

NAT'L MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS

This fall the President of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, John Stalmaker, announced that five seniors at McCluer have qualified as semi-finalists in the 1966-67 National Merit Scholarship Competition. These students took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last spring. The results of this test show that these five students rank in the top one per cent of high school seniors across the nation who took the test.

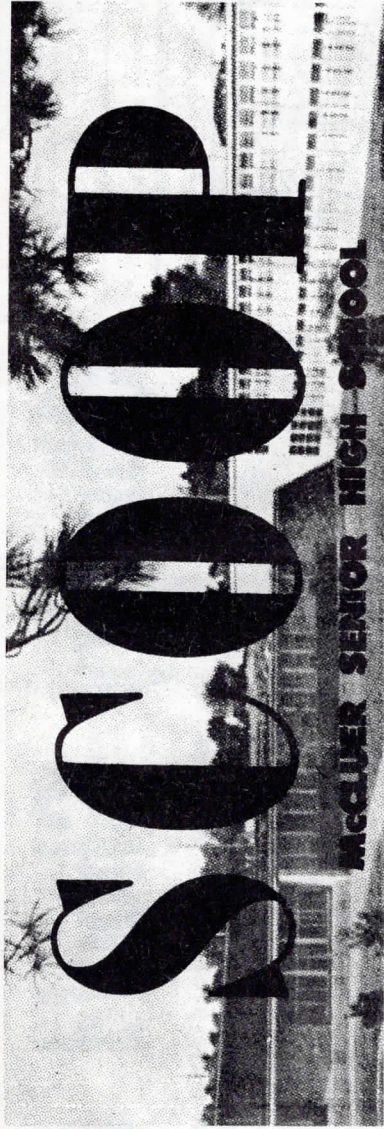
These students are: Sharon Bass, Paul Cartwright, Cathy Gibbs, Ken Kochbeck, and Dave Martin. To become finalists, these students must now take and score well on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, be endorsed by the school, and fulfill certain routine requirements. Those who qualify as Merit Scholars, or finalists, will be notified in April.

In addition to these five semi-finalists, eighteen McCluer seniors have received "Letters of Commendation" from the President of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These students also took the qualifying test last spring and ranked in the upper two percent of those who participated in the test.

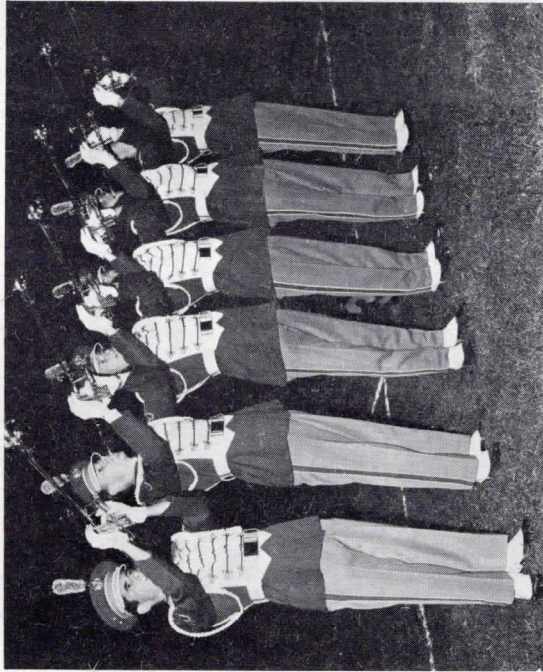
Those who were commended are: Gerry Adair, David Ackmann, Val Arnold, Linda Burchfield, Peggy English, Mike Fischer, Eugene Fisher, Steve Heitman, Judy Homan, Damon Kerby, Barb McClellan, Ted Senadenos, Jeanne McIntyre, Steve Montigne, Hilary Parsons, Sara Penhale, Bill West, and Marie Phillips.

ALL AROUND McCLUER

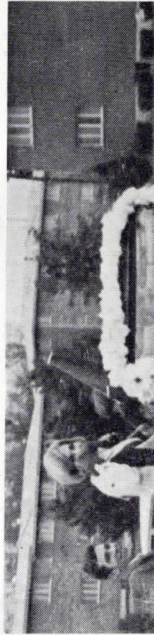
The Service Committee held its



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Homecoming



Musical PTC

The vocal and instrumental departments of McCluer hosted the Parent-Teacher Club meeting held on November 7 at 7:30.

Highlighting the evening were Marco Vega-Neda, the foreign exchange student from Honduras, singing "Climb Every Mountain," from The Sound of Music; and John Hertenstein singing "A Puzzlement", a selection from the King and I that he sang last year in the school's production of that musical.

A Capella Choir III, featuring Damon Kerby as its soloist, sang "Turtle Dove", followed by "Beautiful Savior" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," sung by A Capella Choir IV, with Leah Geiger and Louis Douglas as soloists.

"He Is Good and Handsome" was sung by the Sophomore-Junior Madrigals while the Junior-Senior Madrigals harmonized on "Good Day, Dear Heart". The Girls' Ensemble sang "See the Gypsies". Mrs. Edith Sobin and John Hertenstein were the accompanists for these groups.

A newly-formed group on campus, The Folk Singers, performed "Lemon Tree", "Early In the Morning", "Bamboo", and "Five Hundred Miles." Guitarists for this group are Mary Bindbeutel and Gunther Wagner, McCluer's exchange student from Germany.

Two special instrumental groups were featured during the second half of the program. The Chamber String Orchestra played "Sonata in F" and "Bouree", by Handel, "Allegro" by Fiocco, and "Romance in G" by Beethoven.

annual Foster Children's Concert on the week of October 17 through 21. They collected \$480.09 to be used for support and Christmas presents. Since they collected \$90 more than the goal, the two children will each receive \$25 instead of \$15 at Christmas. The balance of \$70 will be used next year.

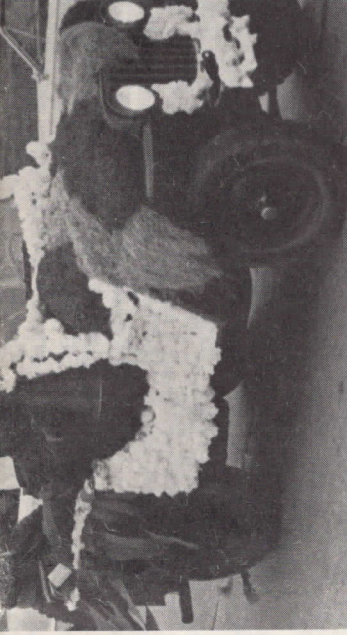
Advanced biology students will have an opportunity to work on formal projects, or to become more familiar with lab equipment and procedures in an informal atmosphere. The biology lab will be open to interested students on Tuesday evenings. Mr. Sawyer, advanced biology teacher, will sponsor this program.

Senior Committee

Senior Committee was elected by the Senior Class on Tuesday October 25. The duties of Senior Committee include choosing the class gift and organizing graduation exercises.

