because of a major Communist strategic regrouping accomplished during the truce period.

War is no game and it provides no period of rest to the enemy. If America is really engaged in this war for a good noble principle it should be considered a duty of the United States to see our commitment through until such time as a permanent truce is agreed upon.

By John Kiehl

By Mike Meyer



The three girls who are standing above with the dream of every girl are, from left to right, Sue McArdle, Mary Ann Schimpf, and Bet Rives.

Fashion Scoop

by Pam Burns

Christmas is almost here and just think: only two more shopping days fellows so you had better get on the ball and buy that special girl that special gift, but what? The three girls above know what they want, what every girl wants; a big fuzzy stuffed animal!

Starting on the left, Sue McArdle is wearing tapered slacks of hot pink. Her sweater is made of light pink and hot pin horizontal stripes separated by thin bands of bright olive green. Brown loafers complete her outfit.

A word to the boys. See that foxy character in the middle? The one sitting on the fence? Look at all the attention he's getting. The girls just can't resist his charming face and wow, what a build! Even Mary Ann Schimpf standing on his right can't help but put her arm around him!

Mary Ann is wearing a skirt and sweater outfit of several shades of pink and a touch of green-gold in the skirt. The pullover sweater is of a solid hot pink with a mock turtle neck and three quarter length sleeves. Her skirt is an A-line plaid with several shades of pink in it with a few stripes of green-gold interwoven.

Last, but not least, is poor Bet Rives who just can't seem to get close to that irresistible character, the fox. Her only consolation is wearing a straight skirt of a solid pink and a sweater of flowery pink and green print on a white background. She didn't luck out completely!

All these outfits are soft and feminine, made for the girl who likes to dress and look like one. Christmas parties are here and pretty soon New Year's will be and there just isn't a better way to celebrate than in one of the outfits modeled above.

A Christmas Kaleidescope

by Sue McArthur

Stanley's World

by Pat Waring

Stanley was a Lionel train engineer and proud of it, the stamped proof on his uniform left no doubt of that. He was also proud of the ebony locomotive he was master over and, in fact, of the entire Lionel train display which he dominated in the department store window. This was his territory, every polished rail and blade of fake grass. This was his World.

Across the table and directly beneath the warning sign of "Only 7 shopping days left till Christmas," sat a shiny red Streamliner. Well and good. Competition was necessary to show these spectators all the qualities he had in his favor. Looks weren't everything in the World anymore, and he was out to prove it.

It took two seven-year-olds a scarcely detectable seventeen seconds to locate the train display which they had admired from the outside while waiting for the store to begin yet another shopping day. And before another seventeen had elapsed, there was an obvious problem over controls. Two boys can't possibly operate the same shiny red Streamliner. Solution: Fight until an understanding adult points out the assets of the ebony locomotive, careful to direct these points to a single operator. Now, with a snob-bish, "Well, you just see who has the power!", the meet was on.

Stanley watched for landmarks of the World he knew so well. Plastic trees forming plastic forests rolled past his window as his wheels clacked over the not-too-tightly joined rails, and his bell clanged its customary signal that he, Stanley, was out again to conquer.

A mirror pool reflected a bulky locomotive making its way across a not-overly sturdy bridge, while on the other side of the World a compact red Streamliner hummed its way past a lighted post office. A switch here and the use of a turntable there sent the trains under newly constructed tunnels, over newly raised hills, and through newly dug valleys.

But Stanley soon tired of such time-wasting and set his already active mind to planning never-before-practiced feats, proof to his practicality over that impostor's temporary beauty. Why, after a few months time, what's left of beauty?

White smoke puffed from his smokestack as Stanley worked his speed up to surpass his opponent's.

There, now let him try to beat that! The trees blurred to become fuzzy streaks of green and as for the tunnel, he was out before he realized he was in. The mirror pool had no time to distinguish train from bridge, but recorded merely a gray streak.

Stanley was living, he knew the feelings of power to be Life. On, on, faster, faster! Those looking on couldn't help but admire his magnificence, and gradually a small crowd gathered. Here was an audience, here was fame! Yes, here was his World.

