



Tuscaloosa  
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**OUR JUNIOR YEAR**

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## T.H.S. faculty ready to serve the largest student body ever

T.H.S.'s principal, Mr. Greer, is with us again for his second year as principal and his twelfth year at Senior High. He has been busy getting 1973 students and a faculty of 84 started back to school again. Mr. Gallman, our assistant principal is in charge of attendance and discipline. The office staff is composed of: Mrs. Bardon, who makes all class assignments for students and teachers, does correspondence for the school, and supervises the main office; Mrs. Lewis, bookkeeper and registrar; and Mrs. Gable, who relieves teachers of clerical work and handles the cumulative folders of each student.

"This has been one of the smoothest school openings in my teaching experience. It is hard to believe that the hallway outside my door is not packed with students 'waiting to see Mrs. Bardon,'" comments Mrs. Clara Williams, algebra teacher and, as she says, "long sufferer of hall noise."

Supervisor of athletic activities, Coach Henderson, is in his 13th year with the athletic department. The Student-Personnel Service or Guidance Department is headed by Mr. Upchurch. This department represents the students and is a service to them in any way possible. Mrs. Gardner, Senior High's cafeteria manager, for the eighth year, plans the menus and buys the food and equipment to make our lunches. Miss Stella Sellers, assistant manager, supervises the kitchen staff.

The library this year has three full-time librarians on duty every period. They are Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Terrill, who were newcomers last year, and Mrs. Howard, who has been here for more years than she will admit! "This promises to be the very best year the library has had since we have been in the new building, and we want all classes to make use of our wide range of materials," says Mrs. Howard.

## Nine National Merit Scholastic Finalists

This year Tuscaloosa High has nine semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. They are as follows: Betty Hayes, Theresa Abrams, Chris Christian, Tom Hocker, Richard Summerville, Wynne Alexander, Jimmy Stringer, Nancy Roberson, and Reddie Guy.

The testing started last March with preliminary tests. This December they will take the Scholastic Aptitude Test. There are about 10,000 boys and girls across the nation taking these tests; only the top 10% will make it to the finals.

The scholarships will be accepted in all colleges and universities. They do not pay full tuition, but that part which your parents are unable to pay. This amount is determined by a percentage of their income.

## Elizabeth Forehand named Queen



Diane Davis (left), Homecoming Queen Elizabeth Forehand, and Mary Ann McDaniel.

## Guidance Department serves every student

A service has been offered to the students of Tuscaloosa High for several years, and this notice is being sent to make you aware of this service. The service is known as "Guidance and Counseling." It is a service designed to help you, the students, with any questions or problems that might arise during the year. It might be a problem dealing with occupational plans, or it might be a personal problem.

Some people have mistaken ideas about counseling; Counselors do not tell you what to do. They listen to your problems and explore with you the possible solutions or courses of action. Usually there is more than one solution to a problem and only you can really decide the action to take.

The more you know about yourself and the better you understand yourself, the better decisions you are able to make. There are various ways a counselor can help you gain a better understanding of yourself. There are times when tests (Aptitude, interest, achievement, and personality) give valuable information to a person. These tests and the records of tests you have taken in the past at Tuscaloosa High are available to you in the Guidance Office.

One thing which should be made clear from the start is that the counselor is not in charge of discipline.

Anything told a counselor will be held in complete confidence. You can be sure that what you say to a counselor will not be passed on without your permission.

I hope you will feel free to come to the Guidance Department when-

ever you need assistance. The time to come is when you want to, during study hall, before or after school. The Guidance Office is in Room 104 on the first floor.

## T.H.S. runs on new schedule this year

This year T.H.S. is running on a new schedule due to the increase of the enrollment in the Freshman class. It has become necessary for this group to attend classes in shifts, the first shift beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 a.m., the second beginning at 12:00 a.m. and is dismissed at 4:00 p.m. Both shifts have a home room period, four class periods and a break after the second class. The lunch room is open to the first shift Freshmen between 12:00 a.m. and 12:25 a.m., the second shift between 11:35 a.m. and 12:00 a.m.

Since it has become necessary for Freshmen to attend school in shifts their academic credits for graduation will be reduced from 22 to 20 1/2. Phy. ed. and an elective have been dropped from the schedule, however, through the Y.M.C.A. a physical education program is being offered at a nominal fee, with the pupil receiving credit for attending.

The Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors begin school at 8:00 a.m. and dismiss at 3:02 p.m. They have home room, seven class periods, and two breaks. Lunch is served for this group during their fourth or fifth period class while the Freshmen are changing shifts.

## Homecoming court named at Pep Rally

Homecoming activities got underway Friday morning, October 20, when Elizabeth (Beppy) Forehand was named Homecoming Queen for 1961-62. Highlight of the day was the football game between the Black Bears and the Pensacola Tigers. The Queen reigned in the parade held Friday afternoon, and at the dance that night which brought the Homecoming festivities to a close.

Elizabeth Forehand was elected Homecoming Queen by a popular vote of the students last week. She and her court, including Diane Davis and Mary Ann McDaniel, were presented to the student body Friday morning during the first period. The team's sponsor Katie Lou Pritchett and captain's sponsors Robin McCrory and Susan Swain were also presented.

The Queen and her court were presented to the public Friday afternoon in the Homecoming Parade which began at 4:00 P.M. The parade consisted of floats and cars representing the four classes at THS, and the various school clubs.

During the halftime at the game Friday night, the Queen and her court were presented again. Miss Forehand was escorted by Paul Bryant, Miss Davis by Tim Parker and Miss McDaniel by Erving Hank. The captain's sponsor and the co-captain's sponsors were presented again also.

After the game, the Homecoming Dance sponsored by the Student Council, was held in the gym. The dance began at 10:00 and lasted until 12:00. Admission price was \$1.00 stag or drag.

This year there were 31 candidates for Homecoming Queen.

Mrs. Cary served as Chairman of the Pep Rally Program and the presentation of the Queen. Mr. Bardon, with the aid of Mr. Sherer and Mr. Wallace, served as Parade Chairman. Mr. Upchurch was appointed as Chairman of the faculty committee for Homecoming Dance. Coach Tarleton handled registration of cars for the parade.

## Randall is honored

This past summer many members of the Key Club flew to Philadelphia to the International Key Club Convention. Among these were: Tommy Nicol, Bill Coleman, Wayne Shaffer, and Pettus Randall. They flew with about eighty other boys from Alabama. Alabama was the first district that was able to fly to this meeting. There were about 4,000 boys from all over the entire world at this convention.

Pettus Randall, vice-president of the Student Council, was elected International Trustee, and is presently on the Board of Directors, being the youngest member.

## Town and Gown to use student help

The Town and Gown theatrical agency has come to Tuscaloosa. Mrs. Janice Rankin will assist in the selection of ten students, six boys and four girls, to help in back stage work. Mr. James Hatcher will instruct these students in stage craft, make-up, and costuming. This training should prove most valuable to those interested in theatics.

Town and Gown expects to place Tuscaloosa on their itenerary each year in the presentation of fine plays. On October 16, "The Man Who Came to Diner" was presented in our auditorium. The group will also present a musical, "The Boyfriend" in the spring.

## Shifts not forever; new Jr. High solution

This year our school is faced with the problem of double sessions for freshmen. It has been brought on by the lack of facilities to accommodate the one thousand, nine hundred, and seventy-three students who face us this year. Much has been said and written about the double sessions, however, for many frosh it has been better than was anticipated. Some feel it is unfair in that they are able to take only four courses. The main complaint heard from upperclassmen, and a mild one at that, is of school starting earlier, 8:00. Fifteen minutes one way or the other shouldn't hurt very much. Activities such as homeroom, time, and pep rallies have been disturbed by the five minute homeroom period. This has caused the upperclassmen comment that "things just don't seem quite the same."

When schools are in such dire need of space it seems that the only solution is another school. A new junior high school is to be built in Alberta, and this, along with the old Tuscaloosa Junior High, will accommodate the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. If everything goes according to schedule it will be completed and ready for use by September of 1962.

For now, and maybe for a few years in the future, our school problem is solved, but the only way we can wipe problems out permanently is to alert the public and encourage them to eliminate them.

## Let's push Bears with spirit at pep rallies

Pep rallies seem to have gotten off to a fine start this year. "The spirit's building from week to week and we're going to push the Black Bears straight to the top," says Lyn Riden, head cheerleader.

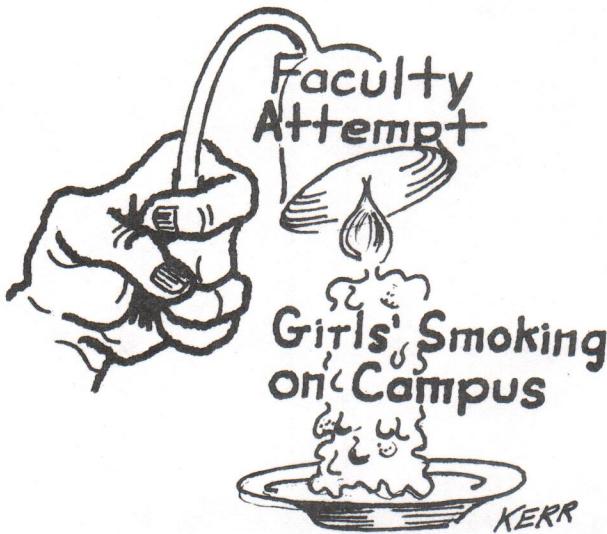
The turnout at the 7:40 rally before the Lanier game proved that many T.H.S. students demonstrate their spirit regardless the time of day. In past years it had been thought that students came to pep rallies merely to get out of homeroom. Proudly we observe this is not the case.

The reason for each student's supporting T.H.S. is that each of us is one of the almost two thousand students. It's like a puzzle with two thousand pieces and when one piece isn't there the puzzle lacks complete unity.

There are many ways we can make our school have the best spirit in the state. Sit with the Pep Squad at games—there's always room for one more. Go to pep rallies—the cheerleaders put a great deal of time and work into them so let's show we appreciate their effort. Be the leader and yell the loudest—raise the gym roof and lift Denny Stadium off its foundations.

Mr. Greer tells us, "Conduct at pep rallies and ball games has been beyond reproach." That deserves a cheer for those who yell so mightily for the Black Bears.

## Cartoon views the news



## Just Thinking

by

Chris Curtis

Editor-in-Chief



Well, here we go again starting a new year with a new parking lot, new teachers, new machines, new BEAR FACTS sponsor, a new shift system for freshmen, and a darn good football team.

Yes, T.H.S. has started off this year with a much needed and much welcomed new parking lot.

I would like to extend to all of our new teachers a personal welcome and hope that you enjoy teaching at Tuscaloosa High. We would all like to welcome our new sponsor, Mrs. Rutledge, of whom we already think a lot.

### Editor sounds off

## Requirements much too high for taking five academics

By BILLY ALLEN

### IS IT RIGHT?

That students who have the ability and the desire to take five academic subjects are kept from doing so?

Through the years at Tuscaloosa High School it has been the policy to allow students only four academic subjects a semester five being allowed only to straight A students. Even with straight A's it seems as if they are discouraged in doing so. There are many in this school who do not make straight A's but who have an Honor Society rating, and ability. Why, only three of the nine National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists are members of the Honor Society. These people are the ones to whom I have talked. They too agree, and ask why must we be restricted to four academic subjects—especially if we want and need to take five for a particular reason.

"Sound Off" will be a regular feature in your Bear Facts this year. Look for future issues and columns by editorial and feature editors, and the business manager.

There are not many straight A students, but there is a large number who have ability and perhaps might even be encouraged to put forth more effort if they were allowed to take five academic subjects. Actually, if a student has ability and is not using it, he should have to take enough work to use his potentials.

There are some students who just plain don't want to take five academics. Well, that's just fine and dandy because I'm not talking about you. I'm talking about the students who do want to. They are the ones who will probably be our future leaders.

The main argument against taking five academics is simply that students cannot take the load. Now I don't know where this idea originated but I think it is ridiculous. Oh sure, I know there are some who cannot carry this load, but there are still those who can. I know many schools, in this state and out that allow their A and B students five academic subjects and they are able to carry the load without too much difficulty. So, why can't we? We aren't any different, or are we?

As all of you have probably noticed, there is no longer a supply store in the front hall; it has been replaced by the machine age. Around our fine school have been placed a bright array of coin operated machines at which you can buy all your supplies.

The BEAR FACTS also hopes to enjoy the patronage of every one of our new freshmen who we are sorry to say will be burdened with a four-hour school day!

The Black Bears have also started off with a very impressive bang thanks to a lot of hard work on the part of the team and the coaches.

Do you know the School Board's answer to this? GO TO SUMMER SCHOOL! Those students who are industrious enough to want to learn more than the average curriculum must go to summer school to take extra subjects they could obtain by taking five academic subjects.

Why must we go to summer school when we could go off to camp as a counselor or take an educational trip across the country. We could have a job making money for that college education, or we could be gaining worthwhile experience through other summer projects.

Think about it, talk to your parents, and maybe the school will see things from our point of view.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Letter to the Editor

Having just moved here, I would like to tell you of my first impressions of T.H.S.

My first contact was with the football team. The boys and coaches are the best I know. They made me feel at home in no time at all. Soon I had met a whole lot of people and every one of them was as friendly as if they had known me all my life. T.H.S. is a wonderful school, and I don't know finer or friendlier students or faculty anywhere.

George Fletcher



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# Bear Facts Presents

While dodging down the hall, we see one of T.H.S.'s most outstanding students, President of the Student Body, Ralph Quarles. He is very sleepy-eyed and perhaps needs a little Geritol Junior, since it is 7:30 in the morning and he is on his way to Student Council meeting.

His weary looks might be the results of a rough time out on the gridiron yesterday afternoon. Being a two year letterman and our first string center, Ralph knows that the Black Bears will go all the way. He thinks it will be a tough struggle but he is willing to put forth all his effort.



As he enters the small auditorium, a multitude of silence overcomes the representatives. After taking his place before the students, Ralph suddenly perks up as he realizes his responsibilities and calls the meeting to order. The business is over and everything is taken care of—Mr. Quarles then dismisses the meeting and tries to find his way to home-room where he then crams for a test he will have today.

Ralph is very enthusiastic, wants to make good grades, and has a very high average. This year Ralph is taking Spanish II, which really keeps him busy. Also, he is a member of the Key Club, is a regular attendant, and is a very active member in this field.

## THS welcomes new teachers

Always T.H.S. has been able to lure replacements to take over where the departing members of our faculty left off.

Many students of American history are amazed at Miss Davidson's ability to be in two places at one time. This phenomenon is actually due to the addition of Sociology teacher, Mrs. Busby, to our staff. (all American history students who thought Mrs. Busby caught them talking about her sister's "horrid" test can relax.) Although look-alikes, these two teachers are not related.

One of our prettier additions is Miss Kendricks, Cherry's sister. She is teaching math this year. We hope she will remain with us for a while to brighten up our halls, but we fear one so attractive will follow in the footsteps of another teacher. Deanne Phillips.

We also have several male additions to our faculty.

Bill Elliot, our athletic sophomore English teacher from Fort Payne, is one of the more handsome. He's working on his MA at the University on the side.

Another athletic native of Alabama is Gary Kerr, who is also doing the B.F. cartoons. This handsome artist played basketball and football. He adds as a final note, "I'm still single!"

When asked what his favorite past times are, Ralph replies, "Sleeping, eating, and sports." When football isn't in season, Ralph shoots a few goals in the gym. He likes basketball but prefers football. He loves to go to college games and many times you will find him curled up before the TV wide-eyed over a pro game.

The young gentleman that we have been mumbling about hangs out at 2012 Glendale Gardens in the Druid City, where he owns a fine basement bedroom and study. This is where he does his work plus sleeping and eating. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Banks Quarles. Ralph also adds that he has two younger brother "brats" who worry him day in and day out. Our president hopes to attend the University of Alabama and go into the College of Engineering.

Last summer many of our students went on vacations, studied in schools, and socialized throughout the Druid City.

Christine Rickett drove down to Jacksonville Beach where she stayed with Mitzi Brown.

Didi and George Fletcher held a party at their home where everyone rocked and rolled after our victory over Holt.

Trudy and Helen Nelson spent a few days in Minnesota with their grandparents.

Jack Jackson studied at Phillips Exeter in New Hampshire.

Katie Pritchett visited Niagara Falls in Canada on a church convention.

Carol Tatum blew into Washington, D. C. for a couple of days and toured the nation's capital.

Ginger Willoughby sun bathed in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Alice Crume was very fortunate to go to Atlantic City for the Miss America Pageant.

Among the many girls who attended Camp Sequoya in Bristol, Virginia were: Kay Catrina, Mary Kate Meridith, Alice Baernstein, Sally Hinton, Donna Sue Miller, and Heidi Hoyt.

Touring Jamaica and Nassau were Ann Banks, Jane Banks, and Margaret Partlow.

A fantastic three week tour of California was Whitney Menning's highlight of the summer.

Many of our Junior and Senior boys wheeled down to Gulf Shores for a couple of days staying at Mack Brown's cabin.

Lake Martin was a popular place this summer with many of the Senior girls there.

Pamela Mitchell as well as many of our Sophomore and Junior girls floated down the Mississippi River this summer on a ten day trip.

Many of our Freshman enjoyed the "Sock Hop" here in the gym on September 11. They danced to the band of the Galaxies.

## HOW TO DO —

Do you often wonder how to do this, or how to do that? Well, the Bear Facts Staff has listed some of the main authorities on your major problems. Some of these are:

1. How to be President of the Student Council by Katie Pritchett
2. How to have straight hair by Alice Baernstein
3. How to get along with "Red" Mathews by Pete Foster
4. Choosing the right lipstick by Mahaska Rainey
5. How to dye your hair black by Ashley Smith
6. How to rat your hair by Kathy Sherer
7. How to ride a horse by Rickie Winstead
8. How to crash an airplane by Margaret Partlow, Reese Phifer, and Paul Kennedy.
9. How to have a gentle dog by the Waugh sisters.
10. How to have a paper on time by Chris Curtis
11. How to adore languages by the Banks sisters
12. How to be a coach by Jim Bardon
13. How to have physique by Wayne and Payne Wright
14. How to date older men by Alice Crume
15. How to sew and save by Beppy Forehand
16. Late date by Lenn Bomar
17. How to have a fine running car by Cam Carty
18. How to have a man around the house by Sarah Hinton
19. How to graduate with no language by Alice LeMaistre
20. How to have the "Panama City Blues" by students of T.H.S.



T.H.S. welcomes its new cheerleaders. Left to right standing: "Bulla" Blakney, "Donna" Hanns, "Josephine" Barton, "Barbara" Boshell. Bottom row "Pinky" Townsend and Christine Curtis.

## Freshmen

## Twelve o'clock migration

About twelve o'clock each day you will notice a migration of freshmen to and from the school building. A morning shift student spots her afternoon shift friend and yells through the massive confusion, "Call me if you get home before five."

What do the effected students think about the predicament in which they have been placed?

MORNING SHIFT STUDENTS  
Sally Hinton—"I'm miserable because

Bobby has second shift and I don't get to see him all day."

Mary Kate Meridith—"I'd rather start to school at twelve o'clock. My eyes are half closed at 8:00 A.M. and what boy would ask a half awake zombie for a date?"

Shirley Zanthos—"I like to get home at twelve so my little baby brother will have plenty of time to crack baby bottles over my head."

AFTERNOON SHIFT STUDENTS  
Bobby—"I like it. Sally has first shift and I can flirt with the other girls and she'll never know."

Elizabeth Woolen—"I love not having to be at school until twelve. I can be out at night, sleep late, and be home in time to watch the afternoon movie on TV. There is only one problem, no time for homework."

Jane Banks—"I don't like the way they've separated the females from the football players."

## Unlucky 13!

What do you think of when you hear thirteen? Does Friday ring an unlucky bell in your ear? If so, then Friday the thirteenth should be double-trouble.

Thirteen has always been unlucky. Have you ever been to a motel or hotel and noticed there isn't a 13th floor or a room numbered 13?

# Burger King!

After school a date, or when there is nothing else to do, the Burger King is where people go. It is the hangout of teenagers all over Tuscaloosa, but is this a good thing. What do our students really think about their favorite refuge from adult civilization?

Pete Foster—"Every time I go to the Burger King, Diane Stansell is there—I have one question—is that her home?"

Tim Parker—"A towering symbol of youth's struggle for freedom in the Druid City."

Betty Waugh—"The hangout for my County High and Selma boys."

Jay Smith—"Hoodlums, all of them—Hoodlums!"

Robert Bagley—"You can hang out where you like as far as I'm concerned."

Carolyn Reim—"I don't know anything WITTY to say."

Susan Woodley—"Nothing."

Mary Ann McDaniel—"My favorite place to smile."

Chris Curtis—"A little bit of excitement there."

Paul Kennedy—"Who ever heard of landing an airplane at the Burger King."

Mahaska and Mike—"We'd like it better if they had a swing. (Like the one at University Place School.)

Frank Adams—"As long as they aren't at my farm . . ."

Rebecca Wright and Diane Stansell—"Our fondest memory of the Burger King is the time Susan hid under the seat from "Butch". He stuck his head in the window and there she was, lying on the floor."

## Alldredge

### Teacher feature — Broadway personality

For our teacher feature this issue, we chose an outstanding male member of the faculty, Mr. Donald Alldredge, a graduate of the University of Alabama with a BA degree.

This is Mr. Alldredge's first year here, where he's diligently working on a project to teach the Sophomores and Juniors a little English grammar and Literature.

When asked to comment, his students replied that his classes were truly educational and also helped a little physically. "You see," said one student, "Mr. Alldredge engages his students in various exercises, such as deep breathing for projecting their speech."

Besides teaching, he is also quite an actor. He played "Ariel" in The Tempest by Shakespeare, has done a bit of TV work, is the director of the Junior Little Theater and has spent ten weeks in summer stock acting with a Professional Broadway Company.

Mr. Alldredge also pays frequent visits to his beloved New York City, where the only thing he dislikes is the traffic. He solves this personal

## Short Snorts

Linda Lou and Linda Fay were discussing men, oddly enough.

"Which would you desire most in a man," asked Linda Fay, "brains, wealth, or appearance?"

"Appearance," answered Linda Lou, "and the sooner the better!"

Mrs. Rutledge was trying to impress upon her students the importance of doing the right things at all times, and to bring out the answer "BAD HABITS", she asked, "What is it that we find so easy to get into and so hard to get out of?" There was a silence for a moment and then Gaius Whitfield answered, "Bed?"

Judy Pugh: "I would have liked to live in the days of King Arthur."

Anna Davis: "I don't know about the days, but I would have liked the knights."

Is it true Kenneth Phillips and Austin Shepard want their names in BEAR FACTS? Well, if it is, they're out of luck because we aren't going to print them.

Miss Davidson was talking about people storing whiskey for long periods of time to evade a tax. Nancy Richardson asked, "But won't it get stale?"

Skip Cannon, taking a world history test, was stumped when he came to a question reading, "The Armistice of World War Two was written on ——" After careful deliberation, he wrote down "Paper".

Viewer at football game: "You sure have a swell rooting section at T.H.S. I wonder what makes them so good?"

Charlotte Robertson: "Oh, they give all the rooters a cheering drink."

Viewer: "Of what?"

Charlotte: "Root Beer, of course."



problem by riding a motor scooter while he is there.

Mr. Alldredge loves literature and also, we am sure, his lovely finance, Pat Harrison, who is employed at Reichhold Chemical Plant.

He is now working on a novel, "Fool With a Heart," directed by Hudson Strode. It has won four Greer Maroshaw awards in creative writing.

Mr. Alldredge is certainly well liked among his students, and we sincerely hope that he will enjoy his stay here as much as we do.

## Double Trouble

"What would you do if you came home from a date, went to your room, pulled down your bed covers, and saw a double of yourself lying there?"

When this inquiry was made of several T.H.S. students, we received the following replies:

JAN DISNEY—"Move over, buddy, I'm tired!"

DICK GARY—"Tomorrow night I have a date with Maudine Grunch. Wanna take my place?"

MARY JO JERNIGAN—"I'd know I was crazy then!"

RICKY MOMAN—"I'd kill him!"

JACK JACKSON—"I wouldn't do anything, why?"

ANONYMOUS—"Get the heck out of my bed!"

DONNY HANNAH—"I'd think I'd had a pretty bad weekend!"

MARY ANN Mc DANIEL—"I'd go put on my glasses, then go back for a second look!"

## Sun, sand, and surf . . . So this is Florida

The students of T.H.S. add a lot to the exciting atmosphere of the immortal city. I couldn't begin to name all the people from here who went to the city of surprises.

One of our students replies about the Hangout, "I am so tired when I leave the Hangout." Not because I've danced a lot but because I've been chasing boys all over the Casino!"

When asked, one of our boys what he recalled about his vacation with the gang, he answered, "I don't recall much of anything!"

If you want to change your outlook on life from bad to good or from good to bad just take a short (or long if you're rich) trip to Panama City.

## Sun, sand, and surf . . . So this is Florida

Ah, Panama City, playground of the teenagers. Each summer the motels are swamped with teenagers of all sizes, shapes, and forms.

Yes, as we look back over the summer and we recall fond memories of the hangouts, beaches, the ocean, Goofy Golf, the boys or girls you met, and all the weight you gained on your trip to P. C.

You should expect almost any and everything to happen there, from drowning, to falling in love with someone you'll never see again.

## Tragedy !!

Well, here I am, homely old Hunka Trash, Senior at T.H.S., sitting here in romeroom, waiting for the 1st period bell to ring . . . Just one minute to go . . . CLICK—Goes the intercom.

"Will Miss Hunka Trash please report to the office?"

Gosh, me? ME? Maybe it was last Thursday I skipped study hall to go see Reginald while he was monitoring, and now they've finally caught up with me. "Go on, Hunka."

Here goes nothing. What could I have done? "Hi, Mrs. Williams."

"Did someone want to see me?" What IS that office runner's name?

"Yes, go on into Mr. Greer's office."

"Hello, Mr. Greer."

"Hunka, I would like to congratulate you. You are our new Homecoming Queen."

"But—But—I don't even have a pair of heels to wear out on the gym floor at the pep rally . . . I'm not even qualified either because I don't know of any boy whom I would like for my escort."

"Well, I'm sure all of that can be arranged. You are dismissed now to your First period class."

Well, here I go, floating to Senior Math. Ugly Hunka Trash, Homecoming Queen. My picture in the Bear Facts; Black Warrior. How entralling!

### TIME PASSES

Just two more periods to go. I simply can't wait to go home to tell Mother.

"Will Miss Hunka Trash please come to the office?"

Now what could it be? Maybe now it's something bad I've done or something.

"Yes, Mr. Greer?"

"Well, Hunka, there's been a grave mistake. It seems that you were mistaken for Pila Beauty, our Homecoming Queen. Isn't she your cousin?"

"Yes. But that's all right. You know, I didn't have any heels anyway and I don't know any boy I'd like to have for an escort, either."

## Homecoming Activities !!

Today is October 20, Homecoming at T.H.S. Only half an hour till school is out and teachers have given up all hope of getting a lesson over to these frenzied students.

Lets see what thoughts occupy young minds as time for the big game nears.

Foss Smith—"I wonder why we don't have a Homecoming tennis match!"

Scotty Hughes—"I hope Pensacola doesn't have any big boys."

Glennie McNeill—"I hope I don't forget any cheers tonight."

Wilbur Manderson—"I still say golf's more important than football."

Linda Wedgeworth—"Oh no, I forgot to have my dress altered."

Jeff Thompson—"Corsages-Phooly."

James Kincaid—"Now let me think, who can I get a date with?"

Dorthy Echols—"I wonder if the Romans played football."

Reese Phifer—"I wonder if any of those Florida boys'll be looking for a fight."

Marilyn Northeutt—"If I drop my baton . . ."

## Le Cercle Francias has its first meeting

Le Cercle Francias had its first meeting of the year Wednesday night, September 20, at Margaret Pow's house. The new officers were introduced to the French 1 students. They are as follows: President, Anne Hewitt; First Vice-President, Anne Cieno; Second Vice-President, Robin McCrory; Recording Secretary, Beverly Calhoun; Corresponding Secretary, Theresa Abrams; Treasurer, Janet Arey; Chaplain, Jessie Patterson; Sergeant-at-Arms, Richard Beauchamp; Historian, Diane Davis. Susan Rose is the state president.

Projects for the current year were discussed along with the job of being the president club for the Federated French Club of Alabama.

Entertainment was a short skit starring John Holaday, Joy Grigg, Bob Hopper, Charles Christian, Amelia Kyle, and Sheila Terrill.

Any students interesting in joining the French Club please see Mrs. Terry.

Truly, The Leaders of the 1961-62 Black Bear Band



Pictured above are the Majorettes, Cheerleaders and Drum Major who help keep spirits high.

## Fifteen new teachers added to the faculty

Fifteen new teachers have been added to the faculty of T.H.S. this year.

Teaching Senior I English in Miss Fay Little from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Miss Little graduated from the University of Alabama, besides attending Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, North Carolina. Hueytown High and Tuscaloosa Junior High were the last positions she taught in her six years of teaching.

In the first year of teaching, James Beddingfield, from Dixons Mills, Alabama, teaches typing, business law and general business. Mr. Beddingfield graduated from the University of Alabama.

A native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Mrs. Charlotte Hamner attended both Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia and the University of Alabama.

As her first position, Mrs. Hamner teaches freshman math.

Mrs. Steven Ausban from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, teaches general science and freshman math. This is Mrs. Ausban's first year teaching in secondary schools. She graduated from the University of Alabama.

Since graduating from Livingston State College with a B.S. degree, Mr. Claude (Buddy) Cranford has taught four years at Brookwood High and Gordo High. Mr. Cranford teaches civics and Alabama history.

From Montgomery, Alabama, we have Miss Henriette Kendrick who graduated from the University of Alabama with a B.S. degree. Miss Kendrick teaches Algebra I and plane geometry. She also taught for one year at Talladega High School.

Having taught in Louisiana and Texas for five years, Mrs. Sarah Oglesby from Toxey, Alabama, now teaches sophomore English and Alabama history at T.H.S. She graduated from Alabama College at Montevallo.

Mrs. Ella Peirce from Elkins, West Virginia, teaches freshman math. Since graduating from Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia, Mrs. Peirce has taught at Williams School in Montgomery and at Lanier. She has been teaching ten years.

Mrs. Sarah Lawson, originally from Clayton, Alabama, a graduate of the University of Alabama, has taught two years at Brentwood Junior High School in the English department before coming to Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. Sandra Busby, our new French teacher, was born in Leeds, Alabama. She is an Alumni of Birmingham-Southern. She taught one year at Leeds High School before transferring to Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. Jane Kimball is a graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College and is now working on a degree in Counseling and Guidance at the University of Alabama. She was a social worker at Bryce Hospital and Partlow State School before coming to Tuscaloosa High School.

Mr. Bill Elliot was born in Fort Payne, Alabama, and attended Howard College. He taught sophomore English in Fort Payne last year before coming to Tuscaloosa. This past summer he began working on his masters degree in English at the University of Alabama.

Mr. Gary Kerr was born in Reform, Alabama. He majored in art at the University of Alabama, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. Kerr teaches Art and English.

Mr. Gene Black was born at Decatur and attended Howard College before teaching choral music at Hueytown High School. This past year he received his masters degree at the University of Alabama.

Mr. Donald Aldredge was born in Gadsden. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Alabama. He is now working with the Greasepainters on their Christmas play, "Christmas in the Village Square."

Another Gadsdenite is Mrs. Margaret Rutledge. She graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Mrs. Rutledge teaches English and Journalism.

## 'Key Notes' to play

The Key Club has already this year paved the back parking lot and presented a show by Willard the Wizard. The proceeds of this show went to the development of the language lab. In October they will put on a candle show at the Country Club. The club is planning to run a "Shuttle Bus" from the back parking lot for the Alabama games and are working on having a dance and getting the "Key Notes" to play for it.

## Spanish Club meets

The Spanish Club had its first meeting this year at the home of Jay Lord on Oct. 3, 1961. This meeting was primarily a work meeting.

The Spanish Club will have many projects beginning soon. Officers for the club are Mary Jo Jernigan, president; Jay Lord, vice-president; Estes Hayes, secretary; Ronald Kyzer, treasurer; Cam Cantly, Historian. The Spanish Club will certainly be one of the better clubs of T.H.S.

The club is looking forward to receiving many new members from the Spanish 1 classes and any members of the Spanish 11 classes who did not join the club last year, but wish to join now.

Under the guidance of Mrs. del Valle and Mrs. Lackey, who is teaching Spanish one students this year.

## Alldredge gives talk

The first meeting of Greasepainters was held Thursday, September 28, with Richard Snow, the new president, presiding. He called the meeting to order, welcomed new members, gave a short talk on the history and organization of the club, and introduced the new officers. They are Greg Congleton, Vice-President, Sally Johnson, Secretary, Nancy Roberson, Treasurer, and Patricia Roberts, Historian.

Then Mr. Alldredge, an English teacher at T.H.S., gave a program on acting as a profession and the many facets of an acting career.

Dues were then collected and the meeting was then adjourned.

## Loosa Hi-Y hands out Fund stickers as first project

"Pull for the United Fund and Good Guys Give" were on doors of stores and offices two weeks ago. This was the first service project of the Loosa Hi-Y. The first meeting of the sophomore club was held Oct. 2. Officers for the coming year were introduced. They are: President, Fran Greer; Vice-president, Richard Massi; Secretary, Jimmy Adams; Treasurer, Dan McClusky; Chaplin, Greg Congleton; and Seg.-at-Arm, Pete Clark. Officers of Loosa attended the annual officers retreat at Camp Cherry Austin Oct. 6-7.

## From the Bandstand

Usually all band activities stops with the Spring Concert at the close of the school term. This year, after a two week recess for vacation the band presented a series of summer concerts consisting of popular tunes and marches which were well attended by the people of Tuscaloosa. With the coming of the All-Star games, the band swung back to its normal routine of presenting a half-time show every Friday night.

In addition to their regular half-time duties the band receives and usually accepts invitations to play in parades and other civics functions. The band played at the dedication ceremonies at Lock 14, on October 4. When the T.H.S. band was suggested to play at the dedication, no other group was even mentioned.

The newly elected officers for the band this year are Richard Hamner, President; Ronnie Latham, Manager; Bill Bowman, Assistant Manager; Carol McCracken, Librarian; and Linda Tidmore, Assistant Librarian.

The new drum major for this year is a junior, Vince Rollins, who will lead the marching band in half time shows and parades. During concert season Vince, a two year band member, plays the tuba.

The Annual Band Banquet with a dance following, an event looked forward to by all band members, will be held in the spring instead of mid-winter. This year the band plans to close its activities with the usual Spring Concert. There will be one added attraction, a nationally famous soloist.

The band challenges the bands of opposing teams during the half time shows at the football games. They have performed against Holt, Bessemer, Lanier, Anniston, Woodlawn and Robert E. Lee. The Band will have a special show for homecoming when the Black Bears play Pensacola. The last home show will be against County High.



## New staff sponsor

The new Bear Facts Sponsor, Mrs. Margaret Rutledge, is the second sponsor in the last two years. She has worked on many papers and has held high positions, such as Editor-in-Chief of the Emma Samson High School and junior high school papers. While at the U. of A. extension center in Gadsden, she was Editor-in-Chief of that newspaper plus being president of the student body.

Editor-in-Chief of the Bear Facts, this year is Chris Curtis. He was on the staff last year, Bob Johnston, sports editor, works for two other papers. He writes West Alabama football for the Birmingham Post Herald and writes a sports column for the Graphic. The News Editor, Bill Allen, has worked on the Bear Facts for three years, two of these years as News editor. Pam Mitchell worked on the Bear Facts staff last year and was elected feature editor for this year. Editorial editor, Billie Blair, was club news editor last year. She was elected to serve as Editorial editor this year.

## Gridders win

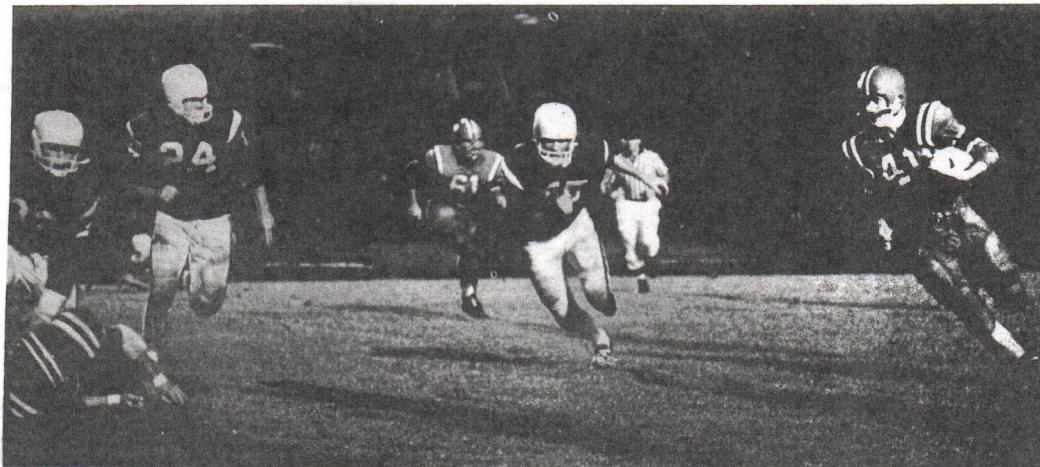
The Tuscaloosa Black Bears were undefeated and were not scored on, after playing their first three opponents.

On Sept. 8, the Black Bears' first victory was over Holt, 27-0. With halfbacks William Tucker and Bobby Christian, and fullback Joe Simon following a tough Tuscaloosa line. The Black Bears have beaten the Holt Ironmen twenty straight times since 1942, in Denny Stadium. The Black Bears picked up 379 yards rushing, with 19 firstdowns, compared with 76 yards rushing, with five first downs of the Holt Ironmen.

A week later the Black Bears blanketed the Sidney Lanier Poets, 13-0, for their second straight victory of the season at Denny Stadium. With halfback Bobby Christian and quarterback Bobby Porter scoring the only two touchdowns of the night. The Bears defense kept the Poets from ever reaching their territory. The Tuscaloosa Black Bears got 214 yards rushing, five yards passing and 13 first downs.

On Sept. 22, Tuscaloosa High got their third victory over the Bessemer Tigers, 27-0. In on the point-making were quarterbacks Bobby Porter and Jim Marlowe, fullback Lester Davis and halfback Bobby Christian. Bobby Porter ran 40 yards, late in the second quarter, for the Black Bears first touchdown. Later Jim Marlowe went 26 yards for the second tally. Lester Davis and Bobby Christian scored the last two touchdowns for the bears. Buddy Edwards kicked three out of four extra points, for the 27-0 victory over the Tigers. The Bears got 309 yards rushing, 20 yards passing, and 15 first downs. The Bessemer Tigers got 177 yards rushing, 6 yards passing, with five first downs.

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears have scored a total of 67 points, through the Bessemer contest, this season.



Right half back Bobby Christian turns the corner for a gain in the Lanier game. An unidentified

Bear blocker is on the ground and Bruin guard, Hank Herrod, comes up from behind.

## Pickens good

Tuscaloosa's highly regarded and rated, John Pickens, represented Tuscaloosa in no less than 10 tournaments this summer. He reached the finals of four of these meets taking the championship trophy in one of these. Pickens who is thought by many to be one of the best netters to come out of this part of Alabama in quite awhile.

John won the Southeastern Junior Boys meet in Birmingham, and reached the finals in three other tournaments; the Tennessee Valley Invitational in Chattanooga, the State Jaycee Tournament here in Tuscaloosa, and in the Southern Closed in Birmingham, respectively. In other actions this summer he reached the third round of the Southern Boys at Davidson, N. C., and the quarter finals of the Dixieland in Birmingham. John traveled to Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan for actions too, this year, but was knocked out early in all three. He also was unsuccessful in his bid for the championship in the State Closed here in Tuscaloosa.



The tennis team that will represent T.H.S., they are from left to right: front row—John Pickens, Jack Jackson; back row Tommy Kendall, Bill Shamblin, and Joe Anders.



## ON THE BENCH

By BOB JOHNSTON



I didn't make it, but they say it was well worth your time and money to see that Anniston game, with Bobby Porter going 82 yards for a touchdown and Bobby Christian 5 less for 77 yards and a score. Well, that contest with the Bulldogs ended our chances for an unscorched upon season, but going three games in a row without a tally against you is considered mighty good in most people's books.

Away from the gridiron for a minute and to the tennis department. John Pickens has been winning the tournaments or about reaching the final in several attempts this summer, and is gaining prestige as one of the best in Alabama.

The swimming team began practicing about two weeks after school started with Gene Newsomb as the coach. Roger Williams is supposed to lead the tankmen in the butterfly, with O. K. Bryant taking over in the breaststroke. Dave Miller, Stuart Strong, and Rickey Clawson are the top men in the freestyle events.

As was the practice last year to pick a "Back and Lineman of the month", I plan to try to continue this this year. Why it always starts off hard I'll never know, but it was really tough this time. But to get down to the real thing it's going to be Bobby Christian as the Back, and Jimmy Wyatt as the Lineman. I'd like to mention Bobby Porter too, because he has had a couple of great runs this year. Both Christian and Wyatt were picked for their steady play all season.

## Bruins suffer injuries

The fighting Black Bears have suffered the loss of some good men this season. Although it doesn't seem to have hurt us much, we would probably have done even better than we have, had we had our team on the field in full force.

Through the cooperation of Coach Tarleton and Charles Fleming we have learned that William Tucker has missed two games due to a pulled calf muscle, and that Jerry McClure has missed one game so far because

of a fractured wrist. Sonny Logan hasn't been able to play yet because of a broken leg. Marvin Herring hasn't been able to play because of a broken ankle. Ralph Quarles has had knee trouble all season and Jimmy Stringer has had ankle problems. Johnny Harris, Ddaine (Sea Breeze) Winstead, and Bobby Christian have all had hip trouble.

We've had a lot of players out, but the ones that haven't gotten hurt have been doing a fine job for us so far this year.



Bobby Christian goes down under Anniston pursuers.



**Tuscaloosa  
High School**

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## **OUR JUNIOR YEAR**

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# Bear Facts goofed --- we apologize

Do you say, what you mean?

One of T. H. S.'s couples had a long fight, but had finally become reconciled. A friend commented, "Well, love conquers all things!"

Whom was he quoting? It was the old Greek, Homer, who wrote, "Labor conquers all things."

Very often we misquote, but do not seem to realize it. Somehow or other, over the years, we have gotten words twisted. We have even omitted parts of quotations so that the original intention, and meaning, is lost.

For example, it is common to hear the cliche, "love is blind." But actually no one said that. It is not love

that is blind, according to the source. It is people who are in love that are blind! The quotation from Propertius: "Everyone in love is blind." the cliche

Another misquote is from Goldsmith's *She Stoops To Conquer*. Here we find the work "fibs," yet most of us have always used the word "lies". "Ask me no questions, and I'll tell you no fibs."

Cervantes, who gave us *Don Quixote*, might be insulted if he heard us misquote him, we say, "the devil to pay." But Cervantes wrote it: "Here is the devil-and-all to pay."

There is still another misquote from this famous Spanish author, from the

same book. Read: "All will come out in the washing," washing mind you, not the wash.

"Look before you leap," is not quoted properly. Tusser wrote it, look ere you leap."

"Give an inch and he'll take an ell," is twisted into mile instead of ell. But who wants to take an ell?

It is commonly thought that elephants never forget. We have only quoted half the source. Dorothy Parker wrote, in *Ballade of Unfortunate Mammals*, women and elephants never forget.

And possession isn't nine points of the law. Swift said, "Possession is eleven points of the law."

And he that spares the rod does not spoil the child, if we believe the source!

Proverbs, 13:24: "He that spareth the rod hateth his son!"

Say what you mean, and quote quotations correctly!

This is a lesson well learned by BEAR FACTS.

In the last issue of BEAR FACTS we were guilty of misquoting. The Key Club did not pave T. H. S.'s new parking lot. Thus BEAR FACTS goofed. This fine deed was accomplished by the Board of Education under the leadership of Mr. Greer, our principal, and Mr. Gallman, our assistant principal.

ANN BANKS  
HARVEST  
QUEEN

Tuscaloosa Senior High School



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## French Club crowns Ann Banks Harvest Queen for this year

The second annual Halloween Carnival sponsored by the French Club was held Saturday night, October 28, 1961, in the gym lobby. This year it was combined with a Harvest Dance with the music provided by the Bel-Airs. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Harvest Queen. She was chosen by a penny-vote with each class having a representative.

The Harvest Queen for this year was Sophomore Ann Banks with her court including: Freshman Patricia Marlowe, Junior Cam Carty, and Senior Susan Rose. The queen was crowned by Robin McCrory, vice president of the French Club.

There were many sideshows and concessions including: the dart game run by Allen Terry and Billy Allen; the fortune teller, Charlotte McEachin; a cake walk, run by Susan Giles and Carolyn Guthrie; the surprise grab bag, run by Woody Latham and Don Palmer; the "House of Horrors", run by Sarah Ann Wade, David Wade, Joy Grigg, Ruth Walker, and Gayle Ashley; a magic show starring Bob Mathis, Johnny Johns, and Ken Kellum; the "Look and Hook" a girl for a free kiss with Mary Helen Roberts, Marilyn Palmer, Carol Pennington, and Mary Beth Wear; and a sidewalk cafe for refreshments.

Mrs. Terry and the French students are looking forward to next year's carnival.