Anyone interested in being on the committee filled out an application and a preliminary election was held cutting the number running from 127 to 54. A ballot was then made up and the 31 members were elected.

They include Peggy Barnett, Laura Beshar, Pam Burns, Curt Chaudoin, Linda Constant, Buster De la Roche, Doug Dix, Ann Dokmo, Ron Downs, Mike Fisher, Francine Fry, Leah Geiger, Forrest Hill, Elmer Kowal, Matt Larigan, Bill Livsey, Linda Loesch, Dave Martin, Claudia Manderak, Steve Montigne, Bill Nelson, Sandra Pauley, Sara Penhale, Connie Persons, Linda Rutledge, Mickey Schlitchemier, Lynne Weaver, Karen Wood, Marsha Zangara, Mary Jane Martin, and Kathy Kruezer.



Skin of Our Teeth

Come one and all! Come to the M-1 Gym November 17, 18, and 19 at 8 P.M.! Come see something wild, witty, and wonderful! Come see Thornton Wilder's *Skin of Our Teeth*.

The play is as modern as Op Art but as meaningful as religion. This fantasy is the story of the Antrabus family's progress through all recorded time and its victories and defeats along the way. The Antrabus family represents all mankind and the hardships mankind encounters that seem almost impossible to survive. This play gives us hope, that, no matter what happens mankind will survive by the skin of its teeth.

The settings are abstract, just

a swimming suit. It was somewhat difficult getting the animal costumes since monkey, dinosaur, and mammoth costumes are not much in demand these days.

This fascinating production is under the direction of Mrs. Billie Teneau. The leading cast members are Bette Sztukowski as Sabina; Ron Thrash and Kathy Marshall as Mr. and Mrs. Antrabus; Terry Ames and Dan Dunne as Gladys and Henry Antrabus; Dana Netherton as Mr. Fitzpatrick; Sue Essock as the Fortune Teller; Gary Newman as the Telegraph Boy; and John Hertenstein as the Announcer.

The tickets are only 75¢ in advance and \$1.00 at the door. Come see this unique, enjoyable play.

formed excerpts from the opera, *Die Meistersinger*, by Richard Wagner and selections from *The Sound of Music*, by Rodgers and Hammerstein. "On the Trail" from the Grand Canyon Suite, by Frede Grofe, and a march by Donald I. Moore, "Dawn of Peace" were included in their performance.

Mr. Plavnick directed the instrumental section of the program while the vocal portions were under the guidance of Mrs. Edith Sobin and Mr. B.C. Bundy.

Junior Committee

The 1966-67 Junior Committee has been elected by the 1080 members of the Junior class. The final elections were held during the advisory period on October 6. Out of the 120 students who ran, 34 were elected.

Members of the new Junior Committee are: Jeannine Barnett, Terry Bartholomew, Barb Bocci, Annina Corno, Janet Davis, Chris Dillon, Janis Doll, Don Dunlap, Tony Gschwender, Carol Haddenhorst, Vicki Hammond, Cindy Helberg, Joan Holubeck, Carol Jeffares, Bill Krueger, Lynn Loecherer, Steve Miller, Bob Morice, Steve Nixon, Geri Oliver, Sandy Pavletic, Becky Perkins, Barry Rinderknecht, Pat Schaumberger, Pris Schaumberger, James Schmuck, Cricket Stulac, Jo Tallo, Alicia Trim, Cathy Tschannen, Vicki Turner, Jim Wallace, Ronnie Gabbard, and Cindy Grimm. Mrs. Brown is the sponsor.

The Junior Committee deals with all problems concerning the Junior class. Their main function is to plan the Junior-Senior Prom.

Chivalry Should Be Dead

The following scene was witnessed in a hall of McCluer: The fire alarm rang and out of one particular door came one boy, then another, then another, the teacher chugging along, another boy, and twelve boys coming out in a group, and then a girl, and another, and finally the last two girls. As the girls were hurrying through the halls, a group of boys passed by and accidentally knocked one of the girls over. This was not intentional, but an accident. As the girl picked herself up, the boys looked back with ashamed looks, but continued on their way.

Girls, do you see anything wrong with this scene? You shouldn't.

But, let's face it, you do find something wrong. Let's try to figure out why you think the actions of the boys were wrong. Admit it, you think the boys should have let the girls out of the room first, and assisted them out of the building. But why should the boys be expected to help the girls, and have no one help them? Were the boys really cads for thinking only of themselves? Let's take a closer look at the situation. Girl Q is on the track team in GAA. She has more letters than all the boys in the room put together. Girl J has always surpassed the boys in grades and the boys, naturally figure she's smart enough to find her own way out. Girl Y is cool, calm, and collected and is already making a rope with which to climb out of the window. Girl Z is so repulsive no one cares if she gets out or not—even the other girls are pushing her back a little.

Women have gained the right to vote, pursue any occupation, do anything a man can do. Should they still expect men to tear off their raincoats and throw them on puddles?

A man and a woman may hold identical positions in a business, yet the woman expects the man to open doors for her, to walk on the outside of the sidewalk and pay the cleaning bills for mud-splattered clothes. If a woman expects to be self-sufficient why should she have to depend on a man to open the door for her?

The definition of chivalry is: The qualifications or character of an ideal knight. But how many knights do we have today? The standards of courtesy were established in any years ago, at a time when women stayed in the home and were obedient little souls who never questioned men. But women and their roles in life have changed since then, and it's time to re-define chivalry also.

Educational

Opportunities

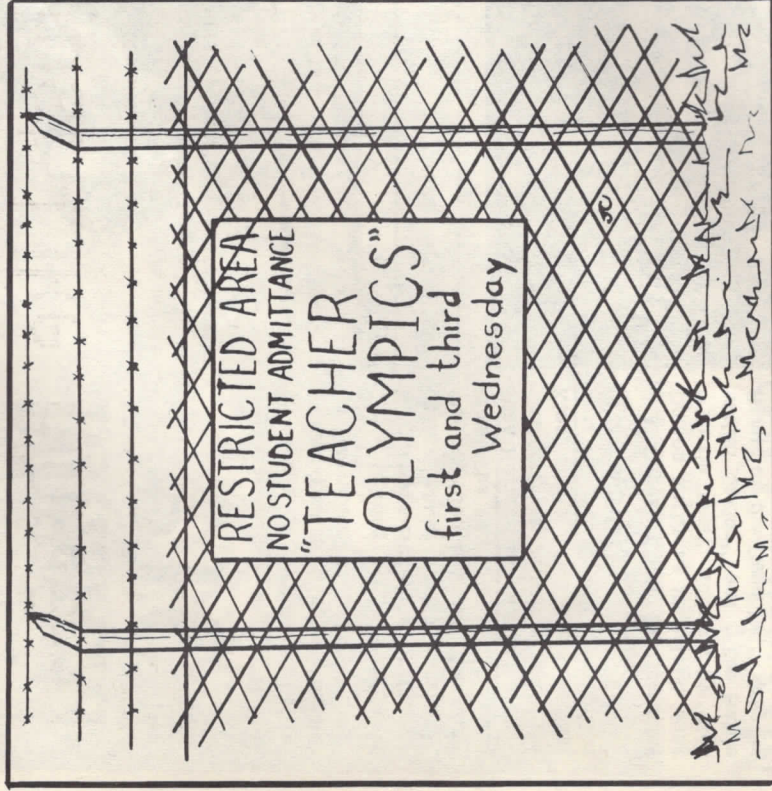
The nearness of a large city such as St. Louis to our school and homes gives us many opportunities which rural youths cannot experience. One of the greatest of these is the cultural and educational opportunities the city has to offer the high school student. Many of which are free-of-charge, or for a nominal fee. We feel that too few students know