But slow down, Stanley. You can't go that fast! You'll jump the track, you'll smash on the floor! Stop . . . !

See those people, Stanley? They're laughing at you. Too bad, Stanley, there's no World for you now.

The scene? A living room with

floor scattered with papers, nuts, bolts, screws, and 674 every-ready batteries. The time? The night before Christmas, or should I say, very early Christmas morning, about 2:30? The characters? Mom and Dad. And what are they doing? They are making a mad, last attempt to put together Susie's doll house, Billy's bike, Freddy's pinball game, and all the other crazy "do-it-yourself" toys.

Most parents at one Christmas or another have had to put up with the agony that occurs when they are forced to assemble the toys for their children from Santa. A typical conversation on one of these occasions might go like this:

Dad: Say, Jane, hand me that part "A" over there. I'm supposed to insert it into the "O" side of part "L" right next to part "D" and perpendicular to part

Space Car first.

And so it goes. A parent can become horribly frustrated when he is unable to put together a toy that is supposed to be so easy to assemble that even a child can do it. The traumatic effect these toys have on parents is disheartening. A parent can become so irritated that he may, at 4:00 in the morning, run into his child's bedroom, pull him out of bed and tell him hysterically that there is no Santa Claus.

The effect his parents' feeble attempts at putting these toys together is noticeable on the child, too. He becomes moody and withdrawn when everyone else's bicycle looks like a bicycle and his looks like a barbed-wire fence. He may even start sucking his thumb again -- and at 13 years old yet!

And the straw that breaks the

Those Terrible Toys

by Peggy English

On Christmas Day the family gets together and has a big dinner. They have no special food but the dinner is larger than usual. There is no caroling in Viet Nam, but they do have a Christmas song, which is sung during this season. It is called Chua Giang Sinh Rao Doi. There is only one day for Christmas holiday since this is not a major holiday there.

Finally, an unnamed student whose identity is being withheld for his own protection wanted a better inquiry column in SCOOP. He was obviously not feeling well that day.

When children ask Mr. Howell where Rudolph and the other reindeer are, he tells them he keeps them at Grant's farm. That way, he says, the children can't really check up and find out if they are there. If he told them they were at the zoo, for instance, they could go and they would see that there was no deer there with a red, shining nose.

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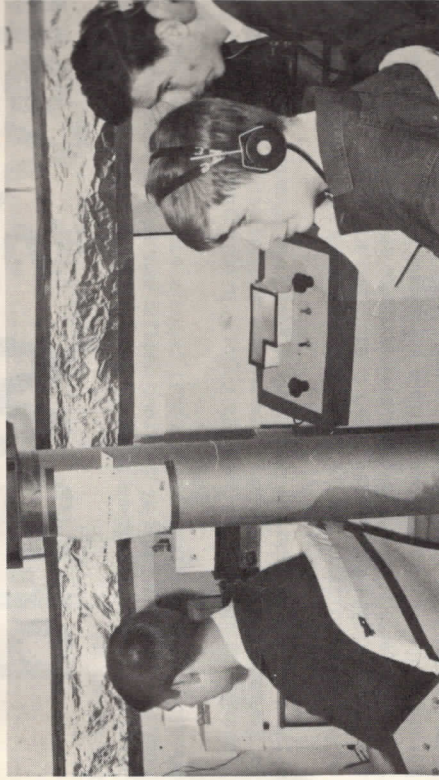
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Merry
Christmas



Left to right, Moviemakers Dave Reiff, Bob Moman, and Jim Kyle.

McCluer's Great Moviemakers

by Dave Ackmann

From the people who brought you the colossal achievements of The Odyssey and Famous American Ships comes the stupendous production of The Passing Star! This film, which has been over six years in the making, promises to be one of the most fascinating productions that has been seen by any person anywhere.