### John Townsend finds Lucky Bear Facts dollar

Johnny Townsend, a sophomore in Mrs. Fines' homeroom, was the lucky winner of the BEAR FACTS dollar. A member of the first class to go 100% in buying BEAR FACTS will receive the lucky dollar each issue of the paper.

## Druid chapter has annual tapping



Seated from left to right are Mary Ann McDaniel, Ann Nichols, Ann Hewitt, and Wayne Shaffer. They are the new officers of the Druid Chapter of the National Honor Society.

## Students should help

Beneath the halls of Tuscaloosa High is a chain of tunnels 12 ft. wide and 8 1/2 ft. high. They house the electrical system of the school and also the water and plumbing facilities. Six entrances lead into these well-lighted tunnels, beginning at the auditorium lobby and extending to the Gym, branching to the left for the Home Ec. wing and the Commercial wing.

The space capacity of these tunnels is the same as the halls, therefore the tunnels would hold the student body if necessary. The walls of the tunnels are 18 inches thick; the ceiling 4 inches to 8 inches in thickness. If filters were put on air ducts and food and water supplied, the tunnels could be used as fallout shelters.

188,000 square feet of floor space in T.H.S. is supervised and cleaned daily by Mr. Jackson and his staff of seven.

Every year the heating and electrical bills are approximately \$10,000 each.

The original cost of the building itself was \$2,000,000; the furnishings added were \$500,000 to this total.

Each room in the school has an intercom, buzzer, clock, fluorescent lighting, acoustical ceiling and asbestos tile floors.

The average light bulb bill for each room is \$9.90 per year. Fluorescent lights last approximately 5 years. In each room there are 18 bulbs. Fourteen complete rooms of bulbs have been replaced since the school opened six years ago.

"Students could help on maintenance expenses if they wouldn't absentmindedly operate and joggle the window operators. They are quite expensive and should be opened or closed by the teacher or by the direction of the teacher," comments Mr. Jackson.

The top 10% of the senior class was tapped into the Druid Chapter of the National Honor Society in the large auditorium October 24. The ceremony was conducted by Wayne Shaffer and the tapping was done by members who were tapped last year as the upper 5% of the Junior Class. Juniors this year will be tapped in the spring, according to Miss Anna Brown, the clubs sponsor.

The new members are: Teressa Abrams, Ann Tillotson, Ed McTyre, Glenda LaGrone, Paul Bryant, Nancy Beverly Calhoun, Mary Wear, Jeri Robertson, Reddie Guy, Eddie Glenn, Burnette, Chris Christian, Jessica Patterson, Susan Jackson, Jon Ray Sullivan, Richard Summerville, Sandra Debtor, Sarah Jane Garner, Carl Albright, Martha Stringfellow, and Susan Still.

## Book exhibit given all over the country

More than 50 of the country's leading juvenile and trade publishers contribute 436 new library books for Senior high schools to the comprehensive exhibit seen in the THS library. The collection covers the grade range of 10 through 12 and includes necessarily many adult books especially selected, because of their suitability, for use by high schools. The 50 subject classifications or sub-classifications represented in the exhibit break down under such main and topical heads as Today's World, Understanding Through History, Science and Man, Literature and the World. The exhibit was here October 18 through November 3.

Here in an organized collection, arranged by subject matter, and covered by an annotated, completely indexed catalogue, are not only the outstanding new books for young adults, but equally important, many of the adult titles which are receiving critical attention and acceptance in review media across the country. (Continued on Page 6)

## 'Ten licks', zero should be punishment for those cheating, suggest students polled

Fifty eight percent of THS students cheat, estimate those asked in a recent Bear Facts poll on cheating. Students seemed in agreement for the most part that teachers aren't strict enough on cheaters. One said, "Teachers know who is cheating but will do nothing to them." What, then, should be done? The majority say a zero on the test. Twenty one percent of the sophomores say the student should be expelled. One sophomore even suggested that cheaters should get "about ten licks from Mr. Henderson."

What is cheating? Most agree with the senior who wrote, "Cheating is taking another's knowledge and using it as one's own." This, however, is a generalized statement. Specifically students mentioned "cheat sheet" and copying someone's paper on a test. Very few considered copying someone's homework cheating. As for finding out what someone else had on a test, one of our own teachers calls this "Intellectual curosity." Others must agree, for it wasn't mentioned once on the poll.

When the results of this poll were tabulated we learned the juniors seem to have the lowest standards concerning cheating. This conclusion was reached because 45% of them stated that they would help someone cheat if asked and more tended to respect people who cheat than students in other classes. The majority also said they would use any answer seen on another paper during a test.

When the question, "What is the purpose of cheating?" was asked, it was found that, as expected, grades ranked highest. A few used the excuse of trying to keep their parents happy. One senior said, "You look better in class with good grades."

If teachers at THS aren't strict enough on cheaters, then what should be done? Are teachers expected to assume the role of "watchdog" along with their many other duties? We must turn to the faculty for the answer and at the same time ask students to stop and think before they cheat and then don't.

Though it has been said many times before, it remains as the senior wrote, "In the end the cheater is cheated."

### DO YOUR PART

## Show effort and enthusiasm, promote learning in America

By Betsy Hoole

(Editor's note: The following article was written and submitted by a student outside the journalism class.)

For centuries learning has been one of the most important phases in the lives of men. Its value has long been recognized by man as the way to progress, and, perhaps more enjoyable, life. For without a knowledge of the past, and an understanding of the present, how can we possibly plan and prepare for the future? The accomplishments and discoveries of men of the past must be learned and understood in order to advance further.

In the United States today every person has the privilege of gaining the knowledge so necessary to him, a privilege for which many have strived during hundreds of years. Yet, so many Americans do not appreciate or take advantage of the opportunities offered to them in the field of education. They have become uninterested in and generally unrespon-

sive to numerous efforts made in this field. In some schools it has become a common practice among students for grades, rather than the knowledge gained, to be the reward for learning. This attitude toward learning can hardly be a sound foundation for an education.

Can we in America afford to continue to allow such a lack of interest in learning? We certainly cannot, if we intend to defend our democratic way of life. The United States is at a crucial point in its history, with the constant threat of Communism. It is the responsibility of every American to promote learning and thus to help insure the future of his country. Do your part. As a student, show effort; as a citizen, show enthusiasm. Your contribution is vital.

### Message to 'Loosa students

Our school newspaper represents the opinions, interest, and activities of the student body. In order to find out about these things we must conduct polls and interviews. This year we would like to encourage the students themselves to write editor-school activities and letters to the editor about the conditions and situations in the school. Also, we would like for all school affiliated clubs who wish to have news about their activities in the paper, please write about it and then put it into the Journalism box in the office or give it to any journalism student.

Thank you!

## Sound Off: tests not given on set schedule

As the first six-weeks of school drew to a close, complaints were heard from students regarding nonadherence to the test schedule. A schedule was drawn up by a faculty committee in which two six-week tests are given a day, according to periods. Many teachers followed this schedule and, in doing so gave students a better chance to do well on their tests. Other teachers it was noted, did not, as some six-week tests were given out of schedule.

Some teachers were known to give other tests on days set aside for the six-week ones. Though not six-week tests, sometimes chapter or unit tests, they still required due amount of the student's study time. Some people had as many as four tests a day.

The schedule drawn up and the fact that a group of faculty members noted our plight was a great help. But it will do little good if teachers insist upon not heeding it. Perhaps many new teachers were not aware of its existence. This coming second six-weeks they should be.

Our plea is that for this six-weeks ALL teachers follow the schedule which can only benefit those concerned.

## Just Thinking

by

Chris Curtis

Editor-in-Chief



Here's wishing the cagers of THS good luck in their coming season.

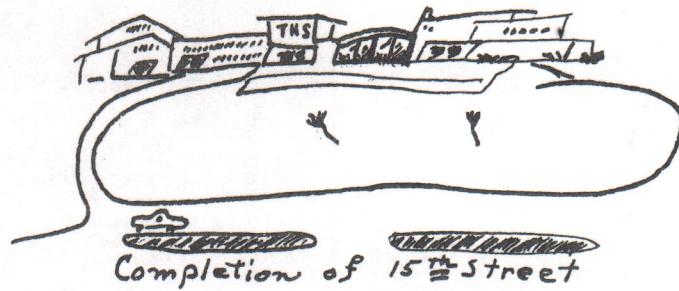
### Thinking of Science Fair . . .

I have been asked to make a comment in this issue of Bear Facts about the compulsory Science Fair that we are having this year. I thought that last year's fair was excellent because of the high caliber of the projects. This was so because the people who entered last year's fair were genuinely interested in Science and wanted to make a good project.

With the fair being compulsory this year, which means that all Science students will be required to enter a project, the overall quality of the fair may be lowered. This year we will have a lot of projects entered simply because they are required, of course we will have the usual fine projects entered by the interested students. Personally I am looking forward to another fine fair this year and I hope that the fair being compulsory this year will encourage some students to build good projects who would otherwise not enter.

Football season is now over at Tuscaloosa High and the Black Bears finished up with a nice 7-3 record for the season. They managed this by good work from quite a few outstanding seniors backed up by some fine juniors. We are sorry to say that Hank Herrod suffered a broken leg during the season and I am sure that everyone can settle back and wait for basketball to begin now.

### Let there be Thanksgiving



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## Short Snorts

What to do when your girls gives back your ring—

Place your arms around her waist, draw her strongly toward you, and hold her tight, start to kiss her, and when she says "stop," release her. Note the amazement on her face.

The night was warm, the room was dark, not any light, not even a spark shown on the two as they sat there alone—A little brown pup and his bone.

They parted at the corner, she whispered with a sigh, "I'll be home tomorrow night." He answered, "So will I."

Five hundred years today a wilderness was here,

A man with powder in his gun went out to hunt a deer,

But now that things have changed somewhat along a different plan,

A dear with powder on her noes goes forth to hunt a man!

A girl may love you from the bottom of her heart, but there's always room for another guy at the top.

Daffynitions—  
Hogwash—Pig's laundry  
Dry Dock—Thirsty physician  
Hug—Energy gone to the waist.

Me love flew  
Her done I dirt  
Me didn't know her was a flirt.  
To those in love  
I do forbid  
That they done  
Like I been did.  
Darn she  
I hate she  
Me wish her was died.  
Her told I  
She love I  
But darn she, her lied.  
—Copied

I was charmed by the look in her eyes, and the sound of her voice was sheer bliss, but what struck me the most about her was her hand when I tried to kiss.

Famous Last Words—  
—Said the big rose to the little rose,  
"Hi, ya, bud."  
—Said the dentist to the patients,  
"The yanks are coming!"  
—Said one stocking to another,  
"So long, I've gotta run."  
—Said the lollipop to the wrapper,  
"Stick to me or I'm licked."

A pair in a hammock attempted to kiss,  
In less than a jiffy, they landed like suds

Keep smiling—it makes everyone wonder what you've been up to.

# Civil Chivalry — I'm mighty lonely

Day began with no sunrise, just a bleak dusk settled in and it's been that way 'most all day now. Didn't know that things were gonna be this way when we got to Gettysburg. Snow kept fallin' and the weather kept gettin' colder, the wounded have begun to cry. At first it hurt because the weather was just enough to make the pain worse, my feet are half frozen, ears numb, but at least I can talk and think clear.

I can't see anything now, only a hazy smoke mingled with the dusky morning. The guns have quit firing or I just can't hear them. Wish I was home now with Mom and Paw. I'm mighty lonely.

Yes, I can just remember now how it would be back home this particular day. The memories are still fresh from three years back.

Me and my brother Jeb went out huntin' like most everyone else did down in Grove County. It was overcast and a perfect day for huntin'. Me and Jeb had gotten up afore daylight and we were already in the woods by daybreak. Jeb looked just like Paw walkin' ahead of me. He had Paw's features, tall and slim with hair the color of sand. His actions, though, favored to Maw, always gentle and kind and willing to help. Whenever I needed someone to talk to, Jeb was always there. And this particular day he was in the best mood he had been in a long time. Jeb said he would circle down through Pine Valley to see if he could kill a turkey or deer. "Well go ahead," I said. "I'll just stay on this hill and maybe I can see some game below."

Standing on the hill overlooking Pine Valley was a breath-taking sight. In spring you could see the honeysuckles in bloom, hear the baby birds crying for food and see a mother deer with her newborn fawn. In fall the leaves would turn the colors of the rainbow and the chubby little squirrels would be hurrying to get in their stores for winter. And now the pines were covered in snow, it looked as white as those new bed sheets Paw had given Maw for her birthday last spring. Yessir, it was a mighty pretty sight, that Pine Valley.

Jeb, he got two turkeys just before dinner time, and me, well I was just too busy thinking to kill anything.

Jeb leading the way, we tramped by Otter's Creek through the cornfield and on up the hill to the house.

We got home just in time to help Paw carry in the stove wood I got

a big armload and told Jeb to see if he could carry as much as I could. He gathered wood until he couldn't see over it and followed me in.

Then here came Paw carrying twice as much as me and Jeb together. Maw always said Paw was the strongest man in Grove County.

Maw took one of those turkeys, dressed it and had it cooking afore we knew it. The big fire gave a cold feller's feet a big comfort, just sitting by that fire would put a man to sleep.

Dinner time came and no man could have been happier than I was, that big turkey staring me in the face, with dressing, turnips, hoe cake, and a big blueberry pie. You can imagine just how much was left when we three men were through.

Maw made sure, though, that she was the first up from the table on Christmas. She never forgot to read the Scripture, and when she was though we gave thanks for all the things that we had been blessed with the past year.

Sitting around the fire after dinner we got to talking about the fuss being raised between the southern states and the northern. Me, Paw and Jeb had discussed it many times, whether or not the south should separate from the Union. But anything that was good enough for Jeff Davis was good enough for us.

Word finally reached us that the War between the states had begun and that the South was taking all the able-bodied men available. I was just fourteen now, and Paw wouldn't let me join up with the Confederate Army, but Jeb, he was eighteen and Paw let him go.

It was cool and brisk the morning Jeb left. He placed his hand on my head, kissed Maw, then shook hands with Paw. I could tell Maw was choking back the tears, and Paw he was too silent. Then Jeb whispered in my ear. Those words I'll always remember. As I watched him go outta sight down at the cross-roads, those words were branded in my heart.

It was pretty lonely without Jeb, but I stayed as busy as I could cutting stove wood, hunting in the valley, fishing in the creek and helping Paw plow the fields. But I just couldn't help going out to the cross roads ever' evening at sunset to see if Jeb was coming down the road.

One day Frank Fate, our nearest neighbor, came over and filled us in about the War. He said as far as he had heard our boys hadn't suffered any major defeats, but that they were

in need of food and supplies and above all, replacements. We all knew those Yankees out numbered us, but a Southerner took pride in saying that our boys had more guts than them Yankees anyhow. Me, I begged Paw night and day to let me go but he said I was too young; so finally I just quit asking.

We was sitting on the porch on a Sunday afternoon when I saw this dust rising in the distance. You could tell it was more than just a few riders. I half fell off the porch trying to get to the road and Paw's footsteps were close behind. Don't guess I ever seen so many horses and men before. There musta been five-hundred or more on foot. Paw was looking to see if Jeb was in the bunch, but surely if he was he'd stop. We didn't see him, but I saw Tom Fletcher, a boy Jeb went to school with. Paw asked the Lieutenant if we could talk to Tom for a while; and he gave us permission 'cause they were camping down the road anyhow.

The first question we got outta our mouths was "Have you seen Jeb?" Tom just kinda stared at the ground and looked sorta pale. I knew right off something was wrong. Tom told us they was in a big battle at Free-man's Farm and a lotta men had been killed. He said Jeb was one of the first to lead the way. And the last time he saw Jeb he was lying behind a barn. He hold us no more. We were all stunned; too hurt to speak. And me, I couldn't cry; I only had one desire in my heart. And those words Jeb had said turned over and over in my head.

After this day I vowed to join the Army as soon as I could. When Company B Tennessee Volunteers pulled out of Memphis, it was turning cold. The rain pattered the mud-filled roads. Load after load of supplies passed those roads that day. We arrived in Gettysburg ahead of time. I heard the Captain telling one of the Lieutenants that this was going to be the big battle.

Day by day passed until the time came. Lieutenant Harrison told each and every man this was it; life or death of the Southern cause.

We were moving before sunup. Us Rebs was gonna throw everything we had at those Yankees.

"Company B charge" were the words. I hurried through the hail of bullets, stumbling about half way between the road and an old barn. Picking myself up I made my way to the little gully in front of the barn. Then I saw it. The steady stream of blood flowing just above my chest. I hadn't stumbled at all. The impact of the bullet had knocked me to my knees. Crawlin' half-dragging I pulled and clawed my way to the door of the barn. It was fastened by the early morning cold. Not having enough strength to open the door, I slumped beside the wooden sides.

I wonder; I wonder if it was this way with Jeb, by an old barn, leading the way. All of a sudden I didn't seem to mind the strange humming in my head. I guess maybe I know now why Jeb had to die and why I'm lying here by this barn. Now I remember his whispered words, "Frankie, you gotta fight for something you believe in, and I hope you carry on where I leave off." The sharp wind curled around the corner of the barn. I could see other men lying all about. And all I could think of was Maw and Paw, and Jeb's words kept turning over, over. The snow's fallin' heavier now.

I'm mighty lonely.



# Band trips Expose

Many and mitigated are the tales reaching the outer world of the wild happenings on the THS band trips. After much brow beating, cajoling, floggings and injections of truth serum, the Bear Facts now exposes to the world a confidential report on what actually happens on those long, mysterious sign-decked Greyhounds as they transport those strange members of our famed marching band.

The usual band trip begins with a gathering in the band room where Mr. Hamner lectures on conduct, introduces the chaperones and assigns the bus captains. Then with a cry of "Let's load up" he dashes for the safety of his office.

The reason for this last act is soon evident! There comes boiling out of the bandroom a red and black tide of wild buffalo madly clutching suitcases, horn cases, and various parts of uniforms, stampeding toward the buses. (Woe be unto he who gets in their path, for he shall be trampled.) This surging mob pours into the three buses and plops down into a seat only to discover someone has beaten them to it.

Unfailingly some bewildered freshman finds his way onto the first bus, the sanctum sanctorum of our hallowed seniors (woe be unto him for he shall be promptly ejected). The second bus holds the boisterous juniors traditionally the noisest and most fun loving. The third bus is inhabited by the hapless band freshmen. These lowly beings are restricted to an assigned seat, forbidden to talk and ruled with an iron hand.

On the first two buses, however, the much merry-making begins. The journey down is passed in many varied ways. Ginger James and Carol McCracken usually attempt to lead cheers. There is the inevitable poker game and Roger Williams' long-winded jokes. This along with the joking and Ronny Collier's philosophy consume the downward journey.

As the band nears its destination the loyal bandsmen sing and cheer of the proudest of the best football team in the state our Black Bears.

During the game they scream, yell,

## Honestly Girls!

Why do you go to football games? What do you like about them and what do you have to say? Does the spirit of each side excite you? Do you enjoy seeing the players?

Here are the various comments from some witty THS girls on the games of this year.

Netta Holley—I go to see Nan, the cheerleaders, and sometimes even the game.

Beth Cowden—Why do all the little men crowd together on that great big field?

Estes Hayes—I wish I was out there with them!

Juliette Gewin—I don't know why I go. I just find myself there!

Ellen Boozer—I go to scream and to make a fool of myself.

Cathy Dent—What is that little oblong thing they carry around?

Miss Little—I go to entertain my nieces and to keep an eye on my students.

Sarah Jane Garner—I like the red jerseys better than the white.

Amalie Buck—I go to have a good time.

Linda Reid—Why do they wear false muscles?

June Carver—I go to see us beat the other team.

Diane Neely—if I knew what was going on I might enjoy the game.

play, put on fabulous half-time shows and help the drink boys to make a fortune in their midst.

When the game is over they troop back to the buses and collapse in their seats, generally "too pooped to pop."

Finally the buses start the homeward journey. This time amusement includes sleeping, giving a hot foot to sleeping members, playing a football game in the aisles (with a majorette for a football!) and switching on reading lights, much to the embarrassment of the more romantic band members.

There is usually a stop on the return trip where the bandsmen refresh themselves and attend to other in-cidentals.

At last, in the wee hours of the morning band members, tired and disheveled, stumble off the buses into waiting cars.

The bandroom is locked up and "all's quiet on the Western front"—until Monday.

## Tricks out Treats in

"What did you do on Halloween?" This is the question we've been asking recently. Although we got many responses, we came up with one main answer. The students of THS did everything from . . . Well, let's let you see for yourself.

Wayne Etheridge—"I don't know I can't remember."

Jimmy Campbell—"I stayed home and baked apple-pie turnovers for the little "Trick or Treaters."

Gary Mattison—"I trimmed Granny's brooms, then took "little" Tommie Sue White 'Trick or Treating'."

Mary Francis Fields—"I threw a party for Bette."

West End Boys—CENSORED

Alpha Sigma Chi Club—"We 'Trick or Treated' for U.N.I.C.E.F."

Curtis Seay—"I dressed up like a witch and rang doorbells."

Saint Peter opened the Golden Gates when he heard someone knocking.

"What is it you want?" he asked. A tall boy stood before the gate. "I want to be admitted to heaven," he replied.

"Well," said Saint Peter, drawing a tablet out of the air, "What's your name?"

"John Rickett." "Address?" "31 Arcadia Drive." "Cause of Death?" "Over exertion from excess studying."

Saint Peter interrupted. "Not too many people die of that."

"I was a little surprised myself," was the reply. "Studying isn't my specialty."

"Well, John what did you do as a mortal?"

"My senior year I was on the grid

## Twirp season

Shirley runs up to Ralph's locker and exclaims, "Oh, Ralph, I finally found you! How about a date for Friday night?"

You may think Shirley a forward girl, but this is all quite proper for it is part of TWIRP Season.

With coming of TWIRP Season, the whole mode of life changes at THS, and even though the girls have put their piggy banks back on the shelf 'til next year, TWIRP Season will not be forgotten for a long time to come. We shall remember the time Betty and Charlene picked up their dates on bikes, and the riot they caused at the movie and at the Burger King; the night Frank Adams didn't have but three dates.

So if you didn't participate this time, try to get in the swing of things next year when once again *The Woman Is Requested To Pay!*



## DEAR ALEX

## Teeners Talk--Nuts

Each year we hope we'll be able to have subjects in the afternoon so we can get our "last nights" homework. It's not that we can't do our homework by ourselves it's just that we have to talk to Tom, Dick or Sue on the telephone.

I'm sure when Alex invented this unique little machine he had no idea of the complications it would cause. When the small jewel was invented it's purpose was completely different from today. Now we use the phone to have arguments, make love, do homework, gossip, and sometimes just sit over.

Actually if we didn't have the jabber stick our social lives would be ruined. We couldn't get a 7:30 date at 7:00, or find out all the latest news (not enough time at school), mad at your girl or boy friend for not calling, and worst of all we would

have to do our homework because we would have plenty of time.

When it comes down to the "bear" facts the telephone saves us money.

Just think of all the gasoline that would be used for going around to all Latin clubbers and telling them to bring candy for the next day's candy sale, for going to your friends house to find out the homework that you're not going to do, for going to Ann's to tell her about Jane, and other reasons that we use our modern miracle.

The average teen-ager spends four to five hours on the phone each day and the unaverage one spends two to three hours.

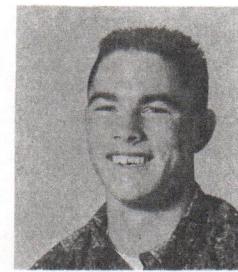
Most people think that girls are the ones responsible for talking for such lengths but this isn't true because it's usually a boy they're talking to.



## Bear Facts



## Presents



John Rickett

League."

"Being active in church gives you ten extra bonus points," said Saint Peter. "Continue."

"Well, that's about it, except that as President of League I recently attended a conference in Demopolis."

"Were you friendly, courteous, polite, and co-operative to your fellow man?"

"Sometimes."

"Were you sorry to leave?"

"I guess so, really . . . Say, are those people over there playing football?"

"Yes, John, and you may join them if you wish. You see, heaven is just what you want it to be and you have just been accepted."

"You mean I can stay?"

"Well, you've met the qualifications."

"Gosh, that's a relief. I thought surely I'd be going the other way!"

# Bear Facts beauties unlimited

True!!!

While rushing to Church on a bright, cool Sunday morning, we spied a car filled with three beautiful girls. "Just who are these good-looking chicks, we ask as we drove closer.

"Why, they are the Forehand threesome, who else?" the older brother replies confidently.

Missy a former THS student has just received the high honor of reigning as Maid of Cotton for the state. Beppy, her kid sister and our stunning Homecoming Queen, helped her sister win this award by sewing and producing her entire wardrobe. As for Mrs. Forehand, well, her title serves as "Maid of the maids," she replied when asked.

The whole family works together when one is involved in a rewarding activity. "I guess we're like a team. We could not do anything without each other," Beppy confesses.

"Milly," Beppy's sewing machine is also a great asset in their career. "I couldn't live without her and I'm sure Mother and Missy couldn't.



She's made everything we've had on our backs."

Missy helps Beppy when she gets in a tight spot which is very rarely. Their Mother supervises over both fine girls. As for how they get along, "Well sometimes you can hear us shouting all the way down the street. We sound like a sorority house quite

often," Mrs. Forehand says, "and many times worse."

These three musketeers who seem to take all the honors live together in Parkwood where they own a cute, little three bed-room house. Missy attends the University of Alabama and their Mother sometimes substitutes in the city school system.

## Angel?!!

This is the story of a cute little boy named Alfie. Now Alfie was what we would call a juvenile delinquent, but he knew he was a very good little boy. Now here are some of the good deeds Alfie did:

Once when he had just turned three, He shot his mother in the knee. Then after taking Mother's life, He stabbed his sister with a knife.

And then when he had become four, He got his brother on the floor, And pulled his toe nails out with pliers,

Then let the air out of the tires.

He fed his doggy some ground glass. Broke the TV; burned the grass. Stole hubcaps off the neighbors' car, He covered his father with feathers and tar.

He painted the whitewashed fences black, And tied his cousin to the railroad track,

He gave out poison on Halloween, Yes, Alfie dear was quite a fiend. When he became the age of six, He killed his best friend just for kicks.

He put a cobra in his teacher's desk, The class enjoyed this little jest.

And when he reached the age of nine, He placed his aunt in a box of pine. Then buried her while still alive. Alf's improved since he was five.

He pushed his grandma down the stairs,

And pulled out all of Uncle's hairs. He tripped his classmates so they fell,

And drowned his kitten in the well. Alf soaped up windows; broke glass panes,

He tied knots in horses' manes. He amputated Grandpa's head,

And burned up Aunty while in bed. Time marched on; more deeds were done.

And soon little Alfie had reached 21. He'd killed eight dozen, or maybe more,

But still no police had come to his door.

But then one day there came a knock, Alfie got up and undid the lock. "Now come with me," said the cop on the right.

"It seems you've run a traffic light."

## Girls gone gooey

There has been much talk about the style at THS for both boys and girls. Here are a few opinions:

Mrs. Alexander—"Hair clips and too much make-up sometimes spoil the effect of good taste."

Mr. Thompson—"The gang that wears their shirt tails out looks ridiculous, tacky, and sloppy."

Mr. Bardon—"I believe in the old saying, and think it should apply here, 'Be not the first the new to try, nor the last to lay the old aside'."

Faye Little—"Unique-period(.)"; no exclamation point needed."

Other opinions from "unknown teachers" were:

"The girls look like their shoes are too small when they don't wear socks."

"Some of the girls appear to be conceited because they think they have beautiful knees and feel that they must show them."

One teacher remarked that when some of the boys come to school with their shirt tails out they look like they didn't have time to get dressed before they left home."

"You can always tell when a girl is coming because you hear the clang clang of her jewelry."

Now if my knowledge of Algebra 2 is correct I would say that the majority of the teachers feel the dresses are too short, eyes too dark (make-up), and the shirt tails out too much.

## FASHIONS FLOURISH AT THS

The girls of Tuscaloosa High School are noted for their smart and well-groomed appearance throughout Alabama.

This year is '61-'62. As we trip down the halls, we spy some of the latest trends and fads that were popular many years ago.

Let's say that we're in a traffic jam and we're smashed up against the wall upstairs in the main hall. As we look toward the floor we see small, medium size, and large pairs of loafers, skipping by without their thick socks.

Now suppose we're at lunch, sitting at a table chatting with our friends. Suddenly we observe a parade of colors floating through the cafeteria.

## Can you imagine?

—Mrs. del Valle without an accent?

—Dale without "jigger"?

—eating chocolate-covered grasshoppers?

—Beverly Phillips with glasses?

—All seniors graduating?

—Nancy Quinn not talking?

—The Bear Facts without a censor?

—Bobby Christian not being shy?

—Sue Ann Wilborne with black hair?

—making an "A" under Miss Brown in Macbeth?

—Tim Parker and Ernie Houck being short?

—passing a "plane" test?

—Susan Rose with a light complexion?

—THS underneath oak trees?

—Kenneth Marlowe being right-handed?

—juniors first in anything?

—Rex Zeanah driving carefully?

—the band without Mr. Hamner?

—Edna Vines with a "pixie"?

—freshmen girls without make-up?

—Cynthia Park not eating orange-pineapple ice cream?

—Someone cheating in Mrs. Lackey's classes?

—Gene Scott without freckles?

—Mr. Greer with laryngitis?

—Charlotte McEachin not quilting or reading?

—Jack being short for Clyde Maynard?

As we look closer, we see that these colors are different ribbons worn by the girls near their foreheads. This has become quite well-known.

Nowadays instead of the straight skirts or completely full skirts, we note that the girls are wearing them lightly flared.

They're easier to walk in was the comment made by one student.

Substituting for cottons and wool this year is burlap. The girls think that it is the greatest, but the males say that it is similar to feed sacks.

By the looks of our girls, it seems as we have drifted back a few years to the 20's. Is this so?

"Why yes, you'll see it in all the top fashion magazines," replies the females.

Remarks a Bear Facts editor gets most tired of hearing (idea stolen from Hal Boyle):

From students: "When's the Bear Facts coming out?"

"No wonder the Bear Facts hasn't come out yet—look who's an editor!"

"But the posters say 'coming soon'."

"Sure the Bear Facts comes out Monday — the second Monday in June!"

"Print more funny stuff."

"Why can't we have a good paper like other schools?"

"You call those trophies examples of your excellence—then how come they're all rusted?"

"You misspelled my name!"

"Why don't you put my name in there sometimes?"

"There he come, editor of the local Communist press."

"What do you do with all that money you make?"

"Are you THE editor?"

"John Christopher is my very good friend and I'll tell him to fire you if you don't let me copy your homework."

"I demand my 15c back!"

From teachers: "I don't care if you're on the downtown magazine, you're not cutting my class!"

"I see no reason why you can't publish all 130 of my English themes."

"Yes I'll give you an interview—but don't print a word I say."

"I was misquoted!"

"Go ahead—skip my class and see if you pass this six-weeks!"

"A Bear Facts editor and you can't even spell ? ? ?"

## Rings rate ruckus

Bouncing down the hall of THS we find a huge hand thrust in your face. Your first thought that Russia has taken over and one of their soldiers is going to put your eyes out of use. But suddenly you realize it's just one of the Seniors showing off his ring.

Of course no Senior is perfectly satisfied with his ring yet intends to show it off whether it's a couple sizes too big, has the wrong initials, or maybe even the wrong year. Whatever the problem, the Senior is always ready to swear his is the best looking.

As we look behind this obstacle in our face, we find none other than Eddie Ford. It seems as though Eddie was testing his ring to see if it was really gold by biting it. All of a sudden, instead of making a dent in the ring, his only "real" tooth breaks off. Oh well, he didn't really care whether it was real gold or not.

Now we stagger down the hall in hope that we won't run into anything because of our newly injured eye. Stopping a moment to get back on course a shrill scream is heard. Akwardly we turn around to find out who this terrified child is. To our amazement we find Pettus Randall jumping up and down with joy. When asked why he is so filled with glee Pettus replies, "Diane gave me her Senior ring!"

"But, Pettus, why does a little thing like a ring from your girl make you so happy?"

Quickly Pettus whispers, "It's the little things in life that counts."

From the soap box we go to our study hall where we find a mass of red-colored stones being compared.

And so we leave THS and the Seniors with their problem as Senior Ring Day.



## P.T.S.A. has first meeting, October 24th

Tuscaloosa High School P.T.S.A. met on October 24 for the first time this year, in the school auditorium.

Officers for the school year 1961-1962 are as follows: Mr. Tim Parker, president; Mr. Norman Agnew, Vice-President; Mrs. Young Boozer, secretary; and Mr. Robert Price, treasurer.

Following the reports and speeches

### Ambassador Hi-Y

The Ambassador's have two projects in mind this fall. They are to help sell peanuts (along with the other Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y Clubs) in order to give more money for mental health. Last spring these officers were elected: John Caldwell, President; Billy Ray, Vice-President; Stewart Strong, Secretary; Barney Boedor, treasurer; Frank Joyner, chaplain; Arthur Olson, sgt-at-arms; and Breck Barnes, reporter.

### Black Warrior Hi-Y

The Black Warrior officers were elected and they are as follows: President, John Rickett; First Vice-President, Billy Allen; Second Vice-President, Phil LaMoreaux; Secretary, Aubrey Dominick; and Al Mather is the Sergeant-at-Arms.

This club plans to help sell peanuts for the Mentally Retarded. They are also planning a party in the near future.

### Sigma Tri-Hi-Y

The Sigma Tri-Hi-Y was elected to be one of the pilot clubs for this year.

They have already started having interesting programs and they'll have three programs a month.

Sigma has many projects in mind such as: 1) Having a foreign Tri-Hi-Y club as a pen pal. 2) Having a dance so we can pay our share to world service. 3) Making our annual trip to Panama City. 4) Helping sell peanuts so the money can be given to the mentally retarded. These are but a few of our projects.

The officers are as follows: Susan Jackson, President; Mary Charles Wright, First Vice-President; Juliette Gewin, Second Vice-President; Stella Olson, Recording Secretary; Betty Pritchett Corresponding Secretary; Louise Jones, Treasurer; Charlotte McEachin, Chaplain; Bonnie Davis, Sergeant-at-Arms; Jane Price, Reporter; and our advisors are Mrs. Hilbush and Mrs. Overall.



given by the officers and Mr. Thurman Gallman, assistant principal, the parents were dismissed to tour the school and visit with their children's teachers.

"Youth of Today Prepare for the World of Tomorrow" is to be the theme of the P.T.S.A. this year.

The next meeting of the P.T.S.A. is to be on the third Tuesday of November, five more meetings are to follow.

### It applies to all of you

"Genius is only the power of making continuous efforts. The line between failure and success is so fine that we scarcely know when we pass it: so fine that we are often on the line and do not know it. How many a man has thrown up his hands at a time when a little more effort, a little more patience, would have achieved success. As the tide goes clear out, so it comes clear in. In on the turn. A little more effort, and seem darkest when really they are business, sometimes, prospects may what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success. There is no failure except in no longer trying. There is no defeat except from within, no really insurmountable barrier save our own inherent weakness of purpose."

### Kappa Tri-Hi-Y

The Kappa Tri-Hi-Y, one of the senior Tri-Hi-Y groups, has made plans to have a wonderful year filled with many projects.

This year they have a new sponsor, Mrs. Jeanne Secrest. At one of their recent meetings, Mrs. Secrest talked to them about rush week at the U. of A.

Officers for this year are the following: Susan Mize, President; Royce Woodley, Vice-President; Lenn Bomar, Second Vice-President; Cherry Kendricks, Secretary; Helen Nelson, Chaplain; Charlene Clary, Sergeant-at-Arms; Betty Waugh, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms; and the County Council Representative is Mary Evans Williams.

### Science Club

This year the Science Club hasn't begun any projects yet. First of all, it has to get re-organized.

The new club is going to be affiliated with the Science Clubs of America, and will certainly be an asset to our school.

It will be sponsored by the entire science faculty who will choose the new members.

### Loosa Hi-Y changes name

Chirho Hi-Y is the new name of the Loosa Hi-Y. Chirho is a combination of the first and last letters of Christ's name in the Greek alphabet.

Regular meetings are to be held every Monday night at the Y.M.C.A. during the first semester.

Two boys from Chirho will attend the state Hi-Y conference in Gadsden, Alabama, November 17-19.

### Alpha Sigma Chi Tri-Hi-Y

The Alpha Sigma Chi Tri-Hi-Y had a covered dish supper at the home of Linda Armstrong on October 10, followed by a business meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to welcome new members into the club.

The officers for this year are Mary Tillotson, president; Norma Lancaster, first vice-president; Myrial Bridges, second vice-president; Linda Armstrong, secretary; Kay Jernigan, treasurer; and Donna Iverson, reporter. Their representative to the County Council is Catherine Doster.

On October 24, they had a guest speaker, Mrs. Asbury, who spoke on Tri-Hi-Y participation.

### Book Review

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The catalogue, which is numbered to conform to the numbered books, gives easy and direct access to whatever books may hold the viewer's interest.

For the busy professional teacher, librarian, or administrator whose time is so often limited the organized, catalogued exhibit represents the preferred and efficient way of keeping up with the new library books of the year and making the right selections from among them.

The exhibit comes through the courtesy of Books on Exhibit, a national promotional enterprise of the publishers represented in the collection. Although the exhibit is mainly for school personnel and students interest has been shown by some citizens of the community.

Mrs. Howard, head librarian, comments, "We have been very much pleased with the response of students and several of them have asked that we order certain books whenever possible." This book exhibit covers all fields from space travel to history.

The exhibit's purpose is to show great meaning and interest for the students and parents who want a better understanding in the world they are a part of today.

### Worship presented

The Tuscaloosa County Hi-Y's and Tri-Hi-Y's had an officer's retreat at Camp Cherry Austin to learn the duties of the different officers, and the functions of the club. They left Saturday morning at 9:00 from the YMCA and registered at the camp until 10:00. After registration, meetings were held discussing the purposes of different committees.

Recreation that afternoon consisted of football and volleyball. Later that afternoon there were discussion meetings on the different functions of the club.

Reverend Orman of the Covenant Presbyterian Church gave a short worship program on "So You Want to be a Leader."

Everybody went home at 8:30, Sunday morning, so they would have time to attend church.

### Tri Theta Tri-Hi-Y

Officers for this year are: President, Carol Hughes; Vice-Pres., Alice Crume; Secretary, Judy Waugh; and Treasurer, Connie Strickland.

Meetings of Tri-Theta are held every Tuesday night at the Y.M.C.A. November 18, Tri-Theta sold peanuts for the mentally retarded as their first service project.

### Le Cercle Francais

Le Cercle Francais met at the home of Robin McCrory on October 11, 1961.

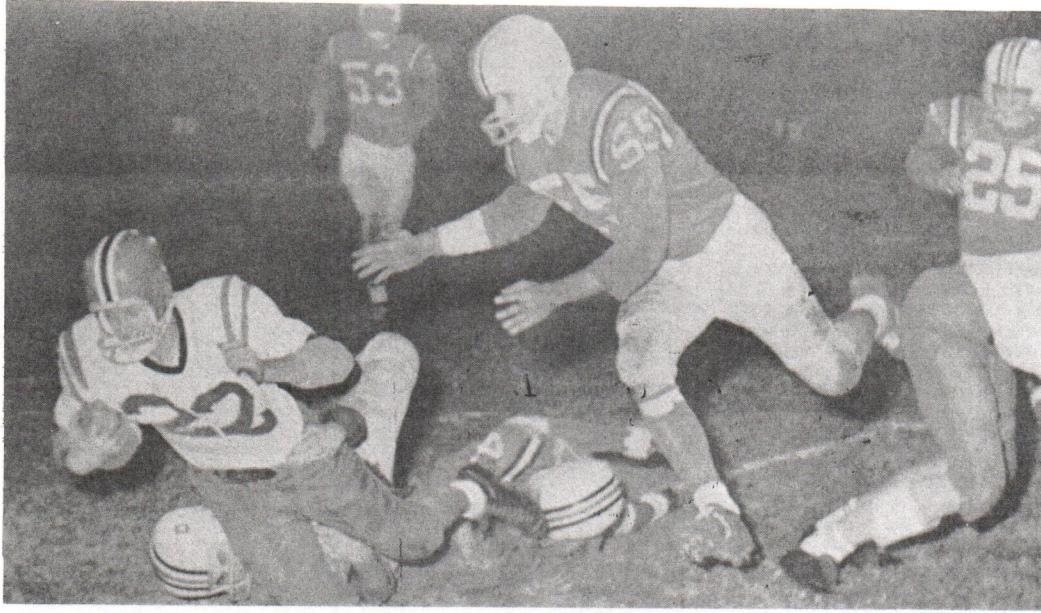
Plans were made for their entry in the Homecoming Parade. A committee was appointed to work out the details.

Plans were made for their Halloween Carnival held October 28, 1961 in the gym lobby of the school. Committees for the various booths and sideshows were appointed.

### Members participate

The real talent of the Greasepainters shone through, October 19, when the members participated in impromptu skits. In this program were; Mike English, Paula White, Joe Wood, Ralph Hayden, Greg Congleton, Larry Beatus, Camille Clark, Richard Rhone, Barbara Miller, and Richard Snow.

Later that week, on the 21, a tacky party was held for all members of the Greasepainters in the All-purpose room of the Y.M.C.A.



Safety man, Gary "Guido," Madison, returns a punt in the Phillips game.

## Bears stomp Wildcats Bruins fall

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears crushed the County High Wildcats, 41-6 in Denny Stadium on October 27. The Bruins beat the Wildcats with an identical score in 1948. The Black Bears played the Wildcats for the first time in 1927.

THS dominated the play during the entire contest. Having lost two straight games, at the hands of Robert E. Lee and Pensacola High, going in, 'Loosa was looking for "blood" in the contest with County High. This victory gave the THS team the county championship and a six and two record.

The Bears scored their 41 points in the first three periods. Lester Davis, senior fullback, scored the first tally, completing a 65 yard

March. The Bears second TD was scored by Pettus Randall, a 170 pound guard, on a blocked punt, which he picked up and ran for six more points. Quarterback Bobby Porter reached pay dirt the next two trips down the field. The victors' final two touchdowns were made by John Rickett and Scotty Hughes. Rickett picked up a County High fumble, and dashed 65 yards for the fifth tally. Hughes picked up the last TD on a 32 yard run. Guard Buddy Edwards kicked five extra points out of six tries.

The Bears had 17 first downs, 283 yards rushing, attempted five passes and completed two for 61 yards. The Cats had nine first downs, and only 27 yards rushing.

Friday, the thirteenth, certainly dealt THS a cruel blow. Despite all efforts the Lee Generals proved too much for the Black Bears of Tuscaloosa.

In the first quarter Bill Hogue broke up a kick play and Tuscaloosa had a first down on Lee's 14 yard line. On the first down William Tucker shortened this to the 11, and then Bobby Christian took it to the 8. Bobby Porter fumbled on the next play and almost lost the ball, but the referee ruled the whistle had blown. The last play a pass from Porter to Hogue, was blocked.

Taking the ball on their own 11, the Generals marched down the field and faked a kick, then completed a pass from Charles Crysell to Johnny Beasley who made it into the end zone for a TD.

The PAT was good and Lee took a 7-0 lead, much to the joy of Lee supporters and much to the sorrow of over 2,000 Tuscaloosa fans.

Bad breaks befall the Bears and it seemed that every time they gambled for first downs, they would miss by only inches and Lee would again take over.

Lee was out to win and they were able to do it in spite of anything the Bears could do.

Even though the Bruins lost, the boys played a fine game and did their best.

## Gridders roll over Raiders

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears romped the Phillips Red Raiders, 32-0, on November 9, to close their season out with a 7-3 record.

The Bruins dominated play through out the contest. Their offense and defense were working like a house on fire. The defense did not let the Raiders get within the THS 20-yard line the whole night.

In on the point making were Bobby Christian with a 78-yard run, William Tucker, Don Barksdale on a fake

punt and pass play for 51 yards and the tally, John Rickett and John Ray Sullivan for 68 yards and the last TD when the time ran out. Buddy Edwards got two extra points out of six tries.

The Black Bears got 15 first downs, 371 yards rushing, 87 yards passing and were penalized five times for 65 yards. The Red Raiders only got five first downs, 12 yards rushing, 61 yards passing and were penalized twice for 18 yards.

## Ensley Downs Black Bears

The Tuscaloosa High Black Bears and the Ensley High Yellow Jackets played hard contest for the first three periods. In the final period the Yellow Jackets struck like lightning after an 80 yard drive, from their 20 yard line to the 27 yard line, with first and ten the Jackets threw a pass for the tally.

In the first period both teams played heads up ball, with neither team crossing the other's 30 yard line; the second quarter was the same way.

'Loosa, kicked off to the Ensley High Yellow Jackets to get the ball moving in the second half. After eight plays Ensley was forced to punt. Both teams exchanged the ball two times, then the Bears threw a pass, John Rickett was the re-

ceiver, which went to the 35 yard line of Ensley. This looked like a big break for T.H.S., but three running plays later the Bears were forced to try a field goal, which was wide of the up-rights. The ball was then turned over to the Black and Gold. Then in the fourth period E. H. S. took control of the football and the game. At this point the score was 0 to 0, but Ensley High did not let it stay this way, they scored with 6:30 showing on the clock. After kicking off to T.H.S., the Jackets took control of the ball once again by intercepting a Bear pass and then running the clock out, to win 7 to 0 over Tuscaloosa High.

After the contest the football coach, Coach H. B. Hanes of Ensley said, that Tuscaloosa's defense was the toughest we have met this year, they have a good ball club.