Chivalry should be a mark of respect, not a required action simply because a man is supposed to be stronger, braver, etc. If a man feels respect for a woman, he should open the door for her. But to open it for her, even though he feels no respect, or even liking, for her, is a meaningless gesture.

Respect is one thing, required attention another. Chivalry is swiftly dying, and respect is taking over. The trouble is, girls still expect this super-knight attention, but seldom do anything to deserve it.

If it is true we never see any Sir Lancelots around McCluer, it is also true we seldom see any Maid Marions either.

Review or Chaos



Teachers' Games

We at the Scoop have compiled a little rulebook for the relaxing games that many teachers play. Until now, these rules had always been unwritten, but after much careful observation and diligent research, we have been able to put them down on paper.

So . . . here is an excerpt from our new book, "Games Teachers Play and Their Rules."

"A favorite winter sport is 'sniffle fishing also known as cold casting. The equipment needed is merely a wall of open windows, a frigid wind, and a roomful of unsuspecting students. One merely assigns five hours of homework a night for about four weeks (thus weakening the resistance of the students from lack of sleep) and then the fun begins. One leaves all or nearly all of the windows open, and then leans back to enjoy the pleasurable experience of hearing forty people sneeze at the same time. However, teachers experienced in the art of sniffle fishing warn of its one danger. If one is not careful there will soon be forty and one people sneezing at the same time.

"A second sport a form of hunting is quite a bit more

snip, strong nerves, keen sight, light hands, a cool head, and no weakness at the sight of blood. The object of the hunt is a not so rare creature which is mainly found behind doors (Mayhap because its locker is located behind a door). Its distinguishing marks are blue and purple bruises and a fearful hesitating manner. As one may have guessed, this creature's common name is 'student'.

"The third sport is a team sport, and an inverted form of racing. That is, the winner's student is slowed down and stopped the fastest. Two play at this game, and the playing field is a flight of stairs. One teacher stations himself at the top of the stairs, another at the bottom. Both then wait for their quarry who is preferably alone and unprotected. Take this example for your playing guide: Teacher A is at the top of the stairs, teacher B is at the bottom. The signal to begin the game (the lunch bell) sounds, and a student passes Teacher A on the way to the restroom at the end of the hall. Teacher A sends the student to the downstairs restroom, thereby gaining five points. Teacher B stops the student, and sends him to the upstairs restroom, thereby gaining ten points. Teacher A then orders the student downstairs again, whereupon the student begins to scream and rave, and thus is stopped dead in his tracks. He must be led off to be restrained in a strait-jacket. Count twenty points apiece for Teachers A and B.

This game is especially fun and exciting when the rate is increased. An interesting variation of it is played on cold and windy days. The teachers send the students outside and around instead of just up and down staircases."

These and many other games are to be found in our handy little handbook, besides many helpful suggestions like how to keep score with notches in desks, how to keep from being caught by the ASPCS (Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Students), how to hold a tournament at the end of the year to discover who the best 'Student Stomper' is, and how to do exercises which will improve balance and co-ordination greatly. Where is this wonderful little thing found? In the office at a very small price, which after all is worth it. (Besides, we are sending Mr. Friesen to Hawaii on the money we get).

BLAAP . . .

There are many different types of bells. There are bells that chime, bells that play melodious tunes, bells that simply ring and, then there are the bells of McCluer High School. These are the bells that blaaap. Every morning at 7:30, 7:40, and 7:45, the students are greeted by the blaaap of the bells and every hour thereafter the blaaap continues to haunt them. Would not a clear, crisp ring hoost the morale of McCluer students more than the drab blaaap that the "bells" now have?

are certain that students, if made aware of these opportunities, would participate in them.

The city-supported institutions such as the City Free Art Museum and the McDonnell Planetarium hold Saturday morning classes dealing with their individual subjects. The Art Museum will soon be holding four lectures on consecutive Saturday mornings dealing with Ancient Art. The Planetarium sponsors a very interesting and complete course in astronomy on Saturday mornings which would be worthwhile for any students with interests along this line. The Museum of Science and Industry sponsors lectures by local scientists and medical doctors on Wednesday evenings.

Washington University is sponsoring a Saturday morning class in music theory. Students are grouped according to their musical knowledge, from the novice to the more advanced music student. The classes are taught by graduate students, and are of an excellent quality. The program is already underway this year, but the course will be given again next year. Later in the year, the University will be holding a class called "Efficient Reading and Study Habits," which should prove to be a great investment for those students planning to go into higher forms of education.

To list all of the educational opportunities to be found in the St. Louis area would be too much for this small newspaper. We have only tried to cite a few examples of what is to be found in the nearby city.

questioning by a police officer. Suddenly the suspect pulls a knife. The officer shoots and the suspect falls to the ground dead.

Cases such as these occur often and in such cases the present policy is for the situation to be investigated by a police department investigation board. The only thing being decided by this board is whether the officer's actions were legal or illegal. If their opinion is disputed it may be brought to a Grand Jury.

This method has been criticized by many people and an alternative plan has been suggested. This plan is called a civilian review board. Under this plan a group of civilians would be chosen much as jury members are chosen. These people would be of various occupations and backgrounds and would likely be unfamiliar with the type of situation involved. For this reason, the board would find it difficult to come to a valid decision, especially if the circumstances surrounding the incident were rather complicated.

Under the present system, the situation is investigated by the Chief of Police or other experienced law officers; individuals who are not likely to be confused by legal problems.

Asking the review board to come to a decision under these circumstances would be similar to asking a person who knows nothing of law enforcement to solve a crime. It is to be recognized that an agency independent of the police department is needed—if for no other reason than to satisfy public opinion.

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Costa Rican Comments

by Kathy Miller

Steve Heitman nearly missed an exciting summer when he discovered that he had nine days to get a passport requiring a two week wait. It wasn't until this time that he found out from the American Field Service that he was being sent to San Jose, Costa Rica. Steve picked up his passport before leaving Miami, Florida, as McCluer's AFS exchange student.

