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McCluer Welcomes 3 From Abroad

Through the efforts of McCluer's student body last spring, money was donated to bring two foreign students to the U.S. to spend this year at McCluer. Pilar Lorenzo from Spain and Marlon Winkles from Holland are the products of this Student Exchange Corporation Drive. Ayame Owaku, from Japan, comes to McCluer on the International Christian Youth Exchange Program.

Incredible as it may seem, 11% of the graduating class of Apostolado Del Sagrado Corazon De Jesus in Valladolid, Spain, will be attending McCluer this year.

Actually this 11% is one girl and her name is Pilar Lorenzo. Pilar comes from a class of nine girls to a class of 1200 girls AND boys.

Pilar's family is almost as large as her class at school. She has four brothers, two of which are older and two are younger than her. Pilar's father is a banker and works in Valladolid, which is about 120 miles north of Madrid. Her brother, Francisco, is 19, Jesus is 17, Pilar is 16, and Jose is 8. Pilar says that being

out of 500 from Holland, after filling out forms and applications. Crossing the Atlantic Ocean, she was on a ship filled with exchange students from all over Europe. The boat was supplied with many activities including an American band and a computer dance.

After docking in New York, she went to Tulsa by plane and then to St. Louis by bus.



Marlon

Marlon is staying in the home of Pat Fox, a senior at McCluer. Along with her American "parents" she has an older "brother" Terry, 19 years old, who attends Central State University. In Holland, Marlon's family is larger;

bus and reached her final destination, St. Louis, by plane.

People in modern Japan retain many of the old customs we have heard of. For example, they still take off their shoes before entering their houses. Rice (a harder, darker version than ours) is still frequently eaten, and they use chopsticks at meals. Raw fish is also an accepted food in her country.

Traditional as her background, Meme is really a modern person. She has very modern likes - the Beatles, for instance. Two years ago, when the Beatles were going to come to Tokyo, she wrote them that "I wants to meet you." In their reply, the Beatles indicated they wanted to meet her, too. And they did, too!

If you wish to know more - there will be an Exchange Student Reception today in the M-2 cafeteria at 3:00.



Anne Frank Inaugurates Drama Season For '68-'69

"Anne Frank", the first of five productions of the Drama Department, will be presented at McCluer October 18, 19 and 21. A Sunday afternoon matinee is also planned. Tryouts for this play are being concluded today, September 9. Callbacks are being held Wednesday afternoon, September 11. There are several committees involved in the production of this play. They are: Stage Crew, Light and Sound, Costumes, Programs and Tickets, Make-up, Properties, and Publicity. Any student is eligible to join these committees, provided he has the time to work after school on the production.

Only Sophomores are eligible for the next drama presentation, the Sophomore Play. The play this year will be "The Man Who Came to Dinner". Production dates will be November 22, 23, and 25.

The next presentation of the Drama Department will be the One Acts. These are a series of nine one act plays, three of which are given on three different nights. Only students enrolled in Drama Class participate in the production of the One Acts, which will be given at McCluer the evenings of January 16, 18, and 20.

Like the Fall Play, all students are invited to participate in the production of the Spring Play. "The Rainmaker" has been selected as this year's presentation. Tryouts will be held in February with the play being given March 21, 22, and 24.

A combination of the efforts of the Music and Drama Departments goes into the production of the Spring Musical. The two possibilities which are being considered by the Chairman of the Vocal Music Department, B.C. Bundy, are "My Fair Lady" and "Oklahoma". Auditions are open to all members of the student body and will place sometime in January with rehearsals beginning in February. This musical will run from May 8 to May 10, and May 15 to May 17.

All those who participate in these dramatic productions are eligible for membership in Thespians; an honor society for students who take part in the various activities involved in putting on a production. There are three main areas of

All Around McCluer

Fifteen out of sixteen varsity cheerleaders and the entire junior varsity cheerleading squad were present at the American Cheerleader Association Convention at Murray State University, in Murray, Kentucky, for one week during this summer. Although competition was not part of the convention agenda, the girls did participate in learning various jumps, formations and crowd pep songs. On August 17 the cheerleaders took part in the District cheerleaders camp at Clayton High School.

Senior jerseys will arrive between September 4 and September 7. However, students will not receive their jerseys until a few weeks after delivery.

Those artistically inclined will have a chance to display their work in the St. Louis County art fair.

boys is "Very good."

Pilar is staying with the Sneed family during her visit to the U.S. According to Pilar, her American home is very different from those in Spain. In Spain Pilar lived in a large apartment house of 20 floors. Here in America, with her "sister," Carol, a senior, Pilar lives in a one story home for the first time in her life.