## Football?

Quarterback, Jim Marlowe, states, "It's the quarterback's job to move his team to as many scores as possible, in a game. He does this through leadership, correct play selection and his physical skills of passing, blocking, faking, handoffs and running. But, leadership is the most important asset, it makes a star out of an average quarterback and a team really work at being good."

Half-back John Caldwell says, "A halfback has many jobs that he is called on to do on various plays. Some of these are running with the ball, blocking, passing, pass catching, faking and handing off the ball.

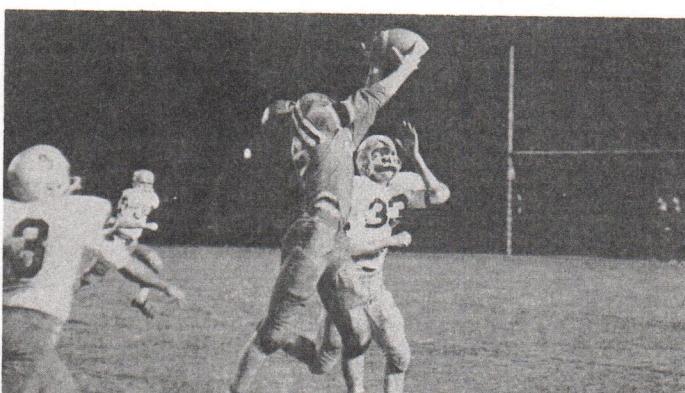
"Speed is an essential quality of a half-back and a little extra weight helps but is not as important as good speed. On defense the halfback has the responsibility of watching for passes and tackling the runner if he breaks loose. Also he must catch and return punts."

Gary Byrd tells of duties of center. "The center is a very important person on the football field. His main job is to get the snap right to the quarterback, or other back and then get the person he blocks. The center also has the responsibility of keeping the team quiet in the huddle. He is also a linebacker on defense, and ought to be in on most of the tackles."

The job of the tackle is told by Jimmy Stringer. "A tackle is usually one of the bigger boys on the team. His job on offense is to help open a hole for the backs, or to go downfield and block. On passes his main job is to protect the passer. His job on defense is to stop line plunges coming his way, pursue the play if it goes to the opposite side, or to rush the passer. On certain plays on defensive formations his job may differ but it is always basically the same."

Hank Herrod will tell you what you have to do to be a guard. "Guards have one of the best positions on the team. On most of the box plays we run, the guards will pull out of the line leading interference or blocking an end or linebacker." In the T the guards usually block the defensive guard or linebacker and make most of the trap blocks. On defense its the guard's responsibility to stop the running up the middle."

What do the ends do? John Rickett says, "On defense the end is one of the most important positions. His main responsibility is to keep the ball to his inside. By doing this the other linemen are able to make the tackle. Also the defensive end has outside pass responsibility. On offense the end must do things beside catch passes. The end's main blocking assignments are either the tackle or the halfback."



End, John Rickett, gets his hands on a pass from Bobby Porter in the Pensacola game, but drops it when hit by the defender.

# Tankmen start work

The first seeded T.H.S. swim team has already hit the water this season. After two years of existence, the tankmen have set a fine record for themselves. In its first year, 1959, the team was coached by John Foster, also coach of Alabama's swim team, and made a good beginning by taking second place in the State Meet, just a few points behind Coffee High, of Florence.

Last year, the team got a coach of its own when Gene Newsomb, a college junior, transferred from another Southern University to Alabama and was hired by the high school as coach. Under his leadership the tankmen took the state championship away from Coffee by 40 points.

Although the team lost several of its good swimmers last year the remaining lettermen, Ricky Clawson, Dave Miller, Stuart Strong, O. K. Bryant, Roger Williams and Frank Adams are expecting to make the team as strong, if not stronger, than last year's. These boys will

be aided by nine or ten other swimmers, Billy Jorden, F. B. Marks, and Jeff Thompson, to name a few.

Meets this year will be held in Atlanta, Montgomery, Birmingham, Pensacola, Mobile, Coffee, and others. In some of these meets the boys will be accompanied by six or seven girl tankmen swimming unattached.

In winning the state title last year, the team set several records. The mark for the 200 free-stroke relay was set by the Bear team, and O. K. Bryant swept the 100 yard breast-stroke event in record time. The Medaly relay team almost had a record for itself, but was touched out by a tenth of a second.

This year's line-up will include Roger Williams in the butterfly, and O. K. Bryant, along with Bob Gribbin will compete in the breast-stroke. Ricky Clawson, Dave Miller, Stuart Strong, and Billy Jordan will lead the free style events and be supported by Jeff Thompson, Cary Williams, F. B. Marks, and others.

## TUSCALOOSA HIGH SCHOOL BLACK BEAR BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1961 - 1962

Dec. 1—Columbus	There	A & B
Dec. 8—Clanton	Here	A & B
Dec. 12—Minor	Here	A & B
Dec. 15—Shades Valley	There	A & B
Dec. 27—Shades Valley Tournament		
Jan. 2—Walker County	There	A & B
Jan. 5—Holt	There	A & B
Jan. 6—Escambia County	Here	A
Jan. 9—County High	Here	A & B
Jan. 12—Conference Tournament		
Jan. 16—Holt	Here	A & B
Jan. 19—John Carroll	There	A & B
Jan. 23—Woodlawn	There	A & B
Jan. 27—County High	There	A & B
Jan. 30—Carbon Hill	There	A & B
Feb. 6—Winfield	Here	A & B
Feb. 8—Shades Valley	Here	A & B
Feb. 13—Selma	Here	A & B
Feb. 16—Lanier	There	A
Feb. 17—Robert E. Lee	There	A
Feb. 20—Woodlawn	Here	A & B
Feb. 23—Lanier	Here	A

## Minor Sports preview

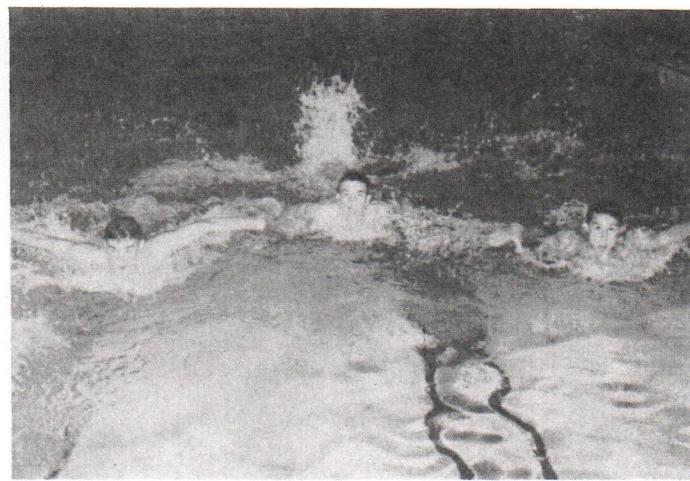
Leading the Racketeers is Jack Jackson and a close second is John Pickens. Other members are Timmy Kendall, Bill Shamblin, Foss Smith and Tommy McMullen. Alternates are Tim Parker and Joe Anders. Two trophies were won last year. One from the Southern High School Interscholastic in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the other from the State High School in Sylacauga, Alabama. Besides the trophies, seven medals were won by the top four team members in individual play. Some of the matches to be played this year are Anniston, Baylor, Birmingham, Montgomery, Meridian,

Atlanta, and Athens.

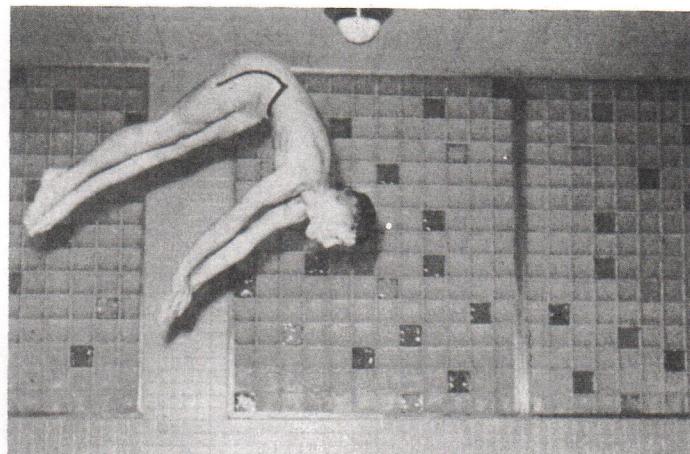
In the recreational life of T.H.S., the golf squad also plays a very important part. Having no graduates, this year's returning lettermen are Wilbur Manderson, Donnie Greenhaw, and Billy Manderson.

Last year's team was rated number one in the state and due to no graduates will probably retain their rating. Billy, Wilbur, Donnie and Tom Patton won places to represent Tuscaloosa in the state Tournament in Denver, Colorado and represented Alabama.

About fifteen to twenty boys will try out for the team in March.



From left, Roger Williams, David Miller, and O. K. Bryant practice butterfly in a recent swimming practice.



Diver, Frank Adams, comes out of a jackknife in a swimming practice session.



Well the footballers didn't end up first in the state this year, but they were there for a while and certainly made their presence felt by more than one team this season. Of all the games they played in they lost by no more than 7 points which is quite an accomplishment when you consider that the teams they came out on the short end with had solidly licked their other opponents. The County High was something from this side of the river at least, and I understand that the Bee team made short work of the Wildcats too, in their "B" contest.

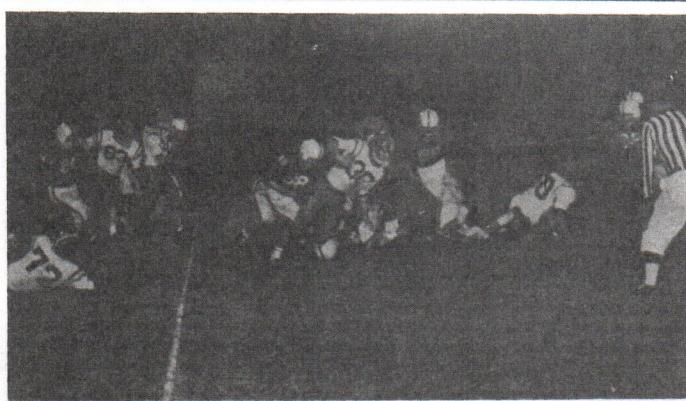
Away from the gridiron for a minute and to the basketball court where things are suppose to look pretty bright for this season. I am going to predict that Coach Tarleton's boy's will at least make it to the state tournament, and should have as good a chance as anyone for taking the big trophy away.

Back to the Bee team for a minute, if you have been out to see them this season you know they look alright and with only one tie on their record for the year they certainly sound impressive. I understand that they are

The players of the month this go round will be Hank Herrod as the lineman and Bobby Porter as the back. Although Hank was hurt in the Pensacola game up until that time he had played a good steady game for the Bears and his absence has certainly been felt. Bobby has had some beautiful runs this year and did a good job at quarterback his first year at it. I would also like to mention Buddy Edwards who has kicked 19 out of 26 conversions through the Ensley game.

being lead on the ground by halfbacks John Caldwell and Skip Cannon, while quarterbacks Warren Day and Al Kincade have done all right in the air.

The swimming team had their first meet of the year against the University of Alabama Freshmen loosing 48 to 31. But everything was not too dull for the swimmers as diver Frank Adams took first place, while Roger Williams won the 100 yards butterfly with O. K. Bryant taking a first in 100 breaststroke.



Halfback, Scotty Hughes, breaks away from the County High Wildcats for a 31 yard scoring run.





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## Ten represent THS at national meeting

To provide an opportunity for high school journalists to gain a wider knowledge of journalism concepts, the National Scholastic Press Association sponsored a press convention at Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel, November 23-26.

The eight delegates representing Tuscaloosa High were: Billy Allen, News Editor; Pamela Mitchell, Feature Editor; Norma Lancaster; Shirley Christ; Emma Kay Guin; Pete Clark; Bob Hopper and Sam Cooper. Sponsors for the trip were Miss Fay Little, English teacher; and Mrs. Margaret Rutledge, Journalism Advisor.

Leaving the school at 4:30 November 22, the group went to the Birmingham train station where they boarded a train for Chicago.

The 1144 delegates and advisors, representing 26 states and 187 schools, stayed at the 3,000 room Conrad Hilton Hotel where the National 4-H convention, livestock show, and numerous other national conventions were also taking place.

The 34th annual Publications Conference opened Thursday evening with a convocation speech by Mr. Edward Lindsay, editor of the Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, Inc. He spoke on the topic "The American Press as a National Institution and As a Career Opportunity."

After the convocation the Paul Winter Sextet, winner of the 1961 Intercollegiate Jazz festival, played a get-acquainted mixer in the hotel's Grand Ballroom.

Friday's schedule included numerous sectional meetings on all phases of paper and yearbook work. Mr. Cantor gave a talk entitled "Let Change Be Your Guide," and Marilyn Thompson led a panel discussion on "Keeping the News Fresh" with three other delegates from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Nebraska.

After having gone shopping and sight seeing Saturday morning we boarded the train for home that afternoon. Arriving in Birmingham early Sunday morning everyone rode home in cars.

## Scholarship test to be administered



The Guidance Department is here to serve the students. Mr. Upchurch urges that any student who has questions about his or her college education please talk with him any time.

## Guidance help for you

We suggest that a student who is just beginning to consider his or her college choices consult reference sources such as the College Board Handbook, as well as college catalogues and other materials on file in the school library or counselor's office.

He or she should discuss with their counselor the colleges which interest him and on the basis of this discussion decide whether his preliminary choices are realistic; then write to the few colleges which seem best suited to his interests and capabilities, requesting a catalogue and stating the year of college entrance.

While not all colleges require personal interviews, we consider them important and during the interview

a candidate may expect to receive counsel about his plans as they are related to the college she is visiting.

## Attention!

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—The Alabama Director of Selective Service has warned high school students that they are required by law to register with a local draft board within five days after reaching their 18th birthday.

State Director Walter M. Thompson, Jr., also stated that those who do not register with Selective Service within five days after reaching 18 can be prosecuted, or, under certain conditions, inducted earlier into the army.

"I cannot over-emphasize the importance of prompt registration," Mr. Thompson said. "In the past we have been fairly lenient with those who failed to register properly, but this practice has been discontinued," he declared. "Legal steps are in order for those who don't register at the time required."

Thompson also explained that under normal conditions most students are deferred of call to active duty until they have completed high school and college studies.

## Promising juniors can participate in the N.M.S.P. test

The eighth annual Merit Qualifying Scholarship Test is to be administered on Tuesday, March 6, 1962. The National Merit Scholarship Program is a nation wide search for students who demonstrate extraordinary ability to benefit from a college education.

Participants in the Merit competition are not only considered for Merit Scholarships, but they are also frequently considered for special scholarships awarded by private organizations through the facilities of the N.M.S.C. Also, many colleges and universities use the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test to help them select students who are to receive financial aid.

Students who plan to complete their high school work in 1963 and enter college the same calendar year are eligible for the scholarship to be awarded to them. Generally these students (eligible to take the test) are second-semester juniors or first-semester seniors.

Registration for the National Merit starts on December 14th and ends January 26th. The fee for taking the test is \$1.00.

Remember, if you do register to take the test, you should make every effort to carry through by actually taking it.

For further information about registering, see Mr. Upchurch in the Guidance Office, Room 104.

## Key Club delegates attend convention

H. Pettus Randall, III, 10 Central Highlands, Tuscaloosa, a junior at Tuscaloosa High, will be one of sixteen members of the Key Club International Board who will meet at the Kiwanis International Building in Chicago, December 27, 28, 29, 1961, for a three-day mid-winter planning session. Presiding at the meeting will be H. Andru "Andy" Turk, 17, president of the Kiwanis-sponsored high school service organization. Turk is a senior at Gainesville High School, Gainesville, Georgia.

Key Club International serves the high school in much the same manner that Kiwanis serves in the adult community. Currently there are more than 50,000 Key Clubbers in more than 2200 clubs in U. S. and Canadian high schools.

Business to be undertaken by the young high school leaders will include planning of the 1962 Key Club International Convention, to be held in Long Beach, California, July 1-4, and matters of finance for the organization, expansion of membership and number of clubs, and administrative problems.

## Captains for 1961 Football team announced at banquet

Captains for the 1961 football were announced Thursday, November 30, 1961, at the annual football banquet in the school cafeteria. They were Bobby Christian, Jimmy Wyatt, and Ralph Quarles.

Gordon Pettus was the master of ceremonies, while H. E. Greer, principal, issued the welcoming address to members of the football team, coaches, and guest. The guest speaker was Dr. J. H. Chitwood. Jimmy Wyatt presented a toast to coaches Billy Henderson, Tom Tarleton, and their assistants. Others participating in the program were William Tucker

and George Fletcher.

Lettermen for past football season are Jay Smith, Hank Herrod, Jon Rey Sullivan, Gary Mattison, Jerry McClure, Bobby Christian, John Caldwell, Gary Byrd, Danny Brown, Don Barksdale, Buddy Edwards, William Tucker, George Fletcher, Ralph Quarles, Bobby Porter, Joe Simon, Lester Davis, Ted Williams, Dwain Winstead, Jimmy Stringer, Jimmy Wyatt, Jimmy Campbell, John Rickett, Don Hallmark, Pettus Randall, Aubrey Dominick, Eddie Ford, Johnny Harris, Scotty Hughes, and Jimmy Marlowe.

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## Just Thinking

by

*Chris Curtis*

Editor-in-Chief



Well, I hope that everyone has safely returned from the best of all vacations, (excluding summer of course) Christmas. THS students traveled far and wide over Christmas. Some of the more fortunate people managed to attend the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans which must have been quite exciting. Others went to spend Christmas with relatives or close friends, and still others spent a fine holiday right here in Tuscaloosa with their families. I surely hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays as much as I did.

It appears that those old demons are upon us again, in the form of Mid-term examinations. To hear some of the students of THS talk that is exactly what you might think of an exam is, a demon I mean. Students seem to shudder and shake at the mere mention of an exam, but so far nobody has found a way to avoid the

little terrors. In reality exams are not really demons. They are simply a few short questions which require some comparatively short answers to cover the very easy material that you have had the entire first semester to learn. At least that's what my teachers say!!! I don't suppose that is an accurate definition of an exam either. But, never-the-less with some good studying time put in on each subject we should all pull through.

At the time this article was written the mighty Bear cagers had just defeated a tall Escambia team for their forty-seventh consecutive victory. I believe that the credit for this fine record should be shared equally between two great Bear teams and Coach Tom Tarleton. Coach Tarleton is undoubtedly the best basketball coach in the state of Alabama and one of the finest that could be found anywhere. I am sure that everyone in this school would like to wish the Bears good luck and we hope that they continue in their winning ways.

on incessantly during the concert! As time for school to end neared, I witnessed entire rows of students rising and leaving. This was not to be blamed on the younger persons present but on the students of our high school. These were the freshmen and the upper-classmen of Tuscaloosa High. I, to say the least, was thoroughly embarrassed.

During the seventh period on Thursday, November 30, 1961, for the first time, and I hope the last, I was ashamed of being a student of Tuscaloosa High School. The actions of some of the students in the auditorium was entirely disgraceful and of the uttermost courtesy. At the start of the program, had I been the conductor, I would have left the stage and not returned to play before such an uncivil audience. This might have been brushed off on a group of "grammar school kids." Talking went

From these actions I conclude that there are students in this school who attended this concert only to get out of class. Other than that here were numerous people in the student body who are just plain, rude, r-u-d-e!

The concert, for its extent, was excellent. The "Overture from Fennel's Cave" is very difficult, beautiful, and respected piece of music, as any of our band members will confirm. "Peter and the Wolf" is also a highly respected composition of music and narration. It was during this that I found the conduct of our students so discourteous, distracting, and unexcusable. The impression created on the orchestra will be carried back to Birmingham and I feel most certainly that the impression is not one that many of us can be proud of.

Again, I say, we owe them an apology.

Yours truly,  
Vince Rollins

## Who is this 'censor'?

Dear Editor,

As I was thumbing through Bear Facts, I stumbled across a choice item hidden away in the feature page: "Can you imagine the Bear Facts without a censor?" As I have no behind-the-scenes contact with the paper, I really don't know if this was put as some kind of a staff joke, as a cut, or as a criticism of your censor—if he is real. However, I would say, from looking at the editorial page of various issues of Bear Facts, that you either have a strong censor or else we have a bunch of uninterested students who have no opinions on school affairs or are too lazy to state them.

Now, I don't think that the Halloween activities of the West End

Yacht Club are of general interest (and they are, more than likely, not worth being censored anyway). But I do wonder if, perhaps, it is not the duty of the student to express his views on controversial issues within the school and the duty of Bear Facts to print them . . . Was there not a student within the school who could answer the fine editorial on five academics on the basis of his own experiences? Have we no students views on smoking in the restrooms or on the controversial subject of the beauty walk? Was there not a single student, perhaps a member of the band, who raised an objection to the conduct of THS students at the concert last month?

Perhaps, after all, it is the student body which acts as the censor for Bear Facts. For, how can the paper represent all views, whether they be old accepted ones or new and, maybe, unpopular ones, if we don't bother to express them?

A THS Student

## Page kept spinning

Editor's reply: The Bear Facts editorial page attempts to cover fully issues concerning our school. Many times editorial comment is withheld on a particular subject due to time difficulties—something "hot" when we're going to press will merely be old stuff by the time we come out. We have many censors. The page editor censors the staff's work, the Editor-in-Chief censors, and our sponsor is responsible to the paper, also censoring. Sometimes we become annoyed over the opinion of one or more of our censors and strike back by writing such as you cited on our feature page. But things are looking brighter on the speaking out front. We DID, as you see, receive a letter concerning the symphony. As you pointed out, perhaps THS students are their own censors in not writing to us. Some school papers have complaint columns in which students may criticize—a column specifically for brickbats. If you are interested maybe the Bear Facts could start something of this nature.

BEAR in mind that opinion and choice themselves are censorship. And opinions are what keeps the editorial page going round—so keep 'em coming, THS student!

## Sound Off: editor's faith in B.F. is heightened

I'd like to talk with you about Bear Facts this time and the response of the student body toward one of the best high school newspapers in the state.

Response to our first issue this year was very good; however, criticism arose when it came out later than expected. This criticism was due but it was overdone. Due to this the student body's response to our second issue was not very good. Remarks such as—why can't Bear Facts come out on time; always the same old stuff; why don't they do something different; fifteen cents is just too much; I'll bet I could do a better job—are just a few of the comments expressed.

Well, some criticism is due, and we expected it. Most students do not realize what is involved in the putting together of a high school newspaper.

This year we have three new page editors and a new editor-in-chief. There are two old editors who have

been with Bear Facts for three years. Each editor has about six people on his staff. With a new journalism class the first issue is always the most difficult and usually takes longer to put out. I will admit that it took a little too long this time. The second issue, too, is difficult. The reason for this is about the same as for the first; however, with some knowledge of newspaper makeup other problems arise for the new journalism students making it difficult for them to put out the second issue.

With a staff of our size, a good paper can be put out once a month. Some people have asked that Bear Facts come out more often, but it cannot be done in less than a month. Oh yes, if we had our own printing press, photo lab, and all other printing necessities needed we could come out every three weeks. But we don't have them and probably won't for a long time to come. The school board

allows us only a small amount of money to put out our paper and they too probably ask why we can't come out more often. It takes time and money to put out a paper. We depend upon the student body to help us put out the paper. The number of Bear Facts we sell to you tells the whole story. We are constantly doing our best to bring interesting, exciting, and worthwhile material the quickest way possible.

Certainly, we are at fault if we don't come out on time or come out as often as you would like. We know our faults and are correcting them as fast as possible. We will do better.

Members of the journalism class attended the National Scholastic Press Association conference in Chicago during Thanksgiving. There they learned better paper techniques which they plan to use throughout the coming year.

During the weekend of December 8-9, we attended the Alabama High

School Press Association conference held at the University of Alabama. There, Bear Facts was praised more highly for the contents of the paper than any other high school paper in the state. We were graded down on the type of paper we used and the fact that our paper looks too much like a magazine—it doesn't look professional enough. But the student body has said they like it this way. We plan on changing the grade of paper and the number of columns for one issue later this year. We want to get the students reaction to this.

If any of you students have anything to say about the paper or the school, we urge you to write us anytime. We will be glad to answer you and do our best to please you. That is what the Bear Facts is here for, to please the student body.

Our faith in Bear Facts has been heightened; we hope yours has been restored.

## From the Bandstand

by Chris Christian

Two of the finest musical organizations in the South were heard in the Tuscaloosa High School auditorium December 14. The famed Tuscaloosa High School Concert Band and Mixed Chorus gave a combined concert, the first in many years.

Each performed sections alone, and then, together.

The Band's program included "Siegfried's Rhine Journey," "Ring Those Christmas Bells," and a march, "The March of the Black Bears" written by one of our own students, Ray Ballard.

The Mixed Chorus performance included "Song of Mary" and others. They also performed "Silent Night" with an orchestral accompaniment. Their selections together were "O Brother Man," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and the Alma Mater.

A surprise encore performance by both groups had the entire audience singing "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

Last year both groups were rated Superior at the State Music Festival. The Band took the highest honors given. The performance of these organizations certainly justified these ratings and signifies that they should repeat this performance next year.

Actually the work is only beginning for our band members. Some of the bandmen are trying out for AU State Band at district qualifications on the first Saturday in February. Here the best musicians in the state are chosen and given the chance to be recognized and to play together. Last year the THS Band placed 13 members in this elite group.

The big event for the band in the future is the State Music Festival at Alabama. All the bands in the state go to their district competition and only the best of these are allowed to go to the State Festival and compete with these bands from Alabama. Last year our Black Bear Band was rated superior with a rating of I, I, I, I, the highest rating given. Most of those interviewed agreed that the THS band was the best at the festival. This year the band is to play *Siegfried's Rhine Journey* by Wagner. This piece is so difficult that no other band has even attempted to play this piece in the history of the festival.

The band has just acquired an English horn, this instrument, a woodwind is something few colleges have. It is similar to an oboe and will be included in that section.



SERVICE PLEASE—Jimmy Marlowe asks for more of the delicious food served at the football banquet.

## Program by Toffle

The Ambassador Hi-Y participated in the state Hi-Y conference. Their president, John Caldwell, was elected president of the state conference. On December 19, they had a hay ride while on December 13, Doctor Tofel gave a demonstration on chemistry at the Y.M.C.A. A dance will be held by them, in order to raise money for World Service in January.

## French Club meets

Le Cercle Francais held its third meeting of the year at the home of Bob Hopper on November 15, 1961.

Plans were discussed for a Christmas program as well as the idea of going Christmas caroling during the December vacation. A gift for the orphan in France which was adopted several years ago was decided upon.

The French II seventh period class provided the entertainment in the form of a short skit. The following were participants: Robert Bagley, Linda Kent, Jim Lamoreaux, Rebecca Ingram, Carol Jones, Bob Hopper, Joy Grieg, and John Holaday.

## Chirho members inducted

Induction services of the Chirho Hi-Y were held November 27. Their total membership is now fourteen.

Candidate for membership are welcomed. If any sophomore boy is interested in joining, he should contact Frank Greer, President, or one of the other officers.

Meetings at the Y.M.C.A. are held every Monday night at 7:15.

## Symphony performs

Recently THS was honored to have the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra perform for the student body. Sponsored by the Mixed Chorus, the project was very worthy, probably being the first time some of our students were introduced to good classical music; in addition, it provided the Mixed Chorus with much needed funds.

The program, presented during 7th period, consisted of "Fingal's Cave" and "Peter and the Wolf."

Students purchasing tickets were excused from their classes. They included those from Junior High and elementary schools as well as those from here.

Unfortunately, it appeared that some students came only to get out of class; and to an outsider, their reaction to the program would seem to be that of a two-year-old's mentality.

The Bear Facts would like to make public apology on behalf of the student body and to assure the orchestra that there are some people here who appreciate good music.

## Alpha serves community

The Alpha has been very active in Tri-Hi-Y work this year. They have sold peanuts for the Civitan in order to raise money for the mentally retarded children. They also gave a dance at Fort Brandon Armory to help World Service. They gave Christmas baskets to needy families in Tuscaloosa County. Several members attended the State Hi-Y Conference.

## Club open to anyone

At the second meeting of the Health Careers Club on December 7, W. McCoy DeLoach, chief medical technician at Druid City Hospital, spoke to the members about the requirements and responsibilities of a medical technician.

On December 15, at Jordan Clinic, a Christmas dance was held, sponsored by the Tuscaloosa County Medical Auxiliary. Following the dance small presents were taken to the sick children at Druid City Hospital by the officers of the club.

At the first meeting on November 9, the following officers were elected: Billy Manderson, president; Donna Pierce, vice-president; Emma Kay Guin, secretary; and Sherri Lawrence, treasurer.

Although in the past this club has been open only to girls wishing to studying nursing, the Health Careers Club is now open to any person wishing to enter any field of medicine.

Mrs. Sam Davis, Mrs. James Guin, and Mrs. Janie Giles are the representatives of the Tuscaloosa County Medical Auxiliary which is this year's sponsor.

## Kappas carol

The Kappa's have been very busy around Christmas, the Rev. Yeuell spoke to them, they fixed Christmas baskets and they also went caroling and met at Lenn Bomar's afterwards for a get-together.

## Tri-Theta has sister club

On December 19, 1961, the Tri-Theta Tri-Hi-Y entertained its members and their dates at the home of Cherry Chancy in Dearing Place. Also the Holt Tri-Hi-Y joined the Tri-Theta as their sister club.

## Participate in Y activities

The Sigma has had many speakers this year they include Mrs. Mary E. Cochran, Mrs. Maxwell Moody, and Dr. Bryant of the First Presbyterian Church. The Sigma has participated in the Y's activities and several of the girls were in Happy Holiday, a swimming show sponsored by the Y. They planned to have a candy sale in order to pay their share to World Service.

## D. O. Club holds party

The D. O. Club is going to have a Christmas party, semi-formal, for members and their dates on December 15. Shelton State Vocational School is going to be the scene from 8 to 12. It will be chaperoned by the D. O. teachers.

# Student Council does important work

by Beppy Forehand

The Student Council, like many school organizations, has been faced with several inconveniences as a result of the changes resulting from the double-shift system. We feel, however, that the council has accomplished a great deal in this first half of our 1961-1962 school year. This success is definitely the result of the co-operation and guidance from our principal, students, faculty and representatives. Thanks to this assistance, the Student Council officers were able to put out an informative and attractive school handbook, the Red Book. These booklets were distributed at the beginning of this school session.

The first major activity that your council sponsored was a welcoming or orientation program for the new freshmen. This program provided them with a coke party, a guided tour of the school and a formal introduction to the athletic teams, the

cheerleaders, and the Student Council officers.

Next on our list of major projects comes Homecoming. Plus being a very festive occasion, it is one of our money making activities of the year. In fact, this year we were able to make some money after expenses had been paid. Part of this money will be used to help provide THS scholarships, some was used to publish the Red Book and some for miscellaneous purchases for the school.

Thus far, I have mentioned activities that have already been carried out. Now, I would like to mention our proposed projects. During the month of February, the council sponsors the Beauty Walk. At this time as I'm sure you know our Miss Tuscaloosa High School is chosen. This popular and profitable activity also increases the funds in our treasury and augments the scholarship fund.

Perhaps, our most worthwhile project is the awarding of scholarships of \$200 or more to two THS seniors. These students are selected by a faculty committee on the basis of scholarship, leadership and character.

As a climax of the school year, the Student Council sends its new officers and sponsor to the Southern Association of Student Councils convention. This statewide convention is held annually at an Alabama high school. Here delegates discuss, relate, and plan new ideas for a better student government. Last year the THS council attended this conference at Shady Valley High School in Birmingham. It was a very informative, stimulating and quite profitable experience for everyone.

In addition to these major and scheduled duties of the Student Council, there are many jobs which the Student Council performs when called upon by the principal, faculty, or student body.



BEPPY FOREHAND

# CHICAGO — “The Windy City”

There have been some rumors going about what went on in Chicago during Thanksgiving weekend. Here are some comments from the students who attended the conference in Chicago. We hope this will clear up any misunderstandings.

**Mrs. Rutledge**—“My vocabulary does not consist of enough adjectives to describe the impression Chicago made on the THS representatives and visa versa.”

**Miss Little**—“Chicago, awake, but wake up! Truly a thriving city, yet seemingly without the personal and individual components so paramount to a city's existence.”

**Billy Allen**—“I thought it was very informative on High School newspapers and yearbooks. I also found the northern girls very interesting.”

**Pamela Mitchell**—“Wow!!! People, ugh! Minnesota-fabulous!!!! Notre Dame?? Where's Palmetto, Maine? Yea “Green Rivers.” Barry who!!!!

**Sam Cooper**—“Chicago is great but not as great as the south.”

**Pete Clark**—“There are some nice people in Minnesota!”

**Norma Lancaster**—“I believe that we all profited from this conference and will now be able to put out a better newspaper. The discussions were very educational and informative. We met many interesting people. Honest Vence, I don't know any Neal!!!!”

**Bob Hopper**—“I learned a lot from the different lectures . . . by Mrs. Little and Mrs. Rutledge.”

**Emma Kay Guin**—“I believe that everyone who attended this conference learned something, if not from the lectures from the Minnesota representatives. Al . . . where did you hear about him? ?!?”

**Shirley Christ**—“I enjoyed the trip thoroughly. The meetings were informative and interesting!!! (The boys weren't bad either.”

All in all the conference was very informative and for a serious account the story on “Page One.”



## ADVICE --- JUST ASK

Dear Aunt Matilda,

I have a horrible problem. I chew on the ends of my fingers. I have tried almost every solution but I still find myself nibbling at my hands. What can I do?

Fingerless

Dear Fingerless,

Try pulling your teeth out. This will eliminate any chewing problems you may have.

Aunt Matilda

Dear Aunt Matilda,

My little brother and I are having a feud and we would appreciate it if you settle it for us.

I say you are a fraud and you have someone write your answers for you; but Hermie, my little brother, says you are not only a great columnist, but also ran for Miss America last year. Who is right?

Brenda and Hermie

Dear Brenda and Hermie,

Enclosed is a ten dollar bill for Hermie and a wooden nickel for you.

Aunt Matilda

Dear Aunt Matilda,

Our freezer is full of frozen pot pies and every time my husband comes home from work he gets into the freezer and locks the door. I am worried considerably about whey he does this.

Questioning

## Books - THS

**Advice and Consent**—Mr. Upchurch  
**Gone With the Wind**—ratted hair  
**Around the World in Eighty Days**—Sarah Jane Garner

**Tale of Two Cities**—Andy Gibson  
**My Friend Flicka**—by Flicker's best friend  
**Kidnapped**—Ashley Smith

**The High and the Mighty**—Paul Bryant  
**Return of the Native**—Bill Minges  
**Cheaper by the Dozen**—Brantly Cochrane

**My Brothers Keeper**—Beverly Phillips  
**Great Expectations**—Wayne Shaffer  
**Witness for the Prosecution**—THS Monitors  
**Gregg Shorthand Manual Simplified**—Mrs. Blakeney

**First Love True Love**—Christene Cargile

Dear Questioning,

Maybe your husband likes frozen pot pies.

Aunt Matilda

Dear Aunt Matilda,

I have a beautiful face, a marvelous figure, a grand personality, and I am the best dressed girl in school. Still boys do not go for me. What could be my trouble?

Unloved

Dear Unloved,

A bit of self-confidence sometimes helps in a situation like this.

Aunt Matilda

Dear Aunt Matilda,

I am a young girl of dating age and every time a boy comes to pick me up my Mother greets him at the door. This would be all right except Mother chews tobacco excessively, and it embarrasses me to have her do so. How can I let her know I don't appreciate it?

Stymied

Dear Stymied,

Give her a lockjaw germ for Christmas.

Aunt Matilda

## Personals

Well, we're back in school again, but not without many fine memories of Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

During Thanksgiving Margo Buford entertained with a party at her house. Libby McCracken had a spend-the-night party. The Pritchett girls had a gay time in Washington, D. C. Lonnie Cox went to Pensacola, Florida.

Gloria Lowe, a sophomore, has moved to Jackson, Mississippi.

Christmas brought a new spree of fun with school closed and many friends home for the holidays.

Several Tuscaloosa High students had Christmas jobs. Among these were Anna Davis, Carl Albright, Glennie McNeil, Sissy Herrod, and Connie Strickland.

Have you noticed that McDonald's is running a close race with the Burger King?

Have you guys (and gals too) heard about the group from the Journalism Class' recent rendezvous in Chicago? Well if not we'll clue you in.

Wednesday night at seven o'clock was set as departure time. We were to leave from Birmingham on the L&N Railroad's "Humming Bird" (although one of our jolly group tried to leave from the Southern Station.) On the train we met many interesting characters.

Thursday morning, after about an hour's sleep, we all got up and had a nutritious breakfast. About eleven o'clock we arrived in Chicago where after a short trip through the train station we found ourselves trying to stuff our luggage in the cabs. When we arrived at the Hotel we piled our luggage to the ceiling and our "Yankee Escapades" began without much success at first.

After a few moments rest(?) we began our jolly good times. Our first journey into the "Asphalt Jungle" was to find a place to eat, then later that evening we searched for the meeting, which was followed by a dance.

Friday morning, after another nutritious breakfast, and a series of meetings we took our various little jaunts into the "Loop" the main shopping area of Chicago, getting our track exercise on the way back. That afternoon we took another hike (two miles) to the Prudential Building. That night we ate at La Salle's. Later that evening the Chordaires from Minnesota gave a series of guitar songs for some of the people attending the conference.

Saturday morning was spent in tears with Saturday afternoon came the sad departures and all the farewells. Sob! Sob! Honk!!!

Sunday morning a group of sleepy-eyed but happy-ao-be-home-people arrived in Birmingham. Then for the wild trip home . . . and the various discussions!!! Wow, what a trip!!!

## Schoolized

1. Thou shalt not come to school late. (take the whole day off)
2. Thou shalt not wear caps or scarfs to school, (Hats are more dignified)
3. Thou shalt not copy thy neighbor's paper. (Let him do it for you)
4. Thou shalt not chew gum. (Pop it instead)
5. Thou shalt not think evil thoughts. (It's better to say them)
6. Thou shalt not skip down the halls. (It's better to run)
7. Thou shalt not throw spit wads at thy teacher. (Erasers hurt more)
8. Thou shalt not borrow thy neighbor's pen. (Take it)
9. Thou shalt not whisper in class. (Shouting gets more attention)
10. Thou shalt not drive thy teacher to her grave. (Let an undertaker do it)

She was looking at him with utter disgust. The lovely eyes that had looked so tenderly into his only a moment ago, were now hard and cold. He was sorry and longed to apologize, but words failed him. He stood dejected, an object of pity. But how was he to know that the poodle had wanted a real bone for Christmas.

## Inside on Information

Did you know that . . . Sissy Herrod is really wearing stilts? . . . Beverly Hanes' hair is natural? . . . Ann Seebeck is a girl? . . . David Reynolds really plays a harp? . . . Carol Hughes dislikes a certain River Rat? . . . Tommy Nuckles is sincere? . . . Ricky Moman is shy? . . . Billy Henderson can't coach? . . . Alan Folts really drives a hot rod? . . .

Do you believe . . . Karen Watts and Terria Wood have nothing in common? . . . Paul Bryant isn't conceited? . . . Jack Jackson really plays badminton? . . . Camella Livingston dislikes '59 Impala Convertibles? . . . Christmas comes but once a year? . . . Aubrey Dominic's hair is black? . . . Dozer Williams, Bob Grubbin, O. K. Bryant, Christine Rickett, and Libby Gray can't swim? . . . Kathy Sherer has never had a wreck? . . . Tommy Nicol, Wilbur, and Billy can only play miniature golf? . . . We really beat Lee? . . . Mrs. Rutledge has worn the same dress every day? . . . Connie Strickland dislikes anyone from Livingston? . . . Wanda Davis hates Poodie Poole? . . . Richard Taylor has something in common with his big brother? (Two certain sisters) . . . Bear Facts comes out on time?

# Movie stars

This is the remarkable and up-springing story of Hubert C. Chromoplast, a young creature just getting his start in the movie world.

Hubert was born sometime when his home, the tomato, grew on a plant. After a while the tomato was picked and Hubert was joyfully transported to what he thought was a home, and a nice intestine to live in.

However, he was taken to a biology class. After being placed on a slide, several students proceeded to look at him through a microscope.

Everyone, including the teacher noted what a nice physique he had and a fair complexion, too.

Hubert, by some miraculous twist of fate, was soon discovered by a talent scout and taken to Hollywood, where he has recently completed, "I was a teenage chromoplast," and is now working on his musical, "My fair Chromoplast" on which he sings, "Take Good Care of My Nucleus."

Another picture to be released next fall is, "Jail House Rock," in which Hubert tries the escape from his cell.

Having such a distinguished member emerge from our school certainly makes us as proud as any high school could be, and we hope Hubert is just as proud of us.

(Coming next issue: a letter from Alfa Bett!)

## Dear Diary . . .

Well, today was another abominable day with those horrid children in 6th period. Cy Lence, that nice little child in the corner, certainly behaved well and handed in all his homework ( pages), even though it was in the wrong subject.

Then there's the little girl Gertrude, who must be some kind of hypochondriac because every day she asks if she may go take her pills. One day I asked her what they were for, and she replied that she was enemic and pulled down her lower lid to show me. I guess it's really none of my business.

Every day now for the past two weeks, Percy Schidenheimer Jr. has walked up to the pencil sharpener to grind away right in the middle of an important lecture. Today I was talking about the importance of thumb-sucking when up came Percy. "This is the last straw, Percy Schidenheimer Jr!" I cried. "You may leave the room." And he did. I wonder if there is any relation between Percy and Percy Schidenheimer Sr., our principal.

Then there's that illiterate child, Mortimer Furd, who sits right beside my desk. His mouth is always half-open, and he is always chewing Bull of the Woods. Today I asked him what George Washington Carver invented, and he said, "Peanuts." Bless his heart.

All my other students are really angels, except for Alfred Sneed, who is continually talking about his ant colony. Today he said he may even put his uncles in it too.

Then there's Dwayne the Brain. Every question I ask his hand shoots up like a V-2 rocket. And his answers are Always right. It's really sickening because I'm beginning to feel inferior.

Well, that's really about all.

You know, sometimes I wonder why teachers teach.

Christmas is the time of the year when Mothers are busy separating the men from the toys.

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## FAVORITES -- Bear Facts Presents

The Black Warrior favorites for the year are:

### Seniors:

Most beautiful—Diane Davis  
Most handsome—William Tucker  
Best-all-around boy—Jimmy Stringer  
Best-all-around girl—Margaret Partlow

Most popular boy—Bobby Christian  
Most popular girl—Beppy Forehand

### Juniors:

Most beautiful—Estes Hayes  
Most handsome—Ronnie Ezell  
Best-all-around boy—John Caldwell  
Best-all-around girl—Nancy Quinn  
Most popular boy—Hank Herrod  
Most popular girl—Alice Ann Duncan

### Sophomores:

Most beautiful—Joy Booth  
Most handsome—Skip Cannon  
Best-all-around boy—Tommy Kendall  
Best-all-around girl—Marcia Owens  
Most popular boy—Warren Day  
Most popular girl—Ann Banks

### Freshmen:

Most beautiful—Mary Kate Meridith  
Most handsome—Wayne Wright  
Best-all-around boy—Johnny Beauchamp  
Best-all-around girl—Linda Reed  
Most popular boy—Payne Wright  
Most popular girl—Jane Banks

Senior Diane Davis with brown hair and light blue eyes was second runner up in the beauty walk and also last year's Key Club Sweetheart. William Tucker is in fine Physical condition and an exceptional football player. Margaret Partlow has a vivacious personality and makes quite a hit with her fellow students. Jimmy Stringer has brains, brawn, and personality. Athletic Bobby Christian wins friends by being himself. Perky



**BLACK WARRIOR FAVORITES**—First row left to right: Alice Ann Duncan, Margaret Partlow, Beppy Forehand; second row: Ann Banks, Nancy Quinn, Estes Hayes, Marcia Owens, Jane Banks; third row: Joy Booth, Diane Davis, Mary Kate Meridith; fourth row: Jimmy Stringer, John Caldwell.

Beppy Forehand won Homecoming Queen this year.

Junior Estes Hayes has blonde hair and sparkling blue eyes. Good-looking Ronnie Ezell is president of the junior class. Nancy's friendly smile makes her a favorite with her fellow classmates. Blond John Caldwell has a kind word for all. Alice Ann Duncan has been a cheerleader for two years. Four letterman Hank Herrod warms the hearts of many.

Sophomore Joy Booth has a long pony tail and beautiful features. Skip Cannon is tall, handsome, and an up and coming football player. Marcia Owens' personality lifts the spirits of many. Blond Tommy Kendall not only likes tennis but also favors basketball. Well-liked Ann Banks has

pretty dimples that show when she smiles. Warren Day is vice-president of his class and has a friendly "hi" for everyone.

Freshman Mary Kate Meridith has beautiful dark hair and dark eyes. Wayne Wright is a good-looking boy with a physique to match. Linda Reed is friendly to all. Johnny Beauchamp is outstanding in many school activities. Jane Banks has a warming smile for everyone. Payne Wright is full of wittiness.

To select the favorites from each class, candidates are nominated from each homeroom. The name of each and the number of votes he receives is sent to the office to be counted. A person receiving a majority of votes is elected to the honor.

## Short Snorts

The one place THS students are always willing to turn a hand is at the steering wheel.

A stitch in time saves embarrassment.

A girl in a convertible is worth two in a crowd.

A New Year's resolution is something designed to make us do the things we really don't intend to do, for if we did them, we'd probably never do them again.