The Goichehea's and their son, Rudolpho, Steve's family for the summer, met him at San Jose, Costa Rica. Steve's Costa Rican father sells insurance for the government. He is quite influential in his country and has turned down several political offices.

Our exchange student found his new home quite different. From the stories -- Steve saw the city. He noticed that most of the houses were built so close together that many of them shared common walls. The reason for this is that it keeps them from falling down during the four or five earthquakes per month. There were three tremors while Steve was there, but he only felt one. The other two occurred early in the morning and were very mild.

With the other AFS exchange students in Costa Rica, Steve met the head of the government, Jose Trejos. If a 1948 coup had been successful, the head of the government could well have been the brother of Steve's Costa Rican father, instead of Trejos. The coup wasn't a success, however, and he is now serving a prison term.

As a result of his exciting trips in Costa Rica, Steve had many adventures he will long remember. One interesting experience was standing on the rim of the active volcano Irazu, located just about twenty-five kilometers from San Jose. The last time this volcano erupted was in 1962 when President Kennedy was there inspecting Inyu, a Costa Rican slum clearance project. It continued for two years, causing many houses to cave in and forcing the citizens to wear veils. The Costa Ricans have a great amount of admiration for the late President, and they are quick to point this out.

Many of the legends and mysteries of Costa Rica interested Steve. On one trip he visited the cathedral at Cartago. During the construction of this cross-shaped church a murder was committed inside the church. An earthquake caused the church to fall soon afterwards. When the cathedral had been rebuilt to the same stage as before, it was again destroyed by an earthquake. It was left unfinished and a beautiful natural garden has since grown inside.

Much of the land is covered with dense jungle growth. One city Steve found especially interesting was Siquirre. The jungle keeps growing in on it. In a few years it is expected to be completely reclaimed by the jungle.

Another town which interested Steve was San Pedro. The citizens of this town are named after poets. The AFS'ers stopped to rest at the house of Virgil. While they were there, two of the girls walked a few feet into the dense undergrowth. They were soon chased out by a four foot iguana.

On a train trip through the country Steve passed Rio Torro Amillero. This river has formed two lakes -- one clear and blue and the other salty with a red tint to it. An old Indian legend says that a man was murdered in the red lake. They claim this caused its reddish color and salty taste.

Steve, who has taken French and Latin in school, tried the school in Costa Rica for a week. The language was spoken so rapidly that it was too difficult for him to understand. At present Steve is auditing the Spanish V class. Some of the students claim that Steve is doing better than they are.

In spite of some difficulties, such as earth tremors and rain every afternoon, as well as a very cheap pastry shop nearby, Steve enjoyed the excitement and mysteries of Costa Rica and he looks forward to returning.

SNOOPS

Grapevine has it that Jim C. has been making romantic advances toward one of McCluer's female art teachers through a series of passionate library passes. Is it true that Jeanne (alias

stocking in the M-3 hallway day night? Had heard there was

blondes have more fun?

Classified Snoops

For Sale: Old Ferguson High book covers. Cheap or free, even. Inquire in the Scoop room for further details.

Found: One taupe colored nylon stocking in the M-3 hallway

parking lot on Steve L.'s car.

For Sale: Steve L.'s car all except the wheels. Must sell CHEAP! Going to prison for indefinite time.

Personal: Mike L., how many girls were in that Mustang Friday night? Had heard there was



From the city's highest building -- nine stories -- Steve saw the city. He noticed that most of the houses were built so close together that many of them shared common walls. The reason for this is that it keeps them from falling down during the four or five earthquakes per month. There were three tremors while Steve was there, but he only felt one.

Fashion Scoop

by Pam Burns

It's fall. The leaves are turning bright colors and the air is brisk and fresh. What perfect weather for walking a somewhat large French poodle. Who knows, you could even follow your dog to the street where that certain someone lives, and what better way to do it than in the newest, softest pastel sweaters and skirts.

Our first dog walker on the left is Kathy Benne. She is wearing the new "muscle" shirt in a pastel pink. A "muscle" shirt is a poor boy knit sweater with the turtle neck collar and the short cuffed sleeve. The gold and pearl chain necklace is reminiscent of the "flapper" era. It can be worn dangling or wrapped around several times. The pink, white, and gray skirt is A-line, the newest look. Although it is not shown, the skirt has a wide pink belt which gives it the hip hugger look when the sweater is tucked in.

Holding our poodle's leash is Libby Statler. Libby is wearing the ever-popular ski sweater with a solid pink skirt. The sweater design is navy blue with occasional touches of pink which are brought out by the color of the skirt. The skirt is semi-straight with a slight flare at the bottom. Loafers, one of the most popular school shoes, are worn to complete the look.

On the right, Phyllis Baughn is wearing the typical poor boy knit top, but this one is a light mint green mohair. An eagle pin, which is the result of patriotic fashion trend, is worn high in the center of the poor boy for accent. Again, the skirt is an A-line plaid of mint green, white, and gray with the green hip belt.

All three outfits are very "in" and are very appropriate for this beautiful kind of weather when it's not terribly warm but when winter has not yet descended upon us.



From l. to r.-Kathy Benne, Libby Statler, and Phyllis Baughn model the newest look for school, compliments of Junior World.

First and Ten - Why?

by Sheila Beaver

I am a great football fan. I am also a girl. Put the two together and what have you got? Not much!

For four years now I have been going to our football games faithfully. I can scream and cheer with the best of them, but there's one

Edie S., renowned for her outstanding ability in chemistry, has recently been stumped with the following equation: $KI - 2S HIOAg$. Perhaps homework would help the situation.

McCluer's Magnificent 7 x 2, Executive Committee, have recently been signed by McDonnell Aircraft for their outstanding ability in the field of aviation. The student body would like to thank Miss Smith and Miss Jerzewalk for their help inspiring this group to such great heights.

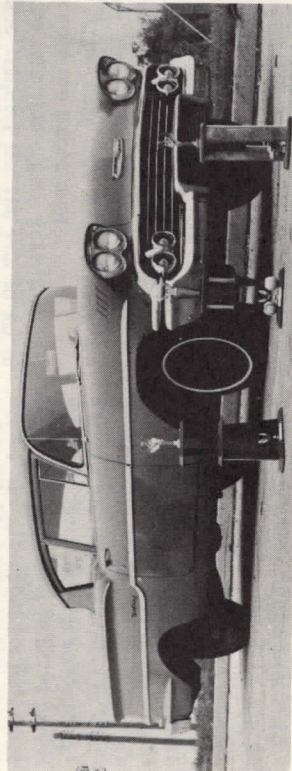
It is reported that Sunny L. has been seen in Doc L.'s on numerous occasions for not wearing a belt. She has only to thank John W. and Mr. McCombs.

What have n, n², n³, Teddy Bear, No. 1 Rough Rider, Boozley, Burn, Morque and the rest of the "Group" been up to lately?

Where is Melinda M. spending her Saturday nights?