As I descended into the Kyle basement, I was confronted with a maze of lights, cameras, wires, and pieces of scenery. The boys were about ready to start filming their epic of science fiction. Doug Marinan was placing a camera and setting it so it would get the right amount of light. Dave Reiff, actor and cameraman, was putting the final touches on one of the many lights in the basement. Jim Kyle was setting some of the explosives behind part of the controls of the "rocket" so that they would go off at the right time. Gene Dale, special effects engineer, stood near the stairs and complained to himself because the drugstore was out of strontium nitrate, thus hurting some of his dazzling explosions. Looking on were Joe Rothenheber, Bruce Husterman, Bob Moman and Dan Duncan, all either actors, set builders or general technicians.

The movie starts out with three astronauts from Earth, Dave, Jim and Bob, getting ready to blast off on a mission to destroy a comet that is threatening the Earth. The rocket is carrying a bomb that will destroy the comet when the men drop it. However, something goes wrong with the mission, and the rocket falls into the cosmic dust of the comet. There a giant monster destroys the rocket, killing all aboard. When finished sometime before the end of school, and hopefully by mid-April, the film will be about one and a half hours long, in color, and will have the sound with the movie and not on a separate tape as they have had on their earlier movies.

One of the most interesting things that I found about the operation was the detailed nature of the set. There were many intricate instruments filled with knobs, switches or flashing colored lights. Along the side wall of the ship there is a Star Trek type viewer with which they see the outside world, a computer complete with output data, an interstellar radio, tanks of gas and a vid to power their nuclear reactor and finally the bathroom. A real functional aid

SNOOPS

HAPPINESS IS:

- (1) keeping your knee socks up.
- (2) raisins on the floor.
- (3) a tapered gym suit.
- (4) removing masking tape, soggy Kleenex, and paint from your homecoming float.
- (5) an advisory teacher.
- (6) hot or even warm water in the gym showers.
- (7) bubble gum in the drinking fountain.
- (8) a clean table at lunch.
- (9) a seven foot bronzed raisin as the Class of '67 Senior Gift.
- (10) no Rod of the Month.
- (11) having a poem on Page Four not written about "little white worms slithering hopelessly in the rotting center."
- (12) peanut butter and raisins WITH jelly.
- (13) a librarian with spike heels and enlarged vocal cords.
- (14) getting your braces off a week before the Christmas Dance.
- (15) forgetting your I.D. card.
- (16) being a free and independent



- (17) making a basket at the Right end of the basketball court.
- (18) plaid dandruff.
- (19) free mustard and catsup.
- (20) mistletoe hanging OVER THE CREST!
- (21) having a hibernating turtle that is really dead.
- (22) the Dark Room. Right!
- (23) fiery red hair (hairy-hair-hair).
- (24) a raisin-counter.
- (25) CHRISTMAS VACATION!!!

The Prowling Spirit

by Pat Waring

With store interiors blasting shoppers with the Christmas spirit and magazines catching those who manage to escape the initial shock wave, McCluer, too, appears to have joined the annual round-up for spirit escapes. If you've eluded the Christmas Spirit so far, don't have it publicized, 'cause it'll find you no matter where you hide!

In the halls, on the stairs, in the classroom, cafeteria, or broom closet, the Spirit's on the prowl. Sometimes in crowds, other times in individuals, or just "in the air." There's no getting away. Want some advice? Give in to it. It's not so bad, at least that's what the other 3499 students say. Need proof? Witness these scenes:

As usual in-between classes, the halls are packed so tightly that even the walls of classrooms are leaning inward while on the other side the lockers display a continuous line of dents. Students are howling, screaming, crying, and laughing (hysterically!) all in perfect off-key harmony. Now this in itself is not worth the space

An American Holiday

by Kathy Miller

When asked their impressions of the Thanksgiving Holiday, two of McCluer's exchange students, Nguyen Ba Chung and Gunter Wagner said that they had holidays similar to the American Thanksgiving in their countries.

In Germany, Thanksgiving occurs on an autumn Sunday. The date is determined by the separate towns and is based on when the crops have been harvested. In a church ceremony, the people bring food, usually fruit, to share with those who didn't have as good a year.

