

District Speech Debate Tournament Held; Three McCluer Entrants Head For State

When they said their first words their mothers probably never guessed that they'd be competing in speech someday. Who? McCLUER's speech team who were in the district tournament March 29 and 30. Placing high enough to go on to state competition were Bill Mueller, Bob North, and Dana Netherton.

The Speech Team also did well in recent competition, topping 27 other league high schools to take first in Oral Interpretation for the season.

State Tourney Set for May 3

In the district tournament, held at the University of Missouri at Normandy, the contest attracted students from high schools in St. Louis, and St. Louis and St. Charles counties. The best speaker in each division goes on to enter state-wide competition held May 3 at University of Missouri in Columbia. Here they will be rated but not placed so there will be no definite winner. Each year McCLUER has sent some entries to the state tournament.

Debate Topic Concerns Crime

The three areas of speech represented at the tournament were Debate, Oral Interpretation, and Public Speaking. In debate, all schools in the state worked for the entire year on their speeches defending or attacking the topic: "Resolved: that Congress should establish uniform regulations to control criminal investigation proceedings."

This year for the first time the students were prepared to take either stand on the issue. Terry Varner, Don Burgstead, and Ron Buretta represented



Ron Buretta, Don Burgstead, and Terry Varner discussing their strategy for district debate competition.

Language International Fair Holds A World of Wonder

by Bev Unwer

Some of the world's greatest ideas have been initiated in the bathtub. Following in the footsteps of Archimedes and Dagwood Bumstead, Mrs. Florence Phelps is no exception. This is where she developed her idea for a Spanish Fair, which soon grew into a school-wide International Fair.

Scheduled to run from April 29 through May 3, the International Fair will involve approximately 300 language students taking Spanish, French, German, and Latin.

Transforming the language rooms in M-2 into a fair grounds, the students will present their peers with many interesting and exciting displays. If you happen to see someone in strange clothing running through the halls, don't worry. He isn't a refugee from the dress code, but merely a French student displaying France's national costume.

Energetic Latin students are even attempting to build a chariot. Do you think they'll need a parking permit? In addition "Hansel and Gretel" acted in Spanish, and puppet shows done in Spanish and French and then again in English for those less fluent students will be presented.

McCLUER, as its debate team.

Eight On Speech Team

Several people entered the Oral Interpretation contest. For Prose Reading, Bill Mueller read selections from Ralph Waldo Emerson. Frank McAlister, for Poetry reading, read selections from Edna St. Vincent Millay.

Barb McClure read parts of Richard III by William Shakespeare for Drama Reading. A cutting from Cyrano de Bergerac by Edmund Rostand was presented by Bob North and Dana Netherton in Duet Acting. All of these were prepared in advance to be judged in competition.

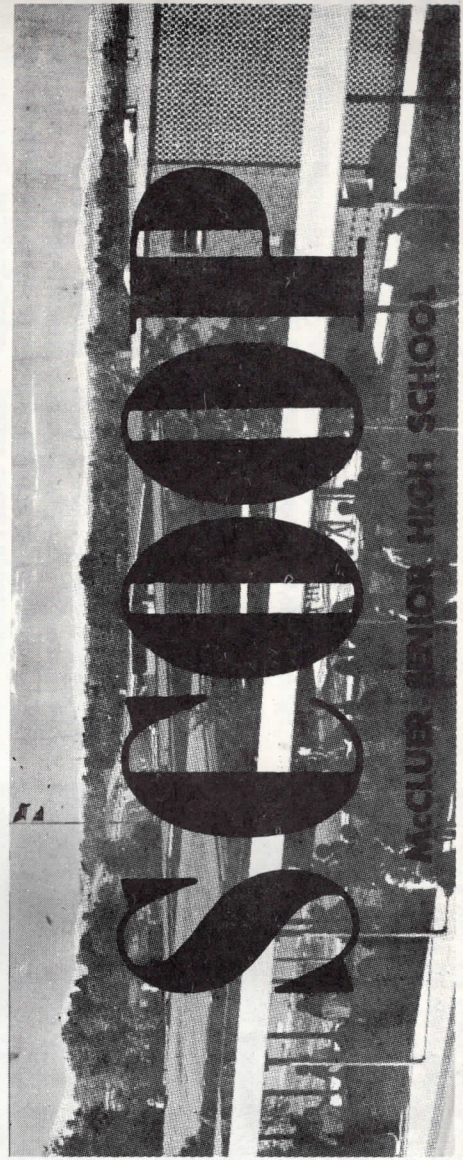
Speech Prepared on the Spot

Public Speaking required one entry per division. Larry Busch was sent for Extemporaneous Speaking. In this event, the student is given a subject thirty minutes before the speech is to be given.

In Radio Speaking, the material, a regular news script, is also given to the speaker just before the contest. Jody Jordon was this year's representative. Terry Varner prepared a speech entitled, "The Return of the Skinhead," for Public Speaking.