Is Bill L. still kissing boys? HEY Frank C. Is it true

Found: Four wheels in M-1



Rod of the Month

by Dave Ackmann

Larry Mahr's '58 Chevy proves that you don't have to have a big engine and full race equipment to win at Alton. The car is powered by one of the smaller engines that Chevy made, a 235 cubic inch six that delivers about 140 horsepower. This lack of size hasn't stopped Larry as he has won nine trophies at that dragstrip.

The car has a 4:11 rear end, tachometer and various other gauges. In the one and a half years that he has had the car, it has never been beaten in its class, formula 10-A. When he got the gray primer coated car, it has a three speed standard transmission mounted on the column. He remounted this on the floor and added Hurst linkage. His fastest time has been 17.72 seconds.

When he was asked why he has never lost a race, he answered, "I don't know what makes it go, but I haven't had trouble shutting anyone down."

BUS STOP

by Sue Wheeler

As the sun sets slowly in the west, (where else?), and we are plodding over hill and dale from our dear old bus stop, we recall past days of funniness at this hallowed place. Always at least one-half mile from home, this lovely habitat of overgrown weeds, a concrete sewer (complete with lid even!) and a telephone pole recalls memories and experiences of the past years.

Remember the blizzards and all the fun we had waiting an extra hour or so for our bus to pull slowly up ON the curb? And how we had to shovel our way up to the steps? Oh, for those days of yesteryear--they don't give us shovels anymore now--we get spoons; they're cheaper and are pocket-size. You can carry them with you and take up less room needed for your, uh, person.

How nice and cheery the bus drivers are as they scream, "Where's your pass?" They've only seen you every day for the past two months, but they just can't seem to recall exactly who you are. They will, however, admit they have seen your face somewhere before (but only when pressured into it).

The great accuracy with which the drivers aim directly over the curb never ceases to amaze me.

I actually have begun to look forward to being thrown out of my seat every day. And roll call! (How much can you say about THAT?)

How the drivers ever get to school is a wonder, too. They don't have heavy enough feet for the gas pedals and going up hills can be a real blast! (putt-putt-choke-SPLUNCH!)

Well, when the sun slowly rises in the east, I'll see ya at the bus stop bright and early tomorrow morning! We can all do our daily exercise routine together to keep warm. 1-2-3-4! 1-2-3-4!

and their business. I figured that it must mean first touchdown (at least I know what that is) in ten minutes, or something to that effect. But every time I mentioned this brilliant (I thought) explanation, the only response was groans and faint cries of "Oh no." So I decided to find out what was wrong with my reasoning.

Five different people have carefully explained just what first-and-ten means. I can understand perfectly well up until the ball carrier gets tackled. From there on out I'm lost. How many times have I heard about first downs, ten yards, four tries, and all the rest? Not enough, apparently.

Another thing that bothers me is this bit about formations. Every year in the pep assembly, the formations our team will be using are explained. Now as everyone knows we're using the "I" formation this year. This is supposedly an improvement over last year's old Wing-T. Apparently the other teams had caught on to our frequent use of this formation, so we switched on them. Fine. But I never did find out what the Wing-T was. And I have absolutely no hope of ever understanding the "I."

Maybe I was just never intended to understand football, or maybe I'm just plain stupid. Whichever the case, I know that I'm not alone. Some girls understand it, but the great majority of us don't. Have you ever listened to two girls talking during one of the games? It usually goes something like this.

"Boy, everybody's here tonight. This should be a real neat game."

"Yeah, I just saw Mary Lou and her new boyfriend. He's not so neat."

"I didn't figure he would be. Hey, what are they doing out there?" "I don't know. Where's the ball anyway?"

"Don't ask me. ----- Hey, stand up, we must have done something."

"Like what?"

"Well, I guess we made a touchdown."

And so it goes. Anyway, we do go faithfully to the games and cheer our team on, so don't condemn us for our lack of knowledge. Be glad that we're there. I have a feeling that if everyone who didn't understand the game stayed at home, we might have some trouble filling the stands.

INQUIRY COLUMN

When the members of McCluer's Interact Club were asked what one thing the school needed, the answers were varied and amusing.

Bob Aller, President, like a true politician, refused to give a definite answer and stood on the fifth amendment. Others saw this as a golden opportunity to suggest something for their school. Mike Murray -- couches in the Guidance office. Bruce Decker -- more space in the staircases and more organization in the guidance department.

Many students cited the overcrowdedness and offered suggestions. Bill Ryall wanted traffic est. I can't think of a thing."

Other members decided that the type of students should be changed. Bob Mikel -- The underclassmen should become as great as this year's senior class. Bill West -- There should be more people just like me.

The most ingenious idea was to go to Stephen Heaney for his suggestion "I definitely feel McCluer would benefit by having Turkish baths." But Bob Jinkerson summed everything up with "It's the greatest. I can't think of a thing."

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By Art Hunn

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-could I be
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taking in life,
and keeping it,

The Mind of a Child

The mind of a child twitters and
flutters,
From one fancy thing on to another;
Plays with ideas, ideals, and
dreams,
With it and the heart they're a
wonderful team;
Dwelling for a moment on this
or that,
On a skirt, a blouse, a dress, or
a hat;
Forgetful, discouraged, loving and
bold
All these and more tiny minds hold;
Mingled thoughts dance through the
maze of it all,
Rising slowly to mighty peaks
and then suddenly burst and fall.
Treasuring the priceless things of

Listen World

Listen world --
I have something to say --
"Hello - How's your mom?"

By Michele Hartman

tomorrow

tomorrow lies in
waiting
indifferent
preferring no special
promises now,
but still
my running fast
heart
will hurry to meet
him
by the stair
when walking slow
reason knows
I never can
again . . .

By B. B.

Forever, Jabez

Yellow leaves,
green leaves,
red leaves,
brown.

decayed and dying.

"Why, father?"

"God is gracious. . .
Forever, Jabez."

By Peggy English

myself

An old withered hand reached out
And I looked and thought of death.
I looked at a leafless tree, grey and
barren
And thought of a withered hand.

What Really Counts Number 17

Count your garden by the flowers,
Never by the leaves that fall --
Count your days by golden hours,
Don't remember clouds at all --
Count your nights by stars - not
shadows.
Count your life by smiles, not
tears.
And with joy through all your life
time --
Count your age by friends, not
years.
I am pursued
hounded
driven
they begrudge me a single moment
of silence
they are unable to live with them-
selves
to face their own reality
they surround themselves with dis-
tractions
noise, confusion
bright lights, senseless activity
I seek only peace
they resent me, strive to frustrate
me
force me to live their way
I cannot

By Sheryl Allstun

By Steve Watts



By Wanda Chilton

Senior Intentions

During May of 1966, the Guidance Department asked the now graduated seniors to complete a senior plans card for the purpose of informing the faculty members in the district of their anticipated future plans. Of the 825 seniors who were given cards, 766 completed and returned them. The percentages in the report are based on the number of students who graduated last year and the number of students who completed forms.