Pilar

When Pilar was asked about her trip to the U.S. her first comment was, "it was very long." She left Valladolid on July 27 and arrived in St. Louis on August 14. Her entire trip was made by bus, boat and plane.

Pilar has already been up in the Arch and has visited Forest Park. Perhaps the most confusing thing seen by Pilar was her first professional baseball game, at the new Busch Stadium.

However baseball is not the only confusing American pastime. Upon viewing a poster titled "Alfred E. Neuman for President", Pilar's response was, "Is he a Democrat or a Republican?"

Since Marion Winkles left a school where boys outnumbered girls 350 to 100 to come here, McCluer better be worth it!

Newly arrived from Groningen, Holland, blonde, smiling Marion said, "I have met some persons from this school and I think they are very friendly."

Marion was sent here by the American Field Service early in August. She was one of 50 chosen

ter, Marceland Erna, and two younger brothers Jeroen and Joep. Her father has an administrative position in the Ministry of Agriculture.

Marion's school in Holland was quite different from most American schools. With no choice in courses, the students take 15 subjects a year and their day-to-day schedules vary. They usually spend about three hours a day on homework and their extra-curricular activities are limited to sports teams such as volleyball (Marion's favorite sport), soccer and hockey.

Marion noticed that dating here was different from dating in Holland. Because of the 18-year-old driving age, bicycles are the only teenage transportation. Therefore most activities are in groups instead of couples.

Enthusiastic and friendly, Meme (a nickname for Ayame Owaku, is small with animated dark eyes, and medium length, dark brown hair.

Our exchange student from Tokyo, Japan, Meme is a welcome addition to McCluer's crowds.

Meme's Japanese family lives in an "American-style house" inside the city of Tokyo. Her father is a general secretary at the YMCA and her mother is a musician, teaching both singing and piano lessons. Her only brother, Yasuki, is 27 years old, working in a Tokyo television station.

The Giddens family, with whom she is living now, is larger than her own, with four children. Debby Giddens, who is a junior at McCluer this year, will be her "American sister."

Meme has been in the United States almost seven weeks now. She first heard about the ICYE (International Christian Youth Exchange) from her father. After filling out forms and taking examinations, she was chosen over the other applicants to represent Japan abroad. The trip was made first by plane to New York for an orientation in Pennsylvania. From there, Meme came to Chicago by

directing. Points must be earned in at least two of these three categories. Ten points are needed for admission into the society; each point being equal to from thirty to forty hours of work.

Meme

Student Council Expects Year of Drastic Change

by Liz Vosevich

Student Council's Executive Committee has set the stage for a housecleaning. As Madelyn Brown, vice-president, said, "The philosophy of Student Council is that it is a learning experience and up to this point it hasn't been."

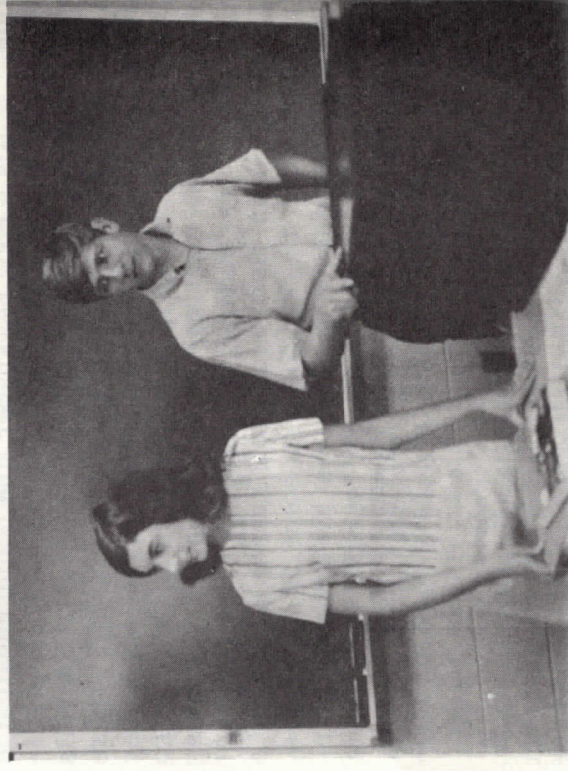
The only way to clean house is to start at the top and work your way down. Student Council has done just that by adding another sponsor, Mr. Windisch, to help the 1968-69 Executive Committee successfully facelift student council.

Step two in this methodical cleansing was taken by Wayne Cooley, of Student. He attended a convention given by the National Association of Student Councils so that he could learn the "methods" used by his counterparts throughout the nation.