Speech Team Works Hard

The speech team, with their sponsor Mr. Dan Munger, has been working with competition in mind all year. They have had tournaments periodically in which they placed high. This is their season of the year to win the rewards of their work. As Mr. Munger said, "It's similar to sports with the training in advance, their own season, and the trophies to mark their success."



McCluer Junior High School District

are preparing food from the different areas of the Spanish-speaking world.

Music and Dance to be Included

During the festival tapes of French and German music representing different areas will add liveliness to the festivities. A chance to learn Spanish dances will be provided for those interested in such an undertaking. Four Spanish students will be the teachers.

There may also be some starting events. Don't be frightened if you are suddenly confronted by a Roman military machine. It isn't Hazelwood trying to overtake McCluer, but a model made by Latin students.

Castles Displayed

Models too, of German castles, Spanish missions and Roman houses will be built by those architecturally inclined students.

If you're interested in French perfumes, German stamps from the World War II era, or reproductions of Spanish artists, all this and more will be presented at the International Fair, in just another attempt to get away from the traditional "I-say-it-now-you-believe-it type of teaching," as put by Mike McCombs.

Open to All Students

Mrs. Phelps is co-ordinator and head of the Spanish display along with Mrs. Kathy Withington, French; Mrs. Julia Gallais, Latin; and Mr. McCombs, German. Sandy Wallace is chairman of the steering committee presently making arrangements.

The International Fair is open to all language students, and other classes who want to attend. Anyone roaming the halls is invited to come in and join in the fun. "We're looking forward to seeing these exhibits," commented Mrs. Gallais.

Mrs. Phelps summed it up simply, "Come to the fair."

Week of Anticipation Reaches

Following a hectic campaign weekend and four days of vigorous campaigning, the Student Council officer election day has finally arrived. Using voting machines provided by the County, the student body began voting after the first assembly and will continue to vote throughout the day in social studies and senior English classes.

Election day started with an assembly to give the student body a last look at the candidates before the voting begins. Each candidate and his campaign manager delivered a short speech, followed by each candidate's theme song. The results of the election will be announced last hour.

The Student Council officer election actually began a month ago when fourteen candidates turned in applications. All candidates were required to make three identification posters, which were hung in the cafeterias.

After meetings of managers and candidates, interviews, and visits to Student Council meetings, the candidates were questioned in "Meet the Candidates Week."

Questions on Student Council views were answered in first, second, third, eighth, and ninth hour combined study halls. The program was organized to familiarize the students with the candidates before primary elections.

Primaries were held April 2, in advisories. Each office was narrowed down to two candidates. These eight had to select and organize a campaign theme. The campaign speeches of both the manager and candidate were submitted and read by Student Council sponsors and Dr. Ludwig, principal.

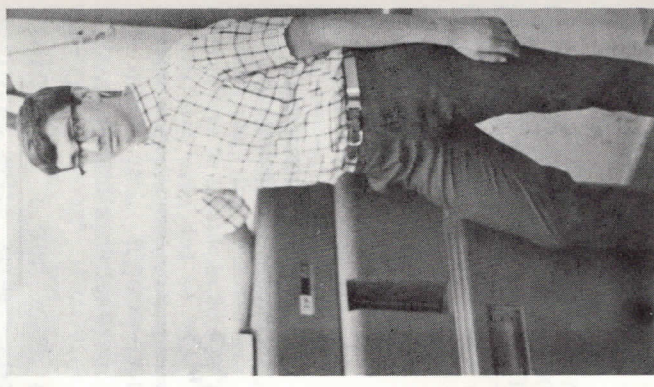
With the commencement of campaign weekend, a mass meeting was held April 5. Each candidate was given supplies including poster paper, magic markers and banner paper. Officially on Friday evening,

Its Peak

campaign weekend began. Some committees stayed up all night Saturday working on and finishing banners, buttons, and songs. The busy weekend continued as campaign committees put up their posters and banners at 6:00 Monday morning, April 8. A week of campaigning followed.

For the four days between campaign weekend and final voting, candidates, managers and eight performers underwent several practices. Speeches, songs, and even posture were greatly criticized.

The final voting marks the end and yet the climax of campaign week. The 1968-69 officers selected will be representing McCluer, its administration, and its student body. Students are urged to choose carefully.



Steve Nixon, chairman of election committee, tabulates the winners of the 1968 Student Council Primary.



Candidates for 1968-69 Student Council officers are: left to right—Wayne Cooley and Ron Thompson for president, Debbie Bergfeld and Madelyn Brown for vice-president, Cindy Northway and Jeanne Fischer for secretary, and Carol Waldvogel and Allyson Burns for treasurer.

All Around McCluer

Clure, 3rd place, drama reading; and Dana Netherton and Bob North, 2nd place in duet acting.