Ta On is a Vietnamese holiday, equivalent to Thanksgiving. Since it is only celebrated by the Catholics in Vietnam it is a very minor holiday. Many of the people aren't even aware of it. The ones that do celebrate this holiday give thanks to the Virgin Mary for the many benefits they have received.

Since there is no holiday like Thanksgiving in British Honduras, Marco Vega-Neda enjoyed his first Thanksgiving here. Marco was surprised about the idea of setting one day aside for giving thanks. He believes that people should individually give thanks every day. The togetherness of the family on this day impressed Marco. Coming from a country where the families are very close, he was glad to see that the whole family had at least one special day set aside for being together.

Nguyen Ba Chung felt that our Thanksgiving was more of a commercialized social gathering than a day of worship. The family is busy using this opportunity to be together to catch up on each other's activities that they don't fully appreciate the significance. Like Marco, he feels that thanks should be given on more of an individual basis. Chung believes that in a

supporting steel girders will melt realistically on the ship.

Another interesting aspect of the picture is the way special effects are handled. Most of the explosions are set off by using a flash bulb. When the bulb is lighted, it provides enough energy to ignite the mixture of gunpowder or potassium nitrate, sugar and powdered iron. Also, when they found that they needed some way to make a ray for the ray guns used in the show, they decided to use the technique of scratching the film after it was developed. This is very hard to do since the frames they etch are only 8mm on a side, but the job is very well done. Also interesting is the way they move their monsters. Each monster is made from a pliable substance like clay. To make the monster move on the film, they take two frames of the movie, move the monster slightly and then take two more frames. This is done many times until the scene is shot.

Dave Reiff is in charge of the costumes for this movie. He bought three sets of Army fatigues and made three paper mache helmets, which completed the space suits. These helmets were very hard to construct since he had to make each one using a balloon for a form. They took about a month to build.

Sometime after Christmas, they plan to have a preview reel ready and to show this to some of the advisories. This will hopefully drum up some enthusiasm from the students to see the whole show.

When the boys are making movies, they burn about 1500 watts of current each hour. This helps explain why the movie will cost them over \$500 before they are finished. To help defray the cost of the production the boys are looking for a sponsor and, in addition, think that they might have to charge a small admission when they show the film.

After seeing the amount of work that is involved in shooting part of the picture, I can assure you that when you go to see this novel creation, you will have an interesting and enjoyable evening.

Christmas Exchange

by Kathy Miller

When Steve Heitman, McCluer's foreign exchange student to Costa Rica, left in August, he and the Goicoecheas, his family in Costa Rica, promised to see each other again. This promise was kept. On November 27, Mrs. Goicoechea, Steve's Costa Rican mother, and his brother, Rudolph, arrived to spend Christmas with the Heitmans.

The Goicoecheas flew from Costa Rica to Miami, Florida, where they spent the first couple of days. Rudolph found the U. S. much prettier than he had expected. Mrs. Goicoechea said that many of the Americans they spoke to didn't know where Costa Rica was. This surprised her since everyone in Costa Rica knows where the United States is. Passing through Alabama and Tennessee, the Goicoecheas came to Missouri by bus. On the trip a Canadian mistook Rudolph for an American.

They arrived in St. Louis early in the morning of December 9. They saw the arch briefly when they arrived. Rudolph was impressed by the size, but couldn't see it too well because of the smog.

Rudolph was surprised by the difference between Missouri and Florida. He finds it hard to think of them as two states in the same nation. They are so different they seem like two different countries.

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such as this is only an annual occurrence!

Teachers, too, have fallen to the Spirit. Notice how they rush the students through the lessons in half the time they used to take in order to make the goal the "class" decided on in September? And homework . . . twice as much so that they won't have as much over the holidays. Such thoughtfulness!

Ah, the Spirit drifts through the halls! Take a deep breath . . . no, on second thought, don't. The Home Ec department has a bit longer still to attempt Christmas cookies before perfection is expected. Until then it's better to breathe easy and pass on.