After cleaning the rafters and organizing the work ahead, it's time to get down to brass tacks. In the case of Student Council, this means re-evaluating its pet projects. "Dances, such as the Get-Acquainted dance, are seldom profitable," Madelyn pointed out, "and the students aren't over-enthusiastic about all the drives."

lowing for advisory activities. Jack Mannebach, senior, has been appointed chairman of the new Advisory Committee.

A new attraction in the foreign language department is Mr. Klaus Krieger, from Munich, Germany. Mr. Krieger will teach German at McCluer the entire year.



Madelyn Brown, Student Council vice-president, and Wayne Cooley, president, reviewing plans for '68-'69.

Plea for Letters Help!

And just any letters will do. We're not picky. How CAN we be when the arrival of a letter--any letter--causes half the staff to run joyously through the halls in pursuit of lukewarm orange drinks for a 'we've got a letter!' celebration? Huh?

Okay, lazies, forget the excuse of 'I-just-can't-think-of-anything-to-write-and-anyway, - I-haven't-the-time' -- Baloney! Think a minute -- can you remember a day when you hadn't had something to complain about? Well? As for time, what about all those study halls you waste by sleeping? And all those boring classes in which you write notes to all your friends? You don't have anything to write about to us? You don't have the time? Hah!

How about all you people who hate SCOOP? Don't just stand there with your hands over your mouth, write us! Feel free to hate us! We don't care. And while you're writing your hate-SCOOP letter, also tell us about all the other things you hate. You say you can't stand the school's food? You think 'A Period' is a pretty rotten deal? You don't like being known -- officially -- as #327982? Fine! But don't keep it to yourself (you might get an ulcer.) Tell SCOOP!

And how about all you people who really don't hate anything, but just think most things around school are pretty messed-up? Great!

Write us! You think Student Council is rigged? You think SCOOP devotes too much space to sports? Or you think school spirit is a farce? Don't all you people who smoke in the johns want to defend yourselves? Well, don't get lost in the crowd, write us! Maybe your English teacher will notice your letter and give you "an A" for the day." And all you people who think grades are silly can write about that!

What if you feel so strongly about something a letter seems puny in comparison? Then write an editorial! That's right, an editorial. If it's interesting, we'll print it. If it isn't interesting, then we suppose we won't print it. Anyway, why don't you write one and find out?

You think that maybe someday you might write us a letter or editorial? Wonderful! But how will you get it to us? Well, you could give it to any SCOOP member or put it in Mrs. Brandon's mailbox in the M-5 office. But the most exciting way is to put your material in the SCOOP boxes, which will be placed in or around each office. If you want to put a poem or something for our creative page in there too, that's all right. One more thing: no apple cores, ice cream sticks, or spitballs will be accepted. All such contributions must be returned to the sender.

SCOOP proudly announces the birth of a brand new baby.

WHEN -- Summer '68

WHERE -- McCLUER

HOW -- In desperation

SIZE OF BABY -- four to six pages

GENERAL APPEARANCE -- flat and rectangular

NAME -- SCOOP II

Or perhaps we should call it a "rebirth." SCOOP II looks the same -- or same name, same black on white. But SCOOP II is an experiment. We said to ourselves "All right -- something isn't working. Too often, SCOOP

Obituary

Consider yourselves informed. The assorted characters of 'super-president,' a column which was written by claus, the scoop room mouse, and which SCOOP, until now, presented in each issue, have died. At least that's what claus says. Recently in a note left in a SCOOP room typewriter claus wrote 'i'm sorry to tell all you scoopedopers that london blame johnstown, hubba hubba humpy, rickety nickety, and all the other characters in my series 'super-president' have ceased to exist. they have committed political suicide -- in my series, of course -- and now have g.o.p. -- gone out of politics. in view of this, i shall temporarily suspend my column in scoop, and won't come up with a new one until i'm out of mourning. yeah.'

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The choice of America's political parties is a defeat for democracy. A democracy is a rule of the People, yet in Miami and Chicago the voices of the People were either ignored or belittled. It was obvious that the political bosses and big-wheel industrial leaders were running the parties, not the People.

The desires of the American People for peace in Southeast Asia and for peace at home have been ignored! The Democrat, Humphrey, has endorsed the policies of the current Johnson Regime, policies that have already failed. Nixon, the Republican candidate, has admitted the Administration's policies have failed, but his solution is the same as the Administration's. The third party candidate, Wallace, has said little, if anything, intelligent on anything.

There were candidates who reflected the views of the People

flower power
is for bees

Riot or Respect

Although the events in Chicago during the Democratic Convention have, for the most part, become passe, the unfortunate fact remains that something happened in Chicago which should not be taken so lightly nor forgotten so readily.

We are not speaking of the convention floor fights which highlighted an otherwise prefabricated convention, nor do we speak of the political bickering and maneuvering seemingly necessary to elect a presidential nominee. No, what we concern ourselves with is the brand of "law and order" demonstrated to a shocked world by Mayor Daley's police force.