You can lead people to college but you can't make them study.

Nothing ruins a man's memory for faces like a plunging neckline.

Don't ask me, you'll do what you want anyway!

Sandra Stewart is like a recruiting sergeant, always on the lookout for fresh manpower.

Marriage is a hit or miss. You make a hit or you remain a miss.

Mistakes will happen, but why do you give them so much help?

Smile, things couldn't possibly get worse.

Don't just sit there, worry!

We can't always be wrong—but we can keep on trying.

You can't fool me—I'm too stupid.

Ambitious progressive people work here, and then there's me.

Corn on the cob is better off.

## Memories

"Life" is made of memories. This statement has been said over and over by many different people. If sometime you're trying to kill time, why don't you sit down and think of all the times you thought you were mortally wounded because of embarrassment.

Let's sit down right now and try to remember some of the couples of yesterday.

Remember when Gavis Whitfield and Kathy Sherer went together.

When Ann Seebek and Mack Brown (and Dell) talked on the telephone.

When David Miller gave Rickie Winstead a pair of boxing gloves.

Remember how Anna Davis and Mike Meadows fought every night.

The day Pettus Randall gave Estes Hayes an opal necklace.

When Wilbur Manderson and Susan Holloman sang in Sunday School together.

The day Bette Bates fell down and Eddie Stuckey helped her up.

## Once upon a time . . .

Once upon a time there was a man who lived in a cave. Although his mother was dead and his father had a piano, he couldn't wait till Christmas.

This man's name was Jonas Coelenterate, but everyone called him Frankie, which is short for Festus.

One day in the rain, Frankie noticed that there were two fish in the bath tub, but he couldn't tell a lie. As soon as he blew the whistle, the whole Civil War was re-enacted.

What a mess! Poor Frankie could

not wait till Christmas.

Finally he got a bulldozer and took care of everything, including the double-decker ice cream cone which, at that time, was occupying the large blackboard on the side of the hill.

Christmas was on the way with his father, who had a piano.

Every day Frankie cooked a dozen pork chops, and soon he had saved enough money to smell the petunia.

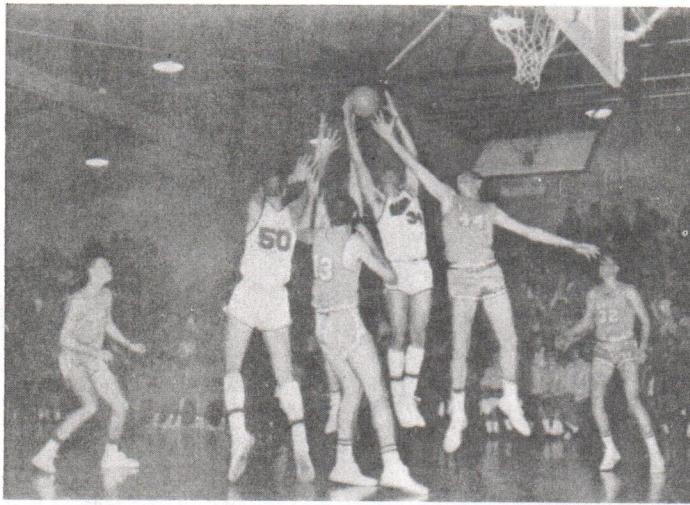
He walked up to the window, because he mistook it for the local

supermarket, and said. "If only I saw the band playing, is when I'll join the army."

And that was that. Frankie went home and waited for Christmas, and his father, who had a piano.

Two years went by, and Frankie was still in the closet. There were only a few bottles left, but they weren't iodine.

On the 24th of December Frankie came out. He had known all along there were two pints in a quart, but his father, who had a piano, didn't.



Tim Parker goes up and hauls down rebound for Bruins.

## Bears win County meet

The all-powerful Black Bear cagers had little trouble taking the County tournament trophy during the first week of the Christmas holidays as the Bruins steady winning proved too much for their opponents. The Bears had to play in two contests to win the championship again this year as they drew a first round bye. The "B" team also accomplished the same trick and kept their division trophy at Tuscaloosa High.

In the first night's action the Bears met the County High Wildcats and built up a big lead in the first quarter, which the Cats tried to overcome but never got closer than five tallies. The Bears finished up the contest with a 44 to 39 win riding the 23 point scoring of Tim Parker.

The next night it was the Bears against Holt for the championship

game and the Bruins came away with an easy 75-28 victory. In the final night's play it was Ernie Houck who took scoring honors for the Bears with 16 markers while Barker poured in 14 and did his usual good job of controlling the boards.

It was Parker who kept the most valuable player at THS while Houck, Ronnie Franklin and John Pickens joined him on the all-county team. The four players the Bears placed on the team were more than any other school with County High coming in second, with three members of the elite squad.

Dennis Holcomb lead the 'B' team Bruins to their victories and championship as he was the top man in both the scoring and rebound departments. The 'B' teamers won thus two contests 34-16 and 60-34 over Holt and Northside respectfully.

## Cagers win in B'ham

The powerful Tuscaloosa Black Bears continued to dominate the winning of the Shades Valley Invitational Tournament as the Bears worked their way to the title again this season. The Bears were led in the overall scoring department by Ernie Houck with 54 points while Tim Parker trailed with a total of 53 for the meet. It was Parker who took the most-valuable player award while Houck joined him on the first All-Tournament team with forward, John Pickens representing the Tuscaloosa cagers on the second team.

In the first night's action for the

last year's state champions, the first seeded Bears blew past Tarrant by the score of 79 to 41. The Bruins were led by Parker with 22 markers while Houck, Pickens, and Ronnie Franklin all got into double figures too, with 16, 13, and 10 points respectively. In the second night's action the Black Bears pushed their way past the ball controlling Selma Rams to insure themselves of a spot in the finals. It was Houck's 25 tallies that set the Bears high in scoring against the Rams.

On the final night of the tourney the Bears battled the Sidney Lanier Poets, a team expected to give the THSers their roughest competition of the season. It wasn't the tough battle expected as the Bruins took command and ran up a 74-45 score before the final buzzer sounded. Franklin was the big man in the Bear's offense as he hit for 20 points while Parker added 16, Pickens 15, and Houck close behind with 14. The win made it 5 in a row, for the Black Bears, in the tournament and also kept the most-valuable player trophy at Tuscaloosa High School.

## Track Starts

Leading the Track Team this year will be Gary Mattison, returning medal winner, assisted by Eddie Bleier, Chuck Estes, and John Ray Sullivan. Other team members known so far are as follows: John Caldwell, Johnny Harris, George Fletcher, Scottie Hughes, Billy Rucker, Bobby Porter, Bill Barringer and Bill Minges.

The major meets scheduled this year are:

February 3—Indoor Meet  
 April 14—Alabama Relays  
 April 21—Dixie Prep Relays  
 April 28—Invitational  
 May 5—Montgomery Invitational  
 May 11-12—Sectional Meets  
 May 18-19—State Meet

Under the supervision of Coach Danner the team should have a very rewarding season.

Before the time a boy gets so he can throw his weight around, he has all he can do just to carry it.

## Bees bounce back

After losing our first game to Columbus our "B" team has made an exceptional comeback by winning their last six for a pretty good six and one record.

Probably our best all around ball player is Dennis Holcomb but Randy Walker is also very good. Al Kincaid and Gaius Whitfield are promising ball handlers according to coach Pearson. Daniel Cummings is good at rebounding also. We have one of our tallest teams ever this year.

Other players are Jimmy Botter, Greg Horn, Tom Patton, Robert Radcliff and Lonny Minor. We have six freshmen this year which is pretty outstanding for "B" team play.



## ON THE BENCH

By BOB JOHNSTON

Well with the football season gone

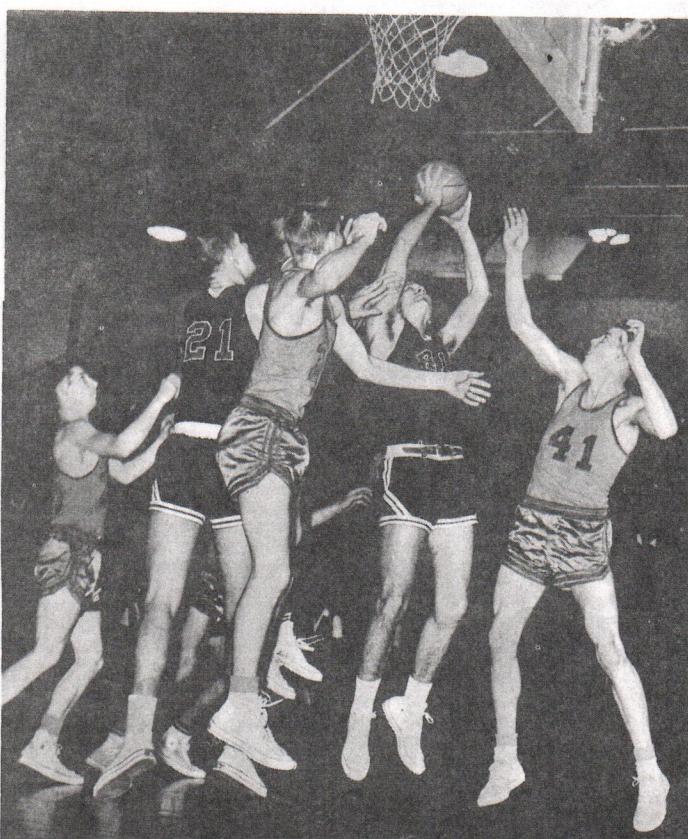
for another year it looks to me as if THS is in line for another state championship in the basketball department. Starting off with a bang the cagers seem to be trying to do as well this season as last year's team did. Tim Parker and Ernie Houck certainly furnish the best 1-2 offensive punch in the state and with Ronnie Franklin, John Pickens and Charlie Orr rounding out the starting five it seems to be just about an unbeatable team to me. After the defeat of Lanier in the Shades Valley Tournament from what I have heard we will have little trouble with any other Class AA teams in the state.

In case you don't know by now end John Rickett, tackle Jimmy Wyatt, guard Hank Herrod, halfback Bobby Christian, and fullback Lester Davis represented the football team on the All-County team of the Tuscaloosa News. Wyatt also received All-State honors as well as honorable mentions on 2 All-American squads, Jimmy has signed a grant-

in-aid scholarship to Vanderbilt. During the Christmas holidays Jack Jackson traveled to New Orleans to play in the Sugar Bowl Invitational Tennis Tournament and fell to the boy who won the event in the second round of play. John Pickens also received an invitation to play but declined in order to play with the basketball team during the Shades Valley meet.

I understand the Bee team is up to its usual high standard of play on the basketball court this year. Dennis Holcomb has been the big man in both the rebounding and scoring departments for the Bees.

As has been the practice before to pick a player-of-the-month in all sports this time I am going to go with Tim Parker because of his rebounding and high scoring this year. I would also like to mention the outstanding play of Ernie Houck this season. Tim received the most-valuable-player award in both the County and S.V.I.T. meets this season while Ernie has made both starting teams on the All-Tournament Teams of both tourneys.



Bears on their way to 50th victory. This one over County High



## **OUR JUNIOR YEAR**

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# Miss THS selected February 9



Left to right: second runners-up, Judy and Jean Nesbitt; Miss THS, Susan Holloman; first runner-up, Nan Taylor.

## "A Star is Born" theme for Beauty Walk Nan Taylor, Nesbitt twins runners-up

Miss Susan Holloman, a sophomore and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Holloman was crowned "Miss Tuscaloosa High" by student council president Ralph Quarles at the annual Beauty Walk Friday, February 9. Miss Nan Taylor was first runner-up, and identical twins Jean and Judy Nesbitt tied for second runner-up.

"A Star is Born" was the theme for the Beauty walk, and the proceeds will be used for scholarships and other educational activities. Mrs. Louise Carey, a senior P.O.D. teacher, was the co-ordinator.

Other girls competing for the title were Cam Carty, Ann Newman, Julie Deal, Glenda Harless, Diane Davis, Susan Swaim, Carolyn Guthrie, Marsha Kirkley, Whitney Menning, Kat Pritchett, Joyce Lancaster, Ann Banks, Ann Nichols, Mitzi Brown, Mary Helen Roberts, Mary Ann McDaniel, Carolyn Nevin, Christine Cargyle, Judy Galloway, Alice Ann Duncan, Lulu Black, Judy Eley, Susan Mize, Joy Booth, Kay Jernigan, Donna Thomas, Margaret Partlow,

Kay Livingston, Jan Disney, Charlotte Montgomery, Louise Shephard, Rebecca Wright, Sally Kirk, Alice Hamilton, Judy Green, Linda Tidmore, Ann Cleino, Kay Grafton, Delores Pritchett, Becky Bailey, Estes Hayes, Carole Deal, Linda Turner, Paulette McGahey, Royce Woodley, Mary Tillotson, Rebecca Ingram, Katie Pritchett, Martha Hastings, Kay Catrino, Tommie Sue White, Susan Woodley, Elizabeth Woollen, Judy Waugh, Joan Crawford, Nancy Richerson, Susan Jackson, Dale Weaver, Beppie Forehand, Carol Tatum, Alice le Maistre, Betty McDaniel, Donna Miller, Patti Hicks, Carolyn Reim, Jane Banks, Becky Glenn, Mary George Hinton, Robin McCrory, Lana Johnson, Maty Beth Wear, Heidi Hoyt, Gayle Roberts, Delores Echaffer, Donna Pierce, Margaret Ingram, Tana Vining, Linda Cambel, Diane Wurm, Mary Ann Snider, Beatress Pritchett, Diane Nealy, Alice Baerstein, Louise Moody, Glenda Brooks, Alice Parker, Mary Kate Meredith, and Shirley Zanthos.

## Guyton announces program for visitation at University

The University of Alabama has announced a Spring Visitation Program to be conducted on the campus each Saturday during the second semester. This program is designed primarily to give members of the Junior classes of High Schools throughout the State an opportunity to obtain first-hand information about the University of Alabama.

In announcing the new program, Mr. Walter R. Guyton, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, said, "Because of constantly increasing enrollment, higher entrance standards, and the necessity for making an early application it becomes almost necessary that students planning to attend the University have their plans completed by the time they get to their Senior year in high school. For this reason, we are urging our prospective students to pay us a visit and make their preliminary plans for college while they are still in their Junior year."

Every Saturday during the second semester, February 8 through May 20, (except for Saturday, April 21, which falls during spring holidays) the University will be receiving high school students in groups of all sizes to take them on organized tours of the campus. These tours will include residence halls, classes, and other areas of student activities. You will be able to select catalogs, bulletins, and other printed materials in which you are interested, and there will be someone available to talk with you about financial aids, scholarships, and part-time work.

## THS considered as test center in 1963

Tuscaloosa High School to be considered as an Examination center for the College Board Tests next year.

Educational Testing Service, an organization that administers testing programs to approximately 2,500,000 students during the course of the year has indicated that Tuscaloosa High School would be considered as an examination center for the College Board tests.

The administration of the tests will be on Saturday, December 1, 1962, and Saturday, March 2, 1963. On both dates the Scholastic Aptitude Test, achievement tests, and the writing samples will be administered.

Students interested in visiting the campus on one of these Saturdays are urged to plan their trip with the President of their Junior Class. If you are interested in arranging such a visit, you should contact Mr. Walter Guyton, Director, High School Relations, P. O. Box 1952, University, Alabama. Mr. Guyton would like to hear from you at least two weeks in advance of the date you propose to visit the campus.

## Students observe Youth Week

During Youth Week, January 28 through February 5, the United Youth Week (U.C.Y.W.) presented devotionals on the school intercom the entire week. U.C.Y.M. also has the regular Monday morning devotionals which are given each week. To emphasize the week, the movement had daily spiritual thoughts in the Tuscaloosa News, written by Tuscaloosa High students, Beppie Forehand, David Harden, Mary Jo Jernigan, Bob Johnston, Carole Jones, Ann Newman, Suzanne Still and Shelia Terril.

A progressive supper was held Wednesday, January 31, in order to

## ANG, EFI sponsor Survival Seminar at Morgan Auditorium

"Our enemy is not the Russians or the Chinese, but the Communist government," declared Dr. Anthony T. Bouscaren, speaker at the Seminar for Survival held at the University of Alabama on Saturday, February 10. Dr. Bouscaren went on to say that we must take aggressive actions to surprise and embarrass the Communist Party.

The Seminar was sponsored by the Alabama National Guard and Education for Freedom, Inc. The program included several speakers, among whom were Dr. Frank A. Rose, President of the University of Alabama and Colonel William R. Kintner, Foreign Policy Research Institute, University of Pennsylvania. Other speakers at the Seminar were Mr. Beverly Dubose of Education for Freedom and the Honorable Armitstead I. Selden, United States Congressman.

acquaint the youth of different denominations with each other. The forty-five participants went to five churches. They were: Church of Holy Cross (Lutheran), Alberta Baptist, Church of the Nazarine, Trinity Methodist, and the Church of Christ.

The U.C.Y.M. encouraged the supervision of church and Sunday school services by senior high students in their respective churches.

U.N.I.C.E.F. 'trick or treat' during Halloween is supported by the move-

ment. In the summer, a student supervised vacation church school is held for children of grammar school age.

Mrs. O. D. Thomas is the adult advisor of the movement. She is assisted by a representative from each church.

Officers of the Tuscaloosa U.C.Y.M. are: David Harden, president; Shelia Terril, vice president; Ann Newman secretary; and Mary Jo Jernigan, chaplin.



Christene Cargile



Gene Bush

## Mister and Miss D.O. chosen

Christene Cargile, a senior in Mr. Sherer's homeroom, and Gene Bush, a junior in Mr. Bardon's homeroom were named Mr. and Miss D. O. on January 29, in the school auditorium.

The alternates were as follows: Beverly Stripling and Mike Meadows, second place, and Louise Lewis and Rex Heacock, third place.

Not only are Mr. and Miss D. O. eligible for the district contest, but also for the state competition.

Others competing for Miss D. O. were: Carolyn Belcher, Jane Lake, Betty McDaniel, Bernice Hocutt, Shirley Lowery, Sharon Spence, Marjorie Duncan, Jean Fielder, Sara Allen, Marilyn Lee, Louise Stone, Susie Morgan, Ann Lord, and Charlotte Vick.

Others competing for Mr. D. O. were: Jack Green, Scott Skelton, Billy Eldridge, Richard Beauchamp, Larry Daniels and Norman Mize.

# Congleton steals show

## Little Theater play is called 'delightful'

Dear Junior Theater:

We loved your presentation of "Time Out for Ginger" and feel that others agree with us in wishing you would give more plays like it. Under the fine direction of Bill Fegan you have proved yourselves capable of presenting all types of plays. If attendance at this latest play was not at its best, please remember that the snowy weather during the performances was hazardous and was a prime reason for this. We received the following from an anonymous reviewer:

### Good acting in "Ginger"

An evening of light, humorous comedy was in store for anyone who saw the delightful comedy, "Time Out for Ginger," presented by the

teenagers of the Tuscaloosa Junior Theater.

Good acting and delightful lines helped bring this comedy about a teenage girl who goes out for football team from mediocrity. Jack Marler as Howard Carol was the perfect image of the father of three girls, and the scene where he described his daughter's touchdown run was hilarious. Abigail Toffel as Agnes Carol, the mother, was good, and Annetta Klitzke and Anne Trawick were competent as Ginger's older sisters. However, it was Greg Congleton, Ginger's impish boyfriend, who stole the show. Action on the stage ceased as the audience applauded after the hilarious scene when he gave a speech of human rights. "Time Out for Ginger" was directed by Bill Fegan.

The Tuscaloosa Junior Theater plans to present two more plays this season: "The Tiniest Town in Mexico" and "Toby Tyler." Judging from past evidence, these two should prove to be very interesting.

### Letters to the Editor

## Parts of paper senseless; surprise fire drill good idea

Dear Editor,

I have bought and read almost every copy of Bear Facts. Most of the articles have been useful, interesting and some very entertaining.

I have one complaint and I feel that it is important. I know that it is important to get as many names in the paper as possible, but I think that it should be in a different way than making columns of private, silly, uninteresting, and worthless jokes and phrases about various people. I and many of my friends think that this part of the paper is completely senseless.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard Snow

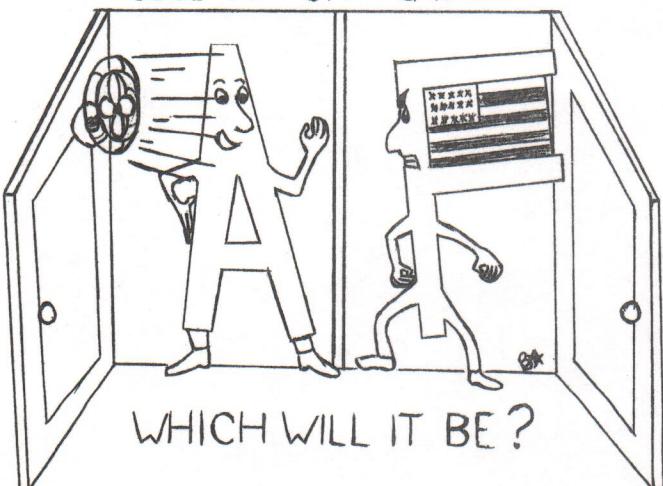
P. S. I also feel that the jokes cater to the same people over and over.

Dear Editor,  
You should have seen the way

everyone in my sixth period class jumped when the fire bell rang for the recent fire drill. How different it was from many fire drills I have seen in which all books were put away and all windows were closed by the time the alarm sounded! Naturally this drill took a little longer than most of our drills; but who wants to claim that we, in the event of a real fire, will have had Mr. Greer to remind us of fire rules the day before or a teacher to allow us to stop work so we will be prepared to leave the building, or a student to announce that the fire chief's car is in front of the school? True, an unannounced drill may upset classes a little, but when we think of it in terms of the value it may be in case of a fire, is it not worth the inconvenience? I think so.

Sincerely yours,  
Carol Curry

### COOL IT OR FLAG IT



## Just Thinking

by

*Chris Curtis*

Editor-in-Chief



This time I am going to break all the rules of editorial writing, I am going to do a feature. Yes, I am going to feature a most deserving person, Pettus Randall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pettus Randall of Central Highlands and is a junior in our school.

It is hard to describe a person like Pettus, but you might start with a few descriptive adjectives such as dynamic, energetic, and aggressive. Pettus is what you might call a real go-getter, his many accomplishments are fine proof of this.

Last year Pettus placed second in the Key Club Oratorical Contest. He also won a year's scholarship by winning the Birmingham News Oratorical. He has just won the county contest for this year's Birmingham News contest and now has a chance to go to the district meet. He is also going to the state finals of the oratorical contest sponsored by the Civitans. Pettus plans to go to Mobile in April to enter this year's Key Club Oratorical. As you might have guessed from this long line of achievements Pettus is an excellent public speaker and debator, but this was accomplished by many months of hard work and practice.

You wouldn't believe that a person who goes around winning all these contests would have time to do anything else, well, you would be wrong. He is an outstanding member of the Key Club. Not only is he an active

worker in the local chapter, but he was elected to the post of International Trustee last year in Chicago. While carrying out his duties in this capacity Pettus will go to Missouri, Louisiana, California, and Chicago in order to attend conventions.

With all these activities you must say that his time is surely all occupied, but you are still wrong. He serves very ably as the Vice President of our Student Council. You would also have the wrong impression if you thought that Pettus was all brain and no brawn because on top of everything else he plays guard on the Black Bear football team. He also plays a better than average game of golf. Oh, and one thing that I almost forgot to mention, he served his freshman year as a Page in the United States Senate. Now from all this you might come to the conclusion that Pettus is a nice but busy fellow and you know what? You would be right.

### DIARY OF THIS STUDENT

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F-ailed in algebra  
L-laughed at the wrong time  
U-nexcused absences  
N-ever was on time  
K-icked out of class  
E-xcuses had fake signatures  
D-idn't give a whoop

### ADVICE

Flunk now, avoid the crowd later

## Bear Facts Policy

It is the policy of Bear Facts to serve the student body and to promote adequate and accurate news coverage for all phases of school events and activities.

The Bear Facts shall strive to further understanding and co-operation between the student body, faculty, administration, and community.

The Bear Facts should remain impartial and without prejudice in articles of political or religious nature and always remain within the boundaries of good taste. The paper

### Time is taken up by unnecessary notices

"The French Fri Club will hold its monthly meeting at the home of Charlotte Beep on January 6. At this meeting the pins will be given out and some literature will be distributed. The program will be presented by John Frank. At the conclusion of the program refreshments will be served. All members are urged to attend."

With these type of announcements being printed in our bulletin it is no wonder that complaints arise about the time taken up by the reading of the bulletin in the morning. If all clubs would put only the information necessary we would save time which is needed for more important things. shall judge all material to be published.

The Bear Facts columns are open to any student or faculty member provided the article submitted is signed. Names shall not be published if author so wishes, but the name must be on file.

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# The roving wanderer Imagination

Beloved, the story I am about to tell is true; only the names have been changed to protect the sheepish.

Once there was a senior boy, we'll call him "The Wanderer"; he was, one November day, along with 20 other seniors from his school, invited to attend a luncheon in Birmingham, also attended by four hundred other high school students from across the State.

While there, he was struck by a singularly beautiful girl from a certain North Alabama town. He somehow managed to introduce himself and they began to talk and get acquainted. He attended the luncheon with her group (after conveniently "losing" his own) and when this luncheon was over they exchanged addresses.

During the course of several months they exchanged several letters. Finally they arranged for him to come see her. Unfortunately one thing after another prevented him from going; but finally that long awaited Saturday came around. He arranged for a friend to go with him, and she arranged for this friend to have a date. Lightening struck again! School was to be held on that Saturday to make up days lost due to weather. Undaunted, he wrote that he'd be a little late, and started right after dinner.

About three-fourths of the way there, lightening struck again, he had a flat! Undaunted, he changed the tire, and proceeded. Thirty minutes later, as he was pulling into town another flat!

Completely daunted, he vented his feeling in a two minute monologue of censored profanity. He started walking. He was picked up by the local police and ridden to the "most convenient" service station 5 miles from his car.

A service truck was sent from the station to retrieve the tires for repair. When it returned, it was discovered that the tire could not be repaired, and he had to buy a new one! Resigned to fate, he still kept going.

The buying and replacing of the tire took considerable time, so he arrived at the girl's house about 3

## But I'm not -

Here it is February 9, and I'm so scared I'm shaking. Who would ever have thought I would be in the Beauty Walk with all my freckles. Oh, all these girls are so pretty, I feel kinda inferior. Look, at that red gown, and the blue, and green, and pink. Mine is so old and worn that I hated to wear it. On top of all this, I couldn't get my hair fixed and it looks horrible. I know I won't win, and now I can't even get to list in my honors for the Black Warrior. Well, it's nearly time for me to go out there and stare at all those faces. I bet I trip and fall into the audience. Imagine me coming out of a cloud! I do wish I would quite shaking so much. I wonder if everyone else is as nervous as I am. Well, here we go.

Well, it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. I didn't trip but it sure felt as if my hoop was falling. I guess it was just my imagination. I'm sure glad it's over, and that I was pretty close to the beginning. Now, if I can find Freddie, we can leave (If we don't get caught) and go to the "Steadies Ball."

"Excuse me, please."

"But, Mrs. Cary, I . . . . ."

hours late. He explained and apologized and finally set out for a basketball game. About 5 minutes after the game started it was announced "Would the owner of a 1960 white Pontiac please remove your car? It is double parked." He rushed out and asked the policeman where he should park the car, and was greeted with "Sorry son, the wrecker is already on its way."

Things were getting downright discouraging! Getting out of this mess took some talking, but finally he convinced the officer that he didn't intend to break any law; He went back inside to watch the ball game; at least his girl's team won.

The game was part of a tournament and they didn't stay for the last game. When they reached his car—no, not another flat—they were blocked in, cars on one side, a wooden post barrier on the other. He looked around for help and saw two policemen close by. He asked them for help—they were the two who caught him double parked—so they proceeded to tear up the barricade! Then they told him to drive through the park!—no road, just over the grass! Thinking that by now nothing new could happen. They went to a movie. You guessed it. The show ran longer than her curfew! They called home, and her mother was very considerate in letting them stay until the finish of the movie. Luck was changing sides.

They took the girls home, stayed a little while, and finally started home.

How would you like to be 135 miles from home, three-quarters of a tank of gas in a gas-drinking monster with 15¢ in your pocket?

Well, they finally reached home, by the skin of their teeth; but it was no fun watching the fuel gauge race with the odometer.

Now, you would think that this episode would keep him from going back wouldn't you? But any one who knows, and I do. They'll be back, I promise that! They'll be back.

## Short Shorts

She—"Can I put my head on your shoulder?"

He—"Why, does it come off?"

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It's the little things that count. One can sit on a mountain but not on a tack.

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Friend—"So your girl friend pouted you when she found out about your rich uncle."

Other boy—"Yeah, now she is my aunt."

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Flattery—Soft soap and more soft soap but it's 98% lye.

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A man's good judgment comes from experience—his experience from poor judgment.

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College—The land of the midnight sons.

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Block—The distance between some peoples ears.

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Lame duck—A student whose goose has been cooked.

Robert jumper instead of Hopper  
Patsy valley instead of Hill  
Nancy flounder instead of Haring  
Skip gun instead of Cannon  
Paul Nixon instead of Kennedy  
Billie blow instead of Blair  
Susan dasie instead of Rose  
Jerry river instead of Lake  
Harold girl instead of Guy  
Robert shrink instead of Grow  
Roberta Oldsmobile instead of Ford  
Lulu blue instead of Black  
Carl all dark instead of Albright  
Richard lock instead of Key  
Eugene lake instead of Poole  
Randy driver instead of Walker  
Wayne wrong instead of Wright  
Richard rain instead of Snow  
Carolyn rock instead of Stone  
Lonnie major instead of Minor  
Eddie Mobile instead of Montgomery  
Richard window instead of Payne  
Barry lively instead of Still  
Tommy fingers instead of Nuckles

## Personals

Many THS students played in the snow those glorious three days that we were not present in school. Tuscaloosa Country Club was the scene of sleigh riding and skiing. Eddie Minges fell and broke his leg as a result of this grave weather. Also skiing were Bill Scott and Dale Christian, who had some fine skis which she brought here from Germany.

January 12-13 found many THS students travelling to the Confederate Tournament to see Tuscaloosa down its opponents. Among those going were Bette Bates, Bob Boshell, Reese Phifer, Billy Blakney, Louise Moody, Betty Waugh, and many others.

Congratulations to Lulu Black and Wayne Schaffer, who won the Elks Club Leadership Scholarships.

Many exciting parties were held after the County High game on the weekend following exams. Everyone was twisting away at Kathy Sherer's home on Saturday, January 28. Also Paul Bryant held a party at his home the same night.

A party in honor of the International Key Club President, Andy Turk, was given by the local Jay Club the 29th.

## Perfection ?!!

The homeroom bell rings, Johnny Penuechi, paragon of health, rushes through an Olympic runner to Miss Crabtree's room. There he sits his head high so that all of his fellow students can observe his handsome profile.

Bing! Goes the first period bell. It's time to show Shirley, that cute little freshman, and thrill her by asking her for a date for after the football game. That means that Johnny would have to break his date with Donna, but she doesn't matter. She'd die for him anyway.

When the break comes it's time to make sure of his perfection by paying a visit to any convenient mirror. "Ah, gosh you're looking good!" He says to himself.

Since Donna nor Shirley eat lunch with Johnny, he figures he's completely safe in sitting at the table with Jo Ann, Helen, Anna, Cathleen, and Elizabeth. Just a little wink at Anna will make her spine tingle. He can tell, it always does.

Back to fifth period—now if he sprawls all over the desk everyone will think he's so darn cute. Playing up to that gross looking student teacher is easy, tell her she's good-looking.

By seventh period Johnny's right eye is all tuckered out from so much winking and he wishes he wasn't so grand.

"Oh well," he thinks, "that's what you get for being perfect!"

## Dare Devil

Around the corner doing ninety-to-nothing comes dare-devil Dan who is a whiz at the wheel. This is the best driver in town, or so he thinks. He's just had about ten wrecks since he got his license last month.

Dare-devil D. never goes under eighty. He thinks it's a disgrace to be seen going slower than that! You know it's Dan when you hear the squeal of tires and hear the roar of the "cut-outs" upon seeing the dust a mile away. Dan is a sheer genius when it comes to driving one-handed. Ask any of the girls who have been "lucky" enough to date him. He goes around corners on two wheels. One wonders what his wreck is made of, and what holds it together. At the rate he's going, it won't be together much longer! As a matter of fact, the news has just reached us that old Dan isn't a dare-devil anymore. He dared one devil too many.

## Truth strikes--

"Tall Man"—Billy Hogue  
"Price Is Right" BEAR FACTS  
"What's My Line?"—Tommy Nuckles  
"To Tell The Truth"—Dale Christian  
"Adventures In Paradise"—Panama City  
"Two Faces West"—Ron and Don Guyer  
"Queen For A Day"—Beppy Forehand  
"Fight of the Week"—Reese Phifer  
"Tightrope"—THS seniors  
"Panic"—pop tests  
"Huntley-Brinkley Report"—Marion Pearson  
"Ben Casey"—Hank Herrod  
"Play Your Hunch"—Miss Brown's matching tests  
"Truth or Consequences"—Mr. Gallman  
"Thriller"—boys named Jerry  
"Roaring Twenties"—Mrs. Cary  
"Number Please"—Miss Gulley  
"Seven Keys"—Harvey  
"Man-Hunt"—Sandra Stewart  
"Wagon Train"—Betty Waugh and car friends  
"Rifleman"—Gary Byrd

## To be young again

Would you like to be a baby again? Paul the Puny One—First it would mean that day in and day out I'd have to sleep. Oh, and drink all that milk that I simply can't stand. Also those formulas and baby foods are outrageous!

Melvis the Muscle Man—It'd be great, I could crawl around on my knees and develop more muscles.

Dorothy the Doctor Hater—Ooh, all those trips to the doctor, and that medicine!

Mop Head—I'd love it 'cause when I was born, I didn't have any hair on my head and look at me now!

Scarlette the Scared—I'd hate to go back and have that wreck again.

Brillant Bob—I'd hate to go through kindergarten again. My teacher was a nut, and I didn't learn anything.

Milly the Millionaire—Oh, I'd love it. I enjoyed that sail to Europe so very much when I was two years old.

Timmy With the Tired Feet—It would be wonderful. I could be carried around more often.

# SUSPENSE

## AH, HOME LIFE

It Could Be You—next to be expelled  
To Tell The Truth—I cheated  
Thriller—an A on a plane test  
Gunsmoke—when your parents see  
your report card

Lock Up—staying after school  
Lawman—Mr. Gallman

I've Got A Secret—my cheat sheet  
The Guiding Light—the sign in the  
main hall

Truth or Consequences—question and  
answer section

Adventures In Paradise—trip to  
Panama City

Number Please—matching test

Highway Patrol—monitors

Rawhide—after Mr. Henderson hits  
you with his paddle

Brighter Day—May 31st

Tall Man—Ernie Houck

My Little Margie—Rex Heacock  
Americans At Work—T.H.S.

students??

People's Choice—Mrs. Hiten

This Is Your Life—permanent record

Bonanza—driver's training class

finding out about the Bear Facts  
dollar

Outlaws—Dale and "Jigger"

What's My Line—Tommy Nuckles

Deadline—she's taking up the test

This Is The Life—T.H.S.—ha! ha!

Untouchables—Bear Facts editors

Love Of Life—keeps us from enter-  
ing the office

Your Surprise Package—report cards

Open House—"Teens at Ten" with

Mary Ann McDaniel and Wayne

Shaffer.

## How time does fly!

Have you ever sat in class and watched the clock stand still for ten minutes as your turn comes to answer a question? Well if you haven't I'm sure some of your friends have. It's a dreadful torture to have the whole class stare as you hesitate and stammer around trying to find your answer.

Or maybe you glance at the clock during an hour lecture and your teacher catches you doing this. Well, you've probably had it. "You must be attentive, son," she might say.

For instance, maybe you are in seventh period, looking out the window, dreaming of that ice cold "Pepsi" you will have if that clock would hurry up, or maybe you've got a date with Sue for an afternoon movie. "Move clock, move." You think but it just stands there and won't follow your command. The teacher calls on you for the answer to number 12 on page 43. You don't know exactly what she's about. You fidget, trying to waste time and then you realize that you have really flubbed the dub."

And then suddenly your dream comes true, the bell finally rings. "I'm through," you say. You rush out the door running all the way to your locker and a firm hand is unexpectedly placed on your shoulder.

"I'd like you to stay in a while. I've told you about watching the clock," the man says.

Your world crumples before you as you reply, "Yes, sir."

But what about Sue, the movie, you think but for now you find out. At five o'clock you slowly drag out the front door of the building and there stands Sue.

"We're through," she says, "I've been standing here for an hour waiting on you and apparently you don't appreciate it, so bye."

She stomps off and boards the bus. Your eyes follow the bus until you can't see it any longer.

"What a day," you say, "Yes sir, what a day!"

Before I was born, my mother always used to say, "Never in my life have I been as startled as I was when I saw the popisce man with four hundred dishwashers for sale."

That was the last straw. All the people in our community began smoking, and drinking, and some of them even started to fly kites. It was really a mass confusion. Why, I can remember how there were parades to use tomfoolery, like they used to when the grand dragon was head of the market.

One particular day I will always remember. It was sort of wet, like somebody had been spying, and the ground was covered with small dresses. Herman, (my brother) and I were starting to school because it was almost near the jelly-roll time. As we proceeded along the wayside, several messengers stopped us to warn us of the Black Plague, of which we knew was something to be ignored. After all, it was composed mostly of nitrogen, and phosphorus never hurt anyone.

Finally we reached the library, and opened our picnic lunches. Herman had an ingrown toenail, but it didn't matter because we were late anyway.

All of a sudden there was the biggest shoe horn, right in our faces! You can imagine how shocking it was to learn that Columbus discovered America when all along I thought that the price of eggs had gone up.

Pretty soon the mosquitoes left, though, and right after that up came the cutest man in a little white jacket, and right beside him was a little man in the cutest white jacket, and beside him was a man in a white jacket.

I can't remember too much about what happened next, except that we went with these men somewhere and on the way it snowed. There were a few people eating popcorn, too. Inside one mailbox there was a jar of pickles, which could have been used for playing golf on sunny days.

Now it's funny sitting here watching the light bulb with the black hat, but it's better than trying to get out of this padded cell. There are so many elephants in it.

## Impressions

"The tongue weighs practically nothing. Yet it's surprising how few people are able to hold it."

"Be courteous—treat the other fellow as though he is as important as he thinks he is."

Fate often puts all the materials for happiness and prosperity in a man's hands just to see how miserable he can make himself with them.

The haves and have nots can often be traced to the dids and did nots.

Parrots don't know what they are talking about, and that makes them almost human.

"What this country needs is dirtier fingernails and cleaner minds."

But the sterling silver teething ring will last the baby a lifetime.

Sam: "Say, what is a paradox?"

Bill: "Well, it's either a couple of physicians, or two places where boats are parked."

When Caesar first saw Cleopatra he juked all politics, quite lost in admiration at her XXXVI-XXIV-XXXVI.

Remember, there are two types of people in this world, those who say "Well, here I am." and those who say "Ah, so there you are!"

# What Has Happened ? ?

What Has Happened? Only two weeks ago this was all a city, busy each day with cars and horns, the peanut man on the corner, the shoe salesman on the other. The fashions in the windows were worn stylishly by each mannequin, and Saturday morning there was always a line of kids waiting to see the new Walt Disney movie.

I got into town this morning and found everything different. There weren't any cars, no noises, no peanut man or shoe salesman, kids waiting in line. The fashions in the window looked kind of stale, and dust had begun to settle on them. It seemed funny—there wasn't a soul to be seen—.

I've been sitting in Central's now for about an hour, reading the pocket books and eating a candy bar. The clock up there over the door says 2:30. This sounds like a story I saw once on the Twilight Zone. Funny, though, the guy in it was dreaming.

Seems funny that this could happen here. I mean, in such a non-famous town. New York would be a better place, I guess.

It was odd when the guy at the airport didn't respond on the radio

and give me landing instructions. It was even odder when there weren't any planes or cars at the airport. My jeep was the only vehicle in sight. My tank was on full, and so, after tying down the plane, came right on into town.

Home was the first thing on my mind. Margaret, the kids. The kids would still be in school, I figured.

I hurried out to Woodland Hills.

No Margaret. At the school—no kids. My mind is sort of at a total loss at this moment, I just can't figure it out. The missing link, I mean. People just don't disappear. How long has it been this way? I've only been gone two weeks. My mind keeps going in circles—.

How long have I been asleep? The clock up there says seven now. Just a few hours. Margaret? Is that you? I know you're there, Margaret. I know. Good evening, Margaret. Yes, it is lovely, isn't it? Do you know why we are all alone? Yes? Of course I remember the accident. But the kids were in the car too. But why are they living with Mother? What's wrong with us?

Oh. And to think that I was afraid of death.

## Cars cause commotion

The logical way to fix a car (if you are lucky enough to have one) is nice and comfortable. But today everyone is looking for mufflers, smitties, twin exhausts, "spinners," fender skirts, mirrors, and a variety of other items.

You just aren't in if your car isn't lowered and can't be heard for ten miles away.

Oh, yea, don't forget the little trinkets, such as dice, tassels, dolls, hanging on the rear-view mirror to block your vision, helped out, of course, by the THS and Alabama stickers on the back.

If you found enough money to buy spinners, you better make sure they can't be "borrowed!" Everyone just seems to love these.

Have you noticed the white or red

## Anticipation

"Tonight, tonight, tonight is the night!" shouted Sally Sagebrush to the reflection in her mirror. I can't believe it's possible. I was so scared when I asked him to go to the DD Christmas party, that he wouldn't go. I've been so excited that I ordered the wrong things for refreshments and even got the wrong dress from the cleaners. I'm going to be a nervous wreck if 7:30 doesn't hurry up and come. Let's see, I've got all I'm supposed to carry—I think—napkins, sandwiches, grapefruit juice—Oh, I nearly forgot my shoes! I've tried to look my best, but what can you do with freckles and buck-teeth? I've been so excited all week that I've made an "F" on all my spelling tests. Anyone can look at me and tell that I'm on cloud nine.

Oh, Sally.

That's mother calling me. I wonder what she could want with me at a time like this. Darn it! I got my zipper stuck. Oh, I'll never get ready. I'm coming; just give me time. Why can't she leave me alone. Well, I've finally gotten ready, coming mother.

Sally, that was Mortimer, and he called to say he could not go with you.

Oh, well, I'm not really disappointed. I wasn't expecting him to go anyway.

carpets you can put in the front of the back window? Along with this goes the little fuzzy rings or covers for the rear-view mirror.

Also, you may have noticed the designs on some of the cars. There are several cars which have little black feet prints on the back windows.

Today, you have to have something that will run, preferably a straight stick, so that you can out-run the "Lollipop" man, when he's trying to give you a "lollipop." But you have to have something pretty dog-gone fast to beat those boys!

## HEART BREAK

Night was coming on. I could feel the stillness of the end of days as I gazed at the red ball of sun setting in the West.

The crickets began to hum and I could hear the frogs croaking in the meadow beyond. A fly settled on my back and I lazily brushed him off.

"Where was he?" I asked myself. It was getting darker and darker.

Now the stars were peeking out up in the sky. They twinkled merrily as if they were winking at me. Oh, how grand it was to be alive. If only he would hurry so I would feel safe and comforted. Security, that's what I wanted. A little love and affection. Where was he?

At last the silhouette of a man could be discerned on the hill. I breathed a sigh of relief as I waited for his embrace.

It came, just as I expected it. He put his arms around my neck and gently kissed my forehead.

"You are truly beautiful," he said warmly.

Slowly he led me down the lane to the gate where he stopped and looked into my big brown eyes. I knew he was going to tell me something exciting.

"My beauty," he said. "You are going to win first prize tomorrow in the contest."

Oh, the contest. I had forgotten. It would be the first cow contest I had ever entered.



Members of THS Band selected for All-State make up the largest delegation THS has ever had.

### Social planned

Starting off the second semester with a series of programs about occupational opportunities in major fields, Chirho Hi-Y plans to have many activities this year.

Five boys from Chirho will represent the club at Youth Legislature in Montgomery, Alabama.

Hi-Yers representing Chirho helped kick off the Y.M.C.A. Building Fund Drive of Tuscaloosa County by passing out door stickers.

The two sophomore Hi-Y's, Chirho and Black Bear plan to hold a social, together during March.

### Sigma represented

Sigma sent six girls to pre-youth legislature, they are Jane Price, Gene Bridges, Stella Olson, Susan Jackson, Louise Jones, and Juliette Gwin.

Stella Olson represented Sigma at the Electoral College in Montgomery, Alabama.

### Club has speaker

Mary Frances Fields, senior; Beverly Calhoun, senior; Doris Bell, sophomore; Diane Dowdy, sophomore; and Jan Calhoun, sophomore attended the annual State Convention held in Montgomery, Alabama, on January 5 and 6, with the purpose of discussing education in the space age.

Diane Dowdy was chosen as one of the representatives to plan a meeting to elect a president for surrounding counties of the 7th district.

Karl Berns, assistant executive secretary of the National Education Association, who just returned from East and West Berlin was guest speaker.

### Lulu for governor

Alpha Tri-Hi-Y is very proud of its members this month because quite a few of them are running for important offices in Youth Legislature. Lulu Black is running for Governor, Alice Hamilton for reporter, Suzanne Still for House Clerk, and several other members are running for various offices.