Two representatives from the World Youth Forum, Mammo Muthie from Ethiopia and Greg Watson from New York representing the U.S., were guests of Steve Brammeier and Chris Huber during their ten day stay in the St. Louis Area.

Sponsored by the CBS television network, the 34 high school seniors are together for three months. During their stay in the St. Louis Area they visited the mayor, the juvenile court, McDonnell-Douglas Corp., and a Rotary meeting, in an attempt to learn more about the mid-west as compared with the rest of the United States.

The SAC Drive topped \$1,300 during its ten day collection. Bonnie Baker's sophomore advisory collected approximately \$54. Aaron Gaskin's senior advisory also contributed an overwhelming \$50. Mr. Robert Blanner and Miss Jean Kunznick were crowned Mr. & Mrs. SAC.

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Individual winners for the 1967-68 Oral Interpretation Season were: Bill Mueller, first place, poetry reading (Bill scored more points than any other contestant in the league in any event); Barbara McClure, 2nd place, poetry reading; Frank McAllister, 5th place, poetry reading; Bill Mueller, 3rd place, prose reading; Bob North, first place drama reading; Barb Mc-

Grade-Hungry and Test-Crazy:



hiya

last time london had received another mysterious telegram. for this issue's episode of super-president, begin here:

hey, said hubba, what's in the telegram?
oh, replied london, just the results of the wisconsin primary.
boy, said hubba, they're having a lot of those, aren't they?
what, said deemed risk, are the results, london?
hmmmm. hey! i didn't do too badly!
yeah, agreed held-up, and you even withdrew from the race!
i guess, said deemed, that people really like london a lot.
but he lost, said hubba.

why do you always have to get so technical? asked deemed.
everyone knows that london would've won if he had stayed in the race.
yeah, muttered hubba, everyone.

say, said held-up, do you know what?

no, what? asked london.

this means hubba could run!

gee, said hubba, fancy that!

yeah, agreed deemed. why, he's be a lot better than that eureka guy or balmy kidney!

hey! said hubba, i bet it would be a lot of fun to be president!

just then the door swung open and in walked cluck clipped.

well, said london, if it isn't my new secretary of the defense.

hi, said cluck. london, i've got the greatest idea!

what?

well, our fighting men in vietnam need a boost in their morale.

so, we can make up cheers for the wacs and waves to say!

here's one our airmen can chant: 'we're from america, we couldn't be prouder! if you can't hear us, we'll bomb a little longer!'

yeah, agreed london, that does sound like a good idea.

hey, said held-up, i've got one!

really?! said london, what?

how about 'shoot your gun! hit that red! american marine, killed them dead!'

hey, that's not bad! said hubba

yes, said london, i like that.

thanks, but it was nothing, said held-up

i've got it! shouted deemed, i've got it!

what does deemed have? find out next time!

yeah, you know, i'm

What's Happened to Education?

by Brenda Howell

what they have learned on their own. This is not teaching.

He can continue to use the lecture method, the easiest way to get material from the teacher's notebook to the students' notebook without touching the students' minds. This is not teaching.

He may go on giving great weight to mid-term and final exams, which is not helping students diagnose their problems. This is not teaching.

Some students strive for good grades, just to please their parents. Listen to some of the responses given by weary 16-year-olds from an upper-income high school south of San Francisco. Ellen: "If I brought home a bad report card, my mother would make me feel like a heel. She would say 'after all I've done for you, all my

efforts and all my planning, and now you do this to me.' And then I would feel guilty." Josh: "Dad would knock my teeth out."

We play a losing game of quibbles with the testmakers, seeking minute flaws in multiple-choice questions, gloating over the one question out of a thousand that seems to contain more than one "right" answer.

If the student cannot make the high grade, he feels compelled to cheat. Actually, the present system, with its heavy emphasis on tests, and its insane pressures for grades, is less an invitation to learn than an invitation to cheat. Just as heavy testing is a symptom for what is wrong in our schools, cheating is a symptom of what is wrong with heavy testing.

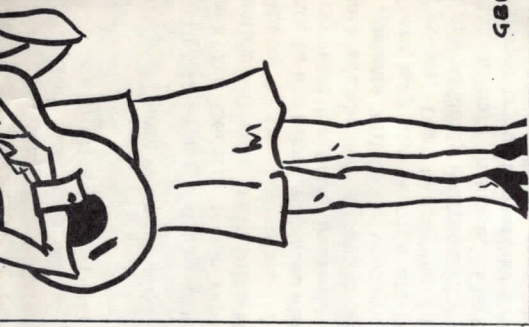
What is to replace the heavy testing in today's educational system? Final exams can easily be replaced by long-term projects or open-book exercises. Occasional quizzes may be given for the students' benefit in diagnosing their problems, but not for the teacher's notebook. As for standardized college-entrance exams, evidence is heaping up that undue reliance on their scores closes college doors on students who would make campus leaders -- or even intellectuals.