Witness, for instance, some excerpts from the Post-Dispatch on Thursday, August 29, 1968:

"Police clubbed persons whose only desire was to flee but who could not move quickly enough because of crowds pressing at their backs. National guardsmen released tear gas at point blank range.

"One officer, after helping cram a stumbling, screaming group behind a wooden barricade across the front of the Hilton (Hotel), walked the length of the helpless group spraying them all with the chemical spray (Mace)."

"Police, losing any sign of restraint, clubbed people unmercifully. Reporters, photographers, and hotel guests were as likely to be victims of the attacks as anyone else."

"With the left hand, the police grabbed the clothing of anyone they could reach. With the right hand they beat the victim with their clubs."

torials nobody's interested in, and satisfying neither ourselves, nor the rest of the school." So, since we didn't have anything to lose, we looked at the things we wanted to do.

First of all, we wanted to get rid of the impression that SCOOP was a closed operation. Decision: A six page issue, once a month, with the middle two pages from the students. These pages will contain artwork, poetry, short stories, essays, songs, practically all forms of student creativity.

Then, we searched for a solution to the news and sports problem. For a school as big as McCLUER, news travels amazingly fast - over the loudspeaker, in the bulletin, through the grapevine, until everybody knows everything, and knows it so often, they don't need to see all of it again in the SCOOP. Decision: Skim the hashed-over news, then dig in. Personalize the news, make it more human. So, in coming sports pages, look for predictions - about future games - about other teams. On the news page, look for new angles on the same old stories, and for more up-to-date news.

And then we came across a big problem that's still got us worried - apathy. We know we've preached and preached about it, but nothing's changed. So now, we're beginning to get frightened. A newspaper, even a high school newspaper, is a method of communication. If it's a good newspaper, the communication is two-way. We haven't even achieved one-way communication yet. Decision: Publish relevant editorials and features about issues that affect us all. These might be national, local, about the school - but they will be about things people are thinking about. To help us "feel out" the things people are thinking about, we are planning "symposium interviews." These are open discussion groups made up of people from all over the school, and some from outside. We are also setting up "man on the street" interviews. On the Features page, several new ideas are being toyed with - one in particular is a column, "collage", about everything from hard rock to classical music.

Now, perhaps we've got a monster on our hands. It's unwieldy, but it's hopeful. It's opinionated, but it tries to be open-minded. It may be a failure, but at least it tries. We hope we can be proud of our baby.

son rocketer, and the late Robert Kennedy. However, McCarthy and Rockefeller were rebuffed by their parties, and Kennedy fell by an assassin's bullet.

It is clear that America wants and needs a change. If our leaders will not provide it, then it is the duty of the American People to rise up and change their government.

- A concerned Yippee



Extension of IMC Housed in M-5

You've heard of the I.M.C., but how about the E.R.C.? That's the English Resource Center, an annex to the I.M.C. which can accommodate about 32 people. Located next to the English faculty office, it houses materials for use by teachers and any student who has permission from his English teacher to use it.

At present, there are a variety of materials in the E.R.C., including tapes, records, and books. Many new books, primarily reference works, were bought this summer for the E.R.C. Among the miscellanea in the library is a four-foot dictionary, made up of several volumes.

Soon to be installed are a number of carrels, which are individual booths with built-in tape listening decks and viewers. Also, there is a special room to be used by teachers for previewing movies.

again and again while herding them to the door of the truck (paddy wagon)."

The above examples are by no means distortion of the action taken by police against demonstrators on the night of the balloting for the Democratic presidential nominee. If it is to work, our society cannot tolerate such tactics. Dissent and demonstration have always been the building blocks of our democracy. Granted, some demonstrators can be uncouth, obnoxious, and militant. Granted, it is hard for the police to remain unperturbed in the face of such opposition. But no matter how provoked the police may become, retaliation through such a brutal and irresponsible action is totally uncalled for. In this case innocent bystanders got hurt, people who were doing nothing except watching. Yet the police attacked them. How can we respect the police when they misuse their authority?

What happened in the streets of Chicago may have been in the name of "law and order," but in actuality was performed in the spirit of authoritarianism. Law and order, without Justice, is a farce. Nazi Germany had "law and order," but without Justice they had to rely on tactics similar to those of Mayor Daley's police to keep it. Is this something we can sanction in a free society?

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Skeletons

by Debbie Rath

Laughter rings through the dark-ened street, punctuated with notes from an off-key piano. A handful of homes are staggered in the valley beside a twisting frosted stream. From several structures flows the warmth of mellow light. A moonless sky is speckled with countless stars, and the sharp clean breeze makes the trees shiver.