Alpha Tri-Hi-Y members also took part in the annual March of Dimes Fund Drive by taking up collections in the downtown area.

## Pre-Youth held Feb. 3

On February 3, the 14th Annual Y. M. C. A. Pre-Youth Legislative Training Session was held in Morgan Auditorium on the U. of A. campus.

The morning session was brought to order by Billy Allen, district legislative chairman, and an official welcome was given by Jeff Bennett, administrative vice-president of the U. of A. Following general announcements State Senator, Ryan de Grafenreid spoke on "Problems of the State which may be Solved by Legislation" and conducted a question and answer period.

After a coke-break the delegates broke up into assigned groups for discussions on writing and passing a bill in the legislature.

At the closing of the discussion everyone was dismissed for lunch and returned afterwards to Morgan Auditorium for a talk by Mr. William

## Band members chosen

Much rejoicing took place down around the T.H.S. bandroom with the announcement of the selectee for the All-State band at the University of Alabama in March. Of the 56 places awarded in the 2nd district, the Black Bear Band placed 22 members on the "first team" and 8 on the alternate list. This is over 3 times the delegation from any other schools in our district. Bandsmen delegated to All-State are Billy Davis, Chris Christian, Richard Hamner, Rene Chabines, Jimmy Adams, Mary Beth Wear, Ann

Seebeck, Tommy Wear, Peter Dutton, Ann Lee, Janet Arey, Jerry Flummer, George Stabler, John Cruse, Ronnie Latham, Richard Thompson, Pat Westbrook, Linda Tidmore, Kendall Clark, Woody Latham, and Annette Cabiness.

Alternates are Bill Bowman, Paul Spell, Mike McDuffey, Foss Smith, Mary Helen Roberts, and Ronnie Collier.

Before All-State, however, is the District Contest for the Alabama Music Festival, followed by the State Festival in April. Last year the Band took Superior honors, and, from the looks of things, will do the same this year.

### Special program

The Greasepainters had a special program given by Bill Fegan and David Novak, February 22, in the small auditorium. Mr. Fegan is a well-known professional actor and director from the Tuscaloosa area. Mr. Novak is a writer of a new play that was put on by the Tuscaloosa Junior Little Theater, February 24-25. He spoke with them about acting and about the play.

On January 27-28, ten students from the Speech Department and Greasepainters went to Birmingham for a Theater Weekend sponsored by Town and Gown Theater. These are the ten students who help Town and Gown whenever they put on a production in Tuscaloosa. They are William Allen, Tom Ashly, Gene Bush, Greg Congleton, Mary Bama Farr, Jim Gresham, Debbie Herring, Ann Newman, Pat Roberts, and Richard Snow. In Birmingham they enjoyed interesting speeches on all phases of the theater and a rehearsal of the "Boyfriend," a musical comedy, coming to Tuscaloosa, March 14. Also they saw an excellent performance of the "Heiress," Saturday night, January 27.

### Program planned

The Black Bear Hi-Y a newly formed sophomore Hi-Y has elected its new officers. They are as follows: Jim La Moreau, president; Tom Ashly, vice-president; Jon Sasser, secretary; Bob Pritchett, treasurer; Dan McClusky, sergeant-at-arms, and Lonnie Cox, chaplain.

Projects were planned for the coming semester along with the arrangements of programs for the coming weeks.

An athletic emphasis program was planned for the coming month. A program on that line was given by Dennis Standard, Eugene Poole, Bob Hopper, and Tom Ingram.

### Latin Club meets

The Latin Club met Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 in the small auditorium.

Betty Hayes, Rickie Winstead, Ann Banks, and Marcia Patterson conducted a program concerning constellations.

Elizabeth Woolen was elected as beauty walk representative and Susan Holloman as the alternate.

The last article on the agenda was the annual mythology contest. In this contest, mythology scholars from Mrs. Fines' second year Latin classes competed for the championship.

As always, the contestants had studied so much mythology that Mrs. Fines was undeniably at a loss to find words they didn't know! But finally Whitney Menning, alone, remained standing, victor over the embarrassed multitudes cowering in their seats.

## Four new teachers added to faculty

Since the first of the year, THS has added four new teachers to its faculty. They are Mrs. Wynell Burroughs, Miss Kate Ellen Crawford, Mrs. Vietta A. Beale, and Mr. Bill Fegan.

Mrs. Wynell Burroughs, an alumna of THS, taught the 5th grade before coming here to replace Mr. Alldredge. She graduated with a B.S. in English at the University of Alabama last year. Mrs. Burroughs commented, "I like teaching here because I feel at home." She plans to continue teaching here at THS.

Next in replacements is Miss Kate Ellen Crawford, who has replaced Mrs. Roberts. This is her first teaching job. She graduated from the University of Alabama, last semester, with an A.B. in History. Her first

two years of college were spent at Agnes-Scott in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Vietta A. Beale, a veteran to the teaching profession, has been teaching for six years. She has taught in Florida, South Carolina, and Louisiana. In Florida, she was principal of a junior high school. Mrs. Beale has two daughters and her husband is the District Forest Ranger for the Tuscaloosa District of the Talladega National Forest.

Actor, teacher, Bill Fegan is our latest addition to the faculty, he replaced Mr. Woods. Mr. Fegan is a native of Pennsylvania. He has taught grades in North Carolina, the University of Alabama and in Pennsylvania. He taught grades 1-4 in a one-room school house while in Pennsylvania. He holds a Bachelor's degree

from Juniata College, a Masters degree from the University of Alabama and has done graduate work at the Western Carolina College. Mr. Fegan has had 14 seasons of work in theatrical stock companies in Florida, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. Also he has been booking agent for Bette Davis, Jose Greco, Ilka Chase, Faye Emerson, Tyrone Powers, and Shelly Berman.

He has directed, produced, or acted in over a hundred productions, he is currently the director of the Tuscaloosa Junior Little Theater and producer of Kaleidoscope, a semi-professional group which will tour 18 states this summer.

Mr. Fegan says he likes the T.H.S. students he has associated with in his theater group.

# Bears win tournament

In the Selma tournament the Tuscaloosa Black Bears kept up their winning ways by first beating the Lee Generals and then defeating the Selma Rams in a pair of exciting games.

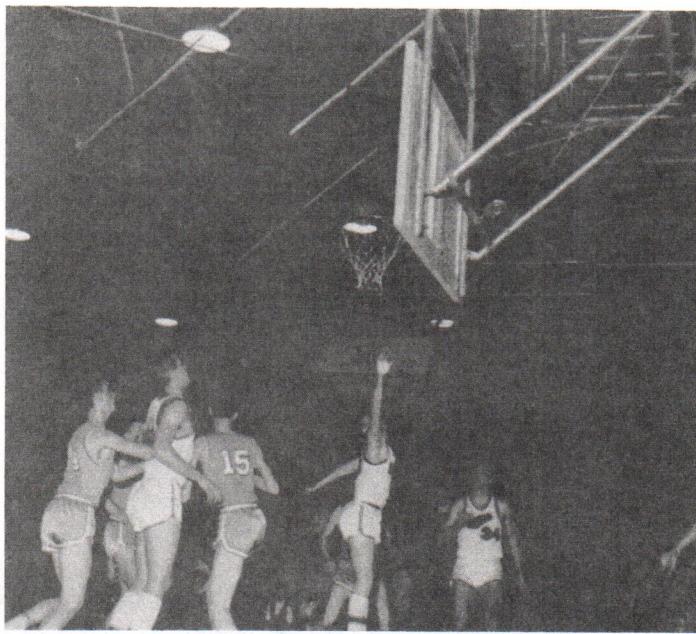
The leading scorers against us from Lee were Myrick Kranzusch, and Hall, and according to Tim Parker, Hank Garret was also pretty good. The score at the half was 38 to 21 in our favor and we went on to win 61 to 49. Parker, Houck, Pickens, and Alread were our leading scorers with Parker leading the scoring. Alread did all of his scoring in the 2nd quarter of play.

In the final game we played the

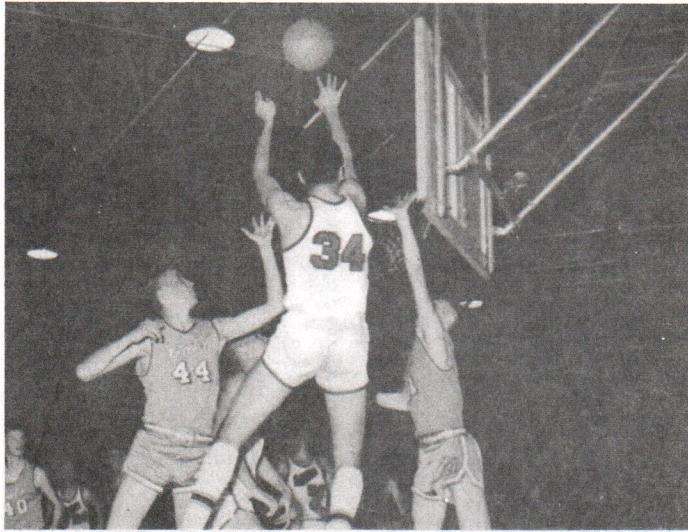
Selma Rams. Their leading scorers were Joe Sexton and Jerry Henry.

At the end of the half we were ahead 34 to 19 and we went on to win this one also at 54 to 41, even though they did more scoring in the second half than we did. Again Parker dominated the scoring with 15 points with Ernie Houck a close second with 14. Pickens, Franklin, and Alread had 11, 8, and 4 points respectively. Out of 16 free throws we only missed 2, for a percentage of 86.

Tim Parker was voted the Most Valuable Player in the tournament and both John Pickens and Ernie Houck made the all tournament team.



Bill Alread puts up shot from the corner against County High.



Ernie Houck dunks ball while warming-up before Lanier game.

## Bear-o-meter

Name	Total Points	Rebounds	Percent from Field	Percent of Freethrows
Parker	339	248	.620	.634
Houck	280	241	.472	.571
Pickens	210	69	.503	.709
Franklin	144	43	.482	.739
Alread	136	55	.495	.520
Orr	96	79	.567	.559
Kendall	38	21	.432	.545
Marlowe	27	19	.363	.555
Compton	23	25	.333	.625
Hollyhand	7	5	.428	.500
Bryant	7	10	.181	.600
Hinton	4	2	.250	.000
Team Total	1311	817	.505	.608

Complete through Carbon Hill game.



Guard Ronnie Franklin drives through for a lay-up while Bill Alread, 34, and Tim Parker move in for rebound.

## Tankmen beat Lanier

The T.H.S. tankmen won a striking victory over Sidney Lanier's swimming team with a score of 45 to 32. T.H.S. swimmers took five of eight first place events including the 100 yard butterfly, 100 yard breaststroke, 200 yard freestyle, and both the medley and freestyle relays.

The Bears were paced in points by Roger Williams, who took a first in the 100 yard fly and took part in the medley relay; O. K. Bryant, who

won the breast stroke event and was in the medley relay; Pete Foster, who got his points in both the relays; and Stuart Strong, who captured the 200 freestyle and participated in the free relay.

Others who gained points and aided the victory were Bob Johnston, Dave Miller, Rickey Clawson, and Billy Jordan.

Although the boys won easily over their opponents, the T.H.S. girl swimmers were beaten soundly.

## Cindermen show at Relays

Twelve meet records were broken during the events of the State Coliseum Relays held in Montgomery, Alabama, on Feb. 3. This meet involved more than 1,000 college and high school athletes, twelve of which were representing T.H.S.

John Ray Sullivan ran 880, placing

fourth, while Bobby Porter pole vaulted 10'6". As for qualifications; the sixty yard dash—Charles Estes, and the low and high hurdles—Eddie Blier. Others attending were as follows:

John Harris, John Caldwell, Bill Minges, Billy Rucker, Bill Barringer, Gary Mattison, Ed Pickett, and Sonny Logan.



## ON THE BENCH

By BOB JOHNSTON

From what I have been able to find out the longest winning streak for a basketball team in Alabama, in the last 20 or so years, is held by Parrish High School of Selma. The Selma Rams are suppose to have won a total of 88 contests without a loss back in the late '40's and picked up two state basketball crowns over their 3 year winning streak. Of course basketball wasn't as tough back then as it is now, but maybe the basketball this year and next will be able to revise this record, although it would be a pretty rough road to do so.

As far as state tournaments go I still have my money on the Bears to make it two in a row this year. For anyone's information who does not know the Bruins meet their last

defeat in the semi-finals of the 5th District Tournament 2 years ago, falling to the Shady Valley Mounties.

The track and swimming teams ran out of luck on February third as both groups failed to make any outstanding showing. The track team participated in the meet at Montgomery while the swimming team traveled to Atlanta.

The Bee team has continued its winning ways lately with the scoring being divided up among several players. Ernie Houck looks like the player-of-the-month to me. He has continued as one of the mainstays for the Bears in both the rebound and scoring departments. I'd also like to mention John Pickens for his fine play.





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Bears take  
third in  
tournament



Judy Eley  
Lucky Dollar  
Winner

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## Seniors are tapped for Honor Society, top 5% juniors too

New members of the National Honor Society were tapped for the junior and senior classes Wednesday, February 28, in the large auditorium. Wayne Sheffer, president, presided over the assembly while Mary Ann McDaniel, chaplain, gave the devotional.

These were the seniors who had the 2.5 average necessary to make the National Honor Society in their senior year: Christine Cargile, Charles B. Christian, Eleanor Clinton, Bonnie Davis, Beppy Forehand, Joy Grigg, Carolyn Guthrie, Jerry Harness, Sue Hartley, Cathy Hopkins, Mary Jo Jernigan, Ronnie Latham, Jay Lord, Charlotte McEachin, Glennice McNeill, Patricia Nottingham, Sue Perryman, George Stabler, Ann Stucky, Mary Evans Williams, Roger Williams, and Royce Woodley.

The following were the upper five percent of their junior class: Janet Arey, Billie Jean Blair, Jimmy Cobble, Dora Jane Collins, Carol Curry, Sara Gay Edwards, Mary Elliott, Sharon Foster, Rebecca Glenn, Estes Hayes, William Hoggle, Elizabeth Hoole, Amelia Kyle, Ann Newman, William Parr, Foss Smith, Carolyn Snipes, Linda Stallings, Ann Lee, Alice LeMaistre, Sheila Terrill, Joyce Tyler, Janet Welton, and Jackie Weston.

The faculty sponsors this year for the National Honor Society are: Mrs. Irene Little, Miss Anna Brown, and Miss Rubye Gulley.

## Air Force truck was displayed on Feb. 22

The 22 and the 23 of February a U.S.A.F. truck, with a display on the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado visited T.H.S. The purpose of this trip, which has covered 11,000 miles since September, is to inform high school students about requirements for entrance in the academy. The truck was designed by Staff Sergeant Sparks and constructed on the academy grounds. It is displayed at high schools and (Continued on Page 5)

## Richard Hamner wins Science Fair



These are some of the winners of this year's Science Fair at T.H.S. Kneeling, left to right: David Miller, Richard Hamner, Tommy Guin, Standing, Jan Calhoun, James Keith, Judy Beal, and Nancy Robertson.

## Dr. James Gladden speaks to student body on Feb. 20

Dr. James M. Gladden spoke to the T.H.S. student body concerning "Preparation for Marriage" in an assembly held on Tuesday, February 20.

Dr. Gladden, a native of Wester, Pennsylvania, has a Ph.D. in Sociology and has been a Professor of Sociology and Family Life for fifteen years. Of this fifteen, twelve have been served at the University of Kentucky.

In his speech Dr. Gladden said that we should make a plan for our lives and go by it. He recommended that dating be on a six-year basis. We should date a variety of people for the first two years to find out what we really want. Then we may have a favorite who we like more than others. If this plan is followed we would be prepared for marriage within a six year time.

The problem of mai ndifculty in marriages today which he stressed was a lack of understanding between husband and wife. This problem could be remedied by trying not to show as much affection and understanding for our parents as possible.

Dr. Gladden brought out in his talk that the teenagers in a close family will usually begin dating later than the more independent teenagers.

At the YMCA Dr. Gladden addressed all the Hi-Y's and Tri-Hi-Y's on February 19-21. His speech directed to the clubs was on "What Is True Love?"

Arrangements for the speaker to come were made by the Tuscaloosa Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y County Council. Dr. Gladden has addressed an estimated 3,000 young people during his stay here.

## Guin, Fletcher, and Miller take first in other 3 categories

Richard Hamner, won Grand Prize at the Tuscaloosa High Science Fair. On March 7. His project, A Fuel Cell, demonstrated how chemical energy can be converted into electrical energy.

"Scientists are people who are interested in the collection of data to present the truth", exclaimed Dr. D. E. Jones, guest speaker at the award presentation program of the science fair. He also commented, "We are faced with the problem of understanding the complexity of things around us in this modern age. Dr. Jones spoke on the topic "Trends in Modern Science" Wednesday afternoon, March 7, in the auditorium before the assembled science students of Senior High. His recommendation to students interested in science was, "Explore as many different avenues of science as you can so that you will find the type most suited to yourself." Dr. Jones mentioned that science was becoming more and more specialized but that there were limitless opportunities for people who are willing to learn and apply basic scientific facts.

The Black Bear Band, directed by Mr. Hamner, played at the beginning of the program.

WTBC radio station covered and broadcast the presentation ceremonies.

Faculty sponsors for the science fair this year were: Mrs. Francis Lyons, Chairman and Mrs. Beal, Mr. Finley, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Osburn, Mr. Ray, and Mrs. Sellers.

Officers of the science club were introduced: President, Richard Hamner; Vice-President, Reddie Guy; Secretary, Wynne Alexander; and Treasurer, Tom Hocker.

The fair was opened to the public  
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## Students judged by grades and abilities

Alabama applicants who have made composite scores of 16 or above on the American College Tests (ACT) will be admitted upon graduation from high school. Applicants who do not meet this standard must apply for admission. Their applications will be considered in the light of their high school grades, rank in class, principal's recommendation, interviews, and scholastic ability tests.

Applicants making a composite score of 15 or below on the American College Tests should realize that they may not be admitted, their admission depending upon their academic promise as reflected by the above-mentioned factors. If ACT scores are low and the high school record is poor, the student may well be encouraged to make other plans.

## College graduate earns \$175,000

The average college graduate, according to officials at the U. S. Census Bureau, earns over \$175,000 more in his lifetime than a high school graduate. That is five or six times what would be earned over a lifetime if the money spent on college were invested in government bonds or some other safe security. Actually, according to Professor Sigmour Norris of Harvard, the difference between the lifetime income of a college graduate and a high school graduate is closer to \$200,000 to \$250,000 if inflation is taken into account.

Promotions come faster on the job to those who attend college. The U.S.

Department of Labor reveals that a college graduate increases his salary by 250% by the time he is in his middle forties. A high school graduate, on the other hand raises his income by only 100% by that age.

Women worry even more than men about using credit for college. But for them, too, a college education means higher earning power. A study by the Labor Department shows that six months after college the average annual salary of a working woman college graduate is not far below the average income for all men at their peak earning years, that is, when they are between 35 and 44 years old. Besides, as more and more young

men go to college, the marriage market becomes just as college-oriented as the job market. Men with degrees will want wives with degrees.

That is not to say that a college education automatically carries all those benefits. It doesn't of course. The individual is what counts. But college does help bring out the best in a person by exposing him to what is best in our culture, by stimulating him to make use of his ability and by helping him to aspire toward worthwhile goals. In that sense, education at a good college is an investment that pays off in far more than dollars.

# Sound off endorses SGA candidate

By Billie Blair

The race for student council offices presents quite an era of excitement and confusion. Halls are decked with posters and students assail you from all corners with campaign literature of all kinds. We aren't even surprised to see bands of people marching the halls singing campaign songs. Many of us are fairly swept away in this tide of enthusiasm for one candidate or another.

But amid all this commotion we should stop and take stock. An election, is more than this. This sensationalism is something extra. Take a story, journalism books tell us, and read it without the adjectives and you'll see how important it actually is. Look under this very

colorful frosting on the cake and consider each candidate on his individual merits. Let's not let the mammoth posters and the "cute" poems be the deciding factor in our choice. Se them for the something extra that they are.

Just because there can't be many points for a "platform" or campaign promises is no reason for the race to become a popularity contest. Too often students vote for Joe Doe because he lives next door, is a friend of a friend, or is a sports hero. There's plenty of time to use these reasons when we're adult voters—for the best friends and heroes to be elected to public office. Some people jump on the winning bandwagon. Though, of course, there is no "spoil

system" at T.H.S. there is still the personal satisfaction that goes with supporting the winning side.

The attitudes we are forming toward campaigns and candidates today are those which will determine our country's leaders tomorrow. Let us be sensible, intelligent, scrutinous voters.

With this wish, the Bear Facts would like to endorse some candidates for office. Our candidate is a fine, capable student—the one who Thinks and Acts accordingly. It is up to you to select him. We challenge you to take your vote and go out to search for him—look at him behind the glare of the trumpets, the adjectives, and the "cute" campaign tactics—then Think and Act accordingly.



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## Weeds come of themselves flowers require cultivation

Seldom do we face a choice between what is entirely good or entirely bad. We usually are forced to decide between that which is "good enough to get by" and the best we are capable of attaining. Far too often as high school students we are guilty of basing our decisions on the popular image or the average attitude of the group. We seem content with the average of mediocrity.

During this period when the habits we form will determine to a major degree the attitudes and interests that later will dominate our lives, it is vital that we cultivate a habit of recognizing and actively supporting the "best" in our society. If we are to succeed and fully develop our potential as individuals and as a generation, we must develop a habit of striving for our best whether in the vocational or scholastic field.

In society as in any other area of life, weeds come of themselves; flowers require cultivation. Shall we be content to live as weeds of our world, or shall we cultivate our potential for our personal betterment and for the good of our generation? The choice is ours.

(Copied from THE BULLDOG, Opelika High School, Opelika, Alabama.)

### More publicity of good deeds

## Headlines tell of exceptions and not rule of teenage acts

"Teenage Boy Charged With Breaking And Entering" read the headlines of a certain morning newspaper recently. Citizens should bear in mind that this is the exception and not the rule. Case in point:

In the past year some of the clubs in our school have visited Partlow State School, Bryce Hospital, Veteran's Hospital, Druid City Hospital, and Oak Hill Rest Home. Many of our students haven't waited for the clubs to do something to help others but have taken things into their own hands by working at different hospitals without pay, visiting people in rest homes, and taking food and clothes to people less fortunate than themselves. These people didn't do these things for the glorious honors that would be bestowed upon them but because they wanted to do good for others. These are certainly not things for teenagers to be ashamed of but to be thoroughly proud of and maybe someday the adults will realize this and give more publicity to the good deeds of teenagers instead of the bad ones.

### School 'on the ball'

## Signs denote THS activity

Mr. Jones, visiting the high schools in the state, walked into our building one day. He was escorted down the halls by one of our students. As he was shown the various rooms and told of some of the activities, he noticed the many signs, posters, bulletins, and reminders covering the walls. This is the impression he received: "Here is a school where the students are doing something. There is always something going on here. There are always posters telling of this play or that contest, upcoming games, or posters for candidates for office. Here is a school with 'something on the ball', a school with real spirit."

We students are aware of the things advertised every day. It gives us a sense of belonging and of taking part in what goes on in our city and school.

## With a will, mind, dream, desire and faith . . .

"The man looked at the mountain and the mountain at the man. Scornfully it seemed to say, Come climb me if you can." The mountain was a giant with its shoulders in the sky. The man little more than sixty inches high.

But he had something more than height; a mind, a soul, a dream, a passionate desire; and with patient skill he moved with cautious steps upon the rocky icebound slopes climbing with a faith unbounded and a mighty hope.

With mist and storm and avalanche the mountain fought that day as over chasm, cliff, and gorge the climber made his way and reached the summit. Nature's forces wild and fierce and blind were overcome and conquered by a midget with a mind.

It is not enough just to face a challenge; one must do something about it. Often it happens that the thing that you desire he most is seemingly impossible to attain. However, if one wants something bad enough, it is possible to overcome the obstacles in the path.

Dwight D. Eisenhower stated that, "When you find something that must be done, impossibilities disappear and become major obstacles."

If you have a will, a mind, a dream, a desire, and faith, you may be successful in overcoming even the major obstacles.

## Just Thinking

by

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Editor-in-Chief



With AEA and another reporting period behind us I imagine that everyone feels pretty good. I understand that there was quite a party of our students at Lake Martin over the holidays and from the information that I have gotten, they had quite a time. I hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays and returned without any serious accidents.

**Junior Talent Show**  
Tuscaloosa High School has a real treat in store in the new future with the annual junior talent show. All the juniors seem to be working hard and practicing for the big show. I understand that there are many good acts to be presented at this year's show. This always tends to be one of the high spots of the year around THS and I hope that everyone will be able to attend.

### School Elections

On the political scene at Tuscaloosa High the election of student council officers is close at hand. This year THS has an abundance of excellent candidates for these very important offices. I think that it should be said that this year's officers have done a fine job of governing our student

body this year. I hope that everyone will take an honest look at each one of the candidates and vote for the ones that you feel will do the best work in his or her job.

While you are picking your candidates remember that these are the students who will be governing your school for the coming school year.

### Sports

In the athletic spot at THS for the footballers spring training is almost at an end. It looks as if the Black Bears may have a pretty good team for the coming season. The boys have been working hard every afternoon since around the first of March.

Spring practice for the basketball team is due to start somewhere around the first of April. I understand that Coach Tarleton have divided his mighty Bear squad into four different teams for the spring session. Let's hope that Coach Tarleton can turn out another championship team as he has done for the past two years.

# Short Snorts

In an argument, the best weapon to hold is your tongue.

Jane: "He's always a perfect gentleman when he's out with me." Mary: "He bores me, too."

What you are is God's gift to you; what you make of yourself is your gift to Him.

Our best friends and our worst enemies are our thoughts. A thought can do us more good than a doctor or a banker of a faithful friend. It can also do us more harm than a bick.

Thoughts are the most powerful things in the world, they mold the whole course of our lives.

When in deep water, it's a good idea to keep your mouth shut.

How do you get a girl to marry you: Well, if she doesn't want to, you can't make her; but if she does, there's no way to prevent it.

There is no cure for birth and death except to enjoy the interval.

Opportunity often roams around disguised as hard work.

Husband: "Do you have any idea how many really great people there are in this world?"

Wife: "No, I don't but I'm sure that it's one less than you think."

Missionary: "Why do you look at me so intently?"

Cannibal: "I am the food inspector."

Smith insisted on having one night a week out alone. Every Tuesday night he went out. One Tuesday night he went out and didn't come back for seven years. When he did come back, his wife was so happy that she phoned all her friends.

"What are you doing?" Smith shouted.

"I'm arranging a welcome home party for you tonight."

"What?" yelled her husband, "On Tuesday?"

at parties many a time. Also it was seen at church every Sunday.

In the Druid City Hospital where this truly was originated, Hank's room was crowded each day with friends who had come to visit him and view this beautiful scenery covering his leg.

It seems that the people surrounding him really like it. Many signatures were scribbled on this monstrosity from teacher's to animals. Among the many teacher's signatures, we find Miss Gulley's. It seems that during a very difficult plane test, she picked up her pen and slowly walked to Hank's desk. This seemed to ease the tension that the test had raised.

Hank who is always ready for a good laugh certainly did take the extra weight and pain of a broken leg with his usual broad smile.

# Truth Strikes Fear Prevails

What would you do with twenty-five hours in a day? How would you spend your time? These questions were asked recently to several T.H.S. students, who gave the following replies:

Barry Still—I'd watch Clutch Cargo. Ricky Clauson—Dad gum, I don't know!

Sally Johnson—I'd fly to Biloxi to see Terry.

Ronny Epperson—I'd go get my driver's license.

Charlene Cary—Just give me another hour to be mad at Joe...

Mr. Thompson—I'd get busy writin' my dissertation, I guess.

Nan Taylor—Go swimming at the Y. John (Andy) Pickens—Nothing.

Bill Tidmore—I'd re-organize the W.E.Y.C.

Wilbur Manderson—Whatcha think?

Martha Brown—Eat

Rene Chabannes—Practice my horn.

Richard Taylor—Study Latin, what else?

Dennis Stanard—Work out.

Eddie Minges—I would partake of the brew of life.

Aubrey Dominick—I'd do just about anything.

Mary Eliot—I'd clean up my room.

Reggie Lancaster—Well, I wouldn't study!

Jimmy Wilson—Sleep.

Estes Hayes and Jay Smith—Raise more havoc!

Didi Fletcher—Have a party.

Bill Minges—I'd have another Pepsi.

Diane Dowdy—if there were 25 hours in a day I'd spend that hour trying to figure out what time it was in the first place!

Ed Pickett—I'd recuperate from track.

Judy Waugh—Another hour to grow!

Lonnie Cox—I think I'd go crazy.

Linda Kay Stallings—Study another hour on plane geometry.

Jimmy Boteler—Play basketball.

Gary Madison—Go get Donny Hinton and have a party.

Rebecca Wright—I'd give it to Mrs. Gulley.

My heart skipped a beat as the bell Ring-g-g!!

sounded to change classes.

My next class was to be Latin and I was petrified because I hadn't read my assignment.

As I entered the room I could feel myself shaking all over and I thought my knees would give-way any minute. What would I do if she called on me? Should I try to read and struggle through or should I just tell her I hadn't prepared my lesson?

I took my seat as close to the back of the room as possible and behind the most broad-shouldered football player I could find to hide behind. I also piled my books sky-high. I figured by doing this, if the teacher wanted me to translate she could never find me.

I left a peep-hole between my algebra and English books, and when she called my name on the toll she kind of looked like she wondered where my answer came from. As she went out to put the absentee slip on the door I relaxed for a moment but as soon as she re-entered the room I crouched lower behind my book.

I heard her say in a routine voice, "All right students, take out your books and turn to page 231. William you can read the first paragraph."

I felt the boy in front of me quiver, and then in a deep voice he said, Uh-h-h Uh-h-h, America is my Uh-h-h Uh-h-h. Now what does 'patria' mean?"

"Class, help him out."

The class in a weak tone gave several different answers.

"Well," she said, "It means native land. Now continue William."

After about five minutes of this stumbling she told Ellen to take it from there. Ellen proceeded with no better luck.

We finally completed the lesson and there were five minutes left in the period which is plenty of time to have a pop-test. To my amazement and joy Mrs. X began to talk about the triumvirates. Then the bell rang. I felt my heart skip once more and I knew I had escaped again. However I am afraid that one day she will catch me and what then?

## Orville — cold germ

Orville, the cold germ seems to have visited our school lately spreading his dreadful personality among our students and faculty.

I am quite sure that you have seen Orville in action as your fellow students sneeze in class and Orville travels all over the room.

It's fun to watch as you go down the halls of the school, how many students have a super giant box of Kleenex and are tooting it along with their books. And also how sad our students have been lately, they all seem to be crying.

As I was sitting in plane the other day, my teacher tiptoed up to my desk and ask conspicuously, "Have I upset you, honey?"

"No mam," I replied, "It's just Orville, he came for a visit last Tuesday and I can't seem to get him to leave. He wants to stay, stay, and stay a-ah-ah-chu. Excuse me."

"O all right," answers the teacher and so life goes on. That is the life of you and the life of Orville battling it on to the end to see who the victor will be.

Dr. Smith told me that he was talking to Orville the other day and all he said was, "Yep, I hit Tuscaloosa High School pretty hard."

Students, a word for the wise, you can overcome Orville. Just keep fighting, don't give up.

# Bear Facts Presents



It was a cool day in November when WTBC (1420) listeners were shocked by a small, sweet voice chiming out, "Get out of bed and put on those bopping shoes 'cause this is 'Teens at Ten' and we are going to rock away all your blues". In a few minutes the listeners recovered from the shock and realized that this voice belonged to their very own lovely Mary Ann McDaniel.

They say that "behind every successful man there is a woman." In this case the saying will have to be reversed for behind Mary Ann we find the brilliant Wayne Shaffer who adds greatly to the show's popularity.

This show doesn't only have the latest hits blasting away but also the latest sports and the news (better known as gossip). In the past weeks they have been host to a twisting contest which was held partly on the piano, a real wild Christmas party at which refreshments, a snowball fight, and one Saturday the show even included the pulling of a car out of the ditch. Each week they

have a 'pick hit' which is selected by Helen Nelson and Betty Waugh.

By the way, why don't you swing on out and rock along with Mary Ann, Wayne, and all their gang on "Teens at Ten" next Saturday morning at ten.

See you there!

## NOTICE

Anyone wishing to have news concerning a club or project printed in Bear Facts should contact Mrs. Rutledge in room 106 or leave a note to that effect in the Bear Facts box in the office.

All worthwhile news will be appreciated.

Your Bear Facts Staff

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# The thirty-ninth story escapade

"A free man," thought Brad with awe. "That's what I am, a free man."

Brad found it hard to believe as he walked slowly out of the Warden's office and into the corridor.

Brad felt confident. He had on the first civilian clothes he had worn in twenty-five years and they felt good to him. They hung well, and his broad shoulders heaved with each breath he took.

Warden Nash had given him a hundred dollar bill and he put his hand in his pocket to make sure of its presence.

"Out of that dingy little cell forever and into the world of liberty," he said to himself. He began to whistle as he walked out the door.

The taxi that the Warden had called took him to the nearest town, Minneapolis, where he checked in at the Lady Astor Hotel.

It wasn't much, really. A bed and a marred bureau, and a basin over in the corner. He told himself this would have to do until he could get a job.

After putting away the few belongings he had, he took off his coat and tie, lay down on his bed with his head again the stead, and lit a cigarette.

Brad thought. He'd had time to do a lot of that in prison. Twenty-five years of a wasted life. Twenty-five years of lonesome agony, of chain gangs, smelling dirty men and tobacco, greasy food, the swearing. He hated it.

All of this filth because of a few mistakes. Mistakes that no one could ever regret as much as Brad did.

What had Brad done? Committed seven crimes.

"They were seven crimes too many," he had told his cellmate, Dave.

When he was seventeen, he robbed a candy store and was thrown into jail for drunken driving.

## Sophomore Flash Flies

As T.H.S. students have been following the Black Bears' basketball team again this year; we see the new face of Tommy Kendall, namely known as the "Sophomore Flash".

Tommy lettered his freshman year in tennis and won the State Jaycee Tournament plus the Alabama Closed.

Tommy maintains a B plus average in his class work, and was elected by his classmates as "The Most Popular" and "The Best All-Round Boy".



Tommy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Kendall. We remember Mrs. Kendall from junior high math and Mr. Kendall as the previous Head Football Coach of the Black Bears.

We hope the "Sophomore Flash" will continue his outstanding work on both the tennis and basketball teams.

The age of twenty was his bad year. He had just been released from reform school and he was a rebel against humanity.

Assault and Battery, arson, two robberies, and the worst of them all, manslaughter.

What had caused him to do all those grotesque things? Brad pondered at them while the room grew dimmer and dimmer and the smoke continued to curl around his head.

But then he began to think of the future. He was only fort-six, he could still do something with his life. He wanted to marry; have children; a comfortable home.

Those things couldn't come first, though. He must think of his financial situation.

Quickly he put out the cigarette and speedily ran down to the lobby for the evening paper.

Back in his room he began scanning the "Help Wanted" ads to see if he could find anything appealing.

Brad found six that looked appealing. A cook, a drugstore and laundry clerk, a grocery deliverer, an usher in the Strand Theatre, and a waiter in a restaurant.

Brad couldn't wait for the morrow. A job. "Just think," he said in an anticipating tone. "Money, a regular salary, for me."

He sprang to his feet and happily began to put on his coat and tie.

Down through the lobby and across the street to the hamburger joint he jaunted, whistling. He spent a whole dollar for three burgers and a milkshake, then came back across the street and retired for the night.

Bright and early the following morning Brad was awakened by unaccustomed street sounds instead of the pounding of stone against stone.

He washed and dressed, then headed on down to the first place of application, the Fleur de Lis Restaurant.

"Good morning," said the cashier. "May I help you?"

"Yes, please," replied Brad. "May I see the manager?"

"Certainly!" She winked at him. She was rather hard looking, Brad observed. Peroxide hair, too much makeup.

She opened the door. "Mr. Shoemaker, this is Mr. —uh—"

## LOVER PLEASE

Girls, are you all broken up because your heart-throb is gone or leaving? If you are, don't feel lonesome because there are others in your boat—their mothers. Do you find yourself sitting home recalling all those sweet moonlight nights? Or do you throw parties for all the gals who are in your shoes? Nothing else but a crying party that is. Just think, if you've lost your man, that Uncle Sam has gained him. Don't wish that he was in the brig so that he won't be going out with the gals because that isn't fair—to him. Parents tell you "Don't it home moping!" So what do you do—you go to a friends house and mope. There are so many little things that you remember—songs that fit you just perfectly such as "Don't Break the Heart of the One Who Loves You" or "You don't Miss Your Water Til the Well Runs Dry" and what do you do, sit down and get all red-eyed again. But don't let it get you down, remember, he's just going to be gone for six months, a year, four years, what's the difference, he'll be back, even if you don't wait for him like you promised.

One solitary skyscraper loomed up above all the others, however. Shining white, its thirty nine stories of windows gleamed in the sunlight. It looked a little odd, like a sore thumb, but still it was a beautiful building and Brad knew Avondale probably took great pride in it.

He walked down Main Street looking for 312 and stopped when he came to the skyscraper.

"Cannon."

"Have a seat, Mr. Cannon. What can I do for you?"

"I'd like to apply for a job."

Out of the corner of his eye he saw the girl slip out.

"Oh? For a waiter?"

"Yes, sir."

"Aren't you a little old?"

"Well, sir—"

"How old are you, anyway?"

"Forty six."

"Forty six! Gad, man! Where have you been all your life?"

"In the Pen."

"The Pen?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, Mr. Cannon," he said with a sickeningly sweet quality to his voice, "Just what did you do?"

"I did a lot of things. Stole, burned, I don't know. Believe me, Mr. Shoemaker, I'm willing to prove to you that twenty-five years in a prison can change a man's entire outlook on life."

"No need to prove it to me!" he shouted. "I'm sorry, Mr. Ex-convict, but no dice!"

Brad dragged himself out the door. He hadn't counted on this. He wondered if the other places would feel the same way.

They did, he soon found out. All of them. Butcher, Baker, Candlestick maker. He was branded an outcast according to them.

By the end of the day Brad had smoked three packs of cigarettes, and now lay again on his bed with one in his hand staring up at the ceiling.

"This is what I get for my sins," he told himself. "This is God's revenge."

Brad opened the newspaper for one last look. Nothing. All crossed off with X's.

And then his eyes caught something they hadn't noticed before.

"Have any kind of a problem?" it read. "We'll solve it for you! Just call GA 46210."

"No harm in trying," Brad thought, a little more cheerfully.

The phone buzzed rhythmically and at last he heard a click. No answer. "Hello, are you the people that solve problems?"

"What sort of problem do you have?" uttered a slow, sinister voice.

"Uh, I am badly in need of a job."

"312 East Main Street, Avondale, Minnesota . . . Goodbye."

"Goodbye? Hello? Hello? Operator! I've been cut off!"

He hung up discouragedly.

312 East Main Street; how far away was Avondale? Brad called the desk clerk.

"Could you please tell me the distance from here to Avondale?"

"Yes, sir," came the reply, "35 miles."

Brad was on the next bus. It was costing him \$3.50. He had only about 75 dollars left, and he knew a solution must come soon.

Stepping off the bus at Avondale, he immediately noticed something peculiar. All the buildings were so old, and not more than two stories high, with an architecture of the late twenties.

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"Miller and Sons, Printers," it read above the door. And underneath that a "312".

As Brad walked in he noticed, the building appeared to be vacant.

"Probably just been built," he thought, as he stepped into the self-service elevator. Without a button being pushed, the elevator swiftly moved till it stopped and the little red number read 39.

The click of busy typewriters filled the air. Brad stepped out into the corridor and looked about. It was a printing office, all right. He could smell the type.

"Come in, Mr. Cannon," said a voice behind a closed door on the right. "Come in, and tell me your troubles."

Brad opened the door to find himself in utter darkness.

"Now, no need to be alarmed, Mr. Cannon, I simply detest light, so we must discuss this matter in the dark. What is your problem?"

Brad didn't know what to say.

"Uh—uh—I can't get a job."

"Because you were in prison and no one believes you have repented?"

"Why—"

"Because you committed such crimes as Assault and Battery, Arson, robberies, drunken driving, need I say more?"

"If this is a joke—"

"Oh, this is no joke, Mr. Cannon, I assure you. I just wanted to make sure. You know we can solve your problem."

"How?" Brad asked with astonishment.

"You know that we are a printing company. Well, we also remove any bits of records from the past and put other information in place of the first. In other words, we rewrite your life."

"We simply print the material and thus any misfortunes or bad memories are erased for eternal time in the minds of everyone."

"You mean it's just as if I had never done them?"

"That is correct, Mr. Cannon."

"I'll do it! When do you start?"

"There is money involved," the voice said calmly.

"How much?" The question was apprehensive.

"Seventy five dollars."

"That's just how much I have and maybe enough to get back to the hotel!"

Brad took the money from his pocket and felt someone take it.

"And I can be sure of this now—"

"You can be sure, Mr. Cannon, within the next hour."

That was years ago. Now Brad is the president of an advertising firm in Minneapolis and has money to burn. He is married to a charming woman and has three darling children. They live in a gorgeous home in the suburbs.

Today, though, he happened to be passing by the same hotel where he had stayed so long ago and he happened to meet Warden Nash.

"Well, how are you, Brad? Long time no see!" the Warden said as he shook Brad's hand heartily.

"Oh, I'm doing just fine. It's great to see you! What are you doing now?"

"I'm with a real estate agency in Avondale now."

"Oh, really?" asked Brad. "How do you like that tremendous skyscraper they have for their big printing company over there?"

"Printing company? What printing company? There's never been a printing company in Avondale!"



## Cargile places second in District

A name being heard recently around the halls of THS is that of Christene Cargile. Recently, after having won the title of Miss D. O. here, Christene went to Glenn High School in Birmingham to compete in the West Central District contest. She placed second there, with Bonnie Collins from Chilton High being named Miss D. O. of our district, and Jenny Turner, third place from

Bessemer. Christene and Bonnie will be contestants for the title of state Miss D. O.

While there, Christene also participated in the skit as a nurse with Mary Ann Snider, Beverly Stripling, Jack Green, Eddie Fisher, Bobby White, Norman Mize, and Robert McDaniel, which placed third in this division. THS also had winners in other divisions also. Gene Bush was

named district president and Mike Meadows first vice-president.

The judges judging the Miss D. O. contest were Oliver Graves, Mrs. Mary Hilda Baker, Gage Morton, Jim Perry, and Mrs. Polly McPherson.

The State competition will be held here the 29, 30, and 31 of March. Clubs from all Districts in Alabama will participate in the convention.

## Vocabulary is test of your intelligence

The size of your vocabulary is one test of your intelligence. According to modern management, test repeatedly show that a man's ability to assimilate new knowledge, his ability to reason, and his capacity to solve mental problems are related to the number of words he knows.

The University of California's speech expert, Martha G. Mason, finds a very definite correlation between success in life and an individual's vocabulary. Says she: "It has been said that language is the chess of thought and every time we talk, our minds are on parade. Certainly it is impossible to express ideas and thoughts, and to communicate with others, unless one has a good vocabulary and words come easy."

## Health Careers Club

The fourth meeting of the Health Careers Club for this year was held at the Tuscaloosa Health Clinic on February 7. After the business session was completed they were given the privilege of touring the building.

On March 7, another meeting was held at Druid City Hospital. During this meeting the members were shown different departments in the hospital.

This club is open to any one who plans to enter the medical profession. People wishing to join should contact Mrs. Giles, the school nurse or Mrs. James Guin.

## Chi-Rho Hi-Y

Chi Rho sent six boys to Youth Legislature in Montgomery. They were: Jimmy Adams, William Allen, Pete Clark, Frank Greer, Ralph Hayden, and Richard Massi.

Each boy submitted a bill for the Youth Legislature to earn the privilege of going.

Frank Greer, president of Chi Rho, was named "Hi-Y'er of the Month" last month. This is an honor given to one outstanding boy or girl Hi-Y or Tri-Hi-Y member each month.

Chi Rho is co-operating with other Hi-Ys and Tri-Hi-Ys in Tuscaloosa in the World Service Movement, a campaign to raise money for underdeveloped Y.M.C.A.s in all parts of the world.

## Band will play at State

District Contest is long gone and State Band Festival is coming up. The T.H.S. band came through, as always, with flying colors; it was acclaimed best in the district and should repeat this performance at the State Contest this month. The band is to play *Divertimento for Band*, a modern march; *Chester*, the required selection; and *Seigfried's Rhine Journey*, a selection so diffi-

cult it has never been attempted by a high school band.

Last year the Bruin Band took superior honors, and was acclaimed by all to be the best band in the contest. This year we expect the band to repeat the performance as it is the consensus of Col. Butler and Mr. Hamner that this year's Black Bear Band is the best in the history of Tuscaloosa High School.

As is to be expected from a band of this caliber, the bandsmen from T.H.S. were in great presence in the All State Music Festival last March. T.H.S. placed 22 regulars and 8 alternates in this elite group.

## Dr. Warner Hall to speak on faith soon

Doctor Warner L. Hall, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa, presently serving as pastor of Vovenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, will conduct a Week of Spiritual Enrichment at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Prince Avenue, Tuscaloosa. Doctor Hall will speak about "The Relevance of Faith." He is scheduled to speak April 1-5, 7:30 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Youth of Tuscaloosa are invited to come.

## French Club

The French Club had a preparatory meeting to plan for the big state-wide convention coming March 23, and 24. This meeting was held on February 28, at the home of Sheila Terrill.