The question, now, is whether testing is really beneficial or whether it just causes frustration to the students who are worth it, but can't make the higher grade.



Lloyd Lowe, Private First Class and '66 graduate of McCluer, poses beside the tiger he shot while on guard at Phan Thiet. The tiger skin was sent home and made into a rug. Lloyd is the brother of Bob Lowe,





GAU

Joan Baez is coming! The popular folk singer will perform at the Washington University field house April 13 at 8:30 p.m. See your local paper for ticket details.

Letters to the Editor

In answer to "Sorry Charlie" by Coach Blanner, March 27th edition:

Why pick on the drama department, the AFS and the NHS? Don't they deserve front page coverage just as much as your wrestlers do? I don't see where you have grounds for a complaint when the whole fourth page of the paper is reserved for sports each edition. I agree that something should be done about SCOOP'S news coverage, but they can't put everything on the front page.

You seem to feel that your wrestlers are the only people in the school. But sports aren't the only reason we're in school. In my opinion, the scholastic facet of school life is just as important.

You may not realize it but there are just as many students interested in participating in drama, the NHS and the AFS as there are in wrestling. What about these kids? Should they be left out of the paper?

Or just pushed back to the second page so sports can have the first and the last page of the paper?

Lissen Bub!

I feel the final coverage given the English Faculty Basketball team, considering the success, was very poor. There is little doubt that Fleet-Footed Hanan and Dimpled-Kneed Sweet are the biggest single accomplishments since Dr. Naismith first nailed up his peach-basket on a barn wall. After all, Super-Cool's wife thought the game important enough to allow him to stay out after 5:00 p.m., but did our own school think it important enough? No! We felt it more important to "advertise" ethics, Vietnam, scholarship, Shakespeare -- what is Shakespeare anyway? -- rather than give the English Faculty Basketball team the coverage it so richly deserves.

Everybody and anybody gets pictures in the SCOOP: the winners of the NCTE writing competition, the President of the National Honor Society, the Orchestra, and the wrestling team. But did we get our pictures in? No!

Coach Fulbright

A very off-Broadway version of the Passover stars the United States in a production called the Vietnam War. The U. S. is cast as a liberator and savior; metaphorically like Moses and God. The Egyptians are played very competently by the North Vietnamese, and the South Vietnamese portray the Jews held in bondage.

Aside from a rather complex plot, the one interesting fact that is noticeable in this farce is the contradiction between the lines of dialogue, and the actions.

For example:

"It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover for he has passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt when He slew the Egyptians but spared our houses." (Exodus)

Has the United States "passed over" the houses of the South Vietnamese people? The U. S. did slay some from the North, but Uncle Sam didn't spare anyone or anything. Hundreds of innocent Vietnamese civilians were killed, villages and towns were destroyed . . . and what was our answer? "We're sorry."

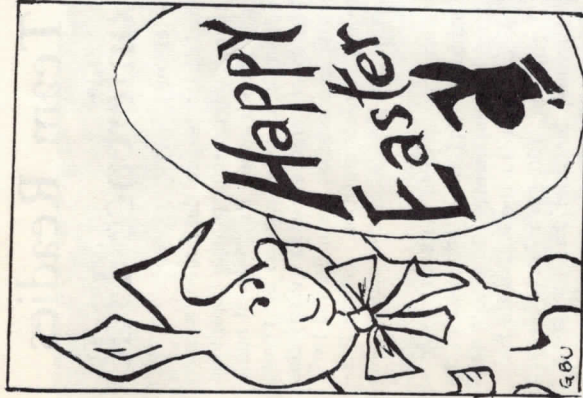
"It became necessary to destroy the town in order to save it." (Globe-Democrat, March 15, 1968).

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Easter Hops Across Ocean

by Liz Vosevich

Dark shadows will move quickly through the still streets on this Easter Eve, then stop at the doors of the villagers to beg for eggs. These are the shadows of men and boys known as "Pace-egggers" who are begging for eggs for the "Pace-egging" or Easter play. A few hours later they will join the rest of the townspeople in the hills to watch the sunrise; there's an old belief in England that the sun dances for joy at dawn on Easter morning.

Sunday in the U. S., a toddler will wake up earlier than usual, stumble across his darkened room and find a straw basket filled with chocolate rabbits, jelly beans, and multi-colored Easter eggs. With a squeal of joy he will inform his parents that he has had a midnight visitor, then will forsake his breakfast for a more appetizing meal of goodies.

Crest Tries Harder

by Karen Fischer

Staff members sit back to catch their breath. Photographers slowly set down their overheated cameras. Sponsors exhale with an exaggerated sigh of relief. Miracle that it may be, CREST has finally gone to press.