Adopting the disguise of a Christmas stocking, the Spirit of Christmas further infiltrates students through the annual charity drive in advisories. Generosity is the word here as students freely give of themselves in order that an older person's Christmas might be that much happier. And never a thought of personal reward . . . well, there are always some people . . .

Outside of McCluer's protective walls, all ages are invaded. Snowballs, packed tight with good wishes, explode on contact and release their glad tidings of "Merry Christmas!" Meanwhile further down the way, more ammunition is being prepared with a recipe including a robust "Ho, ho, ho." A little uncomfortable maybe, but still a novel way to get the message across.

Bus drivers, too, fall to be immune to the communicable Spirit. When else but at Christmas time do they actually wait for students to sit down before turning that sharp right? Or let them get on without checking the picture on their I.D. card with a magnifying glass? Or believe it really was them who answered the roll?

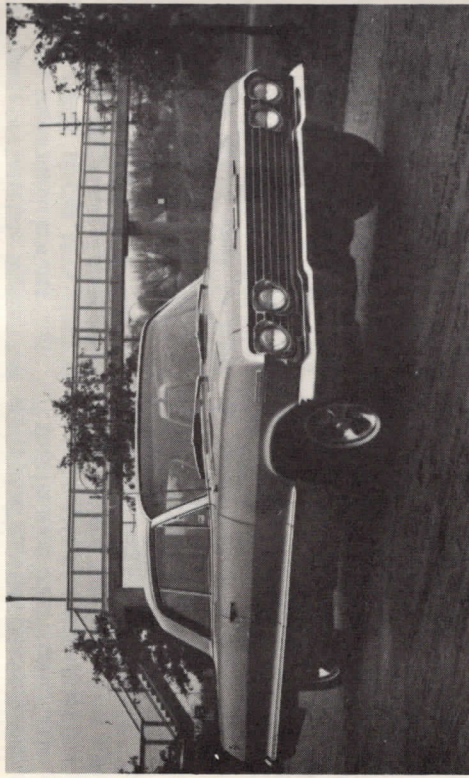
There's no hiding from it no matter where you go, so you might as well face up. Christmas always rolls around and with it these preliminaries. They aren't really so bad, at least when you consider you have eleven months to recuperate!

Merry
Christmas

the idea of the family being together will fade.

Gunter Wagner had heard about American Thanksgivings at school. He found it pretty much as he had expected. In most respects the German Thanksgivings are like the American Thanksgivings. One basic difference he noticed was that our Thanksgivings aren't as closely related to the church. Gunter enjoyed the chance for the family to be together.

Like the rest of the student body, Marco, Chung, and Gunter enjoyed the turkey dinner, and especially enjoyed the two day holiday from school.



ROD OF THE MONTH

by Dave Ackmann

John Stdko has one of the cars to look out for next spring when the dragstrips reopen. Although he has had the car for only a month and a half, he has already changed the transmission to a Hurst 3 speed synchromesh and remounted it on the floor. The '63 Impala is powered by a Chevy 283 engine with a 327 intake manifold and 300 horsepower heads. The mist blue car has a D-series AFB four barrel carburetor. It has dual exhausts and also a 4-11 rear end with positraction. The above picture shows the mags that he now has on his car.

Other equipment on his car includes a suntach, a vibrosonic radio, and tinted windows. He also has a set of slicks for the car, but he has taken them off because they are not too safe to drive with in the winter.

By the time he is ready to race the car, he hopes to have put in a new cam and headers and maybe a hi-rise manifold. John hopes that by this time next year he will have his room lined with trophies from the dragstrips in the area, and with a little luck he will probably have them.

Swimming Season Opens

McCluer's swimming team started out the 66-67 season by losing their first meet to Chaminade High School 50 to 45 on December 8th.

First place winners for McCluer were; Gary Underwood who took the 100 yard Butterfly; Steve Williams - 50 yard Freestyle; Mike Gregory who tied for first in the 22 yard Freestyle; Russ Dremann-100 yard Breaststroke; and the 400 yard Freestyle relay teams which includes Jim VanHorn, Terry McGinnis, Sutton Stephens, and Steve Williams.