The results were as follows:
(Out of 766 students)
Seniors who planned to go into full-time employment--16%
Seniors who planned to go to college--68%
Seniors who planned to go to a special school--6%
Seniors who planned to go into military service--5%
Seniors who were undecided--5%

Out of the total class of 825 the results were:
Seniors who planned to go into full-time employment--15%
Seniors who planned to go to college--65%

Seniors who planned to go to a special school--6%
Seniors who planned to go into military service--5%
Seniors who were undecided--4%
Seniors who did not return cards--7%

McCluer Receives Award

Two years ago, two of Miss Blackburn's sophomore English classes worked on a project entitled "Searching for the Truth through Literature." Each stu-



McCluer's Cross Country Team breaks away for a fast start toward another victory.

C.C. Climaxes Great Season

With the finish of the regular season, our outstanding McCluer Cross Country team has raced to eight first and one second in meets this year. The record includes four dual triumphs, one triangular and one quadrangular victory, and two firsts in invitational meets. The only blemish was a second place in the last regular season meet, the Beaumont Invitational.

After sweeping to three easy triumphs early in the season, the squad entered the Edwardsville Invitational. Including a total of 24 schools, the boys had to run against 160 other runners, and still easily took a first with a huge margin of 48 points separating them and the second place squad, Belleville West. Pat Sullivan of Riverview Gardens took individual honors with a time of 10 minutes and 12 seconds, a course record. Close behind him were Ted Senadenos and Doug Dix

Just Like Home . . .

Sophomore Cheryl Wurmb, a victim of a summer car accident, sat with her leg in a cast before her and crutches at her side. "There are lots of things I could say about that thing, but I won't!" However, her smile betrayed her real feelings.

"That thing" referred to a small box sitting on top of a dining room table, a collection of books and papers surrounding it. Its mate sits on top of another table at school. Through this device, Cheryl is able to communicate with her teachers and classroom buddies with literally "all the conveniences of home."

Because of her broken leg, Cheryl will not be able to attend school for some time yet. (She has had the present arrangement since school began). Bell Telephone designed these boxes especially for this situation. And now with a flick of a switch, Cheryl is able to participate in class as well as any other student.

Besides being the only McCluer student with such a box, she is also one of only a sum total of five in the entire St. Louis area.

The "little brown box" at school travels to each of Cheryl's four classes, which are world history, English, German and psychology. Subjects such as algebra had to be bypassed because of the amount of necessary board work. Teachers call upon her for answers in class, and homework is as much a part of her life as it is of any McCluer student's.

Since German is one of Cheryl's subjects, the absence of the language lab is a heavy setback. However, she is using a tape recorder to help remedy this problem and has had success.

Cheryl has found that her position makes it difficult to keep pace with the others but her teachers have taken this into consideration. As she put it, "It's hard to keep up, but I make better grades than before with the special attention I get."

Although the arrangement was made for strictly business purposes, she is able to talk to friends before class and so manages to keep up unofficial communications.

The main disadvantage of the box, according to Cheryl, is her inability to see what is actually going on. As a result, she has been taxed heavily with notetaking.

On the other hand, she could name two advantages instantaneously. "I can eat breakfast during class and don't have to worry about how I'm dressed." Not many students can boast this! Her dog also enjoys listening into Cheryl's classes, but as to date, hasn't quite caught on to what's going on. At least he hasn't answered.

Cheryl Wurmb has proved the value of the "little brown box" and also her own ability to rise above the situation she was forced into. Success such as hers should be admired by all students as they examine themselves and ask how well they would have done in her position. A self-examination such as this could only make them all turn to Cheryl with admiration and a heart-felt "Well done!"



sized book which expressed their theme. In April 1965, they completed the project by presenting a pageant which they called "The Man of all Ages." The project and a tape recording of the pageant were then sent to Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, where it was placed in competition with similar projects from other schools across the nation.

Last spring our school received word that this project had won the First Principal School Award. This entitled one student and one teacher from McCluer to attend a three day pilgrimage to Valley Forge and nearby landmarks. Jane Berguson was elected from among the two English classes to attend and Dr. Ludwig accompanied her.

Jane and Dr. Ludwig left Wednesday September 28 for the pilgrimage. They were among sixty-two representatives from thirty-one schools throughout the nation that participated in the annual event. Their itinerary included; Fredericksburg and Mount Vernon in Virginia; the White House, the Archives Building, and the Capitol Building in Washington D. C.; Valley Forge Park, Washington Crossing Park, and Independence Hall in Pennsylvania.

On Friday, September 30, Jane and Dr. Ludwig received the Foundation's "George Washington Honor Medal" on behalf of the school. They returned home the following day.

This pilgrimage is an all-expense educational tour offered as an award to schools and school systems in the United States for their exceptional programs encouraging a better understanding of the American Way of Life. Each of the awarded schools was selected from hundreds of nominations in the Foundation's Awards Program, and were evaluated by a distinguished independent Awards Jury composed of state supreme court jurists and heads of national patriotic, veterans, and service club organizations.

points, we easily outdistanced Belleville West (101), and Alton (106). If you have been confused with the scoring, low point total wins. The sophomore team placed 4th in their run with Todd Edgington and Mike Patterson pacing the team.

Coach Brown's squad then journeyed to Riverview to try to upset the Riverview star, Pat Sullivan. After navigating the poorly marked and rain-soaked course, McCluer came away in good shape, but with Sullivan still leading the herd. However, even with Sullivan's outstanding performance, the best Riverview could manage was a poor 42 points, for Dix, Senadenos, Fox, McDonald, Stewart, and Burton, (in that order), followed him across the line for a 20 point total.

The Ladue Invitational was the next obstacle in the path of McCluer, and it was an obstacle. Kirkwood's Paul Olson nearly upset our hopes by flying to the finish in a time of 9:49. This was only the second time that the first-place was run in under 10 minutes. The other time was when Olson's brother, Jim, accomplished the feat. Despite Olson's noteworthy performance, Ted Senadenos also came in under 10 minutes with 9:57, finally beating Pat Sullivan who was third with 10:01. Rounding out our top five were Doug Dix, 6th; Terry Fox, 7th; Russ Stewart, 11th; and Mike McDonald, 23rd. McCluer, with 49 points, took the meet ahead of Kirkwood, (54), and Ritenour (119). Fifteen schools participated. The sophomore team also won with Todd Edgington and Harry Brown taking 1st and 2nd.

The final meet of the regular season was held in O'Fallon Park. Runners from 38 schools participated in this Beaumont Invitational. With such a large number of schools, and sen voys representing each team, the start is a frenzy as everyone sprints to get near the front of the pack.

Without Doug Dix on the squad, the fears of the team were somewhat increased. And rightly so, for Principia's runners managed a surprisingly easy first place with only 75 points. Our boys did put forth enough effort however, to finish second.