The club is looking forward to the convention and extensive plans were made. The meeting was primarily a working meeting with time out at the end for some songs in French.

## LET'S KEEP IT CLEAN!

We have a beautiful school, a picturesque campus, and an outstanding student body. That makes us ahead of all the other schools by about three counts, doesn't it? How can we ruin all this in five minutes? By carelessly dropping trash all over our campus! Or maybe thoughtlessly throwing paper in our halls! We have a group of hard working maids, but it does seem that we could do our part. Let's all try to keep our school looking the way that it did before we were ever turned loose in it. Let's keep it clean!

## How to find happiness

The real fountain of happiness is within yourself. Hence, the secrets of happy living are within reach of everyone. The use of the following rules will help you to realize this universal quest of man.

1. Have something good and inspiring to do. Rest your mind and body, to be sure, but mere idleness never leads to the happy life.

2. Have something or somebody to love other than yourself. When you

do this you will develop a healthful love for yourself. Center your love on man as a whole and the welfare of all. But localize it on particular persons to make it immediately effective.

3. Have something great to hope for.

4. Learn to like what you have to do, rather than do only what you like.

5. Learn to be at home with yourself, your fellow men, and God.

Bessemer. Christene and Bonnie will be contestants for the title of state Miss D. O.

## Air Force Truck

(Continued from Page 1) shopping centers through out the nation. The truck has been through 47 states. It is transported and maintained by Staff Sergeant Sparks and Sergeant Howe.

At the present there are 2,200 boys in the academy, and within two years there will be 2,600 which is full capacity. Between 770 and 800 boys are taken in each year.

The main requirements for gaining entrance are: good personality, leadership ability, good scholastic average, and excellent physical condition. A boy should take all the English, math, and science possible. Also such extra-curricular activities such as Boy Scouts and C.A.P. You should apply one year in advance by writing to your Congressman, he will then correspond with you. You must be at least 17 and not yet 22 years of age on July 1, of the year admitted. If you are a senior apply, then go ahead and take a year of college, it will help you tremendously.

When you arrive at the academy you will take 7 weeks of basic training to get you into top physical condition and to eliminate persons not fit for this training. You will then start on a very rugged academic schedule. You will have no social activities or liberty your first year on the base.

When you graduate you will have a commission as a 2nd Lt. in the U.S.A.F. and 89 semester hours of work behind you, this is 50 hours more than the highest required by any university.

## Forensic League

The Forensic League had a practice debate for their club meeting of February 15. This was in preparation for their debate tournament, held Friday, February 16. The team, composed of Tom Hcker and Nancy Roberson, affirmative, and Bob Hopper and Ronald Davis, negative, was victorious. The team now hold the title of County Debate Champion.

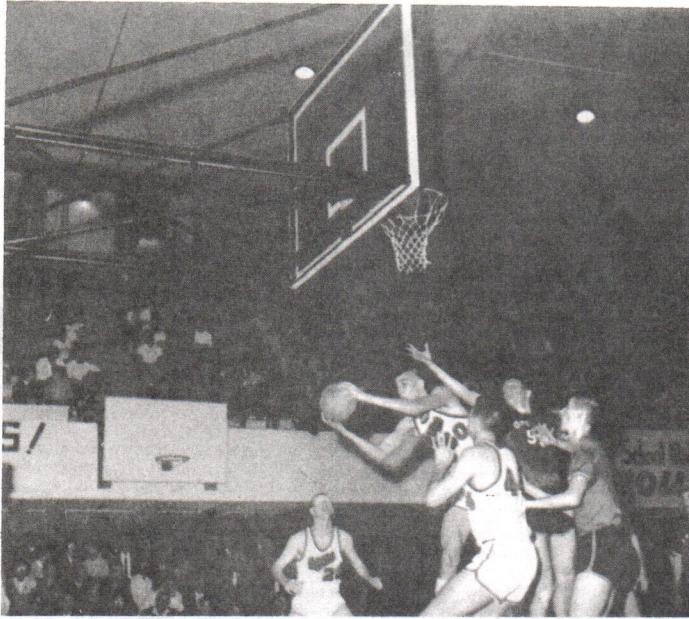
The Forensic League is now pushing for their state-wide competition at the University, to be held the weekend of the 22, 23, and 24 of March. Other participants for T.H.S., as well as the debaters, are Skip Laney and Ann Newman in oral interpretation. Scholarships are awarded as prizes as well as the distinct honor of being chosen in your category.

## Science Club

The Van de Graaff Science Club held its first meeting February 19. "Exploring the Edge of Space," a film about the uses of balloons for space exploration was shown to the fifty-nine members.

To become eligible for membership candidates had to have a 2 point average in science and a recommendation from their science teacher.

Officers of the science club are: Richard Hamner, President; Reedie Guy, Vice-President; Wynne Alexander, Secretary; and Tom Hocker, Treasurer. All officers are senior members of the club.



Ernie Houck clears the boards for the Black Bears in the first round of State Tournament play against Opelika.

## Black Bears win District

The idea that Fifth District Tournament play for the Tuscaloosa Black Bears is always a trying experience seemed to have been thrown out this year as the Bruins rolled four opponents to take the championship crown easily. It was the second year in a row the Bears have done the same trick and this year with far less difficulty than last. The eagers of Coach Tom Tarleton were lead to the title by Tim Parker and Ernie Houck, both of whom made the All-Tournament team with Parker receiving the most-valuable-player award.

The Bears tore apart the Huskies of Hewitt in their first round of play winning the game by the score of 58 to 26. The Bruins lead by the score of 34-10 at the half and allowed their opponents but 3 points in the third period of play while they hit the nets for 15. Parker was the leading scorer for the Bears with 17 markers while Houck had 13 and John Pickens 11.

In the next round of play for the Bears they destroyed any hopes the Walker County Viking had of further play as they moved past the Viking

with a 71 to 44 victory. This time it was Houck who lead the offensive department for Tuscaloosa High as he had 16 tallies while Ronnie Franklin had 14 and Parker was close behind with 12.

The Ensley Yellow Jackets were victim number three in the tournament for the Black Bears as they licked the Jackets 45 to 29. It was the worst night of the whole tourney for the Bears shooting percentage as they hit only a little over 38% of their field goal tries, far below their close to 50% on the other nights of the meet. Again Parker was the Bears leading scorer, this time with 14 points as teammate John Pickens followed close behind with 12.

The Mounties of Shades Valley met the top ranked Black Bears in the final game of the tournament and again came out on the short end of the score as they had done in the two previous meetings with the Bruins this year. It was one of the best games the Bears had played all year as the score ended up 74-48. Franklin, Parker, Jimmy Marlowe, and Pickens all hit in double figures for the Bears as they got 16, 15, 11, and 10 tallies respectively.



Doug Holleyhand grabs a rebound for T.H.S. in the State tourney.

## Bruins finish third

A record of 70 and 2 over a two year span is certainly nothing to be ashamed of especially when both of the teams who have defeated you play for the state championship. The Tuscaloosa Black Bears ended up their season this way this year as they advanced through the district tournament and then up to the semi-finals of the state tournament before they met their second defeat of the year in two wears which kept them out of the championship game. The Bears did place two men on the All-Tournament team, an honor that only one other team enjoyed. Representing the Bruins on the elite squad were Ernie Houck and Tim Parker.

The Bears easily knocked off Opelika in the first round of play for the Bruins, 66-34. It was a Bruin ball game all the way as they lead 19-6 at the quarter mark, 34-16 at the half, and 52-23 at the end of the third period of action. Houck was the Bears leading scorer with 17 points while Parker had 12 for the Bears.

A scrappy Oxford team gave the Bears some shaky moments in the quarterfinals as the Tuscaloosa team took control and won 54 to 47 but could never seem to get far enough

ahead to be comfortable. Parker and Ronnie Franklin both had 12 points to lead the Bears' scoring drive.

The semi-finals, played on Saturday afternoon, proved to be the fatal one for the Bruins as the Decatur Red Raiders, very much fired up, pulled a surprising 48 to 46 upset. The Raiders jumped off to a quick lead and at one time were ahead 12 points before the Bear started cutting down on the Decatur lead. The Bears were ahead by one once but could not seem to gain the lead again after the Raiders regained it. It was a poor day for the Black Bears in every department as their field goal percentage was far below par and they were out rebounded. Parker and Houck kept the Bears going as they hit 18 and 12 points respectively.

The Bears played in the consolation on that same Saturday night as the game was a repeat of the Fifth District Class AA championships played the week before in Birmingham at Howard College. This time the Bruins polished off Shades Valley by the score of 81 to 55. Parker poured in 20 points in the little more than 2 quarters he played to lead the Bears in scoring while Houck got 14 tallies for the evening and Earl Compton had 15.

## Bees conclude season

After dropping their first game of the season to Columbus the B Team has fought back to a 17-3 record at the end of the year. The other two games that they lost were to John Carol by one point and to Selma by two.

In all around playing our best players are Gaius Whitfield, Dennis Holcomb, Doug Holleyhand, Al Kincaid, Randy Walker, Daniel Cum-

nings, and Greg Horn, who is, according to Coach Pearson, the most improved player on the team. Holcomb seems to be the best from the field, with 46%. Whitfield has the best percent from the foul line and Kincaid as well as Holcomb is very good at all around rebounding. We had a fine team this year that will make up a part of our A team next year and will probably do a real fine job.



Somebody once said that you can't win 'em all and I guess some of us who thought that the basketball team could never be beaten have been let down some in the last month or so. While we did not win the State Tournament again this year I don't think that there is much doubt around here as to the fact that the Tuscaloosa Black Bears are the "Number One" team in the state. Certainly credit is due to Coach Tarleton and his team to have done as well as they have done over the last couple of years and to have accepted their defeat from Decatur in a display of fine sportsmanship. Certainly most teams who wanted another state title as much as this year's team from Tuscaloosa High could not have shown the dignity that was displayed in losing such a close game to a Decatur team. For what ever consolation it may be it is good to know that you have beaten the team which won the state crown by scores of 30 and 26 points.

Perhaps next year the story will be a little different and under the

able direction of Coach Tarleton another "Number One" team will take the state title. The chances look pretty good with 6 men returning with varsity experience compared to last year's Parker and Houck. Also several good "B" team men will probably be around to help out.

Tim Parker is certainly due some congratulations for having made the first team of the Birmingham Post-Herald's All-State team. Ernie Houck joined him on the second team while John Pickens received an honorable mention. Both Houck and Parker were also named to the All-Tournament team in the State Tournament.

I believe you could safely say that the basketball team at THS for the '61-'62 season displayed more team work than most teams which preceded at Tuscaloosa High and for this reason I am going to pick John Pickens the player-of-the-month for his part in making this team work possible.



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## Grades of THS'ers are improving, state our faculty critics

Today, from the office was issued the report that student's grades at Tuscaloosa High are finally improving. This is due to the fact that the faculty has finally realized that grades never would raise unless copies of tests were provided to each student. This is being accomplished by the issuing of memograph copies. Copies may now be bought for 25¢ plus slightly higher charges for Semester Tests. The 24¢ profit was allocated to the hardworking Journalism Department to pay for typing paper. This system appears to work very well, the only present problem is that the City Board of Education is beginning to wonder how students who don't exist are making straight A's.

When the yearly tapping of Honor Society took place the national president wrote a sincere letter expressing wonder that a whole student body could make the organization. Upon replying to the letter, Mr. Greer expressed the aim that even the faculty could membership requirements before the spring induction ceremonies were held.

## Students protest spring holidays

March 30, 1962, will long be remembered in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; for that was the day the students of Tuscaloosa High School took the law in their own hands, and the entire student body was imprisoned for rioting.

It began that Friday morning, when Mr. Greer, after making a rare announcement, informed the students of a new amendment, whereby, school

## Tuscaloosa High burns completely



Before



After

## Despite efforts of city fire department

Dateline Dixie, April 1, 1962, Tuscaloosa.

Flash!!! Tuscaloosa High School students swarmed out of the building this morning as lightning struck the school and flames burst through halls throwing black smoke and cinders in every possible direction. The Student Body rioted as fear and terror raced through their minds. The faculty, numb from the shock of real fire, was unable to move and soon were devoured by the flames. However, as luck would have it, all that was saved from the ashes was the high school records of each student in the school. Miraculously, none of the students were lost, although a few suffered minor injuries.

The Tuscaloosa Fire Dept., one of the most efficient in the state, was unable to save the school since they were out on a false alarm. The Fire Dept. stated, after they finally arrived, "Gad, what a mess!"

## Last issue of BEAR FACTS in near future?

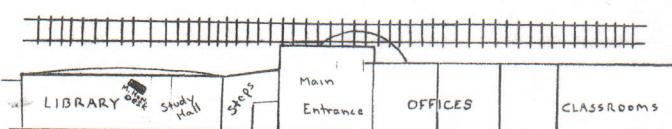
The Tuscaloosa Board of Education announced this morning the Bear Facts has been banned in the city. This is our last issue.

Stating the reason for the action, Superintendent of Schools said, "This entire year Bear Facts standards have become lower and lower with each successive issue and they keep cutting my daughter Moedine and my favorite organization, the West End Yacht Club."

Commented T.H.S. principal, "After the explosion of all the Bear Facts editors and a large portion of the staff, I feel this was the only action possible on the part of the Board."

Note: The paper's editor-in-chief was expelled after the discovery of the bookie joint he was associated with on the school campus. The sports editor was also affiliated with this concern. "The news editor

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Proposed route of Podunk Railroad

## Tuscaloosa High's building to be moved

The trial of South Podunk Railroad versus T.H.S. is now in session at the Tuscaloosa County Court House. This conflict has come about because of the neglect of a minor official to renew a lease to a strip of land on which the front of T.H.S. sits. This land has been leased from the South Podunk Railroad for the last nine years and the lease was permitted to expire by a clerk in the City Board of Education office.

So now the S.P.R. has ruthlessly told city officials to move the school back off of their property, so they can build a railroad through the city. The entire front of the building, for about ten feet, must be knocked off

or the school will have to be moved back ten feet. In either case the train would run approximately 13 1/2 feet from the front wall of the school.

The S.P.R. runs a schedule of nine trains from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Therefore, even if the train was as far away as 15th St. classes would have to be discontinued for as long as 15 minutes at a time. As for talking it would be impossible and the front of the building would shake. The library would have to be moved also.

City officials claim the railroad could go through elsewhere.

Meanwhile, all we can do is wait and HOPE.

Bear Facts and Tuscaloosa High's newly appointed principal, Mr. I. O. You, former gangster leader, would like to bring to the attention of the students and faculty the fact that summer school will be closed this and all the following summers due to undisclosed to this paper, operations in the school basement. Those students that were fortunate enough to fail a course have the privilege of repeating the course under the same teacher the following school year.

The City Board of Education likes the thought of having illiterate de-

linquents running around town. It gives Tuscaloosa a satisfied and relaxed atmosphere. The Board would also like to have more juvenile delinquents than any other town, they report, "By having more juvenile delinquents in Tuscaloosa our fair city will receive better coverage in Time and Life magazines such as Montgomery, Birmingham and Little Rock have enjoyed."

During the next meeting of the Board plans will be discussed to have school six months out of the year or just nine months every other year.

## Annual summer school vacation is closed

# April Fool!

A school newspaper should contain articles that pertain to the school and to the students in the school. Our paper has, in the past years, done this very well, but once in every ten or fifteen years you find a group of people that will simply not conform to any set rule. This year a group such as this has finally come to Bear Facts. To prove that they are not like anything that this school has seen before they decided to do something really different and succeeded when they wrote this paper. If you have read any of this paper you have probably realized that this paper is a nonconformist and can be described in two words, APRIL FOOL!!

## Air-conditioning to be added in THS's rooms this year ???

Something new and wonderful has been added to Tuscaloosa High. We're getting air-conditioning this spring! Now there'll be no more suffering and perspiring from the heavy heat in May and September, not to mention the now-fortunate summer-school student. Of course, to enjoy this novelty, students will be expected to pay a dollar a day from now on until they graduate. Just think of it. This is the first time we've had something like this, and we hope the students will really benefit from it. Not the teachers, just the students. But we won't care if the teachers want to enjoy it too, as long as they don't get too comfortable. Also, unless a person wants to freeze to death, he must never tinker with the vents in the classroom. If they are so much as touched, icy air will continue to blast out all year long, and that would never do. We'd all be frozen in no time.

Since the air-conditioning, other projects have come up for discussion. One of these is putting a water fountain in each classroom. Strict rules would have to be made, though, such as: no student can get a drink of water more than ten times during a class period. The teachers regret having to make such rigid rules, but they feel that the students will understand.

So let's get with it and start bringing our dollars.

## Bear Facts is Prejudice

It is the policy of Bear Facts to serve the interest of the staff with no respect for the student body. We feel no obligation to print accurate news. The Bear Facts shall strive to cause misunderstandings and poor cooperation between the student body, faculty, administration, and community. The Bear Facts shall be prejudice in articles of political and religious nature and always strive to avoid good taste.

The Bear Facts columns are opened only to students and faculty members who are approved by the Bear Facts staff.

In such cases as outside stories the Bear Facts reserves the right to edit or reject when they conflict with the paper's policy.

## Juniors named tops

Congratulations to the Junior class of T.H.S. After careful consideration our experts have named the Junior class tops in all school activities. The class is renowned for always giving triple their quota in fund-raising drives. Their parade floats are always judged tops. As our poll on creating proved earlier this year, the Junior class is the most honest in the entire school. They are reported to give Mr. Gallman the least trouble concerning disciplinary problems.

This sterling group of students never engage in swearing, smoking, or drinking. They begin constant campaigns to cleanse their fellow students of these vices, but become discouraged at the results.

Trotting the halls of our fair institution are 371 of these super-perfect people. Bouquets to these fine examples of American youth. And brickbats to the Seniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen who are so jealous of the stupendous Juniors.

Our hats off to you, Juniors!

## B. F. Proficie

'Twas the night before April Fool's And all through the house, The B.F. Staff was planning how to make others Feel like a louse.

The thoughts were coming, but some had their doubts As to whether or not to toss them out.

Mrs. Rutledge did not approve, so we had to delude A few of the choice reviews.

Some were real juicy (so we thought), others were cruel; But what did you expect from a bunch of fools?

As daylight came nearer to town, fast at work, The B.F. Staff put down, First on thought and then another (They were in such a dither) Things that were probably to hit the Bear Facts gutter.

They worked hard to give this to you; Even though it may not send you; But our Staff all do intend to do our best even to the bitter end.

THE END

## The great life

Comrades! Have you been doing your part lately? Are you still being as obnoxious as possible? Or maybe you've forgotten our daily tactics.

Remember! To be a good Communist you must cause confusion and chaos whenever possible.

Always tell a big lie, it's usually easier than the truth.

Start at least one riot or protest against anything each day.

Treat your friends like dirt, they, in turn, will do the same to their friends and you, and so on, until everyone feels equal.

If you should be caught, do as instructed and blame someone else.

But above all, remember that you are doing the right thing. Communism is the best government. Under what other government can an old man work all his life on his meager farm, just barely keeping his family fed and clothed, and still have the honor of giving what little he has to our great leader to give to worthy causes.

If I were any funnier, I think I would cry. Yours faithfully, Robin Hood and the Black Knight.

## Just Thunking

by Pete Clark

April Fool. He was given this name because he was born on April 1, and his father's name was Fool. His family thought very logically.

April Fool became very famous for he was the only man with an I.Q. of 63 who managed to stay out of a mental hospital. He soon became the idol of all people in sanitarians throughout the world. But the end came soon for April, when he was 31 he backed it into the street and was hit by a transfer truck carrying camels. With his last breath he said, "I forgot to buy my Bear Facts."

By the way the motto for this issue of Bear Facts is: "Do you think this is the worst issue you've even seen, just wait and see what we can do to the next one."

## T.H.S. talents revealed

Last Friday night in our slightly burned auditorium the sophomores took top honors showing their outstanding ability in comedy.

To start the evening off with a bang Marsha Patterson translated the whole book of Virgil's Aeneid. By the end of her recitation everyone was ready to rock out with Estes Hayes doing a round of arching eyebrows to the music of David Reynolds' "Last Date".

One of the highlights of the night was Donny Hannah, Joe Barton, John Wayne Armstrong, Jim Marlowe, and Chris Curtis singing, "Row, Row Your Boat" in rounds while guzzling down a quart of skim milk and bananas.

Diane Stansell gave a book review of "A Tale of Two Cities".

During the intermission Dick Gary demonstrated "how to play pool with a questick", while Gary Byrd argued that a shotgun was much better.

After everyone had stretched his legs and exercised his lungs, they same back to find John Pickens and Bill Alread doing a few cheers that they picked up during basketball season.

The grand final was when Hank Herrod showed everyone the blocking of Pensacola boys. The act was doing fine until his sister Sissy ran on stage, slipped, hit Hank, and broke his leg. The crowd thought this was part of the show and they cackled, but unfortunately Sissy was trying to prevent Hank from hurting himself again.

So ended the 1962 Junior Talent Show.

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'sounded off' one too many times," said T.H.S. officials. Bear Facts business manager and feature editor were dismissed after engaging in a violent disagreement during which the journalism room was declared a disaster area. When the photographer's films were confiscated and the pictures thereon were viewed by faculty committee, he was expelled and offered \$10,000 for the prints by certain teachers. The editorial editor was dismissed for reviewing favorably the book *Progressive Communist Infiltration in Action*.

Maggie Rutledge, former sponsor, was at her hairdresser's and could not be reached for comment—only her hair dresser knows for sure.

Question: Why did the chicken cross the road?

Answer: I don't know but it sounds like foul play.

## Letters...

Dear Students:

Everywhere you turn there are new students. From Russia, Ivan Kavonich Jr., Ivan, as you notice is 6'7", with pea green hair and baby pink skin. The paper has only one request—please don't make fun of Ivan's clothes, he probably thinks the hammer and sickle design is very distinguishing.

Another outstanding student is Mao Tung. Mao has the personality like Beowulf. Also, he likes to eat his rice with two knives.

Of all the new students, Youra Hogg, stands out the most. Youra has a coke cola figure and her French clothes don't remind us of Mother Goose. Her locker number is 38-22-35.

Dear Editor,

I would like to complain about this school which refuses to let students develop their talents. Why won't they let me run in the hall! When you are on the girl's track team you need as much practice as possible. Another thing, why won't they let me doodle "Jigger" on the walls? I'm not doing so well in art and practice could help there too. Oh, yeah, they won't let me sing in my classes either. If they won't let me practice how do they ever expect me to get lower than my brother. Something has to be done or I might just quit school. Better not though, Mrs. Foster and Mr. Miller might need my help on an algebra problem.

With malice,  
Dale "Mousie" Christian

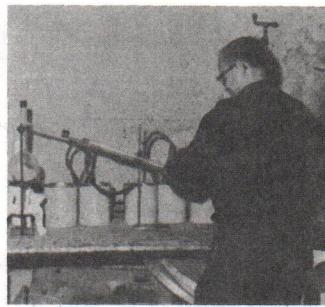


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## Great awards won by errors and luck

As you walk through the halls of THS you may notice, in a large glass case the trophies this school has won through the years. But how did we win them? who won them? and for what were they presented?

Up in the top right hand corner you notice a slightly tarnished silver cup. This lovely trophy was presented to Donna Iverson in 1940 for the state jump-rope contest. Directly under this one you find a white plastic ball this was given to Mrs. Clinton's Physical Education class during the six-weeks they were playing baseball but due to rainy weather they had to play volley-ball and thus got enough practice to win the National Volley-ball Tournament. The new trophy, hidden in the back, was won by Lloyd Wagner, freshman, in the 10 mile dash. (they tell me he did it barefooted) The trophy with all the wrirting on it was presented in loving memory of Libby Gray, who didn't win the swimming meet but went down trying. Last but not least we have our latest addition to the trophy shelf. It is a broken que-stick earned by Donny Greenhaw in a billiard match against some Decatur person. These are only a few of the many awards received by the students of THS and we are expecting more through the years to come.



Coach Pearson at work??

## Ten plus two tops

Mop Flop—recorded by the Shake-a-Legs  
Let's Black Bottom Again—by the I Have's  
THS Blues—by the Ungraduates  
A Tale of Tuscaloosa & Birmingham  
—by the In-Betweens  
Heart Broken—by Broken Heart  
Moving On—by the Travelers  
Coming Around the Mountain—by  
When She Comes  
Stars Fell on Me—by the Black-eye  
Money Problems—by Ain't Got a  
Dime  
Babs—by Soap and the Bubbles  
Fan-Dancer—by the coordinates  
Jelly-Jam—by Between the Bread

Today one of Coach Marion Pearson's students made the most startlingly shocking discovery that has ever occurred in our school's history. The student, because of danger to himself, wishes to remain anonymous, so we will call him Joe.

This morning while the Coach was temporarily away, Joe, who was in dire need of a saw, made a trip to the tool room to get it. The door was closed but not locked, so Joe entered. He said later he had never smelled anything like that before, except for his Paw.

There it was. The coils, everything. Brewing away. When asked what his first thought was, Joe replied, "This can't be coffee." Joe said he wondered what it was and took a little sip. Then he took another. Two hours later, he had been missed in phys-ed and English, Joe was found and taken to Mr. Gallman, where he spilled the beans. "I never thought Coach would do this" he hiccuped.

Mr. Pearson was found in the men's lounge making out a list of all the teachers who were his customers. All of them were. Mr. Greer said that our entire school was so corrupt now that it would be dismissed for the rest of the year.

As for the coach he confessed and soon the whole student body heard his story part rumor and part truth. Here it is straight from the coach's mouth:

"I never did care for the teacher's pay, so I decided to make a little extra money on the side by brewin' up a little joy juice. It was pretty easy, I figured. Just disguise the stuff as varnish. Janie (this referred to Mrs. Ingram) sorta helped out with some glassware from the chemistry room. The boys never the difference. They just figured I was actin' strangely, 'cause of the tension of the B team. And I was. But most of all it was because of the still. Pretty good stuff, that wildcat whiskey. Rest of the faculty liked it too. Twas only a buck a jug. Yep, Purty good stuff."

"Mr. J. D. Ray, known to us as a biology teacher, was the local distributor for this vicinity and Moundville, his hometown."

This afternoon when the entire faculty was loaded into the county paddywagon, they all cried out their violent threats against poor Joe, who at this moment is still sitting in Mr. Gallman's office singing Auld Lang Syne with bloodshot eyes.

## Letters from alumni

We have received many letters from our alumni recently and also we wrote to some of the Black Warrior Favorites of years gone by. As a result we have these letters to the student body for you to read.

Dear Students,

I am a drop-out student. I am world famous and renowned for my money and sly business dealings. When I was in the ninth grade at THS I became sixteen and dropped out. I was sick of school. Then I got a job with a supermarket in Birmingham. And soon became assistant manager. I then had enough experience so I started a food chain of my own, and as a result of twenty years of hard work I own 476 stores. I am rich, rich, rich and even a little wealthy.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Students,

You should be glad you are going to THS. I am proud to show my fellow sewer workers my diploma. This diploma helped me get a job with the Chicago Sewer Works. It is a rewarding job. I get to clean out and check ten miles of sewers a day. Everybody in the Sewer Works Union say they wishes they had a high school education especially from a place like THS. So you students study hard and graduate and maybe you can have a good job like mine.

Yours truly,  
U. R. Lucky  
Most Likely to Succeed 1950

Dear Students,

My name is B. D. Moneybags. I graduated from THS and became a millionaire the same year. I first got a job as a cowhand in Texas and while digging a well I struck oil. From then on the road has been gilded. I bought most of the land around and have been getting 400,000 barrels a day from my field. I then won another million at Las Vegas as you can see my education paid off.

With pleasure,  
B. D. Moneybags  
"Mr. Flunkout" of 1945

## Tuscaloosa student honored as beauty

Recently a few students from THS, combined with students from all over the state, entered a state beauty contest. Anyone who had enough intestinal fortitude could enter the contest. (Only a few brave souls dared to enter.)

The winner of the contest, one of our more prominent students, was Ernestine Houck. Ernestine is 17 years old, and has beautiful brown eyes and hair, and a figure that knocks you out (42, 38, 40). She enjoys all sports, such as: sewing, cooking, and washing dishes. Her personality is very beguiling. Ernestine lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Houck, at 242359½ Lovers Lane.

Some of Ernestine's tougher competition was Josephine Lathan, Pauline Bryant, Ginny Marlowe, Tommie Sue Kendall, Christine Curtis, Edwina Glenn, Charlene Perkins, Timmie Lou Parker, and Bula Christian.

## Personals...

Many of our students at T.H.S. left town over the AEA holidays.

I hear that Mike Riley visited his Aunt Lucille in Alaska. He says he had a great time swimming and water skiing in the midnight sun.

Sally Kirk ice skated down to Africa to visit her second cousin removed by two generations. She said the food down there was delicious—Ostrich eggs, squirrel nests, blueberry hamburgers, and shrunken heads.

John Holiday scooted across the Atlantic Ocean to see his Indian friends in Moundville, Alabama. I heard that his sister Delaney went along to see about buying her a Greek chariot to go to Las Vegas in.

Bonnie Davis flew on a jet propelled plane to Alberta City because she heard some Caviar and she had heard you could buy it at the Tastee-Freeze.

Also, over AEA were parties. Linda Campbell held a party at her

lake house in the Arabic Desert. Bob Shamblin had a "sell your bicycle spokes" party. Scarlett Broughton had a calorie counting party at her home. Some of her guests told me that the food was great. She served fried pine cones and baked Latin II books.

I'm sure that there are many of our students who had a more exciting vacation than any of the above. These are those fine people who stayed in their nice car headlights mopping, sweeping, dusting, and of course trying out for cheerleader.

Last but not least, Aubrey Domnick went scuba diving in the water fountain right outside the used car lot in the right wing upstairs. He has reported finding many numerous things.

It was a grand holiday, but I'm quite sure everyone was glad to get back to school.

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## Favorite teacher

Miss Wenella Strychnine, typing instructor, has just been voted "Favorite Teacher" by T.H.S. students.

Miss Strychnine, who has been teaching for 37 years at THS is fondly known to her victims as "Ole Jolly Rodger".

Not only is Miss Strychnine famous for her "winning ways" and "cheerful smile" but she is best known for her interesting and unique homework assignments. For instance, as Miss Strychnine feels student should be familiar with their typewriters, the first homework assignment of the school year is for them to make their own typewriters.

We, of the Bear Facts staff, congratulate you Miss Strychnine and hope that you might win this honor again only in another school.

# Bears mutilate Lanier

It was a very exciting game the day we beat Lanier, 36-32. Aubrey Dominick was the high-scorer with two points. He probably could have scored more, but the three foot snow slowed him down a little bit. Ralph Quarles and Jerry McClure, who were switched to halfbacks in the last half, did a great job of running. "Guides" Mattison would have done a fine job of running back punts if he had only run the right way with the ball.

Although we know that it's hard for him to run looking at Tommie Sue with one eye and the pigskin with the other. They might have beat us in the last quarter except one of our over-anxious fans, Cathy Dent, could not wait to kiss the boys.

There was a victory party sponsored by the coaches at Terrace's Cabin after the game with the whole team participating . . . violently. Gary and Donnie Hinton led the group in songs.



Newly formed Poker team promotes honesty

## Track team plays Alberta

Practice was held as usual after school. Running around the school was a highlight of the day's activities. Skipping rope and a hop scotch session were among the exercises used to build coordination. The team has a big meet coming up at Alberta Junior High. It is said that our team may have trouble adjusting to the rough playing conditions over there.

All sorts of keen records have been set this year. We have had a four

minute mile (downhill of course) and a record shotput from the top of river hill (the put was measured including the roll). A few of the opinions expressed by the coaches were "Wowee", "Gee Whiz", "Heck" and like that.

The team will work out a couple of more times before their meet with Alberta. If they win, they will get an invitation to participate in the U. S. meet to be held in Anchorage, Alaska.



This year we hope that our boys will run right to left just to show the seniors from last year it can be done.

For the third year in a row Dennis Cummy-all led the Bee team in scoring. We of the staff sincerely hope that Dennis will graduate this year. So far he has been eligible for five junior-senior proms.

Again we would like to make the announcement that all boys on the football team wishing to sell peanuts please report to the choral music room after school for a yelling practice.

As a final note, we would like to get serious with you. We would like to express our opinion of the fans after our last basketball defeat. We realize that you carried off the coach all in fun, but some body please return him.

## FROM THE CRIB

by Bob Hopper

Well, at least our cheerleaders are doing a fine job even if our basketball team isn't. They haven't missed a cheer in the last 47 games . . . all losses. Our last victory was a 93-47 victory over Lanier . . . in football that is. Our boys have fine spirit and are expected to win a game any time now. Good luck boys!

On the bright side, THS will again have one of the best pool teams in the state. Even though the best player on the team (a 6-5 senior) graduated we still have some totch cuers. We hope to see all the green carpeters at the Burger King after their next match.

Again we will have a baseball team unless riots delay the games like last year. The new head coach L. C. Suggins will start nine men.



Jumprope champions practice in front of their trophies

## Bruins win in Hpolotef

Saturday night was the exciting hpolotef tournament at Denny Stadium. Crowds of fans turned out for the game, even though it did rain.

At the kick off, Parker rebounded and made it to second, and after two strikes and two balls Porter hit a homerun and made a touchdown.

Manderson shouted "Fore!" during the end of the third quarter and the crowds cheered him on as he scored a goal.

John Ray Sullivan, one of our best track stars, dived through the goal for one point, but was injured immediately following because some unknown player hit John with his

hockey stick.

In the third lap of the 200 yard free style, Cary Williams drowned while trying to make a basket, which incidentally disqualified him from the contest.

In the end of the fourth quarter, with the score 26-8, Volleyball champ Lynette Bostick got one over the net for the Bruins' final touchdown, leaving the score 46-98.

By the way, all you hpolotef fans, there will be a pep rally Thursday morning in the gym for all those who wish to come, and Lyn says she wishes everyone would please bring their ice skates.

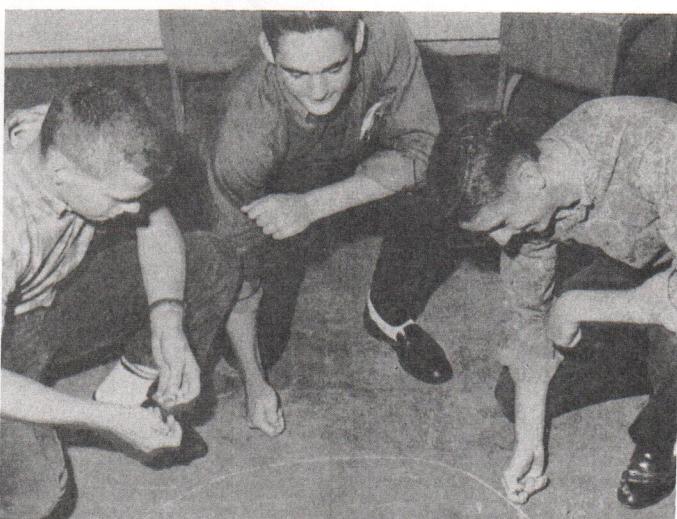
## Swimmer killed in practice

With last week's victory over Westminster, the THS tankers sped their winning streak to 59 straight meets and are being picked a solid eighty point favorite to sweep the state meet.

This was the situation two days ago. But something happened that will change the sports writers' opinions for sure. While in practice, the famous free-styler Mike (George) Stephens, who is known all over for his swiftness, was killed out-right

when he hit his head on the wall after a "monoceros" start. Although he was quickly pulled out by B. O. Smarts Marks and given mouth to mouth artificial respiration, by Margaret (Fireball) Whitfield, he never regained consciousness.

The loss of his fantastic swimming will surely be the downfall of THS's record-holding swim team and the end of a great era of swimming. In memorial to George, the date of June 2 will be set aside as "George Day" at THS.



Another big pot for the THS marble shooters



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## Latin Club presents triumph procession

The Junior Classical League began their annual Latin Week with a banquet held Friday night, April 13 in the school cafeteria at 6:00. The theme for the banquet was the Trojan War. All decorations and entertainment carried out this theme. Beginning the banquet was a procession of the common people followed by the royalty who ruled over the affair. The rulers were: John Hisey, Menalaus; Mary Tillotson, Hecuba; Susan Holloman, Helen of Troy; Ronald Davis, Priam; and Cary Williams, Paris. Following the procession dinner was served in traditional Roman style. The slaves entertained the guest with an original variation of the song "Chain Gang." Following this the Trojan War was re-enacted by members of the club. In conclusion a skit was given by John Hisey, Mary Tillotson, Vence Rollins, Richard Summerville, Marsha Patterson, Joyce Tyler, Dorothy Echols, Joe Sullivan, Tom Hocker, Janet Welton, Richard Massi, Jessica Patterson, Greg Huey, and Gene Scott. The skit was a comical version of the Trojan war.

On Monday there were posters and displays in the halls proclaiming that April 16-20 was Latin Week at THS. On Thursday there was a triumphal procession through the halls honoring the Latin III's and IV's.

The chairman of Latin Week was Ann Lee and the chairman of the Latin Banquet was Jan Calhoun.

### Editorial

## Talent Show analyzed

The theme of the "World's Fair" was not completely followed in the presentation of the 1962 Junior Talent Show, but Masters of Ceremonies Ronnie Ezell and Nancy Quinn kept the show moving.

The "first" act was a presentation of the Dances of the Sixties. They were done by: Alice Ann Duncan, Susan Woolly, Sarah Hinton, Martha Raye Stringer, Becky Glenn, Rebecca Wright, Delanie Fitts, Diane Stansell, Sally Johnson, Pete Foster, Jimmy Marlowe, Donny Hannah, Joe Lee Hutt, Jerry Humphries, John Wayne Armstrong, Bill Alread, Chris Curtis, and Joe Barton.

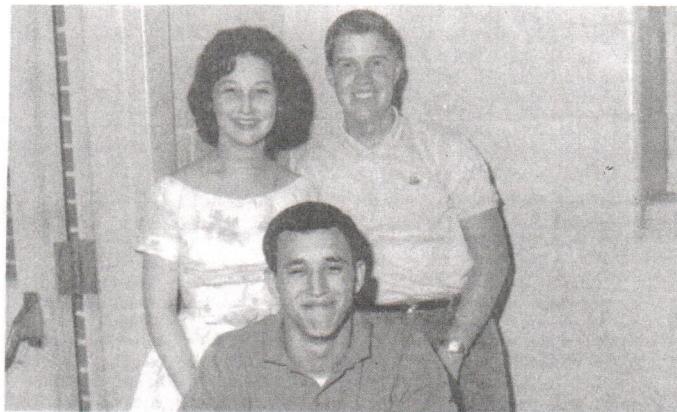
Second was the "Bird Watchers Plus Me", with Bill Bowman, Vance Rollins, Jerry Smith, and Gary Walters, doing some fine singing.

"The Game" was next, a very good take-off on the T.H.S. basketball team, starring Nancy Quinn, Judy Nisbet, Fern Niehuss, Brantly Cochran, Diane Harris, Mary Helen Roberts, Cam Cantz, Estes Hayes, Nina Beth Parker, and Ann Seebeck.

"Nairobi Trio" with John Hisey, Fred White, and Jim Gresham took the role of a group of hilarious monkeys.

"Little Egypt"? starring the W.E.Y.C. came next with a group of good ole home type songs. They were sung by Billy Ball, Joe Smith, Hugh

## Hank Herrod voted President of SGA



Shown above are the new Student Government Association Officers

## Officers for YMCA County Council named

At the monthly meeting of the Tuscaloosa County Council on Sunday, April 1, at the Y.M.C.A., the officers for the coming year were elected. They are as follows: Billy Ray, president; Dale Brown, from County High, vice-president; Mary Tillotson, secretary; Jimmy Adams,

chaplain; Pete Clark, reporter; and Dennis Standard, sergeant-at-arms.

Mary Jo Jernigan, the former president of County Council, was presented with a gift by the members. The Council also gave Mr. Ensign, who has been the secretary of the Y.M.C.A. and is leaving for Oklahoma, a plaque for his devoted support.

The purpose of the County Council is to "Co-ordinate activities of the various Hi-Y's and Tri-Hi-Y's in Tuscaloosa County". There are some twenty-nine clubs participating in this organization.

## Contributions given

Books are what make a library and the Key Club has just given the library a hundred dollars to purchase new books. Mrs. Howard, the librarian, has added many new reference books that might be of interest to the students. These books were selected from the book exhibit held here in late October. Students are invited to come in and see the new additions.

Other gifts to the library besides that of the Key Club were donated by the Theta Tri-Hi-Y and Margaret Partlow. It is hoped that the students will take advantage of these new books, soon.

## Bob Hopper elected new vice-president

Hank Herrod was elected president of the Student Government Association, replacing Ralph Quarles, Wednesday, April 4. Bob Hopper, sophomore, succeeded Pettus Randall as vice-president. Dale Christian was elected as secretary, replacing Beppy Forehand.

Campaign managers and nominees gave their speeches before the student body Wednesday. Running for the office of president were: Hank Herrod, backed by his campaign manager, Tommy Nicol and Pettus Randall whose qualifications were given by Wayne Shaeffer.

Vice-presidential candidates were: Bob Hopper, supported by Eugene Poole; Frank Greer represented by William Allen; and Warren Day, whose qualifications were pointed out by John Caldwell. Bob Hopper defeated Warren Day in the run-off held Thursday morning.

Secretarial candidates were: Ann Newman, represented by Jay Lord; Dale Christian, who was introduced by her brother, Charles Christain; and Cam Cantz, whose qualifications were presented by Nancy Quinn. Dale Christian defeated Ann Newman in the run-off.

These officers will take their positions for the school year of '62-'63.

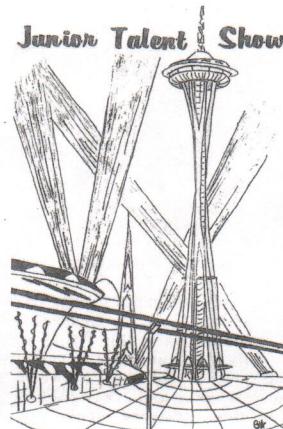
Mrs. Cary, faculty sponsor of the Student Government Association, organized the elections.

## Amateur legislators attend Montgomery

The Fourteenth Alabama YMCA Youth Legislature was held March 22-25 in Montgomery, Alabama. Attending the legislature from Tuscaloosa High were: Lulu Black, Sara Duren, Alice Hamilton, Mary Jo Jernigan, Cynthia Smith, Fran Vining, Linda Armstrong, Libby Gray, Norma Lancaster, Mary Tillotson, Susan Giles, Patti Hicks, Pamela Mitchell, Jackie Weston, Brantley Cochrane, Didi Fletcher, Nancy Quinn, Lenn Bomar, Cherry Kendrick, Susan Mize, Mary Evans Williams, Juliette Gwin, Louise Jones, Susan Jackson, Jane Price.

During the third legislature day a joint session of the legislature was addressed by Hon. John Patterson, the governor of Alabama. Also a (Continued on Page 5)

### Junior Talent Show



## Class officers are elected

Class officers for the year of '62-'63 were elected April 12. These officers will be in charge of the homecoming activities of their class.

Representing the Senior Class are: Pettus Randall as President; John Caldwell, Vice-president; and Ann Newman, Secretary. These officers will speak at their class graduation exercises next year.

Jay Smith, President of the Junior Class will be master of ceremonies at next year's Junior-Senior Prom and the Junior Talent Show. Tommy Kendall was elected Vice-President and Connie Strickland, Secretary.

The Sophomore officers are: President, Tom Patton; Vice-president, Mike Ford; and Lana Johnson, Secretary.

# Week vacation during AEA, what do you think about it?

Shortly before A.E.A. some talk arose about the length of the holidays. Around the Bear Facts we argued—oops—discussed this matter. Why can't T.H.S. have a week at this time like some other schools? Look at it this way, the pros say: first semester we have Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Second semester when we're all becoming weary of school work we have only two days of vacation to look forward to. Of course, we can always do a rain dance for a flood or hope for snow which have given us relief from school in the past. Mother Nature, however, does not always oblige.

Those against say that we must run with the University. One of the reasons our schedule is similar to that of the University is because of student teachers. Yet they often leave us—for spring holidays and an occasional football holiday.

We realize that we must attend school for a set number of days. Many of us would be willing to begin

school a few days earlier or have three less days Christmas vacation in order to have a second semester "breather."

A week during A.E.A. has worked for other schools in Alabama and in cities where a college is present. Could it work in Tuscaloosa?

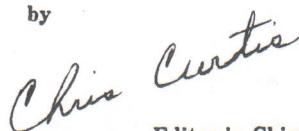
This editorial is admittedly biased as the writer was a "Bear-Facter" FOR a week's vacation.

We would like to represent the opinion of Mr. and Miss T.H.S. in this. How do YOU feel? What are YOUR arguments for or against? How do YOU teachers feel? Write us your views on this. If a majority find a week (with the three days to be made up at some other time in the school year) agreeable, perhaps we can persuade the Board of Education to consider such a proposal.

Place letters with YOUR views in Mrs. Rutledge's box in the office or give them to a member of the Bear Facts staff.

## Just Thinking

by



Editor-in-Chief

With the last six weeks of this school year under way everyone knows what is expected of him or her. I mean this in respect to grades that must be made in order to maintain the averages that you wish or have to have. Perhaps, if you have been easing up on your studies since school is almost out, now is the time to get behind yourself and really push. I am sure that it wouldn't hurt any of us to start studying a little early for those final examinations. I know that everyone has been thinking about that long awaited summer vacation, but let's try to push it aside for just a few more weeks and finish this school year up in fine style. Students should remember that the grades made this six weeks could determine the subjects you may be allowed to take, the college you can go to, and whether or not you will have to make up a subject in summer school.