McCluer took 2nd and 3rd in both the 200 yard Individual Medley and the 100 yard Freestyle. Mike Gregory took second in the 400 yard Freestyle; and Tom Murphy took third in the diving competition.

Bryan Averages 25 QQ Comets Keep Bills In Check

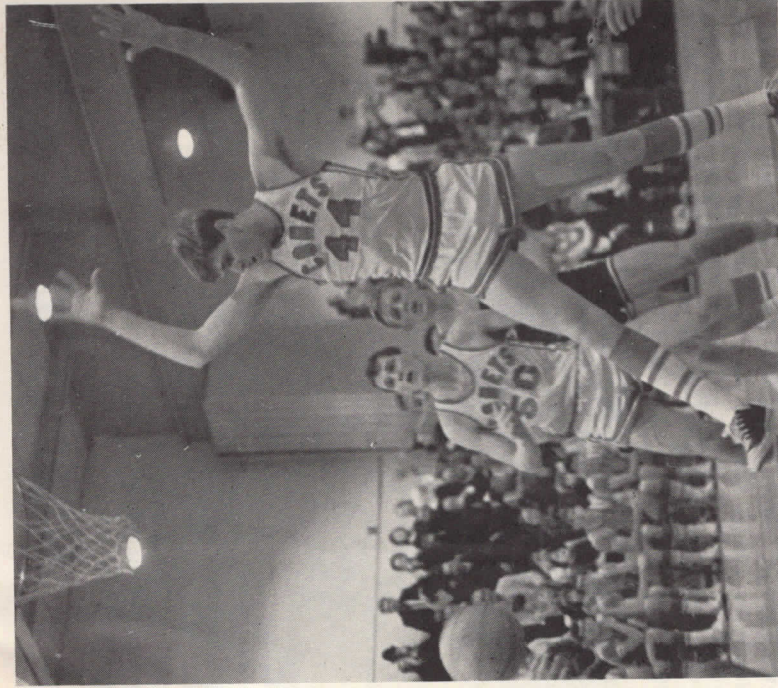
A mid-game lead by St. Louis fired the Comets into swinging the margin, and the game, into their favor as they defeated the Jr. Bills on McCluer's home court, 70-59. Jim Bryan supplied the fire power the Comets needed as he pushed in 34 points in the contest.

The first quarter saw the Comets take the lead, lose it, and then regain it as a see-saw battle existed until the buzzer sounded, with the home squad on top, 15-14. St. Louis University High's McWilliams kept the Bills running with 6 quick markers, but an equal output by Bryan kept the game at almost a standstill.

But the second period wound up slightly in the favor of the Junior Billikens. The Bills' Hummel was the key man in putting the lead in their favor, but again it was Bryan who kept the Comets alive as he pumped in the last 8 points for our team, sending his first-half total to 17. 33-30 was the half-time final, but the McCluer squad seemed headed for catastrophe as both Barry Maurer and Gary Patterson had committed 3 fouls each.

A really tight battle had existed up to the third quarter and it continued that way. Neither team did much to the score except increase it. Patterson dominated the shooting for the Comets with 6 points. But the final period was the clincher as it had to be. Bryan put on a truly sparkling performance for the Comets as he threw in 9 of 10 charity tosses. And the foul play was the difference as the Jr. Bills sent the McCluer five to the line 12 times in the fourth quarter alone.

St. Louis's Brostron came in to try to keep up the Bills' lead, and at one point they were able to manage a 7 point lead, when they seemed



Bryan gets ready to pounce on the ball in the S.L.U.H. game.

Bryan Averages 25 QQ

Comets' Corner

by Harold Pilger

Since it's Christmas, I'd like to list some of the presents that Santa has already brought to McCluer this year:

Another winning football season . . . this year's team had a lot of talent, but the one player who will stand out in our minds for years to come is our All-Metro, All-State, and All-Star halfback, Al Holmes. Those who saw the last game of the season will never forget the final touchdown of his McCluer football career, with only 27 seconds left against Riverview, giving him an even 100 points for the season.