J. Baldwin of O'Fallon Tech. took individual honors with a time of 9:47. Olson, (Kirkwood) took second. Our top runners were; Senadenos, 7th; Fox, 13th; Stewart, 22nd; McDonald, 44th; and Burton, 52nd.

Throughout the season, our squad managed a magnificent record. Six boys came through with needed points to secure our victories. However, there were several previously unmentioned but deserving boys who also put forth quite a bit of effort. They include Bruce Paschall (Jr.) and Jim Doukas (Sr.), both acting as pushers, and John Cooper and Bill Hofer, seniors, filling in as substitutes. These boys, when running, acted as pushers; that is, they pushed runners from other teams farther back in standing in order to increase their point total and lessen their chances of winning. When not running, they provided the spirit and helped to cheer our team on to victory.

There is yet another group of boys who deserve much credit for their competition this year. The B team didn't manage to compile as superb a record as the varsity team, but their showing was equally as commendable, picking up five first places. These boys are; Juniors; Harry Brown, Jerry Hoglan, and Randy Plank; Sophomores; Ted Edgington, Mike Patterson, Gary Cooper, Dave Cartwright, Bob Thompson, Joe Waltz, Steve Poston, and Dwayne Adkins. With such a strong background, McCluer can look forward to future success in cross country.



Cheryl Wurmb seated beside her "little brown box."

Foreign Views on Sports

A school without a soccer team seems rather odd to Marco, Chung, and Gunther. And, a school with such intensive school spirit seems equally different.

The above comparison and others sprang up recently, in an interview with Marco Tulio Bvegana, Gunther Wagner, and Nguyen ba Chung, our three foreign exchange students. Each one agreed that a school without a soccer team was quite a switch from the support for this National Sport in their country. Although there aren't any school teams in Germany, Gunther stated that the soccer teams are supported as an outside school activity. In Honduras, Marco tells us, its just hour, one morning, one evening, the opposite. The schools, as in our country, sponsor teams for the boys to join. Our South Vietnamese exchange student replied that the sports activities lack full attention of the people now in Viet Nam. Any sports activities in his country are those set up by the schools in class teams only.

A second jolt to our boys was the amount of school spirit our students possess. Gunther said he couldn't understand why the football games were halted "every two seconds," or why we Americans make such a big deal out of a victory. Chung explained

ed that he liked the games very much. To him they were full of "sound and fury." Marco told that of course he went to the games and thought them to be very funny and exciting. Like Gunther, he wasn't use to the screaming and cheering that every full-fledged McCluerite does. It seems that cheerleading and nicknaming teams like our CO-METS doesn't exist in the boys' native land, But something that does exist and seems to be universal is Physical Education. All the boys remarked that they had one form or another of the back-breaking, body-building P.E. class. To Chung it consists of a two hour, one morning, one evening, once a week course.

Instead of a gymnasium, his classes take place in a stadium where they play soccer, and learn to play ping pong, tennis, and judo. Gym to Marco means more or less the same thing as it does here, with the exception that it isn't so hard in Honduras. In Germany, the Physical Education program leans heavily toward gymnastics for both boys and girls.

To conclude the interview, our exchange students expressed an enthusiasm for our COMETS, and a sincere hope for a victorious year.



Greg Baker pulls in a Miller pass in the Ritenour game.

McCluer Drowns Vikings

There was, it seemed, almost enough water on Normandy's field at the end of the game to float a battleship, but thanks to a torpedo by the name of Al Holmes, the McCluer Comets managed to sink one instead, drowning the previously unbeaten Vikings 26-13 in league competition.

McCluer started its invasion of Normandy slowly, however. Not until the second quarter did the Comets score, on a 30 yard pass play from Steve Miller to Ron Downs. After that, though, Al Holmes really turned it on, scoring twice on runs of 38 and 23 yards. A kick by Rich Spillenkothen and a plunge by Jack Bouldin provided the extra points to give McCluer a commanding 20-0 halftime lead.

The rains really came in the third quarter, and both teams failed to score. But, in the fourth

Al Holmes again led all ground gainers with a total of 217 yards in 20 carries for an average of almost 11 yards per carry. He now has 42 points for the three games, and he has averaged 14 points per game, with over 200 yards, rushing, per contest.

Normandy Statistics

McCluer	0	20	0	13	-	26
Normandy	0	0	0	13	-	13
MC - Downs	30	pass	from	Miller		
(kick failed)						
MC - Holmes	37	run	(Spillenko-			
then kick)						
MC - Holmes	23	run	(Bouldin run)			
MC - Gschwender	25	fumble re-				
covery (run failed)						
N - Frost	2	run	(kick failed)			
N - Corrigan	44	pass	from John-			
son (Huelskamp kick)						
STATISTICS						
Comets						Vikings

Comets Fall to Ritenour

McCluer suffered its first setback of the season at the hands of the Ritenour Huskies, by a score of 12 to 6. Although Ritenour had a tremendously quick defense, several key mistakes hurt the Comets the most. Al Holmes had the ball jarred loose in the first quarter. It was recovered by Ritenour on the Comet two yard line, and Mike Causey finally sneaked across the goal line from one yard out, after three other attempts had failed. Holmes lost the ball again in the second quarter, and the Huskies drove downfield for a field goal attempt, which was blocked. But Bob Sobbs made it in from the one yard line with 35 seconds remaining, and Ritenour led at halftime: 12 to 0.

In the third quarter, Steve Miller threw to Greg Baker for 33 yards, after Baker had dropped a similar pass on the preceding play. Miller hit Buster Delaroche with a 17 yard pass to put the ball on the Ritenour 5 yard line. He ran the ball to the three yard line, then on the next play handed off to Holmes for McCluer's only score of the night.

The fourth quarter saw nothing but frustration for Comet fans, as two plays for long yardage were called back on penalties, and a great last effort drive was crushed when a Miller pass was intercepted in the end zone. The final score was Ritenour 12, McCluer 6.

McCluer had a fine defense going for them, but the Ritenour defense was so quick that Al Holmes managed only 55 yards rushing, and when you can hold him down like that, you are probably on your way to defeating McCluer, because he is the bread and butter man for the Comets.

Comets' Corner

by Harold Pilger

Although we don't like to admit it, it looks as though we'll need some help from Riverview Gardens to still have a good shot at the league title. The 12-6 setback handed us by Ritenour made them 4 and 0, us 3-1, and consequently put them ahead of us by a full game. So it looks like Riverview Gardens will have to beat Ritenour, and we'll have to turn right around and beat Riverview Gardens to tie for first. More important to us right now, however, are the games between St. Charles and Pattonville. These are both must games, and though it seems that our Comets should beat them rather easily, we should not underestimate them. The underdog team always likes to rise to the occasion and knock off the guys on top.

We all feel bad about the Ritenour loss because they didn't win so much on their talent as on our mistakes. But that's over, so now we have to forget about the loss, except perhaps for learning a lesson from our mistakes, and go out and beat St. Charles and Pattonville.