Although work on the yearbook has been continuous since the second or third month of school, there seemed to be no way to avoid the frantic rush to beat the deadline. Now that all copy has gone to press, however, everyone can laugh over the panic they were once in. They can think back to what it once had been . . .

Pictures of hundreds of unidentified people lie scattered all over the M-2 CREST room. Staff members dash from one end to the other with a single photo in hand. "Who the heck is this?" But the problem is only a minor one, because the picture is of one person. The trouble is merely matching one

Plastic Season

Ah, 'tis spring! That beautiful time when brilliant plastic flowers replace the monotonous plastic greenery of winter. Breathe deeply to smell the luscious odor of bus exhaust and fertilizer made heavier by the humidity preceding the April showers.

This is the season for gay picnics in the concrete covered parks, shaded by potted dwarf trees. Augmenting the light twitter of birds, lawn mowers roar through their first laps around the patches of grass.

Who could fall prey to the drowsiness of spring fever in this loveliest of all seasons? Who could doze off among all the sensations accompanying spring?

face to one name.

Real trouble comes when the picture is of a group. Somebody has to run all over school trying to locate the group whose members match the picture. Or if that isn't successful the whole CREST staff gets together for a brainstorming. Just when an identification is finally reached, someone comes up with, "But there's so-and-so, he isn't in that group!"

Funds are still a major obstacle to overcome. A dance, a hootenanny, and plastic yearbook covers are all attempts to finance the publication. Because of CREST'S size, it is quite expensive to publish.

The CREST dance was the staff's first attempt to raise the necessary money. Editors and staff members carefully made their plans and then constructed decorations for their Norwich Castle theme. The turnout was smaller than anticipated, however, and approximately five hundred dollars were lost on the project.

Suffering under double pressure now, the CREST staff will soon sponsor a hootenanny, featuring the Monfort Mission. (Could SCOOP be plugging CREST?) Their third project is the sale of clear plastic covers to preserve yearbooks. The cost will be 50¢. Additional CRESTS will be sold on distribution day.

Now that the publication has gone to press and the money-making projects are under way, the CREST staff members and Mrs. Merrick and Mrs. Budd, sponsors, can sit back to recuperate. They'd better, they need the rest to get ready for D-Day in May, for then, havoc will reign again. But then, that's part of the yearbook game.



Swami Satprakashananda, head of the Vedanta Society Center in St. Louis, addressed McCluer world literature classes. The Vedanta Society is a branch of the Hindu religion, especially encouraging individual thought and meditation.

Nature Proclaims Spring, But Students Yell Louder

by Pat Waring

You think that just because the poor girl is already suffering from trees have gone green and the malnutrition when she undertakes birds are in them chirping, that's the annual spring exercise kick. Enough reason to proclaim spring's arrival? Nature may have a role to play in this season's show, but don't let it blind you to all the other contributions made to the annual welcome. Thirty-five hundred people around school are putting on quite a show to make spring feel at home -- watch them!

Student Council is going through its annual spring cleaning as this year's officers sweep out the committees for next year's proteges. And where are tomorrow's leaders? Most likely sprawled out on a psychiatrist's couch after the frantic week of campaigning. Too busy to poke a nose outside to test the weather. Participants will remember the campaign sessions themselves as the "Spring of '68." Workers had these comments on the weather --

with Easter egg hunts and egg-rollings, which will take place not only on the White House lawn but also in community parks and backyards.

Shortly after sunrise in Greece, a group of children will gather to bang their red Easter eggs. Each child will crack his egg against his friend's saying "Christ is risen" and will receive the reply, "He is risen indeed."

These customs, once considered paganistic, have been observed throughout most of the world for four centuries, but in the U. S. for little more than a hundred years. Just as the Reformation made room for a gradual revival of folk customs in Europe, the Civil War paved the way for observance of Easter customs in this country.

And so, Saturday night, children around the world will fall asleep only after much difficulty, anticipating the following day's activities. They'll awaken their families early, as they beg to begin the festivities. But no one will complain -- It's Easter.

Consider

Sleeping through infinite night,
There above my breathing eyes,
A single glass thread-suspended in time,
Silver illumination revolve about it,

A universe of fears devour my mind,
Closer to the thread I venture,
A shriek of horror pulsates my lips,
The oddity is my life!

Uncertainty shatters the thread,
Broken pieces-splintered tears,
End of a dreaded trip,
Beginning for an epitaph.

Jackie Moxley

Ingredients:
One cameo pink and white checked suit
One ruffly, pink voile blouse
One licorice-black and snow-white paisley dress, with a stand-up collar
Several pairs of spring-colored patent leather shoes with changeable bows
Lacy tights and stockings, in any color of the rainbow -- and many more

Curls and straight hair, long or short
Mix them all together thoroughly. Season well with corresponding or contrasting shoulder pins and rings. Add a beaded purse or two. Pick the hair style that spells YOU!