The annual Junior-Senior Prom

was a success, as usual, this year. It was held in the school gym on May 5 1962 with music furnished by the Starlighters. I understand that the Senior Banquet was also thoroughly enjoyed by all who were able to attend. All in all I would say that it turned out to be a very enjoyable evening for everyone concerned.

Now to turn to the lighter side of the news. The annual Junior-Senior softball game was played May 7 behind the Tuscaloosa Junior High School. It was organized and supervised by the Juniors and Seniors themselves!! A few of the participants for the Senior team were as follows: Danny "Dirt" Brown, catcher; Ralph; "Fan" Quarles pitcher; "Stretch" Orr, first base; "Cub" Bryant, second base; Big Tim Parker, short stop; "Tinkel" Glenn, third base; John Ray "Errorless" Sullivan, left field; Bobby "Mine Mine" Porter, center field; and Eddie "Catch-it-on-the-run" Ford.

A teacher is expected to be a psychiatrist without a couch . . . politician without a promise . . . baby-sitter without the right to raid the ice-box. Yet he makes less money than a woman wrestler . . . burlesque strip-tease dancer . . . or the blackjack dealers in Las Vegas.

Teachers are expected to go to church . . . keep out of debt . . . have creative minds (but not to disagree with the Board of Education) . . . to stay away from cigarettes, beer, and raffles . . . and give willingly to the United Fund.

Teachers can be found after school taking aspirin . . . picking up spitballs . . . washing black-boards . . . rehearsing plays . . . sewing angel costumes for the Christmas pageant . . . and just sitting at a desk waiting for strength to get home.

They spend four years in college

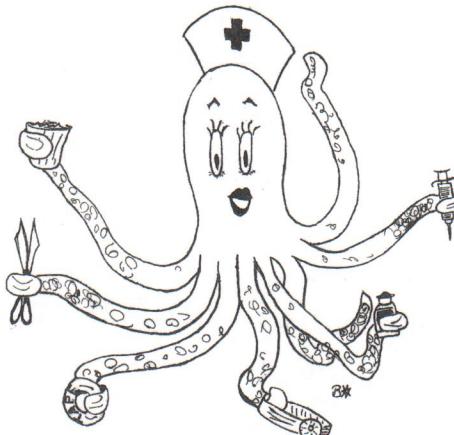
learning how to make young boys throw bubblegum in the wastebasket. They must be an authority on baseball . . . grasshoppers . . . little girls . . . snakes . . . young life . . . little boys . . . and how to live three months of the year without a paycheck.

This article consists of excerpts from a speech given by Mary Elliot in state forensic competition.

Yet what do you get? None of the old-fashioned respect due them. I want you to see the sign at one of our local grade schools. It reads, "Slow School—Don't kill a child." Now, you may think that's perfectly normal, but if you'll read the scribbling below you'll find, "Wait for a teacher."

I wouldn't surprise me one bit if all teachers turned in their ulcers and resigned, since they get dubious

Mrs. Giles, our nurse of many duties



### Sound Off

## As the twig is bent . . .

by Chris Christian

"Tis Education that forms the common mind; Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

### Moral Essays

This two-lined couplet by Alexander Pope expresses a line of thought as unchanging as time itself. It was true when it was written, is just as true now, and will still be in the future. What one learns during the early part of one's life will be the foundation upon which an adult life is built.

The art of "twig bending" is older even than Pope's couplet. The ancient Chinese were (and still are) famous for their tiny living trees, hundreds of years old, twisted and knarled into many intricate shapes. This had to be started when the tree was a seedling not a thirty-year-old tree.

Man, to an extent, is the same way. The training he receives during his early youth will stay with him throughout his entire life. Oh, he may change to an extent, but he will be an exception rather than the rule.

There are some exceptions to this rule, but not many. If a child is not encouraged to attend school, and learns all he can, he usually will drop out at sixteen.

The real "twig bending" however, comes in the college years. The school nearly always has the major part of its alumni holding to views identical to those of the school. Harvard,

famed as a law school, is also famed as a liberal political camp. Too many professors in college mix their political views with their law lectures.

The education one receives actually may shape the politics of his country. It usually does. Stop and think about that.

Then realize just how powerful education is.

### Drop P and S from P T S A

Dear Editor:

After attending last night's Parent, Teacher, Student Association meeting (P.T.S.A.), I suggest that the P. and S. should be dropped from the association's initials. While sitting in the auditorium, I noticed that the majority (about 75%) of the audience were teachers. T.H.S. has a faculty of approximately eighty-five, a student body of approx. 1900, and a 'parent body' of approximately 3,500. The parents and students outnumber the teachers six to one, however, the teachers out-number the students and parents six to one in P.T.S.A. attendance.

Do these figures imply that the teachers are more interested in the students than their parents are? Do these figures imply that the teachers are more interested in the school than the students are?

What must be done to prevent the Parent, Teacher, Student Association from becoming just another faculty meeting?

Concerned

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# The "Twist" is not original

Want to do something new? Well, if that's the case, don't do the twist! They say that fashion repeats itself and that history repeats itself but few stop to think about dances repeating themselves. The twist, in some form has been done since the early Egyptians when Cleopatra introduced it. Later when Dr. Livingston and Stanley entered Africa on their famous exploration they found many of the natives copying this famous dance. It has continued through the years while being called such things as the "Shimmy", the "Big Apple", the Charleston", and the "Jitter Bug". At last they have finally thought up a perfect name for Cleopatra's dance. It's called the "Twist". In past years it has come and gone but it seems to be staying at last, or at least until the waltz strikes again.

## HALLS INVADED

My name is Herman, a school-mouse. I have lived in THS ever since it was built. The students here have always been interesting. They always have done one thing wrong, courting in the halls. You'd think the walls were falling down the way the kids lean on them.

This is nothing new, why I remember when someone cut off the lights in the commerce wing and put a tunnel of love sign over it. Something ought to be done, why this is getting to be an undeniable problem. Why, from leaning on the walls kids have developed the oddest posture.



Jimmy W yatt  
Johnny H arris  
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Ed D ie Ford  
Gar Y Byrd

## THS thrives in fashions and coiffeurs -

While walking down the halls of THS you will see various hair styles. There's the ever popular "Bubble" which about three-fourths of the girls are wearing at THS. This style is short, fluffy, and easy to care for. Some of its wearers are Mary Ann Snider, Sue Ramsey, Carolyn House, Lynn Bomar, Patsy Zeannah, and Melba Jean Burt.

Some girls tease their hair (to the boys disgust) and give it various effects. Toppy Findlay, Susan Mize, Alice Ann Duncan, Mahaska Rainey, Norma Lancaster, Sandra Ray, and Marilyn Lee are just a few who do.

There are some girls who are still wearing their hair long such as Anita Holmes, Terry Harless, Edna Vines, Bepppy Forehand, and Patricia Christy. Some of these gals wear their hair up also.

The French-Twist has gone when the "Twist" came in. Along with the "pixie" has gone out to some extent although a sophomore, Shirley Christ has taken it on herself to try to



keep it in. The "Poof" is still in. This is the one which some refer to as the "Mushroom". Beverly Stripling endorses this style.

With the turn of a new year, the hair styles have changed. Now instead of being so highly "ratted" or teased, the styles are becoming more conservative. It seems as if the "Cleopatra" style isn't too popular at THS. The trend seems to be getting longer. Look out! The "Page Boy" may be back.

It seems that lots of the gals are wearing their hair medium length and curly. Some of them supporting this idea are Kat Pritchett, Margie Duncan, Cynthia Smith, and Susan Godwin.

Royce Woodley seems to be sticking to her style and it's still very attractive.

It seems that the boys styles are changing also—from crew cuts to longer lengths (Remember the Elvis days). Don't worry though—remember styles are always changing!



## Personals

Many activities have occurred lately at T.H.S.

On the 6, 7, and 8 of April, the Key Club held its State Convention in Mobile, Ala. A great percent of Tuscaloosa's chapter was present. Jean Nesbit, our Key Club Sweetheart, won second place in the State Key Club Sweetheart Contest.

On the same weekend, the Latin Club went to Enterprise Alabama to the State Latin Club Convention. Our Club was represented well with 10 delegates. Dale Christian was elected secretary of the State Junior Classical League.

Congratulations go to Whitney Menning on her fine accomplishment of winning the State Mythology Contest.

The Kappa Tri-Hi-Y sponsored a fashion show on Thursday night, the 12 of April at the Y.M.C.A.

Patsy Brown was given a surprise birthday party at the Tuscaloosa Raquet Club on Wednesday, the 4th of April.

March 30 was Bama Day at the University. Many of our students enjoyed the activities that went along with the celebration.

Many girls participated in the cheerleader week which started April 9-13.

Matt Clinton's classes took a field trip to Bryce Hospital on Thursday April 12.

### THE MODERN VAMPIRE

See the horrid vampire  
In his coffin bed,  
He rises in the dark of night  
Yet appears in day as dead—  
Does he prey on helpless victims  
As the bells of midnight peal?  
No, not this modern vampire—  
He raids the bloodmobile!

## BOODLEHEIMER VOTED TO BE FIRST IN 1968

Joanie Boodleheimer is one of the most popular girls in our school. This issue we have elected her as the Most Likely To Graduate In 1968. Joanie is a senior this year and really isn't doing too well in any of her classes except physical education, where she leads the class in various exercises such as "The Bicycle" and the "Toe Bend."

You know, come to think of it,



Joanie isn't popular at all. Her classmates claim she does unappealing things that are quite irritating at times. Yesterday she brought a whole onion to class and munched on it. Eating isn't allowed in school, as everyone knows, but Joanie's teacher was afraid to approach her.

After the onion, Joanie pulled out her Ipana and Dr. West and began to brush. If anybody knows Mr. Rikfield, you can imagine what this did to him. It's amazing what a purse can hold. Out of it next came an electric razer. Joanie proceeded to plug in the razor (this was in Biology) and to everyone's astonishment began to shave a peach that she had also brought with her. "It goes where you go!" she sang. And then she stood up. "It's the Remington Rollectic!"

Every week Joanie pays a visit to the local sanitarium, where she and her psychiatrist discuss people's conditions, mainly her own.

Poor Joanie. Does she have a friend? Of course not! Who wants a friend with halitosis?



# Time flies fast

Have you ever sat in class and watched the clock stand still for ten minutes as your time comes to answer a question? Well if you haven't, I'm sure some of your friends have. It's a dreadful torture to have the whole class stare as you hesitate and stutter around trying to find your answer.

Or maybe you glance at the clock during an hour lecture and your teacher catches you doing this. Well, you've probably had it. "You must be attentive, son," she might say.

For instance, maybe you are in seventh period, looking out the window, dreaming of that ice cold "Pepsi" you will have if that clock would hurry up, or maybe you've got a date with Sue for an afternoon movie. "Move clock, move." You think but it just stands there and won't follow your command. The teacher calls on you for the answer to number 12 on page 43. You don't know exactly what she's talking about. You fidget, trying to waste

time and then you realize that you have really "flubbed the dub."

And then suddenly your dream comes true, the bell finally rings. "I'm through," you say. You rush out the door running all the way to your locker and a firm hand is unexpectedly placed on your shoulder.

"I'd like you to stay in a while. I've told you about watching the clock," the man says.

Your world crumbles before you as you reply, "Yes sir."

But what about Sue, the movie, you think but far from now you find out. At five o'clock you slowly drag out the front door of the building and there stands Sue.

"We're through," she says "I've been standing here for an hour waiting on you and apparently you don't appreciate it. So Bye."

She stomps off and boards the bus. Your eyes follow the bus until you can't see it any longer.

"What a day," you say, "Yes sir, what a day!"

## VOYOS APPEAR

Well, kite and yo-yo season are here again. Can you imagine it, only about a month left in school this year. It seems that the breeze has been blowing in the right way to take kite, string, (and if you aren't too strong) you, also. Have you ever tried to just get a kite up? You run yourself crazy trying to get it up. Or maybe you're running backward, not watching where you're going, and bang!!!! you run into a telephone pole. You struggle only to find you don't have enough tail on the kite or the frame isn't fixed right. After trying for several more wind-blown hours, you have finally either succeeded or given up flying a kite for this season.

Now, is also, the time of the year when boys especially get out their yo-yos and try to out yo-yo everyone else. There is a song out that can be dedicated to these yo-yoers, "Annie Get Your Yo-Yo". People go down the halls, yo-yoing away, only to get their yo-yo strings entangled with those of a fellow yo-yo. Everyone has his particular yo-yoing style. There are the fancy yo-yoers who go around trying all these tricks and stunts only to hit some one in the head. Then there are the standard ones who can only yo-yo up and down and up and down.

Fellows get your kites and your yo-yos and get with it!!!

## THINGS SAID

"What? no more candy?"

"I wasn't talking, Mrs. Smith."

"Well, I hit the volleyball ball and my finger went back . . ."

"Mrs. Howard, I'm not chewing gum."

"Let's go for Ryan deGraffenreid!"

"Small lemonade, please."

"We have a substitute today."

"Did you get all those word problems?"

"What did you make on the Latin test?"

"That's all the announcements, and I hope we have a good week."

"Do you all have any war commentaries left?"

"Hey, do you have a pass?"

"Just four more weeks!"

"Oh, that formaldehyde smells terrible."

## Pepsters Injured

Oh, my back! How many times during cheerleader practice do you hear this painful statement.

Let's take a glimpse at a few of the hopefuls. Hiding behind the 10c typing paper machine, we see Aby Acribat doing cartwheels down the hall. Suddenly Aby is stopped by Mr. Gallwoman who asks impatiently what she is doing. Aby replies, "Well, sir, I've just learned how to do a cartwheel and I'm afraid that if I quit, I'll forget how to do it." Somewhat bewildered, Mr. Gallwoman goes on.

Next we see Marsha Muslebound sprinting toward the lunchroom at the rate of 30 MPH taking life in hand we rush in front of her only to find she didn't want to stop but felt like she really should go pick her victim up off the floor. Feeling as if we had better leave well enough alone, we thank Marsha and she leaps forward.

After we recover from our little shake-up our attention is turned to what seems to be a new club but as they come forward, we find they are only victims of pulled ligaments.

Yes, during this painful season each year, only one group profits and this is the ABC (Ace Bandage Co.).

## Bear Facts originals

Want to find out what your initials stand for? Try the columns below by matching your first initial with the first column and the last name initial with the second column.

Adorable	Ap
Backwards	Bore
Conceited	Catastrophe
Dashing	Drip
Enthusiastic	Egghead
Forward	Flirt
Greasy	Grouch
Humerous	Hero
Ignorant	Igmo
Juicy	Jack?
Kissable	Knave
Loveable	Louise
Masculine	Miracle
Nausivating	Nothing
Obsolete	Oddball
Primitive	Pest
Queer	Quad <sup>*1</sup>
Real	Romeo
Shaggy	Square
Tight	Toad
Unethical	Urchin
Vivacious	Victim
Weird	Wac
Xanthous <sup>*2</sup>	Xeno <sup>*3</sup>
Yeilding	Yahoo <sup>*4</sup>
Zestful	Zombie

<sup>\*1</sup> A Bear Facts original

<sup>\*2</sup> means yellow

<sup>\*3</sup> means strange

<sup>\*4</sup> means belonging to a race of brutes

Dear Paw,

I'm writing this here note just to let you know I'm here now. It was a keeno ride up here to the city. A city feller on the bus had a radio you didn't even have to plug in. All you do is turn this little knob and the sound starts comin' out just as good as any square dance trio sounds up at our barn.

I shore do miss Jennie Cato. You seen her lately? I haven't. I told her soon as I got to the city I would by her a ring at Woolworth's. She was hankerin' for one from Grant's, but I had to explain to her they was too expensive.

The view from my hotel winder is magnificent (longest word I ever spelled). There's a georgeous Donutery across the street and Lawd, ever time I open the winder there's that delicious aroma. The garbage dump is right next door too.

I went to see a pitcher yestiddy.

If someone were to pay you ten cents for each kind word you have said about somebody and take away five cents for each unkind word, would you be rich or poor? (c.)

## 'Spring has Sprung' -- convertibles appear

As the old saying goes—"Spring has sprung . . ." and Tuscaloosa is not different. Flowers are blossoming, trees are budding, bermudas are appearing, and convertible tops are disappearing. Spring has hit. Not only is it evident in nature, but also in people. Teachers, have you noticed that faraway look in the eyes of your pupils, and the blank look that appears on the faces when they are called upon to answer. Spring is the explanation. It seems like that when the rays of sunshine begin drifting through the air and a warm breeze starts blowing that there just isn't time for ye old schoolbooks, Nature's



## CLASS CLATTER

Graduation

Freshmen And I wanted to get out of junior high for this— Sophomores—Three years of this? I'll never make it! Juniors—Wait! Wait! It'll never come. Seniors—at last it's here.

Teachers

Freshmen—But I've never made a 'C'

Sophomores—Please don't hit me again, I'll get my homework. Juniors—I thought that I was through with her last year!! Seniors—No comment—it's safer

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Freshmen—What's that?

Sophomore—My name at last

Juniors—We want the real Bear Facts!!!

Seniors—Refund

School Clubs

Freshmen—Will you let me in the . . . Sophomore—Will you get me out of the . . .

Juniors—E Pluribus Unum

Seniors—Une rencontre du cercle Francais cet apres midi, eh??

The best part was during the half when they showed that man what went around the world in a box.

The cartoon wasn't any good, though. Some of the people in it was real and live.

This man offered me a job this morning. I told him I would take it. Seems I have to pose for an ad that will go into a real magazine. He said I would be in the "before" pitcher, whatever that means.

Is Ma through with her ailing? I shore do hope so. I know the both of us was sick of eaten grub worms and not tasting Ma's good cube root hash. By the way, did she have the baby? Was it like me or was it a girl?

I went to church last Sunday. I would have gone today, too, but it wasn't Sunday. I asked the preacher if he ever heard of Chickensop Dolly Rivalry Church in Los Angeles, Tennessee, and he said Yes, he heard of it everyday, who was I trying to kid? Real nice, that preacher.

Well, Paw, I reckon it's time to leve now. Give my love to everybody even Josepine Cottail, who is my worst enemy. I love all of y'all.

With deepest regrets, (I copied this from a nother letter in a English book.) Forgey P. Grotte, yore son who is grown now and staying in the big city.

calling and that call must be answered. This is the time you put off to tomorrow what should have been done last week!

This is also the time of year when a young man's fancy turns to romance, but not any sooner that a young woman's. The birds sing sweeter and the flowers smell sweeter, but most of all that big full moon is calling on lovely spring nights. So boys beware of sweet young thing with the stars in her eyes.

This is the time when everyone feels young (even if they aren't a spring chicken any more).

# Band to hold spring concert May 18 in Foster Auditorium

One of the highlights of the year for our famed Black Bear Band will be the appearance of trumpet virtuoso Don "Jake" Jacoby on the Spring Concert May 18, in Foster Auditorium. Mr. Jacoby, one of the world's most foremost musicians, has appeared with all of the 'name bands' in the United States. His superb style has been accorded highest honors in Downbeat Magazine. His selections will include Napoli, The Holy City, Dramatic Essay for Trumpet, and a trio, with bandsmen Ronny Latham and Ray Ballard, Carival Variations.

In addition, the other band members will make solo appearances on the concert. Reenie Guy, solo clarinetist, will play Concertino and Flutist, Mary Beth Wear, will play The Magic Flute.

## Bandsmen Enjoy Bowling

Everyone seems to enjoy bowling, and the band members of T.H.S. are no exception. Several weeks ago "Doc" Blanchard of Leland Lanes helped organize several teams within the band, immediately after that a



Don Jacoby

group of members defeated a picked team from the Holt High Band. With leagues being organized in three of the bands within the county, we foresee a county play-off among the league champions in each school.

The newly elected President of the league is Poogie Poole, Patti Hicks is the league's secretary. As of April 9, the high average was held by setters are the Sour Notes with a won-lost record of 16-2.

## THS poet honored

The National High School Poetry Association, founded in 1937, publishes the Annual Anthology of High School Poetry. High school students from various parts of the U. S. submit original poems to be considered in this Anthology. Although they receive no monetary reward, they do receive the opportunity to see their works in print. Thomas Hocker, a senior at Tuscaloosa High, submitted several of his poems of which the following was accepted for publication.

### PLUM THICKET

Surrounded

By the drab, gray woods  
The plum thicket stands;  
Its trees seem  
Slender, not so tall as other  
trees about.  
Their arms are betrayed  
By white, delicate plum blossoms.  
This distinguishing mantle  
Will soon give way to green fruit—  
Oaks, elms, gums will bear green  
leaves;  
Then anonymity will come for the  
Slender plum trees.

## TALENT SHOW

(Continued from Page 1)

Amelia Kyle, Susan Giles, Myra Lee Jones, Ann Lee, Sara Gay Edwards, was pretty beat and their painting was the most.

The ninth skit was censored.

Gail Scott, Diane Neely, Mary Ann Wiggins, Rebecca Ingram, Kay Earnhart, Linda Skinner, Marilyn Johnson, in "Scheming Spinsters Conclave" was truly a group of old maids.

"Last Night" was very enjoyable, more of such would have made the show a hit. A very well-planned baton routine was done by Diane Harris, Judy Pugh, Judy Smith, Patti Hicks, and Carol Pennington.

Martha Mayfield's melodies from "South Pacific" were well arranged and done in a good style.

A lovely song "Dream Village", composed by Becky Glenn, brightened up the show next, sung in perfect harmony by Rebecca Wright, Cary Christian, Martha Essary, and Alice Ann Duncan.

An "Interpretive Reading" was a take-off on a ladies society meeting. Done by Ann Newman, it provided some of the best laughs in the whole show.

Betsy Hoole, Anne Faircloth, and Becky Baily costumed as country lumpkins did an entertaining dance in "Country Goes To Town".

Next, a pantomime of "Barbara Ann" was given by Sara Bailey, Mary Bama Farr, and Diane Cook.

Last but by no means least, Brantley Cochrane, Nina Beth Parker, Estes Hayes, Cam Carty, Fern Niehuss, Ann Seebeck, Mary Helen Roberts, and Judy Nisbet, presented "Scratch" an original dance.

## DRAFT BOARD SOUNDS OFF!

MONTGOMERY, ALA. — As the school year nears an end, State Director Walter M. Thompson, Jr., has reiterated the importance of young men registering with Selective Service upon reaching 18 years of age.

"Many young men now in school may be away from home on jobs or vacations during the summer," the State Director said. "I want to emphasize that although immediate registration is required by law, it is not necessary for a young man to return to his home town to register.

"There is one or more boards in every Alabama county, and most states follow this same pattern," Thompson said. "A young man just turned 18 may report to any local board anywhere in the nation and register, and still remain under the jurisdiction of his own home county local board.

"All he must do when he fills out his papers is to list his place of residence correctly on Line 2 of his Registration Card (SSS Form No. 1). I want to impress this upon prospective registrants. No matter where you sign up, be sure that you put your home town address on Line 2. This will then always be your board of jurisdiction, whether you register in Panama City or Puerto Rico. As long as your home address is on Line 2, you will come under that board's ruling. This means that your case will always be considered by citizens of your own home town, men who are more liable to be familiar with your particular situation," he said.

Thompson warned again that

young men who reach 18 and fail to register within five days face the possibility of prosecution or earlier induction.

"According to Selective Service Regulations, those who are delinquent in registering are liable to fine and imprisonment," he said.

Thompson explained that the Selective Service System is empowered by law to put certain delinquent registrants in Class 1-A immediately. This will mean an accelerated induction, and possibly an earlier call to active duty than would have been under regular circumstances.

All young Americans just turning 18 years of age are required to register within five days after their birthday.

The State Director also called upon those who have already registered to keep their local boards informed of address changes and changes in marital and family status. "Such information can decide whether a registrant will go into service now or later," he said.

"We are not calling fathers or

## Greasepainters

The Greasepainters officers for the coming year were chosen April 10. They are as follows: Ann Newman replaces Richard Snow as president; Richard Snow replaced Greg Congleton as vice-president; Pat Roberts takes the position of secretary replacing Sally Johnston; Pala White replaced Nancy Robertson as treasurer; and Pamela Mitchell replaced Pat Roberts as historian.

These new officers will begin their term of office by planning a hay ride to be held in the middle of May.

## Bear Facts loves you

Buddy Sea, a freshman in homeroom, could easily be voted as Bear Facts favorite subscriber. It has been brought to the staff's attention that Buddy Sea has purchased at least fifteen copies of each issue of Bear Facts. What does he do with so many copies? He passes them out among his classmates. With a few more customers like Buddy, the Bear Facts could operate in the "black".

## Youth Legis.

(Continued from Page 1) speech welcoming the legislators to Montgomery was given by Mr. C. T. Fitzpatrick, president of the Montgomery YMCA.

Candidates for the Youth governorship were Lulu Black of Tuscaloosa, John McKinney of Talladega, and Warren Hudson of Montgomery. The winner of the race was John McKinney.

At the end of the last legislative day a Youth Legislature Banquet was held in the Blue and Gray room of the Whitley Hotel. During this banquet awards and honors were given. From Tuscaloosa High Roger Williams received the award for the best bill in the House, Billy Allen won the award for the second best bill in the house. Cherry Kendrick and Mary Evans Williams received the award for the third best bill in the Senate. Those from Tuscaloosa who passed their bills were Patti Hicks, Roger Williams, Billy Ray, Mary Evans Williams, Cherry Kendrick, Jackie Weston, John Caldwell.

prospective fathers at present," he said. "But unless the local board clerk has this information in the registrant's cover sheet, he is liable to be called."

## Speakers judged tops

The State Debate Tournament was held March 22, 23, and 24 at the University of Alabama with many of our students receiving superior ratings.

In special events, those receiving superior ratings were: Skip Laney, Ann Newman, Tom Hocker, Larry Beatus, and Carol Curry. This included oral interpretation and extemporaneous speaking.

The debators, under the able direction of Mrs. Elise Alexander,

captured five of the twelve debates. The affirmative team was composed of seniors Nancy Robertson and Tom Hocker. The negative team is made of two sophomores, Ronald Davis and Bob Hopper. The scouts for the two teams were Robert Bagley, and Carolyn Tucker.

The highly debateable topic for this year was, "Resolved: that the federal government should equalize educational opportunities by means of grants to the state for public elementary and secondary education."



Debate Team

## Au revoir . . . until next year

Susan Rose, a senior, presided over the annual French convention held at the University, March 23 and 24. Tuscaloosa was president club this year as well as being host to the same 300 visitors from all over the state.

The highlight of the entertainment at the convention was a party held Friday, the 24th. Robin McCrory, Vice-President of the home club, was the general chairman. Costumes from different parts of France were worn

to add a real French atmosphere.

Hard at work during this time were Janet Welton, Robert Bagley, and Allen Terry who took first prize in the group skit. Robert Bagley also participated in the individual skit competition. This was the third consecutive year that Tuscaloosa has walked off with a top award.

Mrs. Terry, sponsor of the French Club, worked hard toward a successful convention and as the people were moving on she could be heard saying "Au revoir . . . until next year!"

## Retreat is attended

Chi Rho HiY was represented at the annual Christian Emphasis Retreat with four boys. They were: Frank Greer, Ralph Hayden, Pete Clark, and Jimmy Adams. This retreat was held April 26 through the 29.

Two members of Chi Rho were elected to the County Council. They are Jimmy Adams, who was elected as Chaplain and Pete Clark, who was elected as Reporter.

# Bears win Rebel meet

The Tuscaloosa High Track team took the first annual Confederate Conference track meet on Wednesday April 11. The Bear runners ran up a total of 49 points to take the meet while the Tuscaloosa County High Wildcats gave them their toughest competition getting 42½ markers. Lanier finished third in the meet with 35 points while Robert E. Lee had 31.

In the first event of the meet the Bruins took the 440-yard relay in the time of 44.9, as Charles Estes, Bobby Porter, Bill Minges, and Gary Mattison ran in the event. Minges

placed second in the 440 as did the Mile relay team. Estes picked up first places in the 100 and 220 yard dashes as he turned in times of 10.5 and 23.1 for the events respectively. Eddie Blier turned a 16.6 for the high hurdles to place first in that race for the Bruins and then picked up another first place in the low hurdles with a 21.8. Sonny Logan took both the shot put and the discus events with a put of 44'9" in the shot and got 134'9" in the discus. Bobby Porter got a third place in the pole vault while Jon Rey Sullivan also got a third in the 880 run.

## Trackmen take third

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears pulled out an undisputed solid third place in the annual Alabama High School Relays held at Thomas Field on Saturday, April 14. The Bruins finished behind both Murphy and Banks as the Tuscaloosa High cindermen ran up a total of 31 points. One of the biggest fields ever, participated in the meet with runners representing 36 high schools throughout the state, and divided into both Class AA and Class A competition. The Bears third place came in the Class AA division. Eddie Blier picked up the only individual first place of the meet for

the Bears as he was favored in the 120-yard high hurdles and took that event being just a shade off the state record. The spirit medley team of Jon Rey Sullivan, Gary Mattison, Bill Minges, and Charles Estes turned in a time of 3:43.3 to take top honors in that event, too. In the other relay events the Bruins gained a second in the 440-yard relay, took fourth in the 880-yard relay, and picked up a fifth in the distance medley. Sonny Logan gained a fourth in the disc to up the Bear's point total and to round out the Bruins who placed in their events.

## Baseball begins with slump

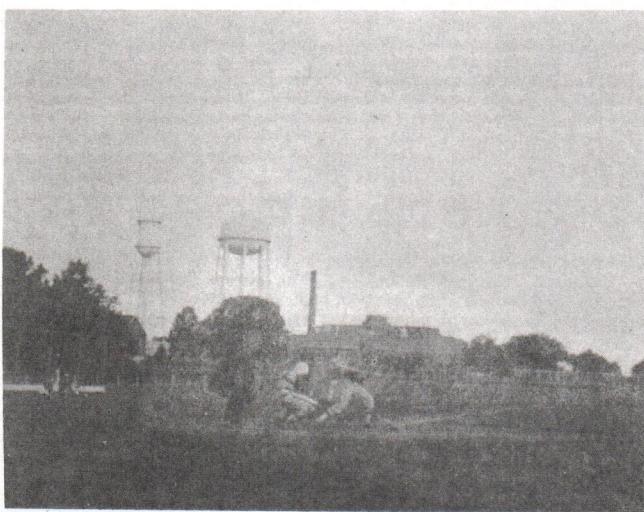
THS baseball began the first week in April. Coach Buddy Cranford is heading the baseball team this year. The leading players are:

**Outfielders**  
Jon Rey Sullivan  
Tommy Sexton  
Jimmy Darnell  
Bobby Porter  
**Infielders**  
Jimmy Herring  
Eddie Glenn  
John Caldwell  
Randy Walker  
**Pitchers**  
Don Barksdale

David Hardin  
Dwayne Archibald  
Catcher

Ronnie Franklin

The Bruins started off the season with a double-header in Montgomery against Lee and Lanier on April 13. We were defeated 3-2 and 12-2, respectively. On April 16, County High licked the Bruins 10-1, and Moundville upset us the next day 2-1. As you can see the Bears have gotten off to a poor start but they are expected to improve as the season develops. The home games are played at Veterans Hospital.



## BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
April 24	Columbus	Here	3:00
April 27	Lee	Here	3:00
May 1	Lanier	Here	3:00
May 4	Holt	Here	3:00
May 11	Holt	There	?
May 18	County High	There	1:30
May	Brookwood	?	?



Bobby Porter goes up and over in recent track meet

## Tankmen finish third

The Black Bear tankmen rolled by Tuscaloosa's old rival Sidney Lanier for the second straight year. Although the difference in total points between THS and second place Lanier was a slim half point. The Bears held a wide lead until the last two events—the medley and free style relays. In the medley relay, Lanier took first place, bettering the old record by one second, while the Bear's relay team Jim Newman, Bob Gibbons, Troy Allen, and F. B. Marks came in third. For this win, 14 points were awarded to the Poets, upping their total from eleven points to twenty-five. Then fourteen more points were added to their score when they repeated their performance in the freestyle relay.

Six records fell in the boy's division of the meet. Two were broken

by Fairfield's Dan Carmichael, who set state records in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.9 and in the 100-yard back-stroke with a time of 1:04.6.

Another record was set by Tuscaloosa's outstanding breast-stroker, O. K. Bryant when he bettered the old record, which he set last year, by four seconds, with a time of 1:12.1.

Another of the record-breakers was Tommy Adams of Indian Springs. He cut 12 seconds from his old record in the 100-yard butterfly by swimming the event in 58.2 seconds.

The first-place team trophy for the boy's division went to THS while the first-place girl's trophy went to Lanier. Lanier was second on the boy's side and Tuscaloosa second on the girl's.



## ON THE BENCH

By BOB JOHNSTON

The track team sure started off the annual Confederate Conference Track Meet in a fine way by defeating all the teams in the Confederate Conference, which includes County High, Lanier, Lee, and Selma. Credit is certainly due to Coach Danner and his runners for having initiated this new meet in such a fine way. The track team also put up a good showing in the Alabama High School Relays taking a third place in the Class AA division as hurler Eddie Blier came very close to setting a new record in the 120-yard high hurdles, just missing the record by three-tenths of a second.

The tennis team seems to be a pretty good bet to be the state champions this year as such standouts as John Pickens and Jack Jackson are expected to lead the Bears to victory. They came mighty close to winning the Southeastern High School Tournament several weeks ago as they missed taking the first place trophy by only one point. Other boys expected to lend aid in the state meet

are Tommy Kendall, Bill Shamblin, Joe Anders, Foss Smith, and Tommy McMullin.

The swimming team retained their state championship again this year edging out Sidney Lanier by a mere 1½ for the closest margin of victory in that meet's three year history. On their way to victory sophomore, O. K. Bryant, set a new record in the 100-yard breaststroke knocking 4 seconds off the mark he established last year. Another swimmer to watch in the coming year is freshman Gary Williams, as he is one of the up and coming freestylers in the state.

Baseball seems to have gotten off to a slow start but here is hoping that things will improve before tournament time arrives.

As to the player of the month I am going to go with Eddie Blier, a senior who has been out for track for the last four years and is certainly one of the best hurdlers that Tuscaloosa High School has ever had.





**Tuscaloosa  
High School**

**Class of 1963**

## **OUR JUNIOR YEAR**

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Senior Circle  
of Honor  
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# Junior-Senior Prom held Friday, May 4



Senior Class President, Jimmy Stringer and Lulu Black; Junior Class President, Ronny Ezell and Rebecca Wright.

## "Underwater Enchantment" the theme Starlighters furnish the entertainment

The annual Junior-Senior Prom was held Friday May 4, in the THS gym. The theme for the dance was "Underwater Enchantment". Music for the prom was furnished by the Starlighters.

Decorations, which were centered around the theme were provided by Mike Williams and the THS art department. Other students in charge of prom preparations were as follows: Patti Hicks, flower committee chairman; Sheila Terril, refreshment committee chairman; and Billy Ray, property committee chairman. Tim Parker was master of ceremonies for the lead out.

Those students participating in the lead out were as follows: Lulu Black escorted by Jimmy Stringer, senior class president; Rebeca Wright escorted by Ronnie Ezell, junior class president; Kathleen Pritchett escorted by Ralph Quarles, student council president; Sally Kirk escorted by Tommy Nicol, vice-president of the senior class; Mitzi Brown escorted by John Pickens, junior class vice-president; Diane Davis escorted by Pettus Randall, vice president of the student council; Margaret Part-

low, senior class secretary, escorted by Reese Phifer; Nancy Quinn, junior class secretary, escorted by Billy Hogue; Beppy Forehand, secretary of the student council, escorted by Paul Bryant; Nan Taylor escorted by Roger Williams; Kay Grafton escorted by Billy Blakeney; Ann Seebeck escorted by Danny Brown; Martha Bennett escorted by Aubrey Dominick; Glennice McNeill escorted by Eddie Ford; Betty Hayes escorted by Richard Hamner; Carol Tatum escorted by John Holaday; Judy DeBray escorted by Jay Lord; Pat Westbrook escorted by Richard Beauchamp; Charlotte McEachin escorted by Wayne Shaffer; Bess Whitfield escorted by John Rickett; Katie Pritchett escorted by William Tucker; Doris Nickerson escorted by Scott Skelton; Fern Niehuss escorted by John Wayne Armstrong; Judy Nisbet escorted by John Caldwell; Ann Askew escorted by Billy Davis; Diane Harris escorted by Jerry Humphries; Linda Kent escorted by Rusty Dockery; Ann Newman escorted by Ricky Clawson; Mary Tillotson escorted by Foss Smith.

## "Patriotic Tapestries" will be theme for graduation

The theme "Patriotic Tapestries" will be the center of graduation ceremonies June 1, at 8 o'clock in the Foster Auditorium.

When the approximately 335 seniors walk across the stage, the diplomas will be handed out by Mr. Greer and Mr. Gallman assisted by Margaret Patlow, senior class secretary.

Before the all important event, Mr. Rose will give the invocation, Jimmy Stringer will deliver a welcome ad-

dress, and Dr. Nelson will speak briefly.

Three speakers Fran Vining, Katie Lou Pritchett, and Wayne Shaffer, will speak on "Tapestry of Heritage", "Weavers of Today", and "Tapestry of the Space Age" respectively. Other entertainment will be provided by the Black Bear Band and a trio of girls Joy Grigg, Dorothy Echols, and Sue Ann Wilbourne, who will sing.

Seniors, Good Luck!

## French students are recognized on April 30

French Recognition Day was held Monday, April 30th in the small auditorium. New members were inducted into the French Honor Society and awards were presented to the top scorers of the National French exam.

Special guests for the program were Mr. Harold Greer and Miss Joanna Breedlove, the modern language consultant for Alabama.

New members tapped into the Honor Society were: Beverly Calhoun, Jack Jackson, Janet Arey, Diane Davis, Katie Pritchett, Linda Kent, Jim LaMoreaux, Susan Swaim, Anne Cleino, Rebecca Ingram, Bob Mantel, Bob Hopper, Susan Rose, Ann Seebeck, Wynne Alexander,

Theresa Abrams, Amelia Kyle, Janet Welton, Robert Bagley and Jessica Patterson.

The French III students with the highest scores on the National French Exam in the order of their scores were: Allen Terry, Robin McCrory, Mary Beth Wear, Susan Rose, Ruth Walker, Diane Davis, Jessica Patterson, Ann Hewitt, Carolyn Guthrie, Glennice McNeill and Betty Pritchett.

Top scoring French II students are Janet Welton, Anne Cleino, Robert Bagley, Theresa Abrams, Rebecca Ingram, Bob Hopper, Janet Arey, Amelia Kyle, James LaMoreaux, Linda Kent and Wynne Alexander.



Left to right: News editor, Norma Lancaster; editor-in-chief, Chris Curtis; Editorial editor, Billie Blair. Not shown are Pete Clark, Emma Kay Guin, Bob Hopper, Shirley Christ.

## New BF editors are named

New Bear Facts Editors were announced at the annual journalism banquet held May 11th at the Lampighter Restaurant.

They are as follows:  
 Chris Curtis ..... editor-in-chief  
 Pete Clark ..... assistant editor  
 Norma Lancaster ..... news editor  
 Billie Blair ..... editorial editor  
 Emma Kay Guin ..... feature editor  
 Bob Hopper ..... sports editor  
 Shirley Christ ..... exchange editor  
 Patti Dameron ..... business manager

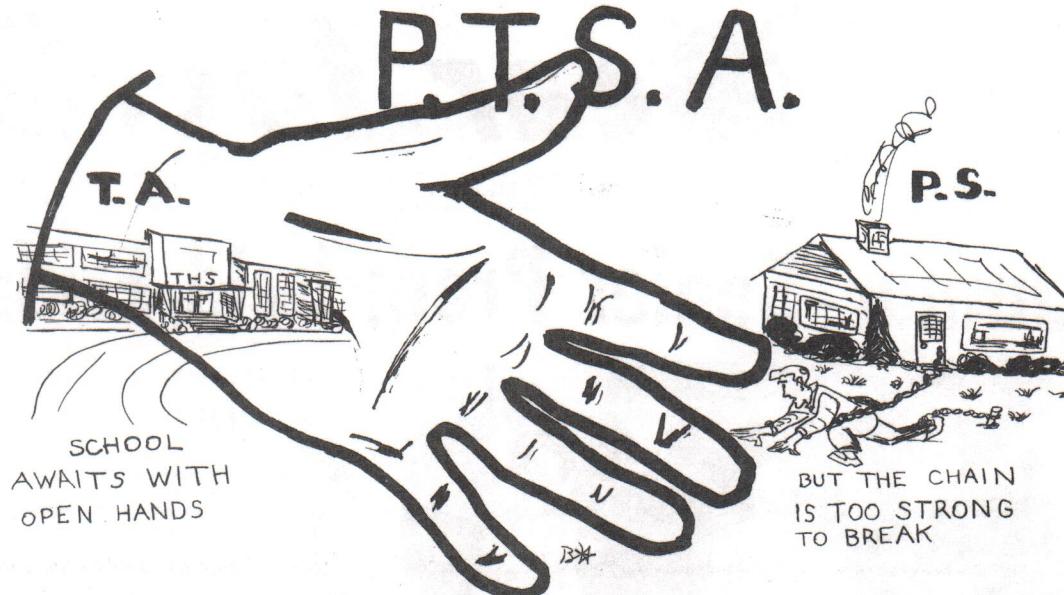
Chris Curtis, acting as master of ceremonies, introduced the guests, who were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Greer, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gallman,

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Bounds, and Mrs. Margaret Rutledge.

The guest speaker was Dr. C. E. Bounds, head of the Department of Journalism at the University of Alabama who gave us a very enlightening speech.

This years graduating seniors, Billy Allen, Bob Johnston, Christene Cargile, Chris Christian, and Stella Olson were introduced. Other staff members attending were: Pamela Mitchell, Mack Brown, Mitzi Brown, Sandra Gleiberg, Mary Jane Mathews, David Miller, Marcia Owens, Kat Pritchett, Bill Shamblin, Louellen Slact, and Betty Vines.

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 Junior Page ..... Norma Lancaster  
 Sophomore Page ..... Mitzi Brown  
 Freshman Page ..... Greg Congleton  
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## Patriotism-love of country; can you meet the challenge

"Patriotism—love of country"—Webster's Dictionary.

What does the word mean to you? The Fourth of July . . . the flag . . . a composite picture of America? Have you ever felt a chill run up your spine at the sight of the Stars and Stripes waving in the breeze? They raise it every morning in front of our school, you know. Do you ever stop to notice? Do you miss it when it's not there?

Perhaps good old-fashioned patriotism is not dead. Though we don't sing "The Star Spangled Banner" or pledge allegiance to the flag now as in elementary school, we still must be patriotic. We have to be. We must love our country now as never before. We must love our country enough to give it our time and talents such that America will continue to be.

More images: patriotism . . . Bunker Hill . . . Gettysburg . . . San Juan Hill . . . Argonne Woods . . . Normandy Beach—a few places, and multitude of lives. That's what it calls for sometimes; we hope never again. Could our patriotism meet challenges like those? Between your next classe look out a window at our school's flag. Now—can you meet the challenge of patriotism?

### Ways to say good-by

## Vale... adios... au revoir

About this time of year the seniors are preparing to scatter to the four corners of the state and nation, to various colleges and wok. We give here a few ways to say good-by in other languages.

"Auf Wiedersehen"—good-by, or "until we meet again" is the German way of expressing farewell. The familiar "Au revoir" is French. In Latin it's "vale". We've all heard the Hawaiian "aloha", which can also mean hello. Spanish-speaking people say "adios", or "hasta luego", which means see you later.

They all mean good-by, but good-by doesn't have to be forever. We hate to see the seniors leave, but we feel that thy will go on to make something of themselves and make us proud of them. We give them that final word—good-by—auf wiedersehen—au revoir—vale—adios—aloha!

**The Bear Facts salutes  
the Black Warrior  
which was late too,  
we understand**

## KNOWLEDGE IS LOCKED IN MIND—NOT IN GRADES ON REPORT CARD

Here they come now, "Just make it John" and "Hundred per cent Hannah."

As the teacher hands out the test, both ask, "How many points is it worth?" John, after shrewdly juggling his total number of points and the number of points needed to pass the semester, picks out the question he's sure of and thereby achieves his goal, a "D" and the boast, "I never study!"

Meanwhile, Hannah is squirming in her desk, rechecking her answers for the sixth time. Last time she made only 94% and she is determined to do better. She just has to keep an "A" average to get into college; everybody knows that.

These two people, John and Hannah, are poles apart, but then again, are they?

We must realize that knowledge is locked in the mind, not in grades on a report card.

## Just Thinking

by

*Chris Curtis*

Editor-in-Chief

I sincerely hope that at least a few of the Tuscaloosa High School students took to heart the advice I offered about those ever present final exams.

It is probably kind of silly to say study your best and if you have kept up with your work during the year you can go into your exams with a cool head. You will probably hear this from at least six of your teachers plus Mr. Greer and a few teachers you don't even have, well it really is good advice although it may be a little late. If perhaps you haven't kept up I wish you the best luck on the inevitable "cramming" you will have to do. Whatever the case I hope all of T.H.S.'s 1900 and some odd students pass their examinations with flying colors. I know that I for one, will be everlasting thankful when that great day of June 2, 1962 rolls around and that final bell rings to turn us out for the summer.

As school rapidly nears a close students frantically write to Gulf Shores or Panama City seeking those stupendous reservations which will assure them of a roof over their head during their stays in the land of sun

and fun. I was more fortunate with my reservation this year as I wrote sometime ago (2 weeks ago).