The lights and noises fade away as a pinkness appears over the mountains in the east. Gradually, structures with rotting wooded walls, and roofs with flattened tin can shingles can be seen.

The floors are gutted and the holes are filled with grass; square headed nails are rusting and the mud has washed out of the cracks.

Outside one empty shelter, an old cabinet and the top of a stove slowly rot in the elements. In another, pegs on one wall once led to a lift, perhaps a child's bed. An extra room in the back, with a wider door might have served as a refuge for animals.

Broken shelves identify what was once a general store while the saloon is the only real two-story building.

As the sun continues to rise over the horizon, the first prairie dog pops out of his hole in search of breakfast. He has already realized that the ghost town is a skeleton of yesterday. It stands to remind people of lessons that were learned

trodding through a winters dampen dilemma

i come to down up on some tulip town where roses are in a factory mold and lilacs

made of wax and

i walk through the town some where else people are setting these fake flowers

in the ground and i ask, "What's

going on?"

they all stop their work and stare

at me and

i'm kind of afraid of these fake

people are

coming toward me with no look in

their eyes



so i begin to run toward the snowy rocky

fields from where i came when i land

hard upon the ground i look back

at the

object of my downfall to see this

very much rock which i pickup and

run on,

the town is far behind no one fol-

lowed

i lost of breath and feeling safe

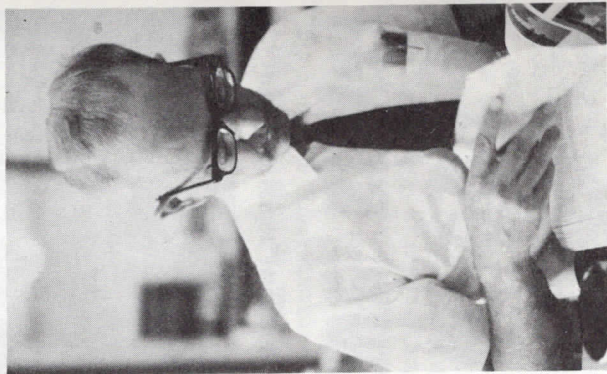
remember the rock thats been in

my hand all

this time and laugh at myself for

picking

it up not wanting to wonder why look



by Liz Vosevich

Annotations

People. Short people, tall people, fat and skinny and small people. Blue-eyed people, green-eyed people, gray and brown and hazel-eyed people.

Pushing people, rushing people, got-to-find-my-next-class people. Questioning people, begging people, Is-this-M-1-2-3-4-or-5? people. Staggering people, sluggish people, obviously-half-awake people. Early-risers. late-risers. Why-do-I-even-have-to-be-a-riser?

Collage ... Collage

is a regular column offering different angles on the common theme, music. Prospects are in the fields of hard rock, soul, classical, folk, or even country-western (should the request be made). Collage will be kept up-to-date, although time allowances of one to two weeks must be made for publication.

Because of its impact on today's ear, enter first into hard rock ...

It's Been Here

Along with the flood of as-yet-unheard-of groups came the regular releases of established names. Result: established best-sellers. Cream added "Wheels of Fire" to their still selling "Disraeli Gears." Doors contributed "Waiting for the Sun" (although many people criticize that it has been selling through their name rather than on its own merit). Iron Butterfly followed "Heavy" with the more popular "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida." Steppenwolf, Canned Heat, and Jimi Hendrix remain on the top charts regardless of time lapse.

Favorites with the older set (but still below 25 years) are the Velvet Underground with "White Light, White Heat" and Electric Flag with "A Long Time Coming."

A record that has been here but never got chart recognition is Silver Apples. A two man group, Silver Apples plays its personal interpretation of music with the Simeon and the Taylor Drums. An explanation of these instruments would take more space than can be used, and a description of the resultant "music" much more. Instead, try the record for yourself. Late, in silent darkness, alone.

It Just Came

Following their summer perfor-

mances in St. Louis, two groups released new albums. Jefferson Airplane has a better seller with "Crown of Creation" than with their last LP. Big Brother and the Holding Company with Janis Joplin goes all out with "Cheap Thrills," as its album cover proves.

"Music from Big Pink" features The Band who plays background for Bob Dylan. No folk music this, or even folk rock. This is labelled hard.

In the single field are two 45's -- "Susie Q" by the Creedence Clear Water Revival (watch their album, too) and "You Got the Love" by Professor Morrison Lollipop.

It's Coming

Overshadowing all that has been is what is to be. The Beatles manage to fit both categories. Surely all they have been is plenty, but they keep on going. Now owners of their own recording company, Apple, their exertions are put to push unknowns. And themselves. Jimi Hendrix's American performance tour could bring him within range of St. Louisans. Rumors are many and hopes still more. Meanwhile, his third album is due any day.