The promise of a soccer team for next year . . . after many years of waiting and hoping, we will finally have soccer. Now it's up to the students to fill the team, and support it in the years to come.

A promising basketball season . . . our Comets started off by winning their first games, and they looked very good.

Plenty of talent on our wrestling squad . . . barring injuries, our mat-men will rack up many victories this season.

And most of all, a great student body, who will attend all the coming events, and cheer for McCluer.

Have a Merry Christmas, I'll see you at the Normandy Tournament.

All-Time Football Records

Items	Record Holder	Year	Opponent
Most points scored in varsity career	222 Al Holmes	64, 65, 66	
Most points scored in one season	125 Rich Bernsen	62	
Most times carried ball in varsity career	350 Al Holmes	64, 65, 66	
Most yards gained in varsity career (rushing)	2636 Al Holmes	64, 65, 66	
Most yards gained in one game	256 Al Holmes	66	Normandy
Most passes attempted in one game (non-league)	14 Steve Miller	66	Kirkwood
Most passes completed in one game (non-league)	9 Tom Lombardo	63	Jeff. City
Most yards gained passing in varsity career	834 Tom Lombardo	61, 62, 63	
Most pass receptions attempted in one game	11 Earl DelaRoche	66	Kirkwood
Most passes caught in one game	5 Ed Eberhart	62	Berkeley
Longest kick-off return (scored TD)	85 Dick Morgan	56	Kirkwood
Longest pass completion (pass & run)	85 Earl DelaRoche	66	Roosevelt
	60 Steve Miller	65	Ritenour
	101 to Al Holmes	65	Jeff City

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icit, as they scored 10 straight points. Each of the McCluer five contributed a score in the spree which proved to be the downfall for the Bills. The Comets held on to the lead until the buzzer ended the game at 70-59.

Berkeley

McCluer's Basketball Comets opened their season on a successful note Friday, December 2, in the Berkeley High gym. With seven returning lettermen, Coach Dippold had had good expectations, and after a few shaky moments in the final period, his squad came away with a victory.

With Barry Maurer and 6'9" Jim Bryan pacing the Comet's attack, it was an almost sure win. As soon as the Comets got possession of the ball, they took the lead and never relinquished it. Maurer and Gary Patterson started the assault, as each pushed in 6 markers in the first quarter. And before the Bulldogs could even bark, the Comets had taken an 18-10 lead at the end of the first period.

As play resumed Jim Foor hit quickly with a couple of 15-footers to push the margin to 12 points. For the rest of the half, it was never in doubt who was controlling the boards, and the game. Bryan came through with 11 big points and Maurer added 4 more as the Comets streaked to a 38-20 half-time lead.

But after the intermission, the Berkeley five came out snarling, ready to tear into that early lead. Paced by Mann and Pace, the Bulldogs fought back to a 15 point deficit at the third quarter buzzer. Lew Douglas came in to help the Comets' cause, assisting Bryan and Foor in sustaining the lead.

The fourth quarter almost proved to be the Comets' undoing, as Bryan fouled out with a substantial amount of time remaining. But Foor also paved the way to Berkeley's downfall as they sent the McCluer squad to the line ten times. The Comets, however, could not capitalize and the Bulldogs battled with dogged determination to cut the lead to only four points. It was the Berkeley mistakes that gave us the chance to stay on top, as the final score totaled 69-65.

The Bulldogs' Smyth led all scoring with 21 points, helped by Mann with 19. High scorer for the Comets was Bryan with 18, followed by Maurer with 17.

Jennings

The McCluer Comet varsity basketball team made it two straight wins without a defeat as they outplayed Jennings in a non-league home game, beating them by the score of 86-54. It was a real team effort, with 12 Comets scoring, and was highlighted by a 22 point effort by center Jim Bryan. Tom Bader of Jennings was the high scorer for both teams with 24 points.