These are just a few things that the girls can stir into their wardrobe this spring. Only once in a long while does such a versatile fashion period come along. Anything goes -- A-line or gathered skirts, long or short hems, loaf-

ers or easy-care patents, and neon or pale, muted colors. You have to make an extra-super hard try to go wrong fashion-wise -- and even then, it may be the start of a brand new fad!

Materials range from reliable cotton to dainty dotted Swiss and really light voile (new to our generation). Patterns are easily workable for the amateurs in the "fashion kitchen" and challenging enough for the expert chef.

As for rainwear, boots are never really "out." For a different swing into spring, try a rainscape -- a waterproof cape in a flower-fresh color to bring the season into "flower."

Cook up a hair style that flattens you -- or maybe half a dozen. Although the trend is going toward short, curly hair, the long, straight styles are still "in." Oops! I almost forgot and left out the two most important ingredients -- you and your imagination.

"Roll of tape . . ."
"Hey! Would you look at those flowers!"

"Repeat, roll of tape. Listen, kid, we've only got 48 hours left. Wouldya pay attention?"

Girls, particularly, bravely announce the arrival of spring. Where once they feasted on school lunches, they now force themselves to choke down their own home-prepared, paper bag delicacies. The meager meal is spread out on the table with an accompanying groan of despair and growl of hunger. Inventory of contents runs as follows: one dry bologna sandwich, four carrot sticks, one apple (maybe).

Along with the diets come short breaths, shaky legs, and other signs of physical exhaustion. The

You Weren't, I Am to Be

I wanted so much to live.
But I found nothing to live for . . .
Nothing, except to fulfill your expectations.

I would have liked to have tried
To make you a little happy.
But I couldn't meet your standards
I fell low.

And so I've decided it's not worth it.
I could only make you mad
With all my silly dreams.

The tears that you are shedding,
Soon they'll go away.
And there'll come a day when you will
Forget you cried.

You will forget your tears
And what they were for.
After all, I was only there to
Become what you weren't.

M. E. Boschart

with gritted teeth. "Less than two months," it reads, "You can make it."

So who needs nature to tell them it's spring? Isn't it obvious already?

An Alligator . . . Are You Kidding?

by Larry Brandon

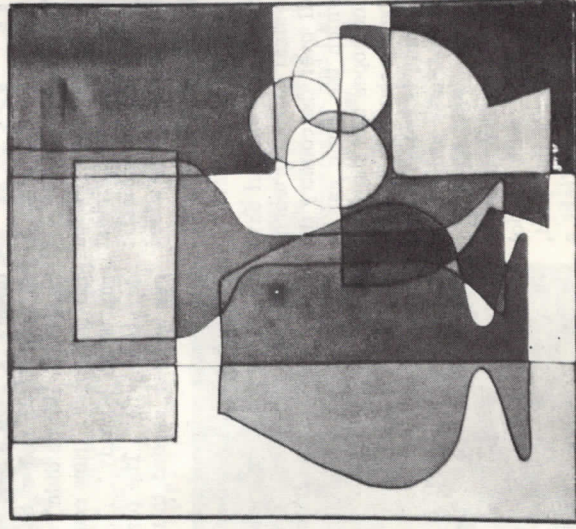
Men gasp. Women shudder. Children stare wide-eyed. A preview for a horror movie? No, just some of the reactions I get from people when they hear that I am the proud owner of a one and one half foot alligator. Uh, why are you staring like that?

Sound unusual? If you really know me, an alligator wouldn't startle you a bit. Countless dogs, cats, snakes, hamsters, fish, and even a raccoon, opposom, and a horse pad my list of animal "friends." So the next logical step would naturally be an alligator.

Need better proof of my sanity? Well, as you know everyone is seeking to become an individual in this century. And since I want to conform to nonconformity, I pursued something that set me apart from the everyday kid-next-door to the kid-next-door-with-an-alligator.

Being the only alligator owner in the block, I naturally bask in the limelight. (It's not everyone who gets pointed at and hears, "That's the loony that has the alligator.") But wait! Before you rush out and buy a cuddly alligator yourself, let me warn you.

A pet, no matter what kind, is not without his own special problems. For example, have you ever heard of an alligator that's afraid of deep water?