Traveling with Hendrix is a group to keep track of -- Soft Machine. Three boys from England, they put out a sound to merit their playing on tour with the Big Man. Their live performance is one song -- and that song is more than could possibly be anticipated.

Closer to home, keep watching for products from Truth, Touch, and the Aardvarks. Radio Station K-SHE tantalizes its listeners with Touch's version of "Light My Fire" and "Round Trip," but the single isn't yet released locally. Truth's album is also being held

Bubble

by Linda Gunkel

A child infatuated by a soap bubble.

She looks delighted - Bubbles are beautiful, you know. But what is a bubble really?

Maybe she'll touch it and find out... where did it go?

When the bubble popped, it got in her eyes. She couldn't see it - but she could feel it - and it hurt - it stung!

Is truth like the bubble?

by Linda Gunkel

Political Youth Groups

The goal of another such political organization, Young Americans for Freedom, is "to acquaint and involve young people with current issues through speakers, films, and reading materials," according to Kathy King, Secretary of the Missouri Y.A.F. This group should appeal to the student with conservative interests, for it was founded by William Buckley. The Y.A.F. may be reached at this phone number - YO 4-9980.

Feminine election-watchers may be attracted to the programs of the League of Women Voters, which offers an associate membership to minors. Campaigns to encourage voter registration, examinations of governmental issues, and forums with candidates are among the opportunities for political involvement found in this national group, according to its state president, Mrs. Caldwell Hamilton. The phone number for the League of Women Voters is PA 5-3063.

Only a Story

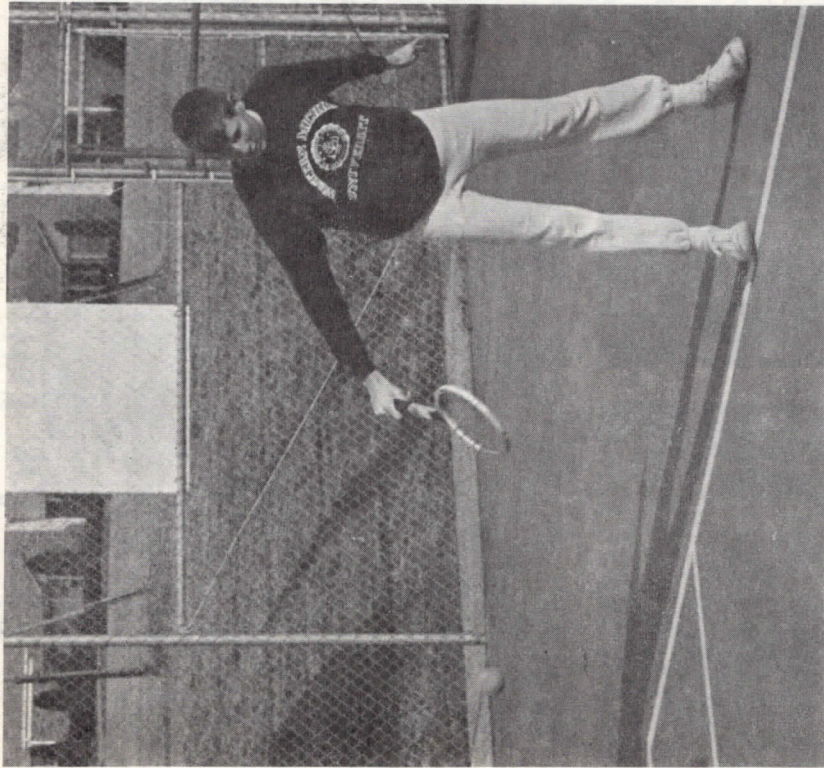
There was a very young person who could have been almost any age, who was waiting impatiently for Love to knock her into a floating position (at least a foot off the ground) where she would remain for the rest of her life. With this in mind, she waited for him to come, but no one satisfied her.

Without suddenness, a person came who did satisfy her. With-out a single stunning blow he made her buoyantly happy, though not quite weightless. She liked him, then she really liked him. Is it Love she asked? How could it be? I'm not floating.

Then, because of _____ (fill in as you like - its your story) he left her.

Now the very young person at last began to grow older. Though she had never left the ground (had she?) it was suddenly unbearably hard beneath her. It hurt. And she realized that she had found what she was searching for too late. Silly that she hadn't known -- it wasn't Love, it was love.

GAIL



Tom Fluri, senior, remaining brother of the Fluri tennis team.