One thing that many people noticed in the Ritenour game, however, is the fact that every time Al Holmes starts in motion before the ball is snapped, the opposition knows that a pass play is coming up, and they have that extra edge to break up the play. Perhaps it would be possible to pass to Holmes on that play, or have the quarterback pitch out to Holmes. Send the receiver out short on the same side then let Al run the pass option play, deciding for himself whether he should run the ball or heave it. It seems that a play of this nature would throw the opposing defense off guard, and it would give a more balanced attack.

In any event, let's all make it to the remaining games, home and away. Let our team know that we are always behind them whether way ahead or way behind. See you at the games?

Holmes Leads Comets by St. Charles

The McCluer Comets kept their hopes alive for a league title by defeating the St. Charles Pirates, 13-6. The Comets kicked off to start the game, but St. Charles soon had to give up possession of the ball. A fine drive by McCluer was topped off by a 30 yard run by Al Holmes, who also ran successfully for the extra point. Later in the period, Dale Warner fumbled on the kickoff return, with the Pirates taking over on McCluer's 34 yard line, but they failed to score.

In the second quarter, Steve Miller hit Buster Delaroche with Cluer, with about 44 seconds left a pass for a gain of 41 yards. in the game, and the Comets ran Holmes caught a short pass, ran out the clock for the victory. for several yards on the next play, and scored on an eight yard run. The run for the extra point

down of the season, to boost the score to 26-0, before Normandy finally scored with two TDs of their own.

Again it was the defense, and especially McCluer's fine pass protection that seemed to make the real difference in the game, as the Comets made four interceptions, two by Buster Delaroché, and one each by Downs and Larry Wines. The game wasn't without its frustrations, however, as both Holmes and Delaroché lost touchdowns when their plays were called back because of illegal procedure.

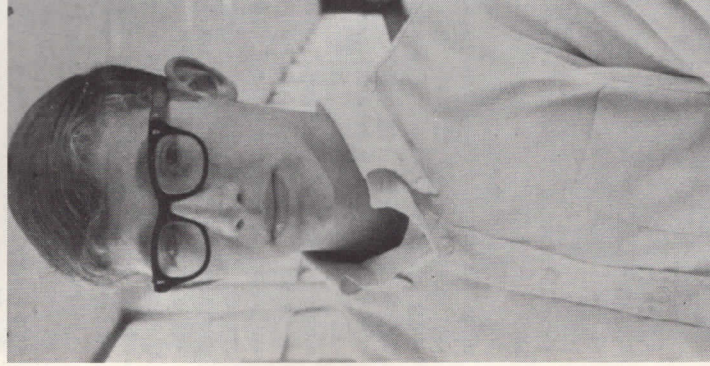
Center of Attraction

by Scott Ramos

"Records are made to be broken." And evidently so feels McCluer's star Cross Country runner, Ted Senadenos. In the season's first meet, Alton, Ted raced to the finish in 10:31.9, eclipsing the old school mark of 10:34 set by Jim Irby in 1965. He has bettered even this time since then but the courses were not the required 2-mile length.

With a start like this, our season was guaranteed to be successful. And with Ted's additional helping hand (or feet as the case may be), it has been successful. Starting only in the 10th grade, Ted (now a senior) has progressed rapidly to the top. Although he was influenced by little else than his own determination to begin running, Ted's uncle was a coach at Normandy. And Cross Country is not his only forte. He has held the mile record in track.

In meets this year, Ted has placed first for our team in four meets and second twice. And in the district meet he took second overall, beaten only by Riverview's Pat Sullivan. Doug Dix had been Ted's counterpart this season in helping lead the team to victory. That is, until just prior to the Beaumont Invitational. Since then, Doug has been out of action with



Ted Senadenos

an injured leg, so the team was looking for Ted to lead the team to triumph in their final meets. Asked how he felt about holding the school record, Ted said, "Well, I'd like to make it better!"

Passes	3-9	8-21
Passes intercepted	1	4
Punts	4-23	4-14
Fumbles lost	1	4
Yards penalized	75	25

Ritenour Statistics

Ritenour	6	6	0	0	-	12
McCluer	0	0	6	0	-	6
R - Causey	1	run	(kick failed)			
R - Dobbs	1	run	(kick failed)			
MC - Holmes	3	run	(kick failed)			

JV FOOTBALL

Fine Record

Jack Mannebach and Harry Thies led the way for McCluer's B team to their current 4 and 1 record. Jack and Harry, both sophomores, came to the high school with an athletic reputation to uphold. Jack from Florissant Junior High last year, was chosen "Outstanding Athlete Of The Year" and Harry, also of Florissant, lettered in three sports, football, basketball and track.

Although its necessary to have top boys like Jack and Harry on your team, you also need superb backing from the rest of the boys on the squad. And it was Coach Taft and Assistant Coach Wetzel who picked this team of 40 boys from a total of 85 sophomores. To assist the team, John Charlton, Steve Frayn and Roger Statler were selected as managers.

The B team has the same schedule as the varsity and coincidentally, the same record. The sophomores Comets held their opponents to no points in the first four out of five games, with final scores of 33-0 Roosevelt, 12-0 Hazelwood, 28-0 Normandy and 7-0 St. Charles. The team suffered its only defeat to the strong Ritenour squad by the score of 9-0.

With two more games to go against Kirkwood and Riverview, the B team is looking forward to an "almost

BEAT RIVER VIEW!

ted as St. Charles' Ron Wallace intercepted a pass.

McCluer received the kick in the third quarter, but didn't have the ball long, as Bob Cagle made another Pirate interception. Then a 15 yard penalty for grabbing the face mask was walked off against McCluer when they received the ball again, and when Miller and Holmes couldn't make connections on a hand-off, St. Charles had the ball on the Comet 18 yard line. The defense held them there, and McCluer regained the ball, but Holmes fumbled in the end zone, and after a mad scramble Gene Weber of St. Charles pounced on it for the T.D. Their extra point attempt failed when McCluer blocked the kick. Neither team scored again in the remainder of the third quarter, or in the 4th period, although the football changed hands several times. Ron Gabbard ended St. Charles' final

Junior led the way to a second place for McCluer in the Junior Scholastic Round Archery Tournament at Horton Watkins, Ladue Senior High.

On October 19th, Pan and five other girls made the trip to Ladue to represent McCluer in this Archery Tournament. The other girls shooting for McCluer were Susan Holton, Joan Holubeck, Jackie Huber, Barb Logan, and Donna Uzzell. The shooting consisted of 24 arrows at 30 yards and 24 arrows at 20 yards.

McCluer placed second behind Ladue and in front of University City and Ritenour. In individual shooting McCluer ranked third trailing Ladue and Ritenour, as Pam collected a total of over 200 points.

G.A.A. Archery is sponsored by Mrs. Linke and Mrs. Livingston and is managed by Pam Scoville and Jackie Huber.