Kathy Gorr

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Heavy Schedule Faces Golfers

by Jim Marco

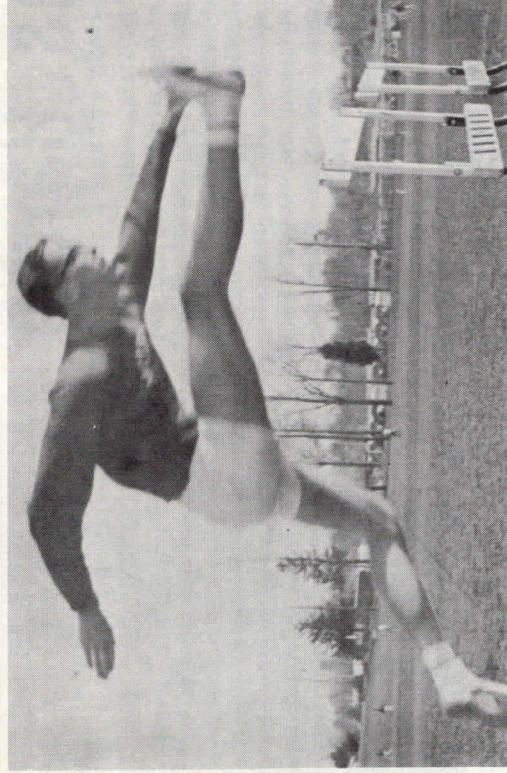
"No, I will not run for President!" replied Coach Emmet Perry as I approached him for an interview. The interview, however, was for a preview of the forthcoming season and the calm-and-collected coach immediately began making careful observations of his 22 remaining players out of a starting field of about 65.

"Seniors Jack Bouldin and Doug Nieberding, who are in their third season as members of the golf team, are the top men," remarked Coach Perry, "and can carry the team to its seventh consecutive state meet this year." Terry Clark and Dave Spyra head the team's bulk of juniors with Steve Sebastian being the most promising sophomore.

With 17 matches composing the schedule for the next month and a half, the golf team will have their hands full as they sometimes play as many as four matches in a week. Seven matches will be held at Padlock Country Club. When asked about spectators at the matches Coach Perry retorted, "Spectators are restricted from following the team around the course, but some watch from a distance. I've been trying to get this rule changed, however, for quite sometime now."

Ritenour, Normandy, St. Charles, and possibly Hazelwood will be expected to fight McCLUER for the conference title this season. "Our success," says the coach, "will be determined on how quick our younger boys develop."

Seems to follow a pattern set by our basketball team, doesn't it?



Ken Ruediger, junior clears a hurdle in a practice heat.

Just A Little Bit Better

by Chuck Vogel

In the recent years, tennis has been associated with the name Fluri. Gene Fluri, the older half of McCLUER's brother team, has shown great talent in every aspect of the game.

Gene may go all the way this year. According to Tennis Coach Al Haenssler, Gene has a great chance of taking first in state in both singles and doubles.

Playing tennis for six years,

Gene has developed into a respected ball player. He really got into the swing of things in ninth grade at Ferguson Junior High. Since this time, Gene has been thrilling tennis buffs with his great moves.

"The only way to practice is to play as much tennis as you can," Gene fulfills this statement all the way. He played all summer in tournaments in and around the St.

Louis area. "Actually, the competition isn't too tough in the county, but in the St. Louis tournaments, you have to be good."

A vivid player of both basketball and football, the lanky senior likes action and he's found plenty of it in tennis. And the most action is yet to come, because with Gene leading the sixteen other tennis players, we may have another state champion this year.

McCluer Track Team Readies For Dual Meet Conference Title

by Pat Patterson

The McCluer track team opened their league dual meet season last Thursday at Pattonville. Since then, the cindersmen have competed in the Alton Relays in Illinois, and met the Kirkwood Pioneers at home on Tuesday. Today the team runs against St. Charles across the river.

McCluer, the favorite in the dual meet conference, has many fine athletes on the team this year. This distance events, the mile and two-mile runs, have two experienced seniors in competition. Bruce Paschall is a top miler, and Bill Burton goes the longer two miles. Joe Waltz, junior, is also a good miler.

Terry Wolfe, also a junior, is the top man in the short dashes. Nick Francis and Jim Schmuck, seniors, lead the cindersmen in the 880-yd. and quarter-mile events. Larry Kinker, senior, is also a 440-yard man, and Jack Mannebach, junior, runs in the half-mile race.

In the 100-yard and 80-yard hurdles, McCluer has the speedy talents of Mike Hagene, who reached the semi-finals in the recent State Indoor Track Meet. Ken Ruediger, junior, also runs in the high and low hurdle events.

In the field competition of the track season, a returning letterman, Paul Mertens, senior, leads the boys in the discus throw. Wayne Cooley, junior, and Al Fischer, senior, compete in the pole vaulting event. The record at McCluer is 13 feet. Wayne can now vault 12 feet and expects to have a good season this year. By the time he competes as a senior, Wayne will have a good chance to reach that mark and perhaps even surpass it.

Rain, Go Away

by Larry Brandon

and Bill and Steve Bristow won their doubles match 6-3, 6-2. Randy Doerman and Bill Krueger lost their doubles match 1-6, 1-6.

A big part of the credit goes to Coach Haenssler. "The coach has really helped me with my follow-through," commented one player. "It's improved my playing a lot."