Trials and Troubles of Football Training

For those who have never experienced a high school football practice, the following article should be helpful. After reading it, you will better appreciate the efforts of the players in their gridiron battles. It is this appreciation which sparks the flood of school spirit into unison with team effort for a complete victory.

Practice opens with roll call and announcements concerning shoe rental, insurance, or schedule changes. The squad then breaks

by Jim Holmes
Scrimmage is next on the list. Here the coaches see the result of their time and patience. Usually in scrimmage one of the units out-plays the other, so a spirited offense vs. defense battle is waged as an individual performance is readily observable.

With the end of scrimmage silence pervails among the hard-worked players in anticipation of the coaches' next order. If it be

Through the Crystal Ball

Gasping, breathing, sweating, and running . . . running . . . running. That's the name of the game: Cross Country.

Yet even though the torture is high, so are the rewards, for every year, scores of boys attempt to make the team. Yet only a select few manage to reach the top.

But can the entire Cross Country Comets reach the top of the pile? The chances are very good. Consider the return of last year's stars, among them Mike Patterson and Ron Thompson. Then consider the advancement of last year's sophomores into the varsity. Also consider the schedule:

On September 6, the Alton Invitational Meet rolls around. Alton will be the team to beat, but it's not as easy as it sounds. The Comets, hindered by the loss of Graduates Bill Burton and Bruce Paschall, must put up a good fight.

Then, the Riverview Rams face the Comets on September 16. Last

by Chuck Vogel
year, the Rams were easy victims to the rampaging Comets led by Ron Thompson. This year will probably prove to be the same. Chalk up a probable victory for MCCLUER.

At O'Fallon Park on September 18, the Comets will take on Southwest High. It'll be a hard-fought battle for the Comets, but good will probably prevail in the end.

The Comets will really have a fight cut out for them when the Edwardsville Invitational Cross Country Meet begins. They'll be facing a tough field of nearly 28 teams. Last year, they placed fourth, beaten only by Alton, Princeton, and Belleville West. To do as well or better as last year would be a great victory for the team.

And so, the Cross Country Comets begin another spectacular year, destined to be filled with ups and downs, breathing, sweating, and running . . . running . . . running.

Runners Need Stamina For Cross Country Race

Would you believe that each boy on the Cross Country team runs an average of 36-40 miles a week? It's true! Training is tough--at least 4 to 6 miles a day. A typical day includes two miles of halves, one mile of quarters, two miles before practice and two after practice.

Five of last year's top runners will return this year to race again. Mike Patterson, Ron Thompson, Joe Waltz, Dave Cartwright, Dwain Akins are returning to carry the Comet banner high.

In his first year at McCluer, Coach George Hollowell is impressed by the caliber of athletes and by the student body as a whole. The Cross Country coach spent two years coaching at St. Charles before coming to McCluer.

Invitational matches spark the schedule of Cross Country. An invitational match is sponsored by one school which invites other schools to participate. As many as 12 to 15 different schools may be represented. The competition often gets rough as teams battle to gain that victorious first place.

Legion Ball Attracts Boys From McCluer

by Scott Trimble

McCluer's sport scene didn't come to a halt last June when school was dismissed. Many of the comets who played on the Varsity baseball squad continued to keep in practice by playing on the Ferguson American Legion team. The team consisted of many old and new faces including five sophomores.

The team record over the summer was 9-9. Next year's team has high hopes of doing better. Their sights are set on gaining a championship.

For some of the fellows this was the last year they could participate in Legion ball because of the age limit of 19. These include Ronnie Gabbard, Steve Miller, Ritchie Gorczyca, Jack Bouldin, Jimmy Thornsberry and Jody Jordan.