I hope that when school is out and students start driving on their vacations they will drive carefully. It might not be such a good holiday after all if you come back and find some of your close friends in the hospital as the result of an automobile accident.

After we return from these great vacations a great many of us will go to work or try to find a job. Still more of the T.H.S. student body will return to the familiar classrooms for a session of summer school and then there will be the people who will just lay around and be lazy.

I would like to publish a list of the Junior participants in the Junior-Senior softball game as they were omitted in the last issue of Bear Facts. They were as follows: Pettus "Senator" Randall, Ronnie "Swift Pitch" Ezell, Gary "Fats" Byrd, Bill "Fritz" Alread, Mack "Oink" Brown, James Jones, Chris "Sargent" Curtis, Joe "Ole Never Miss" Simon, Big Jim "One for Seven" Marlowe, Don "Dead Eye" Barksdale.

## Are we looking at THS as others look at it?

When you stay some where for a long time you don't notice the things which take place unless they are very obvious or different. This is the case with our school. We never take time to think about it or the impression it makes on people. When we lean over to drink from a water fountain we don't notice the wad of gum for it is always there. We never think of the way it looks to someone from another school when they see our boys supporting a wall so it won't fall on his girl friend. We are accustomed to hearing the teachers beg us to do our home work so we pay them no mind. When we see a car zooming through the parking lot we merely move to one side very quickly and never give it another thought, but what do you think would happen to someone who wasn't familiar with the driving habits of our student. If we noticed anything we would see that the students of this school zoom not only through the parking lot but also through the halls.

Young people of today are suppose to be alert but how can we say this about the student of this school when they let these and many other things go unheeded. We should think about these things and try to correct them so that when people say, "This is T.H.S." they will mean it as a compliment and not as an insult.

### Members to attend Blue Ridge Leader's Conference in N. C.

### Forensic Club holds last meeting of '62

The Forensic League had it's last meeting of the year at Mrs. Alexander's house on Thursday, May 3, 1962. Officers for the coming year were elected and they are as follows: Ronald Davis, president; Mary Tillotson, vice-president; Ann Newman, secretary; Robert Bagly, treasurer; Pete Wilson, reporter; and Richard Rhone, sergeant-at-arms.

Entertainment was provided by Robert Bagly and Betty Baucom who impersonated the two senior debators. Tom Hocker and Nancy Roberson.

### Black Bear Hi-Y plans trip or hayride

Officers for the 1962-63 school year were elected on the first Monday in May. The officers for next year are: Bob Hopper, president; Jim LaMoreaux, vice-president; Dennis Standard, secretary; Bob Pritchett treasurer; Jon Sasser, sergeant-of-arms; Eugene Poole, county council representative; Tom Ashby, chaplain.

Extensive plans were made for a carwash to be held on Saturday, May 11, 1962. The possibility of a year-end hayride was brought up along with the idea of taking a trip to Panama City.

The club's list meeting was held on Monday, May 21, 1962.

## Pledges are given at last meeting of County Council

At the Tuscaloosa Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y County Council meeting May 6, "World Service" pledges amounting to \$575 were turned in by the twenty-six Hi-Y and Tri-Hi clubs. This money will go to further YMCA work in underdeveloped areas throughout the world. Youth in these clubs were asked to contribute one dollar each and each club treasury was assessed one dollar per member. Contributions of \$50 and \$100 were donated by

several clubs.

This amount will be added to the "World Service" money collected by other YMCA organizations.

Officers for the coming year were inducted. They are as follows: president, Billy Ray; vice-president, Dale Brown; secretary, Mary Tillotson; chaplin, Jimmy Adams; Sgt.-at-arms, Dennis Standard; and reporter, Pete Clark. These officers will begin their duties next fall.

## Best equipment in the state found at THS

Out of about seventy-five typewriters in the school, an average of about five or six are damaged every week, according to one of our typing teachers. The most common breakdown of the machines are faulty margins and levers, and their damages are the results of wrong usage and playing with them. Also, improper usage of the eraser can gum up the keys. Hitting the carriage is also a good way to ruin a typewriter.

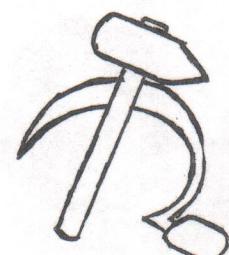
In our school we have one of the

best language labs in the state. These labs cost over \$11,000, according to Mrs. Terry and Mrs. del Valle. But even though we've had them just over a year, they are already scarred with pencil and ink marks, and several of them are always out of operation. We won't have them long at this rate.

If students will realize the excellent opportunity they have here, they will treat our equipment more fairly.

## Beware of the threat of mankind

It is said that the communists are invading our country from within rather than without. It is also said that their main objective is the youth of today. How will we defeat this? If we are not taught exactly what communism is and how it has been introduced in other countries, we are going to someday be ruled by it. The only satisfactory method of doing this is to have the schools teach a course in the functions of communism. Our school offers no such course and will not until they see the need for it. It is offered to some degree in other courses such as civics, problems of democracy, and some of our other varied courses connected with social studies. It seems to many people that this course is as important if not more



so that some of the other courses being required of the student today. If we expect to remain the nation that we are today, we will have to become alert to the dangers of today and fight. In this fighting we must include a knowledge of what we are fighting for.



FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY (For Story, See Page One)





Ronnie Ezell and Nancy Quinn served as masters of ceremonies for '61-'62 Junior Talent Show

## Juniors superb in all projects of endeavor

During the past year many achievements have been made by the junior classmen. Some of the more important and better known ones are as follows:

Serving as cheerleaders this year were Alice Ann Duncan and Jean Nisbet.

Majorettes for "61" and "62" were Diane Harris, Patti Hicks, Judy Pugh, Carolyn Pennington, and drum major was Vence Rollins.

Ann Seebeck, Richard Thompson, Billy Davis, Pete Dutton, Ann Lee, Linda Tidmore, Janet Arey, John Cruise, Pat Westbrook, and Kendall Clark were chosen to be in all-state band.

Juniors who were tapped for the National Honor Society were: Janet Arey, Dora Jane Collins, Carol Curry, Sarah Gay Edwards, Mary Elliot, Rebecca Glenn, Ann Lee, Alice Le Maistre, Janet Welton, Joyce Taylor, Jackie Weston, Sheila Terrill, William Parr, Sharon Foster, Betsy Hoole, Amelia Kyle, Foss Smith, Ann Newman, Linda Stallings, William Hoggle, Billie Blair, Jimmy Cobble, Estes Hayes, Carolyn Snipes.

Participants in the Junior Talent Show of 1962 were: Alice Ann Dun-

can, Pete Foster, Susan Woodley, Jimmy Marlowe, Sarah Hinton, Donny Hannah, Martha Rae Springer, Joe Lee Hutt, Rebecca Glenn, Jerry Humphries, Rebecca Wright, John Wayne Armstrong, Delane Fitts, Bill Alread, Diane Stansell, Chris Curtis, Sally Johnson, Joe Barton, Bill Boman, Vence Rollins, Sammy Seales, Jerry Smith, Gary Walters, Nancy Quinn, Judy Nisbet, Fern Niehuss, Brantley Cochrane, Mary Helen Roberts, Cam Cantly, Estes Hayes, Nina Beth Parker, Ann Seebeck, John Hisey, Fred White, Jim Gresham, Billy Ball, Joe Smith, Hugh Keller, Jerry Kuykendall, Clark Swail, Cary Christian, Carole Estes, Carole Jones, Ellen Ann Mitchell, Gail Scott, Abigail Toffel, Merle Griffin, Susan Giles, Myra Lee Jones, Ann Lee, Sara Gay Edwards, Gary Byrd, Don Barksdale, Ted Williams, Joe Simon, Diane Neeley, Mary Ann Wiggins, Rebecca Ingram, Kay Earnhart, Linda Skinner, Jane Adams, Becky Bailey, Marilyn Johnson, Diane Harris, Judy Pugh, Judy Smith, Patti Hicks, Carol Pennington, Martha Mayfield, Martha Essary, Ann Faircloth, Sara Bailey, Mary Bama Farr, Diane Cook, Masters of Ceremonies were Ronnie Ezell and Nancy Quinn.

## Mrs. Vibbart picked as outstanding junior teacher for '61-'62 school year

Well known to the students at Tuscaloosa High, and especially the juniors, is Mrs. Vibbart. She has been here for eighteen years; she began teaching at T.H.S. in the fall of 1944.

Mrs. Vibbart received her A.B. degree at the University of Alabama, where she majored in English.

Mrs. Vibbart has been a junior sponsor for about twelve years. The junior class has used the talent show as a way to earn money for the junior-senior prom for twelve years. Mrs. Vibbart helps the juniors with the Junior Talent Show a great deal, as well as helping with many other junior projects. She feels that the tallest show has been and is a very effective and easy way to earn money for the prom.

Mrs. Vibbart is also a Black Warrior sponsor. She helps the staff a lot with many problems.

Reading is one of Mrs. Vibbart's favorite pastimes, and she also likes to keep house. She says she enjoys teaching very much. She gets a feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment out of helping the students every day.

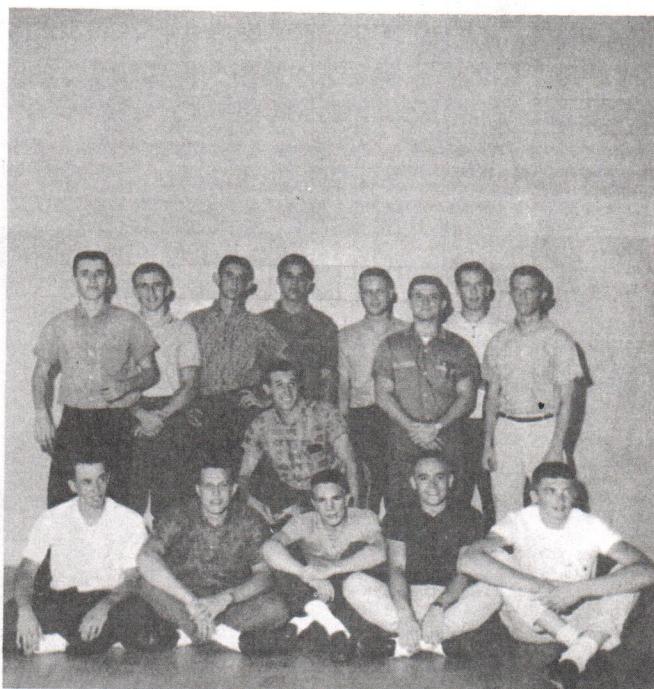
Mrs. Vibbart has a son who gradu-



Mrs. Vibbart

ated from the University of Alabama with a degree in mechanical engineering.

We sincerely hope that Mrs. Vibbart will continue to receive a blessing from serving Tuscaloosa High, and we wish for her a happy and enjoyable summer.



## Year very prosperous for Junior lettermen

Letters strike again. The Juniors have been very prosperous this year with Red Lettermen. Even if the Juniors didn't come out on top with the fund raising campaigns, they have succeeded in producing many fine players.

The Junior lettermen in football next year are: George Styles, Don Hallmark, Ted Williams, Don Barksdale, John Caldwell, Dwain Winstead, Pettus Randall, Gary Byrd, Joe Simon, Hank Herrod, and Jim Marlowe.

The basketball lettermen are: John Caldwell, John Pickens, Earl Comp-

ton, Bill Alread, Jim Marlowe, and Douglas Hollihand.

Sonny Logan, John Caldwell, Ted Williams, and Ed Pickett are Junior lettermen on the track team for next year.

Tennis' lettermen are: Bill Shamblin, Jack Jackson, John Pickens, and Foss Smith.

The Junior Swimmers are: Mike Stevens and David Miller.

Last, but not least, are the baseball lettermen: Jackie Cooper, Sammy Seales, Don Barksdale, and John Caldwell.



Dances of the Sixties presented by classmen in Junior Talent Show.

# Mrs. Fines is favorite

Mrs. Olivia "Do the best you can" Fines was chosen as the sophomores' favorite teacher for our senior issue.

When she first came here in 1955, Mrs. Fines was a substitute for Miss Lucy Roberson, then our Latin teacher. She stayed in Room 212 and has been with us ever since.

When asked about her family, she replied that it consisted of one husband, two daughters, and two dogs, Foggy and Rainy.

Ann, her older daughter, graduates from Harvard College in June and plans to teach in Guatemala. Sue will graduate from Middleberry College in France.

Mrs. Fines herself was born in Chattahoochee, Florida, and later attended Florida State University at Tallahassee, where she got her A.B. degree. She got her M.A. degree from the University of Alabama.

Her hobbies, she says, are "trying to grow flowers and teach children."

"Will you continue to teach?" asked our roving reporter.

"If I last," was her answer.

Other questions asked were:

What's the biggest problem you find in all your students?" with the reply of, "Gettin' 'em to study!" and "Would you ever teach anything else?" "I hope not!" she said.

For a final question Mrs. Fines was asked what she thought about Latin.

"Oh, let's not get too serious!" she answered.

When asked what they liked best about Mrs. Fines, her students listed these traits:

1. Her interest in the individual.
2. Her versatility in knowledge.
3. Her method of sticking to the subject.
4. Her ability to add humor to her classes without distracting from Latin.
5. Her sweet disposition which is consistent.



Mrs. Fines  
Favorite Sophomore Teacher

## What do you Remember ??

What do you remember most about your sophomore year?

Barbara Wilson—Boys, probably Margie Heacock—the day of

February 16

Mike Chadwick—the day one of Mrs. Watson's flowers died

Warren Day—The day I made an honest grade on Mr. Ray's biology test.

Wilber Manderson—The 1st date with Shirley and Libby

Charlie Winstead—I don't!

Terria Wood—the first time I was ever stood up

Tom Ashby—Pat

Nancy Herring—David Miller's farm

Myrial Bridgers—New Year's Eve in

Greensboro

F. B. Marks—Trip to Atlanta

Don Johnson—riding club

Dennis Holcomb—I don't remember anything, that's why I'm going to summer school!

This blank is reserved for people who didn't get their names in BEAR FACTS this year.

## Sophomores do fine job this year

The sophomore class has done a fine job this year in all of the different projects that it has undertaken. The Sophomores placed second with their Homecoming float for the second year in succession. We placed high in the United Fund Drive and have had many students to gain various honors during the year. Among these are Susan Holloman, Miss THS and Nan Taylor, first runner-up for the same; Dale Christian who is secretary of the SGA and state secretary for J.C.L.; next year's Black Warrior editor, intelligent, Donald Davis; Whitney Manning, who captured first place in the state wide mythology content; Joy Booth,

French Club mademoiselle; four cheerleaders: "Kat" Pritchett, Connie Strickland, Netta Holly, and Carolyn Reim; five majorettes: Anne Winters Dianne Watson, Nan Taylor, Joy Booth, and Pat Roberts. There are others who are worthy of praise but are too numerous to mention.

The Sophomores are proud of having done such a good job and with the experience gained this year, should even be better next year.

The officers of our class would like to thank our sponsors and would like to congratulate the Sophomores on their work.

Jay Smith, President  
Warren Day, Vice President  
Dale Christian, Sec.-Treas.

## Personals...

This summer many people are branching out even across the ocean. Ann and Jane Banks are going to Europe, while John Rickett is going to England for his church.

Everybody's going to Panama City. (At least everybody who has any sense.) Going in groups are: Judy Waugh, Sissy Herrod, Louise Moody, Nancy Haring, Alice Crume, Mary Jane Mathews, Marcia Owens, Sally Hinton, and transportation provider Bette Bates. Going in another group will be Connie Strickland, Kathy Sherer, Whitney Menning, Charlotte Rice, Mary Williams, and Susan Holloman.

Kat Pritchett is taking a jaunt down to Daytona Beach and Lake Martin, while Mitzi Brown is going to Jacksonville. Delaney Holaday is

going to Long Eddy, New York. Carolyn Fairchild is planning a trip to Washington, D. C. Carol Tatum will be off to Virginia, and so will Sissy Herrod. Bob Gribben's a Camp McDowell. Kay Livingston is off with her sister and a certain Jan McMenn to old Mexico.

An exciting session of summer school is ahead for Eddie Montgomery, Bob Pritchett, Edna Vines, Dale Christian, and Barbara Miller.

As for those other than sophomores, Gary Mattison and Tommy Sue White will be in Springfield, Missouri. Jean and Judy Nesbitt are going to North Carolina and Georgia.

Mary Francis Fields, Susan Mize, Bess Whitfield, Eleanor Clinton, and Dorothy Echols will be counselors at Camp Cherry Austin.



These sophomores are basking in the T.H.S. sun

## N.T. and F.A. are best

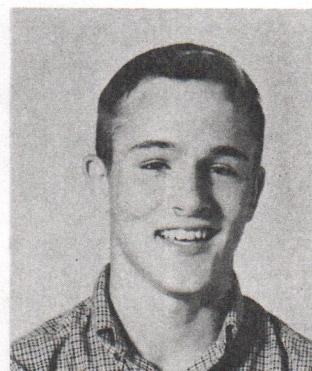
The sophomore class of 1961-'62 selected Frank Adams and Nan Taylor as their Mr. and Miss Sophomore.

Frank Adams, a blond-haired, blue-eyed all time swimmer is the State's champion diver. Also, being a most active member of the gymnastic team, he won numerous first places in the Southeastern competition. In his freshman year, he was president of his class as well as Most Handsome. This year he acts as president of his homeroom. Frank was born in Tuscaloosa and has lived here all of his sixteen years. He plans on attending the University of Alabama. When asked by a roving reporter what his fondest memory of his sophomore year was, he replied, "When my French student teacher, Miss Fuller, skipped town and left for Mexico with all my grand grates!"

Our Miss Sophomore, Nan Taylor, who is a brown-eyed, brown-haired girl, is a THS majorette. And besides from this she plays the clarinet during concert seasons. She also was first runner-up for Miss Tuscaloosa High. This surely proves her beauty. She is a very active member of the First Baptist Church and holds an office in her Sunday school class. She is a member of the Spanish Club and also is president of her homeroom. When she was asked by a reporter what her fondest memory of her sophomore year was, she answered, "When Mrs. Cary said that number 54 had won first runner-up in the Beauty Walk." Nan plays on going away to school for one year in college and then desires to spend her other three years here at the University.



Nan Taylor  
Miss Sophomore



Frank Adams  
Mr. Sophomore

# Bear Facts Presents

## LANA JOHNSON

Our candidate among the freshman girls has many talents, including being one of THS's cheerleaders and secretary of her class. Spanish Club claims her as an interested club member.

Out side of school she takes time to V.P. her Tri-Hi-Y club. At the 'Y' she participates in the Water Ballet and is on the Girl's Gymnastic Team which took first in the South-eastern Conference. As a Junior Leader, she helps in instruction of younger members. With this organization Lana plans to go to Blue Ridge Leadership Conference in North Carolina this summer.

Now we come to the hobbies. You couldn't ask for a more versatile girl. Anything with a Motor in it seems to get attention from her. What time she has left after loving motors and "what" rides them she spends swimming. Lana also likes to make her own clothes.

Next year she will take Algebra II, Spanish II, Biology and Home Ec. plus the regular required subjects.

## Freshmen get letters

In accordance with this being the last freshman class at THS, the following space has been allotted for comments of this year's freshman lettermen.

### Swimming

Cary Williams — "Swimming is harder than most people think. I hope my lettersweater fits!"

Jim Newman—"Swimming is just like school. You've got to keep your head above 'C level or you'll drown."

Troy Allen—"A lot of boys want

## FRESHMAN BOY FEATURED

Brawny, brainy, and bowlegged. Yep, that's Gavis Whitfield. Well, pardner, let me tell you the latest on this hep cat. He's tall (5' 11"), dark (black hair), and handsome (160 pounds).

The brawny Gavis Whitfield played on the "B" team in football and basketball as well as making a weekend trip to the golf course. Gavis is one of our most promising players in both football and basketball, where he plays guard in both.

The brainy Gavis Whitfield was vice-president of the Junior High Honor Society. This year he has maintained a B plus average. And guess what? Gavis enjoys school! But maybe that's because he only has to go half a day.

Gavis is the proud possession of Mr. and Mrs. Gavis Whitfield of 31 The Downs. But in Gavis very busy schedule, home is usually where Gavis is not.

Being a native Tuscaloosa resident, and desiring an education, he attended Verner Elementary and Tuscaloosa Junior High School. He attends Christ Episcopal Church.

As a final comment to our girl readers, "Gavis ain't shy and he 'digs' girls."

to go out for swimming next year because they think it's easy, but it's a lot of hard work."

### Baseball

Al Kincaid—"I hope I may continue to sit by smart people in all of my classes. It's a lot easier that way."

Tommy Sexton—"I hope I can keep up my batting average next year (presently .400)."



Gavis Whitfield

## UNFORGETTABLE MRS. ADAMS

As you go through life you will remember many different people and what they have taught you. Probably at the head of many peoples list is the name of Mrs. Martha Adams. Mrs. Adams who is one of the freshmen's favorite teachers was born in Moundville, but moved to Tuscaloosa as a child. She later married William Adams and is now the mother of one daughter and the proud grandmother of three grandsons. She spends most of her spare time working in her garden or sewing. When someone asks her what her age is, she merely answers that she is old enough to be considered an adult. If you are very good in math maybe you can figure her age if you already know that she has been teaching for thirty three years and enjoys it very much. Her favorite color is blue but if she catches you chewing gum during her class she may become a very unpleasant shade of red. She has taught civics at five different times but is mainly associated with the subject of home economics. If any one wants to make her really happy at some time they should figure out a way to solve her problem of, as she says, turning black when she gets in the sun. Even if she turns black, brown, blue, or purple I am sure that she will still be one of the Freshmen's favorite teachers.



From left to right: Tom Patton, Lana Johnson, Mike Ford.

## Next year's frosh officers

### Dear Freshmen,

I would like to present to you your class officers for the coming school year. Serving as president is Tom Patton, Mike Ford was elected vice-president with Lana Johnson holding the secretary-treasurer's position.

Tom Patton, a hard-working first shifter, is an "A" student and was president of the Junior High Honor Society last year. He plays on the "B" team in football and basketball and is also a very able linksman.

Mike Ford, your vice-president,

also plays on the "B" team in football and served as President of the Student Council at Tuscaloosa Junior High last year. But, we are sorry to say that Mike is not a cheerleader like Lana Johnson your secretary-treasurer. Lana is also vice-president of her Tri-Hi-Y. She is very active in school affairs and Tri-Hi-Y activities which she enjoys very much.

These officers are qualified, intelligent, and willing to work, and you, the freshmen class, should be very proud of them.



Freshman Favorite, Mrs. Adams



Jim Herman at 8

# IHS "babies" shine now--& then!



# From diapers to JHS...





Tim Parker tips one up for two points while Ernie Houck is close behind to follow up in case of a miss.

## Cagers have good year

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears were again the team to beat in the 1961-62 basketball season as the Bruins were regarded in all sports circles as the top team in the state. The Bears seemed to be the team throughout the year as they kept extending an unbeaten streak until late in the season when they were upset by Lanier. The defeat did not seem to bother most sports writers though as it was rather definite in many peoples' minds that the Bears would keep their crown as state champions.

The Bruins began the year with a confident group of good ballplayers and continued into the Christmas holidays when the County Tournament pitted the Bears against first the County High Wildcats and then the Holt Ironmen. The Bears polished off the 'Cats 44-39 and then knocked off the Ironmen 75 to 28. Tim Parker gained the first of four most-valuable-player awards he was to win during the year while Ernie Houck, John Pickens, and Ronnie Franklin joined him on the All-County squad.

Next on the list of tournament victories for the T.H.S. cagers was the Shades Valley Invitational Tournament that was played in Birmingham the week following the County tourney. Ernie Houck took over-all scoring honors for the bears as he had 54 points in the three tournament games the Bears played in while Parker was close behind with 53. The Tuscaloosa team defeated Tarrant, Selma, and Sidney Lanier as they won the event for the fifth straight year and kept the most-valuable-player trophy at Tuscaloosa High as Parker picked up this honor.

The newly formed Confederate Conference held their first tournament in their short history during the early part of January and the Bears ushered in the new event in fine style as they swept two games to become the first champions. First Tuscaloosa High swept by Lee High of Montgomery 61 to 49 and then rolled past the Selma Rams 54-41 in

the title contest. Again Parker was recognized as the tournament's top player as Pickens and Houck joined him on the elite all-tournament team.

As the state tournament time was drawing near the Black Bears had no trouble in the preliminary eliminations of the Class AA Fifth District Tourney as they pulled through with four easy wins. The Tuscaloosa High team ran up scores of 58-26, 71-44, 45-29, and 74-38 as they won over Hewitt, Walker County, Ensley, and Shades Valley respectively.

The Bruins then entered the Class AA State Tournament as the top-seeded while the only team which had beaten them all year, Sidney Lanier, was seeded second. In the first round of play the Bears won over Opelika 66 to 34. Next victim in the Bear's assault for the title was Oxford as they fell 54 to 47. The Decatur Red Raiders then pulled a surprise upset on the boys of Coach Tom Tarleton as they defeated the previous year's top team 48 to 46. In the consolation game the Tuscaloosa squad repeated their victory of the week before over Shades Valley this time by the score of 81 to 55. Parker and Houck both made the all-tournament team as only Tuscaloosa High and one other school placed two men on the team.

## Pickens leads team

The Tuscaloosa High tennis team, the best in the state, without question, has lost only one match. This was to Anniston High when one of our key players didn't go. We lost 5-4. However the next week a re-match was played and we won 8-1 with Joe Anders losing the only match.

We have beaten several other teams over the state without losing matches at all.

We came in second in the South, losing to Athens, Georgia 20-19.

The members of the team are Jack Jackson, John Pickens, Tommy Kendall, Foss Smith, Joe Anders, and Bill Shamblin.

## Swimmers in future

Next year's tankmen will be lead by O. K. Bryant, Dave Miller, and Cary Williams the fore-most.

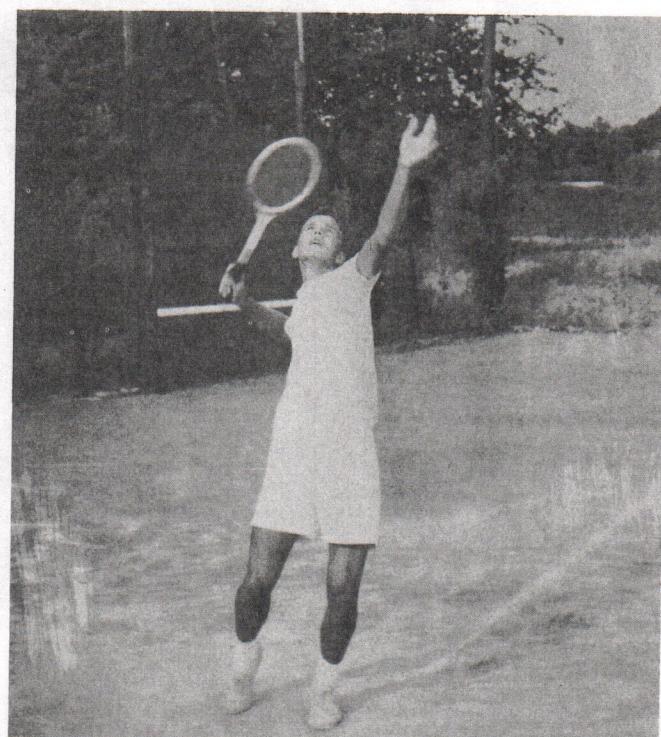
The Black Bears are planning to make numerous out-of-town trips—Birmingham, Atlanta, Montgomery, Gadsden, and Anniston.

Although the Bears are losing six of their better swimmers through graduation, they are expected to be as strong, if not stronger than this year. This is the make-up of next year's team: Mike Stephens, Frank Adams, Dave Miller, O. K. Bryant, Curtis Seay, F. B. Marks, Carry Williams, Jim Newman, Joe Williams, Troy Allen, and Gene Scott. This is the probable meet line-up for next year:

200 Free  
Dave Miller, Jim Newman  
100 Free  
Carry Williams, Mike Stephens  
50 Free  
Curtis Seay, F. B. Marks, Joe Williams  
400 Free  
Carry Williams, Mike Stephens  
100 Breast  
O. K. Bryant, Bob Gribbin, Gene Scott  
100 Butterfly  
Dave Miller, Jim Newman  
100 Back  
Troy Allen, Joe Williams  
200 Individual Medley  
O. K. Bryant, Bob Gribbin  
Diving  
Frank Adams



Bears lose out on rebound during basketball season.



Tommy "Flash" Kendall demonstrates his serve at the Racket Club.



## ON THE BENCH

By BOB JOHNSTON

With the year drawing quickly to an end it has been a pretty good year as far as the sports picture has gone. While at the time of this writing the athletic department had gained but one state championship at least one more was expected before the year's end.

On the football scene this year the Black Bears finished the season with a 7-3 record, which is fairly respectable in most circles. I believe the greatest loss of the year though was that of guard, Hank Herrod, when he broke his leg. It was a pretty good year though as Jimmy Wyatt received mention in the All-American listings and only good teams place members on that list. Next year should be another good one if not a better one as the Bears will probably have the most versatile backfield of several years.

Over to the basketball picture for a minute we can see that the Bears have wound up the last two years with an overall record of 70-2, something no other team in the state has come near to. Although Coach Tarleton's cagers didn't win the state crown again this year they were certainly regarded as the top team until the last day of the Class AA State Tournament. In case you didn't know both Tim Parker and Ernie Houck have signed grant-in-aid scholarships to the University to play ball for Hayden Riley there.

Looking at the track picture you are bound to see Eddie Blier as the top hurdler in the state, while Charles Estes is considered to be one of the best dash men and Jon Rey Sullivan and Bill Minges in the 880, mile, and 440 respectively, have had a notable season. One of the men to watch next year will be Sonny Logan as he has already made himself known in the weight events and should be one of the best around next season.

Coach Cranford took over the baseball team this year and although they started rather slowly things are expected to continue to pick up



as the season continues. I understand a couple of freshmen, Tommy Sexton and Al Kincaide, have looked right well on the squad while such old-timers as Ronnie Franklin, Bobby Porter, and Jon Rey Sullivan have aided the Bears with steady play all year.

The swimming team made it "Number Two" in the way of repeating state titles as they pushed aside Sidney Lanier in the state high school meet to take the championship. The team suffered the loss of several seniors about midseason but went on to take the title with sophomore O. K. Bryant and freshman Cary Williams picked up valuable points for the T.H.S. tankmen.

The tennis team is still regarded as the best in the state and should remain that way next year as they will suffer no graduation losses and have their whole squad back next season. John Pickens and Jack Jackson are expected to lead the netters in the single's division of play while Tommy Kendall and Foss Smith will be in the double's bracket.

The Manderson brothers, Billy and Wilbur, and Donnie Greenhaw have been the best on the golf team this season while several other boys have helped out, too. Though Billy and Donnie will be leaving this year next season Wilbur, Shep Park, and the group will still be around.

What ever it is worth it is good to know that your high school has beaten Sidney Lanier in everything they have played them in this year and they just may not be the top team in the state in football and basketball.

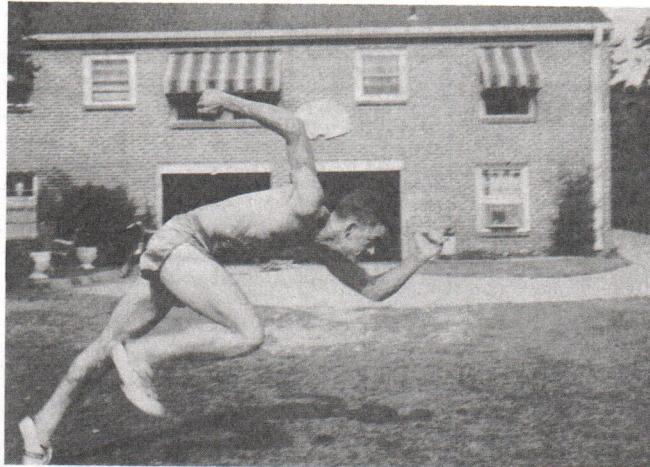
My thanks to Mack Brown, Dave Miller, Bill Shamblin, Boo Slact, and Bob Hopper for their efforts in helping me write the sport's page this year. Ronnie Franklin is my pick as the player of the month, as the catcher of the Black Bear baseball team he has been at that sport for the last four seasons and has done a fine job for the Bears.

## Black Bears pick up

The Tuscaloosa High baseball began the year with a slump as they dropped their first six ball games before getting into the win column. The losses came at the hands of Robert E. Lee of Montgomery 3 to 2, Sidney Lanier of Montgomery 12 to 2, Tuscaloosa County High 10 to 1, two games to Hale County 2 to 1 and 6 to 4, and to Lee High of Columbus 9 to 8.

After losing their first six the Bears came back to take revenge on Lee of Montgomery 13 to 12 in a high scoring contest. Ronnie Frank-

lin hit a home run in the game as he was the only Bruin who got one over the fence. The Lanier Poets were next on the revenge list as the Bears polished them off 11 to 5. John Rey Sullivan hit a bases loaded double to aid in the Bear victory while Bobby Porter got two triples. The next game for the Tuscaloosa High team was with the Brookwood Panthers as the Bruins came out on top of a 4 to 1 score. Again Porter was the big man at the plate for Tuscaloosa as he got two hits one of which was a triple.



440 man, Bill Minges, gets off in a workout at the home of Ralph Quarles.

## Black Bear Tankmen, tops in state

The THS swimming team proved again this year their superiority in the state, by successfully defending the state title and winning numerous events.

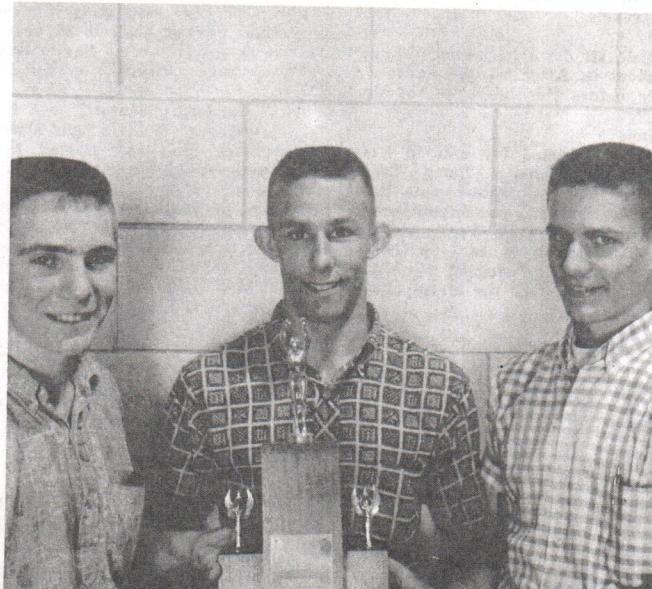
Although the Bears started off their season slowly, losing their first meet to Baylor Military Academy and then Birmingham YMCA. The tankmen ended up with eight wins, three losses, record and, as already mentioned captured the state championship for the second straight year.

In freestyle this year, the team leaders were Ricky Clawson, Cary Williams, Bob Johnston, Dave Miller,

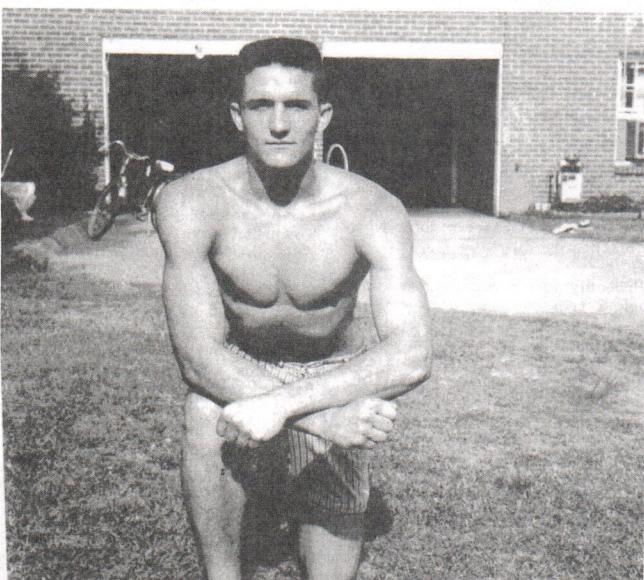
Mike Stephens, Curtis Seay, and F. B. Marks. In the breast stroke and individual medley were O. K. Bryant and Bob Gribbin, while in backstroke were Cary Williams and Troy Allen. Holding up the butterfly were Roger Williams and Dave Miller.

O. K. Bryant was the team high point man and was followed closely by Cary Williams, while Roger Williams, Ricky Clawson, Dave Miller, and Bob Johnston were heavy supporters.

The team made several out of town trips this year to Montgomery, several times and to Birmingham, and twice to Atlanta.



Dave Miller, O. K. Bryant, and Cary Williams pose with the trophy they lead swimming team in winning.



Gary Mattison poses for camera during a gathering of the track team.

# Tuscaloosa High School Senior Will and Testament

We the graduating seniors of 1962, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament. We give, devise, and bequeath our most treasured possessions, to said persons listed below.

Paul Bryant leaves his superiority complex to Mrs. Cary's P.O.D. class for further analysis.

Toppy Findlay leaves Coach Tarleton drooling in the lunchroom.

Eleanor Boykin leaves to continue her work with Ann Landers.

Mahaska leaves Mike, but it's usually the other way around.

Linda Wedgeworth hasn't been here enough to leave.

Don and John Murell leave many people in Bryces.

Mary George leaves both of her loveable faces!

Susan Rose leaves to join the HAS, Hypochondria Anonymous Society.

Nancy Robertson leaves her domineering air to Netta Holly.

Susan Swain leaves en route to Georgia Tech by way of California.

Jewel Richardson leaves Royce Woodley "fighting for justice!"

Sonny Standidge leaves to be a stand in for Elvis.

Cynthia and Bep leave to become the first female members of the SAE fraternity.

Tim Parker leaves nothing because he has nothing.

Eddie Glenn leaves Mrs. Dennis.

Mary Francis leaves her easy-going ways to Wart Holmes.

Jerri Burnette leaves her loveable sarcasm to Alice Ann Duncan.

Royce leaves her "Beauty Walk wink" to Estes Hayes.

Reese Phifer leaves in his Cessna with Betty Steele as his co-pilot.

Betty Hayes leaves her loud, boisterous ways to Sissy Herrord.

Betty Williams leaves her keen common sense to Sally Kirk and Susan Holloman.

Louise Jones leaves to join the freedom Riders.

Betty and Helen leave to join the nunery.

Claudia Chermock leaves her inquisitive ability in the classroom to Sally Hinton.

Mary Ann McDaniel leaves her Avon kit to Donna Sue Miller and

the freshman girls.

Lyn Riden leaves for Hong Kong where she hopes to start an International Cheerleading Squad.

Kay Grafton leaves her short skirts to Mr. Gallman.

Mary Beth leaves to Model Mojud Nylons for "Seventeen."

Bill and Don leave-maybe!

Marsha and Jessica Patterson leave on their bikes with Margaret and Bep.

Eddie Ford leaves for the more plentiful land of Gulf Shores! (Girls that it)

Bobby Porter leaves still convinced that he's superman.

Sue Ann Wilbourne leaves with the respect and admiration of the whole school.

Margaret Partlow leaves to write the script for next year's Ben Casey series.

Glenncie and Fran leave their vim, vitality, and vigor to anyone who can stand such a strain.

Eddie Ford and William Tucker leave with fond memories of embracing in the main lobby of the Jeff Davis Hotel.

## Setting:

On board a round-the-world cruise ship bound for Europe.

## Sarajane Garner:

"Why—Suzanne Still! I haven't seen you since we graduated from high school fifteen years ago. What a sight for sore eyes!"

## Suzanne:

"Sarajane—I can't believe I'm seeing you again after all that time. You're right—I haven't seen you since graduation. Say, do you remember some of the good times we had back at good old Tuscaloosa High?"

## SJG:

"Boy, do I. Say, have you heard what any of the old gang is doing these days?"

## Suzanne:

"Come to think of it, I have. I just returned from a trip around the United States and you would be surprised at how many people from the class of '62 I met in the course of my travels."

## SJG:

"Well, sit down, you must tell me all about it. After all, we have two weeks before this liner reaches Europe."

## Suzanne:

"Well, I started my tour in New York City where I found Ernie Houck working as waterboy on Paul Bryant's new pro basketball team, the New York Tipie Toes. Also in New York I got to hear Joy Grigg, who is currently singing the lead in 'La Traviata' for the Metropolitan Opera."

## SJG:

"That reminds me, did you hear the rumor that's going around about Jay Lord? Everyone says that it is a sure thing that he will win the 'Indianapolis 500' this year."

## Suzanne:

"Speaking of cars, as I entered Detroit, I made a note to be sure to see Joe Higginbotham, he is test test driving 1956 Chevrolets over cliffs at high speeds in the rain."

"Oh yes, something else I saw in New York. The THS baseball team was playing in Yankee Stadium and they still haven't won a game! After New York and Detroit I went on out

to the West Coast where I was privileged to see Danny Brown and Sonny Standidge singing with a famous group at the 'Hungry i' in San Francisco."

## SJG:

"Did you know that Fran Vining had moved to California and become a movie usherette?"

## Suzanne:

"As I headed back toward Tuscaloosa on the Birmingham highway, I passed Pinkie Tucker, Bonnie Davis, and Charlotte Lamb, who were going to Birmingham to see the boys. Approaching home, I passed Holt High School, where Mary Greene, Margaret Partlow and Pat Burnette are teaching."

## SJG:

"Would you believe it?—Beppy Forehand, Katie Pritchett, and Margaret Partlow have replaced Debby Drake on TV?"

## Suzanne:

"Yes, and also Mary Ann McDaniel has become the new Lady Clairol girl. She's proving that at 38 years old one does not have to have silver threads among the gold."

## SJG:

"No, you don't mean it!"

"Yes, and also did you hear about Stella Olson—She has started the first Lutheran Church on the moon."

## Suzanne:

"While in Tuscaloosa I made a special visit to the old school, I happened to wander into the library and there, in its own special display case on Mrs Howard's desk, was Tim Parker's new dictionary. Mrs. Howard said that Tim has surpassed Sampel Johnson in writing an even more ridiculous dictionary."

## SJG:

"Speaking of books, have you seen Jeff Thompson's new novel?"

## Suzanne:

"Did he write a book?"

## SJG:

"Yes, I saw Susan Neale reading it on deck this afternoon. It's called 'Love Me As I Do.' I believe it's autobiographical."

## Suzanne:

"Is he still on that same old theme?"

"Did you hear someone yelling,

"Cigarettes, cigars, and bubble gum, a few minutes ago? Well that was our old friend Jane Price. As a cigarette girl she has a very successful business; the only trouble is that she smokes up all her profits."

## SJG:

"I know of some of our other old friends who now have very successful businesses. For instance, Reddie Guy, Wynne Alexander, Richard Hamner, and Betty Hayes have now become the world's best underwater basketweavers."

## Suzanne:

"Look! Over on the port side! Well, my goodness! Looks like Alice Hamilton, Eleanor Boykin, and Mary George Hinton have finally created their own private iceberg."

## SJG:

"You know, we have a lot of our old classmates right here on the boat with us."

## Suzanne:

"You know it! Why just yesterday I saw Sue Anne Wilbourne. She flunked her opera exam so they are sending her to Switzerland to become a professional yodler."

## SJG:

"Also on board is that famous movie star Reece Phifer. He is going to England to make another motion picture epic called 'Beowulf Flies Again'."

## Suzanne:

"I hear Toppy Findlay has become a nun, who now wears a long flowing black robe."

## SJG:

"Probably just a rumor. You know, I took a trip overseas a short time back and you'd be surprised at the people from THS I found. As I passed through Europe I saw Helen Nelson, Kay Grafton, and Bess Whitfield cycling through France. It seems that Mahaska Rainey departed with them but she wasn't in shape for the long ride."

## Suzanne:

"From what I hear on shipboard, I can tell that Bob Mathis is doing quite well teaching Judo to the Japanese."

## SJG:

"Did you know that Anne Nichols and David Harden are on their honey-

moon in Paris. After much debate they finally decided to take the big leap."

## Suzanne:

"I noticed in the paper the other day that the 1962 THS swimming team has now officially become a branch of the AA."

## SJG:

"Talking of sports—It's well known that Bobby Porter has recently pole-vaulted 49 feet, 11 and three-fourth inches. Seems as though Glenncie was setting on the 50 ft. line."

## Suzanne:

"I happened to run into Aubrey Dominick in the Sahara Desert a couple of months back. I knew it was he before I saw his face—he still had that letter-sweater on."

## SJG:

"Have you heard? Phil La Moreaux is now instructing William Tucker in a body building course."

## Suzanne:

"And Ralph Quarles—that boy has gone so far now he introduces devotional speakers to the Watusi warriors."

## SJG:

"Speaking of wild warriors—Do you remember those trips to Panama City?"

## Suzanne:

"Who could forget? We really left an impression down there—we even left some people. Buddy Wyatt, Henry Herman, David Cork, Joe Schmitt, Mickey Smith and Jimmy Townsend have been residing in the P.C. jail since 1962."

## SJG:

"Did you read where Lulu Black was elected Governor of Alabama last year?"

## Suzanne:

"Yes, and she has appointed Ray Ballard as poet laureate of Alabama."

## SJG:

"Mary Jo Jernigan has organized her own private YMCA Day Camp."

## Suzanne:

"Well, I hear the call to lunch right now."

## SJG:

"I thought I heard it too, I know! Let's get together and reminess some more tomorrow!"