"It looks like it's clearing up, boys. Grab your tennis rackets and balls and head for those courts."

A scramble for equipment and a mad dash for the tennis courts provide a unique start for a tennis practice, but bad weather has cancelled two meets and practice has restricted to inside the gym on sev-



Practice time has been our biggest problem," Coach Albert Haenssler agrees. "Finding out who plays best and where, is hard when you don't have many practices."

In spite of cancelled practices, Coach Haenssler would be the first to tell you that this year's team looks "real good."

"The Fluri and Bristow brothers, Nick Giordano, John Krueger, and Randy Doerman are the top seven players now, and they look real good."

The Comets did look good on Friday, April 5, when they met Country Day on the M-4 courts. McCLUER won the match 3-2.

Gene and Tom Fluri each won their singles matches. Gene won 6-2, 5-7, 6-1; and Tom won 6-0, 6-1. John Patterson lost 3-6, 5-7

Bill Bristow backhands a return in the doubles match with Country Day. Bill and his brother, Steve won the match.

Volleyball Teams

Compete In GAA

G.A.A. volleyball class teams played Wellston March 19 at home courts. The senior class team was undefeated 2-0 while the junior team lost 2-0 and the regular sophomore team was victorious with the score of 2-0. March 15 the sophomore teams played Florissant Junior High's team. The regular sophomore team beat Florissant 2-0, and the alternates lost 2-0. March 27 the class teams played Riverview here.

Regular and alternate sophomore teams played Ferguson Junior High School April 2 at home courts.

Varsity teams will be picked by Mrs. Sue Linke and Miss Dorothy Hollenbeck, after all class games are over. Varsity will then play other schools.

Rose Lanzzone, junior, and Karen Reisinger, senior, are the managers for volleyball.

G.A.A. girls are also practicing for a future gymnastic tournament. The parallel bars, uneven bars, horse, Swedish vaulting box, and tumbling are the different events held. The girls make up routines on the event or events of their choice. Practice sessions are now being held.

Track season is just opening for G.A.A. Any girls interested may participate, providing they are a member of G.A.A.

Haenssler is no newcomer to the coaching profession. Eleven years of coaching are tucked safely beneath his belt, several of these at Ferguson Junior High as wrestling coach.

"I came to McCLUER because I have always been interested in tennis, and when they had an opening for a tennis coach I took it."

A Girl's Eye View of Baseball

by Kathy Anderson

don't see any bugs around and . . . Oh, is that what a fly is? I see. Does that guy get any extra points for getting it up in the air like that? . . . He doesn't! Well it seems to me that it takes more skill to get it up there than to just hit it and let it roll around on the ground. A ball caught in right field? . . . Right Field! But that isn't right-- it's left. Maybe the man is a John Bircher or something. . . . You mean it doesn't have anything to do with politics at all?

That man just made a home run! Is that something like a touchdown? . . . Oh, I see; a touchdown is in football and a home run is baseball. But he didn't even leave the ball park. How could he have run home already? . . . Oh, I understand now. The player has to run to first, second, third, and then

home base for a home run. Why do they call it home anyway? Wait a minute. Don't tell me. Let me guess -- that's where the bat boy lives, right? . . .

Who is that man between second and third? . . . A shortstop. But he isn't short. He must be at least 6' 1"!

Why is that man standing out in the middle of that big square? . . . So he's the pitcher. Well, why is he standing out on that hill. Is he afraid there's going to be a flood or something? . . .

That was real excitement. When can we go to another game? Say, isn't there one next week? Why don't we see it? . . . What do you mean you won't be able to go because your fourth cousin from Brazil is coming in that day? Maybe he'd like to see the game too.



Greg Baker takes a cut at the ball in the Jennings game at home, April 5. The COMETS won - 0.

The Sports Scene

by Jim Homan

over something you know nothing about? Afterward however, almost all the players were enthusiastic about the game, although one added the warning, "If you're a goalie, forget it."

The demonstration was put on to show the physical education teachers from all over the country the ease with which the game can be learned in the hopes that they will use it in their school P.E. programs. The game is being pushed in this country because although it is not played anywhere in the U.S., it is scheduled as an Olympic event in 1972. Hopefully, with school programs set up to teach the sport, America will be able to field a competitive European handball team by '72.

At the NAAPER Convention (That's the National American Association of Physical Educators and Recreation for those of you who are not familiar with the organization) held at Kiel Auditorium recently, members of our Sophomore Basketball team gave a demonstration of European handball, a game they knew absolutely nothing about.

They discovered that this game, long popular in Europe, is a combination of soccer and basketball and is played with a ball about one-half the size of a soccer ball which is hurled at a goal similar to that used in soccer.

How did the boys feel about the game? Well, before the exhibition they were pretty noncommittal. (After all, how excited can you get