Both teams battled fairly evenly in the first quarter, with the Comets holding a 14-11 edge. But the lead was increased in the second period by ten points as the Comets' height began to pay off in rebounds, off both the offensive and defensive boards. McCluer really opened up a wide margin in the third period as they scored 27 points to 10 for Jennings. In the fourth period the Comet starters were given a rest, and their replacements were also superb, outscoring Jennings, and ending the game with a 32 point lead.

the Junior Varsity went after the Berkeley Bulldogs on the Berkeley court.

As the game went, the Comets were not so far behind at any one point in the game. Rich Deuser was the high scorer for the game with 16 points and also had the most rebounds with 12. The final score for the game was Berkeley 42, McCluer 32.

The Jennings Bulldogs were the opponents for the B team's second game of the season. The Comets got off to a fast start and had the Bulldogs tied until the last quarter. There the Comets ran into difficulty. Jennings pulled ahead by one, then the Comets came right back with one. The score bounced back and forth but with less than two minutes remaining, the Comets burst out of the tie and went ahead with good baskets and free shots. As the game ended the Comets had held their lead and won by the score of 60-56. Deuser again was the leader in points and rebounds.

December 9th the Comets met with the St. Louis University High Jr. Billikens for a thrilling game. From the way things started it looked as though the Comets were in for a bad night. The Jr. Bills seemed to be in possession of the ball the whole first quarter, as the score reflected with the Bills leading 21-7 when the buzzer sounded.

The Comets began to bounce back in the 2nd quarter, trailing only by 11 points, but from the third quarter on the Comets had trouble with fouls and gave the Jr. Bills several free points. But the Comets recovered from their mistakes and gained seven points, while St. Louis made six.

In the last quarter the Comets let loose with the best efforts made by the squad. In those seven minutes the Comets racked up 20 points and held St. Louis to 10. But when the game ended the Comets were short one point and St. Louis won, 52-51.

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TOP RUSHERS				
Ball carrier	Times carried	Gain	Loss	Net Gn. Ave.
Holmes	161	1225	83	1142 7.1
Bouldin	16	87	0	87 5.4
Downs	38	141	2	139 3.7
Miller	54	160	73	87 1.6
TOP PASSERS				
Passer	Attps.	Cmpns.	Pctg.	Yds.
Holmes	3	2	67%	29
Miller	74	31	42%	551
Foor	22	4	18%	42
TOP SCORERS				
Player	TD	Pts. after TD	TD	Total pts.
Holmes	16	4		100
DelaRoche	5	0		30
Downs	2	1		13
Spillenkothen	0	7		7

Center of Attraction

by Scott Ramos

During the past few months, there was published in the Post-Dispatch a list of the area scoring leaders in football. There was never a time when a certain representative from McCluer was not on this roster. And at the season's end, Al Holmes was the second name listed with a total of 100 points.

In the recent years, football at McCluer has been correlated with the name Holmes. Although no one else in his family plays the sport Al has developed a true talent. In 8th grade he was invited by a few of his friends at Ferguson Junior High to play on a Junior Cardinal football team. Since this start Al has been thrilling fans of all ages.

According to Al, his development is largely due to the fine coaching he has had. He feels that a team or a player is nothing without his coaches. He attributes his ability to scramble to practicing continually. But he gives much credit to the line as a necessity to his running game. In addition, he does agree with some that our 5-3-0 record wasn't indicative of the fine team we had.

Although he had not as yet chosen a college to attend, Al has received several offers. And the honors keep pouring in. He was chosen as a starting back on the All-Suburban North, the All-Suburban, and the All-Metro teams. And as a member of the North squad of Missouri's first High School All-Star Football Game, Al scored two touchdowns and rushed for 124 yards, high for both teams. And because of his efforts Al received the David H. Grosberg Trophy for the Star-of-the-Game. McCluer can boast about many different things, one of them being a certain football player named Al Holmes, a star on the field and off, a true hero of the game.