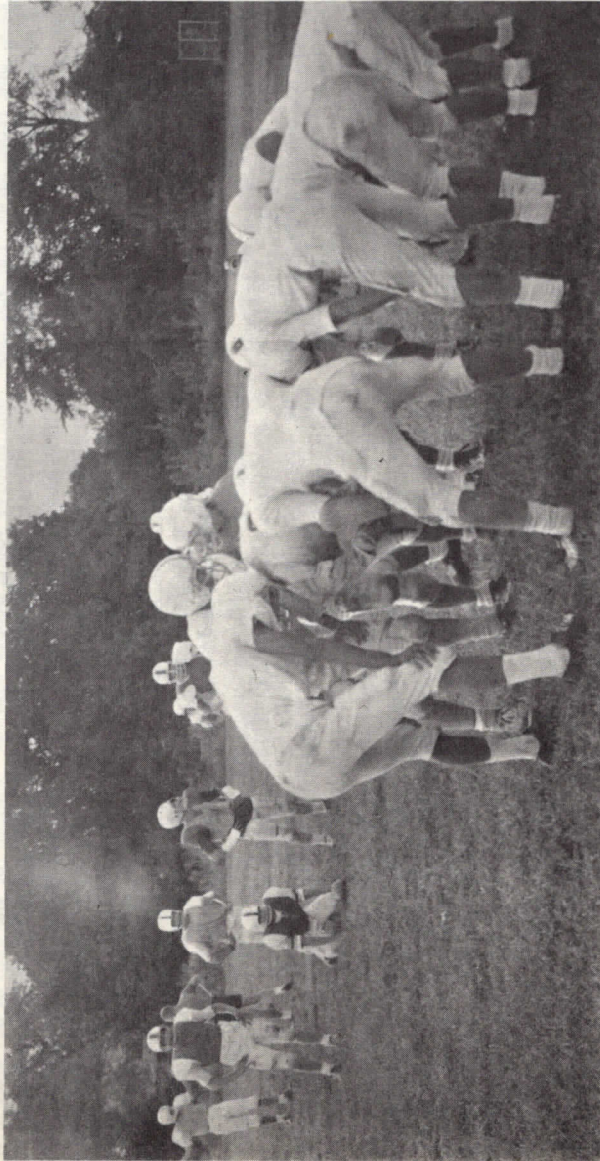


signed practice areas for exercises. The exercises consist of three major types: loosening up, conditioning, and agility exercises, and are performed in that order.

The first type loosens up the prime muscle areas, actually "awakening" them after, hopefully, a restful night's sleep. The second type gets the rarely used muscles warmed up for full action, thus helping to prevent injury. The third type is designed to combine body coordination with speed and timing.

After exercises comes a wide variety of drills. Each drill is specialized for a certain facet of football such as running, passing, blocking, pass defending, tackling, etc.

The players trying out for these positions are thus given the opportunity to sharpen their skills in these simulated game situations. It is in these drills that the coaches see the weaknesses and give advice in correcting them.



Varsity football team hopefuls workout.

Exclusive Athletic Club-- Only Girls Can Join!!

Are you the type who loves to get thoroughly involved in all kinds of activities, who loves to get excited and let loose with good loud yells of encouragement for fellow teammates? Are you also a girl? Then you probably feel just a little gyped, and think that only boys get a chance to participate in activities like that. Don't you believe it! There is a club just for you. You don't have to be a brawny, muscular boy to join, you don't even have to be a boy. In fact, if you are, you can't.

The club is GAA, the members are anything from petite redheads to statuesque blondes, and the thing they all have in common is - they're girls.

GAA are the initials for Girls' Activities Association. It is the feminine version of our Comets here at McCLUER. Almost all the schools in the St. Louis area have GAA clubs, and that means plenty of competition, in both team and individual sports, for GAA offers both.

The first team game offered this year will be softball, managed by Rose Lanzone. Next will come field hockey, managed by Connie Gunkel. Other team sports will be basketball, volleyball, tennis, and archery.

The individual sports consist of gymnastics, managed by Karen Ramspott, table tennis, shuffleboard, aerial darts, badminton, and deck tennis.

And that's not all. Suppose you don't go so much for sports, suppose dance is your media? No problem - Orchestras, the modern dance club, is one due-paying branch of the GAA.

The areas of interest are not limited to dance and sports. If you have leadership yearnings, you have leadership yearnings, campaign for a GAA office. Last year, GAA's officers were elected by the entire membership. Carol Russo became president; Nancy Ozenberger, vice-president; Pat Baer, secretary; Sue Watkins, treasurer; and Pat Sweeney, Social Committee chairman.

Other projects? One of the first is a Homecoming float. GAA also sponsors a "turn-about dance," and a banquet at the end of the year to honor deserving members.

So, as you can see, GAA is really an ACTIVITIES Association.

Mr. Mike Ballard, the new assistant varsity football coach.

Tennis Champs Continue Wins During Summer

by Larry Brandon

Like the professional scuba diver that went swimming on his day off, the McCLUER tennis team plays tennis during the summer months. Sound ridiculous? Not if you expect to go undefeated and take State title again next year.

"A little bit each day" seems to be their motto and it's followed dutifully with an average of three hours of playing per day. Not only practice but an impressive list of tournaments stud their summer program. Tom Fluri and brother Gene grappled with brothers Steve and Bill Bristow and emerged the victors in the Triple A invitational Doubles. In the Ferguson Open Invitational, Nick Giordano teamed with Steve Bristow to take first doubles in the 18-and-under age group. In singles Nick took first while teammate Steve took second. In 16-and-under singles Bill Bristow took first.

Prospects for next year are high. An undefeated season and State championship are the goals for next year and if this summer was just a preview of what is to come . . . McCLUER will have its third State title and a proud athletic heritage.